

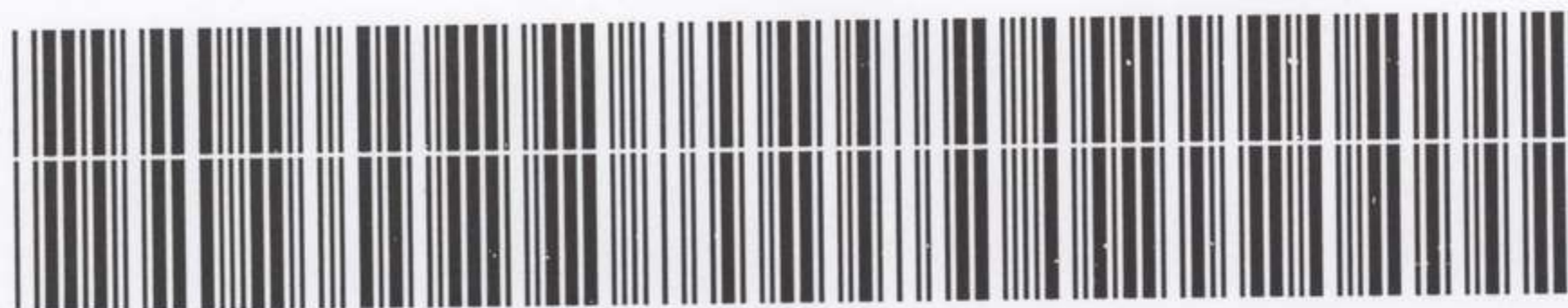
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<u>J.16.a.80.50.</u>	Oct. 1st.	1500.	Lieut. G.A. FIELDING is taken on strength of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery from 3rd Aust.Div. Artillery and remains seconded as Courts Martial Officer, 2nd Aust. Division. Headquarters, 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery closed at BOIS de BUIRE (J.16.a.80.50.) and opened at QUARRY near TEMPLEUX, F.27.c.70.70.		
<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>			Lieut. C.N. RICHARDS, 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery Gas Officer, detached for duty as Gas Officer 2nd Aust. Division. Lieut. A.J. DAVIDSON, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, reported died of wounds on 30:9:18, was struck off strength from that date.		
	2nd	0900	2nd Aust. Division took over a portion of the Aust. Corps front from 5th Aust.Division. Field Artillery under C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Division covering the above portion of the front was grouped as shewn in Order 156 issued as per distribution. Artillery Brigades under C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Division were instructed to emplace, by 0300 3rd October, their batteries in positions selected with a view to being able to barrage to a depth of 3500 yards from BEAUREVOIR Line.		
			1110 1145	H.Q., 5th A.F.A. Brigade, reported location L.10.a.2.3. Aust. Corps instructed Brigade Major to get in touch with Corps Heavy Artillery to arrange for any fire required in forthcoming operation.	
			1930	Order 157, outlining artillery arrangements for supporting attack by Aust. Corps on portion of BEAUREVOIR system, issued to all concerned. A.11/162, notifying Zero Hour for above referred to attack, issued.	App A1
	3rd	0300 0400 0645 0715	All batteries emplaced in positions selected in accordance with Order 156. 200 rounds 18-pdr. and 200 rounds 4.5" How. ammunition per gun dumped at battle positions. Right Group reported attack commenced well to time.		
			0745	25th Divisional Artillery (Left flank) inquired whether any Heavy Artillery fire was required on PROSPECT HILL from them. None was required, as our Heavy Artillery were dealing with this locality. A report was received from Right Group stating that 18th and 19th Battalions had captured portion of BEAUREVOIR system. This information was communicated to the General Staff, 2nd Aust.Div., and R.A. Aust. Corps.	App A2 App A3
			0815	20th Battalion were reported by Right Group to have crossed the high ground in B.22. and all was apparently going well with them. This information was repeated to General Staff, 2nd Aust.Div., R.A. Aust.Corps and 9th Brigade R.G.A. (affiliated Heavy Artillery Brigade).	

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F.27.c.70.70.	Oct.			
	3rd	0820	Further report from Right Group stated that 20th Battalion had been held up temporarily by enemy wire and machine guns (locations not known) but our men were since seen in the same place.	
(cont'd)		0828	Left Group reported that 4th A.F.A. Brigade Forward Observation Post was established at B.15.b.4.7., but at present not much information was available owing to bad visibility. Enemy shelling of forward area ceased suddenly at 0730. Enemy shelling was light, but one battery of 2nd A.F.A. Brigade had sustained 4 casualties.	
		0840	O.C., 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., reported everything apparently going well on 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade front; in places our troops were held up by Machine Gun fire, but the resistance had eventually been overcome. Although Orders had been issued late for this operation, they had arrived in sufficient time and did not affect the Artillery programme for the operation.	
		0910	A Right Group report timed 0745 stated that 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade had captured prisoners from 6 Regiments, including the Regimental Commander of 80th Infantry Regiment.	
		1000	1st and 2nd A.F.A. Brigades withdrew to wagon lines and passed to command of C.R.A., 1st Aust. Division.	
		1040	G.S.O.1. 2nd Aust. Division, stated that the line of consolidation is to run GUISEUCOURT T.26.d., VERGER FARM T.22.d. - T.30.b. - C.1.central - GENEVE B.17.b.	
		1050	Left Group reported enemy had counter attacked on 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade and driven them out of BEAUREVOIR. 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade had thrown back their right flank along the Divisional Boundary.	
		1100	Left Group were asked for further information re counter attack. All Officers were engaged on a reported S.O.S., but any available information would be forwarded as soon as possible.	
		1152	R.O., R.A., Aust. Corps, was informed, in reply to a query from G.O.C., R.A., that we did not require a 60-pdr. Battery at present; also informed that 4th A.F.A. Brigade had selected positions in B.14. and B.15. but had not definitely occupied same as situation was obscure.	
		1245	Right Group reported 20th Battalion line as follows at 1145:- B.21.a.2.7. - B.21.b.2.9. LA MOTTE FARM - thence a gap to B.28.b.8.2. and along sunken road through B.29.c. and H.5.b. Stiff resistance had been met with at B.27.central and houses in B.27.c. Infantry still mopping up there.	
			Battalion report timed 1230 stated our Infantry seen in B.9.d.; an enemy battery was observed bolting in B.5. At 1235 our Infantry were seen on the outskirts of BEAUREVOIR. 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade in possession of BELLVUE FARM.	

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F.27.c.70.70.	Oct. 3rd.	1420	Left Group asked for Heavy Artillery fire on B.3.central, on some enemy implacing a gun and on a machine gun nest at GUISAN COURT FARM. 9th Brigade, R.G.A., were instructed accordingly.	
(Contd).		1435	Left Group reported that considerable number of enemy were observed assembling in T.27.d. This information was passed to 9th Brigade, R.G.A.	
		1525	General Staff, 2nd Aust. Division, reported that our cavalry were through at MERICOURT. Cavalry Corps intends penetrating and then turning Northwards. French civilians were being evacuated by us from MONTBREHAIN. The foregoing information was passed to Right Group.	
		1640	Brigade Major, 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade, reported an active Trench Mortar at GUISAN COURT FARM (T.27.c.) worrying our Infantry. 9th Brigade, R.G.A., were instructed to deal with this target.	
		1745	9th Brigade, R.G.A., stated that as they had been informed that our troops were in possession of PROSPECT HILL, they had ceased fire on GUISAN COURT FARM.	
		1805	7th Aust. Infantry Brigade asked that heavies maintain a slow rate of fire on GUISAN COURT FARM.	
		1910	G.O.C., 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade, requested that a 15 minute High Explosive barrage be put down on line B.9.a.2.3. - B.9.c.7.5. Left Group instructed to get into touch with Infantry Brigade re this.	
		2140	Right Group reported that our Infantry were holding line approximately as follows:- B.22.b. - B.23.c. - B.23.d. 70 prisoners and 4 guns taken this afternoon. Group S.O.S. lines were:- B.16.a.40.25. - B.16.c.70.70. - B.30.b.20.62.	
		2150	Our line on left was reported to be:- B.16.c.0.2. - B.15.b.4.6. - thence probably to B.9.c.1.6. Left Group S.O.S. lines are:- B.9.c.8.5. - B.9.a.45.00. - B.9.a.3.2. - B.9.a.3.9. - B.2.d.8.4. - B.3.a.3.4. - T.26.d.0.5.	
		2200	7th (Imperial) Infantry Brigade (25th Division) took over the front line from 2nd Aust. Divisional left flank to TORRENS CANAL, - 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade taking over the remainder of the Divisional front. Group boundaries were amended to conform in accordance with B.M.100.	
		2210	Approximate front line was reported to 9th Brigade, R.G.A. 5th Aust. Div. Artillery (less H.Q.), 4th Aust. Div. Artillery (less H.Q.) and 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., passed from Aust. Corps Reserve to command of C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division. 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades were instructed verbally, during the afternoon, that they would be required to be implaced in positions by 1800 on 4th instant to cover to a depth of 3000 yards an extension of the Divisional front to the South as far as the line	

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<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>	Oct. 3rd (Contd).		H.17.central - B.3.central. The 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A. would be in action by the same time under the C.O., 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A. Captain L.R. BLAKE, MC., 5th A.F.A. Brigade, reported died of wounds, was struck off strength.	
	4th	0600	6th Aust. Infantry Brigade and 7th (Imperial) Infantry Brigade continued attack on BEAUREVOIR system. Artillery co-operation was effected as per B.M.101 issued to all concerned.	App A5.
		0640	Left Group stated barrage opened to time. This information repeated to Left flank (25th Div. Artillery).	
		0755	Right Group repeated message from Forward Observing Officer timed 0710 to the effect that wounded coming back stated everything going strongly; Infantry have reached B.17. central.	
		0810	25th Div. Artillery reported having received an air message stating Bosches observed massing at B.9.d.1.9. and requested that a barrage be put down, but not to be short of Railway line. Left Group instructed to fire this barrage.	
		0825	Right Group stated Right Battalion were reported to be on GREEN LINE (see Barrage Map accompanying Appendix A2) and occupying trench system in B.24.c. and along road in B.24.a.	
		0830	25th Div. Artillery requested us to cease our barrage in B.9.d. Left Group informed accordingly.	
		0900	General Staff, 2nd Aust. Division, stated our infantry were on their objective and left flank thrown back along the Canal. Situation of English Infantry on our left was obscure.	
		1145	25th Div. Artillery reported their Infantry were approaching PONCHAUX but were temporarily held up. Requested us to place a 4.5" Howitzer Battery on B.12.c.0.4. Left Group instructed to comply.	
		1200	Liaison Officer with Right Infantry Brigade reported a hostile battery in action in B.12.c.central. Right Group informed of this target.	
		1230	Left Group reports having received a message from forward stating that the Devons attacked 2 hours late and made little progress. Occupation of BELLEVUE FARM and BEAUREVOIR doubtful.	
		1525	Left flank of the Devons was "in the air" at B.2.b.3.5. 25th Div. Artillery requested artillery assistance as parties of enemy were observed entering BEAUREVOIR from the North and North East. 9th Brigade, R.G.A., were instructed to engage exits of the village on this side.	

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F.27.c.70.70. (Contd).	Oct. 4th	1800	104th and 118th Army Brigades, R.F.A., passed to command of C.R.A., 25th Div. Artillery , remaining in their present positions. 84th, 65th and 150th Army Brigades, R.F.A., withdrew to wagon lines, coming under command of C.R.A., 18th Div. Artillery . 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades and 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A. reported in action. Divisional boundaries were amended to run as in B.M.108 and brigades covering the front regrouped as follows:- Right Group, under C.O., 13th A.F.A. Brigade; 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades. Left Group, under C.O., 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A.; 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades and 6th and 12th Army Brigades, A.F.A.	App A6 App A7 App A8
		1900	Order 158, outlining artillery support for attack on line East of MONTBREHAIN, issued to all concerned. A.11/165, notifying Zero Hour (0605, 5:10:18) for the above referred to operation, issued to all concerned.	
	5th	0600	Location Statement No.57, shewing locations of all units under 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery, issued to usual recipients.	App C5
		0605	6th Aust. Infantry Brigade assisted by Tanks and supported by 8 Brigades of Field Artillery under C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Division, attacked the enemy with the object of establishing a line East of MONTBREHAIN.	
		0800	Right Group report that Battalion Liaison Officer states attack is progressing well and our Infantry are in MONTBREHAIN. Casualties have been fairly heavy; 100 prisoners have been captured. Message timed 0700.	
		0830	Right Battalion reported to be on objective, while Left Battalion are well forward and in touch. Enemy artillery reply to our barrage light, but prior to Zero Hour, Battery and forward areas were heavily shelled.	
		0840	25th Div. Artillery stated that they had received no information concerning their front; but prisoners were coming in on their Left.	
		0915	Right Battalion Right flank reports being worried by machine guns from MANNEQUIN HILL, I.13.a. and I.19.b. Communication down to right flank Division.	
		1315	Left Group reported enemy seen at I.9.a.1.3., I.10.c., I.7.d.85.25. and I.13.d.5.8. 1st Gloucesters are in road I.19.b.2.8. and I.19.c.2.4. and are out of touch with units on their Right flank. This information was passed to 46th Division.	
		1720	46th Div. Artillery states that Bosches were observed massing at B.30.b.7.2., C.19.d. and C.25.b. Information referred to Right Group. Major J.RAY, DSO., C.O., 2nd Aust.D.A.C., accidentally killed and struck off strength. Captain S.C. LEWIS assumed temporary command of 2nd Aust. D.A.C., vice Major RAY.	

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<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>	Oct. 5th (Contd).	1725 1800	<p>25th Div. Artillery asked for assistance in attack on BEAUREVOIR at 1815. Line to Left Group was down and communication not possible.</p> <p>13th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades passed to Reserve, but remained in action, silent at present positions.</p> <p>6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., passed to Right Group and O.C. assumed command of that Group, which then consisted of 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., 10th and 11th A.F.A. Brigades. Left Group comprised 5th and 4th A.F.A. Brigades and 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., under command of C.O., 5th A.F.A. Brigade.</p>							
		1805	<p>R.O. R.A. Aust. Corps was informed of the approximate position of our front line East of MONTBREHAIN. R.A. Aust. Corps to be relieved by II American Corps on 6th instant. VII Corps R.A. will work with II American Corps.</p>							
		2130	<p>Warning Order (A.11/167) re relief by 30th American Division (less Artillery) of 2nd Aust. Division (less Artillery) on the night October 5th and 6th, and projected operation by 30th American Division in conjunction with flank Division, issued.</p> <p>7th and 8th A.F.A. Brigades came under command of C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, remaining at wagon lines.</p>	App A9						
	6th		<p>2nd Aust. Div. Artillery (Part II) Order 226, containing the following changes in strength, promotion and transfers of Officers, issued:-</p> <p>Lieut. C.A. NIXON, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, reported died of wounds, struck off strength as from 25:9:18.</p> <p>Captain F.T.D. MEARES transferred from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Brigade as from 30:9:18.</p> <p>Lieut. V.L. DICK (at present seconded for duty with R.B.A.A.) transferred to general Infantry Reinforcements as from 16:9:18.</p> <p>Major (T/Lieut.Colonel) C.A. CALLAGHAN, DSO., 4th A.F.A. Brigade, to be Lieut.Colonel from 31:3:18.</p> <p>The following Officers (Cadets) were taken on strength of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery and posted to 2nd Aust. D.A.C.:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2/Lieut. B.M. ARTHUR,</td> <td>2/Lieut. E.A. WEBB, MM.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" S.A. GREAVES,</td> <td>" W.R.M. HOLT, DCM.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" E.N.G. NIXON,</td> <td>" W.A. KILPATRICK.</td> </tr> </table>	2/Lieut. B.M. ARTHUR,	2/Lieut. E.A. WEBB, MM.	" S.A. GREAVES,	" W.R.M. HOLT, DCM.	" E.N.G. NIXON,	" W.A. KILPATRICK.	App D1
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<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>	Oct. 6th (Contd).		<p>Under authority delegated by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the MILITARY CROSS to Lieut. L.B. MARSHALL, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, and Lieut. J.E.M. SNAPE, 4th A.F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>No.7180, Sergeant G.S. LEWINGTON, MM. was awarded a Bar to the Military Medal by the Aust. Corps Commander under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.</p> <p>Further information re attack by 30th American Division issued to Groups in letter A.11/167/1.</p>	
		1050	Brigade Major Corps Heavy Artillery stated that he had received requests through Heavy Artillery Liaison Officer for harassing fire on DOON MILL, CHAMPIGNONS and DOON COPSE and sunken roads I.3.b. and d.	
		1100	Right Group stated that C.O.'s 6th, 10th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades had recommitted for forward positions and same were available in H.5.d., H.4.b., H.11.d. and H.12.c. respectively.	
		1215	Right and Left Groups were informed that projected operation was to be postponed 24 hours, but that a subsequent operation would take place on the morning of 7th instant to establish a jumping off line for the next attack. Right Group would need one, and Left Group two Brigades with 100 rounds per gun for this subsidiary operation.	
		1310	7th and 8th A.F.A. Brigades allotted to Left Group and 13th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades to Right Group. Groups were instructed to move their Brigades to forward positions to-night, and their remaining Brigades to-morrow. Brigades when in forward position to remain silent.	
		1600	C.O., 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., stated Observation Post reported dumps at MERICOURT and BEAUREGARD I.16.c. had been exploded. An active trench mortar at DOON MILL was being engaged. Enemy reported going back from MANNEQUIN HILL in two and threes during the day.	
		1900	Order 159, containing detailed information re Artillery support for forthcoming attack to secure a jumping off line for major operation, issued as per distribution list.	<i>S.M.</i> App A 11.
	7th	0140	Corps Heavy Artillery advised that they had been asked to harass, from one hour before dawn to daylight, DOON COPSE VALLEY I.9.a. and d. Information passed to 6th Division.	
		0515	117th Infantry Regiment 30th American Division attacked and advanced their line North of MONTBREHAIN under cover of an artillery barrage put down by 3 Brigades in accordance with Order 159 and Barrage Map issued therewith. The jumping off line required for a further operation was secured.	
		0815	Left Group stated that attack met with little resistance and practically no retaliatory fire. 4 casualties had been sustained. Our troops in touch with flanks on left only.	App A 11.

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F.27.c.7.7.	7th Oct.	1330	Left Group reported that a message from front line states Americans holding B.17.b.25.15. along Railway to B.24.b.2.0. then a gap to B.24.d.7.5. to B.25.d.60.90. Two companies were badly cut up during the morning, but Reinforcements were being pushed up and the gap filled. An Australian Infantry Officer was in the front line and organizing it.	
(Contd)		1500	Order 160 and Barrage Map, outlining arrangements for Artillery co-operation with attack by 30th American Division, issued to all concerned. A.11/167/3, notifying Z day and Zero Hour, issued.	App.A.12.
		1540	Amendment to Order 160 issued to all recipients of Order.	App.A.12.
		1603	25th Div. Artillery advised that parties of enemy were seen digging in at B.18.a.60.20. Their line runs B.17.d.30.50. - Cemetery - B.17.a.90.30. - B.10.b.70.10.	App.A.12.
		1622	Corps Heavy Artillery have received reports that our Infantry on the Left were coming back in C.24.c. Also that enemy had been reported massing in C.16.d. and C.22.b. and much movement was seen in B.18.b. and d. Enemy were heavily shelling B.16. and B.22. Our Heavies were firing Counter Preparation on front. This information was unable to be passed to Left Group until 1650 as communications were down. They replied that enemy had been seen in numbers on high ground in B.18.b. and d. 117th American Regiment had asked for S.O.S. to be put down. This was done at a slow rate and was still proceeding. Enemy were shelling high ground in B.23.d., B.24.c., B.30.a. not heavily but rather desultory fire. Observation Post in H.10.b. reported that no enemy attack had been seen. The foregoing information was passed to Heavy Artillery Corps and also to G.O.C. 30th American Division, who asked for information and stated he had heard the enemy had broken through.	
		1658	Heavy Artillery state an American Officer had reported enemy massing between PONCHAUX and PALETTE COPSE. Left Group was informed.	
		1715	It was reported by Left Group that enemy fire had practically died down and that no news of an enemy attack had been received. 30th American Div. and Heavy Artillery were informed accordingly.	
		1800	Location Statement No.58 issued.	App.C.7.
		1830	Command of Right Group passed from C.O., 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., to C.R.A. 4th Aust.Div. Artillery, remaining under C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div. Artillery.	
	8th.		Major C.A. CLOWES, MC., Brigade Major, proceeded to U.K. to undergo a Course at Staff College, CAMBRIDGE. Major E.J. MILFORD, Brigade Major Trainee, will perform the duties of Brigade Major during the absence of Major C.A. CLOWES, MC.	

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<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>	Oct. 8th (Contd)	0120	A heavy hostile bombardment opened out on line from PONCHAUX Northwards. Numerous Green light signals were sent up by enemy. 25th Div. Artillery stated they had an S.O.S. on one Brigade front, but did not think it was serious. Left Group were informed.	
		0510	30th American Division attacked the enemy, supported by a creeping barrage put down by 10 Field Artillery Brigades.	
		0700	Major MATTHEWS, 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade (attached 117th American Regiment) reported 1st Battalion on jumping off tape on time and got away in good order. 2nd Battalion arrived on tape at 0525 and 3rd Battalion arrived in disorder.	
		0710	Left Group reported barrage opened evenly; enemy replied with scattered shelling rather than a barrage; very few flares noticed. Message received from Observation Post, timed 0700, states enemy retreating in disorder in C.13.b. and BRONX FARM. On the Right the situation was obscure.	
		0720-)	Our Infantry moving through VAUX-le-PRETRE.	
		0730)		
		0730	6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., report Infantry OK; casualties have been light.	
		0755	On Right, resistance was slight; our tanks are in I.4.d., cavalry in I.9.c.	
		0755	A wounded English Officer stated that little resistance was met with and Right Division was making easy progress. Casualties light.	
		0800	8th A.F.A. Brigade patrol reports very little shelling; everything going well near BRANCOURT.	
		0800	6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., moved one Battery forward, remainder following.	
		0800	Forward Observing Officer reported our men moving through FOAL COPSE.	
		0815	O.C., 16th Battery, reports that BRANCOURT not yet mopped up. Infantry who were to have taken it rather badly cut up. Heavy enemy shelling between BRANCOURT and MONTBREHAIN.	
		0850	Two General Service wagon loads of Civilians evacuated from BRANCOURT.	
		0900	Right Infantry Regiment reports Left Battalion on objective. Right Battalion thought to be there. Mopping up of BRANCOURT proceeding; up to date 500 prisoners taken. Exploitation is being delayed in consequence.	
		0915	A wounded English soldier stated that MERICOURT was being occupied.	
		0930	30th American Division wire XXXX reported six Officers, 241 other ranks prisoners have passed 118th Headquarters up to this time. They are from 92nd Regt., 20th Division, 139th Regiment 24th Division, 179th Regiment 29th Division. Prisoners state they did not expect an attack and know nothing of a counter-attack. Whippets have passed to North of	

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<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>	Oct. 8th (Contd.)		MONTBREHAIN. About 300 cavalry have passed to the North and about the same number to the South East of MONTBREHAIN.	
		0957	10th A.F.A. Brigade reported that enemy was shelling I.14.c. and I.21., which fact tended to confirm the information re occupation of MERICOURT.	
		1000	A report from a Forward Observing Officer of Left Group, timed 0930, stated that everything was going successfully, many enemy dead and prisoners counted. At 0700 our Infantry held the line C.21.central - C.7.b.5.5. with our barrage 300 yards in advance. Enemy retaliation had been fairly heavy, causing us some casualties.	
			Wireless report received with the information that our men had been seen in U.14., U.20., U.21. at 0947.	
			Liaison Officer stated that British troops had occupied SERAIN and our men were advancing in C.4.c.	
		1010	Right Group forwarded report by 13th A.F.A. Brigade Forward Observing Officer stating that the enemy were seen retiring in C.10.central and C.16.d.central. Americans were 300 yards West of this line and held up by enemy 10.5cm. Howitzer Battery.	
		1050	30th American Division message, timed 1050, stated our troops reported to be occupying PREMONT at 0900. BRANCOURT reported clear at 0900. Our troops advancing in C.4.c. Observation Officer reports that Huns are retiring in C.10.central and C.16.d. Our troops 300 yards West of this line and still advancing.	
		1030	Large numbers of guns were observed to be withdrawing from MIGNON WOOD. Our Infantry meeting feeble opposition.	
		1050	Our troops working through BETA WOOD.	
		1055	Lieut. Colonel H.W. RIGGALL, DSO. reported that at 0930 our Infantry were advancing into PREMONT and enemy were observed to be withdrawing guns over ridge at BETA HILL. 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., were well advanced. At 0945 our Infantry were in C.16.a. and still advancing. Very few enemy were to be seen and very little resistance was met with. An explosion occurred in Western portion of PREMONT at 0900; also others further East. At 0945 Observation Post reports our Infantry in C.23.c., C.17.d. and C.18.c.; enemy guns in Copses were being engaged by our 60-pounders.	
		1100	Two 18-pounders of 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., in position in C.10.a.	
		1105	Infantry almost through PREMONT. Hostile Batteries in action in C.12.a. and b. SERAIN reported all clear.	

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<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>	Oct. 8th (Contd).		Some of our Infantry are advancing over C.18.a. Hostile guns in C.18.c., which are still active, are being outflanked. Very little machine gun opposition met with. 17th Battery (6th Army Brigade, A.F.A.) established an Observation Post at C.21.a.	
		1115	Left Battalion Liaison Officer states Infantry have passed exploitation line with cavalry well out. Very little enemy shelling, but what there is, is falling on front line.	
		1130	Captain A.S. MACPHERSON (5th A.F.A. Brigade) reported having been along our objective from C.22.central to C.5.d.central and found it strongly held by 117th American Regiment.	
		1210	Aeroplanes reported our Infantry at FRESNOY Station. 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., H.Q. moved to B.30.d.1.5. with batteries in action in C.19.d. and C.25.b. Remaining Brigades have reconnoitred positions and will be moving provided Right flank is made secure.	
		1340	Cavalry returning through C.28. and C.29. Enemy observed in D.9. 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., in position in C.14.a., c. and d. with Headquarters at B.23.a.3.4.	
		1430	Right flank shelled from JONNECOURT FARM (I.6.a.).	
		1440	A further area from present line to line U.24.a.central, V.25.central, D.1.central, D.13.central was allotted to 30th American Division to exploit. Group Commanders were instructed to move batteries forward as situation requires. 7th, 8th, 13th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades passed to Divisional Reserve, but remained in present positions.	
			It appeared subsequently that this Order for further exploitation did not reach the Infantry concerned and consequently was not carried out.	
		1545	Left Group report enemy low flying aeroplanes very active over our front line. <i>e.f.all.</i>	
	9th	0500	All Units under 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery are located as shewn in Location Statement No.59 issued to usual recipients.	app C 8
		0520	30th American Division continued the advance in accordance with arrangements notified to all concerned in message B.M.12 of 8:10:18.	app A 13
		0945	Repatriated Civilians report that enemy evacuated FRESNOY at 0600.	
		1025	Railway line in V.9. and P.29. blown up.	
		1230	Adjutant 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., visited first objective and found our Infantry passing through.	
			Battery Commanders reported first objective secured at 1100 and Infantry going well towards second objective.	

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<u>F.27.c.70.70.</u>	Oct. 9th	1235	<p>Major R.W. HORE, DSO., 10th Battery, reported died of wounds and struck off strength. British troops reported to be in D.28. and D.24., but held up by machine gun fire West of BOHAIN. American casualties light.</p> <p>Owing to the success which attended the advance of 30th American Division, further objectives as shewn in Message BMA.13, were ordered. As on 8th instant, this further exploitation was not carried out.</p> <p>The following Other Ranks were awarded the MILITARY MEDAL by the Australian Corps Commander under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1102,</td> <td>Gunner M. WATTS,</td> <td>4th A.F.A. Brigade,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>36533,</td> <td>" E. PHILLIPS</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6612,</td> <td>" W.M. LECKY</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10142,</td> <td>" R. DONNELLY</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10473,</td> <td>" N. SHILLINGLAW</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9293,</td> <td>" C.W.J. BELL</td> <td>" " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7192,</td> <td>Corpl. M.S. KELLETT,</td> <td>5th " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26699,</td> <td>Gunner C.B. CHAPMAN,</td> <td>5th " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8743,</td> <td>" C.N. BEVAN</td> <td>4th " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30003,</td> <td>" E.J. RYAN</td> <td>4th " "</td> </tr> </table>	1102,	Gunner M. WATTS,	4th A.F.A. Brigade,	36533,	" E. PHILLIPS	" " "	6612,	" W.M. LECKY	" " "	10142,	" R. DONNELLY	" " "	10473,	" N. SHILLINGLAW	" " "	9293,	" C.W.J. BELL	" " "	7192,	Corpl. M.S. KELLETT,	5th " "	26699,	Gunner C.B. CHAPMAN,	5th " "	8743,	" C.N. BEVAN	4th " "	30003,	" E.J. RYAN	4th " "	App A 14
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<u>MONTBREHAIN.</u> <u>H.6.b.80.20.</u>		1800	<p>Headquarters, 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery closed at Quarry, TEMPLEUX (F.27.c.70.70.) and opened at MONTBREHAIN (H.6.b.8.2.).</p> <p>During the time D.A.H.Q. had been at the Quarry, communication had been very difficult and often interrupted; not only were the lines of considerable length, but they ran across the extremely broken country between HARGICOURT and BELLICOURT. Lines had been laid by cable wagon and consequently were confined to the vicinity of the single narrow road leading through the area. Tanks also were a considerable source of trouble in this respect.</p>	} App J 1.																														
		2100	<p>Right Group report Infantry on second objective; Group S.O.S. lines 400 yards in advance.</p>	E.J.																														
	10th		<p>The following Officers were transferred from 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to 4th A.F.A. Brigade:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2/Lieut.</td> <td>L.B. WATSON,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>B.M. ARTHUR,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>E.A. WEBB, MM.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>W.R.M. HOLT, DCM.</td> </tr> </table>	2/Lieut.	L.B. WATSON,	"	B.M. ARTHUR,	"	E.A. WEBB, MM.	"	W.R.M. HOLT, DCM.	12																						
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MONTBREHAIN. H.6.b.80.20.	Oct. 10th	0530	120th Infantry Regiment on Right and 119th Infantry Regiment on Left advanced with object of securing crossings of River SELLE. Artillery assistance was rendered as stated in BM.15.	
	(Contd)	0900	English troops on Left in Farm in Q.14.d. and in re-entrant in Q.9.	App A15.
		0930	Right Group Headquarters shifted to B.6.d.40.05.	
		1000	Left Group reports our troops on line of River all along. 4th A.F.A. Brigade have moved forward; 5th A.F.A. Brigade and 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., proceeding to rendezvous near PROYART WOOD. Infantry on Right held up at VAUX ANDIGNY, but opposition is not considered serious. 5th A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters moving to V.11.b.90.55.; River Crossing are as yet uncertain. 119th American Regiment moved to ESCAUFORT.	
		1030	Infantry report heavy machine gun fire from ridge East of VAUX ANDIGNY; also artillery firing over open sights.	
		1130	4th Aust. Div. Artillery reported our troops held up by machine gun fire from VAUX ANDIGNY; field guns are engaging the village, but Heavy Artillery fire is required on portion of village in W.20. and ridge in W.20. - W.27.	
		1200	Officer's patrol from Right Group reports line as follows:- West of ST.DENIN along River to ST.SOUPLET - W.3.central - W.8.central - LA HAIE MENNERESS (incl) - W.20.d. We appear to hold River in front of VAUX ANDIGNY. Enemy Artillery fire fairly heavy. Enemy holding ST. MARTAN RIVIERE with trench mortars and machine guns. One forward section of Field Artillery has been detailed to deal with this.	
		1245	6th Div. Artillery were asked to fire on high ground in W.27.	
		1305	Right Group report Infantry working North and South of VAUX ANDIGNY which was expected to fall very shortly. All fire stopped on village.	
		1315	Heavy Artillery fire coming from heights across River SELLE.	
		1405	Enemy machine guns again active from W.27.	
		1430	Artillery covering 30th American Division was re-distributed and re-grouped in accordance with Instructions 23.	App A16
		1615	7th, 8th, 13th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades passed from Divisional to Corps Reserve.	
		1750	XIII Corps report themselves in touch with 30th American Division in Q.26. Right Battalion Liaison Officer reports line W.8.c.4.4. - W.19.a.8.0. - W.19.c.9.0. - W.25.b.40.75. - W.25.b.6.6. - Road W.25.d.7.9. Infantry digging in. Hostile activity was principally from machine guns at W.26.b. and batteries in ANDIGNY-les-FERMES in E.10., machine guns and batteries in BOIS ST.PIERRE in W.22.c., W.22.a., MOULAIN, W.15. and W.16.	

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MONTBREHAIN. H.6.b.80.20.	Oct. 10th	1800	Units of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery are located as shewn in Location Statement No.60.	App.C.9.
	(Contd).	2130	Right Group reported line W.2.central - W.7.d.5.0. - W.13.central - W.19.central - W.19.c.8.0. - W.25.b.6.6. Line being shelled from E.10.central. A repatriated Civilian states through an Interpreter that enemy had been employing Civilian labor building lines LE CATEAU - ST.BENIN - ST.SOUPLET.	
		2300	60th Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer reported line as follows:- D.6.b.9.5. - W.25.central - W.19.c.9.0. - W.19.a.5.0. - W.13.c.7.0. - W.13.a.5.0. - W.7.c.8.0. - W.7.c.8.3. - W.7.b.7.0. - W.2.c.2.0. - W.2.central - Q.33.c.5.0. - Q.34.c.4.0. - along River to Q.21.b.7.3.	
	11th	0530	118th (on Right) and 119th (on Left) Infantry Regiments, 30th American Division, attacked enemy's positions on high ground beyond River SELLE under cover of an Artillery Barrage as detailed in BM.16.	App.A.17.
		1030	Left Group reported that Infantry had not attacked at Zero Hour, but were moving at 0945. Artillery support had been arranged.	
		1105	Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer stated our troops were held up in trench system W.3.d. and W.4.c. Arrangements were made for Right Group to fire from 1115 to 1125. Our line runs BELLEVUE (W.26.) - W.20.b. - W.14.d. - W.3.central - Q.34.c.0.4. along River to Q.21.b.5.5. - Q.15.d.central. - Q.15.central.	
		1300	Later report from Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer gave line as W.3.b.4.9. - W.14.b.5.9. - W.14.c.3.5. - W.13.d.9.0. - W.20.a.7.4. - W.26.b.0.8. Held up by newly dug system running through W.15.a. and c. and W.20.b. 11th A.F.A. Brigade arranging direct with Infantry Battalion to deal with this locality.	
		1330	Right Group confirm line given in message at 1300. Co-operation in minor attack is being arranged direct with Battalions. One Brigade firing creeping barrage on W.9.; one Brigade bombarding W.3. and W.4. and one Brigade on W.15.	
		1630	Infantry Brigade Liaison reports line W.9.c.1.2. - W.14.b.9.4. - W.13.b.9.1. - W.14.c.2.8. - W.13.d.9.0. - W.19.b.95.50. - W.20.a.7.4. - W.26.central.	
		1632	VAUX ANDIGNY was subjected to a heavy bombardment. Flank Division asked to assist in counter battery work.	

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<u>MONTBREHAIN.</u> <u>H.6.b.80.20.</u>	Oct. 11th (Contd).	1655	Enemy counter attacked and drove line back to Railway in W.26. The brunt of attack fell on 6th Division (on Right). Line reported to run W.13.b.9.0. - W.14.central - W.20.c.3.5. - W.20.d.0.0. - W.26.central.	
		1945	Instructions No.24 re relief of 30th American Division by 27th Division and changes in command of Field Artillery, issued to all concerned.	App.A.18.
		2115	6th Div. Artillery reported that line ran W.26.a.8.5. - W.25.d.8.8. - W.25.d.0.0. - E.1.a.5.0. - E.7.a.2.0., etc. During the operations taking place between October 6th and October 11th, considerable difficulties had been experienced due to the apparent inability of the American Infantry to locate their position. It was found that Artillery Officers' patrols sent at frequent intervals to find the position of the front line was the only way of obtaining satisfactory information. A.I.F. List 395 of 11th October authorised the seconding of Lieut. E.J.M. POPE as A.D.C. to G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division. This Officer was taken on strength of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery from 3rd Aust.Div.Artillery and posted to 5th A.F.A.Brigade on 9th September.	App.D.3.
	12th	1000	27th American Division relieved 30th American Division in line. Command of Artillery covering 27th Divisional front passed from C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Division, to C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division, the former assuming command of the Left Group. Headquarters 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery closed at MONTBREHAIN (H.6.a.80.20.) and opened near BUSIGNY (V.9.c.25.80.)	
<u>V.9.c.25.80.</u>		XXXX	Left Group consists of 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades covering Right and Left Battalions and zones respectively of Left Regiment, with 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A. superimposed over the Group Front. 75 rounds per battery to be expended in harassing fire during the hours of darkness on targets selected by Brigade Commanders.	
		1645	Enemy heavily shelling LA HAIE MENNERESSE and lightly shelling W.3.	
		1830	Liaison Officer reported enemy attacked in W.9. and Battalion have requested assistance.	
		1900	Situation quietened down on front; Infantry were of opinion that nothing of importance had happened,, Enemy bombardment was confused with bombardment covering the attack of English Division on Right.	
		2000	Left Group Order No.1 issued.	App.A192

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V.9.c.25.80. near BUSIGNY.	Oct.			
	12th	2015	4th A.F.A. Brigade reported line as follows:- Q.15.c.90.80. - Q.21.b.4.4. - Q.21.d.2.7. - Q.21.d.0.0. - Q.27.b.4.3. - Q.27.d.4.1. - ST.SOUPLET (incl.)- Q.34.c.4.0. - W.9.c.1.5. - W.14.b.9.8. - W.14.c.2.8. - W.19.b.9.1. - W.20.c.6.9. - W.20.d.3.6.	
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	13th	1600	Left Group Order No.2 issued.	
		1600	14th A.F.A. Brigade stated their Headquarters would be located at V.10.d.3.8.	
		1630	C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Division, attended a Conference at BRANCOURT to arrange details of forthcoming operation.	App.A.20.
		1700	108th Infantry Regiment reported line Q.21.b.05.35. - Q.21.d.4.3. - Q.27.b.40.00. - Q.27.d.35.70. - Q.27.d.80.70. - Q.35.b.80.75. - Q.35.a.00.95. - W.4.a.00.70. - W.3.b.60.30. - W.4.a.00.00.	
			Enemy machine gunshave been located at:- Q.28.c.30.35., Q.22.c.83.85., Q.22.b.30.20., Q.22.d.30.90., Q.23.b.90.90., Q.17.c.60.70.	
		1740	4th A.F.A. Brigade reported a thin belt of wire in front of railway along whole front. A few rounds were fired, but visibility too bad. A shoot would be carried out in the morning.	
		1800	Left Group Artillery Location Statement No.1 issued.	App.C11.
		1830	No wire can be seen on Left Sector.	
		1909	Right Battalion report S.O.S. by telephone. This afterwards proved to be a false alarm.	
		1923	Liaison Officer reported S.O.S.; fire was opened, but it was ascertained that it was only a patrol approaching. Otherwise everything was quiet on the front. Fire ceased after 3 minutes.	
		2200	5th Aust.Div.Artillery reinforced the Left Group Artillery. 14th A.F.A. Brigade occupied selected positions in Q.25. superimposed over the whole Group front, but remained silent and is only to fire in the event of S.O.S. or to effect any necessary registration. 13th A.F.A. Brigade remained in Mobile Reserve at Wagon Lines in V.15. 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., moved forward and occupied positions selected in Q.25.c. and Q.31.a.	
		2320	Patrols were operating on front of Division on our Left, who requested that no harassing fire be carried out West of a line 300 yards East of Railway in Q.22. and Q.16. Brigades informed.	
	14th		7th A.F.A. Brigade (3rd Aust.Div.Artillery) allotted to Left Group and relieved 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., who withdrew to Wagon Lines. 13th A.F.A. Brigade (5th Aust.Div.Artillery) transferred to Right Group.	App.A21.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V.9.c.25.80.	Oct. 14th (Contd)		<p>For operation referred to in Left Group Order No.2 (App.A.20) Left Group Artillery will be composed as follows:-</p> <p>4th A.F.A. Brigade,) 5th " ") In 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A. 7th " ") Action. in Mobile Reserve. 14th " ")</p>	App.A.20.
		1600	108th Infantry Regiment successfully raided enemy positions East of ST.SOUPLET under a creeping barrage. Prisoners were obtained. Our casualties very light.	App.A.22.
		2120.	Regimental Liaison Officer reported that Battalions were out of touch with the enemy. Both Regiments sent out patrols in the endeavour to maintain touch with the enemy.	
		2135	4th, 5th, 7th and 14th A.F.A. Brigades informed that S.O.S. would be inoperative until further orders. 4th A.F.A. Brigade to discontinue harassing fire programme.	
		2210	Situation in front line was quiet except for some H.V. shelling and some shelling of ESCAUFORT.	
		2300	All Brigades instructed that harassing fire would be continued, but not within 3000 yards of S.O.S. Lines.	
	15th	0700	Patrols returned after obtaining touch with enemy; our front line in some localities as previously reported. S.O.S. made operative.	
		0600	Left Group Location Statement No.2 issued.	App.C.12.
		1220	Heavy Artillery Observation Post reported considerable movement on railway in Q.28.c. which was being engaged by Heavy Artillery.	
		1500	Four Medium Trench Mortars (6" Newton) emplaced in ST.SOUPLET with a view to bombarding enemy trenches in Q.24. Lieut. M.L. CUSSEN resumed duty from Hospital and is posted to 2nd Aust. D.A.C.	
	16th	0800- 1105.	Bombardments were effected in accordance with letter A.11/168/18.	App.A.23.
		1000	Command of Left Group Artillery passed from C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Division to C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division. H.Q. 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery remained at V.9.c.25.80.	
		1420	D.T.M.O., 2nd Aust.Division, instructed that 4th Aust.Div.Artillery do not wish Medium Trench Mortars to fire during barrage in forthcoming operation or for one hour prior to it. Wire in Q.34, and W.4.b. will be engaged this afternoon and during the evening. 160 rounds were fired with good results.	

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<u>V.9.c.25.80.</u>	Oct. 16th (Contd.) 17th		Captain R. COLLINGS, MC., 2nd Aust. D.A.C., detached for duty with 4th A.F.A. Brigade. Nothing of interest to report. <i>Capt. R.C. OSBORNE MC. awarded the French CROIX de GUERRE</i>	<i>efcll.</i> App.J4.
	18th	2330	2nd Aust.Div.Artillery transferred to Corps Reserve. Captain G.H. KIREBY, having been found permanently unfit for further War Service at home or abroad, his appointment in the A.I.F. is terminated.	<i>efcll.</i>
	19th	0915	Orders issued to 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades to withdraw to wagon lines. This withdrawal was completed by Noon.	
		1815	6th and 12th Army Brigades, A.F.A., transferred to Corps Reserve under orders of C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Division.	
		2155	6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., transferred to command of C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division, but remains in Corps Reserve.	<i>efcll.</i>
	20th	0300	Order 161 re move of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery, 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., and 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. from BUSIGNY Area to PERONNE Area, issued to all concerned.	App.A.24.
		1030	Units of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery and 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., also 20th Coy. A.A.S.C., moved from BUSIGNY Area to BELLICOURT Area in accordance with March Table issued with 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery Order 161 (App.A.24) 2/Lieut. E.G. NIXON, 2nd Aust. D.A.C., transferred to 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.	<i>efcll.</i>
	21st	0930	2nd Aust.Div.Artillery, 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., and 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. continued march to PERONNE Area. Training Instructions No.9, outlining the policy to be observed while Units are in the Rest Area, issued to all concerned.	App.H.1.
		0900	Headquarters, 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery, closed at V.9.c.25.80. near BUSIGNY, and opened at I.27.b.70.30. (DINGBAT ALLEY, PERONNE). Major E.L. BURKE, MC., resumed duty from Hospital and is posted to 4th A.F.A. Brigade. 2/Lieut. W.R.M. HOLT, DCM., 4th A.F.A. Brigade, transferred to 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.	<i>efcll.</i>
<u>I.27.b.70.30.</u>				

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<u>I.27.b.70.30.</u> <u>PERONNE.</u>	Oct. 22nd		Nothing of interest to report.	<i>efll.</i>
	23rd	0900	Instructions No.25, re calibration of guns of 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades, issued.	<i>efll.</i> App.A.25.
	24th	1200	Guns of 4th A.F.A. Brigade calibrated at Fourth Army Calibration Range. Location Statement No.61 issued to usual recipients.	<i>efll.</i> App.C.13.
	25th		Guns of 5th A.F.A. Brigade calibrated at Fourth Army Calibration Range.	<i>efll.</i>
	26th		Three 18-pdr. Batteries and one 4.5" How. Battery of 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., calibrated at Fourth Army Range. Captain F.T.D. MEARES transferred from 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery to 1st Aust.Div.Artillery.	<i>efll.</i>
	27th		Nothing of interest to report.	<i>efll.</i>
	28th	2130	Order 162, re move of 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery, plus 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A. and 20th Coy. A.A.S.C., from PERONNE Area to ALLONVILLE Area, issued to all concerned. Administrative Memo No.55, detailing Administrative arrangements in connection with above move, issued to all recipients of Order 162. Personnel who were detailed to undergo a course of instruction at 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery Signal School assembled, but were returned to their Units owing to the proximity of a move to ALLONVILLE Area. 25 other ranks Reinforcements arrived from Base. Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the following decorations:- <u>THE MILITARY CROSS.</u> Lieutenant J.R.S. EVANS, 13th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, " I.F. MACPHERSON, 14th " " " " K.W. FLOCKHART, 14th " " " <u>BAR TO THE MILITARY MEDAL.</u> 7417, Sergeant J. McLAURIN, MM., 14th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Brigade. <u>THE MILITARY MEDAL.</u> 32148, Bombardier L.D. HINES, 14th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Brigade.	App.A.26. App.F.2. App.H.2.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																																																		
ALLONVILLE.	Oct. 29th	0900	<p>Headquarters, 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery closed at I.27.b.70.30 (DINGBAT ALLEY, PERONNE) at 0900 and opened at the Chateau, ALLONVILLE at 1600 and came under administration of Australian Corps.</p> <p>4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades, 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A., 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. commenced move from PERONNE Area to ALLONVILLE Area and staged the night in BRAY Area, vide Order 162 (App.A.26).</p> <p>a/D.T.M.O. and 2nd Aust.Div.Trench Mortar Batteries moved from PERONNE Area to ALLONVILLE Area and occupied billets at CARDONETTE.</p>	App.A.26.																																																		
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<u>ALLONVILLE</u>	Oct. 31st.		Nothing of interest to report.	<p><i>felt.</i></p>

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WAR DIARY APPENDIX

OF

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FOR

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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Headquarters,
October 2nd 1916.ORDER No. 156.*Spares*
Reference Map :-
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1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division is taking over at 0900 on October 2nd that portion of the 5th Aust. Div. front between the following boundaries :-
Southern :- H.5.central - H.15.central - G.24.central.
Northern :- B.15.a.0.5. - B.19.c.1.4. - A.29.d.9.7. - G.3.central.
- (b) On completion of relief the 5th A.I. Bde. (G.16.a.8.6.) is to be in the line, with the 6th and 7th Bdes. in support.
2. The following Field Artillery will come under the command of the C.R. A. 2nd Aust. Div. at 0900 October 2nd and will be grouped as shown :-
- (a) RIGHT GROUP - Under O.C. 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. (H.Q., G.16.d.7.1.)
 (i) 84th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 1st Aust. F.A. Bde.
 (ii) Right Sub-Group - Under O.C. 65th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 65th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 2nd A.F.A. Bde.
 (iii) Right Superimposed Bde. - 150th Army Bde. R.F.A.
- (b) LEFT GROUP - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. (H.Q., G.16.a.8.6.)
 (i) 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
 104th Army Bde. A.F.A.
 (ii) Left Sub-Group - Under O.C. 5th A.F.A. Bde.
 4th A.F.A. Bde.
 5th A.F.A. Bde.
 (iii) Left Superimposed Bde. - 108th Army Bde. R.F.A.
3. (a) In confirmation of verbal orders issued on October 1st the above Brigades will be emplaced in positions suitable for carrying out a barrage to a depth of 3500 yards from the BEAUREVOIR line within the Divisional boundaries.
- (b) Positions will be occupied in the valley about H.7, H.13, H.14, and H.19.
- (c) All Brigades will be in action by 0300 on the night October 2nd/3rd; 2 Brigades per Group will be in action by the night October 1st/2nd.
4. The inter-Group boundary will be the road H.1.d.3.0 - B.23.a.0.4. (inclusive to Left Group).

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5. (a) The Right and Left Groups will both maintain liaison with the G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde. and will supply any necessary Battalion Liaison Officers.
- (b) "S.O.S." Lines will be arranged by Group Commanders direct with the Infantry Brigadier and notified to D.A.H.Q.
6. (a) Dumps at all gun positions will be as follows, the required amounts to be at the pits by 0400 October 3rd :-
18-pdrs. :- 200 rounds per gun (45% A; 45% AX; 10% AS, where supplies permit).
4.5" hows. :- 200 rounds per how. (90% BX; 10% BS, where supplies permit).
- (b) Divisional A.R.P. is at L.10.a.6.7.
7. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. is at F.27.c.8.8.
8. Acknowledge.

C.A. Clowes

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

Issued at 6 a.m.

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2nd Aust.D.A.C.		14	32nd D.A.	27
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Headquarters,
October 2nd 1918.ORDER No. 157.Reference MapsSheets 62B N.W. and 62C N.E. 1/20,000
Barrage Map herewith.INTENTION.

1. (a) The Aust. Corps in conjunction with the IX Corps on the right and the XIII Corps on the left is to attack the enemy's defences on the morning of October 3rd 1918.
- (b) The 2nd Aust. Div. with the assistance of tanks, is to attack within the boundaries shown on attached Map, which shows also the Divisional objective. (GREEN Line).
- (c) 5th A.I. Bde. is to be on the Right, 7th A.I. Bde. on the Left, with the 6th A.I. Bde. in reserve. Headquarters as follows :-
 - 5th A.I. Bde. - G.16.a.7.7.
 - 6th A.I. Bde. - G.17.b.55.65.
 - 7th A.I. Bde. - G.3.c.9.3.
- (d) If circumstances permit exploitation is to be carried out beyond the GREEN Line after 1100 October 3rd.

SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

2. Field Artillery as under will support the 2nd Australian Div. operation and will be grouped as follows:-
 - (a) RIGHT GROUP - Under O.C. 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. (in liaison with 5th A.I. Bde.)
 - (i) 84th Army Bde. R.F.A.
1st Aust. F.A. Bde.
 - (ii) Right Sub-Group - Under O.C. 65th Army Bde. R.F.A.
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 - (iii) Right Superimposed Bde. - 150th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - (b) LEFT GROUP - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. (in liaison with 7th A.I. Bde.)
 - (i) 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
104th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - (ii) Left Sub-Group - Under O.C. 5th A.F.A. Bde.
4th A.F.A. Bde.
5th A.F.A. Bde.
 - (iii) Left Superimposed Bde. - 108th Army Bde. R.F.A.

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APPENDIX

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FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

3. The 2nd Aust. Div. operation will be supported by a creeping barrage in accordance with Barrage Map herewith, and also covered by a smoke barrage as laid down in para 4. Procedure for Creeping Barrage will be as follows:-

(a). 18-pdrs.:-

Open at Zero on Start Line, remain there till Zero plus 6 mins., then lift and move forward at a uniform rate of 100 yards per four minutes. After batteries lift off the RED line shown on Barrage Map they will engage selected localities(@), always moving forward according to the times and lifts shown on the Barrage Map. All batteries will cease firing as they reach the Objective (GREEN Line).

(@). Note. Left Group will particularly concentrate on the BEAUREVOIR System.

(b). 4.5" Hows.

4.5" Hows. will open on the front line of the BEAUREVOIR System remaining there till the 18-pdr. barrage is within 200 yards of that line. They then lift on to the rear line of the BEAUREVOIR System, again lifting when the 18-pdr. barrage is within 200 yards. They will then be used to engage selected localities within Group zones, always moving 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdr. barrage. All batteries cease firing as they reach the Objective (GREEN Line).

SMOKE BARRAGE.

4. Left Group will arrange for a smoke barrage to be placed as follows:-

From Zero plus 70 mins. to Zero plus 138 mins.-
the line B.10.d.9.6. - B.10.a.0.5.

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5. Move of F.A. on completion of the Barrage.
 On completion of the barrage F.A. Brigades will move forward to cover any exploitation, as follows :-
 4th A.F.A.Bde. with 5th A.I.Bde.
 5th A.F.A.Bde. with 7th A.I.Bde.
 Brigade Commanders will keep close touch with the respective Infantry Brigadiers throughout the barrage.

6. RATES OF FIRE.
 Rates of Fire will be as follows :-

From	To	Per gun per minute.	
		18-pdrs.	4.5" hows.
Zero	Time of lifting from BEAUREVOIR System.	3	1
Time of lifting from BEAUREVOIR System.	Completion of barrage	2	1

7. AMMUNITION.
 Ammunition will be used as follows :-
 (a) 18-pdrs. * - 45% A, 45% AX, 10% AS (as available) to RED line on barrage map, thereafter 50% A; 50% AX.
 (b) 4.5" hows. * - 90% BX, 10% BS (as available).
 * Except for Smoke barrage (vide para 4).

8. HEAVY ARTILLERY.
 (a) The Heavy Artillery are co-operating with fire on selected localities and with Counter Battery work.
 (b) 9th Bde. R.G.A. is affiliated to the 2nd Aust. Division.

9. LIAISON.
 Group Commanders will supply Battalion Liaison Officers as required by respective Infantry Brigadiers.

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10. O.P's and F.O.O's.
 (a) All normal O.P's will be manned from Zero Hour onwards.
 (b) Group Commanders will arrange for one F.O.O. per F.A. Brigade to move forward closely in touch with the Infantry.
11. LIGHT SIGNALS.
 Light signals to be employed are as follows:-
 (a) S.O.S. Signal - No.32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.
 (b) Success Signal - No.32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.
 (c) "Advanced troops of Cavalry are here" - WHITE star bursting in a RED on a parachute fired from 1½" Very pistol.
12. GF and LL CALLS.
 Each Group will detail two batteries to answer any GF and LL Calls during the barrage.
13. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will remain at F.27.c.8.8.
 14. S.O.S. will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 minutes to Zero Hour.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Ca. Clome

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

Issued at 1930 to	BARRAGE MAP	
Right Group 1 - 31	5	9th Bde.R.G.A. 73
Left Group 32 - 62	5	1st Aust.D.A. 74
1st Aust.DAC. 63		3rd Aust.D.A. 75
2nd Aust DAC. 64		4th Aust.D.A. 76
2nd Aus.DTMO. 65		5th Aust.D.A. 77
2nd Aust.Div. 66		File 78
5th A.I.Bde. 67	1	War Diary 79 - 81
6th A.I.Bde. 68		Spares 82 - 88
7th A.I.Bde. 69	1	
R.A.Aust.Corps. 70	1	
H.A.Aust.Corps.71 - 72	1	

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. SECRET.

Headquarters,
2nd October 1918.

- Right Group.
- Left Group.
- 1st Aust. D.A.C.
- 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
- 2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.
- R.A. Aust. Corps.
- H.A. Aust. Corps.

All/162.

Reference 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery Order No.

157.

Zero Hour will be0 6 0 5 on 3rd October '18.

Acknowledge by wire.

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

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URGENT OPERATION PRIORITY.
C.A.Clowes Major,
Brigade Major,

2nd Aust.Div.
Right Group. 6th A.I.Brigade.
Left Group. 7th (Imp).Inf.Bde.

BM 100

3/10.

AAA

7th (Imp). Infantry Brigade of 25th Division is taking over tonight the front from Divisional Left Flank to TORRENS CANAL AAA 6th A.I.Brigade is taking over remainder of Divisional Front with H.Q. at G.17.b.55.65 AAA Left Group will cover front from present Left Boundary to line B.26.a.0.7. = B.11.b.0.5. under 7th (Imp.) Infantry Brigade temporarily AAA Right Group will cover from above boundary line to present Right Boundary under 6th A.I. Brigade AAA Inter-Group Boundary will be altered as follows above at 2200 October 3rd AAA Acknowledge AAA Addressed both Groups repeated 2nd Aust. Div. 6th A.I.Brigade 7th (Imp.) Infantry Brigade.

From 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
Time 1950

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

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URGENT OPERATION
PRIORITY.

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	Major,		
	Brigade Major,		
	2nd Aust.Div.Arty.		
To	Right Group	25th Div.	H.A.Aust.Corps.
	Left Group	25th Div.Arty.	6th A.I.Bde.
	2nd Aust.Div.	R.A.Aust.Corps.	7th (Imp) Inf. Bde.

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AAA.

Reference Barrage Map issued with 2nd Aust.D.A. Order 157 AAA
7th (Imp) Inf.Bde. and 6th A.I.Bde. are attacking at 0600 October
4th with GREEN line plus PONCHAUX inclusive as objective AAA
BEAUREVOIR is being mopped up after GREEN LINE is reached AAA Attack
will be supported with creeping barrages by Right and Left Groups
Right Group with two Brigades Left Group with all available AAA
South of the road N.E. through B.23.a.0.4. advance of 6th A.I.Bde.
will be supported by remaining artillery of Right Group under
arrangements to be made direct with G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde. AAA Creeping
Barrage will be carried out with lifts in accordance with Barrage Map
but START LINE will be AAA B.23.a.40.75. along 118 to 122 line to
B.16.b.1.1. thence to B.16.c.55.85. and along 102 to 106 line to
B.15.b.7.4. thence to B.16.a.1.8. and along 114 to 118 line to
B.9.d.35.00. thence to B.9.d.00.35. and along 106 to 110 line to
B.9.a.00.35. thence to B.9.a.6.9. and along 122 to 126 line to
B.2.d.85.60. thence to B.3.a.35.30. and along 138 to 142 line to
T.26.d.35.55. AAA Barrage will open on above START LINE AAA Where
START LINE is on the 102 to 106 line it will rest there for 10
minutes AAA It will then advance at rate of 100 yards per 4 minutes
the whole barrage then conforming to this rate until arrival on
GREEN LINE when all fire ceases AAA 4.5" hows will move 200 yards
in advance of 18-pdrs. AAA Left Group will from Zero to plus 120
place Barrages with one 4.5" how Battery on each of the lines
B.10.c.4.1. to B.10.d.15.70. and B.9.d.8.9. to B.10.a.60.65. AAA
Right Flank of barrage will be road N.E. through B.23.a.0.4.
Left flank as on Barrage Map AAA Inter-Group boundary will be line
B.16.a.0.0. to B.11.b.0.5. AAA Rates of fire as follows AAA Zero
to plus 10 minutes 18-pdrs. 3 rounds 4.5" hows 2 rounds per gun per
minute AAA Plus 10 minutes onwards 18-pdrs. 1 round 4.5" hows
1 round per gun per minute AAA Ammunition AAA 18-pdrs. 45% A,
45% AX, 10% AS as available AAA 4.5" hows in creeping barrage 10% BS
as available otherwise no restriction AAA In barrages on BEAUREVOIR
non-instantaneous fuzes AAA Heavy Artillery are firing on selected
localities and bombarding BEAUREVOIR till plus 120 minutes AAA
ACKNOWLEDGE by wire AAA Addsd Right and Left Groups Reptd. 2nd Aust.
Div. 25th Div. 25th D.A. R.A. and H.A. Aust. Corps, 6th A.I.Bde.
7th (Imp) Inf.Bde.

FROM 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

TIME. 0045.

Lgd. B. St. Blanes

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

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URGENT OPERAT~~ON~~ PRIORITY.

C.A.Clowes Major.
Brigade Major.

13th A.F.A.Brigade.
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

BM 108.

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AAA

From 1800 today Divisional Boundaries will be AAA Southern the line
H.17 Cent. = I.3.cent.= C.24.c.0.0. AAA Northern the line B.17.cent.=
B.17.b.9.0. = C.7.a.7.4.=C.4.cent. AAA Inter-Group Boundary the line
B.30.c.0.0.=C.15.c.0.0.=C.17.a.cent. AAA Field Artillery will be
grouped as follows AAA Right Group 10th 11th 13th and 14th A.F.A.Bdes.
under O.C. 13thAAA Left Group 4th 5th A.F.A.Bdes. 6th and 12th Army
Brigades A.F.A. under O.C.12th AAA 6th A.I.Bde. is holding Divisional
Front with H.Q. at G.17.b.55.65. AAA Both Grups will detail senior
officer for Liaison with Infantry Brigade AAA Acknowledge AAA Addressed
13th and 12th A.F.A.Brigades.

From 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
Time 1730

C.A.Clowes Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.DIV.ARTY..

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SECRET
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No.

Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.

ORDER No. 158.

Reference Map :
Sheet 82B N.W. 1/20,000.

1. INTENTION.

The 6th A.I. Bde. with the assistance of tanks is to attack and establish a line EAST of MONTBREHAIN as shown on the attached diagram in (GREEN).

2. SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

Artillery as under will support the operation -

(a) Right Group - Under O.C. 13th Aust. F.A. Bde.

- 13th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 14th " " "
- 10th " " "
- 11th " " "

(b) Left Group - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

- 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- 4th Aust. F.A. "
- 5th " " "
- 6th " Army " A.F.A.

Group boundaries for the operation will be as shown on the Barrage diagram.

3. F.A. BARRAGE.

The operation will be supported by a creeping barrage in accordance with Barrage diagram herewith.

(a) 18-pdrs.

Open at Zero on START LINE remain there till Zero plus 4 mins. then lift and move forward at a uniform rate of 100 yards per 4 mins. On arriving on the Protective Line fire will be kept on this line until Zero plus 120 minutes.

(b). 4.5" Hows.

4.5" Hows. will conform to the 18-pdr. barrage moving 200 yards East of it. Their fire will be confined to the limits of MONTBREHAIN.

(c). 18-pdrs. will fire one round of Smoke on each of the first six lifts. On the Protective Line 10% Smoke will be used as available .

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2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order 158 (Continued).

- (d). Two Brigades will be used by the Left Group for the Creeping Barrage. The remaining Brigades will bombard areas, selected by the Group Commander, outside the area of the Creeping Barrage.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

From	To.	Rounds per gun per min.	
		18-pdrs.	4.5" Hows.
Zero.	To arrival on Objective Line.	2.	1.
Arrival on Objective Line.	Zero plus 90.	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$.
plus 90.	Plus 120	$\frac{1}{2}$.	$\frac{1}{2}$.

5. AMMUNITION.

18-pdrs. - 'AS' as in para 3(c), 'AX' through the village. Remainder 50% 'A', 50% 'AX'.
4.5" Hows. - No restrictions.

6. LIAISON.

Left Group will supply a Liaison Officer to the 6th A.I. Brigade.

Each Group will supply Battalion Liaison Officers to the Battalions they are covering.

7. O.P's. and F.O.O's.

(a). All normal O.P's. will be manned from Zero Hour onwards.

(b). Each Group Commander will arrange for one F.O.O. to move forward in touch with the Infantry.

8. LIGHT SIGNALS.

Light Signals are to be employed as follows:-

(a). S.O.S. Signal- No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.

(b). Success Signal- No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.

(c). "Advanced troops of Cavalry are here"- WHITE Star bursting into a RED on a parachute fired from 1st very pistol.

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SECRET.ORDER No.158 (Continued).9. GF and LL CALLS.

Each Group will detail two batteries to answer any GF and LL Calls during the barrage.

10.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

E. J. Milford
 Major,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

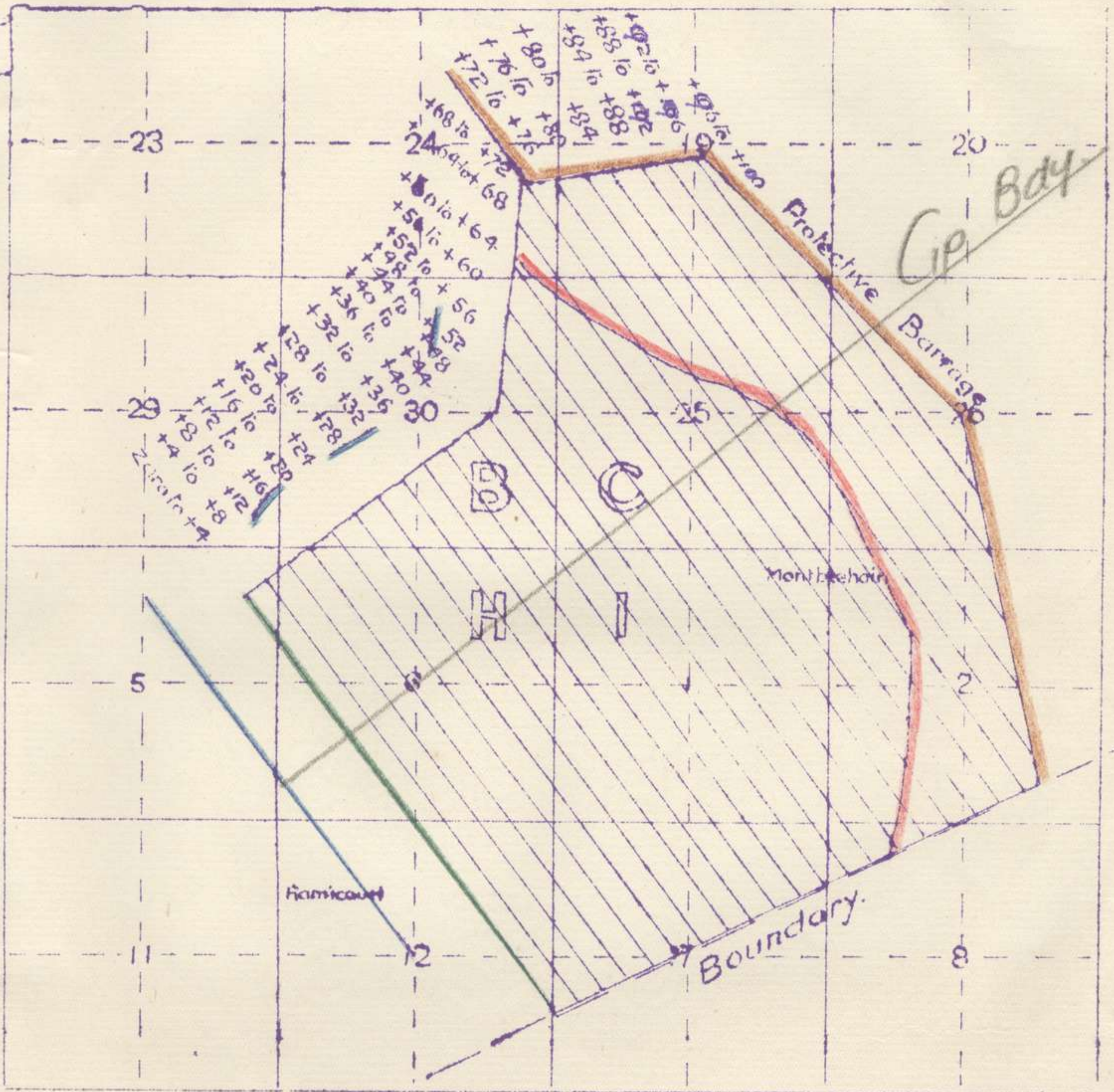
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Left Group	"	25 - 48	" " "
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4th Aust.D.A.C.		50	
5th Aust.D.A.C.		51	
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.		52	
2nd Aust.Div.		53	
5th A.I.Bde.		54	
6th A.I.Bde.		55	
7th A.I.Bde.		56	
R.A.Aust.Corps.		57	
H.A.Aust.Corps.		58 - 59	
9th Bde.R.G.A.		60	by Special D.R.
1st Aust.D.A.		61	
3rd " "		62	
4th " "		63	
5th " "		64	
25th Div.Arty.		65	
46th " "		66	
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Spares	"	71 - 80	

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BARRAGE *Diagram*
 (To accompany 2nd Aust. D.A. ORDER No. 158.)
LEGEND.

Portion of Sheet 62B N.W. Scale 1/20,000.

Infantry Jumping Off Line in	...	BLUE
Artillery Start Line	...	GREEN
Objective	...	RED
Protective Barrage	...	BROWN

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.

TO ALL RECIPIENTS 2nd AUST.DIV.ARTY.ORDER No.158.

Reference 2nd Aust.D.A. ORDER No.158 ZERO HOUR
will be 0605 October 5th 1918.
Acknowledge by wire.

E. J. Dillford
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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A.11/167.

Oct 5

WARNING ORDER.

Reference Map:
Sheet 62B N.W. 1/20,000

1. (a) The 30th American Division is taking over on October 6th, the front and area held by the 2nd Aust.Div., the 118th American Regt. relieving the 6th A.I.Bde. in the line to-night October 5th/6th.

(b) BEAUREVOIR and MANNEQUIN HILL (I.13.d.) are at present held by the enemy. To-night the 25th Division is carrying out a further operation with a view to the capture of BEAUREVOIR.

2. The 30th American Div. in conjunction with Divisions on the flank intend to carry out on the morning of October 7th an operation with the object of capturing the general line C.29.a.O.O. - C.2.c.5.O. and subsequently exploiting to the line PREMONT - BRANCAUCOURT (both inclusive).

3. (a) For the operation the 30th American Division will be covered by the Field Artillery at present covering the 2nd Aust.Div. under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.

Grouping will be :-

RIGHT GROUP - H.Q. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. (Under O.C. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.)
6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
10th A.F.A. Bde.
11th " "
13th " "
14th " "

LEFT GROUP - H.Q. 5th A.F.A. Bde. (Under O.C. 5th A.F.A. Bde.)
5th A.F.A. Bde.
4th A.F.A. Bde.
7th A.F.A. Bde.
8th A.F.A. Bde.
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

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2nd AUST.DIV.ARTY. WARNING ORDER (Continued).

- 3. (b) (i) Positions will be selected and reselected early on the morning of October 6th suitable, should the capture to-night of the high ground in the vicinity of BEAUREVOIR permit, for shooting on the line C.29.b.0.0. - C.2.d.5.0. at a range not exceeding 6000 yards.
- (ii) The above proviso will in most cases necessitate the positions to be occupied being in the valley North, East and South-East of WIANCOURT. Should this not be possible positions will be selected as far forward as the tactical situation will permit.
- (iii) It will be necessary to occupy these forward positions either during daylight on October 6th or early in the night October 6th/7th.
- (c) It is anticipated that ammunition at the guns for the operation will be required as follows:-
 - 18-pdrs. - 500 rounds (5% AS).
 - 4.5" hows.- 300 rounds (5% BS).
 Should it not be possible to transport ammunition to forward positions during daylight, ammunition will be dumped at present positions ready to be moved forward at dusk, 7th and 8th A.F.A.Bdes. dumping in selected localities well forward.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

<u>Issued at 2130 to</u>			
* Right Group	1 - 4	* R.A. VII Corps.(Affiliated to 2nd American Corps)	19
* Left Group	5 - 8	H.A. VII Corps (Affiliated to 2nd American Corps)	20
* 7th A.F.A.Bde.	9	R.A.Aust.Corps.	21
* 8th " "	10	9th Bde.R.G.A.	22
* 13th " "	11	2nd Aust.Div.	23
* 14th " "	12	File	24
* 2nd Aust.D.A.C.	13	War Diary	25 - 27
* 4th Aust.D.A.C.	14	Spares	28 - 35
* 5th " "	15		
4th Aust.D.A.	16		
5th " "	17		
30th American Div.	18		
	* <u>SPECIAL D.R.</u>		

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.Headquarters,
October 6th 1918.Right Group
Left Group

With reference to para 2 of 2nd Aust D.A. WARNING ORDER
A.11/167 of October 5th -

1. (a) The attack is to be carried out by the 118th American Regiment on the right and the 117th American Regiment on the left.
- (b) The exploitation is to be carried out by a battalion from each of the above Regiments.

2. (a) To support the exploitation F.A. Brigades will be detailed as follows :-
 With the 118th American Regt. - 10th A.F.A. Bde.
 With the 117th American Regt. - 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- (b) The O's.C. above F.A. Brigades will get into touch with their respective Regiments on October 7th to discuss details.
 Headquarters of Regiments are at :-
 118th American Regt. - H.10.a.1.4.
 117th American Regt. - B.27.c.8.6. *exploiting*
- (c) One section per F.A. Brigade will be detailed to operate in close support of the Infantry during exploitation.
- (d) F.A. Brigades covering the exploitation will pay particular attention to the engagement of guns which are holding up the infantry and Whippets.

3. LIAISON.
 For Liaison duty with the Infantry Officers will be detailed as follows :-
 (i) With 59th American Brigade (H.Q. G.17.b.55.65.) - the senior officer from Left Group.
 (ii) With each of the 118th American Regt. and 117th American Regt. - an officer not below the rank of Captain from the Right and Left Groups respectively.
 (iii) With each attacking battalion - an officer from the Group concerned.

4. ~~(iv)~~
F.O.O's.
 (a) Each Group will detail two F.O.O's for the operation, not to be from either the 10th A.F.A. Bde. or the 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- (b) Each F.A. Bde. supporting the exploitation will arrange for at least one F.O.O. In addition these Brigades will make provision for officers' patrols in order to be in close touch with the situation prior to a move forward being ordered.
- (c) F.O.O's. will keep particularly close touch with the Infantry situation and make every effort to send frequent information

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

APPENDIX A 11

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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*** ORDER No. 159. ***

Headquarters,
October 6th 1918.Ref. Map .-
Sheet 62B NW 1/20,000.
Barrage Diagram.

In continuation of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Warning Order A11/167 of October 5th.

1. INTENTION.

- (a). The operation set out in para 2 of A11/167 is to be carried out on October 8th.
- (b). On the morning of October 7th the 117th American Regiment are advancing their line North of MONTBREHAIN with Artillery support with the object of securing a Jumping Off Line for the operation of October 8th.
- Zero Hour for this operation will be 0300 Oct. 7th.
0515 (5.15am)

2. FIELD ARTILLERY ACTION FOR OPERATION OF OCTOBER 7th.

- (a). The Field Artillery Support for the operation detailed in para 1(b) above will consist of a Creeping Barrage with three F.A. Brigades and the harassing of selected localities on the flanks of the barrage.
- (b). Details of the Creeping Barrage are as follows:-
Right Group with one, Left Group with two, F.A. Brigades will open on the START LINE at Zero Hour, the barrage resting there for two minutes then lifting and advancing at the rate of 100 yards per 2 mins. till the Protective Line is reached. Fire will be maintained on the Protective Line till Zero plus 52 mins. when all fire will cease. 18-pdrs. will conform to Barrage Diagram herewith, 4-5" Hows. moving 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdrs. The Jumping Off Line and Inter-Group Boundary are shown on the Diagram.
- (c). In addition to the above barrage:-
(1). Right Group will detail one F.A. Brigade to engage by bursts of fire selected targets on the Group Front from Zero to Zero plus 52 mins.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 159 (Cont'd).

- 2.(c) (ii) Left Group will detail one Brigade to operate as follows :-
18-pdrs. open on the line B.24.b.0.7. - B.18.c.2.8.;
4.5" hows. 200 yards in advance, rest there till Zero plus 7 minutes, then engage by bursts selected targets in the northern half of the Group zone, ceasing at Zero plus 52 minutes.

- (d) Rates of fire will be :-

	Rds. per gun per minute.	
	18-pdrs.	4.5" hows.
(i) <u>In creeping barrage.</u>		
To Protective Line	2	1
On Protective Line	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
(ii) For para 2 (c) (i) (average rate)	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
(iii) <u>For para 2 (c) (ii) (average rate),</u>		
Zero to plus 7 minutes	2	1
Plus 7 mins. to plus 52 mins.	1	$\frac{1}{2}$

- (e) AMMUNITION.

IN BARRAGE - 18-pdrs. 50% A, 45% AX, 5% AS.
4.5" hows. 5% BS, otherwise no restrictions.

In other tasks - 18-pdrs. 50% A, 50% AX.
4.5" hows. No restrictions.

- (f) Left Group will detail a Liaison Officer not below the rank of Captain for duty at 117th American Regt. H.Q. at B.27.c.8.6. and also supply Liaison Officers for battalions as required.

- (g) Watches will be synchronized from D.A.H.Q. by telephone at 2200 October 6th.

OPERATION OF OCTOBER 8th.

3. In connection with the main operation of October 8th :-

- (a) Under the orders of the Group Commander, the 13th and 14th A.F.A.Bdes. will move to forward positions on the night October 6th/7th and remain silent till required by Group Commander for defence of the line.

- (b) The remaining F.A.Bdes. will be moved forward in succession on October 7th so as to be in position ready for the main operation.

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SECOND AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 159 (Continued).

4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

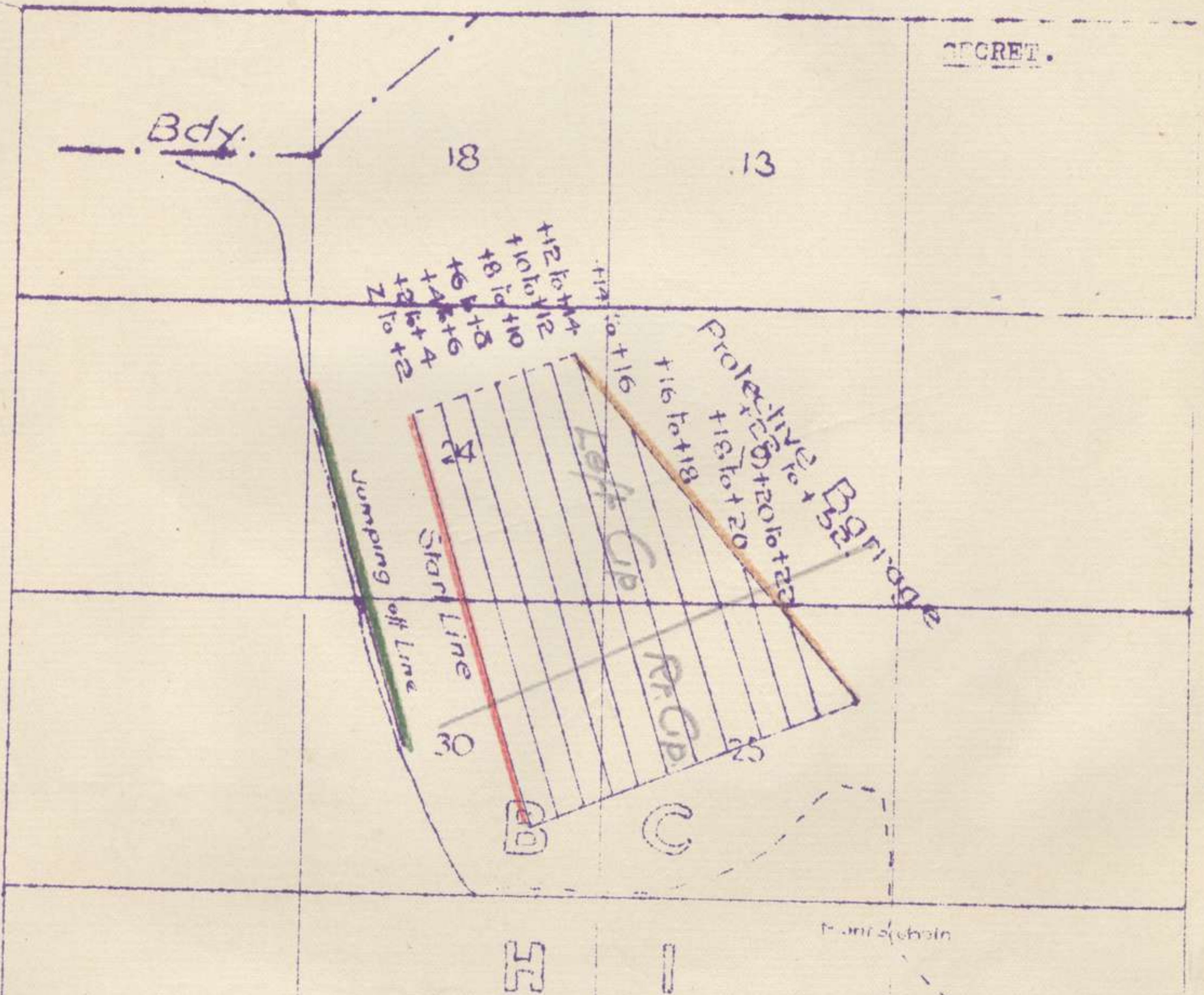
C. A. Clome

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

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Left Group	16	-	35	20
7th A.F.A. Bde.			36	1
8th " "			37	1
13th " "			38	1
14th " "			39	1
2nd Aust. D.A.C.			40	
3rd " "			41	
4th " "			42	
5th " "			43	
30th American Div.			44	
3rd Aust. D.A.			45	1
4th " "			46	
5th " "			47	
* ^{59*} American Bde.			48	
* 117th " Regt.			49	1
* 118th " "			50	1
R.A.				1
2nd American Corps			51	1
H.A.				
2nd American Corps			52	1
9th Bde. R.G.A.			53	1
R.A. Aust. Corps.			54	
* G.S. 2nd Aust. Div.				
(attached 30th American Div)			55	1
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BARRAGE DIAGRAM.
 To accompany 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. ORDER No. 159.

LEGEND.

Portion of Sheet 62B N.W. Scale 1/20,000.

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Infantry Jumping Off Line | | GREEN. |
| Artillery Start Line | | RED. |
| Protective Barrage (* 22 to * 52). | | BROWN. |

Bdy.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.SECRET.

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
October 7th 1918.ORDER No. 160.Reference Maps.

Sheets 62B N.W., 62B N.E.

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Barrage Map "A" (already issued to Groups).

INTENTION.

- 1.(a) The 30th American Division intends to attack on "Z" Day with the assistance of tanks and under an Artillery Barrage. "Z" Day and Zero hour will be communicated later.
- (b) The 6th Division (IX Corps) on the right and the 25th Division (XIII Corps) on the left are attacking in conjunction, the former's action being in the nature of a conforming movement to the 30th American Division advance.
- (c) The attack by the 30th American Infantry Div. is to be carried out as follows :-
On the Left :- the front line one in support and one in Bde. reserve.
 117th American Regt. with one battalion in support.
On the Right :- 118th American Infantry Regt. with two battalions in the front line and one battalion in support.
- (d) Objectives are as follows :-
 (i) First Objective (RED LINE) :- The general line
 C.28.b.8.2. - C.23.d.6.0. - C.15.central -
 C.9.c.0.3. - C.2.central.
 (ii) Second Objective (GREEN LINE) :- The general line
 C.24.c.6.4. - C.12.c.4.0. - C.5.d.9.0. -
 C.5.b.5.5. - PREMONT (inclusive) -
 U.22.c.7.9.
- (e) BOUNDARIES :-
Right Divisional :- M.12.central - I.2.central - BRANCOURT STATION (inclusive) - C.24.c.3.4.
Left Divisional :- B.17.central - B.2.central - U.22.central.
Inter-Regimental :- B.24.d.7.8. - C.14.b.6.6. - C.9.c.3.0. -
 C.9.d.7.7. - C.16.a.4.0. - C.10.b.9.9. -
 C.5.d.7.7.

P.T.O.

SECOND AUST.D.A.ORDER No.160 (Continued).

2. The Field Artillery covering the 30th American Div. operation will be under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div. and will be grouped as follows :-
- Right Group - (under C.R.A.4th Aust.Div.relieving O.C. 6th Army Bde.A.F.A.on October 7th, H.Q., G.23.b.2.8.)
- 6th Army Bde.A.F.A.
10th A.F.A.Bde.
11th " "
13th " "
14th " "
- Left Group - (under O.C. 5th A.F.A.Bde., H.Q., H.8.d.1.5.)
- 5th A.F.A.Bde.
4th A.F.A.Bde.
7th A.F.A.Bde.
8th A.F.A.Bde.
12th Army Bde.A.F.A.
3. FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE.
- For Capture of the RED LINE.
- (a) The attack will be carried out under a Field Artillery barrage in accordance with Barrage Map "A" except where amended by the following :-
- (i) 18-pdrs. will open on the plus 9 line, rest there till plus 9 minutes and then lift to the plus 12 line, the barrage then moving as per Barrage Map "A" in lifts of 100 yards per 3 minutes to the plus 36 line. Thence onwards the rate of advance will be 100 yards per 4 minutes until the Protective Line is reached. The barrage will rest there till plus 174 minutes and then cease.
- (ii) 4.5" hows. will take part in the barrage, moving 200 yards in advance of 18-pdrs. throughout, paying special attention to selected points.
- N.B. The Infantry Jumping Off Line is being modified accordingly.
- Times shown on Barrage Map "A" are times of lifting.
- (b) Group Commanders will superimpose the fire of Exploiting Brigades (see para 4) in order to allow of their fire being taken off at plus 116 minutes.

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3(c). Rates of fire.

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		Rounds per gun per min.	
		18-pdrs.	4.5" Hows.
	In Creeping Barrage.....	3.....	2.....
	On Protective Line	1.....	1/2.....

(d). Ammunition.

Ammunition will be used as follows:-

<u>18-pdrs.</u>	50% "A"
	44% "AX" with delay or 106 fuzes.
	6% "AS"

4.5" Hows. "BX" with 106 fuzes as far as supplies allow then no restriction.

4. ACTION OF FIELD ARTILLERY DURING EXPLOITATION.

(a). To support the Exploitation to the GREEN LINE, F.A. Brigades will be detailed as follows:-

With the 118th Am. Inf. Regt.	6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
With the 117th Am. Inf. Regt.	12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

Instructions have already been issued for O's.C. above F.A. Brigades to arrange necessary details with the respective Regiments.

(b). O's.C. above F.A. Brigades will keep close touch with their respective Regimental Commanders during the barrage. Exploiting F.A. Brigades will move forward at plus 116 minutes and support the further advance of the Infantry.

(c). Batteries of these F.A. Brigades will pay special attention to the engagement of enemy guns which are holding up the Tanks or Infantry, and, particularly in the case of 4.5" Hows., to Counter-Battery work, by engaging all NF calls possible. The wireless masts of these Brigades will accompany the 4.5" How. Battery.

(d) One section from each Exploiting F.A. Brigade will be detailed for close support of the Infantry during exploitation.

5. F.O.O's.

(a). Special stress is laid on the necessity for obtaining and reporting information. Full use will be made of every means of communication possible.

(b). F.O.O's. for the operation* will be detailed as follows:-

(1).	Each Group will detail two F.O.O's. for the operation,	6th	12th Army
	not to be from either the	or	
	Bdes. A.F.A.,		

(ii). Each F.A. Brigade supporting the exploitation will arrange for at least one F.O.O.. In addition these Brigades will make provision for Officers' patrols in order to be in close touch with the situation prior to a move forward being ordered.

* (to move forward in close touch with the Infantry). P.T.O.

SECOND AUST.D.A.ORDER No.160 (Continued).

5. F.O.O's. (Cont'd).
 (iii) F.O.O's. will keep particularly close touch with the Infantry situation and make every effort to send frequent information.
6. (c). All normal O.P's. will be manned from Zero Hour onwards.
LIAISON.
 For Liaison duty with the Infantry officers will be detailed as follows :-
 (1) With 59th American Brigade (H.Q., G.17.b.55.65.) - a senior officer from Left Group.
 (ii) With each of the 118th American Regt. and 117th American Regt. - an officer not below the rank of Captain from the Right and Left Groups respectively.
 (iii) With each attacking battalion - an officer from the Group concerned.
7. HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION.
 The Corps H.A. are co-operating in the barrage and with counter-battery work.
 The 9th Bde.R.G.A. is affiliated to the 30th American Division for exploitation purposes.
8. PRECAUTIONS FOR ENSURING ACCURACY OF FIRE.
 The necessity for observing all the pre-cautions laid down for previous operations for ensuring accuracy of fire is again to be impressed on all concerned.
9. HARASSING FIRE PRIOR TO ZERO HOUR.
 Every effort will be made, by the selection of the most suitably placed F.A.Bdes., to maintain normal harassing fire up to Zero Hour.
10. S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO ZERO HOUR.
 S.O.S. arrangements will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 minutes to Zero Hour.
11. MOVES OF F.A.BRIGADES.
 Moves of F.A.Bdes. to their forward positions will be carried out in accordance with para 3 of 2nd Aust. D.A.ORDER No.159. All guns will be in action in forward positions by Zero minus 1 hour.

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All echelons will be full at Zero Hour.

13.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

Issued at 1500 to :-

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*Left Group	"	16	-	35
*2nd Aust.D.A.C.				36
*3rd " "				37
*4th " "				38
*5th " "				39
30th American Div.				40
3rd Aust.D.A.				41
4th " "				42
5th " "				43
*59th American Bde.				44
*117th American Regt.				45
*118th American Regt.				46
*R.A.2nd American Corps.				47
H.A.2nd " "				48
*9th Bde.R.G.A.				49
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G.S. 2nd Aust.Div.				
(attached 30th American Div)				51
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* By Special D.R.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
October 7th 1918.

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Right Group,
Left Group,
2nd Aust. D.A.C.,
3rd " "
4th " "
5th " "
4th Aust. D.A.,
2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.

Reference 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order 160 of October
7th, para. 1 (a).

"Z" Day will be October 8th,
Zero Hour will be 0510 (5-10am.)
Groups to acknowledge by wire.

(Signed) E.J. MILFORD, Major,
For Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. S E C R E T.
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Headquarters,
October 7th 1918.

AMENDMENT No.1 TO
SECOND AUST.D.A.ORDER NO. 160.

1. Para 3 (a) will be amended, ^{to read} as follows :-
" The Attack will be carried out under a Field Artillery Barrage in accordance with Barrage Map "A" as follows :-
- (i) 18-pdrs. will open on the START LINE, rest there for 3 minutes, then lift and move forward as per Barrage Map "A" in lifts of 100 yards per 3 minutes to the plus 38 line. Thence onwards the rate of advance will be 100 yards per 4 minutes until the Protective Line is reached. The barrage will then rest there till plus 174 minutes and then cease.
- (ii) 4.5" hows. will take part in the barrage, moving 200 yards in advance of 18-pdrs. throughout, paying special attention to selected points.
- N.B. Times shown on Barrage Map "A" are times of lifting."
2. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

C.A. Clowe Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Issued at 1540 to :-
All recipients Order No.160.

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To Right Group 30th American Div. 2nd Aust.D.A.C.
Left Group R.A.2nd American Corps. 4th Aust.D.A.C.

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8/10.

AAA

1. 30th American Div. 118th Regt. on Right 117th Regt. on left is continuing attack at 0520 October 9th AAA
First Objective is line V.9.a.0.5. - V.15.central - V.21.d.75.70 along road V.27.b. to D.9.central - V.9.c.0.0.- V.14.d.central AAA
2. 2nd Objective is line V.5.c.1.9 - V.11.central - V.18.a.0.0. - D.5.central - D.5.c.5.0. AAA Northern boundary is U.28.b.9.8. - V.7.d.0.0. - V.9.a.0.6. - V.5.c.0.8. - V.5.central AAA Southern boundary is C.24.b.3.6. - road D.9.d.7.3. - along road D.10.c. and b. AAA Inter-Group boundary ~~V.26~~ C.6.c.0.0. - V.26.central - V.18.c.0.0. AAA
3. Artillery Start Line U.28.d.0.7. - U.30.a.6.6. - C.6.c.0.7.- C.12.d.0.0. - C.24.b.0.6. - AAA Artillery action 18-pdrs. open on Start Line remain there four minutes then lift on to selected points to limits of range always advancing at rate of 100 yards per four minutes AAA 4.5" hows. will conform to 18-pdrs. fire keeping 200 yards in advance AAA Infantry are halting for 30 minutes on first Objective AAA Artillery fire will conform AAA Rates of Fire as ammunition permits percentage of smoke available AAA Liaison and F.O.O's. AAA Officers will be detailed as necessary AAA
One Brigade per Group will support exploitation remaining brigades will move forward as situation permits AAA One section of exploiting brigades to be detailed for close support of infantry. *ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. Addsd. Right and Left Groups Reptd. 30th American Div. R.A. 2nd American Corps. 2nd Aust.D.A.C. 4th Aust.D.A.C.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Time 2300

E. J. McIlroy
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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U.O.P.

To Right Group
Left Group

AAA

BMA 13

9/10.

The line of River SELLE from MOLAIN to St.BENIN both inclusive has been ordered 30th American Division as further objectives AAA North Divisional Boundary V.5.central - railway Q.15.c.5.5. - Q.16.a.2.8. AAA South Boundary D.10.b.0.2. - D.6.a.2.0 - W.20.c.5.0 along railway to W.21.b.5.4. - W.16.c.4.1 AAA Exploiting brigades will maintain closest touch with the Right and Left regiments AAA Group Commanders will move remaining brigades forward as situation progresses AAA Inter-Group boundary V.8.c.0.0. - Q.34.c.0.0. AAA Acknowledge AAA Addsd Right and Left Groups.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Time 1235

(signed) E.J.Milford. Major,
Act.Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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B.M.A. 15

10.

120th Regt. on Right H.Q., D.7.a.Central. 119th Regt. on Left
 H.Q., U.3.a.9.1. are advancing to secure crossings of River Selle
 at 0530 October 10th AAA Boundaries as in BMA 13 of 9th Octr.
 AAA Artillery Start Line 300 yards in advance of to-days second
 objective AAA 18-pdrs open on start line remain there three
 minutes then lift to selected points advancing at rate of 100
 yards per 3 mins. AAA 4.5" hows conform to 18-pdr. fire keeping 200
 yards in advance AAA Ammunition as available AAA Barrage fire
 will cease on line through Q.25.central - W.14.central AAA Thence
 Infantry will be closely supported by one Brigade per Group AAA
 Forward sections to be employed AAA remaining Brigades will move
 as situation allows to positions covering crossings of River Selle
 AAA Acknowledge by wire AAA Addressed Right and Left Groups
 repeated 2nd Aust.D.A.C., 30th American Div. R.A. 2nd American
 Corps.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Time 0050

U.O.P. to R. and L. Groups Copy also by S.D.R. to each and 2nd
 Aust.D.A.C.

J. Myford Major

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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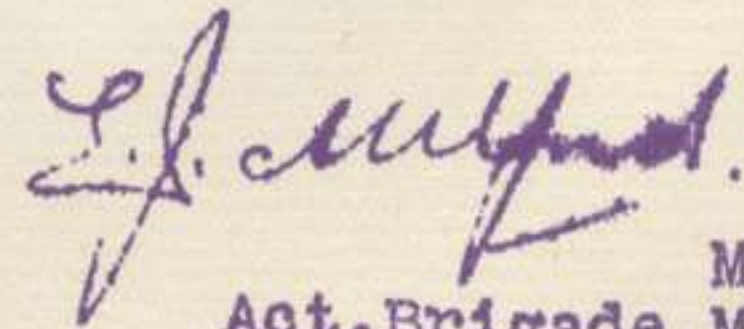
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Headquarters,
October 10th 1918.INSTRUCTIONS 23.READJUSTMENTS IN DISTRIBUTION OF FIELD ARTILLERY.

1. (a) The following Field Artillery is passed into Corps Reserve forthwith and comes under the command of C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div. :-
3rd Aust.Div.Artillery.
5th Aust.Div.Artillery.
- (b) The following Field Artillery is allotted to 27th American Division :-
4th Aust.Div.Artillery.
6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- This artillery will remain as at present, attached to 30th American Division under C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.

GROUPING OF FIELD ARTILLERY COVERING 30th AMERICAN DIVISION.

2. Field Artillery covering 30th American Division is Grouped as follows :-
Right Group (Under C.R.A. 4th Aust.Div.)
10th A.F.A.Bde.
11th A.F.A.Bde.
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.
- Left Group (Under C.O. 5th A.F.A.Bde.)
5th A.F.A.Bde.
4th A.F.A.Bde.
12th Army Bde.A.F.A.
3. Acknowledge.


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

Issued at 1430 to -

Right Group	1
Left Group	2- 4
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	5
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.	6
7th A.F.A.Bde.	7
8th A.F.A.Bde.	8
13th " "	9
14th " "	10

3rd Aust.D.A.C.	11
5th " "	12
3rd Aust.D.A.	13
5th Aust.D.A.	14
30th American Div.	15
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Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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To Right Group 30th American Division
Left Group R.A.2nd American Corps.

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11/10.

AAA

118th Regt. on right 119th Regt. line are attacking with high ground beyond River SELLE as objective at 0530 on October 11th AAA Infantry are forming up on grid line running N.& S. through V.3.0. and V.18.central and are moving due East AAA Artillery start line W.26.a.0.8. - W.14.a.0.4. - Q.34.d.5.0. thence northwards 300 yards East of River SELLE AAA Field Artillery opens on Start Line AAA Artillery on Start Line between W.26.a.0.8. and W.14.a.0.4. at a slow rate remains there 20 minutes then lifts due East to selected targets moving at rate of 100 yards per 3 minutes AAA Remaining Artillery will remain on Start Line or selected targets in close vicinity until Southern portion of barrage comes up in line AAA It will then move due East at same rate AAA Left Group will keep fire at slow rate on high ground in close vicinity East of River until Right Group fire has crossed River AAA It will then advance to selected targets at same rate AAA Rates of fire as ammunition permits AAA One brigade per Group will be detailed for close support of Infantry AAA Flank divisions are extending the attack to the North and South AAA Acknowledge AAA Addsd Right and Left Groups Reptd. 30th American Div. and R.A. 2nd American Corps.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Time 0230

Signed E.J.Milford. Major,
Act. Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYSECRET

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.
October 11th 1918.INSTRUCTIONS No.24.Reference Map:
Sheet 62B 1/40,000.1. RELIEF OF 30th AMERICAN DIVISION.

The 27th American Division is relieving the 30th American Div. in the line to-night October 11th/12th 1918. Details of relief are as follows :-

The 54th American Brigade is relieving the 60th American Bde and portion of the 59th Bde. in the ^{front} line. The 107th Regiment will be on the right, the 108th Regt. will be on the left.

The 53rd Bde. is relieving the 59th Bde. in reserve.

2. CHANGES IN COMMAND OF FIELD ARTILLERY.

(a) The field artillery at present covering the 30th American Div. will cover the 27th American Div. Command of this artillery will pass from C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div. to C.R.A. 4th Aust.Div. on completion of infantry relief.

(b) On passing of command to C.R.A. 4th Aust.Div. -
(i) The C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div. will assume command of the Left Group.

(ii) The C.O. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. will assume command of Right Group.

(c) Locations after relief will be - 4th Aust.D.A.H.Q. as at present located - C.6.d.50.00.

2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. moving on October 12th to location to be notified later.

3. Acknowledge.

E. J. Milford.
Major,
Act. Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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DISTRIBUTION :-

Right Group	1.		
Left Group	2-	4+21-32	3rd Aust.D.A. 9
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	5		5th Aust.D.A. 10
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.	6		File 11
30th American Div.	7		War Diary 12 -14
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LEFT GROUP - SECOND AUST. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
October 12th 1918.

ORDER No. 1.

Reference Map:
Sheet 57B S.E. 1/20,000

1. COMMAND.
Command of Left Group covering the 108th American Regt. passed to C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div. at 1000 October 12th.
2. F.A. BRIGADE ZONES.
The group front will be covered by the 4th A.F.A. Bde. on the Right and the 5th A.F.A. Bde. on the Left.
The 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. will be superimposed over the group front. The inter-brigade boundary will be a line through Q.32.c.0.5. - Q.22.c.5.0.
3. LIAISON.
Liaison officers will be supplied as follows :-
 - (a) To the 108th Regt. - H.Q., at Q.31.c.4.4., by a Captain or senior subaltern from the 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. who will be in direct communication with this H.Q.
 - (b) To the Right Battalion - H.Q. at W.7.c.73.00., by an officer from the 4th A.F.A. Bde.
 - (c) To the Left Battalion - H.Q. at Q.31.c.50.30, by an officer from the 5th A.F.A. Bde.
 It is especially important that liaison officers do all in their power to assist the Infantry in locating their position. All changes in the position of the front line will be notified immediately.
4. O.P's.
All normal O.P's will be manned during daylight. One O.P. per brigade will be manned day and night.
5. HARASSING FIRE.
75 rounds per battery will be expended during the hours of darkness on targets selected by Brigade Commanders.

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ORDER No.1 (Continued).

6. AMMUNITION.

200 rounds per gun and howitzer will be maintained at gun positions.

7. S.O.S. Lines will be notified from time to time.

8. Acknowledge.

E. Milford.

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

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4th Aust. D.A.		18
108th American Regt.		19
41st Bde. R.G.A.		20
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LEFT GROUP--2nd AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
October 13th 1918.

---ORDER No. 2. ---

Ref. Map-- 57B SE 1/20,000.

In view of further operations to take place at an early date-

1. 5th Aust. Div. Artillery.
 - (a). The 5th Aust. Div. Arty. will reinforce the Left Group tonight, October 13th/14th.
 - (b). The 14th A.F.A. Brigade will occupy positions to be selected by the Brigade Commander in Square Q.25. Batteries will be in action by 2200 October 13th.
 - (c). The 13th A.F.A. Brigade will remain in Mobile Reserve at Wagon Lines to be selected in V.15.
 - (d). The 5th Aust. D.A.C. will be located in the vicinity of V.14. and V.20.
 - (e). The 14th A.F.A. Brigade will be superimposed for S.O.S. purposes over the Group Front, but will fire only for registration and in case of S.O.S.
2. The 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. will move forward and occupy positions already selected in Squares Q.25.a. and Q.31.a. on the night October 13th/14th.
3. The 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades will remain in present positions subject to instructions issued to Brigade Commanders by the C.R.A. this morning.
4. Ammunition to be at gun positions on Zero Day is-

18-pdrs.	400 rounds per gun
4.5 Hows.	300 rounds per how.

 The dumping of ammunition will commence immediately.

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5. On completion of the operation referred to, the 5th Aust. Div. Arty. is to relieve the 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. and the 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. (less D.A.H.C.) is to relieve the 8th and 12th Army Brigades A.F.A.

6. Acknowledge.

E. J. ...
Major,
Act/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 1600 to

- 4th A.F.A. Bde. 1-6
- 5th A.F.A. Bde. 7-12
- 13th A.F.A. Bde. 13-18
- 14th A.F.A. Bde. 19-24
- 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. 25-30
- 2nd Aust. D.A.C. 31
- 2nd Aust. D.T.M.O. 32
- 5th Aust. D.A.C. 33
- 4th Aust. D.A. 34
- 41st Brigade R.G.A. 35
- 5th Aust. D.A. 36
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LEFT GROUP - 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
October 14th 1918.

ORDER No. 3.

Reference Map.
Sheet 62B 1/40,000.

1. RELIEFS & TRANSFER.

- (a) The 7th A.F.A. Bde. is relieving the 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. today the 14th inst. On relief the 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. is withdrawing to Wagon Lines.
- (b) At the same time the 13th A.F.A. Bde. is being transferred to the Right Group.

2. COMPOSITION OF LEFT GROUP.

With reference to the operations referred to in Group Order No. 2 of 13th inst., the Left Group will consist of :-

- 4th A.F.A. Bde. in action.
- 5th " " " "
- 7th " " " "
- 14th " " " "
- 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. in Mobile Reserve.

3. BOUNDARIES.

Probable boundaries will be :-
 N. Div. boundary Q. 22. d. C. C. - R. 9. central (approximately)
 S. Div. " W. 17. central - R. 36. b. C. C. "
 Inter-Group boundary W. 4. central - R. 21. d. C. C. "

4. FORWARD BATTERY POSITIONS.

- (a) Brigade Commanders will select positions from which batteries can place a barrage 300 yards beyond the general line R. 13. central - R. 20. c. C. C. - R. 32. c. C. C. Co-ordinates selected will be notified as soon as possible. Every endeavour will be made to utilize all hedges and natural cover in selecting positions.

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ORDER No.3 (Continued).SECRET.

5. Ammunition as in Order No.2 para.4 will be dumped at forward positions by 0400 October 16th 1918.
6. Brigades will move their guns to forward positions on night October 15th/16th under arrangements to be notified later.
7. No work visible to the enemy will be done during daylight on forward positions.
8. Acknowledge.

E. J. Wilford.

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

Issued at 1330 to

4th A.F.A. Bde.	By Special D.R.	1 - 6
5th " "	" " "	7 -12
7th " "	" " "	13 -18
14th " "	" " "	19 -24
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	" "	25 -30
2nd Aust. D.A.C.		31
2nd Aust. D.T.M.C.		32
4th Aust. D.A.		33
41st Bde. R.G.A.		34
106th American Regt.		35
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Spares		40 -45

4th A.F.A.Bde. 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. 14th A.F.A.Bde.

5th A.F.A.Bde. 108th American Regt.

App A22

SM.31.

14/10.

AAA

108th Regiment are raiding the enemy East of St.SOUPLET AAA 4th A.F.A. Bde. will support AAA Artillery start line Q.34.c.4.0. - Q.28.c.4.0.- remaining there 3 minutes then lifting due East for 6 lifts of 100 yards per 3 minutes and remaining on final line for 20 minutes AAA Rates of fire 3 rounds per gun per minute during creeping barrage and 1 round per gun per minute during standing AAA

Flank barrage will be put down by two batteries of 5th A.F.A.Bde. on line Q.28.d.6.0. - Q.28.c.1.9. at rate of 1 round per gun per minute AAA Zero hour 1600 14th October 1918 AAA Addsd 4th and 5th A.F.A.Bdes. reptd. 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. 14th A.F.A.Bde. and 108th Regiment.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Time 1525

E. M. [Signature]
Major,
Act. Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

APPENDIX A. 23.SECRET.
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.Headquarters,
October 16th 1918.

A.11/168/18.

4th A.F.A.Bde. ϕ
5th A.F.A.Bde. ϕ
7th A.F.A.Bde. ϕ
14th A.F.A.Bde. ϕ
4th Aust.D.A.

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Reference Map:- Sheet 57B. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. In order to inflict casualties on the enemy and to destroy his morale bombardments by the Left Group will take place today October 16th 1918 as stated below :-

Time.	Brigades.	Target	Ammunition.	Rates of Fire.
0800 - 0803	4th and 5th.	Standing Barrage from Q.34.a.51.90.- Q.34.c.67.00. (100 yards E. of river).	100% AX.	2 rounds per gun per minute.
0805	4th, 7th and 14th.	Trench Q.28.d.5.0. - Q.35.a.0.0.	100% A.	5 rounds gun fire.
0815	5th, 7th and 14th.	BANDIVAL Farm. Q.29.c.6.6. and vicinity.	60% A. 40% AX.	2 rounds gun fire.
1100	7th and 14th.	LA ROUX FARM R.19.a.9.9. and vicinity.	50% A. 50% AX.	5 rounds gun fire.
1105	4th and 5th	JOUC DE MER FARM R.25.b.5.8.	50% A. 50% AX.	5 rounds gun fire.

2. Matches will be synchronized from this office by
telephone.
3. Acknowledge.

L. H. Wilford
Major,
Act. Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Note : ϕ By Special D.R.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET.

Copy No. 34

Headquarters,
October 20th 1918.ORDER No. 161.Reference Maps:
Sheet 57B: 62B: 62C.
1/40,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery and 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A. will move on October 20th and 21st from the BUSIGNY Area to the PERONNE Area in accordance with March Table herewith, coming under command of R.A., IX Corps on arrival.
2. 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortar Brigade will move direct to PERONNE Area on 21st instant under arrangements to be notified by Staff Captain.
3. Separate instructions re transport, billeting parties and other details are being issued by Staff Captain.
4. The following distances will be maintained whilst on the march:-

Between Brigades and D.A.C.	500 yards,
Between Batteries or Sections of D.A.C.	100 yards,
Between Sections of Batteries	50 yards.
5. Attention is drawn to Fourth Army Standing Orders on March Discipline.
6. D.A.C. and first line wagons of Brigades will march out empty.
7. 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. will move with 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.
8. 2nd D.A.H.Q. closes at present location at 0800 on October 21st, reopening on arrival in PERONNE Area. Location will be notified later.
9. Acknowledge.

E. J. Milford

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

Issued at 0300 to:-

	Copies	No.			
4th A.F.A. Brigade	"	"	1 - 5	X	
5th "	"	"	6 - 10	X	
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	"	"	11 - 16	X	
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	"	"	17 - 20	X	
D.T.M.C.	"	"	21	X	
2nd Aust. Division	"	"	22		
3rd Aust. D.A.	"	"	23		
4th " "	"	"	24		
5th " "	"	"	25		
R.A., II American Corps	"	"	26		
H.A., " "	"	"	27		
Area Commandant, PERONNE	"	"	28		
20th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"	29	X	
S.O. 2nd Aust Div. Troops	"	"	30		
R.A. IX Corps	"	"	31		X By Special D.R.
D.A.D.P.S. II American Corps	"	"	32		
File	"	"	33		
War Diary			34 - 36		
Spaces			37 - 41		

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SECRET.

MARCH TABLE ACCOMPANYING 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 161 OF 20th OCTOBER 1918.

SERIAL No.	DATE	UNIT.	FROM	TO	ROUTE.	STARTING POINT.	STARTING TIME.
1	20/10/1918.	4th A.F.A. Bde.	BUSIGNY	VILLERET	MARETZ - ESTREES - BELLICOURT.	X-roads U.21.d.6.9. (Sheet 57B).	1030
2	do.	5th A.F.A. Bde.	do.	TEMPLEUX-LE-GUERARD.	do.	do.	1110
3	do.	12th Army Bde. A.F.A. & B.A.C.	do.	HARGICOURT	do.	do.	1150
4	do.	2nd Aust. D.A.C.	do.	HARGICOURT	do.	do.	1240
5	21/10/1918.	5th A.F.A. Bde.	TEMPLEUX-LE-GUERARD.	PERONNE Area.	ROISEL - TINCOURT-DOINGT.	X-roads K.12.d.2.4. (Sheet 62C).	0930
6	do.	12th Army Bde. A.F.A. & B.A.C.	HARGICOURT	do.	do.	do.	1010
7	do.	2nd Aust. D.A.C.	HARGICOURT	do.	do.	do.	1100
8	do.	4th A.F.A. Bde.	VILLERET.	do.	do.	do.	1140

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War diary

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Copy No. 16

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.Headquarters,
October 23rd 1918.INSTRUCTIONS No.25.

1. Guns and Howitzers will be sent to Fourth Army Calibration Range for calibration on the following days :-
October 24th 4th A.F.A.Bde.
October 25th 5th A.F.A.Bde.
2. The Headquarters of the Calibration Section is situated at the Cross Roads at G.16. central between SUZANNE and ECLUSIER.
3. In each Brigade the first battery will report at the range at 0930, and the remainder at intervals of 1 hour. The howitzer battery will be the last to arrive.
As it may not be possible to complete the calibration of each brigade in one day, howitzer batteries will take rations, forage and blankets.
4. At least one officer, one fitter and limber gunners will accompany the guns of each battery. Memorandum of Examination and all Stores required to maintain the guns in action will be taken.

J. H. H. H.
Major,
Act. Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Artv.

Issued at	to
4th A.F.A.Bde.	1 - 5
5th A.F.A.Bde.	6 - 10
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	11
R.A. Aust. Corps.	12
M.A. IX Corps	13
G.C. 4th Army Calib- -ration Range	14
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War Diary	16 - 18
Spares	19 - 25

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.SECRET.

Copy No. 35

Headquarters,

October 28th 1918.

ORDER No. 162.

Reference Map:
Amiens - Sheet 17.
1/100,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery and 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. will move on October 29th and October 30th from the PERONNE area to the ALLONVILLE area in accordance with March Table attached.
2. The 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Mortar Batteries will move direct to the ALLONVILLE area on October 29th under arrangements to be notified by the Staff Captain.
3. Separate instructions are being issued by the Staff Captain.
4. The following distances will be maintained on the March -

Between Brigades and D.A.C.	500 yards.
Between Batteries Sections of D.A.C.	100 yards.
Between Sections of Batteries	50 yards.
5. Attention is drawn to A.R.O. 2039 - MARCH DISCIPLINE.
6. 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. will move with 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
7. On arrival in the ALLONVILLE area 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. and 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. will be administered by the Australian Corps.
8. 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. closes at PERONNE at 0900 October 29th, re-opening at ALLONVILLE on arrival.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. J. Milford

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

Issued at 2130 to
Distribution :

4th A.F.A. Bde.	1	-	6	S.O. 2nd Aust. Div. Troops	28
5th A.F.A. Bde.	7	-	12	20th Coy. A.A.S.C.	29
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	13	-	18	Area Comm'dt. PERONNE	30
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	19	-	21	" " BRAY	31
2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.			22	" " AMIENS	32
2nd Aust. Div.			23	D.A.D.P.S. IX Corps	33
Aust. Corps.			24	File	34
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R.A. IX Corps.			27		

MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 162 ISSUED
28th OCTOBER 1918.

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SERIAL No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	STARTING POINT	STARTING TIME.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
1	29th Octr.	4th AFA. Bde.	HAUT-ALLAINES.	BRAY	X-roads I.L.10.51.	0930	CLERY - MARI-COURT. X-road I.J.11.71.	
2	do.	12th Army Bde. AFA.	DRIEN-COURT.	BRAY	do.	1010	do.	Not to enter HAUT-ALLAINES till cleared by 4th A.F.A. Bde.
3	do.	2nd Aust. D.A.C.	COUR-CELLES.	CAPPY.	Branch road I.L.76.05.	0900	PERONNE - BIACHES - HERBECOURT.	
4	do.	5th AFA. Bde.	BUIRE	CAPPY	do.	0940	do.	Not to enter COUR-CELLES till cleared by 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
5	30th Octr.	12th Army Bde. AFA.	BRAY	ALLOWVILLE Area.	X-roads I.H.54.24.	1000	CORBIE - QUERRIEU	
6	do.	4th AFA. Bde.	BRAY	do.	do.	1045	do.	
7	do.	5th AFA. Bde.	CAPPY	ALLOWVILLE Area.	X-roads I.H.54.24.	1125	BRAY - CORBIE - QUERRIEU.	Not to enter BRAY till cleared by 4th A.F.A. Bde.
8	do.	2nd Aust. D.A.C.	do.	do.	do.	1205	do.	

APPENDIX

A. B.

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To R.A. Aust. Corps.

App B1

R.O.167

3.

AAA

S. Wire. AAA Barrage opened at Zero hour in support Inf. advance
 AAA At 0745 reported that BEAUREVOIR system had been taken by two
 battalions and at 0815 another battalion had crossed high ground
 in B.22. AAA Hostile shelling light between Zero and 0730 when it
 ceased AAA Later however light shelling vicinity BELLICOURT AAA
 0820 Our troops held up for a time by M.G. in B.27.c. but overcome
 shortly AAA Line was established E. of BEAUREVOIR but at 1050 counter
 attack reported and our men driven W. of VILLAGE. S.O.S. fired AAA
 Advanced sections during day engaged all targets AAA At 1420 enemy
 seen installing gun at B.3. central AAA Passed to H.A. AAA Target
 nest of M.G. GUISENCOURT FARM (T.27.c.) also to H.A. Infantry asked
 for intermittent fire on this farm T.M. also located here.

From 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray Lieut.,
R.O. 2nd Aust. D.A.

To R.A. Aust. Corps.

App B2

R.O.171

4th.

AAA

S. Wire. AAA Barrage at 0600 Support Infantry attack AAA Light
 hostile retaliation on forward area five minutes after zero AAA
 6th A.I. Bde. advanced but 25th Div. Infantry were held up AAA
 0810 enemy reported massing B.9.d.1.9. and barrage was put down
 by Left Group AAA 1145 25th D.A. reported Infantry advancing on
 PONCHAUX but held up again and 4.5" how. battery put on B.12.c.0.4.
 AAA 1525 enemy reported entering BEAUREVOIR from N. and N.E. and
 left flank of DEVONS obscure AAA H.A. informed AAA Batteries
 moved forward this evening and re-grouping of Brigades taking
 place AAA 15cm gun fired intermittently vicinity TEMPLEUX-LE
 -GUERARD 2 guns AAA

From 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray Lieut.,
R.O. 2nd Aust. D.A.To R.A. Aust. Corps.
R.A. 7th Corps.

App B3

5th.

AAA

Intelligence wire AAA Barrage opened 0600 in support Infantry
 attack AAA Prior to zero hour battery and forward areas fairly
 heavily shelled but reply to our barrage feeble AAA Message timed
 0700 stated our Infantry in MONTBREHAIN and message 0830 stated
 R. Battalion on objective L. Battalion well forward and in touch AAA
 Batteries actively dealt with movement during day AAA At 1720 enemy
 reported massing at B.30.b.7.3. C.19.d. and C.25.b. and dealt with.

From 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray Lieut.,
R.O. 2nd Aust. D.A.

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To. R.A. 2nd American Corps.

APPENDIX A

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App B7

R.O. 181

6.

AAA

Intelligence wire AAA Harassing fire during night 5th/6th
 AAA Batteries actively engaged movement AAA at 1600 dumps at
 MERICOURT and BEAUREGARD (I.16.c.) exploded AAA T.M. on DOON HILL
 shelled and reported silenced AAA During day parties of twos and
 threes were seen to go East from MANNEQUIN HILL AAA Enemy Arty.
 AAA H.17.d. lightly shelled 10.5 cm between 0800 and 0830 and
 again 1020 to 1035 AAA 1400 to 1430 heavy fire on H.30.c. and d.
 H.28.d. H.17.c. and d and H.18. AAA 1600 to 1630 40 rounds Blue
 Cross gas on H.18.c. h.17.d. AAA Visibility low to medium

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray Lieut.,
R.O. 2nd Aust.D.A.

To R.A. 2nd American Corps.

App B85

R.O. 192

7.

AAA

S. Wire AAA Barrage by 3 Brigades opened at 0515 in support
 Infantry attack AAA Infantry met little resistance and made
 objective except on extreme Left in B.17. where M.G. troublesome AAA
 Practically no retaliatory fire AAA Throughout day our Arty. engaged
 hostile M.G's in B.18. AAA Enemy reported in numbers on high ground
 B.18.b. and d. and S.O.S. at slow rate was put down at request of
 Left Regiment AAA Enemy shelled high ground in B.23.d. B.24.c. B.30.--
 desultory fire AAA 1715 Enemy shelling reported practically ceased AAA

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray Lieut.,
2nd Aust.D.A.

To R.A. 2nd American Corps.

App B6

R.O. 195

8.

AAA

S. Wire AAA Creeping Barrage by ten brigades opened 0510 in support
 Infantry attack AAA Infantry advanced to RED line and subsequently
 to exploitation GREEN line AAA Slight retaliation during barrage
 principally scattered harassing fire directed against valleys AAA
 G.23. intermittently shelled by 10.5" cm gun and MONTBREHAIN H.17.
 and H. by 7.7 cm and 10.5 cm during morning AAA Two artillery
 Brigades exploited forward Captured guns were turned on retreating
 enemy with effect AAA GREEN line consolidated AAA Enemy planes
 active AAA At 1430 large flight Enemy Aeroplanes flew over I.1. AAA
 1345 large fire or dump burning direction LE CATEAU AAA At least
 1400 prisoners and two batteries 10.5 cm captured.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray, Lieut.,
R.O. 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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To R.A. 2nd American Corps.

R.O. 198

10.

AAA

S. Wire AAA Attack at 0530 supported by barrage AAA Infantry advanced to ST.SOUPLET meeting fairly heavy resistance on right at VAUX ANDIGNY AAA Opposition principally from M.G. some enemy Artillery fired over open sights E. of VAUX ANDIGNY AAA During early afternoon Infantry experienced heavy artillery fire T.M's were used from ST.MARTIN-RIVRE but our advanced sections dealt with these AAA During afternoon hostile batteries reported active from E.10. and W.22.c. AAA Report 2130 gives line W.2.central - ~~W.19.c.8.0.~~ W.7.d.5.0. - W.13.central - W.19.central - W.19.c.8.0. - W.25.b.6.6. AAA On left approx. Q.21.central. Q.27.central AAA Batteries moved forward AAA Civilians told interpreter enemy has been employing civilian labour building line LE CATEAU - St.BENIN - ST.SOUPLET.

From 2nd Aust.D.A.

Signed J.W. Murray, Lieut.,
R.O. 2nd Aust.D.A.

To R.A. 2nd American Corps.

App B 8

R.O. 199.

11.

AAA

S. Wire AAA Our Artillery carried out harassing fire from midnight to 0500 AAA Barrage in support Infantry attack opened at 0530 AAA Enemy Arty. very aggressive all night both forward and rear areas receiving attention AAA ESCAUFORT and road to ST.SOUPLET shelled by 10.5 cm and 7.7 cm from direction R.25. AAA Much individual movement seen at BAUDIVAL (Q.29.c) road Q.23.d. and at farm Q.29.b. AAA Enemy appear to be holding this ridge strongly AAA SELLE RIVER between ST.SOUPLET and ST.BENIN reported practically dry.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray Lieut.,
R.O., 2nd Aust.D.A.

To. 4th Aust.D.A.

App B9

R.O. 202

12.

AAA

Intelligence AAA Our Arty. harassing fire and area shoots AAA Enemy arty. very aggressive Q.33. W.2. W.3. ESCAUFORT receiving attention with salvos 7.7 cm and 10.5 cm intermittently AAA At 1635 heavy shelling of Q.32. and vicinity lasting about 15 minutes hostile attack reported no particulars AAA Visibility Low little aircraft activity.

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray, Lieut.,
R.O., 2nd Aust.D.A.

To 4th Aust.D.A.

app B 10

R.O. 206

13.

AAA

Intelligence AAA Our Artillery conducted harassing fire during night
 Railway embankment BAUDIVAL FARM and Farm at Q.29.b.2.8. being targets.
 AAA Good deal movement engaged during period AAA Enemy shelling less
 active ESCAUFORT PROYART WOOD BUSIGNY harassed by 10.5 cm and 7.7 cm
 at night AAA One 21 cm how from long range occasionally shelled W.7.
 and V.12. AAA ESCAUFORT received attention from 15 cm during day.
 ST.SOUPLET also shelled AAA Our planes fairly active AAA Enemy
 Aeroplanes nil. AAA Visibility low AAA

From 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Signed J.W. Murray Lieut.,
 R.O. 2nd Aust.D.A.

APPENDIX

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