

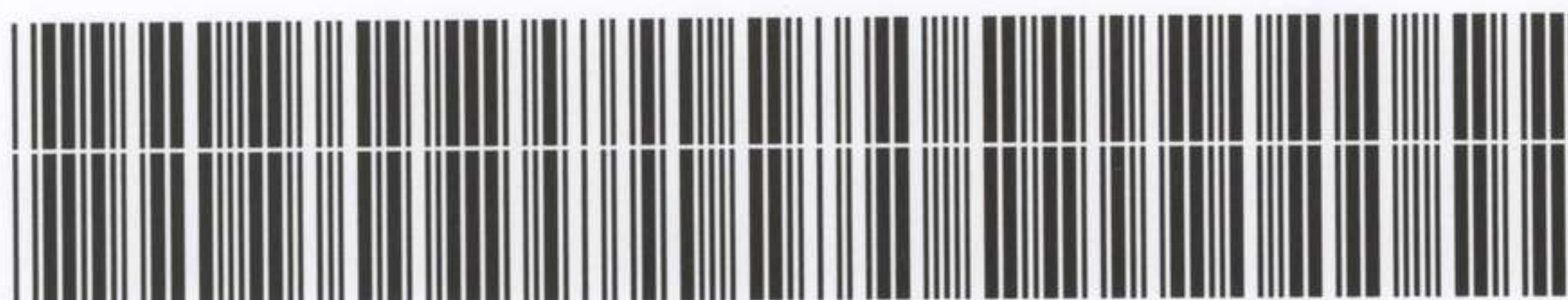
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**FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 70.**

Headquarters,  
15th August, 1918.

1. The Australian Corps front is divided into the following sectors:-

- "A" Sector. VILLERS BRETONNEUX -- CHAULNES RAILWAY to the grid line between S.11 and S.17.
- "B" Sector. From the grid line between S.11 and S.17 to the grid line along R.23.central.
- "C" Sector. From the grid line through R.32.central to the river SOMME inclusive.
- "D" Sector. North of the River SOMME to the Northern Corps boundary.

2. The Field Artillery covering the front will be as follows:-

"A" Sector under command of C.R.A. 4th Aust. Divl Artillery.

4th Aust. Divl Artillery  
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.  
6th Army Brigade, A.F.A.  
189th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

"B" Sector under command of C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Divl Artillery

2nd Aust. Divl Artillery  
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

"C" Sector under command of C.R.A. 17th Divisional Artillery

17th Divisional Artillery  
16 Army Brigade, R.H.A.  
12th Army Brigade, A.F.A.  
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.

"D" Sector under command of C.R.A. 58th Divisional Artillery.

58th Divisional Artillery  
5th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

In Reserve. 1st Aust. Divl Artillery

3rd Aust. Divl Artillery  
5th Aust. Divl Artillery

3 The following movements and reliefs are being carried out to complete these dispositions:-

- (a) The 4th Aust. Divl Artillery is relieving the 1st Aust. Divl Artillery in the "A" Sector on the night 15th/16th instant. The command is passing to the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division at 10 a.m. on the 16th instant.
- (b) On relief the 1st Aust. Divl Artillery is concentrating in the vicinity of FOULLOY under orders to be issued by the C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division.

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(o) The 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery and the 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery will be withdrawn from the line on the night 14th/15th instant to their Wagon Lines, in accordance with 5th Aust. Divl Artillery No. G13/18/395, and will then come under their respective C.R.A.'s.

(a) The 3rd and 6th Army Brigades, A.F.A., come under the orders of the 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery at 10 a.m. on the 15th instant.

(e) The 25th Army Brigade, R.F.A., passes under command of the 17th Divisional Artillery at 10 a.m. on 15th instant.

4. C.O.'s 13th, 14th, 7th and 8th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will report their arrival in their Wagon Lines to this Office.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

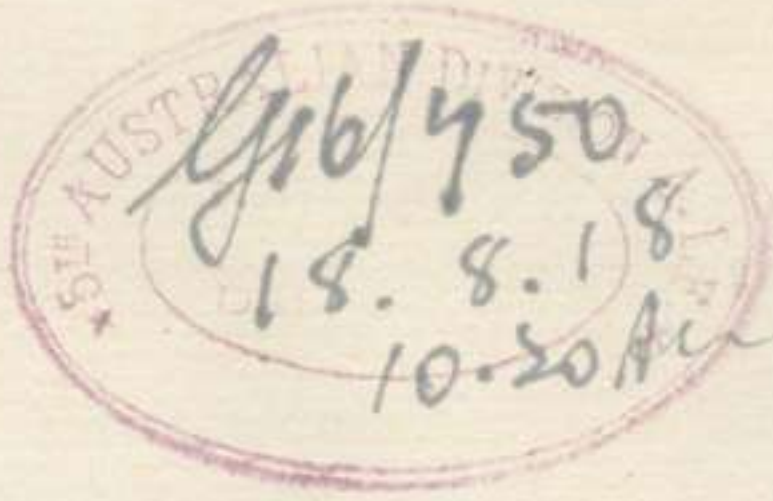
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Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	4	2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	19
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	5	1st Aust. Divl Artillery	20
7th Aust. F.A. Brigade	6	Staff Captain	21
8th Aust. F.A. Brigade	7	Reconnaissance Officer	22
6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.	8	Brigade Major	23
5th Aust. D.A.C.	9	C.R.A.	24
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4th Aust. Divl Artillery	12	8th Brigade R.C.A.	19
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3rd A.F.A., B.A.C.	14		
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 4  
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Headquarters,  
17th August, 1918.

1. The following amounts of ammunition will be held by Groups in excess of Echelon Establishments:-

At or near the gun.

18 pdr                   ...           ... 300 rounds per gun  
4.5" How.               ...           ... 250 rounds per How.

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

18 pdr                   ...           ... <sup>200</sup> 100 rounds per gun  
4.5" How.               ...           ... <sup>150</sup> 100 rounds per How.

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

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Major,  
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5th Australian Divl Arty.

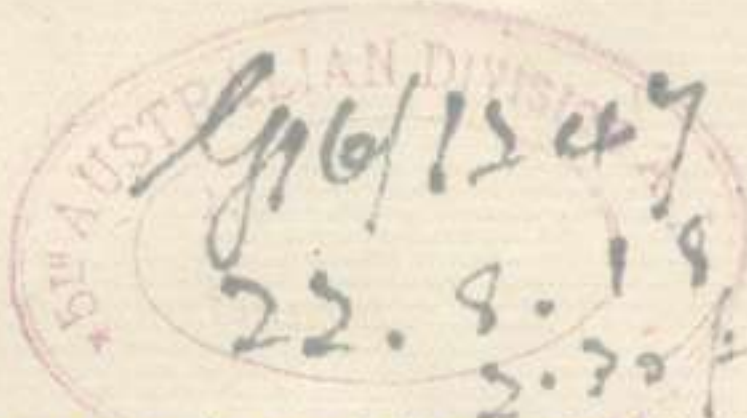
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AMENDMENT No. 1 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No.4  
Series "C"

Headquarters,  
 21st August, 1918.

1. Delete para. 2 and substitute the following:-
2. The following amounts of ammunition will be held in Corps Reserve:-
 

18 pdrs	-- 200 rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	-- 150 rounds per How.

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

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

*H. Stullin*

Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 11 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.4, Series "C".





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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 5

Series "C".

Headquarters,  
 17th August, 1918.

STANDING ORDERS FOR SEMI-MOBILE WARFARE.

The following instructions will be adhered to during the present phase by the Field Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

SECTION "A"

S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS.

1. (a) The "S.O.S" Signal is a call for immediate Artillery assistance.
- (b) "S.O.S" may be asked for in three ways:-
  - (i) By the "S.O.S" Light Signal
  - (ii) By telephone.
  - (iii) By call from Aeroplane.
- (c) "S.O.S" Repeating Stations will be established at each F.A. Brigade, Tactical O.P. and at all anti-tank guns. These will be continuously manned and will be responsible for repeating "S.O.S" Signals on their respective fronts.
2. All batteries will post Rocket Guards who are acquainted with all rocket signals. Any rocket seen will be at once reported to the officer on duty at the guns. At each battery a "Zone Indicator" will be installed, showing the flanks of the Divisional front, of Group and F.A. Brigade fronts, Battery "S.O.S" Lines, etc.
3. Each Battery is responsible for an allotted portion of the Divisional front, and unless a Battery is in action, all guns will be kept laid and loaded on "S.O.S" Lines.
4. (a) On receipt of the "S.O.S" Signal or call, all batteries of the Group concerned and the adjacent flank battery of the neighbouring Group will open fire at once on their "S.O.S" Lines; fire being concentrated as and if required by the Group Commander.
- (b) The Superimposed Brigade will answer the call on the front affected.
- (c) In the case of an "S.O.S" call on the front of the adjacent Group of either flank Divisional Artillery, the F.A. Brigade of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery next to the call will at once open on "S.O.S" Lines, in the ordinary way.
5. Group Commanders are responsible for alteration, by arrangement with the Commander of the Infantry unit they are covering, of the "S.O.S" Line, as and when required. The "S.O.S" Line will be notified to D.A.H.Q. as soon as possible after any change is made.

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6. RATES AND DURATION OF FIRE FOR "S.O.S" :-

NATURE	ROUNDS PER GUN PER MINUTE
18 pdrs and 4.5" Hows	For first 8 minutes. For following 7 minutes.
	4. 3.

All fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes unless the "S.O.S" Signal is repeated after the opening of fire, when the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the above procedure repeated.

7.(a) A battery receiving an "S.O.S" call will at once inform

- (i) Batteries on either flank.
- (ii) Group Commander's Headquarters.

(b) Groups will inform

- (i) Batteries in the Group.
- (ii) Groups on either flank.
- (iii) D.A.H.Q.

SECTION "B"

1. ARTILLERY POLICY.

(a) Every possible step will be taken to harass the enemy to the utmost. Arrangements will be made to ensure that all visible movement is engaged by day, and that an irregular and intermittent volume of fire is delivered by night on the enemy's defences and communications.

Full use will be made of roving guns and sections close up to the line, moves being made as required from position to position. These mobile sections, etc. should work in close touch with the Infantry.

As much use as possible will be made of gas shell for harassing purposes. There are ample supplies available.

(b) In the siting of battery positions particular attention will be paid to the following points:-

- (i) Positions to be, as far as possible, on high ground, in order to avoid the effects of a hostile gas bombardment.
- (ii) Each battery to have at least one alternative position resorted and marked, to permit of a rapid move in case of heavy gas or H.E. shelling of the old position making this necessary.

2. ANTI-TANK GUNS.

(a) Anti-Tank guns are at present tactically controlled as follows:-

- One by Right Group
- One by Left Group.

(b) These guns will be manned for the present by personnel from Brigades in the line, and will be disposed by Group Commanders in suitable positions.

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(c) In normal conditions these guns will be "silent"; they will be used only in case of an enemy attack with tanks, or during a hostile attack when favourable opportunities for their use against Infantry targets occur. Every possible care will be taken not to give the positions away prematurely. Attention is drawn to S.S.203 (Instructions for Anti-Tank Defence).

(d) All anti-tank guns will be in possession of Standing Orders defining their action and responsibilities. These will be issued by Group Commanders.

(e) 100 rounds of ammunition will be maintained at each gun.

3. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

(a) In the absence of any organised System of A.A.Lewis Gun defence, it is to be remembered that each unit commander is responsible for his own protection against low-flying enemy aircraft.

(b) A.A.Lewis Guns of batteries will be disposed:- 50% at battery positions; 50% at wagon lines.

4. LIAISON WITH INFANTRY.

Group Commanders will arrange with the Infantry Commanders to whom they are affiliated for all Liaison Officers required, also for the provision, as far as possible, of telephone communication.

5. ZONE CALLS.

(a) Procedure on receipt of Calls from the air will be as follows:-

<u>Nature of Call.</u>	<u>Answered by.</u>	<u>Method of Fire.</u>
N.F.	One battery only of each Group inside its own zone.	2 Salvoes. If call is repeated Salvoes will be repeated.
G.F.	" "	2 rounds gun fire.
L.L.	All batteries that can bear on the target.	3 rounds gun fire.
© S.O.S.	As for "S.O.S" Signals from the ground.	

Note If batteries are engaged on important work, such as barrages, one section per battery will be used.

© In addition to sending the "S.O.S" by wireless, the pilot, whilst flying towards the enemy, sounds his Klaxon horn and drops a white parachute light over the enemy. The light descends slowly.

(b) WIRELESS SETS.

F.A. Brigade Wireless sets will be located either at Brigade H.Q. or a selected battery, the disposal being left to the discretion of C.O's. *These zones will be called A.B.C. from West to East*

6. COMMUNICATION.

It is to be remembered that one of the primary duties is the passing of all useful information to the next higher formation. The establishment of communication or where possible,



the improvement of existing communication is therefore of vital importance.

## 7. PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE BOMBING.

Units are responsible that where possible, all possible precautions are taken, both by the dispersion of personnel and horses and the provision of cover, to minimise losses through enemy bombing.

### COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. The object of counter preparation is to break up the enemy's threatened attack before it has time to materialise, and this is best effected by searching all likely assembly places and bringing the maximum amount of fire on to areas over which he has to move.

2. Counter Preparation is divided into three phases:-

- (a) Counter Battery Work (alluded to as Phase 1.A)
- (b) Harassing fire (alluded to as Phase 1.B)
- (c) Annihilating Fire (alluded to as Phase 2)

### 3. COUNTER BATTERY WORK.

It is anticipated that any serious attack by the enemy will be preceded by a heavy bombardment. This is met by vigorous Counter Battery action, gas constituting, as far as possible, the main means of neutralizing the enemy artillery activity. This is chiefly a Heavy Artillery duty.

4. HARASSING FIRE. (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qs as follows:- "Effect C.P. Phase 1.B from.....to....." or "from commencement of enemy bombardment".)

(a) Field Artillery are responsible to a depth of 1000 yards East of "S.O.S" Lines, the responsibility East of that line belonging to the Heavy Artillery.

(b) Group Commanders will select the areas considered to be most dangerous, and sub-allocate them to their Brigades.

(c) The procedure for engaging the areas selected will be as follows:-

During the period allotted for "Phase 1.B", all batteries of a brigade will be concentrated in quick succession on each area allotted to it; method of fire; 3 rounds gun fire.

Concentrations will be synchronized, the interval between them being arranged and ordered by the Brigade concerned, taking into account the period fire is to be maintained and the rate of fire ordered (see below).

(d) Rates of fire, which will be ordered at the time the Scheme is put into operation, are as follows:-

Rate "A"	=	60	rounds	per	gun	per	hour.
" " "B"	=	30	"	"	"	"	"
" " "C"	=	15	"	"	"	"	"

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5. **ANNIHILATING FIRE.** (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs as follows:- "Effect C.O. Phase 2 Lanes.....Zone.....at .....") (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment")

(a) In order to facilitate the production of the heaviest possible fire on any portion of the front at short notice, the Divisional front is for the present divided into Lanes as follows:-

LANE.	Area bounded by East & West lines through.	ALLOTTED TO.	
25	L.25.a.0.0 and L.25.c.0.0	LEFT GROUP	
26	L.25.c.0.0 " L.31.a.0.0		
27	L.31.a.0.0 " L.31.c.0.0		
28	L.31.c.0.0 " R.1.a.0.0		
29	R.1.a.0.0 " R.7.a.0.0		
30	R.7.a.0.0 " R.7.c.0.0		
31	R.7.c.0.0 " R.13.a.0.0		
32	R.13.a.0.0 " R.13.c.0.0		
33	R.13.c.0.0 " R.19.a.0.0		RIGHT GROUP
34	R.19.a.0.0 " R.19.c.0.0		
35	R.19.c.0.0 " R.25.a.0.0		
36	R.25.a.0.0 " R.25.c.0.0		
37	R.25.c.0.0 " R.31.a.0.0		
38	R.31.a.0.0 " R.31.c.0.0		

When within Divisional area.

(b) Lanes are bounded on the West by a line known as the "START LINE", which will be 100 yards East of "S.O.S" Lines. They are subdivided into Zones each of 500 yards in depth, commencing from the "START LINE", and extending Eastward for four Zones, i.e. covering the front to a depth of 2000 yards from the "START LINE". *These zones will be called A.B.C.D from W to E.*

(c) Annihilating fire will take the form of a creeping barrage over any or all of the Lanes at the rate of 100 yards in two minutes in the Zone ordered.

(d) (i) The procedure for effecting Phase 2 will be as follows:-

At Zero hour - Brigades will open with 18 pdr batteries on the Western boundary line of the Zone ordered, concentrating their fire on the Lanes allotted, and creep at the rate of 100 yards per 2 minutes to a depth of 600 yards, ceasing at Zero plus 14 minutes.

If more than one Zone has been ordered, the procedure will be repeated in the other Zone or Zones, a two minutes pause being made between each barrage. 4.5" Hows will be employed 200 yards in advance of the 18 pdr barrage.

(ii) Rates of fire.  
 18 pdrs - 3 rounds per gun per minute.  
 4.5" Hows - 2 " " " " " "

(iii) Ammunition.  
 18 pdrs - 50% T.S. 50% H.E. (106 fuzes where possible).  
 4.5" Hows - H.E. (with 106 fuzes if possible).

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- (e) (i) In case communications are cut during a heavy enemy bombardment which is taken as indicating an enemy attack, it is considered necessary to have a Counter Preparation Scheme which will come automatically into force. The procedure as in (iii) below will therefore be carried out by batteries if cut-off from higher authority.
- (ii) Zero hour throughout will be the opening of the enemy bombardment; Battery Commanders will use their own discretion as to this Zero hour. As soon as communications permit, Zero hour will be co-ordinated by Group Commanders.
- (iii) The following procedure will obtain until interrupted by the "S.O.S" call:-

Zero hour to Zero plus 1 hour.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 1.B on Zones "D" and "C" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour to Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "C", working Westwards.

Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins. to plus 1 hour 45 mins.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 1.B on Zone "B" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour 45 mins. to plus 2 hours.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "A", working East ward.

Zero plus 2 hours until receipt of "S.O.S" or orders to cease fire, or hostile fire ceases.

In Phase 1.B only, and not in Phase 2, 4.5" Hows. if the wind is favourable, will use gas shell only on targets to be selected and detailed to batteries by Group Commanders.

*Acknowledgement*

Major  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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23rd Army Bde, R.F.A.	31-35		





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AMENDMENT No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 5  
Series "C".

Headquarters,  
18th August, 1918.

1. Reference Section "B", para 2 ANTI TANK GUNS sub-para (a) line 4. Delete the word "Two" and substitute "One".

Section "B", para 5 sub-para (b) WIRELESS SETS. Add the following para :

"These Zones will be called "A", "B", "C", "D", from West to East".

*W. H. M. M. M.*  
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Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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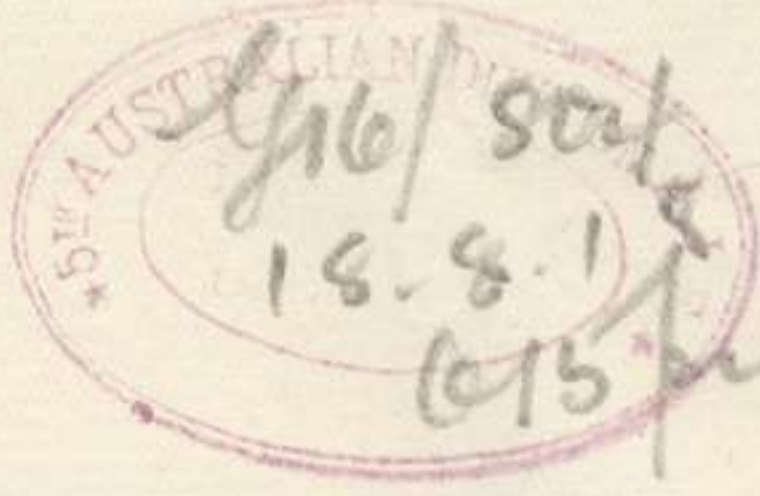




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Series "C".

Headquarters,  
18th August, 1918.

1. Reference Section "B", para 2, ANTI-TANK GUNS, sub-para (a),  
line 4. Delete the word "Two" and substitute "One".

Reference, COUNTER PREPARATION, para. 5. Add at end of  
sub-para (b) -

"These Zones will be called "A", "B", "C", "D", from  
West to East".

*ack'd. A.*

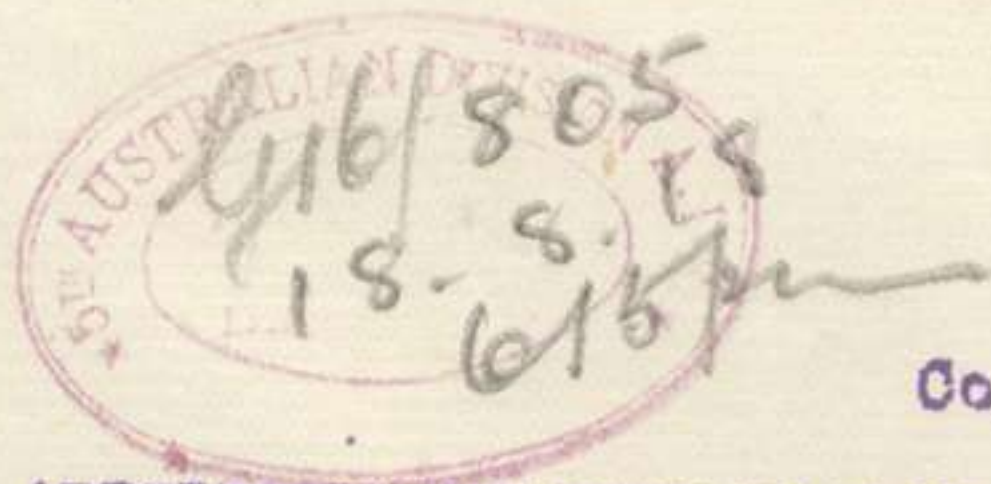
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5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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Series "C".

Headquarters,  
18th August, 1918.

1. Reference 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.5, Series "C", Section "B", para 1, sub-para (a), lines 6 to 9.

The 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., on becoming the superimposed Brigade from 10 a.m. 19th August, 1918, will supply these guns as required on the Divisional front.

The C.O. 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will keep in close touch with the C.O.'s Right and Left Groups for this purpose and report demands and action taken in all cases to this Office.

ACKNOWLEDG. *R.*

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

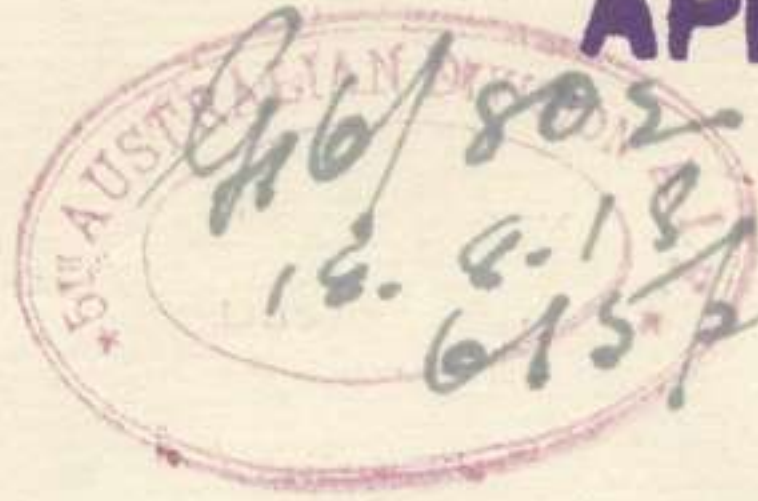
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Headquarters,  
18th August, 1918.

COUNTER BATTERY.

1. (a) The Australian Corps Counter Battery Officer is at FAGOT FARM O.2.a.9.5.
- (b) All hostile shelling is to be immediately reported to Australian Corps Counter Battery, through Group Headquarters or through Headquarters "C" Divisional Artillery whichever is the quicker.
- (c) "C" Divisional Artillery have a telephone line to the Australian Corps Counter Battery Office through the Australian Corps Heavy Artillery exchange.
- (d) Information required by Australian Corps Counter Battery is as follows:-
  - (i) Unit calling
  - (ii) The number and calibre of hostile guns or howitzers firing.
  - (iii) Time of hostile shelling.
  - (iv) Locality shelled.
  - (v) Nature of fire, e.g. "Salvoes of 3 each 2 mins" "One round each 10 mins"
  - (vi) Direction from which the hostile shelling is coming. When possible this should be given in grid line bearing, and the place stated from which the bearing is taken. The mode of obtaining direction will be stated, viz: Flash or Sound.
- (e) The Counter Battery Officer must be kept informed of the continuance or otherwise of all hostile shelling reported; the time of cessation being of the utmost importance.
- (f) It must be realised that all hostile shelling must be reported whether it affects a unit's own area or not.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

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Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 73

Headquarters,  
18th August, 1918

1. The Field Artillery on the "C" Divisional Sector will be re-grouped from 8 a.m. 19th August, 1918, as follows:-

(a) Right Group - Commander - Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.  
12th Army Brigade, Aust.F.A.  
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Left Group - Commander - Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.  
13th Aust.F.A. Brigade.  
14th Aust.F.A. Brigade.

(b) The 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will be superimposed on the Divisional front.

2. Inter-Group boundary will be East and West along the grid line between R.16 and R.22.

3. The Right Group will cover the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.  
The Left Group will cover the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

4. The C.O. Right Group will arrange to have a liaison officer, not below the rank of Captain, with the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade, in direct telephonic communication.

The C.O. Left Group will be located at 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, Headquarters.

5. The 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will arrange telephonic communication to both the Right and Left Groups.

6. The 9th Brigade, R.G.A. (Headquarters Q.16.a.40.85) is affiliated to the 5th Australian Division.

7. The D.T.M.O. 5th Australian Division, will arrange to put one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

In each battery three defensive Mortars will be in reserved positions to cover the front running N and S through the line R.20. central and three offensive Mortars will be employed to assist the present operations.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,  
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(b) The 10th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will be expanded on the Divisional front.

Inter-Group boundary will be East and West along the grid line between R.14 and R.15.

The Right Group will cover the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

The Left Group will cover the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

The G.O. Right Group will arrange to have a liaison officer, one below the rank of Captain, with the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade in direct telephonic communication.

The G.O. Left Group will be located at 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, Headquarters.

The 10th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will arrange telephonic communication to both the Right and Left Groups.

The 9th Brigade, R.G.A. (Headquarters R.14, A.40.85) is allotted to the 5th Australian Division.

The D.T.L.O. 5th Australian Division, will arrange to put one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

In each battery three defensive positions will be in reserved positions to cover the front running N and E through the line R.10. General and three offensive positions will be assigned to meet the present operations.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Major  
Brigade Major  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 74.

Headquarters,  
20th August, 1918.

1. In order to support a forthcoming operation, the following Artillery is moving into the "C" Divisional Sector on the night of 20th/21st August, 1918:-

1st Australian Divisional Artillery  
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
5th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

This Artillery will move into action under orders of the C.R.A. 1st Australian-Division.

2. All Brigades at present under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will get up to their gun pits as early as possible the following ammunition:-

18 pdr	500	{ 50% "A"
		{ 50% "AX"
4.5" Hows.	450	

3. Command of the Artillery covering the "C" Divisional Sector will pass to the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division at 10 a.m. 21st August, 1918.

4. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will close at 9.13.a.35.80 at 10a.m. 21st August, 1918, and re-open at 0.5.b.0.5 at the same hour.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,  
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5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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23rd Army Bde, R.F.A.	4	9th Brigade, R.G.A.	18
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 75.

Headquarters,  
26th August, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) is to relieve the 1st Australian Division (less Artillery) in the Right of "C" Divisional Sector on the night 26th/27th August, 1918, and will be known as "B" Division, Australian Corps.
- (b) The boundary between the 5th Australian Division and the 32nd Division will be an East and West line through M.52.cen1.
- (c) The boundary between the 5th Australian Division and the 2nd Australian Division will be an East and West Grid between M.8 and M.14.
- (d) The hour at which the command will pass to the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division will be notified later.
2. The Field Artillery covering the front will be re-grouped on the night 26th/27th August, 1918 (from an hour to be notified) as follows:-
  - RIGHT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., Headquarters at Q.24.a.38.18.  
Consisting of -  
12th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.  
1st Aust. F.A. Brigade  
2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade
  - LEFT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., Headquarters at Q.24.a.9.1  
Consisting of -  
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.
3. The C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will assume command of the Artillery covering 5th Australian Division on the night 26th/27th August, 1918, at an hour to be notified.
4. Inter-Group boundary will be East and West line through M.20.c.0.5.
5. Group commanders will arrange Liaison with the Infantry they are covering
6. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will close at Red Chateau, CORBIE, and re-open at Q.30.c.5.9 on the 26th August, 1918.
7. The 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will come into action in Left Group "C" Divisional Sector on the night 26th/27th August, 1918. On coming into action each Brigade will be allotted a zone and will become responsible for the defence of that zone.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Mellor  
Captain,  
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5th Australian Divl Arty.

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The boundary between the 5th Australian Division and the 2nd Australian Division will be as first and last Grid between M.8 and M.11.

The hour at which the command will pass to the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division will be notified later.

The Field Artillery covering the front will be re-grouped on the night 27th August, 1918 (from an hour to be notified) as follows:-

RIGHT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W. JONES, D.S.O., D.S.M.C., Headquarters at G.24.0.2.1.

Consisting of -  
 1st (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.  
 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 3rd Aust. F.A. Brigade

LEFT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CARY, D.S.O., D.S.M.C., Headquarters at G.24.0.2.1.

Consisting of -  
 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 3rd Aust. F.A. Brigade

The G.O.C. 5th Australian Division will assume command of the Artillery covering 5th Australian Division on the night 27th August, 1918, as an hour to be notified.

Inter-Group boundary will be M.8 and West line through G.20.0.0.5.

Group commanders will exchange liaison with the Infantry they are covering.

Headquarters, 5th Australian Division Artillery, will close at Red Clifton, GORRIS, and re-open at G.20.0.2.2 on the 28th August, 1918.

The 1st and 2nd Australian Field Artillery Brigades will come into action in left Group "C" Divisional Sector on the night 27th August, 1918. On coming into action each Brigade will be allotted a zone and will become responsible for the defence of that zone.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

5th Australian Divl Arty.

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ADDENDUM No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 75.

Headquarters,  
26th August, 1918.

1. Pending the 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades going into action, the 5th Australian Divisional front will be covered by the 1st and 2nd Australian Field Artillery Brigades and the 12th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A., under the command of Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., who will arrange the allotment of zones to Brigades.
2. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve Units of the 1st Australian Division.
3. Command will pass to the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division at 10 p.m. 27th August, 1918.
4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

*J.R. Mella*  
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ADDENDUM No. 2 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 75Headquarters,  
26th August, 1918.

1. Reference Addendum No. 1, para. 1, line 4.

After "12th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A." add "23rd Army  
Brigade, R.F.A."

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ADDENDUM No.3 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.75

Headquarters,  
26th August, 1918.

1. Headquarters of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade are situated at Q.30.c.5.5 and the Brigade is holding the line with two battalions in the front line and two in support.
2. The 30th Battalion is in the front line and the 31st Battalion is in support in the Right Sector.
3. The 32nd Battalion is in the front line and the 29th Battalion is in support in the Left Sector.
4. The Inter Battalion boundary is East and West line through R.24.central.
5. Para. 4 of Order No.75 is cancelled and the following substituted:-  
  
Inter-Group boundary will be East and West line through R.24.central.
6. The Right Artillery Group will provide a subaltern officer as Liaison Officer with Right Infantry Battalion and Left Artillery Group will provide an officer with Left Infantry Battalion.
7. An officer, not below the rank of Captain, will be provided by the Right and Left Groups alternately for duty as Liaison Officer with the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. R. ...*  
Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 76.

Headquarters,  
27th August, 1918.

1. To maintain touch with the situation, Artillery Group Commanders will organise their Artillery in depth.
2. When batteries are moved forward they will be kept intact as a brigade.
3. One brigade in each Group will be kept in close support of the Infantry.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*J. R. ...*  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 1

Series "D"

Headquarters,  
27th August, 1918.

STANDING ORDERS FOR SEMI-MOBILE WARFARE.

The following instructions will be adhered to during the present phase by the Field Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

SECTION "A".

S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS.

1. (a) The "S.O.S" Signal is a call for immediate Artillery assistance.
- (b) "S.O.S" may be asked for in three ways:-
  - (i) By the "S.O.S" Light Signal.
  - (ii) By telephone.
  - (iii) By call from aeroplane.
- (d) "S.O.S" Repeating Stations will be established at each F.A. Brigade, Tactical O.P. and at all anti-tank guns. These will be continuously manned and will be responsible for repeating "S.O.S" Signals on their respective fronts.
2. All batteries will post Rocket Guards who are acquainted with all rocket signals. Any rocket seen will be at once reported to the Officer on duty at the guns. At each battery a "Zone Indicator" will be installed, showing the flanks of the Divisional front, of Group and F.A. Brigade fronts, Battery "S.O.S." lines, etc.
3. Each battery is responsible for an allotted portion of the Divisional front, and unless a battery is in action, all guns will be kept loaded and laid on "S.O.S" lines.
4. (a) On receipt of the "S.O.S" Signal or call, all batteries of the Group concerned and the adjacent flank battery of the neighbouring Group will open fire at once on their "S.O.S" lines; fire being concentrated as and if required by the Group Commander.
- (b) In the case of an "S.O.S" call on the front of the adjacent Group of either flank Divisional Artillery, the F.A. Brigade of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery next to the call will at once open on "S.O.S" lines, in the ordinary way.
5. Group Commanders are responsible for alteration, by arrangement with the Commander of the Infantry unit they are covering, of the "S.O.S" line, as and when required. The "S.O.S" line will be notified to D.A.H.Q. as soon as possible after any change is made.

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6. RATES AND DURATION OF FIRE FOR "S.O.S" :-

NATURE	ROUNDS PER GUN PER MINUTE	
	For first 8 minutes.	For following 7 minutes.
18 pdrs -and 4.5" Hows	4	3

All fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes unless the "S.O.S" signal is repeated after the opening of fire, when the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the above procedure repeated.

7. (a) A battery receiving an "S.O.S" call will at once inform

- (i) Batteries on each flank.
- (ii) Group Commander's Headquarters.

(b) Groups will inform

- (i) Batteries in the Group.
- (ii) Groups on each flank.
- (iii) D.A.H.Q.

SECTION "B"

1. ARTILLERY POLICY.

(a) The general Artillery policy is that it is on the defensive, but close touch must be kept with the enemy.

Every possible step will be taken to harass the enemy to the utmost. Arrangements will be made to ensure that all visible movement is engaged by day; and that an irregular and intermittent volume of fire is delivered by night on the enemy's defences and communications.

As much use as possible will be made of gas shell for harassing purposes. There are ample supplies available.

(b) In the siting of battery positions particular attention will be paid to the following points:-

(i) Positions to be, as far as possible, on high ground, in order to avoid the effects of a hostile gas bombardment.

(ii) Each battery to have at least one alternative position resorted and marked, to permit of a rapid move in case of heavy gas or H.E. shelling of the old position making this necessary.

2. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

(a) In the absence of any organised system of A.A. Lewis Gun defence, it is to be remembered that each unit commander is responsible for his own protection against low-flying enemy aircraft.

(b) A.A. Lewis Guns of batteries will be disposed:- 50% at battery positions; 50% at wagon lines.

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3. LIAISON WITH INFANTRY.

Group Commanders will arrange with the Infantry Commanders to whom they are affiliated for all Liaison Officers required, also for the provision, as far as possible, of telephone communication.

4. ZONE CALLS.

(a) Procedure on receipt of Calls from the air will be as follows:-

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Answered by.</u>	<u>Method of fire.</u>
N.F.	One battery only of each Group inside its own zone.	2 Salvoes. If call is repeated Salvoes will be repeated.
G.F.	" "	2 rounds gun fire.
L.L.	All batteries that can bear on the target.	3 rounds gun fire.
S.O.S.	As for "S.O.S" Signals from the ground.	

Note: If batteries are engaged on important work, such as barrages, one section per battery will be used.

@ In addition to sending the "S.O.S" by wireless, the pilot, whilst flying towards the enemy, sounds his Klaxon horn and drops a white parachute light over the enemy. The light descends slowly.

(b) WIRELESS SETS.

F.A. Brigade wireless sets will be located either at Brigade H.Qrs or a selected battery, the disposal being left to the discretion of the C.O's.

5. COMMUNICATION.

It is to be remembered that one of the primary duties is the passing of all useful information to the next higher formation. The establishment of communication or where possible, the improvement of existing communication is therefore of importance.

6. PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE BOMBING.

Units are responsible that all possible precautions are taken, both by the dispersion of personnel and horses and the provision of cover, to minimise losses through enemy bombing.

7. TRENCH MORTARS.

(a) One 6-Mortar battery of 6" Newton Medium Trench Mortars will be emplaced, for defence of the line, on the Divisional front.

Three mortars will be affiliated with each Battalion Commander.

(b) One 6-mortar battery of 6" Newton Medium Trench Mortars will be held in reserve on the Divisional front.

Three mortars will be held in reserve in each Battalion area.

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7. (c) As the mortars, which are emplaced for defence of the line, get out of range through the Infantry pushing forward, the mortars in reserve will leap-frog them and take up a position in defence of the new line, but so that there will always be three mortars in the line and three in reserve in each Battalion area.

(d) Close liaison must be kept by Trench Mortar Officers with Battalion Commanders

8. COUNTER PREPARATION.

The object of counter preparation is to break up the enemy's threatened attack before it has time to materialise, and this is best effected by searching all likely assembly places and bringing the maximum amount of fire on to areas over which he has to move.

9. Counter preparation is divided into three phases:-

- (a) Counter Battery Work (alluded to as Phase 1.A)
- (b) Harassing fire (alluded to as Phase 1.B)
- (c) Annihilating fire (alluded to as Phase 2)

10. COUNTER BATTERY WORK

It is anticipated that any serious attack by the enemy will be preceded by a heavy bombardment. This is met by vigorous counter battery action, gas constituting, as far as possible, the main means of neutralising the enemy Artillery activity. This is chiefly a Heavy Artillery duty.

11. HARASSING FIRE. (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs as follows:- "Effect C.P. Phase 1.B from ..... to .....") (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment".)

(a) Field Artillery are responsible to a depth of 1000 yards East of "S.O.S" lines, the responsibility East of that line belonging to the Heavy Artillery.

(b) Group Commanders will select the areas considered to be most dangerous, and sub-allot them to their Brigades.

(c) The procedure for engaging the areas selected will be as follows:-

During the period allotted for "Phase 1.B", all batteries of a Brigade will be concentrated in quick succession on each area allotted to it; method of fire - 3 rounds gun fire.

Concentrations will be synchronised, the interval between them being arranged and ordered by the Brigade concerned, taking into account the period fire is to be maintained, and the rate of fire ordered (see below).

(d) Rates of fire, which will be ordered at the time the Scheme is put into operation, are as follows:-

Rate "A"	=	60	rounds	per	gun	per	hour.
" " "B"	=	30	"	"	"	"	"
" " "C"	=	15	"	"	"	"	"

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12. **ANNIHILATING FIRE** (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs as follows:- "Effect C.P. Phase 2 Lanes .....Zone.....at .....") (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment").

(a) In order to facilitate the production of the heaviest possible fire on any portion of the front at short notice, the Divisional front is for the present divided into Lanes.

Lanes are numbered from North to South; Lane 32 being bounded by the East and West grid lines running through M.9.c.0.0 and M.15.a.0.0 and Lane 38 by East and West grid line running through M.27.c.0.0 and M.33.a.0.0.

Lanes 32, 33 and 34 are allotted to the Left Group and Lanes 35, 36, 37 and 38 are allotted to the Right Group.

(b) Lanes are bounded on the West by a line known as the "START LINE", which will be 100 yards East of "S.O.S" lines. They are subdivided into zones each of 500 yards in depth, commencing from the "START LINE", and extending Eastward for four zones, i.e. covering the front to a depth of 2000 yards from the "START LINE".

(c) Annihilating fire will take the form of a creeping barrage over any or all of the Lanes at the rate of 100 yards in two minutes in the zone ordered.

(d) (i) The procedure for effecting Phase 2 will be as follows:-

At Zero hour - Brigades will open with 18 pdr batteries on the Western boundary line of the zone ordered, concentrating their fire on the Lanes allotted, and creep at the rate of 100 yards per 2 minutes to a depth of 600 yards, ceasing at Zero plus 14 minutes.

If more than one zone has been ordered, the procedure will be repeated in the other zone or zones, a two minute pause being made between each barrage. 4.5" Hows will be employed 200 yards in advance of the 18 pdr barrage.

(ii) Rates of fire.

18 pdrs - 3 rounds per gun per minute.  
4.5" Hows - 2 " " How "

(iii) Ammunition.

18 pdrs - 50% T.S. 50% H.E. (106 fuzes where possible).  
4.5" Hows - H.E. (with 106 fuzes if possible).

(e) (i) In case of communications are cut during a heavy enemy bombardment which is taken as indicating an enemy attack, it is considered necessary to have a counter preparation scheme which will come automatically into force. The procedure as in (iii) below will therefore be carried out by batteries if cut off from higher authority.

(ii) Zero hour throughout will be the opening of the enemy bombardment; Battery Commanders will use their own discretion as to this Zero hour. As soon as communications permit, Zero hour will be co-ordinated by Group Commanders.

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(iii) The following procedure will obtain until interrupted by the "S.O.S" call:-

Zero hour to Zero plus 1 hour.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 1.B on Zones "D" and "C" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour to Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "C", working Westwards.

Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins to plus 1 hour 45 mins.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 1.B on Zone "B" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour 45 mins to plus 2 hours.  
C.P. Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "A", working Eastward.

Zero plus 2 hours until receipt of "S.O.S" or orders to cease fire or hostile fire ceases.

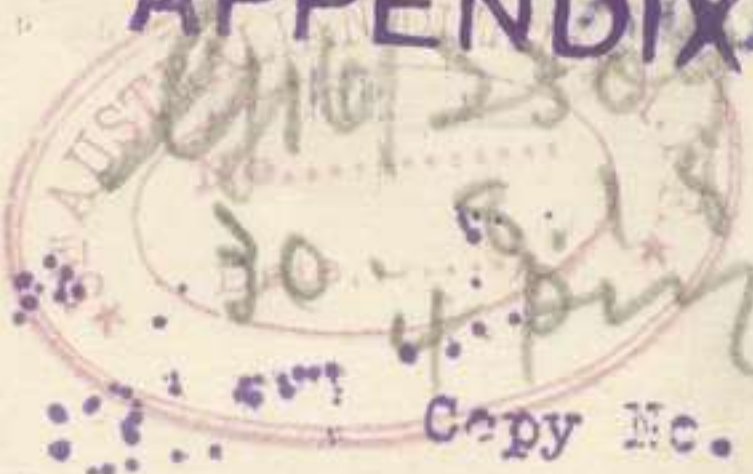
In Phase 1.B only, and not in Phase 2, 4.5" Hows, if the wind is favourable, will use gas shell only on targets to be selected and detailed to batteries by Group Commanders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. R. Mellor*  
Captain,  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 77

Headquarters,  
30th August, 1918.

1. At a date to be notified later the Australian Corps is to advance in a N.E. direction. Divisional Sectors are being re-adjusted.
2. (a) During the 30th instant, the 5th Australian Division is to side-slip northwards and take over the front from O.15.a.7.7 to I.32.b.0.8. This front is at present occupied by the 2nd Australian Division (who are attempting to advance across the SOMME and occupy the high ground in O.11, O.5, and I.35.  
The front south of O.15.a.7.7 now held by the 5th Australian Division will be taken over by 32nd Division.
- (b) The 5th Australian Divisional boundaries for the advance N.E. on the eastern side of the SOMME are shown in RED on attached map.
- (c) On side slipping northwards the 5th Australian Division will take over from the 2nd Australian Division (7th A.I. Brigade) any ground held by the 2nd Australian Division on the east bank of the SOMME between the above mentioned Divisional boundaries.
3. The following Infantry Brigade reliefs will accordingly take place:-
  - Morning 30th August.  
15th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 7th A.I. Brigade in the new 5th Australian Divisional front (vide para.2). Relief to be complete by 9 a.m.
  - 14th A.I. Brigade will move to valley in N.5.c, and N.11, and will be in support to 15th A.I. Brigade.
  - Evening 30th/31st August.  
A Brigade of 32nd Division will relieve 8th A.I. Brigade. Relief to be complete by 9 p.m.
  - 8th A.I. Brigade on relief will be located in the FONTAIN VALLEY (M.16). Command of the Infantry Brigade sectors will pass on completion of Brigade reliefs.
4. (a) Machine Gun Companies will be attached to their affiliated Brigades. The Reserve Company (25th M.G.Co) will be disposed by O.C. 5th Machine Gun Battalion in M.18.
- (b) No.1 Troop "A" Squadron and No.1 Troop "B" Squadron, 13th A.L.H. will be attached to 15th A.I. Brigade and will report by 7th a.m. 30/8/18, at N.17.a.9.9 where they will be met by a representative of 15th A.I. Brigade.  
Cyclist Platoon will remain attached to 8th A.I. Brigade
5. Allocation of Field Companies to Brigades will remain as at present. - Necessary Engineer and Pioneer reliefs will be arranged by the C.R.E.
6. As it is not normally intended that the 32nd Division will advance to the east bank of the SOMME it will be necessary for the front

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line Brigade of 5th Australian Division to effectively protect its right flank and to maintain liaison.

7. On the 30th August, 1918, the Artillery covering the 5th Australian Division will be re-grouped as follows:-

LEFT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W.LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.  
 12th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A.  
 23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.

RIGHT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O.CADDY, D.S.O.  
 13th Aust.F.A.Brigrade  
 14th Aust.F.A.Brigrade

Inter-Group boundary O.3.central, J.21.central.

8. Positions will be occupied to cover the new front as close as the tactical situation-allows.

9. The 2/1 Lowland Battery will occupy positions about N.6 and O.1.

10. Completion of all moves will be reported to this Office.

11. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will remain at FAY (M.23.central).

12. An Advance Report Centre will be established at N.15.b.6.2.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. R. Mellor*  
 Captain,  
 Acting Brigade Major,  
 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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23rd Army Brigrade, R.F.A.	16-20	C.R.A.	35
H.A.Aust.Corps	21	Staff Captain	36
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER. No. 78

Headquarters,  
1st September, 1918.

1. In co-operation with the Division on our Left the advance will be continued at Zero hour on the 1st September, 1918.
2. The 5th Australian Infantry Brigade are at present holding the general line Oden trench - MAINEVILLE Alley - ELBA trench - LENS trench to I.15.d.6.5 along road to I.21.central.
- The 6th Australian Infantry Brigade are at present holding the general line ODEN trench, SAVE trench, - FLORINA trench.
- FLORINA The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade are on general line trench.
3. The attack will be made on the 2nd Australian Divisional front by the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade and on the 5th Australian Divisional front by the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade.
4. The dividing line between Divisions for the purpose of the attack will be an East and West line between I.15 and I.21.
5. The final objective is on the general line TORTELLE trench - TAIBACK trench to I.17.a.7.5 - DERNSTADT trench South to I.23.c.8.4 to I.29.b.5.0 - I.35.a.6.0 - I.35.d.0.0 along road 0.5.a & 0 to Divisional South boundary.
6. The Artillery covering the advances of the 5th Australian Division will be -  
 RIGHT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.  
 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 LEFT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., DSO.  
 12th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.  
 23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.
7. Selected points will be bombarded by Artillery from Zero till Zero plus 150 minutes as shown in the attached map.
8. From Zero plus 100 minutes to Zero plus 150 minutes, C.O. Right Group will detail 1-18 pdr battery to fire a smoke screen to obscure the observation from high ground in 0.18, 0.23 and 0.32.
9. 10% of all ammunition fired in the bombardment will be smoke.
10. Rates of fire - 2 rounds per gun and per How. per minute.
11. Zero hour will be 6 a.m. on the 1st September, 1918.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J.R. Miller*  
Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.79.

Headquarters,  
2nd Sept, 1918.

1. In co-operation with the Division on our Left the attack will be continued at Zero hour on 2nd September, 1918.

2. The 56th Battalion is to be relieved at once in the line by the 54th Battalion.

The 56th Battalion will withdraw to an assembly position on Company front facing East with Star line approximately on the grid running North and South through I.21.central and bounded on North by East and West line through sugar factory at I.22.a.65.95 and on South by East and West line through I.22.central.

The 56th Battalion will attack between above boundaries on one Company front. Objectives: North and South grid between I.23 and I.24 when leading Company is to extend its flank to the South including the 56th Battalion front on the final objective Southwards to approximately East and West line through I.29.central.

The first phase of the attack will be followed by two companies of the 55th Battalion. When attack approaches objectives these two companies of the 55th Battalion will swing South and make good the high ground in I.35. They will endeavour to gain touch with the 15th A.I. Brigade who are to cross river and attack due East. 7th A.I. Brigade are passing through 6th A.I. Brigade and attacking in conformity. 56th and 55th Battalions will each be accompanied by four machine guns from 14th Company.

3. The Artillery covering the advance of the 5th Australian Division will be:-

Right Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.  
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade

Left Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.  
12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.  
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Australian Corps Heavy Artillery have been asked to co-operate.

4. Selected points will be bombarded by Field and Heavy Artillery from Zero 30 minutes to zero plus 170 minutes as shown on attached map. minus

5. 10% of all ammunition fired in the bombardment will be smoke.

6. Rates of fire: 2 rounds per gun and per How. per minute.

7. Zero hour will be 6 a.m. 2nd September, 1918.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. M. M. M.*  
Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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Liaison, 14th Aust. Inf. Bde		23	C.R.A.	36
8th Aust. Inf. Brigade		24	Staff Captain	37
14th Aust. Inf. Bde	(Map)	25	Reconnaissance Officer	38
15th Aust. Inf. Bde		26	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	39
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The artillery covering the advance of the 5th Australian Division will be:-  
Right Group under command of Lt Col. H. O. GARDY, D.S.O.  
5th Aust. B.A. Brigade  
1st Aust. B.A. Brigade

Left Group under command of Lt Col. R. W. LLOYD, D.S.O., D.S.M.  
15th Army Brigade, A.A.A.  
32nd Army Brigade, R.G.A.

1. Selected points will be covered by Field and Heavy Artillery from 2000 yards.
2. 30 minutes to one hour 150 minutes as shown on attached map.
3. 10% of all ammunition fired in the bombardment will be smoke.
4. Rates of fire: 2 rounds per gun and per how per minute.
5. Zero hour will be 6 a.m. 1st September, 1918.

*R. W. Lloyd*  
Lt Colonel  
5th Australian Divisional Artillery  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 80

Headquarters,  
3rd Sept, 1918.

1. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on night 2nd/3rd September, 1918, in the latter's battle positions. On relief the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will be withdrawn into support in the vicinity of HALLE.
- (b) The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will move at 5 a.m. 3rd instant into a suitable positions in I.20., where it will relieve the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade in support. The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on relief will cross to the WEST bank of the SOMME.
2. One battalion, 8th Australian Infantry Brigade, will be placed at disposal of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade night 2nd/3rd September, 1918, up to 5 a.m. 3rd instant, for use if required in exploitation of BLAMICOURT.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE. *83*

*J. R. Mellon.*  
Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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H.A. Aust. Corps	4	5th Aust. D.A.G.	15
R.A. Aust. Corps	5	D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	16
8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	6	C.B.S.O. Aust. Corps	17
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	7	21st Brigade, R.G.A.	18
15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	8	C.R.A.	19
32nd Divl Artillery	9	Staff Captain	20
1st Aust. Divl Arty	10	Reconnaisance Officer	21
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 81

Headquarters,  
4th Sept, 1918.

1. (a) During the night 4th/5th September, 1918, the 5th Australian Division will extend its Left flank to I.12.a.0.0, and relieve all troops of the 2nd Australian Division in the area taken over.

Southern Divisional boundary will remain as at present.

(b) On completion of this extension, the 5th Australian Divisional Sector will extend from its present Southern boundary to a Northern boundary - the East and West grid line I.7.central to I.12.central and this Sector will be divided into two brigade sub-sectors; the dividing line between sub-sectors being East and West grid line running from I.19 to I.23, central.

2. Consequent on the above, on the night 4th/5th September the G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will take over command of the Southern sub-sector, and the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve troops of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade and the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Northern sub-sector.

Command will pass on completion of relief.

Headquarters of Brigades will remain in their present location.

- 15th Australian Infantry Brigade - I.32.d.3.3
- 8th Australian Infantry Brigade - I.19.a.8.4.

3. At 6 p.m. on the 4th September, 1918, command of the 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., 5th Army Brigade, R.H.A., and 3rd (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., will pass from the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division to the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

4. At 6 p.m. on the 4th September, 1918, the Artillery covering the 5th Australian Divisional front will be re-grouped as follows:-

Right Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.,  
 Headquarters at N.16.d.2.2.  
 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade  
 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade  
 5th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

Left Group under command of Lieut-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G.  
 Headquarters at I.1.a.6.0  
 3rd (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.  
 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Left Super-Imposed Brigade under command of Lieut-Col. T.M. ARCHDALE,  
 D.S.O., Headquarters at I.12.b.7.3  
 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

Inter-Group boundary East and West grid line I.7.central to I.12.central.

5. Positions will be occupied to cover the front as the tactical situation demands.

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6. The 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will act as Mobile Reserve and will keep in close touch with both Infantry Brigadiers. The Brigade will be ready to take up positions of pursuit in case of a general hostile retirement.

7. Headquarters, 5th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will move to H.34.d.6.4 (the quarters at present occupied by Headquarters, 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.).

Headquarters, 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will move to H.12. central (present Headquarters of 5th Aust. F.A. Bde).

The batteries of the 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will move during the night 4th/5th September, 1918, from present positions to the selected positions vacated by the 4th and 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigades.

8. The 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., and the 23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A., will be withdrawn to wagon lines after dark on the night 4th/5th September, 1918, and on arrival in wagon lines will come under the orders of R.A. Australian Corps.

9. The C.O. Right Group will provide a Liaison Officer (not below the rank of Captain) with the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade and one Liaison Officer with each Battalion holding the line in the Right sub-sector.

The C.O. Left Group will provide a Liaison Officer (not below the rank of Captain) with the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade and one Liaison Officer with each Battalion holding the line in Left sub-sector.

Brigade Liaison Officers will be provided with telephonists and will maintain a line direct to their own Group Headquarters.

10. "S.O.S" lines will be arranged from time to time by Artillery Group Commanders in consultation with Infantry Brigadiers and D.A.H.Q. will be advised of any changes.

11. One battery of 6" Newton Trench Mortars will be at the disposal of the Infantry Brigadier commanding the Northern sub-sector, and one battery at the disposal of the Infantry Brigadier commanding the Southern sub-sector.

Trench Mortar Officers will maintain close touch with the Infantry Brigadiers whom they are covering.

12. A.R.P's will be established -

For use of Left Group - H.3.d.9.5

For use of Right Group - N.14.a.8.5 (present A.R.P)

13. 5th Australian Divisional Report Centre will remain at H.32.b.4.4.

14. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will remain at N.9.d.5.0.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. R. Mullen*

Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 81

Headquarters,  
4th September, 1918.

1. Reference 5th Aust. Divl Artillery Order No. 81, para. 4, last two lines.

Delete "I.7.central to I.12.central" and substitute "I.19.central to I.23.central".

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*J. R. Mellow*

Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 82

Copy No.

Headquarters,  
5th Sept, 1918.

1. During the night 5th/6th September, 1918, the 3rd Australian Division will relieve the 5th Australian Division, in part of the present 5th Australian Divisional Sector and consequently therewith the 5th Australian Division will side-step to the South and take up defence of the line between O.5.c.5.0 and O.35.a.6.0.
2. The 32nd Division will be relieved in that part of the front taken over from them.
3. Divisional boundaries are shown in the attached map issued to Artillery Brigades.
4. The 5th Australian Division will hold the front with one Brigade in the line, one Brigade in support and one Brigade in reserve.
5. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will hold the line with the 31st Battalion on the Right and the 29th Battalion on the Left.  
The 30th Battalion will be in close support on the Right and the 32nd Battalion in close support on the Left.
6. Inter-Battalion boundary - E & W grid line between O. 16 & O.22.  
Concurrently with the above relief, the Artillery covering the 5th Australian Divisional front will be re-grouped as follows:-  
Advance Artillery under command of Lieut-Col. A.D.H. WEST, D.S.O.  
5th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
Reserve Artillery under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.  
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
7. The Advance Artillery will maintain close touch with the Infantry Brigadier and will provide a liaison officer, not below the rank of Captain, with the Brigade Headquarters, and a liaison officer with each Battalion Headquarters.  
The Brigade liaison will be provided with telephonists and telephone and will maintain a line direct to Advance Group Artillery.  
The Reserve Artillery will provide a liaison officer, not below the rank of Captain, with the Infantry Brigade holding the line.
8. To support the Infantry, the Advance Artillery will on night 5th/6th September, 1918, occupy positions in area O.15 - 16 - 21 - 22.
9. The Advance Artillery will provide one section to report to each Battalion Commander holding the line. These sections will be under the immediate command of the Infantry Battalion Commander and will work in close co-operation with the Infantry.
10. On the night 5th/6th September, 1918, the following Artillery will pass to the command of the C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division:-  
16th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
3rd (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.

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11. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will establish a Forward Report Centre in the vicinity of the cemetery O.27.b.5.2 and C.O. Advance Artillery will connect up with that centre on arrival in his new positions.

Advance Artillery Report Centre will be established at Headquarters, 8th Australian Infantry Brigade, at HAME.

12. A.R.P. will be established in the vicinity of BRIE as soon as the road facilities permit.

13. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will remain at N.9.d.5.0 till further orders.

14. Headquarters of the Left Brigade (14th) 32nd Division are at N.24.d.2.6.

15. All troops should be warned again to be on their guard against enemy booby traps and ruses.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Russell*

Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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The Brigade Major will be provided with telephone and will maintain a line direct to Advance Group Artillery.

The Reserve Artillery will provide a liaison officer, not below the rank of Captain, with the Infantry Brigade holding the line.

To support the Infantry, the Advance Artillery will on night 25/26 September, 1918, occupy positions in area O.15 - 21 - 22.

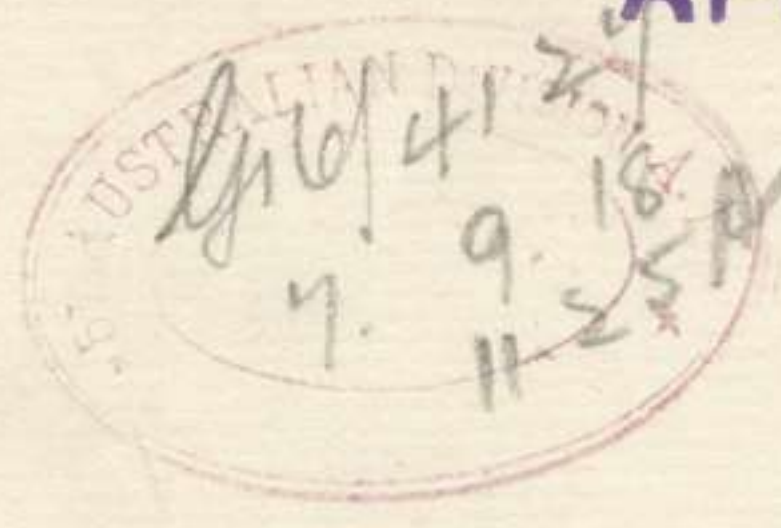
The Advance Artillery will provide one section to report to each Battalion Commander holding the line. These sections will be under the immediate command of the Infantry Battalion Commander and will work in close co-operation with the Infantry.

On the night 25/26 September, 1918, the following Artillery will pass to the command of the C.O. 5th Australian Division:-

1st Army Brigade, H.A.A.  
 2nd Army Brigade, H.A.A.  
 3rd (Army) Brigade, H.A.A.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 83.

Copy No. 33

Headquarters,  
6th Sept, 1918.

1. The German outpost line has been located as follows - E. of BEAUVOIS E. of CAULAINCOURT - VERMAND - LEVERGUILER - E. of JEANCOURT - TEMPLEUX LE GUERARD.

2. The 32nd Division on the Right has reached the general line of the N. and S. grid line through BOUVINCOURT - MONCHY LAGACHE. The 3rd Australian Division on the Left has reached N. and S. line through TINCOURT.

The 5th Australian Division is on the GREEN line.

3. The advance will be continued at 6 a.m. 7/9/18, the objective being the RED line.

The Support Brigade will move to the general line BOUVINCOURT-BEAUMETZ, and the Reserve Brigade to the general line P.13.central - P.19.central.

The Advanced Guard, 5th Australian Division, will remain as at present constituted and on the 7th instant will pass through the troops of the 32nd Division who are on the line BEAUMETZ - BOUVINCOURT. These troops of 32nd Division will then be withdrawn to 32nd Division Area.

On night 6th/7th September, 1918, the 5th Australian Division will be disposed as follows:-

- Advanced Guard - (8th Infantry Brigade Group) - GREEN line,  
Headquarters - P.21.a.3.7.
- Support Brigade - 14th A. B. Brigade - P.13.central - P.19.central,  
Headquarters - ETREPIGNY
- Reserve Brigade - 15th A. B. Brigade - FLAMICOURT area,  
Headquarters - I.32.d.2.3.

6. Whenever it is necessary to move the Headquarters of any Field Artillery Brigade the location of the proposed H.Q. will be wired to D.A.H.Q. before leaving the old H.Q.

7. Divisional Headquarters will remain at M.9.d.7.1

8. Divisional Artillery Headquarters are at ETREPIGNY O. 20. b. 7. 7.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. 83

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Issued at 8.15 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery order No.82 except -  
3rd (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.  
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.  
74th Divl Artillery.