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| BOUVEL-<br>INGHEM. | 1st<br>3rd<br>4th |              | -Nothing of interest to report.<br>Location of all units as per Loc. Statem't dated 28/3/18. C.R.A., Bde-Major & Staff-Captain visited 3rd Aust.Div.Arty.H.Q. at RAVELSBERG.  | App.E.1                              |
| "                  | 4th               | 9pm          | Order issued for move of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. & 20th Coy.A.A.S.C. from ALQUINES to MERRIS Area on 8th, 9th & 10th.(Order No 80).  | App.A.1                              |
| "                  | 5th               |              | Admin. Instructions for move of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty., plus 20th Coy.A.A.S.C., from ALQUINES to MERRIS AREA issued.(Admin.Memo. 39 of 5/3/18). Lt-Col. F. O'MAHONY returned from a course of Instruction at SHOEBURYNNESS and resumed command of 5th A.F.A.Bde.  | App.G.1                              |
| "                  | 6th               | 9am          | Recommendations for KING'S BIRTHDAY HONORS DESPATCH 1918 submitted to 2nd Aust.Div.<br>Orders and Instrns.(Admin) for relief of 3rd Aust.Div.Arty. in line on 11th & 12th insts. by 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. issued.(Order 81 & Admin.Memo.40).<br>Major-Gen. N. SMYTH, V.C.,C.B., G.O.C. 2nd Aust.Div., visited H.Q., 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. | App.I<br>App.G.2<br>App.A.3          |
| "                  | 8th               | 5pm          | Units of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. completed the first stage of the move to MERRIS Area and staged for the night in ELNES Area.  |                                      |
| BAILLEUL)          | 9th               | 10am<br>5 pm | H.Q., 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. closed at BOUVELINGHEM and opened at 28 Rue de LILLE, BAILLEUL at 3 pm.<br>Units of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. completed the second portion of move and staged at RENESCURE Area. Owing to accommodation originally allotted to 2nd Aust.D.A.C. at CAMPAGNE not being available this unit staged in ARQUES.          |                                      |
| BAILLEUL           | 10th              |              | Location of all Units as per Location Statement.  | App.E.2                              |
| "                  | 11th              | 2pm          | Relief of One section per Battery of 3rd Aust.Div.Arty. by One section per Battery of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. completed.   |                                      |
| "                  | 12th              | 11am         | BAILLEUL was shelled by a 9.45" H.V. Gun from the direction of WERVICQ. Four shells fell in the vicinity of the Town Square.  |                                      |
| "                  | "                 | Noon         | Relief of 3rd Aust.D.A.C. by 2nd Aust.D.A.C. completed.   |                                      |
| "                  | "                 | 3pm          | Relief of remaining 2 sections per Battery of 3rd Aust.D.A. completed. H.Q. 7th & 8th A.F.A.Bdes (3rd Aust.D.A.) were also relieved at this time by H.Q. of 5th & 4th A.F.A.Bdes(2nd Aust.D.A.) respectively.   |                                      |
| "                  | "                 |              |   |                                      |

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| BAILLEUL   | 12th | 3pm    | 3rd Aust.Div. Trench Mortar Bties were also relieved in the line by 2nd Aust.Div.T.M.Bties.   | ac                                   |
|            | "    | "      | Exchange of Wagon Lines between units of 3rd and 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. effected.   |                                      |
| BAILLEUL   | 13th |        | Instruction No 12 issued, indicating work on Forward and Second(or Corps) Zone which is to be put in hand and carried out by Batteries.   | App.B.1                              |
| RAVELSBERG | "    | 10am   | Brig-Gen.O.F.PHILLIPS,DSO.,and H.Q. 2nd Aust.D.A. relieved Brig-Gen.H.W. GRIMWADE,C.M.G. and H.Q.,3rd Aust.D.A. in "A" Div. Sector, AUST. CORPS, and H.Q. 2nd Aust.D.A. closed at 28 Rue de LILLE, BAILLEUL and opened at RAVELSBERG.   | ac                                   |
|            | "    | 11am   | A curious phenomenon in the shape of a huge incomplete oval of what appeared to be Cirrus Cloud was apparent at this hour and remained visible <del>at this hour</del> for several hours, being quite stationary. The cause could not be ascertained, but may have been the result of a trail of smoke left by a hostile plane, which was active at the time. | ac                                   |
| "          | 14th |        | Instructions No 13, outlining general policy of Artillery in "A" Div. Sector, AUST.CORPS; use of chemical shell; Anti-tank defence and Mobile Battery was issued to all units.  | App.B.2                              |
| "          | "    | 3.30am | 15th A.I.Bde, 5th Aust.Div., carried out two successful raids. Left Group, Right Div.Arty., assisted by creating a diversion at Zero hour.  |                                      |
| "          | 15th | 10.7pm | 38th Division(on our Right)carried out a successful raid on enemy trenches. Right Group, Right Div.Arty. co-operated with four 4.5" Hows. which bombarded T.M's, M.G's & Coy.H.Q.   | ac                                   |
| "          | 16th |        | Capt. R.C. OSBORNE,MC., Staff-Captain, proceeded to U.K. on 14 days ordinary leave of absence. During his absence, his duties to be performed by Lieut.J.S. SMITH,(Staff-Captain Trainee).  | ac                                   |
| "          | 17th |        | Two 15-Pdrs.B.L.C. Guns emplaced in Left Group Sector for defence against Tanks. These are manned by specially trained personnel from 2nd Aust.D.A.C. Locations of all units as per Location Statement.   | ac                                   |
| "          | 18th |        | Amendment to Right Div. Arty.DEFENCE SCHEME (issued by 3rd Aust.D.A. 10/3/18) issued.   | App.F.1                              |
| "          | 19th | 8 pm   | Orders (No 82) for Artillery Co-operation with 18th Battn. in a raid to be carried out by the (latter   | App.A.4                              |
| "          | 20th |        | Further amendments to Right Div. Arty. DEFENCE SCHEME of 10/3/18, issued.   | App.F.2                              |
| "          | 21st | 3.45am | Raid on enemy trenches carried out by 18th Battn was unsuccessful as enemy had previously evacuated that portion of trenches to be raided. We sustained   | ac                                   |

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| RAVELSBERG | 21st | 4.30 /<br>7 am | Enemy heavily bombarded battery areas in U.l.c.& d., U.14.,U.20. and 21. with about 8000 Gas shell of 7.7, 10.5 & 15cm and succeeded in gassing 01 Officer (Capt.R. COLLINGS,MC.) and 36 O.R. of 10th Battery,4th A.F.A.Bde., and 2 O.R. M.T.M.Bties. Lt.C.A.AMBLER & 14 O.R. of M.T.M.Bties were also gassed but were not evacuated until the 22nd inst. This concentration was the worst that the Div. Artillery had yet experienced.                                  | Cc                                   |
| "          | 22nd | 8 pm           | Orders for a Gas bombardment of enemy hutments and dugouts issued (Order 83).<br>Location of units as per Location Statement dated 19/3/18.  | Cc<br>App.A.5<br>App.E.5             |
| "          | 23rd |                | Work of improving all positions in various zones; marking of Reinforcing & Corps Line positions O.P's, etc. continued.   | Cc                                   |
| "          | 24th |                | Lt-Col.F. O'MAHONY, Cmdg.5th A.F.A.Bde. struck off strength on transfer to A.I.F.H.Q.,LONDON, for return to Australia for termination of appointment.  | Cc                                   |
| "          | "    | 12.30pm        | Major (T/Lt-Col.) H.W. RIGGALL,D.S.O. appointed to command 5th A.F.A.Bde.vice O'MAHONY.<br>(Part II Order 207 of 26/3/18)  | Cc                                   |
| "          | "    | 12.30pm        | Orders issued for Artillery co-operation by Right Group with 38th Division in a raid to be carried out at alater date by that Division.  | App.A.7                              |
| "          | 26th | 10am           | C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Div., took over Artillery responsibility for an additional portion of the Aust.Corps front which was held up to this time by the 5th Aust.DIV. 6th Army Bde.Aust.F.A. Bde. were attached to 2nd Aust.D.A. and comprised, with 49th, 50th, 55th & 113th Batteries (all of 5th Aust.D.A.) the Left Group, Right Div.Arty., under Lt-Col.H.E.COHEN,CMG.,DSO. The Batteries of 5th Aust.D.A. which are attached are superimposed over the Left Group front. | Cc<br>App.A.8                        |
| "          | 27th |                | Warning Order for relief of 2nd Aust.Div.(less Artillery) which is likely to take place at an early date, issued. Information as to whether the 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.is to be relieved is not at present available.   | Cc                                   |
| "          | 29th |                | Locations of units as per Statement No 4 dated 26/3/18.  | Cc App.E.6                           |
| "          | 30th |                | Lt-Col.W.J.S. DAVIDSON,DSO.,VD., Cmdg. 2nd Aust.D.A.U. was struck off strength on transfer to A.I.F. H.Q., LONDON, for return to Australia. Major J. RAY, DSO., O.C.,13th Bty., transferred  | Cc                                   |
|            |      |                | and to command 2nd Aust.D.A.C.   |                                      |

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| Place      | Date | Hour |  |                                      |
| RAVELSBERG | 31st |      | <p>Right Div. Arty. AUST. CORPS, DEFENCE SCHEME issued to all concerned.</p> <p>ORDER 88 - Relief of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. in the line by Artillery of 19th and 25th Divisions and March Tables for move to MERRIS Area issued to all concerned.</p> <p>Major C.A. CALLAGHAN, DSO., taken on strength and posted to command of 4th A.F.A. Bde. vice Lt-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR, DSO., who is being transferred to A.A.M.C.</p> | <p>App. F3</p> <p>App. A.10</p>      |

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APPENDIX.

OF  
HEADQUARTERS

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

FOR

MARCH, 1918

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Headquarters,  
4th March, 1918.

Reference Maps-  
HAZEBROUCK 5A, ) 1/100,000.  
CALAIS 13. )

1. The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will move on February 8th, 9th, and 10th from the ALQUINES Area to the MERRIS Area in accordance with March Table herewith.
2. Separate instructions regarding move of the Trench Mortars, Brigade, and other details, are being issued by the Staff-Captain.
3. The following distances will be strictly observed on the march:-  

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Between Brigades and D.A.C. . . . . .             | 500 yards, |
| Between Batteries or Sections of D.A.C. . . . . . | 100 "      |
| Between Sections of Batteries . . . . .           | 50 "       |
4. 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. will move with 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
5. Special attention is drawn to A.R.O. 1726 of Feb. 10th, reference carrying of white discs on vehicles.
6. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Headquarters will close at BOUVELINGHEM at 10 am on March 9th, reopening at No 50 Rue de LILLE, BAILLEUL, on arrival there.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G. C. C.* Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 9 pm to :-

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| 4th A.F.A.Bdo.             | 1 - 5   |
| 5th A.F.A.Bdo.             | 6 - 10  |
| 2nd Aust.D.A.C.            | 11 - 14 |
| D.T.M.O.                   | 15      |
| Signal Officer             | 16      |
| Staff-Captain,             | 17      |
| 2nd Aust.Div.              | 18      |
| Aust.Corps                 | 19      |
| R.A., Aust.Corps           | 20      |
| H.A., Aust.Corps           | 21      |
| Area C'mdt. ALQUINES       | 22      |
| ELNES                      | 23      |
| RENESECURE                 | 24      |
| MERRIS                     | 25      |
| 3rd Aust.D.A.              | 26      |
| D.A.D.P.S.                 | 27      |
| S.O., 2nd Aust.Div.Troops. | 28      |
| 20th Coy., A.A.S.C.        | 29      |
| File                       | 30      |
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MARCH TABLE ACCOMPANYING 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No 80 of 4th MARCH, 1918

| SERIAL | DATE      | UNIT               | FROM                | TO                    | ROUTE  | STARTING POINT                            | STARTING TIME | REMARKS   |
|--------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---------------|---|
| 1      | March 8th | 2nd Aust D.A.C.    | REBERGUES           | REMILLY-WIROUIN       | "T" Rd. Junction CALAIS 3.F.93.15-QUERCAMP-LUMBRES | "T" Rd. Junction at HAZEBROUCK 3.A.02.11. | 8.25am        |   |
| 2      | "         | 4th A.F.A. Brigade | JOURNY              | WAVRANS               | QUERCAMP-LUMBRES                                   | do.                                       | 9.10am        |   |
| 3      | "         | 5th A.F.A. Brigade | ALQUINES            | ELNES                 | HARLETTES-LUMBRES                                  | Rd. Junction at HAZEBROUCK 4.A.01.80      | 9.50am        | Head of column not to pass X-Rds at LUMBRES (4.B.43.51) till cleared by 4th A.F.A. Bde H'K. |
| 4      | 9th       | 2nd Aust. D.A.C.   | REMILLY-WIROUIN     | CAMPAGNE              | WIZERNES-ARQUES                                    | X-Rds. at HAZ'K 4.C.36.11                 | 9.15am        | To clear WIZERNES by 10.50am  |
| 5      | "         | 5th A.F.A. Brigade | ELNES               | RENESECURE-EBBLINCHEM | LUMBRES-WIZERNES-ARQUES                            | Rd. Jnctn. at H'K 4B.45.41                | 9.30am        | Head of column not to enter WIZERNES till cleared by 2nd D.A.C.                             |
| 6      | "         | 4th A.F.A. Brigade | WAVRANS             | LA CROSSE-LE NIEPPE   | do. do.  | do.                                       | 10.10am       |   |
| 7      | 10th      | 5th A.F.A. Brigade | RENESECURE-EBBL'HEM | MERRIS Area           | HAZEBROUCK-PRADELLES                               | X-Rds at HAZ'K 4.F.10.78.                 | 9 am          |   |
| 8      | "         | 4th A.F.A. Brigade | LA CROSSE-LE NIEPPE | do                    | HAZEBROUCK-BORNE.                                  | do  | 9.40am        |   |
| 9      | "         | 2nd Aust. D.A.C.   | CAMPAGNE            | do                    | HAZEBROUCK-PRADELLES                               | do  | 10.20am       |   |

APPENDIX. A/



APPENDIX. *A2*



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AMENDMENT NO. 2  
to  
2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 80.  
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SECRET.

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Headquarters,  
March 7th 1918.

In consequence of a change in billeting area of  
2nd Aust. D. A. C. on night March 9th/10th., the following  
amendments are made to March Table:-

1. Serial 4. (a). Column "To":- "CAMPAGNE" should read "ARQUES".  
(b). Starting Time:- "9.15 am" should read "11.30am".  
(c). Delete contents of column "Remarks" and substitute "Head of column not to enter WIZERNES till cleared by 4th A.F.A. Ede."
2. Serial 5. Delete contents of column "Remarks".

NOTE. Billets in all cases must be cleared by 10 am daily.

DISTRIBUTION-

To all recipients of  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
Order No. 80.

*W. G. Selwyn* <sup>ca 18</sup>  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty..

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Ref. Map: HAZ'K, 1/100,000.

Headquarters,  
6th March, 1918.

1. The 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. will relieve the 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. in "A" (Right) Sector, AUST. CORPS front, between March 11th and 13th, as follows:-

| Serial | Relief of                               | By                                | Date              | Time    |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1      | Right Group HQ.<br>(7th A.P.A. Bde HQ.) | 5th A.P.A. Bde HQ.                | March 12          | 3 pm    |
| 2      | 26th Battery                            | 14th Battery                      | Mar. 11 (1 Sectn) | 2 pm    |
| 3      | 107th How. Bty.                         | 105th How. Bty.<br>(Less 1 Sectn) | 12 (2 " )         | 2 pm    |
|        |   |                                   | 11 (1 " )         | 2 pm    |
|        |   |                                   | 12 (1 " )         | 2 pm    |
| 4      | Left Group HQ.<br>(8th A.P.A. Bde HQ.)  | 4th A.P.A. Bde HQ.                | " 12              | 3 pm    |
| 5      | 25th Battery                            | 13th Battery                      | " 11 (1 Sectn)    | 2 pm    |
|        |   |                                   | " 12 (2 " )       | 2 pm    |
| 6      | 27th "                                  | 15th "                            | " do.             | "       |
| 7      | 29th "                                  | 10th "                            | " do.             | "       |
| 8      | 30th "                                  | 11th "                            | " do.             | "       |
| 9      | 31st "                                  | 12th "                            | " do.             | "       |
| 10     | 108th How. Bty.                         | 104th How. Bty.                   | " do.             | "       |
| 11     | 3rd Aust. D.A.C.                        | 2nd Aust. D.A.C.                  | Mar. 12           | 12 noon |
| 12     | 3rd Aust. D.T.M. Bties.                 | 2nd Aust. D.T.M. Bties.           | "                 | 3 pm    |

(Location statement will be issued later).

2. Wagon Lines will be exchanged on March, 12th. The 2nd Aust Div. Arty. units will take over respective wagon lines of outgoing batteries. Move of wagon lines will be as follows:-

| Serial | Unit             | Starting Point                    | Starting Time | Route          |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1      | 4th A.P.A. Bde.  | Rd. Junction at HAZE'K 4.J.01.72. | 9.45am        | Via LA CRECHE  |
| 2      | 5th A.P.A. Bde.  | Rd. Junction at HAZE'K 4.H.71.37. | 10 am         | Via STEINWERC. |
| 3      | 2nd Aust. D.A.C. | X-Rds. at HAZE'K. 4.I.86.59.      | 10.30am       | Via LA CRECHE  |

3. Guns will be taken over "in situ" by relieving batteries in accordance with G.P.C. 3202 of Jan. 17th, 1918. In order to take over guns, outgoing batteries are sending back on March 11th parties of 1 officer and 4 o.r. per battery to wagon lines of relieving batteries.

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4. Relieving batteries will send up advanced parties of 2 officers and 3 telephonists to arrive at respective Bty. positions by 12 noon, March 12th.
5. The Staff-Captain will issue instructions re transport for dismounted personnel from the MERRIS area to the line on March 11th and 12th.
6. All aeroplane photographs, maps, artillery boards, defence schemes and correspondence dealing with the front will be taken over by relieving batteries.
7. Completion of reliefs will be notified by wire to 2nd D.A.H.Q. by code words:-
 

|            |   |        |
|------------|---|--------|
| March 11th | - | MARS,  |
| 12th       | - | VENUS. |
8. All other details of relief not specified in this order will be arranged mutually between O's. C. concerned.
9. Command of the Artillery of "A" Div'l. Sector will pass from C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division to C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, at 10 am on March 13th, at which time H.Q., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. will close in BAILLEUL and open at RAVELSBERG.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ch. Lowe*

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

Issued at 9 am to:-

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| 4th A.F.A.Bde.       | 1 - 5   |
| 5th A.F.A.Bde.       | 6 - 10  |
| 2nd Aust.D.A.C.      | 11 - 14 |
| D.T.M.O.             | 15      |
| 2nd Aust.Div.        | 16 - 19 |
| Aust. Corps          | 20      |
| R.A., Aust. Corps,   | 21      |
| H.A., Aust. Corps    | 22      |
| C.B.S.O.             | 23      |
| 3rd Squadr. A.F.C.   | 24      |
| 6th K.B. Coy.        | 25      |
| Area C'mdt, MERRIS.  | 26      |
| 3rd Aust.D.A.        | 27      |
| 5th Aust.D.A.        | 28      |
| Left D: A.XV Corps   | 29      |
| 20th Coy. A.A.S.C.   | 30      |
| D.A.D.P.S.           | 31      |
| S.O. 2nd A.D. Troops | 32      |
| Staff-Captain        | 33      |
| Sig. Officer         | 34      |
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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No. *27*.....SECRET.--- ORDER No. *82*. ---  
-----Headquarters,  
19th March 1918.

## Reference Map-

BAS WARNETON )  
(Edition 1C) ) 1/10,000.

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified later, the 18th Battalion will carry out a raid on a centre of hostile patrol activity near PONT ROUGE (U.29.b.).
2. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. will co-operate in accordance with attached traces which show the action for Phases I and II. Heavy Artillery are also co-operating as shown on the traces, and are doing counter-battery work.
3. All fire will cease at ZERO plus 17 minutes unless specially requested by Infantry.
4. (a). Ammunition for 18-pdrs. :- 50% A ; 50% AX.  
(b). Rates of fire -

| Per gun per minute. |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Zero to Plus 8      | Plus 8 to Plus 17. |

|                |   |       |   |       |
|----------------|---|-------|---|-------|
| 18-pdrs.....   | 3 | ..... | 2 | ..... |
| 4.5" Hows..... | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... |
| 6" T.M.'s..... | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... |

5. Arrangements for synchronization of watches will be notified later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at...*8*...P.M. to

|                         |       |                          |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Right Group.            | 1-3   |                          |
| Left Group.             | 4-10  |                          |
| D.T.M.O.                | 11-13 |                          |
| 2nd Aust. Div.          | 14    |                          |
| 5th A.I. Bde.           | 15    |                          |
| 6th A.I. Bde.           | 16    | ∅                        |
| R.A., Aust. Corps.      | 17    |                          |
| H.A., Aust. Corps.      | 18    |                          |
| C.B.S.O.                | 19    | (H.A. Aust. Corps H.A.). |
| 38th D.A.               | 20    | ∅                        |
| 5th Aust. D.A.          | 21    | ∅                        |
| Sigs. 2nd Aust. D.A.    | 22    | ∅                        |
| S.C.R.A. 2nd Aust. D.A. | 23    | ∅                        |
| File.                   | 24    |                          |
| War Diary.              | 25-27 |                          |

Note.-- ∅ No trace.  
attached.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

APPENDIX. *A4*

AMENDMENT No 1 to

SECRETSECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 82H.Q., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
20th March, 1918.Ref. Map: as for Order 82

1. Reference Traces I & II accompanying above Order, task of 14th Bty. from Zero to Zero plus 17 will be:-  
"U.29.b.95.95. to U.30.a.30.45."  
and not as shown in green on traces.
2. Acknowledge.

Issued to:-

Rt. Group, (2).  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
2nd Aust. Div. "G".  
R.A., Aust. Corps,  
File,  
War Diary.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

APPENDIX. *A4*



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

2<sup>nd</sup> AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
A12/20/1.  
ARTILLERY

Headquarters,  
20th March 1918.

Reference 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery Order No. 82 of 19th  
March 1918.

Operation will take place on night 20th/21st March 1918.

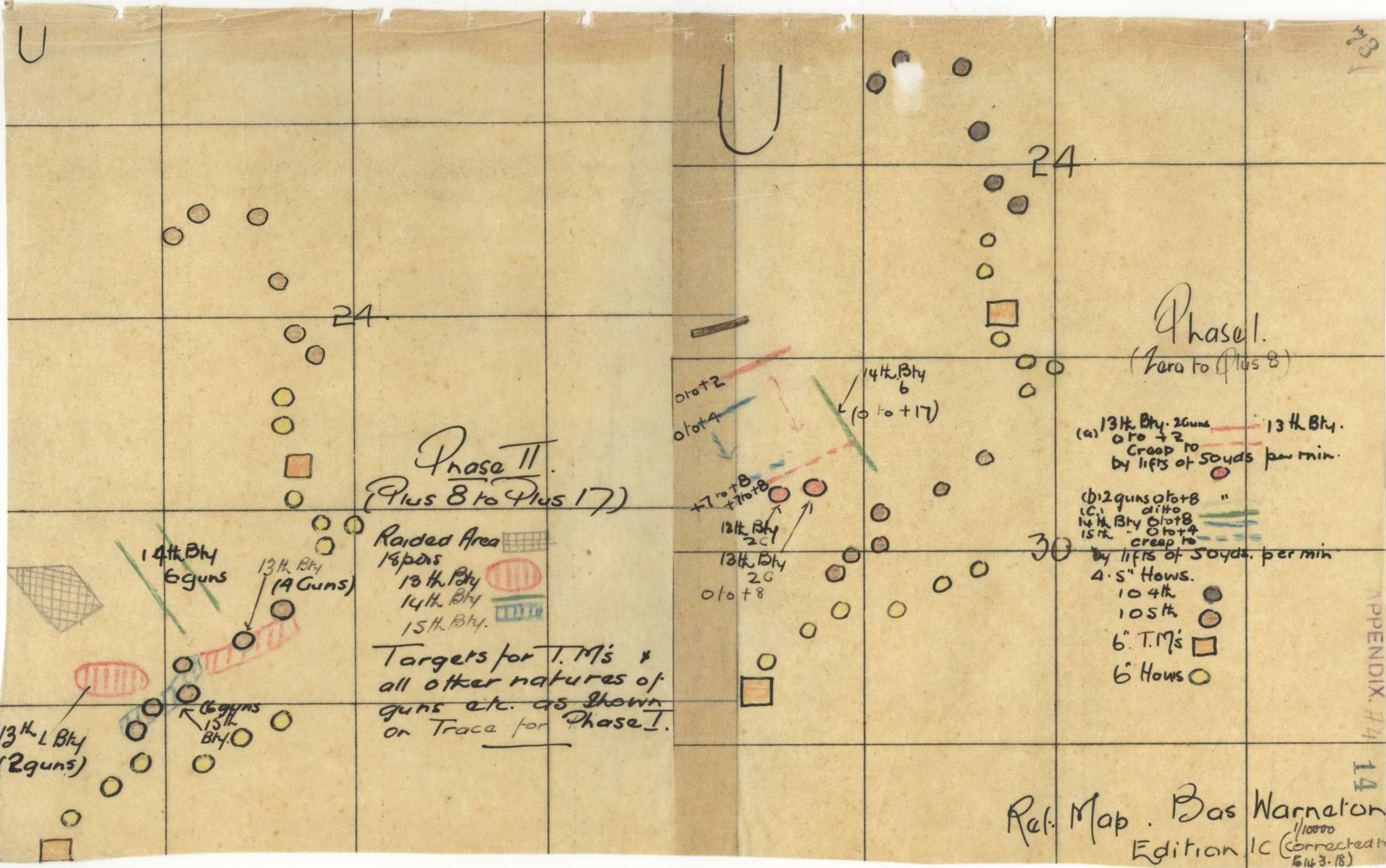
Hour of ZERO will be..... 3.45 a.m..

To all recipients of  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
Order 82.

*C. A. Clowes* Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. D.A..

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**Phase II.**  
(Plus 8 to Plus 17)

**Raided Area**  
18 pns  
13th Bty  
14th Bty  
15th Bty.

Targets for T.M's &  
all other natures of  
guns etc. as shown  
on Trace for Phase I.

**Phase I.**  
(Zero to Plus 8)

- (a) 13th Bty. 2 Guns  
Oto + 2  
Creep to  
by lifts of 50 yds per min.
- (b) 2 guns Oto + 8  
" ditto  
14th Bty Oto + 4  
15th " Creep to  
by lifts of 50 yds. per min
- 4.5" Hows.
- 10 4th
- 10 5th
- 6" T.M's
- 6" Hows

Ref. Map. Bas Warneton  
Edition 1C (corrected to  
1/10000  
16.4.3.18)

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ORDER No. 83

S E C R E T

Headquarters,  
22nd March, 1918.

Reference Map - BAS WARNETON(  
Edition 10. ) 1/10,000

1. At an hour and a day to be notified the Gas bombardment as detailed below will be carried out.
2. Attention is directed to this Office A 8/50 of March 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Instructions for Gas bombardments)
3. OBJECTIVES 104th Battery  
POSTMENTS V.7.b.83.45 to V.7.b.80.50.  
105th Battery  
DUG-OUTS from U.30.b.35.55 to U.30.b.40.70.
4. Zero to Zero plus 3 mins. B.C.E.R. 5 Rds per How per Min.  
Plus 3 to plus 13 mins. REST.  
Plus 13 to plus 33 mins. B.S.K, B.P.S  
or B.N.C. 2 Rds " " " "
5. Zero date and hour will be notified by the underlined portions of the following Code wire :-  
"Reference this office 83 return telephones by (time) on (date)"
6. Watches will be synchronized from D.A.H.Q by telephone 4 hours before Zero hour.
7. Acknowledge.

*C. A. Cleve*

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

Issued at 8 p.m. to

- |                    |      |                   |        |
|--------------------|------|-------------------|--------|
| R.A., Aust. Corps. | 1.   | H.A., Aust. Corps | 12.    |
| 2nd Aust. Div.     | 2.   | 52nd Bde. R.G.A   | 13.    |
| Left Group         | 3- 4 | File              | 14.    |
| Right Group        | 5- 6 | War Diary         | 15/17  |
| D.T.M.O            | 7    | Spares            | 18/20. |
| 6th A.I. Brigade   | 8    |                   |        |
| 7th A.I. Brigade   | 9.   |                   |        |
| 5th Aust. D.A      | 10   |                   |        |
| 38th D.A           | 11.  |                   |        |



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SECRETSECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYCOPY. No. 18ORDER No. 84Headquarters,  
22nd March 1918.Ref. Map: BAS WARWENTON  
1/10,000, Edition 1.C.

1. At an hour and on a date to be notified later, 5th Aust. Division are carrying out raids about 0.23.d. and 0.35.b.& d.

2. Left Group will carry out a diversion which will take the form of a bombardment of hostile Minenwerfer in U.12. and U.18. Objectives will be as follows :-

(a) 18-Pdr. or 4.5" Hows:

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| U.12.c.55.72. | U.18.b.05.05. |
| U.12.c.85.40. | U.18.c.87.92. |
| U.12.c.40.11. | U.18.c.88.78. |
| U.12.d.21.50. | U.24.a.10.95. |

4 Guns or Hows., will engage each target.

(b) 6" NEWTON T.M's.:

|               |
|---------------|
| U.12.c.49.48. |
| U.12.c.61.35. |
| U.12.c.76.31. |

3. Operation will last from Zero to Zero plus 15 minutes.

4. Rate of fire: 2 Rounds per gun, T.M., or How. per minute.

5. AMMUNITION:

ALL natures will use delay fuzes; 18-pdr's all A.X.

6. Arrangements for synchronisation of watches will be notified later.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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

Issued at 8 p.m. to:-

|                    |      |                |        |
|--------------------|------|----------------|--------|
| Left Group         | 1/7. | 5th Aust. D.A. | 13.    |
| Right "            | 8.   | 6th A.I. Bde   | 14.    |
| D.I.M.O.           | 9.   | 7th A.I. Bde   | 15.    |
| 2nd Aust. Div.     | 10.  | File           | 16.    |
| R.A., Aust Corps   | 11.  | War Diary      | 17/19. |
| M.A., Aust. Corps. | 12.  | Spares         | 20/23. |

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYSECRETCopy No. 16ORDER No. 85.Headquarters,  
24th March 1918.Ref. Map  
Sheet 30 N.W.2. 1/10,000

1. About March 30th, 38th Division are carrying out a raid on CENSUS TR. (C.29.a.)
2. (a) A Diversion will take place on CELT TR. (C.17.c.& d. and C.23.b.)  
(b) Right Group 2nd Aust.D.A. will assist in the diversion with 4 18-pounders and 4 4.5" howitzers in accordance with 38th D.A. Order No. 21 (issued herewith to Right Group only)
3. Right Group will report to D.A.H.Q. when registrations have been completed.
4. Zero hour will be notified later.
5. Acknowledge.

*C.A. Clowes*Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.Issued at 12:30 p.m.:-

|                |     |              |       |
|----------------|-----|--------------|-------|
| Right Group    | 1-3 | 5th A.I.Bde. | 11    |
| Left Group     | 4   | 6th " "      | 12    |
| D.T.M.O        | 5   | 7th " "      | 13    |
| 2nd Aust.Div   | 6   | File         | 14    |
| R.A.Aust.Corps | 7   | War Diary    | 15-17 |
| H.A. " "       | 8   | Spares       | 18-20 |
| 1st Aust.D.A.  | 9   |              |       |
| 38th D.A.      | 10  |              |       |

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ORDER No 85  
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Copy No

Ref. Map: Sheet 28 S.W. & S.E.  
(parts of) Edition 3.A. 1/20,000

Headquarters,  
24th March, 1918.

1. The 2nd Aust. Div. is to take over from the 5th Aust. Div. that portion of the front from the R. DOUVE Northward to the WAMBEEK (Inclusive).  
The 5th A.I. Bde. is taking over the new sector on the nights of March 24th/25th and 25th/26th.
2. At 10am on March 26th, the C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div. will take over from the C.R.A., 5th Aust. Div., the responsibility for Artillery defence of the above sector together with the Artillery covering it.
3. From 10am on March 26th, the Artillery of "A" Divisional front will be as follows:-

Right Group: (Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O. and 5th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q., location B.11.d.15.48.) covering 7th A.I. Bde. as at present -  
 (a) 14th and 105th Batteries,  
 (b) Five (5) 6" NEWTON T.M.'s.

CENTRE GROUP: (Lt-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR, D.S.O. and 4th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q., location T.21.d.40.44.) covering 6th A.I. Bde. as at present -  
 (a) 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th & 104th Bties.  
 (b) Three (3) 6" NEWTON T.M.'s.

LEFT GROUP: (Lt-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G. DSO. and 6th (Army) Bde. Aust. F.A. H.Q., location T.6.c.15.75.) covering 5th A.I. Bde. -  
 (a) 16th, 17th, 18th and 106th Batteries,  
 49th, 50th, 55th and 113th Batteries.  
 (The last four batteries will be superimposed over the Left Group front.)  
 (b) Five (5) 6" NEWTON T.M.'s.  
 Five (5) 2" T.M.'s.

4. The D.T.M.O. will:
  - (a) Make preparatory arrangements for taking over the five 6" and five 2" T.M.'s in the new Left Group Sector at short notice, in relief of the 5th Aust. D.A. personnel at present manning them.
  - (b) Have five 6" T.M.'s ready to hand over complete at short notice in exchange for those taken over in the line.
5. 2nd Aust. D.A. H.Q. will remain at RAVELSBERG.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*C.A. Clow*

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

|                    |       |                         |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Issued at 9pm to   |       |                         |       |
| Left Group,        | 1/7   | 5th Aust. D.A.          | 26,   |
| Right Group        | 8/10  | 38th Div. Arty.         | 27,   |
| D.T.M.O.           | 11/13 | 1st Aust. D.A.          | 28    |
| 6th Army Bde. AFA. | 14/22 | 5th A.I. Bde.           | 29    |
| 2nd Aust. Div.     | 23    | 6th A.I. Bde.           | 30    |
| R.A. Aust. Corps   | 24    | 7th A.I. Bde.           | 31    |
| H.A. Aust. Corps   | 25    |                         |       |
|                    |       | Sig. Off. 2nd. A. D. A. | 32    |
|                    |       | Staff-Capt.             | 33    |
|                    |       | File                    | 34    |
|                    |       | War Diary               | 35/37 |
|                    |       | Spares                  | 38/40 |

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ORDER No 87  
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Ref. Map: Sheet 28,  
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Headquarters,  
28th March, 1918.

1. The personnel of C/38 Bde. R.F.A. at N.30.d.95.12., will exchange positions with that of the 51st Battery at N.23.b.69.10., 51st Battery then coming under the control of Left Group, Right Div. Arty. and C/38 passing to Left Div. Arty.
2. Exchange will be effected as follows:-  
  
One section on the night March 29th/30th.  
Two sections on the morning of March 30th.  
Relief to be completed by 10 am on March 30th.
3. The following will be handed over and taken over:-  
  
(a) Guns in situ with aiming posts.  
(b) All maps, aeroplane photographs, documents, etc., relating to the front, including all information re 2nd and 3rd Zone positions.  
(c) Ammunition in pits, in reinforcing and 2nd Zone positions.
4. Copies of receipts for all ammunition and equipment will be forwarded to Staff-Captain by last D.R. on March 30th.
5. Completion of relief will be notified by wiring "QUACK".
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*C.A. Clowe*

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

Issued at 3 pm to:-

|                    |           |                    |    |                |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|----|----------------|
| Left Group,        | Cop. 1/2, | R.A. Aust. Corps   | 8, |                |
| 1st Aust. D.A.     | 3         | 2nd Aust. Div.     | 9  |                |
| 13th A.F.A. Bde.   | 4         | H.A. Aust. Corps   | 10 | File 14        |
| 38th Army Bde RFA. | 5         | Sig. Off. 2nd D.A. | 11 | W. Diary 15/17 |
| Centre Group       | 6         | Staff-Capt."       | 12 | Sparee 18/20   |
| Right Group        | 7         | 5th Aust. D.A.     | 13 |                |

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Appendix  
**APPENDIX 20**  
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ORDER No 88

Copy No. 57

Headquarters,  
 31st March, 1918

Ref. Map: Sheet 28 SW & SE (Parts of)  
 Edition 3A. (1/20,000).

1. (a) The 2nd Aust. Division (less Artillery) is being relieved in the Right Div'l. Sector and Area of the Corps front by the 19th and 25th Divisions, (both less Artillery) between March 31st and April 3rd.
  - (b) Commands pass as follows:-
    - (i) Present Left Bde. Sector of 2nd Aust. Div. front: from G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Div. to G.O.C., 19th Div. at 10 am, April 2nd.
    - (ii) Present Right & Centre Bde. Sectors: from G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. to G.O.C., 25th Div. at 10 am on April 3rd.
  - (c) On completion of reliefs, Div. H.Q.'s. will be as follows:-
 

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 19th Division - | DRANOUTRE,  |
| 25th Division - | RAVELSBERG. |
  - (d) The Inter-Div'l. Boundary between 19th and 25th Divs. will be the line of the R. DOUVE Westwards to T.12.a.2.8., thence along the inter-area boundary between the PLOEGSTERT area and the NEUVE EGLISE area and the KORTEPYP area and the NEUVE EGLISE area.
2. Reliefs of Artillery covering the present Right Div'l. Sector of the Corps front will be carried out in accordance with attached TABLE "A".
  3. (a) The 13th A.F.A. Bde will withdraw from the line to Wagon Lines at 6 pm, April 1st, and will entrain with 9th A.M.T.M. Bty. on April 3rd.
  - (b) In place of the 13th A.F.A. Bde., one Bde., 19th Div. Arty. will come into the line to cover the (then) 19th Div'l. front on the night April 3rd/4th; batteries to be in action and registered by 6 pm, April 4th.  
 The positions to be occupied are:-  
 18-Pdr batteries: U.1.d.38.38.\*; U.13.a.8.8.\*; O.31.c.7.7.  
 4.5" How. battery: U.7.d.09.70.\*.  
 (\* Positions evacuated by 13th A.F.A. Bde.)
  4. In view of the withdrawal of the 13th A.F.A. Bde. unrelieved, the Centre Group, 2nd A.D.A., will from 6 pm, April 1st, place two 18-pdr batteries under the orders of the Left Group, 2nd A.D.A. These will continue under the command of the R.F.A. Bde. relieving the 6th (Army) A.F.A. Bde., until 6 pm, April 4th. Necessary arrangements will be made between Group Commanders direct.
  5. Moves of Wagon Lines will be carried out in accordance with TABLE "B" attached.
  6. In all cases where guns are exchanged, they will be handed over stripped of all sights and stores, except aiming posts.

P.T.O.

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2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No 88 (Contd) (2)

7. All Maps, Aeroplane photographs, Defence Schemes and documents relating to the various Sectors will be handed over and receipts obtained.  
Those relating to the positions evacuated by 13th A.F.A.Bde. on the night April 1st/2nd, will be collected and forwarded to 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. by 12 noon, April 2nd.
8. T.M. Batteries on relief will hand over all T.M's. to relieving units and will move from this area less T.M's. After relief of 4th M. T.M.Bty. on Apr. 3rd, 3rd & 4th M.T.M.Bties will man TM's on 25 Div. front.
9. On all marches, distances as laid down in Fourth Army No 100(G), (Standing Orders G.S.), will be adhered to.
10. Command of the Artillery covering the (then) 19th Div'l. front will pass to C.R.A., 19th Division, at 10 am on April 4th.  
The C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div., will continue in command of the Artillery covering the (then) 25th Div'l. front until relieved by the C.R.A., 25th Division.
11. Separate administrative orders are being issued by the Staff-Captain.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*C. A. Clowe*

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

Issued at 9 pm to:

|                                     |       |                        |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Right Group                         | 1/2   | Area Cndt. BAILLEUL,   | 45    |
| Centre "                            | 3/4   | " " MERRIS,            | 46    |
| Left "                              | 5/6   | S.S.O., 2nd Aust. Div. | 47    |
| D.T.M.O.                            | 7/8   | 20th Coy. A.A.S.C.     | 48    |
| 2nd Aust. D.A.O. <del>23/26</del> * |       | S.C. 2nd A.D. Troops   | 49    |
| 2nd Aust. Div.                      | 27/28 | 3rd Squad. A.F.C.      | 50    |
| R.A., Aust. Corps                   | 29    | Staff-Capt. 2nd A.D.A  | 51    |
| Aust. Corps                         | 30    | Signals Officer        | 52    |
| 13th A.F.A. Bde.                    | 31/32 | R.O.                   | 53    |
| 19th Div. Arty.                     | 33/35 | File                   | 54    |
| 25th " " "                          | 36/38 | War Diary,             | 55/57 |
| 11th (Army) Bde                     |       | Spares                 | 58/60 |
| R.F.A.                              | 39    |                        |       |
| 1st Aust. D.A.                      | 40    |                        |       |
| 34th Div. Arty.                     | 41    |                        |       |
| H.A. Aust. Corps                    | 42/43 |                        |       |
| 36th Bde. R.G.A.                    | 44    |                        |       |

\*NOTE: Copies No. 9-26 cancelled.

TABLE "A". (TO ACCOMPANY 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER NO 88 of 31/3/18.)

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| Serial No. | RELIEF                        |                             | SECTOR OF PRESENT 2nd DIV. Front. | SECTIONS PER BATTERY. | DATE      | RELIEF TO BE COMPLETED BY | DISPOSAL OF GUNS, ETC., IN RELIEF.  | ACTION OF UNITS ON RELIEF   | COMPLETION OR RELIEF to be notified 2nd D.A.H.Q. by wiring Code W'd |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---|---|---|
|            | OF                            | BY                          |                                   |                       |           |                           |   |   |   |
| 1.         | 9th A.M. T.M.Bty.             | 4th A.M.T.M. Bty.           | Left                              | 3                     | April 1st | 6 pm                      | Taken over "in situ". 9th Bty. takes over no Mtrs. from 4th                                     | Concentrate at Billets  | SEYMOUR   |
| 2.         | 5th A.F.A. Bde. (2nd A.D.A.). | 11th (Army) Bde. R.F.A.     | Right                             | 3                     | April 2nd | 4 pm                      | Taken over "in situ" in exch'g for those taken over in W.L. of relieving units                  | Concentrate at Wagon Lines  | ORANGE  |
| 3.         | 6th (Army) A.F.A. Bde.        | One Brigade 19th Div. Arty. | Left                              | 3                     | April 3rd | 6 pm                      | do.   | Move to Bty. pos'ns of 4th AFA. Bde. to be taken over on April 4 (Serial 6) | YARRA   |
| 4.         | 2nd Aust. D.A.C.              | 19th D.A.C.                 | -                                 | -                     | April 3rd | 12 noon                   | -   | Move to MERRIS Area   | NEWTOWN   |
| 5.*        | 4th A.M. T.M.Bty.             | 1 M.T.M. Bty 19th Div.      | Left                              | 3                     | April 3rd | 10 am                     | -   | Take over Mtrs on present Centre Sector 2nd Aust. Div. front.               | SYDNEY  |
| 6.         | 4th A.F.A. Bde (2nd A.D.A.)   | 6th (Army) A.F.A. Bde.      | Centre                            | 3                     | April 4th | 10 am                     | Taken over "in situ". In exchange 6th Bde will hand over guns taken over from Bde. of 19th D.A. | Concentrate at Wagon Lines  | ALBURY  |

\* 3rd & 4th Aust. M.T.M. Bties remain in line on 25th Div'l Front until relieved by M.T.M. Bties. of 25th Div., under orders to be issued later.

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TABLE "B" (TO ACCOMPANY 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER 88 of 31/3/1918)

| SERIAL No. | UNIT                               | FROM                | TO                 | DATE OF MOVE | TO CLEAR PRESENT LINES BY | REMARKS   |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1.         | 5th A.F.A. Brigade                 | Present Wagon Lines | MERRIS AREA        | April 3rd    | 9 a.m                     | Route - via Railway Crossing at S.27 Central; not to pass through BAILLEUL. |
| 2.         | 13th A.F.A. Bde. & 9th A.M.T.M Bty | Present Wagon Lines | Entraining Station | April 3rd    | --                        | Further details to be notified.   |
| 3.         | 4th A.F.A. Brigade                 | Present Wagon Lines | MERRIS AREA        | April 4th    | 3 p.m                     | Route - As in Serial 1.   |
| 4.         | 2nd Aust. D.A.C.                   | do.                 | do.                | April 3rd.   | 12 noon                   | do. P.T.O.  |

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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INSTRUCTION No 12

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Headquarters,  
13th March, 1918.

The following work is to be put in hand and carried out by Batteries, each battery being told off to its corresponding reinforcing position and 2nd ZONE position:-

(a) FORWARD ZONE: Present Positions

- 1. Existing positions strengthened.
- 2. Gas-proof dugouts completed.
- 3. Control stations to be 5.9" proof.

Reinforcing Positions

- 1. Gun platforms made and camouflaged.
- 2. Control stations constructed.
- 3. Wire from bury to control/labelled to show position of test point. Station
- 4. Aiming posts planted.

(b) 2nd ZONE POSITIONS:

- 1. Gun platforms made and camouflaged.
- 2. Control station constructed; wired to nearest test-box and wire labelled showing test box.
- 3. Aiming posts planted.
- 4. Material salvaged and left available for future use.

B.C's and officers will have routes reconnoitred to the positions told off to them. They will be responsible for the supply of guides to the reinforcing units.

A progress report will be made by Groups every Saturday for the previous week ending Friday.

ACKNOWLEDGE.(Groups only)

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

Distribution:-

- Left Group, 1 - 7
- Right Group, 8 -10
- For information:-
- 2nd Aust.D.A.C. 11
- 2nd Aust.Div. 12
- R.A., Aust. Corps, 13
- Staff-Captain, 14
- War Diary, 15 -17
- File 18

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SECRET

Copy No 25

INSTRUCTION No 13  
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Headquarters,  
14th March, 1918.

1. DEFENCE SCHEME: The Defence Scheme recently taken over on coming into the line will remain in force.

2. POLICY: For the present, the general artillery policy to be followed will consist of:-

(a) Co-operation with any minor operations, etc., carried out by the Division.

(b) The seizing of all favorable opportunities of inflicting losses on the enemy, either in personnel or materiel.

For the destruction of materiel, particularly of artillery (Counter-battery work), shoots will be carried out methodically; for the destruction of personnel sudden concentrations of fire both by day and night should be used.

and } observation } All artillery work must be based on direct observation or carefully considered information. Therefore, the system of communication must be made as perfect as possible, so that no chance of inflicting losses on the enemy may be neglected.

It is not desired to stir the enemy into activity without good cause. Artillery fire will therefore not be used unless there is a definite reason for it. In the case of a suspected relief fire is justifiable.

Artillery retaliation as such is to be discountenanced. It must be the aim of our artillery to punish the enemy in every way, thus completely dominating any efforts he may make in the way of retaliation. We must always retain the initiative.

3. USE OF CHEMICAL SHELL.

The limited supply of the various natures of Chemical shell makes it necessary to keep a strict watch on the expenditure. The tendency often is to fritter it away in constant small shoots on unimportant targets. This is to be avoided and in future, except in emergencies and then only by order of Group Commanders, no chemical shell will be expended except with approval from this office.

4. ANTI-TANK DEFENCE:

With reference to instructions already issued to the Left Group and the 2nd Aust.D.A.C., the two 15-Pounder B.L.C. guns allotted for anti-tank defence will be placed in position by 2 am March 18th by 2nd Aust.D.A.C:- one at U.15.d.30.65,; one at U.2.d.50.75.

They will be manned by personnel detailed from the D.A.C. and will be tactically controlled by the Left Group, "A" Div'l. Sector. (The personnel detailed per gun will be: One Officer, at least one N.C.O., and 4 gunners).

Every possible care will be taken not to give the positions away prematurely; they will not be used except in case of an attack by tanks, or during a hostile attack when favorable opportunities for their employment against hostile infantry occur. Attention is drawn to Section A of S.S.203 (Instructions for Anti-tank Defence).

A dump of 250 rounds will be maintained at each gun. This will be drawn by the D.A.C., who will deliver it at the above positions by arrangement with Left Group, by 2 am, March 18th.

The two 18-pdr guns at present in the above positions will be withdrawn when the 15-pdrs have been emplaced, and will be returned to their respective battery positions.

P. T. O.

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5. MOBILE BATTERY:

The 13th Battery will be detailed as a Mobile Reserve to be used when required under orders from Div'l. H.Q. It is selected with a view to special employment against hostile infantry which may have succeeded in breaking through, and in covering our counter-attacks. Officers and N.C.O.'s of this battery will take steps at once to gain an intimate knowledge of that portion of the Forward Zone covered by the Left Group. Careful reconnaissance will be made of approaches to possible positions where single guns, sections or a battery could be employed. These positions should be selected with reference to the likely lines of approach of hostile infantry, attention being paid to the facilities for easy supply of ammunition.

## 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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

Headquarters,  
5th March, 1918.

TEMPORARY &  
EXTRA REGI-  
MENTAL RANKS  
869

A.I.F. ORDER 1118-Temporary & Extra-Regimental Ranks-  
is repeated for information of all concerned:-

"Non-Commissioned Officers holding Temporary or Extra-Regimental Rank cannot be ordered by Commanding Officers to revert to their permanent grade as punishment for an offence. A Commanding Officer, may, however, cause the reversion of a Temporary or Extra-Regimental N.C.O. in the ordinary course of administration of his command. Temporary and Extra-Regimental ranks are cognisable before Courts Martial as if they were substantive ranks."

CHEVRONS, ETC.  
FOR OVERSEAS  
SERVICE.  
870

With reference to A.I.F. ORDERS 1053 of 4/1/18 and 1089 of 29/1/18, it is notified that in the A.I.F., the wearing of these chevrons will be compulsory.

The wearing of the letter "A" by those who are entitled to wear it (vide A.I.F. ORDERS 937 and 1084) will in future be compulsory.

Commanders of formations and units will take action accordingly.

(D.A.G. A.I.F. Circ. Memo. 15/104 of 21/2/18).

CENSORSHIP OF  
INWARD PAPERS  
871

Owing to the fact that pacifist newspapers are being enclosed within parcels containing printed matter, in future all newspapers will be opened under unit arrangements and censored by an officer before delivery. For the guidance of officers Commanding units, one of the pacifist journals complained of is named "THE HERALD".

(2nd Aust. Div. G. 24/6 of 1/3/18)

LEWIS GUNS,  
ETC.  
872

Attention is directed to FOURTH ARMY R.O.'s 1743 and 1801 LEWIS GUNS and SPARE PARTS for ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

Indents will be at once submitted in accordance therewith.

CR. 111  
873

The following ROUTINE ORDERS are repeated for information:

A57. DAMAGED AEROPLANES: Attention is directed to A.R.O. 1491 of 14/12/17-(a) If an Allied aeroplane is forced to land in rear of our lines, the commander of the nearest unit will, if the occupants are either missing or incapacitated, mount a guard over it, and immediately despatch a telegram to No 1 Aircraft Depot, stating:-

(i) The number of the machine and if possible the type.

(ii) The names of the occupants, if any.

(iii) The co-ordinates on the 1/40,000 map of the place of landing (number of map sheet to be given).

(iv) Whether the machine is a total wreck or appears to be only slightly damaged.

(b) If a hostile aeroplane is forced to land in rear of our lines, the commander of the nearest unit will at once mount a guard over it. Army H.Q. will be informed through the usual channels by wire. It must be stated where a guide can be obtained to take a representative of the R.F.C. to the fallen machine. This information will always be repeated by Corps to 4th Brigade R.F.C. as well as to their own squadrons.

(c) On no account is material of any description to be removed from either Allied or hostile machines except by R.F.C.

The attention of all ranks is to be called to this order and they are to be told that as valuable information about designs and improvements is obtained from the German machines it is of the utmost importance that they should be left intact until taken over by R.F.C. or R.N.A.S.

D.A.R.O. (Contd)

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ORDERS (873)DAMAGED  
AEROPLANES  
(Contd)

Officers will take immediate steps to safeguard any planes landing in their vicinity, forming a guard out of troops in the neighborhood, until such time as the nearest O.C. takes the machine over and places a guard over it.

Beyond removing wounded occupants, the machine must on no account be interfered with until it is taken over by R.F.C. or R.N.A.S. Breach of this order will be treated as a Court Martial offence.

This order will be read on three successive parades in every unit and brought to the notice of all officers joining a unit.

INTERCOURSE  
WITH ENEMY.

Special attention is directed to the following G.R.O. which will be read on three successive parades at the beginning of each month.

"The enemy has recently made systematic efforts to bring about fraternisation between his troops and ours in the front line in order to gain a military advantage. The Field Marshal C-in-C. orders all ranks to be strictly on their guard against unauthorised\*with the enemy in any shape or form. Enemy troops who make overtures with the object of inducing our troops to enter into conversation with them or who show themselves in order to induce our men to do the same are to be fired upon at once, and officers and n.c.o's on the spot are responsible that this is done without the slightest hesitation or delay."

The above order is to be read out on three successive parades and C.O's are responsible that it is brought to the notice of all ranks now under their command, as well as to those who may join in the future.

A39. TRAFFIC CONTROL POSTS: Instances have recently occurred where officers and others have disregarded orders as to movement of cars and individuals in the forward areas. The orders of the Traffic Control Post are to be obeyed without question by all ranks.

REINFORCE-  
MENTS  
874

N.C.O's and men reporting from Base or hospital or from other units on transfer to Artillery will not be taken on strength of Batteries, unless specially ordered to do so, until they have reported to 2nd Aust.D.A.C., from where they will be sent forward to Batteries on instructions from 2nd D.A.H.Q. N.C.O's and men reporting to Brigades and Batteries will be instructed to report to D.A.C. and will not be retained by them unless ordered as above. The practice of N.C.O's and men, who have previously served with batteries, reporting direct to their original units instead of the D.A.C. is to cease, as it is impossible to check the personnel sent forward to the Div. Artillery if this is continued.

LAMPS SIEGE  
875

Attention is directed to G.R.O. 3433 - LAMPS, SIEGE

*R.O. O'Connell* Captain,  
Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust.D.A.

NOTICE

LOSE- by 14th Battery, A.F.A. - on BOULOGNE Rd. - 3 kilos. West of HAR-  
LETTES, at about 11am, 22nd inst., one BROWN MARE; 15 hands; Star;  
Branded Y near rump, U off rump; clipped all over except legs.  
Information to O.C., 14th Battery.

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

Headquarters,  
11th March, 1918.

CARRIERS,  
AMMUNITION-  
FITTING OF.  
KEEPERS  
876 P

Ref. G.R.O.3427, the following instructions for fitting Keepers to Carriers, Ammunition, emergency, 18-pdr and 4.5" How. are issued for information:-

18-pdr Shell Carrier: A retaining strap, 10" x  $\frac{3}{4}$ ", fitted with a roller buckle is to be sewn to the back of the carrier on the centre seam  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom row of stitches. It is secured by two rows of sewing  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and 3" from the roller, buckle, 5 stitches in each row (back stitched). The thread to be a 5 cord well black waxed.

When the shell carrier is in position on the saddle, the strap should be buckled round the surcingle of carrier, also the leather surcingle in use with the saddle.

4.5" How. carrier: A retaining strap 10" x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " fitted with a roller buckle is to be sewn to the back of the cartridge bag portion of carrier on each side. Its position should be  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom of bag and halfway between the front and rear. It is secured by two rows of stitching  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and 3" from the roller of buckle, 5 stitches in each row (back stitched). The thread to be 5 cord, well black waxed.

When carrier is in position on the saddle, the straps should be buckled round the surcingle of carrier and also round the leather surcingle in use with saddle.

GUN STORES  
877

It has been brought to notice that on account of manufacturing difficulties, shortage of raw material and other causes, it is imperative that everything possible should be done to keep down demands for Gun and carriage spares and components, most of which are expensive and complicated articles. Indents for such articles should be carefully scrutinised before being passed and the orders in force regarding the return of damaged spares or components required to be replaced should be most strictly observed.

YEW  
POISONING  
878

A.R.O.1828 is republished for information:-  
"Cases have occurred of horses (remounts) dying of "YEW" Poisoning, the danger of animals being allowed to nibble trees or hedges is to be brought to the notice of all concerned and particularly of officers in charge of conducting parties."

BOUNDS  
879

No.52

Corps Routine Order/is republished for information:-  
"The A.F.C. and R.F.C. Aerodromes at BAILLEUL are out of Bounds to all troops except R.F.C. and A.F.C. on duty.  
Authorised visits to A.F.C. Aerodromes may be arranged application by O.C. Unit to O.C. No 3 Squadron, A.F.C."  
These orders will be read on parade in every unit.

LEAVE  
880

A staging camp for men proceeding on and returning from leave has been established at B.l.c.3.2., Sheet 36, next to the DE SEULE Officers' Club. Sleeping accommodation and a meal will be provided for men en route to their units from leave or proceeding to the station to go on leave.

P. T. O.

2nd Aust.D.A.R.O's (Contd)

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11/3/18

**F.P. COMPOUND**  
881

The Corps F.P. Compound will close at BAILLEUL and open at T.10 Central at noon on Monday, 11th March, 1918. In consequence of this move all men sent to the compound for Field Punishment or Safe custody will be equipped with Box respirators.

**ORDERS**  
882

Attention is directed to the following Routine Orders:-

- G.R.O.3512, FUZING OF H.E. SHELL, 4.5" How. and above-  
Use of Paper Collar under the Fuze.
- G.R.O.3515, 18-PDR H.E. with No 103 Cast Iron Fuze with  
Delay.
- A.R.O.1810, LEAVE TO PARIS.
- A.R.O.1820, LEAVE - IN FRANCE.
- A.R.O.1834, MUD SCRAPERS FOR HORSES and MULES.
- A.R.O.1835, HORSES, MULES and DONKEYS found straying or  
captured, etc.

*Alcophone*

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

NOTICE.

A COMPETENT TYPIST, used to Duplicating work, is required at 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. Please submit applications not later than 9 am, 13th instant. Applicants must not be N.C.O's.

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

Headquarters,  
March 14th 1918.

LIGHT  
RAILWAYS.  
883.

Attention is again directed to the continued complaints regarding the use of Light Railways as roads, foot-paths, or for push-trucks. AUSTRALIAN CORPS Routine Order No. 66 is re-published for information and action :-

MISUSE OF LIGHT RAILWAYS. Attention is directed to the following orders reference use of and damage to railway tracks :-

Light Railways Off Loading. Serious damage is caused to the permanent way if Light Railway trucks are off-loaded in a careless manner. Officers and M.C.O.'s in charge of unloading parties will ensure that the material, etc., "offloaded" is dumped not less than 10 ft. away from the line. (Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1648).  
Railway Tracks Damage To. "Riding or walking along Railway tracks in the Second Army Area is forbidden. (A.O. 1385).  
"There have been numerous reports of damage to railways caused by troops riding or walking along the lines contrary to the above order, especially in wet weather. Units will therefore take steps to ensure that the above Army Routine Order is brought to the notice of all ranks, strictly complied with, and that severe disciplinary action is taken against all offenders.  
Divisions will take immediate steps to enforce these orders in their areas by the provision of the necessary tracks, and detailing picquets and patrols to prevent trespassing on the Light Railway Lines". (A.O. 516).  
Trolleys. "Hand trolleys will not be used on the main Light railway systems without authority". (Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1647).

This order will be read immediately on two successive daily parades, both at gun-pit and wagon-lines, and Battery Commanders will be held personally responsible that all ranks are acquainted with the order.

BOUNDS.  
884.

The broad gauge railway formation, (now abandoned) and situate approximately between the points Sheet 28 T.26.d.4.7. and T.15.b.5.1. is placed out of bounds to all troops.

S.A.  
AMMUNITION.  
885.

All Artillery personnel while in the line will carry 50 rounds of S.A. ammunition. When the artillery is out of the line the S.A.A. will be collected and kept in the O.M.O.'s store - a sufficient number of rounds being retained to ensure that each man on guard carries 50 rounds.  
(1st ANZAC letter. 8/2/71 of 7/12/17).

AGRICULTURE.  
886.

Attention is directed to D.L.C. 1795 of 24th February 1918 on the subject of vegetable plots. At all wagon-lines where possible units will at once commence vegetable plots. Any seed required can be obtained through Staff Captain, 2nd B.A.

SALVAGE.  
887

Every effort will be made to extend the work of salvage including the recovery of solder and waste paper.

P.T.O.



RATIONS.  
888

Complaints continue to be made regarding overdrawals of rations by Artillery units. The overdrawal of rations has become a serious matter involving heavy losses.

Unit Commanders will closely supervise all indents - A.F.F.55. - for rations and will be held personally liable for all rations overdrawn, in future.

INDENTS.  
889.

The number of indents being returned through Division for incomplete and unsatisfactory certificates furnished thereon is becoming serious and shows a want of supervision over the work of Quarter Master Sergeants as well as extreme slackness in the interior economy of units. Considerable periods are allowed to elapse between the time when article become unserviceable or are destroyed and the time when indents are lodged. In future no indents will be submitted after one month from the date the article indented for becomes unserviceable, lost, or destroyed, without a written report as to the cause of the delay being submitted to 2nd Aust.D.A.H.C.

ORDERS.  
890.

Attention is directed to G.R.O. Return of Boxes Horse-shoes Nails.

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

NOTICE.

CHURCH SERVICES. The following Church Services have been arranged for March 17th 1918 :-

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 9.15 a.m.  | 2nd Section, 2nd Aust.D.A.C.               |
| 10.30 a.m. | 5th A.F.A.Bde. (Y.M.C.A. tent).            |
| 9.30 a.m.  | 4th A.F.A.Bde. (Y.M.C.A. tent in 10th Bty) |
| 10.45 a.m. | S.A.A. Section, 2nd Aust.D.A.C.            |
| 9.30 a.m.  | 1st Section, 2nd Aust.D.A.C.               |

Chaplain the Rev. A.W. TONGE.  
do. do. D.P. MACDONALD.  
do. do. H.S. PERKINS.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS  
by  
BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS D.S.O.

Headquarters,  
20th March 1918.

LEAVE. Reference D.A.R.O.880. Staging Camp for men proceeding on, and  
891. returning from leave, established at B.l.c.3.2. Sheet 36 - next  
to the DE SEULE Officers' Club - will be closed on the 21st  
March, as it has been found that no use has been made of it by  
Units.

(2nd Aust.Div. 89/717 of 19/3/18).

SANITATION. Unit Commanders will at once take steps to have the sanitation  
892. of their areas put on a satisfactory basis. Lectures by the  
R.M.O will be arranged for all ranks. Permanent sanitary  
orderlies will be appointed and they will be specially  
instructed in their duties by the R.M.O. It is only by  
co-operation of all ranks that disease can be avoided. Unit  
Commanders will give this matter close attention.

DRIPPING. It has been noticed that the return of dripping from 2nd Aust.  
893. Division has, for some considerable time, been falling consider-  
-ably below the average quantity of dripping returned, and  
whilst it is not desired to interfere in any way with the dripping  
that is being legitimately used to increase the rations of the  
men, it is considered that more can be done in the way of  
recovering fats. Unit Commanders will give this matter their  
closest attention with a view to seeing that grease-traps are  
used at all cook-houses and everything possible is done to save  
dripping. It is urgently required at the Base for the  
manufacture of Munitions.

FUZE-KEY The following extract from G.R.O.3612 is republished for  
No.18 Mk II. information and action:-

894. "In order to facilitate the removal of tear-off strips of  
metal covers for No.80 Fuze, a modification to Fuze Key No.18 has  
been introduced, which consists in cutting two slots in the key  
near the hole for lanyard. The alteration does not interfere  
with the lettering of the key, nor impair its efficiency for  
setting purposes".  
This work will be done in Ordnance Mobile Workshops, Units making  
their own arrangements to send keys to be modified, as convenient.

ORDERS. Attention is directed to the following:-

895. G.R.O. 3596 Return of Empty Supply Packages.  
G.R.O. 3613 Keys No.42 - setting No.85 Fuze - Keys No. 43 -  
fixing No. 85 Fuze.

*Stanley Smith*

Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

NOTICE

CHURCH SERVICES. 9.15 a.m. No.2 Section, 2nd Aust. D.A.C.  
9.30 a.m. No.1 Section, 2nd Aust. D.A.C.  
9.30 a.m. 4th A.F.A.Bde. (Y.M.C.A. Hut - 10th Bty W.L.)  
10.30 a.m. 5th A.F.A.Bde (Y.M.C.A. Hut).  
10.45 a.m. S.A.A. Section, 2nd Aust.D.A.C.

Chaplain - The Rev. A.W. TONGE.  
" " " D.P. MACDONALD.  
" " " H.S. PERKINS.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS  
 by  
BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS. D.S.O.

COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Headquarters,  
22nd March 1918.

COURT  
OF  
ENQUIRY  
896.

A Court of Enquiry consisting of the undermentioned Officers will assemble at Headquarters 2nd Australian D.A.C - 5.30.c.3,7. (Sheet 28) at 10.30 a.m on Monday 25th March 1918, to enquire into, and report on the loss of Saddlery on charge to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. on or about 16th March 1918 :-

|            |                        |                |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|
| PRESIDENT. | Captain B. MINTER. M.C | 105th How.Bty. |
| MEMBERS.   | Lieut. A.P.KURTS       | 104th " "      |
|            | " L.C.SIMPSON          | 15th Battery.  |

Proceedings will be forwarded to reach 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. by 8th prox.

2nd Australian D.A.C will provide accommodation for the Court and will arrange for the attendance of necessary witnesses.

BOUNDS  
897.

The town of BAILLEUL is out of bounds to all Officers and other ranks except those on duty.

BOUNDS  
898.

A.C.R.O.72 is repeated for information of all ranks:-  
 "Attention is directed to G.R.O. 2864, which is republished herewith, and will be read on parade in every unit once a month. No one, except on duty, is permitted to go outside the billeting area of his unit, except on pass.  
 Passes issued to N.C.O's and Men either to leave their billeting area or to enter a town, must be signed by the O.C. Unit, and are not to be made available for places outside the area occupied by the British Armies unless leave has been granted in accordance with G.R.O.2786.  
 All passes must contain the soldier's regimental number, rank, name and unit, the hours between which leave is given, the purpose and the date.  
 The Military Police are authorized to demand the production of a pass or papers of identification whenever they consider it necessary.  
 Attention is directed to G.R.Os 589, 664, 1633, 2271 and 2629. G.R.O. 5 is cancelled.  
 Cases of men outside their billeting areas, and especially in the adjoining towns such as STEENWERCK and BAILLEUL, without passes are too frequent, and immediate steps will be taken to enforce this order."

P.T.O (Routine Orders Con'd)



DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS (Continued)

ORDERS  
899.

Attention is directed to the following orders :-

A.C.R.O. 83 HORSE MANURE

A.C.R.O. 75 VENEREAL DISEASE.

*Stanley Smith*  
Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain.  
2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS  
by  
BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.F. PHILLIPS.D.S.O.

COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
Headquarters,  
23rd March 1918.

GASSED  
CLOTHING.  
900.

"Steam disinfecter is available at LOCRE BATHS for disinfecting gassed clothing on Mondays and Fridays. Applications for allotments for this purpose should be made to Australian Corps Baths Officer.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Chemical Adviser, Australian Corps :-

' A Gas Officer of Gas N.C.O who thoroughly understands the danger from Yellow Cross Gas should be present when infected clothes are put through steam chamber.

Personnel handling the clothing should be dressed in oilskin overalls and wear leather or cotton gloves that have been saturated with linseed oil. The mask should be worn while handling infected clothes if they smell at all of "mustard".

Three hours is the time necessary to clear highly contaminated clothing from Yellow Cross liquid, and I think it would be as well to divide this time into wet and dry steam periods :-

- 50 minutes wet
- 10 " dry
- 50 " wet
- 10 " dry
- 50 " wet
- 10 " dry

I do not think there will be any danger from Yellow Cross Gas coming away with condensed steam as it should be hydrolysed before leaving the chamber. However these points can be watched by the Gas Officer present & steps taken to prevent the gas from doing any harm.' "

Units requiring to use Steam Disinfecter will make application through 2nd Australian D.A.H.Q.  
(D.H.Q. 30/331 of 21/3/18.)

HORSE  
MANURE  
901.

"Commencing forthwith all Units will arrange for all Manure withdrawn from stables to be delivered to Army Farm Dump at T.10.a.3.1.

It is essential for the success of farming operations at this location that all manure is delivered to the farm and arrangements will be made for all horse lines to be cleared daily to the above location to enable supplies to be maintained constantly."

(D.H.Q. 9/1/7 of 21/3/18)

APPLICATION  
FOR  
RETURN TO  
AUSTRALIA  
902.

"A cable has been received from Melbourne stating that the Department of Defence is inundated with applications from members of the A.I.F. and their relatives for men to return to Australia for leave or discharge. The Minister desires the members of the A.I.F. to be informed that it is with much regret that approval to such applications cannot be granted unless it is found on verification that there are family circumstances in Australia of such a very distressful nature as to necessitate their return".

(D.H.Q. 46/205 of 19/3/18.)

*Stanley Smith*  
Lieut.  
A/Staff Capt.  
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

by  
BRIGADIER-GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.

COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,  
25th March, 1918

SURPLUS KITS  
903.

All kits will be at once reduced to a minimum. No men are to be allowed to keep kit bags, &c.

Battery Commanders will give this matter their personal attention and will ensure that this order is strictly observed.

ISSUES OF  
SPARE PARTS.  
904.

Attention is directed to Second A.R.O. 1891. which is repeated for information of all units :-

"When indents are submitted for spare parts of guns, howitzers, mortars, machine guns or Lewis guns, to replace unserviceable or damaged parts, units will always return the unserviceable or damaged part to the Ordnance officer concerned, whatever its condition may be. If the spare part has been lost, an explanation in writing will be submitted to the Ordnance officer by the O.C. unit.

Ordnance Officers will only issue spare parts in exchange for similar damaged or unserviceable parts, or on receipt of an explanation in writing of the loss of the part.

Ordnance officers will ensure the return to Base of all unserviceable or damaged spare parts.

This procedure will also apply to all issues made from the Gun Park direct to units or to workshops, but will not apply to an issue as a first supply under G.R.O's or other authority."

The conditions as laid down therein will in future be rigidly enforced. (Aust. Corps 94/149 of 23/3/18.)

*J. Stanley Smith*

Lieut.  
A/Staff Capt.  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

N O T I C E

ST near PLOEGSTEERT - with saddle, bridle and ammunition pack -  
One L.D. horse star and snip - saddle marked - white  
patch on near hind coronet -  
Branded. O - off fore 46 near hind.  
" T - off rump 13 near hind.  
Information to O.C., 13th Battery A.F.A.



*Appendix D1*

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No. 204

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

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Headquarters,  
2nd March, 1918.

ATTACHMENT  
1.

Lieut. J.S. MEHAN, 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q., is detached for  
regimental duty with 5th A.F.A. Brigade - dated 28/2/18.

ATTACHMENT  
2.

Lieut. J.S. SMITH, 4th A.F.A. Bde., is attached to 2nd  
Aust. D.A.H.Q. for duty as Artillery Staff-Captain Trainee-  
dated 25/2/18.

(Authority D.A.G. A.I.F. 36/22/7 of 24/2/18).

ATTACHMENT  
3.

Lieut. J.W. MURRAY, 5th A.F.A. Bde., attached to 2nd Aust.  
D.A.H.Q., to temporarily perform the duties of Staff-Lieut  
for Reconnaissance - vice Lieut. J.S. MEHAN - detached,  
dated 28/2/18.

(Authority D.A.G. A.I.F. 10/2/102 of 24/2/18)

TRANSFERS  
4

Lieut. A. BICKERS, M.C., 5th A.F.A. Bde., is transferred  
to Medium Trench Mortar Batteries - 27/2/18.

The undermentioned transfers will be effected forthwith  
dating 2/3/18:-

|                     |                  |    |                    |
|---------------------|------------------|----|--------------------|
| Lieut. A. ROBERTS,  | 5th A.F.A. Bde.  | to | 2nd Aust. D.A.C.,  |
| " C.G.F. CAMPBELL,  | do               | to | do                 |
| " C.G. ROBERTS,     | 4th A.F.A. Bde.  | to | do                 |
| " M.B. CONNOR,      | Div. T.M. Bties. | to | 5th A.F.A. Bde.    |
| 2/nd A. TOMLINSON,  | 5th A.F.A. Bde.  | to | Aust. M.T.M. Bties |
| 2/nd F.O. POSTLE,   | 2nd Aust. D.A.C. | to | 4th A.F.A. Bde.    |
| 2/nd J.W. FENTON,   | do               | to | 5th A.F.A. Bde     |
| 2/nd J.R. MARRICHT, | do               | to | 4th A.F.A. Bde.    |
| 2/nd G.M. MUIRHEAD, | do               | to | 5th A.F.A. Bde.    |

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

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No. 205.  
 by  
 BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.F. PHILLIPS. D.S.O.,  
 COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY..

Headquarters,  
 March 15th 1918.

- STRENGTH.** 1. The undermentioned officers are taken on strength of Second Australian Divisional Artillery from Reinforcements (Cadet) - dated 9/3/18.
- 2/Lieutenant J.K. BEVAN.  
 2/Lieutenant A.H. MOSS.
- TRANSFER.** 2. Lieutenant G. WADDINGHAM is transferred to the Permanent Supernumerary List. - 14/2/18.  
 (Authority - A.I.F. List 303 of 1/3/18).
- POSTING.** 3. The undermentioned officers are posted for duty as shown :-
- 2/Lieut. J.K. BEVAN. to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. 9/3/18.  
 2/Lieut. A.H. MOSS. to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. 9/3/18.
- ATTACHMENT.** 4. Captain R. COLLINGS., B.C., 2nd Aust. D.A.C., is attached to 4th A.F.A. Brigade and will temporarily command 10th Battery during the absence on duty of Major R.W. HORN.  
 - dated 17/3/18.
- Lieutenant F.L. HEWARD, 38th Battalion, attached 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery, resumed duty with 12th Battery - from hospital. 5/3/18.
- APPOINTMENT.** 5. Captain D.A. FOWLER to be Adjutant, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, vice Lieutenant J.S. SMITH to Regimental duty - 21/2/18.  
 (Authority - A.I.F. List No. 306 of 12/3/18).
- Lieutenant J.S. SMITH, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery, to temporarily perform the duties of Staff Captain, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery, during the absence of Captain R.C. OSBORNE MC. on leave. - dated 16/3/18.
- PROMOTION.** 6. No 6390 S/Sgt. Harry O'MULLANE from 5th A.F.A. Brigade to be Armament Artificer (Warrant Officer Class I) Aust. Army Ordnance Corps vice PICKETT commissioned. - 27/12/17.  
 (Authority A.I.F. List No. 306 of 12/3/18).

*R.C. Osborne*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.



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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) No 206  
by  
BRIGADIER GENERAL O.F. PHILLIPS, D.S.O.,  
COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,  
23rd March, 1918.

- STRENGTH  
1. Major (T/Lt-Col.) H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O., is taken on strength from 1st Aust. Div. Arty. and is posted to 5th A.F.A. Bde. (Auth. D.A.G. A.I.F. 44/375 of 16/3/18).
- DUTY  
2. Major H.N. MORRIS resumed duty from Supernumerary List and is posted to 4th A.F.A. Bde. - 22/3/18.
- SECONDING  
3. Lieut. J.S. SMITH, 4th A.F.A. Bde., is seconded for duty as Staff Captain (Artillery) Trainee, attached 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. - 25/2/18 (Auth. A.I.F. List 309 of 19/3/18).  
Lieut. D.B.B. IKIN from Regimental Seconded List is seconded for duty with Aust. Gen. Base Depot - 7/12/17. (Auth. A.I.F. List 309 of 19/3/18).
- PROMOTION  
4. To be LIEUTENANTS:-  
2/Lt. C.G.L. INGATE, D.C.M., - 2/2/18,  
2/Lt. J. MONKHOUSE, D.C.M., - 3/2/18.  
(Auth. A.I.F. List 309 of 19/3/18)
- DETACHMENT  
5. Lieut. (T/Capt) B.E. CAIRNS, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., is posted for duty with Aust. Corps Heavy Trench Mortar Bty. - 15/2/18. (Auth. A.I.F. List 309 of 19/3/18)
- REVERSION  
6. No 8960, Q.M.S. MICHELL, H.A., 2nd Aust. D.A.C., reverts to the rank of SERGEANT at his own request - 15/5/18. (2nd Aust. D.A.C. will send the necessary request for reversion direct to AUST. SECTION, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q.).

*S. Stanley Smith*  
Lieut.,  
A/Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust. D.A.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (Part II) No. 207.by  
BRIGADIER-GENERAL. O.F. PHILLIPS D.S.O.COMMANDING SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.Headquarters,  
25th March, 1918

## STRENGTH

1.

Lieut-Colonel F. O'MAHONY is struck off strength of  
5th A.F.A. Brigade, on transfer to A.I.F. Headquarters  
LONDON - 24th March 1918.

(Auth. D.A.C., A.I.F. 47/4/40 of 16/3/18.)

## DETACHMENT

2.

Captain R. COLLINGS, M.C. 2nd Australian I.A.C. ceases  
to be attached to 4th A.F.A. Brigade on evacuation to  
hospital - 21/3/18.Delete para. 5. D.A.O (part II) No. 206 and  
substitute :-"Lieut. J.C. SMYTH 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery is  
posted for duty with Australian Corps Heavy Trench  
Mortar Battery - 15/2/18.

(Auth. A.I.F list 309 of 19/3/18.)"

## APPOINTMENT

3.

Major (T/Lt.Col) H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O to command 5th A.F.A  
Brigade, vice Lt.Col. F. O'MAHONY to A.I.F. Headquarters  
LONDON - 24/3/18.

(Auth. D.A.C., A.I.F. 44/375 of 12/3/18.)

Capt. R. COLLINGS, M.C. 2nd Aust. D.A.C. attached  
4th A.F.A. Brigade ceases to command 10th Battery  
on return of Capt. (T/Major) R.W. HORE. - 20/3/18.*J. Stanley Smith*  
Lieut.  
A/Staff Captain  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.



*Appendix D5*

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER (PART II) NO.208

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

Headquarters,  
 30th March 1918.

STRENGTH

1.

Lieut-Colonel W.J.S. DAVIDSON D.S.O. V.D. 2nd Aust. D.A.C. is struck off strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery on transfer to A.I.F. Headquarters LONDON - 30/3/18. (Auth. D.A.G., A.I.F., 19/1/139 of 25/3/18.)

TRANSFERS

2.

The undermentioned transfers will be made from dates shown :-

Major J. RAY. D.S.O from 5th A.F.A. Brigade to 2nd Aust. D.A.C. 29/3/18.  
 Major H.N. MORRIS from 4th A.F.A. Brigade to 5th A.F.A. Brigade 29/3/18.  
 Lieut. J.S. MEHAN from 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q to 5th A.F.A. Brigade 28/2/18.  
 Lieut. J.W. MURRAY from 5th A.F.A. Brigade to 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q 28/2/18.

APPOINTMENT

3.

Major J. RAY. D.S.O., to command 2nd Aust. D.A.C. vice Lieut-Colonel DAVIDSON to A.I.F. Headquarters LONDON - 30/3/18.

Lieut. J.W. MURRAY to be Staff Officer for Reconnaissance (1st Class) 2nd Aust Div. Artillery vice Lieut. MEHAN to regimental duty - 28/2/18. (Auth. D.A.G., A.I.F. 10/0/51 of 25/3/18.)

PROMOTION

4.

No.9112 Sgt. WAUGH G.T. 2nd Aust. D.A.C. to be Battery Q.M.S (temporarily) vice MICHELL reverted at own request - 15/3/18.

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

*Appendix E 1*

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET

LOCATION STATEMENT.

Location of Units as at 8 pm, 3rd March, 1918.  
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| UNIT                          | LOCATION      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>2nd AUST.D.A.H.Q.</u>      | NOUVELINGHEM  |
| <u>4th A.F.A.BRIGADE H.Q.</u> | JOURNY        |
| 10th Battery,                 | CLERQUES      |
| 11th "                        | JOURNY        |
| 12th "                        | BAS LOQUIN    |
| 104th How.Bty.                | JOURNY        |
| <u>5th A.F.A.BRIGADE H.Q.</u> | ALQUINES      |
| 13th Battery,                 | HAUTE PANNEE  |
| 14th "                        | ALQUINES      |
| 15th "                        | "             |
| 105th How.Bty.                | HAUTE PLANQUE |
| <u>2nd AUST.D.A.C. H.Q.</u>   | REBERGUES     |
| No 1 Section                  | "             |
| No 2 "                        | ROUGEMONT     |
| S.A.A. "                      | FOQUESLLES    |
| <u>D.T.M.O.</u>               | NOUVELINGHEM. |
| 3rd . . . Battery,            | "             |
| 4th . . . "                   | "             |
| . . . . "                     | "             |
| <u>20th Coy. A.A.S.C.</u>     | HAUTE LOQUIN  |

2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q.,  
28th February, 1918.  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
LOCATION STATEMENT.  
Locations of units on 10/3/1918.

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|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. | 28 Rue De LILLE BAILLEUL.        |
| 4th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q. | 75 Rue De YPRES BAILLEUL         |
| 10th Battery       | A.2.c.9.7.                       |
| 11th Battery       | A.2.d.8.9.                       |
| 12th Battery       | X.29.a.7.9.                      |
| 104th Battery      | A.3.c.3.9.                       |
| 5th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q. | E.8.d.6.8.                       |
| 13th Battery       | E.2.d.8.6.,E.2.c.5.2.            |
| 14th Battery       | E.17.b.2.8.,E.17.b.2.8.          |
| 15th Battery       | E.9.d.0.1.                       |
| 105th Battery      | E.9.b.8.2.                       |
| 2nd Aust. D.A.C.   | <del>XY9YK8Y2Y</del> F.12.a.7.3. |
| No. 1 Sec.         | E.11.c.2.8.,E.11.c.4.5.,E.11.a.. |
| No. 2 Sec.         | F.9.b.7.7.                       |
| S.A.A. Sec.        | F.12.a.7.3.                      |
| D.T.M.Btys.        | NIEPPE.                          |

Reference Maps- Sheets 27,36, and 36A 1/40,000

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery,  
7th March 1918.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \* AUSTRALIAN CORPS

SECRET

LOCATION STATEMENT No 1

Locations of Units as at 10 am, 13/3/18

Ref. Map. 28 S.W.) 1/20,000  
38 N.W.)

| <u>Unit</u>   | <u>Location</u>  | <u>Wagon Lines</u>                                      |
|---|--|---|
| <u>2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q.</u><br><u>"A" Div. Arty.</u>                | RAVELSBERG<br>(S.17.Central)   |   |
| <u>Left Group Arty.</u><br><u>4th A.F.A.Bde.HQ.</u>               | T.21.d.40.44.  | T.21.d.5.1.   |
| 13th Battery  | U.26.c.2.9. (4 guns)<br>U.27.c.3.0. (2 "   | B.14.a.3.6.   |
| 15th "  | U.13.c.90.34. (5 "<br>*U.15.d.30.65. (1 "  | B.14.c.9.6.   |
| 10th "  | U.14.b.80.62. (4 "<br>U.14.b.52.75. (2 "   | T.27.b.3.6.   |
| 11th Battery  | U.7.a.95.20. (3 "<br>U.1.d.90.00. (2 "   | T.28.c.2.8.   |
| 12th "  | *U.2.d.50.75. (1 "<br>U.7.e.51.67. (4 "<br>U.2.d.63.14. (2 "   | T.27.a.55.40.   |
| 104th How.Sty.  | U.14.c.50.10. (3 Hows)<br>U.20.a.05.45 (2 "<br>U.14.d.30.58. (1 "  | T.27.c.7.2.   |
| <u>Right Group Arty.</u><br><u>5th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q.</u>             | B.11.d.15.48.  | B.11.d.1.3.   |
| 14th Battery  | C.2.d.2.1. (2 guns)<br>C.1.d.84.72. (2 "<br>U.26.c.68.15. (2 "   | B.14.c.8.9.   |
| 105th How.Sty.  | **C.7.d.15.20. (2 Hows)<br>C.8.c.20.50. (2 "<br>C.7.b.75.30. (2 "  | B.8.c.00.50.  |
| <u>2nd Aust. D.A.C. HQ.</u><br>No 1 Section<br>No 2 "<br>S.A.A. " |  | S.30.c.3.7.<br>S.30.a.0.0.<br>A.12.b.7.6.<br>B.8.a.9.7. |
| <u>D.T.M.O.</u>   | 18 Rue de LA GARE,<br>NIEPPE.  |   |
| <u>3rd Aust. M.T.M. Bty</u>                                       | C.7.c.98.56. (H.Q.)<br>U.28.b.70.22. (Bty. control)<br>U.28.b.70.25. (In action)<br>U.29.a.14.43. ) In course of<br>U.23.a.50.10. ) construction.  |   |
| 3/1 TM<br>3/2 TM<br>3/3 TM  |  |   |
| <u>4th Aust. M.T.M. Bty.</u>                                      | U.14.b.99.10. (H.Q.)<br>U.10.a.75.60. (Bty. control)<br>U.10.d.95.10. (In action)<br>U.10.b.97.53. ) In course of<br>U.10.b.90.55. ) construction. |   |
| 4/1 TM<br>4/2 TM<br>4/3 TM  |  |   |
| Alternative positn. C.4.c.95.95.                                  | In action.   |   |
| Ammunition Railhead - CONNAUGHT SIDING;                           | 30th Mob. Workshops, T.21.b.3.8.   |   |
| 18-pdr & 4.5"   | - ROMARIN DUMP;  | D.A.D.O.S. B.1.d.1.9.                                   |
| S.A.A. & T.M.   | - DOU DOU ;  | 2nd A.D. Salvage Co. B.7.d.7.3.                         |

NOTE: \* Anti-tank Defence Guns. \*\* Not manned; under guard only.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

LOCATION STATEMENT No 2

No alterations to Locations as per Statement dated 3/3/18.

2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q.,  
15th March, 1918.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. @@@ AUSTRALIAN CORPS

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LOCATION STATEMENT No. 3.

Location of Units as at Noon, 22/3/18.

Ref. Map. 28 S.W.) 1/20,000  
36 N.W.)



| Unit.                                | Location  | Wagon Lines  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q.<br>"A" Div. Arty. | RAVELSBERG<br>(S.17. Central)                         |              |
| Left Group Arty.                     |   | a            |
| 4th A.F.A. Bde. Hqrs.                | T.21.d.40.44.   | T.21. .3.1.  |
| 13th Battery                         | U.26.c.2.9. (4 guns)                                  |              |
|                                      | U.27.c.3.0. (2 " )                                    | B.14.a.3.6.  |
| 15th Battery                         | U.13.c.90.34 (6 " )                                   | B.14.c.9.6.  |
| 10th " "                             | U.14.b.80.62 (4 " )                                   |              |
|                                      | U.14.b.52.75 (2 " )                                   | T.27.b.3.6.  |
| 11th " "                             | U.7.a.95.20 (4 " )                                    |              |
|                                      | U.1.d.90.00 (2 " )                                    | T.28.c.2.8.  |
| 12th " "                             | U.7.c.51.67 (4 " )                                    |              |
|                                      | U.1.d.63.14 (2 " )                                    | T.27.a.55.60 |
| 104th How. Bty.                      | U.14. .50.10 (3 Hows)                                 |              |
|                                      | U.20.a.05.45 (2 " )                                   | T.27.c.7.2.  |
|                                      | U.14.d.30.56 (1 " )                                   |              |
| Anti-Tank Defence Gun                | U.15.d.30.65 (1 15-pd B.L.C)                          |              |
| " " " "                              | U.2.d.50.75 ( " " " )                                 |              |
| Right Group Arty.                    |   |              |
| 5th A.F.A. Bde. Hqrs.                | E.11.d.15.48.   | B.11.d.1.3.  |
| 14th Battery                         | C.2.d.2.1. (2 guns)                                   |              |
|                                      | C.1.d.84.72 (2 " )                                    | B.14.c.8.8.  |
|                                      | U.26.c.68.16 (2 " )                                   |              |
| 105th How. Bty.                      | * C.7.d.15.20 (2 Hows)                                |              |
|                                      | C.8.c.20.50 (2 " )                                    | B.8.c.00.50  |
|                                      | C.7.b.75.30 (2 " )                                    |              |
| 2nd Aust. D.A.C. Hqrs.               |   | S.30.c.3.7   |
| No.1 Section                         |   | S.30.a.0.0   |
| No.2 " "                             |   | A.12.b.7.6   |
| S.A.A. " "                           |   | B.8.a.9.7    |
| D.T.M.O.                             | 6875 Rue de WARNETON<br>NIEPPE                        |              |
| 3rd Aust. M.T.M. Bty                 | C.7.c.98.56. (H.Q.)<br>U.28.b.70.22 (Battery Control) |              |
| 3/1 TM.                              | C.4.b.20.10 (In action)                               |              |
| 3/2 TM.                              | U.28.b.70.25 (In action)                              |              |
| 3/3 TM.                              | U.29.a.55.75 (In action)                              |              |
| Alternative Position (3/3A)          | U.28.b.20.75  |              |
| 4th Aust. M.T.M. Bty.                | U.14.b.99.10 (H.Q.)                                   |              |
|                                      | U.10.a.75.60 (Battery control)                        |              |
| 4/1 TM.                              | U.10.d.95.10 (In action)                              |              |
| 4/2 TM.                              | U.10.b.97.53 (In action)                              |              |
| 4/3 TM.                              | U.10.b.90.5 (In action)                               |              |
| Alternative Position (4/1A)          | U.10.d.97.20  |              |
| Ammunition Railhead                  | - CONNAUGHT SIDING 30th Mob. W'kshops, T.21.b.3.6     |              |
| 18-pdr and 4-5"                      | ROMARIN DUMP D.A.D.O.S. B.1.d.1.8                     |              |
| S.A.A and T.M.                       | DOU DOU 2nd A.D Salvage Co. B.7.d.7.3                 |              |

NOTE: \* Not manned; under guard only.



APPENDIX

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPSSECRETLOCATION STATEMENT No 4.

Location of Units as at noon, 29/3/18.

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Ref. Map: 28 F.W.)  
 28 S.W.) 1/20,000  
 36 N.W.)

H.Q., 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.  
 23th March, 1918.

| UNIT                                      | GUNS | LOCATION                      | WAGON LINES           |
|---|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| "A" DIV. ARTY H.Q.<br>(2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q.) |      | RAVELSBERG.<br>(S.17.Central) |                       |
| <u>LEFT GROUP ARTY</u>                    |      |                               |                       |
| 6th Army Bde.Aust.F.A.HQ.                 |      | T.8.c.15.75.                  | T.21.d.2.1.           |
| 16th Battery,                             | 6    | O.25.b.7.4.                   | S.30.c.8.8.           |
| 17th "                                    | 6    | U.1.a.70.39.                  | S.30.d.2.7.           |
| 18th "                                    | 4    | O.31.a.55.05.                 | (Adv.Sectn.T.5.d.3.9. |
|   | 2    | O.31.b.90.45.                 | B.1.b.1.5.            |
| 106th How. Bty.                           | 6    | U.1.b.40.88.                  | T.15.b.2.4.           |
| Anti-Tank Gun (15-pdr BLC)                | 1    | U.4.a.1.4.                    |                       |
| " " " "                                   | 1    | O.53.d.central                |                       |
| " " " "                                   | 1    | O.28.a.05.15.                 |                       |
| <u>SUPERIMPOSED</u>                       |      |                               |                       |
| 49th Battery,                             | 6    | U.1.d.38.39.                  | T.20.a.8.0.           |
| 50th "                                    | 6    | U.13.a.8.8.                   | N.21.c.6.5.           |
| 55th "                                    | 6    | N.30.d.95.12.                 | N.27.a.4.8.           |
| 113th How.Bty.                            | 6    | U.7.d.09.70.                  | T.23.b.5.5.           |
| <u>CENTRE GROUP ARTY.</u>                 |      |                               |                       |
| 4th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q.                        |      | T.21.d.40.44.                 | T.21.d.3.1.           |
| 13th Battery                              | 4    | U.26.c.2.9.                   | B.14.a.3.6.           |
|   | 2    | U.27.c.3.0.                   |                       |
| 15th "                                    | 6    | U.13.c.90.34.                 | B.14.c.9.6.           |
| 10th "                                    | 4    | U.14.b.80.62.                 | T.27.b.3.3.           |
|   | 2    | U.14.b.52.75.                 |                       |
| 11th "                                    | 4    | U.7.a.95.20.                  | T.28.c.2.8.           |
|   | 2    | U.1.d.9.0.                    |                       |
| 12th "                                    | 4    | U.7.c.51.67.                  | T.27.a.55.60.         |
|   | 2    | U.1.d.63.14.                  |                       |
| 104th How. Bty.                           | 3    | U.14.c.5.1.                   | T.27.c.7.2.           |
|   | 2    | U.20.a.05.45.                 |                       |
| Anti-tank gun(15-pdr BLC)                 | 1    | U.14.d.30.56.                 |                       |
| " " " "                                   | 1    | U.15.d.30.65.                 |                       |
| " " " "                                   | 1    | U.2.d.50.75.                  |                       |
| <u>RIGHT GROUP ARTY.</u>                  |      |                               |                       |
| 5th A.F.A.Bde.H.Q.                        |      | B.11.d.15.48.                 | B.11.d.1.3.           |
| 14th Battery,                             | 2    | C.2.d.2.1.                    |                       |
|   | 2    | C.1.d.84.72.                  | B.14.c.8.8.           |
|   | 2    | U.26.c.68.16.                 |                       |
| 105th How.Bty.                            | 2    | C.8.c.2.5.                    | B.8.c.0.5.            |
|   | 2    | C.7.b.75.30.                  |                       |
| <u>2nd AUST.D.A.C. H.Q.</u>               |      |                               |                       |
| No 1 Section                              |      |                               | S.30.c.3.7.           |
| No 2 "                                    |      |                               | S.30.a.0.0.           |
| S.A.A. "                                  |      |                               | A.12.b.7.6.           |
|   |      |                               | B.8.a.9.7.            |
| <u>6th ARMY BDE AUST.F.A.B.A.C.</u>       |      |                               |                       |
|   |      |                               | T.8.c.9.1.            |

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## LOCATIONS (Continued) (2)

D.T.M.O. 6875, Rue de WARNETON, NIEPPE.  
 9th M.T.M. Bty. T.5.a.5.0. (H.Q.) GREGORY X-Rds.  
 6" NEWTON T.M. U.5.a.25.71. )  
 " " U.5.c.8.1. ) Offensive.  
 " " U.5.a.3.8. )  
 " " U.4.b.13.20. )  
 " " C.33.b.88.98 ) Defensive.  
 2" Medium T.M. O.34.b.11.30. )  
 " " O.34.d.05.75. )  
 " " U.4.b.48.80. ) " " "  
 " " U.4.d.70.72. )  
 " " O.34.a.6.9. )

Centre Group

4th M.T.M. Bty. U.14.b.99.10. (H.Q.)  
 U.10.a.75.60 (Bty. control).

4/1 T.M. U.10.d.95.10. )  
 4/2 " U.10.b.97.53. ) Offensive.  
 4/3 " U.10.b.90.53. )  
 4/1a (Alternative Position) U.10.d.97.20.

Right Group

3rd M.T.M. Bty. C.7.c.98.56. (H.Q.)  
 U.28.b.70.22. (Bty. Control)  
 3/1 T.M. C.4.b.2.1. )  
 3/2 " U.28.b.70.25. ) Offensive.  
 3/3 " U.29.a.55.75. )  
 3/3a. (Alternative Position) U.28.b.20.75.  
 2nd ZONE  
 3/4 T.M. C.2.d.35.50. )  
 3/5 " U.27.c.35.60. ) Defensive.

AMMUNITION RAILHEAD: CONNAUGHT SIDING

18-Pdr & 4.5" How.A.R.P.: ROMARIN DUMP.

S.A.A. & T.M. : DOU DOU "

30th MOBILE WORKSHOP : T.21.b.3.6.

D.A.D.O.S.: B.1.d.1.8.

2nd A.D. SALVAGE COY.: B.7.d.7.3.

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Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
18/3/18.

Herewith the following Amendments, etc., to Right Div. Arty. Provisional Defence Scheme of 10th March 1918:-

Revised Section 12.  
Revised Appendix II.  
New Appendix -XI

Counter Preparation  
Details of Artillery Groups.  
Counter Preparation.

Acknowledge on form hereunder.

*C. A. Crome*

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

To all recipients of  
Right Div. Arty. Defence Scheme.

Received Amendments, etc., to Right Div. Arty. Aust. Corps  
Defence Scheme, forwarded under A 18/40 of 18/3/18.

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SECTION 12

COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. If an <sup>enemy</sup> attack is pending, in all probability it will be preceded by a heavy bombardment in order to destroy defensive power as far as possible.
2. In order to interfere with the enemy's plan of attack, schemes of counter preparation will be put into operation under instructions from this H.Q. in accordance with Appendix XI.
3. The general scheme of counter-preparation consists of counter-battery work, destructive bombardments, harassing fire, etc. The function of the Field Artillery is to inflict casualties on personnel, the fire being chiefly directed on positions of assembly and the approaches thereto.
4. Should the counter preparation last for several days, care must be taken that the action is varied sufficiently to prevent the enemy anticipating our fire and thereby avoiding it. Group Commanders will therefore, while abiding by the general principles laid down, vary the details of schemes at their discretion.
5. The responsibility for ordering "Counter Preparation" will remain with D.A.H.Q., but Group Commanders, if they consider that the situation demands urgency, will be responsible for taking immediate action, notifying D.A.H.Q. at once.  
Counter preparation schemes are not to be confused with Group Concentration schemes in cases of minor operations, etc. In these cases Groups are responsible for acting on their own initiative.
6. While counter preparation schemes are in progress, batteries must be prepared to switch at once on to their "S.O.S." Lines in the event of hostile infantry action developing.
7. Counter preparation will involve a large increase in the expenditure of ammunition. The allotments made in the attached table, as far as can be foreseen, allow for this, but are liable to alteration.
8. During the period when counter preparation is in progress, Group Commanders will ensure that only experienced officers are used as F.O.O's and Liaison Officers.
9. During the day all movement must be carefully watched for and dealt with at once. Hidden ground will be searched.
- 10.(a) The order for Counter Preparation will be the authority for an additional allotment of 100 rounds daily per gun and howitzer. Of this amount 40% will be used at night. Authority for the use of ammunition above this allotment will, except in emergencies, be obtained from D.A.H.Q.

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APPENDIX XI - COUNTER PREPARATION.

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1. (a) At times laid down from this Headquarters (normally during the 2 hours preceding dawn):-
- (i) Left Group will concentrate the whole of its batteries successively on Zones A, B and C, commencing from S.O.S. lines and searching Eastward by lifts of 100 yards per minute for a distance of 1000 yards.
- (ii) Right Group will concentrate its batteries successively on the following localities commencing at the Western extremity and searching Eastward by lifts of 100 yards per minute:-
- DEULEMONT: the area bounded by U.24.c.70.65. - U.24.c.7.2. - V.19.c.70.25. - V.19.c.70.75.
- The area U.29.b.65.45. - U.29.b.65.00. - U.30.b.65.00. - U.30.b.65.50.
- FRELINGHIEN: the area C.11.d.4.8. - C.11.d.3.4. - C.12.d.25.05.- C.18.b.10.65.
- (b) The above concentrations will be carried out once only unless otherwise ordered. Should more than one series of concentrations be ordered, Group Commanders will vary the order in which they are carried out.
- (c) Rate of fire : 2 rounds per Gun and How. per minute.
- (d) Ammunition allotted per gun and how.: 60 rounds.
2. (a) In addition to the above, the following targets will be engaged by day and night. The method of fire will be by short bursts:-

- (1) LEFT GROUP: 4.5" Howitzers: 1 Section on Mound V.7.a.53.05. and bridge over DOUVE in V.7.a.  
 1 Section to search road from V.7.a.45.60 to V.7.a.83.88.  
 1 Section to search from X-Rds at U.12.b.43.25 to V.7.a.00.45.

18-Pdrs:

- 10th Battery: 1 Section on X-Rds. at V.7.b.95.05.; 2 sections searching country in rear of line V.7.a.45.80. to V.7.a.35.10. to limit of range, particular attention being paid to roads and tracks.
- 11th Battery: Will search and sweep country from their S.O.S. Lines through WARNETON to V.7.central within Battery Zone.
- 12th Battery: Will search roads & tracks in U.12.b. within Battery Zone.
- 13th Battery: 1 gun on WIGART FARM, U.24.a.10.95.,  
 1 gun on SPINNING MILL, U.18.c.87.82.,  
 4 guns will search area in rear of line between SPINNING MILL and TELEPHONE HOUSE to limit of range, particular attention being paid to tracks.
- 15th Battery: Will search all roads and tracks in V.13.a.

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(COUNTER PREPARATION SCHEME- Contd.)

2.(a)(ii) RIGHT GROUP: <sup>18-Pdr.</sup> Battery (Zone "E"): Search all roads and tracks in the area between North and South Lines- U.24.b.00.85.-to U.30.b.00.50.  
V.20.a.00.85 to V.20.a.00.50.  
Trench Tramway - V.19.c.08.45 to V.20.a.62.68. to V.21.c.10.10.  
Sweep VAGRANT ROW.

4.5\* How.Bty.: Sweep Trench-U.24.a.30.85.-  
(Zone "E") /- U.24.c.78.72. - U.30.a.98.28.  
(U.24.a.52.50) Known M.G's and T.M's in U.24 and U.30.a. and b.  
Enfilade VAGABOND AVENUE,  
VACILLATING & VAGABOND TRENCHES.  
Block X-Rds.- U.24.d.35.32.;  
V.19.c.00.60.; V.19.c.88.95.;  
V.25.b.62.80.; V.20.a.98.08., then search or sweep as directed.  
DEULEMONT-particularly suspected O.P's.

<sup>18-Pdr.</sup> Battery:  
(Zone "F") Roads and tracks in area between North and South Lines- U.30.a.00.50. to U.30.c.00.15.,  
V.20.a.00.50. to V.20.c.00.15.  
Trench Tramway-U.29.b.78.10.- U.30.c.85.15.

4.5\* How.Bty:  
(Zone "F") Bridges-U.30.b.20.44.; U.30.b.28.30.;  
U.30.d.25.95.  
Block X-Rds at U.30.d.73.20.; V.25.c.05.80.;  
V.25.c.78.37.; V.25.c.37.35., then search or sweep as directed.  
LA TACHE.  
Enfilade UNCURL TRENCH.-U.30.a.76.40 to U.29.b.89.00. to U.29.d.55.15.  
UNCURL SUPPORT- U.29.d.95.70.- U.30.a.80.00.  
Strong Point- V.25.c.60.25.  
Portion of LES ECLUSES in Zone.  
Known T.M's. and M.G's. in U.30 and U.29.b., c. and d.

(b) Ammunition allotted per gun and how.:- 40 rounds.  
(50% to be fired by day, 50% by night).

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME

APPENDIX II.

DETAILS OF ARTILLERY GROUPS

| Battery.  | Position.                                     | Arcs of Fire (T.B.)  | O.P. Normally Used.                   | Wagon Lines. | Remarks   |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| H.Qrs B.11.d.15.48  |   |  |                                       |              |   |
| RIGHT GROUP - (Lt-Col.F.O'MAHONEY) - Covering Right Brigade.                          |   |  |                                       |              |   |
| 14th (V.A.)   | C.1.d.84.72.<br>C.2.d.20.10.<br>U.23.c.68.16. | (2) $\overset{N.}{59^\circ}$ to $\overset{S.}{120^\circ}$<br>(2) Unlimited.<br>(2) $67^\circ$ to $113^\circ$ | SURREY FARM                           | B.14.c.8.8.  | .   |
| 105th How. less 1 Sec. (V.D.)   | C.8.c.20.50.<br>C.7.b.75.30.<br>C.7.d.15.20.  | (2) $55^\circ$ to $115^\circ$<br>(2) $53^\circ$ to $124^\circ$<br>(2) $50^\circ$ to $114^\circ$              | SURREY FARM                           | B.7.d.9.5.   | Not Manned                                      |
| LEFT GROUP - (Lt-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR, D.S.O) H.Qrs T.21.d.40.44 - Covering Left Bde. |   |  |                                       |              |   |
| 13th (V.B)  | U.26.c.20.90.<br>U.27.c.3.0.                  | (4) $40^\circ$ to $98^\circ$<br>(2) $41^\circ$ to $73^\circ$   | CRATER                                | B.14.a.3.6.  |   |
| 15th (V.C)  | U.13.c.90.24.                                 | $56^\circ$ to $109^\circ$  | SUNKEN RD.S'TH & AU-CHASSEUR-CABARET. | B.14.c.9.6.  |   |
| 10th (W.A)  | U.14.b.80.62.<br>U.14.b.52.75.                | (4) $55^\circ$ to $95^\circ$<br>(2) $42^\circ$ to $109^\circ$  | ANTON                                 | T.27.b.3.6.  |   |
| 11th (W.B)  | U.7.a.95.20.<br>U.1.d.9.0.                    | (4) $79^\circ$ to $111^\circ$<br>(2) $65^\circ$ to $116^\circ$   | U.2.d.5.8.                            | T.28.c.2.8.  |   |
| 12th (W.C)  | U.7.c.51.67.<br>U.1.d.63.14.                  | (4) $72^\circ$ to $105^\circ$<br>(2) $89^\circ$ to $114^\circ$   | U.10.a.8.5.<br>DOUVE WALK O.P.        | T.27.a.55.60 |   |
| 104th How. (W.D)  | U.14.c.5.1.<br>U.20.a.05.45.<br>U.14.d.30.56. | (3) $63^\circ$ to $98^\circ$<br>(2)<br>(1)   | DIMOND & AU-CHASSEUR-CABARET.         | T.27.c.7.2.  |   |
| ANTI-TANK Gun (15PDR) do.   | U.2.d.50.25<br>U.15.d.30.65                   | UNLIMITED.   |                                       |              | MANNED BY PERSONNEL FROM 2 <sup>ND</sup> D.A.C. |

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AMENDMENTS TO DEFENCE SCHEME

Dated 10th March, '18

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1. SECTION 3, para. 5:

(a) Line 1: After "two" insert "15-Pounder B.L.C."

(b) Line 3: For "150" read "250".  
For "A.X." read "15-Pounder H.E."

2. SECTION 4, para. 6:

For "U.13.b.20.15.(HEATH)" read "U.15.d.85.85.(DIMOND)"

3. SECTION 7:

(a) Para. "Ammunition on Divisional Charge":  
For sub-para. (a) substitute -  
At positions in line. At dumps for positions  
in 2nd line

|           |     |        |
|-----------|-----|--------|
| 18-Pdr.   | 450 | 150    |
| 4.5" How. | 350 | 150. " |

(b) Delete para. "Ammunition to be at Gun positions".

Ref. print showing "Defence of ARMENTIERES":-

|                 |      |             |
|-----------------|------|-------------|
| For "25th Bty." | read | "13th Bty." |
| " "26th " "     | "    | "14th " "   |
| " "107th " "    | "    | "105th " "  |

APPENDIX III: In column "Normally manned by" -

(i) For "29th" read "10th",  
" "27th" " "15th",  
" "25th" " "13th",

" "Left Group" " "104th Bty. Left Group (Tactical O.P)"  
" "26th & 107th" " "14th & 105th"

(ii) Delete "108th Bty." & "30th & 31st"; for "30th & 31st" substitute  
"11th & 12th".





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6. SECTION 10:

(a) Paras. 2 & 3:- For "5th (or "6th") Aust.M.T.M.Bty." read  
"3rd (or "4th") Aust.M.T.M.Bty."

(b) For Para. 3 (LOCATIONS)- substitute the following:-

D.T.M.O., 6875, Rue DE WARNETON, NIEPPE.

Front line Positions:

|                       |  |               |               |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 3rd A.T.M.Bty.H.Q.    |  | O.7.c.98.56.  |               |
| 3rd " Control.        |  | U.28.b.70.22. |               |
| 6" Newton Mortar, 3/1 |  | C.4.b.20.10.  | (Completed:   |
| " " 3/2               |  | U.28.b.70.25. | mortars in    |
| " " 3/3               |  | U.29.a.55.75. | action)       |
| " " 3/3A.             |  | U.28.b.20.75. | (In course of |
| (Alternat.empl'mt)    |  |               | construction) |

|                           |  |               |               |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 4th A.T.M.Bty.H.Q.        |  | U.14.b.99.10. |               |
| " " Control               |  | U.10.a.75.30. |               |
| 6" Newton Mortar 4/1      |  | U.10.d.95.10. | (Completed:   |
| " " 4/2                   |  | U.10.b.97.53. | mortars in    |
| " " 4/3                   |  | U.10.b.90.53. | action)       |
| " " 4/3A                  |  | U.10.d.77.20. | (In course of |
| (Alternative emplacement) |  |               | construction) |

2nd Zone positions:

|          |                                     |               |                        |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Position | 3/4                                 | O.2.d.25.50.  | { Under construction } |
| "        | 3/5                                 | U.27.c.35.90. |                        |
| "        | 4/4                                 | U.15.b.40.20. | { Selected only }      |
| "        | 4/5                                 | U.9.a.55.18.  |                        |
| "        | 3/6 and 4/6 are being reconnoitred. |               |                        |

7. APPENDIX X:

(i) 1st Zone: In lines 1 and 2, delete from "Arrangements" to "1st Zone".

(ii) 2nd Zone: For "T.23.c.40.73." read "T.23.c.70.90." (Line 1)  
For "T.29.d.90.50." read "ROMARIN DUMP". (Line 2)  
Lines 12 & 13 - For "REGINA DUMP" read "ROMARIN DUMP"  
and for "T.29.d.90.50." read "B.4.a.6.5."  
Line 2 from foot of page: Delete "Reinforcing  
Positions of 1st Zone and"  
Line 6: For "EYE DUMP" read "PETIT PONT DUMP"



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20th March 1918.

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Herewith following Amendments to Defence Scheme dated 10th  
March 1918:-

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1. Section 3.    | ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION & SUB-DIVISION   |
| 2. " 4.          | OBSERVATION POSTS   |
| 3. " 7.          | AMMUNITION SUPPLY.  |
| 4.               | PRINT-DEFENCE OF ARMENTIERES.   |
| 5. Appendix III. | OBSERVATION POSTS   |
| 6. Section 10.   | TRENCH MORTARS.   |
| 7. Appendix X.   | AMMUNITION SUPPLY TO REINFORCING POSITIONS<br>1st ZONE AND ALL POSITIONS 2nd ZONE |

Please acknowledge on form hereunder.

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

2nd Aust. Div.Arty.

Received Amendments to Right Div.Arty.Australian Corps  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,  
1st April, 1918.

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To All recipients of  
Right Div. Arty. DEFENCE SCHEME.

Herewith copy No *38* of RIGHT DIV. ARTY., AUST. CORPS, DEFENCE SCHEME (PROVISIONAL) of 31st March, 1918.

Previous Defence Scheme issued by 3rd Aust. D.A. on 10/3/18, is cancelled and will be destroyed, with the exception of APPENDIX IIA, Sheets (a), (b) & (c). On these sheets, "LEFT GROUP" should be amended to read "RIGHT GROUP".

This Defence Scheme will be handed over on relief.

Please acknowledge on form hereunder.

*C. A. Clowes*

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

RIGHT DIV. ARTY., AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Acknowledging receipt of Copy No *38* of RIGHT DIV. ARTY., AUST. CORPS, DEFENCE SCHEME (PROVISIONAL) of 31/3/18. Defence Scheme of 10/3/18 (with exceptions as instructed) has been destroyed.

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## RIGHT DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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31st March, 1918

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|       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 1.    | Australian Corps.            |
| 2     | R.A. Australian Corps        |
| 3     | 2nd Aust. Division           |
| 4/6   | Right Arty. Group            |
| 7/13  | Centre Arty. Group           |
| 14/22 | Left Arty. Group             |
| 23    | Right Flank Arty.            |
| 24    | Left Flank Arty.             |
| 25    | Staff Captain 2nd Aust. D.A. |
| 26    | Aust. Corps L.A.             |
| 27    | 36th Brigade R.G.A.          |
| 28    | D.T.M.O                      |
| 29    | D.A.C.                       |
| 30    | Right Infantry Bde.          |
| 31    | Left Infantry Brigade        |
| 32    | Reserve Infantry Brigade     |
| 33    | 3rd Squad. A.P.C.            |
| 34    | Signal Officer               |
| 35    | C.R.A.                       |
| 36    | B.M.                         |
| 37    | R.O.                         |
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| IAI  | Plan of 1st & 2nd Zone Organisation, (only<br>(Left Group)                            |
| II   | Details of Artillery Groups.  |
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| III  | Observation Posts.  |
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| VIIA | Diagram of T.M. Communications.   |
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| IX   | Positions, Zones & S.O.S.Lines of T.M.Positions                                       |
| X    | Ammunition Supply to Reinforcing Positions 1st<br>Zone and all Positions 2nd Zone.    |
| XI   | Counter Preparation.  |

\* APPENDIX IIA to Right Div. Arty., AUST. CORPS, DEFENCE SCHEME issued by 3rd Aust.Div.Arty. on 10/5/18 still holds good, with the following amendments:- Where "LEFT GROUP" is shown, it should be amended to read "CENTRE GROUP"

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RIGHT DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME

SECTION 1.

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BOUNDARIES

1. EXTENT OF FRONT. The frontage allotted to the Division extends from the River WAMBEEK on the North to the River LYS on the South. The 1st Aust. Division is on our Left, & the 38th Division is on our Right.

DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

(N.25.c.85.70. to N.31.a.0.2.) ←-----→

Northern Boundary:- The WAMBEEK : 0.23.c.80.15 - 0.22.c.0.3. - 0.21.d.0.2. - 0.21.c.8.0. - 0.27.a.00.85. - 0.26.a.0.3. - 0.25.b.6.1. - 0.25.d.05.40. - 0.25.a.00.05. - N.29.b.7.3. - along road by →-----→  
Southern Boundary:- A due East line through C.16.d.50.60. along River LYS (inclusive) to C.21.b.40.00 across River and along Northern bank to C.19.c.80.45. to C.19.b.05.05 to C.19.b.15.10 to C.19.b.35.87 to C.19.b.00.90 along South Bank of River LYS to B.18.d.20.65 to B.18. central to B.18.a.00.70 to B.17 central to B.17.c.10.00 to B. .c.85.75 to B.21.a.60.20 to B.13.b.10.45.

SECTION 2.

GENERAL DEFENCE SCHEME

1. The Battle Zone is organised in depth into two main zones, viz.,  
1st Zone, which is the Divisional line of Defence.  
2nd Zone, which is the Corps Line.
2. The 1st Line is divided into a FIRING LINE, a SUPPORT LINE and a RESERVE LINE, which are shown in Appendix 1.  
The Front is divided into 3 sub-sectors, each held by one Infantry Brigade.  
Dividing lines between Brigades are as follows :-  
(a) Between Right and Centre:- U.23.b.4.9. - U.22.a.46.85 - U.21.d.70.00 - along road to U.26.b.1.1. along WARNAVE RIVER to C.1.b.2.0 - B.6.Central. - E.4.b.8.5. - along road to B.8.b.1.5.  
(b) U.11.b.35.60., WEST along Southern bank of River DOUVE to T.12.a.20.75., thence along road to T.12.a.05.05. - T.11.d.65.90 - T.11.d.65.40. - T.16.b.75.85 - T.16.b.95.45 - T.16.c.80.00 to T.14.d.40.00.

3. DISPOSITION

RIGHT BRIGADE :- Headquarters at BRUNEGAYE (B.10.a.6.7.)

"A & D" Battalions in front system

Right Batt'n H.Q C.3.c.8.5. Left Bn. H.Q at U.27.b.8.2.

"C" Bn. will be responsible for defence of 2nd Zone and provision of nucleus garrisons for same. (H.Q. at B.10. a.75.85.)

"D" Bn. will be held in Brigade Reserve. (H.Q at B.10.a.8.9.)  
Four nucleus Companies organised under command of a Field Officer detailed by G.O.C., Brigade, will be held in Divisional Reserve.

CENTRE BRIGADE :- Headquarters at U.20.a.7.8.

"A & B" Battalions in front system

Right Bn. H.Q at U.15.c.9.5. Left Bn. H.Q. at U.9.b.5.3.

"C" Bn. will be responsible for defence of 2nd Zone and provision of nucleus garrisons for same. (H.Q at U.19.b.4.8.)

"D" Bn. will be held in Divisional Reserve (H.Q. CATAGOLBS U.19.b.)  
Four nucleus Companies organised under command of O.C "D" Bn. will be held in Divisional Reserve.

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RIGHT DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME

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SECTION 2-DEFENCE SCHEME (Continued)

LEFT BRIGADE :- Headquarters at T.6.c.6.6.

"A", "B", and "C" Battalions in front system.

Right Battalion H.Q.'rs at U.4.c.25.25

Centre " " " 0.33.a.95.95

Left " " " 0.26.d.1.7.

"D" Battalion will be responsible for defence of 2nd Zone and provision of nucleus garrisons for same. Headquarters at T.5.d.9.4.

Four nucleus Companies organised under command of a Field Officer detail E by G.O.C., Brigade, will be held in Divisional Reserve.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion., will be held in Divisional Reserve.

GENERAL DEFENCE SCHEME

The Battle Zone is organised in depth into two main zones, viz. 1st Zone, which is the Divisional line of Defence. 2nd Zone, which is the Corps line.

The 1st line is divided into a FIRING LINE, a SUPPORT LINE and a RESERVE LINE, which are shown in Appendix 1. The front is divided into 3 sub-sectors, each held by one Infantry Brigade.

Dividing lines between Brigades are as follows :-

(a) Between Right and Centre: - U.22.b.4.4. - U.22.a.44.88 - U.21.d.70.00 - along road to U.26.b.1.1. along WARRANE RIVER

(b) U.11.b.38.80. - WEST along Southern bank of RIVER DOUVE to T.12.a.20.75. - change along road to T.12.a.08.05. - T.11.d.88.90 - T.11.d.88.90. - T.12.b.78.85. - T.12.b.88.85. - T.12.c.80.00 to T.12.d.40.00.

DISPOSITION

RIGHT BRIGADE :- Headquarters at BRUNEGAY (E.10.a.6.7.)

"A" & "B" Battalions in front system

Right Batt'n H.Q. 0.3.a.8.5. Left Bn. H.Q. at U.27.b.8.2.

"C" Bn. will be responsible for defence of 2nd Zone and provision of nucleus garrisons for same. (H.Q. at E.10.a.6.7.)

"D" Bn. will be held in Brigade Reserve. (H.Q. at E.10.a.6.7.)

Four nucleus Companies organised under command of a Field Officer detailed by G.O.C., Brigade, will be held in Divisional Reserve.

LEFT BRIGADE :- Headquarters at U.20.a.7.9.

"A" & "B" Battalions in front system

Right Batt'n H.Q. at U.27.b.8.2. Left Bn. H.Q. at U.27.b.8.2.

"C" Bn. will be responsible for defence of 2nd Zone and provision of nucleus garrisons for same. (H.Q. at U.27.b.8.2.)

"D" Bn. will be held in Brigade Reserve. (H.Q. at U.27.b.8.2.)

Four nucleus Companies organised under command of a Field Officer detailed by G.O.C., Brigade, will be held in Divisional Reserve.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion. will be held in Divisional Reserve.

RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME (Contd).SECRETSECTION 3.

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ARTILLERY ORGANISATION AND SUB-DIVISION.

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1. The Divisional front is covered by four Brigades of Field Artillery and is divided into three Groups as follows:-

- (a) RIGHT GROUP. Headquarters, B.11.d.15.48.  
One 6-gun 18-pdr Battery,  
One 6-how. 4.5" How. Battery,  
covering the Right Infantry Brigade.
- (b) CENTRE GROUP. Headquarters, T.21.d.40.44.,  
Five 6-gun 18-pdr Batteries,  
One 6-how. 4.5" How. Battery.  
covering the Centre Infantry Brigade.
- (c) LEFT GROUP. Headquarters, T.6.c.15.75.  
Six 6-gun 18-pdr Batteries,  
Two 6-how. 4.5" How. Batteries,  
covering the Left Infantry Brigade.

2. The Group Boundaries will correspond with those of the Infantry Brigades they are covering, continuing Eastward on an East and West Grid bearing.
3. Each Battery of a Group is responsible for the defence of an allotted portion of the Sector and unless a Battery is engaged in an operation, all guns of the Battery are to be kept laid and loaded on their S.O.S. Lines.
4. All Batteries within 3000 yards of our front line will be protected by light wire entanglements to be erected under Group arrangements, unless Batteries are so situated that wire erected for protection of Corps Line is sufficient to protect the Battery from being rushed.
5. ANTI-TANK GUNS: 15-Pdr B.L.C. Guns are emplaced for forward Anti-Tank Defence as shown below. Each is provided with 250 rounds H.E. ammunition. All fire from these guns will be direct and command by word of mouth.

Where guns are placed singly in position each will be under an officer; where two guns are together they will be controlled by one officer as a section of guns.

Every possible care will be taken not to give the positions away prematurely; they will not be used except in case of enemy tank attack or during a hostile attack when favorable opportunities for their use against infantry targets occur. Attention is drawn to S.S.203 (Instr. for Anti-Tank Defence).

Group Commanders will issue Standing Orders for the manning, etc., of Tank guns.

In addition to the 15-pdrs., two guns of the battery at U.13.c.90. have positions prepared in the open to which they can be run in the event of a tank attack.

Positions of Tank Guns:

- Centre Group: - U.15.d.30.85. (Two).  
- U.2.d.50.75. (Two).
- Left Group: - U.4.a.1.4. (One).  
- O.33.d.central (One).  
- O.28.a.05.15. (One).



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6. MOBILE BATTERIES: Centre and Left Groups will each detail an 18-Pdr battery as a Mobile Reserve to be used when required under orders from D.A.H.Q. It is to be selected with a view to special employment against hostile infantry which may have succeeded in breaking through, and in covering our counter attack. Officers and N.C.O's of these batteries will have an intimate knowledge of that portion of the front covered by the Group. Careful reconnaissance will be made of approaches to possible positions where single guns, sections or a battery could be employed. These positions should be selected with reference to likely lines of approach of hostile infantry, attention being paid to facilities for easy supply of ammunition.
7. The CAMOUFLAGE OFFICER is at the DUMP near KEMMEL (M.30.b.3.7.)
8. Repairs to guns and vehicles will be carried out at No 30 ORDNANCE WORKSHOP, (T.21.b.3.6.).
9. Appendix II gives the details concerning RIGHT, CENTRE and LEFT GROUPS.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME (Contd)

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SECTION S.A.

GENERAL POLICY

For the present, the general artillery policy to be followed will consist of:-

- (a) Co-operation with any minor operations, etc., carried out by the Division.
- (b) The seizing of all favorable opportunities of inflicting losses on the enemy, either in personnel or materiel.

For the destruction of materiel, particularly of Artillery (Counter-battery work) shoots will be carried out methodically; for the destruction of personnel sudden concentrations of fire both by day and night should be used.

All artillery work must be based on direct observation or carefully considered information. Therefore, the system of communication and observation must be as perfect as possible, so that no chance of inflicting losses on the enemy may be neglected.

It is not desired to stir the enemy into activity without good cause. Artillery fire will therefore not be used unless there is a definite reason for it. In the case of a suspected relief fire is justifiable.

Artillery retaliation, as such, is to be discountenanced. It must be the aim of our artillery to punish the enemy in every way, thus completely dominating any efforts he may make in the way of retaliation. We must always retain the initiative.

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(S E C R E T) RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME. (CONTINUED)

SECTION 4.

OBSERVATION POSTS

1. A list of O.P.'s. is contained in Appendix III.
2. Each Battery is to be allotted an O.P. by its Group Commander and will be responsible for its upkeep and improvement.
3. Groups are responsible for all Field Artillery O.P.'s in their Areas.
4. Group Commanders will select, where necessary, and allot O.P.'s to Reinforcing Batteries.
5. A Log Book will be kept for each Battery O.P., and information entered daily under the following headings :-
  - (i) Work done by enemy.
  - (ii) Movement seen.
  - (iii) Guns or M.W.'s. located or suspected.
  - (iv) General.
6. For the First Zone, the following O.P.'s will always be manned by Groups :-  
 SURREY FARM, C.9.d.25.40 Right Group., DIMOND, U.15.d.85.85. Centre Group., and O.33.c.50.45 Left Group.  
  
 These O.P.'s are to be in direct communication with Group Headquarters and the Battalions which they cover.
7. For the Second Zone, an O.P. is to be constructed at U.13.b.20.15 (HEATH) for two Observers and Towers constructed at LE BIZET (C.14.a.9.9.) and at (C.1.d.55.55.)

SECTION 5.

S. O. S.

1. ACTION:- The S.O.S. Signal is a call for immediate Artillery assistance. It will be sent by any responsible Officer in the front line when the enemy are actually attacking.  
 On its receipt, either by telephone or rocket, all Batteries of the Group concerned and adjacent flank Battery of the neighbouring group will open fire at once on their S.O.S. Lines; fire being concentrated only by order from the Group Commander.
2. RATES & DURATION OF FIRE:-

| 18-pdrs  | 4 rds per gun per min. | for 1st 5 mins. |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| "        | 3                      | 2nd 5 "         |
| "        | 2                      | 3rd 5 "         |
| 4.5" How | 3                      | 1st 5 "         |
| "        | 2                      | 2nd 5 "         |
| "        | 1                      | 3rd 5 "         |

All fire will cease at the end of fifteen minutes unless the S.O.S. Signal is repeated after the opening of fire, in which case the above rate of fire will be reverted to, except that 18-pdr guns reduce to 3, 2 & 1 rounds per gun per min. instead of 4, 3 & 2 rounds per gun per minute.

The Artillery will act on seeing the prescribed rocket signal, whether confirmed by telephone or not.
3. COMMUNICATIONS:- A Battery receiving an S.O.S. Call will repeat it at once to
  - (a) Batteries on either flank.
  - (b) Group Headquarters.

Groups will at once inform:-

  - (a) Batteries in the Group
  - (b) Groups on either flank.
  - (c) C. R. A.
  - (d) Affiliated H.A. Group.

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(c) The Battalion concerned, unless the message has come through this Battalion.

The C.R.A. will inform -

- (a) H.A., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
- R.A., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
- "G", AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4. S.O.S. Lines of Groups are given in Appendix IV. Action of Heavy Artillery is given in Section 13.

SECTION 6

GAS

Corps Chemical Advisor is located at Corps Headquarters - Telephone C.L.R.O.

2. GENERAL PRECAUTIONS.

Unit Commanders are responsible that all precautionary measures and instructions contained in S.S.193. "Standing Orders for Defence against Gas", are carried out.

3. ARTILLERY ACTION ON GAS ATTACK

On notification of a Gas Attack, the Artillery will open a barrage in the sector indicated, with the Field guns allotted to that Sector, the barrage being placed on S.O.S. lines.

This barrage will not be intensified by concentration of the fire of other Batteries unless the Infantry attack threatens to develop, in which case the S.O.S. Signal will be sent up and fire concentrated on orders from Group.

The trenches from which gas is being emitted will be bombarded with all available 4.5" Hows and Trench Mortars.

RATES OF FIRE :-

- 18-Pdrs - 1 round per gun per min.
- 4.5" Hows. - 3 rounds " " "
- T.M's. - Rapid.

4. GAS SHELL BOMBARDMENT.

In the event of a hostile gas shell bombardment, the Group concerned will at once inform the C.R.A. of the locality shelled and direction from which the bombardment is coming.

SECTION 7

AMMUNITION SUPPLY

Ref. Maps :- Sheet 36 N.W. and Sheet 28 S.W.

- CORPS DEPOT - LA CRECHE SIDING - A.6.b.
- AMMUNITION RAILHEAD - CONNAUGHT SIDING - OXD - T.26.c.3.5

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION REFILLING POINTS :-

- ROMARIN - B.4.a.6.5. - 18-pdrs and 4.5" Hows.
- DCU-DCU - B.5.c.4.7 - S.A.A. and T.M's.

SYSTEM OF SUPPLY:- Boxed ammunition is brought direct by Light Railway from LA CRECHE DEPOT to ROMARIN DUMP, where it is unboxed and distributed as necessary.

The Staff Captain demands on Corps Light Railway Officer for necessary trucks, before 6 p.m. daily, to carry ammunition forward from ROMARIN DUMP to Group Stations, whence it is conveyed to Battery positions either by Trench Tramways or Pack Animals.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME,  
SECTION 7 - AMMUNITION SUPPLY (Contd)

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System of Supply (Contd).

One guide from each Battery is permanently stationed at ROMARIN DUMP and accompanies each load of ammunition to his battery. The O.C. ROMARIN DUMP informs Groups immediately train leaves for Bty. In case of emergency, ammunition may be sent boxed to Bty. positions direct from LA GRECHE DEPOT. The alternative system of supply is by horse transport using ROMARIN DUMP as a refilling point.

ALLOTMENT: The daily bulk allotment which may be expended will be notified from time to time. Allotment so notified must not be exceeded, except for S.O.S. or with special authority.

AMMUNITION ON DIVISIONAL CHARGE: Total to be maintained per gun on charge of Div'l. Arty.:-

|                                      | 18-pdr. | 4.5" How. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| (a) In the line, at or near the gun, | 450     | 350       |
| At occupied Reinforcing pos'ns,      |         |           |
| 1st Zone                             | 450     | 350       |
| " unoccupied "                       | 100     | 100       |
| " Reinforcing & Retired " 2nd Zone   | 150     | 150.      |

(b) Full echelon establishment for all Hows. and Guns on charge held on wheels. The amount necessary to fill Div. from Sub-Park (i.e. 75 per 18-pdr and 40 per 4.5" How. will be held at ROMARIN DUMP.

ECHELONS will be kept full at all times.

PERSONNEL AT DUMPS: The following personnel will be kept at Dumps by the Divisional Ammunition Column:-

|         | Off. | N.C.O's. | O.R. | Bty. Guides |
|---------|------|----------|------|-------------|
| ROMARIN | 1    | 3        | 13   | 8           |
| DOU DOU | -    | 2        | 7    | -           |

AMMUNITION SUPPLY TO REINFORCING POS'NS., 1st ZONE and all positions 2nd ZONE - See Appendix X.

SECTION 8 - COMMUNICATIONS.

Artillery communications within the Divisional Area are maintained as follows:-

D.A.H.Q. Area: D.A.H.Q. has two direct lines to each Group H'qrs., one of which is overhead throughout, the other partly buried and partly overhead. Lateral wires are also maintained to Div. Arty. H'qrs. of Divisions on Right and Left. Each Group has also a buried line direct to the Groups on its Right and Left.

GROUP AREA: Each Group has direct buried lines to each battery of its command. Batteries are also connected laterally.

Lines also run direct from each Group to the Infantry Bde. which it covers. Centre and Right Groups have direct buried lines to the O.P. Exchange of their area and also to the O.P. Exchange of the Group on their Right. Left Group does not maintain a Central O.P. Exchange.

BATTERIES: Each Battery is in direct telephonic communication with detached sections, its Group O.P. Exchange and, in the case of 18-pdr Batteries, with Battalion H'qrs. in the line. Batteries are also directly connected to Batteries on each flank.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME.--- SECTION 8 --- (COMMUNICATIONS) - (Cont'd)O.Ps.

Centre and Right Groups each has its own O.P. Exchange to which are connected, direct on bury, all O.Ps. of that Group Area, also the O.P. Exchange of the Groups on Right and Left.

S.O.S.

Each Company in the line has a direct line to a Battery. The line in each case is buried as far as the Cable Head, and from there on is trench line.

BATTALION LIAISON :- Each Battalion holding the line has a direct line on the buried system to a Battery. Maintenance of all permanent and air-line routes within the Divisional area rests with Corps parties controlling, and of the bury, with the Corps and Divisional Signal parties stationed at each main resting point. Their responsibility finishes at the Test Points, leaving the maintenance of all overland routes to the formations to whom the connections are allotted.

Diagrams of Communications form Appendix VII.  
(Tracings of communications for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Zones attached to D. Art. (B. Mjr's) copy, only).

SURREY FARM, BUNKEN ROAD SOUTH and DIMOND O.Ps are to have buried lines direct to Group Headquarters, and the Battalion whose front they cover.

--- SECTION 9 ------ CO-OPERATION WITH INFANTRY ---

1.

LIAISON:-

(a) Div. Arty. Headquarters is situated at Divisional Headquarters and the C.R.A. will see the G.O.C. as required.

(b) Group Commanders will act as Brigade Liaison Officers. They will frequently visit the Headquarters of the Brigade they cover.

(c) Battery Commanders will visit Battalion Headquarters at least twice a week.

(d) All Battery Officers should visit Company Headquarters & the front line trenches of their zone at least once a week.

(e) Groups will supply an Officer as Liaison Officer at H'qrs of Battalions they cover. This Officer will remain with the Battalion Commander during hours of darkness. During the day he will visit Company H'qrs and the front line system. On coming off duty he will render a report to the Group Commander, with whom he will also be in direct telephonic communication.

Tour of duty will be from 3 p.m to 3 p.m.

The Liaison Officer will act as advisor to the Battalion Commander in Artillery matters.

2.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT :-

Requests by Infantry for Artillery support, both from Field and Heavy Artillery (other than S.O.S., for which see Section 5) will be made to the Artillery Group Commander, who may, however, authorise the expenditure of a limited amount of ammunition by Field Batteries in direct request from Battalion or Companies.

RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME. SECRETSECTION 10TRENCH MORTARS.  
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1. CONTROL: For tactical purposes, Trench Mortars in the line are under the control of respective Group Commanders. The D.T.M.O. is responsible for reliefs, ammunition, stores and supplies.
2. DISPOSITION: Medium
- (a) The Divisional front will be covered by two T.M. Batteries as follows:-
- 4th Aust.M.T.M.Bty.: Left Inf.Bde front (5 6" T.M's and 5 2" T.M's.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  3rd " " " : Centre Inf. Bde. (Centre Group front - six 6" T.M's.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  " " " : Right Inf. Bde. (Right Group front) six 6" T.M's.
- (b) T.M's are distributed as follows:-
- Right Inf. Bde front: (i) 3 6" T.M's in the forward zone, (Offensive positions).  
(ii) 3 6" T.M's in the 2nd Zone, (Defensive positions).
- Centre Inf. Bde. front: (i) 3 6" T.M's in the forward zone, (Offensive positions).  
(ii) 3 6" T.M's in the 2nd Zone, (Defensive positions).
- Left Inf. Bde. front: (i) 3 6" T.M's in positions covering the enemy front system (offensive positions).  
(ii) 2 6" T.M's covering our present front system, (defensive positions).  
(iii) 5 2" T.M's covering portions of our front system (defensive pos'ns):

On the Left Bde front, in the event of the enemy breaking into our front system and forcing the evacuation of the offensive positions, T.M. personnel will man the 6" and 2" T.M's in (ii) and (iii) respectively. Personnel in detail has been told off to man each of the guns in positions (ii) and (iii) and are quartered close at hand.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME (Contd) A . VTD THDIR  
TRENCH MORTARS (Contd) (2)

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3. Locations, Arcs of Fire and detailed distribution: shown in Appendix IX.

4. S.O.S.: On receipt of the S.O.S. signal, either by telephone or rocket, all front zone defensive mortars on the sector concerned will open fire on their S.O.S. Lines. Fire will only be concentrated by order of the Battery Com'dr. Rate & duration of fire: 1 round per min. for 15 mins. If the S.O.S. is repeated after the opening of fire the task as above will be repeated.

5. COMMUNICATIONS: See Appendix VII.A.

6. AMMUNITION SUPPLY:

Div. Refilling Point. - ROMARIN, B.4.a.6.5.

To Right Sector- From Div. Refilling Point to GASOMETER CORNER SIDING by Corps Light Railway and thence to Mortar Emplacements by Trench Tramway and carrying parties.

To Centre Sector: From Div. Refilling Point to RACINE DUMP by Corps Light Railway and thence to Mortar Emplacements by Trench Tramway and carrying parties.

To Left Sector: Ammunition is conveyed by Lorry or G.S. Wagon to O.X.F., transferred to Light Railway and transported to LUMBY SIDING - U.8.b.1.7. From the latter, forward by train to "B" Refilling Point - U.3.d.54.67.; from there by carrying parties arranged for with infantry by the D.T.M.O.

7. Establishment of Ammunition to be maintained at each Mortar Emplacement:-

|                         |              |             |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                         | 6" NEWTON    | 2"          |
| Right & Centre Sectors: | 150 per mtr. |             |
| Left Sector ... ..      | 150 " "      | 50 per mtr. |

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME.SECRETSECTION II. - MUTUAL SUPPORT.

1. Support may be called for from flanking Groups by Artillery Group Com'drs., who become responsible for the tactical control of the batteries assisting them and will issue all necessary orders to the battery or batteries through their Group Com'drs. until such time as their assistance is no longer required.

When guns from one sector have been called upon to help another sector, their Group Com'der must arrange to cover the front of his Group with his remaining guns.

Arrangements for Liaison Barrages with flanking Divisions are as follows:-

(a) With Division on Right:

- (i) This Division attacked: Code call --- HELP LE TOUQUET.  
 Division on right barrages - 1 Bty. 18-pdrs. on enemy  
 F.L.T. from C.17.a.10.60. to C.11.b.20.90.  
 2 4.5" How. on CELIA ROW & CEMETERY CRESCENT in C.11.d.

- (ii) Division on Right attacked: Code call --- HELP HOUPLINES.  
 Action by Right Group - 1 Bty. 18-pdrs. C.17.a.2.7.  
 to C.17.a.72.00.  
 4.5" Hows.- C.17.a.73.97.; C.17.a.97.65.; C.17.a.57.40.  
 C.17.a.80.31.; C.17.a.95.20.; C.17.a.41.61.

(b) With Division on Left:

- (i) This Division attacked: Code Call ... "HELP QUAD".  
 Action by Div. on Left: 6 18-pdrs barrage line  
 O.23.d.1.3. to O.29.b.20.35.  
 2 4.5"-Hows. engage O.29.b.6 5.85  
 and O.29.d.8.9.
- (ii) Division on Left attacked: Code Call ... "HELP HOLLEBEKE".  
 Action by Left Group: 6 18-pdrs. barrage line O.23.d.5.0.  
 to O.23.b.5.2.  
 2 4.5"-Hows. engage O.24.c.20.65.  
 and O.24.c.77.03.

2. GROUP MUTUAL SUPPORT:

Group Com'ders will prepare concentrations whereby the fire of all batteries possible of their Groups may be switched on to the sector covered by any battery or batteries of neighboring Group.

3. DEFENCE OF ARMENTIERES:

Should the Division on our right be pressed back, two batteries of the Right Group, plus Right battery of the Left Group, will be switched round to cover approaches to HOUPLINES.

O.P.'s to be used will be LE BIZET CONVENT (C.14.a.5.7.) and SURREY FARM (C.9.d.25.40.). [O.P.]

SURREY FARM is already on the buried system. LA BIZET CONVENT is connected up to O.P. Exchange, PETITE RABEQUE FARM. Maintenance concerned of this line devolves upon O.C., Right Group.

All batteries must have their arrangements complete to enable fire to be opened quickly should this occasion arise.

Platforms will be prepared and aiming posts planted; arrangements to be incorporated in the Battery Defence Schemes.

The arrangements for the carrying out of this scheme will be made known to all Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Batteries concerned

A map is attached showing switch line and zones batteries are responsible for.

Command of the Artillery covering this switch line will devolve upon the O.C. Right Group, who will have periodical trials of the arrangements laid down and report results to D.A.H.Q.



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SECTION 12 - COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. If an enemy attack is pending, in all probability it will be preceded by a heavy bombardment in order to destroy defensive power as far as possible.
2. In order to interfere with the enemy's plan of attack, schemes of counter preparation will be put into operation under instructions from this H.Q., in accordance with Appendix XI.
3. The general scheme of counter preparation consists of
  - (a) Annihilating Fire and
  - (b) Harassing fire.In (a) each Group front is divided into zones. The fire of the Group will be concentrated on the zones ordered in turn, a creeping barrage being put down from the "S.O.S." line to a depth of about 500 yards.  
In (b) Batteries will be allotted to zones. They will search all roads, tracks and known centres of activity with rapid bursts of fire at varying intervals.
4. Should the counter preparation last for several days, care must be taken that the action is varied sufficiently to prevent the enemy anticipating our fire and thereby avoiding it. Group Com'drs. will, therefore, while abiding by the general principles laid down, vary the details of schemes at their discretion.
5. The responsibility for ordering "Counter Preparation" will remain with D.A.H.Q., but Group Com'drs., if they consider that the situation demands urgency, will be responsible for taking immediate action, notifying D.A.H.Q. at once.  
In the event of batteries being heavily shelled (either H.E. or Gas) they will at once report the situation to Group H.Q., in order that any attempt on the part of the enemy to neutralise all batteries preliminary to delivering an assault may be realised.  
Counter preparation schemes are not to be confused with Group Concentration schemes in cases of minor operations, etc. In these cases Groups are responsible for acting on their own initiative.
6. While counter preparation schemes are in progress, batteries must be prepared to switch at once on to their "S.O.S." lines in the event of hostile infantry action developing.
7. Counter preparation will involve a large increase in the expenditure of ammunition. The allotment will be notified by this H.Q.
8. During the period when counter preparation is in progress, Group Com'drs. will ensure that only experienced officers are used as F.O.O's. and Liaison Officers. From receipt of this order all O.P's will be constantly manned.
9. During the day all movement must be carefully watched for and dealt with at once. Hidden ground will be searched.

RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME.SECRETSECTION 13 - CO-OPERATION WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY.

1. COMPOSITION: THE AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY (H'qrs. LOCRE CHATEAU (M.28.C.70.45.)), is composed of two bombardment brigades and three Counter-Battery Brigades.  
Distribution of Heavy Artillery is given in APPENDIX V.
2. COMMUNICATION: Heavy Artillery support or Counter Battery will normally be asked for by Group Com'nders through Div.Arty.H'qrs.  
In cases, however, where rapid action is essential, Groups will apply for Counter Battery work direct to the affiliated H.A.Bde., reporting the matter to Div.Arty.H'qrs. as soon as possible.
3. AFFILIATED <sup>BDE.</sup>: The H.A. Brigade affiliated to the Right Div. is 36th Bde.R.G.A.(H'qrs. T.27.b.35.96.).
4. COUNTER BATTERY WORK: When application is made for Counter-Bty. work, the fullest possible information must be given. Every effort must be made to "spot" the hostile battery from O.P's. If the only information available is a sound bearing, care must be taken to report it as accurately as possible. The result of any Counter-Bty. work must be immediately reported direct to H.A. and to D.A.H.Q.
5. S.O.S.(HEAVIES): Heavy Artillery S.O.S. arrangements are given in Appendix VI (1 copy only with Right Aust.Div.Arty.file(B-Major's copy)).

SECTION 14. - CO-OPERATION WITH R. F. C.

1. AEROPLANE UNIT: The 3rd Squadron, Aust. Flying Corps (H'qrs. ABEELE) carries out Aeroplane work in conjunction with the Division.  
Groups wishing to register with aeroplane observation will apply to Div.Arty.H'qrs.  
On request, pilots will come to Group H'qrs. and confer with Battery Com'nders, with whose batteries they are going to shoot or have shot.
2. ZONE CALLS: The following squares are allotted for Zone Calls:-  
Right Group - D.1., D.7.,  
Centre Group - V.7., V.13., V.19., V.25.  
Left Group - P.31., V.1., V.7.
3. N.F and G.F Calls will be answered by one Battery of each Group inside its own zone.  
L.L Calls will be answered by all Batteries which can be trained on the target regardless of zone.  
If Batteries are engaged in important work such as a barrage, one Section per Battery will be used.
4. Ammunition expenditure on calls will be as follows :-  
N.F :- 2 Salvos. If call is repeated salvos will be repeated.  
G.F :- Two rounds gun fire.  
L.L :- Three rounds gun fire.  
S.O.S.- As for S.O.S. Signal.

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SECTION 14 - (Cont'd) - CO-OPERATION WITH R.F.C. (Cont'd)

- 5. WIRELESS :- A Wireless receiving set is established at each Group Headquarters to receive Zone Calls, which will immediately be transmitted by telephone to the Battery or Batteries selected by the Group Commander to reply to them.  
A Wireless receiving set is also established at Div. Artillery Headquarters.
- 6. BALLOONS :- No.32 KITE BALLOON SECTION at S.14.c.3.4.(BAILLEUL) of No.6 Coy.(H'qrs at D.21.a.8.8.- NIEPPE), is allotted to the Corps front. Group Commanders will arrange direct with the Kite Balloon Section for any Balloon Registration required.

SECTION 15      REINFORCING ARTILLERY

- 1. In the event of the line being reinforced, the present Div. Front will be divided into two Divisional Sectors.
- 2. On reinforcement, the Right Divisional Front will be from the DOUVE on the NORTH to its present Southern boundary.
- 3. The line may be reinforced:-  
(a) On its present front.  
(b) During its withdrawal to the Second Line, in which case Reinforcing Artillery will take up their positions for the Second Zone and cover the withdrawal of the Artillery in the first Zone.
- 4. The RIGHT GROUP will be reinforced by one F.A. Brigade. This Group will cover its present Zone.
- 5. The CENTRE GROUP will be reinforced by one F.A. Brigade and will cover its present Zone.
- 6. The positions for Reinforcing Batteries are detailed in Appendix IIA.

SECTION 16 ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A WITHDRAWAL TO CORPS LINE.

- 1. The withdrawal of the Division from its present line may be forced upon us, either by the retirement of the Divisions on our flanks or it may be the result of a reverse on our own front.
- 2. In the event of a withdrawal, the Artillery covering the Div. Front will operate in 3 Groups.
- 3. Groups are responsible that no gaps are left on their flanks.
- 4. Initial orders for the retirement of the guns will be issued by the C.R.A., but subsequent details will be left to the Group Commanders.
- 5. Group Commanders will base their orders for withdrawal of Batteries entirely on the requirements of the Infantry after having satisfied themselves that such dispositions have been made as to ensure Artillery support for the new line of defence.
- 6. Appendix IIA shows the allotment to Groups of positions to cover the Second Zone and gives positions for Reinforcing Artillery. Battery in position VA goes to Position V2A and so on.

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SECTION 16 - ACTION IN EVENT OF A WITHDRAWAL TO CORPS LINE(Contd)

7. Inter-Group Boundaries will be the dividing lines between Brigades as in Section 2, para.2, except that on the firing line of 2nd ZONE becoming the Front Line, the boundary between Centre and Right Groups will continue Eastwards on the East and West Grid Line from U.21.d.7.0.

NOTE: The Second (or Corps) Zone is shown in APPENDIX I.

SECTION 17 - DEFENCE OF LA BASSEE-VILLE.

Should LA BASSEE-VILLE be heavily attacked, 18-pdr.batteries will be concentrated on S.O.S. Lines on Zone "C".

All 4.5" Hows. will put down a heavy barrage from U.12.c.68.76. to U.18.b.10.98.

Searching and sweeping fire will be employed. The bridge over the River LYS at U.12.d.75.50. receiving special attention.

APPENDIX I - GENERAL ORGANISATION OF 2nd ZONE.

Shown in Plan in APPENDIX I.A.

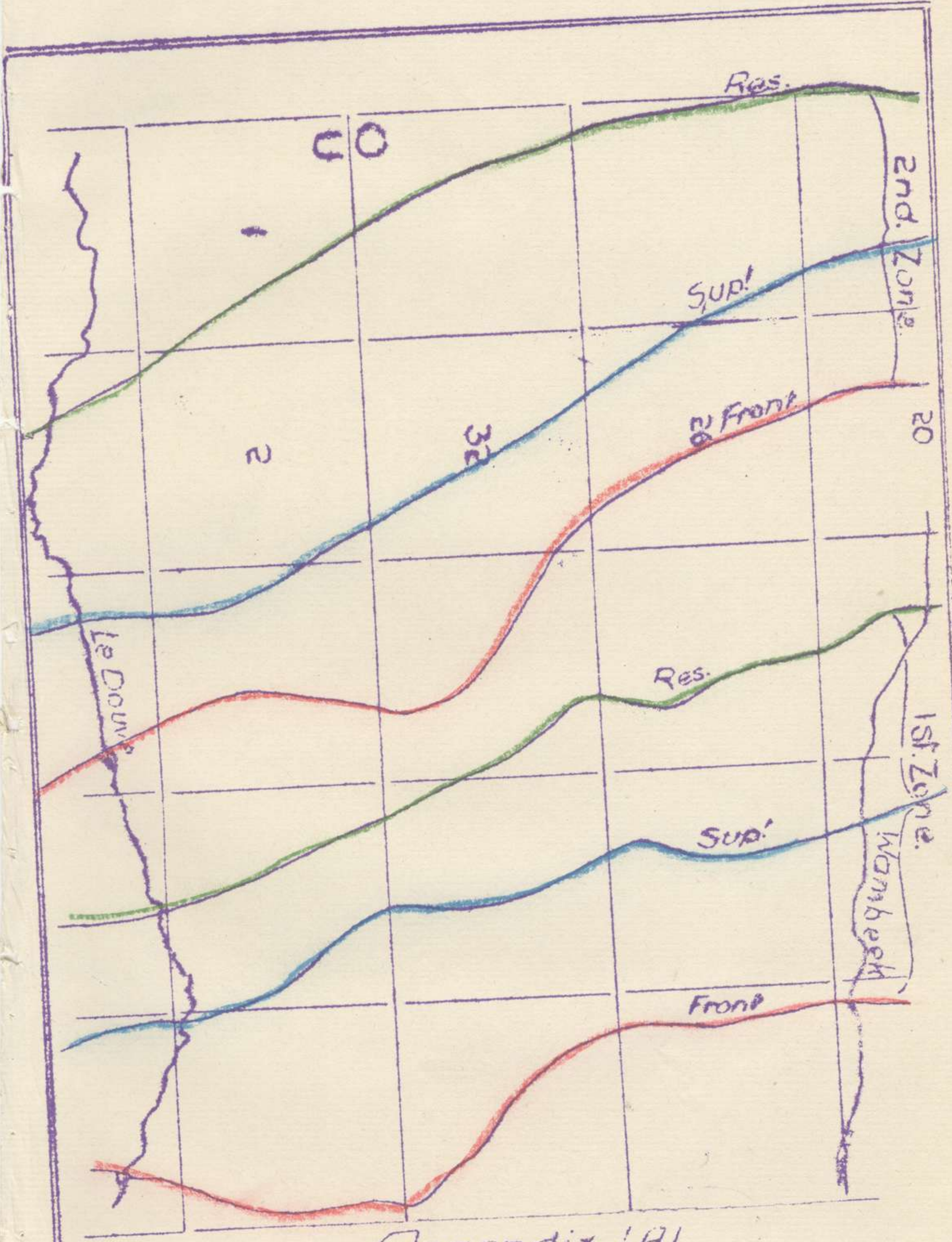
The following are the approximate lines of the 2nd(or Corps) Zone:-

FIRING LINE: C.15.b.3.0. -MAISON 1875(U.26.c.6.4.)- LANCASHIRE SUPPORT FARM - PARK VILLA- ELGER HOUSE - CRATER at U.16.c.0.7.- along GREY TRENCH to U.10.a.0.6. - U.3.central -0.33.d.2.4.-0.33.a.0.5.-0.26.d.5.0.- 0.26.a.8.5.

SUPPORT SYSTEM: C.7.b.9.4.-C.1.d.00.80.-SUPPORT FARM- LANCASHIRE COTTAGE- ST.YVES-LA DOUVE FARM- U.3.e.2.7.-0.32.a.6.6.- 0.25.b.8.2.

RESERVE SYSTEM: LE BIZET-PLOEGSTEERT-TOUQUET BERTHE- CRESLOW - HYDE PARK CORNER- HASTED HOUSE- ADVANCE ESTAMINET- FUSILIER FARM - DONNINGTON HALL-U.2.g.0.2.-0.31.a.3.3.- N.30.b.8.0.

NOTE: In the support and Reserve Systems it is not intended to hold any posts in PLOEGSTEERT WOOD.



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## RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME - APPENDIX II

## DETAILS OF ARTILLERY GROUPS

| BATTERY   | POSITION      | GUNS | ARCS OF FIRE<br>(T.B.) | O.P. NORMALLY<br>USED.  | WAGON LINES   | REMARKS                           |
|---|---------------|------|------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| RIGHT GROUP - (Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL, DSO.) H'qrs. B.11.d.15.48. Covering Right Brigade.   |               |      |                        |   |               |                                   |
| 14th<br>(V.A.)  | C.1.d.84.72.  | 2    | 59° to 120°            |   |               |                                   |
|   | C.2.d.2.1.    | 2    | Unlimited              | SURREY FARM   | B.14.c.8.8.   |                                   |
|   | U.26.c.68.16. | 2    | 67 to 113              | C.9.d.25.40.  |               |                                   |
| 105th How.<br>less 1 Sec.<br>(V.D.)   | C.8.c.20.50.  | 2    | 55 to 115              | SURREY FARM   | B.8.c.0.5.    |                                   |
|   | C.7.b.75.30.  | 2    | 53 to 124              | C.9.d.25.40.  |               |                                   |
| CENTRE GROUP - (Lt-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR, DSO.,) H'qrs. T.21.d.40.44. Covering Centre Bde. |               |      |                        |   |               |                                   |
| 13th<br>(V.B.)  | U.26.c.20.90. | 4    | 40° to 98°             | CRATER  | B.14.a.3.6.   |                                   |
|   | U.27.c.30.00. | 2    | 41 to 73               | U.16.c.10.65.   |               |                                   |
| 15th<br>(V.C.)  | U.13.c.90.34. | 6    | 56 to 109              | SUNKEN 60 S' TH.<br>J.15.d.75.75.<br>& AU CHASSEUR CBT. (U.17.a.25.50.) | B.14.c.9.6.   |                                   |
| 10th<br>(W.A.)  | U.14.b.80.62. | 4    | 55 to 95               | ANPON   | T.27.b.3.6.   |                                   |
|   | U.14.b.52.75. | 2    | 42 to 109              | U.15.a.35.78.   |               |                                   |
| 11th<br>(W.B.)  | U.7.a.95.20.  | 4    | 79 to 111              | DRAIN   | T.28.c.2.8.   |                                   |
|   | U.1.d.90.00.  | 2    | 65 to 116              | U.11.a.87.05.   |               |                                   |
| 12th<br>(W.C.)  | U.7.c.51.67.  | 4    | 72 to 105              | DRAIN   | T.27.a.55.60. |                                   |
|   | U.1.d.63.14.  | 2    | 89 to 114              | U.11.a.87.05.   |               |                                   |
| 104th How.<br>(W.D.)  | U.14.c.5.1.   | 3    | 63 to 98               | DIMOND (U.15.d.85.85.)  |               | DIMOND O.P.                       |
|   | U.20.a.05.45  | 2    |                        | & AU CHASSEUR CBT. T.27.c.7.2.  |               | also used as                      |
|   | U.14.d.30.56  | 1    |                        | (U.17.a.25.50.)   |               | L.GRP.T.O.P.                      |
| ANTI-TANK<br>GUNS-15-PDR<br>B.L.C.  | U.2.d.50.75.  | 2 )  | Unlimited.             |   |               | Manned by                         |
|   | U.15.d.30.65. | 2 )  |                        |   |               | personnel from<br>2nd Aust.D.A.C. |

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## RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME - APPENDIX II (Contd.)

## DETAILS OF ARTILLERY GROUPS (Contd)

| BATTERY  | POSITION  | GUNS        | ARCS OF FIRE<br>(T.B.)  | O.P. NORMALLY<br>USED                      | WAGON LINES                                  | REMARKS |
|--|---|-------------|-------------------------|--|--|---------|
| LEFT GROUP - (Lt-Col. H. COHEN, CMG., DSO.) H'qrs. T.6.c.15.75. Covering Left Brigade. |   |             |                         |  |  |         |
| 16th<br>Y.B.   | 0.25.b.70.40.                                   | 6           | N.<br>61° to 110°<br>S. | 0.26.d.10.70.                              | S.30.c.5.6.                                  |         |
| 17th<br>X.A.   | U.1.a.70.39.                                    | 6           | 55 to 105               | 0.33.a.40.25.                              | S.30.d.2.7.<br>T.5.d.3.7. (Advanced Section) |         |
| 18th<br>X.C.   | 0.31.a.55.05.<br>0.31.b.90.45.                  | 4<br>2      | 60 to 122<br>52 to 105  | 0.33.c.90.40.                              | B.1.b.1.5.                                   |         |
| 106th<br>X.X.R.D.  | U.1.c.90.90.<br>U.1.b.40.68.                    | 4<br>2      | 60 to 104<br>60 to 104  | 0.33.c.50.45.                              | S.23.a.8.6.                                  |         |
| 49th<br>X.R.B.   | U.1.d.38.39.                                    | 6           | 53 to 105               | 0.33.a.40.25.                              | T.20.a.8.0.                                  |         |
| 50th<br>X.B.   | U.13.a.8.8.                                     | 6           | 48 to 92                | U.3.c.00.45.                               | N.21.c.6.3.                                  |         |
| 55th<br>Y.C.   | N.30.d.95.17.                                   | 6           | 66 to 110               | 0.28.c.25.95 (For'd)<br>0.19.d.6.9. (Rear) | K.27.a.4.8.                                  |         |
| 113th How.<br>X.D.   | U.7.d.09.70.                                    | 6           | 64 to 113               | 0.33.c.50.45.                              | T.26.b.5.5.                                  |         |
| ANTI-TANK<br>15-pdr.<br>B.L.C.GUNS   | U.4.a.10.40.<br>0.33.d.central<br>0.28.a.05.15. | 1<br>1<br>1 |                         |  |  |         |

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME - APPENDIX II.A.

DETAILS OF ARTILLERY GROUPS FOR TWO OR THREE DIVISIONAL FRONT. (a) 1st ZONE (Addit'nal Sheet)

| ARTY.      | GROUP | NATURE   | POSITIONS NOW OCCUPIED |                                | REINFORCING POS'NS. |   | EXTRA REINFORCING POS'NS. | GROUP H.Q.    | GROUP O.P's.  |
|------------|-------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|            |       |          | X.                     |                                | X.R.                |   |                           | X.            | X.            |
| Right Div. | Left  | 18-pdr   | A.                     | U.1.a.70.39.                   | A.                  | O.31.c.50.30.                           |                           | T.1.c.15.75   | O.33.a.40.25. |
|            |       | "        | B.                     | U.13.a.30.80.                  | B.                  | U.1.d.38.39.*                           |                           | (Occupied)    | O.3.c.00.45.  |
|            |       | "        | C.                     | O.31.a.55.05.<br>O.31.b.90.45. | C.                  | O.31.c.68.56.                           |                           |               | O.33.c.9.4.   |
|            |       | 4.5" How | D.                     | U.7.d.09.70.                   | D.                  | U.1.b.10.11.                            |                           |               | O.33.c.50.45. |
|            |       |          |                        |                                |                     | X.X.R.                                  | X.X.                      | X.X.          |               |
| do.        | do.   | 18-pdr   |                        |                                |                     | A. O.31.d.14.42.                        | { EXTRA REINFG }          |               |               |
|            |       | "        |                        |                                |                     | B. U.1.d.04.44.                         |                           |               |               |
|            |       | "        |                        |                                |                     | C. U.1.a.27.25.                         |                           | N.25.b.65.85. | O.19.b.6.3.   |
|            |       | 4.5" How |                        |                                |                     | D. U.1.c.90.90.*(4)<br>U.1.b.40.68.*(2) |                           | (Unoccupied)  |               |

NOTE.- \* AT PRESENT OCCUPIED BY SUPERIMPOSING BATTERIES.

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(.b) 2nd ZONE

DETAILS OF ARTILLERY GROUPS FOR TWO OR THREE DIVISIONAL FRONT. (Addit'nl sheet).

| ARTY.      | GROUP | NATURE    | BRIGADE IN LINE covering 2nd ZONE |                   | REINFORC'G POS <sup>ns</sup> FOR COVERING 2nd ZONE |              | EXTRA REINF'G POSITIONS. | GROUP H.Q.    | GROUP O.P.    |
|------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|            |       |           | X.2.                              |                   | X.2.R.   |              |                          | X.2.-R.       | X.2.-R.       |
| Right Div. | Left  | 18-pdr    | A.                                | T.6.a.90.43.      | A.   | T.6.c.47.46. |                          | T.6.c.15.75.  | U.3.a.05.30.  |
|            |       | "         | B.                                | T.6.a.74.44. (65) | B.   | T.6.c.23.85. |                          |               |               |
|            |       | "         | C.                                | N.36.c.21.        | C.   | T.6.c.54.56. |                          |               |               |
|            |       | 4.5" How. | D.                                | N.36.c.20.08.     | D.   | T.6.a.12.50. |                          |               |               |
|            |       |           |                                   |                   |  |              | X.X.2.R.                 | X.X.2.-R.     | X.X.2.-R.     |
| do.        | do.   | 18-pdr.   |                                   |                   |  |              | A. T.5.d.82.88.          | N.28.b.65.95. | O.19.b.60.30. |
|            |       | "         |                                   |                   |  |              | B. N.35.d.93.87.         |               |               |
|            |       | "         |                                   |                   |  |              | C. N.35.b.79.08.         |               |               |
|            |       | 4.5" How. |                                   |                   |  |              | D. T.5.b.74.68.          |               |               |

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## RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME - APPENDIX II.A.(Contd.)

DETAILS OF ARTILLERY GROUPS FOR TWO OR THREE DIVISIONAL FRONT.

(c) 3rd ZONE  
(Add'n'l. Sheet)

| ARTY. | GROUP | NATURE                         | BRIGADE IN LINE COVERING 3rd ZONE  |   | REINFORCING BDE. POS'NS COVERING 3rd ZONE |  | EXTRA REINFORCING POS'NS, COVERING 3rd ZONE.                              |
|-------|-------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
|       |       |                                | X.3.   |   | X.3.R.                                    |  |   |
| Right | Left  | 18-pdr.<br>"<br>"<br>4.5" Hows | A. M.36.a.50.70.<br>B. M.36.a.50.80.<br>C. M.29.c.65.10.<br>D. M.36.b.80.60. | A. N. 31.a.40.40.<br>B. M.36.a.70.45.<br>C. M.35.a.65.65.<br>D. M.36.b.60.40. |   |  |   |
|       |       |                                |  |   |   |  | X.X.3.R.  |
| Right | Left  | 18-pdr<br>"<br>"<br>4.5" Hows  |  |   |   |  | A. S.6.a.65.75.<br>B. S.8.a.20.25.<br>C. S.11.b.20.90.<br>D. S.6.a.20.70. |

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| No. | Location      | Name                | Nature  | Normally manned by                     |
|-----|---------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 1.  | U.15.a.35.78. | ANTON               | Splinter proof O.P. in trench accommodating 2 observers; dugout for telephonists. | 10th Battery.                          |
| 2.  | U.11.c.6.6.   | UNEVEN              | Periscope in tree.  |  |
| 3.  | U.15.d.40.75. | SUNKEN ROAD NORTH   | Dug into bank of Sunken Road.   |  |
|     | U.15.d.75.75. | SUNKEN ROAD SOUTH   | Concrete O.P.   | 15th Battery.                          |
| 4.  | U.17.a.25.50. | AU CHASSEUR CABARET | Old German M.G. emplacement.  |  |
| 5.  | U.16.c.10.65. | CRATER              | O.P. dug into side of Crater.   | 17th Battery                           |
| 6.  | U.11.c.82.99. | GIANT               | Periscope in tree.  |  |
| 7.  | U.15.d.3.7.   | BROKEN TREE         | Periscope through roof of shelter.  |  |
| 8.  | U.11.a.87.05. | DRAIN               | Weather proof shelter in Communication Trench.                                    | 11th & 12th Bties.                     |
| 9.  | U.13.b.20.15. | HEATH               | O.P. shelter and dugout.  |  |
| 10. | C.9.d.25.40.  | SURREY FARM         | Concrete tower in house.  | 14th & 105th Bties.                    |
| 11. | C.10.c.6.9.   | LONG HOUSE.         | Tower in house.   |  |
| 12. | U.27.d.85.50. |                     | Hollow steel broken tree, trunk 30 feet.  |  |
| 13. | U.21.d.3.9.   |                     | " " " " " 15 "  |  |
| 14. | U.21.c.85.30. |                     | Steel tower in wood.  |  |
| 15. | U.15.d.85.85. | DIMOND              | Concrete, 8" proof, under construction.   | 104th Bty. & Left Grp<br>Tactical O.P. |

## APPENDIX III.A. OBSERVATION POSTS (LEFT GROUP)

| No    | LOCATION NAME                         | POSITION CALL | DESCRIPTION   | Normally manned by                  |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 16    | O.26.d.10.70.                         | F.T.8         | O.P. at Left Centre Battn. H.Q.   | 16th Bty.                           |
| 17    | O.33.a.40.25.                         | F.T.33        | Constructed of concrete; should be 4.2" proof. Has accommodation for 6 men. Is approached by FANNY C.T.   | 17th Bty.                           |
| 18    | O.33.c.9.4.                           | F.U.61        |   | 18th Bty.                           |
| 19    | O.33.c.50.45.                         | F.T.69.       | Concrete structure above a pill-box. Accommodation for 4 men. Onstructed to enable 2 Observers to operate at same time. Approach partly concealed by camouflaged trench. Also used at night as Group O.P. | 106th Bty.                          |
| 20(a) | O.33.a.40.25.                         | F.T.33        | Same as 17.   | At present not manned.<br>49th Bty. |
| (b)   | U.5.c.00.45.                          | G.U.43        | Constructed of Elephant cupolas and strengthened with reinforced concrete covered with bricks and debris. Should resist a 5.9". Has accommodation for 2 on bunks and 2 on floor.                          | 50th "                              |
| (c)   | O.28.c.25.95. ANZAC<br>(Forward) FARM | F.U.42        | Concrete tank   | 55th Bty.                           |
| (d)   | O.19.d.60.90.<br>(Rear)               |               | Shell proof lockout and deep dugout. At present occupied by H.A.  | " "                                 |
| (e)   | O.35.c.50.45.                         | F.T.69        | Same as 19  | 113th "                             |



APPENDIX IV. RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME. SECRET  
S. O. S. ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Group Boundaries are laid down in SECTION 2, Para.2(a) & (b). These lines, produced Eastward from their junctions with our front line, form the Group Boundaries East of our front line.

2. DISTRIBUTION of S.O.S. LINES:

(a) Left Group: ~~WAR PARK (O.23.d.05.20.) - O.29.b.10.97. - O.29.b.15.34.~~  
(i) 18-pdrs: WAR PARK (O.23.d.05.20) - O.29.b.10.97. - O.29.b.15.34.  
O.29.d.08.75. - O.29.d.20.35.  
O.35.b.35.65. - O.36.c.20.40. - along trench to  
U.3.a.50.85. - U.3.a.40.45. - along F.L.T. to U.6.a.3.0. -  
U.11.b.95.02.

4.5" Hows: One Hcw. on each of O.29.b.70.23., O.29.b.65.84.,  
O.30.c.85.30., O.36.a.2.2., U.6.c.4.3., U.12.a.4.7.  
The front between O.29.d.20.47 and O.35.b.45.58. is covered by Machine Gun S.O.S. Lines.

(ii) 18-pdr. S.O.S. Lines will normally be laid out to cover those portions of the Group front outlined in Para.2(a)(i) above. The Group Com'nder will, however, arrange Concentration Schemes by which, in case of an isolated attack (such as a raid), the fire of the Group may be concentrated on any desired part of the front (including that covered by M.G."SOS." Lines.).

(b) Centre Group:

(i) The Group sector is divided into zones as follows:-

| ZONE | Area between E. & W. Lines through - |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| A    | U.11.b.35.60. and U.11.d.35.88.      |
| B    | U.11.d.35.88. and U.11.d.52.18.      |
| C    | U.11.d.52.18. and U.17.b.87.34.      |
| D    | U.17.b.87.34. and U.23.b.40.85.      |

(ii) S.O.S. LINES: 18-pdrs: U.11.b.85.70. - U.11.d.90.85. - U.11.d.95.35  
U.18.a.3.1. - thence along E. Bank of R. LYS to U.23.b.8.8.

4.5" Hows. On enemy support line between the COMINES-WARNETON railway on the North and the R. LYS on the South. Fire will be sweeping to cover whole of above portion and 106 fuzes will be used.

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S. ARRANGEMENTS (Contd)

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME

b.) (ii) (Contd).

(The fronts from U.11.b.9.1. to U.11.d.95.<sup>55</sup> and from U.18.a.15.75. to U.18.a.35.20. are covered by M.G. "S.O.S." Lines).

(iii) Normally, 18-pdr. "S.O.S." Lines will be laid out to cover the whole Group front except those portions covered by the M.G. "S.O.S." Lines. Concentration schemes will be arranged by the Group Com'der in order that fire may be concentrated on any one or more of the zones mentioned in (b)(i) above. One 18-pdr battery will be superimposed on U.11.d.95.60. to U.18.a.15.60.

c) RIGHT GROUP:

(i) The Group Sector is divided into zones as follows:-

| Zone | Area between E. & W. lines through |
|------|------------------------------------|
| E    | U.23.b.40.85. and U.29.a.45.50.,   |
| F    | U.29.a.45.50. and U.29.c.0.0.      |
| G    | U.29.c.0.0. and U.5.c.0.0.         |
| H    | U.5.c.0.0. and U.11.c.0.5.         |
| J    | U.11.c.0.5. and U.17.a.0.5.        |

(ii) S.O.S. Lines: 18-pdrs: U.23.b.8.9. - along E. bank of R. LYS to U.23.b.85.50. - U.23.b.75.00. U.29.b.25.75. - U.29.b.0.1. - thence along East bank of R. LYS to C.11.c.3.0. - C.17.a.1.5. 4.5" Hows: On East bank of R. LYS at points where existing bridges cross the river in U.23 and 24 U.29 and 30.

(The front between U.23.b.75.00. and U.29.b.25.70. is covered by Machine Gun "S.O.S." Lines).

(iii) 18-pdr. "S.O.S." Lines will be laid out to cover the line U.29.b.25.75. - U.29.b.0.1. with arrangements made to switch at once to other zones if required.

All O.P's and Ety. posit' ons will maintain a "ZONE INDICATOR" - a board with lines laid out on the various zones and prominent points on their respective Group fronts. By this means it will be possible to locate any hostile fire.

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HEAVY ARTILLERY S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS

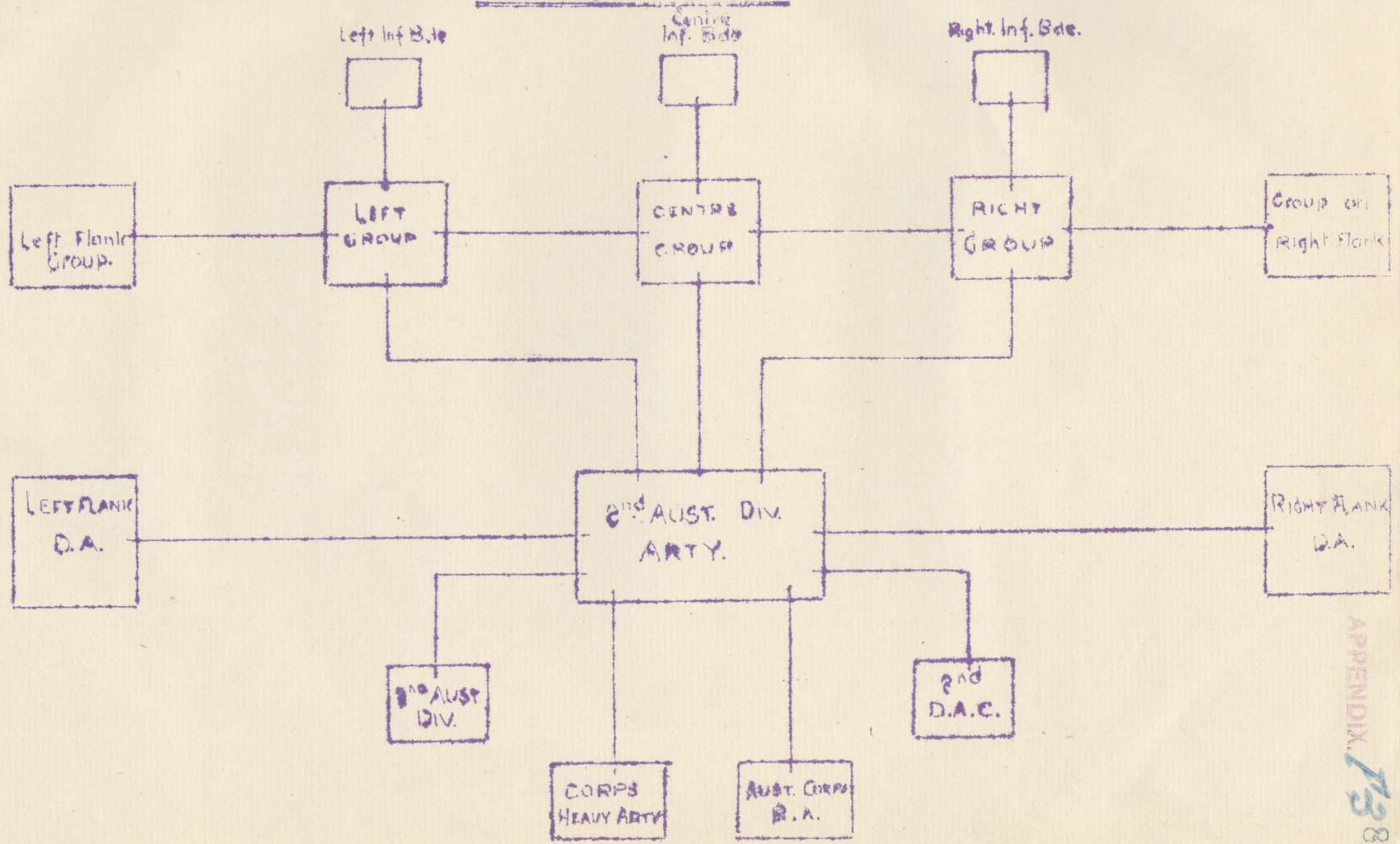
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CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF ARTILLERY COMMUNICATION

APPENDIX VII.

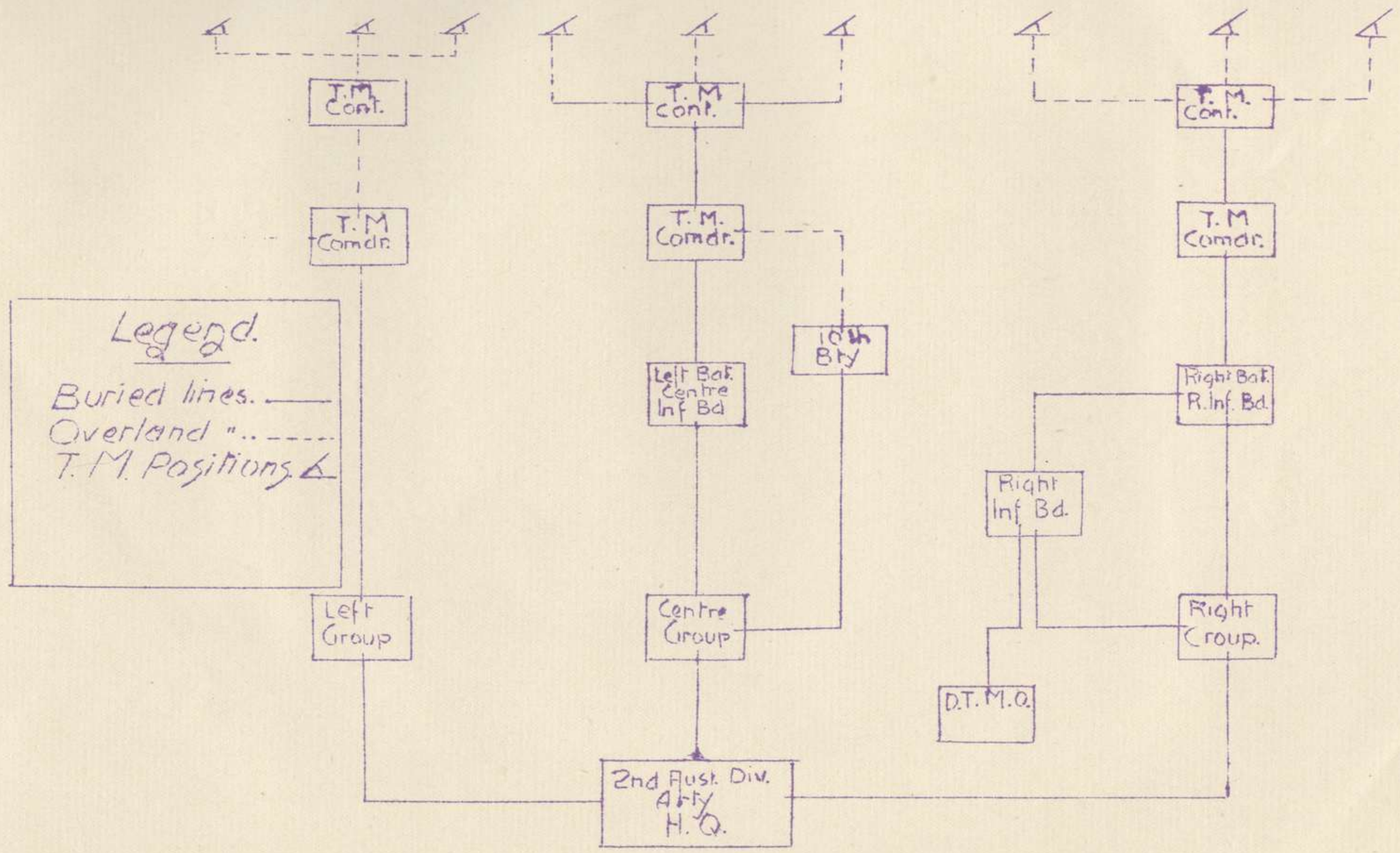
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--- APPENDIX VIII ---

SPARE POSITIONS

FIRST ZONE

Centre Group

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| U.14.a.15.15 | (How's)    |
| U.14.a.3.6.  | "          |
| U.8.c.28.25  | { 6 Guns } |
| U.14.b.15.35 | { 6 " }    |
| U.14.b.25.00 | { 6 " }    |
| U.14.b.85.45 | { 4 " }    |
| U.19.b.1.7.  | { How's }  |
| U.14.d.5.1   | { " }      |
| U.7.c.4.3.   | { 6 Guns } |
| U.8.a.45.85  | { 4 Guns } |
| U.2.c.97.37  | { 2 " }    |
| U.20.a.87.95 | { How's }  |
| U.8.c.7.0    | { 6 Guns } |

Right Group.

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| C.19.b.10.85 | { 6 Guns }  |
| C.8.a.25.85  | { 6 " }     |
| C.2.c.45.50  | { 6 " }     |
| C.7.c.0.4.   | { How's }   |
| C.7.b.6.4.   | "           |
| U.26.b.3.7.  | { 4 Guns }  |
| U.26.b.8.5.  | { 6 How's } |
| U.26.d.55.30 | { 4 Guns }  |
| C.2.b.60.85  | { 2 " }     |
| U.26.c.85.60 | { 2 " }     |
| C.2.a.60.90  | { 4 " }     |
| C.1.b.85.40  | { How's }   |
| C.1.d.65.45  | { " }       |

SECOND ZONE :-

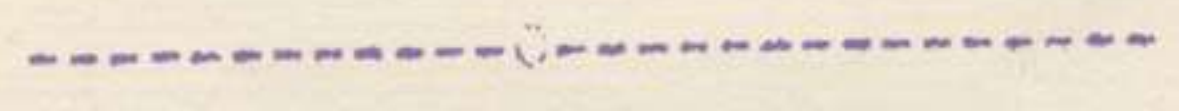
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| T.17.b.9.8   |         |
| T.18.a.94.40 |         |
| T.18.b.51.25 |         |
| T.18.d.62.84 | (How's) |

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| T.24.a.7.4.   |         |
| T.24.a.9.3.   |         |
| D.12.d.60.75. |         |
| B.5.a.5.6.    | (How's) |

THIRD ZONE :-

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| T.25.a.05.15 |         |
| T.25.c.30.80 |         |
| T.25.c.15.13 |         |
| E.1.a.00.83. | (How's) |

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| T.25.b.62.14. |         |
| T.26.c.85.65. |         |
| T.26.c.80.20  |         |
| T.25.d.60.44  | (How's) |



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APPENDIX IX. ~~III~~-RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME

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## POSITIONS, ZONES AND S.O.S. LINES OF TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES

D.T.M.C. 6875, Rue de WARNETON, NIEPPE.

LEFT GROUP: 4th M.T.M.Bty. H.Q. T.5.a.5.9. GREGORY X-ROADS.

| Description | Position      | Arcs of Fire               | S.O.S. Line   | Remarks   |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 6" NEWTON   | U.5.a.25.80.  | 0.36.a.55.50-U.6.b.10.90.  | 0.36.d.00.36. | Offensive |
| T.M.        | U.5.c.80.10.  | U.6.a.55.98.-U.6.d.50.25.  | U.6.b.30.20.  | "         |
| "           | 0.34.b.85.90. | 0.30.a.15.35-0.36.a.65.60. | 0.30.c.61.26. | "         |
| "           | U.4.b.13.20.  | U.5.b.90.90.-U.11.c.65.75. |               | Defensive |
| "           | 0.34.c.60.20. | 0.29.c.33.20-0.35.d.5.5.   |               | "         |
| 2" T.M.     | 0.34.b.11.30. | 0.28.d.90.05-0.35.a.00.00. |               | "         |
| Medium.     | 0.34.d.05.75. | 0.34.b.9.4.-0.34.d.95.25.  |               | "         |
| "           | U.4.b.48.80.  | 0.35.c.35.40-U.5.a.35.35.  |               | "         |
| "           | U.4.d.70.72.  | U.5.a.50.35.-U.5.c.65.35.  |               | "         |
| "           | 0.34.a.6.9.   | 0.28.d.20.75-0.34.b.55.85. |               | "         |

CENTRE GROUP: Half 3rd M.T.M.Bty. H.Q. U.14.b.99.10.  
Bty. Control U.10.a.75.60.

|            |              |                           |               |                         |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 4/1 6"     | U.10.d.95.10 | U.12.a.70.05-U.18.a.60.10 | U.18.a.13.80. | Offensive               |
| 4/2 NEWTON | U.10.b.97.53 | U.12.a.75.65-U.12.c.40.10 | U.11.d.90.42. | "                       |
| 4/3 "      | U.10.b.90.53 | U.6.c.60.25.-U.12.c.45.35 | U.12.c.17.68. | "                       |
| 4/1a "     | U.16.b.90.90 | U.12.c.65.80-U.18.c.50.75 | U.18.a.20.00. | Alterna-<br>tive posn.  |
| 4/1c "     | U.15.b.40.20 | U.10.d.90.05-U.16.d.90.35 |               | } 2nd Zone<br>positions |
| 4/3c "     | U.9.a.55.18. | U.10.a.8.9.-U.10.c.7.0.   |               |                         |

RIGHT GROUP: Half 3rd M.T.M. Bty. H.Q. C.7.c.98.56,  
Bty. Control U.28.b.79.22.

|            |              |                           |                |                          |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 3/1 6"     | C.4.b.2.1.   | 0.5.d.9.2.-0.10.d.80.27   | C.11.a.50.43.  | Offensive                |
| 3/2 NEWTON | U.28.b.70.25 | U.24.c.45.05-C.5.b.70.25. | U.29.b.50.32.  | "                        |
| 3/3 "      | U.29.a.55.75 | U.24.a.70.55-U.30.d.25.90 | U.24.c.7.2.    | "                        |
| 3/1a "     | C.4.a.90.23. | U.29.d.6.4.-0.5.d.6.5.    | 0.5.b.60.35.   | } Alternativ<br>position |
| 3/2a "     | U.28.b.57.10 | U.24.c.2.0.-U.30.c.20.05  | U.29.b.5.4.    |                          |
| 3/3a "     | U.28.b.20.75 | U.23.b.35.40-U.29.d.65.50 | U.23.d.85.20.  | "                        |
| 3/1c "     | C.2.d.35.50. | U.27.d.30.45-C.4.c.0.4.   | (DEEP MOAT FM) | } 2nd Zone<br>position   |
| 3/2c "     | U.27.c.35.60 | U.28.b.20.05-C.4.c.20.65. |                |                          |

RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME.SECRETAPPENDIX X.AMMUNITION SUPPLY TO REINFORCING POSITIONS,  
1st ZONE; ALL POSITIONS, 2nd ZONE.

Ref. Maps: Sheet 28 SW & 35 NW - 1/20,000.

1st ZONE: Arrangements are being made to dump 100 rounds per Gun & How. in Reinforcing positions of the 1st ZONE. The 4.5" How. charges for ammunition dumped at these positions will be held at ROMARIN DUMP (Sheet 36-B.4.a.6.5.).

In the event of these positions being occupied, the normal system of supply will be by Light Railway. The alternative method is Horse Transport; Battery echelons being sent up and refilling at ROMARIN on return.

2nd ZONE: Arrangements are being made to dump 150 rounds per Gun & How. in the Reinforcing and Retired positions of 2nd ZONE. The 4.5" How. Charges for ammunition dumped in positions in 2nd ZONE will be kept at dumps as follows:-

|               |                  |                      |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| RIGHT GROUP - | COSTHOVE DUMP,   | Sheet 36-B.11.d.2.9. |
| CENTRE GROUP- | PETIT PONT DUMP, | " 28-T.23.c.7.9.     |
| LEFT GROUP -  | CLOVER BAR DUMP, | " 28-T.5.c.4.8.      |

These dumps are accessible by Light Railway and road.

In the event of positions in the 2nd ZONE being occupied, normal supply will be Light Railway from ROMARIN DUMP; the above dumps being utilised as forward refilling points if necessary.

Alternative supply - from ROMARIN DUMP by Horse Transport.

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APPENDIX XI - COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. ANNIHILATING FIRE:

successively all

(a) Groups will concentrate the fire of their batteries on zones on their Group fronts. Orders will be issued from this office as to which zones are to be engaged together with the times concentrations commence.

Concentrations will take the form of a creeping barrage commencing on S.O.S. lines and continuing to a depth of about 500 yards by lifts of 100 yards per minute.

The following zones are allotted to Groups:-

- (i) Right Group: The area bounded by the points -
  - ZONE E.1.- U.23.d.50.45., U.23.d.40.15.,  
U.24.c.60.45., U.24.c.60.15.
  - ZONE F.1.- U.29.b.10.50., U.29.b.00.25.,  
U.30.a.15.50., U.30.a.05.25.
  - ZONE H.1.- U.11.a.50.00., U.11.c.50.75.,  
U.11.d.45.75., U.11.d.45.50.

(ii) Centre Group: Zones A, B & C commencing from S.O.S. Lines and searching Eastwards by lifts of 100 yards per minute for a distance of 500 yards.

(iii) Left Group: The area bounded by 18-pdr S.O.S. Lines on the West and lines drawn Eastward through the points:-

- ZONE 029... 0.23.d.05.20. and 0.29.d.20.40.,
- " 035... 0.29.d.20.40. and 0.35.b.65.20.,
- " 036... 0.35.b.65.20. and 0.36.c.25.00.,
- " U.6.a. 0.36.c.25.00. and U.6.c.05.80.,
- " U.6.c. U.6.c.05.80. and U.12.a.05.80.

(b) Rates of Fire: 18-Pdrs; While on the S.O.S. Line, 4 rnds per gun per min.; for subsequent lifts, 3 r.p.g.p.m.  
4.5" Hows: While on the S.O.S. Line, 3 rds per how. per min.; for subsequent lifts, 2 r.p.h.p.m.

2. HARASSING FIRE:

Groups will allot zones on their respective Group fronts to Batteries. Fire will be directed by day and night on to all known enemy C.T's, tracks, roads and other communications to a depth of about 500 yards. behind enemy front line. This line of demarcation is not rigid; Group Com'drs. may engage other targets East of this line in the hostile front system which they consider require attention.

Fire will be in the nature of rapid bursts of fire at irregular intervals.

*Appendix G 1*

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 39

Headquarters,  
March 5th 1918.

Ref. Maps.

HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100000.  
BELGIUM and FRANCE. 27 & 36. 1/40000.  
FRANCE. 36A. 1/40000.

**MOVEMENT.**

1. The Second Australian Divisional Artillery and the 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. will move to ELNES, RENESCOURE and MERRIS areas in accordance with 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery Order No. 80.

**BILLETING.**

2. In ELNES and RENESCOURE areas units will take over the same billets and wagon lines as previously occupied by them and as detailed in 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery Memorandum No. 38 of 31st January last.

In the MERRIS area, location of units will be as follows :-

- 4th A.F.A.Bde. Hdqrs. 28 Rue de Lille, BAILLEUL.
- 10th Battery. A.2.c.9.7.
- 11th Battery. A.2.d.8.9.
- 12th Battery. X.29.a.7.2.
- 104th Battery. A.3.c.3.9.
- 5th A.F.A.Bde. Hdqrs. E.3.d.6.8.
- 13th Battery. { E.2.d.8.6.
- { E.2.c.5.2.
- 14th Battery. { E.17.b.2.8.
- { E.16.b.2.8.
- 15th Battery. E.9.d.0.1.
- 105th Battery. H.9.b.6.2.
- 2nd Aust.D.A.C. Hdqrs. F.12.a.7.3.
- No.1 Sec. 2nd D.A.C. E.11.c.2.8. } Four ammunition
- E.11.c.4.5. } Dumps - South of
- E.11.a. } Railway Line.
- E.11.a. }
- No.2 Sec. 2nd D.A.C. F.9.b.7.7.
- S.A.A.Sec.2nd D.A.C. F.12.a.7.3.

The above wagon-lines are not the same as previously occupied in the MERRIS area but are the same lines as will be taken over by Brigades and D.A.C. of 3rd Aust. Div.Artillery when relief of latter units takes place.

A Billeting Officer from each Brigade and D.A.C. and an N.C.O. from 20th Coy.A.A.S.C. will report to the Area Commandant at ELNES at 10 a.m. on the 7th March, and to Area Commandant, RENESCOURE, at 10 a.m. 8th March, to make necessary billeting arrangements for their respective units. On 9th instant an Officer from each Brigade and D.A.C. together with an N.C.O. and horse-holder from each Battery, and Section of D.A.C., and an N.C.O. from 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. will report to Staff Captain, 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. at 12 noon at Area Commandant's office, MERRIS.

**SUPPLIES.**

3. Supplies will be issued for the last time at Refilling Point, BRUNEMBERT, on 6th instant. On 7th instant Refilling Point will be BOURNONVILLE, when supplies will be loaded on to Train wagons which will deliver to units. D.A.C. wagons at present attached to Brigade H.Q. and to Batteries will be returned by the latter to D.A.C. lines after drawing on 6th instant. Baggage wagons will report to units on 7th instant from 20th Coy.A.A.S.C.

Refilling Point 8th instant ELNES Church at 2 p.m. and on 9th instant at RENESCOURE Church at 3 p.m. and on 10th instant at MERRIS Church at 2 p.m.

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(Continued).

TRANSPORT. 5 Motor Lorries will report to ALQUINES and 5th JOURNY at 12 noon on the 8th inst. and will be attached to 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades until the move to the MERRIS Area is completed. These lorries will be allotted on the scale of one per battery and Brigade Headquarters and are for conveyance of equipment for which no transport is provided. Batteries and Brigade Headquarters will arrange to have equipment dumped in places where it can be easily loaded on to lorries. 3 men per lorry will remain behind to assist in loading same. Guides will meet lorries in JOURNY and ALQUINES and conduct them to loading place.

AREA STORES. All area stores will be handed over to the warden in charge of billets. Units will ascertain from warden where stores are to be delivered and will arrange accordingly. All billets and horse lines will be left in a clean and sanitary condition and all latrines filled in.

CLAIMS. Attention is drawn to G.R.C. 1146. All claims will be settled before units leave this area.

*McAlister* Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
2nd Aust. Divnl. Arty.

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2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order  
No. 80 of 4th March 1918.

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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No 40

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Headquarters,  
8th March, 1918.

1. Second Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve Third Australian Divisional Artillery in accordance with 2nd Aust. Div. Arty Order No 81.
2. WAGON LINES: In exchange of wagon lines on 12th inst., all Area Stores ~~in~~ Wagon Lines in MERRIS Area will be handed over to Advanced parties of 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. and each Battery and Section of D.A.C. will send an advanced party of 1 officer on 11th inst. to take over Area Stores at Wagon Lines in forward area. Brigades and D.A.C. will take over same Wagon Lines as previously occupied by them when in the line in this sector.
3. GUN STORES: All guns fitted with air recuperators handed over to 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. will be handed over with all pumps, pressure gauges and stores for the use of such buffers. Indents for air recuperator stores for these guns, which have been submitted to D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Div. to complete deficiencies, will be transferred with guns, and unit so transferring will notify D.A.D.O.S. immediately of such transfer, and, in addition, notify 2nd D.A.H.Q. of numbers and particulars of indents.
4. D.A.C. RELIEF: Personnel of 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will relieve following personnel of 3rd Aust. D.A.C. by 12 noon, on 12th inst.:  
ROMARIN DUMP - 1 officer, 2 n.c.o's, 7 c.r.  
DOU DOU " - 2 n.c.o's, 7 c.r.  
In addition, 2nd D.A.C. will detail 12 limbered G.S. Wagons to report to DOU DOU DUMP on 12th inst., where they will be attached.
5. ROMARIN DUMP: Each battery will detail a guide to report to ROMARIN DUMP, for conducting of ammunition by Light Railway to Battery positions, by 4 pm on 12th inst.
6. AMMUNITION: 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will dump all boxed 18-pdr and 4.5" ammunition in MERRIS Area and will hand same over to 3rd Aust. D.A.C. taking over boxed 18-pdr and 4.5" How. ammunition of 3rd Aust. D.A.C. which will be dumped in wagon lines vacated by 3rd D.A.C.
7. TRANSPORT: The 5 Lorries attached to each Brigade will remain until relief of Sections on 11th and 12th insts. is completed, after which they will return to their units.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Al. Brown* Captain,  
Staff-Captain,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued to all recipients of  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order No 81.  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 41.

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Headquarters,  
March 14th 1918.

REF. MAPS.

Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20000.  
Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20000.

AMMUNITION.  
Held at GUNS  
and DUMPS.

1. All previous instructions regarding amounts of ammunition to be held at guns, dumps, or reinforcing positions are cancelled. The following amounts of ammunition will be held forward of Railhead over and above Echelons which will at all times be maintained full :-

- 18-pdr. 600 rounds per gun in the line.
- 4.5" How. 500 rounds per How. in the line.
- 6" T.M. 150 rounds per Mortar in the line.

This ammunition will be distributed as follows :-

- In the line - at or near the gun. 450 18-pdr. 350 4.5"
- For Corps Line positions. 150 -do- 150 -do-

The ammunition for Corps Line positions will be held in three dumps which are being prepared at

- EYE DUMP. T. 23.c.40.75.
- REGINA CAMP. T. 29.d.90.50.
- GOSTHOVE DUMP. B. 11.d.25.95.

As soon as these dumps are ready, ammunition will be dumped there under arrangements to be made between the Staff Captain and the 2nd Aust.D.A.C.

ALLOTMENT.

2. The following daily bulk allotment is made to Groups:-  
Right Group. 190 18-pdr. 150 4.5" How.  
Left Group. 810 -do- 150 -do-

This amounts to approximately 27 rounds per 18-pdr and 25 rounds per 4.5" How. per day.

The allotment is not accumulative and must not be exceeded except in case of S.C.S. or on special authority from this office.

SALVAGE.

3. (a). Serviceable complete rounds salvaged will be taken on charge and shown on states as such.

(b). Serviceable shell salvaged deficient of components will be reported as 'salvaged incomplete' and will not be included in total number of rounds, complete, on charge.

When components are issued to complete, this shell will be transferred from 'salvaged incomplete' to 'on charge' and will be shown as such. Components to complete salvaged shell will not be demanded but will be issued automatically as supplies become available.

DEFECTIVE  
AMMUNITION.

4. Defective ammunition will be delivered by the unit concerned to ROMARIN DUMP together with a written statement showing defect and signed by an officer. The Officer in Charge, ROMARIN DUMP, will in turn forward the ammunition and statement to the C.A.R.O. at Railhead.

5. ACKNOWLEDGCE.

*Red Stone*

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



APPENDIX. G4  
SECRET.

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO  
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY  
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO. No. 41.  
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Headquarters,  
16th March, 1918.

Para 2 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

The following daily bulk allotment is made to Groups:

|             |     |         |     |           |
|-------------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|
| RIGHT GROUP | 700 | 18-pdr. | 150 | 4-5" How. |
| LEFT GROUP  | 150 | 18-pdr. | 150 | 4-5" How. |

This amounts to approximately 24 Rounds per 18-pdr. and 25 Rounds per 4-5" How. per day.

The allotment is not accumulative.

Nothing in the above should be taken as restricting expenditure in case of attack by the enemy. In such cases ammunition will be expended solely with regard to the tactical requirements.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*Stanley Smith*  
Lieut.  
A/Staff Capt.  
2nd Aust. Div. Artv.

## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No 42.

Headquarters,  
25th March, 1918.

## REF. MAPS:

Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000,  
" 28 S.W. 1/20,000.AMMUNITION SUPPLY

1. Dumping of ammunition in Reinforcing positions in both forward and 2nd Zones will now be carried out as protection for ammunition becomes completed.
  - (a) Forward Zone: 100 rounds per gun and how. will be dumped in the unoccupied reinforcing positions already selected for each battery, as shown in Right Div. Arty. Defence Scheme, Appendix II.A.
  - (b) 2nd Zone: 150 rnds per gun and how. will be dumped in the positions of the 2nd Zone, both reinforcing and retired positions, as shown in Right Div. Arty. Defence Scheme, Appen. II.A.
2. The 4.5" How. Charges for the ammunition in the unoccupied reinforcing positions of the Forward Zone will be held at ROMARIN DUMP (Sheet 36 N.W.-B.4.a.6.5.) and for the 2nd Zone in the selected dumps at PETIT PONT (Sheet 28 SW.-T.23.c.7.9.) and COSTHOVE DUMP (Sheet 36 NW.-B.11.d.2.9.).
3. Boxed ammunition must remain boxed and arrangements must be made for a turnover.
 

All ammunition must have adequate cover from weather. This is especially necessary in the case of 18-Pdr ammunition, which will not be dumped before the protection is provided. In arranging this protection, ventilation must be secured to prevent sweating.

C.O's., Groups, will at once have weather proof dumps for ammunition prepared in above positions.
4. Groups will make arrangements to have ammunition dumped in Reinforcing positions in Forward Zones and obtain authority from Staff-Captain to draw the required ammunition.
 

2nd Aust.D.A.C. will arrange to dump the ammunition required in positions in the 2nd Zone.

Groups will advise this office when dumps in this zone are completed.
5. Acknowledge.

*J. Stowley Smith*  
Lieut.,  
A/Staff-Capt., 2nd Aust.D.A.

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SECRETSECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYADMINISTRATIVE MEMO. No. 43Headquarters,  
25th March, 1918.AMMUNITION ALLOTMENT

- (1) The following is the Daily Allotment of Ammunition expenditure until further notice, commencing noon 26th March, 1918.

|              |     |        |         |     |        |           |
|--------------|-----|--------|---------|-----|--------|-----------|
| RIGHT GROUP  | 200 | Rounds | 18-pdr. | 150 | Rounds | 4.5" How. |
| CENTRE GROUP | 600 | "      | " "     | 150 | "      | " "       |
| LEFT GROUP   | 700 | "      | " "     | 200 | "      | " "       |

- (2) This allotment is the total GROUP ALLOTMENT and is not accumulative.
- (3) Acknowledge.

J. STANLEY SMITH.

Lieut.  
A/Staff Capt.  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO. No. 44.

AMMUNITION ALLOTMENT

- (1) The following is the daily Group allotment of ammunition expenditure until further notice commencing noon 26th March.
- (2) All existing ammunition allotments are cancelled
- |              |                 |                   |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Right Group  | 200 Rds 18-pdr. | 150 Rds 4.5" How. |
| Centre Group | 750 " " "       | 200 " " "         |
| Left Group   | 700 " " "       | 200 " " "         |
- (3) This expenditure is not to be exceeded.
- (4) In the case of attack by the enemy ammunition will be expended solely with regard to the tactical situation.
- (5) Acknowledge.

J. STANLEY SMITH.  
 Lieut.  
 A/Staff Capt.  
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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AMMUNITION EXPENDED

| DATE    | A.  | AX.                  | BX. | BS | AS | TMG |             |
|---------|-----|----------------------|-----|----|----|-----|-------------|
| 13/3/18 | 193 | 342                  | 125 | 4  |    |     |             |
| 14th    | 494 | 1496                 | 576 | 5  |    | 20  |             |
| "       |     | 57 x                 | 366 |    |    |     | x 106 Fuze. |
| 15th    | 178 | 452                  | 57  | 6  |    |     |             |
| 16th    | 376 | 501                  | 493 |    |    | 24  |             |
| 17th    | 149 | 365                  | 411 |    |    |     |             |
| "       |     | 28 x                 |     |    |    |     | x 106 Fuze. |
| 18th    | 195 | 372                  | 93  |    | 9  |     |             |
| "       |     | 15 @                 |     |    |    |     | @ 103 Fuze  |
| 19th    | 332 | 506                  | 153 |    |    | 70  |             |
| 20th    | 237 | 619                  | 575 |    |    | 30  |             |
| 21st    | 511 | 545                  | 451 |    |    | 75  |             |
| 22nd    | 437 | 851                  | 315 |    |    |     |             |
| 23rd    | 170 | 453                  | 193 |    |    |     |             |
| 24th    | 350 | 426                  | 360 |    |    | 16  |             |
| 25th    | 436 | 344                  | 270 |    |    | 50  |             |
| 26th    | 309 | 445                  | 171 |    | 10 |     |             |
| "       |     | 30 x                 |     |    |    |     | x 106 Fuze. |
| 27th    | 986 | 663                  | 502 |    |    | 40  |             |
| 28th    | 650 | 676                  | 242 |    |    |     |             |
| "       |     | 3 x                  |     |    |    |     | x 106 Fuze  |
| 29th    | 680 | 391                  | 390 |    |    | 15  |             |
| "       |     | 24 x                 |     |    |    |     | x 106 Fuze  |
| 30th    | 843 | <del>32</del><br>495 | 462 |    | 38 | 47  |             |
| "       |     | 22 x                 |     |    |    |     | x 106 Fuze  |
| 31st    | 618 | 481                  | 325 |    | 4  | 5   |             |

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C A S U A L T I E S

DATE

|            |   |   |                       |
|------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| 13th March | 1 | O.R. 14th Battery   | Wounded.              |
| 20th "     | 1 | O.R. D.A.C  | accidentally injured. |
| 21st "     | 1 | O.R 10th Battery  | Wounded               |
|            |   | Capt. Collings and 36 O.R 10th Battery and                |                       |
|            | 2 | O.R T.M's   | Gassed.               |
| 23rd "     |   | Lieut. Ambler 10th Battery, 14 O.R 4th M.T.M. Bty gassed. |                       |
|            | 2 | O.R 11th Battery (one H.E.)                               | wounded.              |
| 24th "     | 2 | O.R. 4th M.T.M. Battery                                   | Gassed                |
| 25th "     | 1 | O.R. 10th Battery   | Gassed.               |
| 26th "     | 1 | O.R. 10th Battery   | Gassed                |
|            | 2 | O.R. 12th "   | Gassed                |
| 27th "     | 1 | O.R 4th T.M Battery                                       | (H E) wounded.        |
| 28th "     | 1 | O.R 105th Battery   | Wounded.              |

App H 3

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

STATEMENT SHOWING CHANGE OF STRENGTH DURING MARCH 1918.

|                             | <u>PERSONNEL</u> |      | <u>ANIMALS</u> |      |     | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------|----------------|------|-----|----------------|
|                             | Off.             | O.R. | R.             | L.D. | M.  |                |
| Strength 28/2/18            | 100              | 2383 | 371            | 845  | 815 |                |
| "On Strength" during March  | 6                | 220  | 7              | 23   | 33  | Statement "A". |
|                             | 106              | 2603 | 378            | 868  | 848 |                |
| "Off Strength" during March | 4                | 182  | 11             | 33   | 10  | Statement "B". |
| Strength - 31/3/18.         | 102              | 2421 | 367            | 835  | 838 |                |

INCREASE IN STRENGTH : The net increase in the strength of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. during the month was 2 Officers, 38 O.R and 9 remounts

LEAVE : During the month 304 Off. and O.R proceeded to United Kingdom on 14 days leave whilst 99 Off. and O.R were granted 8 days leave to PARIS. All leave was cancelled as from 21st March.

"TAKEN ON STRENGTH" DURING MARCH 1918. "A".

|                            | <u>PERSONNEL</u> |            | <u>ANIMALS</u> |           |           | <u>REMARKS</u>                   |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|
|                            | Off.             | O.R.       | R.             | L.D.      | M.        |                                  |
| Reinf'cts from Base        | 2                | 167        | 5              | 21        | 30        | (2/L J.M.BEVAN.M.M & (" A.H.MOSS |
| " " Hospital               | 2                | 48         | -              | -         | -         | Mjr.(T/Lieut-Col) RIGGALL.D.S.O. |
| Transf'd " 1st A.D.A       | 1                | 2          | 2              | -         | -         | Mjr.C.A.CALLAGHAN D.S.O.         |
| Transf'd from 5th Aus.D.A. | 1                | 2          | -              | -         | -         |                                  |
| " " 20th Battn.            | -                | 1          | -              | -         | -         |                                  |
| " " 2nd M.V.S              | -                | -          | -              | 2         | 3         |                                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>6</b>         | <b>220</b> | <b>7</b>       | <b>23</b> | <b>33</b> |                                  |

"TAKEN OFF STRENGTH" DURING MARCH 1918. "B".

|   | <u>PERSONNEL</u> |            | <u>ANIMALS</u> |           |           | <u>REMARKS</u>   |
|---|------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--|
|   | Off.             | O.R.       | R.             | L.D.      | M.        |  |
| Casualties                                  | 2                | 65         | -              | -         | -         | Appendix.  |
| Evacuated                                   | -                | 107        | 9              | 29        | 10        |  |
| Transferred to A.I.F H'qrs for Australia    | 2                | 1          | -              | -         | -         | (Lt.Col W.J.S.DAVIDSON (D.S.O.V.D. & Lt/Col. F.O'MAHONY. |
| Transferred to St.John's Wood Cadet School. | -                | 8          | -              | -         | -         |  |
| Transferred to A.F.C Cadet School           | -                | 1          | -              | -         | -         |  |
| Died  | -                | -          | 1              | -         | -         |  |
| Destroyed                                   | -                | -          | 1              | 4         | -         |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>4</b>         | <b>182</b> | <b>11</b>      | <b>33</b> | <b>10</b> |  |



*Appendix H4*

During the month of MARCH the health of the 2nd Divisional Artillery has been excellent. There has been plenty of work for the men, owing to defensive positions having to be built in this Area, but the weather has been good and the men have been able to bathe regularly, as the 2nd Div. Artillery had a Special Bath allotted to them and men were able to have a bathe each week and a clean change of clothes, as this, of course, kept the men clear of lice and their health benefited accordingly.

We had about 50 Casualties from Gas; the Gas used was what is known as "MUSTARD GAS" and the casualties were caused through the men, who had to go into the Gassed Area some time after the bombardment had finished, thinking the area was free of gas. It is difficult to detect this gas and they felt no ill effects at the time; 2 Officers were also gassed.

The moral of the men is good and as regards fitness and fighting qualities the 2nd Divisional Artillery are second to none.

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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd Aust. Division.

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Headquarters,  
6th March, 1918.

Attached please find my recommendations for the KING'S BIRTHDAY HONORS DESPATCH, 1918. The names are submitted in the following order:-

|                  |                             |   |         |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------|
| Captain(T/Major) | HORE, R.W.,                 | 10th Battery,                               | D.S.O.  |
| "                | JACKSON, W.O.,              | 12th "                                      | M.C.    |
| "                | SYNNOT, R.                  | 15th "                                      | "       |
| Lieut(T.Capt.)   | CAIRNES, B.H.               | 3rd A.M.T.M.Bty.                            | "       |
| Capt.            | WREN, C.C.C.                | 14th Battery.                               | "       |
| Lieut.           | MORTON, C.C.                | 105th How.Bty.                              | "       |
| Major            | ST CLAIR, DSO., W.H.,       | 12th Battery,                               | Mention |
| Lt-Col.          | H.W.LLOYD, CMG, DSO.,       | 5th A.F.A.Bde (now<br>(12th Army Bde A.F.A) | "       |
| Major            | W.J.L. POSTON, DSO., R.A.   | (lately Bde-Major)                          | "       |
| Lieut.           | N.T. KINGSMILL,             | H.Q., 5th A.F.A.Bde.,                       | "       |
| "                | J.S. SMITH,                 | " 4th A.F.A.Bde.                            | "       |
| Captain          | R.C. OSBORNE, M.C.          | Staff-Capt., 2nd Aust.D.A.                  | "       |
| Lieut.           | G.H. NUNN,                  | H.Q., 2nd Aust.D.A.C.                       | "       |
| "                | A. ROBERTS,                 | 15th Battery.                               | "       |
| 9501             | 9, B.S.M. BALLINGALL, C.T., | 3rd Aust.M.T.M.Bty.                         | D.C.M.  |
| 9408             | R.S.M. TOMS, E.R.           | H.Q., 2nd Aust.D.A.                         | M.S.M.  |
| 6702             | Sgt GRAHAM, A.F.            | " "   | "       |
| 7330             | B.S.M. NOLAN, T.W.          | 10th Battery,                               | "       |
| 7000             | R.S.M. GARLAND, A.          | H.Q., 4th A.F.A.Bde.                        | "       |
| 12224            | Sgt RAMSAY, A.H.            | 11th Battery,                               | "       |
| 6501             | Gnr THOMAS, B.G.            | 14th "                                      | "       |
| 7189             | B.S.M. PATTON, S.J.         | 15th "                                      | "       |
| 69               | Sgt KELTON, K.L.            | 13th "                                      | "       |
|                  | Bdr DUNSTAN, G.             | 3rd Aust.M.T.M.Bty.                         | "       |
| 8800             | B.S.M. CUTHBERT, J.C.       | 2nd Aust.D.A.C.                             | Mention |
| 6717             | Sgt GREGSON, T.             | "   | "       |
| 10197            | Cpl NELSON, F.J.H.          | "   | "       |

I certify that the rank and initials of all officers have been checked with the Army List of February, 1918.

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



*App. I* 6th March, 1918.

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Name. Captain(T/Major) R.W. HORE, 10th Battery, 4th A.F.A.Bde.  
Recommended for D.S.O.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his battery during operations in the YPRES Salient during October, and November, 1917; for exceptional zeal and soldierly bearing under most difficult and strenuous conditions; for cheerful and consistently good service and excellent example to his men. This Officer has served in command of his battery from September, 1917 to the present date and by his ability and consistent good service has attained most excellent results. The more strenuous and difficult the conditions; the more personal safety in the execution of his duties is to be disregarded, the more prominent has he become and the more consistent good service has he rendered.

Captain W.O. JACKSON, 12th Battery, 4th A.F.A.Bde.  
Recommended for M.C.

For consistent gallantry, ability and devotion to duty as a Section Commander in his Battery during operations in the YPRES Sector in September, 1917, October and November, 1917, and for continuous and consistent good service and loyalty to his senior officers under most difficult circumstances.

From January, 1918, this officer has served as a Battery Captain and his zeal and attention to duty at all times have produced excellent results which have been of inestimable value to the command in which he serves.

Captain R. SYNNOT, 15th Battery, 5th A.F.A.Bde.  
Recommended for M.C.

For conspicuous ability, excellent services and devotion to duty as Adjutant, 5th A.F.A.Bde., during September and October, 1917, and from that date for consistent gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his battery. His zeal and keenness have achieved most excellent results. He has at all times set a most excellent example of true courage and soldierly bearing to officers and men.

Lieut.(T/Capt) B.H. CAIRNES, 3rd Aust.M.T.M. Battery.  
Recommended for M.C.

For consistent gallantry and keen devotion to duty and excellent service in command of a Heavy Trench Mortar Battery from September, 1917, to 15/2/18 and with special reference to operations carried out by Trench Mortars on 23/9/17.

He was in charge of reserve T.M. Ammunition which had to be transported over 2000 yards under heavy shellfire and, although 6 men were killed, he persisted in his efforts and effected his purpose in getting the ammunition up to the guns and maintaining them in action. His consistent cheerfulness and courage have at all times set a most excellent example to his men.

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Captain C.C.C. WREN, 14th Battery,  
Recommended for M.C.

For conspicuous services and devotion to duty in commanding his battery from 23rd September, 1917 to the present date under most trying and difficult circumstances. His courage and energy have been a splendid example to his men and his cheerfulness and resourcefulness have enabled his battery to maintain its full fire effect during periods when this was essential.

Lieut. C.C. MORTON, 105th Battery.

Recommended for M.C.

For conspicuous services, gallantry and devotion to duty in all operations in the YPRES Sector from 23rd September, to 21st November, 1917. His consistent good work, efficiency and thorough reliability have been of great value to his commanding officer. His ability and accuracy as a gunner and keen knowledge and appreciation of the technical side of Artillery work have rendered his services invaluable. He has often at great risk made excellent reconnaissances and superintended the shooting of his battery with most excellent results. On the night of 3rd October, 1917, at WESTHOEK RIDGE East of YPRES, his battery was heavily shelled and two guns put out of action. Working continuously for over four hours, by his perseverance and example managed to change the piece of one gun to the carriage of the other, enabling his battery to have almost full firing power for the attack on the following morning.

RECOMMENDED FOR MENTION IN DESPACHES.

Major W.H. St CLAIR, D.S.O., 12th Battery,

Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD, CMG., DSO, 12th Army Brigade.

Major W.J.L. POSTON, DSO., R.A., (Bde-Major 2nd Aust. D.A. from  
23/9/17 to 12/1/18)

Lieut. N.T. KINGSMILL,

H.Q., 5th A.F.A. Bde.,

" J.S. SMITH,

" 4th A.F.A. Bde.,

Capt. R.C. OSBORNE, MC.,

Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust. D.A.

Lieut. G.H. NUNN,

H.Q. 2nd Aust. D.A.C.

Lieut. A. ROBERTS,

15th Battery.

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9, B.S.M. C.T. BALLINGALL, 3rd Aust.M.T.M. Battery.

Recommended for D.C.M.

For - as B.S.M., V.2.A. T.M. Battery has rendered most consistent and gallant service. His determination and resourcefulness in charge of Heavy Trench Mortars in the line, taking up ammunition, building gun emplacements and maintaining them in action have been invaluable. He has at all times shown the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty.

9501, R.S.M.(W.O.Cl.1) E.R. TOMS, Headquarters, 2nd Aust.D.A.

Recommended for M.S.M.

From 23/9/17 to date, as W.O. on 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. has rendered most consistent, excellent and faithful service in the execution of his duty. His conscientious and thorough reliability have at all times made his services of the greatest value to the Staff

9480, Sgt. A.F. GRAHAM, Headquarters, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Recommended for M.S.M.

From 23/9/17 to date has rendered most excellent and consistent service in the execution of his duties as Chief Clerk of the Staff-Captain's side. He has at all times been most painstaking and attentive to his duties. His keen and consistent devotion to duty have been of the greatest value.

6702, B.S.M. T.W. NOLAN, 10th Battery. Rec. for M.S.M.

For conspicuous good services and attention to duty as Bty.S.M. during October and November, 1917. Owing to the shortage of Officers, he was in charge of the Battery Wagon Lines and performed the duties of Battery Captain. He personally took charge of convoys of pack animals and led them through heavily shelled areas, at times making as many as five trips in 24 hours. His continuous and consistent good service has been of great value to his Battery Commander.

7330, R.S.M.(W.O.Cl.1) A. GARLAND,, H.Q., 4th A.F.A.Bde.

Recommended for M.S.M.

As R.S.M., 4th A.F.A.Bde., has rendered most excellent and consistent good service. During the last six months his services have been of great value in training N.C.O's of his Brigade, who, owing to heavy casualties, were recently promoted from the ranks and required much training and assistance in their duties. The soldierly bearing and example of discipline which he has not only set but maintained have been of great value to his Commanding Officer.

7000, Sgt A.H. RAMSAY, 11th Battery, 4th A.F.A.Bde.

Recommended for M.S.M.

During October and November, 1917, this N.C.O. was continually with his battery. On several occasions through casualties his detachment was reduced to one man, with whose assistance he continued to fight his gun, refusing to be relieved. At all times his conduct has set a fine example to the men of his Battery.

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12224, Gnr B.G. THOMAS, 14th Battery, 5th A.F.A.Bde.  
Recommended for M.S.M.

From 23/9/17 to the present date this man displayed great courage and devotion to duty. At times, owing to heavy casualties, he has been in charge of the Battery Staff and by his persistency and courage maintained communications under very heavy shellfire.

6501, B.S.M. S.J. PATTON, 15th Battery.  
Recommended for M.S.M.

For consistent good wrk and attention to his duties. At times, owing to the shortage of officers, he has been in charge of the Battery Wagon Lines and by his good work and personal example has been of great assistance to his Bty.Commander.

7189, Sgt K.L. KELTON, 13th Battery.  
Recommended for M.S.M.

During October and November, 1917, whilst his battery was in action in the vicinity of HANNEBEKE, he displayed great courage and endurance and by his devotion to duty set a splendid example to all ranks in his battery.

69, Bdr G. DUNSTAN, 3rd Aust.M.T.M. Battery.  
Recommended for M.S.M.

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty in action from 23/9/17 to present date. His coolness and determination in whatever duty he has had to perform, even under most adverse conditions, have set a high standard of soldierly bearing to his comrades.

RECOMMENDED FOR MENTION IN DESPACHES.

8800, B.S.M. J.C. CUTHBERT, 2nd Aust.D.A.C.,

6717, Sgt T. GREGSON, do.

10197, Cpl. F.J.H. NELSON, do.

Appendix A

RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 52

From 6 am 13/3/18 to 6 am, 14/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Artv.,  
14th March, 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| Time             | No of Rounds |         | Description         | TARGET         |      | Remarks  |
|------------------|--------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|------|--|
|                  | 18 pdr       | 4.5" H. |                     | Map.           | Ref. |  |
| 7.35am           | 20           |         |                     | U.12.d.20.50.  |      | Active Hvy. Minenwfl.  |
| 7.30am           | 30           |         |                     | U.12.d.20.85.  |      | Neutralising fire on M.W. areas  |
| 10 am            | 50           |         | U.12.c.80.70.&      | U.12.c.48.25.  |      | Active Heavy M.W.  |
| 10.25am          | 40           |         | U.12.c.82.22.&      | U.12.c.85.30.  |      |  |
| 10 am            | 30           |         | T.M.                | C.5.c.70.65.   |      |  |
| 10.15am          |              | 20      | T.M.                | C.5.c.70.45.   |      | Inf. rept. successful  |
| 10.45am          | 30           |         | WICART FARM         |                |      | Haras. fire on 7.7mm   |
| 10.50am          | 70           | 80      |                     | U.12.c.        |      | M.W. positions   |
| 12.30pm          |              | 20      | CESS-PIT HSE.       | C.6.A.& b.     |      |  |
| 2 pm             |              | 20      | CESS PIT HOUSE      | C.6.a. & b.    |      |  |
| 11 am            | 15           |         | M.W.                | C.5.c.8.4.     |      | Silenced   |
| 2.15pm to 2.45pm | 105          |         | U.12.o.55.72 to     | U.11.c.30.07.  |      | Heavy fire on M.W. (positions to allow 3" Stokes Mortars to blow out enemy strong point. |
| 4 pm             |              | 20      | CESS-PIT HOUSE      | C.6.a & b.     |      |  |
| 4.45pm           |              | 8       | Bridge              | C.11.c.46.26.  |      |  |
| 6.50pm)          |              |         | reported active     | U.30.a.37.16   |      |  |
| 7.7pm )          | 30           |         | T.M.                | & U.30.a.15.10 |      | Unobserved   |
| 11.15pm          | 30           |         | Traffic FRELINGIEN- | C.11.          |      |  |
| 11.20pm          |              | 40      | " "                 | C.11.d.69.53., |      |  |
|                  |              |         |                     | C.11.a.90.05., |      |  |
| 3.30am)          |              |         |                     | C.11.c.94.41.  |      |  |
| 4.15am)          | 1039         | 80      | 5th Div. O.O.172-   |                |      | Minor Operation.   |

ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time         | Locality shelled          | Rounds | Calibre     | Direction from                               |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------|--|
| 10/11am      | U.14. & U.15.)            | 80     | 7.7mm       | H.E. & Gas                                   |
| 12/12.15pm   | do )                      |        |             |  |
| 11am/12.30pm | U.1.d.                    | 100    | 15 cm       | COMINES                                      |
| 11.30am/3pm  | MESSINES-WULVERINGHEM Rd. | 70     | 10.5cm      |  |
| 4 pm         | C.1.a.                    | 25     | "           | bag. bearing by sound 112° from C.1.b.75.39. |
| 8.30pm       | U.7.b.                    | 25     | 15 cm       |  |
| 7pm          | U.27.c.4.3.               | 30     | 10.5cm      |  |
| 8.50/10.30pm | B.11.d.                   | 100    | 15 cm       | S.E.   |
| 1.30/4am     | B.11.d.                   | 200    | 15 & 10.5cm | Intermittent                                 |

AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 8.30am, 8 enemy planes crossed our lines, also single ones at 12.15pm and 1.5pm, but were driven off by our aircraft and A.A.g. Our planes were active all day.

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VISIBILITY

Very low during morning, but improving to very good between 1 pm and 4.30pm.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At 1 pm, an enemy plane dropped at U.14.a.30.80. a red balloon which carried a small packet of black powder.

Hostile batteries were observed firing from approximately V.15.b.00.80 and V.12.b.

MOVEMENT:

At 3.45pm two Germans were seen to leave concrete dugout at V.13.a.05.80. and walk towards MAIRIE de WARNETON - SUD, where they disappeared.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY \*\*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 53

From 6am 14/3/18 to 6 am 15/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,  
15th March '18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

An enemy relief being expected between 10 pm and mid-night, harrassing fire by 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. was directed against roads in U.12.b. and V.7.a.. During the day the following three bridges were fired on by 18-pdrs.:— U.30.a.3.6. U.24.c.7.2. U.24.c.65.25..

4.5" Hows. engaged traffic in FREELINGHIEF and 18-pdrs fired on work at U.29.d.6.9. which had been reported by Infantry. During the period the following M.W's. were engaged:—

C.5.c.75.20. C.5.d.3.9. C.17.a.50.70. U.12.c.82.22.

U.12.c.46.53. U.12.c.55.72. U.12.d.20.50. U.18.c.30.70.

U.18.c.95.85. U.24.a.67.18. U.30.a.67.16. U.30.c.40.50.

and the following, being active, were silenced:—

U.24.a.67.18., C.17.a.3.7., C.11.c.40.05..

4.5" Hows. were registered on to the following M.W's in Southern Div. sector:— C.29.d.9.4., I.5.b.2.8., I.5.b.65.75.

TRENCH MORTARS: At 12 noon, 20 rds. 4" Newton were fired on M.W. at U.21.b.7.3. and good results were obtained. Infantry reported that this M.W. been giving considerable trouble, but has since been inactive. Retaliation - Nil.

AIRCRAFT: Very little aerial activity.

VISIBILITY: Low.

MISCELLANEOUS: At 8.30am, gun flash of a 10.5cm was observed in approx. V.25.d. It appeared to be firing into U.14.c. At 7.35pm on 13/3/18 Left Bn.H.Q. was bombarded by 4.5" Hows, for an hour. About 40 rds were fired of which 6 were "duds". Two direct hits were obtained. About 20 shells fell within 50 yds of the H.Q. and surrounding dugouts. The shortest dropped 100 yards away and the furthest 150" from the H.Q.

[On 13-1-18] At 4.30pm, a Hun was seen strolling in No Man's Land on South of WARNETON and seemed to be carrying what appeared to be a large tin. He disappeared into a pillbox at V.13.a.

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ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time           | Locality Shelled               | Reunds | Calibre | Direction                           |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 8 am           | U.10.d.                        | 5      | 15 cm   |                                     |
| 8.30am         | U.15.b.                        | 8      | "       |                                     |
| 9.20/9.40am    | U.5.a.2.7.                     | 25     | "       |                                     |
| 9/9.20am       | U.11.d.                        |        | H.M.W.  | (silenced by 18-D)                  |
| 10.10am        | U.9.d.                         | 30     | 10.5cm  | (BAS WARNETON.N.E.                  |
| 10.30/11am     | U.9.c. & d. }<br>U.15.a.& b. } | 170    | "       | { Sound bearing<br>WABSTINE FARM "  |
| 11.10/11.25am  | U.9.d.                         | 200    | "       | QUADRANGLE-Gas &"<br>(Sound bearing |
| 11.50am/12.5pm | U.3.e.                         | 50     | 7.7cm   | SPINNING MILL<br>(Sound brg) Gas    |
| 12.20/12.45pm  | U.4.e. & d.                    | 60     | 10.5cm  | ST.MARGUERITE V.?                   |
| 2.15/2.45pm    | C.2.b. & C.3.a.                | 40     | "       | { T.B.106° from<br>C.1.b.75.35.     |
| 2.25pm         | C.3.d. & C.2.b.                | 30     | "       |                                     |
| 4.15/5.30pm    | C.2.b. & C.3.a.                | 30     | " & 7.7 | do. do. (50% gas)                   |
| 6.10pm         | C.1.b.                         | 3      | 10.5cm  | do do                               |
| 6.30pm         | C.3.a. & C.2.b.                | 50     | "       | (H.E. & 1 salvo ST                  |
| 7.45pm         | U.21.d.7.0.                    | 30     | 15 cm   | (About X Rds)                       |
| 8.40/9pm       | C.1.b.                         | 50     | 10.5cm  | { T.B.106° from<br>C.1.b.75.35.     |
| 8.45/8.50pm    | PLOEGSTEERT WOOD               |        | 7.7cm   |                                     |
| 10/11 pm       | U.26.e.                        | 60     | 10.5cm  |                                     |

Enemy shelling on the right sector was notably at a rapid rate, in short bursts, but often at short intervals.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 54.

From 6 a.m. 15/3/18 to 6 a.m. 16/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
16th March 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY.

4-5" How's of Right Group assisted in a night raid carried out by the Division to South of our Sector. 233 Rounds were fired on M.W. positions.

During early morning BAS WARNETON Cross Roads and BONDI HOUSE Cross Roads were subjected to harrassing fire.

Movement on road running from V.13.c. to WARNETON was engaged. Working Parties were dispersed at the following points:-  
SCREENED FARM (C.5.b.), C.11.a.55.43, C.11.a.30.20.

77 M.M Battery at FARM De-La-VACHERIE (C.18.a.) was fired at by 4-5" Hows.

300 Rounds were spent in Calibration and checking Registration of 18-pdr. Batteries.

In afternoon batteries responded to practice "LL" and "SOS" wireless calls. During the night traffic in FRELINGHIEN was fired on, and movement over bridges was suspected by Infantry and engaged by 18-pdrs. at U.29.b.70.35., U.30.a.6.6., U.24.c.7.2., U.24.c.65.25., and approaches to bridge in U.29.b.. Active M.W. at following positions were engaged:-

|               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| U.12.c.55.72. | U.12.c.35.52. | U.12.c.30.07. | U.12.c.95.30. |
| U.12.c.88.22. | U.12.a.28.54. | U.12.d.20.50. | U.18.c.30.70. |
| U.29.d.48.14. | U.30.c.53.80. | U.24.d.05.00. | U.24.c.42.82. |
| C.5.d.30.35.  | C.11.c.90.50. | C.17.a.30.80. |               |
| C.5.d.30.30.  | C.5.d.20.80.  |               |               |

AIRCRAFT. Enemy plines were active at intervals during the day. At 8.20 pm enemy planes crossed our lines and fired M.G's. on to road in C.1.b.. Four enemy balloons were observed. Our planes were active throughout the day, and at night, bombed FRELINGHIEN.

VISIBILITY.  
afternoon.

Medium in morning, increasing to good in

MISCELLANEOUS.

Several flashes were observed in V.25.c. 37.35. Wireless tests were carried out in co-operation with aeroplanes during the afternoon. Batteries fired for one minute on "S.O.S." lines and fired one salvo in reply to "L.L." Calls.

During the operation on our right at 10.7 pm., immediately our guns opened fire, a RED rocket bursting into three RED lights was sent up from enemy front on that sector. This was at once answered by their artillery firing. RED flares bursting into two RED lights were observed during the bombardment, but their meaning was not disclosed. When our fire ceased three WHITE floating lights were observed; they remained in the air for three minutes.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY., AUSTRALIAN CORPS Intelligence Summary 54 (Contd.)

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

| Time.           | Locality Shelled.          | Rounds. | Calibre.      | Direction.                        | Remarks.               |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 9.15 am.        | C.1.b.                     | 20      | 10.5 mm.      | T.B. 112° from C.1.b. 75.35       | (Sound).               |
| 10-10.20        | U.4.a. & Cent.             | 100     | 7.7.          |                                   |                        |
| 10.20           | U.14.d. 65.40.             | 20      | 10.5.         |                                   |                        |
| 10.30-40.       | U.11.c.                    | 120     | 7.7.          | BAS Warneton (S.B.'g.)            | Silenced C.B's.        |
| 10.50           | U.8.b., 9.c., 15.a.        | 100     | 10.5.         |                                   | Gas & H.E.             |
| 10.50-11.50 pm. | U.9.a. & b.                | 65      | 7.7.          |                                   | Searching down valley. |
| 12-noon-2pm.    | U.1.A.                     | 85      | 10.5          |                                   |                        |
| 12.30           | U.11.c.                    | 50      | 10.5          |                                   | On support line.       |
| 3.15 pm.        | U.3.a.                     | 5       | 9" (?)        |                                   | H.V. Gun.              |
| 6.45 pm.        | U.26.c. & C.2.a.           | 30      | 10.5 cm.      | T.B. Sound 106° from C.1.b. 75.35 |                        |
| 7.0.            | PLOEGSTEERT & MAISON 1875. | 60      | 7.7           |                                   |                        |
| 8.30            | C.1.b. and d.              | 40      | 10.5)<br>7.7) |                                   | A few gas.             |
| 10.30           | U.15.a. and b.             | 35      | 7.7)          |                                   | H.E. and Gas           |
| 11-2am.         | U.7.                       | 45      | 10.5)         |                                   | H. " " "               |
| 11.30-Midn't.   | U.6.c. and d.              | 30      | 15            |                                   | Shrap.                 |
| 2am-5am.        | U.7. and U.1.d.            | 30      | 10.5.         | BAS WARNETON.                     | (Sound bearing         |

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## RIGHT DIV. ARTILLERY :: AUST. CORPS

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 56

From 6 am 16/3/18 to 6 am, 17/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Art.,  
17th March, 1918.

## OUR ARTILLERY

| Time             | Rounds |         | Target                    |                                | Remarks  |
|------------------|--------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
|                  | 18-pdr | 4.5"    | Description               | Map Reference                  |  |
| 9 am             | 20     |         | KITTY                     | U.18.c.95.85.                  | Active Hvy.M.W.  |
| 9 am             | 20     |         | DORIS                     | U.12.d.20.50                   | " " "  |
| 9.40am           | 20     |         | T.M.                      | C.11.c.8.5.                    | Silenced   |
| 10.25am          | 10     |         | "                         | C.11.c.85.85.                  | Unknown  |
| 11.45am          | 30     |         | Bridge                    | U.29.b.6.4.                    | "  |
| 12/12.40pm       | 41     |         | GASOMETER                 | U.12.b.03.20                   | Calibration  |
| 2/4 pm           | 40*    |         | DORIS                     | U.12.d.2.5.                    | Active Hvy.M.W.  |
| 2.30/4 pm        | 34     |         | GASOMETER                 | U.12.b.03.20                   | Calibration  |
| 12/12.40pm       | *      |         | CARMEN                    | U.12.c.82.22                   | Active hvy.M.W.  |
| "                | 187    |         |                           | U.18.a.20.80                   | Calibration with<br>help of successful<br>corrective observn from No 16<br>K.B. Section. |
| 4 pm             | 20     |         | Bridge                    | U.12.d.                        | Registration done<br>by No 16 K.B. Section.  |
| 4 pm             | 30     |         | "                         | U.29.b.6.24.                   | Unknown  |
| 4.50pm           | 25     |         | URAL HOUSE                | U.30.a.15.05.                  | In conj.with T.M's<br>Satisfactory.  |
| 4/5 pm           | 67     |         | GASOMETER                 | U.12.b.03.20                   | Calibration  |
| 6.15 pm          | 10     |         | Dugout (HQ.?)             | C.17.a.9.6.                    | 7 direct hits.   |
| 6.15 pm          | 15     |         | T.M. active               | U.30.a.15.10                   | Rept.by Inf.   |
| 7.30 pm          | 15     |         | SCREENED FARM             | C.5.b.6.4.                     | Inf.rept.satisfcty.  |
| 9.10 pm          | 30     |         | T.M's                     | C.11.c.8.5. &<br>C.11.c.85.85. | Inf. report fire<br>effective.   |
| 9.35 pm          | 10     |         | "                         | C.5.c.7.2.                     | Reptd by Group.  |
| 10.15pm          | 20     |         | T.M.SOAPHOUSE             | C.5.c.7.2.                     | Unknown  |
| 10 pm            | 38     |         | Roads                     | V.13.a.                        | Searching  |
| 10 pm            | 20     |         | WAUSTINE FARM             | V.13.c.25.45.                  |  |
| 10.35pm          | 15     |         | M.G. Active               | U.24.c.8.3.                    | Rep. by Inf.   |
| 10.40pm          | 10     |         | T.M.                      | C.11.a.80.65.                  | Unknown  |
| 10.45pm          | 15     |         | T.M. Active               | U.30.a.15.10                   | Rep. by Inf.   |
| 11.20pm          | 20     |         | M.G. Active               | U.24.c.70.25.                  | Rep. by Inf.   |
| 12pm/12.15<br>am | 20     |         | GWEN                      | U.12.c.48.25.                  | Active Hvy M.W.  |
| 1.10am           | 15     |         | T.M. Active               | U.24.a.28.54.                  | Rep. by Inf.   |
| 1.50am           | 15     |         | "                         | U.30.a.15.10.                  | " "  |
| 2.10am           | 15     |         | "                         | U.30.c.6.4.                    | " "  |
| 2.25am           | 15     |         | Working party             | C.11.b.                        | " "  |
| 3.45am           | 15     |         | Traffic in<br>PRELINGHIEN | C.11.c                         |  |
| 4 am             | 20     | 20      | HILDA                     | U.12.c.85.30                   | Active Hvy.M.W.  |
| 4.50am           | 20     | rnds 6" | T.M.                      | U.29.b.7.1.                    | M.W.   |
|                  |        |         |                           | U.29.b.80.15.                  | "  |
|                  |        |         |                           | U.29.b.70.25.                  | "  |

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ENEMY ARTILLERY.

| Time                | Locality Shelled    | Rnds | Calibre | Direction                  | Remarks  |
|---------------------|---------------------|------|---------|----------------------------|--|
| 8am                 | U.4.c.              | 28   | 10.5cm  | BONDI HOUSE                |  |
| 10am                | U.16.b.             | 100  | 10.5cm  | BAS WARNETON               | H.V.   |
| 10.40am             | DOUVE VALLEY        | 100  | 7.7cm   |                            | H.E.   |
| 10.50am/<br>12.15pm | U.14.b.9.8.         | 50   | 15cm(?) | V.9.c.                     | This is thought to be one of our 4.5" Hows. The Battery was effectively shelled by our Hvy.Arty. |
| 11.20am             | O.34.d.             | 50   | 15cm    |                            |  |
| 12.45pm             | C.7.b.              | (30) | 10.5cm  |                            |  |
|                     |                     | (20) | 15cm    |                            |  |
| 1 pm                | C.8.c.              | (30) | 10.5cm  |                            | A few Gas.   |
|                     |                     | (20) | 15cm    |                            |  |
| 6.25/7pm            | U.14.c.2.2.         | 50   | 10.5cm  | V.4.c.                     | Flash bearing  |
| 6.45pm              | U.25.d.& U.26.c.    | 40   | 10.5cm  | T.B.106° from C.l.b.75.35. | (Sound)  |
| 7.30pm              | HYDE PK.GNR.V.19.b. | 200  | 10.5cm  |                            | Rds.in vicinity  |
| 9.35pm              | " " "               | 50   | 10.5cm  |                            | " " "  |
| 10.45pm             | C.2.d. and b.       | 100  | 10.5cm  |                            | Searching fire   |
| 11.26/<br>11.50pm   | C.l.b. & d.         | 70   | 10.5cm  | T.B.106° from C.l.b.75.35. | (Sound)  |

AERIAL ACTIVITY: Our aircraft were very active. Enemy planes were particularly active between 1pm and 2 pm. At 1.25pm an enemy plane crossed our lines flying fairly low, but was driven off by our A.A. and A.A.M.G. fire. At 1.43pm eight enemy planes tried to cross our lines but were driven back by our aircraft and A.A. Fire. Enemy planes were also over our lines at 2.30 pm. and 5.25pm. but were driven off in both cases.

VISIBILITY. Indifferent in the forenoon, but improving to good in the aft. ernoon.

TRENCH MORTARS. During our Trench Mortar bombardment at 4.50 pm. the fifth round set fire to what appeared to be a small ammunition dump, as a large column of smoke was observed.

MISCELLANEOUS. The enemy seems to be using our own 4.5" shells a good deal. U.14.b. was shelled considerably during the day, and although no blinds were obtained the shell burst very like the 4.5" and seems to be a type of burst between the 5.9" and 4.2". Flashes were observed in V.9.c. and the battery was engaged with success by our Heavy Artillery. On one occasion, at 9.15 am., when a 5.9" Battery shelled U.8.a. a red light, bursting into two was sent up three times. After our 6" T.M's. had fired on M.W. positions at 4.50 pm. noises similar to that of Strombus Horns were heard from the points engaged.

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## RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 56

From 6 am, 17/3/18 to 6 am, 18/3/18

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Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
18th March, 1918.

## OUR ARTILLERY

| TIME                | ROUNDS    | 18-pdr 4.5" | Description             | Map Co-ordinate                | TARGET | Remarks.  |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|---|
| 6.20am              |           | 8           | T.M.                    | C.5.c.8.1.                     |        | Unknown   |
| 7.25am              | 20        |             | Working Party           | U.12.b.5.3.                    |        | Dispersed.  |
| 9.0 am              | 15        |             | T.M. Active             | U.29.d.48.14.                  |        | Rep. by Inf.  |
| 9.35am              | 15        |             | " "                     | C.11.a.8.4.                    |        | " "   |
| 9.50am              | 15        |             | " "                     | C.11.c.85.85.                  |        | " "   |
| 11.15am             |           | 8           | T.M.                    | U.24.a.67.18.                  |        | Silenced  |
| 11.15am             |           | 10          | "                       | U.29.d.20.48.                  |        | "   |
| 2.30pm              |           | 8           | "                       | C.11.c.92.48.                  |        | Unknown   |
| 4.30pm              | 8         |             | GASOMETER               | U.12.b.03.20.                  |        | Registration  |
| 5/5.30pm            | 56        |             | M.W.                    | U.12.c.                        |        | Cov. fire for<br>Corps HTM Reg'n.   |
| 5.25pm              |           | 8           | T.M.                    | C.5.c.70.48.                   |        | ( Successful  |
| 5.40pm              |           | 8           | "                       | C.17.a.4.7.                    |        | ( Shoot   |
| 6.12pm              | 20        |             | " & Inf.)<br>movement.) | C.5.b.4.3.                     |        | Reptd. fire<br>effective  |
| 7/7.30pm            | 48        |             | M.G. ERNEST             | U.12.d.95.30.                  |        | Fire asked for<br>by Inf. on acc.<br>heavy M.G. fire<br>operating from here |
| 7.26pm              | 15        |             | T.M. Active             | U.29.d.48.14.                  |        | Unknown   |
| 9.30pm              |           | 8           | T.M.                    | C.5.d.3.9.                     |        | Inf. rep. O.K.  |
| 9pm/4am             | 120       |             | SPINNING Mill           | U.18.c.9.8.                    |        | Fire asked for<br>by Inf. very active<br>M.G. operating from<br>here.       |
| 9.25/10.5pm         | 30        |             | Roads                   | V.13.a.                        |        | Bursts of fire  |
| 9.40pm              |           | 8           | T.M.                    | C.5.d.4.2.                     |        | Inf. rep. O.K.  |
| 10.15pm             |           | 8           | "                       | C.5.c.8.1.                     |        | " " "   |
| 10.25pm             | 12        |             | WAUSTINE FARM           | V.13.c.25.40.                  |        | Searching fire  |
| 10.40pm             |           | 15          | 10.5cm Bty.             | D.7.a.75.55.                   |        | Unknown   |
| 11.30pm             |           | 50          | HILDA & Vivnty          | U.12.c.95.30.                  |        | Active Hvy MW<br>& sweeping for<br>other M.W.                               |
| 11.35pm             | 20        |             | HILDA                   | U.12.c.95.30.                  |        | Active Hvy. MW  |
| 11.45pm/12.45<br>am | 40        |             | SPINNEY                 | U.18.a.2.5.                    |        | (Working party;<br>(result unknown  |
| 12.30am             | 30        |             | (BIDDY<br>(ISOBEL       | U.12.c.55.72.<br>U.12.c.46.53. |        | Active Heavy<br>M.W.'s.   |
| 2.7am               | 15        |             | T.M. Active             | U.24.a.67.18.                  |        | Rep. by Inf.  |
| 2.24am              | 15        |             | " "                     | U.24.a.67.18.                  |        | " "   |
| 10.55am             | 5 rnds 6" |             | T.M. M.W.               | C.11.a.8.4.                    |        | Result good   |

## ENEMY ARTILLERY.

| TIME                | LOCALITY SHELLED  | ROUNDS | CALIBRE           | DIRECTION                       | REMARKS                       |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 10.25/11.30<br>a.m. | U.8.d. & U.14.b.  | 235    | (7.7cm<br>(10.5cm |                                 | Area shoot &<br>a little gas. |
| 9.30/10.30am        | DOUVE VALLEY      | 150    | 7.7cm             | St. MARGUERITE<br>S.B. V.23.    | H.E.                          |
| noon/2.30pm         | F.L. & Supports   |        | (7.7cm            |                                 |                               |
|                     | U.11.d. & U.17.a. | 100    | (10.5cm           |                                 | H.E. & Shrap.                 |
| 2.30/3.15pm         | U.2.b. & d.       | 50     | "                 |                                 | Area shoot                    |
| 2.40pm              | C.2.d.            | 15     | 7.7cm             | (T.B. 1120 from                 | (Sound)                       |
| 8.30pm              | U.7.a.            | 12     | 15cm              | C.1.b.75.75.<br>BAS WARRINGTON  |                               |
| 11.30/11.45pm       | PLOEGSTEERT       | 50     | 10.5cm            |                                 | (Fire caused in               |
| 6 pm                | U.21.c.           | 20     | "                 | (Mustard & Sneez<br>-ing stuff) | (PLOEGSTEERT                  |

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AIRCRAFT: were more active than usual. At 10.45am a flight of 8 E.A. attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire. Also at 8 am, 2.30pm and 5.15pm, planes crossed our lines but were turned back by A.A. fire.

6 enemy Balloons were up during the day at Mag. Bearings from U.15.a.35.72. of - 92°30', 95°, 102°30', 82°30', 75°, and 73°30'. One balloon descended and was visible on the ground at V.18.b.25.85. These balloons appeared to be nearer our front line than on former occasions.

VISIBILITY: Fair in morning to very good from 2pm till 5 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS: At 2.35pm, our Hvy.Arty. shelled in E. of DEULEMONT approx. V.26. causing a fire which ejected dense volumes of smoke till 3.30pm. Enemy M.W. were much quieter during the day. At 12 noon when nine of our planes were flying very low down over T.21.d. two bombs were dropped. It is thought that they were dropped by one of our planes owing to some accident to the releasing levers.

What appears to be a dummy tree was observed at C.11.b.55.90.

The road from FME de la VACHERIE in C.18.a. running N.W. to FRELINGHIEN has been camouflaged.

A signal lamp was seen flashing from a M.B.137°23' at 8 & 9.45pm. Nothing could, however, be read owing to the lamp facing apparently due North. *(from C.G.d.25.40.)*

Infantry report having been fired on with a shell having a base diameter of 4.9".

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 57

From 6. am, 18/3/18 to 6. am, 19/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,  
19th. March, 18.

OUR ARTILLERY

| TIME            | ROUNDS         | TARGET                         | REMARKS   |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
|                 | 18-pdr 4.5" H. | Description Co-ordinate.       |   |
| 9 am            | 20             | GWEN U.12.c.48.25              | Active Hvy.M.W.                                       |
| 10am            | 20             | "                              | "   |
| 10.17am         | 20             | Working Pty. C.5.b.55.50       | Rep. by Inf.  |
| 11.35am         | 30             | " U.18.a.3.6                   | "   |
| 11.40am         | 30             | SPINNING MILL U.18.c.9.8       | Retal. for enfilade fire-asked for by Inf.            |
| 11.45am         | 9              | WAUSTINE FARM V.13.c.20.45     | do. do.   |
| 11.45am/12.20pm | 57             | TELEPHONE HSE U.24.a.6.8       | Check.Reg.& Calib.                                    |
| 12.15/2.30pm    | 47             | GASOMETER U.12.b.03.20         | Check.angles & "                                      |
| 2.30/2.45pm     | 20             | SPINNING MILL V.18.c.9.8       | Active Hvy.M.W.                                       |
| 1.45pm          | 15             | T.M. C.11.c.68.68              | "   |
| "               | 10             | URAL HOUSE U.30.a.15.10        | Unknown.  |
| 1.25/ 4.45pm    | 102            | DATUM POINT (C.11.b.22.57      | Calibration   |
| "               | "              | URAL HOUSE U.30.a.18.04        | Registration  |
| 1.40pm          | 33             | Working Pty. U.12.b.3.8        | Good results.   |
| 2.45/3.30pm     | 44             | GASOMETER U.12.b.03.20         | Experiments with correct'n NCT Cordite, 85 & 80 Fuzes |
| 4.30pm          | 22             | Do. Do.                        | Reg'n. & Calib'n.                                     |
| Do.             | 18             | Registration U.30.a.15.10      | O.K.  |
| 5pm.            | 10             | SCREENED FARM C.5.b.60.50      | Unknown.  |
| 6pm.            | 20             | Bridge U.12.d.75.50            | Obs. 15 Bal. Sec. 3 Direct hits.                      |
| 7.30/8pm.       | 48             | M.G. U.11.d.95.30              | "   |
| 7.40pm.         | 40             | NANCY U.18.c.7.6               | "   |
|                 |                | U.18.d.3.6                     | Active M.W.   |
|                 |                | &U.18.d.3.6                    | "   |
| 9.20/10.11pm    | 20             | U.24.a.67.18                   | "   |
|                 |                | &C.11.c.50.60                  | "   |
| 10.50 pm.       | 20             | HELDA U.12.c.95.30             | "   |
| 11.45pm.        | 30             | OLGA U.12.c.80.50              | "   |
| 11.50pm         | 30             | ALICE U.12.c.80.98             | "   |
| 11.50pm         | 50             | U.12, cent. & vicinity         | "   |
| 12.55pm         | 20             | MARY U.18.c.30.70              | "   |
| 12.2 am.        | 15             | Wkg. Party. C.11.c.50.60       | Fire effective (Inf).                                 |
| 12.20am         | 20             | QUEENIE U.12.c.80.70           | Active M. W.  |
| 1am             | 20             | HILDA U.12,c.95.30             | "   |
| "               | 20             | PEARL U.12.c.35.35             | "   |
| "               | 20             | NANCY U.18.c.70.60             | "   |
| 1.48am.         | 10             | Active T.M. C.11.a.60.70       | Reptd. by Inf.  |
| 2 am.           | 10             | " " C.11.a.74.37               | Fire reptd.effective.                                 |
| 2.37 am.        | 10             | " " C.11.c.60.01               | Reptd. by Inf.  |
| TRENCH MORTARS. |                |                                |   |
| 11 am           | 10 (6")        | M.W. C.11.c.55.60              | "   |
| 11.10am         | 10 "           | " U.29.d.50.30                 | "   |
| 2 pm.           | 10 "           | " Do.                          | Silenced.   |
| 10pm            | 10 "           | UNKNOWN FM. U.29.d.50.10       | "   |
|                 |                | SCREENED FM. C.5.b.60.50-95.30 | Hvy. Material & work, reptd by Inf.                   |
| 7.30/8.30pm     | 20 "           | M.G. U.11.d. .                 | "   |

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| ENEMY ARTILLERY |                              |         |        |         |                              |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Time            | Locality                     | Shelled | Rounds | Calibre | Direction                    | Remarks                |
| 8.10am          | DOUVE VALLEY                 |         | 500    | 7.7cm   | BAS WARNETON                 | Gas & H.E.             |
| 9.15am          | C.2.b. & C.3.a.              |         | 45     | 10.5cm  | T.B.106° from                | C.1.b.75.35<br>(Sound) |
| 10/10.20am      | U.10.central                 |         | 50     | 15 cm   | COMINES                      | H.E.                   |
| 1 pm            | U.1.a.                       |         | 8      | 10.5cm  | BAS WARNETON                 |                        |
| 2/2.40pm        | U.1.c. & d. & U.7.           |         | 85     | "       | "                            | "                      |
| 2.30pm          | PLOEGSTEERT WOOD             |         | 10     |         |                              | H.E. & Shrap           |
| "               | U.7.                         |         | 31     | 7.7cm   | (Slt. damage to              | Lt. Rlway              |
| 3 pm            | MESSINES                     |         | 5      | 15cm    | "                            | H.E. & Shrap           |
| 2.10pm          | U.9.a. & c.                  |         | 100    | "       | (M.B. 113°25' from           | "                      |
| 6/8pm           | C.11.d.                      |         | 300    | "       | --(SURREY FARM (C.9.d.25.40) |                        |
| 10/10.20pm      | LE BIZET                     |         | 200    | 7.7cm   | Gas M.B.113°25' from         | C.9.d.25.40.           |
| 10.30/10.50pm   | MESSINES-WULVERGHEM<br>Road. |         | 20     | "       |                              | Gas                    |
| 10.30/11pm      | C.11.d.                      |         | 200    | 15 cm   | M.B.111°25' from             | C.9.d.25.40            |
| 10/11pm         | PLOEGSTEERT                  |         | 140    | 10.5cm  |                              |                        |
| Midnight        | U.1.d.                       |         | 25     | 7.7cm   |                              |                        |
| 3/4.30am        | PLOEGSTEERT                  |         | 90     | 10.5cm  |                              |                        |

OUR ARTILLERY: All batteries, in response to Test M.M. Wireless calls, opened fire on U.17.b.9.7.

AIRCRAFT: Both our planes and the enemy's were very active all day. E.A. made several attempts to cross our lines but were on every occasion driven off by A.A. fire. 7 balloons were observed during the day at M.B. of 63°, 68°, 71° (on the ground) 73°, 104°, 126°, and 131° from C.9.d.25.40.

VISIBILITY: Forenoon medium; afternoon good.

MISCELLANEOUS: Observed from SURREY FARM- C.9.d.25.40.- Large square shaped O.P. in a tree at M.B. 97°40' (East of FARM du GRAND VERQUIN) U.7.c.). Lamp signalling from M.B. 138°50' towards DEULEMONT continuously from 7.35pm to 10.45pm; flank observation rendered reading impossible by our observer.

A lamp also noticed flashing in a M.B. of 82°50' far back. Smoke issued from a dugout at approx. C.24.b.40.80.

Observed from U.15.d.75.75.-

Clouds of smoke were seen rising from COMINES at 10am and it was reported to have been caused by bombs dropped by our planes.

Enemy appeared to be registering a 15cm Bty. on MESSINES Church but bearing could not be obtained.

At 6.35pm and 7 pm, gun flashes were observed at M.B. of 78°, 72°, 66°, 71° and 73°.

During the period M.W. activity greatly increased.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 58

From 6 am, 19/3/18 to 6 am, 20/3/18

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Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
20th March, 1918.

## OUR ARTILLERY

| TIME          | No of Rounds |         | Target Description | Co-ordinate.                                | Remarks                        |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|               | 18-pdr       | 4.5" H. |                    |   |                                |
| 6.55am        | 15           |         | Movement           | U.29.b.6.4.                                 | Rep. by Inf.                   |
| 8.5 am        | 15           |         | "                  | U.5.d.5.5.                                  | "                              |
| 8.30am        |              | 5       | M.W.               | C.11.c.62.01.                               | Silenced                       |
| "             |              | 5       | M.W.SCREENED       |   |                                |
|               |              |         | FARM               | C.5.b.55.40.                                | "                              |
| 8.45am        |              | 5       | "                  | "   | "                              |
| 12.10pm       | 40           |         | ( M.W. (DORIS)     | U.12.d.2.5.                                 |                                |
|               |              |         | ( " (ELLA)         | U.12.c.30.07.                               |                                |
| 4.10pm        |              | 10      | " BREWERY          | C.17.a.25.75.                               | 4 direct hits<br>obtd. on pos. |
| 7.30/8.30pm   | 40           |         | M.G.               | U.11.d.95.30.                               |                                |
| 9.15pm        | 40           |         | ( M.W. ALICE)      | U.12.c.80.98.                               |                                |
|               |              |         | ( " PEARL)         | U.12.c.35.35.                               |                                |
| 10.29pm       | 156          |         | Trenches           | C.12.c.& a.,<br>C.6.c., C.11.d.<br>& D.7.c. |                                |
| 10.29pm       |              | 160     |                    | C.11.d.70.56.                               |                                |
| 11.15pm       |              | 50      | T.M.               | U.12.central                                |                                |
| 11.35pm       |              | 10      | M.W.               | U.24.a.6.7.                                 | Unobserved                     |
| 11.45/Midn't. |              | 50      | " (ALICE)          | U.12.c.80.43.                               |                                |
|               |              |         | " (PEARL)          | U.12.c.35.35.                               |                                |
| 12.35am       | 40           |         | " (DORIS)          | U.12.d.2.5.                                 |                                |
|               |              |         | " (GWEN)           | U.12.c.40.25.                               |                                |
| 12.20/5.15am  | 100          |         | " (PEARL)          | U.12.c.35.35.                               |                                |
|               |              |         | " (DORIS)          | U.12.d.2.5.                                 |                                |
| 12.40am       | 20           |         | " (PEARL)          | U.12.c.35.35.                               |                                |
| 4.30am        | 20           |         | " (BIDDY)          | U.12.c.55.72.                               |                                |
| 4.45am        | 20           |         | " (ISOPPEL)        | U.12.c.46.53.                               |                                |
| 4.45am        | 20           |         | " (QUEENIE)        | U.12.c.8.7.                                 |                                |
| 5 am          | 20           |         | " (DORIS)          | U.12.d.3.5.                                 |                                |
| 5.10am        | 20           |         | " (CARMEN)         | U.12.c.82.22.                               |                                |
| 5.15am        |              | 100     | "                  | U.12.central                                | Har. Fire.                     |
| 12.50/1 am    |              | 60      | "DORIS,            | U.12.d.2.5., U.12.c.35.35.,                 |                                |
|               |              |         | PEARL & GWEN       | U.12.c.48.25.                               |                                |
| 5.16am        |              | 10      | M.W.               | C.11.c.6.7.                                 |                                |
| 5.30am        | 15           |         | T.M.               | C.5.b.31.33.                                | Unknown                        |
| 5.58am        |              | 5       | M.W.               | C.11.c.6.7.                                 |                                |

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## ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time         | Locality Shelled | Calibre     | Rounds | Direction                 | Remarks |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| 8.40/10am    | PUZE COTTAGE     | U.10.d.     | M.W.   | 80                        |         |
| 8.40/9.25am  | U.10.d.          | 7.7cm       | 80     |                           |         |
| 9.15am       | C.2.d.           | 10.5cm      | 15     | 106° T.B. from            |         |
|              |                  |             |        | C.1.b.75.35.(Sound)       |         |
| 9.50/10.10am | U.10.            | 7.7cm       | 70     | 72° M.B. from U.10.a.3.5. |         |
|              | .U.2.a.          | 10.5        | 115    | " "                       |         |
| 10/10.45am   |                  |             |        | (Fire drawn by Inf.W.Pty) |         |
| 10.55am      | U.1. & U.7.      | 10.5 & 15cm | 80     | BAS WARNETON              |         |
| 9.50/11.15am | U.10.a.& b.      | 7.7 & 10.5  | 100    | " "                       |         |
| 9.50am       | U.1. and U.7.    | 10.5 & 15cm | 40     | " "                       |         |
| 11.45am      | Lt.Rail.U.9.e.   | 10.5cm      | 80     | S.B.100° from             |         |
|              |                  |             |        | U.15.a.35.72 (Mag).       |         |
| Noon/1 pm    | U.9.a. & c.      | 7.7 cm      | 100    | WARNETON FARM (Area Shoot |         |
| 2/2.30pm     | U.15.b., U.16.a. |             |        |                           |         |
|              | & U.2.a.& b.     | 10.5cm      | 180    | DEULEMONT                 |         |
| 2.10/3.50pm  | U.1.c.           | 7.7cm       | 34     | BAS WARNETON              |         |
| 3 pm         | U.2.a. & b.      | 7.7 & 10.5  | 200    |                           |         |
| 1.45pm       | C.2.d.           | 10.5cm      | 20     | 106° T.B. from            |         |
|              |                  |             |        | C.1.b. 75.35 (Sound)      |         |
| 10 pm        | U.14.b.          | "           | 50     | Gas.                      |         |

**AIRCRAFT:** No enemy planes were observed, and no activity was displayed by our planes.

3 enemy balloons ascended at 6.30am and descended at 7.15am (M.B. from C.2.d.25.40. - 77°, 55°, 47°).

**VISIBILITY:** Medium till 8 am; very low remainder of day.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** There has been a considerable increase in hostile artillery and minenwerfer activity during the period.

**LIVENS GAS PROJECTOR ATTACK:** This was carried out at 10.30pm. Enemy whistles were heard. No immediate action followed the attack, but half-an-hour later a green flare was fired by the enemy towards the locality from which the gas had been released and 7.7cm's immediately opened fire on that locality.

**ENEMY MOVEMENT:** At 8.40am 12 men were seen to walk, singly, and at intervals along road behind TWIN FARM going in S.E. direction.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 59

From 6 a.m. 20/3/18 to 6 a.m. 21/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
21st March 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| TIME       | No. of Rounds. | How. | Description                           | Target | Co-ordinate.      | Remarks                              |
|------------|----------------|------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6.15 a.m.  | 20             |      | DORIS                                 |        | U.12.d.28.54.     |                                      |
| 6 a.m.     | 5              |      | M.W.                                  |        | C.11.c.60.70      | Silenced                             |
| 10.10 a.m. | 10             |      | M.W. URAL HOUSE                       |        | U.30.a.15.10      | Effective.                           |
| 11.50 a.m. | 20             |      | ISOBEL                                |        | U.12.c.46.53      |                                      |
| 11.50 a.m. | 10             |      | M.W.                                  |        | U.24.a.67.18      | No report.                           |
| 1.45 p.m.  | 29             |      | URAL HOUSE                            |        | U.30.a.15.10      | Registration                         |
| 2 p.m.     | 34             |      | URAL HOUSE & BRIDGES                  |        | U.29.b. & U.30.a. | "                                    |
| 2.30 p.m.  | 12             |      | U.18.b.30.05.;                        |        | B.24.a.60.80      |                                      |
| 5.2 p.m.   | 20             |      | T.M. Active                           |        | U.29.d.48.14      | Rep. by Inf.                         |
| 5.22 p.m.  | 28             |      |                                       |        | U.30.a.           | { Registering }<br>{ Balloon Obsn. } |
| 5.55 p.m.  | 15             |      | Trenches                              |        |                   | Retaliation                          |
|            |                |      | FRELINGHIEN                           |        |                   |                                      |
| 11.45 p.m. | 50             |      | M.W (ALICE)                           |        | U.12.c.80.98      |                                      |
|            |                |      | " (PEARL)                             |        | U.12.b.35.55      |                                      |
| 12.17 a.m. | 20             |      | Working Party                         |        | C.11.c.45.90      | { Inf. report }                      |
| 12.50 a.m. | 40             | 60   | { U.12.d.20.50. }<br>{ U.12.c.43.25 } |        | U.12.b.35.35      | { effective }                        |
| 12.55 a.m. |                |      | GWEN & ELLA                           |        | U.12.c.central.   |                                      |
| 12.50 a.m. | 10             |      | M.W. CHURCH                           |        | C.11.e.70.70      | Silenced                             |
|            |                |      | FRELINGHIEN                           |        |                   |                                      |
| 1.45 a.m.  | 8              |      | M.W.                                  |        | C.11.c.70.50      | Silenced.                            |
| 3.45 a.m.  |                |      | U.29.b. &                             |        | U.30.a.           | O.O. No. 82                          |
|            | 774            | 300  |                                       |        |                   |                                      |

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TRENCH MORTARS

|           |    |      |              |               |                    |
|-----------|----|------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 9.15 a.m. | 10 | (6") | M.W          | C.11.c.60.70) | Good bursts        |
| 3.45 a.m. | 25 | (6") | DOLLS HOUSE  | U.24.c.70.33) | Effects not known. |
|           | 25 | (6") | UNKNOWN FARM | U.29.d.47.28) |                    |

ENEMY ARTILLERY

| TIME           | Locality shelled | Calibre | Direction | Remarks.         |
|----------------|------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
|                |                  |         |           | -----Rounds----- |
| 10.45/11.15 am | U.11.b.          | 30      | 7.7 cm    | DEULEMONT        |
| 11.50am/Noon   | U.1.c.           | 60      | 10.5 cm   |                  |
| Noon to 1pm    | U.24.b           | 400     | 7.7 cm    | H.E.             |
| 12.30 p.m.     | U.1.c.           | 5       | 10.5 cm   |                  |
| Noon/12.35pm   | U.1 and U.2      | 100     | 7.7 cm    | DEULEMONT        |
| 12.35/12.45 pm | T.6.d.           | 25      | 15. cm    | COMINES          |

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## ENEMY ARTILLERY (Cont'd)

| Time          | Locality Shelled                       | Rounds       | Calibre       | Direction                     | Remarks                  |
|---------------|--|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.5/1.40 p.m  | U.16.a                                 | 10           | 7.7 cm        |                               | Gas                      |
| 1.30/2 p.m    | U.10.a                                 | 50           | 7.7 cm        |                               | On DOUVE DUCKWALK        |
| 2 p.m/2.15 pm | U.5.b and d.                           | 11           | 7.7 cm        | BAS WARNETON                  | E.E.                     |
| 2 pm/2.15 pm) |  |              |               |                               |                          |
| 3.10 p.m      | ) Road in U.1.a.                       | 35           | 10.5cm        | COMINES                       |                          |
| 3 pm          | U.11.d.                                | 20           | "             |                               | H.M.W. & Gas             |
| 3/3.15pm      | U.5.b. & U.5.d.                        | 50           | 10.5 & 15     | BAS WARNETON                  |                          |
| 3.45pm        | C.2.d                                  | 50           | 10.5cm        | 112° from C.1.b.75.35. (T.B.  |                          |
| 4.5pm         | U.1.c. & Central                       | 8            | "             |                               |                          |
| 8.20pm        | U.16.c.                                | 20           | "             |                               |                          |
| 10 pm         | U. 7.a., b. c. & d.                    | 8            | "             |                               |                          |
| 12.30pm       | U.7.a., b., c. & d.                    | 15           | "             |                               |                          |
| 4.30/ 7am     | U.1.c., U.1.d., U.20.,<br>U.21 & U.14. | Abt 1200     |               | Mainly BAS WARNETON Area.     |                          |
| 5/10/5.30am   | U.25. } 130° T.B. from*                | 200          | 10.5 &        | Gas shelling to ground mist & | noise of our firing on   |
| 5.30am        | U.25. } C.1.b.75.35.                   | 250<br>(Gas) | 15cm<br>7.7cm | Rt. & Lt. location of         | direction was difficult. |

AIRCRAFT: No enemy activity reported. Our planes operated during day.

VISIBILITY: Low in morning: improving to fair in afternoon. During night a heavy ground mist prevented flash spotting.

MISCELLANEOUS: In the evening. Infantry patrol wounded and captured a man of 2nd Coy., 102 SAXON Regt.

At 3.45am, our artillery operated with the infantry in the raid in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE. No prisoners were captured and no casualties to our troops resulted. The enemy immediately retaliated with M.W. and shelled the front and support lines, subsequently shelling the whole of the Corps line with gas. There was very little enemy firing during the day.

From U.S.c.85.00, flashes were observed on a P.E. of 114°, 83° and 94°.

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## RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 60

From 8 am, 21/3/18 to 6am, 22/3/18.

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Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,  
22nd March, 1918.

## OUR ARTILLERY

| Time        | No of Rounds |         | Targets       |               | Remarks   |
|-------------|--------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---|
|             | 18-pdrs      | 4.5" H. | Description   | Map reference |   |
| 7.48am      | 15           |         | Working Party | C.11.c.45.90. | (Rep. by Inf.   |
| 8.50am      | 10           |         | "             | U.11.c.45.90. | ( Dispersed   |
| 9.5/9.50am  | 50           |         | Movement      |               |   |
|             |              |         | (SCREENED PW) | C.5.b.57.38.  |   |
| 4.10pm      |              | 100     | T.M.positions | U.12.c.       |   |
| 5.40pm      | 20           |         | CESSPIT HSE.  | C.2.a.96.52.  |   |
| 12.50am     |              | 60      | M.W.          | U.12.c.       |   |
| 3.15/4.50am | 501          |         | T.M.positions | U.12.c.       |   |
| 3.25/4.5am  | 799          | 229     | S.O.S.Lines   |               | Protective barrage in reply to enemy's hvy. bombardment |
| 10am        |              | 10rnds. | 6" T.M.       | M.W.          | C.11.a.6.5. Satisfactory.                               |

## ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time          | Locality shelled | Rounds | Calibre | Direction                                | Remarks    |
|---------------|------------------|--------|---------|--|------------|
| 7.10am        | U.1.c. & d.      | 100    | 10.5cm  |  | Gas & H.E. |
| 7.10am        | U.2.b. & c.      | 50     | "       |  | H.E.       |
| 9/9.10am      | U.1.a.           | 30     | "       |  | On road    |
| 10.10am       | DOUVE VALLEY     | 25     | 15cm    |  |            |
| 11.30am       | FLOEGSTREET      | 80     | 10.5cm  | BAC WARNETON                             | Gas        |
| 11.50/1.50pm  | U.1.c. & d.      | 25     | 15cm    |  |            |
| 12.20pm       | U.3.b. & d.      | 12     | 10.5cm  | (BAC WARNETON<br>(BONDI HOUSE<br>(V.1.3. | Gas        |
| 12.25pm       | U.3.a.           | 30     | "       | do                                       | Gas & H.E. |
| 2/2.50pm      | C.2.d.           | 25     | 7.7cm   | 150° T.B. from C.1.b.75.75               | (Sound)    |
| 4.30am/7.3 am | U.14.a.          | 6000   | 10.5cm  | (BAC WARNETON &<br>(BONDI HOUSE V.1.3.   | Gas        |
| 4.5pm         | U.1.a.           | 15     | 15cm    | BAC WARNETON                             | Gas        |

AERIAL ACTIVITY: Our planes moderately active; a few H.A. were seen.

VISIBILITY: Low during morning, increasing to fair in afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS: Between 3am and 4am, the front of the Left Sde. was bombarded heavily by the enemy with M.W. and Artillery, particularly the former. At 5.15am, Left Group opened on S.O.S. Lines at the rate of one rnd. per gun per min. in answer to the hostile fire. It transpired later that the enemy had carried out a raid on our trenches in U.11.b. As no "S.O.S." signals were seen, however, rate of fire was not increased. Enemy fire had practically died out by 4.5am.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. CCC AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.61

From 6 a.m. 22/3/18 to 6 a.m. 23/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
23rd March 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| TIME               | No. of Rounds.<br>18-pdr. 4.5" How. | Target.<br>Description | Co-ordinate.     | Remarks                                    |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| 6.5 a.m.           | 20                                  | SCREENED FARM          | C.5.b.67.20      | Unobserved                                 |
|                    |                                     | Movement.              |                  |  |
| 6.30 "             | 20                                  | URAL HOUSE             | U.30.a.18.05     | "  |
| 6.30 "             | 20                                  | CEYLON FARM            | C.6.c.93.06.     | "  |
| 7 a.m.             | 20                                  | TWIN FARMS             | C.12.a.70.36     | "  |
| 7 a.m.             | 20                                  | X ROADS                | C.6.b.73.16      | "  |
| 8.30 a.m.          | 12                                  | DURIEZ FARM            | C.5.d.25.95      | "  |
| 9.15 "             | 6                                   | SQUINT X ROADS         | V.25.c.37.20     | "  |
| 2/2.20 p.m.        | 47                                  | TELEPHONE HOUSE        | U.24.a.          | Checking region & calibration.             |
| 2.15 p.m.          | 27                                  | FARM DE LA VACHERIE    |                  | Registration                               |
| 2.30 "             |                                     | BONDI CROSS            |                  |  |
|                    | 11                                  | ROADS                  | V.1.d.45.35      |  |
| 3 p.m.             | 35                                  | GABONNETER             | H.12.b.03.20     | Calibration                                |
| 4 p.m.             | 16                                  | BRIDGE PT. ROUGE       | U.29.d.          | Balloon Observation.                       |
| 4.10 p.m.          | 30                                  | MARY                   | U.12.c.30.70     | Actv. Hvy. M.W.                            |
| 4.15 "             | 10                                  | ZERO LINES             |                  | Registration.                              |
| 5.30 "             | 10                                  | M.W.                   | C.11.c.77.84     | Silenced.                                  |
| 5.30 "             | 108                                 | ) ALICE                | U.12.c.80.98     | Covering fire for registration of our T.Ms |
|                    |                                     | ) DORIS                | U.12.d.20.50     |  |
|                    |                                     | ) KITTY                | U.18.c.87.90     |  |
| 10/midn'gt         | 100                                 | M.W.                   | U.12.c           |  |
| Midnight to 2 a.m. | 80                                  | M.W.                   | "                |  |
| 2 to 4 a.m.        | 80                                  | M.W.                   | "                |  |
| 5.30 a.m.          | 20                                  | ROAD J'CTION           | C.6.b.32.15      | Unobserved                                 |
| 5.45 a.m.          | 20                                  | Road                   | U.24.d. & U.19.c |  |
| 4 to 6 a.m.        | 80                                  | M.W.                   | U.12.c           |  |

ENEMY ARTILLERY

| TIME             | Locality shelled. | Rounds. | Calibre  | Direction                     | Remarks |
|------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 12.50 pm.        | PLOEGSTEERT       | 20      | 10.5 cm. | BAS WARNETON                  |         |
| 9.5 a.m.         | WARNETON TRACK    | 40      | 10.5 c.m | 142° from ANTON FARM          |         |
| 9.20 "           | U.27.b            | 50      | 7.7 c.m  | T.B.115° from (U.14.b.75.75). |         |
|                  |                   |         |          | (H.E. & Must. Gas)            |         |
| 12.30 p.m.       | U.25.d.           | 25      | 10.5 c.m | T.B.106° from                 |         |
| to 2.30 p.m.     |                   |         |          | C.1.b.75.35                   |         |
| 1. to 2.45 "     | U.4.a & b.        | 20      | 10.5 c.m |                               |         |
| 2.45 p.m.        | C.2.d.            | 10      | 10.5 c.m | do                            | do      |
| 3.45 p.m.        |                   |         |          |                               |         |
| to 6.30 p.m.     | U.10.a & b.       | 50      | 15.c.m   | BAS WARNETON                  |         |
| 7.30 p.m.        | U.25.d.           | 15      | 10.5.c.m | T.B.106° from                 |         |
|                  |                   |         |          | C.1.b.75.35                   |         |
| 7.30 p.m. to     |                   |         |          |                               |         |
| 7.40 p.m.        | U.25.c.           | 50      | 10.5 c.m | BAS WARNETON                  |         |
| 9.15 p.m.        | U.7.d.            | 20      | 15 c.m   | "                             | "       |
| 10 to 10.30 p.m. | PLOEGSTEERT WOOD  | 80      | 15 c.m   |                               |         |



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Continued)

AIRCRAFT : Enemy planes crossed our lines at 2.45 p.m. 3.30 p.m. 4.p.m and 4.15 p.m but were in each instance driven off by our A.Aircraft fire.

Our Aeroplanes were Active throughout the day.

Five Enemy Balloons were observed.

VISIBILITY

Low in forenoon, improving to fair in afternoon.

MOVEMENT.

Two men were seen moving about at U.12.a.8.3.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Following out a plan for keeping enemy M.W. quiet, 4 batteries fired 80 rounds each in bursts of fire throughout the night, each battery firing for 2 hours. The first started at 10 pm and the last ended at 6 am. No M.W. were reported during the night and the plan proved most successful.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 62.

From 6 a.m. 23/3/18 to 6 a.m. 24/3/18.

Headquarters,  
 2nd Aus. Div. Arty.  
 24th March 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| TIME                                 | No. of Rounds<br>18-pdr. 4.5" How. | Target.<br>Description   | Co-ordinate  | Remarks  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 9 a.m.                               | 10                                 | M.W.   | C.11.c.90.40   | Unobserved   |
| 9.20 a.m.                            | 20                                 | BIDDY  | U.12.c.55.72   | Act. Hvy. M.W.                                     |
| 9.30 "                               | 30                                 | T.M. Active  | C.11.c.85.80   | Rep. by Inf.                                       |
| 9.56 "                               | 20                                 | SCREENED FARM  | C.11.b.67.38   | Result Un-<br>-observed.                           |
| 10.5 "                               | 20                                 | X ROADS &<br>VANISHED INN  | V.19.c.90.93   | "  |
| 10.20 "                              | 20                                 | T.M.   | U.30.a.15.10   | "  |
| 10.45 "                              | 25                                 | UNKNOWN FARM   | U.29.d.45.10   | "  |
| Noon to<br>3.30 p.m.                 | 40                                 |  | U.18.a.20.80   | Registration                                       |
| 2.25 "                               | 24                                 | WAUSTIME FM;<br>SPINNING MILL  | V.13.a. and<br>U.18.c.   |  |
| 2.30 "                               | 10                                 | M.W.   | C.11.a.60.50   | Unobserved   |
| 4 p.m.                               | 10                                 | SOAP HOUSE   | C.5.c.70.19  | "  |
| 4.30 "                               | 6                                  | ZERO LINES<br>GASOMETER  |  | Ch'kg Cor  |
| 7 p.m.                               | 15                                 | LAUNDRY  | C.5.c.70.50  | Registration                                       |
| 8 to 10 p.m.                         | 80                                 | BONDI HOUSE; X ROADS & R'ly<br>Crossing POSTE de DOUANES;<br>Le FOND D'LEAU; DRS WARMETON<br>X R'ds; MOUND; Railway Dump.<br>MOUND WARMETON. |  | Harassing<br>fire on<br>roads and<br>tracks.       |
| 10 p.m. to<br>midnight.              | 80                                 | U.12.b.5.2.  | U.12. & V.7.   | do.  |
| 8.30 p.m.<br>10 p.m. to<br>midnight. | 8                                  | LAUNDRY  | C.5.c.70.70  | Unobserved   |
|                                      | 80                                 | (ALICE<br>(CARMEN<br>(BIDDY<br>(DORIS  | U.12.c.80.93)<br>U.12.c.82.22)<br>U.13.c.55.72)<br>U.12.d.20.50) | 5 Rounds<br>at irreg-<br>-ular intervals           |
| 10.7 p.m.                            | 20                                 | WORKING P'TY.  | C.11.c.50.90   | Inf. rep. Disper-<br>-sed. Yells of<br>pain heard. |
| 11.30 p.m.                           | 20                                 | KITTY  | U.18.c.87.90   | Act. Hvy. M.W.                                     |
| 11.40 "                              | 40                                 | (QUEENIE<br>(ALICE   | U.12.c.80.70<br>U.12.c.80.93                                     | " " "  |
| Midnight<br>to 2 a.m.                | 80                                 | T.M. positions   | U.12.c.  | " " "  |
| 12.50 am                             | 10                                 | M.W.   | C.11.c.85.85.  | unobserved.  |
| 1.40 am                              | 15                                 | Act. T.M.  | U.30.a.15.10   | Rept. by Inf.                                      |
| 1.52 am                              | 20                                 | X rds. & VANISHED Inn  | V.19.c.90.93   |  |
| 2 am                                 | 10                                 | M.W. No.14   | U.30.a.92.88.  | Unobserved.  |
| 2.15 am.                             | 10                                 | M.W. No.20   | U.24.a.60.40   | "  |
| 2 am                                 | 16                                 |  | U.18.c.87.92.  | Active H.M.W.                                      |
| 2.10 am.                             | 20                                 |  | U.10.a.10.95   | " "  |
| 3.5 am.                              | 10                                 |  | U.24.a.10.95   | " "  |
| 3.36 am                              | 20                                 | U.18.a.18.65 &   | U.12.c.3.7.  | " "  |
| 3.43 am                              | 14                                 | SPINNING MILL  | U.18.c.87.90   | " "  |
| 4 am to 6 am.                        | 30                                 | TILLY UNA<br>MAY.<br>SALLY.  | U.24.c.42.82<br>U.18.c.3.7.<br>In bursts spread over 2 hours.    | U.24.c.75.65<br>U.24.c.64.46.                      |
| 5/6 am                               | 32                                 | TELEPHONE NO.  | U.24.a.  | Calibration.                                       |
| 5.50 am.                             | 20                                 | Movement area  | C.11.d.58.46.  |  |
| T.M.<br>12.45 am.                    | 17 (6")                            | C.11.c.3.6.  |  | Satisfactory.                                      |

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APPENDIX *11*

## ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time         | Locality shelled        | Rounds | Calibre     | Direction                            | Remarks  |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 7/7.10am     | U.14.b.                 | 50     | 10.5cm      | 105°Mag.from H.E. & a<br>U.14.b.8.9. | little gas<br>2 gunpits hit but no<br>damage other than 30 rds<br>ammn. destroyed. |
| 8.15/8.20am  | U.9.a. & b.             | 100    | 10.5cm      | 105°Mag.from U.2.d.52.50.            |  |
| 9.50/10.40am | U.3.a & b.              | 50     | 15 cm       | " "                                  | " "  |
| 3/4pm        | C.2.c.                  | 10     | "           |                                      |  |
| 3.15pm       | C.2.c.                  | 6      | 10.5cm      | 112°T.B.from C.1.b.75.55.            | (Sound)  |
| 3.30/4.45pm  | U.4.d. & U.5.c.         | 75     | 15 & 10.5cm |                                      |  |
| 3.30/4.45pm  | USEFUL LANE, U.10.b.    | 100    | 10.5cm      |                                      |  |
| 3.30/4.45pm  | U.4.c.                  | 46     | 15cm        |                                      |  |
| 4.40am       | SUPPORT LINE<br>U.10.d. | 20     | 10.5cm      |                                      |  |
| 10pm/1 am    | U.21.d.                 | 100    | "           |                                      |  |
| 2 am         | TOUQUET BEBTNE(u.26)    | 30     | "           |                                      |  |

AIRCRAFT: Hostile- moderately active on Rt. Sector during afternoon but did not cross our lines. During the night considerable amount of bombing was heard. 5 enemy balloons were up on various /  
Ours- Active during the period; many heavy (occasions.  
explosions, evidently bombing, heard in rear of enemy lines.

VISIBILITY: Low in morning; fair during latter part of afternoon.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUST. CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 63

From 6 am, 24/3/18 to 6am, 25/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
25th March, 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| Time        | Rounds<br>18-pdr 4.5" H. | Description<br>Direction | Target<br>Co-ordinate                           | Remarks                       |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 7.30am      | 89                       | (GIVEN<br>(QUEENIE       | U.12.c.48.25.<br>U.12.c.80.70.                  |                               |
| 9.45am      | 8                        | T.M.                     | C.17.a.60.95.                                   | Silenced                      |
| 10.45am     | 50                       | T.M.                     | U.12.c.   |                               |
| 12.10 pm    | 12                       | Movement                 | U.12.a.43.13.                                   | 2 enemy observers             |
| 1.45pm      | 50                       | HILDA                    | U.12.c.95.30.                                   |                               |
| 3.20pm      | 24                       | DEULEMONT<br>Church      | <i>Calibration</i>                              |                               |
| 5.40pm      | 12                       | Movement                 | U.12.b.3.3.                                     | dispersed.                    |
| 7.20pm      | 15                       | T.M.                     | U.20.a.92.88.                                   | Rep. by Inf.                  |
| 7.45pm      | 10                       | T.M.                     | U.24.d.05.00.                                   | Unknown                       |
| 8/10pm      | 80                       | Roads                    | V.17.   | Harass. fire.                 |
| 8.55/9.5pm  | 20                       | Rds. & Tracks Jctn.      | C.12.b.88.08.                                   |                               |
| 9.50pm      | 24                       | Wkg. party.              | U.11.d.95.20.                                   | Unknown                       |
| 10pm        |                          | (WAUSTINE FARM)          | V.13.c.   | Harass. fire                  |
| to          | 80                       | (QUATRE BRAS             | V.20.a.   | on                            |
| midnight    |                          | (BAS WARNETON            | V.14.c.   | roads                         |
| do.         | 80                       | M.W. pos'ns.             | U.12.c.   | Harass. fire.                 |
| midnight    |                          | (HILDA                   | U.12.c.95.30.                                   | " "                           |
| to          | 80                       | (ALICE                   | U.12.c.80.98.                                   | " "                           |
| 2 am.       |                          | (BIDDY                   | U.12.c.55.72.                                   | " "                           |
| 11.10pm     | 15                       | Wkg. party               | C.11.c.5.9.                                     | Dispersed.                    |
| 11.30pm/1am | 40                       | M.G's.                   | U.24.c.72.08.,<br>U.24.c.70.87. & U.24.c.80.75. |                               |
| 2am/4am     | 80                       | M.W. pos'ns.             | U.12.c.   | Harass. fire.                 |
| 10.30am     | 20 rnds 6" T.M.          | M.W.                     | C.11.c.7.5.                                     | Rept. satisfactory<br>by Inf. |

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| ENEMY ARTILLERY |                   |        |         |           |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Time            | Locality shelled  | Rounds | Calibre | Direction | Remarks                       |
| 9/11am          | U.11.a.9.5.       | 60     | 7.7cm   | 151°      | Mag. from U.15.b.05.85! Shrap |
| 10/11am         | U.27.b. & d.      | 150    | 10.5cm  |           |                               |
| 11am            | U.17.c. & d.      | 100    | 15cm    |           |                               |
| 11.20am         | U.27.c.45.85.     | 70     | "       | T.B.112°  | from C.1.b.75.35!             |
| 5/6.30pm        | C.8.c.3.8.        | 300    | 10.5cm  | T.B.78°   | from C.9.d.2.4. (Sound)       |
| 6.55pm          | C.14.a.,13.b.& d. | 40     | 7.7cm   | do        | do.                           |
| 2.40/3.30pm     | do                | 300    | 10.5cm  | T.B.81°   | from C.9.d.2.4. (Sound)       |

AIRCRAFT: Hostile aeroplanes: inactive during the day, but active between dusk and midnight.

Balloons were observed as follows:-

85° 30' T.B. from U.15.b.05.85.

59° 7' T.B. from C.9.d.2.4.

84° 12' T.B. from do.

Ours: were active both day and night.

NEW WORK: New earth, apparently freshly thrown up, is visible at U.30.c.10.85. and U.29.d.9.8. where several men were noticed working. Camouflage is visible at GESS PIT HOUSE (C.6.b.0.6.) and a structure of some sort is apparently being erected there.

VISIBILITY: As usual low in morning; fair during latter part of afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two enemy observers were seen at U.12.a.56.13. and were fired on. They were not hit but disappeared and did not return. Small working parties were observed at U.11.d.95.20. and U.12.b.3.3. and were dispersed. During period, enemy shelling has been very light and on night 24/25th no M.W. were reported active.

*Cd. Clowes* Major  
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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. @ AUSTRALIAN CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 64

From 6 a.m. 25/3/18 to 6 a.m. 26/3/18.

Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
26th March, 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| Time                 | Rounds<br>18-pdr 4.5" | How. Description                                | Co-ordinate              | Target | Remarks                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 10.40 a.m)           |                       | (BIDDY  | U.12.c.82.22             |        | Act. Hy. M.W.                 |
| to                   | 30                    | (ISOBEL   | U.12.c.43.53             |        | " " "                         |
| 10.50 a.m)           |                       | (VIRGIN   | U.12.c.04.74             |        | " " "                         |
| 1.30 p.m             | 15                    | M.W   | C.11.c.70.75             |        | Unobserved                    |
| 3.30 p.m             | 20                    | CESSPIT HO.<br>new work.                        | C.6.b.0.6.               |        | Unobserved.                   |
| 8.p.m to(<br>9.p.m ) | 40                    | )Rds. POSTE DL.<br>)DOUANNES &<br>)NAUTINE F'K. | V. 13.a. and<br>V. 13.c. |        | (Harassing fire.              |
| 8.21 p.m             | 20                    | DURIEZ FARM<br>Movement.                        | C.5.d.35.95              |        | Unobserved                    |
| 8.45 p.m             | 20                    | X ROADS &<br>TRAMWAYS                           | U.24.d.35.28             |        | "                             |
| 10pm/mid'ght         | 80                    | M.W.  | U.12.c. & U.18.d.        |        | Reg & cal btn                 |
| "                    | 130                   | RDS & TRACKS                                    | V.7.a & V.13.            |        | Harassing fire                |
| 11.42 p.m            | 20                    | NEW WORK.                                       | U.30.c.10.65             |        | Unknown.                      |
| Mid'ght/2 am         | 50                    | RDS & TRACKS                                    | V.13.a & c.              |        | Harassing fire                |
| "                    | 80                    | M.W.  | U.12.c                   |        | " "                           |
| 12.2. a.m            | 20                    | CESSPIT HOUSE                                   | New work.                |        | Unknown                       |
| 12.52 a.m            | 15                    | T.M. active                                     | C.11.c.85.85             |        | Rep. by Inf.<br>Satisfactory. |
| 12.57 a.m            | 15                    | T.M. Active                                     | C.11.c.70.67             |        | "                             |
| 2 to 4 a.m           | 80                    | M.W   | U.12.c                   |        | Harassing fire                |
| 2.53 a.m             | 20                    | T.M. Active                                     | C.11.c.60.80             |        | Inf. Report<br>Effective.     |
| 4 to 6 a.m           | 90                    | M.W.  | U.12.c                   |        | Harassing fire                |
| 9.20: 9.30 p.m       | 40                    | Rds. V.19.a<br>& V.13.b                         | U.12.c                   |        | Harassing fire                |

ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time      | Locality Shelled | Rounds | Calibre  | Direction                         | Remarks |
|-----------|------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 10.a.m    | U.14.b.90.00     | 12     | 7.7 c.m  |                                   | Gas     |
| 10.15 a.m | U.5.b.           | 25     | 10.5 c.m | 79° mag. from                     | On Road |
| 10.30 a.m | U.9.b            | 12     | 10.5 c.m | 92° 30' mag.<br>from U.15.b.05.85 | Gas     |
| Noon      | PLONGSTERT OOD   | 20     | 10.5 c.m |                                   | Shrap.  |
| 12.30 p.m | C.3.a. & C.3.b.  | 15     | 10.5 c.m | T. 70° from                       | Sound   |
| 1.5 p.m   | U.10. Central    | 60     | 15. c.m  | C.9.d.25.35                       |         |
| 1.10.p.m  | C.10.a & C.10.b  | 10     | L.W.     | PRELIMINARY                       |         |
| 3.p.m     | U.29.a & U.29.c  | 4      | 10.5 c.m | "                                 |         |
| 10.15 p.m | U.14.b.90.00     | 30     | 7.7 c.m  |                                   | Gas.    |

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Continued)

**AERIAL ACTIVITY** Our Aeroplanes were active during the day. Enemy 'Planes Inactive. At 7.38 a.m. an enemy plane was brought down by one of ours East of WARNETON. It was apparently completely destroyed as much smoke was observed rising from the place where it fell.

**MOVEMENT** : Transport heard on road running South East from DEULEMONNE (U.30.b.) during the night. Metallic sound as of iron being dumped at C.5.d.25.90. At 5.15 p.m. two men were seen to walk along the enemy front line at U.18.a.20.80. They have disappeared and shortly afterwards smoke was seen coming from there. It is believed that there is an occupied dugout at the place which is used as an O.P.

**VISIBILITY** - Fair.

**MISCELLANEOUS** At 11.55 a.m. and 2.50 p.m. trains were seen running south from COMINES towards LILLE. SHIELDS ROAD from V.9.d. to V.23.c. is camouflaged. An enemy relief was expected on the night 25/26th, so roads in rear of WARNETON were subjected to searching fire.

## ANNEXE

## BUSINESS GROUP

**OUR ARTILLERY:-** Movement in vicinity of GUARD FARM (O.29.d. & O.24.c. 80.00) was effectively engaged. Registration shoots were carried out by all Batteries

**ENEMY ARTILLERY**

| Time.     | Rounds | Nature            | Objective or area shelled | Direction or Grid bearing | Observed from. |
|-----------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 8.45 a.m. | 3      | H.V.21 c.m.       | Back Areas                | 113°                      | 0.28.a.35.05.  |
| 9.45 "    | Heavy  | 4.2" How.         | 0.27 & 0.28               | 119°                      | "              |
| 10.25 "   | 30     | 7.7. c.m.         | 0.29. (Front line)        | 105°                      | "              |
| 11.45 "   | 20     | H.V.21.c.m.       | 0.28.b.                   | 113°                      | "              |
| 1.p.m.    | 15     | 5.9" How.         | DEPLORTE FARM(O.28.d)     |                           |                |
| 4.p.m.    | Heavy. | 4.2"., 5.9" & 8". | 0.29.a.                   | 102° 30'                  | 0.19.b.6.3.    |

**AIRCRAFT:-** There was no activity displayed by Hostile Aircraft. Our Aeroplanes were active throughout the day.

**MOVEMENT** - Much activity was centred during the day in the vicinity of a Pill box at O.24.c.8.0. Five officers were observed with maps and glasses and observers report that, when fired on, three were killed.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** At 2pm and 2.30pm train observed moving into SERVICO Station 9.40pm. clusters of red flares rose from O.36; no action followed. Gun flashes were observed at 3 pm on T.I. of 93° from O.19.b.6.3. The road from PONT MAHLET (P.31.b.) to VAUGHALL FARM (P.32.b.) has had a false hedge erected along it during the last few days and the dump at PONT MAHLET shows signs of increasing activity. At intervals throughout the day smoke was seen rising from SQUARE FARM (O.30.b.)

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUST. CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 65

From 3 am, 26/3/18 to 3 am, 27/3/18.

H.Q., 2nd Aust. D.A.  
27th March, 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| Time          | No. of rounds |        | Target Description                                      | Co-ordinate                 | Remarks                                   |
|---------------|---------------|--------|---|-----------------------------|---|
|               | 18-pdr        | 4.5"H. |   |                             |   |
| 10am          |               | 10     | T.M.  | O.11.c.85.80.               | Silenced                                  |
| 10.15am       |               | 15     | "   | C.5.c.2.4.                  | 2 direct hits                             |
| 12.10pm       | 20            |        | Enemy works   | U.12.b.28.22.               | Harass. fire.                             |
| 12.3pm        |               | 30     |   | U.18.a.2.8.                 | Registration                              |
| 2 pm          | 100           | 60     | U.18.d.   |                             | Supposed Gas Cylinder                     |
| 2.45/4pm      | 100           |        | DATUM HOUSE & GASOMETER.                                |                             | Reg'n & Calib'n.                          |
| 3 pm          |               | 30     | LA VACHERIE   |                             |   |
| 4/4.20pm      | 62            |        | Camoufl. track  | U.18.d.                     |   |
| 4.15pm        | 25            |        | DEULEMONT Rd.   | V.19.c.                     |   |
| 4.25pm        | 40            |        | M.W. pos'n.   | U.12.c.                     | Harass. fire.                             |
| 5.30pm        |               | 30     | WAUSTINE FARM   |                             | "   |
| 4/6 pm        | 166           |        | DATUM HOUSE GASOMETER                                   |                             | Reg'n & Calib'n.                          |
| 6.30pm        | 30            |        | O.30.central.   |                             |   |
| "             | 60            |        | WARNETON & KING'S OLERS-                                | U.12.c & U.5.b.             | Reg'n.                                    |
| 7.35pm        | 30            |        | O.30.central  |                             | Movement                                  |
| 7.40pm        | 20            |        | O.30.c.95.50.   |                             | "   |
| 8 pm          | 20            |        | O.30.central  |                             |   |
| 8/10 pm       | 60            |        | BOUND WARNETON SQ.                                      | V.7.a.                      | Harass. fire                              |
| 9 pm          |               | 48     | X-Rds. O.30.d.21.14.<br>Farm, T.31.d.25.85.             |                             |   |
| 10.53pm       | 20            |        | New work  | U.20.d.9.8.                 |   |
| 10.58pm       | 32            |        | Road & Tramway  | U.24.d.34.30.<br>(to 92.50. |   |
| 10pm/midnight | 80            |        | Roads & Tracks  | U.12.d.                     | do.                                       |
| m'night/2 am  | 50            |        | "   | U.12.c.                     | do.                                       |
| 11.25pm       | 20            |        | LA VACHERIE FM  | O.18.a.60.05.               |   |
| 11.55pm       | 20            |        | T.M. active   | C.17.a.60.95.               | Rept. by Inf.                             |
| 11.25pm       | 40            |        | Railway   | U.11.d. & U.12.c.           | Req. by Inf.                              |
| 11.30pm       | 48            |        | X-Rds O.30.d.21.14; Farm T.31.d.25.85.<br>& O.36.c.3.5. |                             |   |
| Midn't/2am    | 80            |        | M.W. & M.G. pos'ns                                      | U.12.c.                     | Harass. fire                              |
| "             | 80            |        | M.W.  | U.18.a., b & c.             | "   |
| 12.15am       | 50            |        | M.W.  | U.6.b.; O.36.a.e & d.       |   |
| 1 am          | 30            |        | "   | U.12.b., U.6.e & d.         |   |
| 1.2am         | 20            |        | T.M.  | O.11.a.60.25.               |   |
| 1.18am        | 20            |        | DECREPIT FM.  | D.7.d.20.95.                |   |
| 1.30am        | 20            |        | M.W.  | O.36.a.8.7. & U.5.b.05.45.  |   |
| 2/4 am        | 80            |        | M.W.  | U.12.c.                     | Req. by Inf.                              |
| 2.45am        | 20            |        | SPINNING MILL   | U.18.c.67.90.               | Active H.M.W. retal.<br>requested by Inf. |
| 3.5am         | 20            |        | T.M. active   | C.5.a.90.15.                | Rep. by Inf.                              |
| 3.20am        |               | 20     | LAUNDRY T.M.  |                             |   |
| "             | 20            |        | VIRGIN  | U.12.c.05.90.               |   |
| 3.35am        | 60            |        | KITTY, VIOLET & MARY                                    | U.18.b. & c.                |   |
| 3.45am        | 20            | rds 6" | T.M. T.M.   | O.5.c.7.5.                  | Effective                                 |
| 4.50am        | 40            |        | M.W.  | U.12.c.                     | Harass. fire                              |
| "             |               | 50     | KITTY   | U.18.c.                     |   |

On a signal, taken for an "S.O." being observed on their left sector at 4.12 a.m., the batteries of the Left Group opened on Left concentration lines. After four minutes, firing ceased by request of Infantry.



APPENDIX *M 14*

ENEMY ARTILLERY (2)

| Time            | Locality shelled               | Rounds | Calibre     | Direction                  | Remarks                                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| 10.30am/12.30pm | U.9.c.                         | 22     | 10.5cm      |                            |  |
| 10.35am/11am    | U.14.a.                        | 4      |             |                            |  |
| 11/11.45am      | F.L.T.                         | 20     | 10.5cm      | 105° from 0.33.a.24.33     | H.E. Position appeared to be P.31.d.20.95. |
| 9 am            | STEIGNAST FARM                 | 11     | "           |                            |  |
| 10am            | THE FACTORY                    | 8      | T.M.        |                            |  |
| 10.40am         | 0.35.central                   | 18     | 7.7cm       |                            | GASOMETER, WARNETON                        |
| 11.30am/12.50pm | PLOEGSTEERT WOOD & PLOEGSTEERT | 50     | 10.5cm      |                            |  |
| 11.50am/1pm     | U.25.c. & d.                   | 50     | "           | D.l.a.                     |  |
| 1.30pm          | C.l.b.                         | 3      | "           | T.B.106° from C.l.b.75.35. |  |
| 9.40pm          | PLOEGSTEERT VILLAGE            | 40     | 7.7cm       |                            | DEULEMONT Gas                              |
| 11pm/m'night    | U.29.a.                        | 80     | 15 & 10.5cm |                            |  |
| 12.45am         | U.29.a.                        | 18     | L.T.M.      |                            | UNKNOWN FARM                               |
| 2.30am/3am      | PLANTATION FARM                | 12     | "           |                            | DURIEZ FARM                                |
| 4 am            | "                              | 30     | T.M.        |                            | UNKNOWN FARM                               |

Very much below normal during day but increased during night. M.W. were very active. This may point to a move of enemy batteries from this front.

**AIRCRAFT:** Our planes were active. One E.A. crossed our lines about 1 pm but was driven off by A.A. fire; otherwise hostile planes inactive. Hostile balloons were up on the following bearings:- 49°, 45°, 43°, 42° (T.B.) from 0.9.d.25.35. 96½°, 80°, 71½°, 69°, 66° (Mag.) from U.15.a.35.78. One balloon descended at W.l.a. at 10am, remained just above ground, then reascended. At 10.5am, one was seen suspended behind COMINES TOWER, close to ground.

**MOVEMENT:** Naval gun firing 0.34.d.20.22. Another gun 45°30' during morning and afternoon 82°30' from 10.25am & 11am - train going into COMINES; 22.30pm, one standing in WERVICQ; 9.35am - one moving North and entered COMINES. 9.15am dense white smoke issued from ruins about U.18.c. Flashes observed 97°30'; 102°30', 127°30' from 0.26.d.1.8. (C.B. informed). At 5.40am, 2 trains were also observed, proceeding north, heavily laden. Dense white smoke was also observed at approx. U.6.b.central at 5.35pm. At 9.20am, a party of about 39 men was observed working on dugout at U.12.a.3.3. They were fired at and dispersed. Odd men throughout the day were seen about U.12.c. 2 men were observed at U.29.d.72.57 (Suspected O.P.) and movement was also noticed at U.30.c.05.75., U.29.d.85.75 and DURIEZ FARM. Considerable activity at U.18.a.4.4. is reported.

**VISIBILITY:** High.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** A large enemy signal lamp at a T.B. of 118° from 0.3.d.25.35. sent the letters "S I T E" continuously from 7.55pm till 5.45am (previously reported). The M.W. firing from vicinity of DURIEZ FARM is reported to be of a type not seen before. It appears to be of the "Flying Pig" type.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 66

From 6 am, 27/3/18 to 6am, 28/3/18.

H.Q., 2nd Aust.D.  
23th March, 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY

| Time        | Rounds |         | TARGET             |   | Remarks                |
|-------------|--------|---------|--------------------|---|------------------------|
|             | 18-pdr | 4.5"H.  | Description        | Coordinates   |                        |
| 5.30am      | 20     |         | ISOBEL             | U.15.c.48.53.   |                        |
| 6.45am      | 10     |         | T.M.               | U.6.b.2.3.  | Req. by Inf. silenced. |
| 6.50am      | 20     |         | X-Rds & Tramway    | C.6.d.61.92.  | Unknown                |
| 7 am        | 10     |         | T.M.               | U.6.c.35.55.  | Req. by Inf. silenced  |
| 7.15am      | 10     |         | Wkg. party         | V.7.a.3.4.  | Dispersed.             |
| 8.15am      | 10     |         | T.M.               | U.12.c.05.07.   | Req. by Inf.           |
| 9.55am      |        | 10      | M.W.               | C.11.c.85.85.   | Unknown                |
| 10.55am     |        | 10      | "                  | C.17.a.40.75.   | "                      |
| 11.15am     |        | 10      | "                  | C.11.d.5.5.   | "                      |
| 1/3 pm      | 125    |         | DATUM HOUSE        |   | Calibration            |
| 1.50pm      | 32     |         | T.M.               | C.7.b.65.70.  | Satisfactory.          |
| 3 pm        | 50     |         | WARNETON GASOMETER |   | Registration           |
| 3.30pm      | 58     |         |                    | C.17.   | Registration           |
| 4.30pm      | 20     |         | DATUM HOUSE        |   | Calibration            |
| 5/8pm       | 30     |         | Trench Jctns       | C.17.d.48.12., C.17.c.95.30.,<br>C.17.d.15.40., C.17.d.33.63. | Registration           |
| 6.10pm      | 15     |         | T.M.               | U.11.a.7.5.   | Rep. by Inf.           |
| 6.50pm      | 20     |         | T.M's              | U.6.b.05.45   | Req. by Inf. silenced  |
| 7 pm        | 10     |         | "                  | U.12.b.26.25  | " "                    |
| 6.50pm      | 20     |         | "                  | U.6.b.34.50.  | " "                    |
| 7 pm        | 10     |         | "                  | U.12.b.45.47.   | " "                    |
| 7.5pm       | 20     |         | "                  | U.6.b.05.45.  | "                      |
| 7.30pm      | 20     |         | "                  | U.6.b.34.50.  | "                      |
| 7.35pm      | 20     |         | DURIEZ FARM        | O.5.d.35.95.  | Unobserved             |
| 8/10pm      | 80     |         | Rds. & tracks      | U.12.b., V.1.d., V.14.a.                                      | Harass. fire.          |
| 8pm/6am     | 100    |         | "                  | O.33 & O.36.  | Bursts of fire         |
| 9.40pm      | 20     |         | T.M.               | O.36.c.5.5.   | "                      |
| 9.45pm      | 20     |         | "                  | O.36.c.90.85.   | "                      |
| 10pm/midn't | 80     |         | Rds & tracks       | U.12. & V.13.   | Harass. fire           |
| "           | 80     |         | M.W.               | U.12.a & c.   | "                      |
| 10.50pm     | 20     |         | UNKNOWN FARM       | U.29.d.48.18.   | "                      |
| 10.55pm     | 20     |         | T.M.               | O.36.a.45.40.   | "                      |
| 10.20pm     | 20     |         | "                  | O.36.a.8.7.   | "                      |
| 11.5pm      | 20     |         | "                  | O.36.a.45.40.   | "                      |
| 11.40pm     | 40     |         | "                  | O.36.a.8.7.   | "                      |
| Midn't/2am  |        | 80      | M.W.               | U.12.a.   | "                      |
| 12.40am     | 20     |         | T.M.               | O.36.a.45.40.   | "                      |
| 12.45am     | 20     |         | "                  | O.36.a.8.7.   | "                      |
| 2 am        |        | 10      | M.W.               | C.11.c.85.85.   | "                      |
| 2.25am      |        | 10      | "                  | C.5.d.7.6.  | "                      |
| 2.32am      | 20     |         | T.M.               | O.11.c.85.85.   | "                      |
| 2.48am      | 20     |         | New work           | U.29.d.9.8.   | "                      |
| 4/6am       | 80     |         | M.W.               | U.12.c. & U.18.c.   | "                      |
| 4.25am      | 20     |         | O.36.d.3.5.        | T.M.  | "                      |
| 4.45am      |        | 20      | O.36.c.5.5.        | "   | "                      |
| 11.45pm     | 10 rds | 6" T.M. | M.W.               | C.5.c.7.5.  | Effective              |
| "           | 10 "   | " "     | "                  | C.11.b.20.25.   | "                      |
| "           | 10 "   | " "     | "                  | C.11.a.95.25.   | "                      |
| "           | 10 "   | " "     | "                  | U.29-d.5.1.   | "                      |

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Continued)ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time            | Locality shelled                | Rounds | Calibre              | Direction    | Remarks      |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6.20 p.m        | C.13.b & C.7.d                  | 20     | 10.5 c.m             |              |              |
| 10.15 a.m       | U.11.c.                         | 6      | T.M.                 |              |              |
| 11.a.m          | S'pt Lines<br>0.26 & 27         | 16     | 7.7 c.m              | WARNETON     |              |
| 12.10/12.20 pm. | U.10.b                          | 150    | 15. c.m              | BAS WARNETON |              |
| 1.45/3.45 pm.   | STEIGNAST FARM                  | 20     | 10.5 c.m             |              | Intermittent |
| 3.30/6 a.m      | U.8.cent.U.9.a<br>U.9.c, U.15.a | 500    | 15. c.m<br>(7.7 c.m) | BAS WARNETON |              |
| 4 to 4.15 am    | C.13.b.C.8.c                    | 50     | 10.5 c.m             |              |              |
| 4.30/5 a.m      | U.26.c                          | 40     | 10.5 c.m             |              |              |
| 10 p.m          | 0.27.c                          |        | 7.7 c.m              |              | Heavy.       |
| Int'mittent     | U.1.c Road                      | 105    | 0.m                  |              |              |
| 5.30 a.m        | 0.35.d.Posts                    |        |                      | COMINES      |              |

AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Our 'Planes were active during the day & night.  
Enemy Activity - 10.50 p.m enemy plane flew low over our Front Line and fired machine gun into trenches.

MOVEMENT :- W.Party at V.7.a.3.4. engaged at 7.15 a.m & dispersed  
Working Parties were heard at LAUNDRY and DURIEZ FARM.

VISIBILITY :- Morning bad, afternoon misty.

MISCELLANEOUS :-

8.10 a.m) Gun flashes were observed, bearings of  
10.30 a.m) 82° 30', 75° 30' and 94° 30', respectively  
5.20 p.m) from U.33.c.50.45.

Flashes were also observed at M.B of 98° from U.10.a.7.5.  
At 8.15 a.m. a man was observed going S. from COMINES.  
2.30 p.m a Smoke screen was observed across Wood P.25.6  
at a bearing of 95° 30' from 0.33.a.24.33, and at 11.30 a.m  
Smoke was seen issuing from U.6.b.8.6.  
5.p.m flashes, apparently signals were observed at a bearing  
94° 30' from 0.33.c.50.45.  
10.30 p.m numerous coloured lights were observed opposite  
Centre Sector & immediately Machine gun fire was opened up.  
The sounding of a Stombus or similar Horn was heard  
at 3.45 a.m on sector on our right. Batteries stood to  
their posts. A very faint trace of gas was reported from  
SURREY FARM (C.9.d.2.4).  
The enemy shelled LE BIZET, RMENTIERES and in the  
direction of HOUPLINES with 10.5 c.m Hows from 4.20 a.m  
to 5.20 a.m, otherwise situation was extremely quiet.

*C. A. Clowes*

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

10.47 p.m a number of rockets  
bursting into 2 P.M.S went up from  
enemy front on Right Centre Battal-  
-ion of Left Brigade; shortly after-  
-wards the enemy opened fire on our  
Front Line for 10 minutes.

*for R.O.*

## RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 67  
From 6am 28/3/18 to 6 am, 29/3/18.

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H.Q., 2nd Aust. D.A.,  
29th March, 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The Right Group assisted in a raid carried out by the Division on our right; 216 rds. 4.5" How. and 176 rds. 18-pdr being fired into enemy trenches.

Roads in and approaches to WARNETON were kept under harassing fire throughout the night. A shoot on movement and work at U.13.b.3.2. was satisfactorily reported on.

At 4 pm, small working parties on bridge at U.30.a.75.85. were dispersed by 18-pdrs and suspected dugout at U.12.a.40.25. was shelled.

At request of Inf. we fired 50 rds. into enemy Support line opposite Left Bde. The Left Group used 150 rds. in calibration.

Between midnight and 4 am, 240 rds. were fired on M.W. positions in U.12.a. & c. and U.18.c. No M.W. activity in this area was reported throughout the night.

During the day the following M.W. were engaged:- U.30.c.7.2., U.24.a.67.18., O.36.a.8.7., U.13.b.28.90., U.12.b.38.92. and the following are reported to have been silenced:- O.11.b.20.25., O.11.c.75.78., O.36.a.45.40., O.36.c.5.5., U.12.b.26.25., U.12.b.45.47., U.12.b.25.77.

TRENCH MORTARS: 10 rds 6" were fired on to SCREENED FARM where much movement has recently been observed. 4 direct hits were obtained. 5 rds. fired on enemy points at U.11.d.35.35. at request of our Inf.

## ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time        | Locality shelled     | Rounds | Calibre     | Direction                                       | Remarks      |
|-------------|----------------------|--------|-------------|---|--------------|
| 8/7am       | U.8.d.55.15.         | 50     | 15cm        | V.21. Approx. S.B.                              |              |
| 8.45/9.5am  | O.35.a. & O.34.b.)   | 75     | 10.5cm      |   |              |
| 10/11 am    | " "                  |        |             |   |              |
| 10.15am/3pm | STEIGNAST FARM       | 40     | 10.5 & 15cm |   | Intermittent |
| 5.30pm      | LE BIZET (O.7.d.)    | 15     | 10.5cm      |   |              |
| 5.15 am     | " "                  | 15     | "           |   |              |
| 2 am        | O.9.                 | 10     | 15 cm       |   | Gas          |
| 4.30/5.50am | U.26.a., b., c. & d. | 200    | 10.5cm      | 116°10' Mag. from U.23.a.<br>1.0. (Area Shoot). |              |

AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes - none were observed.

Our planes - Moderately active during day; night flying was hampered by stormy weather conditions.

VISIBILITY: Morning poor; afternoon fair.

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MOVEMENT: Three Huns were seen walking in the direction of GASOLETTE U.12.b.

MISCELLANEOUS: The following flashes were observed from O.33.c.-  
50.45. at times and bearings (all T.B.) as shown:-  
8 am: 82°30', 87°, 109°; 12.30pm: 87°30'; 5.30pm: Battery in action  
10.30 approx. position P.25.d.78.90. At 4.50pm, a hostile battery in act.  
vicinity of P.14.c., firing towards WYTSCHAETE, engaged by Heavies.  
A direct hit obtained, started a fire and caused a small explosion.  
Between 6 am and 8 am, flashes at a T.B. of 88° from O.27.b.-  
80.05. were observed. This battery was firing on ZONNEBEKE.  
At 1.30pm, flashes were observed at M.B. of 94° from U.15.a.78.90.  
At 9.3pm, portion of Right Group Arty. co-operated with 58th Div.  
in an infantry raid on enemy trenches. Towards the close of the  
raid, three twin RED rockets, followed by a succession of twin  
GREENS, were fired from enemy lines in the vicinity of operations.  
At 9.30pm all was quiet. No prisoners were captured and no casual-  
ties occurred.

At 10pm, Hostile shelling set fire to a dump in a cottage at C.9.c.  
15.20.  
10.30pm, the enemy sent up a RED flare bursting into two.  
This is apparently his S.O.S. signal as his  
artillery immediately opened up. It was also noticed during the  
slight shelling, that his rounds were falling short and on the  
infantry firing two GREEN lights, the range was increased about 50  
yards; on another GREEN light being sent up, the range was further  
increased.

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## RIGHT DIV. ARTY. --- AUSTRALIAN CORPS

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 68.

From 6 a.m 29/3/18 to 6 a.m 30/3/18.

H.Q. 2nd Aust. D.A.  
30th March 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY :- The Right Group rendered assistance in a raid carried out by 38th Division; 350 rounds 18-pdr and 123 rounds 4.5" How. being fired into enemy trenches in U.7.a. c & d.

During the night centres of recent activity in C.5 were engaged by 4.5" Hows. Roads and tracks in O.36., U.6., P.31.c., V.1.a. and U.18.b. were subjected to harassing fire, and neutralising fire was brought to bear on M.W. positions in U.12. Our 18-pdrs engaged an active 7.7 c.m Bty. at V.13.d.43.80.(V.W.62.). A working party at U.6.c.05.80 was fired on and dispersed. Infantry observers reported direct hits on M.W. at O.36.c.5.5. and O.36.c.6.6. and M.W. ammunition was set on fire at C.5.d.88.32. During the period, following M.W. were engaged:- U.12.b.88.90., U.12.b.26.25., U.12.b.45.47., U.12.b.26.25., O.36.c.89.85., O.36.a.80.70., U.12.c.05.90., U.12.c.05.07., U.12.c.90.40., U.12.c.88.22., U.12.d.25.63., U.12.c.43.83., C.11.c.75.85., C.17.a.70.70., U.24.a.47.24., C.17.a.25.75., C.17.a.40.75., C.11.c.85.85., C.11.c.90.72.,

OUR MORTARS :- 10 rounds 6" NEWTON were fired on each of the following targets :- URAL HOUSE, U.30.a., UNKNOWN FARM, U.29.d., and an O.P. in UNCOUL TRENCH, U.29.d.70.55., 7 Rounds dispersed a working party at DURIEZ FARM, C.5.d.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time         | Locality Shelled  | Rounds | Calibre | Direction     | Remarks                         |
|--------------|-------------------|--------|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 9.5 a.m      | SUGAR REFINERY    | 1      | M.W     |               |                                 |
| 9/10.30 am   | Outpost in U.5.b  | 50     | T.M     | O.33.c.6.6.   | Silenced by 4.5" Hows           |
| 10 am        | U.11.b.36.65      | 4      | M.W.    |               |                                 |
| 10/10.30 am  | Outpost in U.11.b | 20     | "       | U.12.b.45.47. |                                 |
| 11 am        | GASPARD & O.35.a. | 10     | 7.7 cm  |               |                                 |
| 11.45 am     | STEIGNAST FARM    | 50     | "       |               |                                 |
| 4/4.30 pm    | U.7.c., T.12.d.   | 50     |         |               | Gas                             |
| 4.15/4.30 pm | U.1.d             | 30     | 10.5 cm |               |                                 |
| 4.15/5.20 pm | U.7.a. & c        | 160    | "       |               | Gas & H.E.                      |
| 4.30/5.15 pm | F.L.T             |        | M.W.    | U.12.b.26.25  | Silc'd by U.12.b.45.47 our Guns |
| 5/5.15 pm    | U.7.a., T.12.b    | 41     |         |               | H.E & Gas                       |
| 5.15/5.30 pm | U.1.d.            | 25     | 10.5 cm |               |                                 |
| 8.30 pm      | C.7.b & d.        | 200    | "       | T.B.105°      | from C.9.d.25.40.               |
| 10. pm       | U.1               | 10     | M.W.    |               |                                 |
| 11.30pm/1 am | U.15.a            | 20     | 10.5 cm |               | Gas                             |
| 5.15/5.20 am | U.14.b            | 6      | "       |               | Gas                             |
| 5.45 am      | U.9.b             | 6      | "       |               | Gas                             |

AIRCRAFT:- Our 'planes fairly active in forenoon but adverse weather conditions prevented flying in afternoon. Hostile planes - nil.

VISIBILITY:- Low in morning; fair in afternoon between showers.

MOVEMENT :- 9 a.m train moved from WERVICQ going N.E.; 9.10 a.m one moved from COMINES going N.E.; 9.15 a.m one from WERVICQ going N.; 9.30 a.m one from WERVICQ moved S.; 10 a.m, 3 men walked towards trench in V.3.b. 10 a.m, 3 men were walking in O.30.c., apparently working on wires. 11.30 a.m a train moved N. at bearing of 75° from O.33.a.45.25. At 11.40 am, four trains were in vicinity of WERVICQ.

2 men were seen to leave pill-box at U.29.a.72.57. Sentry observed on duty at pill-box, C.5.b.06.10. Smoke issued from both of these shelters.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.68 (30/3/18) (Contd)

MISCELLANEOUS:- 12.20 p.m., Battery in action observed in P.22.c.2.5., C.B. informed, and at 12.40 p.m, fire observed followed by a large explosion 88° Mag.B. from O.35.a.45.25.

The following were observed from O.33.c.50.45.(all Mag. bearings) :- 11.50 a.m, flash of large calibre gun at 90°. C.B. informed. 1.30 p.m, Bty. in action at 85°; 4.30 pm/5.5 pm., T.M. at 144°; 6.50 p.m, flashes at 86° 30'; 7.35 p.m, flashes at 88°, 106° 30', 98° 30'. C.B informed.

The following were observed from O.27.b.80.05.:- 12.50 p.m., flashes at 103°. During the night, flashes at 105°, Heavy Hws. 110°, 99°, 86°, all firing in direction of BOLLEBEEKE.

The following were observed from U.15.d.45.25.:- 5.30 p.m., flash at 80°; 6.30 p.m, flash at 59°; 11 p.m, flash at 81°; 11.30 p.m, flash at 81°, 1.15 a.m, flash at 71°, 6.20 a.m, flash at 75°.

Two lamps observed signalling, one close behind enemy lines on T.B. of 70° from C.9.d.25.40. and the other 78° from same point, but this was a considerable distance Eastwards.

38th Div. Minor operation, in which Right Group assisted, was carried out at 11.3 p.m. No prisoners were captured and no casualties resulted to the raiders. Only white flares were observed from the enemy line during the bombardment, to which the enemy made no apparent response.

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. \*\* AUSTRALIAN CORPS *App. K 18*INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 69  
From 6am, 30/3/18 to 6 am, 31/3/18.H.Q. 2nd Aust. D.A.,  
31/3/18.

OUR ARTILLERY: In conjunction with the Gas Projector operation carried out at 1 am, the Left Group bombarded DATUM HOUSE & KIWI FARM (O.36.) and KINGSOLERE (U.3.)

Between 9.45pm and 11.30pm, roads and points of activity in O.29.d., O.30., O.36., & U.12. were subjected to fire at a steady rate, and throughout the night roads and tracks in V.13., 17, C.6., 11., V.24. & 25 were harassed by 18-pdrs.

4.5" Hows. fired 70 rounds into the QUADRANGLE (V.13.d.) and three explosions were observed. (A 7.7cm Bty. was reported active here in previous summary). During the night 100 rds 18-pdr were fired at this position.

Working parties at O.30.a.90.45. and U.12.b.2.5. were fired on and dispersed.

Between 10 pm and 4am, 240 rounds were expended as neutralising fire for hostile M.W. During the period the following M.W. were individually engaged:-

U.12.a.50.20., U.12.b.40.90.; U.12.b.26.25.; U.12.b.45.47.,  
U.12.b.25.77., U.12.c.82.22., U.12.c.95.30., U.12.c.55.72.,  
U.12.c.50.20., U.12.c.05.95., U.12.c.15.07., U.12.b.35.40.,  
U.12.c.35.55., O.33.a.45.40., U.12.c.30.70., U.12.c.87.90.,  
U.24.a.47.34., U.24.a.60.40., U.30.a.18.05., O.5.d.88.32.  
(URAL HOUSE)

O.11.c.10.75., O.11.c.72.65., O.11.c.85.85., C.17.a.95.80.

## ENEMY ARTILLERY

| Time          | Locality shelled       | Rounds | Calibre   | Direction         | Remarks    |
|---------------|------------------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| 10/10.6am     | U.14.b.central         | 60     | 10.5cm    | 102°30'M.B.from   |            |
| 10am          | STEIGNAST FARM         | 10     | 7.7cm     | U.15.a.35.78.HE.& | Gas.       |
| 10.10am       | U.8. & 9               | 41     | 10.5cm    |                   |            |
| "             | U.5.b.                 | 8      | T.M.      |                   |            |
| 10.45am       | U.9.c.                 | 12     | 10.5cm    |                   |            |
| 12/12.15pm    | O.33.c.5.1.            | 45     | "         |                   |            |
| 12.5pm        | MESSINES               | 9      | "         | COMINES           | Gas & H.E. |
| 12.10pm       | O.27.c.                | 9      | "         | H.V. WERVICQ      | Gas        |
| 12.10/12.30pm | O.34.d., U.4.b.        | 20     | 7.7cm     |                   |            |
| 12.30pm       | O.33.a.                | 30     | 10.5cm    |                   | Gas        |
| 1/4pm         | U.14.b.& U.15.c.       | 300    | 7.7& 15cm | DEULEMONT         | Gas & H.E. |
| 1.35/2.30pm   | U.11.d.                | 70     | T.M.      |                   |            |
| 2.5pm         | O.33.c.5.1.            | 13     | 10.5cm    | COMINES           |            |
| 3.45pm        | U.8.d.                 | 12     | "         |                   |            |
| 4.30/8pm      | U.10.b., U.8., U.14.b. | 300    | 7.7cm     |                   |            |
| 5/6pm         | LE BIZET               | 40     | 10.5cm    |                   | Gas        |
| 7.50/8pm      | U.7.a.                 | 50     | "         |                   |            |
| 4 am          | U.2.a.                 | 40     | "         |                   | Gas P.T.C. |



RIGHT DIV. ARTY. INTELLIGENCE SMY- No.69 (Contd) (2)

AIRCRAFT: Our planes active during the morning.  
At 10.45am, an enemy single seater plane was brought down in vicinity of PLOEGSTEERT. The machine was damaged by our A.A. fire and the propellor appeared to have come in contact with the fire of the M.G. carried in the plane. The pilot was taken prisoner.

VISIBILITY: Fair in forenoon; low in afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS: There is a slight increase in enemy artillery activity, but it is thought that he is quickening the rate of fire and not increasing the number of batteries.

Observers were noticed in pill-box, U.29.d.72.57. and at O.5.b.4.8.

At 12.48am, a dump was blown up close to DEULEMONT.

1.5am, a considerable number of flares were fired from enemy lines opposite the Centre Group.

6.30am, two enemy 4.2" Batteries shelling O.23.a. Flashes observed 100° and 110° M.B. from O.27.b.80.05.

Flashes observed from O.53.1.50.45.:- 2.25pm 68°; 3.40pm, 87°40'.

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