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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTY. H.Q.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENING- HELST, G.34.b.	Sept. 1st to 4th		(Five 18-pr Batteries, one 4.5" How. Battery in the line under 24th Div. Artillery for operations (One do do one do do in Reserve do do do (Battery positions and Wagon Lines visited. The whole of labor was complete with brick standings, (harness sheds and good men's accommodation. Forward Dump for wet weather conditions established (at TROIS ROI- built and guarded.	
	5th		One Section 4th A.F.A. Bde and 105th How. Bty to be relieved nightly on 5/6, 6/7, 7/8 Sept., by 39th D.A. Sections returning to their Wagon Lines and to command of 2nd Aust. D.A. 1st ANZAC conference of C.R.A.'s to explain new zone for Corps and Divisions, etc. Outline of forthcoming operations.	
	6th		Visited 25th D.A. who cover the new zone under 47th Division. Went to Brigade H.Q. in RAMPARTS, YPRES and Battery positions near BIRR CROSS ROADS. Warning order No 30 issued.	
	8th		4th Aust. D.A. attached to 2nd Aust. D.A. and come under them for operations. 2nd and 4th D.A.'s relieve 25th D.A. over half the Sector held by 47th D.A. 1st Aust. D.A. on the Right; 42nd D.A., V CORPS, on the LEFT.	App. No 1.
	9th		Batteries at Wagon Lines, except 14th and 15th Batteries still in the line under 25th D.A. They are relieved night 9/10, 10/11 Sept. B.C.'s reconnoitre new positions. Batteries of 5th, 10th and 11th Bdes relieve 25th D.A. on nights 9/10, 10/11 Sept. 5th Bde. relieves remaining Batter- ies of 25th D.A. on nights 10/11, 11/12 Sept.	App No 2. App No 3
SCOTTISH CAMP	10th		2nd Aust D.A. Group, consisting of 2nd and 4th D.A. and making LEFT ANZAC GROUP, take over from 25th D.A., 8 a.m. Battery positions North of BIRR X ROADS heavily shelled most of the day- Hostile area shoot.	
G.28.b. 5.5.	11th		(Forthcoming operation- general policy, etc, outlined to Bdes and Groups in 2nd D.A. Instruction (No 1 also O.O. No 33. (Positions improved; ammunition got forward; system of communications, telephone and visual (organised; Half the command holding the defensive front in order to disguise the number of (guns in; guns re-calibrated and registered; O.P.'s improved and to be manned at least one per (Bde; resources pooled for maintaining lines. Country very shell-torn and craters full of (water which doesn't drain away- bad even in dry weather. O.O. No 34 on 13th; D.A. Instr. No 2 (Forward area reconnoitred for advanced positions for 3 Bdes to take up after capture of 1st (day's final objective - immediately N. of BELLEWARDE LAKE and W. of WESTHOEK RIDGE. These are (at present visible from N.E and S.E.	App. Nos 4 & 5.
	to			
	14th			App. Nos 6 & 7
	15th		Above continued. Practice Bombardment Barrages twice daily. Enemy's fire intermittent on 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, but heavy on 15th and 16th, probably owing to Barrages of combined natures of guns. They appear to be mostly area shoots, which embrace the positions of 4th and 5th Bdes	App No 8 App No 9 App No 10.

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SCOTTISH CAMP	Sept. 15th		Also a more or less continuous barrage on the YPRES-MENIN ROAD about BIRR X ROADS. This has made ammunition supply extremely difficult and precarious.	App. Nos 11, 12 & 13
	16th			
	17th		During the Practice Barrage on 15th, 15th Battery co-operated with 1st D.M.A. who successfully took a post at J.8.c.8.9 with 36 unwounded prisoners	App. Nos 14 & 15
H.21.d. 6.2.	18th		2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. office closed at 10 a.m. at Scottish Camp and opened at that hour at Forward H.Q., 2nd Div., H.21.d.6.2 (Sheet 28). Practice Barrages continue. Retaliation has rather eased off; area shoots are used instead of barrage. CHATEAU WOOD, HOOGE, MENIN RD and Battery positions in I.11.c & d. and I.17.b. have been heavily shelled at intervals. Hostile Planes have caused uneasiness by flying low over Battery positions.	16, 17 & 18
	19th			
	20th		At 5.40 am, 2 Divisions, in accordance with Corps Orders, with 9th Div on Left and 1st Aust. Div. on Right, attacked. Stages were reached on schedule time and final objectives gained as laid down in orders. Consolidation was carried out. Counter attacks attempted were all smashed either on routes up from places of assembly or before they could develop. It is thought that the enemy suffered severely during these efforts. Any massing of enemy troops was speedily dealt with by artillery. Infantry reported barrage good - even, with low shrapnel bursts. Hostile fire intermittent and in no locality severe. 1 Bde moved forward to positions in I.12.b. and registered. A practice barrage was carried out in early morning.	
	21st			App No 19
	22nd		Enemy shelling lighter since the attack. There has been a good deal of enemy aerial activity, also some hostile daylight bombing.	App No 20
	23rd		Batteries have moved and, all but 2, are now in positions in I.12.b., J.7.a, b and c.	
	24th		4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. relieved 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. at H.21.d.6.2. at 10 a.m. 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. returned to billets in RENINGHELST. Guns, etc, remain in action under 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.	
RENINGHELST.	26th		A further advance was made on a Two Army Front. 4th Division were completely successful.	

H. D. P. Ohi.
Majr R. P. O.
B. H. 2nd Aust D. A.

2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY WARNING ORDER No. 30.

Reference : 1/10,000 ZILLEBEKE SHEET.

Headquarters,
Sept. 6th. 1917.

1. The 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery will shortly be relieved in their present sector, and will take over positions as detailed in para. 9. Guns will be withdrawn and put in new positions.
2. The 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery will be reinforced by the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery and constitute the Left ANZAC Group, consisting of two Groups (2nd. Aust. D.A.G. and 4th. Aust. D.A.G.) which will cover an approximate front from J.8.c.3.3. to J.2.c.5.7..
3. There will be very little time between the occupation of positions and the commencement of operations, so it is essential that work is commenced and improvements made directly positions are taken over. Each Battery will send an officer tomorrow, 7th. September, to learn their respective Battery positions, and organization of ammunition supply and communications.
4. Slit trenches immediately behind guns for the protection of active numbers are to be dug as deep as possible and 1' 6" wide. Concrete is available for these, so that with a system of drainage, personnel should have cover.
Ammunition recesses at Battery positions will be made weatherproof.
5. It is probable that a rapid rate of fire will have to be maintained for considerable periods.
 - (a) Arrangements are to be made that the minimum personnel are actually at the guns, and a resting position will be selected and made as shell proof as possible, about two or three hundred yards from the usually shelled area. Minimum detachments will work in relief.
 - (b) One section will always be resting, checking sights, cleaning and sponging out, etc..
 - (c) Receptacles for water for sponging out and cooling guns are essential. Biscuit tins let into the ground, failing anything else, will answer the purpose.
6. Communication forward of Batteries will be difficult and visual signalling from O.P's and for F.O.O's will be a necessity to supplement telephones.
7. Present O.P's commanding the zone are situated from J.8.c.1.8. along the WESTHOEK RIDGE to "KIT & KAT."
J.7.b.8.8. is visible to MANBA CRATER about I.12.c.3.8. MANBA CRATER is visible to Battery positions in I.17.b..

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APPENDIX No 1

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8. AMMUNITION. Dumps will be maintained at the guns -
 18-pounder 1250 rounds per gun.
 4.5" How. 1000 Rounds, 106 fuze, per how.

9. 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly. Group H.Q. } will relieve "B" Group at
 4th. " " " " " } I.14.b.1.6. (Lieut-Colonel
) A.P.GORDON, D.S.O.)

10th. Bty. A.F.A. will relieve A/112 at I.11.c.5.4.
 11th. " " " " B/112 " I.11.c.5.6.
 12th. " " " " C/112 " I.11.c.6.8.
 104th. " " " " D/112 " (I.17.b.6.8.
 (I.18.a.1.5.
 13th. " " " " A/235 " I.11.d.2.4.
 14th. " " " " B/235 " I.11.c.95.55.
 15th. " " " " C/235 " I.11.c.95.70.
 105th. " " " " D/235 " I.11.c.8.5.

4th. Aust. Div. Artillery will relieve
 A/113 " I.11.d.6.7.
 B/113 " I.17.b.15.65.
 C/113 " I.11.d.6.8.
 D/113 " I.17.a.1.9.
 A/236 " I.17.b.6.7.
 B/236 " I.17.b.6.5.
 C/236 " I.17.b.35.60.
 D/236 " I.17.b.20.40.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major R.A.
 Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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 17. 2nd. Aust. D.T.M.O.
 18. Artly. Sig. Officer.
 19. 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No 31

by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.

Reference Map: 1/10,000: ZILLEBEKE Sheet

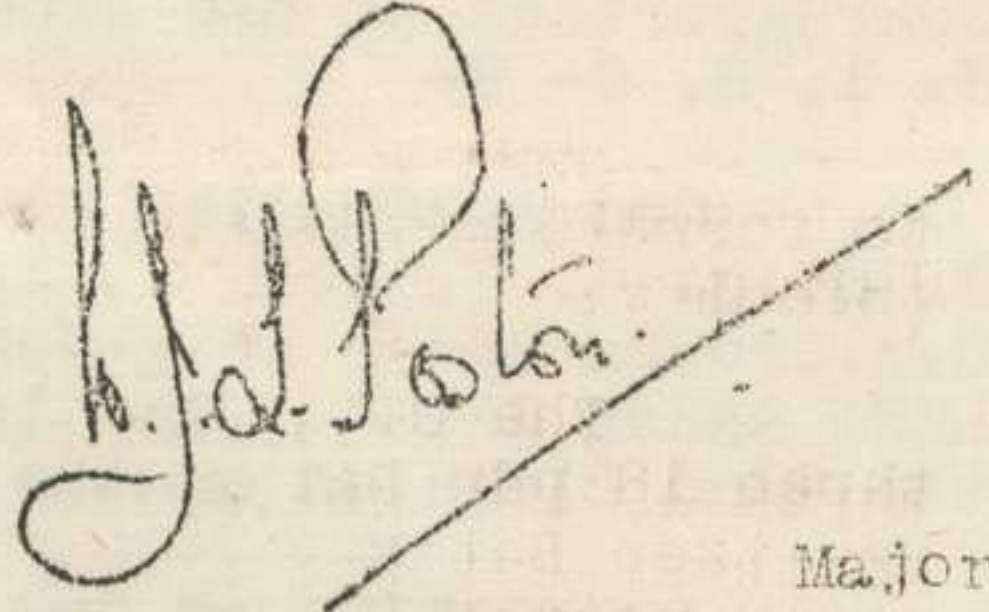
8th September, 1917.

1. ^{that} 1st A.N.Z.A.C. took over at noon on 5th September, from Second CORPS portion of the line held by them between JAP AVENUE and J. 1. d. 6- 2-
2. 2nd Australian Division will eventually hold this line from J. 8. c. 4. 7. to J. 1. d. 6. 2., supported by 2nd and 4th Aust. D.A. Groups under Brig-General G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., as LEFT ANZAC GROUP. The 1st Australian Division will be on the RIGHT, the 42nd Division on the LEFT.
3. BOUNDARIES of 2nd Australian Division will be:-
On the South, continuation of the road running along the Northern edge of POLYGON WOOD - J. 8. d. 0. 6. - J. 13. a. 52. 92. - I. 18. b. 2. 5. along the MENIN ROAD.
On the North, J. 28. c. 0. 9. - J. 1. d. 6. 2. - J. 7. e. 6. 7. - I. 12. b. 0. 5 - I. 12. a. 1. 0.
4. Left A.N.Z.A.C. GROUP will relieve 25th D.A. Group, and support 47th Division (who will be holding the Corps Front) over the Sector detailed on para. 2. The 1st Australian D.A. GROUP will cover the right of the 47th Division Sector.
5. RELIEFS will be carried out as under:-
One Section per Battery on the first night and two on the second. Guns will be taken in and Registrations completed as soon as possible.
Advance parties, consisting of 1 Officer and 3 Telephonists will proceed to Group H.Q. and Battery positions to take over communications, etc., on the morning of the first day of relief.
Camouflage, Aiming posts, maps, photographs and any Trench stores will be taken over. Attention is drawn to G.H.Q. Arty. Circ. 2
On nights, September 9/10, 10/11, 2 Brigades 4th Aust. D.A. will relieve 113th and 236th Brigades R.F.A.
On nights September 9/10, 10/11, 4th Aust. F.A. Bde will relieve 235th Brigade R.F.A.
On nights September 10/11, 11/12, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade will relieve 112th Brigade R.F.A.
6. Lt-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR will command the 2nd Aust. D.A. GROUP Headquarters, I. 14. b. 1. 6.
Lt-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O., will command the 4th Aust. D.A. GROUP Headquarters, I. 14. b. 1. 6.
7. AMMUNITION will be taken over at noon on the second day of relief. LEFT A.N.Z.A.C. GROUP will take over accounting for Ammunition of the Brigades to be relieved by them as from noon, 9th inst. Scale of ammunition as detailed in Order No 30 will be maintained.
8. WIRELESS SETS will be erected at GROUP HEADQUARTERS.
9. Commands will pass on completion of reliefs. Completion of relief of each Section and GROUP Headquarters to be notified V.D.A.H.Q. to
10. LIAISON: An officer of the rank of Captain or over will be detailed by 2nd Aust. D.A. Group to report to Infantry Brigade H.Q. at BIRR X Roads at 4 p.m. on 10th September
to act as Liaison Officer.

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11. The 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will relieve 25th D.A.C. by night 13/14 Septr.
The 4th Aust. D.A.C. will relieve 47th D.A.C. by night 10/11 Septr.
12. 2nd Australian Div. Artillery H.Q. will take over from 25th Division Artillery H.Q. at 8 a.m, on 10th September, at SCOTTISH CAMP G.25.b.O.7.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major, R.A.

Brigade Major,

2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

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29	2nd Aust Div. "G",
30	R.A., 1st A.N.Z.A.C.
31	1st Aust. Div Arty.
32	42nd Div. Arty
33	25th Div. Arty,
34	6th Squad. R.F.O.,
35	1st ANZAC H.A.
36-37	47th Division
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OPERATION ORDER No 32

by
BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
Commanding 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

App 3

Headquarters,
9th September, 1917.

1. During forthcoming operations, 5th A.F.A. Brigade will move to forward positions on the capture of certain objectives by the Infantry.
2. The C.O., 5th A.F.A. Brigade will reconnoitre positions for three 18 pdr Batteries about I.12.b.5.0. to 5.5 and for one Howitzer Battery about J.7.c.2.4. No more room than is absolutely necessary must be taken as other Brigades will be advancing later. Batteries will have to be in echelon.
3. Roads are being constructed from I.11.d.4.2. round the North end of the ETANG DE BELLEWARDE to meet a road starting from I.18 a.5.6.
4. The C.O.'s, 5th and 10th Brigades will reconnoitre positions for their Brigades about the North end of J.7.d. and J.7.b., respectively. It is not thought possible that these can be made ready in time for occupation during the first phase of operations. But they MUST be occupied during the first pause. Consequently they are to be sited and completed as soon as possible.
5. Roads will be constructed towards these positions from that mentioned in para. 3.
6. Positions are to be pegged out and reconnoitred and a report, giving exact co-ordinates, forwarded to this Headquarters as soon as possible.
7. Ammunition will be dumped in accordance with Table overleaf. It has been decided that ammunition dumped in forward positions will be surplus to this amount.

Issued at 6 pm.

G.J. Johnston

Major, R.A.,

Brigade Major,

C.O., 4th A.F.A. Bde,	Copies	1/5	2nd Australian Divisional Artillery
C.O., 5th A.F.A. Bde,	"	6/10	
2nd Aust. D.A.	"	11/21	
C.O., 2nd Aust. D.A.C.	"	23/25	
1st ANZAC R.A.	"	26	
2nd Aust. Div.	"	27	
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Spares	"	55/59	

TABLE "A".

1. Nature of Piece	2. Total amount of Ammunition to be dumped per gun-7 complete days before attack.	3. Amount to be fired on actual day of attack.	4. Probable total amount of Ammunition to be fired during operations.	5. Amount to be on hand in battery positions at midnight after day of attack.	6. Amount to be dumped in battery positions 7 complete days beforehand.	7. Amount to be brought up during the 7 days previous to day of attack.
18-pdr.	1250	340	1350	500	1000	850
4.5" How.	1150	290	1300	300	1000	600

- NOTES: (1) All special shell, Smoke or Gas, will require to be included in the above allotments.
 (2) Any Ammunition dumped in forward positions will be in addition to the above figures.

AMENDMENT () No 1 to O.O. No 32

APPENDIX 3

PARA 4, Line 1. For "5th Brigade" read "4th Brigade."

Headquarters,
2nd Aust.D.A.,
11/9/17.

H. P. Polih

Major, R.
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust Div Arty.

To all recipients of O.O.32

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 35

App 4

1. With reference to 2nd Australian D.A. Instruction No 1, the first two bombardment barrages will be carried out on a day and at hours which will be notified separately.
2. The first will be a Corps barrage only and as simple as possible. The second will be carried out in conjunction with the Corps on our right.
3. Machine guns will not be used, as the depths of the barrage will be less than laid down in the stereotyped plan. It will consist of Areas "A", "B", "D" and "E", the intervals being as follows:
From line of M.P.L of 18-pdrs "A" to "B":-200 yds; "B" to "D":-200 yds; "D" to "E":- 100 yards.
4. The nearest lines of the "A" barrage before commencing to creep, will be about 500 yards in front of our present line, as shown on barrage map attached.
5. The lifts of the barrage are shown in attached diagram.
6. Attention is drawn to para 8 of above quoted Instructions and reports are to reach this office by last D.R. of the day of practice.
7. All batteries will take part in the barrages.
8. Ammunition: 18-pdr. 164 rounds.
4.5" Hows. 102 rounds.
9. Rates of Fire: 18-pdr. 2 rounds p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows. 1 round p.g.p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

2nd Aust. Div. Arty,
11th September, 1917.

W. J. P. [Signature]

Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

"C" Group,	5	
"D" Group,	5	
1st ANZAC R.A.	1)	
4th Aust D.A.	1)	
1st Aust D.A.	1)	
42nd D.A.	1)	
11th A.F.A.Bde	1)	For
5th A.F.A.Bde	1)	information
War Diary	3)	only
R.O.	1)	no
Sig. Officer	1)	map
File	1)	
Spares	3)	

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 1,
by
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COMMANDING 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

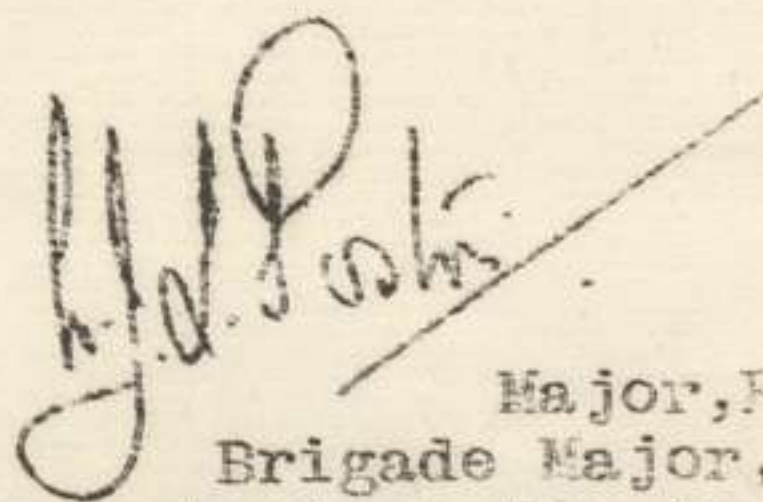
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1. The Second Army is continuing its offensive operations and the Fifth Army will advance at the same time.
2. The role of the 1st ANZAC will be to advance in a North-Easterly direction and seize the high ground between BROOD SEINDE and BECELAERE.
3. The first step in this advance will be the capture of the line
J.15.d.3.9.- CARLISLE FARM - J.15.b.2.8. - J.9.d.2.7. -
J.9.b.3.1.- J.9.b.4.4.- J.9.b.2.6.- J.3.d.05.40.- J.3.a.6.2.-
J.3.a.7.5.- ANZAC HOUSE.
4. The four Australian F.A. Brigades now covering the Left half of the Divisional Front are not all required for Defensive purposes. Consequently Group Commanders will arrange for half their command to be on duty until active operations commence. This will allow more men for the preparation of forward positions. All Batteries will register datum and other necessary points immediately they have taken over.
5. The 104th Howitzer Battery is placed at the disposal of B.G.C.H.A. for counter-battery work.
Every opportunity of neutralising hostile guns within range of 18- pdrs is to be taken, either with observation from the ground or air. Group commanders will detail one battery to answer all Zone calls. In the case of LL calls, all batteries on duty will answer, unless Barrage fire or a special task is being carried out. The enemy's system of defence from shell holes and counter attack often produces very vulnerable targets.
8. With reference to harassing fire, certain lines of communication are to be left untouched, or fired on very lightly, in order to induce the enemy to use these, when they will be thoroughly dealt with. The route selected on this front is the road running along the Northern edge of POLYGON WOOD, thence by J.4.d.3.1.- J.5.c.1.6.- J.5.a.90.45.- D.30.d.10.55.
7. In order to deal effectively with the enemy's new system of defence, the old principles of creeping and standing barrages are inadequate. It is necessary to cover the whole ground to be taken to a depth of a thousand yards into successive lines of barrages from different natures of guns. These lines move forward as the Infantry advance. On an objective being gained, a continual searching of the ground beyond the protective barrage is necessary. This is the system on which barrages will be arranged on the day of attack. Heavy Artillery fire will be directed on strong points within their zones so as not to cover the country with a mass of shell holes.
8. Practice barrages will take place twice a day during the preliminary bombardment. Group commanders will see that these are even and joined up and forward a report to D.A.H.Q., also on the hostile barrage.
9. All communication trenches will be blocked on the first day of bombardment. This will be done by 4.5" Hows, assisted if necessary by 6" Hows. Any hostile fire is to be reported and will be dealt with immediately.
10. On the day of attack, for four hours previous to Zero hour, 60-pdrs and 4.5 Hows. will neutralise all hostile batteries with Gas shell. This procedure will also be carried out during the preliminary bombardment. 70% of shell will be Lachrymatory and 30% Lethal, all C.B.R. if possible. Attention is drawn to S.S. 134 "Instructions on the use of "Lethal and Lachrymatory Shell"
In all cases the bombardment should start with a few rounds of H.E. as more damage may be done before the change to gas shell is noticed.

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11. Gas shell will also be employed on several occasions during the preparatory period by 60-pdrs and 4.5" Hows for neutralising batteries and also for concentrated shoots by 4.5" Hows on selected localities, such as known assembly positions.
12. A proportion of gas shells will be retained for this purpose of gassing probable assembly positions or lines of approach of counter attack after the objective had been gained. The areas to which Divisions are known to move forward on the period of special vigilance being ordered are:-
- The trenches in front of BECELAERE in squares J.18.a. and c. also the trenches in J.10.c. and d. and J.4.d. about MOLEN AARELSTHOF
13. Rates of fire will, as a general rule, not exceed
- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| 18-pdr | 2 rds p.g.p.m. |
| 4.5" Hows. | 2 rds p.g.p.m. |
- The rates for 18-pdrs at the commencement of the barrage will be higher.
14. [40%] The proportion in which gas shell should be drawn for 4.5" Hows is to 104th Battery and 20% to each of the other How Batteries.
15. Each Brigade will have at least one O.P. of its own, self-contained; and pool resources in order to maintain the lines. Alternative lines should be laid and laddered when thought desirable. Dugouts are to be made for all personnel at O.P.'s and all O-P's must have organised visual communication, which is to be practised daily and nightly by test messages. One O.P. will be manned at night. The above is the minimum. [PER GROUP]
16. A Tactical O.P. for watching enemy barrages and area shoots S.O.S. etc, will be maintained at MONBA CRATER and the system taken over from "B" Group of 25th D.A.Group will hold good. MONBA CRATER is substituted for YEOMANRY POST.
17. In order to ensure communication with F.O.O's during an attack, Brigades will pool their resources and concentrate on the one line until such time as Battery observers can get their own communication which will be done as soon as possible. Each Battery will supply two or three telephonists, two telephones and half a mile of wire. Two officers will go out and two signalling lamps per Brigade. Forward O.P.'s will be selected before the attack and one officer with the two signallers and one lamp will go to this as soon as it is taken and get into communication by lamp with the old O.P. The other officer will lay the line, dropping men with telephones about every 3 or 400 yards (A man cannot maintain more) The first message may be answered by some prearranged signal, such as a Very light but the remainder should be D.D. messages.
18. In future the 4th D.A.GROUP will be known as "C" GROUP,
2nd D.A.GROUP will be known as "D" GROUP

Headquarters,

2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
11/9/17


Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Australian Div Arty.

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1st ANZAC R.A.	Copy No	1
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"D" Group		3
4th Aust D.A.		4
47th Division		5
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SECOND AUSTRALIA DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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Headquarters,
13th Sept. 1917.

1. Maps and Diagrams for the two Bombardment Barrages to be carried out on "A" day are enclosed.
2. 1st Barrage "A" day:
Will only cover the front of the Left Group of each Divisional Artillery.
The whole of the guns of Left ANZAC Group will however be used, as the object is to intensify the fire. The Batteries of "C" Group will be superimposed on those of "D" Group.
3. Distance of Starting Line of Creeping Barrage - 500 yards beyond the Eastern line shown in attached map, and as stated in Barrage Diagram.
4. Time of commencement of Barrage - 5.0 a.m.
5. 2nd Barrage "A" Day:
Will be carried out throughout the whole front of the Second Army. Barrages will overlap the Corps Sector 100 yards, Divisional Sector as before ordered.
6. Starting line of Creeping Barrage - 500 yards beyond the Eastern Line shown in attached map.
7. Time of commencement of Barrage - 10.0 a.m.
8. Ammunition required:

18 - Pdr.	168 rounds,
4.5" Hows.	144 rounds,
9. Rates of Fire and Reports: as in O.O.33.
10. Orders re synchronism of watches will be issued later.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.P. [Signature]

Major, P.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

App 7

Headquarters,
Sept. 13th. 1917.

1. It is intended to form pools of 18-pounders and 4.5" Howitzers for the forthcoming operations.
A pool will be formed at the Mobile Workshops for the Divisional Artillery Group.
2. When a gun requires replacing, another may be drawn from the pool on an ordinary indent; and the team that brings the new gun must take the damaged one back to the Workshop, or a certificate from the Battery Commander that the gun is too badly damaged to replace. On arrival on a new gun from the Base it will go into the pool.
3. Guns will be sent from the pool stripped and the following procedure will be followed in the case of replacement of stores sights, etc.:-
When a store or sight becomes a casualty, an indent will be sent in the usual way, or the damaged article itself may be sent in, in which case the store will be issued from the pool. The new store on arrival from the Base will go into the pool. In the case of stores, Battery Commanders' certificates will only be accepted when the stores have been actually destroyed. Memorandum of Examination will accompany all guns sent to or drawn from the pool.
4. Battery Commanders must conform implicitly to these orders, which it is hoped will enable Ordnance to keep the Batteries in the line up to strength. Very great chaos has been caused in the past by Battery Commanders not observing rules on this subject.
5. The 1st. and 5th. Australian Divisional Artilleries will each send six 18-pounders and three 4.5" howitzers for the pool, the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery for the Right Division and the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery for the Left Division.
6. Pool guns will be at Nos. 24 and 29 Ordnance Mobile Workshops at Street 27 - L. 33. d. 2. 4.
7. The following is a list of stores that will be sent with the guns in the pool, and these stores are the only ones available for exchange with the pool :-

18-pounder.
 Memoranda of Examination
 Sights, Dial, No. 7.
 Sights, Rocking Bar
 Sights, Telescopic
 Sights, Clinometer

4.5" Howitzer.
 Memoranda of Examination
 Sights, Dial, No. 7.
 Sights, Bar, Carriage,
 Field, 4.5" Howitzer.

In addition to the above, the following spare stores will be sent to the pool by each of the 1st. and 5th. Australian Divisional Artilleries :-

18-pounder.
 Sights, Dial, No. 7. 5
 Sights, Rocking Bar. 2
 Sights, Telescope. 3
 Sights, Clinometer. 5
 Breech Mechanism, complete. 4
For Air Recuperator Carriages
 Pumps. 3
 Flexible Tube. 3
 Gauge Glasses. 3

4.5" Howitzer
 Carriers, No. 1. 3
 Sights, Bar, Carriage,
 Field, 4.5" Howitzer. 2
 Breech Mechanism. 2

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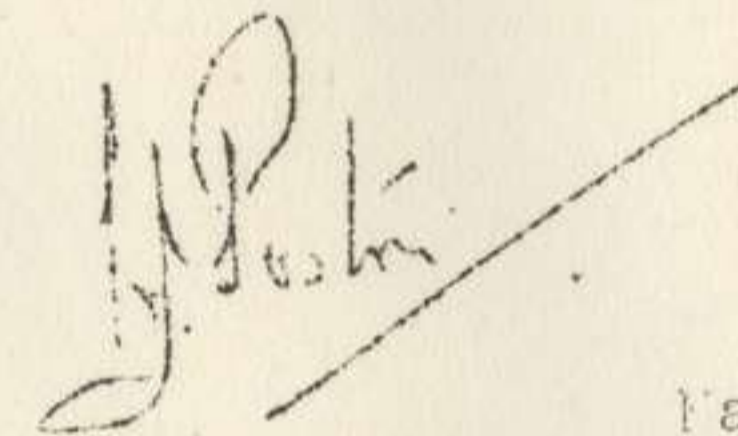
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These spare stores will not be in sufficient quantities in the Divisional Ammunition Columns and must be taken from batteries.

A receipt for all guns and stores sent to Ordnance Workshops will be demanded and given.

8. Every officer is to be made acquainted with these instructions, and the fact impressed upon him that he will only cause delay and vexation by departing in the slightest from them. It is all important that all batteries should be kept up to establishment.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INSTRUCTION No 3

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Reference: HOOGE Sheet
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Sheet 23, 1/40,000

14th September, 1917.

DISPOSITIONS: The operation outlined in 2nd Aust. D.A. Instruction No 1 will be carried out by the 1st Aust Div on the Right and the 2nd Aust. Div. on the Left. The 9th Division will be on the Left of the 2nd Aust. Div. The 6th A.I. Bde will be prepared in the first instance to take over the Divisional Front. The attack will be carried out by the 7th and 8th Bdes (Inf) on the Right and Left respectively.

HEAD QUARTERS: Advanced Divisional Headquarters, H.21.d.3.3.
6th A.I. Bde, BIRR X ROADS,
5th and 7th A.I. Bdes I.12.c.3.5.
5th and 7th A.I. Bdes, (Advanced) I.7.a.3.1.

In the event of the 6th A.I. Bde being required to move forward from I.12.b., Headquarters will be on WESTHORN RIDGE.

COMMUNICATIONS: Two buried lines run forward from BIRR X ROADS Exchange to BELLEWARDE RIDGE; this is being carried on. Arrangements are being made for more direct communication with No 17 Balloon Coy.

BARRAGES: The 5th and 10th Aust. F.A. Bdes will be superimposed on the 4th and 11th Aust F.A. Bdes respectively. The 5th Aust. F.A. Bde will be placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division, but will be employed in Barrage fire unless otherwise ordered.

WIRELESS:

(a) Four wireless masts will be used:-
1. in connection with Batteries at the disposal of the G.O.C. (5th A.F.A. Bde)
1. " " " 104 How. Bty for C.B. work,
1. " " " "C" Group 18-pdr Btys.
1. at Divisional Headquarters.

(b) G.F. and F.F. Calls will be answered by all batteries not already employed on a special task, otherwise as in sub para (d).

(c) L.L. Calls will be answered by all batteries that can reach the spot. If other important work is in progress one section per battery only will be taken off for the call.

(d) If G.F. calls are received during the advance and Barrage fire, those calls within range will be answered by 5th A.F.A. Bde. Should these batteries be engaged on special tasks for the G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div., each will divert one section to answer the call.

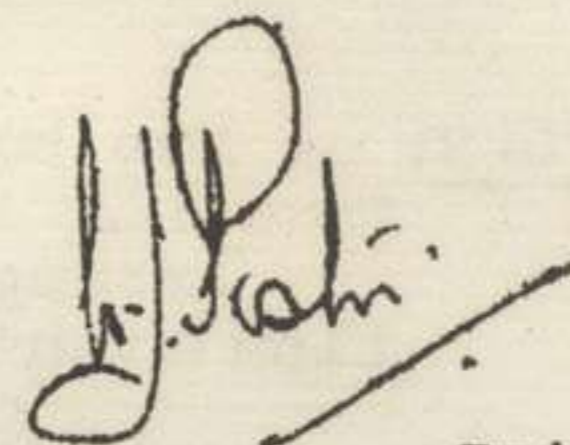
(e) The wireless operator is not to translate messages from the code or to put out or to give orders to put out Ground Strips. This is the duty of the Battery Commander.

6. RATE OF FIRE: As a rule, ^{18-pdr} Batteries will fire 30 rounds per gun and 10 rounds per 4.5" How. for G.F. Calls. For L.L. calls all guns, that under above arrangement can fire, will do so at a rapid rate for 5 minutes, when they will stand to for further Aeroplane signals, and will either recommence or return to their original tasks.

7. SITUATION: The likelihood of a call signifying a counter attack should be carefully considered by Group Commanders beforehand and they will study, what will in all probability be, the line of advance of the attack and should give previous orders to their batteries as to distribution.

If it is certain that a counter attack is in progress they will not be limited to five minutes or a fixed number of rounds, but will continue to fire as long as they are required.

8. HARASSING & ISOLATING FIRE. If required, registration of approaches, etc, can be carried out by 17th Balloon Coy.
9. COUNTER BATTERY: The 104th How. Bty detailed for counter battery work, will answer all N F and G F calls in the inner zone,
10. LIAISON
Lt-Col. H.W.LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., will act as Liaison Officer with the 5th A.I.Bde during forthcoming operations.
Lt-Col EDWARDS- P.M. will act as Liaison Officer with the 7th A.I.Bde.
11. AMMUNITION. Smoke shell will probably be required; orders will be issued later.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Australian Division Artillery

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ORDER No 35

15th September, 1917.

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1. Maps and Diagrams for Bombardment Barrages on "B" Day are enclosed.

2. These Barrages will be in conjunction with the Corps on the Left.

3. 1st BARRAGE, "B" DAY:

(a) Will cover the Corps Front.

(b) The usual overlap of 100 yards on the Corps Boundary and 50

yards on the Divisional Boundary.

(c) Starting Time - Dawn (Exact time will be notified later)

4. 2nd BARRAGE "B" DAY:

(a) Will cover the front of the ^{Right} Left Groups of Divisional Artillery

Groups. (b) All available guns will be used to intensify the fire. "D" Group will be superimposed on "C" Group.

(c) The usual Divisional overlap.

(d) Starting Time - 3 p.m.

5. The starting line for Barrages, 450 yards East of Infantry Jumping off line as shown on maps issued with 2nd Aust. D.A. Order No 34.

6. Ammunition Required:

	<u>1st Barrage</u>	<u>2nd Barrage</u>
18-pdr	84	78
4.5" How.	54	48

7. Rates of Fire and Reports: as in O.O.33

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]

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1. Diagrams for two Bombardment Barrages to be carried out on "C" Day are enclosed.

2. 1st BARRAGE "C" Day.

(a) This barrage will be carried out on the entire front of the Second Army, and in the following order of natures of guns from West to East, - B, A, E, D.

(b) The starting line ("B" Barrage) will be 650 yards East of the Infantry Jumping off line as shown in map issued with 2nd Aust. D.A. Order No 34.

(c) Starting time - 6 a.m.

3. 2nd BARRAGE "C" Day

(a) Over entire front of 2nd Army and in the following order from West to East, - A, B, D, E.

(b) The starting line will be 2,950 yards East of the Infantry jumping off line as shown in above mentioned map.

(c) Starting Time, 8.30 a.m.

4. The usual Corps and Divisional overlap.

5. Ammunition Required:

	1st Barrage	2nd Barrage
18-pdr	84	84
4.5" How	69	84

6. Rates of Fire and Reports, as in O.O. 33

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***** ORDER No. 37. *****

Headquarters,
13th Sept. 1917.

- 1. Diagrams for two bombardment Barrages to be carried out on "D" day are enclosed.
- 2. 1st BARRAGE "D" DAY.
 - (a). Will be carried out in conjunction with the Corps on our Left.
 - (b) Note 3 minutes pause at Z+48 till Z+51.
 - (c) Starting point of "A" Barrage :- 300 Yards from Infantry jumping off line as shown in maps issued with O.O. 34.
 - (d) Starting time 11 a.m.
 - (e) Rates of Fire :-

18-pdrs.	Zero to Zero plus 12'	--2 rds.	p.g.p.m.
	Zero + 12' to Zero + 48'	1 rd.	" "
	Zero + 51' to Zero + 53'	2 rds.	" "
4.5" Hows.	Throughout	1 rd.	" "

- 3. 2nd. BARRAGE "D" DAY.
 - (a) Will be carried out in conjunction with the Corps on our Left.
 - (b) Starting point of "A" Barrage 150 yards from the Infantry Jumping Off Line as shown on map issued with O.O. 34.
 - (c) Rates of fire:-

18-pdrs.	2 rds. per gun per minute throughout
4.5" Hows.	1 rd. " " " " " "
 - (d) Starting time 3 pm

4. Ammunition required:-

	<u>1st Barrage.</u>	<u>2nd Barrage</u>
18-pdrs.	84	96
4-5" Hows.	60	81

- 5. The usual overlap will be allowed.
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. P. O'Keefe

Major R.A.,
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INSTRUCTION No 4

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COMMUNICATIONS AND LIAISON

Headquarters,
16th September, 1917

1. With reference to 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Instruction No 3, para 3, and Instruction No 1, para. 17 -
In the latter, for Brigade read Group.
2. The buried system has now reached the point J.7.a.3.2. and is being carried towards J.7.d.8.9. and J.1.d.65.05. Group Commanders must keep in touch with this.
3. Four pairs in this system have been allotted to the Left ANZAC Group: two pairs (Nos 1 and 3) will be for the Brigade Artillery Liaison Officers: two pairs (Nos 2 and 4) will be for Group F.O.O.'s.
4. In the first stages of the attack, each Group will find one F.O.O. with party and equipment as outlined in Instruction No 1, para 17, and go forward with Battalion Headquarters. They will connect up to the two pairs Nos 2 and 4 at cablehead, wherever it may have reached and communicate with Group H.Q. and Batteries via BIRR X ROADS (BX). F.O.O.'s should also be in touch with, and as close as possible to, compatible with a good O.P., the Power Buzzer.
5. F.O.O.'s must remember that information is essential to the success of an operation; negative information is of value. They are Liaison Officers with the Battalions and F.O.O.'s. Having found where Battalion H.Q. will be, it is their business to observe, meanwhile informing H.Q. where they will be located.
6. F.O.O.'s and their parties are to be detailed at once; told the system on which they will work and given time to study the operation, map and ground. They will pick their next O.P. in collaboration with Brigade Signal Officers, and must be able to see the final objectives and as much ground as possible around them, in order to deal with counter attacks.
7. Brigade Liaison Officers will report to ^{H.Q.} 5th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades, and Battery Liaison Officers to their Battalions, on the afternoon of the 19th inst. The former will take telephone operators and runners.
8. Visual Signalling back to old O.P.'s on WESTHORN RIDGE/will be arranged as detailed in Instruction No 1. ^{from F.O.O.}
9. Flank Batteries of Groups are to be connected by telephone direct with the Flank Batteries of Divisional Groups on Right and Left.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Headquarters,
18th September 1918"D" DAY BARRAGE No A.1.

1. At 5 0 am, "D" Day, the following barrage will be put down.

Depth of Barrage and Nature.

As for the attack day from Zero to Zero plus 45 minutes.

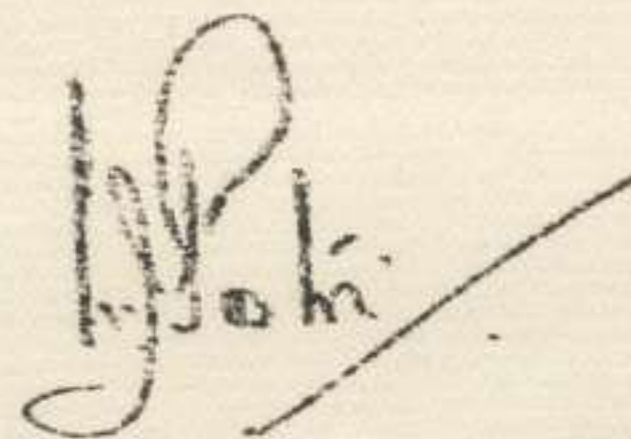
Breadth of Barrage.

For 500 yards South from the barrage dividing line between 1st ANZAC and V Corps.

Number of Guns to be used.

The actual batteries which will be firing on the above area during the attack.

2. There will be no overlap between Corps.
3. 18-pdrs will fire Shrapnel only if within 200 yards laterally of the Corps boundary. This proviso will also apply to Attack day Barrage.
4. In order to even up the ammunition expenditure of "D" day, a breadth and extent of barrage similar to that in paragraph 1, will be omitted from "D" day barrage No 1.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major, P. J.
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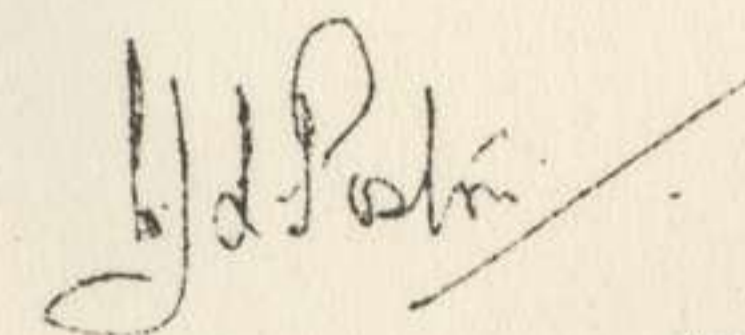
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1. In order to join up with the V Corps, the RED protected barrage line has been curved to meet theirs on the Corps barrage boundary line at J.2.b.5.3. Tracings will be set out showing this. It will only affect the Left of "D" Group (2nd Australian Division).

2. During the attack Day Barrage, 18-pdrs firing within 200 yards laterally of the inter-corps boundary of the 1st ANZAC and V Corps will only fire Shrapnel.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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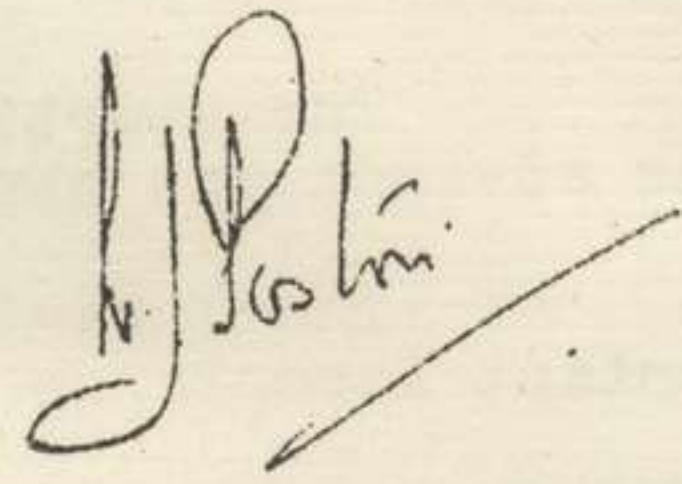
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1. At zero hour on the Day of Attack, a barrage will be put down, under which the Infantry will move forward in each stage of their advance. As it creeps forward, a portion of this will remain as protective barrage whilst the Infantry halt at successive stages; the remainder sweeping the ground in front to a considerable distance and then returning in time to advance again in front of the Infantry in their next stage.
2. The starting times of the Infantry and the three stages of the advance are shown in barrage maps already issued.
3. The Infantry will use Red Flares to mark their position to contact Aeroplanes.
4. The innermost line of the barrage will be 150 yards in front of the line shown as the 'jumping off line'.
5. During the advance, every 18-pdr of "A" barrage, as it reaches each successive protective barrage line, will fire one round of smoke shell to mark its arrival. Batteries requiring smoke shell, will draw from the nearest battery able to supply, within the group.
6. Times of lifts, duration of protective barrages, programmes of the searching barrages and times of its return ready for a further advance are all shown on Barrage Maps and Diagrams already issued under this office A 35/44 of 16th inst. and A 35/50 of 17th inst.
7. The fire ceases, unless further required, at Zero plus 488 minutes (8 hours 8 mins).
8. The rates of fire are as follow:-
- | | 18-pdr | 4.5" How. | P.g.p.m. |
|---|--------|-----------------|----------|
| During Advance | 2 rds | 1 rd | |
| During time Infantry are halted. | 1 " | $\frac{1}{2}$ " | " |
| During first 4 minutes | 4 " | 1 " | " |
| For 4 mins. before advancing after each pause |) 4 " | 1 " | " |
9. These rates will be fired by guns in action. Rates will not be quickened to make up for guns resting, unless the battery is reduced below six guns. The rate of fire for four guns as laid down above must be maintained. From Zero to Zero plus 35 minutes, ALL 18-pdrs in the "A" barrage will be kept in action.
10. It must be carefully noted, that after each advance of the creeping barrage, whilst the Infantry are halting, every barrage on its return to the line, will be on a new line, parallel to the protective barrage. Time has been allowed in the Barrage Diagram, to adjust this line and it should, if possible, be registered beforehand.
11. Resting and overhaul of guns will be carried out as already detailed.

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12. In addition to Liaison duties already detailed for Infantry Brigades and Battalions, Lt-Col. F. O'MAHONY, will act as 2nd Aust. D.A. Liaison Officer with the 9th Divisional Artillery at the MENIN GATE.
13. Communications and wireless as already detailed.
14. The extreme importance of accurate synchronisation of watches and exact timing is evident.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major, R.A.
Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Ar.

1/9	*	"C" Group
10/18	*	"D" Group
19		5th A.F.A.Bdo,
20		11th A.F.A.Bde,
21		4th Aust D.A.
22/25		2nd Aust. Div.
26		R.A., 1st ANZAC
27		H.A., 1st ANZAC
28		9th D.A.
29		1st Aust. D.A.
30		Liaison Officer (6th A.I.Bde)
31	*	Lt-Col H.W.LLOYD, C.B.E., D.S.O.
32	%	Lt-Col P.H. EDWARDS ("C")
33		Lt-Col F.O'MAHONY ("C")

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APPENDIX No 16

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
19th September, 1917.

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ADDENDUM No 1 to ORDER No 40.

There will be no overlap in the barrage of the V and 1st ANZAC CORPS.

J.P.
Major, R.A.
Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

"D" Group,	1/9
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ORDER No 41

Headquarters,

19. 9. 17.

1. On the morning after the attack, about 4.30 a.m., (exact Zero hour will be notified later) a barrage will be put down.
2. The starting point will be the 18-pdr S.O.S. Line which should be approximately :-
 "C" Group, 18-pdr, J.9.b.90.70. to J.3.d.25.90.
 "D" Group, 18-pdr, J.3.d.30.80 to D.27.c.50.10.
 This however must be exactly detailed by Brigade Liaison Officers to Group H.Q., in consultation with G.O.C., Inf. Bde..
3. The Diagrams of timing, lifts and distances for the Creeping Barrages are attached.
4. The inter Group boundary will be the continuation to N.E. of the line J.7.b.90.27. to J.3.d.30.82, with an overlap of 25 yards.
5. From Zero to Zero plus 12, the Heavy Artillery will search and sweep likely places of assembly ^{and} S.V. positions. They will join in the creeping barrage at Zero plus 18.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. D. Posh...
 Major, R.A.
 Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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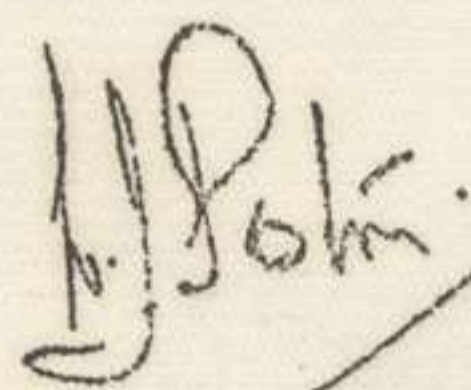
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* * * ORDER No. 42. * * *

Reference Map-ZONNEBEKE 1/10-000.

Headquarters,
19th Sept. 1917.

1. On the assumption that the GREEN line has been taken and held on the day of the attack, the 5th Aust. F.A.Bde. of "D" Group less 105th Howitzer Battery, and one 18-pdr. battery of "C" Group will move to prepared forward positions in I.12.b. and J.7.a. respectively.
2. Orders for this move will be issued from D.A.H.Q..
3. The 4th and 10th Brigades will immediately prepare and complete with ammunition (ammunition allotment is given in table overleaf) the forward positions chosen and pegged out in J.7.a. and b..
4. Every available man is to be put on this work and a party of gunners will be detailed by the 2nd, and 4th D.A.C's and T.M's to assist. It is essential that the work should be completed at the earliest possible moment
5. Guns will be moved into forward positions as soon as possible. Not more than one third of the guns are to be out of action at the same time.
6. Progress reports on positions stating probable time they will be ready for occupation, will be rendered by last D.R. nightly.
7. Orders to move will be issued from Div. Arty. H.Q.
8. The first business of the Field Artillery is to cut the wire in front of JUBILEE TRENCH and this must be commenced on the first day after the advance by 4.5" Hows. with 106 Fuzes. Trench mortars will assist.
9. Modified bombardment barrages will probably be carried out during the next five days after the attack, but where there are strong trenches and points, these are to be specially dealt with.
10. The Field Artillery will be responsible for Harassing fire on communications and approaches over the inner 3000 yards.
11. Divisional and Group Boundary lines for the present will be a prolongation N.E. of the present Boundary lines. Any alteration will be notified.
12. The present system of superimposed Brigades will be continued.
13. Brigade O.P's with organised telephone and visual communication to a transmitting station, must be found as soon as possible
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.


Major, R.A.
Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.Normal Distribution and
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4th Aust D.A.C.
2nd Aust D.F.M.C. & 4th Aust D.T.M.C.

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AMMUNITION ALLOTMENT

	NATURE	A and AX per gun	B X per gun
1.	Minimum in possession at midnight F /F	500	300
2.	Allotment, midnight E/F to midnight K/L	1050	1050
3.	To be in possession at midnight J/K	850	650
4.	To be fired between E/F and J/K (5 days)	750	700
5.	To be in possession at midnight K/L	500	300
6.	To be fired on K Day	350	350

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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Headquarters,
19th September, 1917

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1. On arrival at the GREEN line, which is the final objective, the Infantry will push out posts to a distance of 100 yards in advance of the line that is being consolidated.
 2. When the final Protective Barrage ceases at 0 plus 500 minutes, patrols properly supported will be pushed forward all along the Corps Front. Tactical posts found to be unoccupied by the enemy will be occupied and consolidated.
 3. RED FLARES will be lit in taking objectives approximately at:-

RED line,	0 plus 60 minutes,
BLUE line,	0 plus 164 minutes,
GREEN line,	0 plus 285 minutes.
 4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. Poki
 Major, R.A.
 Brigade-Major,
 2nd Aust. Div. rty.

Normal Distribution.

ORDER No 44

Headquarters,

21st September, 1917.

AMMUNITION

1. Reference 2nd Aust. D.A., Order No 42, Ammunition Allotment Serial No 4, for ^{A & AX} "750" read "700".
2. The daily allotment from Serial No 4 works out at 140 rds A & AX and 140 rds BX per gun per day.
This amount includes expenditure on Bombardment Barrages which will be continued. Diagrams already issued should be kept as they will probably be repeated.
3. Old gun positions are to be cleared of ammunition before ammunition will be issued from the Dumps. Arrangements will be made by Staff-Captain for return of empties.
4. Dumps at gun positions will be kept up to 850 A & AX and 350 BX per gun with full echelons.
5. The front will be covered under the same system as heretofore, and all arrangements re Liaisons, care of equipment, O.P's., Rest for personnel and Resting plans for detachments will hold good and be organised in the new positions.
6. The Officer Commanding 11th Brigade will reconnoitre the forward positions within the Divisional area for the Batteries of his Brigade. They must be within range of a line J.C. Central and D.29. Central.
7. Report and reconnaissance to be forwarded to this H.Q. as soon as possible.
8. Work on the positions must be commenced forthwith.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Osborne. CAPT.
for Major, R.A.
Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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O R D E R No 45
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Headquarters,

22nd September, 1917.

Reference: WESTHOEK Sheet 1/10,000

1. The Second Australian Division will be relieved in the forward area and in the line by the 4th Australian Division on the nights 22nd/23rd and 23rd/24th September.
2. The 4th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades will relieve the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde in the line.
3. On relief Divisional H.Q. will be at RENINGHELST.
4. Divisional and Inter-Group Boundaries will be as follows:-
 - (a) North Div. Boundary:-
Line from J.1.d.8.2. to D.27.d.9.7. to BROODSEINDE (exclusive)
 - (b) South Div. Boundary:-
Line from J.8.c. 5.5. to J.8.d.2.5. to J.8.d.6.9. to J.9.a.5.5. to POLYGON ROAD (inclusive).
 - (c) Inter-Group Boundary:-
J.8.a.00.25 to J.3.d.0.7.
5. The 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. at H.21.d.5.2. (Forward) and HORSE SHOE CAMP (Rear) will close at 10 a.m. on 24th instant and open at RENINGHELST at the same hour. At the same time responsibility for covering the Divisional Front will pass to the C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE

Major, R.A.

Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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1. Herewith Bombardment Barrage Diagram for Barrage on "H" Day.
2. Divisional and Group Boundaries as detailed in No 45.
3. Starting point of "A" Barrage:- 100 yards East of 18-pdr
C.C.S. Line.
4. Time of commencement will be notified later.
5. Rates of Fire:-

18-pdrs.2 rounds p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.	1 round p.g.p.m.

AMMUNITION required:-

18-pdrs.....	.84 A & AX,
4.5" Hows.....	.42 BX.
6. The usual overlap will be allowed.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, R.A.,
Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Artv.

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22nd September, 1917.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ORDER No 47.
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Headquarters,

23rd September, 1917.

1. Herewith Diagram for Bombardment Barrage to be carried out on "I" Day.
2. Starting point 100 yards East of 18-pdr S.O.C. Line.
3. Order of Barrage - "B", "A", "D" and "E".
4. 4.5" Howitzers will not fire 106 Fuzes.
5. Time of commencement will be notified later.
6. Rates of Fire as in 2nd Aust. Div. Art. Order No 46.
7. Ammunition required:-

18-pdr	84	A & AX,
4.5" How.	42	BX
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, R.A.,

Bde-Major, 2nd Australian Div. Arty.

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY 1st ANZAC CORPS.
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 1.
 8 a.m. 10/9/17 to 8 a.m. 11/9/17.

Headquarters,
 11th September '17.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTION.

During yesterday, from 8.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., battery positions in this Group were heavily shelled with 15 and 10.5 cm.. An estimate being 8,000 rounds. The bearing of sound direction from I.14.b.2.8 was 110° true. Guns were also firing from the North East. At 10.30 a.m. HILL FINE CORNER was shelled with about 10 15 cm. At 10 p.m., Battery positions in "C" Group were shelled 15 and 10.5 cm..

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

One enemy plane, flew very low over SPRES about 5 p.m.. 4 bombs from hostile aircraft fell about I.11.a.4.6 yesterday afternoon.

J. Sheehan

Lieutenant
 Staff Lieut. for Reconnaissance,
 2nd Aust. Divisional Arty. for
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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY, 1st ANZAC CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 2,

6 a.m. 11/9/17 to 6 a.m. 12/9/17.

Headquarters,

12th September, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

During yesterday from 3.0. to 10 a.m., 20 rounds harassing fire were placed about J.S.S.O.S.; between 2.0 p.m. and 4.15 p.m., 111 rounds were fired on to D.27.a.75.88. 220 rounds were fired by "D" group in registration and calibration yesterday.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Intermittent shelling of WENIN ROAD, yesterday afternoon.

2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., 500 rounds of 15 and 10.5 cm. fell about battery positions in I.S.C. and I.11.d. from direction of POLYCHNE.

I.11.a. and b. were shelled intermittently with 15 and 10.5 cm. between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

VISIBILITY: High to Medium.

J. Sheehan Lieut.
Staff Lieutenant for Reconnaissance
2nd Australian Division Artillery
For G.R.A.

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LEWT ANZAC GROUP

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 3

3 a.m. 17/9/17 to 3 a.m. 18/9/17

2nd Aust. Div Art. H.Q.
17th September, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY ACTION:

During the last 24 hours harassing fire has been continued on Roads and Approaches.
Registrations carried on and calibrations checked.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTION:

Hostile shelling has increased since last report and was particularly active yesterday in I.11., 12, 13 and 17, also on Roads and Approaches in and around Battery positions. No gas shell during night.

Attached table shows Particulars of Hostile Artillery.

ENEMY DEFENCE:

A strong point has been located at J.O.C. 55.75.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:

Enemy Aircraft were most active yesterday afternoon and were constantly flying low over Battery positions.

At 5.25 p.m. two hostile machines observed for a short on Battery positions in I.17.b.

At 7.15 p.m. three Enemy Planes flew over I.11.c. at from 300 - 500 feet. Lights were dropped from them and the position was immediately accurately shelled.

MOVEMENT:

A party of 50 men seen in D.28.b. and 29.a. at 6.45 p.m.

J. Sheehan
Lie
Staff-Lieutenant for Reconnaissance
For C.R.A., 2nd Australian Div

ARTILLERY ACTION

17/9/17

Locality	Period		Direction of Shelling	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
	Commenced	Finished				
I.11a,b,c & d, I.17.a. & c. J.12.a. & b.	8 a.m.	6 p.m.	BE CELAERE VEGELAERE	10.5 cm. 15 cm.	{ 700	Consistent Shelling.
I.5. Central I.17. Cent.	3.30 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	T.B. 70° from I.11.c.6.8.	10.5 cm. & 15 cm.	80	
<u>Birr X Roads</u>	4.50 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	T.B. 125° from I.11.c.8.5.	15 cm.	50	Aeroplane Ranging.
I.11.b. & c.	4.30 p.m.	6 p.m.	POLYGON WOOD	15 cm.	250	
<u>AMENIN ROAD near Birr X Roads</u>	5 a.m.	6 a.m.	- - -	15 cm.	150	Still firing.
<u>Rifle Farm and vicinity.</u>	6.30 a.m.		BE CELAERE	15 cm.	500	

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LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4.

6 a.m. 13/9/17 to 6 a.m. 14/9/17 .

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Artillery,
14th September 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

700 rounds Harassing fire was used against Roads, approaches and selected targets. 90 rounds were expended in carrying on registrations and checking calibrations.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:

During daylight the MENIN ROAD was shelled with 10.5 cm and 15 cm especially about BIFFER X ROADS. Bursts of fire were put into valley behind WESTHOEK RIDGE at intervals during the afternoon, the RIDGE itself being searched occasionally with H.E. ZONBA CRATER and vicinity were shelled at 4 p.m. with 77 mm and 10.5 cm. Several ranging shots were fired into Batteries at I.11.d. at 4.15 p.m., followed soon afterwards by about 250 rounds destructive fire. Throughout the night there was intermittent shelling in our area which rather increased between 1 and 2.30 a.m.

Retaliation followed Practice Barrage of 42nd Division and was considerable in I.5. and I.6.

Flashes of 77 mm or 10.5 cm type were observed at N E corner of J.4.b. from 3.0 to 3.15 p.m. Troops moved behind hedge there soon afterwards.

ENEMY DEFENCES:

There are some sandbags round lip of shell hole E of HANNEBEKE at J.2.a.7.5.; there are also some short lengths of wire.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:

Most active throughout the day. Planes flew at very low altitudes over Battery positions and large formations worked about the front line. At 5.30 p.m. two Albatross Biplanes dropped 12 and 6 bombs respectively on WESTHOEK RIDGE between J.1.a.5.4. and J.7.b.8.8. At 6.45 p.m. two EA flew over Battery positions and MENIN ROAD at an estimated height of 200 feet. On their return, HELLFIRE CORNER was heavily shelled, there being considerable traffic thereabouts.

MOVEMENT:

Movement was observed in front of building D.28.a.05.11. Men were seen walking along BROODSEINDE - BERGELAERE ROAD at 9.29.e.7.3.

MISCELLANEOUS:

During the Practice Barrage of 42nd Division, split green rockets were sent up and repeated just W of ZONNEBEKE CHURCH. At 3.4 a.m. a red light opening into 2 greens was sent up, following some shelling by us. Retaliation immediately came down.

At 4.50 p.m. large columns of smoke from rear of ZONNEBEKE CHURCH were observed.

J. Sheehan
Lieut.
Staff Lieutenant for Reconnaissance
For C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTION

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Locality Shelled	Period		Direction of shelling	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
	From	To				
RIFLE RANGE	6 a.m.	6 p.m.	--	10.5 & 15 cm	70	
I.11.c.	6 a.m.	8 a.m.	POLYGON WOOD	15 cm	500	H.E., Howitzer
LENIN ROAD	6 a.m.	9 a.m.	--	15 cm.	100	H.E.
BIER X ROADS	6 a.m.	9 a.m.	NOORDEMOEK & Zonneboke	15 cm	500	
I.11.b.	11 a.m.	noon	POLYGON WOOD	15 cm	80	H.E., How.
I.11.c. & d.	2 p.m.		T.3.112 from I.11.c.8.5.	15 cm	50	
I.12.b.	3 p.m.	4.30 pm	NOORDEMOEK	10.5 cm	100	
(I.11.c. & d. I.17.a & b.)	3.30 pm	5 pm	ZONNEBIJKE	all cal.	150	
Bty positions on Road J.12.d.	5 pm	6 pm	NOORDEMOEK	15 cm	100	
LENIN ROAD in I.17.a. & c.	10 pm	4 am	BECEL LEE	15 cm	200	Steady fire.
Bty positions nr BIER X ROADS	10.30 pm	2 am	do	10.5 & 15 cm	250	
Tram Track in I.11.c.	1 am	onward	--	15 cm	100	H.E.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 5

2nd Aust. Div. Arty,
Headquarters,
15/9/17.

6 a.m. 14/9/17 to 6 a.m. 15/9/17

OUR ARTILLERY :

During period 1180 rounds Harassing fire were used against Tracks, roads and activity centers and 490 rounds were expended in registration and checking calibrations.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

During Daylight, MENIN ROAD from HELLFIRE CORNER to BIRR X ROADS was shelled as usual, approx. 1200 rds 10.5 and 15 cm being used. WESTHOEK RIDGE to BELLEWARDE RIDGE was shelled intermittently and at KIT & KAT there was concentrated fire from 3 to 7 p.m. Battery positions around I.11.c.5 and 6 were subjected to 250 rounds 15 cm Destructive fire. Throughout the night gas shell was used extensively along MENIN ROAD and around Battery positions. At 7.15 p.m., following a barrage of our 18-pdrs on our Left, enemy sent up Golden Rain Rockets which were answered by a medium retaliation barrage on front line system.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY: Activity was shown throughout the day over front line. E A crossed our lines five times between noon and 3 a.m. 19 Hostile balloons were up during the afternoon; several appearing to be nearer than usual.

MOVEMENT

A Dog left BLOCKHOUSE at J.3.c.4.8. and went to ruins at J.2.d.7.5. After $\frac{1}{2}$ hour the dog returned and disappeared along road running S.E. from J.3.c.4.8.

Considerable movement observed about building D.27.b.25. OO. flying a Red Cross flag. Men singly and in parties of three were seen along road on crest in J.4.a. This road is screened. 2 men approached TOKIO from the rear.

MISCELLANEOUS

2.30 p.m. a volume of smoke rose at approx D.22.a. During night large fires were observed 1st Left of KIT & KAT also at a point 55th Left of the same place from MONBA CRATER.

J. Shaban Liout,
Staff-Lieutenant for Reconnaissance
For C.R.A., 2nd Aust Div Arty

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTION

Locality Shelled	Period		Direction of shelling.	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks.
	From	To				
(I.11.d. I.17.b., MENIN (ROAD in I.18.a. I.11.a.	6 a.m.	4 pm	BECELAERE	10.5 & 15 cm	400	Steady fire
	6 am	3.45 pm	T.B.67° from I.11.c.5.8.	15 cm	100	
(I.17.b. & I.10.c. (MENIN ROAD I.11.a. & c. I.11.c. I.11.a., b, c, & d. (BIRR X ROADS (& I.17.b.	9 am	noon	- -	15 cm	200	H E
	9.30 am	10.15 am	VOORDEMHOEK	all cal.	200 (approx)	
	2 pm	5.45 pm	-	15 cm	150	
	3.45 pm	6 pm	-	10.5 & 15 cm	700	
	4 pm	5 pm	(BECELAERE & VOORDEMHOEK	10.5 & 15cm	300	Concentrated area shoot
I.12.c. I.11.a.	4.15 pm	5.15pm	ZONNEBEKE	all cal.	200 (approx)	
	6 pm	11 pm	T.B. 69° from I.11.c.6.8.	all cal.	60	
(Southern part of I.11.d (I.12.c. & MENIN ROAD in (I.18.a., I.17.b.	(9.25 pm	9.35 pm	Uncertain	77 mm)	500	Short quick bursts of fire from three batteries
	(10.30 pm	10.40 pm		and)		
	(11.30 pm	11.35 pm		10.5 cm)		
	(12.20 am	12.30 am		H.E.)		
	(3.0 am	2.15 am				
(I.11.c., RIFLE FARM, (MENIN ROAD and HELL- (FIRE CORNER	10.30 pm	5.0 am	ZONNEBEKE	10.5 & 15 cm	-	Intermittent
I.11.c	11 pm	12.20 am	BECELAERE	15 cm		do
I.11.c	3 am	6 am	-	All cal.	50	

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LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No 6

6 a.m. 15/9/17 to 6 a.m. 16/9/17.

2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
16th September, 1917.OUR ARTILLERY ACTION:

During period 150 BX and 670 A and AX were used in Harassing fire on Tracks, Roads and Activity centers in our area. Practice Barrage expenditure was 9,840 A & AX and 2040 BX. There was an E.O.S. on our Right at 3 a.m. in which our batteries co-operated.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTION:

Much activity was shown. MENIN ROAD was again heavily shelled during the day. From 4 - 4.30 p.m. a Barrage was put on HELLFIRE CORNER, which blocked all traffic. Retaliation following barrage practice was heaviest in I.13.a. & b. and I.16.c., most of which came from BROODSEINDE Group. From 10.40 - 11.10 a.m. Battery positions in I.11. were heavily shelled, E.A. having flown at a low altitude over there. Throughout the night, MENIN ROAD, BIRR X ROADS and HELLFIRE CORNER were shelled with varying intensity.

MOVEMENT: More movement than usual was noticed yesterday. At 6.30 a.m., 20 - 30 men were seen in vicinity of J.3.c. moving Left to Right; they were dispersed by our 18-pdrs. At 9.30 a.m. parties of the enemy emerged from J.10.a.7.8. and J.4.c.5.1. bearing white flags; they were engaged by our 18-pdrs and were afterwards caught in our Practice Barrage.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT:

Much activity was shown by E.A. Planes crossed our line immediately after Practice Barrages and flew at a low altitude over Battery positions. Between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m., two machines swept MENIN ROAD near BIRR X ROADS with Machine gun fire. At 4.40 p.m. two planes patrolled I.13 and I.24. One of these dropped a white light bursting into two - the barrage on that area ceased at once. One E.A. was brought down about 5.30 p.m. and at 3.55 p.m. 7 planes flew over YPRES and dropped bombs. Four Hostile Balloons ascended a few minutes after the commencement of our Barrage.

J. Sheehan Lieut.,
Staff-Lieutenant for Reconnaissance,
For C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTION

To 6 a.m. 18/9/17.

LOCALITY SHELLED	Period		Direction of Shelling.	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
	From	To				
(MENIN RD and vicinity (in I.17.a.& b., I.18.a. (RAILWAY in I.11.Central, (I.11.c.& d.	8am	10.30am	D.29.	10.5 & 15 cm	30	
	9.45	10.15am	NOORDEMHOEK	77 mm	20	
MENIN RD.	10.30	noon	BROODBEINDE	10.5&15 cm	250	Steady fire
WESTHOEK RIDGE	10.30am	11.20pm	-	all cal.	-	Light Barrage
I.11.c.7.7.	10.45am	noon	T.B.70° from I.11.c.5.8.	15 cm	180	
Bty.position at I.11.c.8.5.	11.30am	12.30pm	-	15 cm	80	
MENIN RD.	4 pm	4.30pm	-	15 cm	100	
I.11.c.& d.	4.10pm	4.45pm	-	15 cm	50	
(I.10.d.7.5. (I.10.d.20.00	4.5 pm	4.30pm	J.4.a.	(15 cm (from 1 p.g.p.m. (to 4 p.g.p.m.		All <u>Menin Rd</u> Traffic Blocked
(BIRR X ROADS & (valley running to (BELLEWARDE LAKE (in I.12.c.	10 pm	2 am	-	(77 mm) (10.5 cm)	300	

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LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 7

6 a.m. 16/9/17 to 6 a.m. 17/9/17
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2nd Aust. Div. Arty

17/9/17.

OUR ARTILLERY:

During period, 3682 rounds were used as Harassing and
 and Isolating Fire against suspected buildings, and activity centre
 Practice barrages were put down at 10 am and 5.30 pm.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

MENIN RD was again heavily shelled throughout the day
 with 8" and 5.9 . Battery positions in I.11.c and d. were also
 shelled with 8". During the night gas shell was used against Batt-
 eries and along MENIN RD. Retaliation following our Practice
 barrage was heaviest round HOOGE, rear of CHATEAU WOOD, and was lig
 about front line. The shelling of tracks, approaches, etc, was
 lighter than usual. Gas shell was also used in this barrage.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITE:

E.A. crossed out line at intervals during the day.
 At 9.35 am, a patrol of 17 machines, including 3 Gothas, dropped
 bombs on YPRES, flying afterwards over REWINGHELST, then South.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT:

More delay action fuzes were noticed during period
 than previously.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At 5.45 a.m. four white rockets bursting into two
 greens, and at 5 am five white rockets bursting into two reds, were
 sent up; no action followed in either instance.

J. Sheehan
 Staff-Lieutenant for Reconnaissance,
 For C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTION

50 a.m. 17/9/17.

Locality shelled	Period		Direction of shelling	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
	From	To				
HOOGE & rear CHATEAU WOOD, Y WOOD & Ridge in I.11.d, I.12.c.	6 am	10.45 am	--	--	--	Barrage
I.11.a.	10.30am	noon	(ZWAANHOEK, (BERCELAERE	15 cm	50	
I.17.d.	10.30	noon	--	10.5 & 15 cm	60	Howitzer.
I.11.c.	10.45	noon	BERCELAERE,	10.5 & 15 cm	100	
Bty positions in I.11.c.8.	11.30	noon	--	7.7 cm	50	
LEWIN RD in I.11.c.	5.12.45	6.30pm	--	10.5 & 15 cm	80	
Bty positions in I.11.c.	3 pm	5.30 pm	BECELAERE	21 cm	80	
BIER X RDS and valley running to ETANG BELLE- WARDE, Ridge in I.11.d, I.12.c.	3.45	6 pm	--	10.5, 15cm & 8"	350	
HOOGE and rear of CHATEAU WOOD	9 pm	2 am	ZONNEBEKE	15 & 21 cm	400	Area Shoot.
	5.30am	6 am	--	all. cal.	-	In response to our barrage

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LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 8

6 a.m. 17/9/17 to 6 a.m. 18/9/17.
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2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.,

18th September, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: During period 2160 rds 18-pdr and 1104 rds 4.5" have been expended in Harassing Fire and Isolating fire on Tracks, Roads and Activity centres. 1st ANZAC Arty Instructions 131 were carried out at 3 p.m.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: Below normal; heaviest about HOOGE and CHATEAU WOOD. MENIN ROAD was shelled occasionally, but the intense fire of the last two days was not repeated, either on the road or battery positions. An area shoot in J.7.c. & d. and J.13.a. commenced before our barrage opened and afterwards did not appreciably increase.

ENEMY DEFENCE: An O.P. in tree at J.10.a.6.9. is plainly visible and another ^{is} in tree on the mound at J.10.a.7.8. Both of these points are now being dealt with by our harassing fire.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY: Below that of the last few days. At 6.35 pm three enemy planes reconnoitred WESTHOEK RIDGE as usual. At 12.20 pm a plane flew low over HOOGE and, with a light signal, brought down a burst of fire on the road and valley near by. After the 3 pm bombardment, a hostile plane, flying very low, patrolled WESTHOEK RIDGE.

J. Sheehan
Lieut.,
Staff-Lieutenant for Reconnaissance,
For C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division

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ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTION.
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LOCALITY SHELLLED.	PERIOD		DIRECTION of SHELLING	CALIBRE	ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	From	To				
I.17.b.	10 am	10.15 am	BROODSEINDE	21 cm	30	
RIFLE FARM	11.25am	2. pm	ZONNEBEKE	15 cm	20	Intermittent.
HOOGE	noon	1.20 pm	BROODSEINDE	15 cm	200	Mostly shrapnel
I.11.c.	1.45 pm	2.30 pm	--		20	How.
HOOGE WESTHOEK RIDGE)	3.0 pm	4.0 pm	--	all cal.	--	Barrage.
MENIN RD. between HOOGE) and BIRR X ROADS)	5.0 pm 6.15pm	6.0 pm 8.0 pm	BROODESEINDE	15 cm) 21 cm)	400	Shrapnel and H.E.
I.17.b., I.18.a. & b.	7.10 pm	7.40 pm	do	15 cm	20	Area shooting.
BIRR X ROADS	10.0 pm	midnight	-	7.7 cm	150	

From midnight, occasional sharp bursts of light shrapnel were fired on MENIN ROAD and BIRR X ROADS.

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LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 9

8 a.m. 18/9/17 to 3 a.m. 19/9/17.

2nd Aust. Div. Art. F. O.,

19th September, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: 1297 rds 18-pdr and 580 rds 4.5" How. were used as harassing fire on Tracks, roads and activity centres in J.9.d, J.3.b., c, & d, J.4.a. & c, J.9.d., J.10.a. & b, and J.3.a. 100 18-pdr and 80 4.5" rounds were put on Mound J.10.a.7.8. and Tree O.P.'s at J.10.a.6.9. Bombardments according to Corps Order were carried out.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: Activity was normal during the period. HEAVY REIFLE BATT and I.11d and I.17.b. were shelled as usual. Reply to our bombardments was perhaps heavier for shorter periods than hitherto and selected localities of our Field Artillery were heavily shelled. During the night, 200 rounds Mustard Gas were fired into I.18.a. and b.

AERIAL ACTIVITY: Below normal. During the morning bombardment, two E.A. flew low over HOOHE and directed fire about there; they dropped flares at intervals.

MOVEMENT: Whilst Strong Point at J.9.a.53.52 was being shelled by our Heavies, men were seen to leave it for J.9.a.5.4.

MISCELLANEOUS: A large fire, probably a dump, was observed at T.B. 110^e from J.7.b.9.3.

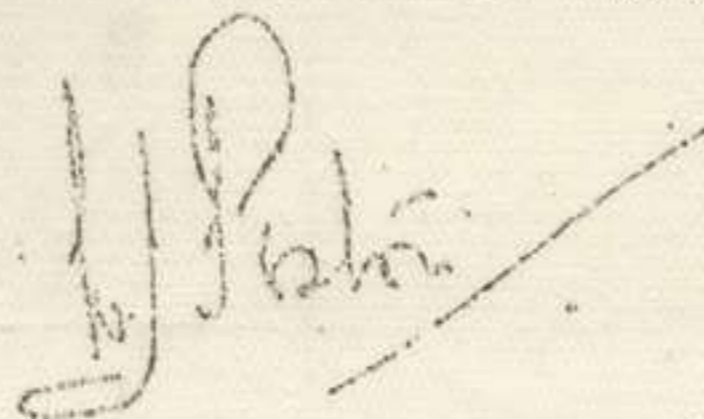
Enemy S.O.S. Signals appear to be:-

On our front - 2 GREEN STARS,

On our Right - 2 RED STARS.

These signals are repeated in the rear and are followed by barrage fire.

The back areas and S.V. positions were searched and swept all night on information from the prisoner taken in the morning about J.3. Central.



Major, R.A.
Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Art.

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 ENEMY ARTILLERY ACT ON.
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To 4 a.m. 19/7/17.

LOCALITY SHELLED	Period		Direction of Shelling	CALIBRE	ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	From	To				
I.10.b. and J.7.c) J.13.a. and I.10.c.,	8.30am	11.0 am	BROODSEINDE	15 & 21 cm	400	Destructive fire.
RIFLE FARM	8.0 am	10.0 am	POLYGON VELD	10.5 & 15 cm	150	
J.7.c to J.15.a.	11.0 am	11.30.m	--	15 cm	300	
Gun position I.11.c.8.5.	10.0 am		Right of Sector	10.5 & 15 cm	50	
MENIN RD in I.17, I.18., I.11.c and d.	noon	5.0 pm	BROODSEINDE	7.7, 10.5 & a few 21 cm.	300	Harassing Fire
BIER X RDS,	4.30pm	5.0 pm	--	15 cm	50	
Bty. positions in I.11.c & d.	5.0 pm	7.0 pm	BROODSEINDE, T.B.67° from I.11.c.5.3.	10.5 & 15 cm	700	
Bty positions in I.11.d.2.4., I.11.c.95.55., I.11.c.8.5.	thro'	night	J.5.	15 cm	-	occasional concentra tion

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 10.

6 a.m. 19/9/17 to 6 a.m. 20/9/17 .

Headquarters,
20/9/1917.OUR ARTILLERY .

During period 1440 rounds 18-pdr. and 480 4.5" How. rounds were used in Harrassing, Isolating and Destructive Fire. One Howitzer battery shelled active enemy battery with gas shell. Corps order was carried out at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m..

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Battery positions in I.11.d. and I.17.a. were again subjected to regular, methodical shelling by 15 cm. battery from the direction of BECELAEERE, The shelling increased in answer to our barrages and extended to HOOGE, CHATEAU WOOD and along WESTHOEK RIDGE. MENIN ROAD and RIFLE FARM were also intermittently shelled throughout the day with 10.5 and 15 cm..

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

There was much activity over our front system. At 9.55 a.m. 9 enemy planes came in contact with 2 of ours and shot down one of the latter which crashed about J.3.c.. At 4.40 p.m. E.A. with engine painted RED and marked "Z" flew over our front line and dropped a white light. Balloons were up at T.B. 55° and T.B. 75° from I.11.d.7.6..

MISCELLANEOUS.

(Signals). At 8.45 a.m. a white light breaking into 2 reds was fired from J.26.a. towards enemy lines and at 6.10 p.m. similar lights went up about J.4.b.. Nothing followed.

J. Sheehan Lieut.
Staff Lieutenant for Reconnaissance,
for C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division.

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20/9/17

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

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Location shelled	Period from to	Direction of shelling	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
Pty positions in I.11.c	9.30am 12.40pm	T.B.720 -770 from I.11.c.5.1.	10.5 & 15 cm (10.5 principally)	400	Steady fire 2 rds per min.
MENIN ROAD	Thro'out day	--	15 cm	200 (a. prox)	Intermittent sharp bursts of shrap.
Bty. positions in I.11.c.	3.0 pm 5.45 pm	(BROODSHINDE (BLCELAENE BECEMLIE	10.5 and 15 cm	200	Intense fire
do do	Thro'out night		10.5, 15cm & 8"	--	Varying intensity.

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LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 211.

6 a.m. 20/9/17 to 6 a.m. 21/9/17

Headquarters,

1st Sept., 1917.

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OUR ARTILLERY In accordance with operation orders, our barrage commenced at 5.40 a.m. Visibility for a time was bad owing to light, but later on F.O.O's were able to see clearly and send down valuable information. The programme was carried through according to orders and to schedule time. Batteries ceased fire at 1.48 pm. Barrage was reported as satisfactory. In readiness for counter attacks, batteries "stood by" and fired on activity reported by F.O.O's and Liaison Officers. S.O.S's were received during the afternoon and responded to. No counter attacks materialised. Harassing fire was carried out during the night and Corps order complied with at 4.30 a.m..

ENEMY ARTILLERY: On our barrage opening, the enemy sent up various colored lights; shelled WESTHORN RIDGE and valley towards BELLE-MADEE RIDGE heavily. This continued until 11.30 a.m. ATWIN RE HOOGE and CHATEAU WOOD were shelled, but not heavily and the fire on our battery positions was the lightest yet reported.

AERIAL ACTIVITY: Enemy planes were generally unable to cross our line yesterday, but during the morning a patrol of 8 machines flew low over Battery positions, one of them was shot down by a machine gun attached to 2nd Aust. D.A..

MISCELLANEOUS: GREEN SPLIT and RED SPLIT flares, also GOLDEN RAIN Rockets were sent up from enemy posts on our barrage opening and were replied to by their Artillery fire.

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Lieut.
Staff Lieut. for Reconnaissance.
For C.R.A., 3rd Austr. Div.

Calibre
Range
100
150
200
250
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350
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ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTION

Locality Shelled	From	Period To	Direction of Shelling	Calibre	Rounds	Remark
I.10.d.	3 a.m.	9 a.m.	POLYGON WOOD	15 cm	100	
I.17.b.	6 a.m.	noon	82° T.B. from I.18.a.0.3. 77° T.B. from I.17.B.8.4.	7.7 cm 10.5	(150	Shrapnel
I.11.d.	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	60° T.B. from I.11.d.85.40	15 & 21cm	100	
I.11.a. & b.	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	60° T.B. from I.11.d.85.40	H V	50	
YPRES-LENIN RD.	Intermittently		----	10.5 & 15 c	-	
I.12.a. & b.	3.30 pm	7 pm	73° T.B. from I.12.c.69.05	10.5 & 15cm	200	

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LEFT GROUP ANZAC ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 12

6 a.m. 31/9/17 to 6 a.m. 2nd/9/17.

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2nd Aust. Div. Art. H. Q.

22nd September, 17.

OUR ARTILLERY:

Harassing fire was carried out to the extent of 800 rds 18-pdr and 400 rds 4.5" How, on Road J.4.b.1.5. to D.28.c.3.2, then to D.29.c.15.25, also J.10.b.0.0. to J.4.d.10.27.. Approximately 7,500 rds were fired on S.O.S. between 7.10 and 8.15 last night.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

Was again most active. Some light shelling is reported on CHATEAU WOOD and I.17.a. and b. BIRRX RDS were shelled at intervals. During the night there were some short bursts of fire in I.11.c. and

AERIAL ACTIVITY:

Large enemy formations (Gotha and escorts) crossed our lines at 1.45 and 2.50 p.m. and bombed Battery positions, YPRES and rear areas. Planes again crossed about 9 p.m. and dropped bombs in DICKERUSCH area.

MOVEMENT:

Vehicle and team seen unloading under camouflage at D.28. Parties assembled there soon afterwards. Four Motor Transports observed going S.W. on road at J.5.a.5.2. One Motor Transport going S.W. on road at E.25.c.3.7. 50 Infantry at J.10.d.8.1. going West.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTION

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Locality shelled.	Period From	To	Direction of shelling	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
J.7.d. CHATEAU WOOD	8.30pm	Noon		15 cm	30	
I.11.c.& d.	8.30pm-	Noon	600 T.B. from I.11.d.85.40.	10.5 cm	32	
I.17.d.	Intermittent		800 T.B. from I.17.b.5.7.	15 cm	50	

[Signature]
Major, R.A.
Bde-Major, 2nd Aust. Div.

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 13.

6 a.m. 22/9/17 to 6 a.m. 23/9/17.

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2nd Aust. Div. Art. H.Q.,

23rd September, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: Harassing fire was carried out on Road through J.4.b. and D.28.c. Bursts of fire were put on the road at irregular intervals throughout the night. A machine gun was silenced at the mound in J.10.a. TOKIO was used as Registration and Calibration point. At 4.37 a.m., Batteries opened in response to an C.O.S. signal; they remained in action until 5 a.m. At 6.32a.m. a G.F. call was answered. Two Bdes. & Secs. of remainder moved to forward area.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: During period, front line system was more heavily shelled than usual. A barrage was put on ANZAC and across the Group Sector from 4.0 to 4.20 p.m. MENIN RD and Battery positions in I.11.c. & d. were shelled intermittently. WESTHOEK RIDGE was not so heavily shelled yesterday. Estimated 800 rds fell about the BELLEWARDE LAKE and RIDGE. The absence of 7.7 cm shell was noticed in rear of WESTHOEK RIDGE.

ENEMY DEFENCE: Suspected Trench Mortar positions are reported in shell hole at J.3.b.25.30 and J.3.b.30.30. New work at D.27.d.30.00. was noticed. Snipers worked from shell holes at J.3.b.8.8.

AERIAL ACTIVITY: Enemy planes were most active yesterday at 6.30 a.m.

They dropped bombs on DICKEBUSCH. From 9 to 11 a.m. 12 planes were over our lines flying low. 10.30 am, 7 reconnoitred BELLEWARDE RIDGE and directed fire on Battery positions thereabouts. At 7.10 p.m. an enemy plane attacked a balloon in rear of YPRES. The AIRMAN appeared to be intent on killing observers, since he fired on them after they had left the basket. The balloon was not destroyed.

MOVEMENT: A limber was seen in the vicinity of the Mound, POLYGON WOOD, returning at a gallop. Following enemy positions are reported as active:- About D.28.c.15.10, Road D.27.a.6.3., to D.27.d.30.45, Road .27.d.8.5, to D.27.d.0.9. to J.4.d.2.4.; area D.28.d.3.7, D.29.c.3.5., J.4.b.7.7, J.5.a.4.7. There was a good deal of movement, both transport and pedestrian, on NOORDEMHOEK - BROODSEINDE RD.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTION.

Locality Shelled.	Period		Direction	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
	From	To				
I.12.b.	10.40am	11.30am	Unknown	15 cm		6 rds p.m.
I.17.a. & c.			"	10.5cm		" "
I.7.central	1.45pm	2.0 pm	"	8"	40	
I.12.central	2.50pm	3.0 pm	"	10.5 & 15 cm	50	
I.12.c. & d.	3.0 pm	4.15pm	70°Mag. from I.12.d.3.5.	15cm & 8"	100	
I.12.a. & b.	12.30am	2.0 am	70° T.B. from I.12.b.2.0.	10.5 & 15 cm		Varving from 6 to 10 r.p.m.

J. Sheehan Lieut,
Staff-Lieut. for Reconnaissance,
For C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div. Art.

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 DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.161.

APPENDIX

BY
 BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J.JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.
 COMMANDING 2nd.AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd.Aust.Div.Artly.H.Q.

September 1st. 1917.

STRENGTH. 1.

2nd/Lieutenant A.D.WATSON is taken on the strength of 2nd.Australian Divisional Artillery, from Reinforcements, and is posted for duty to 2nd. Aust.D.A.C. - dated 31-8-1917.

REDUCTION.2.

IN EXERCISE of the powers delegated to him by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief under Section 183 (2) of the Army Act, 1st. 1st.A.&.N.Z.Army Corps Commander has ORDERED and DIRECTED that No.29454, SERGEANT N.SIMSON, 2nd.AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN be reduced to the rank of Bombardier as from the thirtieth day of August, 1917.

(Authority: 2nd.Aust.Div. 122/159 of 31-8-1917).

J.S.MEHAN, Lieutenant,
 Acting Staff Captain, 2nd.Aust.Div.Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ORDER NO. 162

by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J. JOHNSTON C.B., C.M.G., V.D.
Commanding 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery .

Headquarters,
1st Sept. 1917.

TRANSFERS.

1.

Major O.F. DIXON D.S.O. relinquishes command of 11th Battery and is transferred to Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery, Dated 1/9/17. He will leave for England on 2/9/17 and on arrival in LONDON will report to A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Road.

Captain (T/Major) E.J. MILFORD will command 11th Battery vice DIXON Transferred. Dated 1/9/17.

Captain (T/Major) A.T. HATTON will command 10th Battery vice MacARTHUR Transferred to 2nd D.A.C.. Dated 1/9/17.

No. 29454 Bombardier N. SIMSON, 2nd Aust. D.A.C. is transferred to 5th A.F.A. Brigade. Dated 1/9/17..

J.S. Mehan Lieut.,
A/Staff Captain,
2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 163

by

BRIGADIER GENERAL G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
 COMMANDING 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
 September 3rd, '17.

- POSTINGS. 1. Officers will be relieved for a fortnight's change, dated 3/9/17, as follows:-
- Lt F.J. RYAN, 10 Bty will be relieved by 2nd Lt L.B. MARSHALL, 2nd Lt C.E. MICHELL, 104 Bty to be relieved by 2nd Lt J. FREEMAN, D.A.O. 2d Lt F.S. THOMPSON, 14 Bty to be relieved by 2nd Lt T.D. MOXON, 2nd Lt H.R. BRADDON, 13 Bty to be relieved by Lt C.L. MAJOR, 2nd Lt T.E.O. NELL, 105 Bty to be relieved by 2nd Lt C. VERSO.
- TRANSFER. 2. Captain E.S. PLAYFAIR, 2nd Aust D.A.H.Q. is transferred to regimental duty with 5th F.A. Brigade- dated 1/8/17. (Authority A.I.F. List No 221 of 24/8/17. This cancels the notification which appeared in D.A.O. No 151 of 15/8/17.)
- STRENGTH. 3. Captain R.C. OSBORNE, M.C., is taken on strength of 2nd Aust D.A.H.Q., vice Captain E.S. PLAYFAIR to regimental duty (dated 1/8/17). This cancels notification which appeared in D.A.O. No 151 of 15/8/17.
- APPOINTMENTS. 4. Captain R.C. OSBORNE, M.C., to be Staff Captain, 2nd Aust Div. Artillery, vice Captain E.S. PLAYFAIR to regimental duty. 1/8/17 (Authority A.I.F. List No 221 of 24/8/17. This cancels the notification which appeared in D.A.O. No 151 of 15/8/17.)
- Lieutenant D.A. FOWLER to be Acting Adjutant, 4th A.F.A. Bde, vice Captain R.C. OSBORNE, M.C., transferred- dated 1/8/17. (This cancels notification appearing in D.A.O. 151 of 15/8/17).

J. S. MEHAN, Lieut

Actg Staff Capt, 2nd Aust. Div. Art

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 147,
by
BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., CMG., V.D.
COMMANDING 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters,
5th September, 1917.

TRANSFERS

1. Lieut. A. ROBERTS, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred to 5th A.F.A. Brigade and posted for duty with 15th Battery, dated 4/9/17.

No 8942, B.S.M. (Warrant Officer (Class 2))
LEWIS, C.A. 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred to 5th A.F.A. Brigade and is posted for duty with 105th How. Battery - dated 5/9/17.

R.C. OSBORNE, Captain,
Staff Captain, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 165
by
BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
COMMANDING 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd Aust. Div. Art. Headquarters,
7th September, 1917.

TRANSFERS.

The undermentioned N.C.O's of 2nd Australian

1. D.A.C. are transferred to 4th A.F.A. Brigade - dated 7/9/17.

No 29662	B.Q.M.S. LILLEY, J.J.,
6969	B.Q.M.S. MASON, J.A.,
26269	Sgt. EXLEY, D.,
11483	SGT. HEGARTY, G.W.,
6979	Sgt. MUMFORD, R.L.,
6746	Qtr/Sgt. ROBB, A.R.,
6718	Cpl. GARTSIDE, J.G.,
11826	Cpl. DALE, F.
108	Cpl. FRIEDMAN, N.L.H.,
9344	Cpl. PARFREY, H.,
48	Bdr. HUGHES, E.V.,
527	Bdr GIBBONS, A.G.

ATTACHMENT.

No 10189, Sgt MACDERMOTT, P.S., 2nd Australian

2. D.A.C., to be temporarily attached for duty with 4th
A.F.A. Brigade - dated 7/9/17.

R.G. OSBORNE, Captain,
Staff Captain, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 166
by
BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.
COMMANDING 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

9th September, 1917.

1. APPOINTMENTS. Captain G. H. KIRBY will temporarily command 2nd
2nd Australian D.A.C., vice Major A. T. MACARTHUR, -dated
9/9/17.

R .C. OSBORNE, Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Australian Divn. Artillery.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 167

by
Brigadier-General G.J. JOHNSTON C.B., C.M.G., V.D.
Commanding 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery,

Headquarters,
11th September '17

PROMOTIONS.

1.

TO BE CAPTAINS from 1st SEPTEMBER 1917:-

Lt. (T/Capt.)	S.C. LEWIS	2nd Aust. D.A.C.
Lieut.	R.V. DIMOND M.C.	5th A.F.A. Bde.
Lieut. (T/Capt.)	F.G. SHORTHOUSE	Div. T.M's.
"	F.T.D. MEARES	5th A.F.A. Bde.
Lieut.	A.S. MACPHERSON	5th A.F.A. Bde.
Lieut.	B. MINTER	5th A.F.A. Bde.

Authority D.A.G.A.I.F. 151/21/261. 3/9/17

TO BE CAPTAINS from 1st SEPTEMBER 1917:-

Lieut.	D.A. Fowler	4th A.F.A. Bde.
Lieut.	C.V. REES	4th A.F.A. Bde.

Authority DA.G., A.I.F. 151/21/261
dated 7/9/17.

TRANSFERS.

2.

2/Lt. L.B. MARSHALL from 2nd D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Bde.,
and is posted to 10th Battery.
2/Lieut. L.R. ANDREWES from 2nd D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A.
Brigade and is posted to 11th Battery.
2nd Lieut. J.A. FREEMAN from 2nd D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A.
Brigade and is posted to 104th How. Battery.
2nd Lieut. C. VERSO (attached to 105th How. Bty.) from
2nd D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Bde. and is posted to
104th How. Battery.
2nd Lieut. T.D. MOXON (Attached 14th Battery) from 2nd
D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Brigade and posted to 11th
Battery.
R.S.M. (W.O. Class 1) A. GARLAND from 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
to 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

All above transfers to date from 11th September 1917.

R. G. OSBORNE Captain
Staff Captain 2nd A.D.A..

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 188

by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
COMMANDING 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

18th September, 1917.

ATTACHMENT

1.

Lieut. L.R. BLAKE, M.C., 105th Bty, 5th A.F.A. Bde., is temporarily attached for duty with 104th Bty, 4th A.F.A. Bde., dated 15/9/17.

Lieut. G.J.F. CAMPBELL, 2nd Aust. Div. Med Trench Mortar Batteries, is temporarily attached for duty with 2nd D.A.C., dated 15/9/17.

Lieut. H.B. CONNOR, 2nd Aust. Div. Med. Trench Mortar Batteries, is temporarily attached for duty with 2nd D.A.C. dated 15/9/17.

2nd Lieut. (Hon Lieut) J.C. SMYTH, 2nd Aust. Trench Mortar Batteries is temporarily attached for duty with 2nd D.A.C. dated 15/9/17.

2nd Lieut S.F. THOMSON, 14th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde., ceases to be attached to 2nd Aust D.A.C. and resumes duty with 5th A.F.A. Bde. - dated 15/9/17.

2nd Lieut. T.E.O. HILL, 105th How. Bty, 5th A.F.A. Bde., ceases to be attached to 2nd D.A.C., and resumes duty with 105th Battery - dated 15/9/17.

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2nd Lieut. S.F. THOMSON, 14th Bty., 5th A.F.A. Bde., is transferred to 15th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde., - dated 15/9/17.

R.C. OSBORNE, Captain,
Staff-Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 160 **APPENDIX**

by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J. JOHNSON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
 COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
 17/9/17. 17/9/17.

1. TRANSFERS. Captain L.E. BEAVIS, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty, ceased to be seconded as Staff-Captain, R.A., 1st ANZAC H.Q., and is transferred to 5th Aust. Div. Arty. - dated 1/9/17.

Captain F.H. BERRYMAN, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., ceased to be seconded as Staff-Captain Trainee and is transferred to 6th (Army) Bde Aust. P.A. - Dated 1/9/17.

Lieut. L.A. CLEVELAND, L.C., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., seconded for duty with "K" Corps Ammunition Park, is transferred to the General List, - Dated 1/ /17.

(Authority A.I.F. List 225 of 4/9/17)

Captain (T/Major) E.L. BURKE, 14th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde is transferred to 4th A.F.A. Bde, and is posted to the command of 104th Battery, - dated 16/9/17.

Lieut. A.S. FORD, 4th A.F.A. Bde, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. is transferred to 4th Aust. Div. Arty, - dated 7/9/17.

(Authority D.A.G.A.I.F. 151/21/231 of 3/9/17)

Lieut. F.N. SNOW, 4th A.F.A. Bde, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. is transferred to 1st Aust. Div. Arty, - (dated 12/9/17)

(Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 151/21/231 of 7/9/17)

Lieut H.R. IRVINE, 2nd Aust D.A.C. is transferred to 4th A.F.A. Bde and is posted to 12th Battery, dated 16/9/17.

No 8542, B.Q.M.S. MCKENZIE, H.G., 2nd Aust D.A.C. ceased to be attached for duty with 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortars and is transferred to 12th Battery, 4th A.F.A. Bde, vice No 158 B.Q.M.S. KERR, H.W.S., & dated 16/9/17.

2. PROMOTIONS. The undermentioned officers are granted Temporary rank of Major whilst commanding batteries (dated 1/9/17):-

Captain A.T. HARTON, vice DIXON seconded,
 Captain E.J. MILFORD, vice FANNING wounded.

Captain G.A. VASEY is granted the Temporary rank of Major and to remain seconded as Brigade-Major, 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. dated 8/9/17. (Authority A.I.F. List 225 of 4/9/17)

Captain E.L. BURKE is granted the temporary rank of Major whilst commanding a Battery, - dated 16/9/17.

(Authority, 2nd Aust. Div. A15 of 16/9/17)

To be Lieutenants, - dated 1/8/17:-

2nd Lieut (Hon Lt.) J.C. SKYTH and to remain seconded with 2nd Aust. Div. H.T.M. Bty.,

2/Lt C.A. NIXON,	2/Lt. C.T. Mc I. HEATH,
2/Lt H.R. BRADFORD,	2/Lt C.G. ROBERTS,
2/Lt C.N. RICHARDS,	2/Lt J.W. MURRAY,
2/Lt T.K. ROWAN,	2/Lt E.B. CONNOR,
2/Lt A.B.C. LAING,	2/Lt L.C. SIMPSON,
2/Lt E. HUTCHESON,	2/Lt S.F. THOMPSON,
2/Lt T.E.O. NELL.	

(Authority, A.I.F. List 228 of 11/9/17),

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3. APPOINTMENT. Lieut G.H. HURN to be Adjutant, 2nd Aust D.A.C, vice Lieut A.B.SMODGRASS to regimental duty, - dated 22/8/17.
(Authority, A.I.F.List 228 of 11/9/17)
4. ATTACHMENT. On Captain (T/Major) E.L.BURKE taking command of 104th Howitzer Battery, Lieut L.R.BLAKE, M.C., ceased to be attached to 104th Battery and resumes duty with 105th How. Bty, 5th A.F. Bde, dated 16/9/17.
Lieut. A.P.KURTS, 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortars Batteries, is temporarily attached for duty with 2nd Aust D.A.C. dated 16/9/17.
5. TRANSFER. Captain R.H.THOMPSON, M.C., 2nd Aust Div.Arty., is transferred to 1st Aust. Div. Arty.- dated 1/9/17.
(Authority, A.I.F.List 225 of 4/9/17).
6. SECONDED. Lieut A.S.MACPHERSON, M.C., evacuated wounded, is placed on the Seconded List, - dated 16/8/17.
(Authority, A.I.F.List 225 of 4/9/17)
7. SUPERNUMERARY. Captain E. PLAYFAIR, evacuated wounded, is placed on the Supernumerary List, - dated 31/8/17.
(Authority A.I.F.List 228 of 11/9/17)

R.C.OSBORNE. Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 100
 by
 BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
 COMMANDING 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

15th September, 1917.

ATTACHMENT
 1.

Lieut. L. R. BLAKE, M.C., 105th Bty, 5th A.F.A. Bde., is temporarily attached for duty with 104th Bty, 4th A.F.A. Bde, dated 15/9/17.

Lieut. G. J. F. CAMPBELL, 2nd Aust. Div. Med Trench Mortars Batteries, is temporarily attached for duty with 2nd D.A.C., dated 15/9/17.

Lieut. M. B. CONNOR, 2nd Aust. Div. Med. Trench Mortar Batteries, is temporarily attached for duty with 2nd D.A.C. dated 15/9/17.

2nd Lieut. (Hon Lieut) J. C. SMYTH, 2nd Aust. Trench Mortar Batteries is temporarily attached for duty with 2nd D.A.C. dated 15/9/17.

2nd Lieut S. F. THOMSON, 14th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde, ceases to be attached to 2nd Aust D.A.C. and resumes duty with 5th A.F.A. Bde. - dated 15/9/17.

2nd Lieut. T. E. O. BELL, 105th How. Bty, 5th A.F.A. Bde, ceases to be attached to 2nd D.A.C., and resumes duty with 105th Battery - dated 15/9/17.

TRANSFER
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2nd Lieut. S. F. THOMSON, 14th Bty., 5th A.F.A. Bde, is transferred to 15th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde, - dated 15/9/17.

R. C. OSBORNE, Captain,
 Staff-Captain,
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER 170

by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.J. JOHNSTON C.B., C.M.G., V.D,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

18th September, 1917

ATTACHMENT. Capt. R.V. DIMOND, M.C., 5th A.F.A.Bde., is temporarily attached to 4th A.F.A.Bde and is posted to temporarily command the 12th Battery, vice Major W.H. St CLAIR, evacuated, - , dated 18/9/17.

R.C. OSBORNE, Capt.,
Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 171

by
BRIGADIER GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

21st September, 1917.

TRANSFERS,

- Lieut. A. P. KURTZ, 2nd Aust. Div. Medium Trench Mortars,
1. is transferred to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. - dated 21/9/17.

S/Lieut. A. D. WATSON, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred
to 2nd Aust. Div. Medium Trench Mortars - dated 21/9/17.

ATTACHMENT,

- S/Lieut. A. D. WATSON, 2nd Aust. Div. Medium Trench
2. Mortars, is temporarily attached for duty to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. -
dated 21/9/17.

R. G. OSBORNE, Captain,

Staff Captain,

2nd Australian Divisional Artillery

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 178

by

BRIGADIER GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
 COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters

25th September, 1917.

SECONDING. • Capt. W.J. CHRISTIE ceased to be seconded for Staff Training and is seconded for duty as Staff Captain, R.A., 1st ANZAC vice BEAVIS to Regimental duty - dated 1st September, 1917.
 1. (Authority A.I.F. List 232 of 21/9/17)

The undermentioned officers, invalided, are placed on the Seconded List, dated 4/9/17 :-

Major F. HARRIS, D.S.O.
 Captain J.E. MITCHELL,
 (Authority A.I.F. List 232 of 21/9/17)

Lieut. G.P. MAJOR is seconded for duty with the Reserve Brigade A.A. - 13/9/17.
 (Authority A.I.F. List 232 of 21/9/17)

SUPERNUMERARY. Lieut. W.H. EVANS is placed on the Supernumerary List, dated 14/9/17.
 B- (Authority A.I.F. List 232 of 21/9/17)

TRANSFERS.

5. Lieut A.B. CHUBBASS, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred to 4th A.F.A. Brigade, for duty with 12th Battery - dated 23/9/17.
 (and is posted)

PROMOTIONS.

To be Lieutenants:-

4. S/Lieut. J.C. WILLIAMSON, 1/9/17,
 S/Lt E.K. WILKINSON, 1/9/17,
 S/Lt S.L. ROBERTS, 1/9/17,
 S/Lt R.J.R. HURST, 4/9/17,
 S/Lt G.L. VERRIO, 18/9/17 (Now deceased)
 S/Lt L. R. ANDREWS, 18/9/17.
 (Authority A.I.F. List 230 of 18/9/17.)

R. C. OSBORNE, Captain,
 Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO 173
 by
 BRIGADIER GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.
 COMMANDING BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Headquarters,
 28th September, 1917.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned officers are taken on strength of 2nd
 1. Australian Divisional Artillery, and are posted to 2nd Aust.
 D.A.C., dated 28/9/17.

S/Lieut. A.G. SIMONSON,

S/Lieut. F.W. INGHAM.

TRANSFERS. The following transfers are confirmed:-
 2.

Lieut. F.S. THOMPSON, 12th Battery to 14th Battery,
 dated 24/9/17.

Lieut. G.T. COLLETT, 10th Howitzer Battery to 13th
 Battery, dated 24/9/17.

Lieut. T.H. O'NEILL, 12th Battery to 15th Battery, dated
 24/9/17.

R.G. GARDNER, Captain
 Staff Officer
 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

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 DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 174,
 by
 BRIGADIER GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,
 COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
 29th September, 1917.

- STRENGTH. (a) Captain B. MINTER resumes duty from Seconded List and is
 1. posted to 14th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, dated 27/9/17.
 (b) Lieut. A. BICKERS ceases to be seconded for duty with 2nd
 Aust. Div. Trench Mortar Batteries and is posted to 5th A.F.A.
 Brigade, dated 29/9/17.
 (c) Lieut. D. V. BRATH ceases to be seconded for duty with 2nd
 Aust. Div. Trench Mortars and is posted for duty with 2nd Aust.
 D.A.C., dated 27/9/17.
 (d) Lieut. C. J. F. CAMPBELL ceases to be seconded for duty with
 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortar Batteries and is posted to 13th
 Battery, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, dated 27/9/17.

- ATTACHMENT Lieut. M. B. CONNOR ceases to be attached for duty with 2nd
 2. Aust. D.A.C. and resumes duty with X 2 A T.M. Battery, ^{and to command} dated
 29/9/17.

- TRANSFERS, Lieut. A. P. KURTS, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred to 5th
 3. A.F.A. Brigade, and is posted for duty with 105th How. Battery,
 dated, 27/9/17.
 2/Lieut. A. G. EDMONDSON, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred
 to 5th A.F.A. Brigade, - dated 29/9/17.
 2/Lieut. F. W. INGHAM, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred to
 5th A.F.A. Brigade, - dated 29/9/17.

H. G. OSBORNE, Captain
 Staff Captain
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 175
by
BRIGADIER GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, G.S., G.S.M., V.D.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
30th September, 1917.

PROMOTIONS

- 1. To be MAJORS, dated 10/9/17.
Capt. (T/Major) A. T. HAYTON,
Capt. (T/Major) E. J. WILFORD,
Capt. (T/Major) G. A. VANEY (and to remain seconded).
(Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 151/21/255 of 27/9/17).
- To be Temporary Major, dated 1/10/17,
Captain R. W. ROSE,
(Authority 2nd Aust. Div. A 143 of 30/9/17)
- To be Captain, dated 1/10/17.
Lieut. A. S. SHODGRASS,
(Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 151/21/255 of 29/9/17).

TRANSFERS

- 2. Capt. A. S. SHODGRASS, 4th A.F.A. Bde, is transferred to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. and is posted to command No 2 Section, vice MACARTHEE, dated 1/10/17.

ATTACHMENTS

- 3. Capt. A. S. SHODGRASS is temporarily attached for duty with 15th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde, during the absence of Capt. R. V. DIMOND, R.C., dated 1/10/17.
- Lieut. J. S. SMITH, 4th A.F.A. Bde., is temporarily attached for duty with 8th A. .A. Bde., vice Lt. S. C. CRANK, dated 30/9/17.

APPOINTMENTS

- 4. The undermentioned Officers, seconded for duty with 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortar Batteries, are appointed to command Batteries as shown, dated 1/10/17:-
Lieut. B. H. GAINES, to command V 2 A Trench Mortar Battery and is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst commanding, vice SHODGRASS.
(Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 151/21/255 of 29/9/17)
Lieut J. C. SMITH, to command Y. 2 A T.M. Battery.
Lieut. A. ALLISON, to command X. 2 A T.M. Battery.

R. C. OSBORNE, Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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