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WAR DIARY

2nd AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	9th Oct.	5.20 a.m.	Creeping Barrage of 18-pdrs and 4.5" Hows. put down in depth in conjunction with that of the Heavy Artillery. F.O.O's reported it as goes, even and low burst as soon as it could be seen. Resistance was not great and beyond a hostile barrage on our jumping off line just before the Infantry started, enemy's artillery was not active at the start. Later a heavy barrage was placed on the BROODSEINDE RIDGE, which knocked out the German 7.7cm captured formerly and put into action for open targets. The barrage was carried out according to programme (see app. No 3). Enemy's T.M. shelled a post of ours at D.23.d.4.3. and our batteries searched for them. Later, an S.O.S. was sent up from this point. Reported that we held the BLUE objective and apparently did so at various times; but towards evening it appeared that our Infantry held the RED objective only and were in scattered shellholes about RHINE. S.O.S. Lines were arranged accordingly in co-operation with 5th and 3rd Aust. Div. Arty's on RIGHT and LEFT respectively. The latter's Division (86th) were also back on the RED LINE. The Copse near the Railway (Decline Copse) was shelled with 4.5" Hows. as hostile M.G's were reported there and enemy had been continually seen going in during the day. Situation fairly clear, that we now hold our 1st objective (RED LINE). S.O.S. Signals starting on the 2nd ANZAC front spread down the whole 1st ANZAC front at 5.40 p.m. and fire was opened, but no counter attack materialised. Harassing fire continued during the night, which was quiet as far as hostile action was concerned.	
RENINGHELST YPRES	2nd 5th		Took over from 4th Aust. D.A. at SMYTH CAMP, afterwards moved to RAMPARTS, YPRES, I.14.b.1.6.	Order App. No No
			Preparatory Bombardments together with harassing fire carried out during days previous to attack, which was launched at 6 a.m. on 5th. The enemy had prepared an attack to take place some minutes later. Our barrage completely destroyed his attack. Infantry gained objectives on schedule time. S.O.S's and massing of enemy for counter attacks were dealt with during the day. Two 7.7cm German Guns were captured by 2nd Aust. Div. Infantry. Rain commenced.	48 1 49 2 50 3 51 4 52 5 53 6 54 7 55 8 56 9 57 10 58 11 59 12 60 13 61 14 62 15 63 16 64 17
	6th to 9th		Harassing fire on Roads and activity centres, also preliminary barrages were carried out. The 7.7cm guns captured were manned and placed in position and registered for next attack. Rain has fallen during these days and roads are quickly becoming impassable.	
	10th		Sections of Batteries moved to forward positions. Much trouble experienced in moving, roads not having been completed to stand wet weather traffic.	
	11th		H.Q., 4th D.A., took over at 10 a.m. 2nd Aust. D.A. moved out to RENINGHELST.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	No.	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELST	Oct 12th		Brig-Gen. G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., to England, en route for Australia. Brig-Gen. O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O. took over command of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.		
OUDERZEELE	13th		2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. moved to billets at OUDERZEELE.		
	14th to 27th		4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades under 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. for tactics- administered by 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. Battery positions and Wagon Lines visited and routine work carried on daily. Orders to take over RIGHT DIVISION Sector on 28th at 10 a.m. from 5th Aust. D.A.		
BAILLEUL	28th		Orders to take over from 5th Aust. D.A. cancelled at 10 a.m. on 28th. H.Q. have to move to BAILLEUL as old quarters given up.		
	29th to 31st		4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades remain under 1st Aust. D.A.H.Q. - 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. Continue administrative work.		

J. D. Posh
B.M. 2nd Aust D.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
31st	31st		firstive work.
38th	38th		4th and 5th A.V.A. Brigades remain under 1st Aust. D.V.A.H.Q. - 2nd Aust. D.V.A.H.Q. continue adminis-
38th	38th		BALLIFUL as old quarters given up.
38th	38th		Orders to take over from 5th Aust. D.V.A. cancelled at 10 a.m. on 38th. H.Q. have to move to
38th	38th		Orders to take over, RIGHT DIVISION sector, on 38th at 10 a.m. from 5th Aust. D.V.A.
38th	38th		Batteries positions and wagon lines altered and routine work carried on daily.
38th	38th		4th and 5th A.V.A. Brigades under 4th Aust. D.V.A.H.Q. for location - administered by 2nd Aust. D.V.A.H.Q.
38th	38th		2nd Aust. D.V.A.H.Q. moved to billets at CUDDEBERGELLE.
38th	38th		Brig-Gen. C.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O. took over command of 2nd Aust. Div. V.A.V.
38th	38th		Brig-Gen. G.J. JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., to England, en route for Australia.

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SECOND AUST DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ORDER No 48
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Headquarters,
1st October, 1917.

Headquarters, Second Australian Divisional Artillery, will close at RAINBOWBELT at 10 a.m. on 2/10/17 and reopen at YPRF (L.14.b.1.6) at the same hour.

Rear ^{Divisional} Headquarters will be situated at SLYTH CAMP (H.21.b.6.2)

W. G. Thomas Esq
Brigade-Major
2nd Australian Div. Artillery

Issued at 10 a.m. to

4th Aust F.A.Bde,	Copy No 1
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2nd Aust. D.A.C.	3
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SECOND AUGUST 1917 DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.



Headquarters,

1st Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.

Headquarters, Second Australian Divisional Artillery, will move
at 10.15 a.m. on 2nd August and return at 10.15 a.m.
at the same hour.
Headquarters will be attached at 10.15 a.m.

1st Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.

Headquarters,

Second Australian Divisional Artillery.

Leave at 10 a.m. to

1st Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.	1st Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.
2nd Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.	2nd Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.
3rd Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.	3rd Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.
4th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.	4th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.
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18th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.	18th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.
19th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.	19th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div.
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2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVNL. ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 49.

1st October 1917.

S. O. S.

1. In future, on a "S.O.S." message or signal being received from their Sector, Batteries covering the Sector will open, and continue firing for 10 minutes *on* their "S.O.S." lines.

The superimposed Brigades will then search back by hundreds of yards for 5 minutes in minute lifts, the remaining Brigades will still fire *on* their "S.O.S." lines.

After a total of 15 minutes, fire will die down, unless the "S.O.S." message or signal is again sent up, when the same procedure will be repeated.

2. All Battery positions are to be fitted with a direction
rake and pointer, clearly defining the limits of sectors, both Group and Divisional.
3. Batteries will see that they are constantly in touch with their respective transmitting stations, by visual as well as telephone.
4. On a "S.O.S." signal being received, flank batteries of Groups will invariably warn the flank battery of the neighbouring Group to which they must be connected direct.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major R.A.

Brigade Major 2nd Aust. Divnl. Artillery.


Issued as under :-

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| Copy No. 1. | 1st Anzac R.A. |
| 2. | 2nd Aust. Divn. "G" |
| 3. | "C" Group. |
| 4. | "D" Group. |
| 5. | 5th Aust. Divnl. Arty. |
| 6. | 3rd Divnl. Artillery. |
| 7. | 4th Aust. Divnl. Arty. |
| 8. | 4th Aust. Field Arty. Bde. |
| 9. | 11th Aust. Field Arty. Bde. |
| 10. | War Diary. |
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4th Aust. D.A.	"	23
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2nd October, 1917.

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ORDER No 80

Reference Map. : 28 N.W.2) 1/10,000 (S)
28 N.W.1)Headquarters,
2nd October, 17.INFORMATION

1. The Second Army, in conjunction with the Fifth Army, will continue the present operations on Attack Day, in order to capture the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE.
2. The 1st ANZAC will capture the line J.5.b.4.2. to D.23.a.8.8.
3. The operation will be carried out in two stages, as shown by the Red and Blue Lines in the Barrage Maps already issued.
4. The 2nd Australian Division will attack on a two-Brigade Front; the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Right; the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left.
5. The 1st and 3rd Australian Divisions will be attacking on the Right and Left respectively.
6. Each Brigade will attack on a one Battalion front; the 25th Battalion on the Right; the 25th Battalion on the Left.
7. The Inter-Brigade (and Artillery Group covering) Boundary will be from D.28.c.40.45. - D.23.50.60. to D.24.a.30.00.
8. Headquarters: 2nd Aust. Div. Advanced I.14.b.1.6. rear,

2nd Aust. D.A. Advanced I.14.b.1.6.;	Rear	H.21.b.6.4.
6th Aust. Inf. Bde. do J.2.a.3.5.	do	I.12.c.3.5.
7th do do do D.26.c.1.3.	do	I.12.c.3.5.
5th do do do I.11.b.	do	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
9. Barrages: The Infantry will advance from a Jumping-off line as shown in Barrage Maps, under a Creeping Barrage in depth as detailed in Barrage Diagram already issued. "A" Barrage will be 150 yards in front of the Jumping-off Line.
10. Every gun of the "A" Barrage will fire 4 rounds of Smoke Shell in quick succession on reaching the Protective Barrage of the Red and Blue Lines.
11. For four minutes prior to commencing to creep forward from the Red Line, 18-pdrs of "A" Barrage will fire at the rate of 4 rds p.g.p.m. to give the Infantry warning that they are about to advance.
12. Fire ceases at Zero plus 360 minutes, unless further required.
13. Rates of Fire:-

	18-pdr	4.5"
During Advance, rds p.g.p.m.	2	1
During time Inf. are halted	1	1/2
During first four minutes.	4	-
During 4 min. before advancing)		
from Red Line	4	1
14. Ammunition Proportion: Half H.E. and Half Shrapnel with corrector for 50% on Graze.
15. Arrangements for R.O.C., Liaison, Wireless, Resting of guns and personnel, F.F., S.E., and L.L. Calls, and synchronisation of watches, will be as detailed in Instructions and Orders for the Operations on 20th September and 4th Aust. D.A. Instruction No 20.

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16. The Day of Attack and Zero Hours will be notified separately.

17. Moves Forward:

On taking the Blue Line, the Batteries of "C" Group, West of BELLEWARDE RIDGE will be ordered to advance to positions in D.27.c. and d., which are being reconnoitred. "D" Group will be ordered to advance to positions in D.26 and J.2.

Orders for the advance will be issued from this office.

Not more than half of the guns will be out of action at one time.

18. ACKNOWLEDGE.

ISSUED AT MIDNIGHT 2-3/10/17.

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MAPS & DIAGRAMS TO:-

"C" Group,

"D" Group,

L.O., Left Inf. Bde, 2nd Aust. Div.

L.O., Right Inf. Bde, 2nd Aust. Div.

L.O., 3rd & 5th Aust. D.A's.

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AMENDMENT No 1 to ORDER No 50

Rates of Fire: When the 18-pdr Barrage "A" is on the RED Protective Barrage, its rate will be 2 rounds p.g.p.m. and not as previously ordered. Rate of fire for the period Zero to Zero plus 3 will be Four rounds p.g.p.m. for 18-pdrs. Previously this rate was to be fired for four minutes,

To all recipients of Order No 50.

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

AMENDMENT No 2 to *Appendix No. 3*

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ORDER No 50

2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q.,
3rd October, 1917.

Para 7, Line 2, for "D.28.o.40.45" read "D.28.a.22.55."

A. L. P. H.

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

To all recipients of Order No 50.

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*** ORDER No 51 ***

Headquarters,
3rd October, 1917.

1. On the capture of the BLUE LINE, S.O.S. Lines will approximately be as follows:-

18-pdr

4.5" How.

"C" Group, D.29.b.6.8.- D.23.d.6.9.

Points D.24.a.6.8.-D.13.c.3.7.
D.16.d.17.17.
Valley N. edge of BUSY WOOD,

"D" Group, D.23.d.6.8.- D.17.d.6.10.

BROODSEINDE-MOORSLEDE Rd to
De Mispelaere Cabt.
Valley between CHINA and
ANVIL WOODS.

Lines to conform to the ground.

Liaison Officers must get definite information regarding posts, etc., and make the necessary alterations. Group and D.A. H.Qs will be informed at once.

2. Barrage on the evening of "S" DAY.

The following programme will be carried out on "S" DAY on the front of the Second Army (viii Corps excepted):-

- (9.45pm to 10 pm - Silent period-no firing-except in case of attack
- (a) { 10. pm to 10.6pm- Standing Barrage, in depth from 200 yards to 1000 yards beyond S.O.S. Lines.
- { 10.6 pm to 10.11pm- Silent period.
- (b) { 10.11pm to 10.17pm- Standing Barrage in depth from 1200 yards to 2000 yards beyond S.O.S. Lines.

3. The order of separate barrages from W. to E. will be
A - B - D - E (8" & 9.2" Hows) - E (60-pdrs)

4. Distance between M.P.1 of Barrage, 200 yards.

5. Barrage "A", 200 yards beyond S.O.S. Line in the first
barrage; 1200 yards beyond S.O.S. Lines in the second Barrage.

6. Rates of Fire:-

18-pdrs --- 2 rds p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.... 1 1/2 "

7. BARRAGE on "T" DAY:

- (1) At 5.15 a.m. on "T" DAY, a barrage in depth will be put down on the Second Army front (less viii Corps)
- (a) Barrages normal order W. to E. viz: A - B - D - E.
- (b) "A" Barrage on S.O.S. Lines.
- (c) Distance between barrages-150 yards
- (d) Pace- 100 yards in 3 minutes.
- (e) Rates of fire as for Bombardment Barrages.
- (f) Barrages will creep straight down the Group Zones and jump back to S.O.S. Lines at Zero plus 30, remaining there till cease fire.
- (g) 18-pdrs cease fire at Zero plus 33; other natures at Zero plus 37, unless otherwise required by the tactical situation.

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7.(11) 10.pm Bursts of fire for 6 mins. } As for "S" DAY (a)
10.11pm do
11.. pm do } As for "S" DAY (b).
11.11pm do

8. SUBSEQUENT DAYS:

"U" DAY } Destructive, Harassing and Isolating fire;
"V" " } No Barrages.
"W" " } 2 Barrages per diem, at least one of which will
"X" " } be during the night.
"Y" " Bursts of fire at 9.30pm and 9.41pm as on "S" DAY.
"Z" " At 5.30 am, a barrage over the Second Army front.

Details for above will be issued later.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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AMENDMENT No 1 to

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ORDER No 51
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Headquarters,
4th October, 1917.

1. Reference para 7 (i)

(a) Lifts will be 100 yards in three minutes

(b) At Zero plus 30 the 18-pdrs of "A" and "B" Barrages jump back to their startline line; ceasing fire at Zero plus 33.

(c) At Zero plus 36, 4.5" Hows/similarly/cease fire at Zero plus 51.

2. Reference para 7 (ii), delete and substitute:-

9.45 pm to 10 pm
10 pm to 10.6 pm

Silent period,
Barrages "A", "B", "D" and "E" put down a standing barrage; starting line "A", 200 yards beyond S.O.S. Line, normal distances.

10.6 pm to 10.11 pm

Silent period.

10.11 pm to 10.17 pm

As for 10 pm to 10.6 pm, but starting line, Barrage "A" 1200 yards beyond S.O.S. Line.

10.45 pm to 11 pm

Silent period.

11 pm to 11.6 pm

As for 10 pm to 10.6 pm

11.6 pm to 11.11 pm

Silent period.

11.11 pm to 11.17 pm

As for 10.11 pm to 10.17 pm

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

*** ORDER No 52 ***

Headquarters,
3rd October 1917.

1. On the BLUE LINE being secured, Batteries will move forward as follows:-
2. "D" Group:
(a) 4th A.F.A.Bde. During afternoon of ATTACK DAY, one section per Battery at quarter hour intervals, will get into position and register. Remainder will proceed at Half hour intervals, as soon as forward sections are reported registered.
(b) 5th A.F.A.Bde: will continue work on their forward positions and get up as much ammunition as possible, ready to occupy the positions at short notice. This will be carried out as detailed for 4th A.F.A. Brigade, probably on "U" DAY.
3. "C" Group: will continue work on the forward positions about D.27.c.5.3. and D.27.d.2.4. and get forward as much ammunition as possible. They should be prepared to move up one section per Battery on the afternoon of "T" DAY to register; the remainder going up as soon as they have done so.
4. 2nd and 4th D.T.M.O's will get into communication with O.C's "D" and "C" Groups, respectively, and place all available men at their disposal for the work. D.T.M.O's will arrange for the rationing of these parties. Each will be supplied by 2nd and 4th D.A.C's with necessary transport on application.
5. Wagon Lines will move forward to areas selected by Staff-Captain, who will make all arrangements and notify Brigades.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]

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

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Headquarters,
3rd October, 1917.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

----- O R D E R No 53 -----
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Headquarters,

4th October, 1917.

1. Herewith Ammunition allotment from noon, "T" DAY.

18-pdr per gun4.5" per How

(a) Daily allotment from) noon "T" DAY to mid-) night "X/Y" DAYS)	113 for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days = 508.	158 for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days =	711
(b) To be in hand at Gun) pits at midnight) "X/Y" DAYS)	960	<u>960</u>	<u>760</u>
(c) Total allotment per) gun from noon "T" DAY) to midnight "X/Y" Day)		<u>1468</u> =====	<u>1471</u> =====
(d) Allotment from mid-) night "X/Y" DAYS to) noon "Z" DAY)	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days = 460	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days =	460
(e) To be on hand at gun) pits at noon "Z" DAY)		<u>500</u> <u>960</u> =====	<u>300</u> <u>760</u> =====

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, R.A.
Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.Issued at 2 pm.
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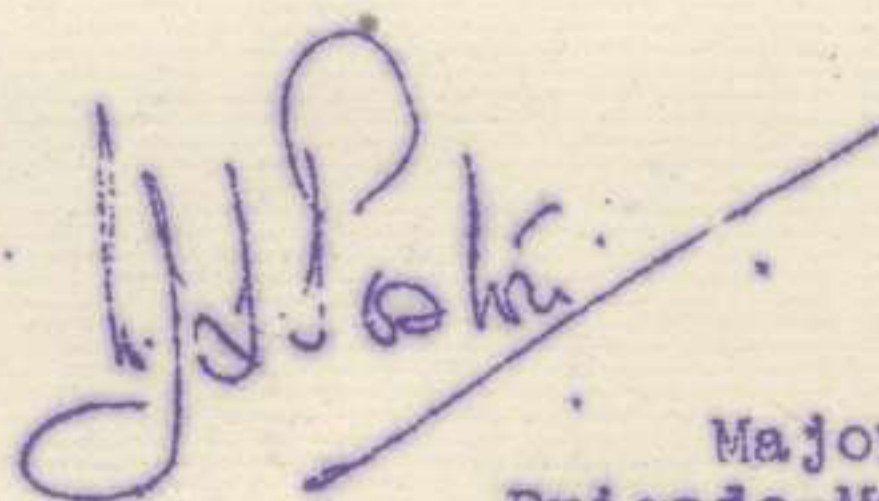
Headquarters,
5th October, 1917.

FOURTH STAGE OF OPERATIONS:

1. The following preparations will be made for the FOURTH and subsequent stages of the current operation.
2. The objective for the Fourth Stage will be approximately the line - FLINTE FARM - RHINE - TIBER.
3. On the capture of this line, the 4th and 5th Australian D.A.'s will be prepared to move forward under mobile warfare conditions. A Mobile Heavy Group will be formed for the same purpose.
4. Details for the move to forward positions of the 2nd Aust. D.A. Group have been issued in Order No 52.
5. IN-ENTRY RELIEF: The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde will relieve the 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes tonight (5/6th Oct) in the front line captured on 4th October. There will be two Battalions in the front line.
6. Headquarters of Inf. Bdes:-

5th A.I.Bde,	Advanced	D.26.c.1.3.
	Rear	I.12.c.3.5.
6th A.I.Bde,	Advanced	SANS SOUCI
	Rear	I.12.c.3.5.
7th A.I.Bde	RAILWAY WOOD	
7. Liaison will be carried out as heretofore during period when actual operations are not in progress.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*** O R D E R No 55 ***
*****REFERENCE MAP -
ZONNEBEKE, 28 N.E.1-1/10,000Headquarters,
6th October, 1917.

1. The Boundary of the Second Australian Division will be extended to the Railway on night 6/7th October. The Northern Boundary will then follow the Railway towards ROULERS from D.22.a.5.0. where it leaves it at present. Railway inclusive to 2nd Aust. D.A.
2. The 2nd Aust. Div. will accordingly take over that portion of the line held by the Right Div., 2nd ANZAC as far as the Railway on the night of 6/7th October. The relief will be carried out by mutual arrangements between G.O.C.'s ^{Inf. Bdes} concerned. Command will pass on completion of relief and at that hour Artillery Groups will be responsible for Sectors as detailed in para .3. Inf. Bde. Liaison Officers to notify the time of relief to Groups, who will report same and completion to D.A.H.Q.
3. The inter- Inf. Bde (and covering Group) Boundary will be SANS SOUCI - St. JOSEPH's INSTITUTE along ZONNEBEKE-BROODSEINDE ROAD to D.22.d.6.5. - direct line through N.W. corner of DAIRY WOOD to E.13.c.15.95.
4. The Headquarters of 7th Aust. Inf. Bde will be at
- D.26.c.1.3.
5. Groups will ascertain exact front line after being taken over, through Bde. Liaison Officers and inform D.A.H.Q.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.


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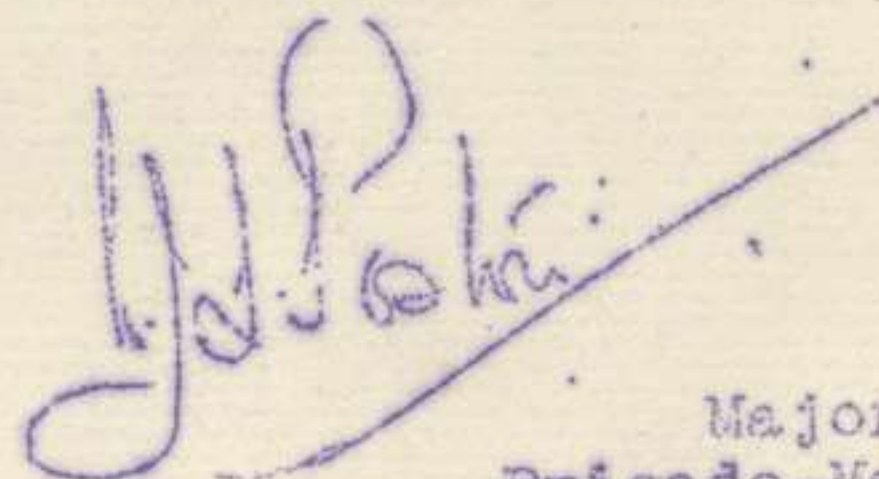
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*** O R D E R No 56 ***
*****Headquarters,
6th October, 1917.

1. The 1st ANZAC CORPS in conjunction with the Corps and Army to the North, will advance on a day and hour to be notified.
2. The approximate objectives on the Corps Front have been notified.
3. On night of 6/7th October, the 7th Inf. Bde takes over the Sector up to Railway as detailed in Order 55.

On night of 7/8th October,
the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde will take over the Right Sector of the Divisional front;
the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde will take over the Left Sector of the Divisional front.
The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde will be in Divisional Reserve.
4. The 4th stage of current operations will probably take place on "X" DAY.
5. Two Bombardment Barrages will be carried out on "V" and "W" DAYS, instead of as notified in D.A. Order No 51. Diagrams attached
 (a) Starting Line on Diagram will be 18-pdr S.O.S. Line
 (Heavy Artillery will be notified of S.O.S. Line)
 (b) Rates of fire:- 18-pdr 4.5" How
 2 rds p.g.p.m. 1½ rds p.g.p.m.
 (c) Times of commencement will be notified later.
 (d) The usual restrictions as to use of 106 Fuze.
6. With reference to D.A. Order No 54, para 3, the O.C., "C" Group will reconnoitre positions about D.22 and D.28. These should be close to the Ridge in order to avoid observation from N.W.E., compatible to clearing the crest at required range.
7. Orders to move to these positions will be issued from this office on taking the 4th objective. The Staff-Captain is arranging for forward Wagon Lines.
8. The WESTHOEK- ZONNEBEKE ROAD is being remade and ^{will} be-timbered. No traffic is allowed while under formation.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*** O R D E R No 57 ***
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REFERENCE. MAP:
SONNEBIKE, Sheet 28 N.E.1

1. As (from 8 a.m. 7th October, 1917) the Divisional Front will be extended to the North, two Brigades 1st D.A. will be attached to 2nd Aust. D.A. Group for offensive purposes, when operations recommence. In the meantime, Groups will cover Inf. Bdes as detailed in Order No 55.
2. The 1st Aust. D.A. Group will be known as "C 1" Group and will cover the Right Sector of the Division. Headquarters-HALF WAY HOUSE
3. Inter-Group boundaries during time 1st D.A. are attached will be as follows:-

"C 1" Group	{ Right Divisional Boundary, D.23.c.25.55 - D.24.b.8.3.	}	Cover Right Inf. Bde.
"C" Group	{ D.23.c.25.55 - D.24.b.8.3. D.23.a.40.65 - E.13.c.15.95.	}	
"D" Group	{ D.23.a.40.65 - E.13.c.15.95 Railway	}	Cover Left Inf. Bde.
4. The S.O.S. Lines will be extended North at 8 a.m. 7th October, from D.17.d.4.0 to D.17.a.95.20. Any alteration thought advisable by the G.O.C., Inf. Bde., will be arranged by the Bde. Liaison Officer.
5. For the 4th phase of operations,

Lt-Col. P.A. EDWARDS will act as Liaison Officer with the Right (6th) Inf. Bde, and
 Lt-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR with the Left (5th) Inf. Bde.

These Officers will report at Bde Headquarters on the afternoon of 8th October, 1917.
6. The same arrangements for F.O.O's as detailed in 2nd Aust. D.A. Instruction No 1, para 17, will hold good. It is essential that F.O.O's pick their proposed positions for lamps before operations commence, and personnel at the old O.P. are thoroughly cognisant of F.O.O's intentions.

7. *Acknowledge*

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O R D E R No 58

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Headquarters,
7th October, 1917.

1. There will be a silent period on "V" DAY from 10.15pm to 10.50pm
2. There will be no firing during Silent Periods, except in case of actual attacks. On conclusion of period normal programme of Harassing fire, etc, will be continued.
3. Barrage action for "X" DAY:-

9.15am to 9.30pm	Silent period.	E
9.30pm to 9.36pm	Barrages A, B, D, & E	as a standing Barrage
	"A" 200 yards beyond S.O.S. Line.	
9.36pm to 9.41pm	Silent period.	
9.41pm to 9.47pm	Barrage A, B, D & E as a standing Barrage;	
	"A" Barrage 1200 yards beyond S.O.S. Line.	
4. Barrage action for "Y" DAY:-
 - (a) At 4.45 am a barrage in depth will be put down in conjunction with the Corps on our Right and Left.
 - (b) Normal order A, B, D. & E; W. to E. 150 yards between M.P.I.
 - (c) Starting line, "A" on S.O.S. Line.
 - (d) Lifts and Timing- 100 yards in 3 minutes.

At Zero plus 30, 18-pdrs jump back to starting line.

At Zero plus 36, 4.5" Hows. jump back to starting Line.
 - (e) Cease Fire:

18-pdrs, Zero plus 33,

4.5" Hows., Zero plus 51
5. Rates of Fire (rds p.g.p.m.) in paras 3 and 4:-

	<u>18-pdr</u>	<u>4.5" How</u>
Para 3	2	1½
Para 4	2	1
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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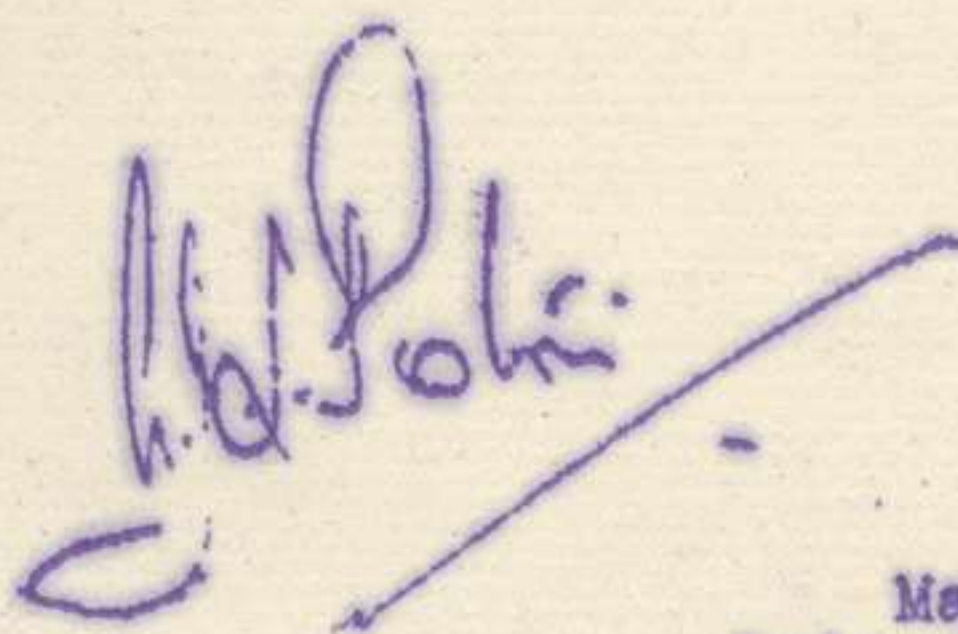
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O R D E R No 59
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Headquarters,

7th October, 1917.

1. Order No 53 of 4/10/17 is cancelled.
2. (a) Daily allotment from } 18-pdr per gun 4.5" per How.
 noon "T" DAY to midnight } 230 rds for }
 "W/X" DAY. } 3½ days } 805 230 rds for }
 } 3½ days } 805
- (b) Allotment from midnight }
 "W/X" DAY to noon "Y" DAY } 460 460
- (c) Daily Allotment from noon } 230 rds } 230 rds
 "Y" DAY to midnight "B/C" } for 3½ } for 3½
 DAY } days } d ays } 805 805
- (d) Allotment from midnight }
 "B/C" DAY to noon "D" DAY } 460 460
- TOTAL ALLOTMENT from noon "T" } 2,530 2,530
 DAY to noon "D" DAY } *****
3. To be at Gun positions at }
 midnight "W/X" DAY and }
 midnight "B/C" DAY. } 960 760
4. To be on hand at gun pos- }
 itions at noon "Y" DAY }
 and noon "D" DAY } 300 300
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.


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2nd Aust. Div. Arty.Issued at 2 p.m.
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ORDER No 60
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Headquarters,
8th October, 17.

1. Owing to the present weather conditions, it is not considered possible for guns to move forward by the WESTHOLK-ZONNEBEKE ROAD from their positions in D.27.c.
2. In consequence of this, and in order to have a mobile Brigade consisting of one command, ready to move forward in accordance with this office Order No 54, Batteries will be re-adjusted as follows:-

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10th A.F.A. Brigade				
Battery	Location	Guns		
		In position	Take Over	
37th	J.2.d.15.75.	5	-	1 at W.L.
38th	J.7.a.03.15.	3	2 from 41st	1 at I.O.m.
39th	J.7.c.57.62.	4	2 " 43rd	
110th	(J.7.c.13.78. (D.27.d.3.2 (detached)	4 1		1 coming back.
11th A.F.A. Brigade. (Forward).				
41st	(D.27.c.6.2. (D.27.c.3.4. (D.27.c.8.0.	2	2 from 38th 2 from 39th	
42nd	J.2.d.52.62.	6		
43rd	D.27.d.1.4.	3		(2 at I.O.M. (1 coming back
111th	J.2.c.05.75.	5		1 at I.O.M.

4. "C" Group will make the necessary arrangements for personnel to take over as above immediately.
5. Positions for one Brigade have been reconnoitred and found possible from D.28.a.0.9. to D.21.d.60.35. The road must not be blocked. A report on this has been forwarded to "C" Group.
6. Battery Commanders concerned will reconnoitre and mark exact positions and access thereto immediately. It is proposed to come in by the BIRR X Rds - FREZENBERG - ZONNEBEKE ROADS, by permission of 2nd ANZAC; no other road being possible.
7. The 10th Brigade must be ready to move forward immediately the final objective on ATTACK DAY has been secured.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

O R D E R No 61

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Headquarters,
8th October, 1917.1. INFORMATION:

The 3rd Phase of the operations having been brought to a successful issue, the Second Army is proceeding, after due preparation, to make a further advance; the Fifth Army co-operating on the Left Flank.

2. The 1st ANZAC is on the Right of the Advance and will have as its 1st Objective the line D.23.d.1.0. - RHINE-ASSYRIA - D.18.b.0.8. (BLUE LINE)

3. The advance will be made in two stages, as shown by the RED and BLUE LINES in Barrage Maps attached. *

4. The 2nd Australian Division will carry out the attack on "X" DAY. Divisional and Inter-Brigade Boundaries as detailed in Order 55.

5. On the 2nd Aust. Div. Front, the attack will be carried out by the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde on the RIGHT and the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the LEFT. The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde will be in Div. Reserve.

6. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde will attack on a 2 Bn Front, *(22nd Bn. on Rt. 23rd Bn. on Left.)* having practically only one phase and a wide front. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde will attack on a 1 Bn Front; 18th Battalion will take the RED LINE; 19th Battalion will take the BLUE LINE.

See amendment 27
The 66th Division will attack on the LEFT of the 2nd Aust. Div.; the 167th Bde will be the RIGHT BDE. of the 66th Division.

7. HEADQUARTERS: 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. D.26.c.1.3.
6th Aust. Inf. Bde. J.2.a.5.6.,
7th Aust. Inf. Bde. D.26.c.1.3.

8. ARTILLERY: The 2nd Aust. Div. will be covered by 1st, 2nd and 4th D.A.'s, the 1st Aust. D.A. having been allotted for tactical purposes.

The 1st A.D.A. ("C 1" Group) and 4th A.D.A. ("C" Group) will cover the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The 2nd A.D.A. will cover the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Inter-Group Boundaries as detailed in Order No 57.

9. BARRAGES

(a) The advance will be made under cover of a barrage in depth. Jumping Off Line, Lifts and Timings are shown in attached Map and Diagram.

(b) The 18-pdr "A" Barrage will halt when it reached each Protective Barrage, as shown on the Map.

(c) The Barrage will lift off the RED Protective Barrage North of BIRMA at Zero plus 106; South of BIRMA it remains on the RED Protective Barrage until fire ceases on the BLUE Protective Barrage at ZERO plus 534.

(d) At Zero plus 106, the Barrage North of BIRMA lifts at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes, up to the BLUE Protective Barrage.

(e) The "A" Barrage will commence 150 yards in front of the Infantry Jumping Off Line.

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10. Every 18-pdr of "A" Barrage will fire 4 rounds of SMOKE Shell in quick succession as it reaches the Protective Barrage as a signal to the Infantry that the Barrage is about to advance. The rate of fire will be quickened to 4 rds p.g.p.m. four minutes previous to lifting. Similarly the 4.5" Hows will quicken to 1 rd p.g.p.m.

11. RATES OF FIRE: (p.g.p.m.)

	18-pdr	4.5" How
Zero to Zero plus 4	4	1
Infantry moving	2	1
Infantry halted	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
"x" Zero plus 102 to Zero plus 106	4	1

"x" applies only to guns creeping forward to BLUE Protective Barrage.

12. Fire ceases at Zero plus 334, unless required.

13. The 1st Aust. Div. Arty will come under the tactical command of the 2nd Aust. D.A. Group (Brigadier-General G.J. (JOHNSTON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.,) at 6 p.m. on 8th October, 1917.

Zones will be covered by Groups as detailed in this office Order No 57, except that "C" Group will superimpose two Batteries over "C 1" Sector in case of S.O.S. until Zero minus 1 hour.

14. Groups will cover their zones with one Brigade - superimposing the other.

15. COMMUNICATIONS: The buried cable is being continued from present cable-head (TOKIO) to MOULIN FARM. The same arrangements as heretofore will hold good for F.O.O's. It is essential that visual signalling is put into action immediately the first F.O.O. has reached his selected position, while the other F.O.O. is laying the wire to him. Shutters may be visible over this short advance.

16. SYNCHRONISATION will continue as heretofore.

17. Liaison Lt-Col. EDWARDS and Lt-Col. SHELLSHEAR will act as Liaison Officer with the 6th and 5th Inf. Bdes respectively.

Lt-Col O'MAHONY will act as Div. Liaison Officer with the 5th and 3rd Aust. D.A's.

"C" Group F.O.O. will work as previously detailed with 23rd Battalion.

"D" Group F.O.O. with 18th and with 19th Bn on passing through for the BLUE LINE Objective.

18. WIRELESS: L.L. Calls, G.F. and N.F. Calls will be answered on the same principles as laid down in Instruction No 3.

19. The move forward for the 10th A.F.A. Bde will be ordered from this office.

20. Zero Hour will be notified separately.

21. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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* Maps to Groups & Liaison Officers.

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AMENDMENT No 1 to

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ORDER No 61
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Headquarters,
8th October, 1917.

Para 6, line 1, after "22nd Bn and 23rd Bn" INSERT "21st and 24th Bn".
(All four Battalions will be in the line).

Line 4, DELETE "18th"; INSERT "20th".

Line 5, DELETE "19th"; INSERT "17th".

Para 7, Line 1, DELETE "D.26.c.1.3." INSERT "D.22.d.15.45."

Para 10, Line 3, DELETE "that the Barrage is about to advance".

Para 17, Line 6, DELETE "23rd"; INSERT "24th",

Line 7, DELETE "18th" } INSERT "20th and 17th".
("and 19th")

ACKNOWLEDGE

To all recipients
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Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Art.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ORDER No 62
-----OO-----Headquarters,
9th October, 1917.

1. In addition to the barrage arranged for "Y" DAY in order No 58, there will be a Corps Barrage at 5 pm on that day as follows:-

Starting Line "A" and "B" Barrage, S.O.S. Line;

Lifts 100 yards in 3 minutes for four lifts;

Zero plus 12 mins, all Batteries cease fire for 3 minutes;

Zero plus 15 minutes, all calibres form a standing barrage in depth.

"A" Barrage, S.O.S. Line.

Distance between M.P.I. - 200 yards.

Cease fire, Zero plus 21.

Rates of fire, 18-pdrs - 2 r.p.g.p.m.

4.5" How.- 1 r.p.g.p.m.

2. On "Z" DAY there will be an Army Barrage at 5 a.m., similar to that to be fired on "Y" DAY at 4.45 am.

3. Neutralisation of Hostile Batteries will be carried out from 4.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. as for an attack.

4. There will be a Corps Barrage on "Z" DAY, for which orders will be issued later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ORDER No 63
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Headquarters,
9th October, 1917.

1. Provided that the 2nd Aust. Division effect their action and no further operations take place, they will be relieved by the 4th Aust. Division on the night 10/11th October. After relief the 2nd Aust. Division will move to the STEENVORDE Area.
2. The distribution of the 2nd Aust. Div. Arty in the line will remain the same as at present, but the C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division will be relieved by the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division, who will assume responsibility for the Field Artillery defence of the Left Divisional Front at 10 a.m. on 11th October.
4. 2nd Aust. Div. Art.H.Q. will close at their present position at 10 am, 11th October and reopen at REMINGHELEST at the same hour.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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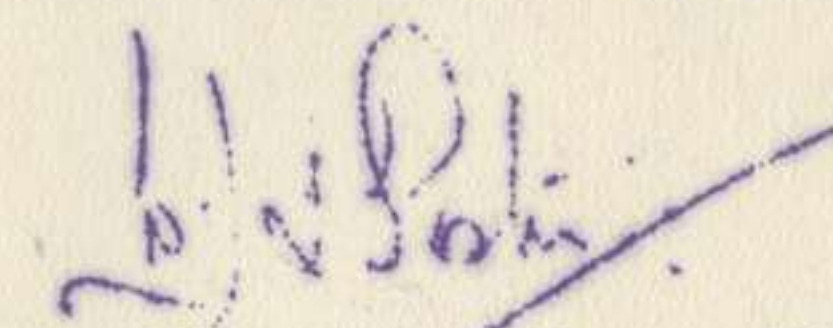
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Headquarters,

9th October, 1917.

On the night 10/11th October, the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde will relieve 5th Aust. Inf. Bde in the Left Sector and the 13th Aust. Inf Bde will relieve the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde in the Right Sector.



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

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

O R D E R No 64

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Headquarters,
10th October, 1917:

1. With reference to para 4, 2nd Aust. D.A. ORDER No 62, Corps Bombardment Barrage in depth will take place at 5.30pm on "Z" DAY.
 - (a) Starting Line, "A" Barrage on S.O.S. Line,
 - (b) Lifts forward, 100 yards in 3 mins in 6 lifts,
 - (c) Stop firing, Zero plus 18 to Zero plus 21,
 - (d) Jump back to) starting line) Zero plus 21 to Zero plus 24,
 - (e) Cease firing, Zero plus 24.
2. Rates of fire:- 18-pdr ... 2 r.p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows. ... 1 r.p.g.p.m.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.


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

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ORDER No 55

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Headquarters,
11th October, 1917.

Reference: Becelaere Sheet 1/10,000

1. INFORMATION: The 4th Phase of the Operations having been completed, the Second Army, after due preparation, will continue its operation in conjunction with the Fifth Army on the Left.

2. The main objective of the Second Army is PASSCHENDALE, to be taken by the Second ANZAC. The 3rd Australian Division (2nd ANZAC) will be on the Left of the 4th Aust. Div., who will take the objective shown in attached map on the 1st ANZAC front. The 5th Aust. Div. will be on the defensive.

3. The advance will be made in two stages, as shown in attached map.

4. It is anticipated that the operation will take place on or about "A" DAY.

5. ORGANISATION: The attack on 1st ANZAC front will be carried out by the 4th Aust. Div. covered by 1st, 2nd and 4th D.A.'s under Brig-Gen. W.L.H. BURGESS, D.S.O. The 1st Aust. D.A. ("Cl" Group) will be transferred for tactical purposes to the 4th Aust. D.A. at 1 hour before Zero and will revert to the 5th Aust. D.A. at an hour to be notified by G.O.C., R.A. They will cover the same zone as detailed before in 2nd Aust. D.A. Order No 57.

6. PREPARATION: The preparation for the attack will be the same as for the 4th phase; preparatory bombardments being carried out on "Y" and "Z" DAYS as already detailed.

7. BARRAGES
- (a) At zero on the day of ATTACK, the 4th Aust. Div. will advance under a creeping barrage in depth, as shown in attached map.
 - (b) The barrage on the 5th Aust. Div. front will only consist of 18-pdrs and 4.5" Hows.
 - (c) North of a line E. and W. through point D.23.d.7.3. the barrage will creep forward as shown.
 - (d) South of above line, the barrage will remain stationary.
 - (e) "A" Barrage will remain as Protective barrage on the RED and BLUE LINES as shown on the attached map; the remainder will go on as shown in Diagram. Each gun of "A" Barrage will halt as it reaches the RED and BLUE Protective Barrage Lines.
 - (f) Timings, Lifts and cease fire, as shown in attached Diagram.
 - (g) The Jumping off Line of the Infantry is shown on attached map. "A" Barrage will start 150 yards in advance of this line.

8. Every 18-pdr, "A" Barrage, will fire four rounds of smoke shell in quick succession on reaching the RED Protective Barrage.

9. RATES OF FIRE: (Rounds p.g.p.m.)

(a) North of D.23.d.7.3. -	18-0dr	4.5" How.
Infantry Halted,	1	1
Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 8	4	1
Infantry moving	2	1
Infantry halted	1	1
Zero plus 178 to Zero plus 180,	4	1
etc	etc	etc.

Guns and Howitzers having reached their Protective Barrages will automatically reduce their rates of fire.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

O R D E R No 66
-----oOo-----Headquarters,
27th October, 1917.

1. C.R.A., 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, will take over command of the Artillery covering the RIGHT DIVISION of 1st ANZAC CORPS from C.R.A., 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION at 10 a.m. on 28th October, 1917.
2. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Headquarters will close at OUDEZEELE at 10 a.m. on 28th instant and open at LILLE GATE, YPRES, (I.14.a.8.7.) at the same hour.

R. Osborne Captain,
For Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 178.

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

Headquarters,
October 3rd. 1917.

STRENGTH. 1. Captain (Temp. Major) H. J. P. COE, 18th (Army) Brigade A.F.A., is taken on the strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery, and is posted to command 11th Battery, 4th A.F.A. Brigade. - dated 3/10/17.

(Authority. D.A.G., A.I.F. 181/81/278 of 27/9/17).

Lieutenant G. E. ROBERTS resumed duty from 'Seconded List' and is posted for duty with 10th Battery, 4th A.F.A. Bde, dated 30/9/17.

REDUCTION, 2. IN EXERCISE of the powers delegated to him under the Defence Act, 1903/16, the 1st A. & N.Z. ARMY COMD'S COMMISSIONER has ORDERED and DIRECTED that NO 21057, SERGEANT B. M. HASH, 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, be reduced to the rank of BOMBARDIER as from the Twentysixth day of AUGUST, 1917.

(Authority, D.A.G., A.I.F. 88/27 of 27/9/17)

TRANSFER, 3. No 21057, Bombardier B. M. HASH, 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortars is transferred to 4th A.F.A. Brigade, - dated 3/10/17.

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



DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 177

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

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Headquarters,

4th October, 1917.

STRENGTH,

The undermentioned officers are taken on strength

1. of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., - dated 4/10/17:-

Captain D.G. CAMPBELL, from Supernumerary List,

Lieut. T. K. ROWAN, from Seconded List,

2/Lieut. J. W. SALMON, from Reinforcements.

Captain R. COLLINGS, M.C., is taken on strength of 2nd
Aust. Div. Arty from 6th (Army) Bde. Aust.F. A.-dated 29/9/17.

(Authority, D.A.G., A.I.F. 151/21/265 of 29/9/17)

POSTINGS,

2. Capt. D.G. CAMPBELL is posted to 5th A.F.A. Brigade
and is temporarily attached for duty with 15th Battery during
the absence on leave of Capt. F.T.D. MEARES, - dated 4/10/17.

Capt. R. COLLINGS, M.C., is posted to 10th Battery,
4th A.F.A. Brigade, - dated 3/10/17.

Lieut. T.K. ROWAN is posted to 12th Battery, 4th
A.F.A. Brigade, dated 4/10/17.

2/Lieut. J.W. SALMON is posted to 13th Battery,
5th A.F.A. Brigade, dated 4/10/17.

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

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 178

by

BRIGADIER GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, G.B., G.M.S., V.D.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.Headquarters,
7th October, 1917.

- STRENGTH, Captain H.S. LYNE is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. from 1st Aust. Div. Arty. - dated 7/10/17.
1 (Authority D.A.S. A.I.F. 151/21/228 of 2/10/17)
- POSTING, Captain H.S. LYNE is posted to 4th A.F.A. Brigade and is temporarily attached for duty with 12th Battery - dated 7/10/17.
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- PROMOTIONS, 2/Lieut. L. ISER to be Lieutenant and is transferred to permanent supervisory List, - dated 1/9/17.
3 (Authority A.I.F. List 241 of 2/10/17)
- Mo 8815, G.M.S. DAVIES, F.B., 2nd Aust. D.A.S., to be Battery Sgt-Major (Warrant Officer Class II) temporarily, vice GARLAND transferred, - dated 5/10/17.
- MUSTERING, (2nd Aust. D.A.S.)
4. Mo 811, Gunner CHAMBERLAIN, A.F./is mustered as a Driver under A.I.F. Order 785 of 3/8/17, - dated 5/10/17.
- SECONDINGS. The undermentioned officers are placed on the Seconded List.
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|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Major H.N. MORRIS, | invalided, | 6/9/17, |
| Capt. F.B. SHOWHOUSE, | invalided, | |
| (ceased to be seconded with | | |
| (2nd Aust. Div. Hy. T.M. Stry) | | 14/9/17, |
| Lieut. J.M.C. RANKIN, | invalided, | 16/9/17, |
| Lieut. E.P. VINNELL, | wounded, | 10/9/17, |
| Lieut. E.B. BIRKS, | wounded, | 15/9/17, |
| Lieut. F.M. DRAPER, | invalided, | 15/9/17, |
| Lieut. J. DALY, | invalided, | |
| (ceased to be seconded with | | |
| (2nd Aust. Div. Med. T.M. Stry) | | 11/9/17, |
| Lieut. H.N. BRADON, | invalided, | 5/9/17. |

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

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 179

by

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

Headquarters,
 10th October, 1917.

PROMOTIONS

1.

The undermentioned N.C.O's are promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and taken on strength of the 2nd Aust. Div. Arty, - dated 8/10/17.

No 6716, Sgt. H.W. BOWRING,

No 2128, Sgt. J.V. CARTER,

No 7436, Cpl. R.S. ATKINS.

(Authority D.A.G.A.I.F. 45/21/40 of 7/10/17)

No 8940, Sgt. MICHELL, H.A., 2nd Aust. D.A.C., to be Battery Q.M.S. (Temporarily) vice DAVIES, dated 5/10/17.

STRENGTH

2.

Capt (T/Major) G.H. PARKER is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. from 1st Aust. Div. Arty. - 1/10/17.
 (Authority A.I.F. List 242 of 5/10/17)

2/Lieut F.W. BLACKWELL is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. from Seconded List, - 7/10/17.

2/Lieut. E.C. MATTHEWSON is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty from Reinforcements, - 7/10/17.

POSTINGS

3.

Capt (T/Major) G.H. PARKER is posted to command 105th How. Battery, vice MORRIS evacuated, - dated 8/10/17.

The undermentioned officers are posted for duty as shown:-

2/Lieut. F.W. BLACKWELL	to	2nd Aust. D.A.C.,	7/10/17,
2/Lieut. E.C. MATTHEWSON,	to	2nd Aust. D.A.C.,	7/10/17,
2/Lieut. H.W. BOWRING,	to	4th A.F.A. Bde,	8/10/17,
2/Lieut. R.S. ATKINS,	to	5th A.F.A. Bde,	8/10/17,
2/Lieut. J.V. CARTER,	to	Div. Medium Trench	
		Mortar Batteries	
		and to command	
		22A T.M. Bty vice	
		ALLISON evacuated,	8/10/17.

SECONDDINGS

4.

The undermentioned officers, evacuated wounded, are placed on the Seconded List:-

Major A.F. HATTON,	10/9/17
Major E.J. MILFORD,	16/9/17
Lieut. E.K. MILBOURNE,	24/9/17,
Lieut. S.L. ROBERTS,	24/9/17.

(Authority, A.I.F. List 242 of 5/10/17)

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

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 180.
by
BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS. D.S.O.
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
14th October, 1917.

APPOINTMENT. 1. Lieut-Colonel (temp.Colonel - temp.Brig-General)
O.F. PHILLIPS. D.S.O. assumed command of Second Australian
Divisional Artillery vice Colonel (temp.Brig-General) G.J.
JOHNSTON, C.B., C.I.G., V.D. - 12/10/17.

SECONDINGS. 2. The undermentioned officers are placed on the
Seconded List from dates shown :-

Lieutenant L.R. BLAKE. M.C.	25-9-17.
Lieutenant I.J. WHITTY.	25-9-17.

(Authority. A.I.F. List 243 of 9/10/17.).

W. Osburn Captain,
Staff Captain- 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (PART II) ORDER No 181
by
BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
23rd October, 1917

- STRENGTH
1 Major A.T. HATTON is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. from Seconded List - 22/10/17.
- Capt. F.G. SHORTHOUSE is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. from Seconded List - 15/10/17.
- PROMOTIONS
2 To be Lieutenants : dated 1/8/17,
2/Lieut. F.W. BLACKWELL,
2/Lieut. I.F. MACPHERSON, (Reinforcements)
(Authority A.I.F. List 245 of 16/10/17)
2/Lieut. H.J. DRISCOLL, dated 28/9/17.
(Authority A.I.F. List 246 of 19/10/17)
- SUPERNUMERARY.
3 Lieut. R.D. GELLING is placed on the supernumerary list of officers - 14/9/17.
- ATTACHMENT
4 Lieut. J.S. SMITH ceased to be attached to 5th A.F.A. Bde and resumed duty with 4th A.F.A. Bde. - 10/10/17.
- TRANSFERS.
5 Capt. A.B. SNODGRASS, 2nd Aust. D.A.C. is transferred to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 22/10/17.
Lieut. F.W. BLACKWELL, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 22/10/17.
2/Lieut. E.C.T. MATTHEWSON, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is transferred to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 22/10/17.
- POSTINGS
6 Major A.T. HATTON is posted to 5th A.F.A. Bde - 22/10/17.
Capt. F.G. SHORTHOUSE is posted to 5th A.F.A. Bde - 15/10/17.

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

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (PART II) Order No 182

by
BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
26th October, 1917.

Strength
1.

The undermentioned officers are taken on strength of 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery, - dated 25/10/17:-

Lieut. H.R. BRADDON,	From Seconded List.
2/Lieut. N.A. BLACK,	From Reinforcements (Cadet
2/Lieut. R. Mc C. ABERNETHY,	" do do

POSTING,
2.

The undermentioned officers are posted for duty as follows dated 25/10/17 :-

Lieut. H.R. BRADDON,	5th A.F.A. Brigade,
2/Lieut. N.A. BLACK,	4th A.F.A. Brigade,
2/Lieut. R. Mc C. ABERNETHY,	2nd Aust. D.A.C.

APPOINTMENT,
3

Lieut. N.T. KINGSBILL to be Acting Adjutant, 5th A.F.A. Bn
vice Capt. R. SYMMOT to Regimental duties - dated 25/10/17.

ATTACHMENT,
4

Lieut. J.C. SMYTH ceased to be attached to 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
and resumed duty with 2nd Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries, dated
25/10/17.

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

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 14

6 a.m. 1/10/17 to 6 a.m. 2/10/17

Headquarters,
2/10/17.

OUR ARTILLERY: Practice Barrage in accordance with Corps Orders, was carried out; in addition 875 rds 18-pdr and 323 rds 4.5" How. and 800 Gas shell were used in Harassing fire on Roads, Tracks and Activity centres. 60 rds 18-pr were fired on Battery in action at D.17.c.28.85. At 4.10 a.m. an S.O.S. was fired on Right Group Zone in response to message from Liaison Officer. Enemy were preparing and movement was observed about J.4.d.6.9. The attack failed and a number of dead were seen in front of our trenches. All quiet at 6 a.m. At 7.20 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Right Group responded to an S.O.S.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: From 6 a.m. to 12.15 p.m., J.7.a. and b. were shelled with 7.7, 10.5 and 15 cm intermittently; 486 rounds fell. Road through J.18.b. and I.13.. a was heavily shelled between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. with all clibres up to 21 cm. 100 rds 15 cm fell about J.1.a.2.2. between 4.40 and 5 p.m. Estimated 250 rds fell on BELLEWARDE and WESTHOEK RIDGES during the night.

AERIAL ACTIVITY: E.A. very active during the day. Hostile machines flew low over front line and as far back as Battery positions. At 4.30 p.m. an E.A. was brought down by M.G. fire about J.13.c.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

LOCALITY SHELLED	PERIOD		DIRECTION of Shelling	CALIBRE	ROUNDS	REMARKS
	From	To				
J.7.a. & b.	6 a.m.	12.15 pm	ZONNEBEKE & DROOGEN- BROODHOEK	7.7, 10.5 and 15 cm	486	Intermittent
Road thro') I.18.b. &) I.13.a.)	9 am	1.0 pm		All calibres up to 21 cm	300	
ZIEL HOUSE	10.50am	10.55 am	ZONNEBEKE	15 cm	20	
J.7.a.8.8.	noon	12.20 pm		7.7 cm	16	
J.1.d. and) J.7.b.)	12.45pm	5. pm		7.7 cm		Intermittent bursts
J.1.d.5.8.	4.30pm	5. pm		15 cm	15	
J.1.a.2.2.	4.40pm	5. pm		15 cm	100	
Road between) BELLEWARDE &) WESTHOEK RDGS)	During night			15 & 10.5cm	250	
I.12.b.	5.15am	6. am	KEIBERG, E.25.	7.7 cm	60	

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

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 15.

6a.m. 2/10/17 to 6 a.m. 3/10/17.
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2nd Aust.Div.Arty.
3rd October, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: Practice Barrage fired as per Corps Order. Roads approaches and activity centres were shelled at irregular intervals. At 6.5 a.m. Right Group responded to an S.O.S. (during the period;

ENEMY ARTILLERY : There was rather more activity during ^{East} period. J.7.b. and BELLEWARDE RIDGE were heavily shelled between 3 and 5 p.m. with 10.5 and 15 cm. J.1.c and J.7.a and b. were also heavily shelled throughout the day. Estimated 500 rounds 7.7 and 10.5 cm fell between 1 and 5 p.m. and 650 rounds from 7 to 10 p.m., when 15 and 21 cm were used. At 6 a.m. WESTHOEK Valley was shelled for an hour with 7.7 cm Shrapnel.

AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY: There was little activity during daylight, but at night Hostile planes dropped bombs and used M.G's about back areas.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.
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LOCALITY Shelled	PERIOD		DIRECTION of shelling.	CALIBRE	ROUNDS
	From	To			
J.1.c.	8am	10.30 am		7.7cm	100
J.1.c &) J.7.a. & B.)	1pm	5.0 pm	BROODSEINDE	7.7 & 10.5cm	500
J.7.b.2.7.&) BELLEWARDE) RIDGE)	3pm	5.0 pm		10.5 & 15 cm	400
OUR SUPPORTS	5pm	6.0 pm		10.5 & 15 cm	60
J.7.a. & J.1.c.	7pm	10.0 pm		15cm)	400
J.7.b.2.3.	8.30pm	10.0 pm		21cm)	
J.7.a. & b.	7.15pm	8.30pm		15 cm	250
WESTHOEK VALLEY	5 am	6.0 am		7.7 cm	200

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

GROUP
LEFT ANZAC ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 16

6 a.m. 3/10/17 to 6 a.m. 4/10/17.

Headquarters,
4th October, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY

Barrages were fired in accordance with Corps Orders.
Harassing and Isolating fire was carried out on tracks,
approaches and activity centres.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

J.7 was shelled with 15, 10.5 and 7.7 cm throughout the
day with varying intensity. Road in J.13 was intermittently shelled
during the night and about 150 rounds fell in J.2.c. and J.1.d.
Field guns are being more generally used than hitherto.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY

There was little activity shown by E.A., possibly due to
weather.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

LOCALITY SHELLED	PERIOD		DIRECTION of Shelling	CALIBRE	ROUNDS	REMARKS
	From	To				
J.7.b.	6 am	noon		15 cm	50	
I.12.b.	7 am	7.45 am		10.5 cm	40	
J.7.c. & d.) J.7.a. & b.)	10 am	1.30 pm		15 cm) 10.5 cm)	600	
J.7. Central	4 pm	6 pm		15 cm	300	(H.E. & Shrap.)
J.7.c. & d.	Intermittent			7.7 cm	450	
ROAD, J.13	Throughout night			15 cm 10.5 cm	300 (Approx)	
J.2.c. & J.1.d.	Intermittent			10.5 cm	150	

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

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 17

6 a.m. 4/10/17 to 6 a.m. 5/10/17.

Headquarters,

5th October, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY

Attack Barrage No 158 was successfully completed to schedule time. Four S.O.S's were responded to by our Right Group and three by our Left. Bombardment Barrages (Corps Order No 159) were fired; that at 10 p.m. immediately followed an S.O.S. call. Reported massing of enemy were dealt with on reports of F.O.O's and Liaison Officers

One section each of 10th, 11th and 12th Batteries occupied new positions in J.2.d.2.6. before 5 pm. Observation was obtained from near BROODSEINDE, but communications could not be maintained, so registrations could not be carried out before dark. Tracks to enable occupation of three positions in D.27.c. were made by Pioneers.

ENEMY ARTILLERY Captured territory was heavily shelled throughout the day with all calibres. The rear of BELLEWARDE RIDGE was, at intervals, shelled considerably. H.V. guns fired on occasion along MENIN ROAD and into YPRES.

LOCALITY SHELLED	PERIOD		DIRECTION of Shelling	CALIBRE	ROUNDS
	From	To			
I.12.a. & c.	11 am	3 pm		{ 10.5 cm	
I.12.a. & b.	3 pm	5 pm		{ H.V. Gun	200
				10.5 cm	150 (H.E. &
J.7.a. & b.	Intermittent			10.5 cm	(Shrap. 250

Captured territory shelled with all calibres throughout the day.

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

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 18

From 6 a.m. 5/10/17 to 6 a.m. 6/10/17.

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2nd Aust. Div. Art. F.O.
4th October, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: Barrages were fired in accordance with Corps Orders. Harassing bursts of fire were carried out on tracks, roads and ground lying between CHINA WOOD and FLINTE COPSE. Fire opened three times in response to S.O.S. signal between 7 pm and 10.30 pm and at 5.30 am.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY: Light intermittent firing during the day on BELLEWARDE RIDGE, J.2.a. & c. and J.7.b. with 7.7 cm, 10.5 and 15 cm. J.13 and J.7.b. were shelled between 6 and 8 pm with 15 cm. Front line was shelled early this morning.

MOVEMENT observed in E.13.c.10.99 when registering batteries: observed and engaged with 4.5" Hovs in D.24.d; man ran towards CHINA WOOD which was then searched.

AERIAL ACTIVITY: Several enemy planes crossed our lines during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two 7.7 cm guns with ammunition at D.23.c.12.25 appear in good order. Arrangements have been made to turn these guns round and use all ammunition available.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

LOCALITY SHELL'D	PERIOD		DIRECTION of shelling	CALIBRE	POUNDS
	From	To			
J.2. & c.	6 am	4 pm		7.7 cm	160
J.7.b.	Throughout day			10.5 & 15	90
BELLEWARDE	6 am	4 pm	T.B. 175° from J.7.c. central	7.7 cm	50
J.13	3.50 pm	7.30 pm		15 cm	30
J.7.b.	7.30 pm	8 pm		15 cm	20



Major, P.A.
Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Artv.

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 19

From 6 a.m. 6/10/17 to 6 a.m. 7/10/17.

2nd Aust. Div. Art. B.

7th October, 17.

OUR ARTILLERY: Barrages were fired in accordance with Corps Orders.

Harassing bursts of fire were carried out on tracks, roads and ground between CHINA WOOD and FLINTE COPSE.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: Intermittent firing during the day on J.7.a. & b., D.23.c., I.12.b. & d., with 7.7 cm, 10.5 and 15 cm.

MOVEMENT: Very little movement was observed.

Aerial Activity: Six E.A. patrolled our trenches back to gun positions between 4.30 pm and 7 pm. E.A. were active over back areas at night, bomb dropping.

MISCELLANEOUS: An Enemy Battery of 4 guns firing was observed from D.23.c.15.20, on a bearing of 121° Mag. These guns can be easily seen from this point when they are firing.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

LOCALITY SHELLED	PERIOD		DIRECTION Of Shelling	CALIBRE	ROUNDS
	From	To			
J.7.a.	9.30am	10.30 am		15 & 7.7cm	50
J.7.a. & b.	10 am	Noon		15 cm	200
D.23.c.	2 pm	4 pm		7.7 cm	100
J.2.	Midnight	6 am		10.5 cm	150
J.7.b.	2 am	5 am		(10.5 cm 15 cm	80 30

C. Phillips

Lt-Colonel,
For C.R.A., 2nd Australian Div.

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 20

6 a.m. 7/10/17 to 6 a.m., 8/10/17.
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2nd Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q.,
8th October, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY : Barrages VI and VII were fired in accordance with Orders. Harassing fire was carried out on roads and tracks on the Divisional Front. At 5.30 pm an S.O.S. Barrage was put down in response to signals.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: Battery positions in J.7 were shelled intermittently with 10.5 and 15 cm. Batteries in J.2.a. were shelled at 12.30 pm and from 12.30 am to 2 am by 15 cm from WATERDAMHOEK.

MOVEMENT : Very little movement was observed; visibility was bad.

AERIAL ACTIVITY: During the early morning E.A. were fairly active. Eleven planes flew across J.2. between 6.30am and 9.30am. Bombs were dropped around Battery positions.

MISCELLANEOUS: The two 7.7 cm captured on the 4th inst. have been put into a new position at D.29.a. and have registered.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

LOCALITY SHELLED	PERIOD		DIRECTION of Shelling	CALIBRE	ROUNDS
	From	To			
J.7.	Intermittent		MOORSLEDE	(15 cm (10.5 cm	100
J.2.b.	12.30pm		WATERDAMHOEK	15 cm	32
I.12.c. & I.18.b.)	3.0 pm	10. pm	do	(15 cm (21 cm	140
I.13.a. & I.18.b.)	10.0 am	2.0 pm	MOORSLEDE	(15 & (21 cm	200
J.2.a.	12.30am	2. am	WATERDAMHOEK	15 cm	60
J.7.b. & J.1.d.)	Intermittent		do	(15 cm (How.	120

[Signature]
Lt-Col,
For G.R.A., 2nd Austr. Divn.

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 21

6 a.m. 8/10/17 to 6 a.m. 9/10/17.

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2nd Aust D.A.H.Q.,
9th October, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: Harassing fire was carried out on roads and tracks on the Divisional front. Practice Barrages were fired at 6.10am and 4 pm (W i and W ii) At 5.20 a.m., Barrage for "X" DAY was commenced.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: Batteries in J.7.a. and b. were shelled from 9 am to 3 pm with 15 cm from MOORSLEDE. BROODSEINDE-DECELAIRE Road was shelled from noon to 5 pm with 15 and 10.5 cm BELLE ARDE RIDGE was shelled between 1 pm and 2 pm. During the night, J.20 J.2.a. & b. were shelled with 15 cm.

MOVE ENT: Owing to poor visibility, very little movement was observed.

AERIAL ACTIVITY: At 7.45 am, 3 E.A. patrolled Front Line system. At 10.15 am, 10 E.A. patrolled front and support Lines. From 1.30 pm to 3 pm, 15 E.A. patrolled front line and back as far as Batteries in J.2.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

LOCALITY SHELLED	PERIOD From o	DIRECT OR of Shelling	CALIBRE	Rds	REMARKS
J.7.a. & b.	9 am 3 pm	MOORSLEDE	15 cm	400	
BROODSEINDE- DECELAIRE Rd.	noon 5 pm (Intermittent)		15 & 10.5cm	200	(Continuous (Barrage
J.2.c. & d.	Intermittent		10.5 cm	40	Howitzer
J.2.contral	9.30am 10.30am	KEIBERG	15 cm	30	
ROAD, J.7.d.	4 pm 6 pm	do	10.5 & 7.7 cm	30	Light Barrage.
J.20	1 am 3 am	WATERDAI HOEK	15 cm	60	
J.2.a. & b.	During night		15 cm	90	Intermittent
Road, J.7.b.	5.20am 5.50 am	MOORSLEDE	10.5cm	25	

Lt-Col,
For C.R.A., 2nd Austr. Div.

LEFT ANZAC GROUP ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 22

 a.m. 9/10/17 to 6. a.m. 10/10/17.
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Headquarters,
 10th October, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: Creeping Barrage, for Operations, as ordered by 1st ANZAC was put down at 5.20 pm. It appeared good and even and, as far as could be seen, bursts low. Reports of enemy massing in E.25.b.C.3. and movement about KEIBERG Windmill at 9.20 and 10.15 am were received from O. P's and dealt with. CHINA WOOD and ANVIL WOOD were bombarded in search of a T.M. worrying our post at D.23.d.35.40. at 10.30 a.m. This post sent up an S.O.C. at 10.25am which was answered by "C" and "C 1" Groups quickening rate of fire. The 5th Aust.D. Group co-operated in searching for hostile M.G.'s enfilading our front line from the South. The 38th, 39th and 110th Batteries ordered to move single guns to forward reconnoitred positions about ZOMNEBEKE at 11.13 a.m. in order to register. Enemy seen dribbling over towards DECLINE COPSE at various times during the day. This was shelled. At 4.25pm, enemy were reported by F.O.O. as massing in D.18.central; this was dealt with. At 5.20pm, S.O.C. North of Railway was reported, which rapidly spread over the Divisional front. This was answered by the D.A. and nothing materialised. The 1st A.D.A. ("C 1" Group) returned to cover the 5th Aust.Div. front at 7.30 pm. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night, which was quiet as far as enemy action was concerned.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: There was practically no counter battery work in forward areas. FRIEZENBERG - ZOMNEBEKE ROAD was lightly shelled at intervals. CHATEAU WOOD and BEL EWARDE RIDGE were intermittently shelled. Ridge about BROODSEINDE was heavily barraged for a time after Zero hour, then the barrage moved further North.

AERIAL ACTIVITY : Enemy planes were active yesterday about our front line. About 3 pm one was brought down in flames behind BROODSEINDE and one of ours made a forced landing within our lines at the same time.

MISCELLANEOUS: The two 7.7 cm guns captured by the 2nd Aust.Div. at D.29.a.1.8. were cleaned and manned with detachments. One was found to have a damaged breech mechanism, which could not be mended. The other was moved to a better position and registered under cover of Bombardment barrage on 8th October. Points were registered and fuzes set ready for good targets against personnel at close range. Unfortunately, early on 9th inst, it sustained a direct hit by a 5.9", which put the gun out of action before all the ammunition was expended.

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 For C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.