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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAPPY.	Sept. 1st.		<p>Weather: Dull in early morning; fine and clear in Afternoon. (No meteor reports available).</p> <p>Under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, the Australian Corps Commander awarded the MILITARY MEDAL to the following:-</p> <p>No.11401, Gunner R. COLLIER, 12th Battery " 27899, " C. BALDWIN, 12th " " 11835, Driver E. FRY, 104th " " 1302, " J. WATSON, 104th "</p> <p>Lieut. J.S. MEHAN was awarded the MILITARY CROSS by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief under authority delegated by His Majesty the King.</p> <p>His Majesty the King of the Belgians awarded the Belgian Croix Civique to Lieut. H.J. BEATON in recognition of the part played by this Officer in rescuing on 20th March 1918, several persons of Belgian Nationality from a house in CALAIS which had been demolished by and enemy bomb.</p> <p>8-30am. Message timed 7-15am. stated our men seen East of Brickworks I.22.b. Enemy shelling MONT ST.QUENTIN heavily. Small parties of enemy seen retiring East. Enemy reported retiring from FLAMICOURT.</p> <p>10-26am. Message timed 10-5am. stated enemy resistance was weakening and hostile artillery fire decreasing. Small numbers of enemy were seen dribbling East in I.17. and I.18., also some gun teams standing by East of HAUT ALLAINES.</p> <p>11-20am. 5th A.F.A. Brigade reported PERONNE and DOINGT being shelled by the enemy, the former heavily. Enemy movement seen in I.18.d., including 5 ammunition wagons going North West. ST.DENIS also being shelled by enemy. Above movement was passed to 9th Brigade, R.G.A.</p> <p>11-23am. 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A. reported movement in I.30.: being engaged.</p> <p>11-25am. 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade reported line as follows:- East of FEUILLAUCOURT to I.9.c.9.0. to I.15.central - I.16.c.1.2. Village strongly held by enemy. It was intended to attack village at 1-30pm. following on heavy artillery bombardment. Artillery fire, both Heavy and Field, was arranged accordingly. Fire on the village to be intermittent until 1 pm. Intense between 1 pm. and 1-30pm. It was not possible for heavy artillery to fire on the village as it was too close to the Infantry. They fired, however, on trench systems and approaches just East of the village. Division were informed.</p> <p>11-40am. 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., reported enemy shelling just West of DOINGT.</p>	<p>App.F.1.</p> <p>App.F.2.</p>

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CAPPY.	Sept. 1st. (Contd.)	11-45am.	Message from 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade, timed 11-20am., stated the line ran East of FEUILLAU COURT to I.9.central, I.9.c.9.0. to I.15.central to I.16.c.1.2. Village still held strongly by enemy machine guns.	
		12-40pm.	4th A.F.A. Brigade reported that bombardment of MONT ST.QUENTIN was progressing and that Brigade stated village must be mopped up before the advance could be continued. They were informed of the Heavy Artillery action.	
		12-30pm.	5th A.F.A. Brigade instructed to reconnoitre positions about I.7. and I.13. and to be ready to occupy same if required that night.	
		12-48pm.	Enemy shelling of MONT ST.QUENTIN and DOINGT reported ceased (From 5th A.F.A. Brigade).	
		1-35pm.	9th Brigade, R.G.A., informed of large enemy movement in Northerly direction from BUSSU to BUSSU WOOD.	
		2-10pm.	Report from 4th A.F.A. Brigade stated our troops had been seen to enter village with apparently little resistance. Very little enemy shell fire on village. Passed to Division.	
		2-10pm.	5th Army Brigade, R.H.A., were instructed to reconnoitre for positions in vicinity of I.7. and I.13. with a view to occupying same if necessary that night.	
		2-35pm.	Informed by 3rd Aust.Div.Arty. that enemy were retiring Eastwards in large batches in I.10. and I.11. 9th Brigade, R.G.A., were informed. 4th A.F.A. Brigade stated they were already shooting on above targets. Also on numerous others. They stated that Infantry were reported at 2-30pm. mopping up village. Above was passed to Division.	
		3-15pm.	Much movement reported towards the East. This was being engaged, both by Field Artillery and Heavy Artillery. Three balloons in the air on True Bearing 146°, 100° and 86° from H.24.c.4.5. about 5000 yards from front line.	
		3-40pm.	5th Army Brigade, R.H.A. and 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., were informed of the situation.	
		5-40pm.	5th A.F.A. Brigade reported much movement of wagons, both forward and rearward in J.16.c. and d. and from road North into BOIS de BUIRE, probably indicating battery positions in the vicinity. Passed to 9th Brigade, R.G.A.	
		7-5pm.	Movement on road in I.17.d. and I.18. from road J.19., 20., 21.a. and ground Eastwards to Woods in I.30.b. and J.35.c. was ordered to be engaged by 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., and 9th Brigade, R.G.A.. Information also passed to 5th Aust. D.A.	
		7-7pm.	7th Aust. Infantry Brigade ordered by Division to relieve 5th Aust.Inf.Brigade in Divisional support that night.	
		7-18pm.	Orders issued (BM.70) for moves of 5th A.F.A. Brigade and 5th Army Brigade, R.H.A., to new positions about XXXX I.7. and I.13. S.O.S. lines also issued in BM.70, and tasks for other Field Artillery Brigades.	App.B.1.

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CAPPY.	Sept. 1st.	7-50pm.	298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., and 9th Brigade, R.G.A., instructed to engage movement on road I.17 and I.18 going both East and West.	
(Contd.)		9-30pm.	C.R.A. attended Conference at 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters to discuss and arrange plans for attack by 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade on morning of September 2nd. Orders were issued direct to Unit Commanders. (Vide Report in Appendix B.21, Volume XXX).	
	2nd		Weather: Misty in morning; fine later. (No meteor reports available).	
		1-55am.	Arranged for 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. to put 2 Field Artillery Brigades on HAUT ALLAINES. Fire from Zero to plus 7 minutes on TORTELLE Trench, then lift and creep at rate of 100 yards per 1½ minutes as far East as North and South line from I.5. central. Synchronised watches.	
		2-50am.	It was ascertained that rates of advance of barrage of flanking Divisions were as follows:- 5th Aust. Division (on Right) 100 yards per 3 minutes. III Corps (on Left) 100 yards per 5 minutes. Our rates were therefore altered from those previously arranged as follows:- Right Lane 100 yards per 3 minutes. Right Centre Lane 100 yards per 4 minutes. Left Centre and Left Lanes 100 yards per 5 minutes.	
		6am.	The above change was communicated to all concerned (including 3rd Aust. D.A.) by 3-15am. All units operating under Command of C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, are located as shewn in Location Statement No.50, issued to usual recipients.	
		8-50am.	Reports received stated all quiet until Zero Hour. Infantry jumped off on time. Heavy barrage of 10.5 and 15 cm. howitzers came down soon after Zero on Western slopes of MONT ST. QUENTIN, but was now dying down.	
		8-55am.	Report from 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade, timed 7-30am., stated that attacking Infantry had moved well past jumping off line before enemy barrage came down. Enemy bombardment West of MONT ST. QUENTIN ceased at 7-30am.	
		10-10am.	4th A.F.A. Brigade reported 10th Battery moving to about I.9.c.; remainder preparing to move. 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., was being used to cover right flank.	
		10-15am.	4th A.F.A. Brigade reported 10th Battery in I.9.c. 104th Battery moving forward. They were informed that 5th A.F.A. Brigade would be moved forward under orders direct from D.A.H.Q.	
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CAPPY.	Sept. 2nd (Cond.).	11am.	3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A., and 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., were ordered to moved forward at once to positions suitable for covering the line I.11.d.central to J.1.central. New Headquarters and locations to be reported as soon as possible so that communication could be arranged from D.A.H.Q.	
		11-55am.	5th Army Brigade, R.H.A., were instructed to engage Windmill and trench in I.17.c. and d. with heavy fire until 1 pm. in order to deal with numerous machine guns reported in that locality.	
		12-5pm.	Movement Eastwards on roads in I.23.b. and I.24.a., I.24.d. and I.24.c. reported to 5th Aust. D.A.	
		3-5pm.	16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., reported heavy shelling on our front from I.16.central to I.10.central (This apparently accompanied counter attack which eventuated about that time).	
		3-10pm.	5th Army Brigade, R.H.A., and 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., were instructed to engaged the area I.17.d. West to the ST.DENIS - AIZECOURT Road.	
		3-20pm.	Heavy shelling reported in I.6.d., I.12.a., I.7., 8., and 9. Counter Batteries informed.	
		3-45pm.	4th A.F.A. Brigade reported 3 guns of 104th Battery in action at I.8.b.1.4., remaining batteries on the move. Progress reported very difficult, as the only road forward was being heavily shelled and gassed. It was therefore necessary to dribble vehicles up gradually. Instructed to retain 5th A.F.A. Brigade in their old positions, as they were of best use there and it was not possible to get all the batteries forward at that time.	
		4-50pm.	Field Artillery under command of C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, was re-grouped in accordance with BM.72.	App.B.3.
		4-58pm.	Temporary S.O.S. Lines issued to all units as follows:- I.17.d.2.0. - I.17.b.25.00. - I.17.b.8.7. - L.12.c.3.5. - L.12.b.00.15. - L.12.b.7.8. - J.1.c.15.25. - J.1.c.15.55. - J.1.c.15.90. - I.6.b.70.45. - C.30.d.15.20. - C.30.a.6.0.	
		8-25pm.	All batteries in action were ordered to fire by night 200 rounds per battery as harassing fire.	
		9-30pm.	298th Army Brigade were instructed to harass enemy strong points at I.17.d.85.25 and I.8.c.1.1. up till Midnight.	
		10pm.	Division issued instructions that 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade were to consolidate and re-organise in its present battle front. Captain T. STEELE was promoted to the rank of Major and Captains C.C.C. WREN and J.E. MITCHELL were promoted to the rank of Temporary Major whilst commanding batteries. Lieut. A. MEHAN, MM., 5th A.F.A. Brigade, reported "died of wounds", was struck off strength.	Cue

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CAPPY.	Sept. 3rd.		Weather: Fine, warm and pleasant. (No meteor reports available).	
		6am.	Location Statement No.51 issued to usual recipients. The following transfers within 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. were effected:- Lieut. R.J.R. HURST from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 5th A.F.A. Brigade, Lieut. C.C. BLOXSOME, MM. from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 5th A.F.A. Brigade, 2/Lieut. H.B.F.CUNNINGHAME from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Brigade. The night passed quietly without incident.	App.C.2.
		11-10am.	5th Army Brigade, R.H.A. and 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A. were instructed to reconnoitre for new positions in vicinity of I.14. and I.20. in the event of their having to move should the line on the Right be moved forward by the 5th Aust. Division.	
		8-25pm.	S.O.S. Lines were ordered as follows:- I.17.d.45.00. - I.17.b.45.00. - J.1.c.3.4. - D.25.a.3.0.	
		9-30pm.	5th Aust. F.A. Brigade reported fairly heavy gas shelling of I.8. and 9. and I.2. and 3. with various natures of gas shell. This was communicated to counter batteries and ceased at 10pm.	
		11-45pm.	Instructions received from 2nd Aust. Division that 2nd Aust. Division, including Artillery, was to be withdrawn from the line on 4th instant. This was communicated to units by telephone.	
	4th.		Weather: Fine all day; heavy thunderstorm in evening. (No meteor reports available). Situation quiet during the night.	
		6am.	Location Statement No.52 shews locations of all units of 2nd Aust.Div. Artillery and attached troops.	App.C.3.
		3-20pm.	Order No.153, setting out certain re-adjustments of Australian Corps front and relief of 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery by 5th Aust.Div.Artillery, issued.	App.B.4.
		6pm.	Headquarters 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., exchange with H.Q. of 5th A.F.A. Brigade at H.12.central.	
		10pm.	Batteries of former Brigade occupied positions of 11th (4th A.F.A. Brigade) 13th, 15th and 105th (5th A.F.A. Brigade) Batteries.	
		6pm.	2nd Aust. D.A.C. withdrew from Wagon Lines and marched to new wagon lines in BRAY Area.	
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CAPPY.	Sept. 4th (Contd)	7pm. 10pm.	4th A.F.A. Brigade (less 11th Battery) and plus 14th Battery (5th A.F.A. Brigade) withdrew from action and moved to Wagon Lines in vicinity of BRAY. 5th A.F.A. Brigade (less 14th Battery) and plus 11th Battery, on being relieved in position by batteries of 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., moved to selected wagon lines in BRAY Area.	
	5th.		Weather: Dull and cloudy. (No meteor reports available). Major T. STEELE was transferred from 5th A.F.A. Brigade to 4th A.F.A. Brigade. Brigadier-General O.F. PHILLIPS, DSO., C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, and Lieut. J.W. MURRAY, Staff Lieutenant for Reconnaissance, proceed on 14 days' leave to U.K. Location Statement No.53, shewing locations of all units as at 6am. 5:9:18, issued to usual recipients. Major E.J. MILFORD, 11th Battery, reported to 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. for duty as Brigade Major Trainee. Captain (T/Major) C.C.C. WREN was transferred from 4th A.F.A. Brigade to 5th A.F.A. Brigade. Captain E.R. JUSTELIUS was transferred from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Brigade. Lieut. G.M. MUIRHEAD resumed duty with 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery from Hospital and was posted to 2nd Aust. D.A.C.	App.C.4.
	6th.	8pm.	Weather: Fine; dull at intervals. (No meteor reports available). A.I.F. List 380 of 6:9:18 contained a notification to the effect that Lieut.A.D. WATSON was dismissed the Service by sentence of a General Court Martial on 18:7:18. Lieut. WATSON was therefore struck off the strength of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery from that date. The following were awarded the MILITARY MEDAL by Aust. Corps Commander under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief:- No. 32488, Driver A. MILLER, 13th Battery, 8633, Gunner R.E.F. RICHARDS, 15th Battery. Instructions No.21, outlining the policy being effected by Aust. Corps, issued for the information of all concerned.	App.F.3. App.B.5.

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CAPPY.	Sept. 7th.		Weather: Fine and warm. (No meteor reports available). Nothing of interest to record.	
	8th		Weather: Fine clear day. (No meteor reports available). The following Officers resumed duty with 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery and were posted to 2nd Aust. D.A.C.: Captain F.T.D. MEARES, from Hospital, Lieut. F.M. DRAPER, from Seconded List. All Units were located as shewn in Location Statement No. 54 issued to all concerned.	Cal App. C. 5.
	9th		Weather: Cold fine and clear. (No meteor reports available). Nothing of interest to record.)	Cal
	10th		Weather: Cold; fine at intervals; intermittent showers. (No meteor reports available) A.I.F. List 381 of 10:9:18 contained a notification that the following Officers were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant from 10:7:18:- 2/Lieut. M.L. CUSSEN, " F. HALLIDAY, " R.S. MATTHEWS, " J.A. MEIKLEJOHN, " T.H. MILLET, From 26:7:18:- 2/Lieut. A.B. KERR.	Cal
	11th.	8am.	Weather: Cold and showery throughout the day. (No meteor reports available). 5th A.F.A. Brigade moved from wagon lines in BRAY Area to 1st Aust. Div. Area prior to occupying positions for offensive operations. 4th A.F.A. Brigade held Brigade Sports in the vicinity of their wagon lines.	Cal

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CAPPY.	Sept. 12th.		Weather: Showery and squally, with infrequent fine intervals. (No meteor reports available). An addendum to the Report on Operations (Appendix B.21 to Volume XXX) dealing with the Artillery actions during the phase of Mobile operations from August 27th to September 3rd, was forwarded to R.A., Australian Corps, and 2nd Aust. Division.	App.B.7.
		8am	4th A.F.A. Brigade moved from wagon lines in BRAY Area to wagon lines in 1st Australian Divisional Area prior to occupying positions for offensive operations.	
		8-45am.	2nd Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) moved from wagon lines in BRAY Area to wagon lines in 1st Aust. Divisional Area.	
	13th		Weather: Dull and cloudy; fine at intervals. (No meteor reports available). Nothing of interest to record.	
	14th		Weather: Fine generally; isolated showers. (No meteor reports available). Nothing of interest to record.	
	15th		Weather: Dull and showery; fine at intervals. (No meteor reports available). Lieut. C.G. ROBERTS resumed duty with 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery from Hospital and was posted to 5th A.F.A. Brigade. Lieut. (T/Captain) B.H. CAIRNES, MC., Lieut. A. TOMLINSON and Lieut. H.J. BEATON were struck off strength on marching out on furlough to Australia. In addition to the 3 Officers mentioned, 27 N.C.O's and men, who embarked from Australia in 1914 for Active Service, were also struck off strength on marching out on furlough to Australia. Location Statement No.55 issued to usual recipients.	
	16th		Weather: Fine and clear. (No meteor reports available). Nothing of interest to record.	App.C.6.

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CAPPY.	Sept. 17th		Weather : Fine, cloudy at intervals. (No meteor report available). Nothing of interest to record.	
	18th		Weather : Generally fine. (No meteor report available). Captain R.C.OSBORNE, MC. (Staff Captain) proceeded to U.K. to attend a Battery Commander's Course at SHOEBOURNE. During his absence the duties of Staff Captain will be performed by Lieut. J.S.SMITH (Staff Captain Trainee).	Co Ge
	19th		Weather : Fine ; cloudy at intervals. (No meteor report available). Brigadier-General O.F.PHILLIPS, DSO., C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Division, and Lieut.J.W.MURRAY, Staff Lieutenant for Reconnaissance, returned from leave to U.K. Lieut-Colonel H.W.RIGGALL, DSO., ceased to perform the duties of C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Division.	Co
	20th		Weather : Fine; light scattered showers. (No meteor report available). Captain (T/Major) J.E.MITCHELL was transferred from 4th A.F.A.Brigade to 5th A.F.A.Brigade.	Co
	21st	Mid-night	Weather : Dull in morning; heavy rain afternoon. (No meteor report available). Verbal instructions received from 2nd Aust.Division to the effect that C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Division would take over command of Artillery covering 46th Division (Left Sector of IX Corps front) at 10 a.m, 22nd instant.	Co
	22nd	10 am.	Weather : Fine generally; light rain at intervals. (No meteor report available). H.Q. 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery closed at CAPPY G.35.a.3.4. and proceeded to H.Q., 4th Aust.Div.Artillery J.6.a.1.6., but the relief was cancelled and H.Q., 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery re-opened at old Headquarters (CAPPY) on return.	Co
	23rd		Weather : Dull in morning; fine and clear afternoon. (No meteor report available). Capt.F.T.D.MEARES transferred from 2nd Aust.D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A.Bde.	Co
	24th		Weather : Fine and clear. (No meteor report available). Nothing of interest to record.	Co

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CAPPY.	Sept. 25th		Weather: Dull; drizzling rain in morning, fine afternoon. (No meteor report available). Lieut. G.M.MUIRHEAD, 2nd Aust.D.A.C. accidentally injured and evacuated.	Cal
	26th		Weather : Fine and clear. (No meteor report available). Nothing of interest to record.	Cal
	27th		Weather : Generally fine. (No meteor report available). Capt.H.J.COPLEY and Lieut.F.S.THOMPSON, DCM. rejoined 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. from Regimental Seconded List and were posted to 2nd Aust.D.A.C.	Cal
	28th	6 am.	Weather : Dull; intermittent showers. (No meteor report available). Order 155 re moves of 2nd Aust.Div.T.M's from BRAY to ROISEL and 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. from CAPPY to I.36.b. (DOINGT) ^{issued} . This latter destination was altered to BOIS de BUIRE.	App.B.8.
BOIS de BUIRE. J.16.a.8.5.		6 pm. 8.15 pm.	H.Q. 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. closed at CAPPY and moved to BOIS de BUIRE. Instructions 22 issued outlining the role to be performed by H.Q., 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. in connection with the attack on the HINDENBURG LINE by 27th and 30th American Divisions, followed by 3rd and 5th Aust.Divs.	App.B.9.
	29th		Weather : Fine in morning, showery in afternoon. (No meteor report available). Capt.(T/Major) C.C.C.WREN, and Lieut. A.J.DAVIDSON, 4th A.F.A.Bde. evacuated wounded. Lieut.G.BRADDON, 5th A.F.A.Bde. slightly wounded but remained on duty.	Cal
TEMPLEUX	30th		Weather : Generally fine, dull at intervals. (No meteor report available). Instructions received from 2nd Aust.Div. to the effect that H.Q. 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. was to be prepared to move forward to H.Q. in TEMPLEUX by 9 a.m on 1st October. Capt. H.J.COPLEY 2nd Aust.D.A.C. transferred to 4th A.F.A.Bde. Lieut. J.W.SALMON 5th A.F.A.Bde. seriously wounded and evacuated.	Cal

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"C" DIV. ARTY. *** AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 14.
From 3 p.m 31/8/18 to 3 p.m 1/9/18.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
September 1st 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY :- Heavy harassing fire was carried out during the night particularly against the village of Mt. St. QUENTIN and neighbouring trenches.

At 6 a.m. the barrage opened in support of the Infantry attack. Fire continued for 80 minutes.

Between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. Mt. St. QUENTIN Village, and Wood were heavily shelled and at 1.30 p.m. fire lifted to the trench area in I.10. and I.11.a. and b., shelling continuing here for half an hour.

Throughout the afternoon much movement on roads was engaged and the enemy vigorously harassed.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Active.

There was some heavy shelling of CLERY during the night and at 6.15 a.m. H.29.b. and H.30.c. were barraged by 10.5 cm and 7.7 cm this being repeated at 10 a.m. Throughout the morning H.6.d. and I.1.c. received attention from 10.5 cm and I.1.b. and H.12.b. from 15 cm.

Between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. PERONNE was heavily shelled by all calibres. H.36. and H.34.c. were fired on by 10.5 cm intermittently from 9 a.m.

At 1.30 p.m. the enemy fired a fairly heavy barrage in I.14. and I.20. and at 2.30 p.m. I.15.a. was shelled and I.9.c. and I.15.a. were heavily shelled by 15 cm.

AIRCRAFT :- Hostile 'planes have been inactive. 3 enemy balloons were in evidence during morning of 1st and up to 3.30 p.m.

VISIBILITY :- Good.

P.T.O.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.14 (CONTINUED).

MISCELLANEOUS :- At 9.20 a.m 1st inst. when the enemy was forced back, a large mine exploded in I.16.c. Visual receiving station observed in I.12.a.

Captures by 2nd Aust.Div. during the operations on 31st August and 1st September - up to 5 p.m - total 16 Officers 1081 O.R.'s unwounded, and 1 Officer and 83 O.R.'s wounded Prisoners.

After hard fighting yesterday French captured BUSSY, CHIVILLY, and CAMPAGNE and have made progress on MONT.ST.SIMON capturing 200 prisoners. South of the AILETTE French and American troops captured TERNY SORNY with 1000 prisoners.

In the YPRES - GIVENCHY sector the enemy has withdrawn his line, and the approximate British line now runs - West of GROOIE VIERSTRAAT, East of St.KEMMEL, East of LINDENHOEK, one kilometre east of BRANOUTRE, two kilometres east of BAILEUL, one kilometre south of STEEN MILL, N.E. of Rue PROVOST, East of NEUF BERQUIN, West of ESTAIRES and LA GORGUE, VIEILLE CHAPELLE, LABOUTURE, Rue de l'EPINETTE, FESTUBERT, thence as before.

[Signature]
Lieut
R.O. 2nd Aust.Div.Arty

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"C" DIV. ARTY. *** AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 15.
From 3 p.m 1/9/18 to 3 p.m 2/9/18.

Headquarters,
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
 September 2nd 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY :- Enemy forward areas and trenches were heavily harassed throughout the night.

At 6 a.m Support was given to the Infantry attack. A good deal of movement was engaged during the day and various targets fired on at the request of the Infantry. Fire of a harassing nature was also directed against the enemy's trenches during the afternoon.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Hostile guns continue to be fairly active. Between 8 a.m and 9 a.m the SOMME Valley in H.12.b. and d, and H.13.b. was heavily shelled with 15 cm and 10.5 cm. PERONNE and areas north of the village and MT.ST.-QUENTIN were intermittently shelled during the morning, 15 cm, 10.5 cm and 7.7 cm being used.

At 3 p.m the enemy shelled rather heavily I.3.a. and d., I.7, I.8 and I.9. This shelling appeared to come from the direction of 95° - 105° from I.2.a.central.

AIRCRAFT :- Hostile planes dropped a few bombs on HERBECOURT during the night.

3 enemy balloons visible opposite this front throughout the morning.

VISIBILITY :- Good.

SCCELLANEOUS :- Total number of prisoners passed through Divisional P.O.W.cage from 9 p.m 1/9/18 to 7 p.m 2/9/18 are - 6 officers 1400 C.R's.

[Signature]
 Lieut.
 P.O., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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"C" DIV. ARTY. -- AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 16.
From 3pm. 2:9:18 to 3pm. 3:9:18.

Headquarters,
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
 September 3rd 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY:

Heavy harassing fire was carried out during the night, and likely assembly places searched. Hostile strong points reported by plane at I.17.d.85.25. and I.18.c.10.10. were engaged between 10pm. and Midnight.

Enemy movement was engaged, but these targets were limited.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

Has been less active than the previous period.

At 4pm. on 2nd inst. H.V. gun fired 20 rounds on H.4.c. and d.

At 4-30pm. 7.7cm. (on G.B. of 1000 from I.2.a.10.10.) fired on C.25., 26., I.2., 8. and 9.

The valley S.E. of PEUILLACOURT received some attention from 15cm. and 10.5cm. during afternoon of 2nd.

During the night enemy artillery was comparatively quiet.

At 9am. salvos were fired at random in the vicinity of H.36.

At 9-30am. about 50 rounds 15cm. fell near road from H.39.cent. to H.30.central.

At 3pm. Mt. St. QUENTIN was strafed.

AIRCRAFT:

16 enemy planes crossed our lines at 5-30pm. 2nd.

Hostile machines were active during the night, bombs being dropped in H.34. and H.35., but little activity during the day.

13 enemy balloons were seen during the morning and at 3pm. one was destroyed by one of our planes.

VISIBILITY: High.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Enemy is now not exposing himself to our sniping as he did on the 1st and 2nd insts.

[Signature]
 R.O., 2nd Aust. Divl. Arty. Lieut.,

"C" DIV. ARTY. -- AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 17.

From 3pm. 3:9:18 to 3pm. 4:9:18.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
Sept. 4th 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY:

During the afternoon of the 3rd 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. fired on the bank at D.19.c.90.50. Many of the enemy were seen to run from the bank, and numerous casualties are known to have been inflicted.

At 5-45pm. an 18-pdr. battery set fire to an ammunition dump at D.25.b.32.22., and at 6pm., in support to an Infantry bombing party, trenches in J.1.a. and c. were bombarded.

Enemy forward areas were harassed throughout the night and during the day all observed movement was engaged.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:

Between 9pm. and Midnight, the valley running from I.8. . to HAUT ALLAINES was heavily shelled with Yellow Cross and sneezing gas with H.E. mixed.

During the morning H.V. guns fired into H.9., 10. and 11.

At 11-30am. Mt. St. QUENTIN was shelled for half an hour with 21cm.

HAUT ALLAINES and BRUNN Tranch have been intermittently shelled during the day with 10.5cm.

There has also been a fair amount of scattered shelling by 15cm., and 7.7cm. fired a few rounds in the vicinity of the road in H.30.a. FLAUCOURT received some light attention from H.V. guns during the period.

AIRCRAFT

Both our own and hostile 'planes have been active. Bombs were dropped in H.35. and H.12.

VISIBILITY: Good.

MISCELLANEOUS

A number of fires have been observed behind the enemy lines. The direction of enemy gas shelling reported above was 88° to 100° G.B. from I.2.c.60.40.

The following bearings were taken to active hostile batteries:-

H.V. Gun	76°	G. flash B.	from	H.16.d.70.80.
H.V. Gun	73°	"	"	H.16.d.80.70.
	100°	"	"	H.16.d.70.80.
	103°	"	"	do
15cm.	100°	G. sound B.	"	I.3.a.31.56.
	110°	G. flash B.	"	do
	109°	"	"	do
	80°	"	"	do
	75°	"	"	do

At 2pm. H.A. exploded large dump 90° G.B. from I.2.c.60.40.

[Signature]
Lieut.,
R.S., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

PRIORITY TO ALL

F.A. BDES.

(signed) C.A.Clowes, Major.

To) 4th A.F.A.Bde. 298th Army Bde.R.F.A.
) 5th A.F.A.Bde. 2nd Aust.Div.
) 5th Bde.R.H.A. 6th A.I.Bde.

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AAA

5th A.F.A.Bde. will move at once to new positions about I.7. AAA
5th Bde.R.H.A. will move at 6 a.m Septr. 2nd to new positions about
I.7. and I.13. AAA New locations to be reported at earliest AAA
S.O.S. Lines till further orders will be I.23.b.5.3. - I.17.b.1.9.-
I.11.c.9.1. - I.4.c.7.4. - I.4.a.8.5. AAA 5th R.H.A. and 298th
R.F.A.Bdes. will both superimpose on all above line AAA Bdes. F.A.
less 4th A.F.A.Bde. Group will carry out normal work within range
under 2nd D.A.H.Q. AAA 4th A.F.A.Bde.Group will continue to
operate with 6th A.I.Bde. AAA Addsd. all concerned. Reptd. 2nd
Aust. Div. and 6th A.I.Bde.

From 2nd Aust.D.A.

Time. 7.18 p.m

(Signed) C.A.Clowes, Major,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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PRIORITY.*app B 2*4th A.F.A.Bde.Group.
5th Army Bde.R.H.A.
298th Army Bde.R.F.A.
5th A.F.A.Bde.3rd Aust.D.A.
3rd A.F.A.Bde.Group
2nd Aust.Div. and 6th A.I.Bde.

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Second Septr.

AAA.

The III and Aust.Corps are to continue the attack on Septr.2nd AAA Objective of III Corps is the high ground running North East from AIZECOURT-LE-HAUT to NURLU AAA The 7th A.I.Bde. is to form a defensive flank to this advance facing S.E. along the line I.16.a.2.2. - KOROS ALLEY - RUPRECHT TR. - the ST.DENIS - AIZECOURT-LE-HAUT road to AIZECOURT-Le-HAUT (inclusive) AAA Zero Hour for above 5.30 a.m AAA At 6 a.m 5th Aust.Div. is to attack the high ground I.23. and I.24. as objective AAA As 5th Aust.Div. advance 7th A.I.Bde. will conform by swinging right flank AAA Southern Divisional boundary E. and W. line through I.16.c.0.0. AAA Northern Divisional Boundary and Inter-Corps Boundary E. and W. line through C.28.central AAA 7th A.I.Bde. attack will be supported by 6th Bde.F.A. plus H.A. AAA Action of F.A. will be in accordance verbal instructions issued at Conference AAA Barrage will open on START LINE rest there for 10 minutes then lift on to selected points at following average rates AAA 100 yards per three minutes 298th Bde.R.F.A. and Southern Bde. 4th A.F.A.Bde.Group AAA 100 yards per 4 minutes Northern Bde. 4th F.A.Bde.Group AAA 100 yards per 5 minutes 3rd Army Bde. 14th Army Bde. 5th Bde.R.H.A. and 3rd A.D.A. AAA 4th Bde.Group will effect liaison with 7th A.I. Bde. AAA 5th A.F.A.Bde. will supply two sections one to work with each of Centre and Left Battalions for close support. Remainder of Bde. and 4th A.F.A.Bde. Group will move forward on completion of barrage in accordance with orders already issued AAA Acknowledge AAA Addsd 4th A.F.A.Bde.Group 5th Army Bde.R.H.A. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. 5th A.F.A.Bde. 3rd A.D.A. 3rd A.F.A.Bde.Group Reptd. 2nd Aust. Div. and 6th A.I.Bde.

FROM 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Time. 4.15 a.m

(Signed) C.A.Clowes, Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

PRIORITY.

4th A.F.A.Bde.Group
5th A.F.A.Bde.
3rd A.F.A.Bde.Group
5th Army Bde.R.H.A.

298th Army Bde.R.F.A.
2nd Aust.Div.
7th A.I.Bde.

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AAA

F.A.Grouping from time of receipt will be as follows AAA
4th A.F.A.Bde.Group under 4th Bde.Composition 4th and 5th A.F.A.
Bdes.and 16th Army Bde.R.H.A. covering Divisional front AAA Right
Superimposed Group of 5th R.H.A. and 298th R.F.A.Bdes. under former
AAA Left Superimposed Group of 3rd A.F.A. and 14th R.F.A.Bdes.
under former AAA 4th Bde.Group to co-operate with Infantry Brigade
in line with call on Superimposed Groups either direct or through
D.A.H.Q. AAA All Groups to carry out normal work to limits of
range AAA Divisional Boundaries South E.and W.grid through
I.15.c.0.0. AAA North E. and W. line through C.28.central AAA
Boundary between Superimposed Groups E. and W. grid through
I.10.central AAA ACKNOWLEDGE AAA Added 4th A.F.A.Bde.Group,
5th A.F.A.Bde., 3rd A.F.A.Bde.Group, 5th Bde.R.H.A. 298th Bde.R.F.A.
Reptd. 2nd Aust.Div., 7th A.I.Bde.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Time. 4.50 p.m

Signed C.A.Clowes, Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No. 34

Reference Map:
Sheet 62C 1/40,000

Headquarters,
September 4th 1918.

ORDER No. 153.

1. (a) The following re-adjustments of the Aust. Corps front will be made to-night September 4th/5th 1918 :-
 - (1) The III Corps is to take over the Corps front as far South as the E. and W. grid line through I.12. central.
 - (ii) The 5th Aust. Div. is to take over the front as far North as above grid line.
- (b) The 2nd Australian Division is to withdraw on September 4th to the CAPPY Area and will be in Corps Reserve.
2. The following Field Artillery Brigades will pass to 5th Aust. Division at 6 p.m. September 4th :-
 - 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.
3. (a) The Field Artillery of the 5th Aust. Div. will from 6 p.m. September 4th be grouped as follows :-

GROUP	COMPOSITION.	UNDER	COVERING FRONT FROM E. & W. GRID LINES THROUGH.
Right (H.Q.N.16.d.2.2)	5th Army Bde. R.H.A. 13th A.F.A. Bde. 14th A.F.A. Bde.	O.C. 13th A.F.A. Bde.	As detailed by O.C. Group.
Left (H.Q.I.1.a.6.0.)	3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. 14th Army Bde. R.F.A. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.	O.C. 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.	I.24. central to I.12. central
16th Army Bde. R.H.A. (H.Q.H.12.b.7.3)	16th Army Bde. R.H.A.	O.C. 16th Army Bde. R.H.A.	do. (Superimposed).
- (b) The H.Q. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. will take over the present H.Q. of the 5th A.F.A. Bde. at H.12. central by 6 p.m. to-day also the positions at present occupied by the 11th, 13th, 15th and 105th Batteries, occupation of positions to be complete by 10 p.m. September 4th.
- (c) The H.Q. 5th Army Bde. R.H.A. will move by 6 p.m. to the present H.Q. of the 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. at H.34.d.6.4. and report at once for instructions to O.C. 13th A.F.A. Bde.
- (d) Telephone lines from 5th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q. and 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. H.Q. will be left intact.
- (e) The 16th Army Bde. R.H.A. will be prepared to move at short notice.
4. (a) Moves of the 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. to the vicinity of BRAY will be carried out as follows :-
 - (i) 4th A.F.A. Bde. (less 11th Battery) and 14th Battery will withdraw from action at 7 p.m. September 4th.
 - (ii) 5th A.F.A. Bde. (less 14th Bty.) and 11th Bty. will withdraw from action when their positions have been taken over by the 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - (iii) 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will move at 6 p.m.

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- (b) Details regarding billeting areas and routes to be taken will be issued later.
- (c) Distances as laid down in SS. 724 will be maintained.
- (d) Completions of all moves will be reported.
- (e) Full echelons will be carried.
5. Ammunition in pits will be taken over as follows :-
- (a) 298th Army Bde.R.F.A. (less D/298) by 5th Army Bde.R.H.A.
- (b) 5th A.F.A.Bde.(less 14th Bty) and 11th Bty. by 298th Army Bde.R.F.A.
- (c) 4th A.F.A.Bde. (less 11th Bty), 14th Battery, and D/298, under arrangements to be made by 5th Aust.Div.Arty.
6. (a) 5th Aust.D.A.H.Q. is at N.9.d.5.0.
- (b) 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will remain at G.25.d.3.4.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Cd Clones Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Issued at 2.30 p.m to

	Copy No.	
4th A.F.A.Bde.	"	1 - 5
5th A.F.A.Bde.	"	6 -10
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	"	11 -14
Right Super.Group	"	15 -16
Left Super.Group	"	17 -18
16th Army Bde.R.H.A.	"	19
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.	"	20
2nd Aust.Div.	"	21
5th A.I.Bde.	"	22
6th A.I.Bde.	"	23
7th A.I.Bde.	"	24
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Headquarters,
September 6th 1918.

Reference Map:
Sheet 620 1/40,000

INSTRUCTIONS No. 21.

1. INFORMATION.

The enemy is retiring on the front of the Aust. Corps and is being pressed by our advanced guards. We have taken BUSSU, DOINGT, le MESNIL-BRUNTEL, MONS-en-CHAUSSEE and ATHIES.

2. REORGANISATION OF FRONT.

The Corps front has been reorganised and the 32nd Division is now on the Right, 5th Aust. Division in the Centre, and 3rd Aust. Division on the Left.

3. INTENTION.

The advance is being continued by the divisions now in the line. Divisional boundaries are shown on the attached map.

4. METHOD OF ADVANCE.

(a) Each Division is being covered by an advanced guard consisting of a Brigade Group with a proportion of Artillery attached.

(b) The advance is being made in a series of bounds, the successive objectives being shown on the attached map. (*)

5. SUBSEQUENT MOVES.

At a later date the 1st Aust., 4th Aust. and 6th Divisions are passing through the 3rd Aust., 5th Aust. and 32nd Divisions respectively and continuing the advance.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. E. Clave

Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Art.

Issued at 8 p.m. to

4th A.F.A. Bde.	Copy No. 1 *	2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.
5th A.F.A. Bde.	" 2 *	2nd Aust. Division.
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	" 3 *	R.A. Aust. Corps.

(*) Map to units of 2nd Aust. D.A. only.

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5	✓ War Diary	8/11
6	Spares.	11/15

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
11th September 1918.

ORDER No. 154.

1. (a). The 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) move on September 11th and 12th into the 1st Aust. Divisional (Northern) Area of the Australian Corps.
(b). On arrival the above units will come under the command of the C.R.A. with the 1st Aust. Division and become Divisional Mobile Reserve. officiating
(c). Command of the Field Artillery covering the 1st Aust. Division passes at 10am. September 12th from C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division to C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division.
2. The move will be carried out in accordance with attached March Table.
3. Distances on the march will be maintained as laid down in S.S. 724.
4. Full echelons will be carried out by all units.
5. Units will report their arrival in the 1st Aust. Divisional Area to the officiating D.A.H.Q., repeating by wire to 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q.
6. Acknowledge.
Ø H.Q. at I 36.b.3 O.

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

Issued at 6 am. to:-

4th A.F.A. Bde.	Copy No.	1 *	R.A. Aust. Corps	Copy No.	11
5th " "	" "	2 *	H.A. " "	" "	12
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	" "	3 *	1st Aust. D.A.	" "	13 *
" " D.T.M.O.	" "	4	3rd " "	" "	14 *
" " Div.	" "	5	4th " "	" "	15
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	" "	6	5th " "	" "	16
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* By Special D.R.

P.T.O.

MARCH TABLE (issued with 2nd D.A. Order No.154 of 11:9:18).

SERIAL No.	UNIT.	DATE.	FROM.	TO	STARTING TIME.	POINT.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
1	5th A.F.A. Brigade.	Sept. 11th	BRAY - CAPPY Area.	Wagon Lines as follows:- H.Q. J.25.b.5.7. 13th Bty -J.33.b.1.2. 14th " J.31.b.9.4. 15th " J.31.d.1.4. 105th " J.25.a.0.0. (Sheet 62C.).	At discretion of O.C., Brigade.		At discretion of O.C., Brigade.	(a) Arrive by 4 pm. (b) Taking over wagon lines of 16th Army Bde. R.H.A. (c) Advanced parties to arrive at respective wagon lines by 12 Noon Sep.11th.
2	4th A.F.A. Brigade.	Sept. 12th.	do.	COURCELLES - TINCOURT.	8am.	Road Junction at L.24.c.3.0. (Sheet 62D)	CAPPY - HEREECOURT-BIACHES - Bridge at I.33.b.4.0.- PERONNE - DOINGT.	(a) Wagon Lines to be allotted by 1st D.A. (b) Advanced parties to report at 1st Aust.D.A.H.Q., I.36.b.3.0. (Sheet 62C) at 9am.Sep.12th.
3.	2nd Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section).	do.	do.	do.	8-45am.	do.	do.	do.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

Headquarters,
Sept. 12th 1918.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT ON OPERATIONS (A.19/120).

With reference to Para.7 of 2nd Aust. D.A. A.19 120 of September 6th:-

The following points are brought to notice:-

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES EMPLOYED.

(a). During the period extending from August 27th onwards, for the greater part of the time one Infantry Brigade was operating on the whole Divisional Front. The principle adopted for the Field Artillery during the period up to August 30th was to detail one Brigade F.A. to co-operate closely with each Battalion in the line, a Liaison Officer being maintained at Infantry Brigade Headquarters. The remaining Field Artillery Brigades were maintained as a Divisional Reserve for use on any portion of the front as required. It was found necessary in the operations which eventuated between August 31st and September 2nd, when it was required to procure unity of action at short notice, to have the F.A. Brigades working with the Infantry all grouped under the one F.A. Brigade Commander and pushed sufficiently far forward to permit of their barraging to a depth of 3500 yards in advance of the line held by the infantry. The batteries of the remaining F.A. Brigades were maintained in positions in readiness sufficiently far forward to allow of their firing up to a distance of 2000 yards in advance of the front line.

It was found that, in a moving battle, a F.A. Brigade Commander is handicapped if he has more than his own batteries under him, principally on account of his limited staff and the fact that the Signal sub-section is not capable of maintaining effective communication with more than the units of the F.A. Brigade. For these reasons, it is questionable whether in cases of this sort, it would not be more satisfactory for D.A.H.Q. to be with the Infantry Brigadier.

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1. (b). METHODS ADOPTED DURING ADVANCE.

During the advance to the SOMME, F.A. Brigades worked in close touch with Battalion Commanders and where resistance was slight moved by batteries, one at least always being kept close up to deal with long range targets, the remainder distributed in depth. In a rapid advance this always permits of the Brigade Commander having guns at his disposal in case concentrations on any target are found necessary to assist the Battalion Commander in any adjustments of his line or to cover any minor exploitations.

Where special circumstances demanded Sections were detailed to work in close touch with Company Commanders. In cases where some resistance was met with, it was found that this method was very satisfactory, a great advantage being that information of any points of resistance is obtained first hand and can be engaged at once. Where information has to go back to Battalion H.Q. by runner and thence to the Artillery, delay is unavoidable, and possibly the information when received is useless, the situation having in the meantime altered completely. In the use of Mobile Sections with Companies it was found essential to have one Officer with the Company Commander and one at the guns with means of rapid communication between the two. During the period under review many excellent targets of all descriptions were offered and engaged by these single sections. In this connection the importance of having guns well up in open or semi-covered positions with an O.P. close to the guns is emphasized, as targets are usually fleeting. Risks should be taken and positions varied frequently.

(c). ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF ATTACKS ON AUGUST 31st, SEPT. 1st and 2nd.

In the attacks which were ordered at such short notice for August 31st, September 1st and Sept. 2nd, it was not found practicable to employ a creeping barrage of the usual form. The methods used as explained in A.19/120 were found to be effective, and were without complication, thus allowing Battery Commanders to work out their orders satisfactorily in the short time at their disposal.

Where, as in the operation of Sept. 2nd, the limits of the Infantry advance far exceeded the range of the guns, Sections were detailed to work from Zero Hour, in close support, with Battalion Commanders. This method was found satisfactory and many good targets were engaged effectively.

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2. NECESSITY FOR MOBILE TRAINING.

Great stress should be laid on the necessity for training of batteries in manoeuvre, coming into action and going out again quickly, not only to teach the procedure to Officers and Other Ranks who have had little practice, but also to accustom all ranks to think and act quickly, a habit which is quickly lost in a prolonged period of stationary warfare.

3. COMMUNICATION

As the advance continued the shortage of cable was felt very much. Where possible, old cable was salvaged, but the rate of advance at times did not permit of this being done until the situation again became more or less stationary. Mounted Orderlies were employed to the fullest advantage and are considered most essential. Great stress is also laid on the use of visual signalling, as in some cases, owing to the rapidity of moves, it was found quite impossible to establish telephone communication in time.

The C.W. Wireless set was found of great assistance. There were not sufficient available, however, and this necessitated transfers of the sets from one Brigade to another as the advance progressed and the situation changed. Also, sufficient trained operators are not yet available. It is considered that each F.A. Brigade should be equipped with at least one complete C.W. Wireless set. In the operations under review the available sets were found of most use between a selected advanced battery and its Brigade Headquarters.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANIMALS.

The reduced establishment of horses in batteries gave no cause for complaint during the operations, it being found that, as the advance progressed, the four-horse teams in ammunition wagons were sufficient. It is thought, however, that in prolonged mobile operations the reduced teams might prove a handicap, though this could probably be overcome by a system of relief of F.A. Brigades within Divisions. The possibility of having special mobile F.A. Brigades with an increased establishment of horses might, however, be worthy of consideration.

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AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

One A.R.P. only was maintained throughout, and amply fulfilled all requirements. Between Aug. 26th and Aug. 30th it became necessary to move the A.R.P. each day. This was accomplished without difficulty by close co-operation with the M.T. Coy. operating with the 2nd Aust. D.A.

The A.R.P. was located at a distance of 8000-10000 yards from our front line.

Throughout the above period batteries maintained at their gun positions not more than a full battery echelon per gun. Echelons were also kept filled and could then be dumped at the battery's next position, the wagons subsequently refilling from the dumps at the old one.

It was found that the full echelon was ample for all requirements until August 30th when more ammunition was required. Dumps were then slightly increased (to not more than 220 rounds per gun).

By the above methods the wastage of ammunition left in old dumps was reduced to a minimum, and at no time throughout was there any shortage.

6. USE OF HEAVY ARTILLERY.

The principle followed with regard to the Brigade of H.A. affiliated to the Division was for the O.C. Brigade, R.G.A. to co-operate closely with the Infantry Brigadier in the line. A Liaison Officer from the H.A. was kept at Infantry Brigade H.Q. with a separate line to his Brigade, and this arrangement worked satisfactorily. It would be advantageous if, where possible, the O.C. Brigade, R.G.A., could live at Infantry Bde. H.Q.

At one stage in the advance 60-pounder batteries were placed directly under the Infantry Brigadier for orders. This was found unsatisfactory as the batteries were not used to the fullest advantage. They were then put under the control of the O.C. Affiliated Bde. R.G.A., a method which was found much more desirable.

The assistance given by the H.A. throughout was all that could be desired.

C. A. Clunes Major,
for A/C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div..

R.A., Aust. Corps,
2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No. 16

Headquarters,
September 28th 1918.

ORDER No. 155.

1. (a). The 2nd Aust. Div. T.M. Bde. will move by lorry on Sept. 28th from present location at BRAY to ROISEL.
(b). Transport arrangements will be notified by the Staff Captain, 2nd A.D.A.
2. H.Q., 2nd Aust. D.A. will close at 6 pm. Sept. 28th at CAPPY, re-opening at I.36.b. (DOINGT) on arrival.
3. Copies 1 - 4 to be acknowledged by wire.

CA Clowe

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

Issued at *cam*

	Copy No.
4th A.F.A. Bde.	1
5th " "	2
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	3
" " D.T.M.O.	4
12th Army Bde. A.F.	5
2nd Aust. Div.	6
R.A. Aust. Corps	7
H.A. " "	8
5th A.I. Bde.	9
6th " "	10
7th " "	11
16th Coy. A.A.S.C.	12
20th " "	13
S.S.O. 2nd Aust. Div.	14
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Copy No. 17

Headquarters,
28th September 1918.

AMENDMENT TO SECOND AUST. D.A. ORDER No. 155.

1. Para 2, for " I.36.b. (DOINGT) "
read " J.16.a.8.5. "
2. Copies 1 to 4 to be acknowledged.

Ch. Clave

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

Issued at 8 p.m. to

All recipients

Order 155.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map. Sheet 62C.,
1/40,000.

Headquarters,
Sept. 28th 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS No. 22.

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1. (a) "Creeping Barrage Brigades" of Field Arty., as in para. 1(b) will, when their services are no longer required by the 1st and 4th Aust. Div. Artilleries, pass to Corps Reserve and be under the Command of the C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div.
- (b). 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
12th Army Bde., A.F.A.,
65th " " R.F.A.,
84th " " " (less B /34).
25th Div. Arty.,
58th " "
86th Army Bde., R.F.A.,
104th " "
2. (a). It is anticipated that the 2nd Aust. Division may be used for exploitation purposes at a later stage in the operations. In this eventuality the Artillery supporting the 2nd Aust. Div. will be under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. and will be constituted as follows:-
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
12th Army Bde., A.F.A.
- (b). The above units will hold themselves in readiness to move at very short notice.
- (c). Map "A" herewith (to 2nd Aust. D.A. Units and 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. only) shows the four main roads which are to be prepared for traffic. They are colored BLACK, RED, YELLOW and BLUE and will be marked on the ground by sign-boards painted in the respective colors; of these the RED and YELLOW roads will probably be developed into M.T. roads

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- 2.
3. 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. will from 6 pm. Sept. 28th be at J.18.a.8.5.
4. Acknowledge.

C.A. Cline

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

Issued at 8-15pm. to:-

	Copy No.	
4th A.F.A. Brigade	1	
5th "	2	
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	3	
"A" Bde. 25th Div. Arty.	4	
"B" " " "	5	
"A" Bde. 58th " "	6	
"B" " " "	7	
65th Army Bde. R.F.A.	8	
84th " " "	9	
36th " " "	10	
104th " " "	11	
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	12	
25th D.A.C.	13	
58th " "	14	
2nd Aust. Div.	15	
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	16	
6th " " "	17	
7th " " "	18	
R.A. Aust. Corps	19	
H.A. " "	20	
1st Aust. D.A.	21	
4th " " "	22	
25th Div. Arty.	23	
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By Special D.R.

By Special D.R. to 1st Aust. D.A.

By Special D.R. to 4th Aust. D.A.

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"C" DIV. ARTY. -- AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
LOCATION STATEMENT No. 50.
AS AT 6 am. 2:9:18.

Reference Maps:
62D and 62C. 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
Sept. 2nd 1918.

2nd Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.	G.25.d.30.40.
C.R.A. BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.F. PHILLIPS, DSO.	
4th A.F.A. Brigade - Lt.Col. C.A. CALLAGHAN, DSO.	
H.Q.	H.21.a.65.10.
10th Battery	I.1.c.
11th "	I.7.a.
12th "	H.6.d.
104th "	I.7.a.
5th A.F.A. Brigade - Lt.Col. H.W. RIGGALL, DSO.	
H.Q.	H.12.central.
13th Battery, }	
14th " }	I.7.
15th " }	
105th " }	
5th Army Brigade, R.H.A. - Lt.Col. A.D.H. WEST, DSO, RHA.	
H.Q.	H.20.d.50.00.
"G" Battery }	
"H" " }	H.35.b.
"O" " }	
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A. - Lt.Col. T.H. ARCHDALE, DSO, RHA.	
H.Q.	H.12.b.70.30.
"A" Battery	I.13.a.20.70.
"Q" "	I.7.c.00.50.
"U" "	I.7.a.10.20.
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A. - Lt.Col. H.B. De SATGE, DSO, RFA.	
H.Q.	H.34.d.60.40.
"A" Battery	N.5.d.00.60.
"I" "	H.35.b.9.1.
"C" "	H.36.a.70.80.
"D" "	H.35.b.70.70.
Affiliated H.A. Brigade.	
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	G.30.d.50.20.
2nd Aust. D.T.M.C.	H.32.a.90.60.
3rd Aust. M.T.M. Battery	H.32.a.90.60.
2nd Aust. D.A.C. H.Q.	G.26.c.50.50.
1st Section }	Q.26.c. and d.
2nd " }	
A.R.P.	H.3.d.90.50.
17th Ordnance Mobile Workshops (Light)	R.27.c.1.8.
13th and 22nd do do do	FOUILLOY.
53rd do do do	R.27.c.1.8.

R.O., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Liout.,

Reference Maps:
62D and 62C 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
September 3rd 1918.

2nd Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.
C.R.A. BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O. G.25.d.30.40.

4th A.F.A. Bde. GROUP.

4th A.F.A. Bde. - Lt-Col. C.A. CALLACHAN, D.S.O.

H.Q. H.18.a.20.55.
10th Battery I.9.c.20.50.
11th Battery I.2.d.50.20.
12th Battery I.3.c.70.20.
104th Battery I.8.b.10.30.

5th A.F.A. Bde. - Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O.

H.Q. H.12.central.
13th Battery I.7.a.30.50.
14th Battery I.1.b.30.40.
15th Battery I.7.c.20.20.
105th Battery E.12.c.67.46.

16th Army Bde. R.H.A. - Lt-Col. T.M. ARCHDALE, D.S.O. R.H.A.

H.Q. H.12.b.70.30.
"A" Battery I.13.a.20.70.
"Q" Battery I.7.c.00.50.
"U" Battery I.7.a.10.20.

RIGHT SUPERIMPOSED GROUP.

5th Army Bde. R.F.A. - Lt-Col. A.D.H. WEST, D.S.O. R.H.A.

H.Q. H.20.d.50.00.
"G" Battery)
"H" Battery)
"O" Battery) H.35.b.

298th Army Bde. R.F.A. - Lt-Col. H.B. De SATGE, D.S.O. R.F.A.

H.Q. H.34.d.60.40.
"A" Battery H.23.a.65.55.
"B" Battery E.35.b.9.1.
"C" Battery H.36.a.70.80.
"D" Battery H.35.b.70.70.

LEFT SUPERIMPOSED GROUP.

3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. - Lt-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G.

H.Q. I.2.b.00.30.
7th Battery)
8th Battery)
9th Battery) I.2.c.and d.
103rd Battery)

14th Army Bde. R.F.A. - Lt-Col. GIBBON, D.S.O.

H.Q. I.2.b.00.30.
68th Battery)
88th Battery)
A/14 Battery) I.2.d.
402nd Battery)

AFFILIATED H.A. BRIGADE :

51st Brigade R.G.A. H.8.a.20.10.

2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.

3rd Aust. D.T.M. Battery H.32.a.90.60.
H.32.a.90.60.

2nd Aust. D.A.C.

H.Q.)
1st Section.) H.3.
2nd Section.)

A.R.P.

17th Ordnance Mobile Works Co (Light) H.3.d.90.50.
18th and 22nd do do do E.27.c.1.8.
53rd Ordnance do do do FOUILLOY.
R.27.c.1.8.

2nd Aust. D.A.C.

APPENDIX C3

"C" DIV. ARTY. --- AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
LOCATION STATEMENT No. 52.
AS AT 6 am. 4:9:18.

Reference Maps:
62D. and 62C. 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
Sept. 4th 1918.

2nd Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.
C.R.A. BRIGADIER GENERAL C.F. PHILLIPS, DSO. G.25.d.30.40.

4th A.F.A. BRIGADE GROUP:

4th A.F.A. Brigade. - Lt.Col. C.A. CALLACHAN, DSO.
H.Q. H.16.a.20.35.
10th Battery I.9.b.10.05.
11th " I.7.a.30.30.
12th " H.6.d.90.05.
104th " (2) I.7.a.50.78.
(2) I.8.b.25.60.

5th A.F.A. Brigade. - Lt.Col. H.M. RIGGALL, DSO.
H.Q. H.12.central.
13th Battery I.7.a.30.50.
14th " I.1.b.30.40.
15th " I.7.c.20.20.
105th " H.12.c.83.46.

16th Army Brigade, R.H.A. - Lt.Col. T.M. ARCHDALE, DSO. RHA.
H.Q. H.12.b.70.30.
"A" Battery I.13.a.20.70.
"Q" " I.7.c.00.50.
"U" " I.7.a.10.20.

RIGHT SUPERIMPOSED GROUP.

5th Army Brigade, R.H.A. - Lt.Col. A.D.H. WEST, DSO. RHA.
H.Q. H.20.d.50.00.
"G" Battery H.35.a.90.50.
"H" " H.35.b.95.95.
"O" " H.29.d.60.00.
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A. - Lt.Col. H.B. De SATGE, DSO, RFA.
H.Q. H.34.d.60.40.
"A" Battery H.23.a.65.55.
"B" " H.35.b.9.1.
"C" " H.36.a.70.80.
"D" " H.35.b.70.70.

LEFT SUPERIMPOSED GROUP.

3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A. - Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON, CMG.
H.Q. I.1.a.60.00.
7th Battery I.2.d.30.40.
8th " I.2.d.20.60.
9th " I.2.d.10.10.
103rd " I.2.b.00.30.
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A. - Lt.Col. GIBBON, DSO.
H.Q. I.1.d.60.40.
68th Battery I.2.d.63.75.
88th " I.2.d.50.67.
A/14 " I.2.d.80.35.
402nd " I.2.b.67.10.

AFFILIATED H.A. BRIGADE.

2nd Aust. D.T.H.C. 51st Brigade, R.G.A. H.8.d.20.10.

2nd Aust. D.A.C. 3rd Aust. M.T.M. Battery H.32.a.90.60.

H.Q. VALUX - G.3.d.80.50.

1st Section. G.5.b.

2nd " G.12.a.

A.R.P. 17th Ordnance Mobile Workshops (Light) H.3.d.90.50.

18th & 22nd do do do R.27.c.1.8.

53rd do do do FOUILLOY.

R.27.c.1.8.

R.C., Lieut.,
2nd Aust. Divl. Arty.

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"C" DIV. ARTY. -- AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

LOCATION STATEMENT No.53.

AS AT 6 am. 5:9:18.

Reference Maps
62D and 62C 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
September 4th 1918.

2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q. G.25.d.30.40.
C.R.A. BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, DSO.

4th A.F.A. Brigade: Lieut.Colonel C.A. CALLAGHAN, DSO.
H.Q. L.23.d.30.20.

10th Battery)
11th ") L.23.
12th ")
104th ")

5th A.F.A. Brigade: Lieut.Colonel H.W. RIGGALL, DSO.
H.Q. L.22.c.30.60.

13th Battery)
14th ") L.34.b.
15th ") and
105th ") L.28.c. and d.

2nd Aust. D.A.C.)
1st Section) L.22.b.
2nd ") and
L.16.d.

2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.) H.32.a.90.60.
3rd Battery.) (moving)

No.18 and 22 O.M.W. (Light) (BRAY) L.16.c.3.2.

(Signed) J.W. MURRAY,
R.O., 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

APPENDIX

"C" DIV. ARTY. *** AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
LOCATION STATEMENT No. 54
AS AT NOON 8/9/18.

Reference Maps:
82D and 62D 1/40,000

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Art'y.
September 8th 1918.

<u>2nd Aust. Div. Art'y.</u> H.Q.,	G.25.d.30.40.
<u>C.R.A. Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O. (Temp.)</u>	
<u>4th A.F.A. Brigade.</u> - Lt-Colonel C.A. CALLAGHAN, D.S.O.	
H.Q.	L.23.d.30.20.
10th Battery	L.30.a.10.90.
11th Battery	L.23.c.70.10.
12th Battery	L.23.d.25.30.
104th Battery	L.24.c.20.10.
<u>5th A.F.A. Brigade.</u> - Lt-Colonel H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O.	
H.Q.	L.22.a.30.40.
13th Battery	L.28.a.30.90.
14th Battery	L.34.b.30.90.
15th Battery	L.28.a.90.90.
105th Battery	L.30.d.90.10.
<u>2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.</u>	L.21.d.7.5.
3rd Battery)	L.21.b.5.5.
4th Battery)	
<u>2nd Aust. B.A.C.</u>	L.22.b.40.90.
1st Section	L.23.a.40.70.
2nd Section	L.23.b.20.20.
S.A.A. Section.	L.22.b.30.80.
<u>No. 18 and 22 C.M.W. (Light).</u>	(BRAY) L.16.c.3.2.

Richardson
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Art'y.

SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT No.55.

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AS AT NOON 15th SEPT.1918.

Ref. Map.
62D. 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.,
Sept.15th 1918.

2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q. G.25.d.30.40.
C.R.A. Lieut.Col. H.W. RIGGALL, DSO. (Temp.).

4th A.F.A. Brigade)
5th " ") In line under
2nd Aust. D.A.C.) 1st Aust.Div.Arty.
(less S.A.A. Section))

S.A.A. Section, L.22.b.80.80.
2nd Aust.D.A.C.

2nd Aust. D.T.M.O. L.21.d.70.50.
3rd Battery)

4th ") L.21.b.50.50.

(Signed) C.A. CLOWES, Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT No.56.

AS AT NOON 29th SEPTEMBER 1918.

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.
September 29th 1918.

2nd Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q. J.16.a.80.50.
C.R.A. BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F.PHILLIPS, DSO.

4th A.F.A.Brigade)
5th " ") In line under
2nd Aust.D.A.C.) 1st Aust.Div.Arty.
(less S.A.A.Section))

S.A.A.Section. E.22.b.00.70.
2nd Aust.D.A.C.

2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.)
3rd Battery) K.16.a.80.50.
4th Battery)

(Signed) J.W.MURRAY, Lieut.,
R.O.,2nd Aust.Div.Artillery.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDERS (PART II) No. 221.

by
BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, DSO.

COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
5th September 1918.

APPOINTMENT:

1.

Lieut. Colonel H.W. RIGGALL, DSO. will perform the duties of C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, during the absence on leave of Colonel (T/Brig.Gen.) O.F. PHILLIPS, DSO.-dated 5:9:18.

PROMOTION:

2.

To be Major - 2:9:18.
Captain T. STEELE.

To be Temporary Major whilst commanding a Battery -
2:9:18:-

Captain C.C.C. WREN,
Captain J.E. MITCHELL.

(Auth. D.A.G. A.I.F. 151/21/320 of 2:9:18.)

STRENGTH:

3.

Lieut. A. MEHAN, MM. reported "died of wounds" is struck off strength. - 2:9:18.

TRANSFERS:

4.

The following transfers have been made:-

Captain (T/Major) C.C.C. WREN from 4th A.F.A. Brigade to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 5:9:18.

Captain E.R. JUSTELIUS from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Brigade - 5:9:18.

Lieut. R.T.J. HURST from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 3:9:18.

Lieut. C.C. BLOXSOME, MM. from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 5th A.F.A. Brigade - 3:9:18.

2/Lieut. H.B. FAIRLIE-CUNNINGHAME from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Brigade - 3:9:18.

ATTACHMENT:

5.

Major E.J. MILFORD, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, is attached to 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. for duty - dated 5:9:18.

POSTING:

6.

Lieut. G.M. MUIRHEAD resumed duty with 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. and is posted to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. - 5:9:18.

R. A. (Chorne)

Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, DSO.

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COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
21st Sept. 1918.

COMMAND.
1. Lieut. Colonel H.W. RIGGALL, DSO. ceases to perform duties of C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, on return from leave of Colonel (T/Brig.Gen.) O.F. PHILLIPS, DSO. 19:9:18.

DUTY.
2. The undermentioned officers resumed duty with 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery on dates shown:-
Captain F.T.D. MEARES from "Hospital" 8:9:18.
Lieut. F.M. DRAPER " "Seconded" 8:9:18.
" C.G. ROBERTS " "Hospital" 15:9:18.

POSTINGS.
3. The undermentioned officers are posted for duty as shown:-
Captain F.T.D. MEARES to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. 8:9:18.
Lieut. F.M. DRAPER " " " " 8:9:18.
" C.G. ROBERTS " 5th A.F.A. Bde. 15:9:18.

TRANSFERS.
4. Major T. STEELE from 5th A.F.A. Brigade to 4th A.F.A. Brigade 5:9:18.
Capt. (T/Major) J.E. MITCHELL from 4th A.F.A. Brigade to 5th A.F.A. Brigade 20:9:18.

STRENGTH.
5. Lieut. A.D. WATSON, having been dismissed the Service by sentence of a General Court Martial, is struck off strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. - 18:7:18.
(Auth. A.I.F. List 380 of 6:9:18).

SECONDED.
6. Major E.J. MILFORD, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, is seconded for duty as Staff Trainee attached 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Headquarters - 1:9:18.
(Auth. A.I.F. List 380 of 6:9:18).

PROMOTION.
7. To be Lieutenant:-
2/Lieut. M.L. CUSSEN 10:7:18.
" F. HALLIDAY 10:7:18.
" R.S. MATTHEWS 10:7:18.
" J.A. MEIKLEJOHN 10:7:18.
" T.H. MILLETT 10:7:18.
" A.B. KERR 26:7:18.
(Auth. A.I.F. List 381 of 10:9:18).

REVERSION.
8. No. 22049, Bty. Sgt. Major (Warrant Officer Class II) R.J. RICHARDS, 12th Battery, reverts to the rank of Sergeant at his own request. - 13:9:18.
(4th A.F.A. Bde. will send the necessary request for reversion direct to Aust. Sect. 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.)

APPOINTMENT.
9. Lieut. J.S. SMITH will perform the duties of Staff Captain, 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery during the absence on duty of Captain R.C. OSBORNE, MC. 18:9:18.

J. Stanley Smith
Lieut.,
Acting Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS.
by
BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, DSO.
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
1st September 1918.

HONORS
and
REWARDS.
967.

Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the MILITARY CROSS to

Lieut. J.S. MEHAN, 13th Battery, A.F.A.
(Auth. 2nd Aust.Div. 74/496 of 31:8:18).

The congratulations of the Army, Corps and Divisional Commanders, and those of the C.R.A., will be conveyed to the recipient.

HONORS
and
REWARDS.
968.

His Majesty the King of the Belgians, has awarded the Belgian CROIX CIVIQUE to

Lieut. H.J. BEATON, 12th Battery, A.F.A.

in recognition of the part played by this Officer in rescuing on 20th March 1918 several persons of Belgian Nationality from a house in GALAIS, which had been demolished by an enemy bomb.
(Auth. 2nd Aust.Div. 74/492 of 30:8:18).

Please convey the congratulations of the C.R.A. to the recipient.

GRAZING
of
ANIMALS.
969.

Animals will not be grazed in parties of more than fifty (50) at any one spot.
(2nd Aust.Div. 63/78 of 30:7:18).

Stanley Smith
for
Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS

by
LIEUTENANT COLONEL H.W. RIGGALL, DSO.

COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
Sept. 13th 1918.

HONORS
and
REMARKS
970.

Under authority delegated by the Field Marshal
Commanding-in-Chief, the Australian Corps Commander
has awarded the MILITARY MEDAL to:-

11401, Gunner R. COLLIER, 12th Battery.
27899, " C. BALDWIN, 12th "
11835, Driver E. FRY, 104th "
1302, " J. TSON, 104th "
(Auth. 2nd Aust. Div. 74/495 of 19 18.)

32488, Driver A. MILLER 13th Battery,
8633, Gunner R.E.F. RICHARDS, 15th "
(Auth. 2nd Aust. Div. 74/501 of 6:9:18.)

The congratulations of the Corps and Divisional
Commanders, and those of the C.I.A., are to be
conveyed to the recipients.

DRIPPING The amount of dripping returned to A.A.S.C. during
REMARKS week ended 6th Sept. 1918 was as follows:-
971. 105th Battery 50 lbs.
Other Units Nil.

REMARKS.
972

Units are at present forwarding the receipt given
by the Mobile Vet. Section when an animal is admitted
to cover the demand for replacement. In future the
certificate of the D.A.D.V.S. issued to units when
the animal has been evacuated from the Mobile Vet.
Section is required and this certificate will be the
only document accepted to cover the replacement of
animals evacuated.

(2nd Aust. Div. 75/354 of 10:9:18.)

J. Stanley Smith
for Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Art.

NOTICE/ P.T.O.

APPENDIX E

OFFICE. 2. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

The following goods were distributed to units of the
2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery on September 8th 1918 on
behalf of Australian Comforts Fund:-

Catmeal	784 lbs.
Sugar	1120 "
Milk	1296 "
Aust. Golden Syrup	1200 "
Tinned Vegetables	360 "
Fruit	600 "
Cake	144 "
Writing Tablets	4500
Playing Cards	1060 packs
Cricket bats	16
Cricket balls	31
Footballs	3
Cigarettes	97500
Tobacco.	420 lbs.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS
by
Lieut. Colonel H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O.

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COMMANDING SQUAD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
Sept. 16th 1918.

FIELD
GENERAL
COURT
MARTIAL
973.

The following Court will assemble at 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q., CAPPY, at 10 am. on 19th instant for the purpose of trying by Field General Court Martial the undermentioned accused person and such other person or persons as may be brought before it.

PRESIDENT: Capt. (T/Major) J.E. MITCHELL,
4th A.F.A.Bco.

MEMBERS: Capt. F.T.D. MEARES, 2nd Aust.D.A.C.
Lieut.(T/Capt) L. SNEYOUR, MC.,
D.T.M.O., 2nd Aust.Division.
Court Martial Officer, Aust. Corps.

PROSECUTOR: Lieut. J.S. SMITH, 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q.

ACCUSED PERSONS: No.10152, Gunner G.C. EVERINGHAM,
12th Battery, A.F.A.
No. 3342, Pte. G. GALE,
2nd Aust.Pioneer Battalion.
No. 1793, Cpl. W.L. VANCE, Aust.
Employment Coy., 2nd Aust.
Division.

The Accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required to attend.

2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. will provide accommodation for the Court and S.A.A. Section, 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will detail one Sergeant to act as Court Orderly.

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

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 1918.

STRENGTH.

The total strength of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.on 30th September 1918 was :-

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	-	Officers	104
		Other ranks	2257
<u>ANIMALS</u>	-	Riding	323
		Light Draught	1081
		Mules	498.

and shows a decrease in strength, on previous month of 3 officers, 168 O.R. and 67 animals, caused mainly through casualties sustained in the mobile operations throughout the month, and the comparatively small number of reinforcements of men and animals sent forward from Base.

CASUALTIES.

The casualties sustained during September were -

<u>KILLED</u>	Officers	2
	Other ranks	17
<u>WOUNDED.</u>	Officers	7
	Other ranks	102

Casualties to officers were :-

Lieut. A.MEHAN, MM.	Died of Wounds.
Lieut. C.A.NIXON.	do.
Major E.L.BURKE, MC.	Wounded
Capt.(T/Major)C.C.C.WREN.	"
Lieut.A.J.DAVIDSON	"
Lieut.H.J.DRISCOLL, DCM.	"
Lieut.J.E.M.SNAPE, MC.	"
Lieut.F.C.POSTLE.	"
Lieut.G.M.MUIRHEAD.	Accidentally injured.

REINFORCEMENTS.

All drafts of reinforcements arriving from Base proceed in the first instance, to 2nd Aust.D.A.C. - The D.A.C. in turn providing reinforcements for 4th and 5th A.F.A.Bdes. and 3rd and 4th M.T.M.Batteries.

Personnel arriving from the Base during the month totalled 3 officers and 69 O.R. - The three officers being :-

Captain H.J.COPLEY.
Lieut. F.M.DRAPER.
Lieut. F.S.THOMPSON, DCM.

Reinforcements were sent forward from the 2nd Aust. D.A.C. as follows :-

To 4th A.F.A.Bde. 5 Officers, 45 O.R.
To 5th " " 2 Officers, 20 O.R.

The Officers so transferred were :-

Captain H.J.COPLEY to 4th A.F.A.Bde.
Lieut.F.M.DRAPER.
Lieut.F.S.THOMPSON, DCM.
Captain F.T.D.MEARES, to 4th A.F.A.Bde.
Captain E.R.JUSTELIUS, " 4th " "
Lieut. R.J.R.HURST, to 5th A.F.A.Bde.
Lieut.C.C.BLOXSOME, MM. to 5th A.F.A.Bde.
Lieut.F.HALLIDAY, to 4th A.F.A.Bde.
2/Lieut.H.B.FAIRLIE-CUNNINGHAM, to 4th A.F.A.Bde.

REMOUNTS -

Casualties to animals totalled 76 - 69 animals also were evacuated for Veterinary Reasons.

78 animals were taken on strength from Remount Depots.

All mules on charge of batteries were replaced by horses - inter Divisional exchanges being carried out under arrangements made by 2nd Aust.Div.H.Q.

If supplies admit it is intended that the L.D. establishment of the Artillery Bdes. be completed with horses and the D.A.C. establishment completed with mules.

LEAVE -

Fourteen day's leave to U.K. (or to places in France in lieu thereof) is being granted to officers and other ranks who have completed five months and twelve months service respectively without leave.

Leave of eight days to places in France is also granted to supplement U.K. leave. This eight day's leave is granted to personnel not due for U.K. leave but who are in urgent need of a spell.

The following leave was granted to personnel of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. during the past month :-

Fourteen days leave to U.K.

16 officers	311 Other ranks.
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Fourteen days leave to places in FRANCE.

1 officer	11 Other ranks.
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Eight days leave to places in France.

3 officers	9 Other ranks.
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Six months furlough to Australia was granted to 4 officers and 37 Other ranks, who left in 1914 and have not since been to Australia. This leave is much appreciated and it is hoped it will be able to continue to send men regularly on leave to Australia.

The 2nd Aust.Div.Artilletry have been in action without a rest for a considerable time,. The moving warfare in which we have been engaged is much more fatiguing to the Artillery than Trench warfare owing to the extra work in constantly building new positions for guns and personnel. It is hoped that a good period of rest will shortly be given the Artillery to allow them to train new reinforcements and maintain the high standard of efficiency for which the 2nd Aust.Div. Artillery has always been noted.

Headquarters,
15t Sept. 1918.

STATEMENT OF AMMUNITION, GUNS, CASUALTIES, etc. NOON 1:9:18.

Ammunition on hand: (Approximately).

A.	AX.	AS.	BX.	BS.	BNC.	BSK.	N.	NX.
12782	12752	1879	6330	1358	2137	97	8378	5702

Ammunition Expenditure:

	A.	AX.	BX.
4th A.F.A. Brigade	1514	570	750
5th " "	2474	1375	1072
5th Army Bde., R.H.A.	1846	372	-
298th " " R.F.A.	1544	1271	420
TOTAL	6978	3588	2242

Guns:	In Action.			Out of Action.		
	A.	B.	N.	A.	B.	N.
4th A.F.A. Brigade	15	5	-	3	1	-
5th " "	16	6	-	2	-	-
5th Army Bde., R.H.A.	14	-	-	4	-	-
16th " " "	-	-	18	-	-	-
298th " " R.F.A.	14	5	-	4	1	-
TOTAL	59	16	18	13	2	-

Casualties:

<u>16th Army Bde., R.H.A.</u>	(One other rank killed (two other ranks wounded.
<u>298th Army Bde., R.F.A.</u>	Three other ranks wounded H.S.F.
<u>5th Army Bde., R.H.A.</u>	(Six other ranks killed (Seven other ranks wounded.
<u>5th A.F.A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>105th Battery</u>	Three other ranks wounded H.S.F.
15th "	One other rank wounded H.S.F.
<u>4th A.F.A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>104th Battery</u>	(Major E.L. BURKE, MC. wounded, (Eight other ranks wounded.
12th "	(Lieut. H.J. DRISCOLL, DCM. Wounded. (Three other ranks killed (Eight other ranks wounded.
11th "	(One other rank killed. (Two other ranks wounded.
10th "	(Lieut. F.C. POSTLE wounded. (one other rank killed, (one other rank wounded.

Headquarters,
2nd September 1918.

STATEMENT OF AMMUNITION, GUNS, CASUALTIES, etc. Noon 2:9:18.

Ammunition on hand:

A.	AX.	BX.	N.	MX.
15222	14437	7452	8336	5776

Ammunition order for 3:9:18:

A.	AX.	BX.	N.	NX.
8000	8000	2500	1000	1500

Ammunition Expenditure:

	A.	AX.	BX.	N.	NX.
4th A.F.A. Brigade	1511	1316	1070	-	-
5th " "	1649	1381	364	-	-
5th Army Bde., R.H.A.	1205	375	-	-	-
16th " " R.H.A.	-	-	-	1712	1274
298th " " R.F.A.	1035	1131	460	-	-
TOTAL	5400	4203	1894	1712	1274

Guns:

	In Action.			Out of Action.		
	A.	B.	N.	A.	B.	N.
4th A.F.A. Brigade	14	4	-	4	2	-
5th " "	16	6	-	2	2	-
5th Army Bde., R.H.A.	14	-	-	4	-	-
16th " " R.H.A.	-	-	16	-	-	2
298th " " R.F.A.	13	5	-	5	1	-
TOTAL	57	15	16	15	5	2

Casualties:

5th A.F.A. Brigade

Lieut. A. MEHAN, MM. Died of Wounds,
2:9:18.

4th A.F.A. Brigade.

11th Battery	1	other rank wounded, H.E.
12th " "	1	" " " " "
104th " "	1	" " " " "

5th Army Bde., R.H.A.

1 other rank wounded, H.S.F.

16th Army Bde., R.H.A.

3 other ranks killed, H.S.F.
6 " " wounded, "

Headquarters,
3rd September 1918.

STATEMENT OF AMMUNITION, GUNS, CASUALTIES, ETC., NOON 3:9:18.

Ammunition on hand:

A.	AX.	BX.	N.	NX.
30911	28225	10485	8564	5222

Ammunition Expenditure:

	A.	AX.	BX.	N.	NX.
4th A.F.A. Brigade	1228	154	200	-	-
5th " "	755	570	292	-	-
5th Army Bde., R.H.A.	1029	250	-	-	-
16th " " " "	-	-	-	892	674
298th " " R.F.A.	164	160	100	-	-
TOTAL	3176	1134	592	892	674

Guns:

	In Action.			Out of Action.		
	A.	B.	N.	A.	B.	N.
4th A.F.A. Brigade.	13	5	-	5	1	-
5th " "	14	6	-	4	-	-
5th Army Bde., R.H.A.	14	-	-	4	-	-
16th " " " "	-	-	15	-	-	3
298th " " R.F.A.	15	5	-	3	1	-
3rd " " A.F.A.	16	6	-	2	-	-
14th " " R.F.A.	23	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL	95	22	15	19	2	3

Casualties:

4th A.F.A. Brigade:	104th Battery;	1 other rank wounded H.E.
298th Army Bde., R.F.A.	1 " " " "	
14th Army Bde., R.F.A.	2/Lieut. E.C. DUNFORD, wounded 2:9:18.	
	3 other ranks killed H.E.	
	4 " " wounded H.E.	
	Also 14 L.D. killed; 19 L.D. wounded.	
3rd Army Bde., A.F.A.	Lieut. A.C. SLATER (Signals) Wounded, bomb, 2:9:18.	
	2 other ranks killed	
	5 " " wounded, G.S.W.	
	7 " " " Gas	
	1 " " accidentally injured.	
16th Army Bde., R.H.A.	2/Lieut. W.D. McDONALD, wounded (at duty) 2:9:18, H.S.F.	
	2 other ranks wounded, H.S.F.	
	1 " " " " (at duty)	
5th A.F.A. Brigade:	13th Battery:	Lieut. C.G. ROBERTS, Wounded (gas) 2:9:18
		1 other rank killed, H.E.
		4 " " wounded, "
	14th Battery;	1 " " " " Gas
	15th "	4 " " " " "
		1 " " " " H.E.

STATEMENT OF AMMUNITION, GUNS, CASUALTIES, etc. NOON, 4:9:18.

Ammunition on hand:

A.	AX.	BX.	N.	NX.
40666	30485	12241	5100	4192

Arriving at Dump 4:9:18:

A.	AX.
2240	2016

Ammunition Expenditure:

	A.	AX.	BX.	N.	NX.
4th A.F.A. Brigade	247	1109	308	-	-
5th " "	630	414	235	-	-
3rd Army Bde., A.F.A.	-	-	-	-	-
5th " " R.H.A.	150	109	-	-	-
14th " " "	130	38	-	-	-
298th " " R.F.A.	88	108	80	-	-
16th " " "	-	-	-	1036	493
TOTAL	1245	1778	623	1036	493

Guns:

	In Action.			Out of Action.		
	A.	B.	N.	A.	B.	N.
4th A.F.A. Brigade	15	5	-	3	1	-
5th " "	14	6	-	4	-	-
3rd Army Bde., A.F.A.	18	6	-	-	-	-
5th " " R.H.A.	15	-	-	3	-	-
14th " " "	23	-	-	1	-	-
298th " " R.F.A.	15	5	-	3	1	-
16th " " "	-	-	16	-	-	2
TOTAL	100	22	16	14	2	2

Casualties:

3rd Army Bde., A.F.A.	1 other rank killed (H.S.F.)
	2 " " Wounded (Gas)
	8 " " " (H.S.F.)
4th A.F.A. Brigade.	
104th Battery	4 other ranks Wounded (H.E.)
14th Army Bde., R.F.A.	4 other ranks Wounded (H.S.F.)

APPENDIX

4th A.F.A. BRIGADE:

2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION:

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

DATE OF RECOMMENDATION.

Unit.	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name.	Action for which commended.	Recommended by:	Honor or Reward.
12th Battery A.I.F.	11401	Gunner Rupert <u>COLLIER.</u>	These gunners, acting as telephonists, formed part of an Observation Post party who were manning a post on the night 7th/8th August 1918 at <u>VILLERS BRETONNEUX</u> near AMIENS. Heavy area shoots were placed by the enemy on our forward areas cutting the telephone lines repeatedly. These men remained on the lines throughout the night shewing utter disregard for personal safety, enabling the Observation Officer to pass useful information to our Counter Batteries, thereby assisting the Infantry during their forming up for attack. They showed great courage and devotion to duty.		
	27899	Gunner Cornelius <u>BALDWIN.</u>			

(Signed) O.F. PHILLIPS Brigadier-General,
Commanding 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

APPENDIX 7

4th A.F.A. BRIGADE :

2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION : AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

DATE OF RECOMMENDATION.

U n i t.	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name.	Action for which commended.	Recommended by.	Honour or Reward
104th Battery A.I.F.	11835	Driver Ernest <u>FRY.</u>	On the night 7th/8th August 1918 these two drivers were carting ammunition to a forward battery position East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX near AMIENS, when a battery opened fire on the road. One shell killed all the horses in the team, also breaking the pole of the wagon, thereby causing a block in the traffic in rear. These drivers under heavy shelling at once pulled the dead horses clear, placed the spare pole in the wagon, and making up a spare team from the other vehicles, hooked it in and delivered the ammunition to the gun position. By their prompt and courageous action, the congestion on the road was relieved and numerous casualties to personnel and horses avoided, as it was not possible for vehicles to turn on the narrow congested road.	(Signed) O.F. PHILLIPS. Brigadier-General, Commanding 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.	THE MILITARY MEDAL.
	1302	Driver John <u>WATSON.</u>			

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5th A.F.A. Brigade. 2nd AUSTRALIAN Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 7th AUGUST 1918. Date of Recommendation. 3

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	13th Battery A.I.F.		Lieutenant Jack Stephen <u>MEHAN</u> .	On the night 5 th /6th August (two nights before the big attack) near VILLERS VILLERS BRETONNEUX, the battle position of his battery was heavily shelled by a 15cm. battery. The camouflage and ammunition in the pit was set on fire. This officer at the height of the shelling entered the pit alone and extinguished the conflagration. His courageous action prevented the fire assuming such proportions as would have undoubtedly been observed by the enemy, and thus disclose the preparations for the battle two days before "Z" day.	<i>Ld O. Phillips</i> BRIGADIER GENERAL COMMANDING 2nd AUST. DIVL. ARTY.	THE MILITARY CROSS.	

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5th A.F.A. Brigade.

2nd Australian Division.

Australian Corps.

6th August 1918 Date of recommendation.

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13th Battery

32488

Driver

A.I.F.

Albert

MILLER.

On the night 5th/6th August at VILLERS BRETONNEUX, near AMIENS, this soldier was lead driver of a horse team in a G.S. wagon carrying stores to the battle position of his battery, when they were caught by a heavy barrage in the town. A shell exploding near them blew portion of a wall over on the teams and wagon, rendering the wheel driver insensible and wounding every horse in the team. Although the wagon pole was broken, this man unassisted repaired the damage and delivered the stores to his battery. He shewed great great courage and devotion to duty.

(Signed) O.F. PHILLIPS, Brigadier-General,
Commanding 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

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5th A.F.A. Brigade.

2nd Australian Division.

Australian Corps.

7th August 1918 Date of Recommendation.

15th Battery

8633

Gunner

A.I.F.

Reginald
Ernest
Francis

RICHARDS.

On the night 4th/5th August, this man was lead driver of a G.S. Wagon drawing R.E. material from a dump at VILLERS BRETONNEUX, near AMIENS, when the party was heavily shelled. The centre driver was killed, the wheel driver badly wounded and three men loading the wagon at the time also wounded. The horses bolted, but this driver, by great skill and coolness eventually brought the team to a standstill. He then returned, and carried his wounded comrades to the Dressing Station under shell-fire. His courage was outstanding.

(Signed) O.F. PHILLIPS, Brig.Gen.,
Commanding 2nd Aust.D.A.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

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