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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No.28.

Headquarters,
21st. October, 1917.

1. On all occasions when C.O.C. Rates of fire are called for; or Bombardment Barrages or Bursts of fire are ordered, 18-prs. and 4.5" How, Batteries with less than four guns in action will increase their rate of fire correspondingly to attain the same volume of fire as if four guns were in action.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Edgar H. Booth
Lieut.,

^M for Brigade Major, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.
Issued at 11.30 a. . to all recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. 28.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY Instruction No. 20.

Headquarters,
21st. October, 1917.

1. The 21st. Division is to relieve the 23rd. Division in the line on 21st. to 23rd. October, 1917.
2. On the night 21st./22nd. October, 1917, the 64th. Infantry Brigade is to relieve the 68th. Infantry Brigade in the Right Sector of the Divisional Front.
3. On the night 22nd./23rd. October, 1917, the 62nd. Infantry Brigade is to relieve the 69th. Infantry Brigade in the Left Sector of the Divisional Front.
4. Code names are :-

21st. Division.	COLEWORT.
62nd. Inf. Brigade.	BOLT.
64th. Inf. Brigade.	BITS.
110th. Inf. Brigade.	PRINCE.
5. With reference to 5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery .Group Order No. 40, para 2, line 2, time will be 5.35 a.m.
6. Groups to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by D.R.L.S.

J.H. Linn Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 6.15 p.m. to:-
All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. 26.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 20-10-17 to 6 a.m. 21st. October, 1917.VISIBILITY. Poor, misty.

OUR ARTILLERY. Continued the Bombardment programmes on the PASSCHENDALE-TERHAND Line, and harassing fire on trenches tracks, communications, and known centres of activities. The Left Group paid particular attention to DAME WOOD and the road running horizontally through D.30.d. and E.25.c. The small trench running across the fork of the road at KEIBURG in E.25.b. was also subjected to an occasional burst of fire. The Right Group was also engaged with JAUNT COPSE, DAME WOOD, eastern end of CELTIC WOOD, and the new work in D.30.c and d, J 6.a, E.25.a and b. Two H.F. Calls were received and engaged, result not known owing to poor visibility.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was very active again during the last 24 hours. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the enemy concentrated on the Corduroy Road running from GARTER POINT- ANZAC RIDGE- WESTHOEK RIDGE-BELLEVARDE-STAR POINT-Birr Cross Roads, commencing at 10 a.m. with a 5.9" How.T.B. 77.500 from Garter Point and with 4.2's on J.3.c., T.B. 740 from J.3.c.1.5. This rapidly spread back along the whole length of the road, until at 2 p.m. all calibres firing from all active bearings between 600 and 1100. Positions adjacent to the road naturally received a large amount of fire. The night was less active. The valley between WESTHOEK and ANZAC Ridges was intermittently shelled with 5.9's and 4.2" from direction of WATERDAHNOEK and OOSTHOEK and a sprinkling of 77 mm. gas shells (mustard) fell in J.8.

GENERAL.

Hostile aircraft was less active. Bombs were dropped in J.8.c and d, and I.17.c, during the early hours of the night. An enemy aeroplane was brought down in flames in our lines at 5 P.M.

Headquarters,
21-10-17.

Edgar H. Borth Lieut,
R.O. 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.. 20. & 21st.. October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO	TIME.	PURPORT.
55	5th.D.A.	C.B.	9.9p.m.	Informed.
56	A Group	5th.D.A.	10.0p.m.	Report slight gas in Division on right.
57	5th.D.A.	G.5th.Aus	10.3p.m.	Informed.
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1	A Group	5th.D.A.	8.42a.m.	4.2 from PASSCHENDAELE firing on J.3.c., HELLES CORNER.
2	5th.D.A.	C.B.	8.47a.m.	Informed.
3	5th.D.A.	B Group	10.30a.m.	The C.R.A. would like you to take every opportunity during the day of checking registrations.
4	5th.D.A.	A Group	10.31a.m.	The C.R.A. would like you to take every possible opportunity of completing and checking registrations.
5	A Group	5th.D.A.	11.2a.m.	There are 11 hostile balloons up, visibility is good and we are moving guns forward. Balloons T.B. from J.3.c.5.5. are 320. 410. 500. 620. 730. 810. 990. 1020. 1100. 1330.
6	5th.D.A.	R.A. 1st. Anzac.	11.20a.m.	Reporting above re balloons and saying that shelling was heavy on ANZAC RIDGE.
7	R.A. 1st. Anzac	5th.D.A.	11.55a.m.	The Flying Squadron do not care to take on the balloons on account of the heavy casualties- but our long range guns and X Corps guns will take them on now.
8	5th.D.A.	A Group	11.57a.m.	Repeating above.
9	A Group	5th.D.A.	11.55a.m.	The 4.2 how. from MOORSLEDE is becoming very active again and shelling ANZAC RIDGE HEAVILY.

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Date.....21st. October... 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO	TIME.	PURPORT.
23	B Group	5th.D.A.	12.45p.m.	Battery commanders report that the hostile shelling appears to be an ordinary area concentration, and not a special barrage, 4.2 hows. Three bearings given are 137°30" from J.3.Central, and 90° and 100° from J.8.b.61.82.
24	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.55p.m.	Reporting above.
25	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.5p.m.	Area search ceased 12.52p.m.
26	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.6p.m.	Repeating above.
27	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.18p.m.	Flashes of 4.2 gun firing on J.5.b.- 53°30" T.B. from J.5.b.15.25 been firing ½ hr. and still firing. A 5.9 how. flashes 67°30" from J.5.b.15.25. firing on to D.29.c. It has now ceased firing.
28	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.19p.m.	Repeating above.
29	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.39p.m.	Bde. Liaison reports that Bde. H.Q. on WESTHOEK is being heavily shelled- chiefly 5.9-from all directions.
30	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.31p.m.	Repeating above.
31	5th.D.A.	B Group	1.32p.m.	Asking for information as to when shelling of Bde. ceases.
32	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.53p.m.	F.O.O. reports flashes- 57°30", 59°30", 62°30" T.B. from D.29.c.60.58. They are all firing on to the ridge in J.3.d.
33	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.56p.m.	Giving particulars above.
34	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.5p.m.	Cannot get through to Liaison, but signals on WESTHOEK report much quieter.

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Date...21st. October.... 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO	TIME.	PURPORT.
35	C.B.	5th.D.A.	2.30p.m.	Asking for news re WESTHOEK- told.them what we know.
36	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.38p.m.	Liaison reports intermittent shelling on Inf. Bde. H.Q., WESTHOEK. Quieter. A 5.9 how. from T.B. 120° from J.8.a.70.75. is firing steadily on that point.
37	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.43p.m.	Repeating above.
38	5th.D.A.	B Group	3.0p.m.	Asking re 5.9. on J.8.a.70.75.
39	A Group	5th.D.A.	3.4p.m.	An 8" how. is firing on J.7.b. from a bearing between 110°-120° True from J.7.b.
40	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.6p.m.	Repeating above.
41	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.12p.m.	The 5.9 how, on T.B. 120° from J.8.a.70.75 is still shooting on that point.
42	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.15p.m.	Repeating above.
43	C.B.	5th.D.A.	3.25p.m.	There is an Infantry relief on tonight and C.B. have been asked to fire occasional bursts of fire on hostile batteries between 7.0 and 9.0p.m. They are engaging as many hostile guns further back as they can and want us to engage:- KW26 at K.3.d.68.85- K.W.57 at K.9.b.7.2-KW.35 at K.7.b.50.85.
44	5th.D.A.	B Group	3.30p.m.	Telling them to take on KW51 and KW35 between 7 and 9 p.m. with occasional bursts of fire, expending 50 rds. per 4.5 How. Bty. in the period.
45	5th.D.A.	A Group	3.32p.m.	Telling them to take on KW26 between 7 and 9 p.m. firing 50 rds. 4.5 How. Bty. in the period

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DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO	TIME.	P U R P O R T.
46	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.35p.m.	Informing them that we will take on 3 KW35, KW51, and KW26.
47	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.0p.m.	All 8th. Bde. front being shelled by enemy.
48	5thD. Amx	5th.Aus.G	5.2p.m.	Informed of above.
49	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.3p.m.	Informed of above.
50	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.4p.m.	S.O.S. on J.5.d.
51	5th.D.A.	5th.Aus.G	5.5.p.m.	Informed.
52	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.8p.m.	S.O.S. on Right Group Front.
53	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.9p.m.	S.O.S. on Left Group Front.
54	5th.D.A.	5th.Aus.G.	5.11p.m.	Informed.
55	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.10p.m.	Infantry ask for H.A.
56	5th. D.A.	57 H.A.G.	5.12p.m.	Informed and asked to open.
57	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.13p.m.	Report some doubt of S.O.S. but Infantry have asked for H.A. and both Groups are firing- asked to get information from Infantry.
58	5th.D.A.	21st.D.A.	5.15p.m.	Informed of situation as regards S.O.S.
59	5th.D.A.	G.5th.Aus.	5.16p.m.	Asked for information and informed H.A. and both Groups had opened.
60	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.19p.m.	Infantry ask us to stop- are informing A Group.
61	5th.D.A.	57 H.A.G.	5.21p.m.	Please stop firing at request of Infantry.
62	5th.D.A.	G.5th.Aus.	5.22p.m.	Informed all Groups and H.A. had stopped firing.

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Date, 21st. October... 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
63.	"B" Group	5th.D.A.	6.25 p.m.	J.8.c.being shelled by 5.9's and 4.2's - T.B. 85 to 1000 from J.8.c.47.48- also 4.2" How. - T.B. 880 from J.8.c.17.48.
64.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	6.27 p.m.	Informed of 63.
65.	"B"Group.	5th.D.A.	7.15 p.m.	Shelling still going on.
66.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	7.18 p.m.	Inform ed of 65.
67.	"A"Group.	5th.D.A.	7.37 p.m.	Shelling ceased.
68.	"B"Group.	5th.D.A.	7.38 p.m.	Shelling much quietened down.
69.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	7.39 p.m.	Inform ed of 67 and 68.
70.	"A"Group	5th.D.A.	10.16 p.m.	4.2" How. firing from MOORSLEDEN on CORDUROY ROAD in J.3.c. on ANZAC RIDGE.
71.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.33 p.m.	Informed of 70.
72.	"A"GROUP.	5th.D.A.	11.50 p.m.	Asking re their C.B.work- Told what is wanted .

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 44.

Headquarters,
22nd. October, 1917.

1. The orders re Counter Battery issued under this office No. SG/25 dated 21st October, 1917. is cancelled.
2. For Counter Battery purposes the following Hostile Batteries are detailed for Groups to deal with as follows:-

K W 55.	K.7.b.50.85.-	probably 1 single 4.2" How) "B" Group.
K W 41.	K.8.d.40.88.-	unknown calibre	
K W 26.	K.5.d.60.99.-K.5.d.61.85.-	4.2" How.Bty.-	"A" Group.
3. Acknowledge by wire.

*J. H. Mon*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 2 p.m. to all recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Inst. 26.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 21-10-17 to 6 a.m. 22-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Good.

Our Artillery. Actively continued harassing and searching fire, and carried out bombardments on Battery Positions at E.25.b.95.60; suspected M.G. Emplacements at E.19.d.32.45 and E.25.a.23.90; shelters at E.25.b.65.95 and dug-outs in road at E.19.d.80.35. All roads, tracks and woods, and centres of enemy movement in our area were swept by intermittent bursts of fire. A surprise concentration of all guns was put down on road junction at E.26.a.45.65 at 7 p.m.; and the vicinity searched until 10 p.m. An M.F. Call was answered at 4.40 p.m. and at the request of the C.B. Group three hostile batteries were neutralised between 7 and 9 p.m. An S.O.S. Call was answered from 5.7p.m. to 5.18p.m., and Bombardment Barrage fired according to programme. at 5.35 a.m. this morning.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was very active again during the day, below normal at night. Between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. ANZAC RIDGE was heavily shelled by 4.2" Hows. on T.B.940 from J.3.c.1.5., and between 12.15 p.m. and 12.52 p.m. a concentration shoot- principally 4.2" Hows, all active directions- was put down on the reverse slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE. A large percentage of shrapnel was used and gas reported. During the afternoon WESTHOEK RIDGE was intermittently shelled by 5.9" Hows. from the direction of MOORSLEDE, and an 8" How. fired into J.7.b. from a bearing between 110°- 120° from that area. This was neutralised within 20 minutes. Between 7 and 8 p.m. a few 77 mm Lachrymatory gas shells were fired into J.8. and J.3., and ANZAC and WESTHOEK RIDGES and the valley between were intermittently shelled by 5.9's and 4.2" Hows. from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK throughout the night.

GENERAL. Hostile aircraft were very active during the period flying low and firing their Machine Guns on troops and transport in the forward area. At 11.15 a.m. an ammunition dump at E.25.c. 4.8. was observed by both F.O.O's to be on fire. Hostile balloons were up during the day on the following T.B.'s from J.3.c.5.5.- 320, 410, 560, 620, 730, 810, 840, 990, 1020, 1100, 1330. Flashes were observed at - 670, 30', 590 30', and 620 30', T.B. from D.29.c.60.58, believed to be 4.2" How. and firing on ridges in J.3.d. Flash of 4.2" gun firing on J.5.b. observed T.B. 530 30' minutes from J.5.b.15.25, and of 5.9" How. firing on D.29.c. on T.B. 670 30' from J.5.b.15.25.

Edgar H. Booth

Lieut.,

Headquarters,
22-10-17.

R.O., 5th. Australian Divl. Artillery Group.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date. 22nd.. October.. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
1.	"A"Group	5th.D.A.	1 a.m.	F.O.O. reports flashes 780, 860, and 1400 T.B. from D.29.c.6.6. Believed to be in E.24.b.6.8., E.25.a.9.2. and J.12.b. respectively. Many flashes direction J.12.b.
2.	"A"Group.	5th.D.A.	10.36 a.m.	Two 5.9's and about two 4.2's firing from MOORSLEDE on J.3.c.- From road also firing 770 from J.9.central which "A" Group are trying to neutralise.
3.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.37 a.m.	Informed of 2.
4.	"B"Group.	5th.D.A.	10.40 a.m.	Forward batteries in "B" Group being heavily shelled by 4.2" Howitzers from direction of WATERDAMHOEK. Will give bearings as soon as they can get them.
5.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.42 a.m.	Repeating 4.
6.	"A"Group.	5th.D.A.	12.3 p.m.	Enemy shelling still going from MOORSLEDE.
7.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.4 p.m.	Informed of 6.
8.	"A"Group.	5th.D.A.	1.4 p.m.	5.9" from MOORSLEDE still firing into J.3.c and a. 77 mm from direction of WATERDAMHOEK.
9.	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.6 p.m.	Repeating 8.
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Date.... 22nd October.. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
10	A Group	5th.D.A	2.53 p.m.	North of J.3.c. still being shelled by 2-5.9's batteries from MOORSLEDE direction.
11	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.54 p.m.	Informed of above.
12	A Group	5th.D.A.	5.20 p.m.	5.9 how. on J.3.c. on T.B. 83° from J.3.c.1.5.
13	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.21 p.m.	Repeating above.
14	A Group	5th.D.A.	6.25 p.m.	Liaison reports S.O.S. on sector to our right.
15	5th.D.A.	G. 5th. Aus.	6.28 p.m.	Informed.
16	5th.D.A.	21st. D.A.	6.30 p.m.	Informed any news. No.-have heard nothing.
17	A Group	5th.D.A.	9.38 p.m.	With reference to tonight's shoot- Liaison Officer has nothing to report.
18	A Group	5th.D.A.	10.42 p.m.	4.2 shelling J.3.c. from MOORSLEDE.
19	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.44 p.m.	Informed of above.
20	A Group	5th.D.A.	11.55 p.m.	A 4.2 from direction of MOORSLEDE is firing on to J.3.C.
21	5th.D.A.	C.B.	11.56 p.m.	Repeating above.
22	A Group	5th.D.A.	12.0 m.ngt.	Hows. from K.3.d. firing J.3.c.5.5.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121
(in pads of 100).
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5th Aust. Div.
R. A. 1st Angac.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A	
* R. A. C. 55	22	10		

Casualties	24	hours	ended
noon	today	aaa	13 th A. F. H. 13A
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 45.
*****Headquarters,
23rd. October, 1917.

1. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group.) will be attached to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group for the next "Attack Day" as from one hour before Zero.
2. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Zone is at present as follows - Northern Boundary - YPREC-ROULERS RAILWAY inclusive. Southern Boundary - a line through E. 19, a.o. 8, - D. 23. c. 90. 53 and its continuation East, and overlap this line 50 yards.
3. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group) will return to the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group at an hour to be notified later, and after the attack.
4. During the time that "A" Group is attached to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group, "B" Group of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will be responsible for the defence and barrages on the whole of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group front.
5. GROUPS and LIAISON OFFICER to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by form attached.

*H. J. M. L. M.*Major,
Brigade Major,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 9.30 p.m. to:-	Copy No.
"A" Group.	1-9.
"B" Group.	10-18.
Arty Liaison Officer,)	
8th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.)	19.
5th. Aust. Division.	20-23.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 22-10-17 to 6 a.m. 23-10-17VISIBILITY. Bad, misty.

OUR ARTILLERY. Carried out Bombardment Barrages according to programme at 5.45 p.m. and 6 a.m. These were reported satisfactory. At the request of C.B. Group, three hostile batteries were neutralised during the day in conjunction with the attack by the FIFTH ARMY. The vicinity of the dug-outs at E.19.d. 80.35., and the road junction E.26.a.45.634, was swept with bursts of fire during the earlier part of the night, and roads and communications in the Divisional Areas searched at irregular intervals. Three 77 mm. guns observed in E.25. were engaged; result unknown owing to poor visibility.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was normal throughout the period. During the day ANZAC RIDGE, HELLES TRACK and the tramway in J.3.c. were intermittently by 4.2" Hows. and 77 mm from direction of WATERDA MOEK and the East. Battery positions in J.7.b. and c shelled at irregular intervals by 5.9's from the south-east, and some lachrymatory gas shells at 7 p.m.. During the night tracks in the forward area were intermittently shelled, and in the early morning a heavy bombardment of the Right Battalion Front line supports was carried by all calibres, chiefly direction MOORSLEDE, WATERDA MOEK and later from south-east.

GENERAL.

Twelve hostile balloons were up during the day, but visibility was poor.

Enemy aircraft below normal, and our own active.

Hostile shelling died down whilst our 'planes were up forward.

Gun flashes reported from E.25.b.6.8.-E.25.a.7.2.-J.12.b., also on 700. and 860 T.B. from D.29.c.55.70, and many flashes between 1290 and 1410 T.B. from the same point.

Flashes from approximately E.25.a.30.30 at 1.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.; and on 670 30' T.B. from D.29.c.6.6. at 1.30 p.m.

Hostile Aircraft actively bombed back areas during the night.

Headquarters,
23-10-17.

Edgar H. Borth

Lieut.,

Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date... 23rd. October. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
1	A Group	5th.D.A.	3.35 a.m.	J.3.c being shelled by 5.9 and 4.2 from direction of MOORSLEDE. Front and support line opposite Left Bn. also being shelled.
2	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.45 a.m.	Repeating above.
3	A Group	5th.D.A.	3.47 a.m.	4.2, 5.9 and occasionally something bigger from direction WATERDAMHOEK on front line and supports.
4	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.49 a.m.	Repeating above.
5	A Group	5th.D.A.	4.2 a.m.	Shelling of front and support lines now normal
6	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.4. a.m.	Repeating above.
7	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.20 a.m.	3.15a.m.- Liaison reports front line being shelled
8	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.30 a.m.	Repeating above.
9	A Group	5th.D.A.	11.41 a.m.	2- 5.9 Batteries and a 4.2 bty. firing on J.3.c. from 84° T.B. from J.3.c.1.5
10	5th.D.A.	C.B.	11.45 a.m.	Informed of above.
11	B Group	5th.D.A.	12.55 a.m.	5.9's on J.8.b. T.B. 88° from J.8.b.61.82.
12	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.56 a.m.	Informed of above.
13	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.48 p.m.	There is a 5.9 how. firing on J.8.c. from 71° T.B. from J.8.c.47.48(sound) One observer reports that 15 minutes after our barrage opened this morning the enemy put over a shrapnel barrage(not intense) behind our front line and another reports on the third lift both last night and this morning the enemy put up double green and double red flares.
14	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.50 p.m.	Reporting the 5.9 how firing on J.8.c.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date... 23rd. October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
15	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.0 p.m.	The 5.9 how. on J,8.c. has ceased fire.
16	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.1 p.m.	Repeating above.
17	A Group	5th.D.A.	3.15 p.m.	Road in J,7.b. shelled by 4.2 how. from MOORSLEDE.
19	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.17 p.m.	Informed.
20	5th.D.A.	A Group	4.34 p.m.	Please put occasional rounds over KW26 tonight between 7 and 8 p.m.
21 to	B Group fr,	5th.D.A.	4.37 p.m.	Please put S.B. fire into KW41 between 7 and 8 p.m. also K.W35
22	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.20 p.m.	5.9 hows. firing on J.8,c.47.48. T.B. 710 from J.8.c.47.48.
23	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.22 p.m.	Informed of above,
24	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.43 p.m.	5.9 how, from 710 T.B. from J.8.c.47.48 has ceased.
25	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.44 p.m.	Informed of above.
26	A Group	5th.D.A.	8.32 p.m.	Worried by 77mm. either KW7 or KW13- told to ask B group to engage.
27	5th.D.A.	C.B.	8.45 p.m.	Informed of above and action taken.
28	A Group	5th.D.A.	9.55 p.m.	Enemy shelling J.3.c, 4.2's, gas, H.E. gas shell from MOORSLEDE.
29	5th.D.A.	C.B.	9.56 p.m.	Informed of above.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message.....
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TO {		5 th Aust. Div.		
		R. A. 1 st Anzac.		
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
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Casualties		24	hours ended	
noon		today	aaa	13 th
A.F.A.		Bde	killed	1 st R
wounded		2 nd R	aaa	14 th
A.F.A. Bde		killed	1 st R	wounded
2 nd R		wounded	at duty	
1 st R		aaa		
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From		5 th Aust. D. A. Group.		
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 46.Headquarters,
24th. October, 1917.

1. (a) The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 8th. Infantry Brigade in the forward area during 25th. October and night 25th./26th. October, 1917.
 Australian
 (b) The 8th./Infantry Brigade will move to HALIFAX Camp on relief.
 (c) The 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade will move to WIPPENHOEK Area on 1 October 25th. 1917.
2. 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 45, paras 1 and 3 are cancelled.
3. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will pass to the command of the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery from 6 a.m. 25th. October, 1917.
4. From 6 a.m. 25th. October, 1917, "B" Group will become responsible for the defence and barrages on the whole of the 5th. Australian Divisional Front.
5. C.O. "B" Group will arrange to find Liaison Officers as under from 6 a.m. 25th. October, 1917.
 (a) One Officer not below the rank of Captain with the Infantry Brigade Headquarters in the line.
 (b) One Officer at each of the Headquarters of the Battalions which are holding the front line.
6. Groups and Liaison Officer to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by form attached.

J.H. Allen

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 1.30 p.m. to :All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Group Order 45.

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Copy No. 38

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 47.Headquarters,
24th. October, 1917.

1. The 5th. 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 task of the 1st. ANZAC Corps is limited to forming a defensive flank on the right of the 4th. Canadian Division, which will be the Right Division of the Canadian Corps, by joining up from our present front line about the MEUWMOLEN SPUR to, and including DECLINE COPSE south of the Railway, which will be the right flank of the 4th. Canadian Division, in the first stage of these operations.
3. The operation will be effected by the 1st. Australian Division. The 5th. Australian Division will be on the defensive..
4. It is anticipated that the attack will take place on "O" Day.
5. The 1st. 2nd. and 4th. Australian Divisional Artilleries under command of Brig-General W.F.H. BURGESS, D.S.O. will cover the 1st. Australian Division.
The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery ("B" Group) under command of Brig-General A.J. BESSEL-BROWNE, C.M.G., D.S.O. will cover the 5th. Australian Division, and will provide a protective barrage on their front during the attack.
6. At ZERO HOUR on the day of attack, a standing barrage of 18-prs and 4.5" Howitzers will be put down by "B" Group.
7. Divisional Boundaries and the Barrage Line for the 18-prs. are shewn on the maps issued herewith.
1 4.5" How. Battery will reinforce the 18-pr. Barrage from E.25.b.45.15 to J.6.b.35.95.
1 4.5" How. Battery on road junctions E.26.a.05.45.-E.26.a.45.62.-E.19.a.90.70.
There will be the usual overlap of 50 yards with Divisions to the north and south.
8. Rates of fire in rounds per gun per minute will be:-
Zero to Zero plus 60
18-prs. will fire 75% A and 25% AX.
18-prs. 4.5" Hows.
1. 1/2.
9. "B" Group : will cease fire at Zero plus 60 unless further required.
10. F.O.O's will be especially alert in order to deal with any fleeting opportunities and in order to send back early information of any hostile movement or massing.
11. Groups and Liaison Officer to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by form attached.

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 3.15 p.m. to all recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. G.O. 45.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.48.
-----Headquarters,
24th. October, 1917.

1. At 6 a.m. on 25th. October, 1917, the following re-grouping of guns will take place..
 The 54th. Battery will take over 1 gun in action of the 53rd. Battery.
 The 53rd. Battery will take over the position of the 13th. Battery at J.2.a.83.64 and 4 guns in action.
 The 113th. Howitzer Battery will take over in addition to their present position, the position of the 102nd. How. Battery and 4 Howitzers in action.
 Orders for necessary transfer of guns on charge will be arranged by Staff Captains concerned.
 Guns will be taken over stripped except for Aiming Posts, Sights and Sight Clinometers.
2. Groups to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by form attached.

*J. H. Martin*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 10.15 p.m. toAll recipients of 5th. Aust. D. A. G. Order No.45.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUPSECRET.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No.8.Headquarters,
24th. October 1917.

1. The 1st. Aust. Divisional Artillery will pass to the Command of the 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery from 6.a.m. on 25th. October 1917.
2. 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery will be responsible for the supply of ammunition to 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery after 12.noon on 25th. October 1917.
3. Following ammunition will be handed over by 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Group to the 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery Group as at 12. noon on 25th. October.
All ammunition in gun pits, in Echelons, and in the 1st. Aust. Division forward dump at I.11.d.8.9.
4. 5th. Aust. D.A.C. will take over HORNBY Dump from 1st. Aust. Div. Trench Mortar Brigade at 8.p.m. on 25th. October, and will provide a permanent party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 Other Ranks.
5. No ammunition will be delivered to 1st. Aust. D.A. Batteries or to 1st. Aust. D.A.C. from TAYLOR's Dump or from HORNBY after 12. noon on 25th. October.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.D. Driscoll
Captain,
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Div. Arty Group.

Distribution.

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"A" Group.	1.
Staff Captain 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	2
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1st. Aust. D.A. Column.	4
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	5
1st. F.A. Brigade.	6
2nd. F.A. Brigade.	7
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Division.	8
O.C. Hornby Dump.	9
O.C. TAYLOR's Dump.	10
"Q" 1st. A.N.Z.A.C.	11
"K" Ammunition Park.	12
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 23-10-17 to 6 a.m. 24-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Poor.

OUR ARTILLERY. Bombardment barrages were fired according to programme at 6 a.m. and 4 p.m., and bursts of fire put down on allotted lines between: 8.15 and 8.51 p.m.
At 8.40 p.m. 2 hostile 77 mm. guns firing into J.8. from K.1.a. and K.2.b. were neutralised; and at the request of C.B. Group hostile batteries KW 41 and KW 35 were engaged between 7 and 8 p.m.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was below normal during the day, but increased 8 and 10 p.m. Normal the remainder of the night.
During the day ANZAC and WESTHOEK RIDGES, and the valley between were intermittently shelled by 5.9" Hows. from Bearings 840 T.B. from J.3.c.1.5., 880 T.B. from J.8.b.61.88, and 710 T.B. from J.8. c.47.48.

In the afternoon the corduroy road between WESTHOEK and BELLEVAARDE RIDGES was searched by 4.2" Hows. from the direction of MOORSLEDE, and the duck-board tracks in J.8. shelled by 77 mm's from direction of OOSTHOEK.

About 200 rounds of lachrymatory gas shell were put into J.3.c. between 8 and 10 p.m.

The Right Battalion Headquarters was actively shelled by 5.9" Hows. from direction of KEIBURG at 1 a.m.

Most of the shelling was from DADIZENEL and WATERDALEHOEK Groups.

GENERAL.

Hostile aircraft below normal.

At 4 p.m., two large formations were observed flying over our front line at a high altitude.

Edgar H Booth

Lieut.,

Reconnaissance Officer,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

Headquarters,
24-10-17.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date...24th October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
1	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.10 a.m.	Being shelled 4.2 and 5.9 hows. direction KEIBERG on to Right Bn.H.Q.J.4, B.) 74.50.)
2	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.12 a.m.	Repeating above.
3	A Group	5th.D.A.	11.40 a.m.	5.9 how, firing on J.3.c. 960 T.B. from J,3.c.1.5.
4	5th.D.A.	C.B.	11.42 a.m.	Informed.
5	A Group	5th.D.A.	12.13 p.m.	5.9 how. firing on J,3.c. 740 T.B. from J,3.c.1.5.
6	5th.D.A.	5th.D.A. C.B.	12.14 p.m.	Informed.
7	4th.D.A.	5th.D.A.	12.40 p.m.	The 2nd. Battery will be taking over 4 guns in action and one gun temporarily out of action from 11th. Battery at J.2.a.80.38. 3rd. Battery 5 guns in action from 10th.Bty at J.2.a.50.70.- 102nd. Bty. 5 hows. in action from 105th. Bty. at J.2.c.10.70. 2nd. and 3rd. probably take over another gun in other position.
8	A Group 5th. D.A.	10th.D.A. A Group	12.45 p.m.	Informed of above.
9	A Group	5th.D.A.	4.39 p.m.	4.2 firing on J.3.c. 740. from J,3.c.1.5.
10	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.4 p.m.	5.9 and 4.2 hows. firing on front of Right Battalion from direction of WATERBAMHOBK. Infantry want C.B, and say it is fairly heavy.
11	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.5 p.m.	Infantry want C.B. Repeating above.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 49.

Headquarters,
25th. October, 1917.

1. In addition to the guns detailed to be taken over in 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No.48 dated 24th. October, 1917.
The 53rd. Battery will take over one more gun in position from the 13th. Battery at J.2.a.83.64.
Staff Captain will hand over gun or certificate to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery in exchange for this gun.
2. With reference to 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No.47, dated 24th. October, 1917, para 7.
The 1 4.5" Howitzer Battery detailed to reinforce the 18-pr. Barrage from E.25.b.45.15 to J.6.b.35.95 will cease fire at 37' after ZERO, and will be held in hand by C.O. "B" Group who will use this Battery at his discretion. *Cum the Battery will have a call on this Battery after Zero + 37'*
3. Groups to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by form attached.

J. H. H. H.

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

Issued at 12.15 p.m. to

All recipients of 5th. Aust. D. A. G. O. 45.

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No. 48.

12 noon 25-10-17.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

HEADQUARTERS
5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

G11/2725.

DISPOSITION.

5th. Aust. D. A. H. Q. - I. 14. b. 1. 5. LILLE GATE, YPRES.

GROUP.	UNIT.	POSITION.	WAGON LINES.
"B" Group. Halfway House. I. 17. c. 4. 8.	14th. Aust. F. G. A. B. H. Q. 53rd. Battery 5 guns. 54th. " 54th. " 1 gun. 55th. " 114th. " 13th. F. A. B. H. Q. 49th. Battery 50th. " 51st. " 113th. " 113th. " 4 guns.	I. 17. c. 4. 8. J. 2. a. 83. 64. J. 8. b. 60. 80. J. 8. b. 61. 83 J. 8. b. 60. 98. J. 8. b. 45. 88. H. 28. a. 7. 8. J. 8. c. 47. 48. J. 8. a. 70. 75. J. 8. c. 75. 93. J. 8. c. 46. 74. J. 7. b. 47. 00.	H. 28. a. 8. 8. H. 24. b. 3. 8. H. 24. c. 2. 5. H. 24. b. 2. 7. H. 24. c. 3. 7. H. 28. a. 7. 8. H. 24. b. 3. 6. I. 19. a. 9. 1. I. 19. c. 1. 7. H. 24. c. 9. 8.
5th. Divl. Trench Mortar Bde.	D. T. M. O.) 1/2 X. 5. A. M. T. M. Bty.) Y. 5. A. M. T. M. Bty.) V. 5. A. M. T. M. Bty.) Z. 5. A. M. T. M. Bty.) 1/2 X. 5. A. M. T. M. Bty.)	H. 27. b. 7. 7. HORNBY DUMP. TAYLOR Dump. J. 3. a. 3. 4.	
5th. Aust. D. A. Col.	Headquarters. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sections.)	I. 19. b. 3. 6. I. 19. a. Central.	

H. H. H. H.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 50.
-----Headquarters,
25th. October, 1917.

1. Assuming that the proposed operations on "Attack Day" (6) have been carried out on "O" (a) Day, the Artillery ^{action} for "P" (a) Day and onwards will be as detailed below. *will be carried out*
- (a) On the morning of "P" (a) Day at 5.20 a.m. an Army Barrage on the front of the 5th. Australian Division.
- (b) Starting line as for Army Barrages shewn in map attached to 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No.40, dated 20th. October, 1917.
- (c) Lifts, timings and distances of M.P.I. are shewn in attached diagram "P" (a).
- (d) Rates of fire:-
- | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| | 18-prs. | 4.5" Hows. |
| Rounds per gun per minute. | 2 | 1. |
2. (a) On "P" (a) Day bursts of fire in depth will be carried out on the front of the 5th. Australian Division.
- "A" Barrage on S.O.S. Lines. "B" Barrage 200 yards beyond "A" Barrage.
- (b) Times and silent periods will be :-
- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. | Burst of fire. |
| 8.51 p.m. to 9.10 p.m. | Silent period. |
| 9.10 p.m. to 9.16 p.m. | Burst of fire. |
| 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. | Silent period. |
- (c) Rates of fire :-
- | | | |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 18-prs. | Two rounds | per gun per minute. |
| 4.5" Hows. | One | round per gun per minute. |
3. On "Q" (a) ^{Day} the following will be carried out.
- (a) Army Barrage at 5.30 a.m.
- (b) Starting line as for Army Barrages shewn on Map attached to 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No.40, dated 20th. October, 1917.
- (c) Lifts, timings and distances of M.P.I. are shewn on attached Diagram "Q" (a).
- (d) Rates of fire:-
- | | | |
|------------|------------|---------------------|
| 18-prs. | two rounds | per gun per minute. |
| 4.5" Hows. | one round | per minute. |
4. (a) On "Q" (a) Day bursts of fire in depth will be carried out on the front of the 5th. Australian Division.
- A Barrage 1000 yards east of S.O.S. Line.
- B Barrage 200 yards beyond A Barrage.
- (b) Times and silent periods will be :-
- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m. | Burst of fire. |
| 8.21 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. | Silent period. |
| 9.33 p.m. to 9.41 p.m. | Burst of fire. |
| 11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. | Silent period. |
5. The following will be carried out on "Attack (7) minus 1 Day. Should Attack (7) take place on S (a) Day. The programme for "R" (a) Day will be :-
- (a) Army Barrage at 5.15 a.m.
- (b) Starting line as in para 3 (b) above.
- (c) Lifts, times and distances of M.P.I. will be shewn in Diagram to be issued later.
- (d) Rates of fire as in para 3 (d) above.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 51. (contd)

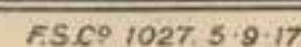
6. There will be silent periods as follows:-
8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
7. Harassing fire and fire on/communications will be kept up
by "B" Group.
enemy
8. Acknowledge by form attached. "B" Group by wire.

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

Issued at 2.45 p.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Aust. D. A. G. O. No. 51.

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60 pds.
8" & 9.2" Homs



— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

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18 par ●

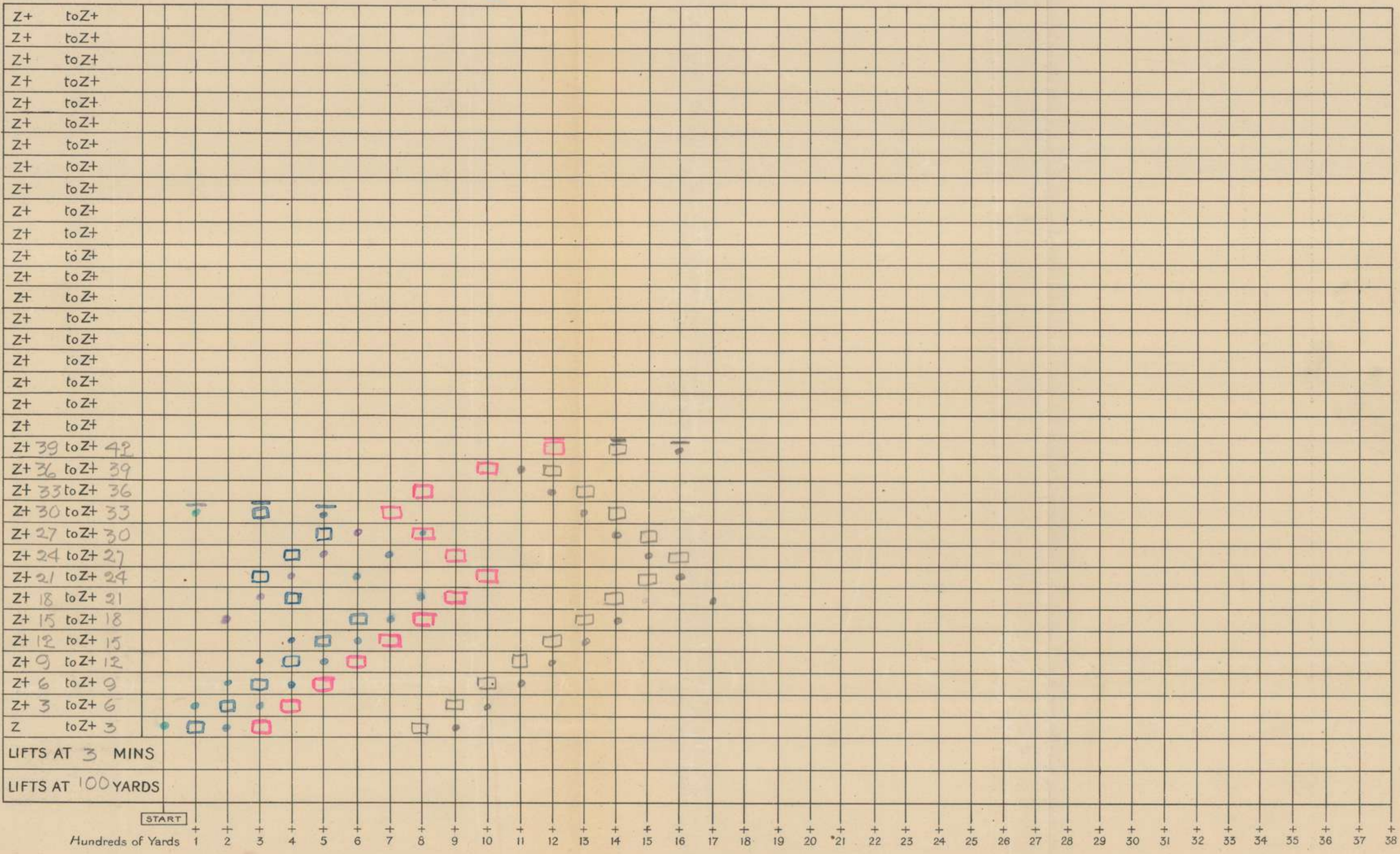
B
18 par
4.5" Hows □

C
MG ●

D
6" Hows □

E
60 par
8" & 9.2" Hows □

Qa(A)

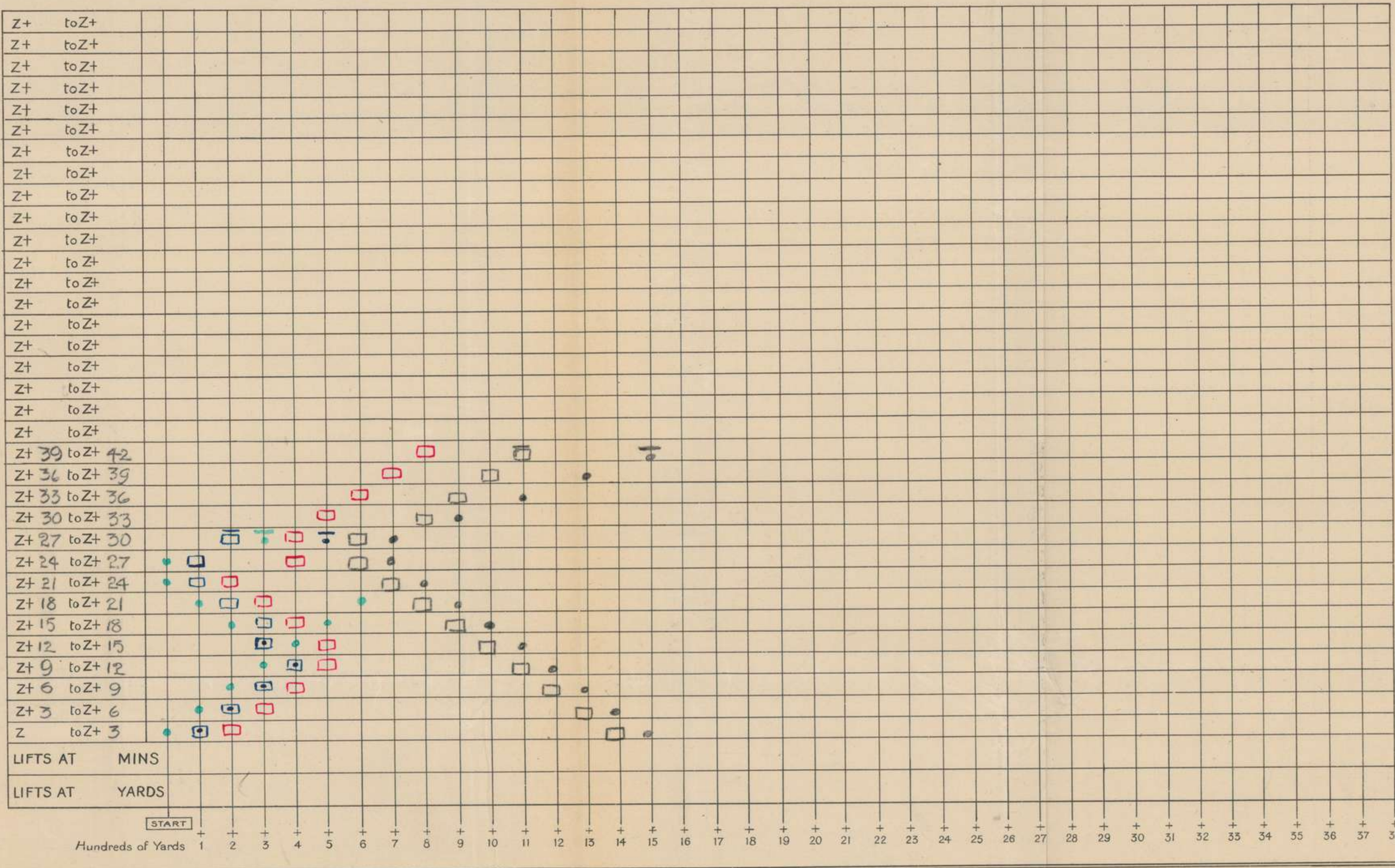


R.a.

—DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE—

Attack (7) minus 1 Day

A 18 pdr • B 18 pdr 4.5 How □ C M.G. D 6 How □ E 60 pdr 8 & 9.2 How □



LIFTS AT MINS
LIFTS AT YARDS

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 51.
-----Headquarters,
25th. October, 1917.

1. The 49th. Battery will take over 1 gun from the 15th. Battery at the latter's Wagon Lines H.18.d.5.7.
Staff Captain will arrange to transfer one gun or certificate to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery. *in exchange*
2. The command of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will pass from the C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division to C.R.A. 2nd. Australian Division at 10 a.m. 28th. October, 1917.
3. Acknowledge by form attached. ("B" Group by wire.)

H. M. M. M.

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

Issued at 2 p.m. to :-	Copy No.
"B" Group.	1 - 9.
5th. Australian Divn.	10-13.
"Q" 5th. Aust. Divn.	14.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	15.
H.A. 1st. ANZAC.	16.
57th. H.A. Group.	17.
Arty Liaison Officer,	
15th. Inf. Brigade.	18.
4th. Aust. Div. Artillery.	19.
21st. Divl. Artillery.	20.
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.	21.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	22.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	23.
Signals, 5th. D.A. H.Q.	24.
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Staff Captain.	26.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 24-10-17 to 6 a.m. 25-10-17.VISIBILITY. Poor.OUR ARTILLERY. This was employed in accordance with Army and Corps programmes, Bombardment barrages being carried out at 9.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., and 6-minute bursts of fire opened at 8.15 p.m. and 8.45 p.m.

An attempt was made to check registrations, but visibility was unfavorable.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was quiet during the whole period.

At 11.50. a.m. 5.9" Howitzers fired on J.3.c. from T.B. 960 from J.3.c.1.5., and at 12.15 p.m. on T.B. 740 from the same point.

An intermittent shelling of tracks by 4.2" Howitzers from direction of MOORSLEDE, POTTER and JEVRUG during the day, and a light bombardment of front line and supports at 9.30 -10 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. reported.

During the night light shelling of J.8. and J.c., and tracks by 4.2" and 5.9" Howitzers from the direction of WATERDAALHOEK.

GENERAL.

Hostile 'planes were again active, flying at low altitudes over Battery positions.

The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group "D" were taken over by 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group at 6 a.m. this morning, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery ("B" Group "D" taking over the entire 5th. Australian Divisional Front.

*Egan H. Borth*Headquarters,
25-10-17Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date.. 25th.. October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
1	A Group	5th.D.A.	11.50 a.m.	4.2 from WATERDAMHOEK and 4.2 from MOORSLEDE on J,3.c.50.50.
2	5th.D.A.	C.B.	11.52 a.m.	Informed.
3	A Group	5th.D.A.	12.1 p.m.	5.9 from WATERDAMHOEK on to J.3.c.50.50.
4	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.3 p.m.	Informed.
5	A Group	5th.D.A.	12.7 p.m.	101st- 1 wounded, wont live. 4 seriously wounded, including 2 Nos.1.
6	5th.D.A.	4th.D.A.	12.17 p.m.	Informed.
7	A Group	5th.D.A.	12.18 p.m.	5.9 how. from direction of MOORSLEDE firing on J.3.c.50.50.
8	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.20 p.m.	Informed.
9	Liaison O Bde.H.Q.	5th.D.A.	12.27 p.m.	5.9 how. from WATERDAMHOEK shelling WESTHOEK RIDGE and Brigade H.Q.
10	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.29 p.m.	Informed.
11	A Group	5th.D.A.	12.35 p.m.	Firing on J.3.c. ceased.
12	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.41 p.m.	C.B. Informed.
13	Liaison O Bde.H.Q.	5th.D.A.	12.55 p.m.	5.9 how died down, 4.2 firing on J.7. from 750.T.B. from J.1.d.6.4.
14	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.56 p.m.	Informed.
15	G.S.O.3	5th.D.A.	6.23 p.m.	AGID report e batteries 77mm. each of 4 guns located on bearings 1250. 1910., 1940. T.B. from D.29.c.65.60. and w batteries thought to be 5.9 hows on T.B. 850. and 880. from the same point. O.P. located at E.15.d.55.40 Also pole with large box about 10' up it at E.12.d.6.0.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date...25th.October. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
16	5th.D.A.	C.B.	6.25 p.m.	Repeating above batteries (15) firing.
17	B Group	5th.D.A.	6.30 p.m.	J.4.b.7.5. Rt.Bn. being shelled with 4.2 and 5.9 hows. from WATERDAMHOEK.
18	5th.D.A.	C.B.	6.33 p.m.	Informed- also message at 6.25p,m, are Magnetic Bearings.
19	G.S.O.3	5th.D.A.	6.32 p.m.	Bearings from the Infantry are Magnetic.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 25-10-17 to 6 a.m. 26-10-17.

VISIBILITY Good.

OUR ARTILLERY. Bombardment Barrages were fired at 7 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. according to programme, and a standing barrage at 5.40 a.m. this morning in accordance . . . with programme of attack.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was active during the day between 11.30 a.m. and 12.50 p.m., otherwise normal throughout the period. At 11.50 a.m. 4.2" Howitzers were firing on J.3.d. from direction of WATERDAALHOEK and HOORSLEDE, joined at 12 noon by 5.9" Hows. from direction of WATERDAALHOEK, and at 12.10 p.m. 5.9" Hows. from HOORSLEDE. At 12.27 p.m. a 5.9" How. from WATERDAALHOEK opened on WESTHOEK.

This died down to intermittent shelling at 12.55 p.m. During the night a 4.2" Gas Shells were fired into the vicinity of battery positions in J.8.; WESTHOEK and ANZAC RIDGES and trucks intermittently shelled by 5.9" and 4.2" Hows. from direction of WATERDAALHOEK to POTTERIJEBRUG.

GENERAL.

Hostile aircraft very active over forward and back areas during the night, bombing battery positions, HAJEWAY HOUSE, and back beyond YPRES.

Flashes of 77 mm. firing on D.29.b. observed on 1120 30' and 1780 30' T.E. from D.29.c.65.35, also of 5.9" hows. on 720 30' and 750 30' from same point.

Edgar H. Booth

Headquarters,
26-10-17.

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

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date... 26th. October. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
1	G.O.C.	5th.D.A.	4.20 a.m.	Asking re bombardment going on.
2	5th.D.A.	B Group	4.22 a.m.	Asking for details-they know of nothing doing but will find out.
3	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.28 a.m.	Nothing on our front- the heavy shelling is well to our left. Only an occasional shell falling on our front.
4	G.	5th.D.A.	4.30 a.m.	Repeating above.
5	5th.D.A.	4th.D.A.	4.45 a.m.	There is a heavy barrage going on-Is it on your front? Doesn't know of anything but will find out.
6	4th.D.A.	5th.D.A.	4.48 a.m.	There is no general Strafe.
7	C.B.	5th.D.A.	6.44 a.m.	Asking for news re hostile shelling on front this morning.
8	5th.D.A.	B Group	6.45 a.m.	Asking re above.
9	B Group	5th.D.A.	6.50 a.m.	Enemy shelling heavy during night, light during stunt and still light.
10	B Group	5th.D.A.	10.5 a.m.	Enemy replied with heavy barrage which later changed to shelling of front and supports, duck board tracks and areas farther back. Still continuing. From Liaison, Right Battalion.
11	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.8 a.m.	Informed our front and support line is being shelled. This has been going on for some time; no direction is given but it is probably WATERDAMHOFK.
12	5th.D.A.	B Group	10.10 a.m.	Please ascertain direction and calibre of shelling on front of Right Bn.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date... 26th. October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
13	5th.D.A.	B Group	1.20 p.m.	Asking re situation on our front.
14	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.30 p.m.	All quiet on our front with the exception of a 4.2 gun firing into J.8.b. from 40° T.B. from J.8.b. 45.88.. Nothing in J.8.a. but they can see a barrage in front of PASSCHENDALE (1.0p.m.)
15	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.35 p.m.	Giving details of 4.2 gun and situation.
16	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.40 p.m.	Several hostile aeroplanes have been flying low over J.8.b and c. and J.3.c using their machine guns on troops in the vicinity. This was reported at 2.30p.m. but they have now departed.
17	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.30 p.m.	5.9 how. from OOSTHOEK shooting on J.8.c. 75.93, 1 round per minute.
18	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.33 p.m.	Informed.
19	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.40 p.m.	100° T.B. from J.8.c. 75.93.
20	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.41 p.m.	Informed.
21	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.0 p.m.	5.9 how. has now ceased firing.
22	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.1 p.m.	Informed.
23	G. 5th. Aus.	5th.D.A.	4.57	Infantry Observer reports S.O.S. on extreme left of our front Sector. Do we know anything? No.
24	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.58 p.m.	S.O.S. is left of our Sector, opposite PASSCHENDALE.
25	5th.D.A.	G. 5th. A.	5.1 p.m.	Informed of above.
26	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.5p.m.	Rt. Bn. Liaison at 4.15p.m. report T.B. 100o. 4.2 gun from J.4.b.
27	4th.D.A.	5th.D.A.	5.6p.m.	Have S.O.S on their front left, probably on Canadian front.
28	B Group	5th.D.A.	5.20p.m.	Things quietened down on our left and they are standing down.
29	5th.D.A.	G. 5th. Aus	5.22p.m.	Informed.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { 5 th Aust. Div. R. A. 1 st Anzac					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* R. H. C. 62		26		A A A	
Casualties		24		hours ended	
noon		today		aaa 13 th H.F.A.	
13de.		killed		2 1/2 R / wounded	
4 1/2 R /		aaa		14 th H.F.A. 13de.	
killed		1 1/2 R /		wounded 2 1/2 R	
aaa		5 th Aust.		D. T. M. 13de.	
wounded		6 1/2 R /		aaa	
Addressed		5 th Aust.		Sig.	
Repeated		R. A. 1 st Anzac		R. H. C.	
From		5 th Aust. D. H. Group.			
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Time				Capt.	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z)	
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 52.

Headquarters,
27th. October, 1917.

1. At noon "P (a)" Day all current allotments of ammunition are cancelled.
2. Table "A" shews :-
 - (a) New bulk allotment from Noon "P (a)" Day to noon "T (a)" Day.
 - (b) Amounts estimated for attack (7) to be on hand at midnight "R(a)" / "S(a)" Day.
 - (c) Amounts to be fired in Army Barrages "Q(a)" and "R(A)".
 - (d) Amounts to be fired for Divisional Artillery per gun during period specified in (a) for harassing, isolating fire etc.

Table "B" shews :-

Amended rates of fire for Army Barrages for "B" Group.
 Rates of fire laid down in 5th. Australian Divisional
 Artillery Group Order No. 50, paras 3 (d) and 5 (d)
 are cancelled.

3. In addition to allotment and dump mentioned in Table "A", the following dump will be established at the guns at noon "T(a)" Day.

18-prs. - 400 rounds per gun.
 4.5" Hows. - 250 rounds per gun.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE by form attached. "B" Group by wire.

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

Issued at 12.45 p.m. to
 All recipients of 5th. Aust. D.A.G.O No. 51.

TABLE "A".

	18-prs.	4.5" Hows.
(a) Bulk allotment from noon "P (a)" Day to noon "T(a)" Day.	11520.	3840.
(b) To be on hand midnight "R(a)"/"S(a)" (estimated for attack (7)) or in rounds per gun.	5400. 150.	1200. 100.
(c) Therefore Bulk allotment to be fired between noon "P(a)" and noon "T(a)". Less amounts required for Army Barrages, "Q(a)" and "R(a)".	6120. 1890.	2640. 378.
Remaining to fire from noon "P(a)" to noon "T(a)" for all other purposes.	4230.	2262.
(d) ' or per gun for 4 days.	117½.	188½.

TABLE "B".

Barrage.	Formation.	No. of guns to be used.	Nature.	Rounds per gun per minute.	Total rounds required.
"Q(a)"	Right D.A. Group.	30 12	18-pr. 4.5" H.	1. ½.	990. 198.
"R9(a)"	Right D.A. Group.	30. 12.	18-pr. 4.5" H.	1. ½.	900. 180.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 26-10-17 to 6 a.m. 27-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Bad.

OUR ARTILLERY. From 5.40 to 6.40 a.m. (26th.), Standing barrage was put down in conjunction with offensive operations of flanking divisions, and at 5.20 a.m. this morning an ARMY Barrage was fired according to programme.

Intermittent searching of enemy communications and centres of activity was proceeded with during the night.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was quiet after 11.30 a.m. In reply to our standing barrage a fairly heavy hostile ^{artillery} came down on our front line ^{positions} and supports, which later changed to intermittent shelling of the same area, including ^{the} tracks. This ceased at 11.30 a.m.

At 1.20 p.m. a 4.2" gun on T.B. 400 from J.8.b. 45.88 shelled J.8.b., and at 3.30 p.m. a 5.9" How. from the direction of TERLAND was firing into J.8.b. and c.

At 4.5 p.m. a 4.2" Gun fired on J.4.b. from 1000 T.B. from J.4.b. 7.5. ^{more}

J.2. and J.8. shelled intermittently during the day with 5.9's, 4.2's and 77 mm from MOORSLEIDE and WATERDAIHOEK.

YPRES received one shell every 15 minutes from 10.50 until 3.50 p.m. from a heavy H.V. Gun from the S.E.

During the night very quiet, WESTHOEK and ANZAC Ridges and the valley between being shelled occasionally by 5.9's and 4.2" Hows, chiefly from direction of WATERDAIHOEK.

GENERAL.

At 2.30 p.m. hostile planes flew low over J.8. and J.8., our Battery positions, using their Machine Guns freely on troops in the vicinity.

Bombs were dropped between HALFWAY HOUSE and YPRES, between midnight and 2 a.m.

Headquarters,
27-10-17.

H. H. M.
Major,
for R.O., 5th. Australian Divl. Arty. Group.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date...27th. October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
1	B Group	5th.D.A.	12.17 p.m.	5.9 how. T.B. 910. from J.8.b.61.83 firing on 54th. Battery.
2	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.19 p.m.	Informed.
3	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.3 p.m.	One 5.9 how. Bty. and 1- 4.2 how. bty. T.B. 930. from J.8.c.75.93 firing on to 51st.
4	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.4 p.m.	Informed.
5	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.5 p.m.	Shelling ^{ease} off 51st.- did ease off 54th. but has come on again.
6	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.10 p.m.	Informed.
7	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.45 p.m.	Shelling as above still going on.
8	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.47 p.m.	Informed.
9	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.6 p.m.	Batteries which are firing at 51 and 54 are now firing Section salvoes instead of battery fire.
10	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.17 p.m.	The shelling on J.8.b and c is increasing and becoming very heavy.
11	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.17 3.18 p.m.	Informing them of above.
12	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.32 p.m.	Hostile shelling previously reported still proceeding actively. Asked for details as to what is now firing on the area.
13	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.35 p.m.	There is a section of 5.9 hows., a battery of 4.2 hows. and a 4.2 gun firing steadily.
14	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.36 p.m.	Informing them of above.
15	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.45 p.m.	The shelling of J.8.b and c. is still going on, but has slowed down to two rds. per min. and is more searching.
16	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.47 p.m.	Repeating above-they have turned some of their own on as well as the X Corps C.B.

APPENDIX.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date...27th. October. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
17	B Group	5th.D.A	5.45 p.m.	Hostile fire on J.8.b. and c. has died down to intermittent fire.
18	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.45 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m.	Repeating above.
19	B Group	5th.D.A.	7.40 p.m.	51st. 5.9 and 8" from direction of WATERDAMHOEK J.8.c.75.93.
20	5th.D.A.	C.B.	7.43 p.m.	Informed.
21	B Group	5th.D.A.	7.51 p.m.	5.9's and 8" have ceased firing.
22	5th.D.A.	C.B.	7.52 p.m.	Informed.
23	B Group	5th.D.A.	9.32 p.m.	5.9 how. on J.8.c.75.93 from WATERDAMHOEK.
24	5th.D.A.	C.B.	9.34 p.m.	Informed.
25	B Group	5th.D.A.	9.50 p.m.	Shelling of 51st. still continues.
26	5th.D.A.	C.B.	9.51 p.m.	Informed.
27	B Group	5th.D.A.	10.2 p.m.	Shelling of 51st. still continues.
28	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.3 p.m.	Informed.
29	B Group	5th.D.A.	10.45 p.m.	Shelling has ceased.
30	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.46 p.m.	Informed.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

(In pads of 100.)

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TO { 5th Aust. Bw.
K.A. 1st Anzac.

Sender's Number. * R.A.C. 63 Day of Month. 27 In reply to Number. A A A

Casualties	24	hours	ended
noon	today	aaa	13 th H.F.A.
13de.	wounded	2 1/2	aaa
14 th H.F.A.	13de	wounded	Lieut.
G. E.	G. ALL	26-10-17	and
3 1/2	aaa	Addressed	5 th
Aust.	Bw.	repeated	R.A.
1 st Anzac			

RSE

From	5 th	Aust.	D.A.	Group.
Place				
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 53.
-----Headquarters,
28th. October, 1917.

1. 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 51, para 2 is cancelled.
2. Major C.A. CALLAGHAN, D.S.O. Commanding 13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will relieve Lieut-Colonel F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O. on 1st. November, 1917, and take over command of "B" Group.
3. Details will be arranged by C.O's concerned.
4. Completion of reliefs will be reported to this office.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE by form attached. "B" Group and Major CALLAGHAN by wire.

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

Issued at 1.30 p.m. to:- Copy No.

"B" Group.	1 - 9.
Major C.A. CALLAGHAN, D.S.O.	10.
2nd. Aust. Division. }	11.
for Inf. Bdes. }	12-14.
"Q" 2nd. Aust. Divn.	15.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	16.
H.A. 1st. ANZAC.	17.
57th. H.A. Group.	18.
Arty Liaison Officer,	
7th. Inf. Brigade.	19.
1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	20.
21st. Divl. Arty.	21.
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.	22.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	23.
13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	24.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 27-10-17 to 6 a.m. 28-10-17.

VISIBILITY. Good.

OUR ARTILLERY. Were engaged according to J Corps programme, firing bursts of fire from 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. and from 9.10 p.m. to 9.16 p.m., also Army Barrage at 5.30 a.m. this morning. Registration of batteries was carried on by direct communication with O.P's, and intermittent searching and sweeping fire of enemy communications and centres of activity maintained.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was quiet except for the period 1 to 5 pm., when heavy fire was brought to bear on Battery positions in J.8.b. and c. At 12.45 p.m. a 5.9" How. on T.B. 910 from J.8.b. 61.85 opened on this area. At 1 p.m. another battery of 5.9" Hows. commenced on T.B. 930 from J.8.c. 75.93. At 3.15 p.m. the fire was still continuing, consisting of Section of 5.9" Hows, a battery of 4.2" Hows. and one 4.2" Gun were firing steadily on J.8.b. evidently an area shoot. Direction of fire 90-95c T.B. from J.8.c. 75.93. At 4.45 p.m. this had slackened off to two rounds per minute, and at 5.45 p.m. intermittent fire only. Between 7.35 and 7.48 p.m. J.8.c. was shelled by 5.9" and 8" Hows. from direction of WATERDAMHOEK. Between 2 and 4 a.m. a large number of 77 mm gas shell (mustard) were fired into the valley between WESTHOEK and ANZAC Ridges, ridges themselves were intermittently shelled by 5.9" and 4.2" Hows. from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK and MOORSLEDE.

GENERAL.

Hostile aircraft were active during the day and earlier part of the night.

During the day they flew at low altitudes, firing their machine guns on troops and transports on roads. They were also active over the front line but driven off by 18-prs. At night bombing in forward area.

At 10 a.m. a large formation of H.A. flew at altitude of about 5,000 feet over our lines towards YPRES, but were driven back by A.A. & M.G. fire.

Headquarters,
28-10-17.

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

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date 28th October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
1	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.24 p.m.	51st. BTY, shelled by 5.9, 370 T.B.- Inf. Bde. H.Q. being shelled from direction of WATERDAMHOEK - HALFWAY HOUSE being heavily shelled all directions
2	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.26 p.m.	Informed.
3	B Group	5th.D.A.	4.48 p.m.	Shelling eased off.
4	B Group	5th.D.A.	8.29 p.m.	S.O.S. on Bde. on left.
5	1st.D.A.	5th.D.A.	8.39 p.m.	S.O.S. on Canadian front- our left Bde is firing.
6	5th.D.A.	G, 2nd.D.A	8.32 p.m.	Informed of above.
7	B Group	5th.D.A.	8.45 p.m.	One Bty. fired S.O.S. thinking they saw a rocket on their front- they have stopped- further news will be sent in at once.
8	B Group	5th.D.A.	8.46 p.m.	Infantry report all O.K. on their front.
9	B Group	5th.D.A.	9.40 p.m.	S.O.S. Bde.on left- our front all O.K.
10	5th.D.A.	G.2.A.D.A	9.41 p.m.	Informed.
11	21st.D.A.	5th.D.A.	11.14 p.m.	S.O.S. on our left.
12	5th.D.A.	B Group	11.15 p.m.	Asking re S.O.S.- they report some hostile fire, but not S.O.S.-getting report
13	B Group	5th.D.A.	11.25 p.m.	ALL forward lines gone.
14	C.R.AM	Major Watson.	11.30 p.m.	You have allowed my line from Group to Liaison to be taken out of this Divl, Contact today. An S.O.S. is now up on our right and we are out of touch with Liaison. I Hold Signals responsible. Please get one straight through to B.H.Q.
15	C.R.A.	G.	11.31	Repeating above and asking them to get information from their Brigade.

APPENDIX 28

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date...28th..October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
16	B Group	5th.D.A.	11.32	Some firing on our front- no S.O.S.
17	21st.D.A.	5th.D.A.	11.35 p.m.	S.O.S. is on right of 21st. Div. front and left of 5th. Div. (English) front.
18	5th.D.A.	*G	11.38 p.m.	Giving above information and reminding them of condition re our communi- cation with Liaison.
19	G.	5th.D.A.	11.47	<i>Re</i> wire to Liaison- discussion of situation.

"A" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent		Service.	Date.....	
						At.....m.	From.....
						To.....	By.....
						(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { 2 nd Aust. Div R. A. 1 st Anzac 5 th Aust. Div							
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.			
* R.A.C. 64		28 10				AAA	
Casualties 24 hours ended							
noon today aaa 13 th A.F.							
A Bde killed 4 %R wounded							
2 %R aaa 14 th A.F. A Bde.							
killed 1 %R aaa 5 th A.D.							
H.C. wounded 1 %R aaa							
Addressed 2 nd Aust. Div							
repeated R. A. 1 st Anzac							
and 5 th Aust. Div							
From 5 th		AUSZ.		DA		Group	
Place							
Time 4-15		pm					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)							
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 54.

Headquarters,
29th. October, 1917.

1. At ZERO HOUR on "S (a)" Day the CANADIAN CORPS is continuing its operation against the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE.
2. "B" Group will co-operate by means of a creeping barrage - (A and B Barrages.)
3. The Barrage will consist of a Starting Line (Z to Z plus 8) and 8 lifts (Z plus 8 to Z plus 12) - (Z plus 12 to Z plus 16) - (Z plus 16 to Z plus 20) etc.
Starting Line A Barrage - E.13.c.56.10 to E.25.b.73.30.
Lifts will be 50 yards in 4 minutes.
Distance between A and B Barrage 100 yards.
Rates of fire :-
18-prs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute.
"B" Group will cease fire at ZERO plus 40.
4. On the evening of "Attack day (7)" there will be silent periods along the whole ARMY Front as under:-
8.6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY FORM attached. "B" Group and LIAISON OFFICER by wire.

H. Dickinson
Captain,
for Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 2.30 p.m. toAll recipients of 5th. Aust. D. A. G. Order No. 53.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

6 a.m.
From 6 a.m. 28-10-17 to 29-10-17

VISIBILITY. Poor.

OUR ARTILLERY. In continuance of programme bursts of fire in depth were put down one thousand east of S.O.I.S. line and later a few hundred yards back, being maintained as barrages for 6 and 8 minutes respectively. An Army Barrage was fired at 5.15 a.m. this morning. Intermittent searching and sweeping fire was maintained on tracks, communications and centres of activity in the Divisional Zone, and a reported hostile Infantry Post at D.20.c.3.8. kept under fire for a period of 2 hours. Bombardments of suspected Machine Gun post-D.24.b.8.4.- and hostile infantry posts at D.24.c., were carried out during the day.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. WESTHOEK and ANZAC Ridges and valley between intermittently shelled by 5.9's and 4.2" Hows. from direction of POTTERIJEBRUG and WATERDAMHOEK, and roads and tracks in the forward area searched intermittently by 5.9" Hows. from direction. WATERDAMHOEK. Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. I.17. was heavily shelled by 5.9" Hows. from direction 100-1200 from I.17. central - some high bursts of shrapnel were also put over that area. Between 1.45 and 5 p.m. J.8.c. was shelled by 5.9" How. from 570 30' T.B. from J.8.c.7.9. Between 10.40 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. WESTHOEK RIDGE and valley in J.8.a. and b received intense bombardment of 4.2" Hows (Gas Shells - mustard). Otherwise only intermittent light shelling during the period.

GENERAL.

Smoke puffs of 5.9" Hows. shelling back areas observed on T.B. 800 from D.29.c.60.58 at 3 p.m., and at 5.20 p.m. flashes of 4.2" gun on T.B. 520 30' from same O.P. observed also firing on back areas. At 10.45 a.m. 10 hostile 'planes flew at low altitudes over I.17.

Headquarters,
29-10-17.

Egan H. Booth
Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date 29th October.. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
1	B Group	5th.D.A	12.10 a.m.	Dis. forward.
2	B Group	5th.D.A	2.57 a.m.	Lines forward still down- gas barrage down on Bty. positions and WESTHOBK RIDGE.
3	B Group	5th.D.A	3.50 a.m.	Lines now O.K. forward.
4	B Group 5th.D.A.	5th.D.A. B Group,	9.33 a.m.	Arrange to fire on M.G. approx. J.6.a.8.5. with 30 rds. of 4.5 how. today.
5	B Group	5th.D.A	1.38 p.m.	5.9 how. 1250. T.B. from J.8.c.75.93.
6	B Group	5th.D.A.	3.4 p.m.	5.9 reported at 1.38 p.m. now appears to be an 8"; also 5.9 how. firing on to 51st. Bty. 980. T.B from J.8.a.4.4.
7	5th.D.A.	C.B.	3.5 p.m.	Informed.
8	B Group	5th.D.A.	9.5 p.m.	J.8.c. (51st.Bty.) being shelled by 2 - 5.9 hows. on 800. T.B. from J8.c.75.93
9	5th.D.A.	C.B.	9.7 p.m.	Informing them of above.
10	B Group	5th.D.A.	9.50 p.m.	J.8.a being shelled by 4.2 hows., gas and H.E. on 800. T.B. from J8.a.70.75.
11	5th.D.A.	C.B.	9.51 p.m.	Informed of above.
12	B Group	5th.D.A.	9.53 p.m.	The 5.9 how. firing on J,8.c has stopped.
13	5th.D.A.	C.B.	9.55 p.m.	Informed of above.
14	5th.D.A.	B Group	11.17 p.m.	Asking re gas shell.
15	B Group	5th.D.A	11.40 p.m.	Gas and H.E. from 4.2 hows. reported above still very busy.
16	5th.D.A.	C.B.	11.41 p.m.	Repeating.

APPENDIX. 29

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message.....
Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.	Charge.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		This message is on a/c of:
		At.....m.		Recd. at.....m.
		To.....		Date.....
		By.....		From.....
		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
TO {		ADMS 5 th Aust. Div.		
2 nd Aust. Div.				
1 st Ang. ac				
3 rd Aust. Div.				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
*R.A.C. 66		29	A A A	
Casualties	24	hours	ended	
noon	today	aaa	50 th 136y.	
A.F.A.	wounded	1 st /R	aaa	
54 th 136y.	A.F.A.	gassed	7 th /R	
A.H.M.C.	attacked	gassed	1 st /R aaa	
114 th 136y.	A.F.A.	wounded	1 st /R	
aaa	Addressed	2 nd Aust. Div.		
repeated	R.A. 1 st Ang. ac	and		
5 th Aust. Div.	Div. and ADMS			
From	5 th Aust. Div.	D.H. Group.		
Place				
Time	3-15 pm			
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.55.

Headquarters,
30th. October, 1917.

1. "B" Group will put down a barrage on "T(a)" Day as under:-
 - (a) Starting Line, Lifts and Rates of fire as for barrage on "R (a)" Day, detailed in 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No.50.
 - (b) Hour of commencement will be 5.30 a.m.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE by form attached. "B" GROUP and LIAISON OFFICER by wire.

*J. St. John*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.Issued at 5.30 p.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Australian D.A.G.O. No.53.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.56.

Headquarters,
30th. October, 1917.

1. Bursts of fire and silent periods will be carried out by "B" Group as follows :-

ON "T.a." DAY.

8 p.m. to 8.6 p.m. Burst of fire.
 8.26 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. Silent period.
 8.40 p.m. to 8.46 p.m. Burst of fire.
 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Silent period.

ON "U.a." DAY.

6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. Silent period.
 6.45 p.m. to 6.51 p.m. Burst of fire.
 7.20 p.m. to 7.35 p.m. Silent period.
 8 p.m. to 8.20 p.m. Silent period.
 8.20 p.m. to 8.26 p.m. Burst of fire.

ON "V.a." DAY.

6.20 p.m. to 6.40 p.m. Silent period.
 7.40 p.m. to 7.46 p.m. Burst of fire.
 8.20 p.m. to 8.50 p.m. Silent period.
 8.50 p.m. to 8.56 p.m. Burst of fire.

Rates of fire :-

18-prs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.

4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute.

Distances between A and B Barrages -200 yards.

"A" Barrage on Starting Line for Barrage ordered in 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No.55.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE by form attached. "B" GROUP and LIAISON OFFICER BY WIRE.

H. Sturton

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

Issued at 8.45 p.m. to

All recipients of 5th. Australian D.A.G.O. No.53.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date...30th.October. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME	PURPORT.
1	1st.A.D.A	5th.D.A B Group	12.34 p.m.	Our Infantry report enemy working party E.20.c.00.54.
2	5th.D.A.	B Group	12.35 p.m.	Informed of above and told to fire 30 rounds of 4.5 how. at it- also that programme in 5th. Aust. D.A. Group Order 50, para 5, would be repeated tomorrow a quarter of an hour later.
3	B Group	5th.D.A	2.23 p.m.	5.9 how. shelling 51st. Bty. at J.8,c.75.93. T.B. 1020.
4	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.24 p.m.	Informed.
5	B Group	5th.D.A	4.56 p.m.	S.O.S. on Brigade on our left.
6	5th.D.A.	2nd.Aus.G	4.57 p.m.	Informed of above.
7	5th.D.A.	1st.A.D.A	4.58 p.m.	Do not know if they have an S.O.S. on their front.
8	1st.A.D.A	5th.D.A.	5.5 p.m.	S.O.S. is on 4th. Canadian front- left Bty. of 1stL A.D.A. has been asked to fire and is doing so.
9	5th.D.A.	R.A.1st. Anzac	5.8 p.m.	Informed.

APPENDIX. 30

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message.....	
Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.	Charge.		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on a/c of :		Reed. at m.
			Sent	Service.	Date.....
			At.....m.		From
			Te.....		
			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
TO		2 nd Aust. Div 5 th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.			
		R.A. 1 st Anzac			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* R.A.C. 67		30 10		A A A	
Casualties		24 hours ended		50 th Bty.	
noon today		aaa		gassed	
A.F.A. wounded		1 st R		A.F.A.	
1 st R		aaa		54 th Bty	
wounded		1 st R		gassed	
VOWLES		E.L., M.		Lt.	
KERR		L.R.		2 nd Lt MANN	
A.E.		all		30-10-17 and	
33 rd R		aaa		55 th Bty A.F.A.	
5 th Div. Sig. Coy. attached		gassed		1 st R	
aaa		14 th Bty		A.F.A. gassed	
1 st R		aaa		Addressed	
2 nd Aust. Div.		repeated		5 th	
Aust. Div.		R.A. 1 st Anzac			
and		5 th Aust. Div.		Sig.	
Coy.					
From		5 th Aust. D. A. Group.			
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)			
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 57.

Headquarters,
31st. October, 1917.

1. On the assumption that "Attack Day (8)" takes place on "W.a." Day there will be ARMY Barrages on "U.a." Day at 5.45 a.m. and on "V.a." Day at 5.40 a.m.
If "Attack Day (8)" does not take place as above, the "U.a." Barrage will take place on "Attack Day (8)" minus two, and the "V.a." Barrage on "Attack Day (8)" minus one.
This will also apply to the bursts of fire and silent periods laid down for "U.a." and "V.a." Days in 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 56.
2. In accordance with para 1., "B" Group will put down barrages "A" and "B".
Starting Line "A" Barrage as for Army Barrage on "R.a." Day.
3. Diagrams showing lifts are issued to "B" Group and LIAISON OFFICER herewith.
4. Ammunition to be expended, guns to be used, and rates of fire are as under in Table "A":-

Barrage.	Formation.	No. of Guns to be used.	Calibre.	Rates per gun per minute.	Total Rounds.
"U.a."	"B" Group.	30. 9.	18-prs. 4.5" H.	1. $\frac{1}{2}$.	900. 148.
"V.a"	"B" Group.	30. 9.	18-prs. 4.5" H.	1. $\frac{1}{2}$.	900. 135.

5. With reference to 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 55, para 1. sub-para (b), ~~delete~~ 5.30 a.m. substitute 5.15 a.m.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE by FORM attached. "B" Group and Liaison Officer by wire.

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

Issued at 11 a.m. to

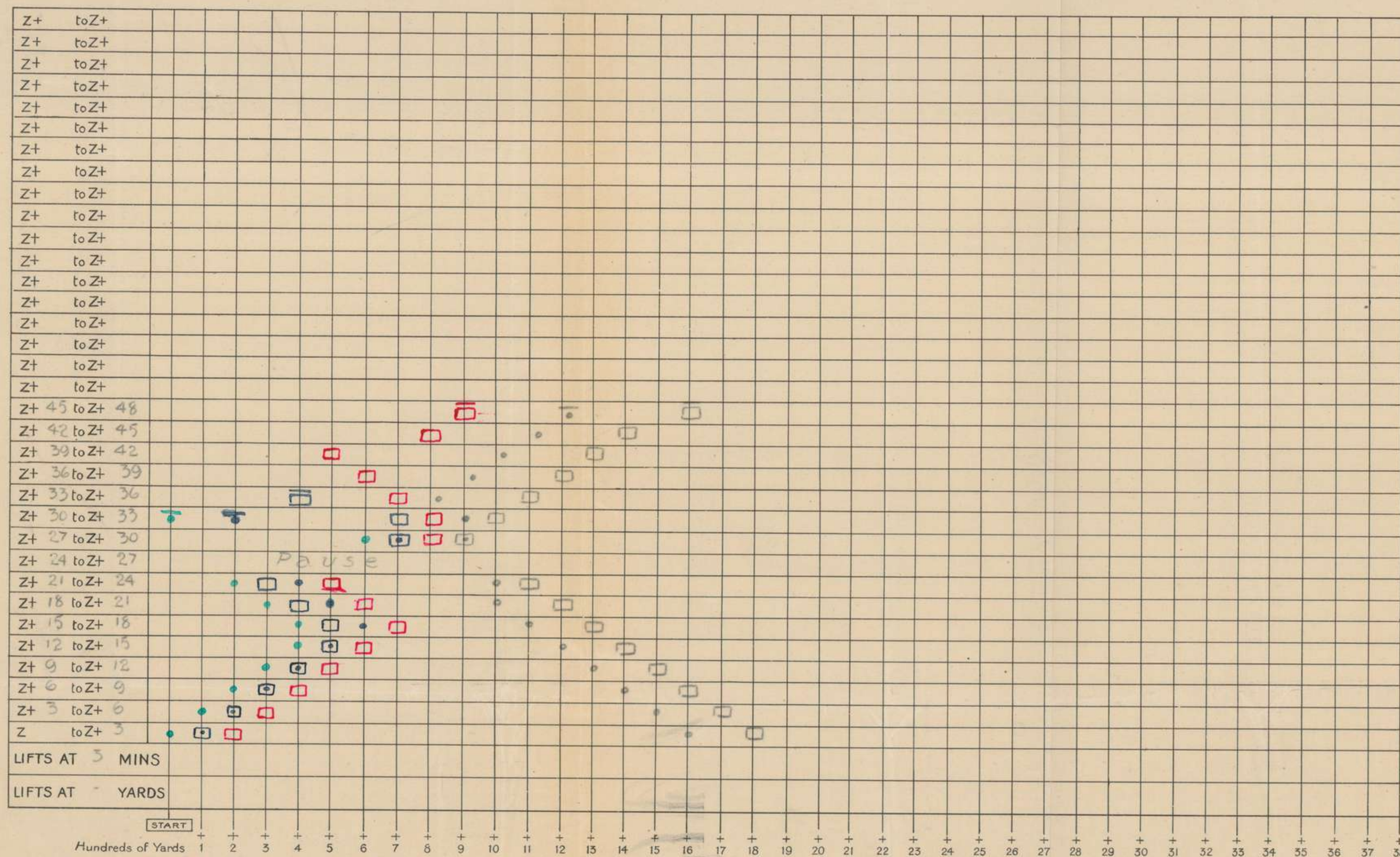
All recipients of 5th. Australian D.A.G.O. 53.

$$U_a(A)$$

B
18 pdr
4.5 How

D
6 How ☐

E
60 pdr
8 & 9 2 Hows



— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

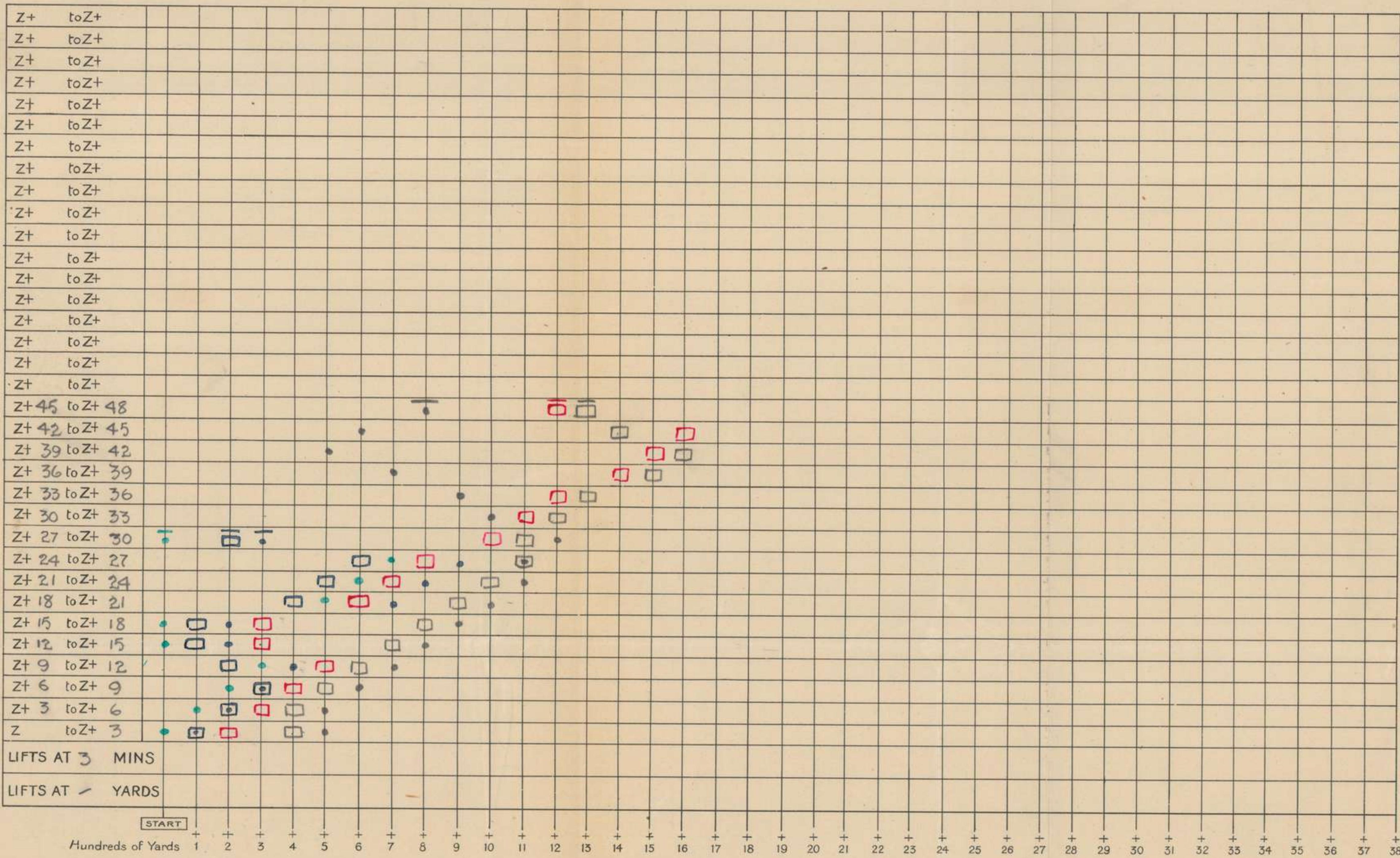
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A
18 pdr •

B
18 pdr
4.5" Hows □

D
6" Hows □

E
60 pdr
8" & 9.2" Hows □



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 58.

Headquarters,
31st. October, 1917.

1. The attached Table "H" shows for "B" Group
 - (a) Dumps to be at the guns at noon "A" (in addition to allotment.)
 - (b) Bulk allotment for period noon "T.a." Day to noon "A" Day.
 - (c) Dumps to be at the guns at midnight preceding attack.
 - (d) Amount to be expended per gun during above period by Field Artillery for all purposes except ARMY BARRAGES.
2. In addition to amounts above the unexpended portion of the allotment noon "P.a" to noon "T.a." is available if required.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE by FORM attached. "B" Group and Liaison Officer by wire.

Egan H. Booth Lieut
for Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11.45 a.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Australian D.A.G.O. No. 53.

TABLE "H"

	18-pr.	4.5" How.	
(a) Dump to be at the guns at noon "A" in rounds per gun.	400.	250.	
(b) Bulk allotment for period Noon "T.a" to noon "A". 7 days.	19920.	6655.	
(c) Dump to be at guns midnight preceding attack.	5400.	1200.	150 rds. per 18-pr. 100 rds per 4.5"H.
Estimated amounts required for ARMY Barrages "U.a" and "V.a".	1800.	283.	
(d) Bulk remaining to fire from noon "T.a." to noon "A".	12720.	5172.	
or per gun for 7 days.	353.	431.	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 59.
-----Headquarters,
31st. October, 1917.

1. "Attack Day (8)" will not take place on "W.a" Day; consequently the alternative in para 1, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 57 will come into operation.
2. "Attack Day (8)" will be notified later.
3. C.O. "B" Group will submit a programme of fire for "W.a" Day.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE by FORM attached. "B" Group and LIAISON OFFICER by wire.

Edgar H. Broth. Lieut.,
for Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Australian D.A.G.O. 53.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 30-10-17 to 6 a.m. 31-10-17

Headquarters.

31st. October, 1917.

VISIBILITY. Fair in early morning, bad later.OUR ARTILLERY. Actively carried on harassing fire upon enemy centres of activity, and continued with a series of minor Bombardments.

At 11.45 a.m. a ZONE CALL was received and responded to for a hostile battery at E.20.d.70.35. The result unknown owing to poor visibility.

At 12.35 p.m. a hostile working party between E.20.c.00.54 and E.19.b.30.80 - reported by the Infantry were engaged. The party were reported to have been dispersed by our fire according to report by Infantry.

During the afternoon a reported "Sniper Post" at D.30. central was engaged, and bombardments of reported hostile strong points at D.24.d.42.00 to D.24.d.0.7., D.30.d.45.60 to D.30.d.45.90, and D.30.b.51.29 to D.30.b.51.21 carried out.

A machine gun position at D.30.c.50.65, also received bursts of fire at irregular intervals.

At 5.15 a.m. this morning, an ARMY Barrage was fired according to programme.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was quiet during the period. ANZAC and WEST-HOEK RIDGES and the valley between occasionally lightly shelled by 5.9" and 4.2" Hows. from direction between MOORSLEDE and POTTERIJEBRUG, chiefly from the WATERDAMHOEK Group.

During the afternoon, tracks in the forward area, particularly the corduroy road through J.8.a. and b and J.3.c, received intermittent attention from the same Group and occasionally from a 5.9" How. at TERHAND. A 5.9 H.V. Gun fired into J.2. between 2 and 5 p.m. I.17.d. was shelled at intervals by 5.9" Hows from the south-east.

During the night only desultory shelling of ridges and tracks in the forward area - light gas shelling reported by Infantry.

GENERAL.

'Planes less active during the day, active early this morning. One of our 'planes was observed during the morning to descend out of control in the vicinity of E.28.

Edgar H. Broth

Lieut.,

R.O., 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date... 31st. October... 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
1	Corps R.A	5th.D.A.	11.35 a.m.	Ref. Artillery Instructions No. 186-para 1, second sentence- this will not "take place as above". Day will be notified later.
2	5th.D.A.	B Group	11.37 a.m.	Asking re heavy firing heard near their H.Q. - they are being heavily shelled by 5.9 and 8" hows. from S.E. Two planes were over early dropping smoke flares and shooting started shortly after.
3	5th.D.A.	C.B.	11.40 a.m.	Informed of above.
4	G.O.C. 2nd. DIV.	5th.D.A.	11.53 a.m.	An American General Siebert is coming to Division today and wishes to see the organisation- G.O.C. will bring him round to see C.R.A. this afternoon. Discussed hostile artillery quietness and mentioned probability of hostile concentration being prepared.
5	Col. Bridges	5th.D.A.	12.37 p.m.	5th. Bde. H.Q. at HALFWAY HOUSE has been heavily shelled by 5.9 and hows. and bigger from S.S.E. all this morning and this is now becoming intense.
6	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.40 p.m.	Informed of above.- they will get on to it again immediately.
7	G. 2nd. Div.	5th.D.A.	1.20 p.m.	Shelling of HALFWAY HOUSE previously reported has now ceased.
8	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.21 p.m.	Reporting above.
9	B Group	5th.D.A.	1.38 p.m.	An 8" how. is shelling J.2.a on T.B. 370. from J.2.a.9.4.
10	5th.D.A.	C.B.	1.40 p.m.	Reporting above.
11	B Group	5th.D.A.	2.20 p.m.	8" how. in J,2,a ceased at 2.15p.m.,.
12	5th.D.A.	C.B.	2.21 p.m.	Repeating above.

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Date...31st...October 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
13	B Group	5th.D.A	4.40 p.m.	51st. Bty. (J.8.c.75.93) is being fairly heavily shelled by mustard gas from the direction OOSTHOEK from J.8.c.75.93. It seems to be a 5.9 how.
13 14	5th.D.A.	C.B.	4.41 p.m.	Informed of above.
13 15	B Group	5th.D.A	5.15 p.m.	Gas bombardment by 5.9 hows. slackened off at 5.10 p.m, and immediately recommenced with 4.2 hows. and mm 77mm. gas (mustard) from same direction. These flash bearings are 1230., 1210. and 1150. True from / J.8.c.1.9. A 5.9 how. from same general direction is firing H.E.
14 16	5th.D.A	C.B.	5.16 p.m.	Informed of above.
15 17	B Group	5th.D.A	5.56 p.m.	Gas shelling of 51st. easing down.
16 18	5th.D.A.	C.B.	5.57 p.m.	Informed.
17 19	4.2nd. Div.	5th.D.A	6.1 p.m.	Some heavy shelling starting on our front system. An S.O.S. is reported to our left, probably on Canadian front. Some heavy shelling reported North, probably on French front.
18 20	5th.D.A.	C.B. Group	6.2 p.m.	Find out details of front line shelling- calibre and direction.

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Date.. 31st. October. 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	TIME.	PURPORT.
21	B Group	5th.D.A	6.12 p.m.	Gas shelling on 51st. speeded up; also 8" on 51st. 1280. T.B. from J.8.c.75.93.
22	5th.D.A.	C.B.	6.13 p.m.	Informed.
23	5th.D.A.	R.A. 1st.Anzac	6.14 p.m.	Informed by C.R.A. of gas sheeling of 51st. and request made for action to be taken.
24	B Group	5th.D.A.	10.13 p.m.	J.8.c.75.93 being heavily shelled with gas shell from 1190. T.B.
25	5th.D.A.	C.B.	10.20 p.m.	Informed.
26	B Group	5th.D.A	12.51 a.m.	Gas bombardment going ^{on} the same,
27	5th.D.A.	C.B.	12.52 a.m.	Repeating above.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
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TO { 2nd Aust. Div. 5th Aust. Div. Sig.
K.H. 1st Amzac Coy.
5th Aust. Div.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. 10 In reply to Number. A A A
* R.H.C. 65 31.

Casualties 24 hours ended

noon today aaaa 51st Bty.

A.F.H. gassed 2%R, aaaa

113th Bty A.F.H. gassed 3%R

aaaa 114th Bty A.F.H. gassed

3%R, aaaa (5th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

attached 14th A.F.H. Bde. gassed

3%R) aaaa Add. 2nd Aust. Div.

repeated R.H. 1st Amzac 5th Aust. Div.
and 5th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

From 5th Aust. Div. Group.

Place
Time 2 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Capt.

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	K. I. A.		Wnd.		Gassed		Wnd. R.O.D.		Total.		
	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs.	
Brt. Fwd.											X Lt A.L. McDonald ÷ 2/Lt V.H. McConnell ° Maj. P.J. McCormack.
1 Oct.		2	*1	18			°1		2	20	X Lt B.T. Cowlishaw ° Lt G.T. Wensor.
Brt. Fwd.	÷1	11	2	43			2		5	54	
2 Oct.		9		12			°1	1	1	22	° Lt T.M. Kennett
		10	2	55			3	1	6	76	
3 Oct.		1		32				2		35	
		21	2	87			3	3	6	111	
4 Oct.	*2	11		24				2	2	37	X Lt R.A. Bennett, MC ✓ Lt W. McMullen, MC.
	3	32	2	111			3	5	8	148	
5 Oct.		1		15						16	
	3	33	2	126			3	5	8	164	
6 Oct.		1		1				2		4	
	3	34	2	127			3	7	8	168	
Alteration due to Lt McConnell died of wounds 1/10/17 " " " " " 1 R.A.M.C. detail att: 14 th F.F.B. being included in return [See R.A.C. 37 15/10/17]											

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	K.I.A.		Wnd.		Gassed		W. R.O.D.		Total	
	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs.	O.	O.Rs.
Forward.	3	34	2	127			3	7	8	168
Oct 7				4						4
	3	34	2	131			3	7	8	172
8		hit		hit				hit		
	3	34	2	131			3	7	8	172
9		3		3						6
	3	37	2	134			3	7	8	178
10				2						2
	3	37	2	136			3	7	8	180
11		1		1						2
	3	38	2	137			3	7	8	182
12		2		5		3		1		1
	3	38	2	137			3	8	8	183
13		2		6		1				9
	3	40	2	143		1	3	8	8	192

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	O.	O.Rs.	O.	O.Rs.	O.	O.Rs.	O.	O.Rs.	O.	O.Rs.
Forward.	3	40	2	143		1	3	8	8	192
14 Oct		2		*3		1				6
	3	42	2	146		2	3	8	8	198
15 Oct		2		4						9
	3	44	2	153		2	3	8	8	207
16 Oct				3			1*		1	3
	3	44	2	156		2	4	8	9	210
17 Oct		1		8		2				11
	3	45	2	164		4	4	8	9	221
18 Oct		1		2				5		8
	3	46	2	166		4	4	13	9	229
19 Oct				2						2
	3	46	2	168		4	4	13	9	231
20 Oct	3	1		4				4		9
	3	47	2	172		4	4	17	9	240
* 2 O.Rs L.T.M.B. subsequently died of wounds (19.10.17)										

* Lt. A.E. Mann

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	K.I.A.		Wnd		Gassed		Wnd R.O.D.		Total.	
	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs.
Forward.	3	47	2	172		4	4	17	9	240
21 st Oct.				4						4
	3	47	2	176		4	4	17	9	244
22 nd		1		4						5
	3	48	2	180		4	4	17	9	249
23 rd		2		4				1		7
	3	50	2	184		4	4	18	9	256
24 th				1						1
	3	50	2	185		4	4	18	9	257
25 th		3		5						8
	3	53	2	190		4	4	18	9	265
26 th		3		12						15
	3	56	2	202		4	4	18	9	280
27 th			2 1	5					1	5
	3	56	3	207		4	4	18	10	285

X. Lt G.E. Gallie

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	K.I.A.		W.		G.		W. R.O.D.		Total	
	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs	O.	O.Rs
Forward	3	56	3	207		4	4	18	10	285
28 Oct.		5		3						8
	3	61	3	210		4	4	18	10	293
29 "				2		7				9
	3	61	3	212		11	4	18	10	302
30 "				2	x	35			3	34
	3	61	3	214	3	46	4	18	13	339
31 "						8				8
	3	61	3	214	3	54	4	18	13	347

x Maj. Vowles. E.L.

x LT L.R. Kerr

x 2/LT. A.E. Mann