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HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	
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Australian Corps,
3rd September, 1918.Ref. Sheet. 62 C.
1/40,000.AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 165.

1.- The Corps front will be re-adjusted on the night 4th/5th September, 1918 as under :-

(a) The III Corps (74th Division) is taking over the front now held by the 2nd Aust. Division from the present northern boundary as far south as the east and west grid line through I.12.a.0.0.

(b) The 5th Aust. Division will extend its front to the left and take over the front now held by the 2nd Aust. Division as far north as the east and west grid line through I.12.a.0.0.

2.- On completion of the above the Corps front will be held by the 32nd Division on the right and the 5th Aust. Division on the left.

The 2nd Aust. Division on completion of relief will be concentrated in the GAPPY Area.

3.- Subject to this order details of relief will be mutually arranged between G.O.'s.C. 2nd and 5th Aust. Divisions and G.O.C. 74th Division.

4.- Command of the front will pass on completion of relief at an hour to be arranged between Divisional Commanders concerned.

5.- (a) The following artillery will come under the command of G.O.C., 5th Aust. Division on completion of relief :-

5th Aust. Divisional Artillery.
5th Army Bde. R.H.A.
16th Army Bde. R.H.A.
3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
298th Army Bde. R.F.A.

The 16th Army Bde. ^{R.H.A.} will be prepared to move from its present location at short notice.

(b) 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery will withdraw to the GAPPY Area on completion of relief under orders of G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division.

(c) The 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. and 23rd Army Bde. R.F.A. will withdraw to wagon lines under orders of G.O.C., 5th Aust. Division. on command of the front passing, and will pass into Corps Reserve under the orders of G.O.C., R.A.

6.- Headquarters of 2nd and 5th Aust. Divisions will remain as at present.

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Australian Corps,
4th September 1918.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AUSTRALIAN CORPS ORDER No. 165.

dated 3rd September 1918.

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The new Corps Northern boundary will be as under,
and not as stated in the above order :-

I.12. central to I.9. central to I.3 central to
H.4. central to B.27. central - thence as at present.

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 Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 Australian Corps.

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To all recipients of Aust Corps Order No. 165.

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AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
6/15/18

HEADQUARTERS, Copy No.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. 4981/1

ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 259
by
G.O.C.R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

19th August 1918.

1. The Australian Corps intends to attack the enemy positions on a front extending from the Northern Corps boundary to approximately an East and West line through X.12.central.
This will take the form of two separate operations - that North of the SOMME River synchronizing and in conjunction with operations by the III Corps; that South of the SOMME is intended to extend and secure the flank of the III Corps.

2. Field Artillery is allotted to fronts as follows :-

'D' Divnl.Front. (Under command of Brig.Genl.GRIMWADE, C.B.,
C.M.G.)

3rd Aust.Divnl.Arty.)
58th Divnl.Arty.) 4 Brigades.

'C' Divnl.Front. (Under command of Brig.Genl.ANDERSON, D.S.O.)

1st Aust.Divnl.Arty.)
5th Aust.Divnl.Arty.)
5th Army Bde.R.H.A.)
16th Army Bde.R.H.A. (13-prs.)) 9 Brigades.
12th Army Bde.A.F.A.)
23rd Army Bde.R.F.A.)
298th Army Bde.R.F.A.)

'B' Divnl.Front. (Under command of C.R.A. 32nd Division)

32nd Divnl.Arty.)
2nd Aust.Divnl.Arty.)
14th Army Bde.R.F.A.)
189th Army Bde.R.F.A.) 6 Brigades.

'A' Divnl.Front. (Under command of Brig.Genl.BURGESS, C.M.G.,
D.S.O.)

4th Aust.Divnl.Arty.)
3rd Army Bde.A.F.A.)
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.) 4 Brigades.

3. EMPLACEMENT OF BRIGADES.

- (a) Operation North of the SOMME - in accordance with the requirements of Instructions and Barrage Map issued by III Corps.
- (b) Operation South of the SOMME - Brigades of 'B' and 'C' Divisional Sectors will be so emplaced as to be capable of placing a creeping barrage from the Artillery Start Line to a line approximately L.33.c.0.0 to M.13.central to S.7.central.

Instructions and Barrage Map to follow.

4. MOVEMENT.

The usual precautions will be adhered to as regards moving guns into position.

5. AMMUNITION.

The following ammunition will be in gun pits of 'B' 'C' and 'D' Divisions at Zero hour :-

18-pdrs.	500	(50% Shrapnel.
		(50% H.E.
4.5" Hows.	450	

In addition to the above, C.R.A.'s of 'C' and 'B' Divisional Sectors will attempt to secure sufficient Smoke to give 10% in the barrage. Brigades in the centre of 'C' Divisional Sector will require the most.

'D' Divisional Sector will have special Smoke tasks for which allotments are being made.

6. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

The B.G.H.A. will draw up special Instructions in accordance with Barrage Maps to be issued later.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE ON FORM ATTACHED.

[Handwritten Signature]
Lt.Col.G.S.
R.A. Australian Corps.

Issued as under :-

Nos.1 and 2.	Heavy Arty.Aust.Corps.
3.	1st Aust.Divnl.Arty.
4.	2nd Aust.Divnl.Arty.
5.	3rd Aust.Divnl.Arty.
6.	4th Aust.Divnl.Arty.
7.	5th Aust.Divnl.Arty.
8.	32nd Divnl.Arty.
9.	58th Divnl.Arty.
10 and 11.	R.A.Fourth Army.
12.	R.A. III Corps.
13.	R.A.Canadian Corps.
14.	Corps Commander.
15.	15th Wing R.A.F.
16.	3rd Squadron A.F.C.
17.	13th Balloon Coy.
18.	16th Balloon Coy.
19.	5th Tank Brigade.
20.	Aust.Corps M.T.Column.
21 to 31.	Aust.Corps 'G'
32.	Aust.Corps 'Q'
33.	G.S.O. II R.A.
34.	R.O.R.A.
35.	S.O.R.A.
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37 to 39.	Diary.
40 to 43.	Spare.

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Aust: Corps H.A.
No.9/484.

20th Aug. 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER No. 157.

Reference Map:-
Shoot 62D.NE.
(Ed. 3.b.local)

1. OPERATION.

The Australian Corps is attacking the enemy North of the River SOMME in co-operation with the III Corps at a date and hour to be notified later. The attacking Division is the 3rd Australian Division.

The Infantry are advancing under a Field Artillery Barrage.

The objectives will be known as the INTERMEDIATE and FINAL OBJECTIVES, and run approximately as follows:-

INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE. L.15.a.0.0 - L.8.b.0.0 - L.2.d.25.00 - L.2.b.15.0.0 - L.2.b.20.60.

FINAL OBJECTIVE. L.15.c.00.30 - L.15.a.40.00 - L.15.a.40.70 - L.9.d.40.90 - along road to L.3.b.55.90.

2. BOUNDARY.

The boundary between the Australian Corps and the III Corps will be a line drawn from L.7.c.00.00 to L.9.a.50.50 and thence to L.4.c.00.50.

3. HEAVY ARTY ACTION.

(i) The chief role of the Heavy Artillery in this operation will be to carry out Counter-Battery work in conjunction with the III Corps, for which special instructions are being issued by the C.B.S.O.

(ii) A harassing programme on approaches outside the final objective will also be effected in accordance with Table 'A' attached.

4. AMMUNITION.

Ammunition to be used by the howitzers detailed in Table 'A' will be H.E. with No. 106 fuze. No gas will be employed.

5. RATES OF FIRE.

The Rates of Fire for the batteries detailed in Table 'A' will be as under :-

			Zero.	-	Zero plus 20 mins.		RAPID.
Zero plus	20 mins.	-	"	"	60 "		NORMAL.
"	"	60 "	-	"	"	70 "	RAPID.
"	"	70 "	-	"	"	130 "	NORMAL.
"	"	130 "	-	"	"	150 "	RAPID.
"	"	150 "	-	"	"	180 "	(SLOW (in bursts.

Fire will cease at Zero plus 180 minutes.

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6. AIR CALLS. Calls from the air will be engaged by the batteries engaged on Counter-Battery tasks under orders to be issued by the C.B.S.O.
7. S.O.S. The normal procedure with regard to S.O.S. will obtain until Zero Hour.
After the attack, 51st Brigade will arrange to cover Lanes 17 - 22 inclusive.
8. SYNCHRONIZATION. On the day preceding the attack, all Brigades which will be engaged on Bombardment or Counter-Battery Tasks will send an officer to H.Q., Aust: Corps H.A. to synchronize watches in accordance with arrangements to be made by O.C. Signals, H.A.
9. INTELLIGENCE. 51st Brigade, R.G.A. will keep H.A. informed of the situation on the front of the 3rd Australian Division during the progress of the attack.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Kennedy

Issued at 7.30 p.m.
20/8/1918.

Captain, R.A.
a/Brigade Major, Aust: Corps H.A.

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To:-

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| Copy No. 1. R.A. Aust: Corps. | 18. 2nd Aust: Div. G. |
| 2. 5th Brigade, R.G.A. | 19. 2nd Aust: D.A. |
| 3. 9th Brigade, R.G.A. | 20. 3rd Aust: Div. G. |
| 4. 14th Brigade, R.G.A. | 21. 3rd Aust: D.A. |
| 5. 21st Brigade, R.G.A. | 22. 4th Aust: Div. G. |
| 6. 51st Brigade, R.G.A. | 23. 4th Aust: D.A. |
| 7. 68th Brigade, R.G.A. | 24. 5th Aust: Div. G. |
| 8. 69th Brigade, R.G.A. | 25. 5th Aust: D.A. |
| 9. 77th Brigade, R.G.A. | 26. 32nd Div. G. |
| 10. 93rd Brigade, R.G.A. | 27. 32nd D.A. |
| 11. 73rd Army Bde, R.G.A. | 28. 58th D.A. |
| 12. C.B.S.O. | 29. 3rd Squadron, A.F.C. |
| 13. S.C. | 30. 5th Balloon Wing. |
| 14. R.O. | 31. 13th Balloon Coy. |
| 15. O.C. Signals. | 32. File. |
| 16. 1st Aust: Div. G. | 33 |
| 17. 1st Aust: D.A. | - 36. War Diary. |

Brigade.	Nature.	No. of Guns.	Target.
9	6" How:	2	LA NEUVILLE - Los - BRAY.
"	6" How:	4	Roads and high ground in L.22.c., L.27.b & d, L.28.a & c. Special attention to hollow L.22.c.64 - L.28.a.79 - L.28.b.09.
"	6" How:	2	Eastern exits from BRAY in L.16.c. and L.22.a. Special attention to area, L.16.c.09 - c.2.7 - c.1.1 - c.0.1. Broken Ground at L.16.a.30 - a.8.0 - c.6.6 - c.3.5. Dug-out at L.16.c.72.45.
"	6" How:	4	Banks and Roads in L.17.c., L.22.b & d., L.23.a., b., c., & d.
51.	9.2" How:	2	Road and Banks in L.4.c. & d. - 700 yards clear of final objective.
"	9.2" How:	2	Roads and Valley in L.10 - 700 yards clear of final objective.
"	9.2" How:	1	Exits from BRAY in L.16.a. with special attention to Area, L.16.a.08 - a.18 - a.30 - a.00. Broken ground L.16.a.40 - a.45 - a.65 - a.70. Broken ground on either side of Road between L.16.a.70 - b.25.
"	9.2" How:	1	Headquarters at L.16.b.42.
68.	8" How:	2	High Ground from L.5.b.26 to L.17.a.77 sweeping and searching.

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Reference:-
Sheets G2 D and G2 C.

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15.30 pm

COUNTER BATTERY - AUSTRALIAN CORPS H.A.

OPERATION ORDER - No 12/2.

1. OPERATION. In support of the operations referred to in AUST. Corps H.A. Order No 157, Counter Battery work will be carried out as under.
2. TARGETS. Brigades will engage targets as shown in 'TABLE Q' attached.
3. RATES OF FIRE. Rates of fire will be:-

Zero to Zero plus 20'	RAPID.
Plus 20' to plus 60'	NORMAL.
Plus 60' to plus 70'	RAPID.
Plus 70' to plus 130'	NORMAL.
Plus 130' to plus 150'	RAPID.
Plus 150' to plus 180'	Bursts of fire (at average rate of 'slow').
Zero plus 180	Cease fire unless further orders are received.
4. SEARCHING & SWEEPING. Batteries will search at least 50 yards each way, and sweep at least 25 yards.
5. AMMUNITION. 50% Shrapnel and 50% H.E. will be used by 60-pdr. guns on Targets within Shrapnel range, so far as the supply of fuzes permits.

75% No.106 fuze will be used with H.E. except where the target is on, or close to a road, in which case ~~no~~ No.106 Fuze will be used.

all 6" Hows will use gas unless the weather conditions are unfavourable.

Should the weather be unfavourable for gas, the code word 'BLASTEM' will be telephoned from this office.
6. CALLS FROM THE AIR. Calls from the air will be answered as follows:-
 - (a) N.F. By Brigades in their lanes. (For the purpose of the operation 51 BRIGADE will take as its northern boundary a line from L 8 central through *A 17 central.*)

In case where Brigades are wholly engaged on tasks in support of the operation; a section of Guns or Hows will be taken from its Counter Battery target and transferred to the positions indicated, continuing its fire on this position until the end of the operation. Guns employed under H.A. Order No 157 will not be used to answer N.F. CALLS.
 - (b) OTHER CALLS. as laid down in COUNTER BATTERY INSTRUCTIONS No:- W 18, except that guns employed on targets in support of the operation will not answer NF.AA.calls.
 - (c) Calls from a Balloon will be answered as Aeroplane Calls.

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7. ZERO.

MAJOR.

Zero day and hour will be notified by BRIGADE

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ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. *W*

*W Wilson Capt
for.*

Lieut. Col. R.A.
COUNTER BATTERY STAFF OFFICER.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTY.

Issued at 7.30 pm.
20/8/18.

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| | 2. 5th Brigade R.G.A. | 23. 4th Aust. D.A. |
| | 3. 9th Brigade R.G.A. | 24. 5th Aust. Div. 'G' |
| | 4. 14th Brigade R.G.A. | 25. 5th Aust. D.A. |
| | 5. 21st Brigade R.G.A. | 26. 32nd Div. 'G' |
| | 6. 51st Brigade R.G.A. | 27. 32nd D.A. |
| | 7. 68th Brigade R.G.A. | 28. 58th D.A. |
| | 8. 69th Brigade R.G.A. | 29. O.C. 3rd Squadron A.F.C. |
| | 9. 77th Brigade R.G.A. | 30. A.L.O. 3rd Squadron AFC. |
| | 10. 93rd Brigade R.G.A. | 31. 13th Balloon Co. |
| | 11. 73rd Brigade R.G.A. | 32. 15th Balloon Co. |
| | 12. Brigade Major. | 33. 5th Balloon Wing. |
| | 13. Staff Captain. | 34. C.B.S.O. III Corps H.A. |
| | 14. R.O. | 35. H.A. III Corps. |
| | 15. O.C., Signals. | 36. C.B.S.O. Canadian Corps. |
| | 16. 1st Aust. Div'n 'G' | 37. Canadian Corps H.A. |
| | 17. 1st Aust. Div. Arty. | 38. File. |
| | 18. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' | 39. |
| | 19. 2nd Aust. D.A. | 40. |
| | 20. 3rd Aust. Div. 'G' | |
| | 21. 3rd Aust. D.A. | |

T A B L E 'Q'

TO ACCOMPANY COUNTER BATTERY ORDER No 12/2 - dated 20/8/18.

BRIGADE.		TARGET.
<u>51st BRIGADE R.G.A.</u>	169 S.B. 1 How on each target:- 6" How. 1 Section on each target:- 60-pdrs. 1 Sec'n on each target:-	A 25 b 49, A 25 b 55, A 25 d 25, G 1 b 25, L 12 a 76. F 30 c 30, L 6 c 04, L 12 a 75, L 18 a 60, L 18 c 64, L 24 a 75. G 1 b 02, G 2 d 0280, G 8 c 16, L 12 c 83, L 6 c 03. G 8 c 79.
<u>68th BRIGADE R.G.A.</u>	1 Section of 6" Hows on each target:-	G 28 a 53, G 28 c 45, G 28 d 29, G 26 a 98, G 26 a 84, G 25 b 7565, G 26 a 14, G 31 d 88.
<u>73rd BRIGADE R.G.A.</u>	1 Gun on each target:-	G 3 d 76, A 16 d 47, A 29 d 09.

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COUNTER BATTERY.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS H.A.
No 100/25.

AMENDMENT TO COUNTER BATTERY ORDER No 12/2.

Para 5, line 6 should read:-

'all No 106 Fuze will be used'

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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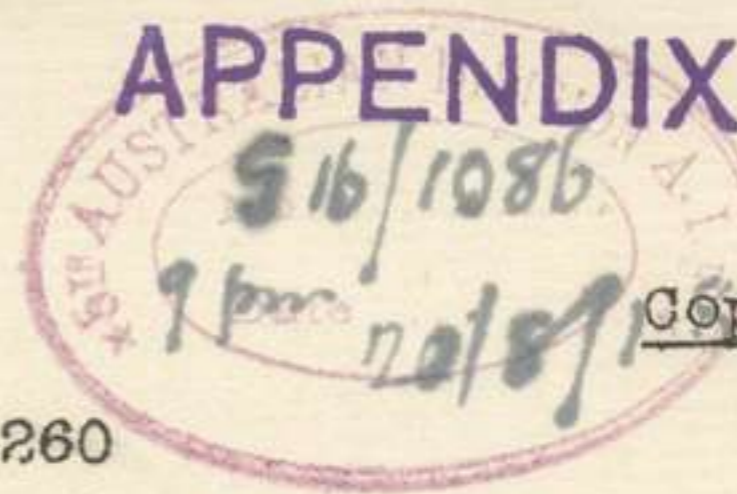
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Lieut.Col.R.A.
COUNTER BATTERY STAFF OFFICER.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTY.

20/8/18.
Issued to all recipients.



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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 260
by
G.O.C.R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

20th August 1918.

1. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

An operation is being carried out in conjunction with the III Corps on a date and at a time to be notified later.

The attached map gives the times of lifts, etc. of the III Corps barrage, and also shows the objective lines.

The Heavy Artillery will assist in this operation mainly with counter-battery work, assisting the III Corps as much as possible; and at the same time protecting the advance of our own troops.

The bombardment of strong points and harassing of roads and approaches, O.P's, etc. will be directed East of our final objective line. The area to be captured being dealt with by Field Artillery alone.

The Heavy Artillery must keep in close liaison with the 3rd Australian Division and ascertain their requirements.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON FORM ATTACHED.

M. McCauley
Lt.Col.G.S.
R.A. Australian Corps.

Issued as under :-

Nos. 1 and 2.	Heavy Arty. Aust. Corps.	
3.	1st Aust. Divnl. Arty.	*
4.	2nd Aust. Divnl. Arty.	*
5.	3rd Aust. Divnl. Arty.	
6.	4th Aust. Divnl. Arty.	*
7.	5th Aust. Divnl. Arty.	*
8.	32nd Divnl. Arty.	*
9.	58th Divnl. Arty.	*
10 and 11.	R.A. Fourth Army.	*
12.	R.A. III Corps.	*
13.	R.A. Canadian Corps.	*
14.	Corps Commander.	*
15.	15th Wing R.A.F.	*
16.	3rd Squadron A.F.C.	*
17.	13th Balloon Coy.	*
18.	16th Balloon Coy.	*
19.	5th Tank Brigade.	*
20.	Aust. Corps M.T. Column.	*
21 to 31.	Aust. Corps 'G'	*
32.	Aust. Corps 'Q'	*
33.	G.S.O. II R.A.	
34.	R.O.R.A.	
35.	S.O.R.A.	
36.	File.	
37 to 39.	Diary.	
40 to 43.	Spare.	

* No Map.

ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No.261
by
G.O.C.R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

20th August 1918.

1. With reference to paragraph 3 (a) of Artillery Instructions No. 259 of 19-8-1918.

BARRAGE.

(a) The 18-pdr barrage will open at Zero on the Artillery Start Line 200 yards East of the Infantry Forming Up Line. At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes for 3 lifts (except as shewn on barrage map for the first 4 lifts on the extreme right flank)

From the 4th lift inclusive the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes up to the Protective Barrage to the Infantry Halt Line where it halts from Zero plus 48 to Zero plus 63.

At Zero plus 63 the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes until arrival at the Protective Barrage Line to the final objective.

As each battery arrives at the Protector to the final objective the barrage halts, and after firing for 15 minutes ceases fire. All fire ceases at Zero plus 105 minutes unless asked to continue by Divisions concerned.

(b) The 4.5" Howitzer barrage will conform to the lifts and times of the 18-pdr barrage, but will move 200 yards East of the 18-pdr line.

(c) Rates of fire.

<u>18-pdrs.</u>	(i)	Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes.	4 rounds p.g.p.m.
	(ii)	Zero plus 3 minutes to arrival on 'Protective Barrage to Final Objective; except as in (iii)	3 rounds p.g.p.m.
	(iii)	Whilst on 'Protective Barrages'	1 round p.g.p.m.
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	(i)	Throughout barrage except as in (ii).	2 rounds p.g.p.m.
	(ii)	On 'Protective Barrages'	1 round p.g.p.m.

Heavy Artillery. To be arranged by B.G.H.A.

(d) Ammunition. H.E.
 18-pdr. } 50% with Delay Fuzes up to 4000 yards;
 } beyond that range Non Delay Fuzes.
 } 50% Shrapnel.
 4.5" How. H.E. 106 Fuzes.

Smoke. 10% of Smoke will be fired throughout the barrage, if available.

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2. SMOKE SCREENS.

The C.R.A. 'D' Divisional Sector will arrange to place a Smoke screen along the line L.17.c.5.0 to L.24.a.5.0 from Zero to Zero plus 105 minutes.

3. ADVANCE. 'S.O.S.' and COUNTER PREPARATION.

When the Final Objective has been captured, in order to place effectively the 'S.O.S.' and to admit of Counter Preparation being put into force, C.R.A's and B.G.H.A. will arrange to advance Field and Heavy Artillery in depth to conform with that line.

4. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Detailed instructions will be issued by the B.G.H.A. as regards engaging points of importance within the area to be captured, conforming to the lifts as laid down in the Field Artillery Barrage Map.

Approximately two-thirds of the Heavy Artillery will be allotted for Counter-Battery work. Counter-Battery work will commence at Zero hour.

All routes of approach, assembly points, etc. beyond the objective line will be kept under fire from Zero to Zero plus 120 minutes, when it will cease if instructions to the contrary are not received.

5. ZONE CALLS.

C.R.A's will detail at least one battery per Group (4.5" How. or 18-pdr.) to answer NF, GF, and LL calls during the period Zero to Zero plus 105 minutes. These calls will be answered with three minutes' "INTENSE" from each battery by all the guns that can bear.

Arrangements will be made to prevent gaps being caused in the barrage when these calls are answered.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE ON FORM ATTACHED.

H. H. Macartney
Lt.Col.G.S.
R.A. Australian Corps.

Issued as under :-

- Nos.1 and 2. Heavy Arty.Aust.Corps.
- 3. 1st Aust.Divnl.Arty.
- 4. 2nd Aust.Divnl.Arty.
- 5. 3rd Aust.Divnl.Arty.
- 6. 4th Aust.Divnl.Arty.
- 7. 5th Aust.Divnl.Arty.
- 8. 32nd Divnl.Arty.
- 9. 58th Divnl.Arty.
- 10 and 11. R.A.Fourth Army.
- 12. R.A. III Corps.
- 13. R.A. Canadian Corps.
- 14. Corps Commander.
- 15. 15th Wing R.A.F.
- 16. 3rd Squadron A.F.C.
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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 258
by
G.O.C.R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

21st August 1918.

Artillery Instructions No. 258 are hereby cancelled.

1. The following amounts of ammunition will be held by Divisions and Heavy Artillery in excess of Echelon Establishments :-

At or near the gun.

18-pdr.	..	..	300	rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	..	..	250	do.
60-pdr.	..	..	250	do.
6" How.	..	..	250	do.
8" How.	..	..	200	do.
9.2" How.	..	..	200	do.
6" Gun.	..	..	200	do.
12" How.	..	..	100	do.

2. The following amounts of ammunition will be held in Corps Reserve :-

18-pdr.	..	..	200	rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	..	..	150	do.
60-pdr.	..	..	100	do.
6" How.	..	..	100	do.
8" How.	..	..	100	do.
9.2" How.	..	..	100	do.
6" Gun.	..	..	---	Nil ---
12" How.	..	..	100	rounds per gun.

In the case of Field Artillery this ammunition will be held in Corps Ammunition Dumps, and will not be on Divisional Artillery charge.

Heavy Artillery ammunition will be held under Heavy Artillery charge.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE ON FORM ATTACHED.

W. H. ...
for Lt. Col. G.S.
R.A. Australian Corps.

Issued as under :-

- Nos. 1 and 2. Heavy Arty. Aust. Corps.
- 3. 1st Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 4. 2nd Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 5. 3rd Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 6. 4th Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 7. 5th Aust. Divnl. Arty.
- 8. 32nd Divnl. Artillery. *
- 9. 58th Divnl. Artillery.
- 10 and 11. R.A. Fourth Army.
- 12. Corps Commander.
- 13. Aust. Corps M.T. Column.
- 14 to 24. Aust. Corps "G"
- 25. Aust. Corps "Q"
- 26. G.S.O. II R.A.
- 27. R.O.R.A.
- 28. S.O.R.A.
- 29. File.
- 30 to 32. Diary.
- 33 and 34. Spare.

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APPENDIX

Reference Sheets:
62 D, 62 C, 66 E,
66 D.

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COUNTER BATTERY - AUSTRALIAN CORPS H.A.

OPERATION ORDER - No 12/3.

1. OPERATION.

In support of the operation referred to in H.A. Order No 158, Counter Battery work will be as under.

2. TARGETS.

Targets are allotted to Brigades as shown in attached 'Table X'.

Should Brigades have an excess of guns, the volume of fire will be increased.

3. RATES OF FIRE.

Rates of fire will be:-

Zero to Zero plus 10'	INTENSE.
Plus 10' to Plus 30'	RAPID.
Plus 30' to Plus 40'	NORMAL.
Plus 40' to Plus 60'	RAPID.
Plus 60' to Plus 70'	NORMAL.
Plus 70' to Plus 90'	RAPID.
Plus 90' to Plus 135'	NORMAL.
Zero plus 135'	

Cease fire unless otherwise ordered.

4. SEARCHING & SWEEPING.

Batteries will search at least 50 yards each way, and sweep at least 25 yards.

5. AMMUNITION.

50% Shrapnel, and 50% H.E. will be used by 60-pdr guns on targets within Shrapnel range, so far as the supply of fuzes permits.

75% No 106 Fuze will be used with H.E. except where the target is on, or close to a road, in which case all No.106 Fuze will be used.

Unless weather is unfavourable gas (CG & NC) will be used by 6" Hows firing on targets South of the grid line through M 8 c 00 and M 12 c 00.

Should weather conditions not be favourable for gas, the code work 'BLASTEM' will be telephoned from this office.

Neither MUSTARD or YELLOW CROSS gas will be used by captured guns.

6. CALLS FROM THE AIR.

Calls from the air will be answered as follows:-
LL & GF. as laid down in H.A. Order No 158.

NF. By Brigades in their 'Lanes', except that:-

(a) 68 and 93 BRIGADES will answer NF calls in 'lanes' 27, 28, 29, 30, and 38, 39, 40, 41, respectively, in addition to their own 'lanes'.

(b) One 60-pdr Battery of each of 9 and 21 BRIGADES detailed for Counter Battery work, will answer calls in 'lanes' 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, 36, 37, respectively.

The calls will be answered by guns employed on Counter Battery work; a section of guns or hows being taken off its Counter Battery target and transferred to the positions indicated, continuing its fire on this position until the end of the operation.

6. CALLS FROM THE AIR.
(cont'd)

Other Calls. As laid down in C.B. Instructions No W 18, except that NF.AA calls will not be answered during the operation.

Balloon Calls. Calls from a Balloon will be answered as aeroplane calls.

7. ACTION PRIOR TO ZERO.

Should the enemy put down a very heavy bombardment on our lines during the night previous to the operation, the order 'Engage Table X targets' may be sent from this office, in which case the targets in 'Table X' will be engaged at normal rate for 15 minutes unless further instructions are received from this office.

Brigades should make special arrangements for watching the weight of hostile fire on Y/Z night, and reporting heavy shelling as rapidly as possible.

8. ACTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE OPERATION.

After Zero plus 135 minutes, normal Counter Battery action will be resorted to, as laid down in C.B. Instructions No W 18, but Brigades may be ordered to engage their Table 'X' targets at any time on Zero day.

9. ZERO.

Zero day and hour will be notified by Brigade Major.

10.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

E. J. Bywater Wing Lt RGA.
for Licut. Col. R.A.
COUNTER BATTERY STAFF OFFICER.
AUSTRALIAN Corps Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 7 am.
22/8/18.

To:-

Copy No. 1.	R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	22.	4th Aust.Div. 'G'
2.	5th Brigade R.G.A.	23.	4th Aust.D.A.
3.	9th Brigade R.G.A.	24.	5th Aust.Div. 'G'
4.	14th Brigade R.G.A.	25.	5th Aust.D.A.
5.	21st Brigade R.G.A.	26.	32nd Div. 'G'
6.	51st Brigade R.G.A.	27.	32nd D.A.
7.	68th Brigade R.G.A.	28.	58th D.A.
8.	69th Brigade R.G.A.	29.	O.C. 3rd Squadron A.F.C.
9.	77th Brigade R.G.A.	30.	A.L.C. 3rd Squadron AFC.
10.	93rd Brigade R.G.A.	31.	13th Balloon Co.
11.	73rd Brigade R.G.A.	32.	15th Balloon Co.
12.	Brigade Major.	33.	5th Balloon Wing.
13.	Staff Captain.	34.	C.B.S.O. III Corps H.A.
14.	R.O.	35.	III Corps H.A.
15.	O.C., SIGNALS.	36.	C.B.S.O. Canadian Corps.
16.	1st Aust.Div. 'G'	37.	Canadian Corps H.A.
17.	1st Aust.D.A.	38.	File.
18.	2nd Aust.Div. 'G'	39.	
19.	2nd Aust.D.A.	40.	
20.	3rd Aust.Div. 'G'	41.	
21.	3rd Aust.D.A.	42.	

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TABLE 'X'

Ref. Sheets. C, unless otherwise stated.

TO ACCOMPANY COUNTER BATTERY ORDER No:- 12/3 - dated 21/8/18.

BRIGADE.		T A R G E T S.
77th.	1 Section 6" How on each target:- 1 Section 60-pdr. on each target:- 1 - 9.2" How on each target:- 1 Section 8" How on each target:-	SD 51, SD 52, S 24 c 57, S 18 a 31. TC 51, T 26 b 49, T 26 c 28, T 7 a 05, S 12 d 28, (66D/B 1 b 00. AX 11, S 29 b 54, S 29 a 28. AX21 M 10 a 67, M 16 a 75.
14th	1 Section 6" How on each target:- 1 - 12" How on each target:- 1 Section 8" How on each target:-	S 15 d 87, S 9 b 6555, S 10 b 25, S 4 c 91, S 11 b 42, S 6 c 20. S 9 d 40, MD 61. S 10 c 92.
93rd	1 Section 6" How on each target:- 1 Section 8" How on each target:- 1 Section 60-pdr on each target:- 1 - 9.2" How on each target:-	M 33 a 47, M 27 b 03, M 35 c 00, M 29 c 22. M 34 b 34, M 28 a 58, M 22 b 62. MD 71, M 36 d 45, N 31 b 14, T 2 a 99, M 30 c 25. S 5 a 32, M 27 d 2550, M 35 a 28, M 23 a 45.
68th	1 Section 6" How on each target:- 1 Section 8" How on each target.	M 2 c 40, M 2 d 03, M 9 c 74, M 10 c 63, M 15 d 02, M 15 b 85, H 10 a 72, M 9 b 32. M 10 a 67, M 16 a 75.
51st	1 Section 6" How on each target:- 1 Section 60-pdrs on each target. 1 Section 8" Hows on each target:-	L 18 a 51, L 18 d 65, L 24 a 65, L 24 c 54, G 32 d 99. G 20 b 16, G 14 d 99, G 26 a 97. G 28 a 53, G 28 c 55 (1 gun), L 12 a 12.
73rd ARMY.	1 - 6" Gun on each target:- 2 - 6" Guns.	A 16 d 47, T 21 a 41. A27c88.
9th	1 Section 60-pdrs on each target:-	G 30 c 07, M 6 c 52, M 10 b 61.
21st.	1 Section 60-pdrs on each target:-	M 29 c 26, M 29 c 22, M 35 a 28.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER No. 158.

Reference Maps:-

- Sheet 62D.NE.
- 62D.SE.
- 62C.NW.
- 62C.SW.

1. OPERATION.

The Australian Corps is attacking the enemy between HERLEVILLE and the River SOMME.

The attacking Divisions are the 32nd Division on the right and the 1st Australian Division on the left.

The Infantry are advancing under a Field Artillery Barrage and will be assisted by Tanks.

The Objective runs as shown on the attached tracing.

2. H.A.ACTION.

The action of the Heavy Artillery will be to engage centres of resistance, trench systems, machine guns, headquarters, and commanding ground as shown on the attached tracing.

The following Brigades will be employed for this purpose :-

- 21st Brigade. (less 1 - 60-pdr battery).
- 69th Brigade.
- 5th Brigade.
- 9th Brigade. (less 1 - 60-pdr battery).

The front of the attack has been divided into four Lanes, one of which is allotted to each of these Brigades.

The Targets are arranged in Zones running parallel to the line of advancing Infantry.

In the case of Targets shown in RED, three contiguous Zones will be engaged simultaneously throughout the operation until fire is finally lifted on to the easternmost Zone, and lifts will be arranged so that the two more distant Zones are kept under fire while fire is lifted from the nearest Zone.

All Targets shown in BLUE will be engaged from Zero onwards until lifts occur according to the times laid down.

The times shown against each lift line on the tracing are the times at which fire must be lifted from the Zone to the west of that particular line.

In cases where all the more distant Targets cannot be engaged simultaneously, guns will switch from one Target to another at short intervals.

O.C's 21st, 69th, 5th and 9th Brigades will forward to this office, by 6 p.m. 22nd instant, schemes showing the proposed distribution of guns and howitzers on Targets for various stages of the operation.

Six-inch guns, excepting four to be detailed for Counter-Battery work, will be employed in harassing distant approaches, and bridges across the SOMME, under a scheme to be arranged with 73rd Army Brigade, R.G.A.

3. AMMUNITION. 50% Shrapnel and 50% H.E. will be used by 60-pdrs and 6" Guns so far as the supply of fuzes will permit.

H.E. will be used by other natures with 75% No. 106 fuze, delay fuzes being used within the limit of 25% upon villages and dug-outs.

No. 106 fuze will be exclusively used with H.E. when firing upon roads.

No gas will be employed.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

Rates of Fire will be as follows:-

	Zero plus 10 mins.	Zero to	Zero plus 10 mins.	INTENSE.
Zero plus 10 mins.	"	"	30 "	RAPID.
" "	30 "	" "	40 "	NORMAL.
" "	40 "	" "	60 "	RAPID.
" "	60 "	" "	70 "	NORMAL.
" "	70 "	" "	90 "	RAPID.
" "	90 "	" "	135 "	NORMAL.

Fire will cease at Zero plus 135 minutes.

5. FLEETING OPPORTUNITIES.

F.O.O's will engage fleeting Targets whenever possible. The guns to be used between Zero and Zero plus 135 minutes will be allotted at the discretion of the Brigade Commanders so as not to interfere unduly with the volume of fire on important localities.

Not more than two Sections per Brigade will be taken off their tasks at any one time for this purpose.

"GF" and "LL" calls will be engaged by all Brigades in their normal Lanes in accordance with the instructions contained in H.A. Scheme for Mobile Warfare, para. 9.

"NF" calls will not be engaged by the Brigades detailed in para. 2 above, between Zero and Zero plus 135 minutes.

6. S.O.S.

The action of the Heavy Artillery in case of S.O.S. before and after the operation will be as detailed in H.A. Scheme for Mobile Warfare, para. 5, the Lanes allotted to Brigades remaining as at present. 77th Brigade will cover its own Lanes after Zero plus 135 minutes.

The S.O.S. Signal will be inoperative on the front of the attack between Zero minus 15 minutes and Zero plus 135 minutes.

7. HARASSING.

Normal Harassing Fire will be maintained by all Brigades until Zero minus 15 minutes.

There will be no firing between Zero minus 15 minutes and Zero.

Bursts of harassing fire will be arranged to take place between Zero minus 65 minutes and Zero minus 55 minutes in order to drown the sound of Tank engines.

8. SILENT BATTERIES.

All Batteries in the command will become active at Zero Hour.

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9. FORBIDDEN AREA. After Zero plus 135 minutos, no fire will be directed West of a line drawn North and South through R.6. central in Lanes 24 to 33 both inclusive, until orders are received from this office.
10. SYNCHRONIZATION. An officer from each Brigade taking part in the operation will attend at Headquarters, Aust: Corps H.A. twice on the day preceding the attack at times to be notified later, and will synchronizo with O.C. Signals, H.A.
11. F.O.O's. 21st, 69th, 5th and 9th Brigades will each send forward one F.O.O. who will make every effort to get back information as to the progress of the operation. This information will be transmitted to H.A. Headquarters with all speed.
12. INTELLIGENCE. Brigades affiliated to the attacking Divisions will keep H.A. informed of the situation on each Divisional front, and will arrange liaison with Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
The new front line on conclusion of the operation should be ascertained and communicated to H.A. by wire as soon as possible.
13. SIGNALS. (a) Red ground flares are to be lit by the Infantry to indicate their position to contact aeroplanes. They are being lit in the most advanced line only.
(b) Counter-attack planes, which will be in the air from Zero onwards, are firing a white parachute flare in the direction of enemy troops observed to be massing for counter-attack, or any concentration of enemy troops or abnormal movement.
14. COUNTER-BATTERY. Special instructions are being issued by the C.B.S.O. The following Brigades and Batteries are assigned for Counter-Battery work :-
77th, 14th, 93rd, 68th and 51st Brigades, one 60-pdr battery of 9th Brigade, and one 60-pdr battery of 21st Brigade.
Four 6" Guns of 73rd Army Brigade.
15. MOVEMENT OF BATTERIES. No batteries will be advanced until orders are received from H.A. Headquarters. Separato instructions will be issued as to reconnaissance required.
16. ZERO. Zero Hour will be 4.45 a.m. on 23rd August 1918.
17. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

J. Kennedy

Issued at 9.30 a.m.
22/8/1918.

Captain, R.A.
a/Brigade Major, Aust: Corps Heavy Arty.

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AMENDMENT No. 1.

TO AUST: CORPS H.A. ORDER No. 158.

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1. An extension of the scope of the proposed infantry action necessitates the following modification to lifts in the Lanes of 9th Brigade as shown on the tracing issued with H.A. Order No. 158 :-
 - (i) No fire will be directed upon Targets South of the SOMME and West of a North and South line running through R.5.central after Zero plus 60 minutes, (5.45 a.m.).
 - (ii) No fire will be directed upon Targets South of the SOMME and West of a North and South line running through M.7.b.central after Zero plus 105 minutes, (6.30 a.m.).
2. The guns and hows: of 9th Brigade thus set free will be employed for harassing more distant targets within limits of range until Zero plus 135 minutes.
3. The attention of all Brigades covering the areas in question is drawn to the above restrictions.
4. Lanes South of Lane 30 are not affected by this amendment.
5. Brigades to ACKNOWLEDGE by wire immediately upon receipt.

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22/8/1918.

Captain, R.A.
a/Brigade Major, Aust: Corps H.A.

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24th Aug. 1918.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER No. 159.

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1. OPERATION. The 3rd Australian Division is attacking the enemy with a view to capturing the approximate line :-

G.13.b.1.1 - L.12.c.0.0 - L.11.b.5.0 -
L.5.d.3.0 - L.5.b.4.0 - L.5.b.5.6.

The Infantry are advancing under a Field Artillery barrage.

2. H.A.ACTION. Heavy Artillery action will be in the form of

- (i) Counter-Battery work for which special instructions are being issued by the C.B.S.O.
- (ii) Bombardment of selected points on the front of the attack.

Four 60-pdrs and twelve 6" howitzers are allotted from 9th Brigade, R.G.A. for this purpose, and will engage Targets in accordance with the attached tracing. As many targets as possible will be engaged simultaneously, fire being lifted as the Infantry advance and superimposed on the more distant targets.

The time shown against each lift line on the attached tracing is the time at which fire must be lifted from the Zone to the West of that line.

After Zero plus 52 minutes, the guns and hows: of 9th Brigade will lift on to SUZANNE and Velloys to the North, and continue harassing fire until Zero plus 120 minutes, after which all fire will cease pending further orders.

In addition, two 8" hows: of 68th Brigade will swoop and search in the valley L.6.c. - L.12.a. - G.7.d. - G.8.c. from Zero till Zero plus 80 minutes, when they will cease fire pending further orders.

3. AMMUNITION. 50% Shrapnel and 50% H.E. will be used by 60-pdrs. No. 106 Fuze will not be used by 6" Howitzers. No. 106 Fuze will be used exclusively by 8" hows: No gas will be employed.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

	Zero to Zero plus 30 mins.	RAPID.
Zero plus 30 mins. -	Zero plus 40 mins.	NORMAL.
Zero plus 40 mins. -	Zero plus 60 mins.	RAPID.
Zero plus 60 mins. -	Zero plus 120 mins.	NORMAL.

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5. DANGER AREAS. The Infantry may exploit their success North of the SOMME. 51st Brigade will keep in close touch with the 3rd Australian Division, and keep H.A. informed of danger areas.
6. ZERO. Zero Hour will be 2.30 a.m. on 25th August 1918.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

J. Kennedy

Issued at 8.30 p.m.
24/8/1918.

Captain, R.A.
a/Brigade Major, Aust: Corps H.A.

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29. IX. Corps H.A.
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER No. 160.

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WARNING ORDER.

1. The Australian Corps is continuing the advance on both sides of the SOMME at an early date.
2. On the night 26th/27th August, the order of battle will be, from Right to Left :-
 - 32nd Division.
 - 5th Australian Division.
 - 2nd Australian Division.
 - 3rd Australian Division.
3. Divisional Boundaries will be :-
 - (i) Between 32nd Division and the 5th Australian Division. (The grid line running E. and W. through Sq. R.35.central.
 - (ii) Between 5th Australian Division and 2nd Australian Division. (The grid line running E. and W. between Sqs. R.12. and R.18.
 - (iii) Between 2nd Australian Division and 3rd Australian Division. (The SOMME Canal (inclusive to 2nd Aust: Division).
4. Brigades will be affiliated to Divisions as follows:-
 - 32nd Division - 14th Brigade, R.G.A.
 - 5th Aust: Division - 5th Brigade, R.G.A.
 - 2nd Aust: Division - 9th Brigade, R.G.A.
 - 3rd Aust: Division -- 51st Brigade, R.G.A.
5. Two 4-gun 60-pdr batteries of 93rd Brigade, R.G.A. will be placed under the orders of the 5th Aust: Division, and one 4-gun 60-pdr battery from each of the 21st and 9th Brigades, R.G.A. under the orders of the 2nd Aust: Division, at a date and hour to be notified by Aust: Corps H.A. in consultation with the Divisions concerned.
 In the meantime, the Commandors of these batteries should report at once to 2nd and 5th Aust: Divisional Artilleries respectively.
 The batteries selected for attachment by 9th and 21st Brigades will be reported to this office as soon as possible.
 The remaining 60-pdrs of 93rd, 21st, and 9th Brigades will be fought by their own Brigades under orders of Aust: Corps H.A.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE by wiro.

J.M. Kennedy

Issued at 9.30 a.m.
26/8/1918.

Captain, R.A.
 a/Brigade Major, Aust: Corps H.A.

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The advance on both

order of battle will

The 1st and 2nd Divisions

The 3rd and 4th Divisions

The 5th Division

Brigades will be attached to Divisions as follows:

- 1st Aust: Div G. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
- 1st Aust: D.A. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
- 2nd Aust: Div G. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
- 2nd Aust: D.A. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
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- 3rd Aust: D.A. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
- 4th Aust: Div G. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
- 4th Aust: D.A. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
- 5th Aust: Div G. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.
- 5th Aust: D.A. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Brigades, R.G.A.

Two 4-mm 80-pdr batteries of 2nd Brigade, R.G.A. will be placed under the orders of the 2nd Aust: Division, and one 4-mm 80-pdr battery from each of the 1st and 3rd Brigades, R.G.A. under the orders of the 2nd Aust: Division, at a date and hour to be notified by Aust: Corps H.A. in consultation with the Divisions concerned.

In the meantime, the Commanders of these batteries should report at once to the 2nd and 3rd Aust: Divisions respectively.

The batteries selected for attachment by 2nd and 3rd Brigades will be reported to their Divisions as soon as possible. The remaining 80-pdr of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Brigades will be reported by their own Divisions under orders of Aust: Corps H.A.

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Brigade Major, Aust: Corps H.A.

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- 5th Brigado, R.G.A.
- 9th Brigado, R.G.A.
- 14th Brigado, R.G.A.
- 21st Brigado, R.G.A.
- 51st Brigado, R.G.A.
- 68th Brigado, R.G.A.
- 69th Brigado, R.G.A.
- 93rd Brigado, R.G.A.
- 75th Army Bdo. R.G.A.

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1. On the night 4th/5th September, 1918, the III Corps is taking over the front now held by the 2nd Aust. Division from the present northern boundary as far South as the east and west grid line through I.12.a.00.
2. The 5th Aust. Division is extending its front to the left and taking over the front now held by the 2nd Aust. Division as far North as the east and west grid line through I.12.a.00.
5. On completion of these changes, the Corps front will be held by the 32nd Division on the right and the 5th Aust. Division on the left.
4. The Northern Corps Boundary will run as follows:-
I.12.Central to I.9.Central ~~to~~ I.3.Central to H.4.Central to B.27.Central - thence as at present.
5. The 21st Brigado, R.G.A. will remain affiliated to the 32nd Division and the 9th Brigade, R.G.A. to the 5th Aust. Division.
3. H.A. Scheme for Mobile Warfare is being amended accordingly.

J.M. Kennedy

4.9.18.

Captain, R.A.

a/Brigade Major, Aust. Corps H.A.

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- R.A. Aust. Corps.
- 5th Aust. Division. ✓
- 5th Aust. D.A.
- 32nd Division.
- 32nd D.A.
- C.B.S.O.
- S.C.
- R.O.

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