

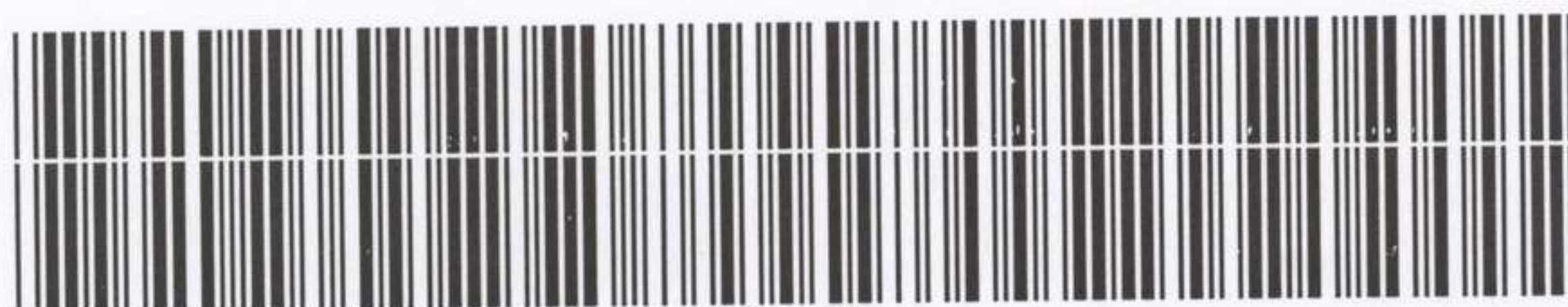
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 2.

Headquarters,
10th April, 1918.

1. When an attack is considered imminent counter preparation will be ordered from this office.
2. It is considered unlikely that the enemy will make a long preliminary bombardment before attacking.
3. The following will be the normal method of carrying out counter preparation.

For the first hour five bursts of fire of 12 rounds per 18 pdr and 8 rounds of 4.5" How searching rapidly backwards or forwards over selected areas.

For the second hour four similar bursts.

After this, if counter preparation is still considered necessary, the amount of firing must be limited by the amount of ammunition available.
4. The places selected for bursts must be varied so that the enemy cannot foretell which areas to avoid during his advance to attack.
5. Group commanders will please select the areas to be searched in conjunction with the G.O.Cs Infantry Brigades concerned.
6. Group commanders will please forward to this office copies of their schemes.
7. Group commanders may, if they consider it necessary, order counter preparation to their Groups, reporting their action to this office.

8. The times of firing for first hour will be -

Hour plus	5'
"	11'
"	23'
"	37'
"	53'

The times of firing for second hour will be -

Hour plus	13'
"	27'
"	41'
"	52'

9. The above Instruction cancels Instruction No. 2 dated 7th April which is to be DESTROYED.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

P. T. O.

Issued at 2 p.m. to:-

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14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th D.A.
290th F.A. Brigade
291st F.A. Brigade
5th Aust. Divn
Staff Captain
3rd Corps, R.A.
3rd Corps, H.A.
3rd Corps, "Q"

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 9/4/18 to 6 a.m. 10/4/18.

NOTE TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

Headquarters,
10th April, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS. Between 7 and 9 a.m. concentration was fired in two minute bursts at 40 minutes intervals on enemy points of assembly and roads, on account of thick mist and poor visibility.

Between 2.15 and 5.17 a.m. this programme of fire was repeated at irregular intervals. Hostile M.G's along Western edge of BOIS DE VAIRE were bombarded in afternoon - posts approx. at P.14.d. 3.6., P.20.b.0.8., P.14.b.8.3 and P.15.a.4.3.

2. HOSTILE SHELLING. Enemy activity is increasing, both in intensity and apparent number of guns. Gas shell was used during the morning in J.19 and on Left Brigade front. Shelling has become more general, including battery areas, forward system, and townships in proximity to the line. Chief shelling is between 4 and 5.30 a.m. in depth; 8 to 10 a.m., 2 to 4 a.m. towns, roads and battery areas; 4.30 to 6.30 a.m. forward systems.

Chief areas shelled during period were P.7.b (heavy), road P.2.c., VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, VAUX, VAIRE, CORBIE, FOUILLOY, J.31. b and J.32.a (heavy), J.20.c., J.26.a., road in J.25.d and J.26.a., P.1 and P.7 (scattered), roads in vicinity of VAUX and VAIRE and front line systems. Quiet during night 9th/10th.

GENERAL. Headquarters located at P.10.c.2. E.A. inactive - one bombed Front System in morning.

Enemy batteries appear to be grouped in valley in P.30.a & c., P.35.a & b. At night field batteries move forward and operate at closer range.

Visibility bad in morning, poor in afternoon.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Jumpy, very much on the alert.

Lyman H. Booth

Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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As at 10 a.m. 11/4/18.

DISPOSITION RETURN.

Reference Maps ALTIENS 1-100,000 and Sheet 62D.
5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. - CHATEAU TRONVILLE, BEANGY-TRONVILLE.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	WAGON LINES.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.5.	I.17.c.85.20.
49th Battery, 2 Sections	I.29.d.50.50}	23
" " 1 Section	I.29.d.60.00}	I.17.a.60.50.
50th "	I.29.d.90.20	I.23.a.50.90.
51st "	I.29.b.40.50	I.23.a.00.60.
113th "	I.29.b.30.25	I.17.c.70.70.
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.2	I.23.a.9.9.
53rd Battery	I.24.b.60.25	I.24.b.15.60.
54th "	I.24.b.60.00	I.23.b.5.4.
55th "	I.29.d.3.7	I.17.d.4.2.
114th " 1 Section	I.35.a.75.95}	
" " 1 Section	I.35.a.90.95}	I.17.d.5.3.
" " 1 Section	I.29.c.9.2 }	
14th Divisional Artillery, H.Q.	N.23.d.80.80	
46th F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	0.24.d.8.3.	N.23.d.4.8.
B/46 {4 guns}	0.26.b.6.7}	N.22.b.
C/46 {4 guns}	0.20.d.8.6}	
47th F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	0.19.central	
A/47	0.21.d.1.7}	
B/47	0.21.b.5.5}	0.22.
C/47	0.22.c.5.5}	
D/47	0.21.d.3.1}	
291st F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	0.10.a.central	0.2.a.8.8
A/291 1 gun	0.24.a.5.3	0.9.b.0.5
" " 3 guns	0.22.a.6.6}	
B/291 4 guns	0.22.a.7.6}	0.2.b.9.0
C/291 4 guns	0.22.a.7.7}	0.3.c.2.3.
B/291 4 Hows	0.22.a.2.7}	0.9.b.0.9.
290th F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	0.10.a.central	0.8.b.3.6.
A/290	0.10.b.2.3	0.8.b.5.5.
B/290	0.10.d.3.7.	0.2.b.9.1.
C/290	0.10.d.3.5.	0.7.a.5.5.
D/290	0.10.b.2.1	0.1.c.3.4.
5th Aust. D.A. Column	N.5.a.7.7	
No. 1 Section	N.5.d.1.8	
No. 2 Section	N.5.b.2.2	
H.A.A. Section	M.28.b.8.7	
58th D.A. Column	N.26.a.9.9	
14th D.A. Column	N.27.central	
5th Aust. A.R.P.	N.6.c.0.0.	
58th Divn A.R.P.	N.26.c.5.6	
14th Divn A.R.P.	N.27.a.5.9	
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS	
10th A.A.S.C.	ALLONVILLE	
5th Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section	BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.	

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 2.

Reference Map 62D 1-40,000.

Headquarters,
11th April, 1918.

1. The 58th Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) will move forthwith from their present position at N.26.a.9.9 to a position North of the RIVER SOMME in the vicinity of Square N.9.
2. C.O. 58th Divisional Ammunition Column will report completion of his move and the map locations of his units to this office.
3. The Dump at N.26.o (58th A.R.P) will be taken over by the 14th Divisional Ammunition Column in addition to their present A.R.P.
4. All Echelons of the 58th Divisional Ammunition Column on wheels will move full.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Hamilton

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

Issued at 10.30 a.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
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Staff Captain
Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 3.

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Headquarters,
11th April, 1918.

1. When changing front in the Fourth Army Area, all Field Artillery will march with Divisional Ammunition Column ~~in~~ or Brigade Ammunition Column empty and with gun limbers and the firing battery wagons full; first line wagons empty.
2. The ammunition from the echelons and that in any Dumps will be handed over to the Divisional Artillery Groups under which they have been in action or to which they are nearest.
3. When marching into another Army Area all Field Artillery units will march with all echelons full.
4. The above Instruction cancels Instruction No. 3 dated 8th April, 1918, which is to be DESTROYED.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Johnston

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at noon to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th D.A.
290th Brigade, R.F.A.
291st Brigade, R.F.A.
5th Aust. Divn
Staff Captain
3rd Corps, R.A.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 6.

Headquarters,
11th April, 1918.

1. On receipt of a S.O.S. call all Units will open on their S.O.S. lines for three minutes. After this Units will search backwards and forwards to a depth of 500 yards.
2. Rates of fire - 18 pdrs 5 rounds per gun per minute. 4.5" Howitzers 2 rounds per gun per minute. After 20 minutes fire will cease unless the call is repeated.
3. The S.O.S. line will run as follows:- J.35.c.45.00. J.34.c.45.00. P.3.a.75.00. P.14.d.00.70. P.20.central. P.26.central South to Divisional boundary.
4. All Brigades responsible for the defence of the front will have an overlap of 50 yards with the Units on each side of them.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11 p.m. to:-

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14th D.A.	3	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	11
290th F.A. Brigade	4	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	12
291st F.A. Brigade	5	21st Brigade, R.G.A.	13
5th Aust. Divn "G"	6	21st D.A. Group	14
3rd Corps, R.A.	7	Australian Corps R.A.	15
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 5.

Headquarters,
11th April, 1918.

1. Should it become necessary to withdraw from the present front the principles of withdrawal as regards the Field Artillery of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Group will be as detailed below.
2. Withdrawals either of Brigades or batteries will be by echelons; the front must never be uncovered and unless the withdrawal is voluntary, every yard of the way is to be stubbornly contested.
3. Frontages allotted to Brigades will be as in 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 1, but these instructions are not in any way to interfere with the initiative of commanders of lower formations at the moment who will seize every opportunity of inflicting loss on the enemy and helping the troops on either flank.
4. On the Left and Centre Sectors, the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and the 290th Brigade, R.F.A., will withdraw first; these Sectors being covered by the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade. The 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will take up an intermediate position about square I.25.

The 290th Brigade, R.F.A., will withdraw to the North side of the SOMME by DAOURS and take up a position about N.9 to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY line. When the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and the 290th Brigade, R.F.A., are in their new positions the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be withdrawn through the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and take up a position to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY line which runs 0.7.a - 0.7.c - 0.8.central - 0.14.central - 0.21.central - 0.27.central - U.1.central. When the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade is in position, the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will withdraw to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY line.

5. On the Right Sector the 291st Brigade, R.F.A., will withdraw first to positions about N.24.a & b. The 14th Divisional Artillery will then withdraw to positions about N.28.a.

The 291st Brigade, R.F.A., will then move to positions North of the SOMME by the Bridge near the HALTE in N.14.d and take up positions about N.9. Should it be necessary to further withdraw the 14th Divisional Artillery, this Divisional Artillery will cross to the North side of the SOMME ~~and~~ by the Bridge in N.14.d ~~and~~ ~~as the tactical situation demands.~~

6. Lines of withdrawal for Divisional Ammunition Columns will be in a North West Direction towards ALLONVILLE.

H. Stultin Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl. Artillery.

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291st F.A. Brigade	58th D.A.C.
14th D.A.	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade
5th Aust. Divn	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade
Staff Captain	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade
Signals, 5th D.A. M.Q.	21st Brigade, R.G.A.
3rd Corps, R.A.	21st D.A. Group
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The 290th Brigade, R.A., will withdraw to the North side of the BOMB by DASH and take up a position about 100 yds to cover the GENTLE - AUBURN line. When the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and the 290th Brigade, R.A., are in their new positions the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be withdrawn through the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and take up a position to cover the GENTLE - AUBURN line which runs 0.7.4 - 0.7.8 - 0.8.1. When the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade is in position, the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will withdraw to cover the GENTLE - AUBURN line.

On the Right Sector the 291st Brigade, R.A., will withdraw first to positions about 100 yds to cover the GENTLE - AUBURN line. The 14th Australian Field Artillery will then withdraw to positions about 100 yds to cover the GENTLE - AUBURN line.

The 291st Brigade, R.A., will then move to positions North of the BOMB by the bridge near the HALL in 1.1.4.4 and take up positions about 100 yds. Should it be necessary to further withdraw the 14th Australian Field Artillery, the 14th Australian Field Artillery will cross to the North side of the BOMB by the bridge in 1.1.4.4.

Lines of withdrawal for Divisional Ammunition Columns will be in a North West direction towards ALLOVILL.

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14th Aust. Divn

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO 3.

Headquarters,
12th April, 1918.

Reference Map 62D 1-40,000.

1. In order to assist a minor operation to be carried out by the Division on our Left and cover the Left Flank, support will be given by the 14th Divisional Artillery of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

2. The date of this operation and Zero hour will be notified later.

3. The tasks for the 14th Divisional Artillery are as follows:-

(a) From Zero plus 5 minutes to Zero plus 120 minutes.

Barrage on the line V.2.b.0.3 - P.26.d.0.4.

Searching and sweeping the area to 500 yards East of this line with all available 18 pdrs of 46th and 47th Brigades, R.F.A.

Rates of fire.

Zero plus 5 mins to Zero plus 22 mins				3 rounds per gun per min.			
"	"	22	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	40	"	"	40	"	"
"	"	50	"	"	50	"	"
"	"	55	"	"	55	"	"
"	"	64	"	"	64	"	"
"	"	64	"	"	120	"	"

(b) From Zero plus 5 minutes to Zero plus 120 minutes.

Bombardment of copse at V.3.a.2.4 with 3-4.5" Howitzers.

Rate of fire - 1 round per Howitzer per 2 minutes.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 10.45 a.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
290th F.A. Brigade
291st F.A. Brigade
14th D.A.
5th Aust. Divn "G"
Staff Captain
Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.
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3rd Corps, "Q"
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 7.

Headquarters,
12th April, 1918.

1. With a view to bringing concentrations of fire to bear on hostile areas, targets are allotted to Brigades as under.
2. These concentrations will be put in force by a message in the following form:-

"Concentration No..... Zero....."

3. Each concentration will last 5 minutes.
4. Rates of fire:- 18 pdrs 3 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows 2 rounds per gun per minute.
5. 18 pdrs will use 50% A and 50% AX. 4.5" Hows BX.
6. CONCENTRATION No 1.

13th Aust. F.A. Bde - P.15.b.00.30 - P.15.b.85.40 - P.15.b.90.11 -
P.15.d.00.70.
14th Aust. F.A. Bde - P.15.b.00.30 - P.15.d.00.70 - P.15.c.00.20 -
P.15.a.00.30.
290th Bde, R.F.A. - P.15.a.00.30 - P.15.c.00.65 - P.14.d.35.70
291st Bde, R.F.A. - P.14.d.35.70 - P.15.d.00.65 - P.15.c.00.00 -
P.14.d.00.00.
14th Divl Artillery P.14.d.00.00 - P.15.c.00.00 - P.21.a.15.60 -
P.20.a.00.60.

CONCENTRATION No 2.

13th Aust. F.A. Bde - Cross roads and Headquarters at P.10.c.20.30.
14th Aust. F.A. Bde - " " " " " "
290th Brigade, R.F.A. " " " " " "
291st Brigade, R.F.A. " " " " " "

CONCENTRATION No 3.

13th Aust. F.A. Bde - P.5.d.00.70.
14th Aust. F.A. Bde - P.5.d.00.70.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. M. L.
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 7 p.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
290th F.A. Brigade
291st F.A. Brigade
14th D.A.
5th Aust. Divn

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 4.

Headquarters,
12th April, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62D 1-40,000.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, in order to assist an operation to be carried out by the Division on our Right at a time and date to be notified later, will make a Chinese attack on their own front.

2. Tasks are allotted to Brigades as under from Zero plus 5 minutes to Zero plus 25 minutes:-

- (a) 291st Brigade, R.F.A. - Barrage on the line P.26.d.0.4 - P.26.d.0.0.
- (b) 290th Brigade, R.F.A. - Barrage on the line P.20.d.0.0 - P.20.b.00.60.
- (c) 13th Aust.F.A.Bde - Barrage on the line P.20.b.00.60 - P.14.d.0.0 - P.14.b.0.4.
- (d) 14th Aust.F.A.Bde - Bombard the wood in P.5.c & d.

3. For tasks "a", "b" and "c" searching and sweeping fire will be employed from the ~~lines~~ detailed to 500 yards to the East.

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For task "d" searching and sweeping fire will be employed over the whole area of the wood.

4. Rates of fire.

18 pdrs.

Zero plus 5 mins to Zero plus 10 mins - 3 rnds per gun per min.
Zero plus 10 mins to Zero plus 15 mins - 2 rnds per gun per min.
Zero plus 15 mins to Zero plus 25 mins - 1 rnd per gun per min.

4.5" Howitzers.

Zero plus 5 mins to Zero plus 10 mins - 2 rnds per gun per min.
Zero plus 10 mins to Zero plus 15 mins - 1 rnd per gun per min.
Zero plus 15 mins to Zero plus 25 mins - 1/2 rnd per gun per min.

5. 18 pdrs 50% A and 50% AX to be employed. 4.5" Howitzers BX.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Sturton

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

Issued at 8.15 p.m. to:

13th Aust.F.A.Brigade
14th Aust.F.A.Brigade
290th F.A.Brigade
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14th D.A.
5th Aust. Divn "G"
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18th Divl. Arty
58th D.A.
3rd Aust.D.A.

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4 58th D.A.C.
5 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade
6 14th Aust.Inf.Brigade
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AMENDMENT NO 1 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO 1.
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Headquarters,
12th April, 1918.

1. Delete para. 10 and substitute the following:-

Dumps of 200 rounds per 18 pdr and 170 rounds per 4.5"
Howitzer will be maintained at gun positions.

Dumps of 100 rounds per 18 pdr and 80 rounds per 4.5"
Howitzer will be kept in addition in close proximity in rear
of present Battery positions.

All echelons are in addition to be kept full.

For special operations application will be made to
Corps to increase the dumps at gun positions.

Asst. Major
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl. Artillery.

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CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No.1.

Headquarters,
12th. April 1918.

Subject :- Ammunition Supply.

Reference Map - 1:40,000 Sheet 62.D.

1. The present method of ammunition supply to Batteries will be as follows :-

From Railhead at MONTIERES on demand by 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery to dumps as under :-

- (a) N.6.c.0.0. on charge to 5th. Aust. D.A.C.
Ammunition of all natures will be drawn from this dump by 5th. Aust. D.A.C. for delivery to 13th. and 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigades, and by 58th. D.A.C. for delivery to 290th. and 291st. F.A. Brigades.

- (b) N.26.c. on charge to 14th. D.A.C.
Ammunition of all natures will be drawn from this dump by 14th. D.A.C. for delivery to 46th. and 47th. F.A. Brigades.

Brigades will demand ammunition direct from D.A.C's concerned who will deliver to Battery Wagon Lines.

200 rounds per gun will be maintained at Gun Pits, all Echelons will be kept full and 400 rounds per gun will be maintained in dumps.

2. A dump for Emergency Supply on charge to 58th. D.A.C. is situated on road about G.36.a. Ammunition to be maintained - 6000 "A" 2000 "AX" 3000 "BX".
3. In the event of a possible withdrawal from present positions or in case of emergency, Battery wagons from 46th, 47th., 290th., and 291st. F.A. Brigades will draw direct from dump at N.26.c.
4. Should events make it necessary, the dump in G.36.a. will be increased and all D.A.C's will draw from it.
5. Trench Mortar Ammunition will, for the present, be demanded from Railhead, forwarded to 5th. Aust. D.A.C. A.R.P. at N.6.c.0.0. and taken forward under arrangements made direct between D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn. and C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.C.
6. S.A.A. to complete to establishments will be obtained from 5th. Aust. D.A.C. S.A.A. Section at LONGEAU.

Basil Morris
Captain,
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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Distribution.

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CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No.1.

Headquarters,
12th. April 1918.

For para 1 (b) Sub-para 3, line 2

In para 1 (b) Sub-para 3, line 2 for "400 rounds per gun" read "150 rounds per gun."

Basil Morris
Captain,
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 11/4/18 to 6 a.m. 12/4/18.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

Headquarters,
12th April, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS. Registrations were continued during the morning.
During the afternoon three hostile working parties at P.10.c.5.2 and in P.11. a & d were engaged and dispersed.
Between 12.15 and 5.7 a.m. concentration bursts were fired on probable points of assembly and routes.
2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was active during the day, quiet at night.
Main points shelled during the morning were J. 33. o & d & J.13 by 200 rounds 77 m.m., J.26.o & d lightly by 77 m.m., P.13.d.2.0 by 5.9" Hows, BOIS 1' ABBE' FARM (O.30.d. 9.2) by 5.9 Hows on three occasions, P.13.d lightly by 4.2 Hows.
During the afternoon Towpath in I.36.d by 20 rounds 77 m.m., VAIRE intermittently by 4.2 Hows, Cross roads at P.15.o.8.7 by 4.2 Hows, VILLERS-BRETTONEUX by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows, J.27.o.9.9 by 500 rounds 4.2 H.V., HAMELET lightly, Road in I.30.a & o, O.20.d by 5.9 How, and Road in O.24.a & c.
The night was quiet except for some scattered shelling of roads and villages.
3. GENERAL. E.A. were very active all day, flying low in large numbers, and also individually. Bombs were dropped on back areas. Three bombs fell in O.22.b (battery areas).
Bursts of M.G. fire engaged P.13.a.5.5 and P.13.o.8.7 at 1.45 p.m.
Three men were observed working on wire at P.10.c.9.8 to P.10.b.7.0 to P.10.d.central.
Hostile transport moving along roads through P.17.c. passed in rear of BOIS des TAILLOUX at 5.30 p.m. at 5.40 p.m. movement observed in trees at P.17.d.1.5. Some men returned and moved from trench in P.11.c. in direction of WARTUSEE.
Considerable minor movement behind enemy lines during the day. At 2.55 p.m. party of enemy entered wood in P.22.a. Heavy Artillery fired a large dump in BOIS de VAIRE approx P.15.a.
Three hostile balloons up during the afternoon. Numerous flashes observed and reported to Heavy Artillery.

W. H. M. M.
Major,
for Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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AMENDMENT No 1 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 7.

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Headquarters,
13th April, 1918.

Reference para. 6, Concentration No. 1, 14th Divisional
Artillery.

CO-ORDINATE

Strike out ~~target~~ "P.20.a.00.60" and substitute "P.20.b.00.60".

Johnston

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 5.
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Headquarters,
13th April, 1918.

Reference Map 62D 1:40,000.

1. C.O. 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will move two Sections per Battery of the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade on the night of 13th/14th April, 1918, the remaining Section the night of 14th/15th April, 1918, to positions in Squares I.22., I.27., and I.28.
2. Positions selected will cover the present 5th Australian Divisional front.
3. Range to the S.O.S. line will not be more than 6,000.
4. C.O. 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be responsible for defence of the front allotted to C.O. 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade from 7 p.m. 13th April, 1918.
5. From 7 p.m. 13th April, 1918, the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be superimposed on the Divisional front from the Northern boundary to an East and West line passing through P.20. central.
6. C.O. 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will arrange to occupy with one Section per Battery positions vacated by the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and will take over 400 rounds of ammunition at each vacated position from the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.
7. All other arrangements will be made between Brigade commanders concerned.
8. C.O. 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will notify this office of the new map locations of his Batteries.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

William

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 5.30 p.m. to:-

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14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	Australian Corps, R.A.
290th Brigade, R.F.A.	3	5th Aust. D.A.C.
291st Brigade, R.F.A.	4	58th D.A.C.
14th D.A.	5	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade
5th Aust. Divn "G"	6	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade
Staff Captain	7	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade
Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	8	21st Brigade, R.G.A.
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58th D.A.	13	
3rd Aust. D.A.	14	

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No.20.

by -

Brig-General A.J.BESSELL BROWNE, C.M.G. D.S.O. - C.R.A.5th.Aust.Divn.

Headquarters,
13th. April 1918.

131. - APPOINTMENT.

2/Lieut. H.G.Beasley to be Orderly Officer, 14th.F.A.
Brigade vice Lieut.H.F.Manning to regimental duty.

Dated 27.2.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No.315 dated 5.4.1918.)

132. - FALSE OR ALARMIST ORDERS AND RUMOURS - PRECAUTIONS AGAINST.

G.R.O.3576 is republished for information :-

" Instance s of the following nature have recently occurred of conduct prejudicial to the success of military operations :-

1. Messages have been given by despatch riders and others to parties of men to the effect that other units have been forced to withdraw, when this was not in fact the case.
2. Messages falsely purporting to be actual orders to retire have been delivered to troops in the field.
3. Accounts of reverses have been spread among both troops and civilians, when either they have been false, or, in the existing military situation, it was not desirable that they should be disseminated.

A number of cases have been substantiated of such reports and messages, at first attributed to enemy agents, having been in fact carried by British Messengers, who have either really believed what they said to be true, or else were affected with panic.

In future, therefore, the following precautions will be strictly observed. Whenever a messenger reporting the withdrawal of troops, or an order to retire, is brought to a party of men, the bearer, whatever his rank, is to be taken to the Officer in command on the spot. The latter will not act on the faith of the message of the message or in compliance with the order until he has satisfied himself both as to the bona fides of the bearer and as to the genuineness of the origin of the message or order. If he finds the messenger's conduct to be unjustified, he will detain him in arrest, and take steps with a view to his trial by Court-Martial.

Similar action will be taken with respect to any person spreading false, alarmist, or discouraging statements or rumours.

This order is to be promulgated in all units at frequent intervals, so that reinforcements may be made aware of it.

The serious and cowardly nature of the offence of using words calculated to create alarm and despondency, which is made heavily punishable by Section 5 of the Army Act, will at the same time be impressed on all ranks."

133. - ORDERS.

Attention is directed to the undermentioned orders which have been issued to all Units. :-

General Routine Orders. - Paras 3722 to 3759.

- 3724. - Marriages between British Soldiers and French and Belgian Women.
- 3725. - Records of Marriages.
- 3732. - Chevrons for Overseas Service.
- 3733. - Private consignments by M.F. Service and by Rail - Despatch of.

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5th. Aust. D.A.R.O. No. 20. 13th. April 1918.

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133. - ORDERS (Cont'd).

General Routine Orders (cont'd).

- 3736. - Return of Canvas rapping from Bales and Packages.
- 3750. - Supplies for early consumption - Marking of Packages.

A.I.F. Orders. - Paras 1175 to 1186.

- 1177. - Wills of Members of A.I.F.
- 1184. - Next of Kin - Notification in changes of.

Australian Corps Routine Orders. - Paras 82 to 92.

- 84. - Vaccination.
- 85. - Committals to Prison.
- 86. - Sanitation.
- 91. - Return of Fat.

Handwritten signature

Captain,
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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Similar action will be taken with respect to any person spreading false, alarmist, or discrediting statements or rumours. This order is to be promulgated in all units at frequent intervals, so that reinforcements may be made aware of it. The serious and cowardly nature of the offence of using words calculated to create alarm and disorder, which is made heavily punishable by Section 5 of the Army Act, will at the same time be impressed on all ranks.

Attention is directed to the undermentioned orders which have been issued to all units.

- General Routine Orders. - Paras 3732 to 3739.
- 3734. - Arrangements between British Soldiers and French and Belgian Women.
- 3735. - Records of marriages.
- 3736. - Certificates for Overseas Service.
- 3737. - Private communications by H.Q. Service and by Rail - Despatch of.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 12/4/18 to 6 a.m. 13/4/18.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1.

1. OPERATIONS. Registrations were continued. During the morning an enemy party near trenches in P.10.d. was engaged and dispersed. A party of five men moving towards HAMEL was engaged and casualties inflicted; two men were later carried away on stretchers. A party of six men laying wire in front of wood in P.5.c. were dispersed.

During the afternoon 15 men walking from HAMEL to ridge in P.10.d. were engaged and dispersed. A large party of enemy at P.16.a. was dispersed. At 7.15 p.m. a party of 100 men in P.14.b. was heavily engaged; a large number of bursts being observed in their midst.

S.O.S. lines were checked during the night and concentrations were fired as follows:-

2 a.m. Two minutes concentrations on FLAT IRON COPSE

2.35 a.m. Two minutes concentrations on HAMEL.

3 a.m. Concentrations of all guns and howitzers, including Heavy Artillery on BOIS de VAIRE. East portion of the wood was subjected to a gas concentration at the same time.

3.17 and 4.45 a.m. Concentrations were fired on possible points of assembly and roads.

At 11 p.m. a nest of M.G's at P.16.a.9.0. was engaged.

At 10.50 p.m. much talking and movement was heard in HAMEL and was engaged.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was very active throughout the period, and well distributed. Chief areas bombarded were:-

During the day: Vaire by 77 mm, 4.2 and 5.9 How. CORBIE, BONNAY and VAIRE by 5.9 Hows and 4.2 H.V. 0.8 & 0.9 by 4.2 H.V. AUBIGNY and DAOURS by 4.2 H.V. and 5.9 Hows. J.27.a. heavily by 5.9 Hows. P.2.a & c. lightly by 4.2 H.V. Wood in J.27.b. by 150 rounds 4.2 How. 0.10.c. & d. and 0.17.a. heavily by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows. 0.13.a & b by long range 77 mm. 0.12 by 5.9 Hows. P.19.a. by 4.2 H.V.

During the night some slight gas shelling in 0.12.a.8.2., P.18. b lightly by 77 mm. 0.21,22,23., 0.10 and 0.17 intermittently.

3. GENERAL. E.A. were active throughout the day and night; two bombs were dropped in J.26.b. at 6 p.m. 1 bomb at 1.15 p.m. in 0.17. 0.3.3. 6 bombs at 8.30 p.m. in I.22.d. Bombs were also dropped in the vicinity of towns in back areas. Observation balloons were up on T.B. 85°, 94°, 103°, 120° from 0.10.a. central and were apparently registering the guns firing. Considerable movement of both small and large parties was observed throughout the day. At 7.30 a.m. a pigeon rose from BONNAY and flew direct to HAMEL. Shell craters in P.14.central appear to be strongly manned.

Edgar H. Booth

Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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As at 3 p.m. 14/4/18.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DISPOSITION RETURN.

Reference Maps AMIENS 1-100,000 and Sheet 62D
5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. - - - - - BUSSEY-les-DAOURS.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	WAGON LINES.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.5	I.17.c.85.20
49th Battery { 4 guns }	I.28.d.15.60	I.23.a.60.50
" { 2 guns }	I.29.d.60.00	
50th { 2 guns }	I.29.d.90.20	I.23.a.50.90
" { 4 guns }	I.28.a.4.9	
51st { 2 guns }	I.29.b.40.50	I.23.a.00.60
" { 4 guns }	I.28.b.1.5	
113th { 2 guns }	I.29.b.30.25	I.17.c.70.70
" { 4 guns }	I.28.b.2.9	
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.2	I.9.b.2.2
53rd Battery	I.24.b.60.25	I.24.b.15.60
54th "	I.24.b.60.00	I.23.b.5.4
55th { 4 guns }	I.29.d.3.7	I.17.d.4.2
" { 2 guns }	I.36.a.60.55	
114th " 1 Section	I.35.a.75.95	
" " 1 Section	I.35.a.90.95	I.17.d.5.3
" " 1 Section	I.29.c.9.2	
14th Divisional Artillery, H.Q.	N.23.d.80.80	
46th Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.	N.24.d.8.3	N.23.d.4.8
B/46 { 4 guns }	0.26.b.6.7	
C/46 { 4 guns }	0.20.d.8.6	N.22.b.
47th Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.	0.19.central	
A/47	0.21.d.1.7	
B/47	0.21.b.5.5	
C/47	0.22.c.5.5	0.22.
D/47	0.21.d.3.1	
291st Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.	0.9.a.7.7	0.9.a.8.8
A/291 { 1 gun }	0.24.a.5.3	0.9.b.0.5
" { 3 guns }	0.22.a.6.6	
B/291 { 4 guns }	0.22.a.7.6	0.2.b.9.0
C/291 { 4 guns }	0.22.a.7.7	0.3.c.2.3
D/291 { 4 Hows }	0.22.a.2.7	0.9.b.0.9
290th Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.	0.10.a.central	0.8.b.3.6
A/290 { 3 guns }	0.10.b.2.3	0.8.b.5.5
" { 1 gun }	0.18.b.7.6	
B/290	0.10.d.3.7	0.2.b.9.1
C/290	0.10.d.3.5	0.7.a.5.5
D/290 { 5 guns }	0.10.b.2.1	0.1.c.3.4
5th Aust. D.A. Column	N.5.a.7.7	
No. 1 Section	N.5.d.1.8	
No. 2 Section	N.5.b.2.2	
E.A.A. Section	M.28.b.8.7	
58th D.A. Column	N.8.d.3.2	
E.A.A. Section	M.33.a.5.9	
14th D.A. Column	N.27.central	
5th Aust. A.R.P.	N.6.v.0.0	
58th Divn A.R.P.	N.26.c.5.6	
14th Divn A.R.P.	N.27.a.5.9	
E.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	BUSSEY-les-DAOURS	
10th A.A.S.C.	ALLONVILLE	
5th Aust. Veterinary Section (Mobile)	BUSSEY-les-DAOURS	

E. H. Broth.
Lieut.,
for Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 8.

Headquarters,
14th April, 1918.

Co-operation of Artillery with R.A.F.

1. N.F. Calls. Will be answered by all batteries, which can reach the target and whose normal lines of fire are within 10 degrees of the Target.

The batteries will fire two rounds of gun fire immediately on receipt of the call and two rounds of gun fire 10 minutes after the call has been received at the receiving set.

2. G.F. Calls. Will be answered as for N.F. Calls except that the fire will consist of three rounds of gun fire immediately on receipt of the call instead of the two bursts of fire.

3. A.N.F. Calls. Will be answered by the Heavy Artillery only by the allotted battery in whose Brigade Zone the Target is situated.

4. L.L. Calls. Will be answered by all Field Artillery that can be trained on to the Target with the exception that one 18-pdr battery of each Brigade, R.F.A., will be left covering the Zone allotted to the Brigade. These calls will be answered by three rounds of gun fire. If the call is repeated after a reasonable interval the bursts of fire will be repeated.

5. S.O.S. Calls. Will be answered as for S.O.S. calls from the ground.

7. Officers commanding Groups, Brigades, or batteries to which wireless receiving sets are attached must keep the wireless operator informed as to which Zone Calls he is to take, i.e. those of the Zones into which they can fire.

All such calls will be taken by the operator who should not be asked to take the calls of other Zones.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Arty.

Issued at 1.30 p.m. to:-

43th Aust.F.A.Brigade
14th Aust.F.A.Brigade
14th D.A.
290th Brigade, R.F.A.
291st Brigade, R.F.A.
5th Aust. Divn "G"

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 13/4/18 to 6 a.m. 14/4/18.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the day S.O.S. lines were re-adjusted with Infantry requirements. At 9 p.m. a concentration was put on Headquarters, Cross roads and rifle pits at P.10.c.2.2. A burst of fire was put down on NAMEL at 3.15 a.m. and on BOIS de VAIRE at 2.37 a.m., including Heavy Artillery.

At irregular intervals between 4.15 and 6.15 a.m. bursts of fire were fired on probable positions of assembly.

At 5.50 a.m. a large body of enemy at P.14.a.8.4. was engaged.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Quieter. Scattered shelling of roads and villages, some registrations and slight shelling of Front Line System during the morning and night.

Heaviest shoot was 150 rounds 4.2 How in P.19.c. early this morning.

3. GENERAL. Visibility poor. Aircraft less active.

Wm. M. Major
for Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
14th April, 1918.



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ADDENDUM No 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 5.

Headquarters,
 15th April, 1918?

6a. In the event of a retirement becoming necessary the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column, 58th Divisional Ammunition Column and one Section 20th Divisional Ammunition Column will move as detailed below.

(a) 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column to G.18.d.

Route. Road in H.34.a - H.33.b - H.27.c - H.26.d & a - H.25.b - G.24.b.

(b) 58th Divisional Ammunition Column to G.18.a. West of metal Road.

Route. Road N.8.c - N.7.b - N.2.c & a - H.32.c - H.31.b - H.25. d & b, - G.24.b - G.18.d & a.

There is a cross country track from G.50.b.9.8 to G.23.b. 9.9 which can be used in case of emergency.

(c) 20th Divisional Ammunition Column to G.17.b. West of Road ALLONVILLE-PT CANON.

Route. Centre N.15.b - Cross Roads N.7.d to T Roads M.11.a. thence direct to ALLONVILLE.

The above locations and routes will be reconnoitred forthwith by all officers.

Water is available in ALLONVILLE; one pond in front of Church and one at Southern end of town.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Stirling

Major,
 Brigade Major,
 5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 14/4/18 to 6 a.m. 15/4/18.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. At 4 p.m. a number of the enemy at P.4.a.8.6 were engaged; the Infantry report that the majority of bursts were in the middle of the party, casualties unknown. Concentrations were fired at 9.30 p.m., 11.30 p.m., 5.10 a.m., and 6.15 a.m., including battery areas at : P.16.a.2.0 and P.16.d.8.5, and probable points of assembly.

2. HOSTILE SHELLING. Slightly increased, but well distributed. During the morning HAMELET was intermittently shelled by 4.2 How and 77 mm, CORBIE by 30 rounds 5.9 How, 0.18.c and d lightly by 4.2 How, 0.5. a and b by 30 rounds 5.9 How and P.1.c and d lightly by 4.2 Hows.

In the afternoon Towpath in I.36.d and outskirts of VALTE by 30 rounds 4.2 How; I.35.a intermittently by 4.2 H.V., J.31.d by 4.2 H.V. from direction BAYONVILLERS; VILLERS heavily shelled by 5.9 Hows; Cross roads at O.30.c.0.4 heavily by 5.9 Hows located in P.29. c and along pathway at P.35.central; Valley in O.16, 0.21 and 0.22 searched; CORBIE by 40 rounds 4.2 How and P.19.d by 50 rounds 4.2 How in salvos.

The night was quieter. Forward systems were intermittently searched by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows and 77 mm. At 11.30 p.m. this was increased actively in reply to our concentration. At 7.20 p.m. HAMELET received 60 rounds 4.2 H.V. I.29.d received 4 rounds 4.2 H.V.

3. GENERAL. Aerial activity nil. Visibility very poor in morning, poor in afternoon. A 5.9 How fires from ABANCOURT cemetery.

Edm. H. Brett

Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
15/4/18.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 6.

Headquarters,
15th April, 1918.

1. On receipt of a S.O.S. call all Units will open on their S.O.S. lines for three minutes. After this Units will search backwards and forwards to a depth of 500 yards.
2. Rates of fire - 18 pdrs 3 rounds per gun per minute. 4.5" Howitzers 2 rounds per gun per minute. After 10 minutes, fire will cease unless the call is repeated.
3. The S.O.S. line will run as follows:- J.35.o.45.00 - P.3.b.50.50 - P.3.o.30.00 - P.8.d.60.30 - P.14.b.40.60 - P.14.d.00.70 - P.14.d.00.00 - P.20.a.90.30 - P.20.o.94.00 - P.26.a.94.15 - P.26.o.94.00.
4. All Brigades responsible for the defence of the front will have an overlap of 50 yards with the Units on each side of them.
5. This CANCELS previous Instruction No. 6 which should be DESTROYED.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. M. M. M.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11 a.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th D.A.
290th Brigade, R.F.A.
291st Brigade, R.F.A.
5th Aust. Divn "G"
3rd Corps, R.A.
58th D.A.
3rd Aust. D.A.
8th Aust. Inf. Brigade

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2 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade
3 21st Brigade, R.G.A.
4 21st D.A. Group
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 6.

Reference Map 62D 1-40,000

Headquarters,
16th April, 1918.

1. The 14th Divisional Artillery, R.F.A., will be relieved by the 92nd Brigade, R.F.A., during the night of 17th/18th April, 1918.
2. The relief will be carried out after dark in accordance with the attached Table. Guns will not be exchanged. Batteries not being relieved will be withdrawn after 8.30 p.m.
3. All Maps, Communications, Orders and Instructions, regarding the front will be handed over.
4. Batteries of the 14th Divisional Artillery, R.F.A., will hand over to Batteries of the 92nd Brigade, R.F.A., any stores or equipment such as telephone wire, signalling equipment, and necessary gun stores, which are urgently needed by Batteries of the 92nd Brigade, R.F.A. A list of stores and equipment handed over by the 14th Divisional Artillery, R.F.A., to the 92nd Brigade, R.F.A., will be forwarded to this office.
5. The 14th Divisional Ammunition Column will be relieved by one Section of the 20th Divisional Ammunition Column at N.21.c. on 17th/18th April, 1918. The 14th Divisional Ammunition Column will march out, on relief, with empty echelons. All ammunition at Dumps at present on charge to the 14th Divisional Ammunition Column will be taken over by the relieving Section of the 20th Divisional Ammunition Column. Instructions and orders re ammunition returns are to be handed over to the relieving Unit. On completion of relief the O.C. Section, 20th Divisional Ammunition Column will send one Orderly to Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery where he will remain attached for duty.
6. Completion of reliefs will be reported to this office.
7. Command will pass to C.O. 92nd Brigade, R.F.A., on completion of relief.
8. Headquarters for C.O. 92nd Brigade, R.F.A., will be at O.15.a.
3.7.
9. On completion of relief the 14th Divisional Artillery, R.F.A., will march, under orders of the C.O. 14th Divisional Artillery, R.F.A., to Army Staging Areas "C" & "D" (shown on attached tracing) where they will come under orders of XIX Corps.

Billets to be obtained from 36 BOULEVARD DU MAIL, AMIENS.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. M. M. M.
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.
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RELIEF TABLE.

Relieving Unit.	Unit to be relieved.	Gun positions.	Wagon lines
A/92	A/47	O.21.d.1.7	N.22.b.
B/92	B/47	O.21.b.5.5	N.22.b.
C/92	B/46	O.26.b.6.7	O.22.
D/92	D/47	O.21.d.3.1	O.22.
One Section, 20th D.A.C.	14th D.A.C.	N.21.o.	

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14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	14th D.A.C.	16
290th Brigade, R.F.A.	3	Australian Corps, R.A.	17
291st Brigade, R.F.A.	4	5th Aust. D.A.C.	18
14th D.A.	5	58th D.A.C.	19
5th Aust. Divn "G"	6	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	20
Staff Captain	7	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	21
Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	8	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	22
20th D.A.C.	9	21st Brigade, R.G.A.	23
92nd Brigade, R.F.A.	10 - 11	21st D.A. Group	24
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ADDENDUM No 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 8.

Headquarters,
16th April, 1918.

1. To para. 5 add. -

In addition to sending the S.O.S. Call by wireless the pilot will fly towards the enemy's troops advancing sounding his KLAXON Horn and will drop a white parachute light over them.

The parachute light descends very slowly.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 7.

Headquarters,
16th April, 1918.

Reference Map 62D 1-40,000.

1. The 298th Brigade, Army Field Artillery, will change positions with the 290th Brigade, R.F.A., on 18th and 19th April, 1918. Personnel will be moved across two Sections per Battery on 18th April, 1918; one Section per Battery on 19th April, 1918. Relief to be complete by 12 midnight 19th/20th April, 1918.
2. Headquarters, Positions, and Wagon Lines, to be handed and taken over, are shown on attached Table.
3. Stripped guns will be handed and taken over "in situ".
Aiming posts will not be exchanged.
4. All Maps, Communications, Instructions and Orders, affecting the respective fronts will be handed and taken over.
5. On completion of the exchange C.O. 298th Brigade, Army Field Artillery, will be responsible for the defence of the front at present allotted to the 290th Brigade, R.F.A., and will come under the Command of the C.R.A., 5th Australian Division.
6. All other arrangements will be made between the Brigade Commanders concerned.
7. The Section of the 20th Divisional Ammunition Column will be transferred to the 58th Division from 12 midnight 18th April, 1918.
The 298th Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column will be transferred to the 5th Australian Division from 12 midnight 18th April, 1918.
8. Ammunition will be handed and taken over at respective gun positions.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 8.45 p.m. to:-

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14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	3rd Aust. D.A.	17
290th Brigade, R.F.A.	3	Aust. Corps, R.A.	18
291st Brigade, R.F.A.	4	5th Aust. D.A.C.	19
65th Brigade, R.G.A.	5	58th D.A.C.	20
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	6	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	21
298th Brigade, A.F.A.	7	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	22
92nd Brigade, R.F.A.	8	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	23
5th Aust. Divn "G"	9	21st Brigade, R.G.A.	24
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EXCHANGE TABLE.

Unit handing over.	Present position.		Unit taking over.	Present position.	
	Guns.	Wagon lines.		Guns.	Wagon lines.
293th Bde, R.F.A. H.Q.	0.25.b.17	0.8.b.3.6.	298th Bde, A.F.A., H.Q.	0.25.b.1.3	
A/290 (3 guns)	0.10.b.2.3 }	0.8.b.5.5.	A/298	0.27.b.4.7	Advance Wagon Lines close to guns. Rear Wagon Lines & B.A.C. at CAGNY.
A/290 (1 gun)	0.18.b.7.6 }				
B/290	0.10.d.3.7	0.2.b.9.1.	B/298	0.28.a.6.2	
C/290	0.10.d.3.5	0.7.a.5.5.	C/298	0.28.d.9.9	
D/290	0.10.d.2.1	0.1.c.3.4.	D/298	0.28.c.4.4	
Section, 20th D.A.C.	N.21.central		298th A.F.A. Bde, A.Column.		

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 15/4/18 to 6 a.m. 16/4/18

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. Working parties were engaged and dispersed at 8.30 a.m. in P.16.b, and at 10 a.m. in P.10.d. A body of 20 men moving in P.11.d.05.00 at 9.30 a.m. was scattered. At 4 p.m. small parties wandering in P.10.c were dispersed. At 6.50 p.m. an enemy party approx 100 strong in P.20.b. were dispersed. In the afternoon a hostile battery firing from P.16.d.8.4 was engaged and silenced. Hostile M.G. emplacement at P.14.b.3.9 was bombarded, and hostile T.M. battery at approx P.14.d.5.8 silenced. During the night sweeping fire was employed back from S.O.S. lines at irregular periods and commencing from different lines, and Howitzer batteries engaged centres of activity and concealed ground.
2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Continues active, but scattered. In the morning VAIRE was actively bombarded by 4.2 H.V. and 5.9 How; 0.18.b lightly by 4.2 Hows; 0.15.a lightly by 77 mm, and CORBIE intermittently by 77 mm. In the afternoon HADONLET and VAUX were lightly shelled by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; J.25.d scattered 5.9 Hows, and 0.16.b. 2.2 by a forward gun on T.B. 95° from 0.22.a.7.7. At night VAIRE lightly shelled by 4.2 Hows, and P.10.b. by 40 rounds 4.2 H.V. Throughout the period intermittent bursts of fire on forward systems, and fairly heavy fire by 4.2 Hows on Centre support systems during the morning. VILLERS intermittently shelled by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. Six rounds of gas shell fell in 0.27.d. at 10.15 p.m.
3. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Nil.
4. GENERAL. Considerable minor movement during the day and some large bodies up to 100 strong with transport at dusk and early morning. O.P's are suspected at P.17.b.95.40 and P.10.c.10.80 - much movement and signalling. A new rocket was fired from BOIS de VAIRE at 10.15 p.m. - ascends with yellow flame and falls turning over and over like a fire stick.

Edg. H. Bork

Headquarters,
16th April, 1918.

Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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AMENDMENT No 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No.6

Headquarters,
17th April, 1918.

Para. 3. Delete the co-ordinates P.20.c.94.00 -
P.26.a.94.15 - P.26.c.94.00",
and substitute the following "P.20.c.60.12 - P.26.a.60.12-
P.26.c.60.20".

J. R. M. at
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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ADDENDUM No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 7.

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Headquarters,
17th April, 1918.

Para. 7 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

No. 1 Section of the 58th Divisional Ammunition
Column will be transferred to the 58th Division from 12 midnight
on the 18th/19th April, 1918.

J. R. Mullen
Major, *act*
Brigade Major,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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Artillery Order No. 7.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 16/4/17 to 6 a.m. 17/4/18

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. At 9.15 a.m. the enemy were reported massing in the Southern edge of the BOIS de VAIRE, and burst was fired on that area. A hostile battery in P.16.d. was silenced. In the afternoon movement in BOIS de VAIRE and BOIS de HAMEL was engaged, and an enemy party moving in HAMEL engaged and silenced. A H.G. firing from P.11.a.2.0 was silenced. Movement at P.4.c.4.4 was engaged. At 3 p.m. a large body of enemy apparently carrying timber behind the BOIS de VAIRE were dispersed, and a further burst put on them after they scattered. The H.G. positions at P.14.d.80.25 and P.14.b.9.2 were registered. At 6.40 p.m. a number of the enemy in P.14.b. were put to flight. During the night bursts of fire swept probable points of assembly at irregular intervals, and sweeping fire searched back from varying distances behind S.O.S. Lines.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This has been very active throughout the period on all parts of the Divisional front, particular attention being paid to the VILLERS BRETTONEUX high ground. It is noted that the enemy has commenced our custom of concentration bursts of fire by field guns on different areas of activity in the SOLEME VALLEY. Main shelling was:- In the morning: 5 bursts of 30 rounds each in J.27. by 4.2 Hows; CORBIE by 4.2 H.V; Front System of Left Brigade by 77 mm; P.1.a & c lightly by 4.2 Hows; HAMELET by 77 mm; P.14. a & c., P.7 & P.5 by 4.2 Hows; P.19 & P.20 by 5.9 Hows and O.20.b. by 35 rounds 8.2 How. In the afternoon HAMELET by 20 rounds 5.9 H.V; VAUX to J.27.Valley searched by 4.2 How; J.26 & J.32 lightly by 77 mm; P.8.c. by 20 rounds 4.2 How; P.1 & P.7 by 25 rounds 4.2 How; VILLERS BRETTONEUX by heavy burst from 2.10 to 2.30 and from 3.30 to 3.45 p.m., also intermittently firing all day 77 mm, 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. Trenches in O.19.d & O.20. by 4.2 Hows. During the night O.11.c & d. was bombarded continuously at a slow rate with an acceleration at 4 a.m; V lley in O.22, O.23 and Ridge O.24 and O.30 intermittently by 77 mm; HAMELET at 6.30 p.m. by 18 rounds 8" How on T.B. 110° from O.24.d.7.8. A series of concentrations by field guns took place as follows:-

5.10 - 5.25 a.m. HAMELET	200 rounds
5.25 - 5.40 a.m. VAIRE to SAILLY	500 "
5.40 - 5.50 a.m. VAIRE, SAILLY & BOUZENCOURT	200 "

Between 4 to 5.30 a.m. Eastern edge of BOIS l' ABBE & VILLERS BRETTONEUX received 100 rounds phosgene, mixed with H.E. Gas shelling is also reported in O.21., O.27., O.30., N.23.d & N.24.c (mustard) in the early morning.

3. GENERAL. 2.10 p.m. 4 men with stretchers behind BOIS de HAMEL in P. 10.a. Large number of horses grazing Q9 and Q.15, and along road in K.30 & K.36 during the afternoon. Signalling observed from South corner of wood in P.12.a. frequently during the day. Lots of trains arriving all day at WIENCOURT & GUILLANCOURT. 77 mm ranging with smoke shell on Right. Enemy aircraft inactive. 3 p.m. big body of horsemen and transport on road CERISY to Q.14.

Headquarters,
17th April, 1918.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 9.

Headquarters,
18th April, 1918.

1. At 9 a.m. on the 21st April, 1918, the Field Artillery will be allotted to Divisions on the IIIrd Corps front as follows:-

8th Division.

20th Divisional Artillery.
291st Brigade, R.F.A. (58th Divisional Artillery).

58th Division.

290th Brigade, R.F.A. (58th Divisional Artillery).
61st Divisional Artillery.
169th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

2. The Field Artillery covering the 8th Division will be temporarily commanded by the B.G., R.A., 20th Division.

3. All arrangements for the re-adjustment of zones for the Brigades will be made direct between the Divisions concerned.

4. The 20th Divisional Ammunition Column and 1 Section of the 58th Divisional Ammunition Column will be allotted to the 8th Division.

5. Three Brigades, R.F.A., are in position to cover the GENTELLE - BOIS L'ABBE - AUBIGNY Line and the CACHY Switch.

These Brigades are under the command of the B.G., R.A., 18th Division (Headquarters at CAGNY CHATEAU).

82nd Brigade, R.F.A., and 179th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will cover the 58th Division's portion of these lines. 83rd Brigade, R.F.A., will cover the 8th Division's portion of these lines.

6. At the same time the affiliation of Heavy Artillery Brigades will be re-adjusted as follows:-

To 8th Division - 69th Brigade, R.F.A., Headquarters N.29.d.2.8.

To 58th Division - 51st Brigade, R.G.A., Headquarters T.1.a.6.7.

In addition either of these Brigades can call on the 22nd Brigade, R.G.A., for assistance if required.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 1 p.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
290th Brigade, R.F.A.
291st Brigade, R.F.A.
298th Brigade, R.F.A.
92nd Brigade, R.F.A.
5th Aust. Division "G"
9th Brigade, R.G.A.

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1 65th Brigade, R.G.A.
2 3rd Corps, R.A.
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58th D.A.C.
5th Aust. D.A.C.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 10.

Headquarters,
18th April, 1918.

Reference Map 62D 1-40,000.

1. If the situation permits the boundary between the IIIrd and Australian Corps is to be adjusted as follows:-

From P.19.central Westwards along grid line to N.24.a.Q0 - along BLANGY-TRONVILLE Road (inclusive to Australian Corps) - Railway at N.22.c.4.2 - along Railway to M.24.a.6.9 - thence due North to River SOMME - thence as before.

2. (a) The 25th Infantry Brigade, 8th Division, will take over the Right Brigade front, 5th Australian Division, as far North as the new inter-Corps boundary (vide para. 1) on the night 20th 21st April, 1918. 5th Australian Division front will then be re-adjusted. Details of reliefs are given in attached Relief Table.

- (b) During night 19th/20th April the Left Brigade, 58th Division, is to be relieved by 24th Brigade of 8th Division.

3. At 9 a.m. on the 21st April, 1918, the 5th Australian Division comes under the command of the Australian Corps and the new Corps boundary comes into force. At the same time the following Units are being transferred from the IIIrd Corps to Australian Corps:-

Artillery Units.

5th Australian Divisional Artillery
298th Army Field Artillery Brigade
9th Brigade, R.G.A. (Mobile)
65th Brigade, R.G.A. (How. 9.2").

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 3

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291st Brigade, R.F.A.	4	B.M.	16
298th Brigade, R.F.A.	5	Staff Captain	17
92nd Brigade, R.F.A.	6	20th D.A.C.	18
5th Australian Division "G"	7	58th D.A.C.	19
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	8	5th Aust.D.A.C.	20
65th Brigade, R.G.A.	9	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	21
3rd Corps, R.A.	10		

RELIEF TABLE ISSUED WITH 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 10.

Date	Unit.	M o v e s		Relieved by	In relief of	Remarks.
		From	To			
Night 20/21 April	That portion of 14th A.I.Bde sit- uated between Southern Divl boundary and Grid line running E. and W. through P.19.central and O.19.central	Present position	AUBIGNY and FOUILLOY	25th Inf.Bde	-	H.Q.14th Inf.Bde will take over present H.Q.8th Inf.Bde H.Q. CORBIE CHATEAU (8th A.I.Bde H.Q.move on 19th inst. to I.35.c. 3.4. Special precautions laid down in case of shelling to be observed.
21/22 April	14th A.I.Bde	-	Take over 8th A.I.Bde front as far North as road inclusive at P.3.b.5.0.		Portion of 8th A.I.Bde	2 Bns to be in line 2 Bns in reserve.Right of 14th Inf.Bde will be P.19.b.9.0. Boundary be- tween 8th and 14th Bdes will run from P.8.b.5.0 to O.8.c.4.7 with Chateau inclusive to 14th Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 17/4/18 to 6 a.m. 18/4/18

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. In the morning small enemy parties in P.8.a, P.14.a and P.11.a, were dispersed. Registrations were checked. in the afternoon hostile A.A. Guns at P.4.b.1.6 were successfully engaged. Small bodies of enemy moving in P.14.b.7.7 and P.20.b.1.5 were scattered. During the night concentrations were fired on BOIS de VAIRE and FLAT IRON COPSE (P.5.o & d), and bursts of fire swept points of activity or possible assembly at irregular periods.

2. HOSTILE SHELLING. This was very active both with H.E. and gas on the Right front; quieter on the Left. In the morning J.27.a was intermittently shelled by 4.2 How and 77 mm; HAMELET lightly by 5.9 Hows; P.2.b and J.31.d lightly by 77 mm; O.4.a by 10 rounds 4.2 H.V; and BOUZENCOURT intermittently by 77 mm. In the afternoon J.26. central shelled by 9 rounds mixed gas and H.E; J.26.d by 30 rounds 4.2 How; VAIRE lightly by 77 mm; P.13.a by 30 rounds 77 mm; P.8.c by 15 rounds 4.2 How. During the night VAIRE was lightly shelled by 77 mm; CORBIE by 5.9 Hows and the Front Line system intermittently by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows. In addition, during the whole period, VILLERS-BRETTONEUX O.27.o & d, O.26.d, and O.21.c, have been heavily shelled with gas, with heavy bursts at 4.30 to 7.30 a.m. 17/4/18, 5.5 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. 17/4/18 and 5.30 to 8.30 a.m. 18/4/18. Also fairly heavy 9 a.m. to midnight (200 rounds) - this is still continuing at a slow rate. Only one battery area has so far been affected, in O.21.c.

3. GENERAL. Visibility poor. Lamp signalling continues in P.12.a. Numerous small parties in front of BOIS D'ARQUAIRE during the afternoon, also in P.17.d.

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Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
18th April, 1918.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 18/4/18 to 6 a.m. 19/4/18

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning parties in P.14.central, P.11.a and P.16.d, were dispersed. A hostile battery in P.11.d, was silenced. Throughout the afternoon parties of enemy were continually engaged, casualties being observed to be inflicted:- At 3.45 p.m. on a party in P.10.d. At 4.15 p.m. the hostile battery in P.11.d was again silenced and a H.G. in P.14.b bombarded. At night an *aeroplane* call for P.5.d.8.0 was answered. Concentrations were fired throughout the night on HAMEL, BOIS de VAIRE (including 200 rounds gas on Eastern edge), and P.10.c.2.2 and possible assembly points.

2. HOSTILE SHELLING. Quieter; still moderately active on VILLERS-BRETTONEUX and valley in 0.22 and 0.23. During the morning VAIRE was shelled lightly by 4.2 and 77 mm; J.25, J.31 and J.36.b by 77 mm; North of VAIRE by 180 rounds 4.2 How; J.20.a & b, and J.32.c by 77 mm; 0.27.c & d, and 0.28.c & d intermittently shelled by Gas and H.E. During the afternoon J.31.d, by 10 rounds 77; VAUX intermittently by 5.9 Hows; 0.27.a & b lightly by 77 mm and 4.2 How; 0.24.a & c by shrapnel and H.E.; P.13.c & a by 30 rounds 4.2 How. At night Villers-Brettonneux received a little gas; 0.21.b & 0.22.a lightly by field guns; between 8.30 and 11.30 p.m. HAMELET and CORBIE were heavily shelled by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows; 10 rounds of 4.2 How fell on FOUILLOY-AUBIGNY Road.

3. GENERAL. At 7.45 p.m. continuous movement of Infantry along sunken road in P.10.d and at same time large numbers of enemy were observed coming over crest in rear of HAMEL. During the afternoon a continual stream of transport was seen moving South in 0.5.a and in vicinity of WARFUSSE where roads were blocked with transport. Large bodies of Infantry and transport were seen between RAYONVILLERS and WARFUSSE between 2 and 4 p.m. A great deal of movement was noticed on all roads throughout the day and considerable movement was observed in forward areas at dusk. 5 bombs were dropped in DAOURS.

[Signature]
for Lieut. Capt
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
19th April, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 1.

Headquarters,
20th April, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62D.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional boundaries are as follows:-

North boundary: East and West along the grid line between Squares J.24 and J.30.

Southern boundary: East and West along the grid line through P.19. central.

2. The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade is on the Right, and the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left.

through The dividing line between Infantry Brigades is East West line P.8.b.5.0.

The Division is operating under the Australian Corps.

3. The Divisional front will be divided into three Sectors for Artillery defence -

- (a) Left: Northern Divisional boundary to River SOMME.
- (b) Centre: River SOMME to East West line through P.8 central.
- (c) Right: East and West line through P.8 central to Southern Divisional boundary.

4. These Zones will be covered by Artillery Brigades as follows:-

- Left: 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade.
- Centre: 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, 5th Aust. Divn.
- Right: 298th Army Field Artillery Brigade.

These Brigades will be responsible for the protection of their Zone fronts and that there are no gaps left between them and the Groups on either side of them; for the answering of wireless calls in their Zones, and for the engagement of favourable targets within their range on any part of the front. In case of hostile attack all Batteries should be employed by observed fire.

5. The following Brigade is superimposed on the Divisional front:-

13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, 5th Aust. Divn.

The superimposed Brigade will assist in the defence of the front in case of attack, will answer all wireless calls on the front, and will engage favourable targets within range on any part of the front.

6. 298th Army Field Artillery Brigade will detail one officer not below the rank of Captain to act as Liaison Officer with the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade.

150th Army Field Artillery Brigade and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will each detail one officer not below the rank of Captain to act as Liaison Officer with the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7. Flanking Units are as follows:-

Left flank: 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

Right flank: 8th Divisional Artillery Group.

Detailed Disposition Returns are issued from time to time.

8. Dumps of 300 rounds per Gun for 18 pdr and 250 for 4.5" Howitzers will be maintained at Gun position and establishment on wheels will be kept complete.

9. Teams will be sufficiently close to the Guns to avoid delay in the event of a move of position becoming necessary.

10. These Instructions are not to be taken beyond Brigade Headquarters, and in case of emergency are to be DESTROYED.

11. The above Instruction cancels Instruction No. 1 dated 7th April, 1918, which is to be DESTROYED.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. M. M. M.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 9 p.m. to:-

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150th A.F.A. Brigade	4	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	17
5th Australian Division "G"	5	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	18
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Australian Corps R.A.	8	File	23
Australian Corps H.A.	9	B.M.	24
Australian Corps "Q"	10	150th B.A.C.	25
20th Divisional Artillery	11	9th Brigade, R.G.A.	26
3rd Australian Divl Arty	12	65th Brigade, R.G.A.	27
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 8.

Headquarters,
20th April, 1918.

1. The 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade is transferred from the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery to the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery from the night of 20th/21st April, 1918.
2. At 9 a.m. on the 21st April, 1918, the 5th Australian Division will come under the orders of the G.O.C., Australian Corps.
3. On the night 21st/22nd April, 1918, the 5th Australian Division will extend their Northern boundary by taking over from the 3rd Australian Division from the River SOMME to an East and West line along the grid line between Squares J.24 and J.30.
4. The C.O. 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade will reconnoitre positions about J.16 to cover the front of the 5th Australian Division from the River SOMME to the new Northern Divisional boundary.
5. The 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade will move into action on the night 20th/21st April, 1918.
6. The 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade ^{A. Column} will move on night 20th/21st April, 1918, to a position near H.32.c & d.
7. Wagon lines are allotted to the 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade in area Squares I.17 and 18.
8. Headquarters, 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade will be in I.30 a.
9. C.O. 150th Army Field Artillery Brigade will become responsible for defence of the front detailed in para. 4 from 6 a.m. 22nd April, 1918.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 9.30 p.m. to:-

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150th A.F.A. Brigade	4	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	17
5th Aust. Divn "G"	5	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	18
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Australian Corps R.A.	8	150th B.A.C.	23
Australian Corps H.A.	9	9th Brigade, R.G.A.	24
Australian Corps "Q"	10	65th Brigade, R.G.A.	25
20th Divisional Artillery	11	File	26
3rd Aust. Divl Arty	12	B.H.	27
298th D.A.C.	13		

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 21.

- by -

Brig-General A.J.BESSELL BROWNE, C.M.G., D.S.O. - C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Divn.

Headquarters,
20th. April 1918.

134. - STRENGTH.

Lieut. G.A. Depledge having rejoined from R.B.A.A. resumes Regimental Duties with 14th. F.A. Bde. from Seconded List.
Dated 13.4.1918.

2/Lieut. J.T.V. Smith having reported from Reinforcements, is taken on strength and posted for duty with 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.
Dated 13.4.1918.

Major C.A. Callaghan D.S.O. having been transferred to 2nd. Aust. Div. Art. on 31.3.18 is struck off strength from that date.

(Authority A.I.F. List No. 318 dated 12.4.1918).

Lieut. K.E. Vaughan having been returned to Australia is struck off strength.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 314 dated 2.4.18).

Lieut. G.T. Wensor M.C. having been returned to Australia is struck off strength.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 319 dated 16.4.1918).

135. - SECONDING.

Captain E.S. Walker, 5th. D.A. Column is seconded for training with the Aust. Flying Corps.
Dated 5.4.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 318 dated 12.4.1918).

136. - PROMOTION.

The following promotion is approved :-

No. 537 Temp. B.Q.M.S. DUNNE, 13th. F.A. Bde. to be Battery Quarter Master Sergeant vice B.Q.M.S. JACK to R.A. Cadet School.
Dated 21.1.18.

137. - KILLING OF GAME.

G.R.O. 1297 is republished for information :-

"As cases still occur of Officers and Other Ranks pursuing and killing game, it is notified for information that the hunting, shooting or killing of game (which includes hares and rabbits) by nets, snares or other methods is strictly prohibited."

Cases have occurred in this area which prove that this order is not being carried out, and it is to be brought to the notice of all ranks without delay.

138. - HONOURS & REWARDS.

Extract from Aust. Corps R.O. No. 16, para 93 of 9.4.18.

"The following decoration has been awarded. The Corps Commander wishes to convey his congratulations to the recipient.

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 3255 Gunner W.L. Smith - 113th. How. Batty, 13th. F.A. Bde.

The C.R.A. wishes to convey his congratulations to the recipient.

139. - SANITATION.

Special attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1896 dated 15.4.18, regarding Sanitation.

This order is to be fully explained to all ranks as soon as possible.

140. ORDERS.

Attention is directed to the undermentioned orders which have been issued to Units :-

General Routine Orders - Paras 3761 to 3821.

- 3761. - Waste Paper - Collection of.
- 3764. - Veterinary Equipment.
- 3771. - Transfer of Battery Equipments.
- 3773. - 18.pr.Q.F.Equipments - M.V. Corrector for Range Dial.
- 3782. - Anti-Gas Appliances - Rattles.
- 3783. - Divisional Artilleries and A.F.B. Brigades - Supply of Ordnance Stores and Equipment.
- 3792. - Bounds - ABBEVILLE.
- 3793. - Destination of Reinforcements and Personnel returning from leave.
- 3796. - Rum Issue
- 3797. - Bran.
- 3804. - Box Respirators - Anti dimming Outfits for.
- 3808. - Matches - Transmission by post entirely prohibited.
- 3809. - 18.pr.Q.F.Equipments - M.V. Corrector for Range Dial.
- 3815. - Aiming Point Sets and Apparatus Illuminating Dial Sights Nos. 1 and 2 - New Type of Dry Battery.
- 3817. - Wearing of National Emblems on National Saints Day.

A.I.F. Orders - Paras 1188 to 1193.

- 1189. - Scale of Batmen.
- 1191. - Allotments and Separation Allowances.
- 1193. - Rules Governing the Appointment and Promotion of Officers.

Fourth Army Routine Orders. - Paras 1881 to 1896.

- 1881. - Distribution of Army Routine Orders.
- 1887. - Leave.
- 1890. - Ponds.
- 1892. - Mobilisation Store Tables - Trench Mortar Batteries.
- 1895. - Guns - Trench Mortars and Machine Guns.

Aust. Corps Routine Orders - Paras 93 to 98.

- 94. - Returns.
- 96. AMIENS.
- 97. - CORBIE.
- 98. Protection of Civilian Property.

III Corps Routine Orders. - Paras 188 to 193.

- 190. - Passes and Duty Orders.
- 192. - Ordnance Stores.

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders. - Paras 186 to 194.

- 186. - Bounds.
- 187. A.A.M.C. N.C.O's with Units.
- 190. - Burial of Dead Horses.
- 191. - Petrol Tins.
- 192. - Epizootic Lymphangitis
- 193. - Sick and stray Animals.
- 194. - Horse Shoes.

Basil Morris
Captain,
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 19/4/18 to 6 a.m. 20/4/18.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. In the morning hostile working parties in P.4.c., P.11.a., and South of the BOIS de VAIRE were dispersed. In the afternoon a M.G. firing from P.15.b, was successfully engaged, and a hostile battery in P.16.b, silenced.

At 11.35 p.m. a concentration gas sheet on the Western edge of the BOIS de VAIRE was carried out, and at 3.27 a.m. a concentration gas sheet was fired on HAMEL.

Concentrations, including Heavy Artillery, were fired as follows:-

11.35 p.m.	BOIS de VAIRE	--	5 minutes
1.43 a.m.	BOIS D'ACCROCHE	--	2 minutes
3.27 a.m.	HAMEL	--	2 minutes

At 9.45 p.m. bursts of fire searched centres of activity or assembly, and sweeping fire was employed at 4.35 a.m.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This remained active, but well scattered. The only gas reported in this area was 6 rounds of phosgene in 0.22.a at 6.30 a.m. 20/4/18.

In the morning 10 rounds of 5.9 How fell in J.33., 100 rounds 77 mm in J.20 and J.30; HAMELET and VAIRE were lightly shelled by 4.2 H.V. gun, and 0.22, 0.23, 0.24 searched by 4.2 Hows. In the afternoon HAMELET was shelled by 4.2 Hows; J.27.a by 75 rounds 77 mm; VAIRE intermittently by 4.2 Hows and 77 mm; CORBIE by 10 rounds 8" How; P.7 intermittently by 4.2 Hows; I.35.b.3.6 by 4.2 Hows, and 0.9.a.9.9 intermittently throughout the day by 4.2 Hows. During the night VAIRE was lightly shelled by 77 mm; J.27 by 4.2 Hows; 0.28 and 0.34 by 5.9 Hows; 6 rounds phosgene in 0.22.a. Three five minute concentrations, each of 80 rounds 4.2 How, were fired on 0.23 - 0.24 Valley at 10.1 p.m., 1.10 p.m., and 2 p.m. VILLERS-BRETTONEUX received a few rounds of gas shell.

3. GENERAL. Considerable movement of large bodies of troops and transport continues. At 7.15 a.m. 50 vehicles moved from from MARCIELCAVE to WARFUSSE. At 10.30 a.m. much motor and horse transport on roads in Q.11 and 17 and in Q.12. At 4 p.m. enemy guns and transport moved along road from CHERISY to MORCOURT, and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. continuous movement was observed along this road. At 8 p.m. Infantry in fours was seen going N.W in Q.19.a, large bodies. A park of vehicles and horse lines observed in wood P.30.a & c. The majority of the movement was to the South. At 6 p.m. ammunition wagons from WARFUSSE to P.17. central. Movement was seen in the trench in P.15.a.2.6. Considerable movement in P.21.a.2.4 and P.27.b.7.2. Strong A.A. resistance to our aircraft. E.A. quiet during day, active bombing during the night.

Eley H. Booth

Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
20th April, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 20/4/18 to 6 a.m. 21/4/18.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning hostile battery at P.16.e.2.9 was engaged and silenced. An enemy party at P.16.d.9.5 was dispersed. At 5 p.m. enemy movement at P.21.a.2.6 was engaged. Our Artillery were active during the night. Two minute bursts of fire on ~~max~~ routes and centres of activity were put down at 8.50 p.m., 11.10 p.m., and 12.35 p.m. At 12.40 a.m. at 2.20 a.m., concentrations were fired on the BOIS D'ACCROCHE, including 100 rounds of gas per How battery on each occasion. From 12.45 a.m. to 2.20 a.m., intermittent burst of fire swept BOIS de VAIRE, 50 rounds of gas shell per battery being used. Counter preparation was fired eight times between 3 to 6 a.m., on possible assembly points opposite the Divisional front. Heavy Artillery co-operated in these shots.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Continued active. The enemy specialised in towns and Artillery O.Ps. In the morning CORBIE was shelled by 240 rounds 4.2 Shrap; J.35.d and O.5.b by 4.2 shrap; road junction J.35.b by 77 mm; VAIRE by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; P.13.a.2.2 intermittently by 4.2 Hows; FOUILLOY by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows; also 77 mm on Eastern edge (several buildings being set alight) and O.21.a.1.9 heavily by 5.9 Hows. In the afternoon VAIRE was shelled by 15 rounds 4.2 How, and intermittently by 77 mm; J.26 and J.31.b lightly by 77 mm; J.26.a by 30 rounds 77 mm; HAMELET by 77 mm and 4.2. Hows; CORBIE by 5.9 Hows; the SOMME between CORBIE and HAMELET heavily by 5.9 Hows; O.24.b by 4.2 How bty, and P.19.c heavily by 5.9 Hows. During the night the ridge in I.30 was shelled intermittently by 4.2 Hows and 77 mm, CORBIE by 15 minutes gun fire (6.10 p.m.) 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; VAUX by 660 rounds 77 mm between 11 p.m. and midnight, VAIRE by 77 mm intermittently, and HAMELET to VAIRE searched by 77 mm and 4.2. Hows; J.26.d received 60 rounds gas and H.E. at 6.55 p.m.; HAMELET 50 rounds green cross gas at 12.50 a.m.; and VAIRE-HAMELET road intermittent pineapple gas shells. Railway bridge at H.21.c also shelled by 5.9 H.V. at intervals during night. Intermittent shelling throughout the period of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and O.22.a & d.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft were very active. Nine crossed our line at 6.35 p.m. Two fell in flames 5.15 p.m. and one driven down out of control. One of our planes reported driven down out of control behind our line at 10.55 a.m., and one crashed in flames. 5.55 p.m. two wagons and a number of cyclists moved along road in Q.25.a & b. Considerable movement in rear of HAMELET and D'Arquaire. Horses grazing in Q.15.a, during the afternoon. 5 p.m. Ammunition dump in BOIS de VAIRE fired by us. Considerable minor movement seen in P.14.b and P.15.b at 5.5 p.m. Visibility very fair.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 2.

Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.

Counter Preparation.

1. When an attack is considered imminent counter preparation will be ordered from this office.
2. The principles upon which counter preparation are based are broadly -
 - (a) The delivery of a maximum of harassing fire and of counter battery action at one stage.
 - (b) At another stage a concentration of annihilating fire against all probable places of assembly and areas over which enemy movement must take place prior to an attack.
3. For counter preparation Field Artillery are responsible for the area from their S.O.S. Lines to 1,000 yards to the East.
4. Counter preparation will be ordered in the following forms:-
 - "CP Scheme Phase 1a" will mean a maximum of counter battery fire.
 - "CP Scheme Phase 1b" will mean a maximum of harassing fire.
 - "CP Scheme Phase 2" will mean a maximum of annihilating fire.
5. The targets for "CP Scheme Phase 1b" will be the likely places of assembly for hostile troops and the nature of fire should be concentrated. The concentration schemes issued with 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No 7 will be used and in addition each Group Commander will keep up to date a list of suitable targets on his Group front to be dealt with by his Group and forward to this office the detail of tasks allotted to batteries.
6. Normal rates of fire - 18 pdrs 3 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows 2 rounds per gun per minute.
7. For "CP Scheme Phase 2" The Field Artillery will put down a creeping barrage over the whole area concerned, commencing from their S.O.S. Line and searching back by lifts of 100 yards in 2 minutes to 600 yards Eastwards. The operation will be repeated as often as may seem necessary. This may be on the whole Divisional Artillery front or may be on part in which case the method of putting the operation into action is detailed in 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No 11.
8. The above Instruction cancels Instruction No. 2 dated 10th April, 1918, which is to be DESTROYED.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

P.T.O.

Issued at 9.30 p.m. to:-

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298th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.	4	Aust. Corps, "Q"	19
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	5	5th Aust. Divn "G"	20
65th Brigade, R.G.A.	6	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	21
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 7.

Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.

1. With a view to bringing concentrations of fire to bear on hostile areas, targets are allotted to Brigades as under.
2. These concentrations will put into force by a message in the following form:-

"Concentration No Zero"

3. Each concentration will last 5 minutes.

4. Rates of fire:- 18 pdrs 3 rounds per gun per minute
4.5" Hows 2 rounds per gun per minute

5. 18 pdrs will use 75% A and 25% AX. 4.5" Hows BX.

6. CONCENTRATION No 1.

13th Aust. F. A. Bde - Wood P.5.0 & d.
14th Aust. F. A. Bde - Wood P.5.0 & d.
150th (Army) Bde, R. F. A. Wood P.5.0 & d.

CONCENTRATION No 2.

298th (Army) Bde, R. F. A. - P.14.d.05.15 - P.15.c.00.15 - P.21.a.
15.60 - P.20.b.00.60.
14th Aust. F. A. Bde - P.14.d.05.15 - P.15.c.00.15 - P.15.c.
35.65 - P.14.d.30.65.
13th Aust. F. A. Bde - P.15.c.35.65 - P.14.d.30.65 - P.14.b.
90.25 - P.15.a.60.05.

CONCENTRATION No 3.

298th (Army) Bde, R. F. A. - P.15.c.35.65 - P.15.a.60.05 - P.15.b.
00.30 - P.15.d.00.60.
13th Aust. F. A. Bde - P.15.d.00.60 - P.15.b.00.30 - P.15.b.
45.40 - P.15.b.45.05.
14th Aust. F. A. Bde - P.15.b.45.05 - P.15.b.45.40 - P.15.b.
85.40 - P.15.b.90.09.

CONCENTRATION No 4.

298th (Army) Bde, R. F. A. - P.15.a.45.55 - P.8.d.95.35 - P.9.c.35.
45 - P.15.a.80.80.
13th Aust. F. A. Bde - P.9.c.35.45 - P.15.a.80.80 - P.9.d.30.
20 - P.9.c.90.90.
14th Aust. F. A. Bde - P.9.d.30.20 - P.9.c.90.90 - P.9.b.35.
05 - P.9.d.85.65.

CONCENTRATION No 5.

150th (Army) Bde, R. F. A. - J.35.d.2.2 - J.36.c.0.2 - J.36.c.00 -
J.35.d.2.0.
13th Aust. F. A. Bde - J.35.d.2.2 - J.36.c.0.2 - 0.6.a.0.8 -
0.5.b.5.8.
14th Aust. F. A. Bde - J.35.d.2.0 - J.36.c.0.0 - 0.6.a.0.8 -
0.5.b.5.8.

P. T. O.

CONCENTRATION No. 6.

13th Aust. F. A. Bde - }
 14th Aust. F. A. Bde - } SALLY LAURETTE in J.36.d.
 150th (Army) Bde, R. F. A. - }

7. The above Instruction cancels Instruction No. 7 dated 12th April, 1918, which is to be DESTROYED.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE

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Major,
 Brigade Major,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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298th (Army) Brigade, R. F. A.	4	Aust. Corps, "Q"	18
9th Brigade, R. G. A.	5	5th Aust. Divn "G"	19
65th Brigade, R. G. A.	6	Signals, 5th D. A. H. Q.	20
16th Brigade, R. H. A.	7	Staff Captain	21
5th Aust. D. A. Column	8	R. O.	22
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 11.

Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.

1. With a view to producing the heaviest possible fire on any portion of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery front - For counter preparation purposes the front of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will be divided into lanes each of 500 yards. These lanes will run East along the grid lines. These lines will be numbered "5A", "5B", "5C" etc from North to South.

The lane running East in Square J.30.a. will be "5A"
The lane running East in Square J.30.c. will be "5B"
The lane running East in Square P.3.d. will be "5E"
The lane running East in Square P.20.d. will be "5K" & so on.

The lane "5D" will run East in Square J.35.d.

The lane "5E" will run P.3.b.00.00 - P.3.b.50.50 to P.5.b.00.00 = J.35.d.00.00.

2. Counter preparation will be ordered on a number of lanes, e.g., "5C" to "5E". On this order Group Commanders will distribute evenly all guns which can fire on the frontage indicated, commencing from their S.O.S. Lines and searching back up to a depth of 1,000 yards. The Heavy Artillery co-operate on similar lines commencing at 500 yards beyond the S.O.S. Lines.

3. The rate for searching will be 100 yards in 2 minutes.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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150th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.	4	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	17
5th Aust. Divn "QG"	5	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	18
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Aust. Corps, R.A.	8	File	23
Aust. Corps, H.A.	9	B.M.	24
Aust. Corps, "QG"	10	150th B.A.C.	25
20th Divisional Artillery	11	9th Brigade, R.G.A.	26
3rd Aust. Divl Artillery	12	65th Brigade, R.G.A.	27
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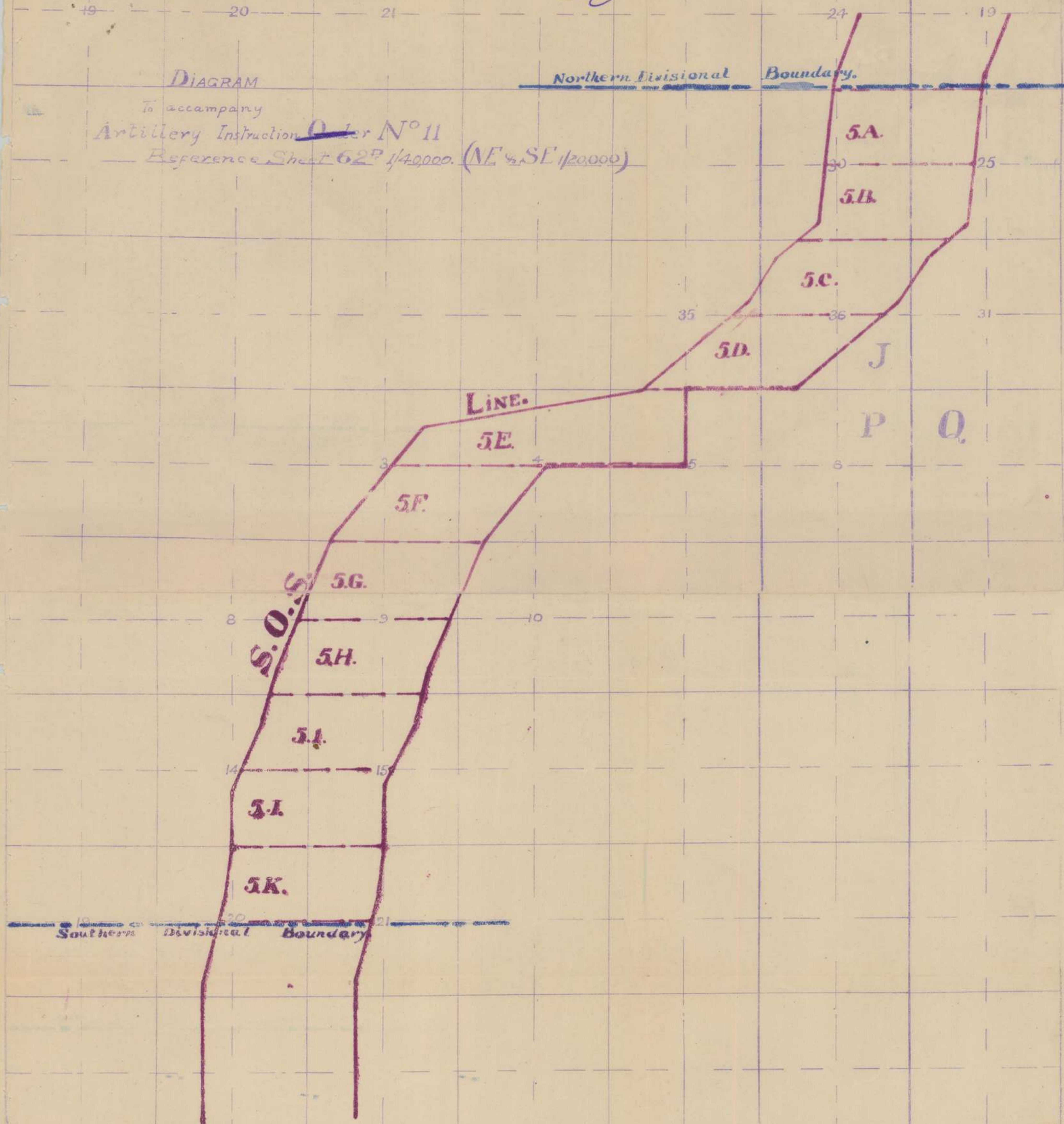
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DIAGRAM

To accompany
Artillery Instruction ~~Order~~ N° 11
Reference Sheet 62^P 1/40,000. (NE & SE 1/20,000)

Northern Divisional Boundary.



Southern Divisional Boundary

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As at 6 a.m. 22/4/18.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DISPOSITION RETURN No. 70.

Reference Maps AMIENS 1-100,000 and Sheet 62D.

5th Aust. D.A. H.Q. -----BUSSY-les-DAOURS.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	WAGON LINES.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.5	I.17.c.85.20
49th Battery	I.28.d.15.60	I.23.a.60.50
50th "	I.28.a.4.9	I.23.a.50.90
51st " {2 guns}	I.29.d.8.3	
" " {2 guns}	I.29.d.9.2	I.23.a.00.60
" " {2 guns}	I.29.b.30.15	
113th " {2 guns}	I.29.b.37.27	I.17.c.70.70
" " {4 guns}	I.28.b.2.9	
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.2	I.9.b.2.2
53rd Battery	I.24.b.60.25	I.24.b.15.60
54th "	I.24.b.60.00	I.23.b.5.4
55th " {4 guns}	I.29.d.3.7	I.17.d.4.2
" " {2 guns}	I.36.a.60.55	
114th " 1 Section	I.35.a.75.95	
" " 1 Section	I.35.a.90.95	I.17.d.5.5
" " 1 Section	I.29.c.9.2	
150th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.	H.Q. I.30.a.80.30	I.22.b.10.50.
A/150	J.15.b.90.60	I.22.b.10.50
B/150	J.14.c.50.50	I.12.a.50.30
C/150	J.15.b.20.80	I.12.a.50.30
D/150	J.14.c.80.80	I.11.b.50.50
298th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.	H.Q. O.10.a.central	O.8.b.3.6
A/298 {5 guns}	O.10.b.2.3	O.8.b.3.5
" " {1 gun}	O.18.b.7.6	
B/298	O.10.d.5.7	O.2.b.9.1
C/298	O.10.d.3.5	O.7.a.5.5
D/298 (5 guns)	O.10.b.2.1	O.1.c.3.4
298th B.A. Column	N.8.d.3.2	
5th Aust. D.A. Column	N.5.a.7.7	
No. 1 Section	N.5.d.1.8	
No. 2 Section	N.5.b.2.2	
S.A.A. Section	M.16.b.5.8	
150th B.A. Column	H.32.c & d	
5th Aust. A.R.P.	N.6.c.0.0	
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
10th A.A. S.C.	ALLONVILLE	
5th Aust. Veterinary Section (Mobile)	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
17th & 47th Ordnance Workshops (light)	CARDONETTE.	

Edgar H. Burt

Lieut,

for Brigade Major,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery

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AMENDMENT No 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 11.

Headquarters,
 22nd April, 1918.

1. Reference para 1. Delete -

"The lane "5E" will run P.3.b.00.00 - P.3.b.50.50 to P.5.b.
 00.00 - J.35.d.00.00",

and insert the following -

The lane "5E" will run P.3.b.00.00 - P.3.b.50.50 - P.5.b.20.65 -
 J.35.d.35.00 - J.36.e.00.00 - P.6.a.00.00.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. H. H.

Major,
 Brigade Major,
 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 7 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional
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AMENDMENT No 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 6.

Headquarters,
22nd April, 1918.

1. Para 2 is amended as follows:-

"S.O.S" line will run J.24.c.95.10 - J.30.c.90.65 - J.36.a.
20.00 - J.35.d.35.00 - P.5.b.20.65 - P.3.b.50.50 - P.3.c.30.00 -
P.8.d.60.30 - P.14.b.40.60 - P.14.d.00.70 - P.14.d.00.00 - P.20.a.
90.30 - P.20.c.94.00 - P.26.a.94.15 - P.26.c.94.00.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 6.

Headquarters,
22nd April, 1918.

"S.O.S"

1. The "S.O.S" Signal is the call for immediate assistance from the Artillery normally covering the Sector in question sent by any responsible officer in the front line. This Signal, whether by telephone or visual method (such as a rocket), is a call for a barrage in "No man's land". The "S.O.S" Signal will be sent when the enemy are actually attacking.

The "S.O.S" Signal is notified from time to time.

2. The "S.O.S" line will run as follows:- J.24.c.95.10 - J.30.c.90.95 - J.30.c.75.20 - J.36.a.20.75 - J.35.b.85.20 - J.35.c.70.25 - J.35.c.45.00 - P.3.b.50.50 - P.3.c.50.00 - P.8.d.60.30 - P.14.b.40.60 - P.14.d.00.70 - P.14.d.00.00 - P.20.a.90.30 - P.20.c.94.00 - P.26.a.94.15 - P.26.c.94.00.

3. All Brigades responsible for the defence of the front will have an overlap of 50 yards with the Units on each side of them.

4. 18 pdrs will use 75% A and 25% AX. 4.5" Howitzers BX.

5. At each 18 pdr Gun-pit 20 rounds are to be kept distinctly labelled "S.O.S" with fuzes correctly set. This ammunition will be changed periodically, and the replaced ammunition will be fired off.

6. Field Howitzers will bombard specially selected points.

7. On receipt of the "S.O.S" Signal, Field Artillery will open fire on their "S.O.S" lines. Rates of fire will be as follows:-

3	rounds per gun per minute for first five minutes
2	" " " " " " " second " "
1	" " " " " " " next " "

The above provisions are not to be taken in limiting either Group or Battery Commanders from developing the full fire power of their Batteries in the event of their knowledge of the situation demanding it.

8. All fire will cease at the end of fifteen minutes.

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

9. The Artillery will act on seeing the prescribed Rocket Signal whether the telephone is working or not, although the Rocket Signal should be confirmed by wire by the Infantry concerned.

Telephone lines to the Infantry are to be tested at least every half-hour during the day and night.

10. All officers must clearly understand that it is their duty to obtain immediate information as to the situation for their higher formation; e.g., Batteries to Groups, and Groups to Headquarters,

P.T.O.

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10 continued.

5th Australian Divisional Artillery. It is only by this means that the necessary concentration of Artillery can be procured.

11. A sentry will always be posted at each Battery position as a "Look-out" during the day and night.

12. Pointers showing Inter-Group Boundaries and Battery Zone Boundaries will be provided at each Battery position.

13. A Battery receiving an "S.O.S" call will repeat it at once to:-

1. Batteries on either flank.
2. Group Headquarters.

The Groups will at once inform:-

1. Batteries in the Group.
2. Groups on either flank.
3. C.R.A.
4. Affiliated Heavy Artillery Group.

The C.R.A. will inform:-

1. H.A. Australian Corps.
2. R.A. Australian Corps.
3. "G", 5th Australian Division.

N.B. If the message has not come through the Battalion, the Battalion must be informed by the Group.

14. The above Instruction cancels Instruction No. 6 dated 15th April, 1918, which is to be DESTROYED.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Mullin

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 12.

Headquarters,
22nd April, 1918.

1. The Australian Corps Counter Battery office is at MONTIGNY.
2. All hostile shelling is to be immediately reported to Australian Corps Counter Battery.
3. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery have a telephone line to the Australian Corps Counter Battery office through the Australian Corps, H.A., exchange.
4. Hostile shelling will be reported through Group Headquarters direct to Counter Battery or through Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, whichever is the quicker.
5. Information required by Australian Corps Counter Battery is as follows:-
 - (1) Unit calling,
 - (2) Time of hostile shelling,
 - (3) The number and calibre of hostile guns or Howitzers firing.
 - (4) Locality shelled,
 - (5) Nature of fire, e.g - "salvoes of 3 each 2 minutes", "1 round each 10 minutes",
 - (6) Direction from which hostile shelling is coming. When possible this should be given in grid line bearings and the place stated from which the bearing is taken. The nature of bearing will be stated, e.g - flash or sound.
6. The Counter Battery office will be kept informed of the continuance or otherwise of hostile shelling reported. The definite time of the cessation of hostile fire is of utmost importance to the Counter Battery.
7. It must be realised that all hostile shelling must be reported whether it affects a Units own area or not.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Johnston

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

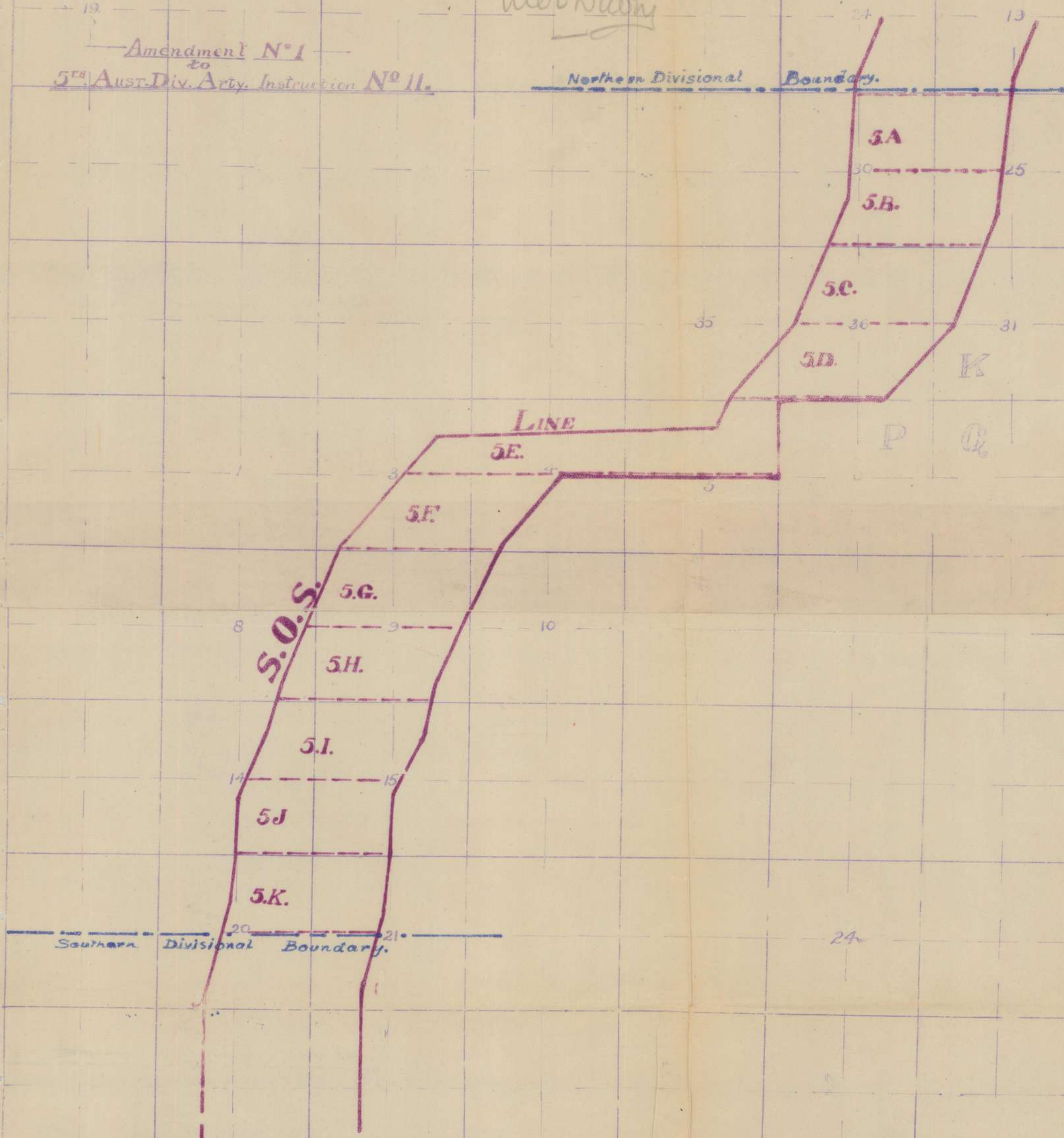
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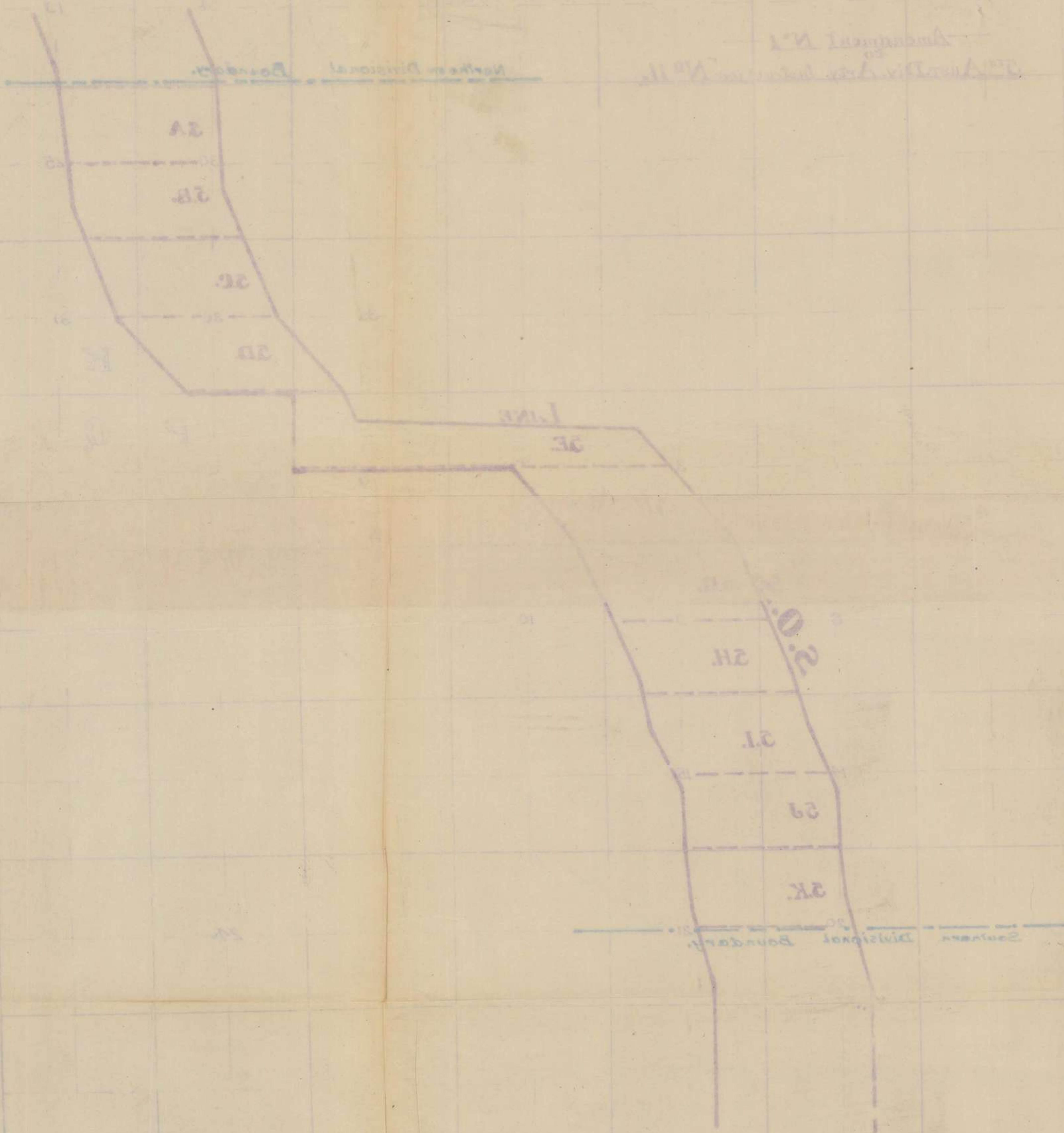
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Amendment N° 1
to
5TH Aust. Div. Arty. Instruction N° 11.

Northern Divisional Boundary.





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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 21/4/18 to 6 a.m. 22/4/18

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning and afternoon registration and calibration carried out by incoming group and destructive shoot on SAILLY LAURETTE. During the afternoon considerable enemy movement in small parties engaged. Hostile party at P.14.b, engaged and dispersed. Movement in P.9.c and 15.d, engaged. Shrine at P.10.c. 3.2 was registered. Movement about house P.9.d.90.55 engaged. Small party moved from P.15.a.7.1 to P.9.d.4.3. Several N.F. calls received. P.5.central engaged. Night firing, in which Heavy Artillery co-operated, carried out by bursts of fire at irregular intervals and for different periods each time - 12.35 a.m., 1.40 a.m., 2.35 a.m., 3.5 a.m., 3.50 a.m. Gas was fired on BOIS de VAIRE and HAMLET. Harassing fire on work in P.10.b. S.O.S. plus 300 to S.O.S. plus 600 places of assembly and approaches.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Continued active and owing to the good visibility targets were more varied than usual.
Morning: I.50.b, 8 rounds 77 mm; I.35. central few 77 mm; J.22.c, 3 rounds 4.2 H.E and Gas (nature unknown); CORBIE 9 rounds 5.9 How; HAMLET 4 rounds 4.2 How; FOUILLOY and batteries in P.10.c actively engaged with 4.2 Gas and H.E, lightly in morning and more heavily from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Gas mixture phosgene and Lachrymatory. 12 noon tracks in J.14. a & b registered by 77 mm, 8 rounds.
Afternoon: J.19.b. (hostile aeroplane) was kept under constant fire by 4.2 and 5.9. Hamlet shelled by 4.2 Gun and CORBIE by 8" How; VAIRE shelled intermittently by 77 mm T.B. 135° from I.36.a.4.7 (sound); 3.30 p.m. J.26.a. 40 rounds 77 mm; J.19.a 20 rounds 5.9 Gun. 5 p.m. J.25.b. 40 rounds 4.2 How, H.E. and Gas (Mustard); I.30.b 6 rounds 5.9 How.
Evening: VAIRE and HAMLET 60 rounds 4.2 How and Gas (nature unknown). Intermittent in forward areas during the night.

3. GENERAL. Hostile and our own aircraft very active. 10.40 a.m. Enemy aircraft crashed behind enemy line, and one of ours came down out of control in J.26. 10.45 a.m. 53rd Battery, Lewis Gun, brought down an Enemy aircraft, red triplane, which fell in J.19.b.9.2. Pilot Captain FRIEDRICH M. VON RICHTHOFEN, killed. 10 p.m. three enemy aircraft passed to our back areas. Enemy aircraft very active in forward area. Considerable movement of transport throughout the day on roads from WARTUSEE to SAILLY LAURETTE. Small parties frequently in P.15.d and P.16.c.

J. R. M. G. - capt
Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
22nd April, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 9.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62D 1-40,000

1. The 16th (Army) Brigade, R.H.A., will come under the Command of the C.R.A., 5th Australian Division on the 23rd April, 1918.
2. The 16th (Army) Brigade, R.H.A., will form a mobile reserve.
3. The 16th (Army) Brigade, R.H.A., will be accommodated as follows:-

Headquarters: Billeted in BUSSY-les-DAOURS

"A", "Q" & "U" Batteries, R.H.A.: Squares H.23., H.24., H.29.,
H.30.

16th (Army) R.H.A., Brigade Ammunition Column: Squares N.3 and
N.4.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

William

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 9.45 a.m. to:

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No 4.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

ARTILLERY - GENERAL POLICY.

1. An active defence will be maintained. This will take the form of harassing fire directed at the enemy's main arteries of approach to his forward areas, and will be carried out both by day and by night. The enemy has mainly made his attacks by day and seldom in force at night. His assembly takes place in daylight or just before dawn; at times, however, assembly is effected under cover of mist, in folds of the ground, in woods or in the vicinity of villages where buildings afford protection from view. It is necessary, therefore, to search villages, woods, and all other places where assembly by day may take place out of view of our aeroplanes or observers.
2. Every possible endeavour should be made to locate positions of assembly, and when located, they are to be dealt with so thoroughly as to make an attack either impossible or so half-hearted that our infantry will be easily capable of coping with it.
3. If positions of assembly can be located, they will be dealt with by every available gun with concentrated and synchronised fire. Sudden bursts of concentrated fire prove far more effective than fire of an equal volume spread over prolonged periods.
4. The choice of positions for batteries is of utmost importance. Batteries are not to be clumped together and should be sited in depth. Where possible 4 guns of a Battery should be in a main position and should be kept absolutely silent during daylight. During the day all shooting will be done with a detached Section. These main positions should be chosen with a view to avoiding a sudden hostile bombardment and be capable of breaking up a hostile attack before reaching our front line system. Every possible means must be employed of deceiving the enemy as to which are occupied positions and active positions should be constantly changed. Each Battery is to have at least two alternative positions. Personnel of the main positions should live at some distance from their guns.

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Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 5.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

1. Should it become necessary to withdraw from the present front the principles of withdrawal as regards the Field Artillery of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Group will be as detailed below.
2. Withdrawals either of Brigades or batteries will be by echelons; the front must never be uncovered and unless the withdrawal is voluntary, every yard of the way is to be stubbornly contested.
3. Frontages allotted to Brigades will be as in 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 1, but these instructions are not in any way to interfere with the initiative of commanders of lower formations at the moment who will seize every opportunity of inflicting loss on the enemy and helping the troops on either flank.
4. On the Right and Centre Sectors, the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, and the 298th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., will withdraw first; these Sectors being covered by the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade. The 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will take up an intermediate position about I.25 and be prepared to fire on any portion of the Divisional front. I 34-32
5. The 298th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., will withdraw to the North side of the SOMME by DAOURS and take up a position about N.9 to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY - FRANVILLERS line. When the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and the 298th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., are in their new positions the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be withdrawn through the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade and take up a position to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY - FRANVILLERS line which runs I.24.d.2.5 - I.14.d.0.0 - I.20.central - I.25.a.central - H.30.b.9.2 - I.31.a.0.9 - 0.2.a.0.7 - 0.8.a.0.1 - 0.8.d.0.5 - 0.14.central - 0.21.central - 0.27.central - U.1.central. When the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade is in position, the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will withdraw to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY - FRANVILLERS line.
6. On the Left Sector, the 150th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., will withdraw either by bridge at HEILLY or BONNAY, as the situation requires, and take up positions to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY - FRANVILLERS line, about Square H.27.
7. The 16th (Army) Brigade, R.H.A., in case of hostile attack, will operate in the area North of River SOMME and South of grid line East and West through I.13.central and assist the withdrawal as the tactical situation demands.
8. On taking up positions to cover the GENTELLES - AUBIGNY - FRANVILLERS line, batteries of the 77th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., will come under the tactical control of the C.O. 77th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.

9. In the event of a withdrawal becoming necessary the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column, the 298th Brigade Ammunition Column, the 150th Brigade Ammunition Column, and the 77th Brigade Ammunition Column will move as detailed below:-

(a) 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column to G.18.d.

Route. Road In H.34.a - H.33.b - H.27.c - H.26.d & a - H.25.b - G.24.b.

(b) 298th A.F.A. Brigade Ammunition Column and 77th A.F.A. Brigade Ammunition Column to G.18.a. West of metal Road.

Route. Road N.8.c - N.7.b - N.2.c & a - H.32.c - H.31.b - H.25.D & b - G.24.b - G.18.a. d & a.

There is a cross country track from G.30.b.9.8 to G.23.b.9.9 which can be used in case of emergency.

(c) 150th A.F.A. Brigade Ammunition Column to G.17.b. West of Road ALLONVILLE-PT CANON.

Route. Centre N.13.b - Cross Roads N.7.d to T Roads M.11.a. thence direct to ALLONVILLE.

The above locations and routes will be reconnoitred forthwith by all officers.

Water is available in ALLONVILLE; one pond in front of Church and one at Southern end of town.

Sketch of rear lines is attached.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

11. The above Instruction cancels Instruction No 5 dated 11/4/18 and Amendment No 1 dated 15/4/18 which are to be DESTROYED.

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

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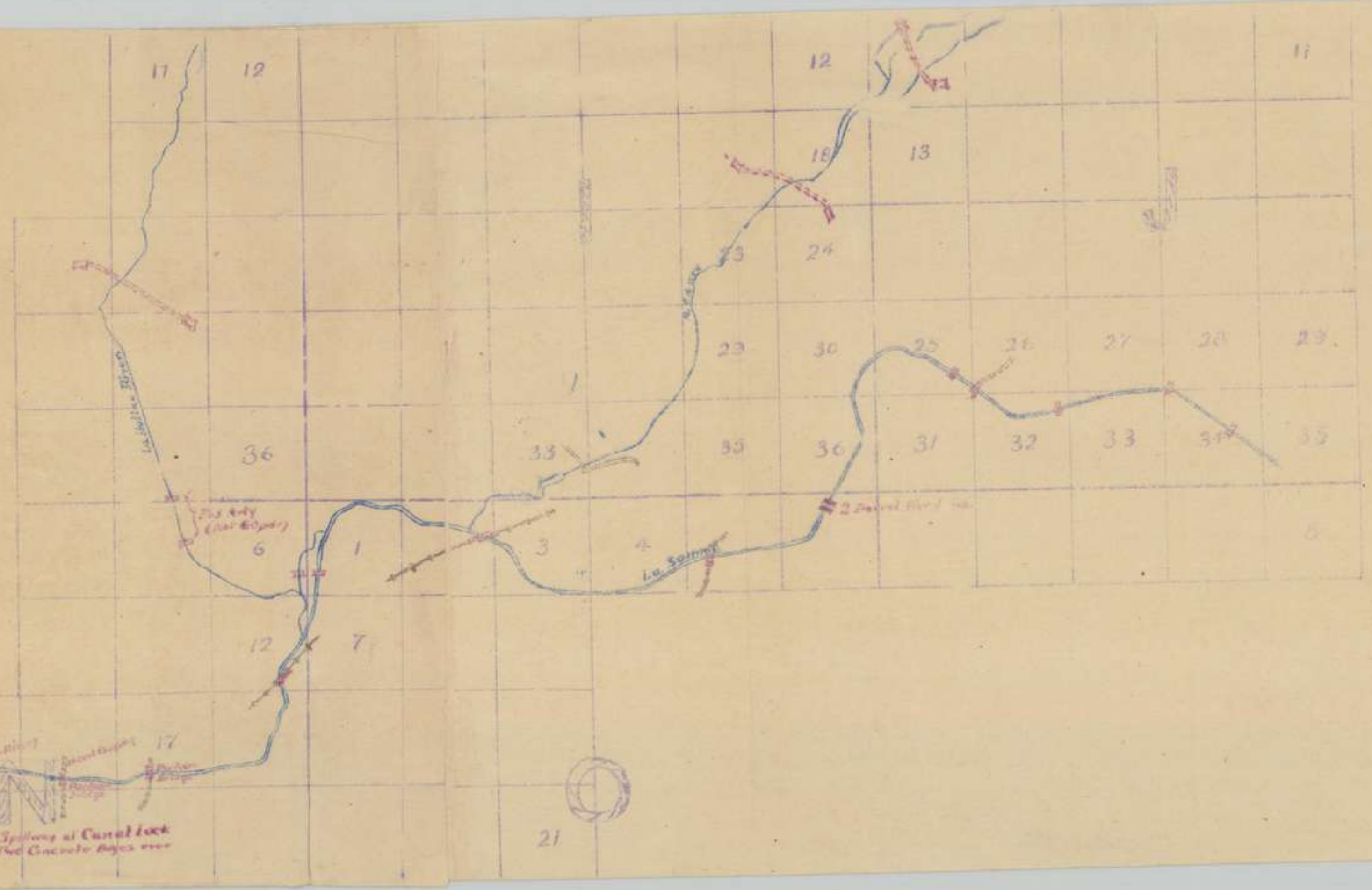
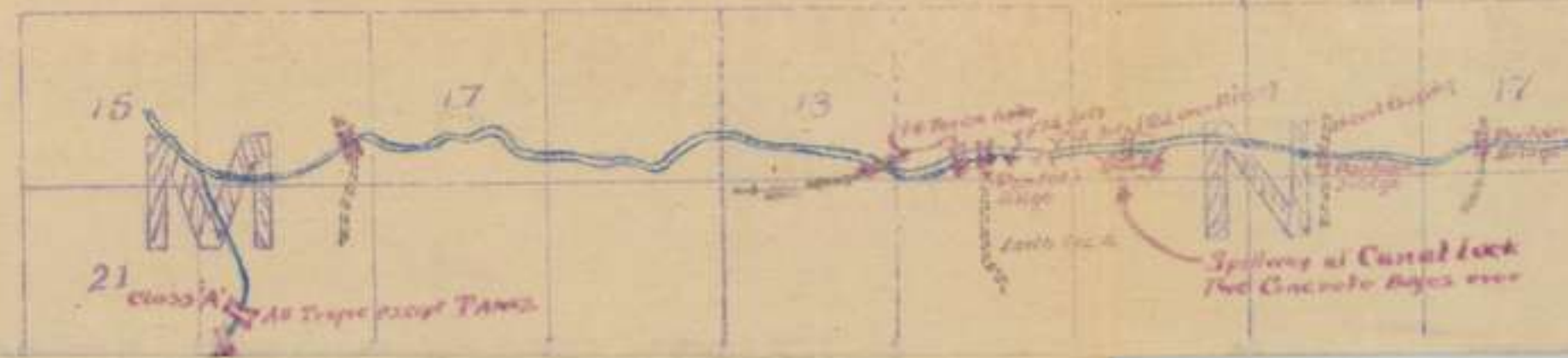
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9th Brigade, R. G. A.	7	5th Aust. Divn "G"	22
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AMENDMENT No 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 7.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

Reference para. 6. Strike out co-ordinates under heading "CONCENTRATION No. 5", and substitute the following:-

CONCENTRATION No. 5.

150th (Army) Bde, R.F.A.	- J.35.d.2.2 - J.36.o.0.2 - J.36.o.0.0 -
	· J.35.d.2.0. · · · · ·
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	- J.35.d.2.2 - J.36.o.0.2 - P.6.a.0.8 -
	· P.5.b.5.8. · · · · ·
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	- J.35.d.2.0 - J.36.o.0.0 - P.6.a.0.8 -
	· P.5.b.5.8. · · · · ·

W. H. M.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 10 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 7.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 21.

- by -

Brig-General A.J.BESSELL BROWNE, C.M.G., D.S.O. - C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Divn.

Headquarters,
23rd, April 1918.

141. - STAFF TRAINEES.

Captain T.R. Meller, is seconded as Brigade Major (Art) Trainee, vice Captain A.J. Fullerton Andrew, resumed Regimental Duty. Dated 1.4.1918.
(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 321 dated 19.4.1918).

142. - FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

The undermentioned officers are detailed to assemble at Headquarters, 5th. Aust. D.A. Col. at 2.p.m. on 24th. inst., for the purpose of trying by F.G.C.M. the accused persons named below, and any other person or persons who may be brought before them.

President.

Major F. Thornthwaite M.C. - 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.

Members

Captain. L.D. Sheppard. - 5th. D.A.C. att'd 14th. F.A. Bde.

Lieut. W.F. Osmond M.C. - 13th. A.F.A. Brigade.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to D.A.H.Q. on completion.

No. 2072. Gunner W. Krygger. No. 2210 Gunner W. Collinson.) 55th. Battery
3650. Driver L. Turner. 3585 Gunner W. Lock.) 14th. F.A. Bde.

143. - INOCULATION RETURN.

Attention is directed to 5th. Aust. Div. Routine Order No. 185 of 4th. inst. This return will be rendered direct by Units to A.D.M.S. 5th. Aust. Division.

144. - ORDERS.

Attention is directed to the undermentioned orders which have been issued to Units :-

General Routine Orders. - Paras 3822 to 3827.

3823. - Prisoners of War - Thefts from.

3826. - M.L. 6-inch Newton Trench Mortars - Sub-beds.

A.I.F. Orders. - Paras 1194 to 1196.

1196. - Illegal Absence - Courts of Inquiry held in France under Section 72 of Army Act.

Fourth Army Routine Orders. - Paras 1897 to 1912.

1898. - Leave. 1901. - Bounds - AMIENS. 1903. - Discipline.

1905. - Salvage. 1906. - Lewis Guns A.A. Sights.

1910. - Telephone Calls.

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders. - Paras 195 to 205.

196. - Shooting at Game. 197. - Damage to Trees.

201. - Clean Clothing. 202. Grazing. 203. - Staining of Tents.

204. - Rum Issue. 205. Bulk Demands.

Barth Morris
Captain,
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 22/4/18 to 6 a.m. 23/4/18.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the period all guns have been checked. In the afternoon a working party at P.14.b.9.2 was dispersed. Enemy strong points in P.15.b, P.10.d, and P.11.c, were bombarded. At 7.30 p.m. a body of 100 enemy, evidently waiting for rations, was seen at P.14.b.4.2 and engaged; a minimum of twenty casualties being estimated from observation. At 8.45 p.m. a two minute burst of fire was put down on possible points of assembly. At 12.23 a.m. a five minutes concentration was fired on the BOIS de HAMEL. At 12.33 a.m. area P.15.d (shell hole positions) was bombarded for two minutes. At 2.5 a.m. a two minute burst on possible assembly points was fired. At 3.30 a.m. searching from S.O.S. plus 100 yards to S.O.S. plus 300 yards for two minutes.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This has been much quieter, particularly during the night, with the exception of the extreme right. In the morning J.27.a. was shelled by 20 rounds 4.2 How; J.31.b, and J.33. a, lightly by 4.2 Hows; I.34.b, lightly by 4.2 Hows; VAIRE intermittently by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows and front System in P.2.a & c, by 50 rounds 77 mm. In the afternoon I.24.b, by a 4.2 H.V. gun from the South East; VAIRE by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; Posts in P.3.c by 4.2. Hows; VAUX lightly by 77 mm and 6 rounds of shrapnel on I.29.c. The night was quiet except for light scattered shelling until 5.30 a.m., when heavy shelling of the BOIS L'ABBE with gas and H.E. commenced. Areas 0.26 and 0.27, 0.14, 0.10.c. central were also shelled with green cross gas, which ceased off at 7.10 p.m. Mustard gas is also reported. Rate of fire on our Sector about 3 rounds per minute.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft active. ^{1 was} brought down at 6.30 am. Many small parties seen on road through P.13.central and across the BOIS de TAILLOUX. The Ridge behind HAMEL is still the scene of much movement. Visibility fair.

Edy H. Broth

Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.