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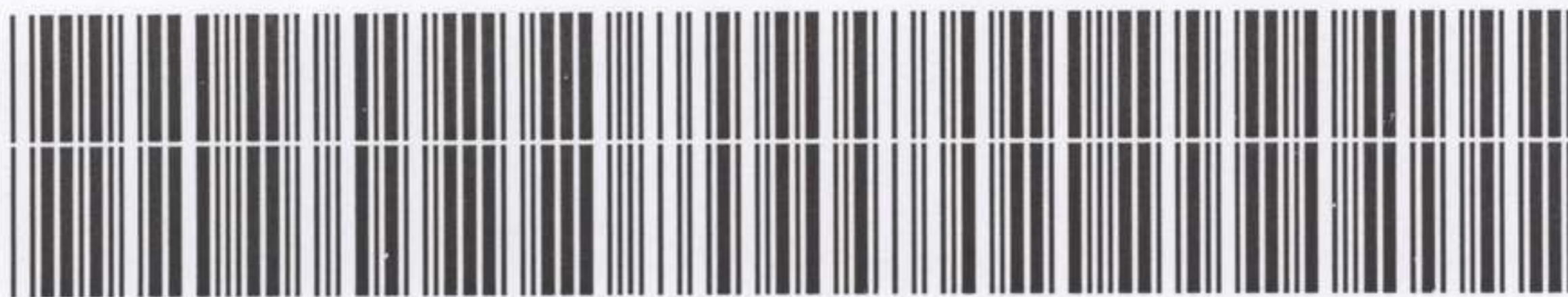
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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>			<u>Ref. Map. Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000.</u>	
	1.5.1918.		Weather : Dull. Wind - N.W. Temperature - Max.76. Min.41.	
			Casualties - to noon : <i>Nil.</i>	
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.	
			<u>OPERATIONS</u> - As per Intelligence Summary.	
			Location Statement as at noon 1.5.1918. issued and appended.	
			Reference the recent correspondence in connection with our aircraft bombing and machine gunning our own troops, a communication was received from 3rd.Australian Division, giving latest instructions issued to pilots and observers by 15th Wing R.A.F. These orders were promulgated to all Units under this office number B.M.566/7.	BM.566/7.
			S.5/92/2 issued - Gas Bombardments by Field & Heavy Artillery for night 1/2 May, 1918.	S.5/92/2.
			N/648 issued - postponing programme of above Gas Bombardment 24 hours.	N/648.
			N/652 issued - giving particulars of progress made by Left Brigade 3rd Aust.Division, during Night 30th April/1st May.	N/652.
			With reference to the large proportion of casualties inflicted on the 7th.F.A. Brigade Headquarters Staff, during the enemy's heavy Gas Bombardment on 24.4.1918., a confidential letter was sent to the Acting C.O., 7th.A.F.A.Brigade, dated 30.4.18., by the C.R.A., directing that instructions laid down for defence against Gas should be rigidly enforced in future. Copy of this letter is appended.	DA.31/387
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GUNS IN ACTION AT NOON.	108	34

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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>													
	2.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind. N.E. to E. Temperature - Max.80. Min,41.										
			Casualties - to noon : Nil.										
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.										
			<u>OPERATIONS.</u> - AS per Intelligence Summary.										
			B.M.584 issued - re treatment of Messenger Dogs recently attached to the 3rd Aust.Division for work between the front line and forward Battalion Headquarters.	BM.584.									
			Letter dated 30th April was received from the CORPS COMMANDER, with reference to unnecessary comparisons made by a certain number of Officers and men, between their own Units and others that may be serving alongside of them, more particularly between English and Dominion troops. Copies of this letter were forwarded to C.Os. of all units of this Divisional Artillery, accompanied by a confidential letter by The C.R.A., Brig-General H.W. GRIMWADE, C.M.G. (copies of both letters are appended.).	DA.6/361									
			Copies were received from 3rd Australian Division of Captured German Document shewing barrage timing for the attack on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX on April 24th. Copies of this document are appended, together with 3rd Aust.Divn. No. S.G.25/504 - Notes on and lessons learnt from same.										
			Owing to the number of casualties <del>sustained</del> to Officers sustained by the Brigades of this Divisional Artillery, it has been found necessary to draw on the Divl.Trench Mortars to replace. Up to the present, 3 Officers from Divl.Trench Mortars have been attached to the 8th F.A. Brigade.										
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ST. GRATIEN.	3.5.1918.		<p>Weather : Fine &amp; sunny. Wind - E. to S.E. Temperature - Max.80. Min. 47.</p> <p>Casualties - to noon : Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>18-Pdrs.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>4.5" Hows.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ESTABLISHMENT OF GUNS. :</td> <td style="text-align: center;">108</td> <td style="text-align: center;">36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GUNS IN ACTION AT NOON.:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">105</td> <td style="text-align: center;">33</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>OPERATIONS</u> : As per Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>ENEMY INTENTION.S.-</u></p> <p>The following is an extract from Fourth Army Summary dated 3.5.18. :-  " A wounded pilot belonging to the 218th "A" Fleiger Abteilung, captured on April 30th <del>under</del> under special examination, confirms the statements made by the Officer Aviator that a big attack will shortly be launched in the ALBERT Sector. Troops now billeted in the NESLE-HAM area will be employed, as well as divisions lately brought from ITALY and ROUMANIA. He gave the date of the attack as May 8th., providing the weather kept fine.</p> <p>The pilot was warned by his Flight Commander that this information was very secret and was unknown as present to even Colonels commanding regiments. He added that it was of the greatest importance for them to become thoroughly acquainted with the country West of ALBERT, that the British defences were extremely weak there, and that they believed the British suspected nothing. The object of the Offensive was to separate the British and French armies at AMIENS. "</p> <p>S.5/92/4. issued and appended. - Instructions for the rendering of Reports on Gas Shelling carried out by Units.</p>		<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	ESTABLISHMENT OF GUNS. :	108	36	GUNS IN ACTION AT NOON.:	105	33	
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ST. GRATIEN.	3.5.1918.	(cont).		
			B.M.588. issued.- Instructions to Units re construction of defensive works. (copy appended).	BM.588.
			S.5/57/5. issued. - Map shewing Artillery Routes through Second Zone, with gaps indicated. (copy of map appended).	S.5/57/5.
			S.5/92/5. issued. - Gas bombardments for Night 3rd /4th. May, 1918., to be carried out in conjunction with Australian Corps Heavy Artillery.	S.5/92/5.
			The following extract from 3rd.Australian Division ROUTINE ORDER No.411. dated 3.5.18., is quoted :-	
			No.1880. <u>HONOURS AND REWARDS</u> : Under authority delegated to him, the Corps Commander has awarded the following decorations :-	
			<u>BAR TO THE MILITARY MEDAL.</u>	
			No.19961. Gnr.(a/Bdr)BYRNE A.E. (M.M.)	- 31st.Battery.8th.A.F.A.Brigade.
			No.29792. Spr. W.S. THOMAS M.M.	- 3rd.Div.Sig.Coy. attd. 8th.A.F.A.Bde.
			<u>THE MILITARY MEDAL.</u>	
			No.20735. Gnr.(a/Bdr) S.J. DREW.	- 29th.Battery, 8th.A.F.A.Brigade.
			No.22974. Gnr. G. RIDGEWAY.	- do do.
			No.34329. Gnr. S.F. RUSSELL.	- 31st.Battery, do.
			No.19982. a/Bdr, G.W. GLENN.	- do. do.
			No.19807. Gnr. J. MCGILLEN.	- do. do.
			No.10658. 2/Cpl. N.H. RAMSDEN.	- 3rd.Div.Sig.Co. attd. 8th.A.F.A.Bde.
			20236. Spr. C.H. BREARLEY.	- do. do.
			No. 1659. Spr. W. CRUICKSHANK.	- do. do.
			No.20272. Spr. C.C. MAZZAROL.	- do. do.
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	4.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind S.W, Temperature : Max.76. Min.53.													
			Casualties - to noon : Nil.													
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.													
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			<u>OPERATIONS</u> .- As per Intelligence Summary.													
			<u>OPERATION ORDER No.54 issued</u> .- with Tracing. - On night 5th/6th instant, the 9th.Aust.Inf. Brigade will carry out an operation to advance our line and establish a series of Posts along a N. & S. line through K.7.c.cent. and K.13.c.cent. Copy of Order & tracing are appended.	O.O.54.												
			<u>B.M.591/1 issued</u> .- Instructions to Units to the effect that no shooting is to take place on K.19.a.&c.& K.25.a.throughout the night 4th/5th inst., on account of minor operation to be carried out by 9th.Aust.Inf.Bde. This communication also gives details as to a slight alteration in the S.O.S.Line, from 8 p.m. onwards.	B.M.591/1.												
			<u>WARNING ORDER - 4.5.1918</u> .- issued.- Preliminary notice of relief of 108th & 189th Army Bdes R.F.A., (at present the RIGHT GROUP of this Divisional Artillery), by the 2nd.Australian Divl.Artillery, by 10 pm. Night 7th/8th instant.													

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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>	4.5.1918.	(cont).	<p><u>B.M.596/1 issued.</u> - Instructions to Field Artillery as to its action, should the Division on our Left be compelled to relinquish its Forward Zone. Should this contingency arise, and our own Divl. front system <u>not</u> be heavily engaged between the ANCRE and the SOMME at that time, the change in our Artillery dispositions as ordered in this communication, would become necessary, as our Left Flank would then be threatened.</p> <p><u>CASUALTY.</u> Major W.L. FANNING, O.C., 29th. Battery, was evacuated - Sick.</p> <p>T/Major T.B. SLANEY, from 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. reported for duty with this Divl. Artillery, and was posted to command the 29th Battery, 8th. A.F.A. Bde.</p>	BM.596/1

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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>													
	5.5.1918.		Weather : Dull and misty, with light rain at first. Then fine from 11 am. Wind - S.W. Temp. - Max.66 Min.49.										
			Casualties - to noon : <i>Nil.</i>										
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.										
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			<u>OPERATIONS</u> : As per Intelligence Summary.										
			At 11.45 pm. a minor Infantry operation was <del>carried</del> carried out by the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade, for particulars of which, see Diary for 6.5.18.										
			Major (T/Lieut-Col) T.B.W. JAMES D.S.O., - C.O., 7th.A.F.A. Brigade, who was gassed on 24.4.18 returned to duty.										
			B.M.596. issued. - Orders for the selection of Battery Positions for covering the 3rd Zone, together with Map shewing suitable areas. Copies are appended.	BM.596.									
			Owing to the number of animals grazing on grass and crops, and the number of claims received from French civilians, <sup>3rd</sup> Australian Division Administrative Instruction No.41. has been received. This was issued to all concerned under this office No. DA.5/166., copies of which are appended.	DA.5/166.									
			S.5/102/1. issued - re handing over to III Corps of the area North of the present 3rd. Australian Divl. boundary, at 12 noon 6th instant.	S.5/102/1. ✓									



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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>				
	5.5.1918.	(cont).		
			B.M.597 issued. - Alteration in disposition of Left Flank Division. Copy appended.	BM.597.
			DA.4/601 issued.- Return for week ending 2nd May 1918, of Shell Cases, Clips, etc., returned to 3rd.Aust.Divl.Salvage Coy.	DA.4/601.
			B.M.595. issued.- Squadron Call Letters and Letters to be used for designating Targets, from Sunday 5.5.1918. - of 3rd Australian Flying Squadron, and 35th, 8th., and 82nd. Squadrons R.A.F.	BM.595.
			<u>Amendment No.1. to Operation Order No.54.issued.</u>	Amend. No.1. to O.O.54.
			<u>BASEBALL.</u> - To-day, a team from our 26th Battery, 7th.A.F.A.Bde., met a Baseball team from the 6th Regiment U.S.Engineers, <del>near</del> in H.6.a. (near FRECHENCOURT). After an interesting game, the 26th Battery team won by 4 to 3.	
			----- <u>INFANTRY ACTION.</u> - During the night the Right Brigade advanced its front line and averaged 700 yds. on a frontage of 1,500 yds.During the operation an encounter took place at J.30.b.70.80., resulting in the capture of 4 unwounded and 2 wounded prisoners. Enemy patrol about 50 yds East of this spot bombed vigorously and opened fire with their rifles, but inflicted no casualties on our parties. One of the enemy killed at K.19.a.40.60. was carrying a full pack; there were no papers of any kind on his person, nor was he wearing identity discs - his shoulder straps, however, indicated 31st Regiment. -----	
			<u>LOCATION STATEMENT</u> issued , as on 5.5.1918., at noon.	Ofe

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	6.5.1918.		Weather : Dull. Rain during night. Wind - In morning S. veering to W. & N.W. later. Temp. - Max. 81. Min. 50.										
			Casualties - to noon : 1 O.R. wounded.										
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.										
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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REPORT ON INFANTRY OPERATION, CARRIED OUT BY 9th. AUST. INF. BDE. - Night 5th/6th May. 1918.</u></p> <p>The following is a copy of a wire from 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. to 3rd Aust. Divn., concerning the above attack :</p> <p>" At 11.45 pm. last night Brigade attacked enemy trench system in K.7., K.13., K.19. S.W. of MORLANCOURT aaa Attack delivered by 35th Battalion and two Companies of 33rd Battalion North of BRAY-GORBIE ROAD and in co-operation with 34th Battalion South of Road aaa Infantry advanced under barrage of 18pdrs. and 4.5" Hows., quickly overcoming enemy resistance except in K.7.c., where fighting was in progress several hours aaa All objectives taken and consolidation begun aaa Eight Posts dug by Pioneers East of and connected to second objective in K.7.c., K.13.a., &amp; c. aaa In K.19.a. four Posts dug, 350 yards double Apron erected aaa Our line now runs : K.7.c.5.9. - K.7.c.7.0. - K.13.d. 0.0. - K.19.a.9.8. - K.19.a.2.0. - K.24.d.7.0. aaa</p> <p>" We captured 2 Officers about 200 Other Ranks (of who, 2 Officers 147 Other Ranks have passed through Brigade H.Q.), 5 Machine Guns and 1 trench mortar captured; other M.Gs. not yet <del>explicated</del> counted aaa Identifications : 114 I.R. 257 I.R. 199 Division aaa</p> <p>" Estimated 150 enemy killed in vicinity trench system by Infantry and Artillery aaa</p> <p>" As far as can be ascertained our casualties: 33rd Bn.- 1 Officer 4 Other Ranks wounded aaa 34th Bn.- 4 Other Ranks killed, 1 Officer 19 Other Ranks wounded aaa 35th Bn.-</p>										

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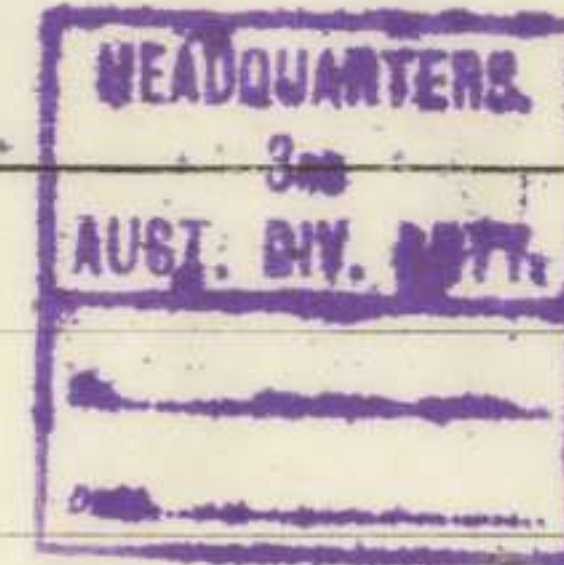
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	6.5.1918.	(cont).	<p>!..... 12 Other Ranks killed, 4 Officers 44 Other Ranks wounded aaa</p> <p>" Operations 4th/5th and 5th/6th represent advance of front line average depth 1,100cyds</p> <p>" on frontage 2,500 yards."</p>	
			<p><u>ARTILLERY ACTION.</u>- Artillery action during the above attack was as laid down in 3rd Aust.Div.Artillery Operation Order No.54.</p> <p>The Barrage is reported to have been most effective, and to have caused numerous casualties to the enemy's Garrisons.- (see Wire from 9th.Aust.Inf.Bde. quoted above).</p> <p>Further reports received indicate that the number of Machine guns captured during the above attack now amounts to 15.</p>	
			<p><u>EXTRACTS FROM PRISONERS' STATEMENTS ARE SHEWN HEREUNDER.</u></p> <p><u>OUR ATTACK.</u>- From prisoners' statements it appears that the enemy was surprised by our attack and totally unprepared for it. During our Artillery bombardment the men took cover in their trenches, and our Infantry attack was too quick for them to prepare for defence. A few of the enemy were able to send up their S.O.S.Signals, to which, however, their Artillery did not reply. Owing to our Artillery they were unable to man their light machine-guns, and consequently were unable to put up much of a fight. They consider that their Reserve Battalion was too far behind them to come up and reinforce them.</p>	
			<p><u>LOSSES AND DRAFTS.</u>- During their period in rest, the 237th R.I.R. received three drafts from various sources. The largest of these was one which has previously been reported in prisoners' statements from their Recruit Depot in WARSAW. Another draft came direct from Germany (strength about 100), and the third draft came from a Field Recruit Depot at BRUGGE, this draft consisting of about 200 men. According to prisoners' statements, about 90% of the drafts from WARSAW and BRUGGE consisted of 1899 class, this being the first appearance of these 19-year old men in the field.</p>	

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	6.5.1918.	(cont).		
			<u>At 12 noon.-</u> Australian Corps handed over a portion of its front (North of 3rd Aust.Divl. boundary) to III Corps - in accordance with S.5/102/1. of 5.5.18.	
			<u>S.5/105. issued and appended.</u> - Cancelling Warning Order dated 4.5.18., reference Relief of 108th & 189th Army Bdes.R.F.A. by 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.	S.5/105.
			<u>B.M.596/2 issued and appended.-</u> re Divisional Left Flank Protection. This communication cancels B.M.596/1. dated 4.5.1918.	BM.596/2.
			<u>B.M.600. issued and appended.-</u> 3 15-Pdr. guns are being issued to this Divl.Artilery, and will replace 18-pdrs at present being used for this purpose. Locations of these Anti-Tank Guns are given in <u>ANTI-TANK GUNS.</u> Location Statements issued periodically.	BM.600.
			During the day, the AUSTRALIAN CORPS COMMANDER, GEN. SIR. W.R. BIRDWOOD K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., inspected all Battery positions of the 7th.Australian F.A. Brigade, and the 3rd. & 6th.Army Brigades A.F.A. BRIGADIER-GENERAL H.W.GRIMWADE C.M.G., accompanied the CORPS COMMANDER on this inspection, together with the respective Brigade Commanders.	
		8 pm.	N/673 issued and appended.- Alteration in S.O.S.Line.	N/673.
		9.20 pm.	Wire No.N/675 issued and appended. - Slight alteration in Left Group S.O.S.Line.	N/675.
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	7.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind E. Temperature : Max.71. Min.49.										
			Casualties - to noon : <i>Nil.</i>										
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.										
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			<u>OPERATIONS.-</u> As per Intelligence Summary.										
			<u>Operation Order No.55 issued.</u> - Reliefs of 3rd & 6th Army Bdes.A.F.A., by 7th & 8th Bdes. A.F.A., respectively, to take place on 9th inst.	O.O.55.									
			<u>Operation Order No.56 issued.</u> - Minor Infantry enterprise to be carried out by 9th & 10th. Aust.Inf.Bdes., this evening.	O.O.56.									
			<u>B.M.591/2. issued.</u> - re supplementary S.O.S.Signal, by Bugles, coming into force at 12 midnight to-night.	BM.591/2.									
			Reference above introduction of bugles for SOS purposes, a practice was ordered for to-night, from 11.2pm. to 11.5 pm, no artillery S.O.S. action following. (See wire No. N/679 appended).	N/679.									
			Advice was received from 5th Aust.D.A. to the effect that they would be carrying out a practice with bugle calls, at 9.30 pm. and 10.30 pm.(see Wire No. N/678).	N/678.									
			Ref. B.M.600 of 6th inst., 3 Anti Tank Guns (15-Pounders) were drawn from PUQUIGNY, to replace 18-pdrs. at present in use for <del>this</del> Anti-Tank Defence. Copy of this Office wire No. SC.248 is appended.	SC.248.									

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	7.5.1918.		(cont.)	
			Wire N/677 issued and appended. - Slight alteration in S.O.S. Line.	N/677.
			Copy was received from Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division, of message from GENERAL SIR HERBERT PLUMER, G.C.B., Commander of Second Army. (copy appended).	
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	8.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind N.W. Temperature - Max.63. Min.48. Casualties - to noon : Nil. Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.										
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			<u>OPERATIONS</u> : As per Intelligence Summary.										
			<u>LOCATION STATEMENT</u> as at noon to-day issued, and appended.										
			<u>STANDING ORDERS FOR 3rd AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.</u> - Revised Edition, issued under this Office No. B.M.601. (copy appended).	BM.601.									
			N/687 issued and appended.- Instructions to Left Group to join up its S.O.S.Line with Right Group.	N/687.									
			In the event of the enemy opening a <u>Heavy</u> bombardment of our front, indicating that an attack was imminent, Counter-preparation Schemes were to be put into force in accordance with instructions contained in this Office wire No. N/689, issued and appended.	N/689									
			<u>INFANTRY ACTION.</u> (From 3rd Aust. Divn. I. Summary dated 8.5.18) - During the night our Right Brigade advanced its line slightly in K.19.c. As a result of this operation 14 prisoners were captured, and casualties were inflicted on the enemy. The Left Brigade also advanced its line <del>on</del> 300 yds. on a frontage of 500 yds. In both the above operations our casualties were light.	 <div style="text-align: right;">41</div>									

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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>			<u>Ref. Map: Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000.-</u>	
	8.5.1918.	(cont)	<p>A Revolver Shooting Competition has been in progress, for Officers of 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery, to improve shooting. Copy of Target, and Circular of Conditions are appended.</p> <p>The results were as shown in circular issued, dated 6.5.18.</p>	

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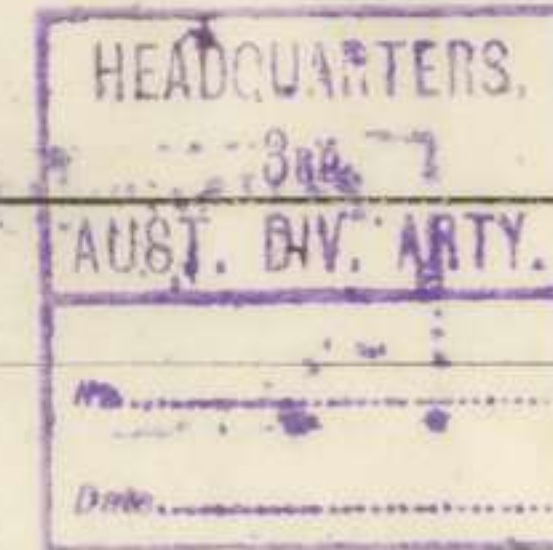
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	9.5.1918.		Weather : Fine . Wind West. Temperature - Max.81. Min.49.										
			Casualties - to noon : <i>Nil.</i>										
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.										
			<u>OPERATIONS</u> :- As per Intelligence Summary attached.										
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			At 3.20 am., the enemy attacked our line West of ALBERT. For particulars see this office wire No. R.O/91.	RO/91.									
			Visibility was very good during the day, and abnormal movement was observed in the enemy's back areas by our Reconnaissance 'planes and Ground Observers. The bulk of this movement was on the fronts covered by our right & left flank Divisions. (See wire N/697 appended). ( " " RO/92 " ).	N/697. RO/92.									
			<u>LOCATION STATEMENT</u> ISSUED and appended.										
			E.M.591/3 issued - Notes on firing of S.O.S.Signal.	EM.591/3.									
			E.M.603 issued - Reference Relief of 3rd.Australian Division (less Artillery), by 2nd. Aust. Division (less Artillery), on Nights 9/10th, & 10/11th.May.	B.M.603.									
			DA.32/1 issued - Organisation of S.A.A.Section, 3rd.Aust.D.A.C. into 3 Sub-Sections - 'A', 'B' & 'C' - for the purpose of 1 Sub-Section accompanying each Infantry Bde. of this Divn., on its being detached from the Division as a whole. Establishments and organisation are appended.	DA.32/1.									

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<u>ST. GRATIEN.-</u>			<u>Ref. Map : Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000.</u>	
	9.5.1918.	(cont).		
			Amendment No.1 to B.M.596 dated 6.5.18. issued, owing to changes in dispositions of Artillery on completion of reliefs effected this day. Copy appended.	BM.596/4.
			Wire N/692 issued - Harassing fire programme for Night 9th/10th May.- copy appended.	N/692.
			Wire N/691 issued - C.P.Scheme ordered, in the event of the enemy opening a heavy bombardment of our front. Copy appended.	N/691.
			Capt. R.W. MILES, DEM. from 179 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A. was attached to 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. as Staff Captain Trainee.	

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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>			<u>Map Ref.: Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000.</u>										
	10.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind - West at first; veering to N.										
			Casualties - to noon : Nil.										
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.										
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			<u>Operations</u> : As per Intelligence Summary .										
			E.M.434/3 issued and appended.- Orders re D.R.L.S.traffic between Bde.H.Qrs. & Batteries.	BM.434/3.									
			E.M.601/1 issued and appended.- Instructions for putting into operation of Counter-Preparation, and Rates of fire for S.O.S.	BM.601/1.									
			N/700 issued and appended. - Harassing fire programme for Night 10th/11th instant.	N/700.									
			<u>Extract from 3rd Aust.Divn. Routine Order No.434 dated 10.5.1918.-</u>										
			<u>"1890. HONOURS AND REWARDS:-</u> Under authority delegated to him, the Corps Commander has awarded the following decorations :-										
			<u>THE MILITARY MEDAL.</u>										
			No. 24477 Bdr(T/Cpl) A.W. JOHNSTON - 27th Bty. 7th.AF.A.Bde.										
			No. 22323 Bdr. M.T. BURKE - do do										
			No. 19337 Cpl. E.C. POWDERLY - 107th Bty. do.										
			No. 19097 Bdr. G.A. JOHNSTON - do do.										
			No. 21248 Gnr. K.W. LAVERACK - do do.										
			No. 19041 Dvr. H.T. BOTT - do do.										
			No. 21190 Gnr. A.A. BENNETT. - do do.										

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<u>ST. GRATIEN.</u>			<u>Map. Ref.: Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000.-</u>													
	11.5.	1918.	Weather : Dull. Wind North. Temp.- Max. 68. Min. 48.													
			Casualties - to noon : Lieut.G.E.KLUG. 8th.F.A.Bde.- w'ded. 1 O.R. killed. 2 O.Rs. w'ded.													
			Ammunition expended - to noon : As per Statement attached.	3 O.Rs. gassed.												
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ESTABLISHMENT OF GUNS -	108	36	3													
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			Operations as per Intelligence Summary.													
			N/701 issued - Instructions were received from Australian Corps to the effect that C.R.A., 2nd Australian Divn. would assume command of Artillery covering front of "C" Divl. Sector, from C.R.A., 3rd Australian Division, at 10 am. 12th inst. These instructions were promulgated to all concerned under this Office wire N/701, copy of which is appended.	N/701.												
			T/Major J. DOHERTY, from 1st Australian Divl. Artillery, reported to this Divl. Artillery, for duty, and was posted to command the 27th Battery, 7th AF.A.Bde.													
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<u>LONGPRE</u>			Ref. Map : <u>AMIENS, 1/100,000.-</u>	
	12.5.18.		Weather : Dull. Some rain. Wind N.W. Temp.- Max.67. Min.49.	
			Casualties - to noon : Nil	
			At 10 a.m. - C.R.A. 2nd. Australian Division, assumed command of Artillery covering "C" Divisional Sector, from C.R.A., 3rd Australian Division.	
			3rd Australian D.A.H.Q. moved from ST. GRATIEN ( Sheet 62 D.1/40,000) by road, / to LONGPRE (Ref, Map AMIENS, 1/100,000), Headquarters being established at No.11 Rue d'Amiens.	
				via COISY and POULAINVILLE
<u>LONGPRE</u>	13.5.18.		Weather : Wet. Wind S.W. Temp.- Max.60. Min.49.	
			Casualties - to noon : Nil	
			Verbal information was received from R.A. Australian Corps, that 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery would probably move to training area West of AMIENS, on the 15th instant. This information was promulgated to all concerned under this office <u>WARNING ORDER</u> - B.M.615/1.	BM.615/1.
			<u>Operation Order No. 57</u> issued - relief of 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery by 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery, to be completed by 10 p.m. 14.5.18. - orders being issued by 2nd Aust.D.A.	O.O.57.
			Copies of a Sketch of a GERMAN TANK captured on April 24th 1918, South of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, were received from 3rd Australian Division. These were distributed to Units of this Divisional Artillery, and copy is appended.	
			<u>Operation Order No. 58</u> issued. - Move of 3rd Aust.Divl.Artillery to LONG Area. Appended.	O.O.58.

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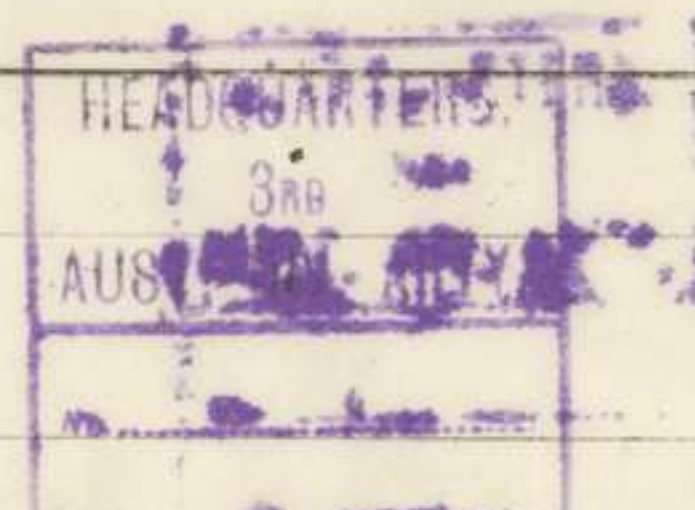
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<u>LONGPRE</u>			<u>Ref. Map : AMIENS, 1/100,000.</u>	
	14.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind W. Temp.- Max. 68. Min.48. Casualties - Nil. Major S.J. WALKER, from 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. reported for duty with this Divl.Arty. and was posted to command the 30th Bty. 8th.A.F.A.Brigade.	
			Copies of Sketch of a French Light Tank (Renault) were received, and were distributed to Units of this Divisional Artillery for information. Copies are appended.	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>			<u>Ref. Map ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.</u>	
	15.5.1918.		Weather : Fine and sunny. Wind. West. Temp.- Max.72. Min.47. Casualties - Nil.	
			3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. moved byroad from LONGPRE, via ARGOEUVES - ST. SAUVEUR - LA CHAUSSEE - PICQUIGNY - CROUY - HANGEST SUR SOMME - LONGPRE LES CORPS SAINTS - FONTAINE - LIERCOURT - PONT REMY - EAUCOURT to EPAGNE, at which place Headquarters were established in The Chateau.	
			In accordance with 3rd Aust.D.A. Operation Order No. 58, 3rd Australian Divl.Artilleary (less S.A.A.Section of 3rd.D.A.C.) moved from FRECHENCOURT Area, via ALLONVILLE - BERTANGLES - ST. SAUVEUR - LA CHAUSSEE - to BOURDON, staging night 15th /16th May at BOURDON.	
			Operation Order No.59 issued - Instructions to Units for the completion of the march to the LONG Area, on the 16th instant.	O.O.59.
<u>EPAGNE.</u>			<u>Ref. Map ABBEVILLE, 1/100,000.</u>	
	16.5.1918.		Weather - Fine and sunny. Wind S.W. Temp. - Max.71. Min.45. Casualties - Nil.	
			In accordance with Operation Order 59 issued 15th instant, Units of this Divl.Artilleary continued the march to the LONG Area. Location of Units are as per Location Statement issued 17.5.1918, copies of which are appended.	
			DA.24/145 issued. - Administrative Instructions for this Divl.Artilleary in LONG R.A. REST AREA, together with Standing Orders of Area Commandant, LONG AREA.	DA.24/145.

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<u>EPAGNE.</u>			Ref. Map : ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.	
	17.5.1918.		Weather : Fine and sunny. Wind S.W. Temp. - Max.74. Min.51. Casualties - Nil. Location Report issued and appended.	
	11.30 am.		A Conference was held by the C.R.A., in the Chateau, EPAGNE, at which were present - Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP D.S.O. Major (T/Lt-Col) T.B.W. JAMES D.S.O., and Major A.B. SANDFORD. Tactical and Administrative matters were discussed, and Programme of Training to be carried out during period this Divisional Artillery remains in 4th Army R.A. Rest Area.	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	18.5.1918.		Weather - Fine and sunny. Wind. West. Temp.- Max.76. Min.53.	
	11.30 am.		A conference was held in The Chateau, EPAGNE, by Major General BUDWORTH C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., M.G.R.A. 4th Army. There were present Brig-General H.W. GRIMWADE, C.M.G., Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP D.S.O., Major (T/Lt-Col) T.B.W. JAMES D.S.O., Major W.A. NICHOLLS D.S.O. R.A., and Major A.B. SANDFORD. Artillery problems in general were discussed, including particularly the employment of Artillery in defence.	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	19.5.1918.		Weather : Fine and sunny. Wind West. Temp. - Max.74. Min.54.	
			B.M.631 issued.- Programme of Training to be carried out by this Divisional Artillery whilst in Rest Area, commencing Monday 20th May.1918.	B.M.631.

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<u>EPAGNE.</u>	20.5.1918.		<p><u>Ref. Map : ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.</u></p> <p>Weather : Fine and sunny. Wind. S. to S.E. Temp. Max.73. Min.54.</p> <p>Casualties : 1 O.R. Accidentally drowned in the R.SOMME.</p> <p>Lt-Colonel G.H.M.KING C.M.G., D.S.O. took over command of 7th.Australian F.A.Brigade from Major (T/Lt-Col) T.B.W. JAMES D.S.O., The latter is proceeding to England to command Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery.</p> <p>Provisional Programme of Race Meeting issued to all Units. It is proposed to hold this Meeting on Sunday next, the 26th May. Copies of Provisional Programme, giving all details, are appended.</p>	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	21.5.1918.		<p>Weather : Fine. Wind - S.E. Temp. - Max.77. Min.55.</p>	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	22.5.1918.		<p>Weather : Fine. Wind. S.E. Temp. - Max.77. Min.58.</p> <p>Casualties : 1 O.R. wounded by enemy bomb.</p>	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	23.5.1918.		<p>Weather : Fine, with exception of a light shower during morning. Temp. - Max.67. Min.52.</p>	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	24.5.1918.		<p>Weather : Dull. Wind West. Temp. : Max.66. Min.53.</p>	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	25.5.1918.		<p>Weather : Fair &amp; dull intervals. Wind - West. Temp.: Max.68. Min.54.</p>	

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<u>EPAGNE.</u>			<u>Ref. Map : Sheet ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.</u>	
	26.5.1918.		<p><u>3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY RACE MEETING</u>, referred to on previous sheet, proved a success beyond the hopes of all concerned. The afternoon was dry throughout, and the course was in good condition. The attendance was excellent, and among those present were :-            General SIR H.S. RAWLINSON Bart. G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G. - Commanding FOURTH ARMY.            General SIR W.R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.            Major-General BUDWORTH, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., - M.G.R.A. FOURTH ARMY.            Major-General SIR JOHN MONASH, K.C.B., V.D., - Commanding 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.</p>	

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<u>EPAGNE.</u>			<u>Ref. Map : Sheet ABBEVILLE - 1/100,000.</u>	
	26.5.1918.		Weather : Dull, bright intervals in late afternoon. Wind Calm. Temp : Max.65. Min.50. Race Meeting previously referred to, was held this afternoon. Programme is appended.	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	27.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind N. to N.W. Temp. : Max.65. Min.51. Information was received, through Divl.I.S., of German Offensive on the front from LEUILLY to the BOIS de BRIMONT, a distance of nearly 50 kilom. Extract from 3rd Aus.Divl.I.Summary is included as an appendix.	
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	28.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind. N.W. Temp.: Max.63. Min.46.  <u>OPERATION ORDER No. 60 issued.</u> Orders for relief of 4th Australian Divl. Artillery, by 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery. This Divisional Artillery will leave this Rest Area on 31st May, in accordance with Time Table included in O.O.60, copies of which are appended.	O.O.60.
<u>EPAGNE.</u>	29.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind N.W. Temp.: Max.67. Min.46.  DA.24/146 issued - Administrative Instructions issued in conjunction with Operation Order 60 dated 28.5.1918.  3rd.Aus.Divn. "G"42/303 received. - extract from "Le Matin" Wednesday, 22nd May, 1918, entitled, " THE BITE OF THE AUSTRALIANS". Copies are appended.	DA.24/146

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<u>EPAGNE.</u>			<u>Ref. Map.- ABBEVILLE, 1/100,000.</u>	
	30.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind N.W. Temp. : Max.67. Min.46.	
			Operation Order No. 61 issued. - Continuation of march of 3rd Aust.Div.Artillery, from RIVERY <del>RIVERY</del> R.A. Area, to Wagen Lines. Copies are appended.	O.O.61.
			Operation Order No. 62 issued. - Detailed orders for the relief of the 4th Australian Divl. Artillery by the 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery on the 2nd June, and Night 2nd/3rd June. Orders include location of Battery Positions and Wagen Lines	O.O.62.
			Maj-Gen. SIR JOHN MONASH K.C.B., V.D., relinquished command of 3rd Aust Division, to take over command of AUSTRALIAN CORPS. The 3rd Australian Division will now be commanded by Brig-Gen. J. GELLIBRAND C.B., D.S.O. who has lately been commanding 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	
			General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B. K.C.S.I. K.C.M.G. C.I.E. D.S.O. A.D.C. relinquished command of AUSTRALIAN CORPS, being appointed to command an Army.	
<u>HANGEST-SUR-SOMME.</u>	31.5.1918.		Weather : Fine. Wind. <del>N</del> N.W. Temp. Max.76. Min.50. <i>Ab</i>	
<u>Ref. Map ; AMIENS 17. 1/100,000.</u>			In accordance with O.O.60. of 28.5.18., 3rd Aust.Div. Artillery (less S.A.A. Section, D.A.C), moved by road from HALLENGOURT R.A. AREA, to RIVERY R.A. AREA; 3rd. D.A.H.Q., 22nd Coy. A.S.C., 8th. A.F.A. Bde., Nos. 1 & 2 Sections D.A.C., and 5th & 6th T.M. Btys, proceeded via PONT REMY - AIRAINES - SOUES ; 7th A.F.A. Brigade proceeded via FONTAINE - AIRAINES - SOUES.	
			During Night 31st May/1st June, 3rd. D.A.H.Q. was located at Billet No.31, HANGEST SUR SOMME. Units of this Divisional Artillery were located in the vicinity of HANGEST-sur-SOMME.	
			Wire N/722 issued.- Reference continuation of march on 1st June.18. and amendment to O.O.61.	N/722.
			SPECIAL ORDER by Major-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH K.C.B., V.D., dated 30.5.18. received, addressed to All Ranks of 3rd Aust. Division, reference his relinquishing command of this Divn. Copy appended.	

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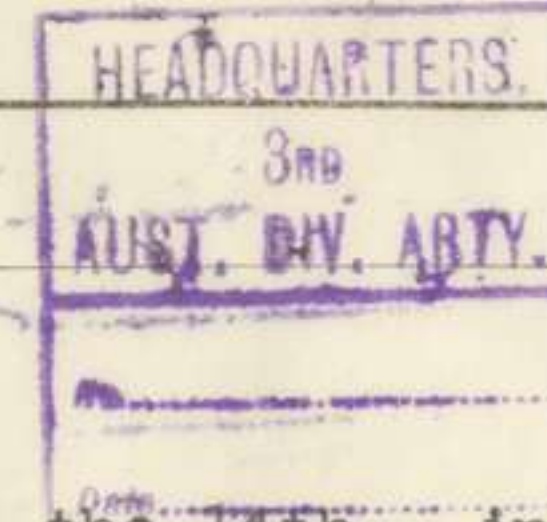
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	31.5.1918.		<p>(cont).</p> <p><u>C.R.A.'s Report.</u> The month of May was occupied until the 14th., in holding the <u>Line on the MORLANCOURT FRONT.</u> No enemy offensive developed during that period. Our principal activity was in advancing to improve our front line positions. All efforts to do this were covered by Artillery fire, and were entirely successful.</p> <p>On May 14th., this Divisional Artillery was relieved by the 2nd Australian Divl. Artillery, and proceeded to the LONG R.A. Rest Area, on the River SOMME, near ABBEVILLE, for 14 days rest and mobile training. After the first three days, which were given to rest and cleaning, intensive training was commenced, and continued until May 30th. A small area of ground was obtained for each Brigade, and all batteries improved very much under the mobile and other work they were able to do.</p> <p>All ranks benefited greatly by the change, and looked very fit when they marched out on May 31st., to return to the line (VILLERS BRETONNEUX Sector).</p> <p>An epidemic of Influenza, classified as 'PUO', badly affected the batteries during the spell, and a number of men were evacuated, but should be fit for duty after about a week's treatment.</p> <p><u>Report on Horses, by Captain J. JOIGEY, - Horsemaster, attached 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery.</u></p> <p>During the first half of May, the Artillery Wagon Lines have been in the FRECHENCOURT Area, with the Gun-team horses two or three miles in advance. These being in open country, have escaped casualties from shell fire and the effect of Gas shells, other Units having suffered much less amongst their horses and mules from the above causes, where their Standings have been situated in villages which are naturally more liable to be shelled than the open country. On May 15th, the 3rd Aus. Divl. Artillery commenced a march of two days, arriving in the LONG R.A. REST AREA on the 16th. On both of these days the weather was very hot, thus causing the march to be somewhat trying to horses. A very hot sun in these comparatively temperate climates always affects them, thus necessitating every care being taken on the march to obtain frequent watering, feeding as often as possible, with rests every hour, and the men dismounting at every opportunity, thus relieving the weight on the horses. These precautions, if neglected, or on the other hand, not carried out with sufficient care, may add greatly to the distress of horses and mules on a long hot march.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/The</p>	

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	31.5.18.		<p><u>Report on Horses (cont).</u>--</p> <p>The place chosen for the Rest Camp was an ideal one for horses as well as for the men. An excellent supply of water was obtained from the River SOMME close by, and there were ample troughing arrangements, with a supply of pumps provided by the Engineers - a somewhat pleasing contrast compared with difficulties which have been met with in other areas. Reasonable opportunities were obtained for grazing, together with well situated and convenient standings for the horses. With these advantages, combined with the fine weather, the improvement in the horses has been noticeable, although still leaving further room for improvement in certain of them, these requiring a better covering of flesh on the ribs; a greater development of muscle on neck, ribs, and quarters; and a more healthy appearance of skin and coat.</p> <p>During this period, special attention has been directed by Battery Commanders to stable management and water discipline, which should increase the efficiency of horses and mules. The health of horses and mules has been good during the whole of this month.</p> <p>-----</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Officers.</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Men.</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Horses &amp; Mules.</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>ESTABLISHMENT</u> on 31.5.1918.--</td> <td style="text-align: center;">79.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2303.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2092.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>STRENGTH</u> on 31.5.1918.--</td> <td style="text-align: center;">98.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2398</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2051.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>-----</p>		<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Men.</u>	<u>Horses &amp; Mules.</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u> on 31.5.1918.--	79.	2303.	2092.	<u>STRENGTH</u> on 31.5.1918.--	98.	2398	2051.	
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3rd. AUSTRALIAN D. A. H. Q.

FOR

MAY 1918.

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7.	BM.584. Memo from Divn. re Messenger Dogs.
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57.	N/701. Warning of Relief of this Divl.Artilletry.
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*W. H. Howler  
Lieutenant R.O.  
3rd Aus Divl Arty  
Headquarters  
5/6/18.*

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP

"B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY - AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

LOCATION STATEMENT

As at noon 1. 5. 1918.  
All previous lists cancelled.



SECRET

Ref. Map 52 D. 1/40,000

RIGHT

GROUP ARTILLERY

LT. COL. L.T. RAIKES. D.S.O.

Headquarters

J.1.d.05.30.

108th. ARMY BRIGADE R.F.A.

Headquarters

J.1.a.3.9.

Battery Positions

Wagon Lines.

A/108th. Battery.  
B/108th. " "  
" " "  
C/108th. " "  
" " "  
D/108th. " "  
" " "

J.10.a.3.9.  
J.15.a.2.3. (5)  
J.10.d.9.1. (1) (Anti tank.)  
J.13.d.2.0. (2) H.17.d.  
J.14. Cent. (2)  
J.9.d.6.4. (2)  
J.9.a.8.5. (4)

189th. ARMY BRIGADE R.F.A.

Headquarters

J.1.d.05.30.

34th. Battery  
B/189th. " "  
C/189th. " "  
" " "  
" " "  
D/189th. " "

J.14.c.15.35.  
J.19.a.8.0.  
J.16.a.2.2. (3) BEHEHCOURT.  
J.16.a.4.7. (2)  
J.16.d.8.1. (1) (Anti tank.)  
J.14.c.4.6.

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

LT. COL. H. COHEN. C.M.G. D.S.O.

6th. ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Headquarters

J.1.c.85.85.

" W.L. FRECHENCOURT.

16th. Battery  
17th. " "  
18th. " "  
106th. " "

D.21.c.9.2. (5) B.30.c.1.1.  
D.22.c.3.2. (1) Anti-tank. "  
J.3.a.5.5. H.5.a.0.8.  
J.3.b.3.7. H.6.a.5.2.  
J.3.a.5.2. B.30. Central.

3rd. ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

LT. COL. G.I. STEVENSON. C.M.G.

Headquarters.

D.14.a.10.10.

7th. Battery  
8th. " "  
9th. " "  
103rd. " "

D.22.a.00.45. )  
D.15.a.83.07. )  
D.15.b.09.41. )  
D.21.b.85.60. )  
FRANVILLERS.

7th. A.F.A. BRIGADE GROUP.

MAJOR. J.M. IRWILL.

(Superimposed over whole Divisional Front.)  
Headquarters (Forward.) J.1.a.1.8.  
(Rear.) FRANVILLERS.

25th. Battery  
26th. " "  
27th. " "  
107th. " "

C.30.d.99.20. H.6.b.8.9.  
J.1.a.2.5. B.30.d.80.05.  
J.1.a.3.4. B.30.d.99.30.  
J.1.a.2.3. H.6.a. Cent.



Headquarters.

C.25.d.5.5.

29th. Battery.  
 30th. " "  
 31st. " "  
 109th. " "

Battery Positions.

Wagon Lines.

Positions of ) H.11.b.1.3.  
 readiness in ) H.6.a.  
 I.9. and I.15. ) H.6.a.2.3.  
 ) H.11.b.1.5.

6th. BRIGADE. R.G.A.

LIEUT. COL. J.Y.H. RIDOUT.

Headquarters.

C.25.b.5.0.

109th. Heavy Battery (60 pcr.)  
 114th. " " " "  
 " " " "  
 245th. Siege " (6" How.)  
 " " " "  
 111th. " " (6" "

I.6.b.6.2. (4)  
 I.17.c.1.9. (4)  
 H.18.b.0.5. (2)  
 I.12.c.3.0. (4)  
 I.17.b.0.3. (2)  
 I.22.d.5.7.

27th. BRIGADE R.G.A.

LIEUT. COL. G.M. HILL.

Headquarters.

I.9.a.1.9.

110 Siege Battery.

I.12.c.75.50. (4)

" "

I.17.d.05.75. (2)

216 "

J.7.a.0.3. (4)

" "

I.17.b.2.1. (2)

25th. Heavy Battery.

I.28.b.0.4. (4)

" "

I.14.c.7.7. (2)

144 "

I.33.b.1.6. (4)

" "

I.26.d.55.40. (2)

504 Siege Battery 6" Mk XIX

I.24.b.85.90. (1)

H.6.d.6.7. (2)

3rd. AUSTRALIAN D.A.C.

MAJOR. A.B. SANDFORD.

Headquarters

PONT NOYELLES.

Nos. 1. 2. & S.A.A. Sections.

H.6.a.2.3.

3rd. AUST. D.T. MORTARS.

D.T.M.O. CAPT. R.S. SCARR. M.C.

Headquarters

LA HOUSSEY.

LOCATION OF MORTARS IN LINE .

J.5.b.82.40. )  
 J.5.b.73.45. ) Defensive Positions. J.5.b.72.00. ) Offensive Positions.  
 D.30.c.32.70. ) E.25.a.20.75. )  
 D.30.a.95.00. )

108th. ARMY. F.A. BRIGADE AMM. COLUMN

H.15.b.3.6.

189th. " " " " "

BENECOURT.

6th. " " " " "

I.1.a.1.8.

867th. COY. A.S.C.

H.17.b.8.5.

9th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

FRECHINCOURT.

10th. " " "

HILLY. (Adv.)

11th. " " "

C.29.c.00.50. (Rear.)

D.A.D.O.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

J.1.d.05.20. (Adv.)

I.O.M. 17 and 47.

I.14.a.30.10. (Rear.)

Ammunition re-filling point.

PONT NOYELLES.

CARDONNETTE

H.18.a.5.2.

( Amendments to be immediately notified to this office.)

*(Signature)*

Headquarters,

Lieutenant.

1.5.1918.

Reconnaissance Officer.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters.  
30.4.1918. (S.G.401/7/6).

C.R.A.

The following orders from 15th Wing, R.A.F., are forwarded for information, and should entirely prevent any repetition of previous happenings:-

"Owing to the reports which are being continually received from the Front Line Infantry, that they are still being bombed and machine gunned by our machines, the following orders will be communicated to all Pilots and Observers, and will come into force forthwith.

1. - During operations when a battle is not actually in progress;

- (a) No enemy troops in trenches within 2,000 yards of enemy front line will be fired upon by machine gun fire.
- (b) Bombs will not be dropped on troops in trenches.
- (c) The following places will form bombing targets:-

ALBERT  
 MEAULTE  
 MORLANCOURT.  
 Copses in K.25.c.  
 and K.31.b.  
 WOOD in U.18.

GALLY BRIDGE.  
 HAMEL.  
 BOIS de HAMEL (not  
 BOIS de VAJRE).

(d) Concentrations of enemy troops (which will only be seen prior to an attack), may be bombed and machine gunned anywhere.

2. - During a Battle:-

No restrictions are placed on targets for machine gunning and bombing.

3. - Under all circumstances Pilots and Observers will positively assure themselves of the hostility of any target before engaging it, (this does not apply to the targets mentioned in para.1.(c).

4. - In further cases of reports of bombing or machine gunning our own troops, the Pilot and Observer responsible will immediately visit the Unit attacked, and make their apologies.

5. - This letter cancels all previous instructions, which will be destroyed."

(Sgd) C.H.JESS. Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

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To. Right & Left Art. Groups.  
 7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes.  
 3rd Aust. D.A.C. & 3rd D.T.M.O.  
 R.A. Sig. Ofcr [redacted].

B.M.566/7.

Forwarded for your information.

Headquarters.  
1.5.1918.

*R. J. Jamieson*  
 Major, R.A.,  
 B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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GAS BOMBARDMENT - Night 1/2 May, 1918.

Target.	Unit.	No. of Guns.	Description of Ammun.	Time.	Rate of Fire	No. of Rds.	Remarks.
Area:-							
E.27.a.45.00. E.26.d.80.30. E.27.c.20.00. E.27.c.90.80.	Right Grp.	6 - 4.5" Hows	PNC	1.15-1.20 a.m.	4 rds per How per min.	120	Bombardment will not be carried out if wind is above 7 m.p.h. or coming from a true bearing between 0 deg. and 180 deg.
				2 - 2.5 a.m.	do.	120	
ditto.	Left Group.	12 - 4.5" Hows	PNC	ditto	ditto	240	
						240	
ditto	47th H.A.Bde	18 - 6" Hows	PNC	ditto	1 rd per How per min.	90	
					do.	90	

To. 47th H.A.Bde. -  
 Right & Left Art. Groups.  
 7th & 8th A.F.A.Bdes. - R.A., Corps.  
 10 & 11th A.I.Bdes. - 3rd Aust. Div. G.) for infmn.  
 H.A.Aust. Corps. )

*W. J. Nicholls*  
 Major, R.A.,  
 B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE ( S.5/92/2. )

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2131.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions:			Sent			Date	
			At		Service		
			To				
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	

TO 7th & 8th A.F.A. Bns. 10th & 11th  
B.A.A. Aust. Corps. - A.I. Bns.

Sender's Number: Day of Month: In reply to Number: A A A

\* N. 648 1st

Programme laid down in S.S/92/2  
postponed for 24 hours.

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From  
Place 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.  
Time 4.45 p.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line, except A A A, should be erased if not required.  
Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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**"A" Form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

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Prefix	Code	m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.	Date
<i>Wan</i>			At	m.	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		From
			To			By	
			By				
<p align="center">TO { Right &amp; Left Art. Groups. 7th &amp; 8th A.F.A. Bdes. R.A. Sig. Ofcr - R.O., R.A.</p>							
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
* N.652.		7th / 1st					

Following from Divsn, dated 1st aaa

(Begins) During last night my Left Bde established a forward line of posts North of ANCRE from Railway at E.19.d.0.2. to River Bank at E.25.b.0.4., ejecting an enemy post at latter point; also destroying enemy bridge at E.25.a.9.2. aaa On South of ANCRE same Brigade advanced our line 400 yards on a frontage of 800 yards, and have established, garrisoned, dug in and partly wired a new line of seven posts from J.6.d.4.2. to J.6.b.3.8. aaa This latter line will be extended South Southwards tonight aaa New positions thus established give us much better control of entrances and exits from VILLE SUR ANCRE aaa (ends) repeated all concerned

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From	3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.
Place	10 p.m.
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
Censor.	(Z) <i>[Signature]</i> Major, R.A.
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

\* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DA.31/387.

To : Major J.M. IRWIN,  
a/C.O., 7th.Aust.F.A.Brigade.  
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From information at my disposal I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the gas casualties on 7th.F.A.Brigade Headquarters on 23rd/24th April were due to a want of care, and a lack of appreciation of the dangers with which they were surrounded.

The extent of these casualties, and the utter disorganisation of the Headquarters, is shewn by the following figures :-

<u>7th.F.A.B.Hrqs.</u>		<u>Not affected.</u>
Total all ranks personnel including 5 Officers.	19	
Total gassed and evacuated	<u>14</u>	5.
Signal Coy. attchd. Total	15	
Gassed and evacuated	<u>13</u>	<u>2.</u>
Total casualties	27	7
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I have also formed the opinion that the instructions laid down in "Defence against Gas" issued recently, and now the manual in use, have not been rigidly observed in the Brigade under your command, and now direct that you take immediate steps to fully enforce all orders therein, and take disciplinary action against any Officers or Other Ranks who fail to observe them. This cannot be too strictly enforced, as otherwise our efficiency will give out as it did on 24.4.18.

Headquarters,  
30.4.1918.

(Sgd) H.W. GRIMWADE.  
Brigadier-General.  
Commanding 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To. Right & Left Art. Groups.  
7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes.  
3rd Aust D.A.C. & 3rd D.T.M.O.

B.M.584.

The following from Headquarters, 3rd Aust. Division, is quoted for your information and attention:-

" A group of messenger dogs has been attached to the Division for work between the front line and forward Battalion Headquarters.

Past experience has shown that men of Batteries, M.G. Posts, nucleus garrisons, etc., frequently endeavour to entice the dogs from their run or give them food.

Please take steps to warn all concerned that the dogs are not to be interfered with in the slightest degree, and that special friendliness shown them tends to spoil the efficiency of the service."

*Collected  
for*

Headquarters.  
2.5.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.



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C O N F I D E N T I A L .

To

C. Os.,  
7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades,  
3rd Aust. D.A.C., & 3rd Aust. D.T.Mortars.  
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O. Cs.,  
Batteries, Sections D.A.C.,  
& Trench Mortar Batteries.  
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Herewith I send you copy of letter received by me to-day. The subject matter is, in my opinion, such a very important one that I desire you, and all under you, to make it your duty to prevent criticism or ill timed chaff between your men and English or other troops.

Just as we, from any State of the Commonwealth, are all Australians, so are the men from the United Kingdom and ourselves, combined together to fight the common foe, all British, and don't let any of us forget this or do anything to prevent us from keeping this always before us.

*H. W. Grimwood*  
Brigadier-General,  
Commanding 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.

Headquarters,  
2nd May, 1918.



C O P Y.Headquarters,  
Australian Corps,  
30th April, 1918.

My dear General,

You have probably noticed, as I have done, the great tendency there is nowadays for a certain number of officers and men to criticize and make disparaging comparisons between their own units and others that may be serving alongside of them. I have so often heard this done - very frequently in a friendly spirit, such as jests about "the neutrals", etc., but on many occasions I am sorry to say in one much to the contrary, and I do hope that you will do everything in your power to see that this practice is stopped. I, of course, fully realize the extreme difficulty there is in the matter, as human nature, when not in its best of moods, is liable to side-track any of us from the ideals, which when in good health and high spirits I hope we most of us manage to keep before us.

More particularly would I urge the restriction of comparison between Dominion and English troops. The Dominion soldier has so established his merits that depreciation of his kith and kin is not necessary for the full acknowledgment of the great work Dominion troops are doing. We are of the same blood, and the creation of friction by criticism is only playing the German's game.

I am sure, though, you will at once agree how essential it is that we should, everyone of us, pull together with the one determination to defeat the Germans, and it must help enormously to do this if we make up our minds to refrain from unkind criticism of others, and to do all in our power not only to make our own men refrain from such, but to try to shew all by our example how we are out to help our neighbours whoever they may be, remembering that the trials and difficulties they have been through may often be unknown even to units alongside of them.

As a matter of fact, I think that such criticism is very often much less heard from officers and men of units which are fighting hard at the front, than from those in rear of the line who cannot be in a good position to really appreciate the facts.

I know I need not say more, and I can so fully rely upon your doing your best with every officer and man in your command.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) W. R. BIRDWOOD.

Brigadier-General,  
H. W. GRIMWADE, C.M.G.,  
C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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Divisional Headquarters,  
2nd May, 1918.

C.R.A.  
C.R.E.  
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
10th -do-  
11th -do-  
3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.

1. With reference to Artillery preparation for the attack on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX on April 24th, the Barrage Time Table (forwarded under G.25/504 of 30-4-18) is worthy of close study.

This is evidently the rough Time Table issued to Infantry Unit Commanders, to enable them to synchronise events, and control their advances. Therefore the number of guns employed on the various tasks is not stated.

Yet with our knowledge of Artillery preparations for an assault enough deductions may be made to assume, as the number of guns at the disposal of the enemy was not great, that every available gun would be employed for each suitable task; that is to say, that unless tasks are stated as proceeding concurrently - all guns within range were engaged.

The brevity of the Artillery preparation prior to assault - namely,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  hours - would undoubtedly render this necessary.

2. The bombardment commenced at 4.45 a.m. with half an hour's gas bombardment of our Artillery, including our guns on the Northern bank of the SOMME which could bear on the attack.

At the same time the enemy shelled the Valley of the HALLUE River with a Long Range H.V. Gun evidently trying for the Railway line (shown on AMIENS Map) which does not exist.

This, combined with his intense shelling of HEILLY, BONNAY and CORBIE, was undoubtedly to prevent the lateral movement of Reserves to the threatened Zone.

After half an hour's concentration on our guns, the enemy shelled the Village. No evidence as yet to hand as to the type of Gas used; but as his troops later entered the village, it is sound to assume that the gas used would be one with no lasting propensities and that the object of switching from the guns to the village and back again was with the object of masking his intention of entering the Village in his later attack.

The Infantry positions were not engaged until over an hour later (6 a.m.), and then evidently not with Gas. The general bombardment of Infantry positions, growing in intensity on the first line from 6.15 to 6.30, and then slackening for 5 minutes before ceasing - is the most interesting part of the programme.

The enemy was undoubtedly working on the psychology of our Infantry.

The bombardment of the Batteries would not concern the Infantry very much.

The general nature of the bombardment of the trenches between 6 and 6.15 might have been looked upon as a severe retaliation for our continuous counter-preparations; but the concentration on the front lines between 6.15 and 6.30 would undoubtedly put everyone there into a state of expectation of attack. The gradual slackening off, however, during the 5 minutes between 6.30 and 6.35, and then the absolute lull of 10 minutes, during which no attack developed, would be sufficient for the troops to again consider that the shelling was nothing but severe retaliation or annihilating fire, - that nothing more was to be expected, and consequently they would be engaged in extricating themselves, attending to wounded, etc. It would be quite a reasonable assumption by the enemy that his five minutes drum fire on the front line only would come as a complete surprise, and enable him to penetrate

P.T.O.

the line and get inside our protective Artillery barrage.

When the extremely foggy nature of the morning is remembered, combined with the effect of the dust from shells, and the more or less shaken condition of the men, it is not to be wondered at that the Bosc assembly was not observed in the quiet interval on the front line between 6.35 and 6.55 a.m.

This might have been obviated had our patrols been pushed out, or had the garrison of the front line trenches moved forward into NO MAN'S LAND during the time the trenches were shelled.

The Cassing of HILL 104 (which was on the North flank of the attack) during the last quarter of an hour before attack, was evidently only intended to neutralize this area temporarily, as later on unsuccessful attempts were made for its capture.

From the brevity of the period from 4.45 to 7 a.m. the enemy's massing, assembly, and moving forward of his assaulting troops must have been going on during the whole of this period.

Repeated statements of prisoners that they suffered very little from our Artillery fire during the approach march and assault would lead to the conclusion that the gas shelling effectively neutralised our Batteries.

This points to the absolute necessity of gas discipline being so perfect in Artillery Units, that a maximum rate of fire can be maintained throughout the most severe gas concentration that the enemy can bring to bear on the batteries.

The Gunners must take risks with the Gas, and if they continue fighting their guns during a battle, gas casualties among Gunners must be expected to be greater in proportion than among other Units.

The deductions made from the barrage Time Table are:- that a creeping barrage over the whole of the front, moving at a uniform rate was not attempted, but that batteries had evidently been allotted certain targets in depth, which they engaged from 7.6 a.m. onwards, all guns coinciding at certain later times along predetermined lines (i.e., Station, Road, Church etc.)

The reference to North Edge of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX should undoubtedly read "Eastern" Edge.

Referring to foot note at end of Time Table:-

How the number of shells required would be ascertained from a practice barrage is not known.

The important point is:- the enemy's very apparent anxiety to economize an ammunition.

*C. J. Jess.*

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

T.C.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.COPY.TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS, SHOWING BARRAGE  
TIMING FOR THE ATTACK ON VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.

- (9)
- |       | <u>a.m.</u>  |  |
|-------|--------------|--|
| (1).  | 4.45 - 5.15. | ... Gassing of enemy artillery.  |
| (2).  | 5.15 - 5.30. | ... Bombardment of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX with all kinds of gas shells (Buntzreuz).  |
| (3).  | 5.30 - 6. 0. | ... Continue gassing enemy artillery.  |
| (4).  | 6. 0 - 6.30. | ... Engage enemy infantry positions. Engage front lines during the last 15 minutes.  |
| (5).  | 6.30 - 6.35. | ... Bombardment of enemy infantry and artillery.   |
| (6).  | 6.45 - 7. 0. | ... Gassing of HILL 104. Renewed gas bombardment of enemy artillery. Drum fire on enemy's front line infantry positions during the last 5 minutes. |
| (7).  | 7.00.        | ... Attack. The barrage will advance 300 m.  |
| (8).  | 7.06.        | ... Barrage will advance on to the defence lines in the rear.  |
| (9).  | 7.06 - 7.16. | ... Further advance (of barrage) on to northern edge of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX. Barrage will stop here until 7.45.                                     |
| (10). | 7.45.        | ... Barrage will advance as far as Bahnhofstrasse (Station Road).  |
| (11). | 7.60.        | ... Barrage will advance as far as the Church.   |

The barrage practice of our artillery (in order to test the smallest number of rounds possible) will take place to-morrow, at 11 a.m.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To. Right & Left Art. Groups.  
7th & 8th A. F. A. Bdes.  
R.A., Aust. Corps. (for infan).

S.5/92/4.

Information is required by this office concerning gas bombardments carried out by units.

Such information should be forwarded as soon as possible after a bombardment and according to Pro Forma on back hereof.

The "Time" column should show time of commencement, and cessation, of fire

The "Target" column should give co-ordinates and description of target, e.g., "Battery" - "Enemy Dug-outs" - "Village" - "Valley", etc.

The "Wind" column should include velocity and direction of wind and such points as "Raining" "Clear Night" "Misty", etc.

The "Remarks" column should include information as to any special operations or objects (e.g., combined sheet ordered by D.A.H.Q.), evidence of results obtained, and particularly as to whether our gas was smelt or otherwise detected by our Infantry.

Wind reports will be sent to Groups whenever possible, but Battery Commanders should compare these with their own observations in case it is necessary at any time to rely on the latter.

Headquarters.  
3.5.1918.

*R. J. Jamieson*  
Major, R.A.,  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To.

Right & Left Art. Groups.  
7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes.  
3rd Aust. D.A.C. & 3rd D.T.M.O.

B.M.588.

The following copy of communication from Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division, is quoted for your guidance:-

- "1. Except in very exceptional circumstances, embankments, cuttings and formation should not be utilised for the construction of defensive works whilst the railway is in action.
- 2. Should it be found absolutely necessary to construct defensive works along a railway line which is in traffic every endeavour should be made to avoid undercutting embankments or breaking away cuttings.
- 3. Under no circumstances, should railway cuttings or embankments be used for the construction of dugouts.
- 4. In the case of railway lines which are closed to traffic, as far as possible only such works should be constructed as will not interfere with the immediate resumption of traffic, should the line become operative again!"

Headquarters.  
3.5.1918.

*R. Manning* Major, R.A.,  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.



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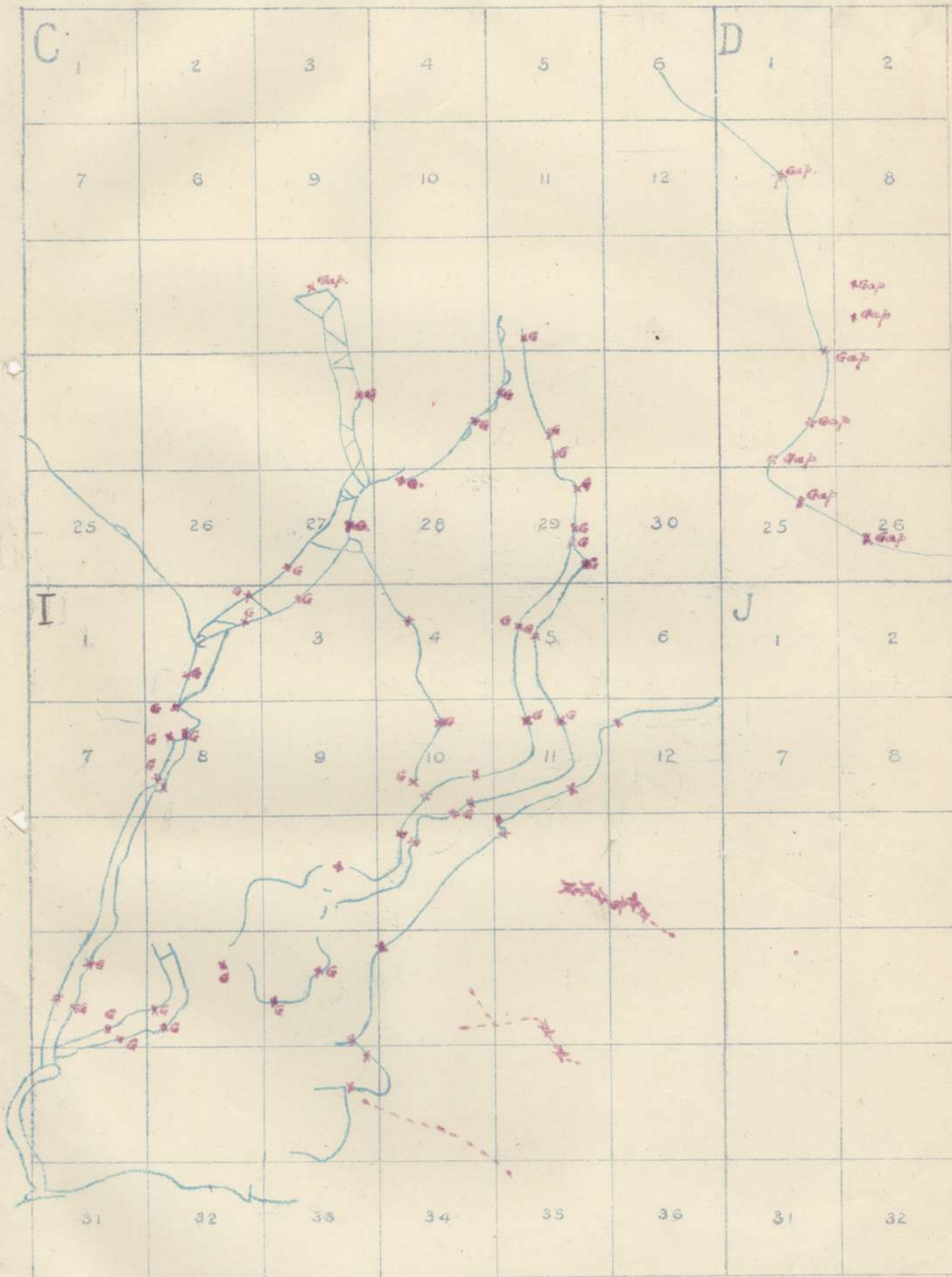
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Artillery Routes Through Second Zone **APPENDIX**

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Ref. Map Sheet 62A

Scale 1/40,000



*Note: Trenches at places marked x have been either filled in or Bridged*

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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S.5/92/5.

To. Right & Left Art. Groups.  
G.B.S.O., Aust. Corps.  
R.A. Aust. Corps.

The following gas bombardments will be carried out on Night 3rd/4th May,  
in conjunction with Australian Corps Heavy Artillery:-

Target.	Engaged by.	Time	Nature of Shell.	Rate of Fire.	Remarks.
Battery at E.28.a.5.7.	103rd Bty.	10.30 - 10.33 p.m.	B N C	4 rds per gun p min.	Should conditions be unsuitable for gas, the programme will be carried out, but H.E. will be used.
		10.33 - 10.43 p.m.	Lachrnty	2 " " " " "	
		4 am - 4.3 a.m.	B N C	4 " " " " "	
		4.3 am - 4.13 a.m.	Lachrnty	2 " " " " "	
Battery at K.14.d.38.01	106 Bty. D/108 " D/189 "	ditto.	ditto.	ditto.	

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Headquarters.  
3.5.1918.

*R. G. Fanning* Major, R.A.,  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.54.

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Ref.Map : 62 D.N.E.1/20,000.

(1) INTENTION.- On the Night 5th/6th May, 1918, the 9th.Aust.Inf. Brigade will carry out an operation to advance our line and establish a series of Posts along a North and South line through K.7.c.central. and K.13.c.central.

(2) ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS. Following number of guns will take part in the Barrage which will cover the Infantry advance..

LEFT GROUP, 3rd.Aust.D.A.	- 30 (18-pdrs)	12 (4.5" Hows)
RIGHT GROUP, " " "	- 34 " "	12 "
150th.Bde R.F.A. )	- 18 " "	6 "
attchd. 5th.Aust.D.A.)		

The attached Tracing shews :-

- (1) The boundaries between the Groups (for this operation only)
- (2) The Start Line, and the subsequent lifts for the 18-pdr. barrage.
- (3) Protective and flank barrages (18-pdr).
- (4) Length of time barrage rests on each line.

Time-Table and Rates of Fire for 18-Pdrs. are as follows :

ZERO to ZERO plus 3 mins.	- 4 rds. p.g.p.m.	- Start Line.
" plus 3m. to ZERO plus 6m	- 3 " "	- Advance 100 yds.
" " 6m. " " " 9m	- 3 " "	" 100 yds.
" " 9m. " " " 12m	- 3 " "	" 150 yds.
" " 12m. " " " 14m	- 1 " "	" 200 yds.
" " 14m. " " " 16m	- 1 " "	" 200 yds.
" " 16m. " " " 46m	- 1 " p.g.p. 4 min-	" 100 yds.

and form Protective Barrage.

75% 'A' and 25% 'AX' (no 106 Fuzes) to be used.

Exceptions to the above.-

LEFT GROUP-- Flank Barrage (6 18-pdr. guns) from K.7.a.5.8. to K.7.b.4.0. will be at the rate of 1 rd. p.g.p.m. throughout.

150th.Bde. ) Rate of fire up to the Protective Barrage line -  
R.F.A.attd.) 2 rds. p.g.p.m. On the Protective Barrage  
5th.Aus.D.A) line - 1 rd. p.g.p. 4 mins.

(3) 4.5" HOWS. All Hows. will open at ZERO HOUR on the Protective Barrage Line, and remain until Zero plus 12 mins., when they will lift on to likely assembly areas not less than 400 yards East of the Protective Barrage Line. 106 Fuzes will be used throughout. Rate of fire - 1 rd. per How. per minute.

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(4)  
ARRANGEMENTS  
PRIOR TO ZERO  
HOUR.

Ordinary harassing fire will be carried out at the usual rates.

(5)  
HEAVY ARTIL-  
LERY.

The B.C., H.A., has arranged to assist with C.B. work from Zero to Zero plus 45 minutes.

(6)  
S.O.S.  
ARRANGEMENTS.

From Zero Hour onwards, the S.O.S. barrage will, if required, be placed on the Protective Barrage Line; the line for the Left Group running from K.7.b.4.0. to K.7.a.0.5., thence Northwards as before.

(7)  
LIAISON  
ARRANGEMENTS.

All liaison arrangements will be made by O.C., Right Art. Group direct with 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade. G.O.C.,

(8)  
ZERO HOUR.

ZERO HOUR will be 9 p.m., 5th May, 1918.

(9)  
WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised at 9th Aust. Inf. Bde Headquarters (J.l.d.05.30) at 5.30 p.m. on 5.5.18. Each Artillery Brigade concerned will send an Officer to the 9th A.I. Bde Headquarters at that hour. An Officer from 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. will synchronise with C.B.S.O. at the same hour.

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ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W.A. Nicholls*

Headquarters.  
4.5.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Distribution:-

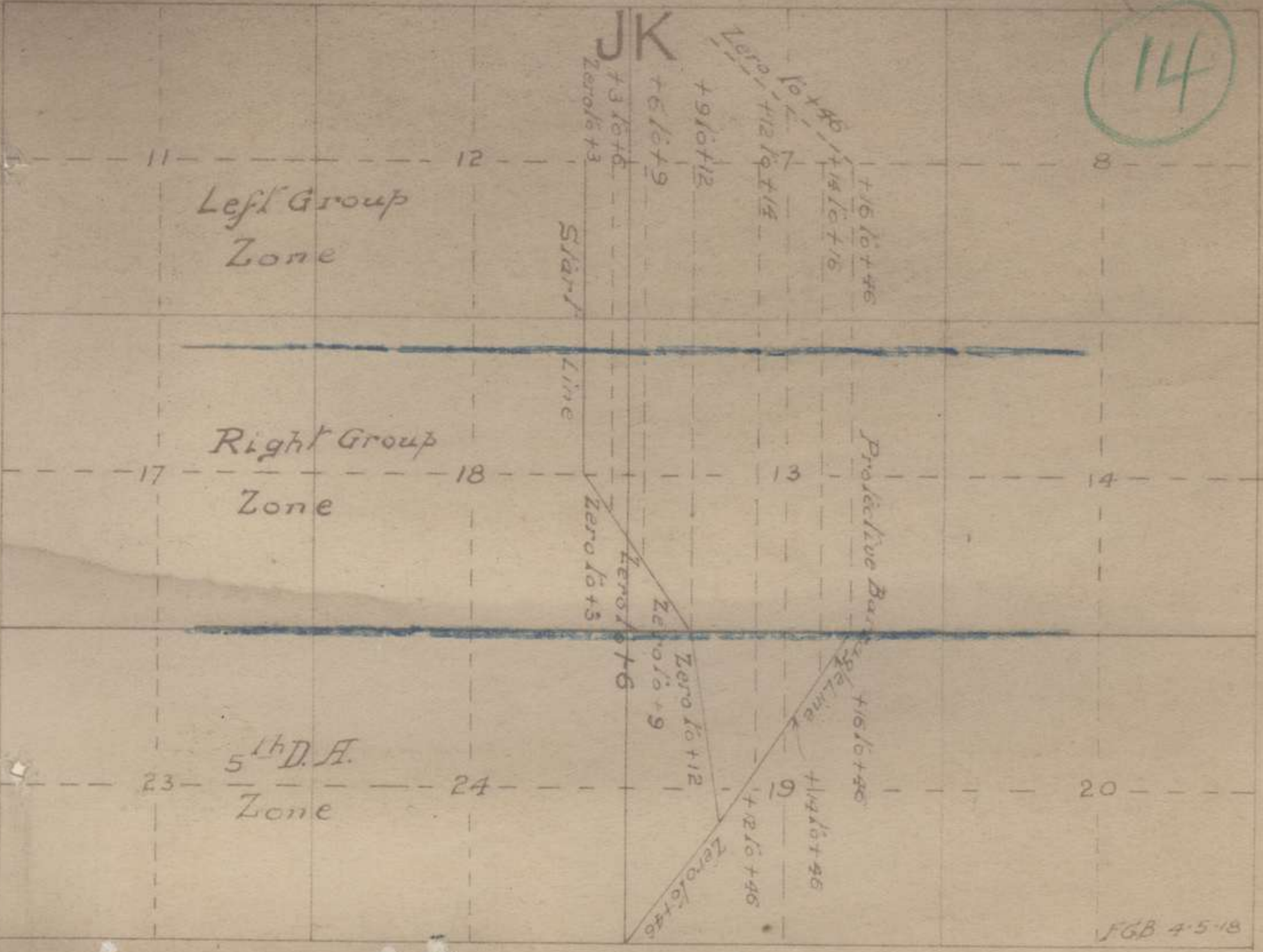
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3rd Aust. Div. G.	3.	9th Aust. Inf Bde.	15/16.
Right Group Art.	4/5.	C.R.A.	17.
Left Art. Group.	6/7.	B.M., R.A.	18.
7th A.F.A. Bde.	8.	S.C., R.A.	19.
8th A.F.A. Bde.	9.	R.A. Sig. Ofcr.	20.
5th Aust. D.ART.	10.	R.O., R.A.	21.
2nd " "	11.	War Diary.	22/24.
C.B.S.O., Aust. Corps	12.	File.	25.

Barrage Map H

Ref Map Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> NE 1/20,000

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To.

- Right Art. Group.
- 5th Aust. Div. Art.
- Left Art. Group.
- 7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes.
- R.A. Aust. Corps.
- 3rd Aust. Div. "G".
- 9th A.I. Br.

for info.

*May.*

At 9 p.m. on the night 4/5th ~~April~~ *May*, 1918, the 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade will carry out a minor operation.

There will be no shooting throughout the night on Squares K.19.a.a. and c.c. and K.25.a.

The S.O.S. line from 8 p.m., 4.5.1918, until further orders, will be J.30.central. to K.19.c.c.0.0; to K.19.c.c.60.75. to K.13.c.c.6.0. to K.13.a.c.0.0. to J.12.d.90.95., thence as usual.

Right Group and 5th Aust. D.A. to please acknowledge by wire.

Headquarters  
4.5.1918.

*R. H. Murray*  
Major, R.A.,  
pro B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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--- PENDING ORDER ---

To. 100th Army Bde. R.F.A.  
100th " " " "

The following artillery reliefs are provided for in Australian Corps Order No. 95 (dated 2nd May):-

" The 3rd Aust. Div. Artly will relieve the 100th and 100th Army Brigades, R.F.A. in the 3rd Aust. Divl Sector on the night 7th/8th inst. - To be complete by 10.0 p.m. night 7th/8th inst.

The 100th and 100th Army Brigades, R.F.A. will move into Corps Reserve in the SALIENT Area on 8th inst."

Further orders will be issued in the matter.

Headquarters.  
6.5.1918.

*[Signature]* Major, R.A.,  
R.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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APPENDIX (17)  
B.M.596/1.

The following is an extract from 3rd Australian Defensive Instruction No.6 - "Divisional Left Flank Protection" :-

" It is considered desirable to plan defensive measures with a view to the following contingency -

- (a) The Divisional Front system, between the SOMME and the ANCRE, not being heavily engaged by the enemy; and
- (b) The Division on our Left, after using up its Divisional Reserves, being compelled to relinquish its FORWARD ZONE.

The object is to prevent the enemy turning our Left flank; and to maintain a Left Flank Defence, either passively or actively, for a sufficient period to enable Corps Reserves to restore the situation on our Left.

Switch Line will be forthwith reconnoitred and wired, - but not dug, - extending from the ANCRE in D.30.b., North Westerly to include existing work in Cemetery in D.23.d., thence to Divisional Boundary near D.23.central, thence to D.16.central, across plateau 105 in D.16.a., thence Westerly, to include BRISLE to us, joining the RAIZIEUX System in D.7.d.

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In the event of a situation arising/will involve the manning of this switch line by this Division; the sector between the ANCRE and the Divisional Boundary will be manned and defended by the Left Brigade; out of its own reserves; - but with the addition of two sections of Vickers Machine Guns at present in Divisional Reserve in RIBEMONT.

Upon a definite order from Divisional Headquarters, but not otherwise, the Reserve Brigade will take over the responsibility for manning the portion of the new switch line, North of Divisional Boundary - total length, about 4,200 yds. - For this purpose the Reserve Brigade may employ the "B", "C", and "D" Battalions, - but not the "A" Battalion."

Change in Artillery dispositions to cover this switch will be as follows:-

Right Artillery Group will take over from Left Art. Group the responsibility of the line as far North as the River ANCRE.

Left Artillery Group, as at present constituted, will be broken up.

6th/

6th Army Brigade, A.F.A. will be responsible for the front from North of the River ANCRE to D.23.central.; and will be then known as the Centre Group.

The Left Group will be reformed, to consist of the 7th A.F.A. Brigade, which will remain in its present position, and the 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A., which will withdraw to its Second Zone position; the whole under the command of Lieut-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.C.

- Headquarters with G.O.C., 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade, FRANVILLERS. This Group will cover the front from D.23.central. along the Switch Line North West to D.7.d. Lieut-Col. STEVENSON will get into immediate touch with the G.O.C., 11th A.I. Brigade, and will issue the necessary orders for the carrying into effect of this scheme.

The above changes will not take place without special orders from D.A.H.Q.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*W.A. Nicholls*

Headquarters.  
4.5.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Distribution:-

R.A., Aust. Corps.	5th Aust. Div. Art.
H.A. " "	
3rd Aust. Div. "G".	3rd Aust. D.A.C.
Right Art. Group.	3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.
Left Art. Group.	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
6th Bde, R.G.A.	10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
7th A.F.A. Bde.	11th Aust. Inf. Bde.
8th A.F.A. Bde.	R.A. Sig. Ofcr.

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To : Right & Left Arty. Grps.  
7th. & 8th.A.F.A.Bdes.  
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Steps will immediately be taken for the selection of Battery positions for covering the 3rd Zone.  
Map 62 D. N.W. 1/20,000. is forwarded herewith shewing -

1. Areas in which battery positions will be selected to cover the 3rd Zone.- These are shewn on the map as follows :-
 

(a) Left Group.	...	...	RED.
(b) Right Group.	...	...	GREEN.
(c) Superimposed Bde.	...	...	ORANGE.
(d) Reserve Brigade.	...	...	BROWN.
(e) Alternative Area	...	...	YELLOW.
  
2. Likely areas for battery positions for occupation during the withdrawal, if necessary.- These are marked in BLUE.



Headquarters,  
5.5.1918.

(Sgd) W.A. NICHOLLS Major R.A.  
B.M.,R.A., 3rd. Australian Divn.

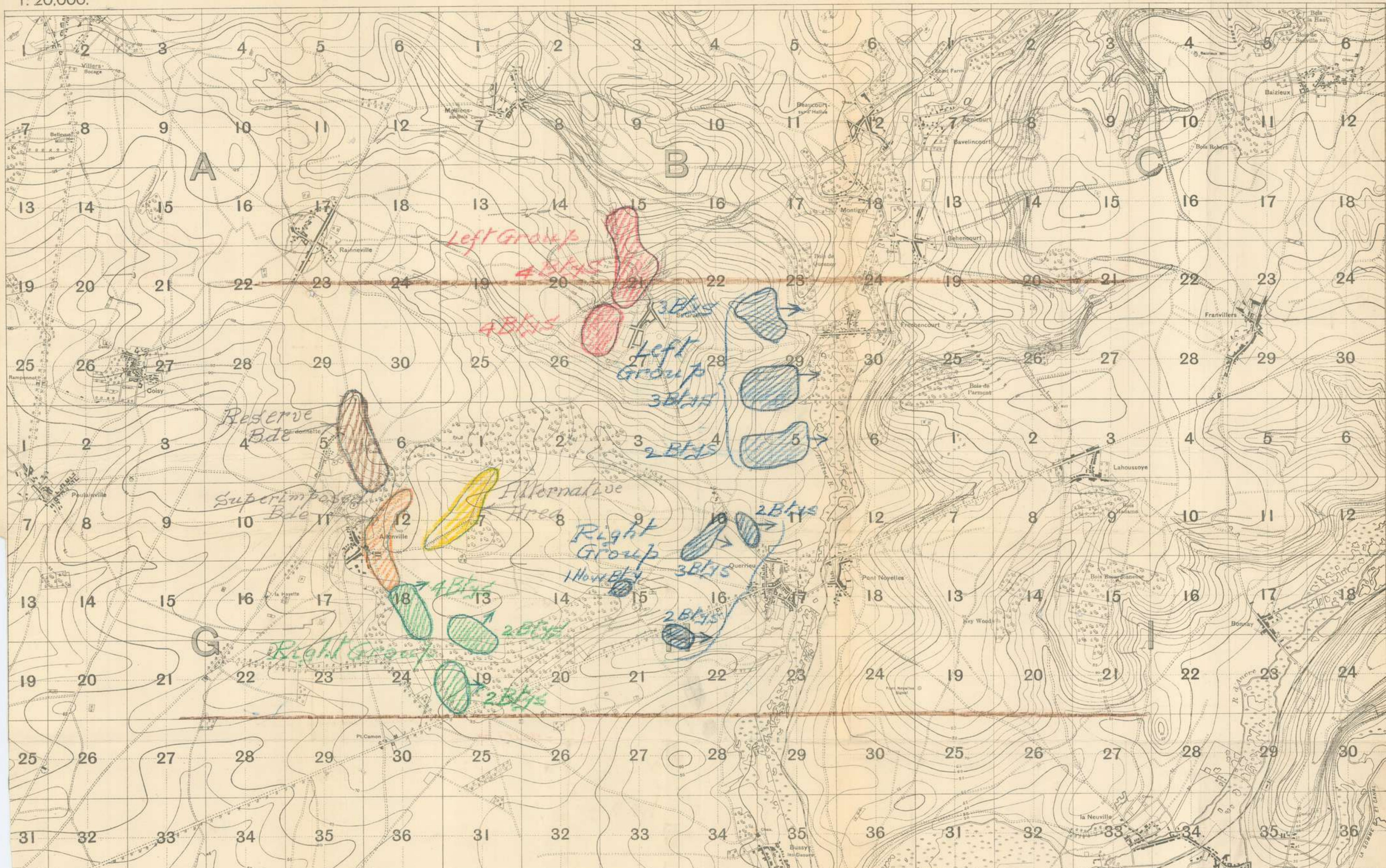


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SHEET 62° N.W.



G.S.G.S. 2742

Scale 1:20,000  
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Ordnance Survey, (O.S.) April, 1918.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
5th May, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 41.

1. GRAZING OF ANIMALS: In future, all animals found grazing on growing crops will be impounded by the A.P.M., who will hand them over for safe keeping to the nearest horse lines. The Officer in charge of these horse lines will receive these animals into safe keeping, and hand them over only under authority of the A. P. M.

The name of the officer who is in charge of the animals found grazing will be recorded, and, in the event of any subsequent claim being submitted by the owner of the crop, he will be called upon to contribute to the value of the damage in addition to any disciplinary action which may be taken for neglect to obey orders.

It must be clearly understood that no grazing is allowed without the written authority of the owner of the crop. This authority must be produced on demand.

2. BILLETING IN TOWNS. In view of the number of mixed troops billeted in the villages of this Area, the Senior officer in immediate command of troops billeted in any building will be held responsible for the cleanliness and sanitary state of billets, irrespective of the unit to which he belongs.

The practice of emptying waste products into middens must be discontinued in the interests of the health of the troops.

In the towns of FRANVILLERS and LA HOUSOYE, no other horses than Officers' Charges will be kept in stables, and those only in stables which have been authorised by the Town Major.

3. WATERING OF HORSES AT FRANVILLERS. The number of horses watered at FRANVILLERS must be kept at an absolute minimum, and only those which the tactical situation requires should be kept in the immediate vicinity of FRANVILLERS.

(Sgd) ROBT. E. JACKSON, Lt-Colonel.  
A.A.&Q.M.G. 3rd Australian Division.

✓ Crop includes Grass.

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To

7th & 8th Aust. F.A. Brigades,  
3rd & 6th (Army) Aust. F.A. Brigades,  
106th & 189th Army Brigades, R.F.A.  
3rd Aust. D.A.C., & 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.

Above forwarded for information and necessary action.

*J. J. O'Neill*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain R.A.,  
3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters,  
5-5-18.

*War diary*

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To. Right & Left Art. Group.  
7th & 8th A.F.A. Bde.  
3rd Aust. D.A.C. & D.T.M.O.

S.5/102/1.

The following is copy of a communication received from Headquarters, 3rd Aust. Division:-

" The Australian Corps hands over to the III Corps the command of the area North of the present 3rd Australian Divisional boundary, and all troops therein, at 12 noon, 6th May, 1918.

Consequent on this <sup>change</sup> the following moves are to take place:-

1. Australian Corps Headquarters moves to BERTANGLES by 12 noon, 6th May, 1918.
2. 18th Division relieves the 47th <sup>Division</sup> in the area from the 3rd Australian Divisional Northern boundary to ~~Epa.~~ 60.75. on night 6th/7th May, 1918. The 55th Brigade does not move. Headquarters of Division will be at BAVELINCOURT.
3. The C.R.A., 18th Division assumes command of the Artillery covering the 18th Division at 9 a.m., 7th May, 1918.
4. The C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division will continue to command the Artillery covering the 47th Division."

Headquarters.  
5.5.1918.

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*W. J. Nicholls*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M.597.

To : Right & Left Arty. Grps.  
7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades.  
3rd. Aust. D.A.C. 3rd. D.T.M.O.  
R.A. Sig. Offer. R.O.R.A.

The following from 3rd Aust. Divn. is forwarded for  
your information :-

" The 18th Division (less Artillery, 55th Inf. Bde. and 2 M.G. Coys)  
is being transferred to AUSTRALIAN CORPS on the 4th & 5th instant,  
and will be located in 47th Division Area. "

Headquarters,  
5.5.1918.

*W. B. Nicholls*

Major R.A.  
B.M.R.A. 3rd Australian Divn.

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- 1 Copy C.R.A.
- 1 " " (for information)
- 1 " File.

Headquarters,  
3rd Aust. Divl. Salvage Coy.  
4-5-18.

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Return showing Artillery returned shell cases; Clips, etc., for the period week ending 2nd May, 1918.

Returned to A.P.P. from Batteries through D.A.C. etc.

By whom returned	Description & No. of returned empties etc.									
	Shell cases		Clips 18-pr	Nosecaps 18-pr		Covers Rubber 4.5	Boxes 4.5		Car's Hesn 4.5	Adptrs 4.5
	18-pr.	4.5		Rubber	Brass		Tin Chgs	Shell Woodn		
3rd B.A.C.	468	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7th Batty.	1400	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
8th "	866	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9th "	1615	"	2783	"	"	2425	"	"	"	"
14th "	478	"	Nil	"	"	Nil	"	"	"	"
16th "	1217	"	909	"	682	"	"	"	"	"
17th "	1600	"	1075	"	783	843	"	"	"	"
18th "	2650	"	Nil	"	Nil	Nil	"	"	"	"
25th "	980	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
26th "	150	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
27th "	560	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
29th "	593	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
30th "	360	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
31st "	2139	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
103rd "	Nil	300	"	"	"	"	450	"	"	"
106th "	"	2631	"	"	"	2300	1453	392	292	140
107th "	"	700	"	"	"	Nil	Nil	285	Nil	Nil
108th Bde	3092	730	4100	"	"	"	"	Nil	25	"
189th Bde	1097	637	1000	"	"	"	143	"	Nil	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>19266</b>	<b>4988</b>	<b>9867</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>1465</b>	<b>5568</b>	<b>2046</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>140</b>

Returns to Railhead from A.R.P. by Salvage Company.

Description & No. of returned empties etc.										
Shell cases		Clips 18-pr	Nosecaps 18-pr		Covers Rubber 4.5	Boxes Woodn 18-pr	Boxes 4.5		Cars Hesn 4.5	Adptrs 4.5
18-pr.	4.5		Rubber	Brass			Tin Chgs	Shell Woodn		
52780	25328	46480	12500	11580	Nil	9168	3200	7299	1201	Nil

(Sgd) J. WALLEY, Captain.  
3rd Aust. Divl. Salvage Coy.

NOTE. Attention is invited to the huge difference between receipts from Units and returns to Railhead. This can only be accounted for by Units returning salvage and obtaining no receipts for same. This return is based entirely upon bona-fide receipts only, and credit therefore cannot be given if the designation of the Unit returning is not known. I would be pleased if Batteries attention could be drawn to this matter.

To

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7th & 8th Aust. F. A. Brigades,  
3rd & 6th (Army) Aust. F.A.Bgdes.,  
108th & 189th Army Bgdes. R.F.A.  
3rd Aust. D. A. C.  
3rd Aust. Divl. Salvage Officer) For information.

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Above return of empties and components for period week ending 2nd May, 1918, forwarded for information and distribution to Batteries.

Headquarters,  
5-5-18.

J. Morell, Captain,  
Staff Captain R.A.,  
3rd Australian Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To : Right & Left Arty. Grps.  
7th & 8th. A.F.A. Bdes.  
R.A. Sig. Offer. R.O.R.A.

B.M. 595.

The following from Wireless Section, No. 3 Squadron, A.F.C., is forwarded for your information :-  
" Squadron Call Letters from Sunday 5.5.18. (am).

	<u>3rd Aust. Sqdn.</u>	<u>35th Sqdn R.A.F.</u>
Sunday.	Y	J
Monday.	B	Z
Tuesday.	V	K
Wednesday.	M	A
Thursday.	C	Y
Friday.	J	B
Saturday.	Z	V

In future letters to be used for designating targets will be as follows :

	<u>A Flight.</u>	<u>B Flight.</u>	<u>C Flight.</u>
3rd Aust. Sqdn.	K	O	L
35th Sqdn.	H	N	F
8th "	F	J	W
82nd "	M	Q	R "

Headquarters,  
5.5.1918.



*Although not for*  
Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division.

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Amendment No.1 to O.O.54.

Para 2, last line of time table.

For. "Zero plus 16 m. to Zero plus 46 m. 1 rd p.g.  
p. 4 min. Advance 100 yds and form  
Protective Barrage"

READ. "Zero plus 16 m. to Zero plus 1 hour. 1 rd p.g.  
p. 4 min. Advance 200 yds and form  
Protective Barrage"

Map to be altered accordingly.

Para. 3, 2nd line.

After. "Barrage Line"

INSERT. " K.13.d.4.0. to K.7.b.4.0."

Para. 8.

For "ZERO HOUR will be 9 p.m., 5th May, 1918."

READ. "ZERO HOUR will be 11.45 p.m., 5th May, 1918."

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W. A. Nicholls*

Headquarters.  
5.5.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
D.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

To All Recipients of O.O. 54



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY -- LOCATION REPORT.

Ref. Map 52 D.1/40,000.

C.R.A. BRIG. GEN. H.W. GRIMWADE. C.M.G.

3rd. D.A.H.Q. ST. GRATIEN.

BRIGADE	BATTERY	GUN LOCATION	W.L. LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE	OFFICER COMMANDING.
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>					
189th. ARMY BDE. R.F.A.	H.Q.	J.1.d.05.30.	BEHENCOURT		LT. COL. L.T. RAIKES. D.S.O.
	34th.	J.14.c.15.35.	"	78° - 135°	Major. M.J.R. WOOD.
	B/189th.	J.19.b.0.8. (4)	"	40° - 137°	Capt. F.M. FORSELL. M.C.
		J.14.d.95.65 (2)	"	56° - 142°	
	C/189th.	J.16.a.1.3. (3)	"	70° - 130°	Major. F.B. GARNER. M.C.
		J.16.a.4.7. (2)	"		
		J.16.a.8.1. (1)	"		
D/189th.	(Anti-tank) J.14.c.4.6.	"	55° - 135°	Major. J. SIMONDS.	
B.A.C.		"			
<u>108th. ARMY BDE. R.F.A.</u>					
108th. ARMY BDE. R.F.A.	H.Q.	J.1.a.30.90.	H.17.d.		LT. COL. N.A. STEBBINGS D.S.O.
	A/108th.	J.10.a.30.80.	"	65° - 150°	Major. C.E.B. DENNIS D.S.O.
	B/108th.	J.15.a.20.30.	"	77° - 160°	Major. F.H. Le BRETON.
	C/108th.	J.14. Central (2)	"		Major. C.J. CURTIES.
		J.13.c.90.30. (4)	"	60° - 140°	
	D/108th.	J.9.d.20.60. (2)	"	62° - 177°	Lt. L.E. B. SAUNDERS.
	B.A.C.	J.9.a.35.50. (4)	"		
			H.15.b.30.60.		Capt. E.D.L. SAUNDERS.
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u>					
6th. ARMY BDE. A.F.A.	H.Q.	J.1.c.85.85.	FRECHENCOURT		LT. COL. H.E. COHEN. D.S.O.
	16th.	D.21.o.9.2. (5)	B.30.c.1.1.	93° - 140°	Major. H.S.W. PARKER.
		D.22.c.3.2. (1)	"		
		(Anti-tank)	"		
	17th.	J.3.a.5.5.	H.6.a.0.8.	60° - 120°	Major H.R. HALLARD.
	18th.	J.3.b.3.7.	H.6.a.8.2.	62° - 133°	Major F.H. FERRYMAN.
	106th.	J.3.a.5.2.	B.30.d.8.2.	64° - 127°	Major. A.W. GRAINGER.
B.A.C.		I.1.a.1.C.		Capt. F.W. HEBB.	
		C.23.c.8.6.			
		(Forward)			Major B.H. LENEHAN

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BRIGADE	BATTERY	GUN LOCATION	W.L. LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE	OFFICER COMMANDING.
<u>LEFT GROUP (CONT)</u>					
3rd. ARMY BDE. A.F.A.	H.Q.	D.14.a.10.10.	FRANVILLERS		LT. COL. G. I. STEVENSON. C.M.G.
	7th.	D.22.a.00.45.	"	0° to 180°	Major. A. P. CRIST.
	8th.	D.15.a.28.07.	"	"	Capt. C. G. STEWART.
	9th.	D.15.b.09.41.	"	"	T/Major P. E. COOPER.
	103rd.	D.21.b.35.60.	"	"	Capt. A. H. SMITH.
<u>7th. A.F.A. BRIGADE.</u>					
	H.Q.	J.1.a.1.8. (Forward.) FRANVILLERS. (Rear.)			Major. J. M. IRWIN.
	25th.	C.30.d.95.55.	I.6.a.(Fwd.) B.30.d.4.1. (Rear.)	73° - 142°	Capt. D. L. DAVIES. M.G.
	26th.	J.1.a.2.5.	I.5.Cent.(Fwd) Q.3(c.d.Cent. (Rear.)	83° - 125°	Capt. H. J. H. GLOVER. D.S.O.
	27th.	J.1.a.3.4.	I.5.c.5.4. (Forward.) B.30.d.99.30. (Rear.)	54° - 134°	Capt. H. ROURKE.
	107th.	J.1.a.2.3.	I.5.d.6.6. (Forward.) H.6.a. Cent. (Rear.)	83° - 109°	MAJOR. W. L. MARFELL.
<u>8th. A.F.A. BRIGADE.</u>					
	H.Q.	C.2.5.d.6.6.	C.25.d.6.6.	0° - 180°	LEUT. J. C. W. G. ALLSOP. D.S.O.
	29th.	I.9.b.7.5.	H.11.b.7.3.	"	Major. T. STANEY.
	30th.	I c h 3 0.	H.6.b.2.5.	"	Capt. G. B. OWEN.
	31st.	I.9. Central.	H.11.b.98.60.	"	Capt. G. G. D. FERRIER. M.C.
	100th.	I.9.c.2.0.	I.1.c.5.5.	"	Capt. W. A. AUDSLEY.

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BRIGADE	BATTERY	GUN LOCATION	W.L. LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE	OFFICER COMMANDING.
"X" GROUP. 6th. BDE. R.G.A.	H.Q. ●.25.b.5.0. 109 Heavy Battery	C.25.b.5.0. I.6.b.11.66.(2) I.6.d.79.87.(2)		80° - 140°	LT. COL. J.Y.H. RIDOUT. A/Major L.B. DUFTON.
	114 " "	I.17.a.38.03.(4) H.18.b.8.5.(2)		70° - 165°	A/Major T.G. CROSSE.
	245 Siege Battery	I.12.c.37.30.(4) I.17.b.18.56.(2)		80° - 140°	A/Major C.Q.L. PENROSE M.C.
	111 " "	I.22.b.72.02.(2) I.27.b.84.92.(2)		30° - 140°	Major O.A. BELL M.C.
27th. BDE. R.G.A.	H.Q. 25 Heavy Battery	I.9.a.1.9. I.28.b.33.32.(4) I.14.c.7.7.(2)		70° - 160°	LT. COL. G.N. HILL. A/Major H. HUTLEY.
	144 " "	I.33.b.1.6.(4) I.26.d.55.40.(2)		45° - 150°	A/Major W.F. ARMSTRONG.
	110 Siege Battery	I.11.d.80.00.(4) I.17.d.18.88.(2)		80° - 140°	A/Major H. Campbell.
	216 " "	J.7.a.22.41.(4) I.17.b.33.17.(2)		60° - 150°	A/Major R.T. CARTER.
	33 " "	H.24.b.4.8.(4)		110° - 150°	A/Major C.O. HEZLET D.S. D.S.O.
	504 " "	H.16.b.4.3.(2) I.14.b.85.90.(2)		30° - 120°	A/Major P.M. PEARCE.

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3rd AUST. D. TRENCH MFO TARS ~~D.T.M.O.~~ CAPT. R.S. SCARR. M.C.

Headquarters.

LA HOUSOYE.

J.5.b.82.40. )  
 J.5.b.73.45. )  
 D.30.c.32.70. )  
 D.30.a.95.00. )

Defensive  
 Positions.

J.5.b.72.00.  
 E.25.a.20.75.

Offensive  
 Positions.

3rd. AUST. D. A. C.

MAJOR. A.B. SALDFORD.

Headquarters.

PONT NOYELLES.

Nos. 1.2. and S.A.A.  
 Sections.

H.6.a.2.3.

267th. Coy. A.S.C.  
 9th. AUST. INF BRIGADE.  
 10th. " " "

H.17.b.8.5.  
 FRECHENCOURT.  
 HEILLY. (ADV.)  
 C.29.c.00.50. (Rear.)

11th. " " "

J.1.d.05.30. (Adv.)  
 I.14.a.30.10. (Rear.)  
 PONT NOYELLES.

D.A.D.C.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn.  
 I.O.M. 17 and 47.  
 Ammunition re-filling point.

CARDONETTE.  
 H.18.a.5.2.

(Amendments to be immediately notified to this office.)

*A.B. Salford*

Headquarters,  
 5.4.1918.

Lieutenant,  
 Reconnaissance Officer  
 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

(SECRET)

S.5/105.

To. 108th Army Bde, R.F.A.  
189th " " " "

Warning Order, dated 4.5.1918, regarding the relief on night 7th/8th inst of the 108th and 189th Army Brigades, R.F.A. by the 2nd Aust. Divsl Artillery, is hereby cancelled.

*W. J. Nicholls*

Headquarters.  
6.5.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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B.M. 596/2.

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The following is an extract from 3rd Australian Defensive Instruction No.6 - "Divisional Left Flank Protection" -

"It is considered desirable to plan defensive measures with a view to the following contingency -

- (a) The Divisional Front system, between the SOMME and the ANCRE, not being heavily engaged by the enemy; and
- (b) The Division on our Left, after using up its Divisional Reserves, being compelled to relinquish its FORWARD SOMME.

The object is to prevent the enemy turning our Left Flank; and to maintain a Left Flank Defence, either passively or actively, for a sufficient period to enable Corps Reserves to restore the situation on our Left.

Switch Line will be forthwith reconnoitred and wired, - but not dug, - extending from the ANCRE in D.30.b., North Westerly to include existing work in Cemetery in D.23.d., thence to Divisional Boundary near D.23.central, thence to D.16. central, across plateau 105 in D.16.a., thence Westerly to include BRÉSIE to us, joining the BAIZIUX system in D.7.d.

In the event of a situation arising which will involve the manning of this switch line by this Division, the sector between the ANCRE and the Divisional boundary will be manned and defended by the Left Brigade, out of its own reserves; - but with the addition of two sections of Vickers Machine Guns at present in Divisional Reserve in RIBEMONT.

Upon a definite order from Divisional Headquarters, but not otherwise, the Reserve Brigade will take over the responsibility for manning the portion of the new switch line, North of Divisional boundary - total length, about 4,200 yards. - For this purpose the Reserve Brigade may employ "B", "C", and "D" Battalions - but not the "A" Battalion."

Change in Artillery dispositions to cover this switch will be as follows:-

Right Artillery Group, less 108th Army Bde, R.F.A., will remain covering the front of the Right Infantry Brigade (9th).

Left Artillery Group, as at present constituted, will be broken up.

A new Centre Group (C.O., Lt-Col. H. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.) consisting of 108th Army Bde, R.F.A. and 6th Aust. Army Bde, F.A., will be formed, and will be responsible for the front of the Left Infantry Brigade (10th) as far North as D.23.central.

The Left Group will be re-formed, to consist of the 7th Aust F.A. Brigade, which will remain in its present position, and the 3rd Aust Army Bde, F.A., which will withdraw to its Second Zone position; the whole under the command of Lt-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. Headquarters with G.O.C., Reserve Brigade (11th Aust. Inf. Bde), - FRANVILLERS. This Group will cover the front from D.23.central, along the switch line North West to D.7.d. Lt-Col. STEVENSON will get into immediate touch with the G.O.C., 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Above changes will not take place without special orders from D.A.H.Q. This memo cancels B.M.596/1 of 4.5.1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters.  
6.5.1918.

*W.A. Nichols*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

D.F.O.

Distribution:-

- R.A., Aust. Corps.
- H.A., Aust. Corps.
- 3rd Aust. Div. "G"
- Right Art. Group.
- Left Art. Group.
- 6th Bde, R.G.A.
- 7th A.F.A. Bde.
- 8th A.F.A. Bde.
- 5th Aust. Div. Art.
- 2nd Aust. Div. Art.
- 3rd Aust. D.A.C.
- 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.
- 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 10th " " "
- 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- G.R.A.
- B.M., E.A.
- S.C., R.A.
- R.A. Sig. Ofcr.
- R.O., R.A.
- War Diary.
- File.

Upon a definite order from Divisional Headquarters, the Reserve Brigades will take over the responsibility for covering the portion of the new front line, North of Divisional boundary - total length about 4,500 yards. For this purpose the Reserve Brigades will employ "A", "G", and "D" Battalions - the "A" Battalion.

Change in Artillery dispositions to cover this sector will be as follows:-

Right Artillery Group, less 108th Army Bde, R.F.A., will remain covering the front of the Right Reserve Brigade (2nd). Left Artillery Group, as at present constituted, will be broken up.

A new Centre Group (C.G.), Lt-Col. H. GONZALEZ, R.A.M.C. (2nd Lt.), consisting of 108th Army Bde, R.F.A. and 2nd Army Bde, R.A., will be formed, and will be responsible for the front of the Left Reserve Brigade (1st) as far back as D.23.0000.

The Left Group will be re-formed, to consist of the 7th and 8th Army Bdes, R.A., which will remain in the present position, and the 3rd Army Bde, R.A., which will withdraw to the second line position; the whole under the command of Lt-Col. G. J. STEVENSON, R.A.M.C. Headquarters with Lt-Col. Reserve Brigade (1st) and Lt-Col. STEVENSON. This group will cover the front from D.23.0000 to the Swiss line back west to D.7.0000. Lt-Col. STEVENSON will get immediate touch with the G.C.O., 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Above changes will not take place without special orders from D.A.H.Q. This memo concerns the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Approved: Lt-Col. H. GONZALEZ, R.A.M.C. (2nd Lt.)  
 Lt-Col. H. GONZALEZ, R.A.M.C. (2nd Lt.)  
 Lt-Col. H. GONZALEZ, R.A.M.C. (2nd Lt.)

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M.600.

To :  
Right & Left Arty. Groups.  
7th & 8th. A.F.A.Bdes.  
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ANTI-TANK GUNS.

Three 15-pdr Guns are being issued for use as Anti-Tank guns and will replace the 18-pdr at present being used for this purpose.

100 rounds per gun only will be available, and will be dumped at these guns.

Anti-Tank 15-pdrs. will be manned by personnel found by the Brigades to whom they are allotted.

Allotment is as follows :-

RIGHT ARTY. GRP. - 2 Guns.  
LEFT ARTY. GRP. - 1 Gun.

Headquarters,  
6.5.1918.

(Sgd) W.A. NICHOLLS Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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**"A" Form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix .....	Code..... m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Date .....
		At..... m.		Service.	From .....
		To .....			By .....
		By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO 5th Aust. Div. Arty.  
Left Arty. Bnp.  
6th Bde. R.G.A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* N/673.	6th.		

From 9.15 pm. S.O.S. Line will be  
K.7.b.6.0. - K.13.d.6.0. - K.19.d.6.4. -  
K.19.d.2.0. aaa acknowledge.

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From	3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.
Place	
Time	8 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) Sgd) W.A. NICHOLLS Major RA

Censor.

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code..... m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Service.
		At..... m.			From.....
		To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
		By.....			

TO Right Art. Grp. - 7th. A. F. A. Bde.  
6th Bde. R. G. A. - 2nd Aust. D. A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* N/675	6th		

From 9.15 pm. to-night Left Group S.O.S. Line  
will run K.7.b.6.0. - K.7.a.70.70. -  
K.l.c.15.30. - E.25<sup>5</sup>.c.20.30. - thence as  
before. aaa acknowledge.

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From	3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.
Place	
Time	9.20 pm.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Ref. Map: 62D. NE. - 1/20,000.

--- OPERATION ORDER No. 55. ---

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1. The following reliefs will take place:-

H.Q., Left Art. Group will be relieved by 8th H.Q., 8th A.F.A. Brigade.

7th A.F.A. Bde will relieve 3rd Aust. Army Bde, F.A. and vice-versa.

8th A.F.A. Bde will relieve 6th Aust. Army Bde, F.A. and vice-versa.

Lieut-Col. W.G. ALLESOP, D.S.O., will take over command of the Left Art. Group from Lieut-Col H. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Reliefs will take place on 9th May, 1918. Personnel only will be relieved; guns being exchanged.

2. All Defence Schemes will be handed over to relieving Units.

3. Arrangements for the relief to be made mutually between Group Commanders concerned.

4. Command of Batteries to pass on relief; Battery reliefs to be completed by 7 p.m., 9th May, 1918.

5. Command of Group passes at 8 p.m., 9.5.1918.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. A. Nicholls*

Headquarters.  
7.5.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Distribution:-

	<u>Copy.</u>		<u>Copy</u>
R.A., Aust. Corps.	No. 1	10th Aust. Inf B. No.	15.
H.A., Aust. Corps.	2	2d 3rd Sq. R.A.F.	16
3rd Aust. Div. G.	3	2d S.S.O., 3rd	
Right Art. Grp.	4/5	Aust. Divn.	17.
Left Art. Group.	6/7	067th Coy A.S.G.	18
7th A.F.A. Bde.	8	C.M.	19
8th A.F.A. Bde.	9	B.M., R.A.	20
5th Aust. D. Art.	10	S.O., R.A.	21
2nd Aust. D. Art.	11	R.A. Sig. Ofcr.	22
6th Bde, R.G.A.	12	R.O., R.A.	23
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	13	War Diary.	24/26
10th " " "	14	File.	27

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Ref. Map: 62D. S.H.  
1/20,000.

--- OPERATION ORDER No.56 ---

The 9th and 10th Aust. Infantry Brigades are carrying out a small operation this evening in conjunction with the Artillery Groups covering their fronts. This will involve leaving the front from K.7.b.6.0. to K.13.d.6.0. without covering Artillery fire whilst the operation is in progress, viz., from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The superimposed Artillery Brigade (7th A.F.A. Bde) will, from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. be responsible for covering this front in case of S.O.S.; the S.O.S. Line for this Brigade between these hours being 100 yards East of a line K.7.b.6.0. - K.13.d.6.0.

Before 9 p.m. and after 11 p.m. Groups will be responsible for their normal fronts in case of S.O.S.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Headquarters:  
7.5.1918.

*W. H. Nicholls*

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Distribution:

R.A., Aust. Corps - 3rd Aust. Div. G. - Right and Left Art. Groups - 7th A.F.A. Bde - 9th & 10th Aust. Inf. Bdes - C.R.A., B.M., R.A. - S.C., R.A. - R.O., R.A. - War Diary - File.

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B.M./591/2.

S.O.S. SIGNAL.

Bugles have now been installed, and 3 Gs. sounded on same will be a supplementary S.O.S.Signal.

The above will come into force at 12 midnight to-night - 7th/8th May, 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE.

Headquarters,  
7.5.1918.

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION :: R.A.Aust.Corps. Right Arty.Grp. 7th.A.F.A.Bde.  
H.A.Aust.Corps. Left Arty.Grp. 8th.A.F.A.Bde.  
5th.Aust.Div.Arty. 12th.Div.Arty. 6th.Bde.R.G.A.  
9th., 10., & 11th.Aust.Inf.Bdes. R.A.Sig.Officer.  
3rd.Aust.D.A.C. 3rd.Aust.D.T.M.O. C.R.A.  
B.M.R.A. R.O.R.A. WAR DIARY. File.

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**"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.		Service.	From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 6th Bde. R.G.A. - 5th Aust. D.A.  
18th Div. Arty. - Aust. Corps H.A.  
3rd. Aust. Divn. 'G'.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\* N/679. 7

A practice will take place this evening of  
bugle calls for S.O.S. purposes from 11.2 pm  
to 11.5 pm. aaa No S.O.S. action will take  
place by the artillery. aaa acknowledge.

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From 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.  
Place  
Time 7.30 pm.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Sgdy W.A. NICHOLLS Mjr.  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Army Form C. 2121.  
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### MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message .....

Prefix .....	Code .....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at .....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.
			At .....	m.		From .....
			To .....			By .....
			By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO ~~7th Aust. A. Brigade, Right & Left Artly.~~  
~~Groups 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Bn.~~ 6th Bde  
~~R.G.A. 8th A. Bde~~ *ICM DA*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1/673	7th		

Fifth Aust. D.A. proposes to hold a  
 business meeting advise practice of bugle calls  
 for S.O.S. purposes tonight 9.30 and 10.30 p.m.  
 see No action will be taken by 3rd Aust. Divl  
 Arty see Addressed all concerned. see  
 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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From	
Place	3rd Aust. Divl. Arty.
Time	

The above may be forwarded as not corrected. (Z) *J. Hill*  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

\* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.  
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**"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Service.
.....		At.....m.		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From.....
.....		To.....			By.....
.....		By.....			

TO	RIGHT ARTILLERY GROUP.	
	LEFT ARTILLERY GROUP.	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* SC.248.	6		

Reference B.M.600 of 6th inst arrange to  
 collect guns as allotted to you therein from  
 I.O.M. 22 and 23 Workshops PIQUIGNY by 6 pm  
 7th inst and advise completion.

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From	3rd Aust. D.A.
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) (Sgd) T. MORELL Capt.  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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**"A" Form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

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(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix .....	Code..... m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Service.
.....		At..... m.		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From .....
.....		To .....			By .....
.....		By .....			

TO 5th Aust. Div. Arty. - 6th Bde. R.G.A.  
Left Group Arty.

Sender's Number. * <u>N/677.</u>	Day of Month. <u>7</u>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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From receipt of this message Right Group  
S.O.S. Line will run as follows K.19.c.3.0. -  
K.19.b.6.0. - K.13.b.6.0. - K.7.b.6.0. aaa  
acknowledge.

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From 3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.  
Place .....

*The above may be forwarded as now corrected.*

**(Z) (Sgd) R.E.FANNING Major.**

Censor:

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
7th. May, 1918.

C.R.A.  
C.R.E.  
9th.Aust.Inf.Bde.  
10th. " " "  
11th. " " "  
3rd.Aust. M.G.Bn.  
3rd.Aust.Pioneer Bn.  
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Message received from GENERAL SIR HERBERT  
PLUMER, G.C.B., Commander of the Second Army. :-

" I congratulate the Third Australian Division on their  
latest success."

(Sgd) JOHN MONASH.

Major-General.  
Commanding 3rd Australian Division.

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

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY - LOCATION REPORT.

C.R.A. BRIG. GEN. H.W. GRIMWADE G.M.G. 3rd. D.A.H.Q. ST. GRATIEN.

BRIGADE	BATTERY	GUN LOCATION	W.L. LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE	OFFICER COMMANDING.
<b>RIGHT GROUP.</b>					
189th. ARMY BDE. R.F.A.	H.Q.	J.1.d.05.30.	BEHENCOURT		LT.COL. L.T. RAIKES D.S.O.
	34th.	J.14.c.17.36. (4)	"	75° - 130°	Major M.J.R. WOOD.
		J.15.a.44.53. (2)	"	60° - 130°	
	B/189.	J.19.b.02.98. (4)	"	78° - 135°	Capt. F.M. FORSELL. M.C.
		J.15.g.00.70. (2)	"	40° - 137°	
	C/189.	J.16.a.07.31. (3)	"		
		J.16.a.39.72. (2)	"	70° - 130°	Major F.B. GARNER. M.C.
		J.16.a.G.1. (1)	"		
		(Anti-tank)	"		
		D/189. B.A.G.	J.14.c.4.6.	"	55° - 135°
<b>108th. ARMY BDE. R.F.A.</b>					
108th. ARMY BDE. R.F.A.	H.Q.	J.1.a.30.90.	H.17.d.		LT.COL. N.A. STEBBING D.S.
	A/108th.	J.10.a.30.80.	"	55° - 150°	Major C.E.B. DENNISS D.S.
	B/108th.	J.15.a.20.30.	"	77° - 160°	Major F.H. Le BRETON
	C/108th.	J.14.Central (2)	"	60° - 140°	Major C.J. CURTIES.
		J.13.c.90.30. (4)	"	"	
	D/108th.	J.9.d.20.60. (2)	"	62° 177°	Lt. L.B.B. SAUNDERS.
		J.9.a.85.50. (4)	"		
	B.A.G.		H.15.b.30.60.		Capt. E.D.L. SAUNDERS.
<b>LEFT GROUP.</b>					
6th. ARMY BDE. A.F.A.	H. Q.	J.1.c.85.85.	FRECHENCOURT.		LT.COL. H.E. COHEN C.M.G. D.S.O.
	" 16th.	D.21.c.9.2. (5)	B.30.c.1.1.	93° - 140°	Major H.S.W. PARKER.
	"	D.22.c.3.2. (1)			
	"	(Anti-tank)			
	17th.	J.3.a.5.5.	H.6.a.0.8.	60° - 120°	Major. H.R. HALLARD.
	18th.	J.3.b.3.7.	H.6.a.5.2.	62° - 133°	Major F.H. BERRYMAN.
	106th.	J.3.a.5.2.	B.30.d.C.2.	64° - 127°	Major A.W. GRAINGER.
	B.A.G.		I.1.a.1.8. C.23.c.8.6. (Forward.)		Capt. F.W. HEBB. Major B.H. LENEHAN.

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FRIGADE	BATTERY	GUN LOCATION	W.-L. LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE	OFFICER COMMANDING.
<u>LEFT GROUP. (CONT.)</u>					
3rd. ARMY BDE. A.F.A.	H.Q.	D.13.d.55.75.	FRANVILLERS		LT.COL.G.I. STEVENSON. C.M.G.
	7th.	D.22.a.00.45.	"	0° - 100°	Major. A.P. CRISI.
	8th.	D.15.a.88.07.	"	"	Capt. C.G. STEWART.
	9th.	D.15.b.09.41.	"	"	Capt. F.W. FAULKNER.
	103rd.	D.21.b.65.60.	"	"	Major. P.E. COOPER.
<u>7th. A.F.A. BRIGADE.</u>					
	H.Q.	J.1.a.1.8. (Forward) FRANVILLERS (Rear.)			LT.COL.T.D.W. JAMES. D.S.O.
	25th.	G.30.d.95.55.	I.6.a. (Fwd.) B.30.d.4.1. (Rear.)	73° - 142°	Major J.M. IRWIN.
	26th.	J.1.a.2.5.	I.5.Cent. (Fwd.) G.30.d. Cent. (Rear.)	83° - 125°	Major H.J.H. GLOVER D.S.O.
	27th.	J.1.a.3.4.	I.5.c.5.4. (Forward.) B.30.d.99.30. (Rear.)	54° - 134°	Capt. H. ROURKE.
	107th.	J.1.a.2.3.	I.5.d.6.6. (Forward.) H.6.a. Cent. (Rear.)	83° - 109°	Major W.L. MARFELL.
<u>8th. F.A. BRIGADE.</u>					
	H.Q.	C.25.d.6.6.	G.25.d.6.6.	0° - 100°	LT.COL.W.G. ALLSON D.S.O.
	29th.	I.9.b.7.5.	H.11.b.7.3.	"	Major T. SLANEY.
	30th.	I.9.b.3.0.	H.6.b.2.5.	"	Capt. G.B. OWEN.
	31st.	I.9. Central.	H.11.b.98.60.	"	Capt. G.G.D. FERRIER. M.C.
	108th.	I.9.c.2.0.	I.1.c.5.5.	"	Capt. W.A. AUDSLEY.

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BRIGADE	BATTERY	GUN LOCATION	M.L. LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE	OFFICER COMMANDING.
<u>"X" GROUP.</u> 6th. BDE. R. G. A.	H.Q.	C.25.b.5.0.			
	109 Heavy Battery	I.6.b.11.66. (2)		30° - 140°	LT.COL.J. .H.REDOUT. A/Major L.B.DUFTON.
	114 "	I.6.d.79.87. (2)			
		I.17.a.38.03. (4)		70° - 165°	A/Major T.G. CROSSE
	245 Siege Battery	H.18.b.8.5. (2)			
		I.12.c.37.30. (4)		30° - 140°	A/Major C.Q.L.PENROSE
	111 "	I.17.b.18.56. (2)			
	I.22.b.72.02. (2)		90° - 140°	Major O.A. BELL. M.C.	
	I.27.b.84.98. (2)				
27th. BDE. R.G.A.	H.Q.	C.25.d.9.9.			
	25 Heavy Battery	I.28.b.03.32. (4)		70° - 160°	LT.COL.G.N.HILL. A/Major H.HUTLEY.
	144 "	I.14.c.7.7. (2)			
		I.33.b.1.6. (4)		45° - 150°	A/Major W.F.ARMSTRONG.
		I.26.d.55.40. (2)			
	110 Siege Battery.	I.11.d.88.00. (4)		30° - 140°	A/Major H. CAMPBELL.
		I.17.d.19.88. (2)			
	216 "	J.7.a.22.41. (4)		30°-150°	A/Major R.T. CARTER.
33 "	I.17.b.33.17. (2)				
	H.24.b.4.8. (4)		110°- 150°	A/Major C.O.HEZLET D.S.O.	
504 "	H.16.b.4.3. (2)		30° - 150°	A/Major P.M.FEARSE	
	I.14.b.85.90. (2)				

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3rd. AUST. D.T. MORTARS

D.T.M.O. CAPT. R.S. SCARR.M.C.

Headquarters

LA HOUSOYE.

J. 5.b.32.40.)  
J.5.b.73.45. )  
D.30.e.32.70.)  
D.30.a.95.00.)

Defensive  
Positions.

J.5.b.72.00.)  
E.25.a.20.75.)

Offensive  
Positions.

3rd. AUST. D.A.C.

MAJOR. A.B. SANDFORD.

Headquarters

PONT NOVELLES.

Nos. 1.2. and  
S.A.A. Sections.

H.6.a.2.3.

267th. Coy. A.S.C.  
9th. AUST. INF BRIGADE.  
10th. "  
11th. "

H.17.b.3.5.  
PRECHENCOURT.  
HEILLY (Adv.)  
C.29.c.00.50. (Rear)  
J.1.d.05.30. (Adv.)  
I.14.a.30.10. (Rear)  
ALLONVILLE.  
CARDONETTE.  
H.18.a.5.2.

D.A.D.O.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn.  
I.O.M. 17 and 47.  
Ammunition re-filling point.

(Amendments to be immediately notified to this office.)

*All hands:*

Headquarters,  
8.5.1918.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M.601.

Attached are Standing Orders - 1918 -

These cancel previous orders issued under the following Nos:-

S.374 - S.374/1 - S.374/2 - S.374/3 & and S.374/4.

Please acknowledge receipt. (B.M.601).

*L. A. Nicholls*

Headquarters.  
8.5.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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- 3rd Aust. D.A.O.
- 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.
- 6th Bde, R.G.A.
- Left Flank Art. (16th Divisional Art.)
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STANDING ORDERS - 1918.

B.M.601.

All Officers in Observing Stations will be in possession of the existing S.O.S. Signal or Rocket and the means for firing same, and will repeat the S.O.S. Signal from their O.Ps. In cases where the Batteries cannot see this signal, S.O.S. Repeating Relay Stations will be formed. It is the duty of all Artillery Officers to arrange with the Infantry with whom they are affiliated a system of S.O.S. Signal Repeating Stations to ensure that the S.O.S. Signal reaches the guns. In a thick fog, arrangements will be made to supplement the signal by bugle calls.

All Batteries will post Rocket Guards who are acquainted with all rocket signals. They will immediately report any rocket seen to the Officer on duty at the guns.

In the event of communications being cut, Brigade Commanders and Battery Commanders, if they consider the situation demands, will open fire until information is obtained as to the actual tactical situation.

Rates of fire for S.O.S.

18-pdrs. - 3 rds per gun per min for first 5 minutes.

2 " " " " " second 5 "

1 " " " " " next 5 "

4.5" Hows. - 2 rds per How per min for first 5 minutes.

1 " " " " " second 5 "

1 " " " " " next 5 "

If the S.O.S. Signal is repeated after the opening of fire, the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the procedure as laid down above carried out.

Guns are to be kept loaded day and night on S.O.S. Lines.

Artillery Group Commanders are responsible for keeping touch with the latest Infantry Line and arranging their S.O.S. Line to conform.



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COUNTER PREPARATION:

Counter Preparation involves the delivery of a maximum of Counter Battery fire or Harassing fire, or both in one stage, and the maximum of Annihilating fire in another stage, and will be divided into three phases:-

- C.P. Scheme - Phase 1A. Will mean the maximum of Counter Battery fire.
- C.P. Scheme - Phase 1B. Will mean the maximum of harassing fire.
- C.P. Scheme - Phase 2. Will mean the maximum of Annihilating fire.

The Schemes will hereafter be put into operation on orders so worded, and the period of effect will normally be stated. Rate of fire will be as laid down in Schemes, or as specially ordered by D.A.H.Q.

(:) The Divisional area will be divided up by D.A.H.Q. into Sectors or Lanes, in order to facilitate the production of the heaviest possible fire on any front at short notice, and the tasks within these Sectors or Lanes laid down.

Phase 1B. will be carried out to a range of 1,000 yards East of S.O.S. Lines.

Phase 2. will be in the form of a creeping barrage over the whole area concerned at the rate of 100 yds in two minutes from a "Start Line" 100 yards East of the S.O.S. Line to 2,000 yards Eastwards, all guns sweeping to cover the whole frontage.

Lanes of fire will be divided into zones of 500 yds in depth, beginning from the "Start Line" and extending back 4 zones, i.e., 2,000 yards. These Zones will be lettered "A", "B", "C", "D" from West to East.

During periods of moving warfare, when it would not be possible for D.A.H.Q. to send out detailed schemes, Artillery Group or Brigade Commanders will be responsible for the division of their front as in para (:).

Every possible endeavour should be made to locate positions of assembly, and when they are located, they should be dealt with so thoroughly as to make an attack so half-hearted that our Infantry will be easily capable of coping with it. Sudden bursts of concentrated fire will prove far more effective than fire of an equal volume spread over prolonged periods. Fire should be switched from point to point according to the information available, using the utmost strength at each enemy assembly point.

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

Phase 1B.	
Rate (a)	60 rds per gun per hour.
(b)	30 " " " "
(c)	15 " " " "
Phase 2.	
Rate (a)	3 rds per gun per min.
(b)	2 " " " "
(c)	1 " " " "

the whole barrage being repeated as often as ordered.

4.5" Hows in PHASE 1B. will be placed on roads and tracks within the limits laid down for Divisional Artillery.

4.5" Hows in PHASE 2. will be employed in "B" barrage 200 yds East of the 18-pdr barrage.

106 fuses will be used with 4.5" How and with 18-pdr H.E. when available.

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Ordinary Harassing Fire.

Will be carried out on information supplied periodically. It should be carried out up to the extreme range of all guns and Hows. Latest photographs and Intelligence Summaries must be carefully studied and the schemes varied frequently.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Visual Signalling Stations must be selected and named, as telephonic communication is almost certain to be destroyed during a heavy preliminary bombardment.

OBSERVATION POSTS:

All Batteries will have an Observation Post permanently manned during the hours of daylight. Brigade Commanders are responsible that these O.Ps. are chosen according to the tactical situation, and that all dead ground and ground to the flanks can be seen from them. In addition to the above, one O.P. per Brigade will be manned during the hours of darkness. It is specially important during mobile warfare that all Officers should concentrate their energy on locating the positions of hostile Batteries by observation as well as flash spotting.

During the period of mobile warfare, Sound Ranging Sections and Field Survey Sections cannot give the same information as during periods of trench warfare. Therefore, the onus more than ever rests with the Divisional Artillery for the collation of all this sort of information.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION:

Wireless masts will be put up near Artillery Group or Brigade Headquarters, from which all calls received will be transmitted to Batteries.

HOME CALLS:

The following procedure will be adopted for answering Home Calls:-

G.F. - One Section of each Battery that can bear will fire three section salvoes and repeat if call is repeated.

L.G.Ls. - Every Battery that can bear will fire 4 rds gun fire and repeat if call is repeated.

H.F. & A.H.F. - Groups or Brigades will arrange for the answering of H.F. & A.H.F. Calls in their areas, and will divide their areas amongst their Batteries. These calls will only be answered by the Battery concerned, salvoes being fired as laid down in S.S./131 of December, 1917, page 31.

For H.F. Calls, not more than 4 salvoes will be fired unless the situation and observations received render it desirable to continue the fire on the hostile Battery.

If, however, on the receipt of any of these calls, Batteries are engaged upon S.O.S. or Counter Preparation, it rests with the Group or Brigade Commander receiving the call to decide which Battery or Section he can spare and to immediately issue the necessary instructions to engage.

TRINCH MORTARS:

The D.T.M.C. will keep in close touch with Artillery Groups covering the Infantry Brigades in the line. The Artillery Group Commanders are responsible for the tactical handling of the Trench Mortars in action on their respective fronts.

SELECTION OF BATTERY POSITIONS:

Battery Positions should, as far as possible, be on high ground to avoid the effects of a hostile gas bombardment and, during mobile warfare, semi-covered with as little dead ground as possible in front of the guns; guns being so situated as to bring fire to bear on advancing Infantry right up to the guns.

As soon as indications point to the fact that the enemy has located the positions of Batteries, they should move immediately to alternative positions previously chosen and re-selected. This is especially important if any previous indications have pointed to the fact that a hostile attack is imminent. Each Battery should also construct at least one dummy position from which firing should be carried out at night.

Artillery Group and Brigade Commanders will, as far as possible, keep "Silent Areas" from which no shooting is done, and in which most of the alternative re-selected positions are chosen.

RELIEF OF PERSONNEL:

In order to ensure that Battery personnel is rested, the Battery should be organised into two and, if possible, three reliefs; each relief being sufficient to maintain the service of the Battery and to allow for slight casualties. Not more than one relief should be kept at Battery position; The second should be within easy reach of the Battery; and the third, under normal circumstances, in the Wagon Lines.

CAMOUFLAGE:

All Battery positions should be well camouflaged and, where possible, air photographs studied before the final Battery position is selected. Making tracks running to Battery positions must be avoided, but tracks should be made to unoccupied and dummy positions.

WAGON LINES:

The main Wagon Line position should, as a rule, not be closer than 3,000 yards to the gun line, but a Forward Wagon Line may be established nearer to the guns. In any case, as soon as a heavy bombardment is opened by the enemy, orders will be sent to the Wagon Line to harness up, and gun limbers will be brought up to close proximity to the guns.

INSTRUCTION:

All possible instruction is to be given to Subalterns and Nos. 1 in shooting at moving targets; and the rules of ranging as taught by the book, and as learnt during preliminary training in England, are to be adhered to.

LIAISON DUTIES:

Liaison with the Infantry will be established as follows:-

Artillery Group Commanders with their affiliated Brigadiers.  
Battery F.O.s. with Battalion Commanders whose duty it is to keep in close touch with the Infantry situation and to keep their Batteries informed of the same.

RECONNAISSANCE.

The reconnaissance of river crossings will be made by Officers, who should have thorough knowledge of existing crossings and of any alternative ones prepared.

Forward positions, in the event of an advance, or rear positions, in the event of a withdrawal, will invariably be chosen as soon as the Battery takes up a position. Routes to these positions should be immediately reconnoitred.

PRECAUTION AGAINST BOMBING.

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The protection of horses and mules requires the careful / attention of all U.Os., who will ensure that animals are not grouped in larger numbers than 20, and that, where possible, traverses to a height of at least 3 feet are erected around each group.

GAS PRECAUTIONS:

All Standing Orders and Circulars relating to GAS are to be carefully studied and known by all Officers and strictly enforced in all units.

Battery positions should be fitted with rough wind vanes. The direction of the wind can then be obtained and Battery Commanders can then withdraw their personnel clear of the gas cloud, should the Battery not be in action.

The Divisional Artillery Gas Officer is responsible for all Anti-Gas arrangements. He will make frequent inspections at both Wagon Lines and Gun Positions, and will report to D.A.H.Q. the non-observance of any orders he has noticed.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Brigade Medical Officers are responsible for the care and evacuation of all wounded, and will at all times be conversant with the location of all Field Dressing Stations and Field Ambulances. First Aid Posts should be prepared near all gun positions.

ANTI AIRCRAFT DEFENCE:

Lewis Guns will be manned at both Wagon Lines and Battery positions and 24 rifles kept with the guns.

The following Standing Orders for Lewis Gunners A.A. Post have been received from Headquarters, 3rd Aust. Division.

- " At least three men to be always with gun while mounted.  
 No guns to open fire unless hostile markings on the plane can be clearly distinguished by the naked eye.  
 16 full magazines to be always with each gun, including one on magazine post.  
 When fire is opened finish magazine in one continuous burst; small bursts of fire are useless.  
 No fire to be opened on aeroplanes by night unless they disclose their hostile identity unmistakably by dropping bombs or opening fire, or their identity is unmistakably revealed in the beam of a searchlight.  
 Under no circumstances, will fire be opened on an aeroplane bearing allied markings."

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES:

Greatest care must be taken in compiling Intelligence Summaries and Reports. Information is of little value unless accurate. Negative information may be of greatest value. Any change in the situation will be immediately wired to D.A.H.Q. Changes of the locations of Headquarters or of Units will be immediately reported by wire.

LIAISON WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY:

Liaison between Divisional Artillery and Heavy Artly should be encouraged. Divsl Artly C.Ps. should connect up to Heavy Art. C.Ps. and any information of value, such as movement out of range of the Divsl Artly passed to them for action; Divsl Artly offering to observe for them if the target reported cannot be seen by them.

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**TIME:** Brigade Commanders will ensure that all their units have the correct official signal time, and that same is checked at least twice a day.

**AMMUNITION:** Echelons will at all times be kept full.

**ORDERLIES:** In the event of any battle developing, Artillery Brigades and D.A.C. will send immediately to D.A.H.Q. -

- 1 Bicycle Orderly.
- 1 Mounted Orderly.

On any move of position of Artly Headquarters or D.A.C., a fresh Orderly, who will replace one already at D.A.H.Q. will be sent, with information as to the new location of the Headquarters occupied, and a short report re the tactical situation of the Brigade or D.A.C.

Lowin guns will be named at both Wagon Lines and Battery positions and be taken right with the guns.

The following Standing Orders for Lowin Guns, D.A. Post have been received from Headquarters, 3rd Army Division.

" At least three men to be always with gun while mounted.

No gun to open fire unless battle markings on the plane can be clearly distinguished by the naked eye.

In full readiness to be always with each gun, in-cluding one on magazine post.

When fire is opened, right magazine in one continuous burst; small bursts of fire are useless.

No fire to be opened on aeroplanes by night unless they disclose their hostile identity unmistakably by dropping bombs or opening fire, or their identity is unmistakably revealed in the beam of a searchlight.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:

Greatest care must be taken in compiling intelligence summaries and reports. Information is of little value unless accurate. Any change in the situation may be of great value. Changes of the location of Headquarters or of Units will be immediately reported by wire.

RELATION WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY:

Relation between Divisional Artillery and Heavy Artillery should be encouraged. Diver Artillery C.O.s should contact up to Heavy Artillery C.O.s. Any information of value, such as movement out of range of the Diver Artillery should be passed to them for action; Diver Artillery offering to observe target if the target reported cannot be seen by them.