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2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAILLEUL	1st to 11th		Batteries attached to 1st Aust.D.A.; Administration carried on. Wagon Lines & Batteries visited. Batteries have suffered heavily; Drivers and Wagon Line personnel, together with Trench Mortar personnel are assisting at gun line.	
LILLE GATE YPRES	12th to 16th		Take over from 5th D.A.;, at noon; Battery reliefs complete at same time. Battery positions visited and all positions found in an uncared for condition. Improvement had commenced. Harassing fire on enemy dugouts, strongpoints, communications and activity centres carried out to extent of 1600 rds 18-pdr and 630 rds 4.5" How. per diem. Hostile artillery most active and area shoots put down each day between ZONNEBEKE VALLEY and WESTHOEK RIDGE. Gas was used at night in the vicinity of Battery positions and roads.	
	16th to 20th		2nd Aust.D.A. Batteries co-operated in Army barrage at 7 am on 18th; Corps Barrage at 5.45am on 19th and Army barrage at 6.30am on 20th. Harassing fire was carried out in co-operation with Heavy Artillery and Div. Machine Guns. Sector having been divided into three lanes, certain of them were fired on, leaving remainder free, to be dealt with suddenly. Battery positions further improved; ammunition salvaged and cleaned and approached to guns duck-boarded. Hostile shelling still active and area shoots continue. Advance parties of 113th and 18th Army R.F.A. Bdes arrive, preparatory to taking over from 2nd Aust.D.A..	
	21st		Relief of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. Batteries by 113th and 18th R.F.A. Army Bdes completed. Guns taken over in situ, stripped, except for sights, aiming posts, breech and muzzle covers. Wagon Lines hand over by 10am and move to STEENWERCK area. Gun personnel transported by M.T. H.Q. 113th Bde take over "B" Group; 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q. remain in control.	
		6 pm	104th Army R.F.A. Bde came under orders of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.	
	22nd		Concentrations were carried out by Bdes. under orders from flanking D.A.H.Q.'s. Hostile artillery activity has slightly decreased during last three days.	
BAILLEUL	23rd to 24th	10am	Groups under 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. handed over to 66th Div.Arty. H.Q. 2nd Aust.D.A. open at BAILLEUL. Units resting; clothing and equipment overhauled and cleaned: horse clipping (at noon. continued and general internal reorganisation carried out.	

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2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

NOVEMBER 1917.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAILLEUL	Nov. 25 to 30.		<p>Units resting and generally refitting. Administrative Work carried out and Training Syllabus made ready. Horse clipping continued.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>William James</i> Major R.A.A., Actg. Brigade Major, 2nd Aust.D.A..</p>	<p>Operation Orders 1. Part. 11 Orders 2. Intelligence Summaries 3. Training Instns. 4.</p>

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ORDER No 68
-----oOo-----Headquarters,
13th November, 1917.

1. In preparation for the tenth phase of the attack, the following instructions will be carried out.
2. Vigorous counter-battery work will be continued, especially against those batteries firing on the Second Corps front.
3. Harassing and isolating fire on enemy's communications is to be maintained on the Divisional front and will be in the same proportion as heretofore during day and night. Allotment of ammunition is given in 5th Aust. D.A. Order No 71, para.4.
4. "H" DAY, an Army barrage will take place on the front of the LEFT DIVISION by the Field Artillery covering that sector and the Heavy Artillery.
 - (a) Zero hour - 6.0 a.m.
 - (b) Silent periods over the Army front:-
 - From 7.30 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.
 - 10.0 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
5. "I" DAY, Silent periods over the Army front-
 - From 6.0 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 - 10.0 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

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O R D E R No 69
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Headquarters,
16th November, 1917.

"J" DAY. An Army Barrage will be carried on "J" DAY by the Field Artillery covering 66th Division and as many Heavy Artillery Batteries as can be brought to bear, at 6.50 a.m.

There will be two silent periods, on the Army front-

From 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

9.15p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Issued at noon
"B" Group by Special D.R.
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Major, E.A.
Brigade-Major,
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY.

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ORDER No 70

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Headquarters,
17th November, 1917.

1. Artillery preparation for the next operation (phase 10) will be continued in accordance with the following instructions:-
2. Vigorous counter-battery work and Harassing fire on enemy's roads and communications will be continued. The Heavy Artillery will now pay special attention to the destruction of roads in use by the enemy.
3. Destructive bombardments and wire cutting will be carried out by the Heavy Artillery in consultation with Divisions.
4. "K" DAY: Silent periods from 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
from 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
5. "L" DAY: (a) There will be an Army Barrage in which all Artillery will co-operate. Diagrams will be issued later.
(b) Zero Hour will be 7 a.m.
(c) Rates of Fire - Normal, i.e. 18-pdrs 2 rds.p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows 1 do do
(d) Starting ^{time} for "A" Barrage will be notified later.
(e) Silent periods from 6.30pm to 7 p.m.
from 9.30 pm to 10 p.m.
6. "M" DAY (a) There will be a Corps Barrage in conjunction with the Canadian Corps. Details will be issued later.
(b) Silent periods from 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
from 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
7. "N" DAY (a) There will be an Army Barrage in which all Artillery will co-operate. Diagrams will be issued later.
(b) Zero Hour will be 6.30 a.m.
(c) Rate of Fire - Normal
(d) Starting ^{time} for "A" Barrage will be notified later.
(e) Silent periods from 7.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.
from 9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.
8. Owing to the small number of 18-pdr guns on the Corps front sweeping fire will be employed by these guns in all Barrages.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11 a.m.
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Brigade-Major,
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O R D E R No 71
-----000-----Ref. Map-
DETAILED TARGET MAP,
D.11 to K.4 (1/10,000)Headquarters,
17th November, 1917.

1. Harassing^{& Isolating} fire will be carried out in co-operation with the Heavy Artillery and Divisional Machine Guns.
2. The general policy will be to leave certain lanes of approach free for some days while harassing the remainder, in order to induce hostile reliefs and carrying parties on to one zone, then to turn all guns on to such tracks.
3. The Divisional Sector has been divided into three lanes - X, Y and Z from North to South; these correspond to the present battery zones and will be marked on the numbered target map about to be issued.
4. Tasks will be detailed from this office, commencing from 6 am 18th instant for the following 24 hours.
5. There will be no harassing fire West of the line from D.24.b.6.6. D.24.d.8.9. - D.24.d.7.2. - D.30.d.9.9. - E.25.a.3.0. - K.1.a.9.0. until further orders.
6. Proportion of ammunition by night and day as heretofore. All fire will be in bursts at irregular intervals.
7. Ammunition for Bombardment Barrages will be from the allotment already detailed and will lessen the amount available for Harassing and Isolating fire.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1.30 pm
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"B" Group,	1 - 9
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Brigade-Major,
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Headquarters,
17th November, 1917.

BARRAGES - "L", "M", and "N" DAYS

1. Barrage Diagrams for "L", "M" and "N" DAYS are attached ("B" Group only).
2. Starting line for all Barrages will be the "Army Barrage Line" from E.15.c.5.0 to E.25.c.5.0.
3. Barrage on "M" DAY -
 - (a) Zero hour will be at 5.45 am.
 - (b) Rates of fire, Normal.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, F. J. ...,
Brigade Major,
2nd AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTY.

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

This office Distribution list of 16/11/17 will be amended as follows:
For "21st Div. Art'y" READ "New Zealand Div. Art'y".

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==== ORDER NO. 73.====
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Reference Maps-

1/40,000 Sheet 28
1/20,000 Sheets 28NW and NE.

Headquarters,
19th November '17.

1. The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved by the 18th and 113rd Army Brigades R.F.A. on the 21st November.
2. Guns stripped, except for sights, aiming posts, breech and muzzle covers, will be taken over in situ by the relieving Brigades. The 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery will not take over guns
3. The personnel of relieving Brigades will take over Group Headquarters and Batteries as follows:-

UNIT RELIEVED.	LOCATION.	GUNS AT POSITION.	RELIEVED BY.
H.Q. 5th A.F.A. Bde	I.17.c.4.8.		H.Q. 113rd Brigade R.F.A.
H.Q. 4th Do.	H.19.a.70.05.		H.Q. 18th Brigade R.F.A.
10th AFA Bty.	J.8.c.47.48.	4.	A/18 Bty. R.F.A.
11th Do.	J.8.a.18.40.	6.	59th Battery R.F.A.
12th Do.	J.8.c.73.93.	5.	94th Battery R.F.A.
104th Do.	J.8.c.46.74.	2.	D/18 Battery R.F.A.
13th Do.	J.2.a.83.64.	5.	A/113 Battery R.F.A.
14th Do.	J.8.b.6.8.	5.*	B/113 Battery R.F.A.
15th Do.	J.8.b.60.98	6.*	C/113 Battery R.F.A.
105th Do.	J.8.b.45.88	6.	D/113 Battery R.F.A.
** 2nd Aust. D.A.C.	G.18.c.6.8.		18th & 113th B.A.C's.

* 14th Battery has 1 gun and 15th Battery 2 guns fitted with air recuperators but no tools.

** Relief on 22/11/17.

4. Advanced parties, consisting of 1 Officer and 3 other ranks per battery, will arrive at HELLFIRE CORNER (I.10.d.0.1) at 10 a.m. on 20th inst. Batteries will send guides and carts to conduct them and kit to Battery Headquarters.

5. All maps, photos, and correspondence regarding the front will be handed over.

6. Personnel of Headquarters and the relieving Batteries will arrive at HELLFIRE CORNER (I.10.d.0.1) at 10 a.m. on 21st inst. Group H.Q. and Batteries will arrange for guides. Battery personnel relieved will proceed in the lorries conveying relieving personnel.

7. O.P. No 1 (D.23.c.2.1.) and O.P. No 2 (D.29.c.60.73) will be taken over by 113th and 18th Bdes respectively at 2 p.m. on 21st inst. Officers for these duties will report at the H.Q. of 15th AUST. F.A. Battery (J.8.c.2.7.) who will supply guides. Bdo. Liaison Officer at 147th Inf. Bde H.Q. (J.1.d.6.1) will be relieved at the same time by an officer of 113th Bde. "B" Group H.Q. will supply the guide.

8. Ammunition at Gun positions will be handed over and receipts forwarded to Staff-Capt., 2nd Aust. D.A., LILLE GATE, (I.14.a.80.15.)

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9. All particulars of indents for guns and sights will be handed over to relieving batteries. Each Battery should hand over 6 guns and sights, either in action or indents for the deficiencies. Receipts to be forwarded to Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust. D.A.
10. 2nd Aust.D.A. will march with empty echelons from the wagonlines in accordance with attached march table. This is to be strictly adhered to so as not to block incoming batteries.
11. Incoming batteries will take over the Wagon lines of the batteries they relieve as in para.3.
12. 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will send 1 wagon per Battery to HELLFIRE CORNER by 10 a.m. on 21st to take up and bring back kit.
13. The 18th and 113th Army Bdes R.F.A. will find 1 Officer and 30 O.R. to man TAYLOR DUMP at I.9.b.5.5. They will take over *at noon* on 21st Nov. Personnel at CORDOVA and HORNBURY Dumps will be relieved under 2nd ANZAC arrangements.
14. The Staff-Captain will issue orders for the move of the 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortars, regarding trench and area stores and billet-ting arrangements.
15. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will not be relieved. Commands will pass on completion of reliefs.
16. Completion of reliefs will be reported to D.A.H.Q. by the Code word "BOGGED"
17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8 pm
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2nd Aust.D.A.C.	11 -13
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J.P. Poston
Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
2nd AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY.

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MARCH TABLE
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Date	Time	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks.
Nov. 21	10 am	4th AUST.F.A. Brigade.	Wagon Lines	STEENWERCKE	KRUISTRAATHOEK X RDC - VIERSTRAAT - KEMMEL - NEUVE EGLISE	Not to arrive before 4 p.m.
Nov. 21	1 pm	5th AUST.F.A. Brigade.	Wagon Lines	KEMMEL	do do	do do do
Nov. 22	10 a.m.	2nd AUST.Div. Amm. Colmn.	Wagon Lines	LA CRECHE	CUJERDON - ZEVEGOTEN - LOCRE - DRANOUTRE.	do do do

NOTE: 200 yards will be maintained between Batteries and Sections of the D.A.C.
Baggage wagons will march in rear of their Brigades under an Officer.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Headquarters,
(Issued under Order No 73) 19th November, 1917.

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1. The 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. is being relieved by the 18th and 11th Army Brigades R.F.A. on 21st November in accordance with orders already issued.

2. All trench shelters and area stores will be handed over to relieving batteries. Each Brigade and D.A.C. will forward to 2nd D.A.H.Q. showing by Batteries and Sections of D.A.C. particulars of all area stores handed over. Receipts will be obtained and retained for all stores. All carriers, canvas, ammunition, 18-pdr and 4.5" How. in excess of 60 per 18-pdr Battery and 72 per 4.5" How. Bty. will be handed over to relieving Batteries.

3. Gumboots will not be handed over but will be retained by Batteries.

4. Batteries and D.A.C. will move with empty echelons. All ammunition at present in echelons will be returned to CORDOVA and HORNBY DUMPS or may be handed over to relieving Batteries, mutual arrangement between Batteries concerned.

5. Supply arrangements will be notified later.

6. 4th A.F.A. Bde. will be billeted in the vicinity of STEINBERG.

5th A.F.A. Bde in the vicinity of KEMMEL and 2nd D.A.C. in vicinity of LA CRECHE. An Officer from each Brigade will be shown Wagon lines for respective units on 20th instant. Each B.H.Q., Battery and Section, D.A.C. will immediately detail 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R. to be in readiness to proceed in advance of their unit as guides.

7. 2nd D.A.C. will detail 3 C.S. Wagons per Battery and 1 per B.H.Q. to report to Wagon Lines of B.H.Q. and Batteries by afternoon of 20th instant for conveyance of baggage and extra Winter equipment. These wagons will return to D.A.C. on completion of move.

8. Personnel of relieving batteries and B.H.Q. will arrive by motor lorry at 10 am on 21st instant. B.H.Q. of 4th and 5th Bdes will proceed in lorries bringing Headquarter of 18th and 11th Brigades to their new area. Battery personnel when relieved will proceed in same lorries bringing personnel of 18th and 11th Bdes to their new lines. Exact destination of these lorries will be notified later and arrangements made for guides to meet them.

9. 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortars will move on 22nd instant by 3 Motor Lorries calling at H.L.S.A.C.S. at 10 a.m. Exact location of their billets will be notified later to D.T.H.Q. from this office.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. B. Brown Captain,
Staff-Captain,
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
20th November 1917.

ADDENDA TO ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED UNDER ORDER 73.

REFERENCE MAPS- Sheets 28 and 36 1/40,000.

1. 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades will be billeted in STEEN-
WEROK and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. and Trench Mortars in locations given
below.

2. 4th A.F.A. Brigado will take over wagon lines recently
occupied by 46th Brigado R.F.A. Locations of respective lines to
be taken over are as follows:-

Sheet.36	4th Bde. H.Q.	,,,,,A.30.c.4.1.
	10th Battery	.....G.6.a.2.9.
	11th "	.....G.10.b.2.3.
	12th "	.....G.3.b.5.5.
	104th "	.....A.30.c.4.2.

3. 5th A.F.A. Brigade will take over wagon lines being
vacated tomorrow by 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade. Location of respective
wagon lines to be taken over are as follows:-

Sheet 36.	5th Bde. H.Q.	....., G.5.a.2.1. or G.3.b.9.4.
	13th Battery	..... A.28.a.3.0.
	14th Battery	..... G.10.a.8.6.
	15th Battery	..... A.28.a.7.8.
	105th Battery	..... G.10.a.9.8.

4. 2nd Australian D.A.C. will take over wagon lines being
vacated by 5th Aust. D.A.C. as follows:-

Sheet 28	Headquarters	..... S.30.c.3.7.
	1st Section	..... S.30.a.0.0.
Sheet 36	2nd Section	..... B.21.a.5.3.
	"B" Echelon	..... B.8.a.9.7.

5. 2nd Australian Divisional Trench Mortars will be
billeted with 1st Section, 2nd Aust. D.A.C.. Location as in para 4.

6. Guides for Batteries and Brigade Headquarters on 21st
instant will be at CROSS ROADS at A.16.a.2.6. (Sheet 36)- The same
Cross Roads are shown on BHAZEBROUCK 5A" Map at "INN" 200 yards
West of the large "E" in FRANCE. 4th A.F.A. Brigade guides will
be there from 1 p.m. onwards and 5th A.F.A. Brigade guides from 4.30
p.m. onwards.

R. G. Stone
Captain
Staff Captain,
2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

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ORDER No 74.

Headquarters,
20th November, 1917.

1. On the night of 21st/22nd Nov. the 147th Inf. Bde. (49th Div) will take over the front at present held by the 66th Division, from the present Northern Boundary of the 49th Div. to D.17.d.3.0.
2. Nov. 22nd. LEFT BDE.H.Q. MOULIN FARM,
" 23rd BRIGADE H.Q. D.26.c.1.3.
3. At 6 pm on 21st Nov., the 104th Army Bde. R.F.A. will come under the orders of the C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, and cover 49th Div. from the present Northern Boundary to D.17.d.3.0.
4. The S.O.S. Line will remain as at present.
5. On the 23rd November, at an hour to be notified later, the 18th and 113th Army Brigades R.F.A. will come under the orders of the C.R.A., New Zealand Division and cover that Division; the C.R.A., 66th Division will take over command of the 104th Army Bde.R.F.A.
6. The Boundaries of the New Zealand Division are:-
On the South - the REUTELBEEK
On the North - E & W Grid Lines through J.6. Central.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. J. Polkin
 Major, R.F.A.
 Brigade-major,
 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY.

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 18th Army F.A.Bde,
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ORDER No 75

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Appendix 1.

Headquarters;
22nd November, 1917.

1. There will be two concentrations of fire on "P" DAY by the Artillery, to be carried out under instructions issued by the C.R.A.'s RIGHT and CENTRE DIVISIONS respectively.
2. For the concentration, 18th Army Bde. F.F.A. will fire under the orders of the C.R.A., N.Z. Div. Arty. and the 66th D.A. under the orders of the 2nd Aust. D.A.
3. Zero hour will be 3 p.m.
4. Objective for 2nd Aust. D.A. Group (Less 18th Army F.A. Bde) plus 66th D.A.:
 "B" GROUP less 18th Army F.A. Bde.-
 Area E.20.d.5.0. - E.20.d.0.0. - E.20.d.0.4. - E.20.d.5.4.
 "D" GROUP
 Area E.20.d.5.4. - E.20.d.0.4. - E.20.d.0.7. - E.20.d.5.7.
 66th D.A.
 Area E.20.d.5.7. - E.20.d.0.7. - E.20.b.0.0. - E.20.b.5.0.
5. Concentration will last for five minutes.
6. Areas are to be searched and swept by all guns.
7. Rates of Fire:-
 18-pdrs. - 3 rds p,g,p,m.,
 4.5" Hows - 2 " " "
8. There will be daily concentrations or barrages until further orders.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, F.A.,
Brigade-Major,
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No 183
 by
 BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,
 COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
 1st November, 1917.

SECONDING 1. Licut. G.L. DEAN, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, is seconded for duty with
 RESERVE BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY, to date from 2/10/17.
 (Authority, A.I.F. List 248 of 24/10/17)

OFFICERS EVACUATED. Advice has been received that the following officers have been
 evacuated to England:-
 2.

Capt. F.T.D. MEARES,	19/10/17,	Wounded,
Licut. T.E.C. NELL,	15/10/17,	"
Licut. L.R. ANDREWS,	19/10/17,	"
2/Lt. J. A. FREEMAN,	16/10/17,	"

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH 3. The following officers reported died of wounds, are struck off
 strength of 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery:-

Licut. S.C. CRANE,	30/9/17,	(Authority
		(D.A.G. A.I.F.
2/Licut. F.M. INGHAM,	10/10/17,	(27/1 of 27/10/17)

PROMOTIONS 4. 8075, Fitter-Sgt. A. PENROSE, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, to be W.O.
 Class I (Armament Artificer) vice POCKETT transferred - to date
 from 9/9/17.

7256, Bty-S-II, (W.O. Class II) J. ROSTON, 5th A.F.A. Brigade,
 to be Brigade Sgt-Major (W.O. Class II) vice MAHER to Cadet
 School, to date from 21/9/17.
 (Authority A.I.F. List 250 of 26/10/17)

TRANSFERS 5. 8075, Arm. Art. W.O. (Class I) A. PENROSE, 5th A.F.A. Brigade,
 is transferred to 4th A.F.A. Brigade, to date from 31/10/17.

R.O. Shone
 Captain,
 Staff-Captain,
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No 184
 by
 BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D. S. O.,
 COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
 3rd November, 1917.

APPOINTMENT

1.

Lieut. N.T. KINGSMILL to be Adjutant, 5th A.F.A. Brigade,
 vice SYNNOT to regimental duty, to date from 24/10/17
 (Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 10/2/85 of 28/10/17).

PROMOTION

2.

7273, Sgt. EYLES, S.H., 13th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, to
 be Temporary Bty-S-M. (W.O. Class II) vice PEARSALL evacuated,
 dated 1/9/17.

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

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No 185
by
BRIGADIER GENERAL O. F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
5th November, 1917.

STRENGTH

1. Major F. HARBOTTLE, D.S.O., resumed duty from seconded list dated 4/11/17.

2/Lieut. H.J. BEATON, 1st Aust. Div. Arty. is transferred to 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., dated 27/10/17.
(Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 45/21/60 of 28/10/17)

POSTING

2. Major F. HARBOTTLE, D.S.O., to 4th A.F.A. Brigade from Seconded List, 4/11/17.

2nd/Lieut. H.J. BEATON to 4th A.F.A. Brigade from 1st Aust. Div. Arty, 27/10/17.

SECONDING

3. The undermentioned officers evacuated sick or wounded are placed on the seconded list as from the dates shown:-

Major R.E. FANNING, D.S.O.	Wounded, 15/10/17
Capt. R.V. DIMOND, M.C.	" 3/10/17
" F.T.D. MEARES,	" 14/10/17
" B. MINTER,	" 15/10/17
Lieut. W.R. GOLDIN,	Invalided, 12/10/17
" R. ALLISON,	Injured, 4/10/17
" L.C. SIMPSON,	Invalided, 20/10/17
" S.F. THOMPSON,	Wounded, 15/10/17
" T.E.O. NELL,	" 4/10/17
" R.J.R. HURST,	" 16/10/17
" L.R. ANDREWES,	" 4/10/17
2/Lt. J.A. FREEMAN,	" 12/10/17
" A.D. WATSON,	" 3/10/17

(Lieut. R. ALLISON, evacuated injured and seconded, ceased to be seconded for duty with Div. T.M. Batteries as from 4/10/17)

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

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

Headquarters,
 6th November, 1917.

73
 SUPERNUMERARY Licut. P.G. SANDERS is transferred to Permanent Supernumerary list, dated 30th August, 1917. (A.I.F. List 253 of 2/11/17)

The following officers are placed on the Supernumerary List, dated 7/11/17. (A.I.F. List 253 of 2/11/17)

Captain W. MCGLENN, M.C.
 Licut. E. HUTCHISON.

APPOINTMENT

Licut. J.S. SMITH to be Acting-Adjutant, 4th A.I.F. Brigade, vice Capt. FOWLER, evacuated, dated 15/10/17.

CHANGES

No 2139, Gunner W.J. FLEGG, 2nd Aust. Div. (pty. H.Q.) is transferred to 2nd Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries, 5/11/17.

R.C. OSBORNE, Captain,
 Staff-Captain,
 2nd Aust. Div. (pty.)

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER
(PART II) No 188

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

Headquarters,
11th November, 1917

STRENGTH
1 Lieut. L.C. SIMPSON is taken on strength of 2nd AUST. DIV. Artillery from Seconded List, dated 7/11/17.
2/Lieut. J. MONKHOUSE, transferred from 1st AUST. DIV. ARTY., is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty, dated 27/10/17.

POSTINGS.
2 Lieut. L.C. SIMPSON is posted for duty with 5th A.F.A. Brigade, dated 7/11/17.
2/Lieut. J. MONKHOUSE is posted for duty with 4th A.F.A. Brigade, dated 9/11/17.

ATTACHMENT
3 Major T.E.W. JAMES, 3rd AUST. DIV. ARTY., is attached to 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. for duty as Staff-Trainee, Brigade Major, dated 11/11/17.

REUSTERING
4 No 222, No 811, Driver A. CHAMBERLAIN, 2nd AUST. D.A.H.Q., is reustered as Gunner as from 5/10/17

R. O. Shome
Captain,
Staff-Captain,
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No 189
by
BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
15th November, 1917.

PROMOTIONS
1

No 7273, Sgt. S.H. EYLES, 5th A.F.A. Brigade to be B.S.M.
(W.O. Class 11) vice B.S.M. ROSTRON promoted to W.O. Class I.
Dated 12/11/17.

No 7469, Sgt. D. RIPP, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, to be temporary
B.S.M. (W.O. Class II) vice B.S.M. PEARSALL evacuated.
Dated 13/11/17.

11395, Sgt. SHORT, C.F. 2nd Aust. D.A.C., to be Temporary B.S.M.
(W.O. Class II) vice RAY to A.F.C., - dated 13/11/17.

R. L. Stone
Captain,
Staff-Captain,
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No 190
by
BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
21st November, 1917.

STRENGTH
1.

2/Lieut. W.H. SMART is taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. from Reinforcements (Cadet) - dated 16/11/17.

POSTINGS
2.

Lieut. J.C. RANKIN resumed duty from Seconded List and is posted to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 17/11/17.

Lieut. J. DALY resumed duty from Seconded List and is posted to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. - 17/11/17.

2/Lieut. W.R. SMART is posted to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 16/11/17.

APPOINTMENTS
3

Lieut. J.S. SMITH is appointed Adjutant, 4th A.F.A. Bde., vice Capt. D.A. FOWLER, evacuated - 15/10/17.
(Authority A.I.F. List 259 of 16/11/17)

Lieut. H.T. KINGSMILL is appointed Adjutant, 5th A.F.A. Bde., vice Capt. R. SYMOT to regimental duties - 24/10/17.
(Authority A.I.F. List 258 of 13/11/17)

SECONDED
4.

The undermentioned officers, evacuated wounded, have been placed on the Regimental Seconded List:-

Major R. F. MANTON, D.S.O., 21/10/17

Capt. H.S. LYNE, 30/10/17

Lieut. H.J. DRISCOLL, 30/10/17.
(Authority A.I.F. List 258 of 13/11/17)

RELINQUISH-
MENT.
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Capt. (T/Major) H.J.E. COE relinquished the temporary rank of Major on being evacuated wounded - 4/11/17.
(Authority A.I.F. List 259 of 16/11/17)

Ald. Hurne Captain,
Staff-Captain,
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER
(PART II) No 191

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

Headquarters,
24th November, 1917

APPOINTMENTS
1. Major F. HARBOTTLE, D.S.O., assumed command of 4th A.F.A. Bde
vice Lt-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR on leave, dated 21st November, 1917

Major W.H. St CLAIR, D.S.O., will assume command of 4th A.F.A.
Bde. vice Major F. HARBOTTLE, D.S.O., evacuated sick- dated
24/11/17.

STRENGTH
2. Lieut. W.R. BIRKS is taken on strength from Seconded List -
24/11/17.

2/Lieut. C.G.L. INGATE is taken on strength from reinforcements
(Cadet) dated 23/11/17.

The undermentioned are promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant
and taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Artv, dated 24/11/17:-

- 7553, Bdr. (A/Cpl) POSTLE, F.C., 4th A.F.A. Bde.,
 - 3545, Bdr. FENTON, J.W. do
 - 9464, Cnr (A/Bdr) MUIRHEAD, G., do
- (Authority D.A.G., A.I.F., 45/21/26 of 23/11/17.)

POSTINGS
3. The undermentioned officers are posted for duty as follows
(24/11/17)

- Lieut. W.R. BIRKS, to 4th A.F.A. Brigade,
- 2/Lieut. C.G.L. INGATE, to do
- 2/Lieut. F.C. POSTLE, to 2nd Aust. D.A.G.
- 2/Lieut. J.W. FENTON, to do
- 2/Lieut. G.M. MUIRHEAD to do

TRANSFER
4. Lieut. A.B.C. LAING, 4th A.F.A. Bde., is posted for duty with
2nd Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries, dated 24/11/17.

McOsborne
Captain,
Staff-Captain
2nd Aust. Div. Art

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No 192
by
BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY &

Headquarters,
27th November, 1917.

STRENGTH

1.

The undermentioned N.C.O's are promoted to the rank of
SECOND LIEUTENANT and taken on strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
dated 26/11/17:-

No 7138, Q.M.S. John	ARTHUR,	5th A.F.A. Bde
7170 Sgt. Clive Frederick Keith	EKENSTEEN,	do
11521, Gnr. (T/Cpl) Albert Dale	PATTISON,	do
<u>(Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 45/21 of 24/11/17)</u>		

POSTINGS

2.

Captain (T/Major) G.H. PARKER is posted to 5th A.F.A. Bde,
dated 20/11/17.

The undermentioned officers are posted for duty with 2nd
Aust. D.A.C. dated 26/11/17:-

2/Lieut.	J. ARTHUR,
"	G.F. EKENSTEEN,
"	A.D. PATTISON

SECONDINGS

3

The undermentioned officers are placed on the Regimental
Seconded List:-

Capt. H.J.F. COE,	Wounded 4/11/17,
Capt. D.A. FOWLER,	Invalided 16/10/17,
Capt. C.V. REES, F.C.	Wounded 5/11/17,
Lieut. C. KINGSMILL,	Wounded and ceased to be seconded with 2nd Div. T.M. Btys 4/11
2/Lieut. H.W. BOWRING,	Wounded 4/11/17.
<u>(Authority A.I.F. List No 260 of 20/11/17)</u>	

AMENDMENT

D.A.O. 191

4.

Reference D.A.O. (Part II) No 191, para 4, for "POSTED"
read "TRANSFERRED".

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

APPENDIX. 2

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

Headquarters,
27th November, 1917

- HONORS & REWARDS**
816.
- Under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief-, the 1st ANZAC CORPS Commander has awarded the MILITARY MEDAL to
No 1897 Dvr. MARRIOTT, F., 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
(Authority 2nd Aust. Div. 74/322 of 24/11/17)
The congratulations of the Corps and Divisional Commanders and those of the C.R.A. are to be conveyed to the recipient.
- LEAVE**
817
- A number of complements are being received and men of 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery are absent from billets without passes and improperly dressed. In future no man will be absent from his billet, unless on duty, without a pass signed by an officer. All men leaving their units will report to the Orderly Sergeant and be inspected by him before leaving. All men must be in their billets by 9 p.m.
- GUM BOOTS**
818
- All gum boots will be immediately withdrawn and placed in the Q.M.S. Store of each unit. Men will not wear gumboots when absent from their units, except under special circumstances, when the mud is heavy. Officers may be allowed to wear them, but this must be authorized by an officer.
- CLIPPING OF HORSES**
819
- In order to complete the clipping of horses more expeditiously, Brigades and D.A.C. will immediately form pools of their clipping machines and arrange to complete one battery at a time. Men will be detailed for this work from each Battery and will report daily under Brigade arrangements until clipping is completed. New Clipping Hoals may be obtained from 2nd Mob. Vet. Section. (S.22.5.2.4.) Sheet 28).
- R.E. MATERIAL**
820
- All indents for R.E. material required by units will be submitted to Captain WAGSTAFFE, attached to 4th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
- ORDERS**
821
- Attention is directed to A.I.F. Order 937 of 16/11/17:-
"Disposal of (1) Kits and (2) Effects of Officers who are Deceased, Missing, Sick or Wounded"

R. O. Shorne Captain,
Staff-Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

APPENDIX. 3.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY ** 1st ANZAC CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 1

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

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2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
Headquarters,
12/11/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Registration is being carried on from new positions.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., I.11 and vicinity of BIRR CROSS ROADS were heavily shelled with 10.5 and 15 cm.

Spasmodic shelling with 15 cm in HANNEBEKE WOOD during the day.

Throughout the period, ANZAC RIDGE in J.3.b. was subjected to shelling with 15 cm. H.E. and Shrapnel.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes were active during the morning flying low over forward areas and I.11 and observing for Artillery. Six enemy Balloons were up all day.

J.S. MEHAN, Lieutenant,
Staff-Lieut. for Reconnaissance,
2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY ** 1st ANZAC CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 2

6 a.m. 12/11/17 to 3 a.m. 13/11/17.

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2nd Aust. Div. Artv.
Headquarters,
13th November, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY

and 4 am to 6 am
Between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m., harassing fire was carried out on
Roads and transport tracks in E.14, E.19 and E.25. 100 rounds
were fired on to a Battery position in E.25.b.25.25 between ^{2 pm . 7 pm}
4 a.m. and 5 a.m. Bursts of fire throughout night on E.19.a.0.8

ENEMY ARTILLERY

Area shelled	Period		Calibre	Rounds	Direction of shelling
	From	To			
J.8.c.	9.30	11 a.m.	15cm H.E.	100	MOORSLEDE
J.8.b.,c.& d.	2 p.m.	5 p.m.	15 & 10.5	400	WATERDAMHOEK
WESTHOEK RDGE.	12.15	4 p.m.	15 & 10.5	200	BECELAERE
J.2.a.	4.15	5 p.m.	10.5cm (H.E. & Shrap)	100	WATERDAMHOEK
ANZAC RIDGE D.c.3 & D.9.a.	10am	4.30pm	15 & 10.5	400	BECELAERE
J.8.b.	1 a.m.	2 a.m.	Gas	100	
J.8.	2.45am	4 a.m.	Lethal Gas	400	

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy machines very active during morning; bombing
planes active on back areas from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. From 2 to 4 p.m.
Enemy machines flew at low altitude over battery positions in J.8
and J.2.

Frank Langlands

Major,
For Reconnaissance Officer
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY = 1st ANZAC CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 3.

6 a.m. 13/11/17 to 6 a.m. 14/11/17.

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2nd Australian Divisional Arty.,
Headquarters,
14/11/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Satisfactory registration was carried out during morning. Harrassing fire was carried out from 5 p.m. 13th to 5 a.m. 14th, to the extent of 950 rounds on Activity Centres, Roads, I.C. Positions etc. in E.19 a., E.20. b., DAME WOOD, E.14.a. and c., E.19.a.c. and d..

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

7.40 a.m. to 10 a.m. ST JEANS RIDGE and ANZAC RIDGE were shelled with 21 cm. from WATERDAHOEK. J.4. Central had 300 rounds of 15 cm. between 8 and 10 a.m. and a gun of the same calibre shelled J.3.d. intermittently throughout the morning. At 9 a.m. 100 rounds 15 and 10.5. fell about ZOUWERKE, HANNEBEEK WOOD was shelled with 50 21 cm between 1.15 p.m. and 3 p.m. At 3.45 p.m. a 10.5 cm. How from BECELAERE shelled D.8.b. From 5 p.m. to 7. 8.30 p.m. 150 15cm rounds fell in the vicinity of J.8.c.8.d. from MOORSLIDE.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

6 to 7 a.m. bombing planes attempted to penetrate our back areas but were driven back by our A.A. Fire. At 11 a.m. 3 Gotha planes with escort flew in direction of YPRES and bombs were dropped. Through the day enemy aircraft flew low over battery positions. An enemy aeroplane with unusual markings was observed by F.O.O.-The markings were- blue and white stripes on wings.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

At intervals throughout the day, considerable movement was noticed in wood and ruins at E.20.b.3.5..

MISCELLANEOUS.

The MOORSLIDE Road through E.19.a. appears to be used a great deal, probably at night. A Signal Lamp was observed sending messages at approximately E.21.a..

J. J. Sheehan Lieutenant,
Staff Liout. for Reconnaissance,
2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

APPENDIX 3.

"B" GROUP ARTILLERY ** 1st ANZAC CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 4

6 a.m. 14/11/17 to 6 a.m. 15/11/17.

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Headquarters,
15th November, 1917

OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

During the period 1100 rounds were used in harassing fire on H.O. occupied posts, roads, tracks and activity centres.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:

Generally, Hostile artillery was less active than usual. Between 6 a.m. and noon, ZONNEBEKE WOOD and WESTHOLK RIDGE were shelled intermittently with 15 cm and 10.5cm Hows from direction of BECELAERE. Battery positions in J.B.c & a. were shelled for about an hour at 2.30 p.m. by 10.5 cm from BECELAERE; an occasional round fell up to 5 p.m. General shelling of ANZAC RIDGE by 10.5cm and 15 cm from 4 p.m. to 5.10 p.m. was reported. 15 cm How. from BECELAERE shelled HANNEBEKE WOOD from 10.5 to 10.30 p.m.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

At 9.47 a.m., 3 E.A's flew over our front line firing their machine guns.

Enemy balloon up at bearing of 85° from J.4.b.8.5.

ENEMY MOVEMENT:

At 1.30 p.m. a great deal of movement was observed on the road at E.28.a.28.38. Pack animals and transport all going N.W.

J. Sheehan

Lieut.,
Staff-Lieut. for Reconnaissance
2nd AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY

"B" GROUP ARTILLERY ** 1st ANZAC CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 5

6 a.m. 15/11/17 to 6 a.m. 16/11/17
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2nd Aust. Div. Artv.
Headquarters 14/11/17.

OUR ARTILLERY: Satisfactory registration and calibration was obtained during the period. Battery positions improved, pits drained, ammunition salvaged and roads repaired. Harassing fire was carried out against enemy dugouts, M.G. positions and communications in D.30.c., J.6.a., D.30.c. & d, and E.25.c. & d. 1500 rounds expended and were fired in bursts at irregular intervals.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY: 15 and 10.5 cm Batteries from direction of BECELAERE and WATERDAMHOEK were active during the period; approximately 950 rounds, principally 15 cm, came from BECELAERE. 6 am to 7 am, J.2 central had 70 rds 10.5 cm from BECELAERE. ANZAC RIDGE was shelled at the same time with 10.5 and 15 cm from WATERDAMHOEK. 7 am to 9.45 am 180 rds 10.5 cm fell in J.1.b, c, and d. from direction of DADIZEELE. Between 9.30 am and noon a 15 cm on T.B. 107° from J.8.b.2.7. fired 450 rds on to J.9.a., J.8.d. J.7.b & c. 10 a.m. to 12.10 pm J.8.c., J.2.c & a. were shelled from BECELAERE by 15 cm, 400 rds came over. 1.25pm to 2.10 pm some 21 cm and 10.5 cm from BECELAERE fell about J.2.central. Between 1.25 and 4 p.m. 450 rds 15 cm fell in J.7.a. and b., J.9.a. and J.8.d. from BECELAERE. A 7.7cm Bty. shelled J.2.d.8.7. for an hour at 2 pm; 300 rds were fired; direction WATERDAMHOEK. 3.10 to 4.30pm about 100 rds 15 cm came from WATERDAMHOEK on to ANZAC RIDGE and J.8.c. Gas (Lethal) was used against WESTHOEK RIDGE from 6 pm to 6.30 pm but continued intermittently from 8 pm to 1 am on J.7.central

AERIAL ACTIVITY: Normal. 7.30 E.A. engaged one of our observers, who was forced to land in direction of YPRES. Between 2 and 3 pm, 8 enemy bombing planes observed over J.8. At intervals during the day, E.A.'s flew low over Battery positions in J.8. but were driven off by A.A.M.G. fire.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Locality Shelled	Period		Calibre	Rounds	Direction
	From	To			
J.2.central	6 am	7 am	10.5cm	70	BECELAERE
ANZAC RIDGE	"	"	15 & 10.5		WATERDAMHOEK
J.1.b., c & d.	7 am	9.45am	10.5cm	180	DADIZEELE
J.9.a. & J.8.d.	9.30am	11.30am	15 cm	250	(T.B.107° from
J.7.b. & c.	9.45am	Noon	15 cm	200	(J.8.b.2.7.
J.8.c.	10 am	1 pm	15 cm	150	BECELAERE
J.2.c. & a.	12.10pm	4 pm	15 cm	250	do
J.2.central	1.25pm	2.10pm	10.5 & 21cm	100	do
J.7.a. & b.	1.30pm	4 pm	15 cm	200	do
J.9.a. & J.8.d.	1 pm	3 pm	15 cm	250	
J.2.d.8.7.	2 pm	3 pm	7.7 cm	300	WATERDAMHOEK
ANZAC RIDGE	3.10pm	3.35 pm	15 cm	30	
J.8.c.	4 pm	4.30 pm	15 cm	60	do
WESTHOEK RIDGE	6 pm	6.30 pm	10.5cm Lethal		
J.7.central	8 pm	1 am	do do		

J. J. J. J. J.
Lieut.,
Staff-Lieut. for Reconnaissance,
2nd AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY.

W.D.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY ** 2nd ANZAC CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 6
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2nd Aust. Div. Artillery
Headquarters,
17th November, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY: From 7 am to 7.5 am and from 4.30 to 4.35 pm shoots were directed on KEIBERG and enemy defences and communications in vicinity (600 rounds)

Harassing fire was carried out against O.P's in E.19.d., D.24.d., E.19.c. (in EDGE COPSE) M.G. Post in D.24.d.; Trench from D.30.a.88.88. to D.24.c.83.40.; Posts in D.70; Regimental H.Q. at H.E.20.c.14.08.; roads and tracks in E.19 and E.25 and enemy out-post line.

ENEMY ARTILLERY showed increased activity: ANZAC, POLYGONVELD, WESTHOEK, ZONNEBEKE ROAD were heavily shelled from 11.15 am to 3 p.m. and intermittently during day and night with 15, 10.5 and 7.7 cm (estimated 1500 rounds) from direction of JUSTICE WOOD. J.8.c. and back areas were shelled with Phosgene Gas between 10.45 p.m and 5 am

AIRIAL ACTIVITY Below normal. At 11.20 am, 3 E.A's, flying low, observed effect of area shoot. Several planes flew in direction of YPRES during the day.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

Area Shelled	Period		Calibre	Rounds	Direction
	From	To			
HELLES area	7.20 pm		Various		
J.8.b.	9 pm		15 cm Gas	250) 50)	
ANZAC, POLYGON- VELD, WESTHOEK, ZONNEBEKE Rdge.	11 am	3 pm	15 and 7.7	1000	JUSTICE WOOD.
do	Intervals during night		do do	500	do do
ANZAC RIDGE	7.15pm	8.20 pm	15cm	70	T.R. 650 from J.1.d.6.1.
J.8.c & back areas	10.45pm	5 am	Phosgene Gas		

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY** 2nd ANZAC CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 7

6 a.m. 17/11/17 to 6 a.m. 18/11/17.

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2nd Aust. Div. Artv.
Headquarters,
18th Nov., 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY: From 6.30 am to 6.35 am and from noon to 12.5 pm, three 18-pdr Batteries and one 4.5" How. Bty. fired bursts of harassing fire on the KEIBERG SFUR. For half an hour at 10 am, four 18-pdr Batteries and one 4.5" How. Bty. fired on JUSTICE WOOD at the request of the Infantry to divert attention whilst some prisoners were brought to the rear. During hours of darkness, 1152 rds were used to harass the enemy's communications in E.20.d. and E.25.a. In the early part of last night, fire was quickened up on tracks, roads and approaches over the sector, on a report being received that a relief was in progress. Battery positions are in process of further improvement and ammunition is being salvaged and cleaned.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:

Area Shelled	Period		Calibre	Rounds	Direction
	From	To			
I.S.	6 am	7 am	10.5 Gas	200	
I.S.b & c.	9 am	9.35 am	10.5 & 15cm	25	MOORSLEDE
CHATEAU WOOD BELLEWARDE RIDGE.	12.10pm	1.25 pm	10.5 & 21cm	1500	WATERDANHOEK BEGELAERE
I.S. & J.2.a.	1.15pm	1.45 pm	10.5cm	50	
MANNEBEKE WD	2 pm	2.40 pm	15 cm	50	MOORSLEDE
ANZAC RIDGE	3 pm	3.20 pm	15 cm	40	do.
do do	5.5pm	5.30 pm	15 cm	25	do
J.S.c & d.	8.10pm	8.30 pm	10.5cm	8	WATERDANHOEK
WESTHOEK RGL.	8.15pm	9.5 pm	10.5 Gas	150	BEGELAERE
I.S.b.	9 pm	10 pm	7.7 cm	60	do
I.S.b.	10.30pm	11 pm	10.5 Gas	60	
J.7.b.	1 am	2 am	7.7 Gas	60	
ZONNEBEKE	2 am	4 am	15 & 21cm	200	MOORSLEDE

MISCELLANEOUS: At 1.55 am from J.1.d.60.16, 10 pairs of green lights were visible 1000 Right of ANZAC HOUSE. This was repeated at 3.20 and 5 a.m. No apparent action followed.

Observation was difficult throughout the day owing to mist and fog.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY ** 2nd ANZAC CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 8

6 a.m. 18/11/17 to 6 a.m. 19/11/17.

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Headquarters,
19th November, 1917.OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Army barrages were put down in accordance with 2nd ANZAC Orders. At 7 a.m. to 7.35 a.m. on the 18th and 5.45 am to 6.0 am on 19th. Harassing fire was also carried out at irregular intervals with sharp bursts on enemy headquarters, Dugouts and communications in E.19.b, E.14.d & c. and E.25.b. and d.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Area Shelled	Period		Calibre	Rounds	Direction
	From	To			
ANZAC RIDGE	9 am	9.30am	Gas shell	30	KEIBERG MOLEN
J.8.b.	10 am	11.15am	15 & 10.5cm	350	(T.B.600 from (J.8.b.2.7
J.8.	10.30a	3 pm	15 cm	500	BECELARE
ANZAC RIDGE	2.45 pm	3 pm	10.5 cm	60	
J.8.	3 pm	6.30pm	15 cm	180	WATERDAMHOUK
WESTHOEK RIDGE)					
HANNEBEKE WOOD)	8.30pm	9.30pm	15 cm	350	BECELARE
WESTHOEK RIDGE	9.45pm	10 pm	15 cm	20	do.
ANZAC RIDGE	10 pm	11.30pm	15 cm	200	do
J.8.	2 am	3.30 am	15 & 10.5	30	WATERDAMHOUK
WESTHOEK RIDGE)					
HANNEBEKE WOOD)	4.15am	4.50 am	Gas & H.E.	50	BECELARE

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY

6.15 am E.A.'s flew over and dropped bombs on J.2.a. 7.15am an E.A. destroyed one of our observation balloons near YPRES. On returning the E.A. was engaged by 5 of our Scouts and forced to land in his own lines in the direction of BECELARE. 8.30 am E.A. flew very low over Battery positions in J.8.b. but was driven off by 3 of our Scouts. 2.45pm 3 E.A.'s attempted to fly low over Battery positions in J.8.b. but were driven off by our Scout.

MISCELLANEOUS

At 5.10pm 20 pairs of Green Lights were observed to the South of our Sector; no enemy action was apparent.

3.30 am, one red light followed by 2 greens went up towards FLINTE COPSE from ANZAC HOUSE.

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6 a.m. 19/11/17 to 6 a.m. 20/11/17
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2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
Headquarters,
20th Nov., 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:

Corps Barrage was fired at 5.45 a.m. From 6 to 6.30 p.m. 750 rds were fired on Southern Section of Div. front, there being an enemy relief expected. Enemy dugouts, communications and activity centres in E.25.c. & d. and E.19. a. & d. were harassed throughout the period.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

Area shelled	Period		Calibre	Rounds	Direction
	From	To			
WESTHOEK RIDGE	8.45am	11.45 am	15 & 21cm	600	BECELAERE
J.8.	9.15am	9.45 .m	10.5 cm	360	WATERDALHOEK
HANNEBEKE WOOD	11.45am	1.6 pm	15 cm	Int'mt	
(WESTHOEK & BELLE-					
WARDE areas, J.2.a.	1.15pm	2.0 pm	10.5 cm	250	WATERDALHOEK
J.2.a.	2.40pm	3.0 pm	15 cm	50	BECELAERE
ANZAC RIDGE	3.0 pm	5.10pm	15 cm	150	do.
J.9.a.	6.30pm	7.45pm	10.5 cm		WATERDALHOEK
(WESTHOEK RIDGE &			(10.5 cm		
(HANNEBEKE WOOD	11.15pm	11.30pm	(Gas	90	DADIZNELE
J.8.b.	2.0 am	3.15am	(10.5 cm	200	(T.R. 67° from
			(Gas & H.E		(J.8.b.2.7.
J.8.b.	3.45am	4.10am	15 cm	25	do

AERIAL ACTIVITY: E.A's flew over J.15 and 16 at intervals from noon to 3 pm when they were driven off by our scouts.

MISCELLANEOUS: Battery at J.8.c.47.48. reports M.G. fire from the South on to the position.

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"B" GROUP ARTILLERY ** 2nd ANZAC CORPS

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 10

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6 a.m. 20/11/17 to 6 a.m. 21/11/17

Headquarters,
21st November, 17.

OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY: Army Barrage carried out from 6.30 to 7.24am. During the period, harassing fire was directed on enemy track, junction dugouts, and Headquarters in E.25.b., c. & d., E.24.d., E.19.b. & d. and E.14.d.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY - The shelling was lighter than for last period and the usual heavy area shoot did not take place. Edges and Battery areas were intermittently shelled throughout day. Gas shell fell for an hour in J.8.d. & c. during the night.

AREA SHELLED	PERIOD		CALIBRE	ROUNDS	DIRECTION
	From	To			
ZONNEBEKE	7 am	9 am	15 & 10.5cm		WATERDAMHONK
BROODSEINDE	9.45am	10.m	" "		DADIZEELE
J.S.a. & c.	2 pm	2.15pm	15 cm	100	"
WESHOEK RIDGE & HANNEBEKE WOOD	2.50pm	3 pm	10.5 cm	60	WATERDAMHONK
ANZAC RIDGE	3.5 pm	3.25pm	15 & 10.5cm	60	BECELAERE
J.8.a.	4.45pm	5.20pm	15 cm	150	"
J.8 & HANNEBEKE WOOD	5.15pm	6 pm	10.5cm	250	WATERDAMHONK
J.8.a. & c.	10.30pm	11.15pm	10.5cm	150	
			Gas		

AERIAL ACTIVITY : At 9.30 am five enemy planes flew over J.8 but were driven off by A.A.G. fire.

At 2.30 pm three enemy planes flew over J.8. These were driven off by A.A.G.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 11

6 a.m. 21/11/17 to 6 a.m. 22/11/17.

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2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
Headquarters,
2nd Nov., 1917.OUR ARTILLERY :

Corps Barrage was fired at 4 pm (Right Bde. under orders of H.Z. Div. Arty and Left Bde under orders of 56th Div. Arty.) Enemy dugouts, posts and trench junctions on Div. front were harassed throughout the period. A line of shellholes was fired at intermittently from 5.15pm to 7 am. (E.13.c.8.7. to E.13.c.9.5.)

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

Activity slightly below normal. Intermittent shelling on whole of front during period, confined to no particular locality. Owing to the mist, no flash bearings could be obtained. A few shells were reported.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:

Below normal.

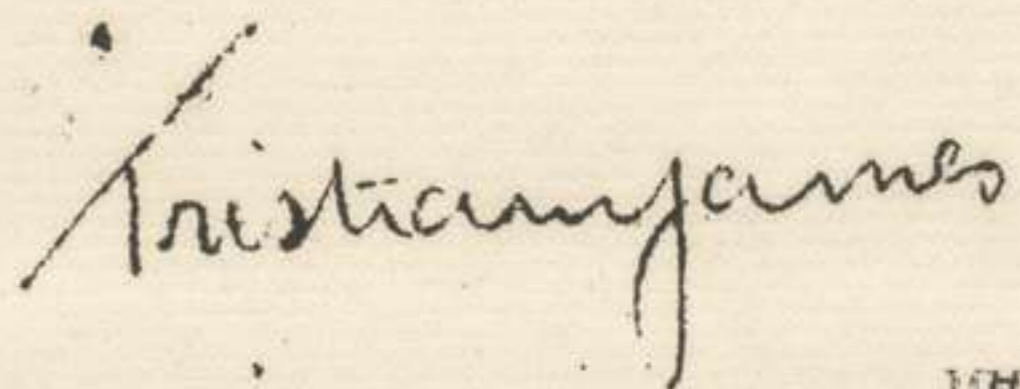
MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing of special tactical interest to report; visibility very poor. At 10 a.m. 21/11/17, the 18th and 115th Army Bdes, R.F.A. relieved 4th and 5th Aust.F.A.Bdes. At 6pm 104th Army Bde. R.F.A. came under the orders of the G.F.A., 2nd Aust.Div.

ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Area Shelled	Period		Calibre	Rounds	Direction.
	From	To			
J.S. & Vicinity	9am	11am	15 cm	200	
J.S.c. & IRON) GROSS REDOUST.)	11am	11.45am	7.7cm 4.2 & 5.9	150 100	

Intermittent shelling on whole of front during remainder of period



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.
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Headquarters,
 22nd Nov. 1917.

While the Divisional Artillery is in reserve, the following general programme will be observed:-

(a) From arrival in Wagon Lines until 28th inst., personnel will be rested; all equipment and clothing thoroughly overhauled and cleaned and steps taken to replace deficiencies. Necessary internal reorganization of batteries will be carried out. Horse clipping will be completed if possible and harness thoroughly overhauled and cleaned. Horses will be exercised daily for at least two hours. (All parties will be under an officer).

Men's kit and clothing will be inspected by Section and Battery Commanders and steps taken to replace deficiencies.

Medical inspection will be held as desired by Brigade Medical Officers.

Passes will be granted as liberally as possible.

(b) From 28th inst. training will be proceeded with. Pending receipt of guns, this will consist of foot drill and physical training; semaphore signalling; lectures by officers in gunnery; discipline and interior economy; war situation and other matters of interest; riding and driving drill if ground permits; classes for map reading, Director Work, etc. will be formed under the Reconnaissance Officer.

Exercising horses will proceed as usual and attention is to be paid to turnout.

On receipt of guns, Laying, Fuze Setting and Gun Drill will be proceeded with.

If possible all gunners will be qualified as layers; certainly 4 per subsection.

Commanding Officers will submit general programme of training for their brigades to D.A.H.Q. by 28th inst..

There is to be ten minutes saluting drill daily before midday stables forthwith.

Regulations as to dress, especially wearing of bandoliers when out of billets are to be republished in Battery Orders and strictly enforced.

Uniform methods of wearing waterbottles, respirators, gas helmets, steel helmets, etc. have been arranged and are to be adhered to.

(c) Commanding officers will give all possible encouragement to Sport and Recreational Training. It is suggested that inter-battery and brigade competitions for Football, Hockey, Boxing and other sports, be arranged. Divisional Artillery Sports will be held if weather and other circumstances permit.

4th A.F.A. Brigade.
 5th A.F.A. Brigade.
 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
 2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.

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

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 2

SIGNALLING

Headquarters,
25th November, 1917.

1. A course for training Battery Signallers will commence on 28th instant under the Divisional Artillery Signal Officer, who will arrange for Instructors and programme of work. Copy of the latter will be forwarded to this office.
2. Each Battery and Section of D.A.C. will send Five men to the course. Men selected must be intelligent and, if possible, have a good education. No previous signalling knowledge is necessary. It is unlikely that time will permit of complete training at the course, but it is intended that men will be sufficiently grounded thereat to perform duty on Battery Staffs and that they can then, if necessary, be "finished" under Battery arrangements.
3. Whilst attending the course, men will be struck off all other duty. Time and place of assembly will be notified later. If arrangements can be made, the course will be quartered and rationed at the place of instruction.
4. Each man attending the course will bring with him one small signalling flag, notebook and pencils. Arrangements for other instructional equipment will be made by the Divisional Artillery Signal Officer.

(Sgd) W.J.L. POSTON,
Major, R.A.
Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

4th A.F.A.Bde,	5
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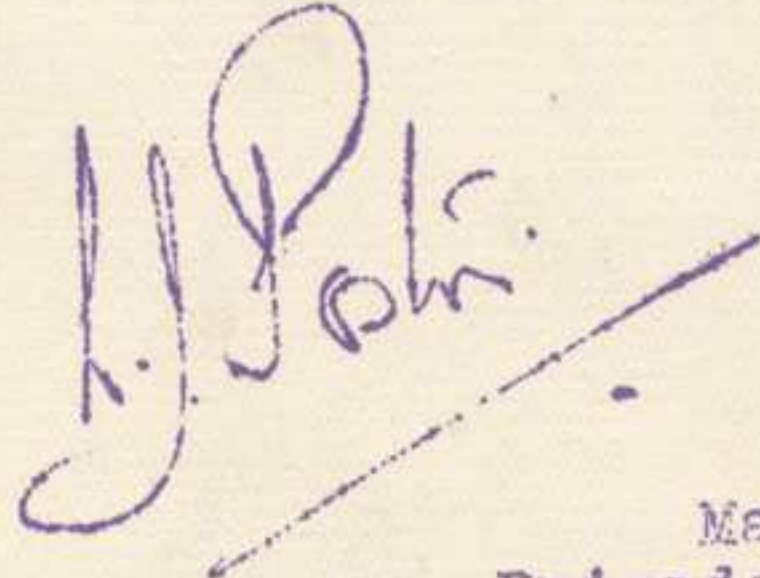
AMENDMENT No 1 TO
TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 2
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Headquarters,
27th November, 1917.

Reference Training Instruction No 2, this course will be held under the Divisional Signal Officer with the class now undergoing instruction at 2nd Aust. Div. F.O., RAVENSBURG.

Batteries and Sections D.A.C. will each send Four men instead of Five. Time and place to report will be notified as soon as accommodation is available.

The Div. Arty. Sig. Officer will arrange for a course for the old signallers remaining with Batteries.



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

- 4th A.F.A.Bde,
- 5th A.F.A.Bde,
- 2nd Aust.D.A.C.
- 2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS No 3

TURNOUT

A Few Points.

Headquarters,
25th November, 1917.

1. Every Parade is to be thoroughly inspected by Section Commanders at Squad Parade and should be perfect before the B-C. arrives, except such harness fitting as cannot be seen until teams are moving. No's 1 responsible to Section Commanders and so on. A mistake or a button undone or off that has to be found by B-C. is a blot on the Section Commander.
The eye soon becomes trained to notice any small defects which must be at once eradicated. Men must take a pride in their turnout for their own name and that of the 2nd Aust. D.A..
2. HAN: Waterbottle: over Right shoulder; left arm to be passed under strap going over Water bottle, which will then be looped under the Left shoulder strap.
3. Gas Helmet: to be shortened so that it comes above Favorsack on the Right Side.
4. Respirator: tight up in centre of back.
5. Spurs: Bottom straps want lengthening so that spur is higher up and straight, not drooping.
6. Leggings: Issue with putties as soon as possible.
7. Steel Helmets: When not worn in "marching order" will be fastened symmetrically on the backs of carriages. Outriders, on near side of shoe pocket.
8. Felt Hats: Looped up unless raining.
9. Great-coats: Drivers, on cantle of saddle,
Gunnors, on carriages.
10. Ground Sheet: Drivers, over blankets on off horse,
Gunnors, " " " Carriages
11. HORSE: Nosebags: All unexpanded portions of day's Oats in nosebags, which should be strapped up tight against saddle, with no play. Nothing else to be put in. Drivers, 1 on near and 1 on off side of saddle.
12. Surcingle pads: In use on off horse; others under belly on surcingle.
13. Gas Masks: On outside neck supporting straps of wagon teams.
14. Collar Chains: polished.
15. VEHICLES: Horse rugs: when not carried in motor lorry to be strapped to trails and perches.
16. Camouflage: 18-pdrs., on buffer with shield resting on top.
4.5" Hows., in hollow of trail.
17. Water Buckets: In wire cages, not hung on carriages.
18. No projections are to be made for carrying Hay, etc., in rear of carriages.
19. Next day's forage, if drawn, is to be carried in the 3 G.S. Wagons per Brigade provided.
20. All equipment and stores not mentioned above will be carried as laid down.

W.P.O.
Major, R.A.
Brigade-major,

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 4

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Headquarters,
27th November, 1917.

1. Training will be carried out until further orders on the following lines:-

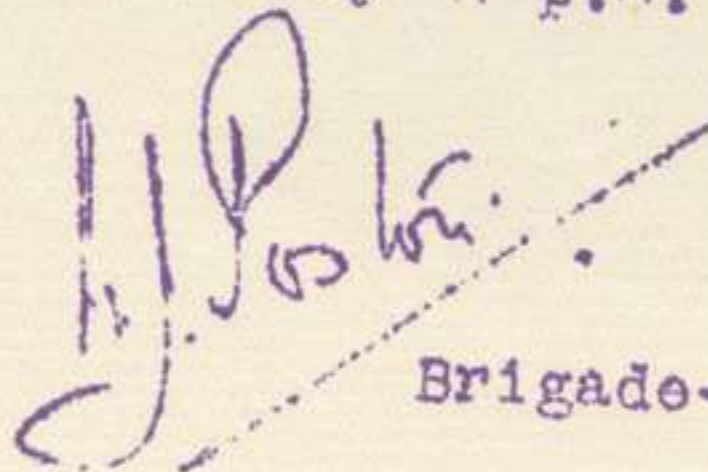
TIMES : Reveille, 6.30 a.m.
 Stables, 6.45 a.m.
 Breakfast, 7.45 a.m.
 Parade 9.0 - 11 a.m.
 Stables, 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 a.m.
 Parade. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 Stables, 3.45 - 4.45 pm.

Harness Inspection during Stables on Saturdays, in skeleton order, until passed by B-C.

2. PARADES: Physical Drill before Breakfast,
 Dismounted Drill,
 Drill Orders, at least twice a week, along roads until ground can be found for Driving Drill.
 Exercise (Horses) Officers to impart instruction in equitation and saluting.
 Gun Drill, Laying and Fuze Setting, as soon as guns are available.
 Saluting Drill (Dismounted) 10 minutes before midday stables.
 Voice Drill, for good word of command.
 Signalling, under arrangements of Div. Arty. Sig. Office

3. LECTURES: to be given during wet weather or after evening stables arranged by D.A.H.Q.:-
 Administration and Supply,
 Veterinary,
 Gas,
 Map Reading.
 By Battery Officers and artificers:-
 March Discipline,
 Packing of Vehicles,
 Horse Mastery,
 Air recuperator Buffer.

4. Wednesdays and Saturdays will be half holidays: Sunday a whole holiday.
5. A list of Sports and Football fixtures will be forwarded to D.A.H.Q. for the information of the C.R.A., also time, date and place of Boxing contests, etc.
6. Form attached for the weekly programme, from Monday to Monday, which should arrive at D.A.H.Q. by 2 p.m. Thursday.



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

Appendix 4

ADDENDUM No 1 to
 SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 4
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Headquarters,
 27th November, 1917.

Reference this office Training Instruction No 4 of even date, para 4
 Captain G.S. DOWN, D.A.D.O.C., 2nd Australian Division, will lecture
 on SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT IN THE FIELD at School House, 12th Battery
 Wagon Lines, G.S.b.5.5. (Sheet 36) at 2 p.m. on FRIDAY, 30th inst.

All Battery Captains and Q.M.S.'s will attend. Other Officers
 not on duty will also attend. Any N.C.O.'s acting as Assistant Q.M.S.
 or who are likely to assume this rank should also be present.

R. Osborne
 Captain,
 Staff-Captain,
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

APPENDIX 4



AIDE MEMOIRE FOR SUBALTERNS:
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A few of the points to be noted, in the pocket book, until done
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INSPECTING HARNESS.

Harness is to be put down by sections every alternate week in skeleton order for inspection; Leather under buckle-this ensures that the leather under buckles is dubbined properly.

Saddles -Seats, Rivets, Inspect very carefully, looking well round the saddle to see - seats have not been unduly stretched; rivets are not loose; girth straps are not cut by tongue of girth buckle; V attachment supple and adjusting strap is used in centre hole.

all leather pliable- especially where horse's sweat can affect it). Breast collars clean inside and out, soft and unwrinkled.

Stirrup leathers Reins soft and pliable, especially where they touch the horse's neck, this portion liable to perish owing to the sweat of the animal.

Bits (not worn) See they are not worn where the iron comes. Holes in bar not too worn (in which state they are liable to pinch the horse's mouth)

Blankets Unfolded and inspected.

FITTING HARNESS

Breechings and Supporting straps-

Breechings and supporting straps cannot be properly fitted until their adjustment is watched whilst on the move and the horse must be in full draught before the adjustments can be gauged.

The breeching is not an easy thing to fit properly and great care is required in fitting supporting straps. Most breechings seen in France fit abominably.

Supporting straps should be just slack when the horse is in full draught, they are generally bulging out and much too long.

Girths.

Girths are frequently too long for the horse; you can detect this by looking at girth tabs to see if top holes are being used.

Bits, Headcollars, Blankets, Breast-Collars and Supporting Bars.

Bits not too high; throat lashes not tight when head in to neck.

Blankets not folded too short; breast collars and Supporting bars not too low.

GENERAL.

Continually ride up and down your section whilst on the march, especially when going up or down hill; make up your mind as to what alterations in harness fitting are required and carry them out at first halt.

The march is a good opportunity to check the men's equipment and to see that it is carried properly.

See that on the level wheel horses are not back in breeching and are not being pulled along by leads and centres. It is the work of the lead driver to keep his distance, he therefore makes the pace. It is the duty of the centre and wheel drivers to see that the traces in front of them are taut and that their own horses are in the collar. Downhill, the lead driver still sets the pace, the wheel driver keeping up his horses so that the traces in front of him are slack.

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INSPECTING GUNS

Sights must be tested daily by an officer.

Oil Holes

Oil holes clean and free from paint and dirt; those for oiling traversing plates on axletrees are difficult to see and liable to be neglected.

Bore.

Free from residue; should be bright.

Buffer

Look at level of oil; make sure that it is oil and not an oil bubble that gives the appearance of the buffer being full. Look at the gun beneath forward end of spring case; if buffer gland leaks, the oil falls there; at the same time see that the slides are clean.

Brakes.

Brake blocks not too worn. With brake off, take hold of brake arm and move it backwards and forwards; the mechanism should work smoothly and easily. Lift brake arm vertically to detect play in the pivots on the trail. See that connecting rods are not bent and that actuating screw is clean. With the brake on, release with quick release and see that mechanism is clean and oiled. Take off leather cover for this and see that oilway is not choked.

Striker

Test protrusion.

Wheels

Jack up a wheel; take off dust cap; see that adjusting collar has lynch pin through the right recess and wheel is well greased. The pipebox nut should be tight home. Examine the ratchet on the rim of the nut to see if the flat spring has been jumping the recesses. With a spanner test the nave bolts that they are tight home. Take hold of two opposite spokes and test for side play.

Leather work

All leather should be clean and supple. The leather at the end of ammunition baskets should be specially looked to as the ammunition boxes have been sadly neglected.

Elevating and Traversing Gear.

Elevating and traversing gear should work smoothly and yet without any play. If there is any knocking when elevating or depressing, the gear requires attention.

Rocking bar sight-

This must be free from side play.

Breech Mechanism -

When open, lift carrier to see if there is any play in the hinge bolt. Look out for burred threads on breech block and gun. Close breech gently and listen if block fouls lower threads in gun; if it does, the carrier hinge bolt is worn.

General

Mechanism should not be running in oil; limber gunners are apt to flood the breech mechanism with it. Wheels should be occasionally turned if in action continually.

AMMUNITION WAGON

See that the different types of ammunition are packed in lots according to Battery orders and are not dirty.

Primers

Take off a few clips and pass your thumb over primers to see they are screwed flush home; a loose primer will cause a jamb.

Clips

See that all ammunition has clips on.

Lids.

With lid of box down, lift it each side to see if hinge rivets are tight and also see if hinges are free from paint and are oiled. Close lid and see that it fits along rim of box and is not bent.

Brakes and Wheels-
Stores

Test the same as guns

Look underneath limber and wagon body; see that grease and oil tins have been removed and cleaned; equipment on footboards clean.

Jointed-pole.

See this is properly housed and occasionally fit it in limber.

General.

Do not allow your limber gunners to oil paint work. It is a transitory embellishment, collects dirt and soils the men's breeches. The way to wash a carriage is with a water brush, not by heaving buckets of water over it. The former method cleans it better and does not make the gunpark a quagmire.

STABLES

See that shoeing records are kept up to date.

Feet

You are held responsible that your horses' shoes are properly fitted and that there is no case of thrush. To do this you must constantly pick up the feet and examine them yourself.

The usual faults in shoeing out here are- foot not taken down enough; shoe badly fitted, usually too long in the heel - both examples of laziness.

Passing Horses

You or your No 1 must pass every horse; to do this have it led outside and go over it. You cannot inspect a horse under a tarpaulin. Share this work with your No 1.

Droppings.

Look out for undigested corn and unhealthy dung.

Feeds.

Inspect these and nosebags at the same time. Nosebags must be shortened up when put on, to avoid wasting corn.

Standings.

See that these are kept in good repair and loose bricks and large pieces of shale are not left lying on the standings. Give horses room to lie down.

Wounds.

See that all wounds; cracked heel, etc, have beendressed.

Sick Horses.

Visit the sick lines and look over your horses there.

General.

Horses' legs must be dried immediately they return from work, before the men turn out, and backs must be dried directly saddles are removed.

Picket lines tight and at right height.

Walk round your horses at different times of the day and let your men see that you take an interest in them. Stablemen must be watched; they should be constantly removing dung from the lines during the day time and should remove nosebags directly they are empty.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THE SECTION COMMANDER AND SO COMMAND YOUR SECTION IN EVERY DETAIL. You are the "Father and mother" of everything in it and, as such, responsible.

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