

9TH BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX ENGINEERS.

Appendix.

1918.

JULY.

31st Operation Order G 848.

ARRAET.

HEILIX ARRA.

1st

62 D.

'A' Coy. Billed in Byoneses at I. 7. a. 7. 2. Employed on improvement of billets and transport lines. Salvaging.  
'B' Coy. Billed at HEILIX. Employed on improvement of billets etc.  
'C' Coy. Billed at Employed on Bridge guards Road Demolitions at HEILIX. BOMLAY. LA HOUSCOYE. FRAVILLERS. Also Saw Mills at HEILIX. NOYES. Officers. 2nd Lt W. P. Allen returned from leave U.K. 30. 7. 18.

2nd

'A' Coy. Inspection of Billets. Gas Helmets.  
'B' Coy. Improving Billets. Salvaging.  
'C' Coy. Bridge guards. Road Demolitions, at HEILIX. BOMLAY. LA HOUSCOYE. FRAVILLERS. Also Saw Mills at HEILIX. NOYES. Officers. Major A.S. Clarke leaves to U.K. 22 July - 6 Aug.

3rd

62 D.  
N.E.

'A' Coy. Box Repairs tested in Gas Chamber.  
'B' Coy. 2 Platoons patrolling & repairing roads. Location :-  
J. 13. b. 8. 8. to  
J. 9. b. 3. 9. to  
J. 28. d. 8. 8. to  
J. 9. b. 3. 8. to  
J. 28. d. 1. 3. to  
J. 19. b. 9. 3. to  
J. 18. d. 6. 1. to  
2 Platoons improving billets. (making dugouts waterproof). Sickles did not arrive in time to carry out work on VAUX - SALINX LG. SEC. RD.  
'C' Coy. Bridge & Road Guards  
No. 2/8/18. Saw Mills.  
No. 3 Truck Repaired (HEILIX). Overland track made from J. 20. e. 9. 9. to J. 21. e. 1. 9.

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3rd (Ctd.)

Ramps out.  
Crops cleared & Shell holes filled in. 600 yds.  
Korea. Officers 2nd Lt.  
W.S. Orton to 16 Div.  
Training Camp for duty 2/8/18.

4th

1st Coy. Bathing Parade.  
(90 men) Work on Transport Lines (50 men).  
1st Coy. Cutting & Laying crops on VAUX-SAILLY. Lt. SMO. Rd.  
Unloading party at 7.15. 8.4.8.  
6 men working on B.H.Q.  
1st Coy. Bridge & Road Guards as 2/8/18. Saw Mills HELIX.  
Overland Track. 7.20. 8.8.0 to K.20. a. central. (100 men).  
Clearing BRAY - CORBIE RD. to K.20. b. 0.9. (24 men).  
Operation Order G.204.

5th

1st Coy. Work on Transport Lines. (50 men) Bathing Parade (60 men) 2 Officers & 88 O.Ps moved forward to HELIX.  
1st Coy. Cutting & Laying crops on RAY-CORBIE Rd. (400 yds)  
Working Saw-Mills HELIX (6 men).  
1st Coy. Bridge & Road Guards as 2/8/18. Saw Mills HELIX.  
Overland Track.  
18. Div. 23/29.

62 D.  
N.B.

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6th

1st Coy. Work on Div. Camp A.17. Work on Transport Lines. 17. a. 7.4.  
2 Platoons attached to 1st Coy for work.  
1st Coy. Cutting crops & Laying same on RAY-CORBIE Rd. Also VAUX - SAILLY Lt. SEC. Saw Mills at HELIX. (This includes 2 Platoons of 1st Coy.)  
1st Coy. Bridge & Road Guards. Saw Mills at HELIX  
Fine weather. Track. 7.22. 8.5.5. - KOLA FRENCH.  
Track started. ROMA TR. filled in & wire out.  
Movs. Officers 2nd Lt. G.D. Garner to P.A. 5.8.18.  
2nd Lt. H.P.L. Castles to PLOMHER COURSE ROULE 6.8.18.  
O.R.E. 0.0.134 }  
18 Div. 14/35 } 18 Div. 9.0.0.205.  
8 R. Sues.R.

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7th	1A' Coy. Work on Div. Camp. A.1V (1 Offr. 10 O.R.) Remainder of Company. Gas helmets & rifle inspection 1B' Coy. Cutting & laying crops on BRAY - CORBIE Rd. (2 Platoons) 1 Platoon loading party HILLIX SQUAD. C' Coy. Bridge & Road Guards as before. Same Mills HILLIX. Pair Leather Track # 20 a 8.2. # 23 b.0.5. Crops out, wire out. Ramps made. shell holes filled in. Notes Officers Capt. T. H. C. Langham ret'd from Pioneer Course ROUSH. 7/8/18. 2nd Lt. W. G. S. Pearson ret'd. from Fourth Army Rest Camp 7.8.18. 18 Div. G.191. & G.194.	62 D. H.E. 62 D. N.W.
7th	1A' Coy. 40 men worked on BRAY - CORBIE road filling in trenches for transport etc.	"
8th	1A' Coy stood by for work. 350x wiring SMALLFORD FRENCH also party carrying wire. 1B' Coy. Worked on Green Line' digging posts (K 20 a (K 22 a.7.6 K 28 b 7 9) See Appendix as to operations. C' Coy. Digging 2 forward posts, each 50 hold & 2 platoons, in front of front line. C' Coy. Digging 2 forward & bottom. Promotions Officers, Temp 2nd LT SMITH to be LT. (10H Gas. 3 AUG). May 22nd 18 Div. G.289. G.240 G.25.6	62.69 70 B.7.
9th	1A' Coy. Consolidating a line running through K 17 b 2.2 to a pt K 17 b.2.3 (approx) and at A 17 1 Party under Div. Bombing Officer and work on Div. Camp RAINEVILLE 17 a.6.5. 1B' Coy. As per Appendix B.7. C' Coy. Proceeded to work under orders 58 Div. G.R.E. to dig 2 Forward Strong Points K 17.b.0.2 & K 17.a.9.5.	62 D. H.W.

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AUGUST.

9th (Ctd.)

Casualties. Officers. 2LT. R. G. GIBSON-ROBINSON wounded. Nurses & Officers. 2 LT J.E. GRETCH ret'd from 18 Div.  
 Training Camp 1/8/18.  
 2 LT H. READ to 18 Div.  
 Training Camp.  
 Leave. 2 LT J.E. GRETCH to 4th Army Huxtery School 9/8/18.  
 MAJOR A.S. CLARKE leave to U.K. retd 8/8/18.  
 18 Div. G.257 & G.258.

71.72.

10th

1A COY. 111. Moved at night to billets at HILLIX. Party working Div Camp BAINHEVILLE also party at Div.Bomb.Store 17 & B.S.  
 1B Coy. Moved to Transport lines at LA HOUSSEVE and retd.  
 1C COY. 111. Moved at night to billets at HILLIX.  
 Leave. Officers. Lt. J. SOUMER granted leave U.K. 9/8/18. - 9/9/18.  
 1A - 1C. PEARSON granted leave U.K. 12/8/18  
 18 Div. O.O.309 & G.14/26.  
 Promotions. Officers.  
 Temp. Capt. G.A. HILL to be Temp. Major Feb. 28/18 (Lon. Gaz. 7/8/18.

73.74.

11th

1A COY. Moved to O 10. S. O.S. )  
 1B COY. Moved to O.10. S. O.S. )  
 1C COY. Moved to O.10. S. O.S. )  
 Party working Div. Camp. BAINHEVILLE also Party under Div. Bomb Stores. 17 & B.S.  
 New Transport lines.  
 Hdqrs. Moved to O.10. S. O.S. Move completed 1 a.m. 12/8/18.  
 Leave Officers. 2nd Lt. W.G. J. PEARSON granted leave to U.K. 12/8/18 - 26/8/18.

SERIES  
1/20.000COMPANY G.9.D.

Battalion resting. Inspection of arms, equipment & Gas respirators.  
 Leave. Officers. Col. B. J. WALKER D.S.O. Granted extension of leave (Paris) to 8/8/18 returned from leave 12/8/18.

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12th (Ctd.)

SERVIS  
1/20,000

Appointments. Officers. Capt.  
O.O.H. BENHAM apptd. Super. II  
in Comd. B Coy.  
LT. E.B. QUENY apptd. acting  
C.O.A. Coy. 12/8/18.

13th

2 Platoons worked on Shelters  
at Div. Hdqrs. 2 Platoons on  
3 Meet safes. (U 27.0.5.7.)

HINDEN COURT.13th- Night.  
14th

Best. Hdqrs. moved forward to  
U 20 0.6.0. 2 Companies  
forwarded to LAVIVILLE LINE.  
EDWARD TR. CORSE TRENCH.  
ERROL TRENCH.  
MOVES. Officers. End LT.  
2 W. ALLEN transferred to  
KINGLAND Stn 2/8/18.  
18 Div. 6.448.

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14th

1. Coy. General Improvement of  
KINGLAND & CORSE TRENCHES.  
V 25.6.2.5 to D 5 a 2.4.  
Eggs to be done.  
Rifle  
Inspection of Company.

1st Coy. 2 Platoons worked  
on Shelters at Div Hdqrs. 2  
Platoons moved forward to  
V 20.0.6.0. H of HENNECOURT  
WOOD.

The whole Comp. bathed & had  
clean clothes.

1st Coy. General Improvement  
of LAVIVILLE & ERROL TR.

L.G. posts dug.  
MOVES. Officers. LT. G.C.  
WOLFEHORN to P.A. 13.8.18.  
S P. Burns R. H R.S. & 18 Div. 6.503

76.77.

15th

SERVIS  
1/20,000

1st Coy. Worked on Trenches  
improving banking accommodation  
etc. between HELDORNE ER &  
BRISBANE spt. V 25.0.1.5. to  
V 25 0.5.5. YOSUDM ST.  
to ERROL TR. V 24.6.5.1. Also  
building Div. Camp at LAVIVILLE.  
1st Coy. 2 Platoons cutting  
graze V 28.8.0.0. 5400 x 3300.  
2 Platoons on work of Shelters  
at Div. Hdqrs.  
1st Coy. Worked on Trenches  
improving reworking etc.  
AUSTRALIA STR from V 29.8.7.6.  
to MURRAY ER. V 30.8.3.6.  
Also improvement of LAVIVILLE  
ER. from D 11.8.4.5. to D 0.5.0.  
& digging L.G. Posts.  
MOVES. Officers. A/Col. P.  
21.8.18 to F. 2.18/8/18.  
III Corps G.O. 1455 & 18 Div.  
G. 544.0. R. B. 27/13

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16th

1st Coy. Rifle Inspection.  
 2 Platoons on Improvement of  
 Trench V 25 C. deepening 5 ft.  
 (putting in wire bags)  
 2 Platoons Improving quarters  
 in DEWARD & OGRS EN. 1 OF  
 10 O.H. Camp at HAINVILLE.  
 3rd Coy. Cutting crops. V 22 d  
 & V 23 c. 710x x 496x (2 Plats)  
 Work on Shelters at DIV. HAGRS  
 COMBAT. (1 Platoon). Work on  
 Meat sheds at Div. Green Combat.  
 (1 Plat) 1st Coy. General  
 Improvement (digging, levelling,  
 grading etc.) AUSTRALIA STR.  
 from V 29 b. b. 6. to V 30. b. 4.  
 (50 men). Remainder on  
 LAVINVILLE BR. making snmp plats  
 etc. Inspection of R.I. 710s.  
 HAZEN. Officers. 12. 10. H. SMITH  
 BRIDE or Stabilishment from  
 21/7/38 (L S to O. 2a c/2/8/38)  
 18 DIV. 9. 597 & ARMY G.S. 2/9.  
 19 DIV. 6. 210

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17th

SEELIS  
1/20.000

1st Coy. V 25. C. making snmp  
 holes improving berms &  
 fire positions. V 21. n. 4. 0  
 snmp plats.  
 Deepening & Improving DEWARD &  
 OGRS TRENCH. Salvage in  
 JAKES TRENCH.  
 1st Coy. V 23. C. & V 23. A.  
 Cutting Groves 20. 006 sq Yds.  
 Shelters at DIV. HAGRS. COMBAT.  
 Making 3 meat stores COMBAT.  
 1st Coy. AUSTRALIA STR.  
 V 29. b. b. 6. - V 30. b. 8. 4.  
 Digging & grading widening  
 & making snmp holes.  
 ALBERT - AMERS RD. E 7 b 7. 5.  
 Piling in Crater.  
 HAZEN. Officers E 12 A. H. LANGRISH  
 to 26th ARMY REEF CAMP 17/8/38.  
 2 Lt H. R. MILBANK to Ill Corps  
 Infantry School.  
 APTNS. Officers CAMP C. O. H.  
 BULMAN capt II in Cmd. 1st  
 Coy. & Capt O. G. 1st Coy in  
 absence of CAMP R. W. BRISTOW.  
 18 DIV. 9. 0. 0. 211.

1st Coy. Improving DEWARD &  
 OGRS EN. (deepening & widening).  
 2nd Coy. U 23. C. Cutting Groves  
 11. 270 sq Yards. Shelters  
 at DIV. HAGRS COMBAT.  
 Making 3 meat stores COMBAT  
 (completed).

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18th

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16th (Ord.)

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. LAVERVILLE TRENCH  
 D. 4.d.8.8.3. to D. 11.c.8.3.  
 repairing trench accommodation.  
 ALBERT - AMIENS RD. E 7.b.7.5.  
 Filling in crater.  
 LEAVE. Officers. LT. E. B. GLENNY  
 leave to U.S. 18/8/18 - 1/9/18.  
 18 Div. 6.658 & 18 Div. 6.646  
 & 18 Div. 6.632.

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19th

SENILIS  
1/20.000

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. 1 Platoon bathing.  
 Remainder filling in crater on  
 ALBERT AMIENS RD and clearing  
 road to DERHAMBOURG. 1 Off  
 10 O. Rs. on camp at LAVERVILLE.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Cutting Crops V. 23.6.8.8.  
 V. 23.6.8.4. D. 11.8.5.5. work  
 on Div. Hags at COHNAV (0.9.b.9.6.  
 work on transport lines)  
 battalades.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Repairing Rd & filling  
 in Crater on ALBERT-AMIENS Rd.  
 D. 11.8.5.22 - D 29.b.9.1.  
 D 29.b.9.1 - E. 22.e.1.6. clearing  
 road.  
 Motor Officers. 2 LT. O. J. G. POWELL  
 held from 4th Army Sig. School.  
 Leave. Officers. CAPT. J. HAYMAN  
 granted extension of leave to  
 20/8/18  
 18 Div. 6.0.0.212

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20th

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Night Inspection.  
 1 Platoon Bathing. Work on  
 ALBERT Rd. Filling in crater.  
 Work on clearing & repairing  
 DERHAMBOURG RD. 1 Off. 10 O. Rs.  
 at Div. Camp LAVERVILLE.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Cutting Crops  
 V. 23.6.8.8. & V. 22.b.8.4.  
 D. 11.8.5.5. Work on Div.  
 Hags. COHNAV. Work on  
 transport lines battalades  
 0.9.b.9.6.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Repairing roads  
 D. 17.8.22 - D 29.b.9.1. -  
 E 22.e.1.6. (filling in crater  
 & clearing debris.  
 Motor. Officers End Lt. W. J.  
 Pemberton transferred from  
 1<sup>st</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Coy.  
 18 Div. 6.0.0.213. 214. 8 R. Sess.  
 H. 0.0.1.2.3.

SENILIS  
1-20.000  
BROUWER.89.90  
91.92.93.

21st

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Work on main ALBERT Rd.  
 and road to DERHAMBOURG. 1  
 Inspections & Bathing.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Work on ALBERT - AMIENS  
 Rd through SWIRE to DERHAMBOURG.

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21st (Ctd.)

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. work on road from  
D 14 e.22 to D 29 b.9.1 -  
E 20 b.5.4.  
Moves. Officers. Lt. O. A.  
COMLEY to AMERICA 11/7/18  
from III Corps Gas School Struck  
off strength).  
18 Div. 6.190.

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22nd

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Work on road from  
E.3.0.5.8. to W.28.0.5.5.  
1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Work on tracks over  
ANCHER from  
( E 20 b.5.5.-E 20 b.8.4.-E 21 a.0.4.3.  
( E 21 a.1.9.-E 20 d.3.3.-E 26 e.3.4.-  
( E 26 e.5.1.  
( E 21 a.4.3.-E 21 d.1.1.  
1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Work on main routes  
through ALBERT.  
Appointments. Officers. Lt. J. G.  
DAMBERT assumes duties of II 1/0  
1<sup>st</sup> Coy 22/8/18.  
Moves. Officers. 2nd Lt. F. J.  
PAMBERON transferred from 1<sup>st</sup>  
Coy to 1<sup>st</sup> Coy. 23/8/18.  
18 Div. 6.0.0.215.

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23rd

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Clearing main road  
through ALBERT to main  
LADOBISSELLE Rd.  
1 Off 10 Coy Div Camp  
KAINEVILLE.  
1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Repairing tracks over  
ANCHER E 15 e.4.8. S.10.e.8.0.  
Maintenance party on work of  
22 Inf.  
Loading lorries with road slabs  
at MILKENOURT.  
1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Clearing main ALBERT -  
BAPPALE Rd. W.28.4.55.30 to  
W 29 central & W.28.e.7.7 to  
W 28.D 55.30.  
Worked in two shifts.  
No Battalion orders issued.  
Batt. Hdqrs and 1<sup>st</sup> Coy  
moved from HENNEOURT to  
MILKENOURT and DARTING SUPPORT  
respectively.  
Transport moved to HENNEOURT.  
18 Div. 6.0.0.215.

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24th

1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Clearing main road  
E.3.b.4.3 to E 6.0.5.1.  
1<sup>st</sup> Coy. Maintenance party on  
tracks through DER HANCOURT &  
BURRE over ANCHER.  
Repair of Road. W 28 d.8.4 to  
W 29 a.0.1. to W 30 a.9.1.

WEST SUSSER OFFICE

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24th (Frd.)

1st & 1st Coy moved forward to bivouacs due W. of ALBERT. 1st Coy. work on main ALBERT-BAPAUME from W.29.D.7.6. to W.24.C.4.6.  
18 Div. 0.0.0.217 & 216.

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WILLEMPOURT.

25th

1st Coy. Repair of roads. B 6 c.5.2. to F.1.d.9.1. and B.6.c.0.1.1. to F.7.b.6.5 (S junction of road) thence to F.7.b.6.9.  
1st Coy repair of roads. W.30.d.9.0. to X.25.d.7.4.  
to X.27.c.0.0.28 and  
X.25.d.8.2. to Y.1.d.9.0.  
1st Coy. Repair of roads. X.28.d.3.2. to X.28.0.2.9.  
Batt. Hdqrs. 1st 1st Coy. moved forward to vicinity of BENOULT CHATEAU. 10 Div. A & 9 Admins. Instructors.

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RESCOURT.

25th

1st Coy Repair of roads. F.7.F.1.B. to F.8.e.0.5.  
F.7.F.0.0. to F.4.c.5.5. and F.5.c.0.7. to F.3.0.9.2. 1st Coy Repair of roads. Y.3.b.5.6. to X.17.0.0.9. Dry weather track. X.25.a.35.15 thru' X.28.c.26.08 to X.29.C.3.9.  
1st Coy Repair of roads. X.25.C.3.4. to X.36.d.7.6.  
Trainsport moved to E.11. on DESHAUCOURT - ALBERT RD. No Batt. Orders issued.

RESCOURT  
Sheet.RESCOURT AND MAURETTE WOOD.

27th

1st Coy. 1st Coy. Repairing Roads. X.29.b.3.7 to B.30.a.4.17. & to S.21.C.4.1. 1st Coy Repairing Roads X.32.b.0.6. to X.39.b.0.8. 1 Section opening up & repairing communication at F.9.C.2.2.  
2 sections repairing track at X.29.C.9.3. Hdqrs. Officers. Capt. R. W. BRISTOW returned from 4th Army Infy School 24/8/18. Batt. Hdqrs. 1st 1st Coy. moved forward to vicinity due South of MAURETTE WOOD X.24.C. 18 Div. 0.1.006 & 0.1223.

RESCOURT  
SHEET &  
ALBERT  
combined  
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28th

1st Coy. 1st. Improving Billots. 57 c.  
1st Coy. Repairing Roads. HOUTRABAI RD. to S.21.d.7.7. and S.21.d.69.35 also improving

S. W.

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28th (Oct.)

Bullets.  
 1st Coy. Repairing roads.  
 S 21.d.6.7. to S 28.d.6.1.  
 (road running by BERNHAY WOOD.  
 Loves. Officers 2 Lt. L.D. READ  
 ret'd from 18 Div Training Camp  
 27/8/18.  
 2 Lt. A.E. TANKERIDGE ret'd from  
 4th Army Rest Camp 27/8/18.  
 Despatched. Officers 2 Lt. F.H.  
 CARTER (wounded good.) died of  
 wounds 16/8/18.  
 Transport moved forward to  
 HANREZ WOOD. Southern Adge.  
 1st Coy moved forward to  
 TROHS WOOD.  
 18 Div. G.1239.

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HANREZ WOOD.

1st Coy Repairing Roads. X 29.0.2.9  
 to X 29.b.3.1.  
 1st Coy. Repairing Roads  
 S 21.c.4.1. to S 27 b.2.1. to  
 S 27 b.9.3. Also S.29.c.4.3.  
 to T.19.9.5.4.  
 1st Coy. M.I. Inspections,  
 Arms, Box Respirators etc.  
 Moves. Officers 2 Lt. W.G.F.  
 PEARSON ret'd from leave  
 28/8/18.  
 1st Coy moved forward. Hedges  
 moved forward both to TROHS  
 WOOD.

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30th

TROHS WOOD.

1st Coy. Repairing & levelling  
 road X 25.d.9.0. to X 29 b.  
 Also X 25.b.7.0. to S 21.c.4.1.  
 1st Coy. Repairing Roads  
 S 21.d.8.9. to S 21.b.1.9. and  
 S 22 d.1.9. to S 22.e.2.9.  
 S 28 d.15.9. to S 23.e.6.9. &  
 S 22 c.2.7. to S 23 d.4.1.  
 Making Track. S 30.b.8.7. to  
 T 19.6.60.15.  
 1st Coy. Repairing Roads filling  
 crater burying dead horses.  
 T 19. D 00.45 to T 20. D.7.5.  
 Order abt T 21.0.35.8.0.  
HANREZ WOOD.  
 Leave. Officers. Major E.A.HILL  
 Granted leave to EARTS 28/29/8/18.  
 Moves. Officers. Major A.S. DIARKE  
 to 4 Army Infy School 30/8/18.

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31st

1st Coy. repairing roads.  
From quarry S 21.0. to

57 C.S.W.

KORFAUDAR S 27.

1st Coy. Repairing roads

(S.24.b.2.9. to T.19.0.6.3.

S.24.b.6.5. to S.24.C.3.2.

T.19.0.5.5. to T.19.b.5.9.

T.19.b.5.8. to T.19.d.5.4.

T.19.b.0.3. to T.19.0.5.0.)

1st Coy. Repairing roads.

T.19.d.4.4.9. to T.28.a.8.3.

Leave Officers. Capt.R.W.

BRISTOW granted leave to

U.K. 31/8 - 14/9/18.

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E.A.S. ROBINSON,  
Lt. & A/Adjt. for O.C.Cds.  
8 R. Sussex Regt. (Purs.).

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.To 18th Divn.  
Senders Number S 41.Day of Month 17.  
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Herewith addendum to War Diary for August  
1918 omitted at time owing to operations.

E.A.S. ROBINSON, Lt. & A/Adjt.  
for O/C.

From 8 R. Sussex Pdrs.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To - 18th Division.  
Senders Number B.W.758.  
Day of Month 13.  
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Ref. S.C. 345 of 10th Inst am  
Will you kindly have the enclosed map attached





SECRET.18th Division No. G. P. 49.

59.

55th Inf. Bde.

33rd Inf. Bde. }

54th Inf. Bde. }

O.R.A. }

O.R.S. }

10th Bn. M.G.C. }

8th R.S. Sigs. }

Sigsals }

D.G.O. }

58th Division }

for information.

On the night 1st/2nd August the 55th Brigade, in the left Brigade Sector, will hand over to 86th Division the line as far South as K./d. 0.18. where HAY STREET cuts the front line. HAY STREET, COPPER STREET and OUR STREET to remain inclusive to 55th Brigade.

The relief will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.

GUY BLUMENT, Lt. Col.

General Staff, 18th Division.

July 31st 1918.

SECRET.18th Div. No. 22/2 (9).

61.

33rd Inf. Bde  
54th Inf. Bde  
55th Inf. Bde18th Bn. M.G.C.  
8th R. Sussex Pans.No. 5 Tank Supply  
 Coy (for Inf.)

1. The attached is list of S.A.A., Grenades, Rations, etc. loaded to-day, 5th inst., on Supply Tanks which are marked with white paint as under :-

$$\frac{53}{1} \quad \frac{53}{2} \quad \frac{53}{3} \quad \frac{53}{4}$$

$$\frac{54}{1} \quad \frac{54}{2}$$

55.

2. A minimum of 20 petrol tins filled will be loaded on each tank to-morrow, 6th Inst., in addition to R.P. material.

3. A further list will be sent you to-morrow night (6th Inst.)

Lieut. Colonel.

SECRET.

18th Division.

Copy No. 1,  
62.

G.R.S.'s Order No. 154 (Instructions No. 2.)

EMPLOYMENT OF PIONEERS.

1. One Company will be placed at the disposal of the 53rd Infantry Brigade, for consolidation of 'BROWN' line.
2. One Company, less 1 Platoon, will cut, and mark out Dry Weather Track, for Horse Transport, South of BRAY - OGBIE Road, and erect notice boards, giving directions of roads and names of trenches, woods, localities etc.
3. One Platoon will carry out repairs of BRAY - OGBIE Road, up to Strickfield, so as to make it passable, for ambulances at earliest possible moment.
4. One Company will be in Divisional Reserve.  
Issued at 10.15 a.m.

G.P.O. STAMPS.

Lieut. Colonel, R.H.  
Commanding Royal Engineer, 18th Division.

August 5th 1918.

Distribution :-

Copy No. 1 G.O. 8th R. Sussex Pioneers.  
" " 2 18th Division G.  
" " 3 War Diary  
" " 4 Office  
" " 5 Spare.

O.C. 8th P.I. Sapper Platoon.

Will you please make as soon as possible, 50 trench bridges, 8 ft long, 2 ft wide & strong enough to carry Infantry.

These should be ready by 6th 7 p.m. if possible. I am asking for paint, oil or jeyes fluid to colour them & will let you know where to draw it. Balls from Frankillers dump. The 79th P.I. Coy. will draw these bridges when complete.

Acknowledge please.

O.B.O. SYMONS.  
Lt. Col.

4.8.18.

O.C. 8th Royal Sapper Platoon.

O.C. 8th Royal Sapper Platoon.

Reference work on roads.

Corps are responsible for all road W. of H & S Grid running between 7.25 and 7.55 and between 7.1. and 7.2.

330. N. KOHL,  
Captain R.I.C.  
for O.C. 8th, 18th Division.

5.8.18.

MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- HOWE.

Sender's Number A/995  
Day of Month 3

You will be prepared to hand over ROAD  
MINS L N N O P to 1st Sige Coy R A R E probably  
tomorrow A.M. Ask

From :- MESSI 11.30 P.M.

MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- HQD

Sinker's Number G 124. In reply to number G.65.  
Day of month 6.G 25 not addressed to you AAA. Ref G 23  
He may sent you

From MIKI 2.15 P.M.

ORDERS FOR SHOOTING ON A.A. TARGETS ONLY.

- I. Sentry on duty will be at the gun during his whole tour of duty.
- II. On approach of hostile aircraft, he will blow three whistles on whistle and one for "All clear".
- III. No firing will be done unless H.A. is less than 2,000 feet, or the distinctive markings can be seen in the beam of a searchlight.
- IV. A log will be kept for each gun, showing :-

- {a} Hour of sentry.
- {b} Hour of duty.
- {c} Number of H.A. seen, or approximately number heard.
- {d} Direction of flight.
- {e} Number of H.A. fired on and results.
- {f} Number of bombs (approximately) dropped, and, if possible, vicinity.

These logs will be forwarded every day by 12 noon to Lewis Gun Officer (Lt. B.L.C. Robinson).

V. H.G.O. when first mounting at 8 p.m. will report to O.S.M. and report "All correct" or otherwise when dismounting.

E.A.S. ROBINSON, Lt. I.G.O.  
8th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).

6th August, 1918.

PROGRAM.53rd Inf. Brigade No. B. M. 683.

79th Field Coy. R.E.  
 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers (2 copies)  
 10th Essex R.  
 8th Royal Berke R.  
 7th Royal West Kent R.  
 53rd Trench Mortar Battery.  
 O.C. "A" Coy., 18th Battalion, M.G. Corps.

Reference 53rd Inf. Brigade Order No. 189.

The 79th Field Coy. R.E. and 1 Coy. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers are allotted to the 53rd Infantry Brigade for the forthcoming operation.

This force will be under the Command of O.C. 79th Field Coy. R.E., and will consolidate and garrison the GREEN LINE.

These troops will assemble on "Y" night in OLDFORTH TRENCH and BUNBURY TRENCH and will move forward on zero day on the initiative of the Officer Commanding.

The GREEN LINE will be consolidated and held by a series of strong points, details of which have been commended to those concerned.

Order for assembly march will be issued separately.

All further orders concerning the Company of the 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will be issued by O.C. 79th Field Coy R.E.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain  
 Brigade Major, 53rd Inf. Brigade.

6th August, 1918.  
 Copy to 18 Div. 's.

Report on Operation Night of 7th - 8th  
 and 8th - 9th AUG. 18.

"B" Coy was detailed to work in conjunction with the 79th Field Coy R.E. under orders of their Major.

Orders were received to assemble in OLDFORTH TRENCH by mid-night 7th - 8th.

About 9 a.m. place of assembly was altered to

7 16, A & C Grench in Trench.

The Coy marched off at 9.30 p.m., and after some difficulty found their place of assembly & stayed there.

About 10 a.m. 8th orders were received to move forward to OINKOMY Trench. We remained there about half an hour & were then ordered to move forward to GOULBARDIE trench. After another hours wait, Platoons were ordered to go forward to their respective posts & dig themselves in.

These posts were known as the "Green line" just in rear of the final objective.

No. 6 Post was known to be still in the hands of the Boche and a different site was given. It was then believed possible to work at the other 5 posts.

Map references of Posts to be dug were as follows:-

No. 6 (Post) 8 Platoon K 20 a (as amended)  
 No. 4 (Post) 7 Platoon K 22 a 7.5.  
 No. 2 (Post) 6 Platoon K 22 d 8.5  
 No. 1 (Post) 5 Platoon K 28 0 7.9.

Platoons went off in Sections, with a screen in front to deal with any Boche snipers which may have been overlooked.

R.E. Sections followed respective Platoons.

After proceeding about 1 mile Machine Gun fire was encountered from the North side of BRAY - COBBIE Road, & also a certain amount of Artillery fire.

No. 8 Platoon arrived at its new position and commenced digging.

No. 5 and 6 Platoons got as far as valley ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ North of HALKARD WOOD and finding their posts still in the hands of the Boche, received orders to dig a trench at K 27 C.

No 7 Platoon having taken cover by orders from R.E. did not come along until about an hour later. They also took shelter in valley N. of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ HALKARD WOOD.

It ELBERRY and runner then reconnoitred to find out whether it was possible to go further & found front line only 300y away, so nothing could be done on the original sites.

The R.E. section with No 7 platoon was still some distance behind sheltering in a trench.

A runner was sent to the Officer 1/4 R.E. Section for instruction but before he returned No 7

WEST

R.E.

Platoon had got into trench with Kz. 5 & 6  
Platoons & received instructions from the Major 1/o  
R.N.'s to co operate with them in digging trench posts  
etc.

Wire was also erected in front of trench,  
Lewis Gun posts dug and an old Bosch O.T. widened  
and deepened.

The Trench was held during the remainder  
of day & until 2.30 p.m. 9th when orders were received  
for No's 6 & 7 Platoons to return.

Messages were sent by No's 6 and 8 Platoons  
to R.A.A.P. during the afternoon of the 8th but no one  
was found there.

At 7 p.m. immediately after No 7 Platoon  
had joined No's 5 & 6 a wire was sent for Rations,  
giving location. No rations arriving another wire was  
sent in the early morning of the 9th also giving  
location, but apparently these messages miscarried.

A Runner was sent to guide Rations but as  
Hd Qrs had been informed that the Coy. was being  
relieved these were not sent up.

At 3.30 p.m. 9th No 5 Platoon was ordered  
to relieve R.N. Section in the Trench with No 8 Platoon  
at No. 6 post K 20 a & were told they would be relieved  
by 6.0 p.m. at the latest.

At 5.30 p.m. 9th we attacked along the  
whole sector, it was presumed this would be a relief.

At 9 p.m. we discovered that Troops, who  
were to have relieved No's 5 & 8 Platoons, had gone  
forward with the attack & both Platoons returned.

Total casualties 4 O.R.s reported.

8th/9th Work done 200 yds trench dug & wired, I.G.  
posts made 100 yds O.T. deepened.

I.G. posts dug, shelters made for R.N. Officers  
etc. K 27 G.

do. 100 yds trench wired & dug, & I.G. positions  
made K 20 a.

10th/11th Coy resting R.Lines. (Gas inspection 10 a.m.  
do do do all men passed thru  
Gas Chamber).

12th Moved to COMNAV.  
Resting COMNAV.

EDWARD B. GIBNEY, Lt.

MESSAGES & SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G 239.  
Day of Month 8

Brigadier General OWEN will take over command of the GREEN LINE from our junction with HEDJ in K 27 B or K 28 A to K 14 D 3.4 to be held by 3 BATTNS of HVDU and VOYU attached HUGA less VOYU will be withdrawn & reorganised in the vicinity of BUDA H.40. J 23 CENTRAL has added HUGA & HVDU repeated all concerned

From JESI 6.16 p.m.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G 240.  
Day of Month 8th

JOBU will move at once reporting B G O BUJU at BEGA trench J 23 central for orders with a view to prolonging the right flank of BUJU to K.28 central to left flank of HEDJ in K 29 corr ens addressed JOBU & BUJU to ask repeated CCSI HEDJ VOYA FOND HOND & LOBU & H.V. JESI

Time and place JESI 6.46 p.m.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G 256.  
Day of Month 8.

BUJU reverts to JESI

From JESI 11.50 p.m.



MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G257.

Day of Month 9th.

QOZU and JOGU are transferred from JESI to  
 HBJO see Officers commanding will report to  
 B.G.O. HUKU at X 21.C.9.2. forthwith for orders see  
 QOPO and QOEU will move into CUMMINGS trench south  
 of the BRAY COBBIE road and come under orders of  
 B.G.O. BUJU see. Move to be completed by 3.30 a.m. see  
 EULA will move into the BALLIBAT ROAD line north of  
 the BRAY COBBIE road by 4/30 a.m. see H.Q.  
 MERICOURT QUARRY 9 b 8.8 see AUCH.

From JESI 11.50 p.m.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G 258.

Day of Month 9th.

Ref G 257 for MERICOURT QUARRY 9 b 8.8 read  
 I 18 d 5.8.

From JESI 2.15 a.m.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- 8th R.Sussex Pprs.

Sender's Number. G.328

Day of Month 10.

ADDENDUM TO JESI ORDER No.209 of 10 AUG AAA  
 Table "A" serial No.6 for VARIOUX read COMBAT AAA  
 3rd Bn, 130 Am.Inr.Beg't. will remain in LAIVIVILLE  
 line and come under orders 129 Am.Inr.Beg't. see  
 In Table "A" Serial No.9 delete with 6th Coy. in

LAVIERVILLE line AAA. Ref. serial Ho.9 One Bn. 129 am. Inf. Regt. will relieve one Bn. 132 am. Inf. Regt. In intermediate line tonight 10/11 AAA 130 am. Inf. Regt. less 3rd Bn. will move from BOIS D' ESCARDOINVERSE to MOUTIERS BOOD tonight 10/11 Aug. AAA 50 M. G. Bn. will concentrate in QUERREY tonight 10/11 Aug. and move into line night 11/12 AAA. LOBU will be withdrawn and rejoin JESI night 11/12 Aug. moving to VAREYOR orders for this move being issued by ELJO AAA. Ref. Serial No. 10 123 am. M. G. Bn. will move to BAZIMOU tonight 10/11 and relieve 124 M. G. Bn. in line night 11/12 AAA. Troop 1/1 Horch's Horse. will rejoin their Squadron in BOIS D' ESCARDOINVERSE 11th Aug. AAA BRGA and MUHA will leave caretakers at their HQ. in line for handing over to 47th Div.

Place : JESI

A.H. HOPWOOD,

Major.

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MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.  
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To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G 365.  
 Day of Month 10th

Ref JESI G 328 ask order 209 of 10th you will march at dusk 11/12 August to rejoin divn morning to BAZIMOU via Aided LOBU rptd O.A.S. H.C. and A.P.M.

From JESI 8 p.m.

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MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.  
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To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G 316.  
 Day of Month 10.

Ref order 209 AAA No movement from present locations to take place before dusk.

From :- JESI 8.10 A.M.

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MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number G.448  
Day of Month 13.

On night 13/14 LOBU will move to and occupy as permanent garrison that portion of the LAVIVVILLE LINE within BUGA boundaries AAA while occupying this line they will be tactically under orders of RUMA AAA. This commences 9.425 of yesterday AAA added. LOBU repd. 3 Bdees. SIGS. M/9. O.R.E. A.D.H.S. and FENA.

From JESI

Time 9.30 a.m.

A.R. HOPWOOD,  
Major.MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- O.O. A.P.E. G Coy's.

Sender's Number :- HHS.  
Day of Month 14.

Repeating further instructions ADVY H.Qs. will be situated at V 20.0.6.0 and Battle H.Qs at D 4 a 55.30 RAP D 4.d 9.7.

E.A.S. ROBINSON,  
Lt. & A/Adjt.

From A/ADJT.

MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number. G506  
Day of Month 14.

In case of an advance the advanced guard of the division commanded by Bgtr Genl. Sealtier Jackson will consist of RUMA one troop WUKI \*UHO DIZO 2 Coy's

POHA VADR see GFTS omwz these units will get into touch with Genl Sceller Jackson at his H.Q. V 20 d 4.3 forthwith see Boundaries of advance with flank divs later added TUMA JEMI RUDA POHA A.D.M.S. and SIGS reptd all concerned see Aok.

From :- JESI 12.15 a.m.

MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- IGBT.

Sender's Number G 513.

Day of Month 15.

Ref G BCG southern bdy of this div E 20 G 6.0 thence along anore to E 16 G 6.4, thence N. of Deserte H. of Becoreel-Prilourt Stn, thence E along Grid aa. Northern bdy a W. and E line along Grid between W 16 and 22 and X 16 and 22 see. Preliminary first bound by JESI high ground uans and FARD Hill see 1st bound to Genl. 1 line high ground Y 26 b - 30 d and b high ground X 26 b and d - WILKINS LA BOISSELE see 2nd bound Spur b 17-11-0-F 30 G and A-F 23 d and b-216-X 23 G and A see. Anore and crossings incl to JESI see JEMI will arrange working parties for repair ALBER-LA BOISSELE-COPELWALDSON Road from puzs and tunnelors see JEMI will arrange organization search parties for traps see Attention distcted SS 166 see DUKA RUDA RUDA and TEMA to etc.

From :- JESI 4/45 a.m.

MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- C.R.H. 53 Dde. 54 Dde. 55 Dde. 18 Dn.M.G.O.  
8th R.S. Puzs. Signals. Div. Train 18 M.S. Coy.  
A.D.M.S. A.P.M. D.G.O. 65 Amer Bde. 89 Bde R.G.A.

Sender's Number 632.

Day of Month 15.

179 A.F.A. Brigade will be put into action by 18th Division by 12 midnight 15th August aka 8th Brigade R.P.A. will be transferred in situ from 12th Division to 47th Division at 6 p.m. 15th August.  
From 18th Division. D.L. GRANT, S/Lt for Major

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number 6831.

Day of Month 23.

Ref para 1 of order 213 of 30th Para Add D  
 Coy POHA sea Coy Commander will await orders from  
 B.G.C. BUGA at HOLA H.Q. at B 15 0 7.6.

From JESI.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number 6781.

Day of Month 21.

Ref order 213 of 30th Para 1 substitute name  
 of Brig Gen H.O.H. BARKER for Lt Col G.W. FRIZELL

From JESI

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBU.

Sender's Number 6776.

Day of Month 21st.

Left para 10 order no 214 officers will  
 report at time and place stated today sea  
 Aok.

From :- JESI 10.40 a.m.

7. "B" Coy will take over "G" Coy's tools and vice versa.
8. Completion of relief to be reported to Advanced H.Q. by wiring the number of this order followed by time.
9. "B" Coy & "G" Coy to acknowledge.
10. For the purpose of relief two Platoons at Transport Lines will rendezvous at V 20 0 6.0. at 8 p.m.
11. Work of both Companies will be carried on as usual.

Issued at 8 a.m.

E.A.S. ROBINSON,  
Lt. & Adjt.  
8th Royal Sussex Regt.

Copy No.1 - A Coy.

2 - B " "  
3 " "  
4 " "  
5 " "  
6 " "  
Per Diary.

SECRET.

Copy No.5.  
92.

SEE ROYAL SUSSEX REGT (PIONNIERS)

Order No.2.

Ref Serials Snt 1/20,000.

20.8.18.

Amendment to Order No.1.

The whole of C Coy will stay in Bank at Advanced H.Q. V 20 0 6.0 and not as before stated in Para 4 Order No.1.

Issued at 4 p.m.

E.A.S. ROBINSON,  
Lt. & Adjt.  
8th Royal Sussex Regt.

Copy No.1 A Coy.  
" 2 B " "  
" 3 C " "  
" 4 D " "  
" 5 E.A.S.  
" 6 Per Diary.

SECRET.8TH ROYAL SUSSEX REGT (PIEDMONT)Copy No. VI.  
92.Operation on Order No. 2.Ref Map.

20.9.18.

RECORDED SHE 1/20.000.

- I. The III Corps will attack the enemies position between BRAY & ALBERT at an hour and on a date to be notified later.
- II. A Coy will be employed on clearing & repairing main traffic road through ALBERT thence along MAIN road to LA BOISSIERE, also BROUHEM RD.

Orders for same will come from Advanced Batt Hqrs.

- III. B Coy will be employed on Tracks for Horse Transport as shown on attached tracing. To commence work as soon after ZERO as possible.

O.C. "B" Coy will work in conjunction with O.C. 80th FIELD Coy and will meet O.C. 80th F. Coy tomorrow diet inst to discuss plans & arrangements.

- IV. Flip carts will be available if required.

V. "G" Coy will be in reserve at V 20 a 6.0.

VI. General. Greatest care must be taken to avoid enemy traps or mines. Discovery of which will be reported immediately to Advanced Batt Hqrs or any Officer of 180 Tunneling Company who will be working in the vicinity. All troops will be warned about above but not till immediately before the operations commence so as to maintain the greatest secrecy.

VII. Report centre will be situated on main ALBERT ROAD. Location of same will be notified later.

VIII. The success of this operation depends largely upon SECURITY. Therefore NOBODY except those actually concerned will be told anything or allowed to see any thing referring to same.

IX. Acknowledges.

Issued at 10 p.m.

E.A.S. ROBINSON,  
Lt & Adjt.  
8th Royal Sussex Regt.

Copy No. 1 O.C. A Coy.

No. 2 " B " "  
" 3 " 0 "  
" 4 " 2.0 "  
" 5 " II/Coord.  
" 6 War Diary.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- LOBV.

Sender's Number. G259.

Day of Month 24.

Ref JESI order No 217 para 2 for 4 p.m. read  
2.30 a.m. 25th sub. Addressed all recipients order  
217.

From JESI 1.40 p.m.

MESSAGES & SIGNALS.

To :- 8th R.Suss Ftrs.

Sender's Number G.1086

Day of Month 27.

Ref order No 280 para.1 the General line which  
is to be held as the main line of resistance will be  
A.4.a.49-S.29.C.1.6. thence road W of QUAKRY thro  
S.21.b. to BAKEMEN IN BRAD - S.15.d.0.0.

G. HORLEY,

Capt.

From :- 18th Div. 9/40 a.m.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

To :- C.R.A. C.N.B. 53.04.05 Does A P M 8th R Suss.

Ftrs. A/Q A.D.M.S. M.G.Br.

Sender's No.1222.

Day of Month 27.

Herewith tracing showing extension eastwards  
of DIVL boundaries.

C. HODDIX.

Capt.

From:- 18th Div.



MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To :- LUDY.

Sender's number G.1229.

Day of Month 28.

18th Divn. orders No 219 is cancelled and  
 100th Bn M.G. Corps will be concentrated at VALLEY  
 under orders of O.O. 100th Bn. M.G.C. and further  
 orders will be issued later and added all recipients  
 of 00219.

From :- J221.

ATTACHING AND SIGNING.

To: Messengers Troop.

Sender's number G.397.

Day of Month 31.

Herewith trace showing Divisional boundaries as  
 amended. Scale 1/40,000.  
 Please acknowledge.

G. HURLEY.

Capt.

From :- 18th Division.

SECRET.

MAP REPOD  
 SERIALS 1/20,000  
 AIRERS 1/100,000

## OPERATION ORDER No 1D.

To O/C A.B.C. H.Q. Coy T.O., Q.M., R.S.M. Office  
 War Diary

Day of Month: 10.7.18.

- (1) The Battalion (less Transport) will move to CROUY (between TROUBERT and HARBEL-SUR-SOMME) embussing on the 12th. Instant at 4 a.m. at WARLOY ( rendezvous CHURCH)
- (2) (a) "A" & "C" Coys on being relieved will march to advanced H.Q. pick up packs & proceed to embussing point under orders from the Adjutant.  
 (b) H.Q. & "B" Coy will be at embussing point at 3.30 a.m.
- (3) "A" & "C" Coys will march with H.Q. Coy to rejoin their respective Coys on debussing.
- (4) Transport will move by march route to CROUY on the evening of 11th instant under orders of the Transport Officer.
- (5) DRESS. Full marching order
- (6) O/C Coys must notify T.O. not later than 7 P.M. today the Transport required to bring down their Hob. Store tools, Mess Boxes, Kite etc tomorrow same to be stacked by A & C Coys at R.S. Dump Cross Roads, near HENRICOURT CHATEAU by 9 A.M. tomorrow. "B" Coys to be stacked at Coy H.Q. WARLOY by 9 A.M.
- (7) "A" & "C" Coys will arrange that after Tea meal on 11th. Inst cooks & remaining camp kettles are taken to advanced H.Q. to prepare Tea for their respective Coys before marching to embussing point. "A" & "C" Coys. will furnish 1 Guide per platoon to be at advanced H.Q. tomorrow at 9.30 P.M. for relieving Duty. "B" Coy will provide similar guides at WARLOY at 6 P.M.
- (8) No Regtl Transport will be available after 11 a.m.
- (9) Acknowledge. THOM GATTS  
 Capt & Adjt.  
 5TH ROYAL SUSSEX SHOT (PIONEERS)

WEST SUSSEX

SECRET

Copy No. 10.

56th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 197.

Ref. Maps  
62.D. N.E.  
62.D. N.W.  
1/20,000.

29th July, 1918.

1. RELIEF.

(1) 18th Division will relieve the 8th Australian Division and one Battalion of the 3rd Australian Division, from the SOMER to K.I.d.O.3. during the period July 29th/1st August.

(11) 56th Infantry Brigade will:-

(a) Relieve the 54th Infantry Brigade as Brigade in Reserve on the 30th.

(b) Relieve the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade in the left sub-sector of the Divisional front on night July 31st/1st August.

(111) Division and Inter-Brigade boundaries are shown on attached tracing<sup>s</sup>.

2. The relief named in para.1 (11) (b) will take place as under:-

Unit	Relieving	H.Q. at	Remarks.
8th E. Surrey R.	32nd Aust. Inf. Bn. (Right Sub-sector.)	J.17. b.3.8.	No movement East of line running N. and S. through D.28 central before 10 p.m. All remaining details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
7th Buffs.	29th Aust. Inf. Bn. (Left Sub-sector)	J.11. a.6.8.	
7th Queens.	31st Aust. Inf. Bn. (Counter-attack positions)	J.9. b.8.1.	
56th T.M. Bty.	31st A.T.M. Bty.	D.29. d.9.4. (probably moving)	

Owing to the fact that the situation is not clear, the exact front line which the 56th Infantry Brigade will be required to take over is not yet known.

3. MAPS etc.

All Defence Schemes, maps, aeroplane photographs and documents relating to Brigade sub-sectors, A.R. ammunition, S.O.S., Message Carrying Rockets and Grenades will be taken over on relief.

4. Reserve Nations and water in Reserve positions and Strong points will also be taken over by Units.

5. Full Administrative Instructions will be issued by Staff Captain.

6. The move to the forward area on the 30th inst. will be made by bus (transport by march route). Full particulars as to these moves will be issued separately.

7. ADVANCE PARTIES FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF LINE.

Details as to party will be issued by the evening of 29th. It is probable that bus accommodation for 12 to 16 officers and H.O.Os. per Battalion will be available at 8 a.m. on the 30th and that parties will return to Reserve Brigade area for night 30th/31st.

8. BATTLE SURPLUS.

Until the Divisional Training Camp is established, the Battle Surplus of the 55th Infantry Brigade will be located at QUARRANT.

Battle Surplus will move with their respective Units, and the Senior Officer will receive information in QUARRANT from the Staff Captain or his representative as to billets that are allotted to 55th Brigade Battle Surplus and Signal School.

9. Moves of Brigade Headquarters will be notified later.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.A. CHELL

Brigade Major,  
55th Inf. Bde.

Issued at 8 a.m.

Copies to:-

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. G.O.C.                | 15. 18th Division MGs.   |
| 2. Brigade Major.        | 16. 18th Division "q".   |
| 3. Staff Captain.        | 17. 53rd Inf. Bde.       |
| 4. Signal Officer.       | 18. 64th Inf. Bde.       |
| *5. 7th Queens.          | 19. 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.  |
| *6. 7th Divpts.          | 20. 14th Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| *7. 6th B. Surrey Regt.  | 21. 18th Div. Arty.      |
| *8. 88th T.M. Bty.       | 22. C.R.E.               |
| 9. 18th Bn. H.Q.C.       | 23. A.F.M.               |
| 10. 8th R. Sussex Pns.   | 24. A.D.M.S.             |
| 11. 92nd Field Coy. R.E. | 25. War Diary.           |
| 12. 65th Field Amboc.    | 26. "                    |
| 13. 153 Coy. A.S.C.      | 27. Spare.               |
| 14. Supply Officer.      | 28. "                    |

SECRET.

Copy No.10.

ADDENDUM No.1.  
to  
56th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 197.

1. MOVE TO RESERVE POSITIONS.

(a) It is probable that units will debus some 3 hours before it is possible for them to move forward to relieve 54th Infantry Brigade in Reserve Positions. Units will select suitable sites in the Valley in 17.00 and b. on which to halt till time for moving forward arrives.

(b) Units will relieve units of 54th Infantry Brigade as under:-

Unit	Relieving	Location	H.Q. at
7th Queens.	11th R. Fusiliers.	E. of LA-HOUSSEY	I.4.a.3.3.
7th Buffs.	2nd Bedfordsshire R.	FRANWILLERS	0.29.d.3.6
8th E. Surrey R.	6th Northants.	S.E. of LA-HOUSSEY.	I.10.c.6.5
55th T.M. Bty.	M.II.	Will be notified later.	

2. ADVANCE PARTIES.

(a) To Reconnoitre Line - up to 18 all ranks per Battalion and 3 from T.M. Bty.

(b) To Reconnoitre Reserve Positions to be taken over from 54th Infantry Brigade - up to 6 all ranks per Battalion and one from T.M. Bty.

Advance parties from T.M. Battery to report at Brigade H.Q. at 7.30 a.m. 30th inst.

Passes for Reconnoitring parties will report at respective Battalion H.Q. at 8 a.m. 30th.

Guides for forward parties will be at 54th Infantry Brigade H.Q., MECHENCOURT CHATEAU at 10.30 a.m.

3. COMPLETION OF RELIEF OF:-

(a) 54th Infantry Brigade on 30th inst. will be reported to this office by the code word "NOVELL".

(b) 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on night July 31st/1st August by the code word "SPORT".

The time relief was completed will be given in each case.

## 4. BRIGADE H.Q.

(a) Brigade H.Q. will close at 0155Z at 10 a.m. 30th and reopen at FRENCHCOURT CHATEAU at 3 p.m. same day.

(b) Brigade H.Q. will close at FRENCHCOURT CHATEAU at 10 p.m. 31st and reopen at HILLLY, about J.I.C.6.4. at the same hour.

R.A. CHELL

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
55th Inf. Bde.

29th July, 1918.

Copies to all recipients of 55th Brigade Order No. 197.

## MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

To: 8th R. Sussex Regt. Sender's Number A 197.

From: C.R.E. 18th. DIV. Day of Month 30th.

18th Div pioneers will take over bridges on 31st on arrival and addd C.R.E 5th Aust. Div repid 8th R Sussex Regt.

SECRET.

Copy No. 8.

OPERATION ORDER No. 60.

8th Bn. ROYAL SUSSEX REGT. (PIIONEERS).

Rofce Map  
Sheet 62D. NW.  
NE.  
1:20,000.

1. The Battalion (less Transport) will move to HILLLY Area on the 31st instnat by bus.

2. The Battalion will move off as follows:-

H.Q. ....	9.30 a.m.	Starting point
"A" Compy. ....	9.33 a.m.	"
"B" " " ....	9.36 a.m.	CHOUY Church.
"C" " " ....	10.00 a.m.	Starting point
		Le QUESNOT FARM.

Companies will halt at ten minutes to the clock hour and resume the march at the clock hour.

3. Embussing point is on the PICQUIGNY - SOYES Road, head of column facing East at Road junction South-west edge PICQUIGNY, and lorries are due to start by 12 noon.

4. Debussing point is on the ALBERT-ATRENS Road head of column I.7. Central, and sidles will be waiting to march the Companies to their billets.

5. Transport will move to the new area by march route under orders to be issued direct to the Transport Officer.

6. DRESS. Full Marching Order. Soft caps will be worn on embussing, but on resuming the march after debussing, steel helmets must be worn.

7. A lorry will report at CROUX Church at 8 a.m. tomorrow, to insist, to convey Officers' kits, head instruments, Mess boxes, etc. which must be stacked outside CROUX Church by 7 a.m. Each Company and H.Q. will detail two loaders.

8. All billets to be left scrupulously clean and tidy and all refuse, etc. burnt.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

THOM GATES

8th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).  
Capt. & Adjt.

Issued at 5 P.M.  
30th July, 1918.

Distribution:

Copy No.	
1.	II.-In-Command.
2.	"A" Coy.
3.	"B" "
4.	"C" "
5.	T.O.
6.	Q.M.
7.	R.S.M.
8.	Office.
9.	War Diary.



8TH BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX ENGINEERS.

1918.

Appendix.

September.

8.21.0.- 8.27.- 8.27 (MONDAY).

1st. "A" Company. Sheet  
Filling shell holes and improv- 57.0.S.W.  
ing roads generally. "

"B" Company.

Inspections of Rifles, Equipment 57.0.S.W.  
Box respirators, Training.

"C" Company.

Inspections and Training.  
18. Div. 0221 received.

8.23.d.4.0.- T.30.B.9.5.-  
8.28.B.8.12.

2nd

"A" Company.

Dry weather track completed from  
8.23.d.4.0. to 8.30.B.3.7.

"B" Company.

Dry weather track completed from  
T.30.B.9.5 to U.25.B.6.1.

"C" Company.

Rebuilding roads and bringing horses  
from 8.28.B.8.2. to U.14.0.0.4.

(33 men).

Rebuilding dry weather track, filling 57.0. SW  
shell holes and clearing wire

from T.30.B.8.7 to U.25.A.1.4.  
(112 men).

"B" Company.

Repairing dry weather track from  
U.26.A.8.0 to U.26.A.0.1.  
(6 men).

"C" Company.

18 Div. 0/222 received.  
6/455 " "  
0/469 " "

U.30.a.1.9.- T.30.B.9.5.-U.35.B.2.4.

3rd

"A" Company. (2 Platoons). Sheet  
Road completed for transport from 37.C.2.W.

U.30.a.1.9. via SALVY - SALVYSEL  
to SALVY-SALVYSEL.

Edge of St. PIKERS VASF WOOD to

U.22.C.8.8.

"B" Company.

Improving track from T.30.b.9.5. to

U.26.c.1.7.

Mapping out track from U.26.c.6.9. to 57.c. SW.

U.25.c.7.9.

"C" Company.

Clearing and making dry weather track

from U.25.B.2.4. to U.27.A.5.9. 57.c.

Track incomplete, but passable for S.W.

0.6-wagons from FREGICOURET to  
GOVERNMENT YARD.



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(Cont'd.)

PROMOTIONS - OFFICERS.  
The following is extract from  
supplement to "COMMON CARRETS"  
dated Aug. 27, 1918.

\*GENERAL LIST -  
SER. 48, 17, & 14. to be CAPT.  
J. SOLOMON (July 2.).

U. 28. 0. 6. 9. - U. 28. 0. 6. 9. -  
S. 39. Central.

"A" Company (2 platoons).  
Road completed for traffic from  
U. 28. 0. 6. 9. to U. 23. 0. 9. 3.  
"B" Company. 570. S. W.

Making track from U. 28. 0. 6. 9. to  
U. 29. 0. 1. 9.  
Improving track from T. 30. 0. 9. 5.  
to U. 26. 0. 1. 7.

"C" Company.  
Inspections and Training.

X. 29. 3. 8. 8. (IV CAMP) - S. 39. Central  
(TROMBS WOOD).

"A" Company.  
Making huts for 18 Division  
3 huts completed and ground  
cleared. Combined  
Sheet.

"B" Company.  
8.30 - 10.30 am. Making Parade  
11. 4. 7 Foot inspection by H. O.  
12 noon. Inspections. 57. 0.

"C" Company.  
Inspection of clothing, rifles  
Box Respirators & Equipment. Sheet  
57. 0.

MOVES - OFFICERS.  
SER. 48, 17, & 14. CASUALTY TO 3. A.  
31/8/1918. (from Pioneer School  
ROUNN.)

SYNCHRONIC DECREASE.  
The U/H to England for tour of  
duty 5/9/1918.  
(Authority) 18 DIV. No. 9/225 "A"  
4/28. 8. 1918).

6/3918. 937. LOVE, G. "B" Coy.  
9/101 "T" " " " "

CASUALTIES.  
G/2514 PTE BARRIBASS, T. V. "A" Coy.  
wounded 4/9/1918.

X. 39. 3. 8. 8. (IV CAMP) - S. 39.  
CENTRAL (TROMBS WOOD).

"A" Company.  
Physical Training and Inspections  
7 men Improving Divisional Cinema. ALBERT  
COUNTED  
SHEET.

570.

"B" Company.  
9 a.m. Salvage work.  
11 a.m. Inspection of Box Respirators  
& gas drills.  
2.15 p.m. Bay parades

6th

4th

5th

OFFICE

WEST SUSSEX RIFLES

1918.

September.Appendix.6th  
(Contd.)

57.0.

"G" Company.  
Salvage in Camp Area.  
Inspections by Platoon Commanders.  
Gas Drill.  
18. Divn. 28/2 (4) received.

7th

ALBERT  
COMBINED  
SHEET.

"A" Company.  
1 Section working at Divisional  
Cinema.  
Remainder of Coy. P.T. Musketry  
Inspections - Salvage.  
"B" Company.

9 a.m. Inspections. P.T. Rapid  
Loading. Small Arms Drill.

SHEET  
57.0.

10.15 a.m. Salvaging  
11. m. Inspection of Lewis Guns by  
Lt. Robinson.  
11.30 a.m. Recurse by Major R.A.  
Hall.

SHEET  
57.0.

"G" Company.  
Clearing up Camp generally.  
ATTACHMENT OFFICERS.  
Lt. H. E. Ground (R.O.N.C., U.S.A. AT.  
R.A.N.C.) attached to Battalion as  
M.O. from the 4/9/1918.  
Capt. S.C.R. Fleaman left battalion  
4/9/18.

S.10.0. (CATRILLIAN VALLEY).  
S.19.0. CENTRAL (HOUSE FOOD).

8th

ALBERT  
(Combined  
Sheet).

"A" Company.  
1 Platoon on Salvage work under  
C.R.B. 18 Div.  
3 Platoons. Pt. Musketry.  
Inspection. Salvage work.  
"B" Company.

9 a.m. Inspection of Rifles by  
Armourer Sergeant.  
Some 60 - 70 rifles were found  
defective, but nothing of a  
serious nature.  
These faults were remedied on the  
9th inst.

Sheet  
57.0.

"G" Company.  
Work Report. - Mt. - Training  
& Salvage work in camp.  
HONOURS AND REWARDS.  
The Coy. Platoon Commander has awarded  
the HONORARY MEDAL to the W/m.  
O/1806. Sgt. Christie, B.I. "B" Coy.  
(111 A. C.R.O. 557).

SHEET  
57.0.

CATRILLIAN VALLEY IN CAMP -  
S.28 CENTRAL.

9th

ALBERT  
(COMBINED  
SHEET).

"A" Company.  
Bathing at Divisional Baths.  
1 Platoon on Salvage work for  
C.R.B. 18. Div.  
P.T. Musketry. piring on Range.  
"B" Company.  
9.30 a.m. Bathing Parade.  
6.30 p.m. Paraded and marched to  
C.1. Central (62.0. N.W)

SHEET  
57.0.



1918.

September.11th  
(Contd.)

"G" Company.  
Work Report. VII.  
Training and Salvage.

DIVISIONAL GRENADA HBT - DIVISIONAL  
AREA - U.23.CENTRAL - S.29.D.5.32.

12th

"A" Company.  
Lecture on Gas. Rifle Inspection.

"B" Company.  
Digging Graves at Cemetery. 11

British

Collecting and burying dead  
4 Germans buried.

Collecting and burying dead

horses.

8 horses buried.

"C" Company.  
Roads and Latrines improved.

Abutment sheds built.

Cook houses and ballnets improved.

SHEET  
S7.C.

TRANSPORT LINEB - X.29.B.8.(IN  
CAMP) - DIVISIONAL AREA - S.29.  
CENTRAL.

13th

"A" Company.  
5 men building harness shed.  
PT. Musketry, Platoon Drill,  
salvage.

ALBERT  
COMBINED  
SHEET.

"B" Company.  
Digging graves at Cemetery -  
11 British.

Collecting and burying dead -

6 Germans buried.

Collecting and burying dead horses.

4 horses buried.

"C" Company.

3 Platoons firing on range.

1 Platoon improving camp.

SHEET.  
S7.C.

STRONG IN BORDERS - OFFICERS.

Lt. G. C. Woodbridge (Classified P.11.)

is struck off strength of battalion.

(ALBERT. A.618.BRANCH. A.6.13 (0)

dated 10/9/18).

X.29.B.8.8.(IN CAMP) - DIVISIONAL  
AREA - U.23.CENTRAL - S.29.D.5.32.  
S.29.CENTRAL.

14th

"A" Company.  
Firing on Range. PT. Platoon Drill.

"B" Company.

Digging Graves at Cemetery

10 British

Collecting and burying dead

20 Germans buried.

Collecting and burying horses

2 horses buried.

Two Salvage dumps made.

"C" Company.

1 Platoon firing on range.

3 Platoons P 1 and Musketry.

18 DIV.4/805 received.

SHEET  
S7.C

1918.

September.X.39.B.8.8. (IN CAMP) -  
O.1.D.9.1. - 3.39.Central.

15th

"A" Company.  
Bathing and Training.  
"B" Company  
Filling in graves at Cemetery.  
Salvage dumps made at  
O.1.D.4.9.  
O.1.D.2.3.  
O.1.C.7.4.  
"C" Company.  
P.T. Basketball.  
Salvage.  
PROMOTIONS OFFICERS.  
The following is extract from  
supplement to "LONDON GAZETTE"  
dated Sep. 11th 1918.  
R. Juss. R. Temp. Sec. Lt. H. G.  
Hemman to be temp. LMS7.  
(AUG. 21/1918).  
O/224 Received. 18 DIV. C.R.M.  
O/226 " " " "  
O/137 " " " "

ALBERT  
COMBINED  
SHEET.  
SHEET  
626  
N.W.  
SHEET  
57. C.

X.39.B.8.8. - D.12.D.1.6.  
S.39.Central.

16th

53 Hqs. O/206 Received.  
"A" Company.  
Moving to new quarters.  
"B" Company.  
20 men selecting and improving  
bills for Battalion.  
Remainder of Coy. Making  
accommodation for DIV. H.Q.  
"C" Company.  
Moving to new quarters.

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62. C. N.E.

OPERATION  
ORDER  
NO.1.

D.22.P.8.0. - D.14.P.4.9.

17th

"A" Company.  
Improving quarters.  
Salvage.  
"B" Company.  
Working on Rear DIV. H.Q.  
"C" Company.  
Improving Bills.  
Salvage.  
18 DIV. G.913. received.

SHEET  
620. N.E.

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620. N.E.

H.28.D.8.7. to H.18.D.3.4. -  
H.17.D.8.8. - F.10.D.0.0. -  
D.16.P.4.9.

18th

18. DIV. O/989 received.  
"A" Company.  
Repairing and clearing Roads.  
Repairing and clearing Roads.  
"B" Company.  
Recommencing and clearing road  
from VILLIERS BARRON to HORSBOY.  
Clearing and killing in where  
necessary.

SHEET  
620. N.E.

SHEET  
620. N.E.



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630. N.E.

"C" Company.  
Improvement of Hivonous.  
Inspection of Hittes etc.  
STRENGTH DETACHMENT OFFICERS  
2 Lt. H. J. "C". Castle transferred to  
England (Sick) 12/9/18.  
(R.E. TRAINING SCHOOL HOUSEN 3390/  
1/88 dated 15/9/18.)  
COURTS MARITAL.

11071 Pte. Stephens, W. "A" Coy.  
Fined by J.G.C.M. 12/9/1918.  
Found guilty of "Dish on Active  
Service willfully making himself  
with intent thereby to render  
himself unfit for service."  
SENTENCES: TWO YEARS I.H.I.  
Confirmed by Maj. GEN. R. P. LEE,  
G.O.C. 19 Div. 15/9/18.

SHEET  
630. N.E.

19th

"A" Company.  
Repairing Road.  
Repairing corduroy track.

SHEET  
630. N.E.

"B" Company.  
Clearing and filling road from  
F. 30. A. 6. 5. through HONSBROY to  
F. 33. A. 5. 5.

SHEET  
630. N.E.

"C" Company.  
Making accommodation for Div. H. Q.  
2 Messes. 1 Messen HUT.  
1 NATY ALPHABET completed.

SHEET  
630. N.E.

H. 18. G. ST. BELIE. 12. D. 5. 5.

20th

"A" Company.  
2 Platoons repairing Corduroy Track.  
2 Platoons. Sailing and clearing  
road through ST. KILLIS.

SHEET  
630. N.E.

"B" Company.  
Inspection of Rifles and Boc  
Improvements.  
Improvement of billets.

"C" Company.  
Accommodation for Div. H. Q.  
3 Messes. 2 Messy Elephants,  
2 Cookhouses. 3 Offices completed.  
18 Div. 4/84 received.

630.  
N.E.6/50  
0/226

H. 18. G. - VITINGS VAUON and ST.  
REPAIRING ROAD - 2/12/18/1918.

21st

"A" Company.  
Repairing BENTLY - HONSBROY ROAD to  
F. 15. A. 4. 8.  
Repairing Corduroy track  
burying and.  
Salvage work.

SHEET  
630.  
N.E.



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September.

24th

P. 17. a. 3. 0. 40. - P. 17. a. 10.  
 P. 17. b. - A. 18. d. 15 to A. 18. d. 16.  
LENNORNI VILNINGS BAUCON TO 80.

630.  
H. N.

"A" Coy. Constructing Bomb Stop.  
 (P. 17. d. 18. 6.) Clearing trenches  
 & salving.  
 "B" Coy. Digging trench &  
 clearing.  
 "C" Coy.  
 Draining and filling holes in  
 road.

COMMENTS.

25th

Battn. moved to rest area.  
 Constructing & improving billets.  
 Officers.  
 2Lt. G. J. O. Pound & Lt. M. R. Sharp.  
 proceeded on leave to U. K.

26th

Inspection of Billets, Rifles,  
 Iron Rations etc.  
 Ammunitions in the afternoon.  
 Gamalities  
 2Lt. J. E. VARRIS, T. O. "B" Coy.  
 33738 WITT, O. V.  
 wounded slightly at duty 24. 9. 18.  
 Officers.  
 Lt. C. H. Smith, } rejoined Bn.  
 " I. S. Letheridge } 26. 9. 18.

2Lt. M. R. Sharp, }  
 " H. P. Smith, } joined Bn.  
 " R. H. Reynolds. } 26. 9. 18.

27th

Battn. bathed & rested.  
 Officers. Lt. Col. P. J. Waller, D. S. O.  
 proceeded on leave to U. K.  
 Major L. A. Hill assumed g/Command  
 of Bn. in O/C's absence.  
 Capt. R. G. Hall, M. O. reld. Bn.  
 (from Tour of Duty, England 26. 9. 18).  
 G. R. 1st 00/138 & 27/24 received.  
 Letter of Congratulation from  
 III Corps Commander.  
 18 Div. O/250 received.

COMMENTS & R.I.M. & O.

28th

Battn. cleaning & refitting in  
 morning.  
 Operation Order No. 63 issued.  
 Officers.  
 Lt. R. B. Olney proceeded to III Corps  
 I/G School.  
 Capt. R. G. Hall, M. O. posted as II  
 4/6 "A" Coy.  
 2. Lt. G. V. Andrews granted leave to  
 U. K. 28/9/18 to 10/10/18.



1918.September.M.I.A. & C. - 3.26.C.6.38.

29th

Bathn. employed under III Corps forward Headquarters, repairing & filling in holes in roads.  
Transport & Echelon 'B' billeted at HURRU.

30th

Bathn. employed as yesterday.  
Officers.  
2Lt. H. Ferrin ret'd. from French leave.  
2Lt. W. J. Pemberton from U.K. Casualties.  
2686 Pte. BAILLY, F. "A" Coy. wounded slightly at duty 29.9.18.  
1876 Pte. THOMAS, S. "C" Coy. wounded 29.9.18.

H.A.S.ROBINSON,  
Lt. & A/Adjt.  
for O/C. 8 R. Sussex Pts.

SECRET.18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 221.

COPY NO. 15.

August 31st 1918.

1. The advance will be continued on the III Corps front tomorrow September 1st.

The 47th Division will capture RAMBOURT and the trench system in O.2.A. & O. East of 1<sup>st</sup>, with their left in the N.W. corner of ST. PIERRE VAAST WOOD at about U.26.d. central.

The 18th Division will capture the N.W. corner of ST. PIERRE VAAST WOOD in Square 261, and form a line astride the RAMBOURT - SAILLY SAILLISMEL road facing N.E. from about U.20.d.0.0. to U.19.b.0.6. This turning movement will threaten the German position in the FREGICOURT - MORVAL line, and success will be exploited in a northerly direction in order to cut off the enemy in this line.

2. The 85th Infantry Brigade will carry out the attack on a one battalion front.

Objective - ST. PIERRE VAAST WOOD from U.26.d. central, to U.20.d.0.0. astride the RAMBOURT - SAILLY - SAILLISMEL road to U.19.b.0.6.

Boundary between the 18th and 47th Divisions - a straight line from the cross roads North of ARDENNIN WOOD at N.5.d.0.6. to U.26.d. central.

3. The attack will be carried out under a creeping barrage which will open on the line B.c.d.O.'1, to B.39. d.O.O.'1 halt for 5 minutes, and then move forward, obligately to the line of advance, at the rate of 100 yds in 5 minutes to a line 300 yards clear of the southern part of the objective where it will arrive at Zero plus 200 minutes and form a protective barrage.

At Zero plus 200 minutes a slow rate of fire will be maintained on the line U.20.d.d.e.6. to U.19.e.c.O.6.

At Zero plus 220 minutes this will thicken up into a barrage and at Zero plus 240 minutes it will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in four minutes to a line 300 yards clear of the Northern part of the objective.

4. All troops of the 54th Infantry Brigade within 300 yards of the line of the opening barrage will be withdrawn at 4.50 a.m. Otherwise the 54th Infantry Brigade will remain in their present positions.

5. Stokes Mortars of the 54th Infantry Brigade at present operating on FRISK BARR will take up an ample supply of ammunition and act under the orders of the 54th Infantry Brigade for the operation.

6. One battalion of the 53rd Infantry Brigade in T.26 will stand by ready to move at short notice from Zero hour onwards under Divisional orders. An Officer will report to H.Q. 53rd Infantry Brigade T.26-0.2.2.

7. Artillery and Machine Gun barrages to neutralise fire from the NORVAL and FRENCHMONT slopes and the valley in between are being arranged separately.

8. 1 Squadron 23rd Corps Cavalry and 1 Coy. 23rd Corps Cyclists are placed at the disposal of H.O.C., 55th Infantry Brigade.

9. Zero hour will be at 5.30 a.m.

10. A General Staff Officer will sail at Brigade, R.A. and H.Q.Bn. Headquarters to synchronise watches.

A. H. HOPWOOD,  
Major.

General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

Copy No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.

2/3. "G".  
4/5. "G".  
6. O.R.A.  
7. C.R.M.  
8. 53rd Infantry Brigade.  
9. 54th Infantry Brigade.  
10. 55th Infantry Brigade.  
11. 18th Bn.H.O.Corps.  
12. 6th R. Sussex Pioneers.  
13. Signals.  
14. A.D.H.S.  
15. A.P.H.  
16. 50th Bn. V.G.Corps.  
17. Sqdn. 23rd Corps Cavalry.  
18. Coy. 23rd Corps Cyclists.  
19. III Corps.  
20. 38th Division.  
21. 47th Division.  
22. War Diary.

SECRET18th Division No.0.401.ADDENDUM TO 18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.221.

1. Reference para. No.1. 38th Division is to capture MORVAL and SALITY-SAILLISSEL, the attack on SALITY-SAILLISSEL being launched from the direction of LEBRONVIER.
2. Exploitation troops of 58th Infantry Brigade will be on the look-out for troops 38th Division attack on SALITY-SAILLISSEL. These troops of 38th Division are due to arrive at the village at about the same time as the troops of the 58th Infantry Brigade.
3. (a) Rifles and discs (if any available) will be shown when called for by aeroplanes. Aeroplanes on observing rifles or discs will drop S.A.A. to the troops in the neighbourhood.

(b) Single white Very Lights will be fired by 58th Infantry Brigade to denote position of front line.

(c) Three white Very Lights will be fired as a success signal.

## 4. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

A. H. HOFFOOD,

Major.

General Staff, 18th Division.

August 31st 1918.

Copies to all recipients of 18th Division Order No.221.

SECRET.Copy No.12.18th DIVISION ORDER NO.222.

September 1st 1918.

1. The 53rd Brigade will attack through the line now held by the 58th Brigade and capture GOVERNMENT MAPS U.23 Central.

The actual objective is shown in red on the attached map. The 7th Royal West Kent Regt, on the left will conform so as to form a flank on the left of the attacking troops to the junction of the 58th Brigade with the 113th Brigade.

2. The attack will be carried out under a creeping barrage which will open at 6/30 a.m., halt for 30 minutes and move forward at 9/50 a.m. at the rate of 100 yards in 5 minutes clear of the final objective, where it will form a protective barrage on the line U.28-b.5.9 - U.22-b.9.1 - U.22-b.5.9 - U.16-d.4.0 - U.16-c.0.5. A standing barrage will be kept on the ST. FIRMIN VAST WOOD and along the trench line in U.28.a. & d until zero plus 4 hours when it will be mopped up and our line advanced to join with that of the 47th Division at U.28.c.0.0. The opening line of the creeping barrage will be U.16.d.9.9. to U.21.c.2.0.

3. The command of the line and the 7th Buffs, and 8th West Surrey Regt. will pass from B.G.C. 55th Inf. Brigade to B.G.C. 53rd Inf. Brigade at zero hour.

4. Acknowledge.

GUY BISHOP, LT. COL.  
General Staff,  
18th Division.

Issued at 11 p.m.

Copies to:-

1 G.C.C.  
2/3 "G"  
4/5 "G"  
6 53rd Inf. Bde.  
7 54th Inf. Bde.  
8 55th Inf. Bde.  
9 C.R.A.  
10 C.H.R.  
11 18th Bn. M.G. Corps.  
12 8th H. Cms. Phoenix.  
13 Signals.  
14 A.D.N.S.  
15 A.P.H.  
16 III Corps.  
17 38th Division  
18 47th Division  
19 35th Sqn. R.A.F.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

TO Enns.

Service Instructions - Urgent Operations Priority.

Handed in at - Y.R.H. Office 11.20 am. Received 11.35 am  
Sender's Number G.455. DAY of Month. 2.

When the 53rd Bde. have effected a junction with the 47th Div. in the front line the 18th Div. will be organized on the following lines AAA 53rd Bde. 2 Pns. holding the line from U.2.9. c-6.0. to U.16.0.0. AAA. One Battalion in support AAA This Bn. will not move into support until 39th Div. have passed through it to attack at 4.30 pm this afternoon AAA The 55th Bde. will hold the main line of resistance on the line U.2.0.0.0.-U.14.0.7.0. with their support battalion behind the left flank AAA The 54th Bde. will remain with their leading troops in the FRESHFOURTH - MORVAL line until the night of the 3rd AAA The 55th Bde will be prepared to carry on the pursuit on the 2nd and 3rd if required AAA Bdes to acknowledge AAA R.9. 53rd Bde. T.30.a.3.7 aaa 55th Bde. B.8.a.enti. AAA 54th Bde. S.30.a.3.5.

From - 18 Div.

Place & Time. X.15.a.m.



MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.Service Instructions - 3 Ads.Handed in at Y.R.R. Office 2.25 p.m. Received 2.38 p.m.20 - Pioneers.Sender's Number. 0.469. Day of Month. 2.

Ref. 0.465 for 53rd Dde. will be prepared to carry on the pursuit on 2nd and 3rd read 55th Dde. AAA 55th and 53rd Bdes. to Adv.

FROM - 18. DIV.

Place &amp; Time. 2 pm.

18th DIV. No. 26/2 (Q).

Subject: Surplus Kit Dumps.Camp Commandant. 8th R. Sussex Tprs.  
18th DIV. ARTS.  
18th DIV. ARTS.53rd Inf. Dde.  
54th Inf. Dde.  
55th Inf. Dde.

1. Under present circumstances the surplus kit dumps are too inconveniently situated.  
It is proposed to move them forward to THOMAS WOOD Railway Siding, to which place the railway will shortly be open.  
The dumps can then be moved by rail to any destination.  
An additional advantage is that units will have a chance of going through them whilst we are out of the line.

2. Units will see the Area Commandant, KOTZDORF Area at once, and arrange for huts for storage.

3. It is essential that the dumps be as near the railway as possible, as no transport will be available to take them to the station, and everything will have to be man-handled when they have to be again moved.

4. Demands will be made on Div. Hd. Qrs. for the minimum number of lorries required to move these dumps forward.

5. This matter must be expedited as the time at our disposal is limited.

6. The instructions issued in this office letter No. 14/21/R/Q, dated 25/8/19, para. 5 (b), (c) and (d), will still hold good.

R. H. CHITTS  
Lieut. Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.O., 18th Division.

6th September, 1916.

SECRET18th DIV. Ho. 0. 805.

C.R.A.  
 C.R.B.  
 53rd Inf. Bde.  
 54th Inf. Bde.  
 58th Inf. Bde.  
 18th Bn. M.G. Co.  
 8th H. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers)  
 A.D.M.S.  
 A.P.M.  
 A/Q.  
 Train.  
 18th M.T. Co.  
 D.G.O.

Reference 18th Div. Ho. 0. 337 of Aug. 29th, 1918,  
 the following amendments will be made:-

- (a) The western boundary of the ALBERT ZONE will be a line joining the villages of LONDAVISHES and KISSAKORT, both villages being included in the zone.
- (b) The western boundary of the READY ZONE will be the main ZEROWIE-WADAMUE road (inclusive).

G. J. C. WELCH,  
 Capt.  
 General Staff, 18th Div.

14th Sept, 1918.

SECRETGOVT NO. 12.18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 224.

13th Sept, 1918.

Ref. Imp. 1/30,000.  
 Sheets 65,0,0.H.B.  
 62,0,0.W.

General Plan of Attack.

1. An attack on a wide front will be carried out on a date and at an hour to be notified later with a view to securing a position affording good observation over the HINDENBURG Line.
2. The III Corps will attack with the 74th Div. on the right, the 18th Division on the right centre, the 13th Division on the left centre and I Bde. of the 58th Division on the left.
3. There will be three objectives:-

WEST SUSSEX RSP&E REC-1502 OFFICE

First Objective .... GREEN LINE.  
 Second Objective ... RED LINE.  
 Line of  
 exploitation .....

{ BLUE LINE, in which  
 { BRITAINPORT BARRAGE and  
 { THE KNOOLL are of  
 { special importance  
 { on the Divisional  
 { front.

ENEMY.  
 4. The present dispositions of the enemy opposite the Corps front are believed to be as follows:-

From TEMPLERIK IM GERNARD } 38th Div. with 96th Gren  
 to ROMBSOY. } 94th Inf. Regts., from  
 right to left.

From ROMBSOY to PRIZIERERS Alpine Corps, with  
 heavy Inf. Regts., 1st, 2nd,  
 Jaeger Regt., and 3rd,  
 Jaeger Regt.

North of PRIZIERERS. } 201st Division (403  
 Inf. Regts.)

Objectives 5. The 64th Bde., with 7th Bn. West Kent Regt. of 1 section of tanks attached, will capture Brigades, and consolidate the 1st. objective (GREEN LINE) on the Divisional front; The 68th Bde. with 10th Bn. Essex Regt., attached will capture and consolidate the 2nd objective (RED LINE) on the Divisional front, and exploit success to the line of exploitation (BLUE LINE).

Liaison 6. Liaison Patrols commanded by an Officer Patrols, will establish joint posts with Flank Divisions as follows:-

54th Brigade - with 74th Division at Wood  
 7.22.4.0.0.6.  
 with 12th Division at MAY  
 COUSE 7.6.0.3.0.6.

88th Brigade - with 74th Division at CAT  
 POST 7.24.4.3.0.6.  
 with 12th Division at  
 BRANNOV POST 7.5.0.0.0.0.0.0.

If exploitation is successful, officers patrols will again be used to gain touch with Flank Divisions.

Artillery. 7. The attack will be carried out under the protection of a creeping barrage in front of attacking infantry, and standing barrages of both Heavy Artillery and 4.5" Hows, where no infantry action is, for the time, taking place.

Smoke Shell at the rate of 1 in 15 will be used in the creeping barrage, to cover the movement of tanks.  
 An Artillery barrage table will be issued separately.





(c) There is a probability of a scarcity of water in the forward area. C.R.M. will detail special parties to reconnoiter for water and install pumps, reporting all details as soon as possible.

(d) C.R.A. will notify C.R.M. of his requirements as regards R.S. to clear wire and prepare crossings over trenches to enable guns to advance.

53rd Bde. 13. (a) In order to allow the 74th Division to organize for attack, the 53rd Bde. (less 7th Bn. R.W.Kent Regt.) with 1 M.G. Coy attached, will relieve the 231st Bde. in the line from Z.19.0.9.4. to X.7.0.6.0. as early as possible on X/17 night under arrangements to be made direct between B.08.C. command. One Bn. in the line, one in support. Command of the sector to pass from B.G.C. 231st Bde. to B.G.C. 53rd Bde. on completion of relief.

(b) From now onwards the 10th Bn. Essex Regt. and 7th Bn. R.W.Kent Regt. will receive orders for the operation on Z1 day from the Bde. to whom they will be attached. The 7th Bn. R.W.Kent Regt. will be attached to the 54th Bde. for operations and administration from the time they debus on Sep. 14th. The 10th Bn. Essex Regt. will be attached to the 66th Bde. from Zero hour on Z1 day for operations and administration. These Bns. will rejoin their Bde. as soon after the operation as the tactical situation permits.

Aeroplanes. 14. (a) A contact aeroplane will fly over the Corps front at:-

Zero plus 2 hours 15 minutes.

Zero plus 5 hours.

Zero plus 7 hours and subsequently as ordered.

Troops will be warned to be on the look out and indicate their location by means of flares, discs, rifles in row, and waving of helmets.

Hed flares only will be used.

(b) Brigade and Bn.H.Qs. are reminded to display their Ground signal sheets and strips.

(c) The 5th Bde. R.A.F. are supplying aeroplanes for machine gunning and bombing hostile batteries, and also columns of troops and transport on roads in rear of the MAIN LINE.

(d) Aeroplanes will be sent up on X/17 night to drown the noise of the Tanks.

(e) A counter-attacker aeroplane will be up continuously from daylight onwards, in order to detect the approach of enemy counter-attacks of which it will give by flying towards the counter-attacking troops dropping a white parachute flare as near the counter-attacking troops as possible.



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53rd. Inf. Bde.  
 54th. Inf. Bde.  
 55th. Inf. Bde.  
 C.R.A. 18th Division.  
 C.R.R. 18th Division.  
 11. 18th Bn. M.G.C.  
 12. 8th H. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).  
 13. Signals.  
 14. A.D.C.'s.  
 15. A.P.H.  
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 18. 13th Division.  
 19. 74th Division.  
 20. 82th Division.  
 21. 35th Sqdn. H.A.F.  
 22. 100th. Bn. M.G.C.  
 23. Troop 1/1 Northumberland Hussars.  
 24. 2nd Tank Bn.

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Copy No. 12.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 225.Ref. Map. 22. G. 1/40,000.

18th Sept. 1918.

1. 18th Division dismantled personnel (less troops now in forward area and one Bn. 55th Inf. Bde.) will move by bus and march route to-morrow, 16th Sept. in accordance with Table 'A' attached.

One Bn. 55th Inf. Bde. will march in accordance with table attached.

2. 1st Line Transport will move tomorrow, 16th Sept. under the orders of formation and unit Commanders to vicinity of HOLLANDS, to move off no later than 7 a.m. Formations and units will march to concentration areas given in Table 'A', Field Coy's and Pioneers under orders of C.R.R., and Field Ambulances under orders of A.D.M.S.

3. There will be no movement forward of IIRAWORT until dusk.

4. All troops on the march will, on the approach of hostile aircraft, halt on the side of the road. There will be no movement until the enemy aircraft have disappeared.

Distances on the march will be observed and a strict march discipline observed in accordance with G.S. 724.

5. 18th Divisional H.Q. will close at present location at 4.0 P.M. 16th Sept. and open at same hour at IIRAWORT (D. 12. d. Central).

6. ACKNOWLEDGED.

A. H. HOPWOOD,

Major,  
 General Staff,  
 18th Division.

Issued at 12-30 P.M.

Copy No. 1. to G.O.C.

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4/B. "C"  
5. "D"  
6. B3rd. Inf. Bde.  
7. 84th. Inf. Bde.  
8. 95th. Inf. Bde.  
9. C.R.A.  
10. C.R.E.  
11. 18th Bn. M.G.C.  
12. 8th R. Suss. (Pors.)  
13. S.I.M.I.s.  
14. A.D. V.S.  
15. D.A. P.N.  
16. D.I. Troops.  
17. R.Y. Coy.  
18. D.N. D.O.S.  
19. D.A. D.V.S.  
20. Camp Comdt.  
21. D.C.O.  
22. 12th Div.  
23. 74th Div.  
24. III Corps.  
25. 100th Bn. M.G.C.  
26. 1/1st Northd Hussars.  
27. 2nd. Tank Bn.  
28. O.C. - Bus Coy.  
29. }  
30. }  
War Diary.

SECRET.18TH DIVISION.

Copy No. 5.

G.R.E.'s. OPERATION ORDER No. 137.Ref. Maps. Sheets  
G.I.C. R.E. A 62 D.X.W.Headquarters R.E.  
18th Division.

15th Sept. 1918.

1. An attack on a wide front will be carried out at a date and at an hour to be notified later with a view to securing a position affording good observation over the HINDENBURG line. The III Corps will attack with the 74th Div. on the right, the 18th Division on the right centre, the 12th Division on the left centre and I Bde. of the 88th Division on the left.
2. The 84th Bde. with 7th Bn. West Kent Regt. and one section of tanks attached, will capture and consolidate the 1st objective (Green line) on the Divisional front.  
The 55th Bde. with the 10th Bn. Essex Regt. attached will capture and consolidate the 2nd objective (Red line) on the Divisional front, and exploit success to the line of exploitation (Blue line).

3. 2 sections of the 80th Field Coy. R.E. will be at the disposal of 84th Bde. for consolidation of Green line.  
2 sections of the 92nd Field Coy. R.E. will be at the disposal of the 55th Bde. for consolidation of Red line.

WEST SUPPLY



4. (a) The O.C. 80th Field Coy. R.E. will detail special parties to reconnoitre and develop the water supply and report on roads, dumps, traps, etc. in area up to X and S Grid line between squares Z.10 and Z.16 and Z.17.
- (b) The O.C. 92nd Field Coy. will similarly reconnoitre and develop the area east of the X and S Grid line between squares Z.10 and Z.11 and Z.16 and Z.17.
- R.E. Certain Water Supply Stores, Windlasses, Buckets, Chain Pumps, etc. are available at the R.E. Dump D.18.a. Information re Water Supply in Gen. Area was sent to Field Companies under my No. 73/33 dated 14th Sept.
5. The 99th Field Coy. R.E. will be in Divisional Reserve and be prepared to make crossings over trenches or through wire as may be asked for by C.R.A.
6. The 182nd Tunneling Coy. R.E. as soon as the situation admits, will detail parties to search for traps in STM. SMITHS, ROMBSOY, TERPINE and along the main roads.
7. The 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will as soon as the situation admits, reconnoitre and open up the roads:-
- (a) VILLERS FAUCON - Z.8.a.6.4. - IMPIERS - LE TOUBOIS FARM.
- (b) and furnish report and if feasible open up the road N.24.D.0.4. - ROMBSOY - Z.16.c.8.0. - GILMSHOFF ROAD.
- (c) Any additional roads on the attached tracing.
8. C.R.A.'s Headquarters will be at D.12.d.9.5. after 4 P.M. on 16th September.
9. Field Companies, 182 Tunneling Coy. R.E. and 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will each send a cyclist orderly to report and stay at C.R.A.'s H.Q. at 8 A.M. 17th who will bring returns with them for consumption on 18th.
10. Please acknowledge.

GEO. H. KOHL.

Captain, R.E.F.  
for O.R.M., 18th Division.

Issued at 8.30 P.M.

Distributions:-

COPY No. 1.	O.C. 79th Field Coy. R.E.
2.	O.C. 80th " "
3.	O.C. 92nd " "
4.	O.C. 182nd Tunneling Coy. R.E.
5.	O.C. 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers.
6.	53rd Infantry Brigade.
7.	54th " "
8.	58th " "
9.	40th 18th Division.
10.	A/G 18th " "
11.	A.D.M.-3, 18th Division.
12.	G.D., III Corps.
13.	War Diary.
14.	Spare.

## MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

TO. C A D Z.Sender's Name B. 539. Day of Month. 16/9.

Ref. C.R.M. 18th Div. Order No. 137. para Para  
8 para For 16th Sept. read 17th para Para 9 para For  
8. A.M. read 5 P.M.

From TODO.

Geo. H. KOHL.

Capt. R.Z.

SECRET.

Copy No. 14.

16th September 1916.

53rd Inf. Brigade Order206.

1. 53rd Infantry Brigade Group (less 7th R.W. Kent R.)  
will move by bus and march route to-morrow the 16th  
instant to NURRU area.

2. Embus on main road, head of column 8.30.0.0.8.  
Embussing to be complete by 9 a.m.

Order of Units:-

53rd Infantry Brigade H.Q.  
53rd Trench Mortar Battery.  
8th Royal Berk Regt.  
10th Essex Regt.  
79th Field Company, R.F.  
66th Field Ambulance.  
18th Bn. Machine Gun Coy. G.  
8th Bn. Royal Sussex Rifles.

An Officer from each unit will report to the  
Staff Captain at 8.30 a.m. at THOMAS WOOD MEMORIAL.

3. On arrival at Debussing Point (NURRU) the 79th  
Field Coy. R.E. 66th Field Ambulance, 18th Bn. Machine  
Gun Corps and 8th Bn. Royal Sussex Rifles will move  
as ordered by their own units.

4. 53rd Infantry Brigade will move into KRINKETA and  
GURRU WOODS west of ALMOURNT-12-BAS, where cooks  
and necessary transport will join Battalion.

Orders for subsequent action will be issued later.

5. Brigade Headquarters will, in the first instance,  
be in CAF COPSE D.15.d., moving later to E.14.central.

6. First Line Transport will move at 7 a.m. tomorrow  
the 16th inst. to vicinity of MOISLAINS, from where,  
cooks, water-carts, Lewis gun limbers, Officers  
chargers, etc. will move to KRINKETA WOOD. Route  
for transport - COMBLES - RAMOURT - ROUGHAVESNES.

7. All troops on the march will, on the approach  
of hostile aircraft, halt on the side of the road.

There will be no movement until the enemy aircraft have disappeared. Distances on the march will be observed and strict march discipline observed in accordance with S.S. 724.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Brigade Major, 53rd Infantry Bde.

Issued at 6.15 p.m.

Copies to -  
Copy No. -

1. Brigade Commander.
2. Brigade Major.
3. Staff Captain.
4. Brigade Signal Officer.
5. Supply Officer.
6. 10th Sussex R.
7. 8th Royal Berkshire.
8. 7th Royal Warwick's.
9. 53rd A.H. Battery.
10. 151st Coy. A.S.C.
11. 79th Field Coy. H.S.
12. 56th Field Ambulance.
13. 18th Bn. Machine Gun Corps.
14. 8th Bn. Royal Sussex Pioneers.
15. 54th Infantry Brigade.
16. 55th Infantry Brigade.
17. 18th Division HQ.
18. 18th Division HQ.
19. A.I.M., 18th Division.
20. War Diary.
21. War Diary.
22. File.

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18th Division Ho. O. 9134

8th R. Sussex Regt. (Pz's.)

1. After the capture of the first objective the 8th Brigade will capture IBERIA, YAK and ZEMBA Posts in F.10.b and d.

YAK and ZEMBA Posts will receive artillery preparation until zero plus 168 minutes.

2. Dummy Tanks are being placed on the Spur running North about the grid between F.13.b and d.

3. G.R.A., C.R.F., 54th Bde. and 18th Bn. W.G.C. to acknowledge.

A.H. HOPWOOD,

Major,  
General Staff, 18th Division.

September 17th 1918.

To all recipients of 18th Div. Order No. 224.

MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

Service Instructions. PRIORITY A.R.H.

To: 8th R. Subs. Pioneers.

Sender's Number. 0.959. Day of Month. 18.

8th R. Beks will be assembled in vicinity of trench line they are holding AAA 7th R.W. Beks will be withdrawn and assembled in the neighbourhood of ST. MILLEPREVARTING to the command of the 53rd Bde.

From 18th Div.  
Time. 12.5.p.m.

(Sd.) A.H. Rowood,  
Major G.S.

CONFIDENTIAL.

18th Division No. G.54.

TRANSMISSION OF A GENERAL DOCUMENT.

2nd Guards Divn. Order 15. IX. 18.

There have been cases on other sectors where wrong signals have been sent up on an enemy attack - the reason being that light cartridges of all colours were handed to the N.C.O.  $\frac{1}{6}$  of the Very pistol, and in consequence, in the excitement of the moment, and in the darkness, the wrong cartridge was selected.

To avoid such occurrences, it is ordered that:

In the front line, light signals for "Annihilating fire on outer edge of enemy front line" may alone be taken.

(These signals for the present to be GREEN).

Signals for "Annihilating fire on enemy's Main Line of Resistance" should be entrusted to Platoon and Company Commanders alone, and may only be fired from our Main Line of Resistance or from lines in rear of it.

(Sd.) V. FRIDENBURG,  
P. Bn. (3rd) AUGUSTA R.

BATTLE ORDER.

Sept. 16th 1918.

1. The light signals handed to P. Bn. (3rd) today, are to be handed to the anti-tank rifles. On rollout, these signals will remain in the sector.

2. On the night of 17/18th Sept. the 2nd Bn. will be the "Kampf" battalion (1st Line Troops) - the 1st Bn. will be in support - "3rd Bn. in reserve.



3. The Alpine Corps reports seeing Frenchmen opposite them 1-6, an English and a French officer together. Special attention is requested and observations confirming above should be immediately reported.

4. The 35th Division states they are expecting an attack tomorrow (the 17th) as enemy's artillery appears to have moved forward and much activity has been observed in the enemy's divisional sector.

G.J.C. WALCH,  
Captain,  
General Staff, 18th Division.

Sept. 30th 1918.

18th Division No. G. 50.

LOCUTS.

Location.

Accommodation.

SART BARN, P. 11. d. 3. 3.	80 men.
266 BOER, P. 11. d. 95. 60.	50 men
GARREWAY LAKE, P. 12. d. 3. 6.	20 "
POBODIS BARN, Coy. 1. 8. 3. 8. side of }	20 "
QUINCHILLS WOOD, 2 dugouts, P. 18. d. 8. 9. }	20 "
DUNCAR AVENUE, A. 1. 1. 8. 0. 3.	40 "
ISLAND TRAVERS, F. 13. d. 6. 8.	40 "
P. 11. b. 8. 4.	12 men
P. 5. c. 3. 6.	"
P. 5. c. 1. 8.	"
Several dugouts in area A. 1. d. especially in LION TRENCH, A. 1. d. 3. 2.	"

G.J.C. WALCH,  
Captain.

General Staff, 18th Division.  
September 30th 1918.

SECRET

18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 236.

Copy No. 13.

20th Sept. 1918.

1. The attack to capture the HND and HIRN objectives of Sept. 18th will be continued to-morrow. The frontages have been somewhat altered as indicated on the map issued at the Conference this morning Sept. 30th.

2. The attack of the 18th Division will be carried out by the 54th Inf. Bde. on the right and the 53rd Inf. Bde. on the left.

The ultimate objective of the 53rd Bde. is the KROLL, that of the 54th the system of trenches between the KROLL and GILBERT BARN. This farm is the left of the objective of the 74th Division.

3. The attack will be carried out under a creeping barrage in depth of 18-pdrs., 4.5 in. Howitzers and heavy guns. Artillery barrage maps will be issued later.

Smoke will be used by the field Art'y. in the proportion of 1 in 15 from zero plus 11 to assist the tanks.

4. The W.G. barrage will conform to the Artillery Barrage.

5. 5 Mark 5 Tanks and 2 Mark 5 Star Tanks are allotted to the 53rd Bde. for the capture of the KNOLL and 4 Mark 5 Tanks to the 74th Division for the capture of GILKIMONT FARM; these will move South and North respectively to assist the 54th Bde. into the system between GILKIMONT FARM and the KNOLL.

6. 2 Sects R.Y. and 1 Coy. W.Gs. are allotted each to the 53rd and 54th Bdes. for the operation.

7. Zero Hour will be at 5-40 a.m.

8. Troop 1/1st Northumberland Hussars will send 1 M.G.O. and 3 privates to each of 53rd and 54th Inf. Bdes. at 6 a.m.

9. ACTING PLINDERS.

A.H. HOPWOOD,

General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 4 P.M.

Copy No: 1 to G.O.O.

2/3 "G"

4/5 "Q"

6.

C.R.A.

53rd Inf. Bde.

54th Inf. Bde.

55th Inf. Bde.

18th M.G. Bn.

8th R. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers)

81 G.M.S.

A.D.H.S.

D.A.P.M.

13th Division

74th Division

33rd Division

35th Squadron R.A.F.

2nd Tank Bn.

Troop 1/1st North'd. Hars.

SECRET18TH DIVISION ORDER No. 227.Copy No. 13.

Sep. 22nd 1918.

1. 174th Inf. Bde. (Less 1 Bn.) will relieve the 58th Inf. Bde. in the GREEN LINE this afternoon, September 22nd, under arrangements to be made direct between Brigadiers concerned. Relief to be complete by 9 p.m.

The third Bn. of the 174th Inf. Bde. is holding the GREEN LINE in the 74th Div. area and will revert to the command of the 174th Inf. Bde. The 174th Inf. Bde. under the 18th Div. will then be responsible for the defence of the GREEN LINE from TOIRH POST, 7.29.0.4.1. (Inclusive) to the junction of DOSE TRENCH and ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE, 7.10.0.3.7.

The H.O. defence of this line will continue to be provided by the 18th Division on their present front and the H.O. Coy. of the 58th Division attached to 174th Inf. Bde. will relieve the H.O.'s of 74th Division covering the GREEN LINE on the present 74th Division front.

174th Brigade Advanced H.Q. will be at 7.21.b.5.1.  
58th Brigade H.Q. at 7.21.b.2.11.

2. The 58th Brigade will relieve the 54th Brigade in the RED LINE position from junction with 74th Division at MILL TANG, 7.16.0.0.4. to DOMINIC POST (Inclusive), where 54th Brigade is at present in touch with 53rd Brigade. This touch will be maintained by the 58th Brigade.

On relief of 54th Brigade Rear H.Q., ST. MILES QUARTERS E.18.d.0.8.

3. The responsibility for carrying out operations in order to establish ourselves on the RED LINE throughout will rest with 58th Brigade to HOLD POST and with 53rd Brigade from BOG POST (Inclusive) to our junction with the 12th Division at 7.11.0.4.5.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

(Sd.) GUY NEWBUTT, Lt. COL.,  
General Staff, 18th  
Division.

Issued at 11.30.a.m.

Copies to: 1 A.D.C. for G.O.C.

2/3 "0"	17.174th Inf. Bde.
4/5 "0"	(ST. MILES)
7 O.R.A.	18 58th Division
9 O.R.A.	19 74th Division
9 53rd Inf. Bde.	20 War Diary.
9 54th Inf. Bde.	
10 58th Inf. Bde.	
11 18th Bn. I.G.O.	
12 8th B. Suss. Regt. (Pns).	
13 Signals.	
14 Div. Train.	
15 A.D.N.S.	
16 D.A.P.H.	

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COPY No. 12.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 228.

23rd Sept. 1918.

1. The 18th and 74th Divisions will be relieved by the 37th American Division on the night 24/25th. Secrecy is all important. There is no reason that it should be known that the relief is to be by Americans until they actually appear.
2. This order is liable to alteration but all arrangements must be made in detail for the accommodation of advanced parties and the guiding of both advanced parties and the relieving troops as soon as possible. Warning of their actual arrival is likely to be short.
3. The 106th American Infantry Regt. will relieve the 74th and 16th Divisions on the RED line. The 1st Bn. and I Company of the 2nd Battalion will relieve the 74th Division. The 2nd Bn. (less I Company) will relieve the 56th Infantry Brigade. The 3rd Bn. will relieve the 53rd Infantry Brigade.
4. Advanced parties will arrive at VILKERS MANOR at about 3 p.m. to-day and will consist of an officer to remain at each Brigade Headquarters, an officer and 2 K.C.O.s. per Company to be distributed to the battalions, from whom they will take over. Brigades will each send an officer to meet the bus convey at VILKERS MANOR to conduct advanced parties to Headquarters of Brigade. Guides will be provided at Headquarters of Brigades to take such, as are going on, to battalions.
5. A guide for each American Platoon will be provided and what each platoon is going to relieve must be carefully worked out, the strength of an American Company being between 120 and 150 men.
6. The 105th American Infantry Regt. will relieve the 174th, Infantry Brigades on the GREEN line on the 74th and 16th Division fronts. The right battalion 174th Brigade will relieve troops of the 74th Division in the GREEN line down to their Divisional boundary so as to facilitate the American relief later. The 2nd Battalion of the 105th American Regt. will relieve the 6th London and the 3rd Bn. 105th American Brigade the 7th London.
7. Machine Guns will be relieved on the night 25/26th. The relief of Signal, R.C. and Medical personnel will take place on the night 26/27th excepting such portions as can be relieved on the night 24/25th. It is provided that O.C. Signals, C.R.E., and A.D.C.'s. are satisfied that continuity of work will not thereby be impaired.
8. The 16th Divisional Artillery will be withdrawn from action to their wagon lines on Sept. 28th.



9. 53rd American Brigade Headquarters at 54th  
Brigade Headquarters ST. JULIE QUARRY E. 18. d. 0. 8.  
106th American Regt. - 55th Brigade H. Q. 7. 21. 7. 2. 1.  
2nd Bn. 106th American Inf. Regt. - The most suitable  
Bn. H. Q. 53rd Bde.  
3rd Bn. 106th American Inf. Regt. - The most suitable  
Bn. H. Q. 53rd Bde.  
108th American Infantry Regt. QUID POST -  
F. 14. b. 8. 8.  
3rd Bn. 108th American Inf. Regt. - 6th London Regt.  
H. Q. F. 21. 7. 2.  
3rd Bn. 108th American Inf. Regt. - 7th London Regt.  
H. Q. F. 21. a. 7. 4.  
174 Bde, H. Q. are at E. 24. a. 8. 7. with an advanced  
H. Q. at F. 21. a. 7. 4.

## 10. AEROSTATION.

QUY HENRIET, Lt. Col.,  
General Staff, 15th Division.

Issued at 12-30 p.m.

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G.O.A.  
G.R.B.  
53rd Inf. Bde.  
54th Inf. Bde.  
55th Inf. Bde.  
15th Bn. H.Q.  
5th B. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers)  
Signals  
A.S.V.S.  
A.S.H.  
Div. Train.  
18th H. Coy.  
D.A.D.O.S.  
12th Division.  
74th Division.  
58th Division.  
174th Brigade.  
27th American Division.  
53rd American Brigade.  
106th American Regt.  
106th American Regt.  
Troop 1/1st Northd Hussars.  
No. Special Coy. H.M.

MESSAGERS AND SIGNALS.

Service Instructions - Y.H.H.

Handed in at Y.H.H. Office 7 P.M. Received 7.20.

TO 8th ROYAL SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Sender's Number. G.237. Day of Month 24.

Ref. order 228 Para 9 96 for QUID POST N 14 B 95 read  
Para B 21 .

From 16 DIV.  
Time. 6-30 P.M.

~~SECRET~~16th Division No. 0  
169.APPENDIX TO 16TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 228.

Five Officers per Brigade will be left in the line for 24 hours after the relief in order to assist American Battalion and Company Headquarters with their knowledge of the line and situation.

GUY BISHWITZ,  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff, 16th Division.

September 23rd 1918.

~~SECRET~~

COPY No. 12.

16TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 228.

Ref. M.D. 57, 6 &amp; 62, 6.

23rd Sept. 1918.

1. On relief in accordance with Order No. 228, 16th Division (less Artillery) will move, transport by road in accordance with orders already issued, and personnel by march route in accordance with table attached.

2. 16th Divisional Artillery will move in accordance with Order No. 228 under orders of G.R.A.

3. (a) Command of Brigade Sub-sectors will pass on completion of relief of the front line Infantry.

(b) Command of the Divisional Sector will pass from 16th Division to 37th American Division at 10-0 am 25th Sept. 1918.

4. 16th Divisional H.Q. will close at LIEBAWORT at 10-0 a.m. Sept. 25th and open at COMBES at the same hour.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. H. HOPWOOD, <sup>Major</sup>  
General Staff, 16th Division.

Issued at 5-45 pm.

COPY No.	1 to G.O.C.	23. 27th American Division
2/3	Major	24 53rd American Brigade
4/5	Major	25 106th American Inf. Regt.
	G.R.A.	26 106th American Inf. Regt.
6	C.R.R.	27 Troop 1/1st. Northd. Hars.
7	53rd Inf. Bde.	28. No. 1. Special Coy. P.E.
8	53rd Inf. Bde.	29. Camp Commandant.
9	56th Inf. Bde.	
10	56th Inf. Bde.	
11	16th Am. G.O.	
12	8th Am. Busness Regt. (Pioneers)	
13	Sigsals	
14	A.D.N.S.	
15	D.A.P.M.	
16	Div. Train.	
17	16th M.W. Coy.	
18	D.A.D.O.S.	
19	12th Division	
20	74th Division	
21	58th Division	
22	174th Brigade.	

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COPY No.12.

ADDENDUM TO 18TH DIVISION ORDER No.228.

23rd Sept. 1918.

1. Ref.para.6.

Relief of 174th Inf.Bde. by 2nd and 3rd Bns. American Inf.Regt. will commence at 8-0 p.m. 24th Sept.

2. Ref.para.3.

Relief of 54th, 55th, and 53rd Inf.Bdes. by 2nd (less 1 Coy.) and 3rd Bns. 106th American Inf. Regt will commence at 10-0 p.m. 24th Sept.

3. March Table and destination of formation and units will be issued as early as possible.

A.H. HODGKINS,  
Major,  
General Staff, 18th Divn.

23rd Sept. 1918.

Addressed all recipients 18th Div. Order No. 328.

SECRET.

COPY No.4.

18TH DIVISION.C.O.'S OPERATION ORDER NO. 139

Reference Map Sheet.

NONTREVAULT.

Headquarters R.E.  
18th Division.

1/20,000.

27th September, 1918.

1. The 18th Division will mop up VERRILLIET, and make good the crossings over the ST. QUENTIN CANAL.
2. The Canal is reported to be dry generally, with a few puddles, but will almost surely have a muddy bottom.
3. Should all the bridges be destroyed, it is proposed to make a few crossings for Infantry, and then concentrate on the three main traffic bridges for Horse Transport.

(a)	About	8.26	d.7.5.
(b)	"	8.28	d.5.9.
(c)	"	8.28	a.8.3.

H.B. Nature of Bridges, and Crossings, will depend on reconnaissance of River, which should be made by small parties as soon as the situation admits.

Air Photographs, and all information about the Canal at present available is being supplied separately.

4. There is a III Corps Bridging Dump being made at E.14.D.6.4, where material is being collected for various forms of bridges I.e. "Trestle - Ox'd Pier - Girder - and also road slabs, (list attached)."

The Field Companies will send their Bridging Equipment loaded on wagons, to the vicinity of this Dump, at ZERO - plus 5 hours, should the pontoon equipment not be required, it can be offloaded here, left with a Guard, and the wagons reloaded as required.

The wagons of the 13th Division Field Coy's. will be at this dump, and loaded as follows:-

3 with Weldon Trestle equipment complete.  
3 with road slabs, - 3 with sleepers.

These stores and wagons can be used by any Field Coy, and will be sent up by C.R.N. when asked for.

O.C. 80th Field Coy. R.N. will detail a party to be at this dump, to do the necessary loading, and unloading.

5. The 79th Field Coy R.N. will make the bridges (a) and (b) and any footbridges required in between, 3 if possible.

The bridge (b) should be so sited as to allow an INGLIS, or Class "A" Bridge to be made, the road being diverted as required.

The 283rd A.T. Coy R.N. will be making these bridges as soon as the situation permits, and 1 Field Coy. R.N. of the 13th Division the corresponding bridge over the R. SGAVU.

6. The 80th Field Coy. R.N. will detail one Section to form part of the Comrades Force, under the 54th Infantry Brigade, that encompasses the 107th American Infantry Reg't.

A party vide 4 above.  
The remainder of the Company will, when the situation admits, cross the Canal, take the necessary bridges across the R. SGAVU, and assist as necessary on the 3 main traffic bridges across the Canal.

7. The 2nd Field Coy R.N. will make the bridge (c) above, and footbridges in S.26.a. & b.  
Detail a party to reconnaissance and develop walls, and water supply in VANDUJILS and FITHER.

8. A small wireless signal party will accompany the 79th Field Coy. R.N. and will be installed in VANDUJILS. Messages should be sent by this means by all Coys. to 16th Division, as to state of bridges, completion of bridges etc. A special code will be issued.

9. The 13th Division have a dump of various R.N. stores and material, including water supplies, at D.11.central.

10. Route for transport from Bridging dump, will be:-  
E.10.S.O.4 - E.10.- X.25.c.1.4 - IMPERIER - TOMHOUS SWART.



11. PIERS.

The 8th In.R. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) will as soon as the situation admits make good for ferry transport the TOMBOIS FARM Road from the Gross roads F.15-d.8.8. through F.11. to VERMIDILL and FUTUREY, and side roads in VERMIDILL as shown yellow on attached map.

Half a Tunneling Company from the V Corps will assist in searching for, and clearing road mines.

Woden lorries loaded with stone ready to go forward will be sent up by G.H.H. should they be required.

40 wheelbarrows can be drawn from the bridges dump at E.14.b.5.4.

12. Notice boards should be erected indicating roads to bridges, wells, etc.

13. G.R.H.'s Headquarters will open at YIKANORFF tomorrow the 28th instant.

14. Please acknowledge.

G.H.O. SYMONS,  
Lieut. Colonel, R.E.

Issued at 9 P.M. G.R.H., 18th Division.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1.	O.G. 78th Field Coy. R.E.
2	O.C. 80th Field Coy. R.E.
3	O.C. 92nd Field Coy. R.E.
4	O.C. 3rd In. Sussex Regt.
5	83rd In. Bde.
6	84th In. Bde.
7	85th In. Bde.
8	"G" 18th Division
9	"A/V" 18th Division.
10	O.C. 18th Div. Signal.
11	O.G. 18th Bn. N.G.C.
12	O.C.
13	G.R.H. 18th Division
14	G.R.H. 28th Division
15	G.P., 111 Corps
16	War Diary
17	Office.
18	Spare.

Field Company Commanders.

O.C. 8th R. Sussex Regt.

Reference G.R.H.'s Operation Order No. 189 attached Para 4. Herewith list of material referred to.

In addition to Complete TOMBOIS Bridge - Class 'A' and Fomson Bridges, (it is not anticipated that the last will be required.) The following material will be available at the Bridging Dump, at E.14.b. Sheet 62.O.

The equivalent in slabs of Mining Timber of 5,000 Road Slabs, also logs, spikes, and nails.

3000' 1" boarding.  
 About 600 Y's. of Baulks - about 7" x 7"  
 About 600 sleepers.  
 Sundry Kopses, Slacks and Tools.  
 150 Round Spars.  
 Cork rafts - wire netting Mats for crossing on mud - floating rafts. (For Infantry in file).  
 50 R.S.Y's.  
 10 Foden lorries are standing by loaded with stone ready to go forward on demand - brick and probably a great deal of useful timber will almost certainly be found in YEMDHILL.

III Corps.  
 No.A.911/18.

The Corps Commander has much gratification in conveying the following message from the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief and is glad to take this opportunity of adding his own appreciation of the excellent work done, not only in the recent fighting, but throughout the operations of the III Corps since 21st March, 1918:-

"The Commander-in-Chief wishes to express his high appreciation of the good work done by the Engineer Units of the Fourth Army in the construction of temporary and permanent crossings over the R. SOMME during the recent operations."

The work was carried out with remarkable rapidity, sometimes under machine gun fire and bombardment by gas shells."

J. DOYLE.

Brigadier General,  
 D.A. & C.K.O., III Corps.

27/9/18.  
 WVE.

Distribution:- All Formations  
 and Corps Troops Units.

SECRET.

18th Division No.G.370.

TO ALL REGIMENTS 18TH DIVISION ORDER NO.230.

18th Division (Less Artillery) will move to forward area on 28th and 29th Sept. Orders for move of Infantry Brigades already issued. R.E. and Engineers and Field Ambulances will move in accordance with orders issued separately. Machine Gun Bn. (Less 1 Coy.) will march tomorrow to LIBRAMONT thence to line night 28/29th.  
 1 Coy. Machine Gun Bn. moves to-morrow with 54th Inf. Bde.  
 18th Divisional H.Q. will close COMBINS 4-0 p.m.  
 26th and open LIBRAMONT same hour.

27th Sept. 1918.

A.H. HOPWOOD, Major,  
 General Staff, 18th Division.

SECRET.

Copy No. 12.

10TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 230.

September 27th 1918.

Ref. Maps,  
NORTHREDALE,  
620. N.E. and  
570. S.E.,  
1/20,000.

1. An attack will be carried out on a date (to be determined) and at an hour to be notified later along the Fourth Army front.

The III Corps will cover the left flank of the main attack which is being carried out by the Australian Corps and by the II American Corps affiliated, on our right.

2. The attack on the III Corps front will be carried out by the 18th Division with two objects in view:--

(a) The protection of the left flank of the 37th American Division by gaining complete observation over VANDERBILT and the Canal, and by keeping constant pressure on the enemy in this vicinity.

(b) The mopping up of VANDERBILT and preparation of a way through for the passage of divisions of the IV Corps at the first possible opportunity.

The objectives (a), above, is allotted to the 54th Brigade, objective (b) to the 55th Brigade and a liaison force of 54th Brigade detailed to work with the 107th American Inf. Regt.,  
53rd Brigade will be in Corps Reserve.

3. The 37th American Division will be attacking on our right at zero under a creeping barrage. Direction of attacks are shown by red arrows; times of arrival will be issued later.

The 18th Division on our left will launch a small subsidiary attack under a creeping barrage later in order to secure the high ground in P. 6. A. and X. 30. 9.

It is estimated that if the operation is carried out according to programme, sufficient simultaneous pressure should be brought to bear on VANDERBILT at 11 am by the Liaison force, 55th Brigade, 54th Brigade and 18th Division to enable them to enter the town and mop it up.

4. Attack of 54th Brigade.

The objectives, line of advance, and opening barrage line are shown on the attached map, but the forming-up line and whether the attack is made simultaneously or subsequently to the attack of the 37th American Division, depend upon operations now in progress.

5. Liaison force.

A liaison force consisting of --

- 2 Companies Infantry
- 1 Company H.Q.'s.
- 80 Field Coy. R.E.
- Personnel for a Signal Station
- found by 54th Brigade

will join leading battalion of the 107th American Infantry Regt. in their assembly position on Y/2 night and advance in rear of them across the Canal. Its objects will be -

- (1) To keep signal communication between the 107th American Infantry Regt. and the 54th Inf. Brigade.

(11) To prevent the destruction of the bridges in VERMIDJIN by keeping them under M.G. fire and by seizing them as soon as this operation is rendered possible.

One company of Infantry and 3 sections of 80th Field Coy. R.M. belonging to this force, will be held in reserve in the vicinity of 54th Brigade Headquarters to be sent forward as soon as required.

6. 55th Brigade.

The 55th Brigade will hold themselves in readiness to advance from 8 a.m. onwards on receipt of orders from the G.O.C. As the order will be given on information received, 55th Brigade will observe full military precautions in their advance down the MACQUINOUR Valley.

On arrival in the position indicated on the attached map, the 55th Brigade will form to the left and advance on VERMIDJIN from the south keeping W. of the Canal.

If serious opposition is encountered they are not to become involved in a direct attack on the town, but to bring pressure to bear upon its defenses from the spur A.2.a. - A.2.central - A.2.b. and to take every advantage of a slackening in the enemy's resistance in order to push into the town W. of the Canal.

7. Machine Guns.

† Coy. of M.G.'s. are allotted to the 54th Brigade.  
 † Coy. -do- Liaison Force.  
 -do- -do- 55th Brigade.

for the operation.

A programme for the remainder of the 18th Br.M.G. Corps is being arranged.

8. Royal Engineers.

The 79th and 92nd Field Coys. R.E. and 8th Royal Sussex Pioneers will repair the bridges in VERMIDJIN and roads leading to them under orders of the C.R.E.

9. Cavalry.

A troop of the 1/1st Northumberland Hussars is placed at the disposal of the 18th Division and will be employed under Divisional arrangements. They will report at 18th Div. H.Q. LIMBAMORT at 12 noon on "Y" day.

10. Aeroplanes.

Contact and Counter-attack aeroplanes will be employed as usual.



11. Signals.

Success Signal - Ho 33 Grenade WHITE over WHITE  
over WHITE.  
S.O.G. Signal - RED over RED over RED.

12. Headquarters.

18th Division - LITERMONT, D.12.d. Centre.  
18th Div. Report Centre - Sunken Road F.10.0.2.5.  
27th American Div. (ADV.) - ST. MATHIEU quarters  
E.18.d.O.7.  
54th Brigade - Sunken Road F.10.0.4.6.

Other Headquarters later.

13. ACCOMPLISH.

GUY HIBBERT, Lt. Col.  
General Staff,  
18th Division.

Issued at 11 P.m.

Copies to:-

1 G.O.C.  
2/S HQ  
A/S HQ  
6 C.R.A.  
7 C.R.A.  
8 C.R.A.  
9 33rd Inf. Bde.  
10 55th Inf. Bde.  
11 18th Br. M.G. Corps, (Platoon).  
12 8th R. Sigs. Regt. (Platoon).  
13 Signals  
14 A.D.H.S.  
15 D.A.P.M.  
16 18th Division.  
17 27th American Division.  
18 Troop 1/1st North. Inf.  
19 107th American Inf. Regt.  
20 War Diary.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.

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END

8th B. S. F.

COPY NO.

1. The Batt. (less Transport) will move by bus to forward area (S.I.S.C.) today.

2. Coys. will move off from present camp in the following order.

H.Q. - 7.30 P.m.  
A. - 7.35  
B. - 7.40  
C. - 7.45

3. Debussing point will be at Cross Rds. E.9.b.2.0. & Guides will meet coys, to conduct them to their billets.

4. Dress.- Full marching order. Steel helmets to be worn. Tools will be carried at the rate of
  - 1 Shovel per man.
  - 2 Picks per section.
  - 1 pair wire cutters per section.
5. "A" Coy. will detail 1 Officer & 4 O.Ns. to embus Bats, and Guide same to buses on main CULLINHOBT - COMBINS Rd. W. of COMBINS.
6. Transport will move off at 5.30 p.m.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Handed in at Y.R.

TO. 8 R. Sussex.

Sender's Number. 0.375. Day of Month. 27.

Ref. 0.318 of 26th and 0.364 of 27th AAA Buses now only available for 55 Bde. Group and following will therefore embus Western and COMBINS on CULLINHOBT - COMBINS Rd. AAs 55 Bde. 1900 AAA 79 Field Coy. 160 AAA 824 R.S. Pioneer 750 AAA 55 Field Amb. 150 AAA Debussing point + Roads E.9.b.2.0 AAA 53 Infantry Bde will march to BURD + Roads tomorrow and proceed concentration area morning 39th arriving there 11 am AAA R Q Bdes when in concentration area will be Bricksops F.I.D.1.5. AAA Tentage will be arranged by A/Q AAA This cancels previous instructions re busing AAA 53 and 55 Bdes C R 8 A.2.V.S. 8th R.S. Pioneers A/Q to act.

From 18. DIV.  
Time. 11.45 pm.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Handed in at Y.R. Office. 10.30 p.m. Received 10.40 p

TO. 8 R. Sussex Pzrs.

Sender's Number. 4.35. Day of Month. 27/9. In reply  
to Number. 356

None available.

From. 18 DIV. 9.



MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Service Instruction - Y.R.

Handed in at 18.DIV. Office 10.50.am Received 11.7.am  
 TO 8 Royal Sussex Regt.

Sender's Number G.384. Day of Month 28th.

Ref. G.376 time of embussing 8.30 P.M. 28th.

From 18.DIV.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Service Instruction. - Y.R.

Handed in at 18.DIV. Office 10.50.am. Received 11.7 am  
 TO 8 Plioneers.

Sender's Number G.385. Day of Month 28.

Following portion of compensation area is allotted  
 to G.R.S. for Field Coy's. R.N. AAA Square E.4.c. West  
 of road running from E.4.c.30. to E.4.A.80 AAA  
 Plioneers will debus at IIRAWORT and will be located  
 in area E.1.A and C from tonight inclusive.

From - 18 DIV.  
 Time - 10.40 am.

SECRET.OPERATION ORDER NO. 62.

Copy No.9.

Refce.Maj.  
G29.SIR MR. ROYAL SUSSEX REGT. (PIONEERS).

1. The Battalion (less Transport) will move by bus to  
 forward area (E.1.a. & c. Centre) to-day.

2. Companies will move off from present camp in the  
 following order:-

H.Q.	7.30	P.m.
A <sup>a</sup> Coy	7.35	"
B <sup>a</sup> "	7.40	"
C <sup>a</sup> "	7.45	"

3. Debussing point will be at cross roads. E.9.b.2.c.0.  
 and guides will meet Companies to conduct them to  
 their billets.

4. DRESS. Full marching order. Steel helmets to be  
 worn. Tools will be carried at the rate of -  
 1 shovel per man.  
 2 picks per section.  
 1 pair wire cutters per section.

5. "A" Company will detail one officer and 4 O.R.s. to  
 embus Battalion and Guide teams to buses on main  
 QUILLWORT - COMBINS Road West of COMBINS.

6. Transport will move off at 5-30 p.m. under orders of I.O.

7. Surplus Kit will be dumped at Q.M. Stores under Guard to be detailed by "A" Company of 1 W.C.O. and 3 men by 3 p.m.

8. Billets to be left clean and tidy. Orderly Officer reporting this to the Adjutant.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.A.S. ROBINSON,  
Lt. & Adjt.  
8th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.  
(Prisoners).

Issued at 2-30 p.m.  
28/9/1918.

Distribution:-

COPY No.	
1.	H.Q.
2.	"A" Coy.
3.	"B" " "
4.	"C" " "
5.	" " " "
6.	Q.M.
7.	T.O.
8.	R.S.M.
9.	Office.
	War Diary.



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- 3rd  
(Ord).  
SPRINGFIELD DECREASE CASUALTIES.  
S/2696 FTE BALLET P. previously  
reptd "wounded slightly at duty"  
now reptd. "WOUNDED" 29.9.18.  
SPRINGFIELD DECREASE  
E06641 I/OZT CHEVIGNER A. L. to  
O. G. S. 30.9.18.  
LEAVE OFFICERS.  
SND W. FERREIN granted leave to  
U. K. 5-17.10.18.
- 4th  
620  
08.30 - 1830. all coys under coy.  
commanders for drill  
afternoons devoted to sports.  
SPRINGFIELD DECREASE.  
S/1459 FTE O'LEARY S. evac. to  
O. G. S. 1.10.1918.
- 5th  
08.00 - 1830. All coys under coy.  
commanders for drill.  
afternoons devoted to sport.  
SPRINGFIELD DECREASE.  
The U/R rejoined BAYNE 5.10.1918.  
O/1978. FTE COARONER. O.  
23766 " BLAROCK " W.  
HOSPITAL SMOZPARS.  
13795 FTE BLAROCK " admitted to  
Hospital 29.8.18. & discharged  
25.9.18. (28 days V D)  
A. S. O. 1810/36/D/1.10.18.
- 6th  
0830 - 1830. All coys under  
coy commanders for drill  
afternoon devoted to sport  
LEAVE OFFICERS.  
CAPT LANGHAM F. S. O. Granted extension  
of leave to 19/9/1918.  
A078Y. W. D. (A. O (A.)) dated 19.9.18.  
2 LT E. LANGRIDGE A. R. returned  
from leave 5.10.1918.  
SPRINGFIELD DECREASE OFFICERS  
SND W. FERREIN granted leave  
to ENGLAND (SICK) 26.9.18.18.  
18 DIV NO 67. /361 A/D/5.10.18.  
LEAVE OFFICERS.  
LT DAMBERT F. O. to Pioneer Course.  
FOUEN 6.10.1918.
- 7th  
0800 - 1830. All coys under  
coy commanders for drill  
afternoon devoted to sport.  
APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS.  
SND LT FERSON W. G. F. appointed 11/ in  
command "C" Coy Vice  
LT DAMBERT F. O. to Pioneer Course.  
FOUEN.

WEST SUSSEX RIFLES OFFICE

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7th  
(C&A).

NOV 28 OFFICERS  
 CAPT. HASKIN O.C.H. to P.A. 6.10.1918.  
 FURISHBERT. G/389 L/OPT TURNER T.C.H.  
 OFFICERS. Damaging Government property  
 v15. altering clothing 6.10.18.  
 FURISHBERT AWARDED. Pay for damage  
 13/6. 7.10.18

VADENBOURNE - ST. MILLIE.

8th

The Battalion moved to forward area O.O.64  
 on this date.

68.6.

Transferring on the VADENBOURNE -  
VADENBOURNE RD and debussing on  
 the MINSTER - BODDON RD and then by  
 march route to ST. MILLIE.  
 18th G.611 and 618 and 13th C&P  
 B. 344 received.  
 Batin. 0.0.64 received.  
 Batin moved to ST. MILLIE. Personnel  
 by Bus. Transport by march route.

ST. MILLIE

9th

13th CORP. 0.476 received  
 Battalion moved from ST. MILLIE to  
 vicinity of PREMONT.

24VBS  
SHEER.

Commanded work making deviations  
 round craters at U27A 7.9  
 U21 D.7.9 U22 O.2.6 U28 B.4.6  
 and also taking chiron from road  
 at U28.D.8.8

HARBIS - U21 D.8.7 - U22 G.2.5 -  
U28 D.8.8 (PREMONT)

10th

13th CORP. DESTRUCTIONAL ORDERS 57B.S.W.

57B.S.W.

Received.

"A" Coy. Moving to new quarters

in HARBIS.

"B" Coy. Filling in Crater

Filling in mine Crater.

"C" Coy. Clearing chiron from road

9' single traffic way completed.

Strength increases.

The U/M joined battalion 8/10/18

800846 Cpl Burns A.

202805 " Gudgeon A.

240986 " Keeley P.A.

203076 " Rampsett G.

2661 Pte Douman G.

The U/M rejoined battalion 9/10/18

0/230V Pte Knight H.

23746 " Aldworth S.

UNSAFE OFFICERS

Lt J.A.F. Iveland M.C to U.K.

8th/2nd Oct 1918.



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P. 27 B. B. 9 - U. 22 C. 3.4  
 U. 21 D. 7.9 U. 27 A. 8.0 -  
 U. 8. A. 6.8 F. H. 201111 -

11th

"A" Coy Deviation and slab road 97 B.  
 round mine crater  
 75% of work completed  
 "B" Coy. 1 Platoon Making  
 Slab Road.  
 2 Platoons Filling in mine crater  
 & making slab road with R. 28  
 1 Platoon Making Slab road. SERGE  
 "C" Coy. Clearing Orchard from Road  
 18" Double track to way completed 37 B 37  
 SPERRIN D FOREASE  
 U. 30. 11. 13.9  
 U. 10. 4. The stonor H. "B" Coy.  
 founded 10/10/18.

SIR JOHN DEWAR.

The U/M proceeded to ENGLAND 8/10/18  
 for commissions in the TANK CORPS.  
 C/1806 892 CASLER H. "B" Coy.  
 C/1559 1/892 DRACK B. "A"  
 HODDYS & REWARDS.

The U/M awarded the MILITARY MEDAL  
 for Gallantry and devotion to duty  
 in action.

C/0421 FEE RIGGS F "C" COY.  
 C/4218 307 WESTBROOK F. "C" COY.  
 260055 " CHELSEA W " " "  
 (18th DB) 1604)

12th

P. 27 B. B. 9 - U. 22 C. 3.4 U. 21 D. 7.9  
 U. 21 D. 7.9 U. 27 A. 8.0 - A. 8.0  
 U. 8. A. 6.8 F. H. 201111 -

"A" Coy. Maintenance of deviation 57 B.  
 and slab road continued.  
 50% work completed.  
 "B" Coy. Making slab road. 2 Platoons  
 Filling in mine crater " "  
 "C" Coy. Filling in mine craters " "

SIR JOHN FOREASE

FRANCO

202835 SER. JOY W. joined  
 Battalion 12/10/18.  
 The U/M rejoined Battalion 12/10/18  
 1637 FTS EBERICK. " "  
 C/5161 CPL LAST J J  
 C/2061 " AKREUBERT S  
 The U/M ret'd from leave 12/10/18  
 LT. R. H. SHARP  
 2 Lt. C. J. C. FOUND

NAUDISE - U. 22 C. 3.4 U. 21 D. 7.9 -  
 A. 8.0 U. 27 A. 8.0 - A. 8.0  
 U. 8. A. 6.8 F. H. 201111 -

13th

"A" Coy. Assisting 180 TUNNELLING  
 COY R B making slab road on E.  
 side of NAUDISE railway station  
 Making road deviation through  
 NAUDISE railway station.



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15th  
(Cont.).

Carrying EDMAN ROAD over railway  
N of MAURIZIO railway station  
"B" Coy. 2 Platoons. Filling in  
mine Craters  
2 Platoons filling in shell holes  
through BERLINS from X craters  
"C" Coy. Filling in mine Craters

GRAYNES  
SHEPP

FRANCO

## CASUALTIES.

Inf. Hatt's orders 27/9/18.  
S/11210 PTE MORRIS S.A. "B" Coy.  
reported "MISSING" now reported  
"KILLED" 24/9/18.

PUNISHMENT  
C/1855 PTE HENRIET D. "A" Coy  
offence. "not complying with an  
order" 7/10/18  
PUNISHMENT. 4 DAYS P.P. No B. 13/10/18.

P.27.B.8.9 - U 220.3.4. U E1 D 7.9  
X BOUNDS U28.B 5.6 -  
X BOUNDS U21.D 7.9

14th

"A" Coy. Maintenance of deviation

57 B.

and slab road.

Recoiling bridge over railway

"B" Coy.

2 Platoons filling in mine Crater

"C" Coy.

Filling in mine Crater

FRANCO  
SHEPP  
GRAYNES

## CASUALTIES.

17809 PTE

WATKINSEBY

missing.

G/2029 " GORE S G died of wounds.

G/2396 " Pte POTTER ) wounded.

G/6593 " STRIBOVIC ) wounded 12/10/18.

SHERGHE

INCREASE

G/1977 PTE DYKE B 2 retd Battn 14/10/18.

REDEVELOPS OFFICERS

Extract from "London Gazette" 8.8.83.B.

(SERVING BATTN) TENDLER S.J.D. POWERS

to be temp IN 28 Aug 1918.

P.27.B.8.9 - U28.C.3.4 U E1.D.7.9

X BOUNDS U28.B 5.6 X BOUNDS U21.D 7.9.

15th

"A" Coy. Whole Coy repairing road

57 B.

and erecting bridge over railway

40% Progress made.

"B" Coy. 2 Platoons Filling in

FRANCO  
SHEPP

mine Crater

"C" Coy

Mine Crater Completed.

Filling in mine Crater

LEAVES OFFICERS. Capt G.L. Kemp

to U K 15/10/18. to 14/11/18.

SHERGHE INCREASE G/8998 L/091

FIELD J. retd Battn, 14/10/18. SHERGHE

INCREASE OFFICERS 2 IN. LAYD A.S.

joined Battn 11/10/1918.



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(Oct.).

"G" Coy. 1000\* of road drained on 57 B.

both sides

APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS.

TW. J. S. KERR appointed temporarily

11/4 in command of "G" Coy. 17/10/1918.

18th DIV. 8.500, 813 and 823  
received.01B 4.1 RECD TO 824 O. TEL. D 7.9 -43B.6 2402.0 & 110 A B 71 RECD. 4

19th

A Coy Clearance of debris & road  
deviation 57 B"G" Coy. 2 Platoons clearing &  
repairing road.

1 Platoon clearing

deviation &amp; working on dump 57B.

EVA approx

30 men completing mine crater

"G" Coy. Filling in shell holes &amp;

clearing road. " " " 57B.

MOVES OFFICERS

Lieut E B Glenny ret'd from III Corps

Lewis Gun School 18/10/1918.

18th DIV. 0.8235 received.

01B B 4.1 247A.18th DIV.

20th

"A" Coy Clearance of Debris &amp; road 57B

"G" Coy. Working on Dump  
EVA 247A. 57B

"G" Coy. General cleaning up. 57B

APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS.

Lieut E B. Glenny appointed

temporarily to "G" Coy. 20/10/18.

18th DIV. 0.834 with Appendix &amp;

Administrative Instructions received

APPENDIX04 B 6.0 to 050.5.4 - 217A18th DIV.

"A" Coy. Moving into new area in 57B

12 GATRAV.

Construction of Plank Road

from 04 D 6.0 - 05 0 6.4.

(2100 - 0300)

007 less 70 men working

on slab Road.

40 men working on Dump. 57B

Construction of Plank

Road from 04 D 6.0 -

080 6.4. (1300 - 2100)

Moving into new area at

12 GATRAV

WEST SUSSEX RSP

OFFICE



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23rd  
(Oct).SPRINGFIELD FORECAST OFFICERS.The U/M are struck off strength  
on transfer to EDWARD as from  
dates shown

2 Lt. R.G. GIBSON-RABINSON  
(wounded 8.8.18.) 7.10.18.  
4/CAPT. T. I. GARNS. (sick) 2.10.18.  
A/VTY 18DIV. B. 57/481(A) D/21.10.18.  
SPRINGFIELD FORECAST OFFICERS ALIBED  
The U/M casualties occurred 28.10.18.

0/2152 Lt/022 ADVINS. J.  
0/20582 PTE PERKINS J. P.  
0/18609 PTE BAINES F.  
0/1924 " HODGES A. J.  
23761 " COVER R. J.  
" PATTICE E.  
" WILSON H. J.  
" COLLES P. O.  
" PEARSON H. T.  
" NORMAN E. H.

EDWARD.

L/1791 CPL. WILSON R. A.  
0/2106 " L/021 MURDAY A. A.  
0/1960 L/CPL FARMER G. G.  
0/2097 PTE LAVENDER M. M.  
0/2174 PTE VIDLER F. F.  
0/1933 " GARFALL F. G.  
0/20424 " HAYTER W. W.  
11877 " DEDDY W. W.

STONEWELL HILL to FOREST  
HILLING ROAD to 12th CentralALIBED

143 5.8 to 15 B 5.4  
L5 AB.7  
FOREST  
280 5.8 to 14 B 58

24th

" A" Coy. Clearing and draining 57B HE  
roads  
carrying dead horns  
Clearing and draining  
roads  
" B" Coy. 40 men working on dump 57B  
Repairing & improving  
road. 57B HE.  
1 Platoon sanding and  
removing tree 57B HE  
Clearing mud and  
filling in shell holes  
" C" Coy. Clearing mud and  
filling in shell holes 57B HE  
Clearing mud and  
filling in shell holes

CASUALTIES OFFICERS.  
The U/M casualties occurred 28.10.1918  
MAJOR HILL E. A. WOUNDED  
LT. LEMBRIDGE L. S. NYDA.  
2 Lt. ROBINSON E. A. S. WOUNDED SLIGHTLY  
AS DUTY.



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24th	SPRINGFIELD DOCKBASE CASUALTIES	ATTEND.
(Oct 1.)	7/2418 PTE HAYWARD	"
	6/23742 SGT. SHINDLER	"
	6/26639 PTE. HERRMAN	"
	6/7060 PTE. HERRMAN	"
	6/2692 I/OPT. ESCOTT	"
	6/2871 PTE. SWALLOW	"
	6/2357 " WHEELER A.W.	"
	10A 8.3 to 11.6 A 0.4	
	17 A 3.7 to	
	14 B 4.9	
	15 B 5.4	
	16 0 9.3	
	P 28.D7.0 to	
	P 28 0 4.6	
	L 4 B & D to	
	L 5 A 6 0.	
	P 21 0 8.8 to P 28 D 7.1	
	to 14 B 5.9	
	P 28 0 2.0 to P 28 0 4.7	
	and order at	
	15 A 6.4	
25th	" A" Coy. Repairing and clearing roads	573 HT.
	" B" Coy. Repairing and clearing roads	573 HT.
	" C" Coy. Filling in mine crater & General improvement of roads	573 HT.
	REPAIRING OPERATIONS.	
	OFF. ASSISTANT. assumes temporary command of the Battalion vice MAJOR R.A. HILL. (NUMBERED 24.10.18)	
	SPRINGFIELD DOCKBASE	
	The U/M. JOHNER BATH 25.10.18.	
	6/2175 PTE. GAYLOR O.	
	6/7696 " DUNSTER O.	
	The U/M. JOHNER BATH 25.10.18.	
	202809 PTE. EDWARDS A.) from 1/4TH BATH.	
	16995 " KENNARD F.)	
	SPRINGFIELD DOCKBASE	
	The U.M. order to O.C.S. on dates shown.	
	6/2873 PTE. ADELL E.H.F.	
	14984 " HERRMAN "	
	17947 " HART P.O.	
	F 4 0 2.9	
	L 4 0 4.9	
	8098388 - FORTAINEBOUIS ROAD.	
	L 0 6 4	
	L 0 8 9.1	
26th	" A" Coy. Filling in mine Craters. Should be completed by next shift.	



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October26th  
(Otd).

"B" COY. Filling in mine Crater.  
 Pilling in mine Craters. 57B.

"C" COY. 30 men, Pilling & corduroying  
 mine Crater 57B

24 " " " " " "

STRENGTH DISEASE CASUALTY  
 O/713. PFC DEASON W. Wounded 24.10.18.

LN CATERAU

27th

57B

All Coys Bathing Parade  
 Voluntary Church Parade at 11.30.  
 STRENGTH DISEASE

O/EVET. PFC BOYDING T.A. admitted  
 to Hospital 10.10.18 whilst on leave  
 to U.K.

ADVEY. No 5 INF. SECTION dated 23.10.18  
 O/8967 PFC JOHN R. (bottom to  
 Lt COLDRING) O. 1st string off strength  
 as from 22.10.1918.

LEAVE OFFICERS. PFC DEASON E.A.S.  
 to U.K. 27.10.18. to 10.11.18.

27.10.9.0. to

16.4.3.0. to

14.3.9. to

13.2.6 to

12.1.2 to

11.4.0

9.23.0 to 9.18.

8.29.0 2.7

7.31.0 8.9.8

1.33.6.4

14.8.8.9 to

16.0.9.3

28th "A" COY. Replacing clearing and draining 57B. (Bod fit for 1 day heavy traffic)

Repairing clearing and draining

" " " " " "

"B" COY. Removing fallen tree from across 57B. (road)

Removing part of tree partially

across road.

"C" COY. Filling in Craters & Improving 57B. (road)

roads

Filling in Craters and

improving roads.

LEAVE OFFICERS

LN. O/2.8.3. returned from

leave and re-assigned Command of

Battalion 28.10.18.

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(Ctd.).

SPRINGER DROPPED CASUALTIES.  
The V/H casualties occurred 27.10.18.  
FOUND.

G/280169 SGT. KERSTEN J.  
G/2130 PTE HADLEY A.H.  
G/17940 " HADGEMAN B.G.  
290048 " MUNDAY J.  
G/2065 I/CPY BERNHAM G.W.  
G/2811 PTE BARHAM, W.H.  
30 2130 " WALTER G.K.

CASUALTIES  
G/11007 PTE SMART G.A. wounded slightly  
at duty 27.10.1918.  
H.O. Of BRADBISHBERRY

The U.I.L. transferred to ENGLAND (SICK)  
on ships shown and are taken off  
establishment as from that date.  
G/1356 CPL SAYERS J. 2.7.18.)  
G/2188 " LAUNDER A.H. 4.7.18.)  
G/8544 " RASOR F. 28.6.18.)  
AUBRY. APO. 1910. NO 26

SPRINGER DECREASE  
G/2006 PTE FOX W. transferred to ROYAL  
ENGINEERS 3.6.18.  
H.W. BERT NO. 262905. (AUBRY APO 1910  
NO 231.)

L & C 5.9 to L 9 0 2.6.  
L 9 B 2.0 to L 16A 0.4.  
L 3A 9.2. to L 1 9 B 2.6.

L 3 B 8.9  
ROVERS POWELL RD  
L 28 J 2.3 to L 16 0 1.1 -  
L 59 A 3.1  
L 5 B 3.4  
L 6 0 1.3  
L 6 0 1.3

29th

57B H3

" A<sup>4</sup> COY. Repairing, Clearing and  
Draining Roads  
3 Snow dead & 3 Horses  
buried at L 9.0 4.6 (approx)  
Repairing Clearing and  
draining Roads.

" B<sup>4</sup> COY 2 Platoons Making slab Road  
over Crater  
Filling mine Crater &  
burying dead horse.  
Clearing & repairing Road

" C<sup>4</sup> COY Filling in mine Crater  
Filling in mine Crater

TRANSPORT OPERATED  
2 I.L. CRATER G.O. transferred from  
" B<sup>4</sup> to " A<sup>4</sup> COY as from 31.10.18-

1918.Appendix.October93th  
(C4A).APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS.

ONE BATTAL "H" appointed acting  
11/Commander vice Major R. A. Hill.

(wounded) 24.10.18.

Capt H. O'HILL, M.C., appointed O. C. "A" Coy  
vice Capt. BRISTON as from 24.10.18.

2 Lt. GARNER O.C. apptd 2/Command

"A" Coy as from 30.10.18.

Lt. GLENNY R. B. apptd O.C. "B" Coy vice

MAJ. CLARKE A.S. as from 16.9.18.

2 Lt. HILLEN W. B. apptd 2/Command

"B" Coy as from 16.9.18.

PROMOTIONS OFFICERS.

Extract from "JORDON GAZETTE" 3.10.18.

2. BUNNEN HOR. 2/CAPT (AGRIUM MAJOR)

W. H. BADDISLEY, M.C. to be TEMP MAJOR

22 JUNE 1918.

STRENGTH PROGRAMME CASUALTIES

07/2605 FIVE SHORT "A" WOUNDED 28.10.18.

STRENGTH INCREASE OFFICERS.

1st BATTAL joined Batta 28.10.18.

STRENGTH INCREASE.

23.9.1 02Lt BUDDG. A B rejoined Batta

29.10.18.

17. D. 8. 0. 5 to 1. 16 A. 0. 4.  
17. 26 0. 8. 5. to 1. 2. 8. 4. 2.  
1. 0. 8. 3. 0.  
1. 0. 8. 7. 0 to 1. 28. 0. 2. 0.  
1. 28. 0. 4. 7. 0 to 1. 28. 0. 2. 0.  
1. 28. 0. 8. 5. to 1. 16. 0. 1. 1  
1. 29. A. 8. 1.  
1. 3. B. 6. 4

30th

57B HE

"A" Coy. Maintenance & draining of  
roads

Boats etc for two days

Lofty track

making new Road.

Cleaning, repairing and

draining Boats.

2 H.O.S. 18 OR under

11/4n command at H. 1.

Filling in mine Oreter.

"C" Coy.

"

"

APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS

1st BATTAL O.C. apptd MAJ. H. H. HILL

QUIN and MUSKERY OFFICER

from 30.10.18.

57B HE



SECRET.18th Division No. 0-494WARNING ORDER.

1. XIII Corps is relieving the III Corps in the line on 1st October 1919, command passing at 12 noon on that date.
2. 80th Division is relieving the 18th Division (less artillery) in the line during night 1st/2nd October. On relief, 18th Division will move by bus on October 2nd to MORTIGNY area under instructions to be issued later.
3. 18th Divisional Artillery will remain in support of XIII Corps.
4. The S.O.S. Signal of XIII Corps from 12 noon 1st to 12 noon 2nd October will be either RED/RED/RED or GREEN/GREEN/RED.
5. Location of XIII Corps H.Q. from 12 noon 1st BUSBY WOOD T.7.A., near AIZECOURT 1e HAVR.

GUY BISHOP  
General Staff, 18th Division.

October 1st 1919.

Copy to

C.P.A.  
C.R.E.  
53rd Inf. Bde.  
54th Inf. Bde.  
55th Inf. Bde.  
18th Bn. K.G.C.  
8th R. Suss. Divs.  
A/Q.  
A.D.H.S.  
A.P.M.  
Divl. Evn. In.  
18th H.A. Coy.  
D.A.D.O.S.  
D.A.D.V.S.  
Signals.  
C.G.  
D.O.O.  
Troop 1/1st North'd Messags.

SECRET.

Copy No. 12.

18th Division Order No. 231.

Ref. Sheet MORTIGNY  
1/20,000, and 57D and  
52D 1/40,000.

October 1st 1919.

1. (a) The 18th Division (less Artillery) will be

relieved in the line by the South Division on the night 1st/2nd October 1918.

(b) 18th D.A. will remain in support of XIII Corps front.

3. All details of Bde. reliefs will be arranged between Bdes. holding the line with B.G.C., 149th Inf. Bde. 149th Inf. Bde. H.Q. MAY CORPS (P.1.b.7.0.)

3. The relief of the H.Gs will be carried out under arrangements made between 18th Sn. H.G.C. and 50th Sn. H.G.C.

4. Relief of R.E. and Pioneers will be carried out under arrangements made between G.F.S. 18th and G.F.S. 50th Divisions.

5. Relief of Field Ambulances will be arranged between A.D.M.S. 18th and A.D.M.S. 50th Division.

6. On relief, 18th Division dismounted personnel will move by bus to the MORITZ area in accordance with Table "A" attached.

7. The troop 1/1st Northumberland Hussars now under command of G.O.C. 18th Division will, on completion of relief, come under command of G.O.C. 50th Div.

8. Bde. Battle Supplies will rejoin their Bdes. in the new area.

9. All S.O.S. Fills Grenades, Success Signals, Tin Discs, will be handed over to relieving units.

10. Command of 18th Division sector will pass to 50th Division at 10.0 a.m. 2nd October, at which hour 18th Div. H.Q. will close at ITRAKOFF and open at BEAUDOURT.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A.H.HOPWOOD

Major  
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 1830.

Copy No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.

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| 2/3. | H.G.             |
| 4/5. | "G"              |
| 6.   | C.F.A.A.         |
| 7.   | C.F.E.           |
| 8.   | 53rd Inf. Bde.   |
| 9.   | 54th Inf. Bde.   |
| 10.  | 55th Inf. Bde.   |
| 11.  | 18th Sn. H.G.C.  |
| 12.  | Bn R. Subs. Tns. |
| 13.  | Signals.         |
| 14.  | A.D.M.S.         |
| 15.  | Div. Train       |



16. H.S. Coy.  
 17. D.A.D.O.S.  
 18. D.A.D.V.S.  
 19. D.A.P.M.  
 20. XIII Corps.  
 21. 3rd Ansb.Div.  
 22. 33rd Div.  
 23. 50th Div.  
 24. Troop, 1/1st North'd Huss.  
 25. XIII Corps "G"  
 26. XIII Corps H.A.  
 27. 53rd Pde. Battle Surplus.  
 28. 64th Pde. Battle Surplus.  
 29. 55th Pde. Battle Surplus.

PO A.B.C. P.O. & Q.M. F.S.M. War Diary.

Day of Month.  
 2.

OPERATION ORDER NO.65.

- (1) Battalion will move by bus to new area and  
 first to VALDENOURE.
- (2) Time of embussing 8.45 A.M.
- (3) Embussing point on ILEHAMORE - HURLU ROAD.
- (4) Coys will march off independently from billets  
 allowing sufficient time to get to embussing point  
 at 8.45 A.M.
- (5) DRESS. Full marching order. Jerkins and steel  
 helmets will be worn.
- (6) All kit and cooking utensils will be left at Coy  
 billets ready to be picked up by lorry at 9.15 A.M.
- (7) "A" "B" & "C" Coys will each detail one man to guard  
 and load kit and proceed with lorry to VALDENOURE.
- (8) Lt. REILAND will be embussing officer. Coys reporting  
 arrival to him at embussing point.
- (9) ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sd. E.A.S.ROBINSON  
 Lt. & Adjt.  
 8 R.Sussex Tms.

Coy No. 1. "A" Coy.  
 2. "B" " "  
 3. "C" " "  
 4. P.O. & Q.M.  
 5. F.S.M.  
 6. Office.  
 7. War Diary.

Prefix S B. Code 0230. Words 129.  
 YR PRIORITY.  
 TO 8 ROYAL SUSSEX PRNS.

Sender's Number Day of Month.  
 9 611 8

Buses for 800 are placed at disposal of 13th Sussex Corps of 8th Inst for move of 8 Royal Sussex Flombers of 18 DIV AAA Busses 12 noon on POWERSMOUTH VADERMOUNT RD head of column facing S E. Mx at North end VADERMOUNT Busses on WINSHER BORDON ROAD tail end of column at W end of WINSHER AAA Route FRANKVILLE LYCHAM COMBLES BOUCHVENSNESS DAREMOUTH NORTH LITRONE WINSHER returning to Park Via BORDON BALEY DAREMOUTH BOUCHVENSNESS AAA Officer in charge bus column will report to 18 DIV H.Q. BEAUCOURT early tomorrow morning to arrange further details AAA H.Q. will move by road under 15 Corps orders saying night 8/9 Inst at COMBLES Ballebe from area commandant MONTMARN AAA No restrictions AAA Aok

18 DIV. 0230

Prefix S B. Code 0230 Words 89.

YR PRIORITY.

TO 8 Royal Sussex PRNS.

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 9 615 8

Ref G 611 dismounted personnel will proceed from VILLERS-  
 X FAUCON to ST EMILIE by march route operating trench  
 shelters and camp site from OZ ST EMILIE this party to  
 proceed on GHP to forward area notified later AAA  
 13th Corps will provide for relief teams for 600-700  
 and 1 lorry for kits and 1 lorry for trench shelters to  
 provide for Bn proceeding to forward area via Transpont  
 to remain ST EMILIE night 8/10 joining Bn 10th Inst.

18 DIV. 0230

To 8 Royal Sussex Pioneers arriving  
S.E. SMITH tonight.

Sender's Number Day of Month.  
H 344 8/10

Detail 4 pairs from 21st Army Aux Horse Coy report 8th R SUSSEX PIONEERS SE HILLS 3 pm tomorrow haul 500lb cookers to neighbourhood of VANDERHILL and return to their own unit on completion via one lorry for battalion kit etc and one lorry for tents etc will report at same time.

S M T O.  
8 R SUSSEX PIONEERS arriving  
S.E. SMITH tonight.

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TO ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ War Diary.

Sender's Number Day of Month.  
0.0. 64. 8/10/18

Refce War 620 1/40,000.

Copy No.9.

1. The Batin will move to forward area today personnel by bus. Transport under orders of the I.O.
2. The Batin will move off from present billets at 11.30 marching to embussing point on VANDERHOUT - VANDERHOUT Road, head of column leading S.I.S. at North end of VANDERHOUT. Order of march R.Q., "A", "B" & "C" Companies.
3. The Batin will debus on the MINESEP - BORDON Road, proceeding thence to S.E. SMITH.
4. DRESS: Marching Order. Leather Jerkins will be worn. Soft hats on embussing; steel helmets on debussing.
5. Mess Boxes, Blankets etc. Orders will be issued for stacking later. Officers kits will be made into two bundles, the surplus bundle to be loaded on Transport.
6. All billets must be left scrupulously clean & tidy.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Issued at 10 am.  
8th Oct., 1918.

SD E.A.S. ROBINSON  
Lt. & A/Adjt.  
8th Bn F. Sussex Regt (Prms.)

## Distribution:-

Copy No. 1. A Coy.  
2. B " "  
3. C " "  
4. Hd Qtrs.  
5. I.O.  
6. Q.M.  
7. F.S.M.  
8. Office.  
9. War Diary.

To 8th Sussex Pioneers.

Sender's Number Day of Month.  
6 476 9

You will note this afternoon to GOURY NOY TANDRUILE are wire location on arrival to 13th Corps "e" and CE add 8th Sussex Pioneers S.M.I.L.I.R. report CE and Q/13th Corps.

13th Corps.

To 8th SUSSEX PIONEERS.

Day of Month  
9.

You will proceed tomorrow vicinity PREKORE and commence work making diversions round GRANSERS at U 27 & 7.9 U 21 & 7.9 U 22 & 2.5 U 23 & 4.6 and clearing church from road U 28 & 8.8 work to be commenced earliest possible - very urgent. Material can be obtained.

SECRET.18th DIVISION NO. 8, 766AMMUNITION NO. 1 TO 18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 212.

Reference par. 1 18th Division Order No. 232 dated October 16th 1918.

54th Bde. Group will move to HERBUI } and not as stated  
55th Bde. Group will move to WELDENHUX } in the Order.  
LA ROSHE.

Please acknowledge.

H. N. Hume

Capt.

for General Staff, 18th Division.

October 16th 1918.

Copies to all recipients  
of 18th Division Order No. 232.TO Gen Royal Sussex Regt.  
Colonel O/O 13th Coy.Sender's Number Day of Month

O 771.

16.

Ref Para 4 18th Div order 232 for LINDENHOTT  
Road ROSSBOY WOOD.TIME 18th DIV.TIME 23.00.TO 6 Ryl Sussex Para.  
V 10007 Street 57A.Sender's Number Day of Month

O 1002.

17.

18th Div team artillery and HQ Bn will march  
tomorrow AM 53rd Bde VILLERS FAYONS to BEAUMVOIR

WEST SUSSEX RECORDS OFFICE

SECRET.

Copy 10. 22.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 230.

Ref. 1/40,000 sheets,  
57D, 68D, 57C, 62C.

October 16th 1939.

1. The 18th Division will move tomorrow, 17th October, to the HURBU - WILHELM PAUOON - TERPLETUX IA POSSB area as follows:-

Divisional H.Q.	... ..	LIREMOW.
53rd Bde. Group.	... ..	WILHELM PAUOON.
54th Bde. Group.	... ..	TERPLETUX IA POSSB.
55th Bde. Group.	... ..	HURBU.

2. The Division will move in Bde. side groups by tactical trains in accordance with the tables issued with Administrative Instructions.

3. Transport not moving by train will proceed by road under orders already issued.

4. Divisional H.Q. will close at SANDCOVER at 1300 hours and open at LIREMOW at 1600 hours, 17th. Signal Office will close SANDCOVER and open LIREMOW at 1300 hours.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GOY HERRING.  
Lieut. Col.

General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 1939.

Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
- 2/3. " "
- 4/5. " "
6. O.R.H.
7. 53rd Inf. Bde.
8. 54th Inf. Bde.
9. 55th Inf. Bde.
10. Signals.
11. 18th Div. M.F. Coy.
12. A.D.M.S.
13. 18th Div. Train.
14. D.A.S.M.
15. D.G.O.
16. Camp Comm't.
17. D.A.D.V.S.
18. D.A.D.O.S.
19. XIII Corps.
20. O.R.A.
21. 18th. In.H.Q. Corps
22. 8th H.Sess. Regt. (Purs.) } for  
23. Traffic, PERSOHHQ. } information.  
24/25. War Diary.
26. File.



starting 0900 hrs no restrictions as to route AAA 54th Bde transports in posse to GOVY Houde VILHENS ZAUVON-STEINLILIE-ROHSSOY-KASSIS BULLDOZER-SOCHI no restrictions as to time AAA 54th Bde NORTH to VANDUILLIE route SAULZOURT-REPHY-LEZEPHIS no restrictions as to time AAA Bde Groups will move complete with their transport and be prepared to move forward again on 19th AAA In.Hq. will remain at ROHSSOY WOOD.

FROM 18th DIV.

TO 8th Sussex Para.

Sender's Number.

0 779.

Day of Month.

17.

General 01002 of today AAA 53 Bde will move from VILHENS ZAUVON to HARETS by bus 54 Bde from NORTH to BERHAIR by bus times not before 12 noon AAA 55 Bde will march from TEIFEROU LA POSSE to HEAUREVOIR no restrictions as to time or route AAA Transport of Bde Groups unable to make the distance in one day to stage at GOUY AAA Arrangements for delivery of 2 days rations dumped at AAA are made irrespective of Bde transport.

FROM 18 DIV.

TIME 1905.

TO 8 Ry1 Sussex Para.

Sender's Number. Day of Month.

0 780.

17.

Ref 0779 AAA 53rd Bde Group will move to PREMONT and not HARETS AAA AOK.

FROM 18 DIV.

TIME 2055.

WEST SUSSEX RSP

1510 OFFICE

TO 8 Ryl Sussex Pnrs.

Sender's Number Day of Month

0 787.

17.

ERRAIN-BURNVOIR road facing south west tail  
of column at southwest end of ERRAIN AAA Route for  
Buseses BURIN-VILLIERS ZAUCON-LEPREY-LEPREY CROSS roads  
northeast of HARCICOURT-BOUY-CHILLICOURT-ESTREES AAA  
55 Bde Group will move by route march to BURNVOIR-BOUY  
area AAA Transport of 53 and 54 Bde Groups by route  
march to join units in new area staging if necessary at  
BOUY AAA No restrictions AAA 4 Army Standing Orders  
Para 162 and 163 to be complied with AAA added all  
concerned AAA Belgades to Adv.

FROM 18 DIV.

TIME 2340.

TO 8 R. Sussex Pnrs.

Sender's Number Day of Month

0707.

In continuation 0179 and 0700 AAA 53 Bde  
Group will embark at 1300 on the HURDIS-FRANCOIS ZAUCON  
road head of column facing S.W. on N.W. side of VILLIERS  
ZAUCON AAA Debuss on the FREDONT-BRISALS road head of  
column FREDONT AAA 54 Bde Group will embark 1300 on  
FERONNE-MURIN road facing Northeast head of column just  
south of MALLMOURET-LIKERONT Cross roads AAA Debuss on

TO 6th R. Sussex Pzrs.  
Thro 13 Corps.

Sender's Number 0 800. Day of Month 18.

Warning Order AAA 55 Bde Group will move from  
HEADQUARTERS area to KILINCOURT on 19th Oct. AAA 55th Bde  
to nok AAA Addedd 55 Bde rapid all concerned.

PROB 18 DAY.  
TIME 1020.

TO 6 R. Sx. Pzrs.

Sender's Number 0 823. Day of Month 18.

Tomorrow 19th 55th Bde will march from GOUV  
area to KILINCOURT no restrictions as to time or route  
AAA D.H. will close at POWERSOY Wood and open at  
SERAIN at 1200 AAA Transport not at present with  
brigades will march to join them AAA nok

PROB 18 DAY.  
TIME 2000.

TO 8th R. Sussex Pzrs.  
C.R.A. 18th DIVN. 9/0 66 DIVN.

Sender's Number 0 613. Day of Month 18.

Ref 0800 AAA 55 Bde Group will move by march  
route to HARTZ and NOT KILINCOURT AAA Bde Area is NW of

WEST SUSSEX RSMAS REC 152 OFFICE

main road in HARETZ. AAA Bilets from Area Comdt Haretz  
AAA 55 Bde to Adv.

FROM 18 DIV.

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COPY NO. 12.

10TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 211

October 19th 1918.

1. The advance on the Fourth Army front will be resumed at an early date.

2. On the XIII Corps front the 25th Division will attack on the right and the 10th Division (relieving the 60th Division) on the left. The 33rd Div. will be the right Div. of the V Corps attack on the left of the 10th Div.

3. On X Y night the 53rd Bde. will relieve the right Bde. of the 60th Division with 1 battalion in the line and 2 at REMONDRE.

The 54th Bde. will relieve the left Bde. of the 60th Div. with 1 battalion in the line, 1 battalion for counter attack about K.27.0., and 1 battalion at REMONDRE. The 55th Bde. will move from KLINCKOURT to HARROIS.

4. The attack of the 10th Division on 22<sup>nd</sup> day will be carried out by the 53rd Inf. Bde. on the right and the 54th Inf. Bde. on the left.

It is probable that the attack of the 53rd Inf. Bde. will be carried out by 2 battalions with the 3rd battalion holding a line outside the frontage of attack, the attack of the 54th Bde. by 1 battalion with 2 battalions in support, to exploit success.

5. The G.O.C. will hold a Conference this afternoon at 1600 at D.H.4., BERAIN. B.08.0., 53rd and 54th Bdes. with Staff Officers, O.R.A.s, G.R.B., O.D., H.0.Bn., O.O., Signals and A.D.J.G.S. will attend.

WATER  
In order to relieve the 60th Div. in the line tomorrow night 20th/21st, the 1 Bn. of the 53rd Bde. and 2 battalions of the 54th Bde. destined for the line will march to HARROIS this afternoon and billet there for the night 19th/20th.

GUY HENRIET, Lt. Col.  
General Staff, 10th Division.

Issued at 0930.

Copy No. 1, A.D.C. for G.O.C.

2/3. "G"  
4/5. "G"  
6. O.R.A.  
7. O.R.B.  
8. 53rd Bde.  
9. 54th Bde.  
10. 55th Bde.  
11. 18th Inf., G.O.  
12. 8th B. Sups., Para.  
13. Signals.  
14. A.P.H.B.  
15. A.P.H.B.  
16. Divl. Spdn.  
17. 18th H., F.O.S.  
18. 60th Division.  
19. 25th Division.  
20. War Diary.

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CONF. NO. 12.

18TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 234.

Ref. Maps Sheets  
579.H.B. & 579.B.E.  
1/20,000.

October 19th 1940.

1. This order cancels Order No. 233 where they differ.
2.
  - (a) The 18th Division will relieve the 66th Division on the night of 20th/21st Oct. in the sector from U.O.9.0.0 to K.23.011.2.
  - (b) The 53rd Brigade will relieve the 19th Brigade and part of the 19th Brigade, with 1 battalion in the line and 2 battalions at REMONF.
  - (c) The 54th Brigade will relieve the remainder of the 19th Brigade, with 1 battalion in the line, 1 counter-attack battalion in K.33 South of the REMONF-BOURSE Road, 1 battalion in REMONF.
  - (d) The present boundary between 19th and 19th Brigades is the road K.35.d.6.0 - DANUS HILL, the boundary between 53rd and 54th Brigades will be the road at DANUS Church - HALL, K.35.e.9.3 - thence track to SWILBERS WOOD FARM.
  - (e) Details for relief will be arranged direct between Brigades concerned. Command of the line will pass on completion of reliefs.

198th Brigade Headquarters ... 4.4.0.8.7.  
199th Brigade Headquarters ... K.33.b.3.1.

A car will call at 54th Brigade Headquarters at 08.30 hours and 53rd Brigade Headquarters at 08.45 hours to take Brigadiers to REMBOWT.

3. The one battalion, 53rd Bde, and 2 battalions, 54th Bde, moving to REMBOWT tomorrow, the 20th, will march as follows:-

Unit.	Starting point.	Time.	Route.
54th Brigade.	FERRIS, U.21.d.6.9.	15.00 hrs.)	} HARETZ- HABROIS.
53rd Brigade.	-do-	15.13 hrs.)	
Transport both brigades, (54 leading)	-do-	16.00 hrs.)	

Units will move with 200x between companies. If fine, troops will march on the track running by the side of the road, in any case the road will be cleared immediately troops halt.

Transport will not halt on the road.

4. The Divisional front will be covered by the 18th Divisional Artillery, 65th and 84th Brigades A.F.A., and 18th Bn. H.G.C.

5. The 55th Brigade will move from ELIMBOURT to HABROIS on the 21st.

6. Divisional Headquarters will close at SEMAIX and open at REMBOWT at 10.00 hrs. on 20th, but command of the line will not pass from G.O.C. 66th Div. to G.O.C. 18th Div. until the relief is complete.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY BLWITZ, Lieut-Col,  
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 17.00 hrs.

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| 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.            | 17. 18th Div. H.T. Dy |
| 2/3. " " "                      | 18. 66th Division.    |
| 4/5. " " "                      | 19. 25th Division.    |
| 6. G.R.A.                       | 20. War Diary.        |
| 7. G.R.H.                       |                       |
| 6. 53rd Inf. Bde.               |                       |
| 9. 53rd Inf. Bde.               |                       |
| 10. 75th Inf. Bde.              |                       |
| 11. 16th Bn. H.G.C.             |                       |
| 12. 6th R. Sussex Regt. (Fmrs.) |                       |
| 13. Signals.                    |                       |
| 14. A.D.H.S.                    |                       |
| 15. D.A.F.H.                    |                       |
| 16. 18th Div. Train.            |                       |



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COPY No. 4.

15TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 255.C.R.F.'s INSUBORDINATE NO. 1.Ref Maps. 67D R.E. & 67D S.E.  
1/20,000.Headquarters R.E.  
18th Division.

20th October 1918.

1. At ZERO hour on "g" day, the Third and Fourth Armies will attack. The Fourth Army is to form a defensive flank, facing Eastwards, to protect the main operation which will be carried out by the Third Army.

2. The attack of the XIII Corps will be carried out by the 25th Division on the right, and the 18th Division on the left; on the left of the 18th Division the 33rd Division of the V Corps will attack.

3. PLANS OF BRIGADES.

The 53rd Bde. on the right, and the 54th Bde on the left will capture the 1st, and 2nd Objectives on the front of the 18th Division. The 55th Bde will capture the 3rd objective. One Bn. 54th Bde will be held in Divisional Reserve.

4. (a) The 79th Field Coy R.E. will make the necessary reconnaissances of Roads, Trenches, R.E. Dumps, Dog-cuts, etc. in the Right Brigade Sector.

(b) The 80th Field Coy R.E. in the Left Brigade Sector.

(c) The 82nd Field Coy R.E. will be in reserve, till the 55th Bde moves forward.

5. It is intended to have a Central Route for Pumps, Airways and Cables. This will follow the central road from HOUSES to L.9.e.2.0. - thence to the Valley about L.14 central, thence down the Valley to RICHMOND HILL.

Notice boards, and nickers will be erected along this track by the 80th Field Coy R.E. up to L.14 central, and by the 79th Field Coy R.E. on from this point.

6. The 79th Field Company R.E. will be responsible for road crossings at the HAIR K.35.e.8.5. - GARDER HILL, and WILLIAMS GOOD FARM.

7. The 80th Field Coy R.E. from the Crossing at RICHMOND HILL, and K.20.c.1.5., the level crossing at K.20.c.8.9. which should be made wide enough to take 4 or 5 lines of transport, before ZERO if possible.

8. The 8th Bn. F.Sussex Regt. (Pioneers) will clear the Road :-  
(a) K.35.e.8.5. - WILLIAMS WOOD FARM - CORNBANK -

TILMUIS FARM - L.11.0.5.1.

(b) K.35.a.1.5. - RICHMOND HILL - K.18.0.3.0 - FOREST.

(c) TILMUIS FARM - FAYE FARM - EPINEYRE FARM - LA BALANCE

(d) ALTERNATIVE ROADS.

(1) A: Road from L 20 central (x roads) L 7 d 8.2 to Church FOREST<sup>-07-</sup>

(11) L.7.a.4.7. - L.8.a.2.6. - BOUSIIS.

8. G.R.E.'s Advanced H.Q. will open at RICHMOND to-day.  
R.E. H.Q. near opens at KRETZ to-day.

9. Each Field Company, and Pioneers will send 1 runner to report to G.R.E. Advanced H.Q. at ZERO, plus 3 hours.

10. Field Companies R.E. and Pioneers to acknowledge.

Issued at 1350 hours.

G.B.O. STOKES  
Lieut. Colonel R.E.  
C.R.E., 18th Division.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1. G.G. 79th Field Coy, R.E.  
2. O.G. 80th Field Coy R.E.  
3. O.G. 82nd Field Coy R.E.  
4. O.G. 84th Sussex Regt. (Pioneers.)  
5. 83rd Inf. Bde.  
6. 84th Inf. Bde.  
7. 85th Inf. Bde.  
8. "G" 18th Division.  
9. "A/Q" 18th Division.  
10. O.G. 18th Bn W.G.C.  
11. 18th Div Army.  
12. 18th Div Signals.  
13. C.S. XIII Corps.  
14. War Diary.  
15. Office.

A P P E N D I X A.

1. Owing to the distance at which Personnel Railroad is now situated from the Division it will become necessary to revise the organization of the Divisional Reception Camp.
2. In future the Reception Camp will be divided into three Bns, viz: "A", "B" and "C".
- "A" Bn will be situated at Personnel Railroad, "B" Bn will be a Staging Area (half-way between Railroad and the Division), and "C" Bn will be at Divisional Headquarters.
3. The personnel at these three points will be responsible for looking after the reception and comforts of reinforcements. All arrangements as to cooking, billets and water will be made by these three Bns.
4. The procedure will then be as follows:-
  - (a). "A" Bn will receive reinforcements at Railroad, and pass them on to "B" Bn, providing necessary guides.
  - (b). "B" Bn will similarly be responsible for billets, cooking and water at the Half-way Staging Camp, and for passing them on to "C" Bn.
  - (c). "C" Bn will be responsible for finally passing them on to Transport Lines.
5. The exact composition of "A", "B" and "C" Bns will be notified later.
6. Each Brigade will provide 2 Guides at "A", "B" and "C" Bns respectively.
7. For the present:-
  - "A" Bn will be at ROISEL.
  - "B" Bn will be at SANDREVOR.
  - "C" Bn will be at HANNEY.
8. Personnel returning from Leave and Courses will be dealt with in the same manner as reinforcements.
9. Further details will be issued shortly.

A P P E N D I X 7<sup>th</sup>

A Bus Service from ROISEL to HARETZ, and vice versa, will run at the following times daily :-

For Officers Reinforcements, and Officers returning from leave.

ROISEL Reception Camp.	Dep.	09.00 hours.	}	} Approxi- mately
ERENOWT.	Arr.	11.00 "		
SERAIN.	Arr.	11.30 "	}	} Hatz.
KLINHCOURT.	Arr.	12.00 "		
AVENU.	Arr.	12.30 "	}	}
HARETZ.	Arr.	13.00 "		

For Officers Proceeding on leave.

HARETZ Church.	Dep.	15.00 hours.
AVENU Cross Roads.	Dep.	15.30 "
KLINHCOURT Church.	Dep.	16.00 "
SERAIN Church.	Dep.	16.30 "
ERENOWT Church.	Dep.	17.00 "

Change to ROISEL Reception Camp. Leave train departs ROISEL at 06.45 hours, and it is necessary for officers to stay the night at the Reception Camp. Officers will only be allowed to use the above bus service on production of their Leave Warrant.

SECRET.

18th Division No. 6.953.

SPECIAL SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONS

Issued with 18th Div. Operation Order No. 235.

1. Two Tanks have been placed at the disposal of 18th Div. Signals for the purpose of establishing forward communication after Zero hour. These will be employed as follows:-

(a) Wireless Tank carrying a wireless Station complete with operators, which will work direct to a Control Station situated at Advanced Divisional Headquarters. This Tank will follow a route as per attached diagram and will halt at the positions marked on the map by rings.

(b) A cable Tank carrying cable and poles which will be utilized to lay two pairs of cable from Right

Brigade H.Q. in 2.4.0 along a central route running approximately down the centre of the Divisional Sector. These two pairs will constitute the Divisional Forward communication route, on which as far as possible all Headquarters of formations should be placed.

2. Wireless Yank.

The Yank will start along the route shown on the map at zero plus 30 minutes, halting at the positions marked by a circle. The Yank will be clearly distinguished by a large blue and white flag. At each halt it will accept messages from runners, etc., for transmission by wireless to the Control Station at Advanced Divisional Headquarters, and if for Brigades or Battalions these messages will be telegraphed "Priority" from the Advanced Divisional Signal Office. The messages handed in should be as short and concise as possible.

All runners and signallers should be acquainted with the route to be followed by the Yank, and if sent back with a message they should try to meet it at some point in its advance.

3. Cable Yank.

A supply Yank with cable and poles will be at K.30. central at zero plus 100 on "Y" day, to which point two pairs of cables will have been laid by order from Alpha Brigade H.Q. in 2.4.0. See original. From this point the Yank will follow the route shown in broken line on attached map, laying two pairs behind it from the rear end of the Yank. A party will be following up to pole the route for future protection against tank traffic. The Yank will be provided with a telephone so that communication may be obtained to the rear if required.

4. The employment of the Wireless Yank will not exclude the employment of French Sets at Advanced Brigade Headquarters, or Loop Sets at French Battalion Headquarters and assaulting Companies.

5. The supply Yank carrying cable is not intended to fulfil the requirements of a Mobile Signal Office, but to establish a forward cable route as far forward as possible, along which Headquarters of formations may be provided with telephone communication using their own instruments, operators, etc.

GUY HERRING, Major-General,  
General Staff, 16th Division.  
October 21st 1918.



SECRET

18th Division No. 0,974.

B. H. Sussex Para.

"2<sup>nd</sup> Day is 23rd Inst.

Zero hour for the main operation is at 0200.

The timings on Day "2" refer to Zero hour for the main operation, i.e. attack of Third Army, V Corps, 33rd Division on our left.

18th Division Zero hour is at 0120, i.e., Zero hour for the main operation - 40 minutes.

If working on 18th Division Zero hour and 40 minutes to the timings on Day "2".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

GUY SLATTERY, Lt. Col.  
General Staff, 18th Division.

October 22nd 1918.

To all recipients of 18th Division  
Order No. 235.

SECRET

18th Division No. 0,976.

B. H. Sussex Para.

1. Reference 18th Division Order No. 235, para. 5.

The 6th Northants in Divisional Reserve will move under the orders of 55th Bde. Should a situation arise, which prevents of the 55th Bde, plan being carried through, the 6th Northants will be prepared to receive orders direct from Division (copy to 55th Bde.) or through 55th Bde.

2. Reference 18th Division Order No. 235, para. 6.



There will be a cessation of fire for 5 minutes prior to the hour fixed for commencement of the barrage in front of the first and succeeding objectives, and four minutes intense fire before the barrage moves on in order to indicate to the infantry the hour for the next advance.

October 22nd 1918.

GUY HENWITT, Lt. Col.,  
General Staff, 18th Division.

Copy to all recipients of  
18th Division Order No. 235.

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SECRET.

Copy No. 12.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO. 236.

In continuation of 18th Division Order No. 235.

1. The following troops are allotted to the 55th Brigade for the operation.

"g" Squadron, Hornumberland Messery. (less 1 troop)  
 "A" & "C" (unassigned) Coy. 13th Cyclist Bn.  
 2 sections, 18th Bn. Tanks.  
 8 Guns "G" Coy. } 18th Bn. M.G. Corps.  
 8 Guns "D" Coy. }  
 2nd Field Coy. P.S.

Such commanders of these units as have not already reported to B.G.C. 55th Inf. Bde., HARROLD, will do so forthwith.

2. Such troops of this force as the B.G.C. 55th Inf. Bde. wishes to march along the main HORNBY-FORNEY road will be clear of HORNBY by zero plus 60 minutes.  
 After this hour, troops of this force will be moved by the road LA GAYEAU - SWILLERS WOOD FARM - CORBEAU.

3. CO-OPERATION BY R.A.F.Z.

(a) A contact plane will call for flares at the following times during the operation :-

- (1) On the Red Dotted line at 0615.  
 (11) On the Green line at 0815.  
 (111) On the Dotted Green line at 1045.  
 (1V) On the Dotted Green line at 1130.  
 (Verification of (111))

(V) On the Brown line at 1350.  
 (VI) On the Brown line at 1600 (Verification of (V))

(b) A counter-attack patrol will be in the air from dawn onwards. Should a counter-attack develop this plane will drop white parachute lights immediately over the counter-attacking troops.

(c) Smoke bombs will be dropped on possible enemy observation points as follows :-

From 0710-0940 on high ground in Square P. 22.  
 From 1200-1830 on high ground in Squares A. 8 and 14.

No Smoke Bombs will be dropped if the weather is misty.

4. Reference para. 11 18th Division Order No. 236, the S.O.S. Signal of the V Corps is GREEN

RAD  
GREEN.

5. Parties will be synchronised by an officer from Div. H.Q. between 1500 and 1600 on October 22nd.
6. Advanced Divl.H.Q. will move to Q.4.c.5.6. after the capture of the 2nd objective.  
The advance of Bde.H.Q. will be along the central line of communication.

GUY BISHOP

1st Col.  
General Staff, 15th Division.

Issued at 2330.

Copy No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.

- 2/3. "G"  
4/5. "Q"  
6. C.R.A.  
7. C.R.E.  
8. 33rd Inf. Bde.  
9. 54th Inf. Bde.  
10. 55th Inf. Bde.  
11. 19th Bn.H.Q.C.  
12. 8th R.Sus. Ptro.  
13. Signal B.  
14. A.D.H.S.  
15. D.A.P.H.  
16. 25th Division.  
17. 33rd Division.  
18. 10th Tank Bn.  
19. 35th Sqdn. R.A.P.  
20. "G" Sqdn. North'd. Huss.  
21. Coyf. Corps Cyclists.  
22. War. Party.

WEST SUSSEX RSP M 1-15 ORD OFFICE

SECRET.COPY NO. 1218TH DIVISION ORDER NO. 235.

Ref. 57b, H.K. & 57b, S.H.  
 1/20 000, marked "a"; (not attached)  
 57b and 57a, 1/40 000 issued  
 at Conference 19.10.16, which  
 please refer "a".

October 20th 1918.

1. At Zero hour on "a" Day, the Third and Fourth Armies will attack. The Fourth Army is to form a defensive flank, facing Eastwards, to protect the major operation which will be carried out by the Third Army.
2. The attack of the XIII Corps will be carried out by the 25th Division on the right and the 18th Division on the left; on the left of the 18th Division and 33rd Division of the V Corps will attack.
3. BOUNDARIES & OBJECTIVES.  
 The inter-divisional and inter- brigade boundaries, and objectives are shown on Map "a" issued at the Conference on the 19th inst., and Map "b" attached. The direction of the halts on the different objectives will be issued later.

4. GENERAL PLAN.  
 The attack of the 25th Division, 18th Division and 33rd will be frontal and simultaneous up to the capture of the first objectives; the 25th Division will not advance through the Bois l'Evêque to the 2nd objective but will send troops immediately in rear of the right of the 53rd Bde. to platoon the N.W. face of the wood and work round N. of it.

5. TASKS OF BATTALIONS.  
 The 53rd Bde. on the right and the 54th Bde. on the left will capture the 1st and 2nd objectives on the front of the 18th Div. The 55th Bde. will capture the 3rd objective. One Bn, 54th Bde. will be held in Divisional Reserve.

6. ARTILLERY.  
 The attack will be carried out under a creeping barrage which will move at the rate of 100x in 4 minutes. The artillery programmes will be issued separately. There will be 6 Bdes. R.G.A. covering the front.

7. MACHINE GUNS.  
 The Machine Gun programme will be issued separately.  
 The 100th Bn. M.G.C. is allotted to the Division to take part in the initial barrage.  
 1 Coy, 10th Bn. M.G.C. is allotted to the 53rd Bde. and 8 guns to the 54th Bde. for the operation.

8. TANKS.  
 16 Tanks are allotted to the Division for the operation. The Infantry will follow the barrage and



for 06860 read 0007.6 see para 2 (1) delete and substitute the boundary between 53 and 54 Bdes will be the track from K3901.7 to K2407.2

FROM 18 DIV.  
TIME 2359.

TO 8 R. Sussex Regt., (Para.)

Sender's Number 0 837. Day of Month 19.

Ref 18 DIVn order 234 para 3 line one should read was The Two Bns 53rd Bde and ONE Bn 54 Bde see Aox.

FROM 18 DIV.  
TIME 1925.

18th Division.  
25th Division.  
50th Division.  
66th Division.  
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XIII Corps No. 1566/11 (G.A.).

The Corps Commander would be glad if you would convey to the Officers, N.C.O's and Men of the Field Companies and Pioneer Battalions under your command his appreciation of their successful efforts in the repair of demolitions, clearance of obstructions and construction of diversions during the recent operations.

He wishes them to realize the supreme importance of their work at the present time and to congratulate them



on the results obtained hitherto.

22nd October 1918.

(Sd) IAN STEWART, Brevet, Genl.,  
General Staff, XIII Corps.

Copy to O.E., XIII Corps.

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8th BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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November 12<sup>th</sup> CANTAL.

1st  
L. 7.d.8.1. }  
L. 15.d.3.0. }

P. 26.0.8.5. }

L. 4.b.4.9.9. }

P. 21.0.8.7. and as 31/10.18.

A. Coy.

Draining & cleaning Road #11

for Lorry Traffic.

Repairing & draining Road.

Made fit for Lorry Traffic.

B Coy.

Cleaning, repulping & draining

Roads.

C Coy.

Working on roads as on 31/10/18.

OFFICERS:-

Lt Col. B. J. WALKER, D.S.O.,

Granted extension of Leave to

15.10.18. W.O. telegram

Lt. L.A.F. IRELAND B.C. Granted

extension of Leave 20.10.18.

W.O. letter 21.10.18.

Lt. L.A.F. IRELAND W.O. returned

from Leave 1st Nov.

Lt. J.C. ISTERHIDGE transferred

to England (SIOR) 24.10.18.

2/Lt. P. P. THORPE to be LEUT.

29.10.18.

C.M.S. INFORMATION No. 1. received.

F. 21.0.8.7. }

F. 28.d.7.1. }

L. 4.b.8.9. }

F. 28.0.4.7. to 0.2.0.

L. 4.b.7.9. }

A. 25.a.0.0. }

A. Coy.

Repairing & Draining Roads as

on 1.11.18.

B Coy.

Repairing & draining Roads.

C Coy.

Shallholes & road improved &

made passable for all traffic.

Half of A & O. Coy. & H. Coy.

bathed.

OFFICERS:-

2/Lt. H.N. HILBANK Granted Leave

(U.K.) 2.11.18. to 15.11.18.

2/Lt. G.H. ANDREWS to P. & B.T.

School. 12.10.18.

LIEUT. P.C. DAVENANT returned from

R.E. school, FORTH 2.11.18.

16 Div. Artillery Instnrs. read.

2nd

57B. H. E.

57B. H. E.

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57B. H. E.

57B. H. E.

57B. H. E.

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Appendix.

February

3rd	Remainder of A & C Coy & B Coy & all details bathed.	57B.
	<u>CADWELL</u> . Major E. A. Hill (wounded 25.10.18) died 26.10.18. 3327 Pte. Baker F. died of wounds 31.10.18.	
	<u>OFFICERS:</u> 7/E. <u>CORING CAPT. ACTING ADJT</u> E. J. <u>GATES</u> relinquishes acting rank of CAPT. with pay & allowances of Lt. Col. on ceasing to perform duties of ADJT. 19.8.18. "A" Coy. moved to F. 26.4.3.0. "C" Coy. moved from <u>IE CAVEAU</u> to I. 2. 6. 6. 7. (FOREST) "B" Coy. moved to <u>HEMLETTE PANE</u> <u>AREA SHEET 57B. B. 8.</u> 18th DIV. ARTY. INSTRUCTION No. 7 & G. R. E.'s INSTRUCTION No. 2 received. BATTLE OPERATION ORDER 64 issued.	57B. 32 32 33
4th	F. 11. b. 2. 4. ) A. 8. a. 3. 5. A. 14. b. 1. 9. A. 10. b. 7. 3. F. 11. e. 3. 4. ) A. 25. a. 3. 3. )	
	F. 11. b. 3. 4. ) A. 10. e. 4. 8. ) A. 25. b. 3. 3. A. 23. d. 2. 8. }	
	A. 20. e. 5. 0.	
	Advd. H. Q. moved to <u>EPHRYTE</u> <u>PANE AREA</u> - Rear H. Q. remained at <u>IE CAVEAU</u> . "A" Coy. Killing in shell-holes and repelling Road. "B" Coy. Repairing Road, removing Trees, debris, etc.	57B. B. 2. 57A. B. 5. 57A. B. 7. 57A. B. 8. 57A. B. 9.
	Road repaired & made passable for ARTILLERY. Removing trees & making traffic way between Oraters for Ambulances & Wagons. <u>OFFICERS:</u> 2/Lt. C. <u>BARKELL</u> to Pioneer Course HOUSE. 4.11.18. 2/Lt. G. H. <u>ANDREWS</u> returned from F & B. T. course 2.11.18. C. R. B. No. R. 170 received.	57A. B. 7. 34.



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## November

7th

S. 18, b. 5. 0. to C. 6. 0. 7. 4.

A. 1. 7. d. 9. 3.

Advanced H. 9. moved to HACHETTE

(B. 27 &amp; 28) SHEET 57A. H. W.

HARTH, O. O. A. A. 13.

"A" Coy.

Repairing &amp; draining the ROUTE du

FOUR du MOIS. Repaired &amp; cleared

road. Trees removed from Road.

"B" Coy.

Working on the Route de ZREUX,

past CARREFOUR L'EMPIRAGE

(57A. H. W.).

"C" Coy.

Moved from BOUISIS to Hutments

at B. 21. 8. 2. 3.

NOV 31. - OFFICERS -

Lt. B. B. OLENSKY to 4th AERY

IN AERIAL CORPS 9. 11. 18.

STRENGTH PROBABLY - CASUALTIES:-

10218 Pte. CARPENTER W. "B" Coy.

wounded 7. 11. 18.

CASUALTIES:-16736 Pte. SMITH G.

"B" Coy. wounded slightly at

Duty 7. 11. 1918.

STRANDBERG moved to BOUISIS (to

Station one night) SHEET 57B. H. W.

G. O. O. 80th DIV. A. 379 received -

Bactn. O. O. A. A. 13 -

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39

## HACHETTE.

8th

"A" Coy.

Repairing &amp; clearing Road

B. 1. 1. a. 2. 7. to B. 18. b. 5. 0.

Repairing &amp; clearing Road

E. 18. b. 8. 3. to C. 13. a. 1. 5.

Repairing &amp; clearing Road

C. 13. a. 7. 7. to C. 13. a. 8. 5.

"B" Coy.

Clearing &amp; draining Road

E. 27. central to B. 29. c. 7. 8.

Clearing &amp; draining road

B. 27. a. 9. 3. to H. 3. b. 4. 5.

"C" Coy.

Working in Craters &amp; draining

Roads from B. 14. a. 8. 5. to

HACHETTE STR.

do. B. 14. a. 8. 5. to

CROISIL IEN and on to PORT DU MOIS.

BEAN H. 3. moved from LE CARTEAU to

HACHETTE (sheet 57A. H. W.)

Transport moved from BOUISIS to

HACHETTE (sheet 57A. H. W.).

C. 3. 7. 80th DIV. H. W. 639 - 22

Received.

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9th

"A" Coy.

Repairing Roads from B. 18. a. 5. 0.

to C. 13. a. 1. 5.

"B" Coy. Clearing &amp; draining

Road from H. 3. b. 4. 5. to H. 11.

central &amp; then to JOYETTES.

"C" Coy. Repair of Roads also

57A. H. W.

57A. H. W.

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Appendix A.

November.9th  
(O'Fd.) drainage from C.10.0. (Central to C.16.R.4.7.

57A R.W.

10th

"A" Coy.  
Making Slab Road deviation to  
bridge being built over GRAND  
HILLS RIVER at NOYKILLS  
C.20.d.2.8.

57A R.W.

"B" Coy.

Draining & Clearing Road  
H.11.C.1.7. to H.6.B.9.3. and  
from C.25.d.2.8.

57A R.W.

"C" Coy.

Moved from HATCHET to NOYKILLS  
C.20.d.4.2. Road repaired  
& made passable for all traffic  
from C.25.b.4.4. to C.20.b.2.2.  
PROMOTIONS - OZIERENS:-  
to be acting Captain pending  
confirmation by superior  
Authority:-

57A R.W.

7/ATMPT. I.A.2. IERLAND R.C.

(Act/Comd. Additional)

1/11801. R.D. GLENNY (12th Div)  
19/488 & 19/486 A/d/V.11.1918.)

11th

"A" Coy.  
Working on SLAB ROAD C.25.d.2.8.  
(NOYKILLS).

57A R.W.

"B" Coy.

Draining & Clearing Heads from  
C.25.d.2.8. SOUTHWARDS.

57A R.W.

"C" Coy.

Repairing heads & clearing mud  
etc. from C.25.b.5.2. to  
C.15.A.2.1. (1st case at 11.00  
hours. 2nd case at 11.00  
hours.)

57A R.W.

12th

"A" Coy.  
Constructing SLAB ROAD at  
C.25.d.2.8. & making ramps up  
to bridge.

57A R.W.

"B" Coy.

Draining, cleaning and repairing  
Road. NOYKILLS to H.17.b.2.9.

57A R.W.

"C" Coy.

Completed the clearing of Road  
from C.4.a.9.7. to ST GAUST.  
15th Div. O.C. 243 received.  
SPECIAL ORDER of the Day by 13th  
Corps.

42.

13th

"A" Coy.  
Working on road near Bridge at  
C.25.d.2.8. (NOYKILLS).

57A R.W.

"B" Coy.

Clearing & repairing the  
LANDRECHES-MAROLLIES-ARVENNES  
ROAD. LANDRECHES-MAROLLIES-LANVAL  
ROAD.

57A R.W.

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16th  
(Contd.)

PROMOTION - OFFICERS -  
Extract from LONDON GAZETTE  
dated 11.11.16. R. 8098. R.  
2/1b. 0.0. OASHER to be LIEUT.  
(Capt. 29).  
PROMOTION - OFFICERS -  
Lt. H. A. H. FARMILINE 1d. In  
10.11.16. & is posted to 'A'  
Coy.

17th

Sheet 57

Battalion Meeting. Baths and  
cleaning up of Hilieth, arms  
and accoutrements.  
Leave. Officers.  
End Lt. A. S. BAYO ret'd, from  
XIII Corps (as School 17.11.16.  
(Course cancelled).  
Transfer Officers.  
Lt. G. H. K. SMITH transf'd, from  
'A' Coy to 'B' Coy as from  
18.11.16.  
Battalion O.C. No.66

O. R. S.

43.

18th

Sheet  
57a.  
1/40,000

Battalion proceeded by march  
route from HADDETH and  
billeted for 1 night.  
No battn daily orders issued  
this day.  
ALIBOURT.

19th

43A.

Battalion proceeded by march  
route from O. R. S. to ALIBOURT.  
No battn daily orders issued  
this day.  
18th Div. A. 662 rec'd.  
Battalion resting and preparing  
billets.  
Promotion - OFFICERS.  
The name of 1/Capt. R. W.  
BRISTON has been forwarded &  
recommended for the temp rank  
of Major. This Officer is  
authorised to wear the badge  
of the higher rank pending  
confirmation by superior  
authority (18 Div. 6/408 N/d  
17.11.1916).  
Ext. from L.O. Supplement  
6/13/11/16. 7/2nd Lt. G. C.  
DABNER to be LT. (28 Sept. 1911).  
Leave - OFFICERS.  
Capt. W. B. GIBNEY ret'd, from 4  
Army Infy Bn 17/11/16. (Course  
cancelled).

20th

Sheet  
57b  
1/40,000

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## November

20th  
(O'84.)

Leave - Officers.  
Lt. B. A. B. ROBINSON, ret'd. from leave  
2/26. H. R. MILLAR (19.11.18.  
Lt. E. A. S. ROBINSON granted  
extension 17/11/18. (W.O. 9/35/  
1925).

## Awards &amp; Awards.

The W/M has been awarded the  
MILITARY MEDAL (A.O. 40 8/11/18):-  
A/9908 C.S. H. WALLS, D.C.M.  
O/2658 CPL. WHEELER.  
G/1960 I/Cpl. PARKER and  
G/1848 I/Cpl. MATTHEWS.

21st

1 Coy, engaged in saluting  
KILBOURN Battalion bathing  
and kit inspections.  
Barrageal Parade for Torch  
Light Procession at SHRAIR.  
8 men per Coy, 1 man Hdqrs.  
and band at 1400 hrs.

## Promotions - Officers.

(1) The name of Capt. A.  
Adt. R. H. HALTON, P.O. has  
been forwarded & recommended  
for the temporary rank of  
MAJOR. This officer is  
authorized to wear the badge  
of the higher rank pending  
confirmation by Superior  
Authority (18 Div. 6/411 A/d.

17.11.1918.  
(11) Extract from I.O.

Supplement dated 18/11/1918.  
R. JOSE, R. Temp. Sec. Lt.  
W. F. PARKER to be 7/Lt. (Sept.  
28th).

22nd

VALM-  
CIEMERS  
Sheet.

Battalion engaged on saluting  
the village of KILBOURN.  
Band and torchbearers at  
Rehearsal of Tactics. After-  
noon devoted to Sports.  
Strength increases Officers  
Lt. R. HARRIS ret'd. Baden.  
22/11/18. and is posted to B.  
Coy.

## Leave - Officers.

Lt. E. G. DANBERT ret'd from  
leave 22/11/18.

## Leave - Officers.

2nd Lt. H. F. SMITH ret'd. from  
XXII Corps Inty. School  
22/11/18.

## Promotions - Officers.

W/O J. A. F. IRELAND, P.O. to  
be acting Capt. (add.) 7.10.18.

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Appendix.

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23rd	<p>"A" Coy. Salvaging of Village of ELINDOURT. Sheet 57B.</p> <p>"B" Coy. Salvaging of Village of ELINDOURT. Horn- of Village of ELINDOURT. ing.</p> <p>"C" Coy. Salvaging of Village of ELINDOURT.</p> <p>Afternoon devoted to Sport.</p>	23rd	<p>7/1st. P.R. GIBNEY to be Actg. Capt. whilst comdg. a Company 21/10/18.</p> <p>1st Div. No. 409/73 "A"/d 21.11.18. (Last 214 appts. Commissions etc. d/17/11/18).</p>
24th	<p>Church Parade Services. 1115 hrs Band in attendance.</p> <p>Afternoon Football.</p> <p>"B" Coy. V. "C" Coy.</p> <p>"A" Coy. V. Hdqrs.</p>	24th	<p>Battalion Parade Services. 1115 hrs Band in attendance.</p> <p>Afternoon Football.</p> <p>"B" Coy. V. "C" Coy.</p> <p>"A" Coy. V. Hdqrs.</p>
25th	<p>Battalion leave 1 platoon.</p> <p>Battalion Drill and Ceremonial 1 Platoon building bonfire at FREMONT. Remainder of morning spent Salvaging.</p> <p>Afternoon. Football</p> <p>"A" Coy. V. "C" Coy.</p> <p>"B" Coy. V. Hdqrs.</p>	25th	<p>1st Lt. E. G. LANGHAM (Oriented leave to Lt. O. P. FRANCES PARIS 24/11/18 to 1/12/18.</p> <p>Capt. H. S. GROUND. 25.11.18. -</p> <p>B.O.R.O. D.S.A. 2.12.18.</p> <p>Attd. R.A.F. 10.</p> <p>Situation report as attend.</p>
26th	<p>Battalion Drill (Leave 1 Platoon and Educational Instruction).</p> <p>1 Platoon constructing bonfire FREMONT.</p>	26th	<p>Battalion Salvaging in MARKET. 1 Platoon constructing bonfire FREMONT.</p> <p>OFFICERS - 7/1st. C. COLDRING for duty as Education Officer.</p> <p>18th Division &amp; to be temp. Capt. whilst so employed to fill Establishment 22/9/18. (W.S. List No. 213 d/10.11.18. Appts. Commissions, etc.)</p> <p>Situation Report.</p>
28th	<p>Battalion paraded for Ceremonial Practice under Brig. Gen. D. S. O. Snellier Jackson G.S.O. Sheet 57B</p>	28th	<p>Battalion paraded for Ceremonial Practice under Brig. Gen. D. S. O. Snellier Jackson G.S.O. Sheet 57B</p>

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Appendix

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29th Battalion Salvaging in KANETZ. Sheet  
Battalion bathing. 57B.

30th

General Salvage work & cleaning up of villages. - KLINHCOURT & KARTZ.

Honour & Rewards. The w/m have been awarded the MILITARY MEDAL.

0/1379 Sgt. HUSSELL P. R. B Coy.  
0/2744 Pte. BERCROFT H. C Coy.  
0/1865 " WARD P. J " "  
0/1820 L/Cpl. BRICK " "  
0/2836 " IZOGANT I. " "  
0/2355 " ROGER H. B. " "  
0/2396 " SAVERS F. " "  
0/1897 " SMITH A. " "  
0/1798 Pte. BRIDSON J. B. Coy.  
0/1898 Cpl. KASON W. H. C. Coy.  
0/2719 L/CST. PENNYD V. B. Coy.

MOVES - OFFICERS.

2nd Lt. O. HANDELL to Ho. S.  
British R. O. Hoop. from R. B.  
School, HOURN 23/11/18.

Afternoon Football.

C. Coy. having won Bath Inter-Coy. Football League are due to meet H. P. Company on 4/12/18.

A. J. ROBINSON,  
Lt. & Adjt.

for O. C.  
8 R. Sussex R.

4.12.18.

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18th DIVISION.

C.A.F.'s INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.

Ref. Map Sheet  
Bye. S. W.  
1/20,000.  
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Headquarters, R.E.  
18th Division.  
.....

1st November 1918.

1. The Division will attack on 2<sup>nd</sup> day as outlined by C.A.F. to O.G. Field Companies R.E. and Pioneers.

2. SECRET.

The strictest secrecy is to be observed, only such as are immediately concerned with preparations for the attack being told of its intentions.

3. The following areas are allotted to the Field Companies for reconnaissance and Development as soon as the situation admits.

79th Field Coy. R.E.

On the North The Corps Boundary.  
On the South RUISSEAU STREAM and BRULLES LAKE (Incl.)  
On the East FORT ROUYER Road (Incl.)

80th Field Coy. R.E.

On the North RUISSEAU stream - BRULLES LAKE (excl.)  
On the South The Divisional Boundary  
On the East FORT ROUYER Road (Incl.)

82nd Field Coy. R.E.

The Area between North and South Divisional Boundaries Eastwards of FORT ROUYER ROAD.

The usual reconnaissance and early reports to C.A.F. should be made, of Roads, Bridges, Dumps of R.E. material, Tools etc. and available sources of water supply with pumps etc.

Careful search should be made at all Cross roads and Bridges, even when already damaged, for delay action mines, and Tank Traps.

4. The Field Companies will erect Notice Boards at the various Cross roads indicated by arrows on Map "C" and such other notices like Brigade H.Q. Battalion H.Q., etc. as Brigade may wish.



5. The Field Companies will detail parties to do the necessary repairs to the following roads in their areas.

BRUNES LAKE  
CHARLES VIVIER LAKE,  
CHEMIN-de-BAUCOURT.

6. WATER.

The 80th Field Coy. R.E. will make a water point in A.16.d. where a spring of good water is reported.

The 52nd Field Coy. R.E. will be prepared to erect 2-2300 Gall. tanks on the PHEUX Road, about HAROINE Cross Roads, if other sources of water are not found - these will be filled by Lorry.

7. Q.C. No.1 Section 182nd Tunneling Coy. R.E. will detail parties to search for mines & traps in the Roads and in the cellars of HEDQ and PHEUX. His attention is particularly called to the main road from LANDEBRIES to ENDEMPOTVAINE the cross roads in the villages and the Saw Mills in A.22.d. where large dug-outs are reported.

8. EMPLOYMENT OF POWERS.

The following are the roads that will be opened for Lorry transport if possible:-

- (a) MAIN DE QUENOT-LANDEBRIES ROAD.
- (b) ENDEMPOTVAINE - HEDQ - PHEUX ROAD.
- (c) ROBERVAULT - PHEUX ROAD, to Cross Roads 3.8.c.7.9.
- (d) Road from 3.11.b.2.5. through the village of HEDQ, along HEDQ road to LA QUENOT Cross roads.
- (e) Road from 3.11.c.2.4. to PHEUX A.20.d.5.6.
- (f) FORT ROUYER Road.
- (g) MONTAINE Road.
- (h) Road from 3.8.c.7.9. to L'HERITAGE Cross Roads.

Attention is called to the obstructions already placed by the enemy on some of these roads, as indicated by Photographs which have been supplied.

One Platoon will accompany each of 53rd and 84th Brigades R.T.A. to assist them in getting through, to take up their forward positions.

9. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Wireless, and Cable laying Tanks marked by blue and white flags, will follow the following route:-

(a) Cross Roads I, 9, b, 2, b.  
 (b) Road Junction A, 1, 4, 9, 2, 9.  
 (c) Cross Roads A, 21, 4, 4, 6, and along  
 (e) PRINCE ROAD, halting places will be  
 at points (b) and (c) above, also  
 at BAROMES cross roads and at the  
 HAUGOURT ROAD.

10. Field Companies and Pioneer will send a  
 runner to C.R.E.'s H.Q. the location of which will  
 be sent later, at ZERO plus 2 hours.

11. AERODROME.

G.S.O. SPONS,  
 Lt. Col. R.E.  
 C.R.E. 18th Division.

Issued at 1800 hours.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Coy No. 1. 79th Yd. Coy. R.E.  
 2. 80th " " "  
 3. 92nd " " "  
 4. 8th B. Sussex Regt.  
 5. 1 Bde. 183 T. Coy. R.E.  
 6. C.R.E. 18th Div.  
 7. C.R.E. 18th Div.  
 8. A/Q. 18th Div.  
 9. Bxrd Int. Bde.  
 10. Bxrd Int. Bde.  
 11. 85th Inf. Bde.  
 12. 15th H.Q. Bn.  
 13. 15th Div. SIG.  
 14. A.D. B. S. 18th Div.  
 15. C.R.E. 38th Div.  
 16. C.R.E. 20th Div.  
 17. C.S. XIIIth Corps.  
 18. War Diary  
 19. Office.

SECRET.

18th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No.4.

1. At a date and hour to be notified later an operation is being carried out with a view to breaking down the enemy's defences.

The front involved is approximately 50 miles

2. The 18th Division will attack with the 50th Division on the right, and the 55th Division, V. Corps, on the left.

OBJECTIVES. The objectives of the 18th Division are approximately as follows:-

Red Line. A.23.d.3.4, - A.17.d.2.0, -

A.17.a.00.00 - A.11.e.4.0.

Green Line. B.15.n.4.0, - B.8.b.4.0.

3. GENERAL PLAN.

The attack of the 18th Division will be carried out by the 53rd Infantry Brigade on the left and the 64th Infantry Brigade on the right.

The 64th Brigade, after the village of FRESUX has been cleared up, are withdrawing to Divisional Reserve. The 53rd Brigade will capture and consolidate the Red Line. After the Red Line has been captured, the 55th Infantry Brigade will pass through to capture the Green line and exploit success.

4. FIELD ARRANGEMENT.

The 62nd Brigade, R.P.A., and 68th Army Brigade R.P.A. will move their positions north of the grid line running due East and West through F.161 17 and 18 central, in order that an effective entrenchment barrage may be put down on the approximate line A.13.d.9.9, to A.15.d.9.3. The positions must be selected with a view to covering the assault as far as the Red Line.

The 84th Brigade will select positions with the same object in view.

After the Red Line has been reached the 83rd and 84th Brigades will at once move forward in close support of the 55th Infantry Brigade, in their advance from the Red to the Green Line. 63rd Brigade on the right and 84th Brigade on the left.

The 68, C. 63rd and 84th Brigades will report to the O.C. 55th Infantry Brigade as soon as possible after the Red Line has been reached. The 53rd and 65th Brigades will move forward under orders from this office.

Every opportunity must be seized for the employment of forward sections of Field Artillery in close support of the Infantry. The enclosed

nature of the country in which the operations under contemplation will take place offers special opportunities for the movement of sections and single guns.

5. 76th BRIGADE R.G.A.

O.C. 76th Brigade R.G.A. will arrange to have all 60 pdrs under his command, sited to engage the roads running N.E. within the Divisional front.

The 6" howitzers will be required to take part in the creeping barrage. Sections of Heavy Artillery will move forward as soon as the situation permits.

6. FRENCH MORTARS.

The 6" Section Mortars will advance in close support of the Infantry immediately their initial task has been concluded. D.R.H.O. will keep in close touch with the O.C. 96th Infantry Brigade in order that the mortars may be able to bring fire to bear on any targets as soon as possible.

7. ARTILLERY ACTION PRIOR TO ZERO.

(a) All artillery from now until zero hour will remain normal i.e. there will be no increase or diminution of fire.

(b) Silent periods. In order to assist in the location of hostile batteries by sound ranging "silent periods" will be observed at the following times:-

Night 31st/1st 2130 to 2200 and 0115 to 0145.  
Night 1st/2nd 2300 to 2330 and 0230 to 0300.  
Night 2nd/3rd 2230 to 2300 and 0130 to 0200.  
Night 3rd/4th 2100 to 2130 and 0030 to 0100.

8. AMMUNITION.

The following amounts of ammunition per gun at battery positions will be required for the operation:-

18 pdrs.	-	350 rounds per gun.
	-	20 smokes per gun.
4.5" Hows.	-	300 rounds per How.
	-	20 smokes per How.
60 pdrs.	-	200 rounds per gun.
6" Hows.	-	200 rounds per how.

All ammunition dumps will be efficiently camouflaged.

9. SECURITY.

The strictest secrecy is to be observed. Only such as are immediately concerned with preparations for the attack being told of its intention.

10. TAINS.

10 Tanks of the 14th Tank Battalion are allotted to the Division.

11. ROVER KORNARD.

One Platoon of Cusser Planners, with the necessary tools, will be attached to the 83rd and 84th Brigades respectively to assist in the advance of the guns.

They will report to 83rd and 84th Brigade Headquarters by zero hour on "Z" day.

83rd and 84th Brigades will draw one Artillery Bridge each, from the dump at F.29 central. These bridges will be taken forward with the guns.

12. STATE OF CROSS ROADS & CROSSINGS

The following notes on the state of cross-roads and crossings on the Divisional front have been compiled from information obtained partly from civilians and partly from photographs, and may, in some cases, prove inaccurate.

(a) LOCATIONS.

Cross Roads A.7.b.  
Fork Roads A.13.b.  
Cross Roads A.14.c.O.O.  
Cross Roads A.20.c.1.1.1.

STATE OF REPAIR.

Blind but not blown up.  
In order.  
Blind but not blown up.  
Two large craters but access may be gained across country to the main road in A.20.c.

Cross Roads A.8.a.  
Fork Roads A.14.b.  
Cross Roads A.19.c.O.O.4.  
Junction of roads A.20.b. in order.  
Cross Roads A.20.d. large crater.  
Junction of roads A.10.b. in order.

(b) Cross roads and tracks East of those mentioned above are at present in order.

(c) On the 87A H.W. Lane 1/29, 000 the roads marked as "ROUTES" are retailed roads, whilst those marked TAINS are unretailed. Both ROUTES and TAINS are 15 feet wide, and the tracks joining these and running S.W. to E.W. are about 5 feet wide and not fit for transport.

(d) Bridges in general, at points indicated on the map, are vaulted, built of stone, but except on the ROUTES are not reliable for heavy traffic.

(e) The bridges by which the ROUTE DIERING crosses the various streams, are said to be of brick, and about 7 metres wide. The ground on either side is reported marshy.



(\*) Intelligence Map "C" (issued to Artillery Brigades and D.F.M.C. only) issued by the 18th Division should be closely studied in conjunction with the above notes.

13. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The route of the Wireless and Cable Tanks will be as follows:-

Start - D.H.Q. at I.3.c.4.8. - I.9.b.1.7. - I.4.a.4.2. (5th Bde H.Q.) - A.14.3.3.9. (halting place) - A.21.d.4.4.9. (halting place) and 5th Bde. H.Q. - A.17.d.4.8. (halting place) - A.18.a.9.1. (5th Bde. H.Q.) - D.7.d.3.5.9. (halting place).

33rd Bde. Hd. Qtrs. will be at BOUSIERS WOOD PARK and they move to A.7.d.4.2. Any subsequent moves of Infantry Brigade Headquarters will be to points on the route taken by cabletank.

14. 18th D.A. COMMUNICATIONS.

As soon as the situation permits, the D.A. Cable Detachment will lay a line from 65th Brigade H.Q. (7.28.a.20.4b) along the main road running east through ROBERSART, thence along the main road running N.E. through A.20.c, d and b, and through A.21.c and d terminating at the house at A.21.d.48 (alongside 5th Bde. H.Q.).

A.D.A. forward exchange will then be established at this point, with which Brigades moving forward will get into touch. This exchange will be used as a report centre until such time as the Brigades moving up can get into telephonic communication direct with H.Q. Divisional Artillery.

33rd Brigade, on moving forward from their present position at I.27.d.4.1 will connect up their direct line from the present D.A. Forward Exchange to their lateral line to 65th Brigade at F.28.a.20.4c, to which the new line will be connected. This then serving as the trunk line from H.Q., D.A. (which will be at BRISSETTS PARK on 2<sup>nd</sup> day) to the Brigades moving forward.

15. LIAISON.

Liaison will be established forward with the 53rd and 54th Infantry Brigades by 32nd and 65th Brigades respectively.

16. LOCATIONS.

H.Q. 53rd Infantry Bde.	I.4.a.9.9.
" 54th "	F.28.c.0.0.
" 55th "	L.3.0.0.8.
" 32nd Bde. R.F.A.	F.27.d.4.0.
" 33rd "	"
" 65th "	F.28.a.20.45.
" 84th "	F.2.a.0.2.



17. F.O.Gs.

Owing to the enclosed nature of the country over which the operation is to take place, making ground observation practically impossible, every effort should be made to push forward P.O.O. parties, with runners, in order that early information as to the progress of our troops, can be sent back to Brigade and Divisional Artillery Headquarters.

18. BARRAGEField Artillery.

There will be two different barrages; a rolling barrage and an enfilade barrage.

Rolling barrage will be put down on the opening barrage line by 82nd, 83rd and 84th Brigades at Zero and dwell there for 4 minutes, and then creep forward at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes in accordance with attached barrage tracing. 4.5" Howitzers will conform 200 yards in advance of the 18 pdr. barrage.

At Zero plus 64 the 18 pdrs. of the 82nd and 83rd Brigades will only cover the unshaded portions of the front within the Divisional Zone until Zero plus 106.

The 82nd Brigade will cover the left, and the 83rd Brigade the right half of the front. From the same hour until Zero plus 106 the 18 pdrs of the 84th Brigade will form an enfilade standing barrage on the enfilade barrage opening line from A.15.c.2.8. to A.16.9.4.3.

All 4.5" Howitzers will carry out the rolling barrage on the shaded portions in accordance with the barrage tracing, and will form a protective barrage on the shaded portion of the front 200 yards ahead of 18 pdr. protective barrage line.

65th Brigade (Army) R.E.A. An enfilade standing barrage will be put down from Zero on the enfilade barrage opening line from A.13.d.82.75 to A.15.c.2.8. by the 65th Army Brigade. They will remain on this task until Zero plus 106.

83rd Brigade R.E.A. The 83rd Brigade 18-pdrs will form a protective barrage on the line A.16.c.106 - A.22.c.0.6. from Zero plus 106 to Zero plus 163. They will search the ground 300 yards east of this line.

Enfilade Barrage. At Zero plus 106 the 18 pdrs. of the 82nd, 84th and 6th Brigades will cease fire and prepare to open on the enfilade barrage opening line at Zero plus 113.

At zero plus 166 all fire will cease for 5 minutes. At zero plus 168 all 18 pdrs. and 4.5" hows. will open on the 1st Protective Barrage line, 18 pdrs

A.16.C.0.6. - A.22.C.0.6: 4.5<sup>th</sup> Howz. Shaded portions 200 yards in advance, and remain for 4 minutes, then creep forward at the rate of 100 yds. in 6 minutes until final protective barrage is reached, where it will remain for 30 minutes and then cease, in accordance with barrage training.

6<sup>th</sup> HEAVY MORTARS, will keep the area shown on barrage training under continuous fire until zero plus 150.

74th Brigade, R.C.A.

(a) 60 pdrs. will entrench on roads 300 yards in advance of the 16 par barrage.

(b) From zero plus 106 to zero plus 163 they will search the high ground East of the line A.16.C.0.6. - A.22.C.0.6. within safety limits, and then return to their tasks detailed in sub-para (a).

(c) 6<sup>th</sup> Howz. From zero the 6<sup>th</sup> Howz. will keep the Western outskirts of the shaded portion under fire, and will lift in accordance with the 16 par barrage within safety limits. From zero plus 106 to zero plus 163 the high ground East of the line A.16.C.0.6. - A.22.C.0.6. will be searched within safety limits. They will then continue to take part in the 4<sup>th</sup> How. barrage.

(d) The intention of the Infantry is to encircle the wood, and then mop it up from all sides, and in order to facilitate this task, two 6<sup>th</sup> Howz. after the line plus 202 has been reached, will concentrate on the point A.10.D.0.0. and dwell there until zero plus 162. At this hour they will lift and conform to the protective barrage.

19. CO-OPERATION WITH R.A.F.

(a) The usual number of guns per Brigade will be detailed to answer air-raid.

(b) Aeroplanes will communicate signs of a counter-attack by flying in the direction of the counter-attack and dropping white lights.

20. RATES OF FIRE.

16 pdrs.	18 pdrs.	81mm.	81mm.
Opening barrage line - Rolling and Rapid.	Opening barrage line - Rolling and Rapid.	Opening barrage on 1st Protective plus 166 to plus 172	Opening barrage on 1st Protective plus 166 to plus 172
Starting Barrage	Starting Barrage	Rolling and Enfilade Barrage up to 1st Protective Barrage	Rolling and Enfilade Barrage up to 1st Protective Barrage
From 1st Protector to 2nd Protector	From 1st Protector to 2nd Protector	Protector	Protector
Protective Barrage	Protective Barrage		
		VERY SLOW.	VERY SLOW.

## A.G. KOTIA.

Opening Barrage Line	-	RAJID.
Opening Barrage on 1st Protector	-	RAJID.
Rolling Barrage	-	ROHIAL.
Protector	-	VERY
	-	SLOW.

21. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Artillery Brigades and  
D.T.N.O. by wire).

A. P. STRICKLAND, Lt.

A/S. Major R.P.A.  
R.O. 15th Division.

2nd November 1918.

Copies to:-

32nd Bde. R.P.A.  
33rd Bde. R.F.A.  
34th Bde. R.F.A.  
34th Bde. R.F.A.  
76th Bde. R.F.A.  
18th Div.  
18th D.A.A.  
18th D.A.A.  
15th Corps R.A.  
15th Corps H.A.  
35th D.A.  
35th D.A.  
33rd Inf. Bde.  
34th Inf. Bde.  
34th Inf. Bde.  
18th Bn. R.C.C.  
Gunsex Engineers  
R.O. R.A.  
S.O. R.A.  
S.O. R.A.

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SECRET.Copy No. 4.18th DIVISION.C.R.R.'s INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

Ref. Map Sheet  
 97. N.E.  
 1/20,000.  
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Headquarters, R.E.  
 18th Division.  
 .....

3rd November 1918.

1. With reference to 18th Division Order No. 241 and 18th Division Instructions Nos. 1 and 2. and C.R.R.'s Instructions No. 1.

2. In the event of the 55th Brigade continuing the advance beyond the GRIGNY line on 7<sup>th</sup> plus 1 day to the line of the R. SARRIS, the 2nd Field Coy. R.E. will continue to make the reconnaissances in the Divisional Area, and erect sign boards on important cross-roads.

3. The 80th Field Company R.E. will be prepared to repair, or make, another London Bridge across the R. SARRIS at O.14.b.3.7, and assist in the searching for TRAPS in SASBORNE.

C.R.R.'s 79th and 82nd Field Companies R.E. will place their bridging equipment at the disposal of O.C. 80th Field Coy. R.E.

4. The 79th Field Coy. R.E. will be in Reserve.

5. PIEDMONT.

The 6th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regiment (Pioneers) will make good the following trails:-

- (a) L'ANDREZIES Road from L'ENRIETAGE cross-roads to B.11. a. 2.7.
- (b) FORT-du-BOIS Road to FERTI PARIS and SASBORNE.
- (c) PARSÉ-du-PEU Road to LA CARABOULE and SASBORNE.

6. C.R.R.'s Advanced Headquarters will open at EPIREUTE VILLE at ZERO HOUR.

7. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

For Lt. Colonel, R.E.  
 C.R.R., 18th Division.

Issued at 12.40 hours.  
 Distribution as for INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.



SECRET.Copy No. 8.OPERATION ODDEN No. 64.8th BR. ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT (PIRROING).

Maj. Hops  
 574 H. H. } 1/20,000.  
 576 H. H. }

1. On 2 day at an hour to be notified later an attack will be carried out with a view to breaking down the enemy defences on a front of approximately 50 miles.

2. The 18th Division will attack with 60th Division on the right and 36th Division on the left. Approximate objectives:-

Red Line A.23.d.3.4. A.17.d.2.0.  
 A.17.e.99.00. A.11.e.4.0.  
 Green Line B.19.e.4.0. B.8.b.4.0.

3. WORK.

(a) The Battalion will carry out work on roads as detailed to Company Commanders.  
 (b) Work will commence as soon as possible after zero.  
 (c) A lookout should be kept for delay action mines especially at Cross roads.

4. Medical Arrangements.

18th Field Ambulance at RUGBINS - I.3.D.8.8.  
 1st Car Loading Post F.29.c.4.4.  
 1st Aid Pk Coy. at RUGBINS.  
 STATIONS:- Near HOBBS Station - I.3.D.8.8.

5. Section "B" of the Companies will go back to Transport lines.  
 Section B. H. Q. Coy. will remain in present billets. B. Coy. proceeding tonight and "A" and "C" Coys by 0800 tomorrow.

6. Dress. Blankets, unless there is room on the wagons will be carried on the pack.

7. SECURITY. The strictest secrecy is to be observed; only those immediately concerned with the preparations to be informed.

8. "A" "B" and "C" Companies will proceed today and bivouac in the area round WHITTE BARN. T Es to be taken one G.S. tool wagon will remain with Companies. The Q.M. will arrange as to water

(H.B.) Well at the Farm I.3.c.8.7. requires one scoop of chloride).



9 Reports. Bn. H.Q. will remain in present billets until 2. Plus one hour when Advd H.Q. will move to BRIMMITE PARK AREA.

10. ACHROMIDES.

H.H. HALPTON,  
Capt. & Adjt.  
8th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).

Issued at 1643 hours.  
2/21/1916.

Distribution:-  
Copy No.1 A. Coy.

2 B. " "  
3 C. " "  
4 T.O. & Q.M.  
5 Office.  
6 War Diary.

To:- O.C. 8th B. Sussex Regt.

Sender's Number. DAY OF KAPPA  
R/170. 4th

Please start at dawn tomorrow morning. One Company to work on the ROUTE de FRANK to erect a Heavy and Field Artillery to get up to Squares B.9 and B.14.

It is reported to be muddy in the bottoms, and to have several large shell holes.

Bromi- C.R.R.  
Place- 18th Division,  
Time- 1933 hrs.

C.M.O. STONES,  
Lt. Col. R.S.

C.R.E., 18th Div., Ho. R. 178.

Field Coy. Commanders,  
 O.C. 1 Sect. 183 T. Coy.  
 O.C. 8th R. Sussex Regt.  
 C.R.E., 18th Div. (Hear).  
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The following message has been received by the Division from the Army commander, and is forwarded for communication to all ranks:-

"Please convey to 18th Div. my congratulations on their success today in forcing their way through the PORT-de-TOURNAI, AAA. The precision with which the various columns advanced through the forest shows the staff work and leadership were thoroughly good, whilst the gallantry and determination of the troops is deserving of high praise. ENDS."

From:- GEN. RAVLINSON.

G.B.O. STONE,  
 Lt. Colonel R.M.  
 C.R.E., 18th Division.

5th November 1918.

C.R.E., 18th Div., Ho. R. 178.

O.C.  
 8th R. Sussex Regt.  
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1. Please put small parties on to make good the 2 Craters in L.5.b.6.4. and L.5.b.8.2, which have been disarranged by Tank. Also crater in L.3.b.8.8. requires draining.

2. Craters are reported approx. at B.10.b.cent. and B.10.c. central (not existing), these are on our main forward Road; they are at present being worked on by Infantry.

3. HIS engineers obstructions are reported at C.13.b.7.6. C.8.0.0.2.

4. The HECQ Road need no longer be worked on as it is of no use to us.

5. In future it is proposed that our main forward route will be LAMDRICHS - PORT-du-LOIS Road.

Return Road PASSÉ-d'-EUX - LAMDRICHS Road to L'HERITAGE X Roads - PRIX Road.

6. Nearly all labour should be concentrated on these roads.

7. Work should also be done continued on the GRATER at I. 20. c. 5. C.

C. B. O. SYMONS,  
Lt. Colonel R.E.  
C.R.S., 18th Division.

5/11/18.  
1800 hours.

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To: Pioneers.

Sender's Number. Day of Month.  
C A 2

On withdrawal 55 Inf. Bde. will be accommodated in PRIX HQ and ROBERTSART AAA 18 Bn. R.G.C. will remain in PRIX AAA arty. Bdes 82, 83 & 84 BOUSINS 65 FOREST AAA 53 and 54 Inf. Bdes. LE CATEAU AAA Orders for withdrawal of R.E. and Pioneers will be issued later AAA 18 Div. H.Q. closes EPINETTE from 1000 and opens same hour LE CATEAU at 04.00.7.6 AAA  
ACKNOWLEDGE AAA Adsl A/1 53 54 55 Bdes  
CRA CRB 18 Bn R.G.C. Pioneers.

From: 18 Div.

Major.

To:- 18th Div, Pioneers.

Sender's Number. Day of Month.

A 379 7th

Please carry out following work.

1. Improvement of ROUTE DE LANDECHIES, ROUTE DE FORT DU BOIS - and road to SAMBORNIES - Also road from GAREPPOUR de HENRIAGE to R. 27 general to Hill. General to ROYENS (Sheet 57A) - There is a large dump of road metal @ between road and river about B 27 & 5.9.

Genl. A/Adjt.  
for G.R.H. 50th Div.

URGENT  
SECRET.

7th NOVY.

To Rear H.Q.

Orders have been received for the battalion to move to HAOBERTS today - B 27 & 28.

Rear H.Q. will remain in LE CARREAU for tonight.

Transport will move up xxxxx to HAOBERTS today - if possible - if not it will have in ROUSIES for the night.

Kit etc. that cannot be moved must be left & picked up tomorrow -

T.O. will send up as soon as possible -

Officers' Chargers.

Horses for T.E.S.

Wagon Cart

Trucks for tool wagons

The second " " " "

& transport for H.Q. Officers' Kits.

The batch is attached to 50th Div. for work. G.H.

9.40 a.m. M.H. HANPTON, Capt. & Adjt.

Lt. Ireland to get in touch with G.H.S. for further information.

O.C. 79th Field Coy. R.E.  
80th Field Coy. R.E.  
92nd Field Coy. R.E.  
8th Bn R. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers)

1. How locations are known it will not be necessary for you to maintain orderlies at HQ. Orderlies with works reports for the day should be sent each evening to reach these HQs by 10.30 hours and will return with orders for following day.

2. Work for tomorrow, 9th instant.

79th Field Coy. R.E.

Maintenance and improvement of approaches to trestle bridge at HOVELLES.

Construction of permanent road bridge.

A light foot-bridge 4'6" wide should be erected as soon as possible alongside site of permanent bridge, this will be used during construction of permanent bridge and in case river floods. Two lorries will report at 0800 hours, tomorrow, and each day at Bridge B.27,d.1.b, for bridging timber as arranged this morning.

80th Field Coy. R.E.

Construction of corduroy track to Penton bridge at B.27 central.

Workrooms will be replaced by trestles if considered necessary, but traffic should be interrupted as little as possible and the possibility of river rising again should not be overlooked.

92nd Field Coy. R.E.

Construction of bridges at LEVAL as arranged.

Billets can be moved to LEVAL if found more convenient for work, and if accommodation is available.

Improvement of track from bridge at C.14,b.37.

8th Bn. R. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).

Repairs, and to be cleared, and draining made good on following Roads:-

1. B.27 central - South of Railway - PORT DU BOIS - CASSEBOIS to BRIDGE O.14,b.37.
2. HOVELLES - through LEVAL to DRYAL Boundary (C.10 central).

There is a small dump of road metal at B.27,a.7.O. and at Canal side B.19,d.5.8.

H.Q., 80th D.R.,  
8th November 1918.

Capt. R.E. & Adjt.  
For C.R.E., 80th Division.

SECRET.

Copy No. 12.

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18th DIVISION ORDER No. 243.

Ref. Map Sheet  
572.1/40,000

November 12th 1918.

1. 18th Division (less Artillery) will move to the KILINCOURT Area on 13th November in accordance with attached march label.
  2. Completion of move and location of Headquarters will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.
  3. 18th Div. Headquarters will close at LE CATLAU at 1400, 13th November, and open at the same hour at SERRAIN.
  4. Train Companies will march with and be billeted with Infantry Brigades under orders of B.G.'s C.
  5. Field Companies, P.M. and the Pioneer Battalion will not move from their present locations.
  6. 1st 54th Field Ambulance, now at HANOUILLES, will rejoin 54th Infantry Brigade at SERRAIN on 14th November.
  7. Distances on the march will be maintained in accordance with Fourth Army Standing Orders.
- Insued at 1300.  
Copies to:-  
1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.  
2/3 " " "  
4/5 " " "  
6 O.C.R.A.  
7 O.C.R.D.  
8 54th Inf. Bde.  
9 54th " " "  
10 54th " " "  
11 18th Bn. B.G.C.  
12 8th B. Amuser Regt. (Purs.)  
13 Signals  
14 18th Div. Train.  
15 18th Div. P.I. Coy.  
16 A.D.M.B.  
17 D.A.P.M.  
18 Camp Commandant  
19 D.G.O.  
20 D.A.D.O.B.  
21 D.A.D.V.S.  
22 Area Comdnt. LE CATLAU.  
23 " " ZONNERVUIL.  
24 " " KILINCOURT.  
25 " " SERRAIN.  
26 " " PHEMOBT.  
27 War Diary  
28 25th Div.
- A. WENTHAM, Major,  
for T.E. COX,  
General Staff, 18th Division.





SECRET.

Cover Pa. 8.

OPERATION OGDEN No. 66.3d Bn, ROYAL SHERIFF REGT. (PROBING).Ref. Page  
375 1/40,000  
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1. The Battalion will march to rejoin the DIVISION on 18th November 1918.

2. The Battalion will billet the night 18th/19th Novr. in ONS proceeding to MAUNOIS on 19th inst.

DETAIL.

3. ORDER OF MARCH. Hd. Qrs. Band, A. B. C. Coy's & Transport. The Battalion will march in "squares" Item of Parade. Hd. Qrs. will pass B. Coy's present H. Q. at 09.00 hours followed by other Companies at 1000 interval.

D. Company will join the Column at road junction, ~~at 11.45.~~ H. 11.0.3.5.

DRAGS. Packs will be carried in lorrys. Leather footings will be worn. Steel Helmets carried on the breastpack.

ROUTE. MAUNOIS; FAUBOURG de FRANCE 6.35 Central. Distance about 10 miles.

4. TRAILS. Reconnoitre ration will be carried. Companies will arrange to issue hot tea during the march.

5. PACKS. Packs will not be available until end of second day's march. All packs to be at B. Coy's H. Q. by 08.00 hours, stacked & left 1/c "B" Battering party. The lorrys will be loaded immediately on arrival & will then proceed to NOYENNES (D. R. 's Office) where they will be unloaded & reloaded on two empty lorrys Nos. 10 & 20. "B" Coy will then proceed with lorrys & packs to FAUBOURG.

1st COMPANY. One lorry will report at their H. Q. at 08.00 for blankets & packs. Packs will be dropped at NOYENNES as above & left 1/c their B. party. The lorry will then proceed to HACHETTE. "B" Coy's H. Q. to complete loading with blankets.

6. BLANKETS. All blankets, tightly rolled in bundles of tens & labeled, to be stacked by Companies at B. Coy's H. Q. by 08.00 hours. H. Q. Blanket rolls to contain nothing but blankets. Band boxes & rifles to be stacked with blankets. One man per Coy. to be 1/c and accompany blankets. C. Q. H. Q. JOHNS will be 1/c blankets.

7. H.Q. Officers' Kits will be ready for collection by 0830 hours.

8. SHIMMERING PARTIES. There will be two parties "A" and "B".

"A" Party for ONE. Capt. INGLAND, 2 H.Q. Orderlies, 3 representatives per Company and one from transport.

Party will leave "B" Company's H.Q. at 0730 hours, meeting "C" Coy's party at LAHOUILLES CHURCH at 0750 hours.

"B" Party. For LAHOUILLES. Capt. BRISTOW; End Lt. FOUND. 2 BATTEN. 1/CPY. HUNKER and 2 per Company. This party except "C" Company will be ready to leave B. Coy. H.Q. at 0800 hrs. with the pack loads.

"C" Coy's party will join pack loads at LAHOUILLES. See paragraph 5.

"A" Coy. will send one camp kettle with party. Rations for 19th must be carried.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. HARTON,  
Capt. & Adjt.

6th Bn. ROYAL SUSSEX REGT. (PIONEERS).

Issued at 20.30 hours.  
17.11.1918.

Distribution:-

Copy No.1 H.Q.  
2 A. Coy.  
3 B. Coy.  
4 C. Coy.  
5 D. Coy.  
6 Q.M.  
7 Office  
8 War Diary

G.A.R., 18th Div., No. 42/39.

O.C.  
8th R. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).

1. 18th and 26th Divisions) Royal Engineers, and Pioneer Battalions will move to rejoin their respective Divisions commencing tomorrow 18th November.

2. Hoves will take place in accordance with attached march tables. Usual "minimum" distances on the march will be observed and particular care taken to carry out no halts on the KARSAK - KANOUILL - LANDROGIES Road. At ordinary "clock hour" halts vehicles must pull off the road.

March Table.

Serial No.1.

Pioneer Battalion. From HACHERTZ and NOTELINS to ONS. NOV. 18th. Route: KANOUILL - FAUDS-de-FRAUCE (LANDROGIES) - 0.33 central to clear bridge H.16. central by 10.00 hours.

Serial No.4.

Pioneer Battalion. From ONS to KANOUILL. November 18th. Route: ESMEL - LE CATEAU and HONNECHY. No restrictions.

D.A. MACKAY, Capt. R.E.  
for G.A.R., 18th Division.

17th November 1918.

G.A.R., 18th Div., No. 42/39.

Field Company Commanders.  
O.C. 108th Field Coy. R.E. (26th Division).  
O.C. 8th R. Sussex Regt. (Pioneers).

With reference to my No.42/37 of today.

1. Field Companies R.E. will move to KANOUILL on the 18th instant.

2. Personnel will embark at NOTELINS at 12 hours, there will be 6 lorries per Company.

Head of Column Facing West opposite Cross-roads, C.2b, b.4,4.

Companies will embark as follows:-

79th Field Coy. R.E.	Lorries	1 to 6
80th Field Coy. R.E.	"	7 to 12
82nd Field Coy. R.E.	"	13 to 16
Pioneers Advance Party	"	18 & 20
105th Field Coy. R.E.	"	21 to 27.

3. Field Company Transport covers to LAUROIS - route MAROLLES LE CATELAIN.

79th Pz. Coy. R.E. to be clear of Bridge H.16. Cent. by 0900.  
 Both ditto. by 0915.  
 82nd ditto. by 0930.

4. Companies will send a billeting Officer or H.Q. to be at G.R.E.'s H.Q. at 9.30 a.m. to go with G.R.E.'s H.Q. to new area, and make billeting arrangements.

5. 1 lorry will report at 80th Coy. H.Q. and 1 at 82nd Coy. H.Q. at 7.00 a.m. to bring blankets up to embussing points.

These two lorries must not be delayed, and should be back at H.Q. H.H. by 9 a.m.

6. The usual minimum distances on the march will be observed by transport, particularly care is to be taken to carry out no halt on the MAROLLES - LAUROIS Road at ordinary slack hour halts, vehicles must pull off the road.

7. Major G. Ledger will be in charge of the lorry column.

8. G.R.E.'s H.Q. will close at NOYELLES at 1000 hours, 18th Instant and location of new H.Q. will be sent to Coys later.

9. Field Companies will notify the location of their new H.Q. on arrival in new area.

10. Acknowledge.

D.A. MACKAY  
 Captain R.E.  
 for G.R.E. 18th Division.

17th November 1918.

PRIORITY.

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To: - Sussex Pioneers  
Area-Command, HANOI  
18th-Regt.-92.

Sender's Number. Day of Month

A 602. 16.11

You will march on the 19th Inst. direct to  
KINHOURN in which village you will be billeted and  
Billeting representatives will report to D.A.A.G.  
at Area Command's Office KINHOURN at 1000 hours  
18th Inst and Add. Sussex Pioneers Regt. 18th Corps  
sg. Area Command KINHOUIG.

From 18th Div. "A".

Major  
For A.A. & G.S.G.

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Ref. Map  
Valencienne  
1/70,000.

5th B. Sussex Pioneers.

16/11/19.

ORDERS.

1. The Bn will march 48-kilometres to KINHOURN on  
18th NOV. via DANUEL - IS CARBAU - HOI-NHACHY.

2. Order of March.

- (a) H.Q., Drums, G. COY. B. A. & Transport.  
100x interval between COYS -  
(b) All wagons to be loaded by 0830.

3. Time. H.Q. Coy. will pass road junction -  
Main Street & BAIHONG street at 0900.

4. Dress. as today.

5. Blankets. to be stacked at Coy. Offices  
by 0800 - & will be collected by 9.15. - One bad  
marcher P. Coy to be left in charge.



6. H.Q. Kits & Hqs Kits will be ready by 0830.
7. An Advance Party of 2 Cyclists per Coy & 2 H.Q. will report to Capt. Ireland, at Hq. H.Q. at 0645 0730 ready to move off with ballisting strength.
8. When halting on main roads - men must keep clear of the road.
9. It was observed today that when the command "Eyes Right" was given a number of men did not turn their heads in the direction named. Section Commanders will take steps to see that this is done.
10. Teas & Bevernacks to be served on the march. Dinner - will be served on arrival.

H. H. HARTON,  
Capt. & Adjt.

17.30  
18.11.18.

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18th.

To be clear of bridge at H.16, central by 10.00.

Route - HAROILLIES - PLYDE France - 0.33. cent.

19th To Kaurais via Samuel - Le Greau - Homnichem.  
1000z between Coys.

No halts on Haroelix Haroillies Imatrice's Road

O'enny's Kit.

SITUATION REPORTS 25.11.1918.Third Army 1720.

G.H.Q. reports 1445. Our advanced troops reported last night on the German frontier south of HENO - GRAMMERHILL - BODAL - HOY (all inclusive) - east of AVENNES. German guns taken over since Nov. 11th exceed 1300.

Third Army 1930.

G.H.Q. report 1800. Allied line now reported NINE from North of BALET to SELE inclusive - GIERK - WISSENDUNG - North of SAABERUNG - North of GIERK - German LUXEMBOURG Protector to WALLENDORF - DIERIRCH - HOSCHIK - CLERVAUX (all inclusive). Thence no change

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SITUATION REPORT - 28th Nov. 1918.THIRD ARMY G.C. 48. 2340 hrs. 27th Nov. 1918.

Promis G.H.Q. 1938 -  
 Second Army advanced troops on line WERNDORF -  
 AVALLIE - STAMMONT - SPONDING all inclusive. Other-  
 wise no change.  
 Between Nov. 11th and November 24th German guns  
 taken over by French 1,425, by Americans 432.

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Additional Appendices for October.

(1)	18 DIVN. G. 306 & Nap	A.
(2)	18 DIVN. O. 238	B.
(3)	"	C.
(4)	"	D.

E.A.G. ROBINSON  
 Lt. A/Adjt.  
 for G.C.

18th DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

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G.R.A.  
C.R.S.  
53rd Inf. Bde.  
54th Inf. Bde.  
55th Inf. Bde.  
18th Bn.M.G.C.  
8th H.Squad:Pzns.

1. An attack is envisaged on the lines illustrated in the attached map. A simultaneous attack by the Corps on our left would slightly modify this.

The G.O.C. wishes Brigadiers to have this scheme now in order that, if and when it is ordered, it will have received their consideration.

2. No date is fixed and reliefs will take place every 48 hours. It is, therefore, impossible to say which Brigade will be allotted to any of the three tanks.

3. On the night of the 30th/Nat, the 50th Division will relieve the 54th Inf. Bde. up to and including the ROHRBAHRT - PRUKA road.

4. This is not to go beyond Brigade Headquarters. The strictest secrecy is to be observed.

October 28th, 1918. (Sgd.) GUY DREWITT, Lt.Col.  
General Staff, 18th Division.

To: 8th B. SUBS REGT (Pzns.)

Sender's Number. Day of Month.  
G.302. 28

Hof. D.O. No.238 d/28 Oct. para.1 for 28/30 Oct. read  
"29th Oct. non para.3 for 12,00 hours from 22.00 hours."  
From 18th Div. (Sgd.) A. Weymann, Capt.  
D.S.

SECRET.

COPY NO.12.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.238.

October 28th 1918.

1. On the 28th/30th October 1918, the 55th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 53rd Infantry Brigade in the left sector 18th Division front. Details to be arranged direct between B.Ga.C. concerned.
2. After relief, the 53rd Infantry Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve and will be accommodated in BOWHIS.



8th R. Huss. Regt. (Para.)

Signal -  
10th Div. Train.

10th Div. H. Coy.

A.D. H. Coy.

D.A. H. Coy.

D.G. Coy.

82th Division.

\* 2nd Sqn. 1/1 North 'd, Hussars.

Coy. Corps Cyclists.

\* Hqs.

To: 8th R. Hussar Para.

Sender's Number. Day of Month.

0,364. 30.

Ref. 10th Div. Order 239 para. 1 AAM for "and including" road but excluding the ROHMBAERT - FRIEX road".

From: 10th Div.

(Sgd.)

H. H. HURSTAIN.

ENCLOSURE

COPY NO. 12.

10th DIVISION ORDER NO. 239.

Ref. attached map.

October 28th, 1918.

1. On the 30th October and 30th/31st October, the 150th Inf. Sde., 90th Division, will relieve the 54th Inf. Bde. in that part of the front up to and including the ROHMBAERT-FRIEX road.

2. The inter-divisional boundary is shown on attached map. The boundary will come into force on completion of relief.

3. All details of relief to be arranged direct between B.G.C. concerned.

4. H.G. relief to be arranged direct between 08.C. 10th and 50th Hqs. H.G.C.

5. Command will pass:-

- (a) From B.G.C. 54th Inf. Bde. to B.G.C. 150th Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.  
(b) From G.O.C. 10th Division to G.O.C. 50th Division at 0900 31st October.

6. The battalion of 54th Inf. Bde. will withdraw, on relief, to SPINETS PAVÉ.

- 7.

All troops of 10th Division accommodated in BOUILLES outside the southern boundary of 10th Division must be moved within the Divisional boundary by 1500 hours 30th October.

WEST SUSSEX RSP

8. Acknowledged.

(Sgd.) A. Weyman, Captain,  
for Lt. Colonel,  
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 12.30.

Copy No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.

2/3. sg  
A/S sg  
6 G.R.A.  
7 G.R.A.  
8 52nd Inf. Bde.  
9 54th Inf. Bde.  
10 55th Inf. Bde.  
11 18th Bn. M.G.C.  
12 8th Bussex Pns.  
13 Signals.  
14 18th Div. Train.  
15 18th M.F. Coy.  
16 A.D.H.S.  
17 D.A.F.M.  
18 D.G.O.  
19 XIII Corps.  
20 25th Division.  
21 38th Division.  
22 50th Division.  
23 B.M. Corps Cav.  
24 A.C. Coy. Corps Cyclists.  
25 Town Major Bouslies.  
26 War Diary.

\* No Hay.

COPY NO. 13.

~~SECRET~~~~18th DIVISION ORDER No. 240.~~

October 31st, 1918.

1. On 31st October the 53rd Inf. Bde. will relieve 55th Inf. Bde. in the left sector of the 18th Division front.  
Details to be arranged direct between H. Gz.C. concerned.
2. After relief the 55th Inf. Bde. will be in Divisional Reserve and will be accommodated as under:-  
2 battalions - BOUTRIES.  
1 battalion - SPINETTE PARE.
3. Relief to be complete by 21.00 hours.
4. Acknowledged.

(Sgd.) A. Weyman, Major,  
for Lieut. Col.  
General Staff 18th Division.  
Issued at 10.05.



Copies to:-

1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
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  - 4/5. do
  6. C.R.A.
  7. C.R.M.
  8. 3rd Inf. Bde.
  9. 54th Inf. Bde.
  10. 56th Inf. Bde.
  11. 18th Bn. G.C.
  12. 8th H. Coy. Rgt. (Para.)
  13. Signals.
  14. 18th Div. Train.
  15. 18th Div. H.T. Coy.
  16. A.D.H.S.
  17. D.A.R.M.
  18. D.G.O.
  19. 26th Division.
  20. 39th Division.
  21. 50th Division.
  22. 4th Corps.
  23. 9th Sqn. 1st H.H.
  24. A/C Coy. Corps Cyclists.
  25. War Diary.
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WEST SUSS RSP X RECORD OFFICE MS 7-15

18th D.A. No. 3.T. 512.

SECRET.ADDENDUM No. 1 to 18th D.A.I. No. 6.

1.

AMMUNITION.

Reference para. 8 for "18 pdr", 350 rounds per gun" read - "18 pdr, 500 rounds per gun".

From zero plus 30 minutes smoke shell will be used throughout the operation in the proportion of 1 smoke to 13 shrapnel or H.A. If the weather is clear.

If the weather is misty no smoke will be used.

2.

Reference para. 18.

The 83rd Brigade 18 pdr. tanks will be carried out by the 84th Brigade up to Zero plus 64; thereafter as detailed in 18th D.A.I. No. 6 and Barrage Map No. 73 and D/83rd Brigade tanks will be carried out by D/84th Brigade throughout the operation and vice versa.

3.

BARRIAGE BARRAGE & TRENCH FORWARD.

No fire will be sent of the line:-

A. 14. a. 2. 7. - A. 20. a. 05. 30 - A. 26. a. 45. 65 throughout the operation. 18th D.A. instructions No. 6 and Barrage Map No. 73 to be amended accordingly.

4. ACROBATIQUE. (Artillery Brigades and D.T.M.O. by wire).

A.T.W. PATRICK,  
Major R.T.A.,  
A/S.M., R.A. 18th Division.

2nd November 1918.

Copies to all recipients of 18th D.A.I. No. 6.

8th BATTALION THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

1918.

Appendix

December

ELINGOURT.

1st.

A.B.C. Coy's Salvaqing area due  
H.W. of ELINGOURT.  
99 Pds. Race Meeting, ELINGOURT  
1330 hrs.  
18 Div. G. 470 read.

Sheet

57th.

1/40,000.

App. A.

2nd.

A.B.C. Coy's Physical Drill  
0900 - 0930 hrs.  
General Drill 1000 hrs "  
1230 hrs.  
Afternoon devoted to Recreation.  
55 B.W. 235 read.  
Order of the Day by MAJOR GEN.  
R.S. LANG, comd. 18 Div. read.

App. B.

" G.

3rd.

A.B.C. Coy's Physical Drill  
0900 - 0930 hrs. Remainder of  
morning salvaqing area due H.W.  
of ELINGOURT.  
Honours & Awards.  
1/6079 C. O. M. HULLITT, R. D. C. M.  
awarded Silver Medal for Long  
Service & Good Conduct without  
Interruption.  
1/6291 Sgt. COATES, R. W. awarded  
Silver Medal for Long Service &  
Good conduct with Interruption.  
H.W. OFFICERS.  
U/W FIVE FROM PARIS LEAVE.  
CAPT. J. E. O. LANGRISH.  
Lt. O. D. FRANGE.  
Capt. H. V. A. GROUND (MORG. U.S.A.  
attd. R.A.V. C. )

4th.

KING GEORGE V. VISITED ELINGOURT  
and district's round.  
Voluntary Parade of attention to  
order the King at BEHAIR.

5th.

A.B.C. Coy's Salvaqing area due  
H.W. of ELINGOURT.  
Also clearing main BEHAIR -  
ELINGOURT Rd.

6th.

A.Coy. Salvaqing area H.W. of  
ELINGOURT.  
B.Coy. Salvaqing area H.W. of  
ELINGOURT.  
C.Coy. Bathing.  
Battalion Marching Race, 4 miles.  
winner Cpl. BEAUBOURT, B.Coy.

7th.

A.Coy. Inoculation, S.A.B.  
B.Coy. Salvaqing area H.W. of  
ELINGOURT.  
C.Coy. Salvaqing area H.W. of  
ELINGOURT.  
COYS. Improving and repairing new  
Bullets in VILIBERG-OUTREBAUX.  
LEAVE OFFICERS. U/W granted leave to  
PARIS 4th/15th Dec. 1918

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7 days R.A.A. admissible.  
 Lt. R.R. SHARP  
 2/Lt. V.R. SHARP.

8th.

Battalion Church Parade at 1100 hrs.  
 1 Platoon leading salutes on  
 Loriee from dump on ELINGHOULT -  
 SERRAIS Rd. 1st Coy.  
 1st Coy. Incoloured T.A.B. Also  
 1 Platoon making ELINGHOULT - AVRELU  
 Rd. good.  
 1 Platoon from 'A', 'B', 'C' Coy  
 repairing new billets in VILMERS -  
 OUTREVAUX.

MOVES OFFICERS.

2nd Lt. G. BARNETT ret'd. from R.E.  
 Course ROTUN, 7.12.18.

PROMOTION OFFICERS.

Arthur given for Lt. E.A.G. ROBINSON  
 to wear badges of Captain pending  
 confirmation by superior authority  
 and whilst performing the duties  
 of Acting Adjutant (18 Div.)  
 19/8/18/d/b. 12/18.)

9th.

Coy's at disposal of Coy. Commanders  
 for General smartening up & Arms  
 Drill.  
 5th Bde. C. No. 236 read.

App. D.

VILMERS-OUTREVAUX.

Baths moved from billets in  
 ELINGHOULT to VILMERS-OUTREVAUX  
 1100 hrs. Settled in new areas  
 1300 hrs.

LEAVE OFFICERS.

2nd Lt. G.N. ANDREWS granted special  
 leave to 0.8.10.12.18 - 9.1.19  
 30 days. (Anth. XIII Corps N/343/N  
 4/8.12.18.)

11th.

Baths engaged on cleaning ponds  
 round billeting areas. Also General  
 improvements to billets.  
 1st Coy. making Div. Race Course  
 8 V.O. of SERRAIS.  
 5th Bde. C. No. 237 read.

App. E.

12th.

Continuation of work on 11.12.18.  
 1st Coy. making Div. Race Course  
 8 V.O. of SERRAIS.  
 A Lecture on Reconstruction  
 delivered by DR. A. IRVINE at  
 1100 hrs.

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13th.

'A' Coy. Salvaging area, western  
vicinity of VILLERS-OUTREAUX.  
'B' Coy. 2 Platoons Salvaging as  
above.  
2 Platoons worked on Div. Race  
Course S.W. of SRAING.  
'C' Coy. worked on Div. Race Course  
as above.  
'A' Coy. and 2 Platoons of 'B' Coy.  
Physical Training 9-9.30 a.m.

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S.W.

14th.

'A' & 'C' Coys. Physical Training  
9-9.30 a.m.  
'A' & 'C' Coys. Salvaging area  
western vicinity of VILLERS-  
OUTREAUX.  
'B' Coy. worked on completion of  
Div. Race Course.  
NOVEMBER-OFFICERS.  
LT. W.A.H. SCHILLAR to AREA  
COMDT. VILLERS-OUTREAUX, 14.12.18.  
LEAVE-OFFICERS.  
LT. A.E.R. SHAW } returned from PARIS  
2/Lt. W.R. SHARP } leave.  
ATTACHMENT OFFICERS.  
2/Lt. GIBBY, M.C. 18 Div. R.F.A.  
attached for Salvage duty.

15th.

Voluntary Church Fairs, Church  
of England.  
Inspection of Billets.  
Div. Race Meeting at U.25.e. Sheet  
by B.P.  
Honours and Rewards OFFICERS.  
1/Lt. E.L. POLYNS } returned  
& 2nd Lt. T.G. PARSON } from leave  
the MILITARY CROSS for gallantry }  
and devotion to duty during the }  
recent operations. }  
LEAVE-OFFICERS.  
2nd Lt. E.L. PERRIN }  
and Lt. W.G.F. PARSON, M.C. } returned  
15.12.18. } to U.K.

16th.

'A', 'B', 'C' Coys. engaged  
Salvaging area in western vicinity  
of VILLERS-OUTREAUX.  
Honours & Awards. W/m awarded the  
Military Medal for conspicuous  
gallantry & devotion to duty during  
operations.

17th.

'A', 'B', 'C' Coys. engaged  
Salvaging Area in western vicinity  
of VILLERS-OUTREAUX.  
Honours & Awards. W/m awarded the  
Military Medal for conspicuous  
gallantry & devotion to duty during  
operations.  
R.536 A/L/Cpl. SMESBY, J.R.  
2028 Cpl. VAIS, G.  
2455 L/Sgt. MITCHELL, J.J.  
2430 Sgt. COVARD, H.  
20443 Cpl. RICHARDSON, A.E.  
2138 Pte. DAVENOR, W.G.

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7080 Pte. MOPPLANDZ, A.  
4312 " CLARKE, A.  
7739 " LADE, H.T.  
4836 " CARVEN, E.  
10053 " STEWART, T.R.  
Afternoon devoted to Recreation.

18th.

Battalion bathing at MALINGBERT.  
Afternoon devoted to Recreation.

19th.

Battalion engaged on Salvaging  
Aren in Eastern vicinity of  
VILLERS-OUTREVAUX.  
Afternoon devoted to Recreation.

20th.

As for 19th inst.

21st.

Battalion Salvaging Western  
vicinity of VILLERS-OUTREVAUX.  
Afternoon devoted to Recreation.

22nd.

Church Parade Service in Batt.  
Concert Hall.  
G.O.'s inspection of billets &  
institutes.  
ADJUTANT & SERGEANT. MILITARY BAND.  
13792 Pte. HOLT, J.  
2357 " WHELSHER, A.E.  
9706 I./G. RUSSELL, F.F.  
1883 I./G. RUSSELL, H.  
2891 Pte. PAGE, O.T.  
2010 " SCRABE, J.F.  
1965 " FARVAULT, W.  
2620 Ptl. NEWMAN, P.  
2621 Pte. WOOLGAR, G.  
1746 Sgt. ERIKSLINGTON, E.  
2712 Ptl. BECKETT, P.

23rd.

Holiday.  
Promotion - Officers. Issued on  
Gazette 17.12.18. R. SUBSISTX N.  
1. Capt's. to be T. Majors.  
R. W. BRISTOL (Aug. 30.)  
R. H. HARTON (Oct. 27.)  
Appointments - Officers.  
A. MAJOR (Capt.) R. H. HARTON, M.C.  
relinquishes appointment of  
Adjutant on promotion to Major  
(Oct. 27.)  
Notes - Officers.  
Major R. H. HARTON proceeded to  
paid Amb. 21.12.18.

24th.

Holiday.

25th.

Holidays. No orders issued these  
two days.



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37th.

Holiday.

28th.

Salvaging area in Western  
vicinity of VILLERS-ORPHEAUX.  
Afternoon devoted to sports.

29th.

Church Parade Service.  
Honours & Awards. 2/O. No. 324. B(3).  
d/17.12.18. The award to  
S/356. A/L/Cpl. SELBY should read  
Bar to MILITARY MEDAL and not as  
stated therein.  
Notes - Officers.  
Lt. H. G. WENTHAM, admitted to C.C.S.  
19.12.18.

30th.

Battalion Salvaging Area in  
vicinity (Western) of VILLERS-  
ORPHEAUX.

LEAVE - OFFICERS. 2/Lt. R. H.  
FORBING granted leave to PARIS  
30.12.18 to 8.1.19.  
APPOINTMENTS - OFFICERS from list  
219 d/22/12/18.

Lt. E. A. S. ROBINSON 6 Bn. to be  
A/Capt. with pay & allowances as  
LIEUT. whilst employed as  
A/Adjutant 11.11.18.

31st.

As for 30.12.18 for work.  
Honours & Rewards.

Extract from Sir D. HAIG'S LIST of  
Mentions, dated 8.11.18.

7/2/Lt. E. S. FELDER.  
Lt. E. A. S. ROBINSON.  
2121 96<sup>th</sup> HAN, I. S. S.  
2523 O. G. A. S. SMITH, H.P.

E. A. S. ROBINSON

Capt. &amp; Adj't.

for C. C.  
B. R. Sussex Regt.

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APPENDIX A.SECRET18th Division No.0.470.APPENDIX NO.1 to 18th DIVISION ORDER NO.244.

Reference 18th Division Order No. 244 dated  
28th November 1918, para.4.

1. On the day after the Divisional Review, 53rd Inf. Bde. will move two battalions to BEAUREVOIR. The move of the third battalion, 53rd Inf. Bde. will not take place until accommodation has been arranged.
2. 54th and 55th Inf. Bdes. will probably not move from their present areas before 7th December.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. THYMAN, Major  
General Staff, 18th Division.

December 1st 1918.

Copy to all recipients of  
18th Division Order No.244.

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Copy No.12.

18th DIVISION ORDER NO.244.

Ref. Map Sheet  
57.P.1/40.000.

28th November,  
1918.

1. The following moves will take place:-  
 53rd Inf. Bde. Group to BEAUREVOIR area.  
 54th Inf. Bde. Group to WATTIGNON area.  
 55th Inf. Bde. Group to VILLERS OUTREVAUX area.  
 Areas allotted to Brigades Groups are as shown on Map issued with 18th Div. No.11/28/23 "Q" dated 28.11.1918.
2. Details re composition of Brigade Groups and billets are being issued by 18th Division "Q".

4. (a) The move of 53rd Inf. Bde. Group will take place the day after the Divisional Review.
- (b) The move of 54th and 55th Inf. Bde. Groups will take place the day after the Divisional Review if billets in the new area are vacant, if not as soon as billets are available.
- 54th and 55th Inf. Bde. Groups will be notified date on which billets in the new area will be available.

5. H.Q. to be reported to D.H.Q.

6. ACHNOWLEDGEMENT

A. ZEYUAN, Major,  
General Staff, 18th Division.

Issued at 1945.

Copy No. 1. A.D.C. for G.O.C.

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C.R.A.  
53rd Inf. Bde.  
54th Inf. Bde.  
55th Inf. Bde.  
18th Bn. G.O.  
8th P. Column. (Para.)  
Signal Co.  
16th Div. Train.  
18th Div. S.T. Coy.  
A.D.H.G.  
D.A.F.H.  
D.G.O.  
Camp Comdt.  
D.A.D.C.G.  
D.A.D.V.G.  
Area Comdt. ALINGOUFF.  
Area Comdt. DESAIR.  
Area Comdt. PERSOY.  
Area Comdt. BEAURETOUR.  
Area Comdt. VALINCOURT.  
Area Comdt. VILLERS OUTREVAUX.  
25th Division.  
War Diary.  
XIII Corps.

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APPENDIX B.

B.N. 285.

7th Queens.  
7th Buffs.  
8th B. Surrey R.  
55th T. H. Battery.  
8th R. Sussex Pioneers.

Reference attached letter, and 18th Div. Ho.  
156/432 "A" dated 29th ult.

Battalions will detail parties to clean the roads  
to-morrow as follows:-

8th R. Sussex Pioneers, JACKSON ST. from 54th. Inf.  
Mde. II. G. to FORD (Inclusive).

7th Queens.  
From FORD to HINCHENT  
CHURCH.

8th B. Surrey R.  
MORELAND PLACE and MORELAND  
ST. to its junction with  
NICHOLSON ST.

7th Buffs.  
MORELAND ST. from junction of  
MORELAND ST. and NICHOLSON ST.  
to end of the village on  
CLARY Road.

With the exception of the above parties, Units will  
be at the disposal of Bolt Commanders to-morrow.

Orders for the stamping of Units on December 4th.  
will be issued to-morrow.

2.12.18.  
I. S. HEATH, Captain,  
for Brigade Major,  
55th Infantry Brigade.

18th Division letters Ho. 156/432 "A" dated 29th ult. and  
Inst. Jmt. were forwarded to you direct by Division.

APPENDIX C.ORDER OF THE DAY

By  
Major-General R. P. LEE, G.C.B., Commanding 18th Division.

18th December, 1918.

To All Ranks.

I was more than pleased with the Review of the  
Division to-day, and congratulate All Ranks on the turn out  
and the admirable precision which marked all the parade  
manoeuvres. It was a reflection of their glorious deeds.

The Division has taken part in most of the great battles from "The Somme" in 1916, down to the Arraslice, - i.e., "The Somme", "The Ancre" (both Autumn and Spring), "Arras", "Flanders", "The Retreat from The Oise", "The Defence of Antwerp", and lastly "The 100 Days Victory".

Throughout these historical operations, the Division has proved itself equally strong both in attack and defence, and has earned a reputation second to none through the courage, resolution and achievements of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men that it is, and has been, my pride and privilege to command.

I take this opportunity of again thanking you all for your untiring loyalty, and of expressing my admiration for your gallantry and devotion to duty.

RICHARD PALME,  
Major-General,  
Commanding 10th Division.

WEST SUSSEX RECORDS  
RSP/R

APPENDIX D.

Ref. Map  
57b.S.W. 1/30,000.

55th (INFANTRY BATTAL) BR. ORDER NO.236.

9th November, 1918.

1. 7th, Queens and 8th, Fusilier Bns. Platooners will move to-morrow morning to billets already taken over in VILBERS-CURBAUX.
2. Battalions will arrange their own hour of march, so that they do not clash en route.  
Hour of march to be reported to Brigade H.Q.
3. No lorries are available.  
(a) 7th Bn's will detail their 2 Bn's to report to 7th, Queens Headquarters at 8 a.m., to assist in the move.  
(b) 8th Bn, Surrey Regt., will detail 2 Bn's to report at 8 a.m. to Royal Fusilier Platooners.
4. Completion of move will be reported to Brigade H.Q.

5. ACHROTHIDROS.

Captain,  
for Brigade Major,  
55th Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 1400 hours.

Copies to:-

1. G.O.C.
2. Brigade Major.
3. Staff Captain.
4. 7th Queens.
5. 7th Buffs.
6. 8th S. Surrey R.
7. 85th T.M. Battery.
8. 8th R. Sussex Pioneers.
9. 153 Co. A.S.C.
10. 92nd Sq. Co. R.G.
11. 18th Division "G"
12. "de"
13. "de"
14. Town Major, WINNIGHT.
- 15/16. War Diary.
- 17/18. Spare.

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APPENDIX B.

Ref. Map.  
57B.S.W. 1/20,000.

55th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 237.

11th December, 1918.

1. 7th Buffs and 8th East Surrey Regt., will move tomorrow morning to billets already taken over in WINNIGHT.
2. Battalions will arrange their own hour of march, so that they do not clash en route. Hour of march to be reported to Bde.H.Qrs.
3. Brigade Headquarters will detail 1 G.S. Wagon to report to Quartermaster's Stores of 7th Buffs and 1 to report to Quartermaster's Stores of 8th East Surrey Regt., at 8.0 a.m. tomorrow, to assist in the move.



4. Completion of move will be reported to  
Brigade Headquarters.
5. ACKNOWLEDGED.

Staff Captain, 59th Infantry Brigade.  
 Captain,  
 Issued at 16.00 hrs.

Copies to:-

1. G.O.C.
  2. Brigade Major.
  3. Staff Capt.
  4. 7th Queens.
  5. 7th Buffs.
  6. 8th Buffs.
  7. 85th M.A. Battery.
  8. 88th Hussar Fd.
  9. 185th Coy. A.G.C.
  10. 92nd Pld. Coy. R.E.
  11. 18th Div. HQ
  12. 18th Div. HQ
  13. Town Major BRINCOURT.
  14. Town Major VILLERS-CURTEAUX.
  - 15/16. War Diary.
  17. Ddr. G.H.S.
  - 18/19. Spare.
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5TH BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.

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Appendix

VILLAINS COURSE

Reference  
VALSINGHAM  
1-100,000

1st Wed. NEW YEARS DAY - NO PARADES.  
2nd Th. SPENCER DEGRASS - OFFICERS.  
MAJOR M.H. HADPTON M.C. to Eng.  
(Sick)  
PARADES - SALVAGE WORK carried  
out in AUBERCHERUL area.

3rd Fr. SALVAGE WORK in AUBERCHERUL area.  
PARADES PARADE - "MALLINGORH".

4th Sat. APPOINTMENTS - Officers -  
EXTRACT from LONDON GAZETTE dated  
31/12/18 THE PR. LT. M.J. GLENNIE to  
be Acting Captain while commanding  
a Company (Oct. 21st)  
SALVAGE WORK in AUBERCHERUL AREA.

5th Sun. CHURCH PARADE & C.O.'s INSPECTION  
OF BILLETTS.

6th Mon. SALVAGE WORK in AUBERCHERUL & PINNIE  
FARL AREA.  
NOVRS. 3 O Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

The officers during the week were  
deputed to Recreational Training.

7th Tu. NOVRS 3 O R's left Battalion for  
demobilization  
SALVAGE WORK in AUBERCHERUL AREA

8th Wed. LEAVES - OFFICERS 2/VISOR R.H. POYNTING  
returned from PARIS LEAVES.  
NOVRS 2 O Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization  
SALVAGE WORK in AUBERCHERUL Area

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9th Th. SALVAGE WORK in AUBERCHERUL AREA.  
10th Fr. LEAVES - OFFICERS. LT W.P. KEAR  
granted leave to U.K. 11-1-19 to  
25-1-19.  
11th Sat. SALVAGE WORK in AUBERCHERUL AREA

12th Sun. CHURCH PARADE & C.O.'s INSPECTION  
of BILLETTS.

LEAVES - OFFICERS - The v/m Officers  
granted leave to PARIS from 12-1-19  
to 21-1-19.  
LT F.G. DANBERT  
LT M.E.D. POINTS, M.C.  
SPENCER DEGRASS - OFFICERS  
2/VISOR G.N. ANDREWS taken off  
strength of this Batt (9-1-19.  
cap. of leave)

SPENCER DEGRASS 21 O Rs taken off  
strength (demobilization)  
NOVRS - OFFICERS 2/VISOR W.R. SHAP  
proceeded to BURSIGHT for demobilization.

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- 13th Mon. SALVAGE WORK in ABERDEENHULL area. Attempts during the week devoted to recreational training.
- 14th Tu. PRACTICES PARADE for PRESENTATION of COLOURS.  
STRENGTH DECREASE - 7'0 ins left Battalion for Demobilization.
- 15th Wed. SALVAGE OPERATIONS in ABERDEENHULL area. STRENGTH DECREASE - 1 O.R. taken off strength (exp. of leave demobilized)  
MOVES - OFFICERS - 2/LIEUT. I.D. READ proceeded to III ARMY COMMERCIAL SCHOOL - AIXI-LE-CHATELAIN
- 16th Th. APPOINTMENTS - OFFICERS - SGT (P.) DR. R. SUSSEX REGT. SALVAGE BATTALIONS  
LIEUT (A/CLERK) S.A.S. ROBINSON 6th (TF) BR. R. SUSSEX REGT. to be ADVANT, and to be A/CLERK with pay and allowances as LIEUTENANT, vice CAPT H.H. HARTON, M.C. (promoted Temp Major 27-10-18) 28th Octr 1918. SALVAGE WORK in ABERDEENHULL area.
- 17th Fr. HONOURS & REWARDS. The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned MILITARY DECORATION - DECORATION MILITARY 20444. CPL RICHARDSON A.M. "A" Coy. MOVES - OFFICERS Lt. H.A.H. SCHILLAR proceeded to NEWVILLI as Act. Town Major.  
PRESENTATION of COLOURS to Battalion by Lt. GENL. SIR THOMAS MORLAND (G.O.C. XIII Corps).  
MOVES 6 O Rs left Battalion for Demobilization.
- 18th Sat. MOVES 6 O Rs left Battalion for Demobilization.  
BATHING PARADES at MALINGOURT.
- 19th Sun. CHURCH PARADE & C.O.'s INSPECTION of BILKETS  
HONOURS & REWARDS - His Majesty THE KING has been pleased to award the V/m Honours & Decoration  
THE MILITARY CROSS  
Captain J.S.G. LANGRISH.  
THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.  
S/385 Sgt. C.F. MOODY R.M.  
MOVES OFFICERS CAPT R.B. GIBNEY proceeded to CAUDRY (for Demobilization)  
MOVES 11 O Rs left Battalion for Demobilization.

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- 20th Mon. **APPOINTMENTS - OFFICERS -**  
 Lt. B. HARRIS assumes temporary command of "B" Coy. Vice Capt. R. B. GLENNY (demobilized)  
 Lt. C. H. K. SMITH assumes temporary second-in-command of "B" Coy.  
 ROYDS - 9 O.Hs left Battalion for demobilization.  
 SALVAGE WORK carried out in ABERNETHY Area.  
 Afternoons during the week devoted to theoretical training.
- 21st Tu. SALVAGE WORK at ABERNETHY area  
 LEAVE - OFFICERS - The v/m Officers returned from PARIS leave  
 Lt. H. J. D. POINTS M. C.  
 Lt. F. G. DANFORTH.  
 APPOINTMENT - OFFICERS The following extract from M.S. List No. 222 dated 12-1-1919.  
 8th B. SHIRAZI REG'T + temp Capt. N. H. HARRISON, M. C. ceased to hold the appointment of Adj't (promoted temp. Major) 27-8-18.  
 ROYDS 12 O.Hs left Battalion for demobilization.
- 22nd Wed. **BATCHING PARADES AT MULLINCOURT**  
 1 Officer & 40 O.Hs. TO CAUDRY for work.  
 ROYDS - OFFICERS. Capt L. A. F. IRELAND M. C. proceeded to Surrey Course BRANDCHAPS-LE-VIEUX.  
 Lt. J. P. FISHERICK proceeded to CAUDRY (for demobilization)
- 23rd Th. SALVAGE WORK in ABERNETHY AREA.
- 24th Fr. **BATCHING PARADES AT MULLINCOURT**  
 WORKING PARTY AT CAUDRY  
 ROYDS - 8 O.Hs. proceeded to CAUDRY for demobilization.
- 25th Sat. SALVAGE WORK in ABERNETHY Area.  
 HOURS and REWARDS - Extract from London Gazette, supplement, Jan 18th 1919.  
 THE KING has been pleased to approve of the award of the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL to the v/m.  
 9/20336, Sgt. ROSE A. T. "C" Coy.  
 9/2912, Cpl. BECKETT P. "B" Coy.  
 ROYDS - OFFICERS 2/Lieut R. H. POWRING  
 proceeded to XIII Corps EDUCATION SCHOOL - CAUDRY.

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26th Sun. CHURCH PARADE & O.C.'s INSPECTION  
of HILMETS.  
HOVBS - OFFICERS - LT N. HARRIS  
proceeded to CAUDRY for Demobilization  
HOVBS. 8 O Rs left Battalion for  
Demobilization.

27th Mon. SALVAGE WORK carried out in ABERCROMBIE  
Area.  
APPOINTMENTS - OFFICERS 2/LIUT V.J.  
FRIBERSON assumes temporary command of  
H Coy as from 27-1-19.  
HOVBS - OFFICERS The W/m Officers  
remained leave to LE TREFORT from  
27/1/19 to 5/2/19  
2/LT. J.E. ORTON  
2/LT. A.E. LANBRIDGE  
LT. C.C. GARNER.  
HOVBS 7 O Rs left Battalion for  
Demobilization  
Afternoons throughout the week devoted  
to Recreational Training.

28th Tu. SALVAGE WORK in ABERCROMBIE Area.  
STRENGTH DECREASE - 3 O Rs taken off  
strength (demob exp. of leave.)  
HOVBS 6 O Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

29th Wed. HOVBS - OFFICERS. LT. N.A.H. WENTHAM  
returned from HAVILLAY  
STRENGTH DECREASE. 8 O Rs. taken off  
strength (demobilized)

30th Th. STRENGTH DECREASE. 8 O Rs taken off  
strength (demobilized)

31st Fri. STRENGTH DECREASE - 6 O Rs taken off  
strength (demobilized)  
HOVBS 7 O Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.  
HOVBS - OFFICERS LT. C.H.K. SMITH to  
School of Education, Trinity College,  
OXFORD 31-1-19.

E.A.S. ROBINSON

Capt Adjt  
for O.C.  
8 R.Dues.R.

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5TH BATTALION, ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT.Appendix.Reference  
VALENCIENNES  
1/100,000.

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1st

No Battalion Orders issued as Battalion and Transport moved from VILLERS CUREVAUX by march route to billets in ESNEES & GRANDPONT.  
Moves 10 Oms left Battalion for demobilization.

2nd

Moves 10 Oms left Battalion for demobilization.

3rd

Moves 7 Oms left Battalion for demobilization.

4th

Moves 9 Oms left Battalion for demobilization.

5th

Moves Officers Lt N.A.H. HOLLIAN took over duties of Town Major ESNEES.  
 Capt. R.C. HALL M.C. proceeded to 18th Div.  
Moves O.Ns. 10 Oms left Battalion for demobilization

11 Oms taken off strength as from 5/8/19 (demobilized)  
 10 Oms taken off strength (expiration of leave, demobilized).

6th

Moves 15 O.Ns left Battalion for demobilization.  
Leave - Officers The v/m Officers returned from 1st Troop

Lt. O.C. Gainer  
 2/Lt. A.B. Langridge  
 2/Lt. J.E. Oulton

7th

Moves - Officers The v/m Officers proceeded to 17th R.Sussex Regt. 59th Divn. Dunkirk.  
 Lieut E.J.D. Poines M.C.  
 2/Lt. W.J. Pemberton  
 " A.S. Langridge  
 " S.O.C. Winn  
 " H.R. Milbank  
 " H.P. Smith  
 " J.E. Oulton

Moves Oms. 138 Oms proceeded to 17th R.Sussex Regt. 17 Bde. 59th Divn. Dunkirk.  
 5 Oms left the Batt for demobilization.

Casualties 2219 SFC Hammond O.C. DIED.

8th

Moves Officers. Lt. O.C. Gainer proceeded to 17th Div. H.Q.  
Moves - Oms. 14 Oms left Battalion for demobilization.



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9th

CHURCH PARADE & C.O.'s INSPECTION OF  
BILLETTS.  
MOVES ONE 22 O.Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

10th

MOVES 5 men left Battalion for  
demobilization.  
2 men proceeded to 17th Royal  
Sussex Reg't. Dunkirk.

11th

Leave - Officers 2/Lt. A.S. Mayo granted  
leave to U.S. 10-2-1919 to  
24-2-1919.

Appointments Officers Lt. O.D. Pearce  
assumes temporary command of  
B Coy as from 11-2-1919.

Strength decrease - Officers Lt. J.F.  
Pinsler taken off strength  
(demobilized)

MOVES - One 4 O.Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

12th

MOVES - One 21 O.Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

13th

APPOINTMENTS - Officers The notification  
referring Lt. E.A.S. Robinson  
6th Bn which appeared in List  
No 219 of 22nd Dec. 1918 is  
cancelled.

Lt. E.A.S. Robinson 6th Bn. to  
be Adjutant and to be Acting  
Captain with pay and allowances  
as Lt. whilst so employed also  
Temp Capt. H.H. Hampton M.C.  
(promoted Temp. Major) 28th  
Octy. 1918.

" Lt. F.O. DAVENANT assumes

MOVES - Officers. Command of C Coy.  
proceeded as Capt. J.E.C. LANGHAM M.C.  
Officer.  
MOVES - One 13 O.Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

14th

STRENGTH DECREASE - Officers. 2/Lt. G.H.  
ANDREWS taken off strength  
(pending demobilization.)

LEAVE - Officers. Lt. W.F. ELLIEN granted  
extension of leave to  
31-1-1919 by War Office.  
MOVES - One. 15 O.Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

15th

MOVES - One 17 O.Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.

16th

CHURCH PARADE & C.O.'s INSPECTION OF  
BILLETTS.  
MOVES - Officers 2 Lt. O.F.C. POUND  
proceeded as Draft Conductor

MOVES - One 14 O.Rs left Battalion for  
demobilization.  
STRENGTH DECREASE 5 O.Rs taken off strength  
(demobilization)

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STRENGTH DECREASE 5 O.Rs proceeded to 17th BR. RUSSEX REGT.

16th

STRENGTH DECREASE - OFFICERS LT. W.P. MILNER taken off strength as from 26-1-19 (ex. of leave pending demobilization)

MOVES - OFFICERS LT. J.S. Kerr proceeded as Draft Conducting Officer

MOVES ORG. 11 ORs left Battalion for demobilization,

20th

MOVES 23 ORs left Battalion for demobilization.

21st

MOVES 14 ORs left Battalion for demobilization.

22nd

STRENGTH DECREASE. 4 ORs taken off strength (demobilized, expiration of leave), 17 ORs left Battalion for demobilization.

MOVES

23rd

CHARGE PARADE & C.O.'S INSPECTOR OF BATTALYS.

HOOVER & A'ARDS. His Majesty THE KING has been pleased to award the following decoration to the w/m.

MILITARY MEDAL.

Q/21st SFT. HARR, W.R. "A" Coy.

MOVES 16 ORs left Battalion for Demobilization.

24th

STRENGTH DECREASE 2 ORs taken off strength.

25th

STRENGTH DECREASE 1 O.R. taken off strength as from 15-1-19 (exp. of leave, demobilized)

MOVES 3 ORs left Battalion for demobilization.

LEAVE OFFICERS Major R.W. BRISTOW

proceeded on leave to U.K. 26-2-19 to 12-5-1919.

27th

MOVES 15 O.Rs left Battalion for demobilization.

28th

SUMMER TIME Summer time will come into use on the 1st MARCH at 2300 hours winter time) on that date, clocks will be put forward one hour.

MOVES. 43 O.Rs left Battalion for Demobilization.

E.A.S. ROBINSON  
Capt Adj't.  
for O.O.  
8 R. Sussex R.

WEST SUSSEX  
RSP MS 7-15  
RECORD OFFICE