

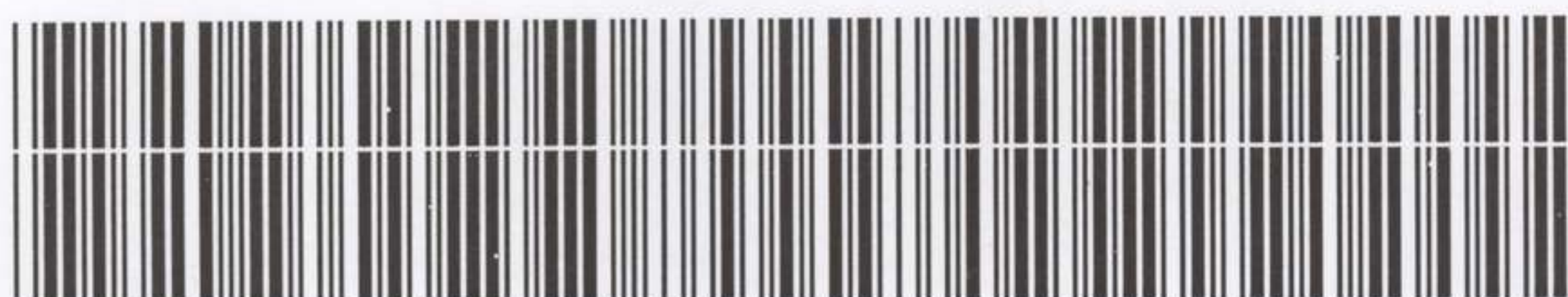
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 18.

Headquarters,
10th. October, 1917.

1. The following is an outline of the probable course of events subsequent to the 10th. inst.
 - (a) The 4th. Australian Division will relieve the 2nd. Australian Division in the Left Sector on night 10th./11th. October, 1917.
 - (b) The 23rd. Division will relieve the 7th. Division on the night 10th./11th. October, 1917.
2. (a) On or about "A" Day, the 1st. ANZAC Corps in co-operation with other Corps will continue its operations.
 - (b) The task of the 1st. ANZAC Corps will be to provide protection to the right flank of the 2nd. ANZAC Corps by securing a position astride the BROODENBROODHOEK SPUR.
 - (c) This operation is to be effected by the 4th. Australian Division.
 - (d) The role of the 5th. Australian Division will be defensive for the present.
3. If it becomes necessary a scheme for operations "contingent" on those to be effected by the 4th. Australian Division will be issued separately.
4. Having got possession of the BROODSEINDE RIDGE from which the enemy's lines can be over-looked, whilst observation is denied to him- it is of the utmost importance that we should make use of this advantage. Every effort must be made to establish communication with forward Q.P's and no chance neglected of shooting at targets presented by the enemy with direct observation.
Information of enemy movement must at once be transmitted to 5th. Aust.D.A.H.Q. in order that the information may be transmitted to the Heavy Artillery to deal with.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. H. H.*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Distribution as for D.A. 5th. Aust.D.A.G. Order No. 33.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 33.

Headquarters,
10th. October, 1917.

1. The 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade relieved the 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade on the night 9th/10th. October, 1917.
2. Dispositions of the 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade are as follows :-
 - 2 Battalions in the FRONT LINE.
 - 1 Battalion in the SUPPORT.
 - 1 Battalion in the RESERVE.
3. From 6 p.m. 10th. October, 1917, the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group) will cover the front of the left front line battalion.
The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery ("B" Group) will cover the front of the right front line battalion.
Boundary line between "A" and "B" Groups will be J.4.b.15.75 to D.29.d.40.50.
4. Liaison duties from 6 p.m. 10th. October, 1917 will be found as follows:-
With Infantry Brigade Headquarters, one Officer not below the rank of Captain, to be found alternately by "A" and "B" Groups, commencing with "A" Group. This Liaison Officer will be relieved every 48 hours.
"A" and "B" Groups will also send a Liaison Officer to the Battalion Headquarters which they cover. Reliefs to be arranged by Group Commanders.
The names of all Liaison Officers are to be sent to this office.
The Liaison Officer with Infantry Brigade Headquarters is to be in direct telephonic communication with both "A" and "B" Groups.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*J. Stirling*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11.45 p.m. to :- Copy No.

"A" GROUP.	1-9
"B" GROUP.	10-18.
Arty Liaison Officer,	
8th. Inf. Brigade.	19.
5th. Aust. Division.	20-24.
1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	25.
1st. Aust. D.A. Column.	26.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	27.
"Q" 5th. Aust. Divn.	28.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	29.
H.A. 1st. ANZAC.	30.
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7th. Divd. Arty.	32.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 34.

Headquarters,
10th. October, 1917.

1. With reference 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 30 the following Corps Preliminary Barrage will take place at 5.30 p.m. on "Z" Day.
2. Normal barrage in depth - "A" Barrage on S.O.S. Line.
Move forward in lifts of 100 yards every three minutes for 6 consecutive lifts.

Z plus 18 to Z plus 21	Cease firing.
Z plus 21 to Z plus 24	All batteries jump back to starting line.
Z plus 24	Cease firing.
3. Rates of fire in rounds per gun per minute.

18-prs.	4.5" Hows.
2.	1.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Hutton
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Distribution as for 5th Aust. D. A. G. Order No. 33.

~~For Official Use only~~FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.Headquarters,
10th October, 1917.VISIBILITY. Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY ~~CELTIC WOOD~~ was kept under intermittent bursts of heavy fire and the trench systems of its eastern end bombarded. At the request of the Infantry, a T.M. firing from ANVIL WOOD was engaged, and the whole area searched. An enemy concentration in E.25.b.6m3m was engaged at 9.22 a.m. and dispersed. At 11.12 a.m. a battery was turned on to the hillslope at D.29.b.85.15, to check hostile machine gun fire. Four companies of enemy were reported moving in E.19.d. at 12.33 p.m. and the area swept. An S.O.S. was answered at 5.37 p.m. and firing continued until 6.20 p.m. Standing barrages with silent were put down between 9.15 p.m. and 9.47 p.m. according to programme. The eastern of BROODSEINDE RIDGE were searched continuously during the night and all communications points of enemy activity kept under fire.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was below normal during both day and night. Battery positions in J.3.c. were under fire from 4.2" guns from an easterly direction, between 7 and 8 a.m.

About 20 rounds 5.9's were fired at roads in J.7. at 9 a.m. At 4.15 p.m. a concentration of 77 mm and 4.2" H.E. was placed across J.8.a and c, about 200 rounds being counted. These came chiefly from direction of TERHAND. Some 8" from same direction were falling in D.29.d. during the morning.

AERIAL.

Enemy aeroplanes were very active in the afternoon, flying fairly low over forward area. Two are reported to have been brought down and one of ours was observed to fall. High enemy activity both of Infantry and transport still reported.

H. H. H. H.

Major,
for R.O., 5th. Australian Divisional Arty.

APPENDIX. 10

Summary of operations conducted on the telephone 10/10/17.

(1) 11.17a.m.	A Group	Told new boundary J.4.b.15.75.-D.29.d.40.50 and change at 6 p.m.
(2) 11.25a.m.	B Group	Told new boundary- J.4.b.15.75,D.29.d.40.50 and change at 6 p.m.
(3) 11.45a.m.	A Group	Enemy shelling support in D.29.c. direction from CHINA and ANVIL WOOD, D.29.c.6.6.
(4) 11.46½a.m.	C.B.	Informed.
(5) 11.47a.m.	A Group	Asked for calibre.
(6) 11.50a.m.	B Group	Asked for information as to shelling of our support line in D.29.c.
(7) 12.15a.m.	A Group	Asked how shelling was going and what the calibre was. I.B. know nothing and they are trying to get news from F.O.O.- they are only through by lamp.
(8) 1p.m.	A Group	J.7.Central shelled by 4.2 from BECELAERE.
(9) 1.2p.m.	C.B.	Informed.
(10) 1.45p.m.	B Group	5.9's from direction of OOSTHOEK, J.8.c., three a minute.
(11) 1.49p.m.	C.B.	Informed.
(12) 2.p.m.	57th.H.A.G.	Informed the Division wish CELTIC WOOD engaged- arranged for H.A. to take on eastern edge with aeroplane, 57th. H.A.G. will give me ½ hour's notice.
(13) 2.5p.m.	B Group	Arranged details of shoot on CELTIC WOOD, 2 How. batteries -100 rds. each on dugouts in centre of wood. Try and get observation and telephonic communication on to CELTIC WOOD from BROODSEINDE RIDGE.
(14) 2.10p.m.	57th.H.A.G.	Report aeroplane due to register at 3.30p.m. will inform me when aeroplane calls up.
(15) 2.32p.m.	57th.H.A.G.	Cancelling shoot on CELTIC WOOD.
(16) 2.33p.m.	B Group	Cancelling shoot on CELTIC WOOD, 5.9 stopped shooting on J.8.c.
(17) 2.34p.m.	C.B.	Informed of latter.

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TIME	UNIT	SUBJECT.
(18) 5.49 p.m.	5th. Aus. G.	S.O.S has gone up on 2nd. Div. front.
(19) 5.49 1/2 p.m.	A Group	Corroborate above-standing to- warning B Group.
(20) 5.51 p.m.	Anzac R.A.	Informed.
(21) 6.3 p.m.	A Group	S.O.S. still going up on our left; all quiet on our front.
(22) 6.33 p.m.	A Group	Liaison reports all quiet- batteries atand- ing down- passed on to B Group.
(23) 7.46 p.m.	A Group.	Night firing same as last night taking into consideration relief.
(24) 7.47 p.m.	B Group	Night firing same as last night taking into consideration relief.
(25) 9.8 p.m.	B Group	5.9 firing into J.7.b. 3 rounds a minute OOSTHOEK direction.
(26) 9.9 p.m.	C.B.	Informed.
(27) 9.32 p.m.	A Group	Shelling J.3.c. with 8" including gas.
(28) 10.12 p.m.	B Group	5.9 reported at 9.8 p.m. now stopped.
(29) 10.13 p.m.	C.B.	Informed.

"A" Form.				Army Form C. 2121.	
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message.	
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No. 19. 42

Headquarters,
11th. October, 1917.

1. Arrangements have been made to supply 3 pairs of pigeons to an F.O.O. of each "A" and "B" groups daily.
These pigeons will be at Left Battalion Headquarters (D.29.a.4.0.) at 11 a.m. each day, commencing 11th. October, 1917.
A guide will be sent to-morrow 11th. October, 1917 by the F.O.O., to whom these pigeons are allotted to Battalion Headquarters, to show the pigeonier, who will accompany these birds, the way to the O.P. After to-morrow, a pigeonier will be permanently at the O.P.
2. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

H. Sturton
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Distribution as for 5th. Aust. D.A.G. Order No. 33.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 35.Headquarters,
11th. October, 1917.

1. For the attack on "A" Day the Brigades of the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will be grouped temporarily under the command of the C.R.A. 4th. Australian Division.
2. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will become responsible for the defence of the 5th. Australian Divisional Front from 6 p.m. 11th. October, 1917. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery in case of an B.O.B. will be super-imposed on the "B" Group Barrage till one hour before ZERO.
Brigade and both Liaison Officers will be found by "B" Group from 6 p.m. 11th. October, 1917 - Names to be reported to this office.
3. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will be re-grouped with the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery under orders from R.A. 1st. ANZAC Corps at a date and hour to be notified later.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

W. H. H. H.
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Distribution as for 5th. Aust. D.A. Order No. 33.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No.20.

Headquarters,
11th. October, 1917.

1. The 4th. Phase of the operations having been completed, the Second Army will, after due preparation, continue its operations, the Fifth Army co-operating simultaneously on the left flank.
2. The main operation of the Second Army is to be the capture of PASCHENDAELE and this is to be effected by the 2nd. ANZAC Corps, which is on our left, the 3rd. Australian Division being on the right of the 2nd. ANZAC-Corps.
3. The task of the 1st. ANZAC Corps will be to provide protection to the right flank of the 2nd. ANZAC Corps by gaining ground in this direction and securing the position astride the DROOGENBROODHOEK SPUR.
4. The operation will be effected by the 4th. Australian Division and will have as its objective the line RHINE-ASSYRIA-E.7.a.15.20. (The Blue Line.) The 5th. Australian Division on the right will be on the defensive.
5. The advance will be made in two stages - The First Stage the RED LINE running from RHINE to ASSYRIA; the BLUE LINE, as above, being the second stage.
6. Maps are being issued shewing the exact positions of these lines and the Inter-division Boundary.
7. It is anticipated the attack will take place on or about "A" Day.
8. The attack is being made by one Division in the line, the Field Artillery allotted to it being the 1st, 2nd, and 4th. Australian Divisional Artilleries under the command of Brig-General W.L.H. BURGESS, D.S.O., -
The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery under the command of Brig-General A.J. BESSEL-BROWNE, C.M.G., D.S.O., will be allotted to the 5th. Australian Division and will provide a protective barrage on their front during the attack.
9. The advance will be made under cover of a barrage in depth similar to the last attack.
10. There will be a back barrage consisting of 6" How. Batteries and one 60-pr. Battery whose task it will be to search assembly positions east of the DROOGENBROODHOEK SPUR and to keep Machine Gun fire down from the KEIBERG SPUR Area, opposite that portion of the Corps front not covered by the Heavy Artillery Creeping Barrage.
11. The Starting Line for the Infantry is shown on the Barrage Maps.
The innermost barrage "A" will start 150 yards in advance of this line.
12. At ZERO HOUR, on the day of attack, a stationary barrage of 18-prs and 4.5" Hows. ("A" and "B") Barrage only will be put down by the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery on the front of the 5th. Aust. Divn
13. The rates of fire for the 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. in rounds per gun per minute will be :-

Z plus 4 to Z plus 8
Z to Z plus 4
Z plus to Z plus 300.

18-prs.	4.5" Hows.
4.	1.
1.	1.
1.	1.

14. Fire ceases at Z plus 300.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. H. H. H.

Major,

Brigade Major. 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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CORRIGENDUM to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No. 20

Reference Para 13, last line.

~~Delete Z plus to Z plus 300~~

Substitute Z plus 8 to Z plus 300

Groups to acknowledge.

11th Oct. 1917*H. Hulton*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Copies to all recipients of 5th. Aust. D.A. Inst. No. 20

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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From 6 a.m., 10/10/17 to 6 a.m., 11/10/17.

Headquarters,  
 11th. October 1917.

VISIBILITY. Poor during the morning, good later.

OUR ARTILLERY. Bombardment Barrages were carried out according to programme at 5.0 p.m. and 5.0 a.m. and were reported satisfactory.

CELTIC and ANVIL WOODS were ~~kept~~ kept under fire and trenches and communications continuously searched.

Some registration of forward batteries was carried out during the afternoon.

During the night intermittent bursts of fire were put on roads in D.30.b, and known centres of activity were bombarded at irregular intervals.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery was generally subnormal. At 11.30 a.m. J.8.a. and b. were kept under fire from two batteries of 4.2 How. from approximately K.20. Our supports in D.29.c. were shelled at 11.45 a.m. from the direction of MOORSLEDE, probably 4.2- calibre not accurately known., J.7.Central by 4.2 from TERHAUD at 10 p.m. Our batteries in J.3.c. were searched with 4.2 and 77 mm. from an easterly direction between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m.

At 2.0 p.m. a weak barrage of H.E. and Shrapnel, all calibres, was placed along the western slope of BROODSEINDE RIDGE, lasting about 10 minutes. This fire appeared to be chiefly from OOSTHOEK and due east.

WESTHOEK RIDGE shelled intermittently with 5.9, and tracks searched about 2.30 p.m., but enemy's shooting was inaccurate.

During the night hostile fire still below normal till 9 p.m., then about normal till 2.0 a.m., comprising 5.9, on J.8.c. and d., and a 4.2 gun fire on J.8.a. from direction WATERDAMHOEK. Quiet later.

GENERAL.

Enemy had balloons up high during the morning, but visibility was bad.

Aeroplanes generally inactive until the afternoon. Some bombing on forward area at night.

*Edgar H. Booth*

Lieut.,  
 Reconnaissance Officer,  
 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.  
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Summary of operations conducted on the telephone 11/10/17.

| TIME          | UNIT        | SUBJECT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) 9.30a.m.  | B Group     | 115 enemy walking about in CELTIC WOOD; are being dealt with.                                                                                                                                                             |
| (2) 9.42a/m   | B Group     | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (3) 10.55a.m. | A Group     | Positions in J.3.c. from direction of BECE-LAERE being shelled by 5.9's.                                                                                                                                                  |
| (4) 10.56a.m. | C.B.        | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (5) 11.12a.m. | A Group     | 5.9 stopped firing on J.3.c. and is now firing on J.7.b.7.0. on magnetic 130 deg. from J.7.b.7.0.                                                                                                                         |
| (6) 11.14a.m. | C.B.        | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (7) 12.4 p.m. | fr. A GROUP | 5.9 shelling stopped on J.3.c. at 12.3.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (8) 12.4p.m.  | to C.B.     | Informed them as above.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (9) 1.12p.m.  | B Group     | F.O.O. by lamp reports at 12 noon- hostile 5.9 battery from E.23.a.5.9. active on our front line system. Flashes observed in E.14.a. and E.15.a. calibres unknown. One battery very active, T.B. 48 deg. from D.29.c.6.5. |
| (10) 1.13p.m. | C.B.        | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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11/10/17.

| TIME          | UNIT      | SUBJECT.                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (11) 1.18p.m. | 4th. D.A. | C.R.A. has seen G.O.C.-he does not want guns transferred to your front; in event of attack he agrees to turn all 1st. D.A. on to your front and cover his own front with the 5th. D.A. |
| (12) 6.15p.m. | B Group   | 5.9's in salvoes 20' from J.8.b.6.6. from K.15.Central.                                                                                                                                |
| (13) 6.19p.m. | C.B.      | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (14) 6.28p.m. | A Group   | J.7.Central shelled with 5.9's, Grid bearing 136                                                                                                                                       |
| (15) 6.31p.m. | C.B?      | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (16) 6.43p.m. | B Group   | 5.9 on J.8.b.6.6. stopped.                                                                                                                                                             |
| (17) 6.44p.m. | C.B.      | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (18) 6.46p.m. | A Group   | 5.9 on J.7.Central stopped.                                                                                                                                                            |
| (19) 6.50p.m. | C.B.      | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (20) 7.37p.m. | A Group   | One 5.9 gun shelling J.7.Central bearing 136 Grid.                                                                                                                                     |
| (21) 7.39p.m. | C.B.      | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (22) 8.52p.m. | A Group   | J.7.Central ceased to be fired on by 5.9.                                                                                                                                              |
| (23) 8.54p.m. | C.B.      | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (24) 9.43p.m. | B Group   | 8" falling in J.8. c and b., 140 deg. from J.8.c.7.9.                                                                                                                                  |
| (25) 9.44p.m. | C.B.      | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                              |



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"A" Form

Army Form C. 2121.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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     |     |
| G for information                          |      |    | At    | m.     | Service.                           | From     | "Q" |
|                                            |      |    | To    |        |                                    |          |     |
|                                            |      |    | By    |        | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") | By       |     |

TO

R. H. 1st Angas

Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number

A A A

|                             |                            |                                |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| casualty                    | return                     | 24 hours                       |
| ended noon                  | today                      | aaa 14 <sup>th</sup> A.F.      |
| A Bde                       | died of wounds             | 9-10-17                        |
| previously reported wounded | 2/Lt                       |                                |
| V. H. Mc CONVILLE           | wounded                    | 1/R                            |
| aaa                         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust D H C | killed                         |
| 1/R                         | aaa                        | addressed 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust |
| Dw                          | repeated R H 1st Angas.    |                                |

From

Place

Time

3-20 pm

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

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APPENDIX. 17

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Copy No. 35

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No. 21.

Headquarters,  
12th. October, 1917.

1. Instances have recently occurred in recent operations of the enemy using RED Flares, thereby causing uncertainty as to the position of our own troops.
2. In future operations, therefore, all troops will use RED and WHITE flares combined, lighting one of each at the same time when contact aeroplanes call for flares.

H. Sturton

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

| DISTRIBUTION.              | Copies. |
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| "A" GROUP.                 | 10.     |
| "B" GROUP.                 | 10.     |
| C. O. 14th. Aust. F. A. B. | 1.      |
| 1st. F. A. Bde.            | 1.      |
| 5th. D. A. Col.            | 1.      |
| 1st. D. A. Col.            | 1.      |
| D. T. M. O. 5th. A. B.     | 5.      |
| D. T. M. O. 5th. A. D.     | 5.      |
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No.22.

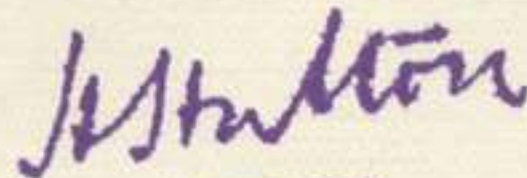
Headquarters,  
12th. October, 1917.

The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line during the 13th. October, and the night 13th./14th. October, 1917.

The 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade will take over the Support Brigade Area from the 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade during daylight on 13th. October, 1917.

2. The Artillery, <sup>for the present</sup> will be as under:-
  - (a) Vigorous Counter Battery Work along the whole Army front.
  - (b) The forward movement of batteries and their supply of ammunition will be carried out.
  - (c) Harassing fire and fire on enemy back communications.
3. The following will be maintained at the guns in addition to the Ammunition Echelons .
 

|                |         |            |
|----------------|---------|------------|
|                | 18-prs. | 4.5" Hows. |
| Rounds per gun | 400.    | 300.       |
4. Every effort will be made to establish one Forward O.P. per Brigade on the BROODSEINDE RIDGE, with telephonic communication.
5. No opportunity is to be lost of firing on movement of the enemy within 4.5" Howitzer and 18-pr range, seen from these O.P's.
6. C.O's Groups will send their programmes of proposed shoots and harassing fire each evening by 6 p.m. D.R. for the following day.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.



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

Distribution as for 5th. Aust. Div. Asst. Group Order No.33.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
 ~~~~~From 6 a.m. 11/10/17 to 6 a.m. 12.10.17.  
 ~~~~~Headquarters,  
12th. October 1917.VISIBILITY. Good.

OUR ARTILLERY. Active- Hostile Infantry party, about 120 strong, walking in CELTIC WOOD were dispersed at 9.30 a.m. ANVIL WOOD was swept with fire at irregular intervals, and tracks and communications searched continuously. During the night harassing fire was maintained back to a depth of 3000x from the S.O.S. line. At 5.25 a.m. our operations in connection with the attack by the Divisions on our left were commenced.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Normal during the day, more active during the night and early morning. J.3.c. received considerable attention at different periods, chiefly by 5.9 Hows. from K.21. and 4.2 gun from 61 deg. Grid bearing from J.3.c.5.5.

At noon the front line system was under fire of 5.9 How. and 4.2 How. from direction E.23.a.

At 2.45 p.m. the support line was shelled from the direction of MOORSLEDE by 77 mm. and 4.2 How- these guns were active all day. The front was fairly quiet from 4.55 p.m. till 6.0 p.m., when a 5.9 How. was firing Battery Salvees, with 20 sec. interval. on J.8.b. from K.15.

WESTHORN RIDGE SEARCHED INTERMITTENTLY BY ~~2x~~ 5.9 How. during the day.

A number of shells fell in J.3.Central at 11.0 p.m. but were all blinds. These do not appear to have been gas shells.

BELLEWARDE RIDGE was intermittently shelled with 5.9 during the night.

Front Line and supports reported under heavy fire during earlier part of the night, all calibre.

GENERAL.

Forward O.P. on BROODSEINDE RIDGE now connected by ground line, pigeon, power buzzer and lamp, with batteries 1st. Div. Artillery switched on to 4th. Div. front last night to support attack this morning.

*Coleman H. Booth*

Lieut.,  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.  
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Summary of operations conducted on the telephone 12/10/17.

| TIME           | UNIT              | SUBJECT.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) 8.3a.m.    | A Group           | J.3.c.5.5. being shelled by 4.2 How. from a Grid bearing of 96 deg. from that point.                                                                                                                          |
| (2) 8.4a.m.    | To C.B.           | Repeating above.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (3) 8.30a.m.   | from A Group      | Shelling on J.3.c.5.5. just stopped.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| (4) 8.31a.m.   | TO C.B.           | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (5) 8.55a.m.   | fr. B Group       | German batteries in K.1.a and c. shooting north towards PASSCHENDALE- from F.O.O.                                                                                                                             |
| (6) 8.55a.m.   | to C.B.           | Repeating above.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (7) 9.20a.m.   | to 4th.D.A.       | For news.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (8) 9.54a.m.   | fr. A Group       | 4.2 H.V. shelling J.3.c.5.5. from 61 deg. Grid bearing from that point.                                                                                                                                       |
| (9) 9.56a.m.   | to C.B.           | Repeating above.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| (10) 10.20a.m. | A Group           | How. probably 4.2 and 5.9 at K.1.c.90.50 and K.2.a.1.1. to K.1.c.2.8. firing on front line and support aaa Battery in open at K.1.a.4.4.- from F.O.O. by damp.                                                |
| (11) 10.21a.m. | C.B.              | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (12) 10.22a.m. | Anzac R.A.        | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (13) 10.30a.m. | to B Group        | Given target 4.2 or 5.9 battery between K.1.a.1.1. and K.1.c.2.8. for action.                                                                                                                                 |
| (14) 11.8a.m.  | From C.B.         | Two 77mm. firing from K.7.a.1.0 and K.7.a.15.20- they are engaging distant targets Will we take them on?                                                                                                      |
| (15) 11.31a.m. | to 23rd.D.A.      | To 23rd. D.A. Repeating above, and asking if they will take them on.                                                                                                                                          |
| (16) 11.45a.m. | fr. 4th.D.A.      | Asking for news- told them as far as we know. They know they have the Red Line, but no news past that. Believe 3rd. Div. have Blue Line, but no news as to Green Line. No news about Divisions further north. |
| (17) 11.45a.m. | from A Group      | F.O.O. wires 11.38a.m.- Column of enemy moving along road in E.21.d.90.10 in columns in a westerly direction.                                                                                                 |
| (18) 11.49a.m. | to<br>57th.H.A.G. | Informing re above.                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| TIME           | UNIT           | SUBJECT.                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (19) 11.50a.m. | to 57th H.A.G. | Repeating wire from B Group F.O.O. confirming enemy column at E. 21.d.90.10. more in westerly direction.                                                           |
| (20) 12.1p.m.  | to G.          | Giving them above news.                                                                                                                                            |
| (21) 12.3p.m.  | to Corps R.A.  | Informing them of above and our action.                                                                                                                            |
| (22) 12.20p.m. | to A Group     | Informing them Battery Boards for 5th. and 6th. Batteries on hand.                                                                                                 |
| (23) 1.9 p.m.  | from A Group   | Informing that two guns have been put out of action and some personnel killed and wounded this morning by shelling from direction of ZANVOORDE.                    |
| (24) 1.22p.m.  | from A Group   | A 15 inch How. is firing on the battery in J.3.c. and down the valley in J.8.a. and b. from direction OOSTHONK from J.3.c.                                         |
| (25) 12.25p.m. | To C.B.        | Informed as above.                                                                                                                                                 |
| (26) 1.52p.m.  | To A Group     | Asking re 15"- will ring through to battery for information as to how it is going on.                                                                              |
| (27) 1.57p.m.  | To B Group     | Repeating wire from 5th. Aust. Div. reporting DADIZEELE and MOORSLEDE full of troops and transports all coming from East to West and moving on all possible roads. |
| (28) 1.58p.m.  | To A Group     | Repeating above. They report the 15" How. cut out.                                                                                                                 |
| (29) 2.2 p.m.  | To C.B.        | Reporting 15" How. ceased firing.                                                                                                                                  |
| (30) 2.23p.m.  | 4th. D.A.      | Confirming contact aeroplane report of 1.57p.m.                                                                                                                    |
| (31) 2.32p.m.  | From C.B.      | For details of the 15" How. direction definite if possible.                                                                                                        |
| (32) 2.35p.m.  | To A Group     | For information- they will ring battery and let us know immediately.                                                                                               |



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|      | TIME     | UNIT             | SUBJECT                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------|----------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (33) | 2.42p.m. | A Group          | 5.9 Hows. and H.V. gun, either 5.9 or 4.2, from OOSTHOREK, firing on J.8.b. and J.3.c.                                                                                                      |
| (34) | 2.44p.m. | C.B.             | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (35) | 3. 6p.m. | B Group          | 5.9 How. firing on J.8.b. and d. from J.36. central from J.8.b.6.8.                                                                                                                         |
| (36) | 3. 8p.m. | C.B.             | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (37) | 3.13p.m. | A Group          | J.7.b. shelled by 5.9 from P.3. central ZANVOORDE.                                                                                                                                          |
| (38) | 3.14p.m. | C.B.             | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (39) | 3.53p.m. | B Group          | 15" How. should be 15 centimetre How.                                                                                                                                                       |
| (40) | 3.57p.m. | A Group          | 3 Hows. 102, knocked out, 1 gun 4th. all fire comes from ZANVOORDE direction, 4.2's, 5.9's and 8".                                                                                          |
| (41) | 3.59p.m. | C.B.             | Informed and asked to arrange for X Corps Counter Battery to take on ZANVOORDE Group as soon as our batteries are annoyed.                                                                  |
| (42) | 4.0p.m.  | A Group          | Informed that 1st. Anzac C.B. were asking X Corps C.B. to deal with the ZANVOORDE Group as soon as they opened fire. Please let me know the instant fire ceases for information of the C.B. |
| (43) | 4.25p.m. | C.B.             | Any information as to shelling of our front line system?                                                                                                                                    |
| (44) | 4.26p.m. | A Group          | Asked for information.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| (45) | 4.26p.m. | B Group          | Asked for information..                                                                                                                                                                     |
| (46) | 4.28p.m. | A Group          | Shelling of batteries now stopped.                                                                                                                                                          |
| (47) | 5.1p.m.  | fr. A Group      | 4.2 and 5.9 from direction of ZANVOORDE on to our batteries in J.3.c again.                                                                                                                 |
| (48) | 5.2p.m.  | To C.B.          | Repeating above for action.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| (49) | 5.23p.m. | From G.          | 4th. Div. report enemy massing in D.18, D.24, E.13 and E.19.                                                                                                                                |
| (50) | 5.24p.m. | Corps R.A.       | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| (51) | 5.30p.m. | A Group          | S.O.S. left of 4th. D.A.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (52) | 5.32p.m. | R.A. 1st. Anzac. | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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| TIME           | UNIT               | SUBJECT.                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| (53) 5.33p.m.  | 1st. Anzac R.A.    | S.O.S. is on front of 3rd. Division.                                                                                                                                            |
| (54) 5.35p.m.  | 4th. D.A.          | Confirm above.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| (55) 5.37p.m.  | A Group            | Shelling from ZANVOORDE ceased.                                                                                                                                                 |
| (56) 5.55p.m.  | B Group            | J.36. Central 5.9 How. stopped, firing since 3.10 p.m.                                                                                                                          |
| (57) 5.56p.m.  | C.B.               | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                              |
| (58) 5.38p.m.  | C.B.               | Informed of 5.37p.m. report from A Group.                                                                                                                                       |
| (59) 6.25p.m.  | G 5th. Aust. Div.  | 8th. Brigade report numerous reports of enemy in D.30.c. B Group are firing under arrangements made by Liaison Officer with Group.                                              |
| (60) 7.35p.m.  | G. 5th. Aust. Div. | Enemy massing D.29.d.6.6.                                                                                                                                                       |
| (61) 7.39p.m.  | B Group            | Informed. Get into touch with 8th. Bde. through Liaison and act. 3 batteries have been firing since 6 p.m. -49,55 and 114- bursts of fire will be kept up throughout the night. |
| (62) 8.20p.m.  | G 5th. Aust. Div.  | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                              |
| (63) 10.6p.m.  | TO B Group         | For information re heavy firing going on. He reports S.O.S. right away on left at 10.0 p.m.                                                                                     |
| (64) 10.16p.m. | G.                 | G.S.O.1. asking re firing-informed that Liaison reports it is far to our left.                                                                                                  |



| "A" Form.                                                       |      |              |                                    | Army Form C. 2121.                                                    |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.                                           |      |              |                                    | No. of Message                                                        |                 |
| Prefix                                                          | Code | m.           | Words                              | Charge                                                                |                 |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions.                      |      |              | This message is on a/c of:         |                                                                       | Recd. at.....m. |
| "G" for information                                             |      |              | Sent                               | Service.                                                              | Date            |
|                                                                 |      |              | At                                 |                                                                       | From "Q"        |
|                                                                 |      |              | To                                 |                                                                       | By              |
| By                                                              |      |              | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") |                                                                       | By              |
| TO { 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.<br>R. H. 1 <sup>st</sup> Huzac. |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| Sender's Number.                                                |      | Day of Month |                                    | In reply to Number                                                    |                 |
| * R.A.C. 30                                                     |      | 10           |                                    | A A A                                                                 |                 |
| Comat's 24 hrs ended noon                                       |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| today aca 14 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde wounded                   |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| remaining on duty 1/R aca                                       |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| addressed 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.                            |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| repeated R. H. 1 <sup>st</sup> Huzac.                           |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| R.H.                                                            |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| From 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. D.A. Group                           |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| Place                                                           |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
| Time 5-15 pm                                                    |      |              |                                    |                                                                       |                 |
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SECRET.

Copy No. 40

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 36.Headquarters,  
13th. October, 1917.

1. With reference to 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 35, para 5,  
"A" Group will revert to the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group from 3 p.m. 13th. October, 1917 and will be super-imposed on the whole Divisional Front until 6 p.m. 13th. October, 1917.
2. From 6 p.m. 13th. October, 1917, the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group) will cover the front of the left front line Battalion.  
The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery ("B" Group) will cover the front of the right front line battalion.  
Boundary line between "A" and "B" Groups will be J.4.b.15.75 to D.29.d.40.50.
3. Liaison duties from 6 p.m. 13th. October, 1917, will be found as follows:-  
With Infantry Brigade Headquarters, one officer not below the rank of Captain, to be found alternately by "A" and "B" Groups, commencing with "A" Group. This Liaison Officer will be relieved every 48 hours.  
"A" and "B" Groups will also send a Liaison Officer to the Battalion Headquarters which they cover. Reliefs to be arranged by Group Commanders.  
The names of all Liaison Officers are to be sent to this office.  
The Liaison Officer with Infantry Brigade Headquarters is to be in direct telephonic communication with both "A" and "B" Groups.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*Edgar H. Booth*  
Major,

Brigade Major,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Distribution as for 5th. Aust. D.A.G. Order No. 33.



**S E C R E T.**

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**FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 37.**

Headquarters,  
15th, October, 1917.

1. Major E. T. DEAN, D.S.O. will relieve Lieut-Colonel D. H. MOORE, on 15th. October, 1917 and take over command of "A" Group.
2. Lieut-Colonel F. P. DERHAM, D.S.O. will relieve Lieut-Colonel H. O. CADDY, D.S.O. on 15th. October, 1917, and take over command of "B" Group.
3. Details will be arranged by Group Commanders concerned.
4. Completion of reliefs will be reported to this office.
5. **ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.**

*H. Stulten*

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

| Issued at 6.30 p.m. to:-     |  | Copy No. |
|------------------------------|--|----------|
| C.O. "A" Group.              |  | 1-9      |
| C.O. "B" Group.              |  | 10-18.   |
| Major E. T. DEAN, D.S.O.     |  | 19.      |
| Lt-Col. F. P. DERHAM, D.S.O. |  | 20.      |
| Artillery Liaison Officer,   |  |          |
| 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.    |  | 21.      |
| 5th. Aust. Division.         |  | 22.      |
| 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.        |  | 23.      |
| 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.        |  | 24.      |
| 1st. Aust. D.A. Column.      |  | 25.      |
| 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.      |  | 26.      |
| 5th. Aust. Divn. "Q"         |  | 27.      |
| 5th. Aust. Divn.             |  | 29-32.   |
| D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.    |  | 33.      |
| D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Divn.    |  | 34.      |
| 7th. Divl. Artillery.        |  | 35.      |
| 57th. E. A. Group.           |  | 36.      |
| Staff Captain.               |  | 37.      |
| Signals, 5th. D.A. H.Q.      |  | 38.      |
| R. A. 1st. ANZAC.            |  | 39.      |
| H. A. 1st. ANZAC.            |  | 40.      |
| War Diary.                   |  | 41 & 45. |
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 12-10-17 to 6 a.m. 13-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Good.

**OUR ARTILLERY.** Fired in support of Infantry attack on left flank at 5.20 a.m., engaged targets by direct observation, and continued harassing fire on communications and points of known enemy activity.

At 10.30 a.m., a battery of 4.2" or 5.9" Howitzer firing north from between K.1.a.1.1. and K.1.c.2.8. was observed and silenced by our fire.

At 10.55 a.m., parties of infantry were reported between D.30.c.50.30 and D.30.d.10.60 and dispersed, and again at 11.5 a.m., small parties in the road between D.29.b.70.00 to D.30.a.00.10 were fired on by direct observation and scattered. This road appears to be much used.

Infantry round the mound at D.29.b.10.30 were engaged at the same time.

At 1.50 p.m. F.O.O. reported guns firing from wood at K.1.d.90.85 - These were engaged and an ammunition dump set on fire, which burned for an hour.

The 8th. Infantry Brigade reported Infantry parties in D.30.c. between 6 and 7 p.m. and these were engaged, also reported massing of enemy in D.29.d.6.6. These points were swept with bursts of fire day and night.

TABLE WOOD, ANVIL WOOD, CELTIC WOOD, and roads and communications were searched at irregular periods all night.

**HOSTILE ARTILLERY.** This was very active during both day and night, mainly oblique and enfilade from direction of ZANVOORDE and OOSTHOEK, two batteries of 4.2" Howitzers from the latter direction firing on to our battery positions in J.8 b. and c, J.3.c. was under fire from a 4.2" How. from 960 GRID Bearing from J.3.c.5.5., but Counter Battery located and stopped it at 8.50 a.m.

ZANVOORDE Group enfiladed reverse slope of BROODSEINDE RIDGE all day.

A 5.9" How. from direction of OOSTHOEK fired into the valley at J.8.a. during the afternoon.

WESTHOEK RIDGE intermittently shelled with 5.9" and 4.2" Hows. - direction .... 350 T.B. from J.7.b.75.30.

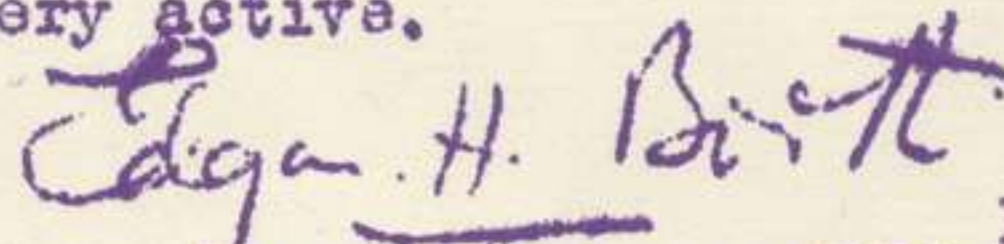
J.5.a. and c by 4.2" How from direction of KLEIBURGHMOEREN intermittently.

## GENERAL.

Good use was made of the view of both hostile guns and enemy movement as seen from the O.P. at D.29.c.6.5.

Various targets were found for heavy guns. At 11.30 a.m. they were turned on to the enemy marching in column of fours in E.21.d.90.10. A large fire observed in WATER-DAMMOEK about noon.

Enemy aeroplanes not very active.



Lieut.,

Reconnaissance Officer,

Headquarters,

13th. October, 1917.

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.







FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....13th. October. 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM      | TO             | TIME.     | PURPORT.                                                                              |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14                     | B Group   | 5th.D.A.       | 2.34p.m.  | 4.2 gun from 92 deg. T.B. from J.8.a.4.5. into J.8.c. and d.-<br>fairly heavy firing. |
| 15                     | 5th. D.A. | C.B.           | 2.35p.m.  | Repeating above.                                                                      |
| 16                     | B Group   | 5th. D.A.      | 2.54p.m.  | 4.2 gun has stopped, but the 5.9 How. is still firing on J.8.c & d.                   |
| 17                     | B Group   | 5th. D.A.      | 2.59p.m.  | The 5.9 How. ( 4 guns) becoming irregular and intermittent and<br>stopping.           |
| 18                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.           | 3.5p.m.   | Reporting above.                                                                      |
| 19                     | 5th.D.A.  | 5th.Aus.<br>G. | 6.47p.m.  | One 4.5 How. was destroyed this morning and 500 rounds of BX.                         |
| 20                     | A Group   | 5th.D.A.       | 7.26p.m.  | J.3.c.5.4.-4.2 How. on a bearing 96 deg. from.                                        |
| 21                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.           | 7.26½p.m. | Informed.                                                                             |
| 22                     | A Group   | 5th.D.A.       | 7.34p.m.  | Shelling stopped on J.3.c.5.4.                                                        |
| 23                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.           | 7.38p.m.  | Informed.                                                                             |
| 24                     | B Group   | 5th.D.A.       | 7.56p.m.  | 4.2 gun J.8.c. and d. 92 deg. T.B. J.8.a.4.5.                                         |
| 25                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.           | 7.59p.m.  | Informed.                                                                             |



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date....13th..October... 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM     | TO                 | TIME.     | PURPORT.                                                                                          |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 8.14p.m.  | 4.2 gun has ceased firing.                                                                        |
| 27                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 8.15p.m.  | Informed of above.                                                                                |
| 28                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 9.50p.m.  | 4.2 How. on J.8.b. T.B. from J.8.a.4.5. 70deg.                                                    |
| 29                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 9.52p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                         |
| 30                     | B Group  | 5th. D.A.          | 10.6p.m.  | 4.2 How. above now reported as 5.9 still firing.                                                  |
| 31                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 10.7p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                         |
| 32                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 10.35p.m. | 5.9 How. is still worrying batteries, bearing is probably nearer 73 deg. than 70. deg.            |
| 33                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 10.45p.m. | From Pioneer Officer, a prisoner- Big German Gas bombardment for 2 nights ago has been postponed. |
| 34                     | 5th.D.A. | B Group            | 10.45p.m. | Informed as above.                                                                                |
| 35                     | 5th.D.A. | 1st. Anzac<br>H.A. | 10.48p.m. | Informed as above.                                                                                |
| 36                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 10.49p.m. | Informed 5.9 stopped 10 mins. and that bearing was probably nearer <del>70 deg</del> 73 deg.      |
| 37                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 11.55p.m. | 5.9. How. firing on J.8.c and <sup>d</sup> from T.B. 93 deg. from J.8.c.7.9.                      |
| 38                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 11.56p.m. | Repeating above.                                                                                  |

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### "A" Form

Army Form C. 2121.

## MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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                                                                  |        | Service.                           |  | Date     |     |
| "C" for information                          |      |    | At                                                                    | m.     | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") |  | From     | "C" |
|                                              |      |    | To                                                                    |        |                                    |  | By       |     |
|                                              |      |    | By                                                                    |        |                                    |  |          |     |
| TO                                           |      |    | 5th Aust. Div.<br>R. A. 1st Angae.                                    |        |                                    |  |          |     |
| Sender's Number.                             |      |    | Day of Month                                                          |        | In reply to Number                 |  | A A A    |     |
| * R. A. C. 31                                |      |    | 13                                                                    |        | 10                                 |  |          |     |
| Casualties                                   |      |    | 24                                                                    |        | has ended                          |  |          |     |
| noon today                                   |      |    | aaa                                                                   |        | 13th A.F.A.                        |  |          |     |
| Bde.                                         |      |    | killed 2%                                                             |        | wounded                            |  |          |     |
| 5%R                                          |      |    | aaa                                                                   |        | 14th A.F.A. Bde.                   |  |          |     |
| wounded 1%R.                                 |      |    | gassed.                                                               |        | 1%R                                |  |          |     |
| aaa                                          |      |    |                                                                       |        |                                    |  |          |     |
| From                                         |      |    | 5th Aust. D. A.                                                       |        | Group                              |  |          |     |
| Place                                        |      |    |                                                                       |        |                                    |  |          |     |
| Time                                         |      |    | 2-35 pm                                                               |        |                                    |  |          |     |
| The above may be forwarded as now corrected. |      |    | (Z)                                                                   |        |                                    |  |          |     |
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No. 23.

Headquarters,  
14th. October, 1917.

1. At noon "D" Day all current ammunition allotments are cancelled.
2. The Bulk allotment for each of "A" and "B" Groups for the period  
Noon "D" Day to noon "H" Day is :-

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| 18-prs. | 4.5" Hows. |
| 14850.  | 4950.      |

3. Dumps will be maintained as laid down in 5th. Australian  
Division Instruction No. 22, para 3.  
ARTY
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. H. Stone*Major,  
Brigade Major,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 9 p.m. to :- Copy No.

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| C.O. "A" Group.           | 1-9.   |
| C.O. "B" Group.           | 10-18. |
| Arty Liaison Officer, )   |        |
| 15th. Inf. Brigade. )     | 19.    |
| 5th. Aust. Division.      | 20-25. |
| "Q" 5th. Aust. Division.  | 24.    |
| 1st. Aust. Divl. Arty.    | 25.    |
| 4th. Aust. Div. Arty.     | 26.    |
| 7th. Divl. Artillery.     | 27.    |
| 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.   | 28.    |
| 1st. Aust. D.A. Column.   | 29.    |
| R.A. 1st. ANZAC.          | 30.    |
| H.A. 1st. ANZAC.          | 31.    |
| D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn. | 32.    |
| D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Divn. | 33.    |
| 57th. H.A. Group.         | 34.    |
| Signals, 5th. D.A. H.Q.   | 35.    |
| File.                     | 36.    |
| Staff Captain.            | 37.    |
| War Diary.                | 38-40. |



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 13-10-17 to 6 a.m. 14-10-17

VISIBILITY. Low.

OUR ARTILLERY. All roads, tracks and centres of activity were continuously searched with bursts of fire, special attention being paid by Right Artillery Group to CELTIC and JUSTICE WOODS, road from D.30.d.15.55 to junction at D.25.c.95.80, road junction at D.30.d.15.55, and the area from D.30.c.2.5 to D.30.c.25.25 to D.30.c.8.8.

The Left Artillery Group, were mainly engaged with ANVIL and DAME WOODS, and the suspected emplacements and shelters there, EFFECT COPSE, EDGE HOUSE and the tracks in D.30.a.

Three hostile batteries in action, reported by F.O.O. from BROODSEINDE RIDGE were engaged at 1 p.m. in K.a., and at 6 p.m. in D.24.c.20.05 and D.30.a.50.70. These were silenced.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was normal during the day except in the valley between WESTHOEK and ANZAC RIDGES, where the enemy searched continuously for Battery positions.

A 4.2" H.V. Gun firing from 920 T.B. from J.8.a.4.5. was silenced temporarily by Counter Batteries at 1 p.m.

J.8.b. and d was under fire from a 4.2 and 5.9 Howitzer from direction of ZANVOORDE and OOSTHOEK during the morning. One Group is reported T.B. 700 from J.8.a.4. and one 990 T.B. from J.8.c.4.7. (Sound bearing)

Intermittent searching fire chiefly from south and south-east, on the reverse slope of BROODSEINDE RIDGE between 7 and 9 a.m.

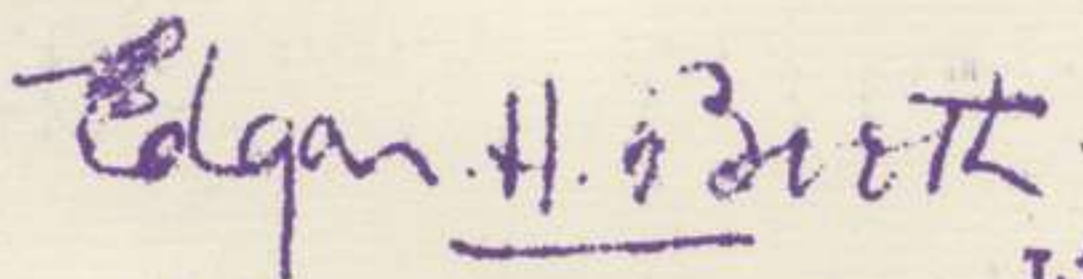
Enemy above normal between 4.30 and 7 a.m. this morning, J.3.c. and J.6.c. being fairly heavily shelled with 4.2" Hows. from T.B. 850 from J.7.d.75.30.

Southern end of WESTHOEK RIDGE, searched with 5.9's intermittently chiefly in vicinity of Gorduroy Road.

GENERAL.

Enemy 'planes flying very low over our front and support lines at 5 a.m.

A 6" Newton Trench Mortar is now in position on BROODSEINDE RIDGE.



Lieut.,

Reconnaissance Officer.,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,  
14-10-17.



FIFTE AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....14th..October.. 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM      | TO        | TIME.                          | PURPORT.                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                      | B Group   | 5th.D.A.  | 12.12a.m.                      | 5.9 How.still firing on our batteries.                                                                                   |
| 2                      | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.      | 12.13a.m.                      | Repaating above.                                                                                                         |
| 3                      | B Group   | 5th. D.A. | 12.20a.m.                      | 5.9 How now stopped.                                                                                                     |
| 4                      | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.      | 12.31<br><del>12.31</del> a.m. | Repeating above.                                                                                                         |
| 5                      | B Group   | 5th.D.A.  | 9.58a.m.                       | 5.9. How. from T.B. 70 from J.8.4.5.                                                                                     |
| 6                      | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.      | 9.59a.m.                       | Informed.                                                                                                                |
| 7                      | 5th.D.A.  | A Group   | 10.3a.m.                       | Informed that we want to know definitely which 2 places they have<br>chosen as O.P's. and what work is required on them. |
| 8                      | B Group   | 5th.D.A.  | 10.47a.m.                      | 5.9 How. T.B. 73 deg. from J.8.a.4.5. still firing.                                                                      |
| 9                      | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.      | 10.50a.m.                      | Informed.                                                                                                                |
| 10                     | B Group   | 5th. D.A. | 11.47a.m.                      | 5.9 How. T.B. 95 deg. from J.8.b.6.6., 5.9 How.T.B. 93deg. from<br>J.8.c.7.9. 4.2 gun* T.B. 92 deg. from J.8.a.4.5.      |
| 11                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.      | 11.53a,m.                      | Informed.                                                                                                                |
| 12                     | 5th .D.A. | A Group   | 12.10p.m.                      | Map Boards for 1st. and 101st. Batteries at these H.Q.                                                                   |
| 13                     | B Group   | 5th.D.A.  | 12.20p.m.                      | Batteries still being shelled.                                                                                           |
| 14                     | 5th. D.A. | C.B.      | 12.23p.m.                      | Informed.                                                                                                                |
| 15                     | B Group   | 5th.D.A.  | 12.29p.m.                      | 4.2 gun stopped.                                                                                                         |
| 16                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.      | 12.30p.m.                      | Informed.                                                                                                                |

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....14 October... 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM     | TO          | TIME.    | PURPORT.                                                                          |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 3.15p.m. | Informed F.O.O. reported hostile flashes seen at E.25.b.6.8. and in E.19.b.35.75. |
| 18                     | Liaison  | 5th.D.A.    | 3.32p.m. | H.A. O.P's are D.29.c.6.7., D.23.c.28.08., D.29.a.3.4.                            |
| 19                     | 5th.D.A. | A Group     | 3.33p.m. | Informed of above.                                                                |
| 20                     | 5th.D.A. | B Group     | 3.34p.m. | Informed of above.                                                                |
| 21                     | 5th.D.A. | 5th.Aus.G   | 3.37p.m. | Informed.                                                                         |
| 22                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 4.4 p.m. | The two 5.9 batteries have stopped firing-at about 3.55p.m.                       |
| 23                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 4.6 p.m. | Informed.                                                                         |
| 24                     | BBGroup  | 5th.D.A.    | 5.5p.m.  | Four 5.9 Hows. from J.8.c.7.9. 93 deg. T.B.                                       |
| 25                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 5.7p.m.  | Informed.                                                                         |
| 26                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 11.8p.m. | Heavies reported falling short in D.29.d.2.1.                                     |
| 27                     | 5th.D.A. | 57th.H.A.G. | 11.9p.m. | Repeating above.                                                                  |

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| "A" Form.                                                      |            |               |                                    | Army Form C.2121<br>(in pads of 100).                                |                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.                                          |            |               |                                    | No. of Message                                                       |                                                  |
| Prefix .....                                                   | Code ..... | m.            | Words                              | Charge                                                               | This message is on a/c of:<br><br>..... Service. |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions.                     |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
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|                                                                |            |               | By.....                            |                                                                      | By.....                                          |
|                                                                |            |               | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") |                                                                      |                                                  |
| TO { 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.<br>R. H. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lnzac |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| Sender's Number.                                               |            | Day of Month. |                                    | In reply to Number.                                                  |                                                  |
| * R.A.C. 36                                                    |            | 14            |                                    | AAA                                                                  |                                                  |
| Casualty report 24 hrs ended                                   |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| noon today aaa 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. D.T.                      |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| M. Bde. wounded 5 <sup>th</sup> R aaa 14 <sup>th</sup>         |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| A.F.A. Bde. gassed 1 <sup>st</sup> R aaa                       |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| Addressed 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.                           |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| repeated R. H. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lnzac.                          |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| 188                                                            |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| From 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust.                                     |            | D. A.         |                                    | Group.                                                               |                                                  |
| Place                                                          |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
| Time 4-30 pm                                                   |            |               |                                    |                                                                      |                                                  |
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 14-10-17 to 6 a.m. 15-10-17.

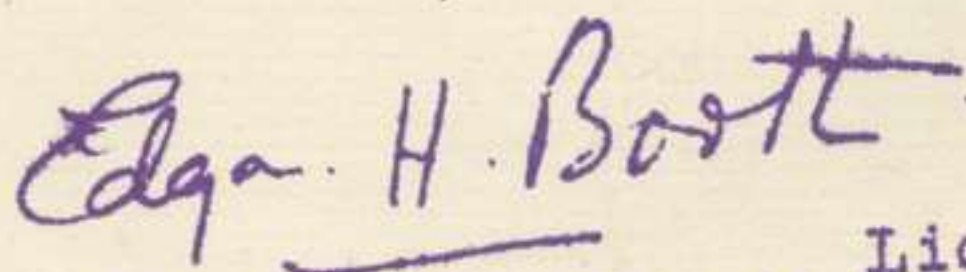
VISIBILITY. Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY. Continuous harassing programmes were carried out by both Groups during the last 24 hours, searching fire being directed on roads, tracks, and centres of activity. Tracks D.29.b.68.05 to D.30.d.00.15, D.29.b.70.30 to D.30.a.00.30, road J.6.b.3.9 to D.30.d.2.3., and road junction at E.25.d.0.8. received particular attention. Areas CELTIC, DALE, ANVIL, EFFECT and JUSTICE WOODS were swept with fire at irregular periods. Bombardments were carried out on shelters at D.30.a.68.80, D.30.b.45.72, D.24.d.05.00, J.6.b.6.9., D.30.d.4.0. and E.25.a.40.25. Suspected Dump at D.30.a.5.9. was under bursts of fire during the night and bombarded during the day. Dug-outs in D.24.c.88.03, DALE HOUSE, and EIGHT HOUSE were also engaged.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Was very active during the day and night in Battery areas, normal elsewhere during the day, active on front and support systems during the night. J.8.c and d and J.3.c were systematically engaged by 5.9 " How. Batteries firing from T.B. 950 from J.8.b.6.6, and 950 from J.8.c.7.9. A 4.2" Gun was active at 920 T.B. from J.8.a.4.5. The MUMIN ROAD in the vicinity of HOOGE was shelled between 10 a.m. and 12 noon with 5.9 and 8" Howitzers, and intermittent fire was maintained on that road as far as HELLFIRE CORNER during the afternoon. WESTHOEK RIDGE was fairly shelled with 5.9's from an easterly direction during the morning. Tracks were not much worried. A heavy hostile gas shell bombardment over the valley between WESTHOEK and ANZAC RIDGES was carried between 12.30 and 1.30 a.m. which continued less heavily till 4.45 a.m. A mixture of H.E. and Mustard Gas Shell was used, and Lethal Gas was also reported. At 9 p.m. roads from J.7.d.90.10 to CHATEAU WOOD were under fire from 4.2's and 5.9" Howitzers from direction of K.15.

GENERAL.

Hostile aircraft very active during day and night, flying low over front and support lines, and over Battery positions, photographing and registering enemy shoots. Bombing over forward and back areas during the night. Enemy aeroplane turned Machine Gun on to several parties in J.3. and J.8. during the afternoon.



Lieut.,

Reconnaissance Officer,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

Headquarters,  
15-10-17.



FIFTE AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....15.October.... 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM     | TO        | TIME.     | PURPORT.                                                                                                            |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 12.30a.m. | Enemy shelling from direction of ZANVOORDE with mustard gas.                                                        |
| 2                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 12.31a.m. | Repeatng above.                                                                                                     |
| 3                      | B Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 12.42a.m. | Reporting battery positions being shelled, all calibres, all active directions, including gas.                      |
| 4                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 12.43a.m. | Repeating above.                                                                                                    |
| 5                      | 5th.D.A. | G..       | 12.44a.m. | Repeating above from A & B Groups.                                                                                  |
| 6                      | A Group  | 5th. D.A. | 12.57a.m. | Reporting J.3.c. and J.7.b. heavily shelled with gas shell.                                                         |
| 7                      | B Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 1.24a.m.  | Shelling on J.7. quietened down.                                                                                    |
| 8                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 1.25a.m.  | Repeating above.                                                                                                    |
| 9                      | B Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 4.0a.m.   | Bombardment (hostile) finished.                                                                                     |
| 10                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 4.1a.m.   | Repeated above.                                                                                                     |
| 11                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 4.30a.m.  | Liaison reports: "being fired on from right". Get definite information.                                             |
| 12                     | G.       | 5th.D.A.  | 5.0a.m.   | 15th.Bde. say that owing to hostile activity during night, attack is likely at dawn.                                |
| 13                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 9.22a.m.  | Pigeon message- 4.2 gun shelling J.4.b.9.8. from direction of MOORSLEDE.                                            |
| 14                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 10.21a/m. | An 8" How. is firing into J.8.b. and c. from 85 deg. T.B. from J.8.c.4.8.- has already knocked out one of the guns. |

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....15th..October. 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM     | TO          | TIME.     | PURPORT.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 10.22a.m. | Repeating above for action.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 16                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 10.30a.m. | 5.9 How. concentrating on J.8.c. and d. and the valley there, causing a lot of worry. The 8" is still shooting and has knocked out one gun of 49th. Battery and killed two men. 5.9 is firing from K.15.   |
| 17                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 10.31a.m. | Repeating above- they will concentrate on likely batteries.                                                                                                                                                |
| 18                     | 5th.D.A. | B Group     | 10.32a.m. | Telling them of C.B. action, and asking for information as to result- to be sent immediately noticed.                                                                                                      |
| 19                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 11.8a.m.  | The 8" How. has ceased firing, but the 5.9 is still in action. Three planes were over evidently observing the shoot. One gun has been hit, a dump put up and two men killed.                               |
| 20                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 11.9a.m.  | Reporting 8" ceased firing, and 5.9 still going, three planes over observing shoot.                                                                                                                        |
| 21                     | G.S.O. 1 | 5th.D.A.    | 11.30a.m. | Infantry patrols will be going out to the Easterly Grid lines of D30. and J.6 tonight. Time will be notified later. This will not interfere with today's programme. Warn Heavies, C.B. and A and B Groups. |
| 22                     | 5th.D.A. | A Group     | 11.45a.m. | Notifying re above.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 23                     | 5th.D.A. | B Group     | 11.47a.m. | Notifying re above                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 24                     | 5th.D.A. | 57th.H.A.G. | 11.53a.m. | Informing them of above.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 25                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 11.58a.m. | 5.9 How. from K.15. still very active on J.8.c. and d.                                                                                                                                                     |

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....15th., October.. 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM      | TO              | TIME.    | PURPORT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.            | 12noon.  | Reporting 5.9 from K.15. still very active on J.8. c and d; also giving information re Infantry Patrols tonight. Will notify them as to time later.                                                                                   |
| 27                     | B Group   | 5th.D.A.        | 1.10p.m. | 5.9 How. and 4.2 How. very active from 95 deg. T.B. from J.8.b.6.6., 92 deg. from J.8.c.7.9. and all guns in thst Group firing heavily into J.8. Plane overhead registering 5.9 on to our 51st. Bty. and a balloon up right in frant. |
| 28                     | 5th. D.A. | C.B.            | 1.12p.m. | Notifying them re above                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 29                     | G.S.O. 1  | 5th.D.A.        | 1.14p.m. | Saying the Patrols will be going out from now onward to the East Grid Line, D.30, D.24, J.6. Warn all concerned. 4th. Div. have established post at D.24.c.1.1.                                                                       |
| 30                     | 5th.D.A.  | A Group         | 1.15p.m. | Warning them not to fire West of the Grid Lines given, and arrange through Liaison for new S.O.S. lines. Patrols going out now.                                                                                                       |
| 31                     | 5th.D.A.  | B Group         | 1.16p.m. | As above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 32                     | 5th.D.A.  | H.A.            | 1.17p.m. | As above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 33                     | A Group   | 5th.D.A.        | 2.0p.m.  | Left Bn. Front and Support lines being shelled by 5.9's, direction of KEIBERG. from D.29.c.5.6.                                                                                                                                       |
| 34                     | 5th.D.A.  | C.B.            | 2.2p.m.  | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 35                     | 5th.D.A.  | G. 5th.<br>Aus. | 2.4p.m.  | Informed of above and asked if they can give any information.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 36                     | A Group   | 5th.D.A.        | 2.9p.m.  | Have got in touch with Liaison and Infantry Brigadier wishes S.O.S. to remain the same till he alters it. They have no orders to establish posts and are merely patrolling.                                                           |

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Date.....15th. October.... 1917.

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37	5th.D.A.	G.5th.Aus.	2.22p.m.	Informed of above and arranged that S.O.S line would not be altered until hearing again from G.S.O. 1.
38	A Group	5th.D.A.	2.35p.m.	Infantry request no fire 300 yds. west of N. & S. Grid line running through D.J.E.K. squares.
39	5th.D.A.	B Group	2.40p.m.	Informed S.O.S. line to remain as it is.
40	5th.D.A.	G.S.O.3	2.47p.m.	S.O.S. line will remain the same (verbally).
41	5th.D.A.	57th.H.A.G.	2.53p.m.	57th. H.A.G. informed of patrols being out this afternoon and that we were not firing west of a line 300 yds. east of a N & S Grid line running through D.J.E.K.
42	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.55p.m.	S.O.S. along whole of front- all guns firing. Will let us know if they want heavies.
43	5th.D.A.	B Group	5.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m.	Asking if they have an S.O.S. on their front. Not on their front but batteries are standing by.
44	5th.D.A.	57th.H.A.G.	5.59p.m.	There is an S.O.S. on left of our front. H.A. report it is more to South from their observers.
45	5th.D.A.	G.5th.Aus. 5th.D.A.	6.0 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m. 6.05p.m. Aus.	A Group report S.O.S. on their front. 57th. say it is to our South and B Group say not on their front. Have you any news?
46	B Group	5th.D.A.	6.1p.m.	Infantry Bde. report it is to right of our Division, but C.O. A Group has sent round to say it is on his front.
47	5th.D.A.	7th.D.A.	6.2p.m.	Asking re S.O.S. They know of none.
48	A Group	5th.D.A.	6.3p.m.	They report S.O.S. is to their right and have stopped firing.

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| 49                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 6.5p.m.   | Report S.O.S. on their front- have opened fire. Major Lister reports having seen S.O.S. rocket twice.                                                 |
| 50                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 6.8p.m.   | S.O.S. on their front- have opened. Will tell us if they want Heavies                                                                                 |
| 51.                    | 5th.D.A. | CorpsR.A.   | 6.9p.m.   | Informing them to present moment.                                                                                                                     |
| 52                     | 5th.D.A. | G.          | 6.10p.m.  | Reporting to present.                                                                                                                                 |
| 53                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 6.11½p.m. | Report that Inf. Bdr. want Heavies.                                                                                                                   |
| 54                     | 5th.D.A. | 57th.H.A.G. | 6.12p.m.  | Inf. Bdr. wants S.O.S. on whole front.                                                                                                                |
| 55                     | 4th.D.A. | 5th.D.A.    | 6.14p.m.  | Report nothing happening on their front and enquired where S.O.S. was. Told of our action.                                                            |
| 56                     | 5th.D.A. | G.          | 6.15p.m.  | Informing them of action to date.                                                                                                                     |
| 57                     | 5th.D.A. | 7th.D.A.    | 6.17p.m.  | Telling them of our S.O.S. They say they are firing too. Undoubtedly S.O.S did go up right along the line.                                            |
| 58                     | 5th.D.A. | B Group     | 6.19p.m.  | Reminding them of the S.O.S. being a 15 min. programme unless a repeat is asked for. Remind Inf, Bdr. of this.                                        |
| 59                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 6.20p.m.  | Inf. Bdr. asks for one rd. per gunner min. until further orders. Remind him that Heavies only fire ¼ hour. He must ask for a repeat if he wants them. |
| 60                     | 5th.D.A. | G.          | 6.22p.m.  | Informing them and asking them to get information.                                                                                                    |
| 61                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 6.25p.m.  | Asked to stop- have done so.                                                                                                                          |
| 62                     | A Group  | 5th/D.A.    | 6.25p.m.  | Are asked to stop and have done so.                                                                                                                   |



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| 63                     | 5th.D.A. | 57th.H.A.G. | 6.24P.M. | Liaison has asked us to stop, so we have done so.                                                               |
| 64                     | 5th.D.A. | G.          | 6.27p.m. | Informed.                                                                                                       |
| 65                     | 5th.D.A. | 7th.D.A.    | 6.28p.m. | Informed- <del>they</del> they have now opened on their right.                                                  |
| 66                     | 5th.D.A. | 4th.D.A.    | 6.31p.m. | Informed that we have stopped firing. He has not been firing at all. His S.O.S. line will be unchanged tonight. |
| 67                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 7.5p.m.  | 8" shelling batteries in J.8.c.Central. 11 and 11.30 a.m. 85 deg. Magnetic, 72 deg. T.B.                        |
| 68                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 7.27p.m. | Informed.                                                                                                       |
| 69                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 8.0p.m.  | J.3.c. being shelled, gas shell 77 on a bearing of 60° Grid J.3.c.5.5.                                          |
| 70                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 8.1p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                       |
| 71                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 8.14p.m. | 5.9 gun, T.B. 93 deg. from J.8.d.18.40. shelling Bty, position. 77 firing gas shell from same bearing.          |
| 72                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 8.17p.m. | Informed.                                                                                                       |
| 73                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 8.49p.m. | Gas shellingx ceased.                                                                                           |
| 74                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 8.51p.m. | Informed.                                                                                                       |
| 75                     | 5th.D.A. | G.5th.Aus.  | 8.53p.m. | Informed of gas shelling from 8 p.m. to 8.45p.m.                                                                |
| 76                     | B Group  | 5th.B.A.    | 9.40p.m. | Shelling by gas shell died down considerably- very few now falling in valley J.8.c.                             |



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| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>TO {</div> <div>5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div<br/>R.H. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac</div> </div> |            |               |           |                     |                                    |                 |
| Sender's Number.                                                                                                                                     |            | Day of Month. |           | In reply to Number. |                                    |                 |
| * RAC37                                                                                                                                              |            | 15            |           |                     |                                    | AAA             |

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| Casualties                  | 24 hours ended             |                        |                  |
| noon today                  | aaa                        | 13 <sup>th</sup> H.F.A |                  |
| Bde.                        | wounded 1%R                | aaa                    | 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| H.F.A Bde.                  | killed 2%R                 | wounded                |                  |
| 4%R                         | aaa                        | 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust   | G.H.C.           |
| wounded 2%R                 | aaa                        | H.A.M.C.               | attached         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> H.F.A Bde. | gassed 1%R                 | 2-10-17                | previously       |
| reported as                 | 14 <sup>th</sup> H.F.A Bde | aaa                    |                  |
| Addressed                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust       | Div                    | repeated         |
| R.H. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac  |                            |                        |                  |

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| From                                         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. | D.A.                                                                  | Group. |  |
| Place                                        |                       |                                                                       |        |  |
| Time                                         | 3-35 pm               |                                                                       |        |  |
| The above may be forwarded as now corrected. |                       | (Z)                                                                   |        |  |
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No. 24.

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Headquarters,  
16th. October, 1917.

1. From 7 p.m. 17th. October, 1917, the Counter Battery Boundary between 1st. and 2nd. ANZAC Corps will be the east and west Grid Line through E.13. Central.
2. The 14th, Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line during 17th. October, 1917, and the night 17th./18th. October, 1917.
3. The 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade will take over the Support Brigade Area from the 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade during daylight on 17th. October, 1917.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. Hulton*Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 5.45 p.m. toAll recipients of 5th. Aust. Div. Arty. Inst. No. 23.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 14-10-17 to 6 a.m. 16-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY. Worked according to Bombardment and harassing programmes during the morning; but lifted back east of GRID Line D J : E K at 1 p.m. on account of our Infantry patrols. Roads and tracks were searched intermittently throughout the period, to a distance of 2000 yards behind the S.O.S. Line. An S.O.S. was answered from 6.4. to 6.24 p.m. Dug-outs on the road by DAME HOUSE were kept under irregular bursts of fire.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Between 6 and 11.30 a.m. battery positions in J.3.c were intermittently bombarded by 5.9's and 4.2" Hows. from direction of MOORSLEDE. An 8" How. firing from 850 T.B. from J.8.c.4.8. during the morning put one of our guns out of action. At 10.30 a.m. 5.9 Hows. concentrated on J.8.c. and d and the valley, firing from K.15, three 'planes overhead evidently directing the shoot. WESTHOEK and BELLEVAARDE RIDGE were shelled intermittently by 5.9" from direction of K.4. YPRES was under fire during the day by 4.2" H.V. Gun firing from south-east. There were two active periods during the night; from 8 p.m. - 9.40 p.m. J.3.c., J.3.d., and J.8.b., c and d, were shelled with mustard gas by 77 mm guns on a bearing of 600 Grid from J.3.c.3.5, and 900 Grid from J.8.d.18.40. A 5.9 How was also firing from the latter bearing. Between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. the enemy were again very active with gas shell, mainly from direction TERHAND and ZANVOORDE. Some casualties occurred.

GENERAL.

Hostile aeroplanes were still very active bombing batteries in J.8. during the morning, and again between 7 and 10 p.m.

At 10.30 a.m. enemy balloons were up at Grid Bearings of 720, 820, 890, 1100, 1120, 1130, 1380, and 1680 from J.3.c.5.5.

Headquarters,  
16-10-17.

*Edgar H. Borth*  
Lieut.,  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.



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| 1                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 3.30a.m.  | J.7.b. being heavily shelled- gas- from ZANVOORDE and BECELARE direction.                                                                                                                  |
| 2                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 3.32a.m.  | Repeating above.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 3.46a.m.  | Still very warm- two men killed, one wounded.                                                                                                                                              |
| 4                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 3.47a.m.  | Asking that these Groups be dealt with heavily by X Corps, repeating above. They have asked X Corps and have been retaliating heavily themselves with gas. and shrapnel in Hun back areas. |
| 5                      | C.B.     | 5th.D.A.  | 4.1a.m.   | They are doing all they can and have asked X Corps to do so.                                                                                                                               |
| 6                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 4.25a.m.  | Shelling slackened down a little- still active- Told them what C.B. are doing.                                                                                                             |
| 7                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 4.37a.m.  | Shelling ceased.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 4.40a.m.  | Repeating above.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 9.50a.m.  | Liaison reports enemy line now runs- D.30.c.5.5.-J.6.a.9.7. and there is no restriction on their firing today. 3rd. Battery had four killed, 3 men gassed and 1 Officer gassed.            |
| 10                     | G.       | 5th.D.A.  | 10.50a.m. | There are no restrictions as to shooting today, as we have no patrols going out. Inform Heavies and C.B.                                                                                   |
| 11                     | 5th.D.A. | CorpsH.A. | 10.53a.m. | Repeating above.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12                     | 5th.D.A. | A Group   | 12.15p.m. | Repeating wire from Liaison to "A".-"Being shelled fairly heavy. Can you arrange any C.B. work." - For particulars.                                                                        |
| 13                     | 5th.D.A. | A Group   | 12.20p.m. | Repeating wire from Liaison to A Group-"Heavy fire required on pill-box, D.30.a.5.8. near edge of ANVIL WOOD aka Battery at E.19.c.4.9. aka Enemy movement around building E.19.a.95.60"   |

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| 14                     | 5th.D.A. | G.5th.Aus. | 12.30p.m. | Informed of above.                                                                                                                  |
| 15                     | 5th.D.A. | 4th.D.A.   | 12.34p.m. | Informed of above.                                                                                                                  |
| 16                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.   | 1.25p.m.  | Liaison reports, 4.2 How. T.B. 98 deg. and 5.9 How. T.B. 89 deg. from D.29.c.4.6. firing on front line and support line of left Bn. |
| 17                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.       | 1.35p.m.  | Informed of above.                                                                                                                  |
| 18                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.   | 1.30p.m.  | Batteries J,7.b. heavily shelled 77cm. and 4.2 Hows. from direction BECELAERE and ZANVOORDE from J.7.b.                             |
| 19                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.       | 1.35p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                                           |
| 20                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.   | 1.39p.m.  | 4.2 and 5.9 How. firing from direction of OOSTHOEK into J.8.c. 87½ deg. T.B. from J.8.c.47.48.                                      |
| 21                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.       | 1.45p.m.  | Informed of above.                                                                                                                  |
| 22                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.   | 2.4p.m.   | 4.2's and 5.9's T.B. 87½ deg. from J.8.c.47.48 now ceased.                                                                          |
| 23                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.   | 2.3p.m.   | Hostile activity from direction of BECELAERE and ZANVOORDE continues in form of area shoot.                                         |
| 24                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.       | 2.13p.m.  | Informed of two messages above.                                                                                                     |
| 25                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.   | 2.17p.m.  | 4.2 How. T.B. 87½ deg. from J.8.c.47.48 has commenced again.                                                                        |
| 26                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.       | 2.18p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                                           |
| 27                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.   | 2.54p.m.  | F.O.O. reports that he can still see the 4.2 guns 65½ deg. T.B. D.29.c.4.6. in action.                                              |
| 28                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.       | 2.58p.m.  | Reporting above.                                                                                                                    |



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| 29                     | B Group            | 5th.D.A.            | 3.20p.m.             | Enemy started concentration shoot aall calibres on and round 51st. Bty. & J.8.c, chiefly from MOORSLEDE and OOSTHOEK.                                                                                                                                       |
| 30                     | B.M. at<br>A Group | 5th.D.A.            | 3.23p.m,             | Our rear batteries under very heavy fire from direction of BECE LAERE and ZANVOORDE - this has been going on continuously now and active C.B. work against these Groups is imperative. Inform C.B. and ask them to tell X Corps H.A. Also inform Corps R.A. |
| 31                     | 5th, D.A.          | C.B.                | 3.26p.m,             | giving full details re above- they will do all they possibly can and get in touch with X Corps again.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 32                     | 5th, D.A.          | R.A. 1st.<br>Anzac. | 3.29p.m,             | Informing them re above and asking them to get in touch with X Corps direct. They will do so immediately.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 33                     | B Group            | 5th.D.A.            | <del>3.31</del> 3.31 | 4.2 and 5.9 How shelling 113th, and 49th, Batter <del>y</del> positions from 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. T.B. from J.8.c.47.48. Told them of our action and asked them to report any diminution in hostile fire.                                                  |
| 34                     | B.M. at<br>B Group | 5th.D.A.            | 3.46p.m.             | The 4.2 and 5.9 How. from 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. T.B. from J.8.c.47.48 are firing very heavily into J.8.c again and we are getting casualties.                                                                                                               |
| 35                     | 5th.D.A.           | C.B.                | 3.48p.m.             | Informing them re above- they have taken on every target they have and are firing on them still; they also got in touch with X Corps and asked them to deal with the Southern Groups.                                                                       |
| 36                     | 5th.D.A.           | B Group             | 4.5p.m.              | Asking how enemy shelling is going- they will ring batteries and find out.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 37                     | B Group            | 5th.D.A.            | 4.6p.m.              | All lines down forward- out of communication with batteries.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 38                     | 5th.D.A.           | A Group             | 4.8p.m.              | For information-they have just got a report that it is now quiet.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 39                     | 5th.D.A.           | C.B.                | 4.9p.m.              | Informing them re above- they will start in again for 20 mins. as s soon as we want them.                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 40                     | 5th.D.A. | R.A. 1st.<br>Anzac | 4.12p.m.  | Informing them to present time.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 41                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 5.12p.m.  | 4.2 and 5.9's from direction of BECHLAERE and ZANVOORDE are firing on J.7.b. and d.                                                                                                                |
| 42                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 5.14p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 43                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 5.29p.m.  | Bde. Liaison says Bde. H.Q. being shot at by 5.9 Hows. from direction of BECHLAERE. J.7.c.8.3.                                                                                                     |
| 44                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 5.31p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 45                     | 5th.D.A. | G.5th.Aus.         | 5.33p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 46                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 5.34p.m.  | 99° from J.7.d.90.60, 2- 77's., 2 - 4.2's., 2 - 5.9's.                                                                                                                                             |
| 47                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 5.37p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 48                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 5.39p.m.  | 2 - 4.2 guns observed 50° True and <sup>2</sup> 4.2 guns T.B. in centre of MOORSLEDE village, also 5.9 how. bearing 90 deg. True, all observed from J.4.b.7.4.; all shelling vicinity of Bde. H.Q. |
| 49                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 5.42p.m.  | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 50                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 9.44p.m.  | 5.9 how. from Rt. Battn. Liaison Officer is shelling 90° T.B. from J.4.b.7.4. about 2 rds. per min. on Battn. H.Q.                                                                                 |
| 51                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 9.48p.m.  | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 52                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.           | 10.42p.m. | 4.2 gun from MOORSLEDE giving trouble, Rt. Liaison reports in J.4.b.                                                                                                                               |
| 53                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.               | 10.46p.m. | Informed and will take action.                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                                                                |            |               | At.....m. |                                                                       |                            | By              |
|                                                                |            |               | To.....   | (Signature of "Franking Officer.")                                    |                            |                 |
|                                                                |            |               | By        |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| TO { 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.<br>R. A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| Sender's Number.                                               |            | Day of Month. |           | In reply to Number.                                                   |                            | AAA             |
| * R.A.C. 39                                                    |            | 16            |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| Casualties 24 hours ended                                      |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| noon today aaa 13 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A.                         |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| Bde. wounded 1%R aaa                                           |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde wounded 1%R                        |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| wounded remaining on duty 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut.               |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| A.E. MANN 16.10.17 aaa 5 <sup>th</sup> Hist.                   |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| D.T. M. Bde. wounded 1%R aaa                                   |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| Addressed 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div repeated                   |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| R. A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac 1256/                              |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| From 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust.                                     |            | D.A.          |           | Group                                                                 |                            |                 |
| Place                                                          |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| Time 2-20 pm                                                   |            |               |           |                                                                       |                            |                 |
| The above may be forwarded as now corrected.                   |            |               |           | (Z) Capt                                                              |                            |                 |
| Censor.                                                        |            |               |           | Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. |                            |                 |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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From 6 a.m. 16-10-17 to 6 a.m. 17-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY. Fired programmes of harassing and searching fire, conforming to movement of Infantry patrols. All roads and tracks were searched, special attention being paid to KEIBERG and the road junction in the vicinity. Bombardments were carried out by the Howitzer Batteries on strong points in eastern edge of ANVIL WOOD and north-eastern corner of JUSTICE WOOD. Our F.O.O. reported numerous targets of Hostile Artillery - those beyond our range were reported to our Heavy Artillery.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Shelling of roads and tracks below normal during the day, except on WESTHOEK RIDGE, which was intermittently shelled during the morning and afternoon. BROODCEINDE RIDGE was shelled intermittently between 10 a.m. and 12 noon by 4.2" How. firing 550 T.B. from D.29.c.6.6. and 5.9" How. 600 T.B. from same point. Between two and three p.m. a heavy concentration of all calibres was put down in the neighbourhood of D.29.c.6.5. During the night the front and support lines were bombarded from the direction of OOSTHOEK. The southern hostile groups commenced an area shoot in the WESTHOEK-ANZAC RIDGE valley at 2 p.m. of 4.2" and 5.9" Howitzers. This continued until 3.15 p.m.; when a heavy concentration of all calibres was put down there and in J.8.c and d from OOSTHOEK, TERHAND, and direction ZANVOORDE. This was stopped by Counter Battery concentration of our Heavy Artillery at 4.5 p.m. Intermittent shelling of J.8.c and d by 5.9" GUN and 4.2" How. from direction of OOSTHOEK and WATERDAMHOEK during the night.

GENERAL. Hostile Aircraft bombed the forward areas early this morning and were over Battery positions during the day, but activity has decreased.

*A. H. H. H.*

Headquarters,  
17-10-17.

Major,  
for R.O. 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.



# FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....17th. October... 1917

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM     | TO       | TIME.    | PURPORT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                      | G.       | 5th.D.A. | 2.30a.m. | Message from Gen. Elliott- Shelling incessant, 4.2 guns from 95 deg. also 5.9 and 4.2 how. from WATERDAMHOEK & KEIBERG and MOORSLEDE- shelling all forward areas. Get C.B. if possible. Lines to forward Bns. cut. Sigs. out.- 2.28a.m. |
| 2                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.     | 2.35a.m. | Informing them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A. | 2.43a.m. | Giving message from Gen. Elliott already received. Informed of our action- tel to get in touch with Liaison and find out result or any more details.                                                                                    |
| 4                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A. | 3.9a.m.  | Report shelling continuing and also 5.9 gun firing from WATERDAMHOEK direction into J.3.c.                                                                                                                                              |
| 5                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.     | 3.12a.m. | Informing them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 6                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A. | 3.40a.m. | 4.2 gun from direction OOSTHOEK firing into J.3.c.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.     | 3.43a.m. | Informing them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A. | 3.45a.m. | The OOSTHOEK gun is a how.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.     | 3.46a.m. | Informing them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.....17th...October. 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM        | TO           | TIME.     | PURPORT.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10                     | 7th.D.A.    | 5th.D.A.     | 9.40a.m.  | Their C.R.A. will be here at 10 a.m. Also reporting congestion of traffic on road through CHATEAU WOOD, owing to repairs being effected.                                                 |
| 11                     | B Group     | 5th.D.A.     | 9.50a.m.  | Message from Right Liaison reports shelling has eased down on front system, but a 4.2 gun, T.B. 108° from J.4.b.75.50 is still firing.                                                   |
| 12                     | 5th.D.A.    | C.B.         | 9.52a.m.  | Informing them of above.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 13                     | 57th.H.A.G. | 5th.D.A.     | 10.12a.m. | Asking if there is any change in our S.O.S.                                                                                                                                              |
| 14                     | 5th.D.A.    | 57 H.A.G.    | 10.53a.m. | Informed S.O.S. line is the same.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 15                     | B Group     | 5th.D.A.     | 12.39p.m. | F.O.O. reports he can see flashes of 4.2 how.- estimates they are on road E.27.a.8.5. At 12.30p.m. they had been firing for an hour. F.O.O. is at D.29.c.65.45.                          |
| 16                     | 5th.D.A.    | C.B.         | 12.43p.m. | Informed of above.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 17                     | A Group     | 5th.D.A.     | 1.2p.m.   | 4.2 how. shelling J.3.c. direction from OOSTHOEK.                                                                                                                                        |
| 18                     | 5th.D.A.    | C.B.         | 1.4p.m.   | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 19                     | G.S.O. 1    | 5th.D.A.     | 1.50p.m.  | Asks what casualties we had last night.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 20                     | B Group     | 5th.D.A.     | 2.46p.m.  | Bearing 75½° T.B. from D.29.c.65.45. Bde. Liaison reports Rt. Battn. H.Q. 98 T.B. from J.4.b.75.50. <del>OR</del> O.P. at E.9.d.25.50 still in occupation fires the guns from MOORSLEDE. |
| 21                     | 5th.D.A.    | 1 Corps H.A. | 2.50p.m.  | Informed of O.P.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 22                     | 5th.D.A.    | C.B.         | 2.53p.m.  | Informed of bearings in message timed 2.46p.m.                                                                                                                                           |

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Date.....17th, October. 1917.

APPENDIX. 17



"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:<br><br>.....Service. | Recd. at.....m. |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions. |             | Sent      |        |                                                 | Date.....       |
|                                            |             | At.....m. |        |                                                 | From.....       |
|                                            |             | To.....   |        |                                                 | By.....         |
|                                            |             | By.....   |        | (Signature of "Franking Officer.")              |                 |

TO { 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div  
R.A. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac

|                                |                        |                     |     |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Sender's Number.<br>* R.A.C 42 | Day of Month. 10<br>17 | In reply to Number. | AAA |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----|

|            |                            |                         |  |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Casualties | 24                         | hours ended             |  |
| noon today | aaa                        | 13 <sup>th</sup> H.F.A. |  |
| Bde killed | 1/R                        | wounded 4/R             |  |
| aaa        | 14 <sup>th</sup> H.F.A.    | Bde wounded             |  |
| 4/R        | gassed 2/R                 | aaa                     |  |
| Addressed  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div  |                         |  |
| repeated   | R.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac |                         |  |
|            |                            |                         |  |
|            |                            |                         |  |
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|            |                            |                         |  |

|                                                                       |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| From 5 <sup>th</sup> A.D.A. Group                                     |                 |
| Place                                                                 |                 |
| Time 3 15 pm                                                          |                 |
| The above may be forwarded as now corrected.                          |                 |
| Censor.                                                               | (Z) [Signature] |
| Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. |                 |

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## APPENDIX. 18

S E C R E T.

Copy No. 39

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 38.

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Headquarters,  
18th. October, 1917.

1. From 3 p.m. 18th. October, 1917, the S.O.S. Line for the 5th.

Australian Divisional Artillery Group will run as follows M-  
D.29.b.60.80.- D.30.a.00.11.-D.29.d.95.55.- J.5.b.90.95. -  
J.6.a.30.30.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. H. Mott*

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

Issued at 3.30 p.m. to:-All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. No. 26.



S E C R E T.Copy No. *38*

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No.26.

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Headquarters,  
18th. October, 1917.

1. A further Bulk Allotment as under is made from noon "N" to noon "P" Day to each of "A" and "B" Groups :-
 

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| <u>18-pr.</u> | <u>4.5" How.</u> |
| 2160.         | 720.             |
2. The Bulk allotment of ammunition as above and that laid down in 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery No.25, para 1. is intended to cover the expenditure for the next operation.
3. The dumps at the guns at midnight N/O will be per gun :-
 

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>18-prs.</u> | <u>4.5" Hows.</u> |
| 1100.          | 950.              |

 and not as anticipated in 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.25. para 1.
4. The Dumps of 400 rounds per 18-pr. and 300 rounds per 4.5" How. should be at the guns noon "P" Day.
5. The Counter Battery Boundary between 1st. and 2nd. ANZAC Corps will now be the east and west Line between E.13. and E.19.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. Stultson*Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

| Issued at 11 a.m. to:-    | Copy No. |
|---------------------------|----------|
| "A" Group.                | 1 - 9.   |
| "B" Group.                | 10-18.   |
| Arty Liaison Officer,     |          |
| 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde.     | 19.      |
| 5th. Aust. Division.      | 20-23.   |
| "Q", 5th. Aust. Divn.     | 24.      |
| R.A. 1st. ANZAC.          | 25.      |
| H.A. 1st. ANZAC.          | 26.      |
| 4th. Aust. Divl. Arty.    | 27.      |
| 7th. Divl. Artillery.     | 28.      |
| 1st. Aust. Divl. Arty.    | 29.      |
| 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.   | 30.      |
| 1st. Aust. D.A. Column.   | 31.      |
| 57th. H.A. Group.         | 32.      |
| D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn. | 33.      |
| D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Divn. | 34.      |
| Signals, 5th. D.A. H.Q.   | 35.      |
| File.                     | 36.      |
| Staff Captain.            | 37.      |
| War Diary.                | 38-40.   |



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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From 6 a.m. 17-10-17 to 6 a.m. 18-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Good.

OUR ARTILLERY. Maintained harassing <sup>fire</sup> on roads and communications within 2000 yards of the S.O.S. Line, and searched and swept enemy centres at irregular intervals. A definite area in the neighbourhood of KEIBURG CROSS ROADS, where much activity has been noted was under particular programmes of fire during the night. A hostile battery firing from E.25.b.4.7. was engaged.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Below normal - intermittent shelling of J.8.c and d by 5.9 and 4.2" Hows. from direction OOSTHOEK, WATERDAMHOEK, and J.3.c by 4.2" How. from direction of BECELAERE. A 4.2" gun firing from T.B. 1080 from J.4.b.75.50. was firing on the front system intermittently during the morning. Tracks and communications were not much engaged. WESTHOEK RIDGE received bursts of fire from direction OOSTHOEK and TERHAND.

GENERAL. Communication was maintained periodically with F.O.O's and several targets given. At 5.5 p.m. several enemy aeroplanes flew low over Battery positions and fired Machine Guns on Infantry and Artillery in J.3, J.4, and J.8.

Headquarters,  
18-10-17.

*H. Hulton*  
Major,  
for Reconnaissance Officer,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE

Date.....18<sup>th</sup> October..... 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM               | TO                 | TIME.                   | PURPORT.                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                      | A Group            | 5th.D.A.           | 11.42a.m.               | 4.2 gun into J.3.c. from direction K2.Central, seems close up.                                                                                     |
| 2                      | 5th.D.A.           | C.B.               | 11.43a.m.               | Informed.                                                                                                                                          |
| 3                      | A Group            | 5th.D.A.           | 12.52p.m.               | 5th. report 4.2 and 5.9 how. batteries firing from MOORSLEDE.<br>4.2 now firing, 5.9 bursts every half hour. 4.2 gun from K.2.Central has stopped. |
| 4                      | 5th.D.A.           | C.B.               | 12.53p.m.               | Informed.                                                                                                                                          |
| 5                      | B Group            | 5th.D.A.           | 1.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m. | 5.9 how. on 54th. Bearing 91.20 T. from J.8.b.60.80                                                                                                |
| 6                      | 5th.D.A.           | C.B.               | 1.34p.m.                | Informed.                                                                                                                                          |
| 7                      | B Group            | 5th.D.A.           | 2.26p.m.                | Battery still firing reported 1.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m.                                                                                              |
| 8                      | 5th.D.A.           | C.B.               | 2.33p.m.                | Informed.<br>Infantry post report D.29.b.5.1. Present S.O.S. line D.29.b.8.1.<br>B.M. desires S.O.S. line brought forward D.30.a.0.1.              |
| 9                      | B.M. 14th.<br>I.B. | 5th.D.A.           | 2.45p.m.                | Asks for new S.O.S. line- D.29.b.60.80- D.30.a.00.11.-D.29.d.95.55-<br>J.5.b.90.25.                                                                |
| 10                     | 5th. D.A.          | A Group            | 2.47p.m.                | Informed and arranged above.                                                                                                                       |
| 11                     | 5th.D.A.           | B Group            | 2.50p.m.                | Informed and arranged above.                                                                                                                       |
| 12                     | 5th.D.A.           | 57th.H.A.G.        | 2.52p.m.                | Informed and arranged above.                                                                                                                       |
| 13                     | 5th.D.A.           | G.5th.Aus.         | 2.53p.m.                | Informed and arranged above.                                                                                                                       |
| 14                     | 5th.D.A.           | B.M. 14th.<br>I.B. | 3.20p.m.                | Arranged new S.O.S. line- D.29.b.60.80,-D.30.a.00.11-D.29.d.95.55-<br>J.5.b.90.95-J.6.a.30.30.                                                     |

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Date.....18th, October.. 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM     | TO          | TIME.    | PURPORT.                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15                     | 5th.D.A. | 7th.D.A.    | 3.24p.m. | Confirmed above (14) 7th.D.A. will overlap us at J.6.a.25.40.                                                                                                                           |
| 16                     | 5th.D.A. | B Group     | 3.27p.m. | Confirmed above.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 17                     | 5th.D.A. | 57th.H.A.G. | 3.29p.m. | Confirmed above.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 18                     | 5th.D.A. | 5th.AUS.G.  | 3.32p.m. | Confirmed above.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 19                     | B Group  | 5th.D.A.    | 4.4p.m.  | Right Battn. Liaison reports 4.2 How. Battery is firing on Rt. Battn support line from a bearing about 67°30' T.B. FROM J.4. b.75.50, flashes seen appear on road about E.9.c. Central. |
| 20                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.        | 4.5p.m.  | Informed.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 21                     | 5th.D.A. | B.Group     | 5 p.m.   | Asked result of shoot on 4.2 hows. <del>from Bk</del> 67°30' T.B. from J.4.b.75.50 nothing so far heard from Right Battn. Liaison.                                                      |

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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:<br><br>.....Service. | Recd. at.....m. |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions. |             | Sent      |        |                                                 | Date.....       |
|                                            |             | At.....m. |        | From.....                                       |                 |
|                                            |             | To.....   |        | By.....                                         |                 |
|                                            |             | By.....   |        | (Signature of "Franking Officer.")              |                 |

TO

5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div  
R.A. 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac

|                                 |                  |                     |     |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Sender's Number.<br>* R.A.C. 47 | Day of Month. 10 | In reply to Number. | AAA |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----|

|               |                            |                            |  |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Casualties    | 24                         | hours ended                |  |
| noon today    | aaa                        | 13 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A Bde |  |
| wounded 1 %R  | aaa                        | 14 <sup>th</sup>           |  |
| A.F.A Bde     | killed 1 %R                | wounded                    |  |
| 1 %R          | wounded R.O.D.             | 2 %R                       |  |
| gassed R.O.D. | 3 %R                       | aaa                        |  |
| Addressed     | 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div   |                            |  |
| repeated      | R.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac |                            |  |

|                            |      |       |
|----------------------------|------|-------|
| From 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. | D.A. | Group |
| Place                      |      |       |
| Time 3 pm                  |      |       |

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Censor.

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

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SECRET.

No. 47.  
8 a.m. 19-10-17.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP

## DISPOSITION

5th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. - I.14.b.1.5. LILLE GATE YPRES.

|                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|
| HEADQUARTERS<br>5th AUSTRALIAN<br>DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY |
| No. G11/2697.                                          |
| Date                                                   |

| GROUP.                                                | UNIT.                                                                                                                                                          | POSITION.                                                                                                                                              | WAGON LINES.                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "B" Group<br>H.Q.<br>HALFWAY<br>HOUSE,<br>I.17.c.4.8. | Headquarters,<br>14th. Aust. F.A.B.<br>53rd. Battery<br>54th. "<br>55th. "<br>114th. "<br>13th. F.A.B.H.Q.<br>49th. Battery.<br>50th. "<br>51st. "<br>113th. " | I.17.c.4.8.<br>J.8.b. 61.82<br>J.8.b. 60.80<br>J.8.b. 60.98<br>J.8.b. 45.88<br>H.28.a.<br>J.8.c.47.48.<br>J.8.a.70.75.<br>J.8.c.75.93.<br>J.8.c.46.74. | H.28.a.<br>H.18.d.7.2.<br>H.24. central.<br>H.18.d.7.3.<br>H.24.a.5.3.<br>I.19.d.1.8.<br>I.14.d.3.6.<br>I.14.d.9.7.<br>I.19.d.1.8.<br>I.19.c.1.1. |
| "A" Group<br>H.Q.<br>I.14.c.4.8.<br>HALFWAY<br>HOUSE. | Headquarters,<br>1st. F.A.Bde.<br>1st. Battery,<br>2nd. "<br>3rd. "<br>101st. "<br>2nd. F.A.B.H.Q.<br>4th. Battery,<br>5th. "<br>6th. "<br>102nd. "            | I.17.c.4.8.<br>J.3.c.60.45.<br>J.7.b.25.60.<br>J.7.b.42.56.<br>J.3.c.50.50.<br>H.22.d.5.3.<br>J.7.d.64.28.<br>J.3.c.1.5.<br>J.3.c.1.6.<br>J.7.b.70.00. | H.20.a.2.0.<br>H.28.a.<br>H.21.d.<br>H.27.d.<br>H.28.a.<br><br>H.28.b.<br>H.28.b.<br>H.28.b.<br>H.28.b.                                           |
| 5th. Divl.<br>T.M.Bde.                                | D.T.M.O. )<br>½ K.5.A.M.T.M.Bty )<br>Y.5.A.M.T.M.Bty. )<br>V.5.A.M.T.M.Bty. )<br>Z.5.A.M.T.M.Bty. )<br>½ K.5.A.M.T.M.Bty. )                                    | H.27.b.7.7.<br><br>I.14.a.85.45.<br><br>TAYLOR DUMP.<br>J.3.a.3.4.                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1st. Divl.<br>T.M.Bde.                                |                                                                                                                                                                | H.28.b.0.9.                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5th. Aust.<br>D.A. Column.                            | Headquarters,<br>Nos. 1,2 and )<br>3 Sections. )                                                                                                               | I.19.b.3.6.<br><br>I.19.a. central.                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                   |

H. Hulton

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



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No.27.Headquarters,  
19th. October, 1917.

1. The action of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group on receipt of an S.O.S Call will be as follows.  
18-prs. will fire 4 rounds per gun per minute for 10 minutes;  
4.5" Hows. will fire 3 rounds per gun per minute for 10 minutes; on S.O.S.Lines.  
then  
18-prs. will fire 2 rounds per gun per minute for 5 minutes;  
4.5" Hows. will fire 1 ½ rounds per gun per minute for 5 minutes, searching and sweeping fire to be employed.  
then  
18-prs and 4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute for 5 minutes on S.O.S.Lines and stop.
2. If more firing is required, the S.O.S. Signal will be repeated by the Infantry when the Field Artillery will repeat the above programme.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. Milton*Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 4.45 p.m. to

All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. No. 26.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 39.

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Headquarters,  
19th. October, 1917.

1. Surprise concentration bombardments will be carried out on 21st. October, 1917. by the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.
2. For each of these bombardments each 18-pr, and 4.5" Howitzer that can reach the target will fire 2 rounds of gun fire.
3. Targets and times of fire will be as follows.
  - (a) Road junction - E. 26. a. 45. 65. 7 p.m.
  - (b) Dug-outs at Road Junction - E. 19. d. 80. 35. 5.5 p.m.
4. The times given in para 3 are the times at which the shell are to arrive at their objectives and not the times at which the guns are to be fired.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. Stullow*Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th, Australian Divisional Artillery .Issued at 8.15 p.m. toAll recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. No. 26.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 18-10-17 to 6 a.m. 19-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Good.

OUR ARTILLERY. Advantage was taken of the good visibility to check all registrations. No definite bombardments were carried out, but during the day centres of activity were kept under irregular bursts, and during the night a complete programme of searching fire was executed on all tracks and communications between 1000 and 3000 yards to east of S.O.S. Line. During the afternoon from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., a concentration was put down on area E.25.a.90.67. - E.20.c.05.05. - E.25.c.90.32. At 4 p.m. our Liaison reported a 4.2" How firing on Right Battalion supports, and F.O.O picked up the flashes in E.9.c. This was reported to the Corps Heavies, who engaged the target, an ammunition dump in the vicinity of the guns being blown up. This was observed.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was below normal during the day and night. During the morning, J.3.c. was intermittently shelled by 4.2" gun from direction of E.2. Central, and J.8.b., c, and d, and J.2.c. by 5.9" Hows. from T.B.910 from J.8.b.60.80. At 4 p.m. a 4.2" How. bombarded the right of our support line - bearing 670 30' T.B. from J.4.b.75.50. The night was quiet except on front line and supports which were shelled from the east by 77 mm guns, 4.2" & 5.9" Hows. during the early morning. An occasional salvo from 5.9 battery - direction WATERDALHOEK - fell in J.8. during the night and between 8 - 10 p.m. WESTHOEK RIDGE was lightly shelled by 5.9" How from direction TERHARD. A 4.2" Gun was firing into YPRES from the south-east between 12 noon and 3 p.m. Hostile fire is tending to become more frontal than previously.

GENERAL. Hostile Aircraft were active, flying over our front system, battery positions, and at a greater height over back areas during the morning and afternoon, dropping bombs on I.17.c. at 11.30 a.m. and in the afternoon turning their Machine-Guns on to working parties in the forward area.

There was no visible infantry activity on our front during the day.

J. Hulton

Headquarters,  
19-10-17.Major,  
for R.O., 5th. Australian Divisional Arty.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

19th. October  
Date..... 1917.

| DAILY DIARY<br>NUMBER. | FROM     | TO        | TIME.     | PURPORT.                                                                                                         |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 10.34a.m. | Enemy have just started an area shoot on J.2 and 3, chiefly 5.9's and 4.2's from direction of WATERDAMHOEK.      |
| 2                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 10.44a.m. | Informed.                                                                                                        |
| 3                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 10.42a.m. | Area shoot is going on strong and one 4.2 battery (how) from OOSTHOEK is going as well.                          |
| 4                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 10.44a.m. | Informed.                                                                                                        |
| 5                      | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 11.15a.m. | Asked if the area shoot was still going on? A Group were trying to get on to the batteries to ascertain.         |
| 6                      | B Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 11.25a.m. | 5.9 and 4.2 how. 88°, sound, firing into J.8,a. from J,8.c.47.48.                                                |
| 7                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 11.26a.m. | Informed.                                                                                                        |
| 8                      | A Group  | 5th,D.A.  | 11.30a.m. | Area shoot still going very strong.                                                                              |
| 9                      | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 11.37a.m. | Informed.                                                                                                        |
| 10                     | A Group  | 5th,D.A.  | 11.56a.m. | Area shoot much lighter, shifted to J.8. Bearings from J.7.d.64.28 77mm, 99° T. 4.2 or 5.9 how. 56° True, sound. |
| 11                     | 5th,D.A. | C.B.      | 11.57a.m. | Informed.                                                                                                        |
| 12                     | A Group  | 5th. D.A. | 12.57p.m. | Concentration again taking place on J.3.2 4.2's and 5.9's from direction of MOORSLEDE and WATERDAMHOEK.          |
| 13                     | 5th.D.A. | C.B.      | 12.59p.m. | Informed.                                                                                                        |
| 14                     | A Group  | 5th.D.A.  | 1.15p.m.  | Concentration has moved back to J,8.                                                                             |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date..... 19th. October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO	TIME.	PURPORT.
15	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.17p.m.	Informed.
16	A Group	5th, D.A.	1.31p.m.	Concentration opened up again on J.3.
17	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.32p.m.	Informed,
18	A Group	5th.D.A.	2.53p.m.	Area shoot all round batteries, J.3., J.2., J.7., and J.8., right back to to past HOOGE. 1st. Bty. ammunition, 2nd. Bty moving team blown up.
19	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.55p.m.	Informed and will take action.
20	A Group	5th, D.A.	3. p.m.	1.5. J.3.c and - 5.9 gun from direction of MOORSLEDE.
21	5th, D.A.	C.B.	3.1p.m.	Informed,
22	A Group	5th.D.A.	3.23p.m.	Area shoot as heavy as ever,
23	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.26p.m.	Informed.
24	A Group	5th.D.A.	3.43p.m.	Area shoot spread to front line and is right back to T.18.a & b.
25	5th.D.A.	1st. Army R.A.	3.45p.m.	Corps R.A. informed.
26	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.40p.m.	8" How. shooting into J.8.c. 67° from J.8.c. 4x.4.
27	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.41p.m.	Informed.
28	A Group	5th.D.A.	5 p.m.	J.3.c. report area shoot lighter- J.7.b. cant be raised, probably evacuated temporarily.
29	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.5p.m.	Informed.
30	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.10p.m.	8" How. has stopped firing.

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FIFTE AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date....19th..October... 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO	TIME.	PURPORT.
31	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.11p.m.	Informed.
32	5th.D.A.	A Group	5.41p.m.	Asked for news of Area shoot.
33	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.45p.m.	For the moment Area shoot is quieter- has switched a bit south.
34	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.48p.m.	Informed of above.
35	A group	5th.D.A.	6.22p.m.	Things much lighter in shelling line and now normal in forward area.
36	G.S.O. 1	5th.D.A.	6.23p.m.	B.M. 14th. Bde. reports S.O.S. to right of our front.
37	5th.D.A.	B Group	6.25p.m.	Asked re S.O.S. -know nothing.
38	A Group	5th.D.A.	6.40p.m.	S.O.S. well to right of our front.
39	B Group	5th.D.A.	6.41p.m.	S.O.S. well to right of our front.
40	5th.D.A.	G.5th.Aus.	6.41½p.m.	Informed of 6.40p.m. and 6.41p.m. messages.
41	B Group	5th.D.A.	7.40p.m.	Shelling of battery areas has now decreased considerably, but they are being bombed by aeroplanes.
42	5th.D.A.	C.B.	7.41p.m.	Informed.
43	B Group	5th.D.A.	10.30p.m.	5.9's from direction probably of OOSTHOEK worrying batteries in J.3.c. direction not too certain as telephone exchange is blown in.
44	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.32p.m.	Informed.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 40,
*****Headquarters,
20th. October, 1917.

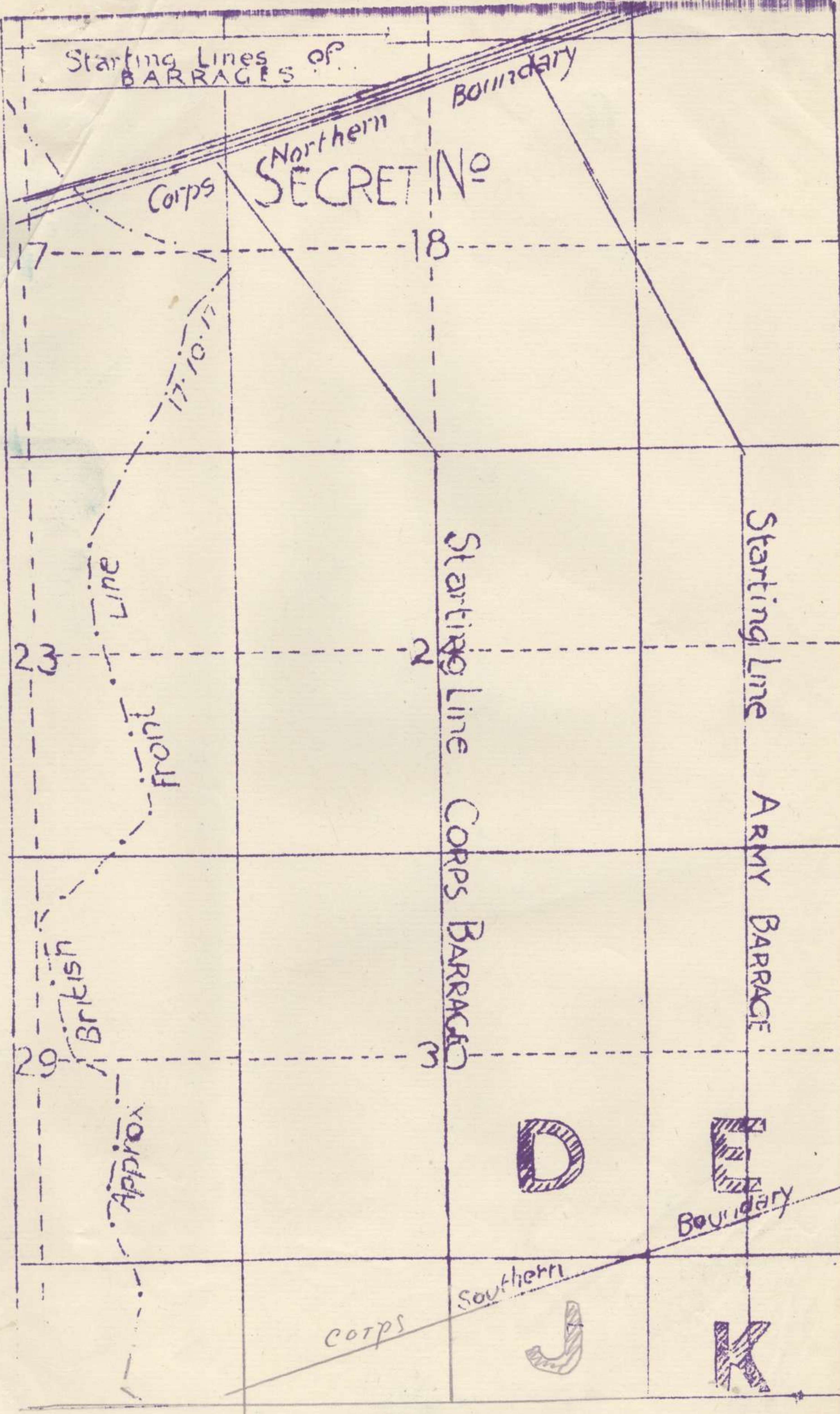
1. There will be two Bombardment Barrages on each of "K", "L", "M" and "N" Days respectively. "K" (a) and "M" (a) being Army Barrages and the remainder Corps Barrages.
2. Times of commencement:-

"K" (a)	To be notified later.
"K" (b)	5.45 p.m.
"L" (a)	6 a.m.
"L" (b)	4 p.m.
"M" (a)	9.15 a.m.
"M" (b)	5.30 p.m.
"N" (a)	7 a.m.
"N" (b)	1.30 p.m.
3. Maps down to Batteries are issued herewith shewing the Starting Lines for the Army and Corps Barrages.
4. Diagrams of Barrages are attached - 4.5" Hows. may be taken off the Barrage and used on Strong Points between the Front Line and the Starting Line of the Barrages, but such points must be referred to the C.R.A.
5. On "L" Day and "M" Day bursts of fire as under will be carried out in depth from all 18-prs. and 4.5" Hows. 18-prs. "A" Barrage on the Army Barrage Starting Line - Distance between Barrages 200 yds.

<u>On "L" Day.</u>	<u>On "M" Day.</u>
8 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Silent period,	8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m. Burst of Fire.
8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m. Burst of fire.	8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. Burst of fire.
8.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Silent period. without silent periods	
8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. Bursts of fire, laid down for "L" Day.	
6. Rates of fire:-

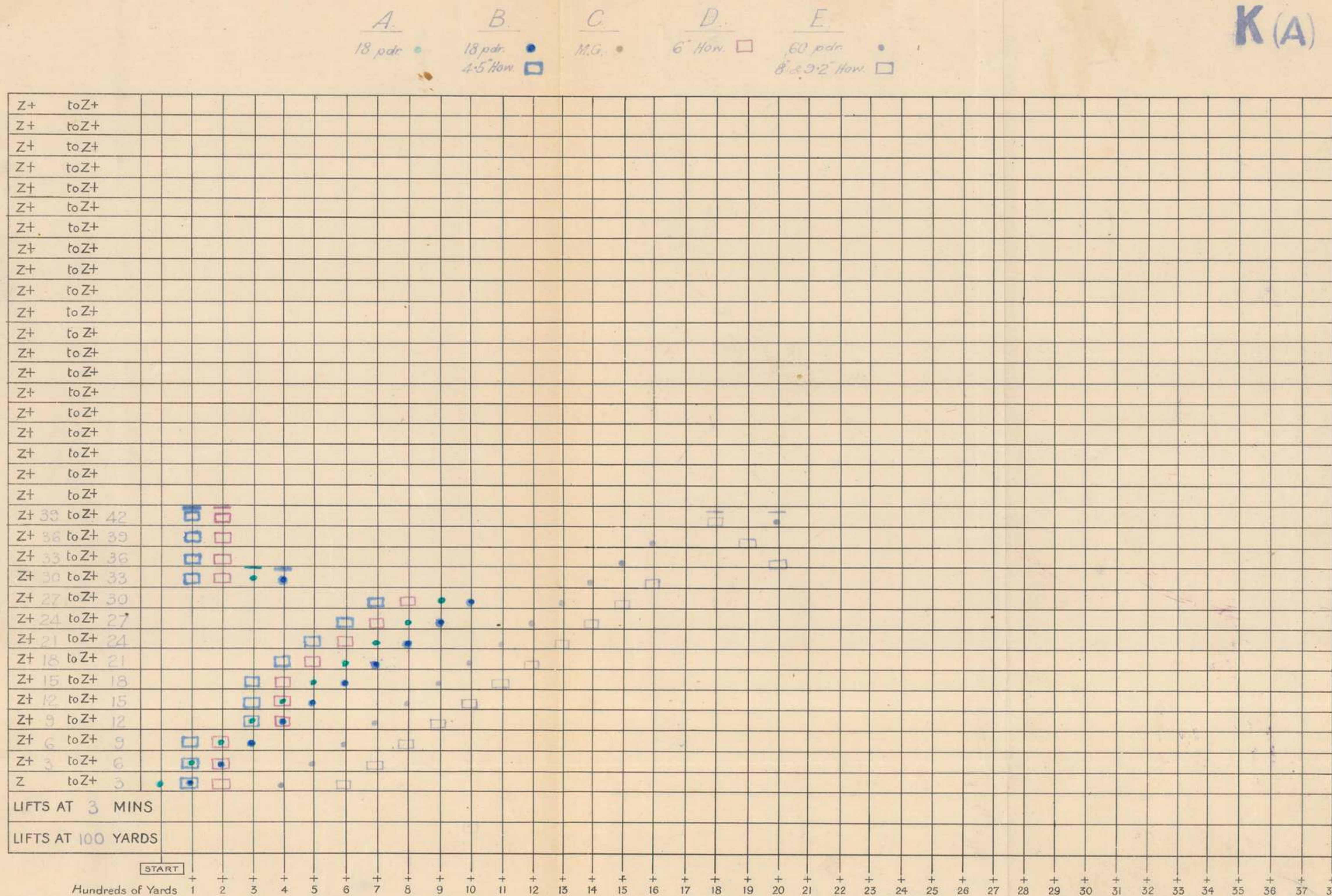
18-prs.	2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows.	1 round per gun per minute.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. H. H. H.*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 10.30 a.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. 26.



ARMY BARRAGE ON ATTACK (6) MINUS 4 DAYS. DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE

K(A



— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

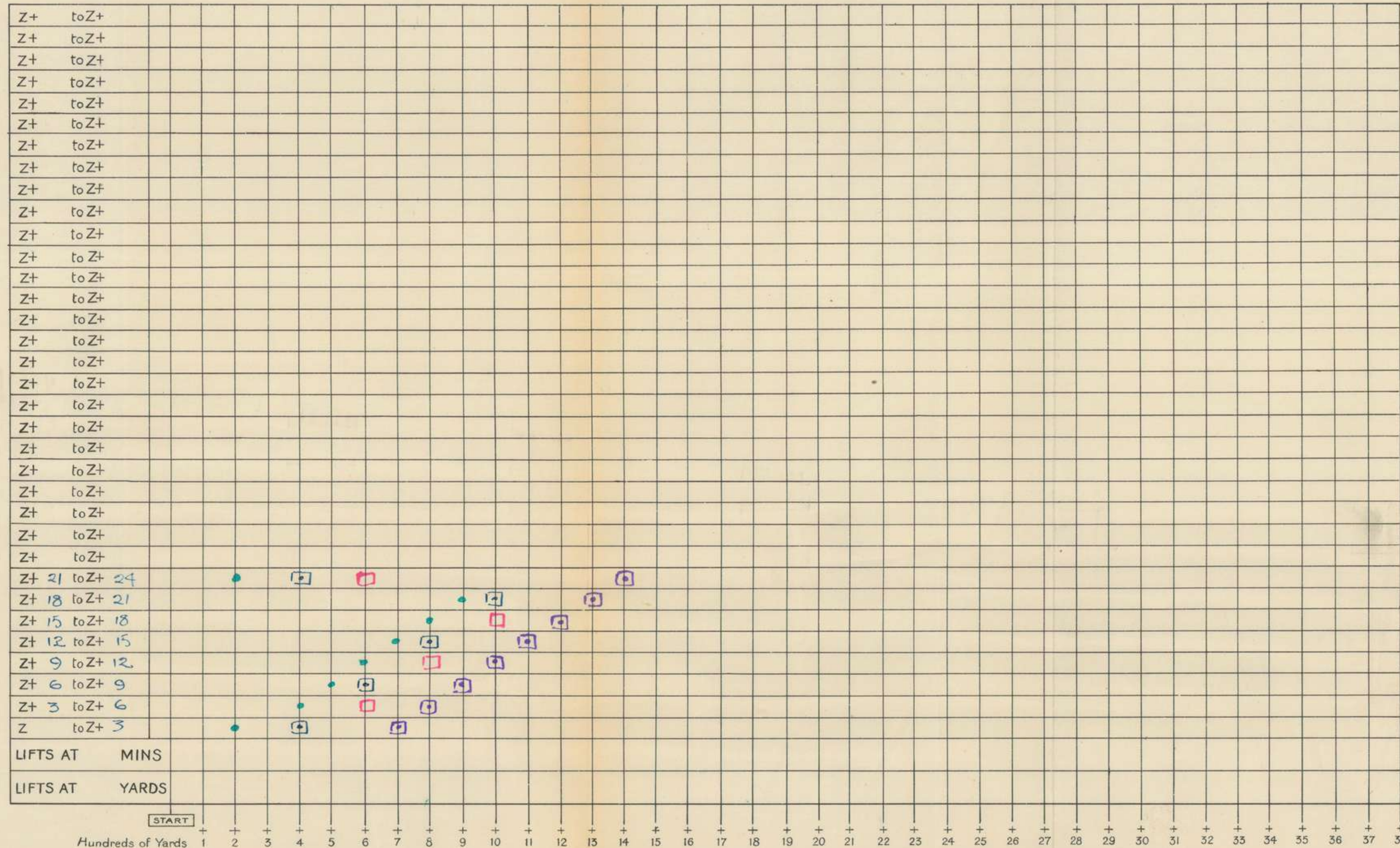
A
18 pdr •

B
18 pdr •
4.5 How □

D
6" How □

E
60 pdr •
8" & 9.2" Hows □

K(b)
Corps Barrage

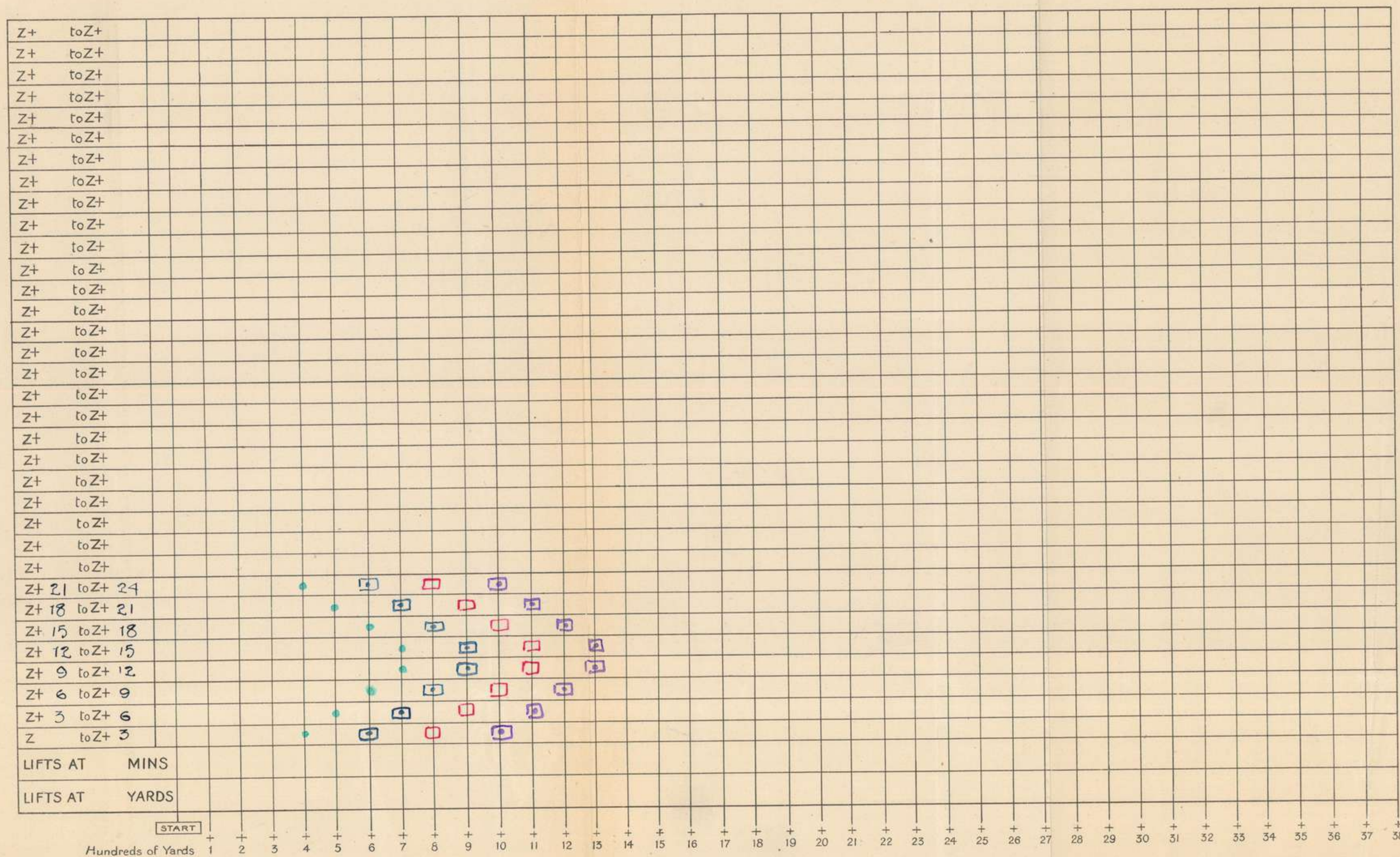


B
18 pdr
4.5" Horn

D
6" How

E
60 pdr
8" & 9.2" Hows

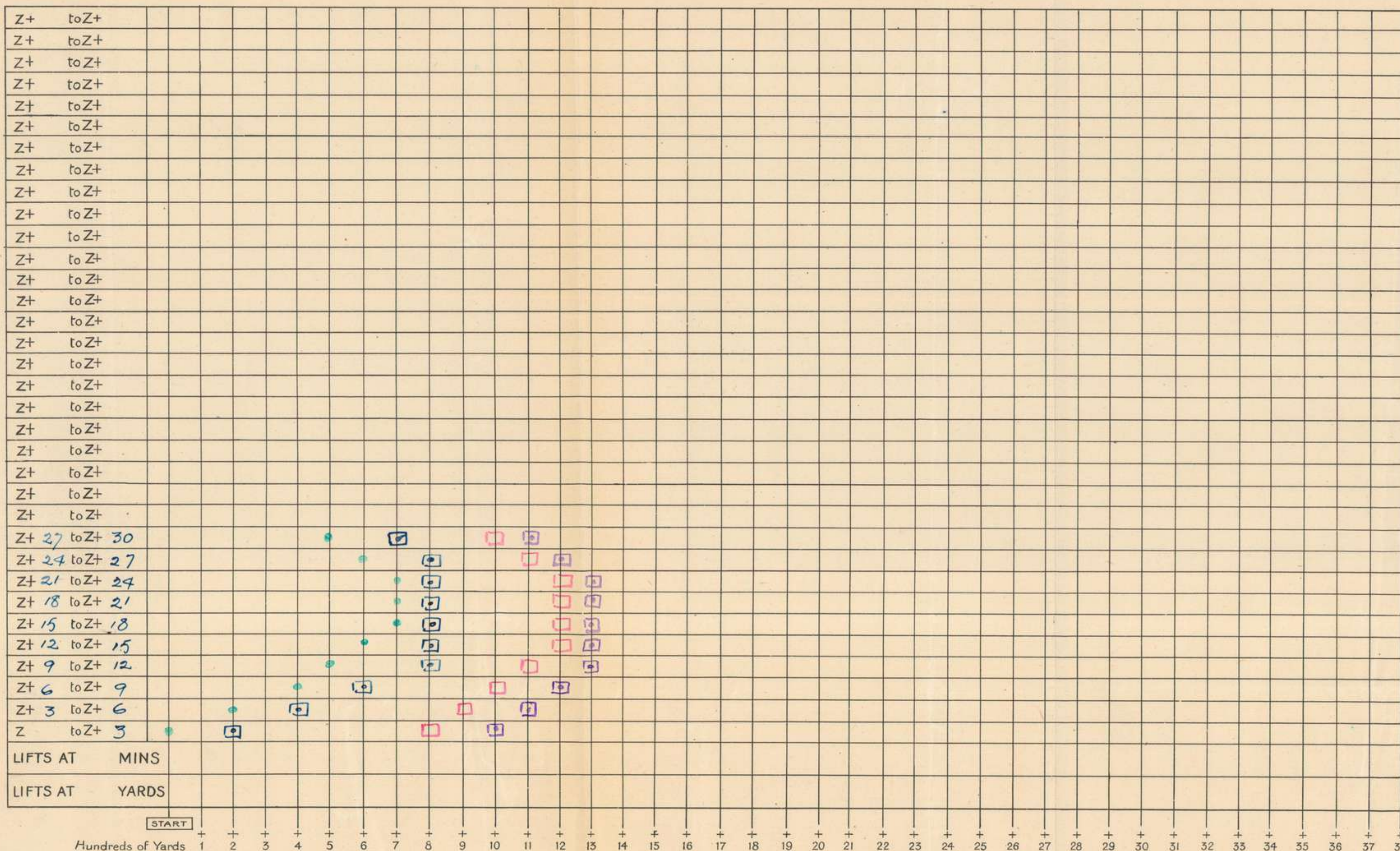
L(a)
Corps Barrage



— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

"A" 18 pdr • "B" 18 pdr • "D" 6" Howz □ "E" 60 pdr 8" & 9.2" Howz □

L(b)
CORPS BARRAGE

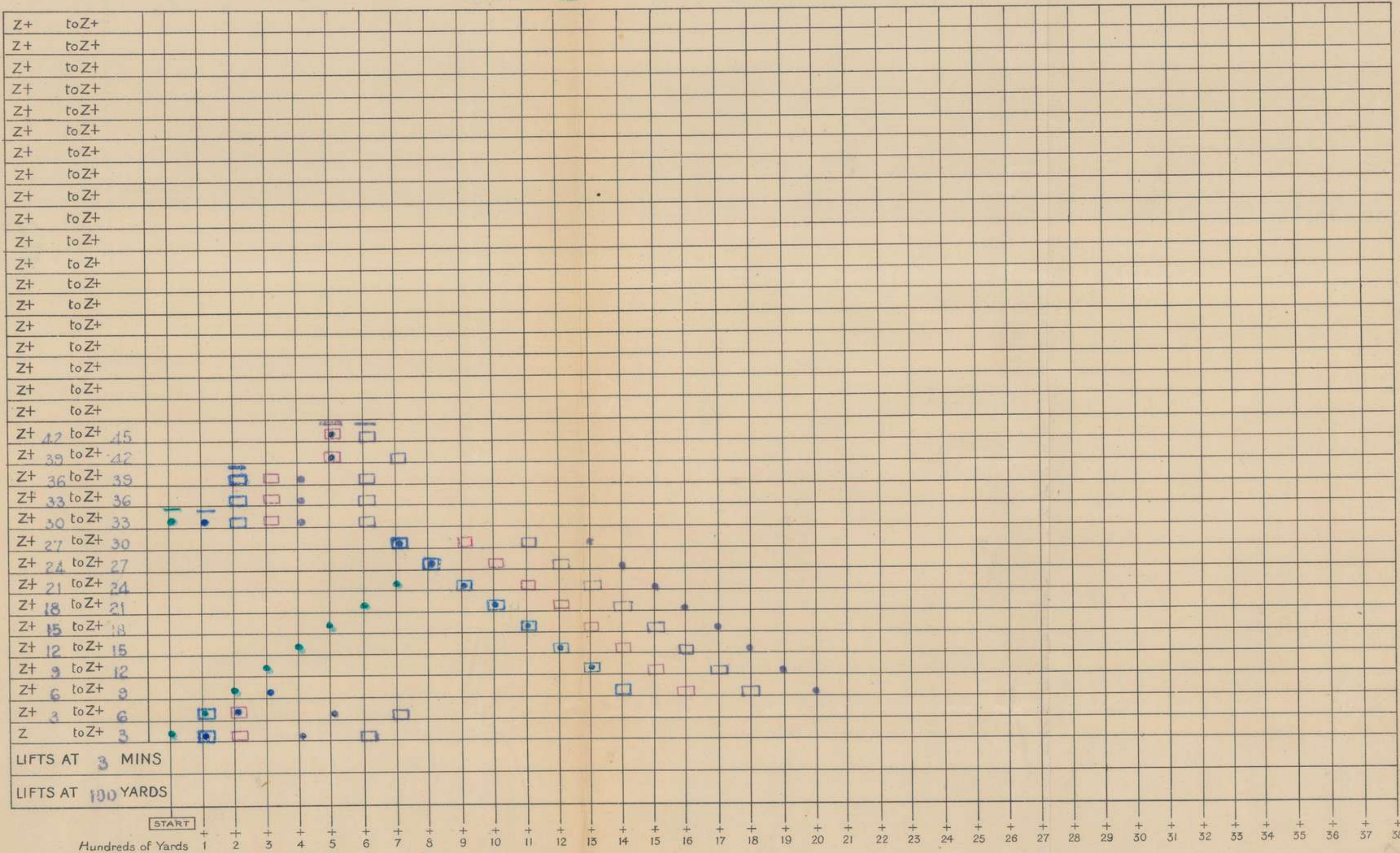


ARMY BARRAGE ON ATTACK (6) MINUS 2 DAYS

— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

A. 18 pdr. ● B. 18 pdr. ● 4.5" How. □ C. M.G. ● D. 6" How. □ E. 60 pdr. ● 8.232" How. □

M (A)



— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

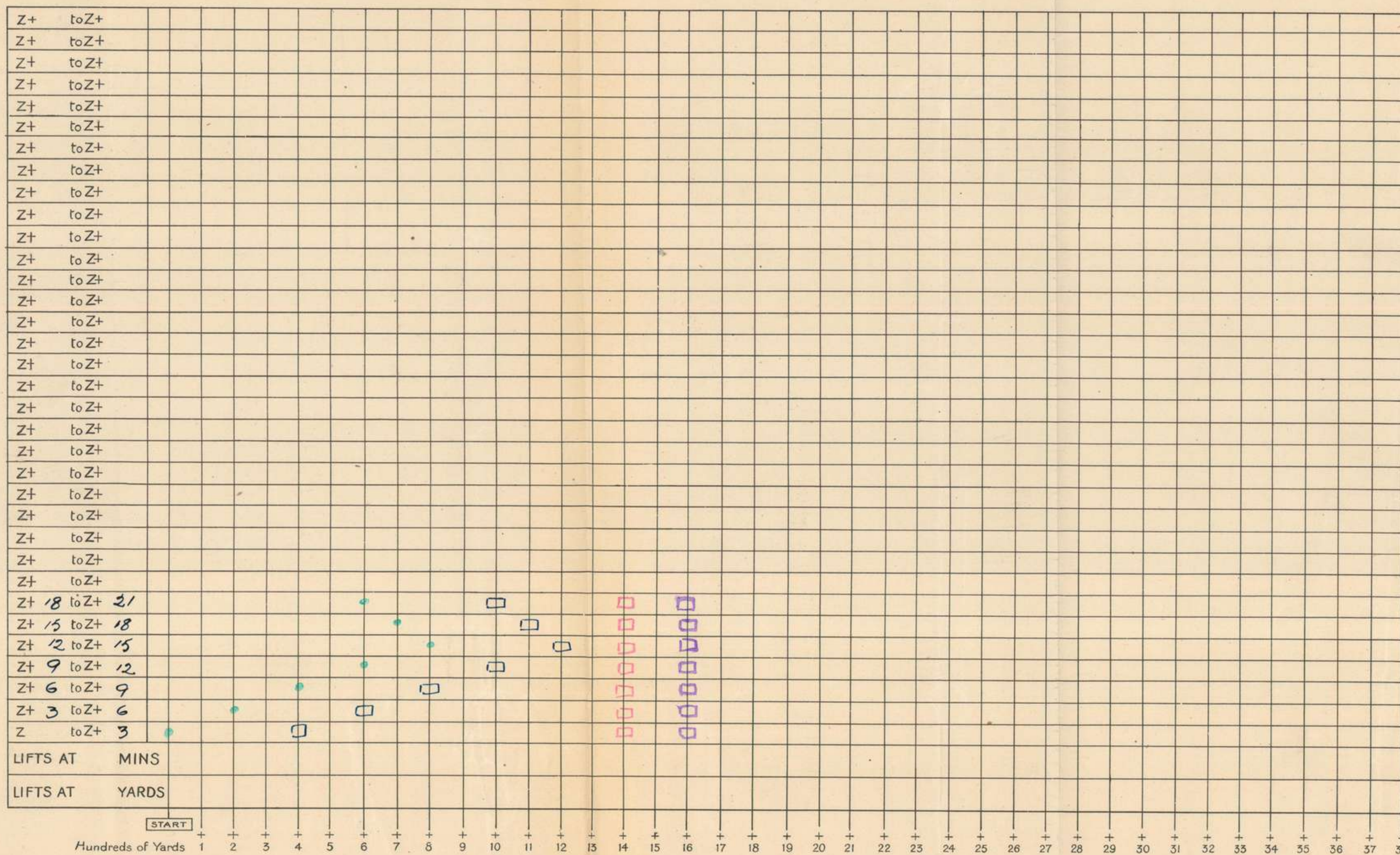
"A"
18 pdr •

"B"
18 pdr
4.5" Hows □

"D"
6" Hows □

"E"
60 pdr
8" & 9.2" Hows □

M(b)
Corps Barrage

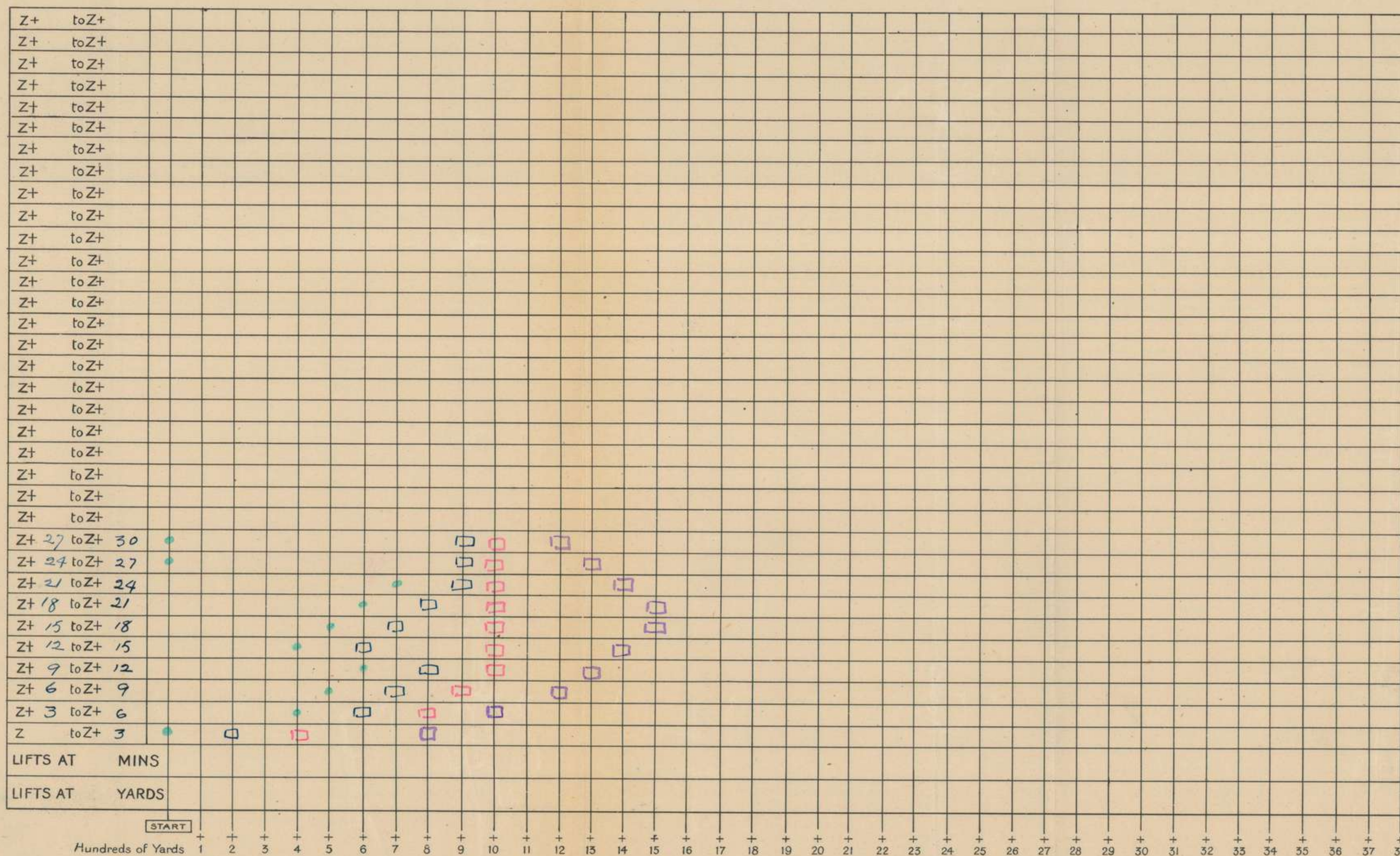


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DIAGRAM FOR BARR

A	B	D.	E
18 pdr ●	18 pdr ●	6" Hows □	60 pdr ●
	4.5" Hows □		8" & 9.2" Hows □

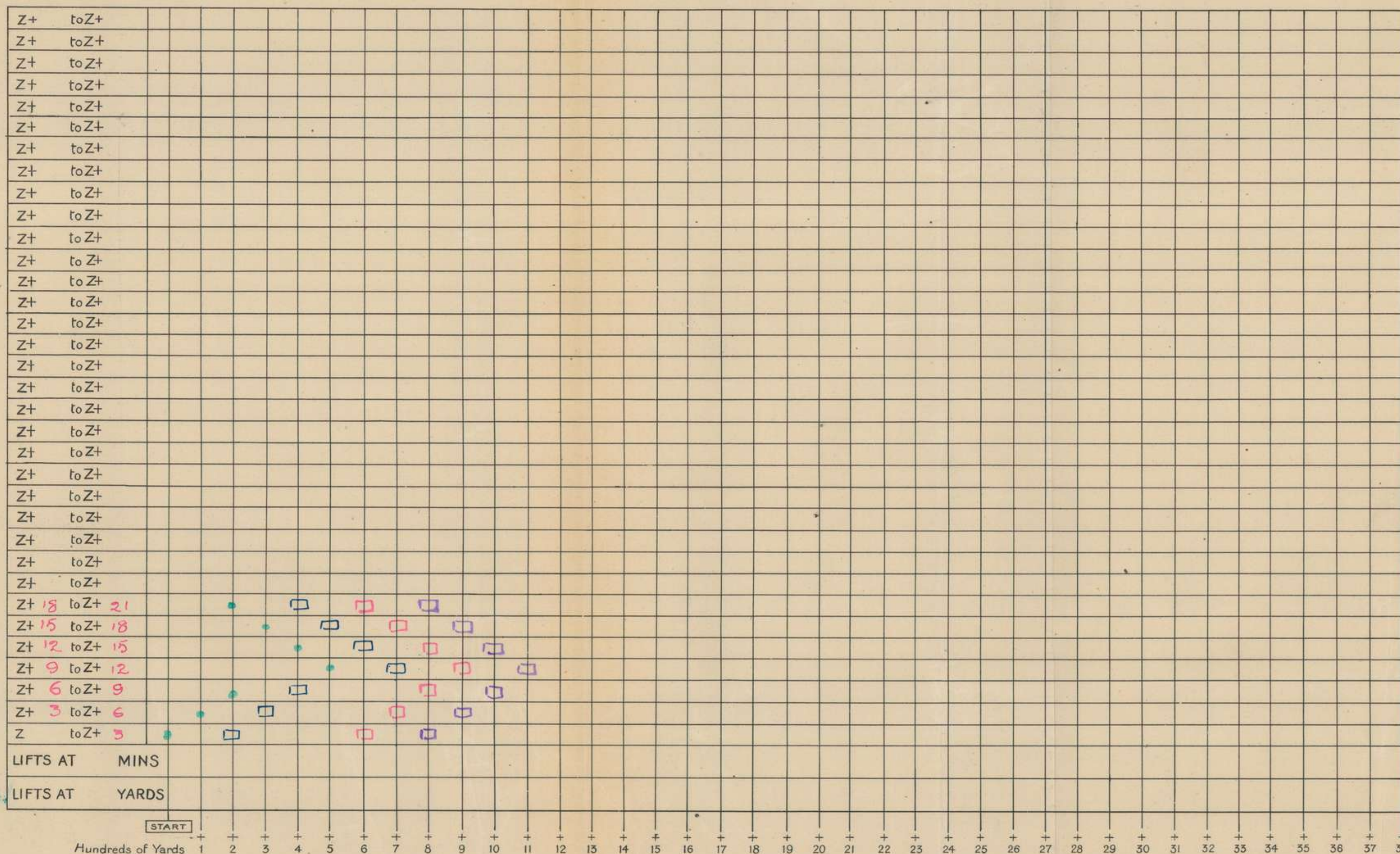
N(a).
Corps Barrage



— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

"A" "B" "D" "E"
18 pdr • 18 pdr • 6" How □ 60 pdr
4.5" How □ 8" & 9.2" Hows □

N(b)
CORPS BARRAGE



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 41.

Headquarters,
20th. October, 1917.

1. At 10 a.m. on 21st. October, 1917 the northern boundary of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will be extended as follows.
From the old boundary at J.3.a.5.5. thence along road to junction of roads at D.27.b.95.20., south-east corner of ZONNEBEKE LAKE - D.22.d.60.50.- D.23.c.84.57.-D.24.a.35.11.
2. The 13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will in the near future relieve the 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade in action and takeover the guns of the 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade in "situ".
The 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will take over the guns of the 13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade in the present positions and withdraw them from action.
3. On the Divisional Boundary being extended the dividing line between Sectors will be D.29.c.56.75- D.30.b.80.90.
4. "B" Group will cover the southern Sector.
"A" Group will cover the northern Sector with 3 18-pr. and 1 4.4" How. Batteries, and super-impose 3 18-pr. and 1 4.5" How. Batteries on the whole of the Divisional Front.
5. The C.O.C. Line will run - D.24.a.35.16.- D.29.b.60.80.- D.30.a.00.11.-D.29.d.95.55.-J.5.b.90.95- J.6.a.30.30.
6. The usual overlap of 50 yards with Divisional Artilleries north and south and between Sectors will be arranged.
7. "A" and "B" Groups will at once arrange to make all arrangements to bring the above changes into operation at 10 a.m. on 21st. October, 1917.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. H. H. H.*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 11.45 a.m. toAll recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. 26.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO. 42.

Headquarters,
20th. OCTOBER, 1917.

1. Para 2 of 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order -No.41 is cancelled.
2. Para 4 of 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 41 is cancelled and the following substituted.
 "A" Group composed of the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery under the command of Lieut-Colonel E.T.DEAN , D.C.O., will cover the Northern Sector.
 "B" Group composed of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery under the command of Lieut-Colonel F.P.DERHAM, D.C.O., will cover the Southern Sector.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

A. Hudson

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

Issued at 6 p.m. to

All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. No. 26
and D.A.G.O. 41.

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Copy No. 38

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 43.

Headquarters,
20th. October, 1917.

1. (a) The 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line during the 21st. October and the night of 21st./22nd. October. 1917.
(b) The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade will move into support during daylight on 21st. October, 1917.
2. "C" Group of the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group are prepared to assist the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group in case of necessity on the Code Call "HELP FLINTE" and will barrage D.30.a.00.11.-D.29.b.60.80.-D.24.a.2.0.- with their 18-prs., their howitzers being on selected spots not less than 200 yards east of the above line.
For S.O.C. purposes the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group fire for 15 minutes, unless a call is made on them to repeat.
3. Mistakes in Barrages will be looked for and corrected during L (b), M (a), and N (b) Barrages.
4. Special observations will be taken on the enemy reply to all barrages and reports of observers will be sent in by Group Commanders to this Headquarters as soon after as possible showing:-
 1. Time of enemy reply.
 2. Nature of reply and location.
 3. Time of cessation.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. Johnston*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 9.45 p.m. toAll recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Inst. No. 26.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 19-10-17 to 6 a.m. 20-10-17.VISIBILITY. Bad, dull and foggy.

OUR ARTILLERY. Customary searching of areas occupied by the enemy were carried out and tracks and communications swept by bursts of fire during the night. The PASSECHENDALE-TERHAND Line in E.20.c, E.26.a and c was subjected to a heavy bombardment, both for Trench destruction and wire cutting; new work at D.30.b.50.40 and from D.30.c.90.85. to D.30.d.45.90 was swept with fire intermittently during the night, and occupied shell-hole system from E.25.a.6.4. to E.25.b.3.9. also received attention at irregular periods. The road running north and south in D.30.b, new work between J.6.a.35.70. and J.6.a.05.70 and woods and copses were also kept under spasmodic bursts of fire.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was exceptionally active during the entire day, and the early part of the night until 9.30 p.m. At 10.30 a.m. an Area shoot commenced on J.2 and J.3, chiefly 5.9's and 4.2" Hows. from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK; at 10.40 a.m. a 4.2" How from OOC4HOEK opened fire on the same area and at 11.25 batteries of 5.9's and 4.2" Hows. on T.B. 880 from J.8.6.47.48. opened fire on J.8.a. At 11.15 a.m. this area shoot switched to J.8, swinging back to J.3 at 12.59 p.m., lifted to J.8. at 1.15 p.m, and at 1.30 p.m. came down over the whole forward area. At 2.50 p.m. a heavy concentration was put down over J.2, J.7 and 8 and less heavily as far back as HOOGE. At 3.40 p.m. it spread forward as well including the front line and supports and back as far as I.18.a and b, all calibres, and all directions between 600 and 1100 T.B. At 4.40 an 8" How. 700 T.B. from J.8.c.4.4. joined in but was silenced by C.B. at 5.10 p.m. This slackened off at 6.25 p.m. but intermittent bursts of fire were maintained on J.8 and J.3. until 9.30 p.m. Quiet on our front during the remainder of the night.

GENERAL. Hostile aircraft still active particularly during the afternoon. Between 2.30 and 5 p.m. they were flying low over forward area, machine-gunning many Infantry parties. Some bombs were dropped about J.3.Central and J.8.c, apparently seeking batteries and roads.

Edgar H. Booth

Lieut,

Headquarters,
20-10-17.

R.O., 5th.Aust.Divl.Arty.Group.

Date.....20th, October. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO	TIME.	PURPORT.
1	G.5th.Aus.	5th.D.A.	3.40a.m.	G.O.C. to know what is happening on the front- will ring both Groups and find out.
2	5th.D.A.	A Group	3.45a.m.	Asking what the heavy gunning is.
3	5th.D.A.	B Group	3.45a.m.	Asking what the heavy gunning is.
4	G.5th.Aus.	5th.D.A.	3.54a.m.	G.O.C. asking if there is any information yet. It doesn't affect our front. Dont proceed any further.
5	A Group	5th.D.A.	4.4a.m.	Liaison reports normal- batteries say a good deal of hostile shelling nothing doing any harm.
6	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.7a.m.	Liaison reports all quiet. All communications to batteries down.
7	B Group	5th.D.A.	9.12p.m.	Inx view of alterations pending, are we still to go on carting ammunition?
8	5th.D.A.	B Group	9.45a.m.	Told to keep on packing.
9	A Group	5th.D.A.	9.47a.m.	Ask re timing shell to arrive- they need chronometers- told to do the best they can.
10	A Group	5th.D.A.	10.0a.m.	A 4.2 How. is firing on J.3.c.5.5. from the direction of MOORSLEDE. Told to get its bearing.
11	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.1a.m.	Informing them of above and telling them we will give them bearing as soon as it comes through.
12	B Group	5th.D.A.	10.8a.m.	Infantry H.Q. at CARTER POINT is being heavily shelled by 5.9 from South-east and Infantry Brigadier asks me through Liaison for some C.B. work. They will endeavour to find more definite bearings.
13	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.10a.m.	Repeating above.

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27	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.23p.m.	114th. shelled by 8", 5.9's and 4.2's from direction just North of WATERDAMHOEK J.8.b.
28	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.23 1.24p.m.	Informed.
29	A Group	5th.D.A.	2.30p.m.	101st. Bty. trying to get up ammunition and have failed. 13 horses put out, 1 man killed, 2 or 3 wounded, in J.3.c. 2nd. Bty. one gun in position, team blown to pieces, impossible to move further. 3rd. Bty. cannot move till shelling ceases. All forward movement of guns and getting up of ammunition come to a standstill owing to very severe hostile in fire.
30	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.50p.m.	114th. being consistently shelled by 5.9 from 31° T.B. from J.8.b.45.88
31	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.51p.m.	Repeating above.
32	A Group	5th.D.A.	2.55p.m.	Quieter round the 3rd. Bty. now.- the 2nd. Bty. has just had a gun completely demolished, and the forward positions on ANZAC for the 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries have been blown out. Roads are very badly knocked about.
33	A Group	5th.D.A.	3.39p.m.	J.3.c. has a dozen to 14 Howitzers on it as a heavy area shoot- all from an easterly or N.E. direction about 90° to 95° T.B.
34	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.40p.m.	Informed.
35	A Group	5th.D.A.	4.32p.m.	The 5.9 how. from direction MOORSLEDE has commenced again in J.3.c.
36	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.33p.m.	Informing them- they are about to put a concentration on it.
37	5th.D.A.	A Group	4.35p.m.	Informing them of C.B. action- please report result.

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38	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.45p.m.	8" How. shooting at J.8.b.45.55, 80° T.B. J.8.c.4.4.- apparently shooting with plane.
39	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.46p.m.	Informed.- improbable Hun aeroplane can see to register when ours cannot.
40	A Group	5th.D.A.	4.47p.m.	J.3.c stopped. 2 5.9's are now on WESTHORN RIDGE as well as an 8".
41.	5th.D.A.C.	5th.D.A.	5.6p.m.	4.2" gun shoots on SHRAPNEL, 113° from Lock 9.
42	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.7p.m.	8" How. shooting on J.8.b.4.5. has ceased.
43	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.8p.m.	Informed.
44	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.13p.m.	J.8.c. being shelled by 4.2 How. on T.B. 100° from J.8.c.4.4.
45	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.14p.m.	Repeating above.
46	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.53p.m.	No hostile shelling now.
47	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.54p.m.	Informed.
48	5th.D.A.	A Group	6.0p.m.	13th. Bde. will not now move.
49	5th. D.A.	B Group	6.1p.m.	13th. Bde. will not move.
50	A Group	5th.D.A.	6.9p.m.	5.9 how. from MOORSLEDE shelling in J.8.b.
51	5th.D.A.	C.B.	6.11 p.m.	Informed.
52	A Group	5th.D.A.	7.8p.m.	The 5.9 how from MOORSLEDE has started in J.3.c.
53	5th.D.A.	C.B.	7.9p.m.	Informing them of above.
54	A Group	5th.D.A.	9.5p.m.	J.3.c. barrage 5.9's and 8", 8"-800 T.B. from J.8.c.4.4. and 2 5.9's from MOORSLEDE.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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