

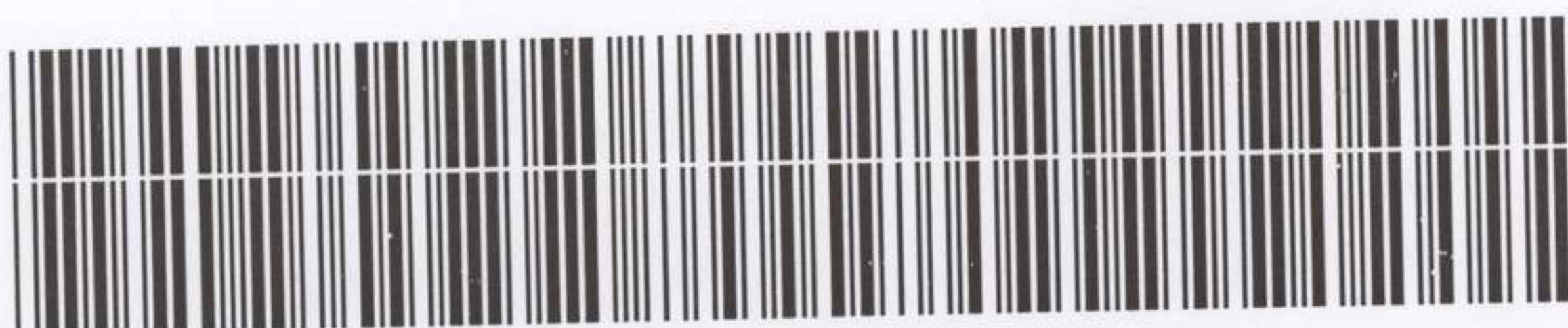
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 19.

Headquarters,
14th May, 1918.

1. The 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will change positions with the 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., on the 16th May, 1918. Relief to be complete by 8 p.m.
2. Headquarters, Battery 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, and Orders, affecting the particular positions will be handed and taken over. Defence Schemes and 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Orders and Instructions will not be exchanged.
5. On completion of the exchange, C.O. 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will become responsible for the defence of the front at present allotted to the 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A. The C.O. 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will become responsible for the superimposed task at present allotted to the 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.
6. Ammunition will be handed and taken over at respective gun positions.
7. All other arrangements will be made between Brigade Commanders concerned.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 1 p.m. to:-

	Copy No.		Copy No.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	1	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	13
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16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.	3	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	15
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	4	Aust. Corps, R.A.	16
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	5	Aust. Corps, H.A.	17
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	6	5th Aust. Divn "G"	18
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EXCHANGE TABLE.

Unit handing over.	Present position. Guns.	present position. Wagon lines.	Unit taking over.	Present position. Guns.	present position. Wagon lines.
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	I.21.b.5.8	I.20.b.9.5	298th Army Bde, R.F.A.	Hospice, FOUILLOY. FOUILLOY.	
49th Battery	I.28.d.15.60	H.36.a.8.9	A/298 Battery	O.17, a.45.33	N.6.a.95.45
50th "	I.28.a.02.58	I.20.b.3.8	B/298 "	O.16.b.40.10	N.6.d.10.40
51st "	I.28.b.05.60	I.14.d.2.4	C/298 "	O.10.c.95.30	H.34.d.75.60
113th "	I.28.b.2.9	H.29.central	D/298 "	O.10.b.1.3	N.6.a.5.4

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14th May

29th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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AMENDMENT No. 11 to "B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. Reference Sheet "I".

Para. 4, line 4. Delete "13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade" and substitute "298th Army Brigade, R.F.A".

Para. 5, line 1. Strike out "298th Army Brigade, R.F.A" and insert "13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade".

Para. 5, line 5. Delete "13th" and substitute "298th Army Brigade, R.F.A".

Para. 9, line 4. Strike out "13th Aust.F.A. Brigade" and insert "298th Army Brigade, R.F.A".

Para. 9, line 6. Delete "298th Army Brigade, R.F.A" and substitute "13th Aust.F.A. Brigade".

Page 2, para. 9, line 3. Strike out "13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade" and insert "298th Army Brigade, R.F.A".

Page 2, para. 9, line 5. Delete "298th Army Brigade, R.F.A" and substitute "13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Hamilton

Headquarters,
14th May, 1918.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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AMENDMENT No. 12 to "B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. Reference "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme, Sheet "D", page 2.

2. Delete para. 6, sub-paras (a), (b) (i) & (ii) and substitute the following:-

6. (a) Flying Squadrons working on this Divisional front are the 35th Squadron, R.A.F., and the 3rd Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

(b) (i) N.F. calls will be answered by one battery only in the manner laid down in S.S. 131. Not more than four salvoes will be expended unless the situation and observations received render it desirable to continue the fire on the hostile battery.

The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will engage N.F. calls West of the line P.21.central, P.9.d.0.0, P.10.c.0.0, P.10.a.0.0, P.12.a.0.0, P.6.c.0.0, P.6.d.0.0, P.6.b.0.0, Q.1.a.0.0, K.31.c.0.0, K.31.d.0.0, K.31.b.0.0, K.32.a.0.0, K.26.c.0.0, K.26.d.0.0, K.20.d.0.0.

The Heavy Artillery will engage N.F. calls East of the above lines.

Groups will arrange to answer N.F. calls in their own sectors.

(ii) G.F. calls will be answered by a section of all batteries that can bear on the target. A burst of fire (see S.S. 131) will consist of 3 section salvoes.

Acknowledge -

W. H. M. W. H. M.

Headquarters,
14th May, 1918.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 13/5/18 to 6 a.m. 14/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. In the morning a party of enemy moving from the BOIS de VAIRE to the BOIS de HAMEL were engaged, and one casualty inflicted. At 10 a.m. three men came out of a dug-out at P.16.c.2.2 laying wires, and rank back on being engaged. At 11.45 a.m. eight men came out and were immediately engaged by gun fire, four stretcher cases being removed. Mound at P.16.c.5.5, the centre of much activity, was registered. A suspected machine gun emplacement at P.4.c.5.0 was demolished. A party of enemy at P.22.a.2.8 were dispersed. In the afternoon hostile groups at P.14.b.5.2 and P.14.a.5.9 were scattered; movement at P.15.d engaged, and a Trench at P.10.b.9.9 bombarded. At 3 p.m. several men entered a dug-out at P.16.c.50.99 - this was engaged, and two direct hits registered. At 9.33 p.m. a five minute concentration was fired on HAMEL. At 11 p.m. counter preparation areas North of the river were swept for five minutes, whilst a concentrated bombardment was carried out on enemy works at P.20.a.8.5. At 1.33 a.m. a box barrage was put down on the four sides of P.15.c, and the area swept in enfilade for five minutes. At 2.7 a.m. the trench system in P.4.d, P.11.a, P.10.b, were enfiladed by a five minutes burst. At 3 a.m. trenches in P.16.b, P.10.d, and P.10.c, were bombarded for five minutes. At 3.45 a.m. a jumping "S.O.S" was fired from "S.O.S" plus 50 yards to "S.O.S" plus 325 yards, lasting five minutes.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was more active during the day, quiet during the night on this divisional front. During the morning SAILLY-le-SÈC was intermittently shelled by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows; J.27.d, by 6 rounds 77 mm from CERISY; I.35.b and I.36.a by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; CORBIE by 5.9 Hows; road junction I.35.b.60.75 by 5.9 Hows; J.31.c, by 4.2 Hows; J.8 by 400 rounds 4.2 How; and a 77 mm battery registered on VAIRE CHURCH. In the afternoon J.27.a, was shelled by a 77 mm battery from MORCOURT; VAIRE by 40 rounds of 4.2 How from CERISY; BONNAY by 16 rounds 5.9 How; Cross roads O.10.d by 8 rounds 77 mm; J.19.c, was registered by a 4.2 battery, and a 5.9 battery. During the night, between 8 and 9.15 p.m. 20 rounds 5.9 How fell on O.16.a. Intermittent bursts of fire, including gas, fell in valley in J.15.b throughout the night.

3. GENERAL. Considerable movement in back areas during the period, and greater activity in the forward area. Movement in vicinity of BOIS D'ACROCHE and BOIS D'ARQUAIRE has very much increased - numerous parties 16 to 20 strong being observed during the day. Numerous light railway trains observed in Q.12.a & b and at MERICOURT. Motor and horse transport on the road in Q.12.b & d. Considerable enemy movement of Infantry and transport on roads in R.3 and R.9. During the morning enemy parties digging and carrying planks in trench in P.16.b were repeatedly put to flight.

Headquarters,
14th May, 1918.

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

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AMENDMENT No.2 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No.8.

Headquarters,
 14th May, 1918.

1. Delete paras. 1 and 2, and substitute the following:-

1. N.F.calls. N.F.calls will be answered by one battery only in the manner laid down in S.S. 131. Not more than four salvos will be expended unless the situation and observations received render it desirable to continue the fire on the hostile battery.

The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will engage N.F. calls West of the line P.21.central, P.9.d.O.O, P.10.c.O.O, P.10.a.O.O, P.12.a.O.O, P.6.c.O.O, P.6.d.O.O, P.6.b.O.O, Q.1.a.O.O, K.31.c.O.O, K.31.d.O.O, K.31.b.O.O, K.32.a.O.O, K.26.c.O.O, K.26.d.O.O, K.20.d.O.O.

The Heavy Artillery will engage N.F. calls East of the above lines.

Groups will arrange to answer N.F.calls in their own Sectors.

2. G.F.calls. G.F. calls will be answered by a section of all batteries that can bear on the target. A burst of fire (see S.S.131) will consist of 3 section salvos.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Hamilton

Major,
 Brigade Major,
 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. G7/1/4610 No.....

Headquarters,
15th May, 1918.

To all recipients of
5th Australian Divl Artillery Instructions.

All 5th Australian Divisional Artillery
Instructions, already issued, should be DESTROYED.

The policy of the 5th Australian Divisional
Artillery is as laid down in "B" Divisional Artillery
Defence Scheme. Amendments to this will be issued
as necessary.

J. R. Mearns
Major, *CM*
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 20.

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Headquarters,
15th. May 1918.

Reference:- Sheet 62D 1/40,000

1. The following re-adjustment of the defensive organisation of "B" Divisional Sector will be made on night 16/17th. May:-
 - (a) The 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will take over front line from 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade as far North as the VAIRE sous CORBIE - HAMEL road. This road will be inclusive to the 14th. Infantry Brigade and will form the northern boundary of the 14th. Infantry Brigade as far West as the village of VAIRE sous CORBIE. Details of the continuation of the boundary westwards will be communicated later.
 - (b) The 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will divide the frontage North of the River SOMME between two battalions.

On the completion of the above re-adjustments each Brigade will have three battalions in the line and one battalion in support.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. M. M. M.

Major.
Brigade Major.

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 4 p.m. to:-

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13th. F.A. Brigade	1	Aust. Corps R.A.	9
14th. F.A. Brigade	2	Aust. Corps HA.	10
16th. Army Brigade R.H.A.	3	5th. Aust. Divn. "G"	11
77th. Army Brigade R.F.A.	4	R.O.	12
150th. Army Brigade R.F.A.	5	B.M.	13
298th. Army Brigade R.F.A.	6	War Diary	14 - 16
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 28.

- by -

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

Headquarters,
15th. May 1918.

176. - STRENGTH.

Captain (temp. Major) A.R. Leschen, having report from 3rd. (Army) Brigade A.F.A., is taken on strength and posted for duty with 13th. F.A. Brigade, and to command 113th. How. Battery.
Dated 14.5.1918.

177. - HONOURS & REWARDS.

Extract from Aust. Corps R.O. no. 132 dated 12.5.18.

"The following decorations have been awarded. In publishing the names of the recipients, the Corps Commander wishes to convey to them his congratulations.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 622382	Gunner C.A. Boaler.	Royal Field Artillery.
198770	Gunner W. Belcher.	do.
1608	Driver D.H. Pollock.	5th. D.A.C. A.F.A.
4802a	Driver J.A. Witham.	do.
1605 a	Bdr. (T/Cpl). A.J. McGahan.	do.
3200	Gnr. (A/Bdr). H.J. McKnight.	do.

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

178. - CONGRATULATORY.

Extract from Aust. Corps R.O. No. 133 dated 12.5.18.

"The Corps Commander congratulates the following Officers and Other Ranks for their actions under the circumstances stated :-

Major E.G. LISTER, 51st. Battery A.F.A. - For his courage and coolness during a heavy bombardment on the morning of 24th. April 1918. He personally supervised the withdrawal of the guns and the successful withdrawal was mainly due to Major LISTER's personal conduct.

2/Lieut. H. CAMPBELL-JONES (S.R.) Royal Field Artillery, - For his conspicuous gallantry in attending to the evacuation of horses and men during a very heavy enemy bombardment of the Wagon Lines on the 23rd. April 1918.

No. 1884 Driver HARTWELL, 50th. Battery A.F.A. - On the morning of 24th. April 1918, the battery wagon lines were heavily shelled. This man hurried out and harnessed up his team, and in spite of a severe wound, got his team clear, and then assisted the others of his sub-section. When the order to move off was given he was too weak to mount, and he died of wounds two hours later.

No. 1667 Bdr. J.E. TREDREA and No. 1830 Gnr. E.F. BEAMS, 113th. Howitzer Battery A.F.A. - For their prompt action on the 23rd. April 1918 in extinguishing a fire of burning ammunition in the battery lines, caused by bombs dropped by hostile aircraft.

No. 66 Sgt. H.J. DARGIN - A.A.V. C. attached 51st. Battery A.F.A.

115 Sgt. J.G. PARK - A.A.V.C. attached 55th. Battery A.F.A.

76 Dvr. (A/Bdr). S.H. GRALOW - 51st. Battery A.F.A.

928 B.S.M. P.J. DOYLE - 53rd. Battery A.F.A.

3315 B.S.M. P.E. HORNE - 55th. Battery A.F.A.

P. T. O.

5th. Aust. D.A.R.O. No. 28.

15th. May 1918.

178. - CONGRATULATORY (Cont'd).

On 24th. April 1918, the Battery was subjected to a very heavy hostile bombardment, causing many casualties among personnel and horses. The abovementioned Warrant Officers and Other Ranks, regard less of personal safety, attended to the evacuation of men and horses.

No. 325 Gnr. A.M. LANCASTER, 53rd. Battery A.F.A. - On the 24th. April 1918 when the battery position was heavily shelled, this Gunner, regardless of his own personal safety, continued his work as A.M.C. Orderly. He dressed about 25 men who had become casualties, and worked untiringly throughout.

No. 1850 Gnr. S.B. EARLE	51st. Battery A.F.A.
1983 Gnr. G.T. KILSBY	do.
2017 Gnr. W.J. SMITH	do.
3480 Gnr. C.G. BROWN D.C.M.	do.
2858 Bdr. J.N. INCOLL	113th. How. Battery A.F.A.
32547 Gnr. G.N. NORTH	do.
16373 Spr. G. BAKER	5th. D. Sig. Co. A.E. att.
	H.Q. 5th. Div. Arty.
15136 Spr. D. WEBSTER	do.

On the 24th. April 1918, the above mentioned men acted as linesmen, and did valuable work in maintaining communications performing their duties under very heavy enemy shell fire.

No. 11742 Bdr. L.W. COUSINS	50th. Battery A.F.A.
2054 Dvr. P.J. McMAHON	do.
2792 Dvr. F.B. TREGGAR	do.
1669 Gnr. G.H.E. WAY	do.
1610 Dvr. J.G. PAYNE	51st. Battery A.F.A.
15224 Dvr. T. JOHNS	do.
2694 Dvr. V.P. COUNSELL	do.
1865 Dvr. E. CULLEN	do.
1841 Dvr. L.H. ALDIS	do.
2349 Dvr. V.C. DUNN	do.

On 24th. April 1918, the abovementioned set a splendid example of courage and coolness under heavy shell fire, when they did valuable work in collecting horses and removing them to a place of safety.

No. 1833 Sgt. W. FURNISS, 51st. Battery A.F.A. - On the morning of 24th. April 1918, when the battery position was subjected to a very heavy enemy fire, this N.C.O. maintained his gun in action in an efficient manner during the whole time.

No. 275. Sgt. A.L.M. CHILLINGSWORTH, 50th. Battery A.F.A. - On the 24th. April 1918, during a heavy enemy bombardment, this N.C.O. supervised the removal of vehicles from the danger zone. "

The C.R.A. wishes to convey his congratulations to the abovementioned Officers, N.C.O's and Men for their actions as stated.

179. - A.A.O.C. PERSONNEL.

Evacuations of A.A.O.C. personnel attached to Units are to be at once notified to D.A.D.O.S., 5th. Australian Division.

5th. Aust. D.A.R.O. No.28.15th. May 1918.

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180. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders. - Paras 3987 - 4004.

3993. - Dubbin Tins, Care of.

3994. - Circular Memorandum - Courts Martial.

3998. - 4.5" Howitzer Cartridges filled Flake Cordite.

4002. - Gloves, Anti-Gas - Artillery and Medical Personnel.

A.I.F. Orders. - Paras 1221 - 1224.

1223. - Rate of Exchange.

Fourth Army Routine Orders. - Paras 2013 - 2032.

2013. - Immediate Rewards.

2014. - Looting.

2015. - Protection against Bombs.

2019. - Mosquitoes.

2031. - Horses and Mules.

Australian Corps Routine Orders. - Paras 132 - 139.

134. - Horses - Care of.

139. - Salvage of Blankets, etc.

Basil Brown

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 14/5/18 to 6 a.m. 15/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning a party of 9 men in P.11.c were dispersed, casualties being inflicted. The Trench System West of HAMEL was bombarded. Small groups in P.15.c and P.22.a, were scattered, and a party at P.20.a.55.12 put to flight. Six men attempted to leave a dug-out at P.15.d.6.4, and were allowed to come out; they ran back again on being sniped and evidently remained inside during the remainder of the day. At 12.45 p.m. a body of 12 enemy were broken up in P.11.d. At 1 p.m. men were seen at an O.P. at P.15.b.7.7, direct hits being recorded, one shell bursting inside. Later in the afternoon a stretcher party removed bodies from here. A party of six was engaged in P.11.d, and small parties at P.10.d.1.8. Zone calls for P.5.d.5.3 and P.11.b.6.7 were answered. At 6 p.m. 100 rounds gas was fired on new work in the BOIS de VAIRE, and 100 rounds on H.Q. at P.17.b.0.0 to P.17.a.5.5. At 9 p.m. the BOIS de VAIRE was bombarded with gas, at 9.30 p.m. the BOIS de HAMEL, at 10 p.m. SAILLY LAURETTE, 10.30 p.m. the BOIS de VAIRE, and 11 p.m. the BOIS de HAMEL, (all with gas). At 10.30 p.m. a five minute concentration was put down on P.20.a.8.5, and on P.14.d. At 2 a.m. a two minute burst was fired on P.9.a.75.00 to P.9.b.0.8. At 2.30 a.m. work in front of the BOIS de VAIRE, and P.20.a.8.5 received a two minute concentration. At 3.40 a.m. and at 4.15 a.m. counter preparation targets were engaged for five minutes. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 98 rounds on various targets in J.36, J.35, P.9, and P.15 on night 13th/14th.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Has considerably increased in activity, both in day and night shooting. During the morning the Front Line System was intermittently shelled by 77 mm from the direction of P.20.a; J.27.b and J.28.a, heavily by 4.2 Hows; P.2.c, and P.8.a, lightly by 4.2 Hows, and O.17 heavily by 5.9 Hows. During the afternoon J.27.b and J.29.a, were heavily shelled by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows, including gas; road in I.35.b, swept by 4.2 shrap; VAUX intermittently shelled by 4.2 Hows; I.29 heavily by 5.9 Hows; I.35.b, by 12 rounds 8" How; CORBIE heavily by 5.9 Hows; road in I.26.d by 100 rounds 4.2 How; J.19.d heavily by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows; road in J.20 by 80 rounds 4.2 How; O.10.c by 100 rounds 5.9 and 4.2 How, including some gas; O.17.a by 30 rounds 4.2 How; O.17.b by 160 rounds 4.2 and 5.9 How; O.16.b & d by 100 rounds 5.9 How and 200 rounds 4.2 How, and J.13.c and J.14.c heavily by 5.9 Hows. Between 12 noon and 7 p.m. J.13.b & d received 200 rounds 8" How. O.19 and O.20 were heavily bombarded by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. At 8.45 p.m. HAMELET was lightly shelled by 5.9 How; between 1 and 3 a.m. O.18 and O.24 by an H.V. gun; between 3.20 and 4.20 a.m. O.16.b and O.10.d by 100 rounds H.E. and Yellow Cross 77, and 30 rounds 4.2 How Yellow Cross; from 3.20 to 5 a.m. a heavy concentration of H.E. and gas, 4.2 and 5.9 Hows, on CORBIE and FOUILLOY. The valley in front of J.27.b was intermittently bombarded by 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. and gas throughout the night. The fact that the shelling is confined mainly to 5.9 and 4.2 Hows is very noticeable.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft have been active throughout the period. At 1.50 p.m. 11 planes patrolled our line; between 6 and 6.30 p.m. five were over, and from 2.30 to 4.30 a.m. a number were bombing forward and back areas. There is a big increase in enemy movement both in back areas and in forward areas. Large bodies of Infantry reported in R.7.d and by wood in R.8.c at 2 p.m. Considerable movement in Q.15 at 2.15 p.m. Long column of transport with its head at Q.9. central going towards CERISY at 2.30 p.m. Considerable movement

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of troops and transport in R.9 at 3 p.m.: Considerable increase in light train movement reported. Continuous movement of transport at railway siding in Q.27. There is probably a H.Q. at P.10.d.6.5. In P.11.d there is a line of camouflage, about 15 feet high, attached to trees and stretching to the ground - gun flashes have been reported from this vicinity. Two large dumps of boxes are near the WARFUSSE-VILLERS BRETTONEUX road on T.B. 118. 30' from J.27.b.75.65. Many light trains appear to be unloading at a dump on T.B. 1029 from I.35.b.89.89.

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

Headquarters,
15th May, 1918.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Has considerably increased in activity, both in day and night shooting. During the morning the front line system was intensively shelled by 77 mm from the direction of P.20.a; 7.27.b and 7.28.a, heavily by 4.2 Hows; P.2.0; and P.8.a, lightly by 4.2 Hows, and 0.12 heavily by 5.9 Hows. During the afternoon 7.27.b and 7.28.a were heavily shelled by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows, including gas; 7.27.b was swept by 4.2 snaph; VALX intensively shelled by 4.2 Hows; 7.27.b heavily by 5.9 Hows; 7.27.b, by 12 rounds 8" How; CORRIE heavily by 5.9 Hows; 7.27.b in 1.25.5 by 100 rounds 4.2 How; 7.27.b heavily by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows; 7.27.b in 7.20 by 80 rounds 4.2 How; 0.10.0 by 100 rounds 5.9 and 4.2 How, including some gas; 0.17.a by 50 rounds 4.2 How; 0.17.b by 100 rounds 4.2 and 5.9 How; 0.18.0 and 0.18.1 by 100 rounds 5.9 How and 200 rounds 4.2 How, and 7.27.0 and 7.27.1 heavily by 5.9 Hows. Between 12 noon and 7 p.m. 7.27.0 & 4 received 200 rounds 8" How. 0.19 and 0.20 were heavily bombarded by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. At 8.45 p.m. HAMEL was heavily shelled by 5.9 Hows; between 1 and 5 a.m. 0.10 and 0.24 by an H.V. gun; between 5.20 and 4.20 a.m. 0.10.0 and 0.10.1 by 100 rounds H.E. and Yellow Cross 77, and 50 rounds 4.2 How Yellow Cross; from 5.20 to 8 a.m. a heavy concentration of H.E. and gas, 4.2 and 5.9 Hows, on CORRIE and FOUILLOY. The valley in front of 7.27.b was intensively bombarded by 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. and gas throughout the night. The fact that the shelling is continued mainly to 5.9 and 4.2 Hows is very noticeable.

3. AIR. Enemy aircraft have been active throughout the period. At 3.50 p.m. 11 planes travelled out line; between 6 and 8.30 p.m. five were over, and from 8.30 to 4.30 a.m. a number were bombing forward and back areas. There is a big increase in enemy movement both in back areas and in forward areas. Large bodies of Infantry reported in H.7.0 and by word in H.8.0 at 2 p.m. Considerable movement in 0.9 at 2.15 p.m. Long column of transport with its head at 0.9. Central going towards CORRIE at 2.30 p.m. Considerable movement

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AMENDMENT No. 14 to "B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. Reference "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme, Sheet "G", para. 3, line 3.

Delete "(75% A, 25%)" and insert the following new para:-

"3 (a) 18 pdr ammunition is being issued in the proportion of 60% A and 40% AX and will be fired and maintained in this proportion, both dumped and in echelons. 10% of AX issued is fuze with 106 Fuze".

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

Headquarters,
16th May, 1918.

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

Issued at 2 p.m. to all recipients of "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme.

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AMENDMENT No. 15 to "B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme, Sheet "H", para. 2 is amended as follows:-

"S.O.S" line will run K.19.c.60.00 - K.25.a.60.50 - K.25.a.15.00 - J.30.a.80.00 - J.36.a.25.50 - J.35.d.30.20 - P.5.b.20.65 - P.3.b.50.50 - P.3.c.50.00 - P.9.a.40.40 - P.8.d.60.30 - P.14.b.40.60 - P.14.b.30.40 - P.14.d.00.70 - P.14.c.70.00 - P.20.c.90.90.

2. The above Amendment CANCELS Amendment No. 13 to "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme.

W. Stullin

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
16th May, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 15/5/18 to 6 a.m. 16/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. At 10.5 and 11.15 a.m. gas bombardments of new work in front of the BOIS de VAIRE were carried out. During the second shoot about fifty of the enemy with adjusted respirators ran to a flank, and were engaged by shrapnel, casualties being observed. A working party in the valley in K.31 was scattered. In the afternoon an O.P. at P.16.c.0.5 was engaged, two direct hits being recorded. At 4 p.m. a dump at P.16.c.0.3 was successfully engaged. At 8.45 p.m. a party of 100 of the enemy with packs and rifles, moving in P.17.a, were heavily engaged. At 8.50 p.m. a group of 40 moving into HAMEL from the South were engaged with shrap, H.E., & gas. On neither of these occasions could results be observed. At 7.15 p.m. 100 rounds of gas were fired into P.11.d.85.00. An enemy party in trench at P.9.b.4.8 were bombarded. During the night five minute concentrations on the enemy's forward battery areas were fired at 9.5 p.m., 10.5 p.m., and 10.55 p.m. At 1.15 a.m. the trench system in P.9.a and the valley in J.36.b & c was swept by a five minute burst, which lifted by a two minute crash on enemy battery areas. At 2.15 a.m. area P.15.d was searched for five minutes, also valley in K.31.a & b and trench in P.4.d subjected to a burst of fire. This lifted to a two minute concentration on battery areas. At 3.45 a.m. a rolling barrage lifted forward from "S.O.S" plus 25 yards to "S.O.S" plus 625 yards in six minutes, and back from "S.O.S" plus 425 yards to "S.O.S" plus 25 yards in four minutes. 6" Newton T.M. fired 108 rounds on various targets night 14th/15th.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This has maintained its activity, and has been largely restricted to 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. Concentration shoots have been carried out on battery areas on both sides of the river. During the morning I.20 received 5 rounds 4.2 H.V; I.18.c and I.19.a were lightly shelled by 4.2 H.V. A 5.9 How battery registered on the mill in J.27.a, from the direction of LA MOTTE. The Front Line System was intermittently shelled by 4.2 Hows; I.50.c & I.29.d lightly by 77 mm; I.29.c lightly by 5.9 Hows; I.35.a by 77 mm; O.10 heavily by 5.9 Hows; J.15 by 5.9 and 8" Hows; J.15.b heavily by 4.2 Hows; J.27.b by 60 rounds 4.2 How. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. a destructive shoot on batteries in J.14.c was carried out by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows. In the afternoon the road through I.26.b & d was lightly shelled; VAIRE and WELCOLLE WOOD by 4.2 Hows; I.36.c by 77 mm lightly; O.17 by 230 rounds 4.2 and 5.9 How (including 4.2 gas); O.10.b.c & d by 65 rounds 5.9 How, and O.11.c by 10 rounds 4.2 How. J.15.b was continuously shelled by 5.9 Hows from the direction of MALARD WOOD. During the night O.17.c received 60 rounds 4.2 How; O.10.b & d shelled by 20 rounds 5.9 How; O.17.b by 40 rounds 77 mm; I.35.b lightly by 4.2 How, and BONNIAY by a few rounds 4.2 How.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft very active until 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. One of our planes was shot down by three enemy planes at 10 a.m. and fell in I.24.b. Increased hostile movement continues. There was continuous movement of Infantry and transport in Q.25 and Q.26 during the morning. Horses were grazing in Q.29.c central during the afternoon. At 10 a.m. a party of stretcher bearers left HAMEL for the BOIS de VAIRE. Between 6 and 7 p.m. considerable horse and motor transport on the road in Q.12.a & b. Much movement of Infantry between BOIS D'ACCROCHE and BOIS de HAMEL during later afternoon. Considerable transport on the CERISY-MORCOURT road at intervals. Tractors were reported in SAILLY LAURETTE by the Infantry between

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 21.

Headquarters,
17th May, 1918.

Reference Map 62D 1-20,000.

1. The C.O. 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will detail one 18 pdr battery to go into action in the proximity of VAUX - one section to be near J.26.
2. Actual positions to be occupied will be selected by C.O. 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., in consultation with C.O. 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.
3. The C.O. 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will issue orders to put this battery into action and when it is in action it will pass to the tactical control of the C.O. 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 4 p.m. to:-

	Copy No.		Copy No.
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14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	12
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.	3	Aust. Corps, R.A.	13
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	4	Aust. Corps, H.A.	14
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	5	5th Aust. Divn "G"	15
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	6	Staff Captain	16
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	7	R.O.	17
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 22

Headquarters,
17th May, 1918.

1. Consequent on the alteration of the dispositions of
brigades in the line -

The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will maintain the
support battalion in a central position ready to reinforce either
flank as the necessity arises.

2. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will be responsible
for holding the whole of the PIONEER SWITCH West of the VILLERS
line in case of an attack, and will maintain a battalion in readiness
to man this Switch. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will
detail a nucleus garrison to take over this Switch from the nucleus
garrison of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on the 18th May,
1918.

3. The above re-arrangements will be completed on the night
18th/19th May, 1918.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades Only).

Hamilton

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 10 p.m. to:-

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13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	1	R.O.	9
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	B.M.	10
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.	3	File	11
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9th Brigade, R.G.A.	7		
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	8		

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 FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 16/5/18 to 6 a.m. 17/5/18
 NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the afternoon movement at the cross roads at P.10.a. 35.70 was engaged, and a party of enemy at P.10.b.3.5 scattered. A large dug-out at P.9.d.9.9 was bombarded. A hostile 77 mm battery in Q.13.c. was effectively engaged and silenced. A dump at the cross roads at P.24.a was blown up. At 8.40 p.m. a body of 100 enemy in P.17.a were heavily engaged, result unknown. At 9.15 p.m. a five minute concentration was fired on the trench system in P.4.d, and on new work at P.14.d.2.6. At 2.10 a.m. the area P.16, was searched for five minutes by all guns. At 3.5 a.m. trench in P.9.c.0.8 to P.9.a.7.0, and Quarry at K.31.c.9.3, received five minutes concentration. At 3.40 a.m. rifle pits P.9.c.5.5 to P.9.c.8.7, and new work at J.30.d.8.0, were bombarded for five minutes. At 4.10 a.m. points of assembly and tracks were swept for two minutes. 6" Newton T.M. fired 106 rounds on various targets on night 15th/16th.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was quiet on the South of the SOMME, but maintained its activity to the North. High velocity guns are becoming more active. During the morning the Front Line System in front of VAIRE was shelled by 77 mm from GAILLY; HAMELET and VAIRE by 4.2 H.V. from direction of P.17.a; J.20 and J.21 heavily by 5.9 and 8" Hows from direction of MORCOURT; WELCOME WOOD by 20 rounds 4.2 gas; valley in J.20 and J.21 by 4.2 and 5.9 H.V. guns; P.6 & p.7 by 77 mm batteries from P.18.d; brickworks in I.24 by 5.9 H.V.; I.30 and I.36 by 77 mm battery from direction of HAMEL; I.29.a by 4.2 Hows (registered by aeroplane) from direction of P.28.a. Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. 200 rounds 5.9 How and 50 rounds 8" How fell in J.14.b & d. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. 300 rounds 5.9 and 8" How fell in J.15.a. During the afternoon 20 rounds 77 mm fell in J.19.b. from direction P.11.b; J.19 was shelled by 4.2 How from direction of P.18; P.8 by 77 battery in P.11.b; J.20 and J.21 by 4.2 Hows from CERISY; J.15.a by 200 rounds 4.2 How. At night 0.16 intermittently shelled by 5.9 Hows; Q.17.d by 10 rounds 4.2 shrapnel; J.15.a by bursts of H.E. and gas; J.15.b by two heavy bursts time shrapnel, H.E. and gas at 9.40 and 10 p.m.; O.13 and O.14 by 5.9 and 8" Hows; O.15. central and O.20. central by 4.2 Hows and N.21.b by 5.9 H.V. gun at 9 p.m.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft have been very active throughout the period in registration work, photography and bombing. At 11 a.m. mounted men and transport were observed moving along the road through Q.12.a.c & d. Transport was observed on road Q.7 to P.18 & P.23. Broad gauge railway trains are reported as continually observed during past three days in Q.12.a. - there appears to be a large dump there, and also junction between broad and light gauge lines. Horses still graze in large numbers in Q.18 and Q.24. A light gas concentration floated over I.18, I.23, and I.29 from the North at 11.30 p.m.

Edy H. Brett

Lieut.
 Reconnaissance Officer,
 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,
 17th May, 1918.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division.
18th May, 1918.

Brigadier General A.J. BESSELL BROWNE,
C.M.G., D.S.O.,
C.R.A., 5th Australian Division.

The attached is a copy of the Army Commander's
telegram of thanks and congratulations, received on the
occasion of Captain Baron Von Richthofen being shot down.

(Sd) J.T. HOBBS,
Major General,
Commanding, 5th Australian Division.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
18th. May 1918

Reference 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 23
Zero Hour will be 2 a.m. 19th. inst.

HEADQUARTERS
5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

No. 93/4/4635

Date.....

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

Issued to all recipients 5th. A.D.A.O. 23.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 23

Headquarters,
18th May, 1918.

1. To create a diversion a "Chinese" attack will take place by the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Group at a date to be notified.
2. At zero. a box barrage will be put on enemy posts from P.20. central to T Roads at P.8.d.7.1 in accordance with undermentioned Barrage Table.
3. Fixed Barrage:- 13th Aust.F.A.Brigade, 2-18 pdrs from P.20, central to P.15.a.0.0.
14th Aust.F.A.Brigade, 1-18 pdr P.15.a.0.0 to T Roads P.8.d.7.1.

Creeping Barrage:-

13th Aust.F.A.Brigade	- 3-18 pdr batteries
	1-4.5 How. Bty
14th Aust.F.A.Brigade	- 2-18 pdr batteries
	- 1-4.5 How. bty
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	- 3-18 pdr batteries
	1-4.5 How bty.

From P.15.a.0.0 to P.15.o.0.0 and creeping West for 100 yards each 5 minutes.

4. Rates of fire:-

Zero to plus 4 minutes	- 3 rounds per gun
	2 rounds per How.
Plus 4 minutes to plus 20 mins-	2 rounds per gun
	1 round per How
Zero plus 20 minutes - Stop.	

5. Zero hour and date will be notified later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Ryndell
Major, Capt
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 12 noon to:-

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13th Aust.F.A.Brigade	1	4th Aust. Divl Artillery	10
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16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.	3	14th Aust.Inf.Brigade	12
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	4	15th Aust.Inf.Brigade	13
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	5	Aust.Corps, R.A.	14
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	6	Aust.Corps, H.A.	15
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	7	5th Aust.Divn "G"	16
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 17/5/18 to 6 a.m. 18/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning a large enemy working party at P.14.b.9.5 was scattered with casualties, and the trench at P.15.c.7.6 bombarded. In the afternoon a small hostile group at P.10.c was dispersed. An anti-aircraft battery came forward to P.9.c.90.05; this was engaged, one gun-blown up, and the crew put to flight, two further casualties being inflicted before they got to cover. Enemy parties moving from P.10.c to P.11.b, and in P.11.c were dispersed. Trench system in P.4.d and P.10.b was bombarded by Hows, several rounds falling into the trench in P.10.b. An active T.M. at P.14.b.5.2 was silenced. At 8.45 p.m. a large enemy working party moving from P.22.a to P.14.d was engaged. At 10.5 p.m. new communication trench in the BOIS de VAIRE from P.14.d.50.92 to P.14.d.62.84 was heavily bombarded for five minutes. - At 11.10 p.m. a six minute concentration was fired on new work and dug-outs at K.31.a.5.1, on trench P.9.b.2.9 to P.3.d.5.1, and on tracks and shell hole positions P.15.central to P.15.c.central. At 2.30 a.m. a five minute concentration was fired on line of Minenwerfer pits K.25.c.00.05 to J.36.b.95.78, and on trench P.15.b.7.9. At 3 a.m. HAMEL was heavily shelled for six minutes, and at 4.5 a.m. a rolling barrage swept back from S.O.S. plus 525 yards to S.O.S. 25 yards in 5 minutes.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This has maintained its activity during the day, quieter at night. During the morning J.19.a was shelled by 20 rounds 5.9 How; O.6.a & b by 30 rounds 77 mm; J.19.d & J.20.c by 40 rounds 5.9 and 25 rounds 4.2 How; HAMELET, VAUX & VAIRE by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; P.13.a & c by 60 rounds 4.2 How and 20 rounds 77 mm; O.15.b by 48 rounds 5.9 How; O.17.a by 5 rounds 5.9 How; CORBIE by 5.9 How; O.13 by 4.2 H.V. gun; J.14 heavily by 4.2 Hows; I.28.b & I.29.c by 30 rounds 4.2 How. During both morning and afternoon I.35 was continuously shelled by 5.9 Hows, registered on to various points by aeroplane observations. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. a destructive shoot on battery positions in J.14 and J.15 was carried out by 4.2, 5.9 & 8" Hows, particular attention being paid to Wood J.14.c.1.8 and track J.15.a.4.0. During the afternoon Front Line system in P.8.c was shelled by 10 rounds 4.2 How; I.20 & I.19 lightly by 5.9 H.V. gun; outposts in P.2 by 77 mm lightly; J.19.b heavily by 5.9 Hows; P.13.a & c lightly by 77 mm battery in P.22.a; O.10.c.9.5 by 80 rounds 4.2 How; O.17.a by 100 rounds 4.2 How and 18 pdr; & J.18.a heavily by 4.2 Hows. During the night 40 rounds 4.2 How fell in O.11.b; 60 rounds yellow cross gas (4.2 How) in O.15.c, and a few bursts of 4.2 and 5.9 Hows on J.15.a. BLANGY TRONVILLE was bombarded by a 5.9 H.V. gun from V.18.a.96.30.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft were very active, crossing our lines at 7.10 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 10.5 a.m., 11 a.m., 8.15 p.m. and repeatedly during the night. Our planes dropped six bombs on HAMEL between 9 and 9.30 a.m. From 2 to 7 p.m. a considerable amount of horse and motor transport on the road through Q.25, Q.26, Q.27, going East from LAMOTTE. On the same road in the afternoon 28 parties each approx. 30 men moved West into LAMOTTE. A large enemy dump in Q.33.a was fired at 11.35 a.m., and burned till 5 p.m. At 11.45 a.m. a dump was blown-up behind the BOIS D'ARQUAIRE. A 5.9 How battery appeared to be firing from the wood in P.12.a.

18/5/18

J. R. Melton
Reconnaissance Officer, call
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER NO. 29.

by

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

Headquarters,
18th. May 1918.

181. - PROMOTIONS.

The undermentioned officers are granted the temporary rank of Major whilst Commanding a Battery :-

Captain A.R. Leschen. Dated 4.5.18.

Captain H. Retchford. Dated 5.5.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 330 dated 14.5.1918).

No. 1485 Sergeant R.T. OLIVE, 13th. F.A. Brigade to be Battery Quartermaster Sergeant (temp.) vice 8727 B.Q.M.S. O'Donnell, promoted. Dated 20.4.18.

No. 31814 Gunner E.S. DENLEY, 5th. D.A.H.Q. to be E. R. Bombardier. Dated 17.5.18.

182. - TRANSFER.

The following transfer is approved :-

10th. M.T.M. Battery to 5th. D.A. Column.
Lieut. A.D. Newmarch. Dated 17. 5.18.

183. - PERMANENT SUPERNUMERARY LIST.

Captain E.W. MURRAY having been transferred to the Permanent Supernumerary List, is struck off strength. Dated 22.4.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 330 dated 14.5.1918).

184. - MARCH DISCIPLINE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Special attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 dated 15.5.18. Commanding Officers will be held responsible that every paragraph affecting Horse Transport is explained to and understood by all ranks of their Command.

185. - WEEKLY RETURNS.

With reference to 5th. Aust. Div. R.O. No. 243 of 16.5.18. Units will forward A.F. B213 and A.F. B2069 direct to Australian Section, 3rd. Echelon, a duplicate copy of A.F. B213 being forwarded to this office.

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186. - EMPTY AMMUNITION BOXES.

It has been brought to notice that many empty ammunition boxes are being taken away and used either for firewood or for building shelters, the irregularity of which has apparently been frequently sanctioned by officers. This practice is to cease forthwith, as it is of the utmost importance that all empty boxes should be returned to Railhead.

187. - EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASES.

Many empty cartridge cases, and, in some instances, complete rounds of ammunition have been observed lying along tracks and roads. O's C. Units will make arrangements to have these collected and returned to A.R.P. In future every endeavour will be made to prevent any recurrence of this nature.

188. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders.

Paras 4005 - 4031.

4011. - Box Respirators - Tools for detaching Containers.

4012. - Breech Mechanisms. 4013. - C.S.L. Tents.

4019. - Dress. 4023. - Railways - Damage to.

A.I.F. Orders.

Paras 1225 - 1231.

1226. - Infantry and Artillery Cadet Battalions and Schools in England. - Allotment of Vacancies.

Fourth Army Routine Orders.

Paras 2039 - 2055.

2043. - Stationery 2045. - Steel Helmets.

2046. - Gas Zones.

2047. - Horses, Protection of, against Gas.

2050. - Billets and Gas.

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders.

Paras 240 - 257.

240. - Promotion of Officers. 242. - Burials.

243. - A.F. B. 213 and A.F. B. 2069.

246. - Shorts. 247. - Divisional Armourers Shop.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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From 6 a.m. 18/5/18 to 6 a.m. 19/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning hostile party in P.15.b was engaged and scattered, and a hostile battery in P.22.d silenced. In the afternoon an enemy party carrying timber was engaged, casualties being inflicted. Working parties in P.15.d, & P.16.a were dispersed. Between 6.30 and 9 p.m. roads and bridges in Q.1, Q.2, Q.3, Q.9, Q.18, and Q.19 were kept under fire. At 8 p.m. large bodies of enemy at P.22.a.50.95 and in P.15.c were engaged. At 9 p.m. trench K.26.c. 8.5 to K.26.c.90.55, and trench P.14.b.55.05 to P.14.b.75.04 were bombarded for two minutes. At 2 a.m. a "Chinese" attack was fired on the BOIS de VAIRE, lasting 20 minutes, in support of attack by Left flank division. At 4.5 a.m. a rolling barrage swept from "S.O.S" plus 100 yards to "S.O.S" plus 600 yards, and back from "S.O.S" plus 400 yards to "S.O.S" plus 200 yards.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This has been considerably quieter during the period, and chiefly by field guns. During the morning J.20 and J.27 were shelled at intervals by 4.2 Hows; J.13.d by a 4.2 H.V. gun; J.25.a by 6 rounds 77 mm; HAMELET by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows from the BOIS de VAIRE; CORBIE by 5.9 Hows lightly; O.17.a.4.3 by 15 rounds 77 mm, and O.11.c by 10 rounds 5.9 How, 30 rounds 4.2 How and 50 rounds 77 mm. During the afternoon J.36.a was lightly shelled by 77 mm battery; I.34 lightly by 5.9 Hows; Roads on North of River by 77 mm battery; O.10.c. lightly by 77 mm; O.17.a.35.20 by 15 rounds 77 mm; O.17.b by 20 rounds 77 mm; I.29.a by 35 rounds 77 mm; O.11.c by 20 rounds 77 mm, and O.17.a by 20 rounds gas shell. The night was quiet - I.29.b & d were lightly shelled by 4.2 Hows, and I.28 by 4.2 Hows. VECQUEMONT, DAOURS and O.13 were intermittently shelled by H.V. gun.

3. GENERAL. Considerably less movement observed. Visibility good between noon and 4 p.m. At 2.30 p.m. flashes of large gun, thought to be on railway were observed on T.B. 1510 from I.36.a.3.8. At 11.25 a.m. a number of men moved singly from the BOIS de HAMEL bridge behind P.16.a. Between 5 and 6 p.m. movement in P.16.a.

Eq. H. Brook

Lieut.

Reconnaissance Officer,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

19th May, 1918.



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As at 6 a.m. 20/5/18

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DISPOSITION RETURN No. 76

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.	Hospice, FOUILLOY	FOUILLOY
49th Battery	0.10.c.9.3	H.36.a.8.9
50th "	0.11.a.90.32	N.10.c.20.30
51st "	0.17.a.45.33	N.5.d.65.10
113th "	0.10.a.85.85	H.29.a.8.5
A/77 " 3 guns	0.17.d.65.95	
" " 1 gun	0.17.c.8.1	H.28.d.8.3
" " 1 gun	0.17.a.20.35	
O/77 "	0.17.b.18.46	H.28.d.5.5
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.2	I.9.b.2.2
53rd Battery 2 guns	I.24.b.50.34	I.13.c.2.2
" " 4 guns	J.13.c.05.00	
54th " 4 guns	I.24.b.55.10	H.24.c.
" " 2 guns	I.24.d.06.62	
55th " 4 guns	I.29.c.92.45	H.18.d.7.0
" " 2 guns	I.36.a.58.66	
114th "	I.35.a.62.61	I.21.b.8.6
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A. Group H.Q.	I.30.a.8.3	I.16.d.5.5
A/150 Battery 5 guns	J.15.b.90.60	C.25.c.95.10
B/150 " 3 guns	J.14.c.50.50	
" " 1 gun	J.21.b.10.10	I.1.c.30.45
" " 2 guns	J.14.d.15.00	
O/150 " 3 guns	J.14.b.32.48	C.25.c.20.20
" " 3 guns	J.25.d.40.99	
D/150 " 2 Hows	J.19.d.40.70	
" " 2 Hows	J.28.a.30.60	I.7.b.80.80
" " 2 Hows	J.27.a.70.60	
B/77 " 2 guns	J.14.b.70.35	
" " 3 guns	J.14.d.45.50	I.15.d.30.40
D/77 " 4 Hows	J.15.a.30.75	
" " 2 Hows	J.15.b.75.75	H.12.d.0.7

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UNIT	LOCATION	WAGON LINES
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A. H.Q.	I.21.b.5.8	I.20.b.9.5
A/298th Battery	I.28.b.05.60	N.6.a.95.45
B/298th "	I.28.a.02.58	I.20.b.3.8
C/298th "	I.28.d.15.60	H.34.d.75.60
D/298th "	I.28.b.2.9	I.14.d.2.4
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.H.Q.	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
"A" Battery		H.17.d.5.6
"Q" "	Mobile	H.23.b & d
"J" "		H.23.b & d
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A. (H.Q. not functioning)	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	I.34.c.40.85	
9th M.T.M. Battery	I.29.c.45.00	
10th "	I.34.c.40.85	
5th Aust. D.A. Column, H.Q.	H.22.b.2.7	
No.1 Section	H.22.b.5.8	
No.2 Section	H.22.a.9.9	
S.A.A. Section	CANON	
5th Aust. A.R.P.	H.26.a.5.9	
Main A.R.P.	N.6.c.0.0.	
16th R.H.A., B.A.C.	N.3.d & N.4.c	
77th R.F.A., B.A.C.	H.28.b.	
150th R.F.A., B.A.C.	H.32.c & d.	
298th R.F.A., B.A.C.	N.8.d. central	
10th A.A.S.C.	ALLONVILLE	
5th Aust. Vet. Sec (Mobile)	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
Ordnance Workshop (Forward)	LONGPRE	
22nd 53rd Ordnance Workshops	(Light) PICQUIGNY	
Supply Dump 5th Aust.	PONT NOYELLES (H.12.c.7.4)	
Div. Troops		

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H.Q. 19/5/18

Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 19/5/18 to 6 a.m. 20/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning visibility was bad owing to haze and no targets presented themselves. At 12 noon and again at 2 p.m., a concentration shoot by two brigades was carried out in conjunction with Heavy Artillery, on hostile battery P.B.41, which was immediately silenced on each occasion. Movement in P.14.b.8.7 was dispersed; a small party of enemy in P.3.d.8.7 dispersed to cover; a body of men on road in P.15.a put to flight, and a digging party at P.15.a.9.6 dispersed with casualties. At 4 p.m. an enemy observer was noticed in a tree in P.16.b, and forced to descend and take cover. Dump at P.22.a.5.2 was bombarded. A suspected battery at P.18.b.15.85 was engaged, and men seen to run back along road in P.18.c. HAMEL was intermittently engaged. At 8.39 p.m. a rolling barrage swept forward from "S.O.S" plus 100 yards to "S.O.S" plus 600 yards, five minutes. At 11.30 p.m. all roads and approaches were engaged for three minutes. At 1.45 a.m. BOIS de VAIRE was bombarded for eight minutes, and again for five minutes at 2.37 a.m. At 3.55 a.m. possible assembly points and routes were swept for five minutes.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Slightly quieter, but remains active. A considerable increase in activity of H.V. guns. During the morning I.29.c was shelled by 270 rounds 5.9 How, controlled by aeroplane observation; CORBIE by 4.2 H.V. gun from Q.6.d; O.10.c by 20 rounds 18 pdr; VAIRE lightly by 4.2 Hows; O.18.b & d by 15 rounds 77 mm, and HAMELET lightly by 4.2 gun. In the afternoon a 4.2 How battery was registered on windmill in J.27.a; valley in J.15 was swept and searched by 4.2 Hows and 77 mm for seventy-four minutes, 6 rounds per minute; J.27.b was lightly shelled by 5.9 Hows; O.16.a & b by 30 rounds 5.9 How, and 110 rounds 4.2 How and 77 mm; O.10.c by 70 rounds 5.9 How; O.17.b by 30 rounds 5.9 How; J.22 and J.23 by 400 rounds 4.2 How and H.V.; road in J.13.a and J.7.d intermittently by 5.9 Hows, and J.21.a by 50 rounds 4.2 How. H.V. gun engaged VECQUEMONT, DAOURS, BUSSEY-les-DAOURS, and valley in N.17 and N.23. The night was quiet - 30 rounds H.E. & gas (yellow cross) fell in O.18.a between 9 and 9.30 p.m. BUSSEY-les-DAOURS was shelled in the morning by long range shrapnel and H.V. Shooting of long range guns was erratic.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft have been very active on bombing patrols and artillery registration. One of our planes was forced down in vicinity of HAMELET.

Edg - H. Brett

Lieut,

Reconnaissance Officer,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

20/5/18.



"B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

COMPOSITION and ORGANISATION of MEDIUM TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES.

1. The Trench Mortars of the "B" Divisional Sector consist of two Medium Batteries of 6" Newton Mortars. One Battery is in the line. Positions, Zero lines and Area of fire, are as follows:-

Description	Position.	Zero line.	Arc of fire.
(a) 6" Newton	J.29.c.45.00	J.36.c.48.50	25° R & L of Zero
(b) 6" Newton	J.29.c.15.00	J.36.c.48.50	25° R & L of Zero
(c) 6" Newton	P.8.b.10.20	To engage BOIS de VAIRE	
(d) 6" Newton	P.8.b.10.70	To engage HAMMEL	
(e) 6" Newton	J.26.b.15.50	J.32.a.45.10	25° R & L of Zero
(f) 6" Newton	J.26.b.23.55	J.32.a.45.10	25° R & L of Zero
Alternative			
(ai)	J.29.c.50.10	J.36.b.00.85 (Ravine)	25° R & L of Zero
(bi)	J.34.b.80.75	P.5.a.10.30 (Quarry)	25° R & L of Zero

"S.O.S" lines in each case on Zero.

2. The guns of the other Battery are kept with the "B" Divisional Ammunition Column. Personnel of the second Battery man two anti-tank guns vide Sheet "E". Resting personnel is accommodated at LA NEUVILLE.

3. The D.T.M.O. lives at LA NEUVILLE (I.34.c.40.85) and arranges reliefs of personnel for the guns in the line and is responsible for the arrangement of ammunition supply.

4. 100 rounds per Mortar are kept at the gun positions and 100 rounds per 6" Mortar in action at the "B" Divisional Ammunition Column. Supply is by G.S.Wagon direct from the Divisional Ammunition Column to the gun positions.

AMENDMENT No. 16 to "B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. Sheet "K" of the "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme is CANCELLED and the above substituted.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

Headquarters,
20/5/18.

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

Issued at 12 noon to all recipients of "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 24

Headquarters,
20th May, 1918.

1. (a) The 3rd Australian Division (less Artillery) is relieving the 4th Australian Division (less Artillery) in "A" Divisional Sector and area on nights 20th/21st May, 1918, and 21st/22nd May, 1918.

(b) Inter-Brigade reliefs take place as follows:-

- Night 20th/21st - 11th Australian Infantry Brigade relieves the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade in Line Right.
- Night 21st/22nd - 9th Australian Infantry Brigade relieves the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade in Line Left.
- Morning 22nd May - 10th Australian Infantry Brigade relieves the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade in Reserve Brigade area.

2. On completion of relief Headquarters of 3rd and 4th Australian Divisions will be at GLISY and ALLONVILLE respectively.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

J. H. Mon
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 3.30 p.m. to:-

	Copy No.	Copy No.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	1 Aust. Corps, H.A.	9
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2 Aust. Corps, H.A.	10
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.	3 5th Aust. Division "G"	11
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	4 R.O.	12
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	5 B.M.	13
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	6 File	14
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	7 War Diary	15 - 17
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY?

From 6 a.m. 20.5.18 to 6 a.m. 21.5.18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning two small parties moving into the BOIS D'ACCROCHE were dispersed, and a hostile battery at P.24.c.8.1 bombarded. During the afternoon a hostile party at P.11.c.7.5 was scattered and casualties inflicted. A group of 10 men in P.17.c dispersed, and movement in P.17.a engaged. A working party digging in P.14.b were engaged, six direct hits being registered on the work, and casualties observed. One Bosche moving from HAMEL to the BOIS D'ARQUAIRE was sniped and killed. A suspected battery at P.16.b.4.4 was engaged. Trench at P.4.b.8.2 was bombarded and partially destroyed. At 7.5 p.m. movement in trench at P.14.b was engaged. At 7.15 p.m. a G.S. wagon moving from P.24 to P.17 was engaged - the wagon turned and retreated rapidly towards WARFUSSE, bags dropping off behind. At 9 p.m. a party at P.15.c.85.55 was dispersed. At 9.30 p.m. group bombardments were carried out on new work on the Divisional front for two minutes, and at 10.30 p.m. on suspected battery positions. At 11.20 p.m. a three minute burst was fired on approaches; this was repeated at 11.40 p.m. for two minutes. At 12.15 a.m. a one minute burst was fired on P.16.central. At 1.45 a.m., 2 a.m., 2.15 a.m., 2.32 a.m., 2.25 a.m., and 3.15 a.m., two minute bursts were fired on the BOIS de VAIRE, and new works and suspected battery positions in the vicinity. At 3.20 a.m. centres of activity and possible assembly points on the Divisional front were swept for five minutes.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This has been slightly quieter, but remains active. H.V. guns are still active. During the morning 20 rounds H.V. shrapnel and H.E. were fired on VECQUEMONT and BUSSY-les-DAOURS; J.19.a and J.27.b were shelled by 4.2 Hows and 77 mm; the valley in J.22 and J.28 by 4.2 Hows; I.35 by H.V. gun; I.36 intermittently by 30 rounds 77 mm and 4.2 How; J.27.b by 10 rounds 4.2 How; CORBIE by 25 rounds 4.2 H.V.; P.19.a lightly by 4.2 Hows; P.13.b lightly by 4.2 Hows; I.34.a by 4.2 Hows. From 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. O.10.c and O.11.c received 300 rounds 5.9 and 4.2 How. During the afternoon I.29 was lightly shelled by 77 mm H.E. and gas; I.29.a & c by 30 rounds 4.2 How; I.30 by bursts of fire from 77 mm; I.36 intermittently by 77 mm and I.35 by H.V. gun on T.B. 77th from I.36.a.4.7. During the night two bursts of 50 rounds 4.2 and 5.9 How fell in O.17.b. Five bursts of 12 rounds each 77 mm gas and H.E. fell in I.29.b & d; 20 rounds 4.2 fell in O.17.c & d.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft were very active, bombing in back areas. Several bombs fell in BUSSY-les-DAOURS. At 6 a.m. eight guns, with six horse teams, were observed on the road P.23, P.29, P.16.d. All appeared to move forward to P.16.d. Half an hour later the limbers alone returned.

21st May, 1918.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 30.

BY -

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

Headquarters,
22nd. May 1918.

189. - PROMOTION.

Lieut. H.K. Irving to be Captain. Dated 13.5.18.
(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 331 dated 17.5.1918).

190. - DENTAL TREATMENT.

No. 101 Australian Dental Unit has been attached to this Divisional Artillery and is located at Headquarters, 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.

Days are allotted to Units as follows :-

5th. Aust. D.A. H.Q. & 5th. Aust. T.M. Batteries - Sundays.
13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. - Mondays & Thursdays.
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. - Tuesdays & Fridays.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column. - Wednesdays & Saturdays.

Personnel of the 5th. Aust. M.T.M. Batteries will report to the M.O. attached to the 5th. Aust. D.A. Column when requiring dental treatment.

The M.O's attached to F.A. Brigades and D.A.C. will organise the sending of personnel of the Units to which they are attached for dental treatment.

M.O's can send personnel requiring very urgent treatment to the Dental Officer at any time.

191. - CRACKED CARTRIDGE CASES.

Attention is redirected to Fourth Army Standing Order No. 653. The method of return at present will be through A.R.P's whence Officers in charge will forward to Railhead by lorries, obtaining receipt from M.T. Company.

192. - ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY, etc.

Attention is redirected to 5th. Aust. D.R.O. No. 50, which is republished for information.

"In future, in all cases where prisoners or men in custody or confinement escape from a guard room, etc., the N.C.O. or man responsible is to be tried by Court Martial. A report is to be sent to Divisional Headquarters in all cases of men escaping from custody or confinement."

193. - SANDBAGS AND WIRE NETTING.

Sandbags and Wire Netting are not to be used for making aeroplane bomb screens in wagon lines. The above material is both scarce and costly and must be used only for authorised purposes.

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5th. Aust. D.A.R.O. No. 30.

22nd. May 1918.

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194. - R.E. MATERIAL.

When Officers of R.E. Field Companies are attached to Brigades, all indents for material must be submitted through them. On no account will they be forwarded by Brigades or Batteries to this office.

195. - ORDERS.

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

A.I.F. Orders.

Paras 1232 - 1235.

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders.

Paras 248 - 254.

248. - Gas Poisoning through Neglect.

252. - Box Respirator Haversacks - Washing of.

253. - Forage Rations.

254. - Bars to Decorations.

Basil Morris

Captain,
Staff Captain,

5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

NOTICE.

STOLEN. - Taken from the lines of "Q" Battery R.H.A. on the night of the 20/21st. inst., 5 sets of officers nickel-plated stirrup irons, two of which were marked "B.76 R.F.A." and "E.50". A Portsmouth Bit marked SMITH & SONS, was stolen at the same time.

Information should be given to A.P.M. 5th. Aust. Division, or to this office.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 21/5/18 to 6 a.m. 22/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning a hostile minenwerfer at P.9.b. 55.00 was silenced. A series of seven concentration shoots, each of two minutes, was carried out on hostile battery positions at P.16.a.90.45 and P.16.central. During the afternoon hostile parties in P.11.central, and behind the BOIS de HAMEL were dispersed. Movement in the BOIS de VAIRE was stopped. A group of enemy on ridge in P.11 were put to flight, and a dug-out in P.16.c bombarded. Considerable enemy movement in P.17.a was heavily engaged, result unknown owing to darkness. At 8 p.m. six G.S. wagons reported at P.17. central were fired on. At 7.35 and 7.48 p.m. working parties in P.21.a and at P.14.d.5.6, were dispersed, casualties being inflicted in each case. At 9.35 p.m. a two minute burst was fired on suspected battery position at P.16.a.95.60, and approaches to HAMEL searched. At 10.30 p.m. a shell hole dump at P.9.c.65.65 to P.9.c.55.45 was bombarded by all groups for five minutes. At 11.45 p.m. shell hole dumps at P.21.a.55.70 - P.21.a.55.55, K.35.b.30.55 - K.25.b.20.35, and K.25.b.4.2 - K.25.b.4.0 were bombarded for five minutes. At 2 a.m. shell hole dumps P.21.b.90.10 - P.21.b.90.00, and K.25.d.60.90 - K.25.d.55.85 received a three minute concentration, whilst the valley in P.9.d was swept. At 3.10 a.m. a rolling barrage came back from S.O.S. plus 500 yards to S.O.S. plus 100 yards. At 3.55 a.m. a five minute area shoot was fired on centre of activity P.15.c. M.T.M. fired 130 rounds on various targets during the night 20th/21st. Infantry report that the shooting on areas P.4.d and P.5.a.1.3 caused considerable panic among enemy and our machine guns were able to play on parties as they dispersed.

2. HOSTILE SHELLING. This remained active North of the SOMME, and slightly increased in activity on the South. H.V. guns were again active. In the morning O.17.c was shelled by 18 rounds 4.2 How; O.16.b heavily by 5.9 Hows (over 300 rounds between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon); valley J.15.b and J.9.d by 30 rounds 4.2 How; J.13 and J.14 intermittently by 4.2 and 8" Hows. During the afternoon I.36.c was lightly shelled by 77 mm; J.19.d by 32 rounds 5.9 How; VAIRE lightly by 4.2 How; J.19.a by 40 rounds 5.9 How and 20 rounds H.V. I.36.d lightly by 77 mm; I.36.b intermittently by 77 mm and by 30 rounds 5.9 How; O.17.a and b by 4.2 H.V. 30 rounds gas and 20 rounds H.E.; O.10.a & b by 15 rounds 5.9 How; O.9.c & d by 60 rounds 4.2 H.V; Front Line system lightly by 77 mm; O.12.c & d by 24 rounds 4.2 H.V; O.15.b & d by 60 rounds H.V (H.E & gas); and O.12.a & b by 50 rounds 77 mm, H.E & gas. From 6 to 7.15 p.m. 200 rounds yellow cross gas fell in O.17.a & b, O.10.a, and O.9.c & d. Sixty rounds gas alone in O.15.b & d. From 10.45 to 11 p.m. 50 rounds 77 gas fell in O.12.c. During the night BONNAY received 10 rounds 4.2 How; O.17.c & d 10 rounds 4.2 How and O.17.c five rounds 77 mm. A new battery of 4.2 guns is reported firing on T.B. 90° from J.28.a.45.68; these appear to be well forward, and fired a few rounds on J.20 & J.21.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft were very active. Considerable minor movement was observed in P.14.b & d during the afternoon. Considerable amount of transport going East on WARFUSEE road. Fire observed in P.16.b during the morning. Balloon up on T.B. 125° from O.10.c.95.35. The factory chimney in HAMEL was destroyed by the Heavy Artillery in the morning.

Edw. H. Broth

Lieut.

Reconnaissance Officer,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

22nd May, 1918.

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"B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

COMPOSITION and ORGANISATION of MEDIUM TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES.

1. The Trench Mortars of the "B" Divisional Sector consist of two Medium Batteries of 6" Newton Mortars. One Battery is in the line. Positions, Zero lines and Arcs of fire, are as follows:-

Position	Zero line	Arc of fire	S.O.S. line
{a} J.29.o.45.00	J.36.o.48.50	25° R & L of Zero	J.36.o.48.50
{b} J.29.o.15.00	J.36.o.48.50	25° R & L of Zero	J.35.d.70.00
{c} P.8.b.10.20	P.15.o.55.70	P.14.d.45.40-P.15.b.50.60.	P.15.a.40.40
{d} P.8.b.15.45	P.3.d.80.40	P.9.b.95.20-P.3.b.15.40	P.3.d.10.05
{e} J.26.b.15.50	J.32.a.45.10	25° R & L of Zero	J.32.a.45.10
{f} J.26.b.23.55	J.32.a.45.10	25° R & L of Zero	J.32.a.45.10

Alternative.

(ai) J.29.o.50.10	J.36.b.00.85 (Ravine)	25° R & L of Zero	J.36.b.00.85
(bi) J.34.b.80.75	P.5.a.10.30 (Quarry)	25° R & L of Zero	P.5.a.10.30

2. The guns of the other Battery are kept with the "B" Divisional Ammunition Column. Personnel of the second Battery man two anti-tank guns, vide Sheet "E". Resting personnel is accommodated at LA NEUVILLE.

3. The D.T.M.O. lives at LA NEUVILLE (I.34.o.40.85) and arranges reliefs of personnel for the guns in the line and is responsible for the arrangement of ammunition supply.

4. 100 rounds per Mortar are kept at the gun positions and 100 rounds per 6" Mortar in action at the "B" Divisional Ammunition Column. Supply is by G.S. Wagon direct from the Divisional Ammunition Column to the gun positions.

AMENDMENT No.17 to "B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. Sheet "K" of the "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme is CANCELLED and the above substituted.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

Headquarters, 22/5/18.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 2 p.m. to all recipients of "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 22/5/18 to 6 a.m. 23/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. In the morning an N.F. call for a battery at P.17.a. 85.50 was answered. In the afternoon hostile parties in P.5.c, P.16.c, P.10.d and at P.5.c.5.0 were dispersed. At 7 p.m. the enemy were observed emplacing a Minenwerfer in the post at P.10.d.6.2 - the target was engaged, and a number of rounds observed to fall in the pit with the mortar personnel. A concentration was fired on this post at 9 p.m. An active T.M. at P.9.b.7.2 was silenced. At 8.40 p.m. G.S. Wagons in P.15.c and P.16.c were turned and put to flight. At 3.30 p.m. a battery at P.20.b.80.95 was engaged - the infantry observed two casualties. Bursts of fire were put on P.14.d.95.25, and casualties inflicted. Enemy parties in J.22.a and P.17.a were also engaged and scattered. At 9.30 p.m. tracks in K.19.d were swept for five minutes, and dug-outs from P.14.d.9.1 to P.14.d.9.5, and at P.14.d.95.35 bombarded. At 11.15 p.m. tracks and roads on the Divisional front were searched for three minutes. At 12 midnight a two minute concentration was fired on Minenwerfer positions at K.26.c.9.0, and on new trench P.10.d.35.45 to P.10.d.3.4. At 2.5 a.m. trench system in P.10.b, trench system in P.9.a and camouflaged work at P.20.b.15.85 were bombarded for five minutes. At 3.15 a.m. a three minute burst was fired on new work in front of BOIS de VAIRE, and on dug-outs by ridge at K.32.b.30.85. At 4.5 a.m. a barrage swept in from S.O.S. plus 700 yards to S.O.S. plus 300 yards, and out from S.O.S. plus 150 yards to S.O.S. plus 350 yards. 6th Newton Trench Mortars fired 100 rounds on various targets during the night 21st/22nd May.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This increased in activity on the South of the River, and in night firing. During the morning I.29.c was shelled by 5.9 Hows, registered by plane; VAUX lightly by a 5.9 gun; P.13.a by 50 rounds 5.9 How; HAMELET by 20 rounds 4.2 How; VAIRE & lightly by 4.2 Hows; O.16.a heavily by 400 rounds 5.9 How; I.24.d, J.19.c & d lightly by 4.2 H.V. on T.B. 89° from I.30.a.8.6. During the afternoon J.21.b & d was shelled by 50 rounds 4.2 & 5.9 How; I.24.b by 20 rounds 5.9 How; I.24.d by 30 rounds 4.2 How from P.22.b; VAIRE lightly by 4.2 Hows; O.10.c by 180 rounds 5.9 How; P.13.a by 150 rounds 4.2 How, and I.29.d lightly by 4.2 How. From 6 to 11 p.m. O.16.b was intermittently shelled by 77 mm, and throughout the night occasional bursts of six rounds of 4.2 How fell in O.17.b. From 1.10 to 3 a.m. J.15.b and J.19.b were heavily shelled by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows, with gas & H.E. - this then continued intermittently. J.28.a was fairly heavily shelled with gas and H.E., 4.2 and 5.9 Hows throughout the night. Gas used was chiefly Blue Cross, with some Yellow Cross. O.7 & O.13 were intermittently shelled by 4.2 & 5.9 Hows, H.E.

3. GENERAL. Visibility was low until 2 p.m. then fair - was too indifferent to permit of observation of back area movement. Enemy aircraft were active during the day, and very active bombing at night. At 10.15 p.m. five bombs dropped S.W. and S.E. of DAOURS. At 1.20 a.m. 30 bombs were dropped in BUSSY-les-DAOURS and vicinity. At 2.30 a.m. six bombs fell in BONNAY, and six in I.21.b.

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23rd May, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 23/5/18 to 6 a.m. 24/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. In the morning a small working party at the cross roads in Q.7.b was engaged, and took refuge behind the bank. During the afternoon parties in P.16.a, P.16.c, P.11.d, P.11.a, P.10.d, and P.17.b, were engaged and dispersed - average size of party was six men. Three linesmen working at P.16.a.9.4 were engaged, and one casualty inflicted. At 2 p.m. a large enemy working party working to the West of the BOIS de VAIRE were heavily engaged - ten stretcher cases were afterwards removed from there. An O.P. at P.15.d.7.7 was bombarded, two direct hits being registered. N.F. calls for P.5.c. 2.2 and P.11.b.51.62 were answered. Between 7.45 and 9.15 p.m. the traffic on the main WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT road was engaged, with the result that one G.S. Wagon and two limbers were knocked out, two limbers bolted across country, and casualties on personnel were inflicted. During the night counter preparation was fired; counter preparation zones swept; a three minute concentration fired on the work in front of the BOIS de VAIRE; a two minute concentration on the BOIS de HAMMEL; a rolling barrage searched from S.O.S. plus 375 yards back to S.O.S. plus 75 yards, and from S.O.S. plus 525 yards to S.O.S. plus 325 yards. Hostile T.M.s silenced on several occasions. 6" Newton T.M.s fired 114 rounds on various targets night 22nd/23rd May.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Considerable decrease in activity both during the day and night - no concentrations are reported, and no deliberate shoots. Very slight gas shelling. In the morning a 5.9 How and a 77 mm gun registered on the mill in J.27.a; O.12.c was lightly shelled by 4.2 Hows and 77 mm; O.17.b and d by 20 rounds 4.2 How; O.11.c and O.11.a by 12 rounds 4.2 gas. During the afternoon J.13 was lightly shelled by 4.2 Hows from P.20; J.27.b by 50 rounds 5.9 How; BONIAY by 24 rounds 8" How from direction P.22.b; J.26.c & d by 20 rounds 77 mm; O.17.b lightly by 77 mm; O.11.c lightly by 5.9 Hows; J.27.b by 5.9 and 8" Hows. During the night O.16.b was lightly shelled by 5.9 Hows; O.10.b by 4 rounds gas; O.11.a by 12 rounds gas.

3. GENERAL. Considerable increase in movement, both of small parties in the forward area, and of infantry, transport and trains in the back area. Much movement of mounted men on the Ridge in P.18; considerable movement of infantry and transport on the main WARFUSEE road, and on roads leading S.W. into WARFUSEE. Considerable movement of trains and traffic in R.8, R.9, R.14, and of trains in Q.25.d. Between 8 and 8.3 p.m. two heavy guns were observed being pulled out from Q.19.b.2.6, drawn back to the road by ten horse teams. These were apparently pulled back into another hollow. At 8.45 p.m. a mile and a half of transport was reported on the PROYART road, moving from R.9 South, and from then until visibility failed much movement was seen on main roads in back areas. At dawn much movement was again visible.

24th May, 1918.

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From 6 a.m. 24/5/18 to 6 a.m. 25/5/18
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1. OPERATIONS. Targets were limited by poor visibility. In the morning enemy parties at P.10.a.8.3 and in P.17.a were dispersed, and trench in P.10.b, where movement was observed, was bombarded. In the afternoon a small group at P.16.b.6.4 was engaged. At 9.50 p.m. a concentration was fired on new work to the West of the BOIS de VAIRE; at 11.30 p.m., 11.40 p.m., and 2.10 a.m., two minute bursts were fired on approaches on the divisional front; and at 3 a.m. five minute concentrations were fired on counter preparation zones. At 3.55 a.m. a rolling barrage swept in from S.O.S. plus 600 yards to S.O.S. plus 200 yards. At 3.25 a.m. possible points of assembly were swept for five minutes. Between 2.15 to 2.30 a.m. fire was put down in support of a minor operation by the Infantry. A hostile T.M. in cemetery in J.36.c was silenced. 6th Newton T.Ms fired 68 rounds on various targets in J.36.c, P.4.b, and P.5.a.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Inactive except for one shoot of 200 rounds 4.2 How on J.27.b. The light scattered shelling that took place appeared to be limited to a few batteries only. In the morning 0.12, 0.17.a & b, and 0.18 were lightly shelled by a 4.2 How on T.B. 110th from 0.17.b.18.40; R.13.a lightly by 4.2 Hows; P.13.a, P.7.c, and 0.10.d by 100 rounds 4.2 H.V., and J.27.b by 200 rounds 4.2 How. The afternoon was quiet, no shoot of over ten rounds being reported. During the night I.24.d was lightly shelled by 77 mm; BONNAY by 6 rounds 5.9 How; 0.11.a by 16 rounds 4.2 gas; CORBIE by 20 rounds 5.9 How; 0.17.b, 0.11.c, and 0.16 lightly by 4.2 Hows; AUBIGNY by 5 rounds 5.9 How, and DAOURS by a few rounds H.V. calibre unknown.

3. GENERAL. Visibility was bad after 10 a.m., but from dawn to that time considerable movement was observed in back areas, including much horse and motor transport on the WARFUSSE road. Considerable transport on the road Q.7 to Q.8, and bodies of Infantry moving along the road from Q.15 to Q.9. The enemy were also observed moving in pairs with full kit, into the trench at P.10.b when visibility failed.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 25/5/18 to 6 a.m. 26/5/18
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1. OPERATIONS. During the morning a hostile party at P.14.b was dispersed with casualties. During the afternoon movement in P.15.d, P.16.c, P.10.b, P.11.d, and P.16.o was engaged at different times, and dispersed. At 8.15 p.m. N.F. call P.B.44 answered; this battery was then given a gas concentration. At 9.45 p.m. an area shoot was carried out on P.10.d, lasting 4 minutes. At 10.30 p.m. HAMIL and approaches were subjected to a five minute concentration. At 2.10 a.m. P.16.b was swept for four minutes. At 2.40 a.m. and 3.10 a.m. counter preparation zones were searched for five minutes, and at 3.50 a.m. a rolling barrage crept in from S.O.S. plus 500 yards to S.O.S. plus 100 yards, and out from S.O.S. plus 50 yards to S.O.S. plus 250 yards, in seven minutes.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This was very quiet on our front during the night, and quiet during the day. There is a marked increase in the activity of 77 mm guns; Howitzers were inactive. During the morning 18 rounds 77 mm shrapnel burst on the wood in J.33.b; J.20.a & b were shelled by 50 rounds 77 mm; P.13.b & d by 100 rounds 77 mm; P.19.d lightly by 77 mm; J.27 by 14 rounds 77 mm, and bursts of 4.2 H.V; O.10.d by 4.2 How, lightly; O.24.b & d by 40 rounds 77 mm and 8 rounds 4.2 How; O.23.a & c by 20 rounds 77 mm; O.10.d and O.16.b by 30 rounds 5.9 How. A 4.2 How battery registered on the windmill in J.27.a. During the afternoon BOUZINCOURT was lightly shelled by 5.9 Hows and 77 mm; J.24.a by 20 rounds 77 mm; wood in J.33.o by 77 mm battery; O.16.b by 16 rounds 4.2 How, and O.10, O.16, O.17 by 77 mm, scattered. During the night no shoot of over 10 rounds was reported; heavy gas bombardment reported on the right flank.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft inactive. Visibility poor till 11 a.m. then fair. An O.P. is suspected at P.14.b.4.3. An earthwork is under construction in P.10.c.9.8.

26th May, 1918.

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As at 6 a.m. 27/5/18

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DISPOSITION RETURN No. 77

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

UNIT	LOCATION	WAGON LINES
13th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	Hospice, FOUILLOY	FOUILLOY
49th Battery 5 guns	0.10.b.1.5	H.36.a.8.9
" " 1 gun	0.10.b.10.98	
50th " "	0.16.a.90.32	N.15.d.55.75
51st " "	0.17.a.45.33	N.5.d.65.10
113th " "	0.4.a.9.6	H.29.a.8.5
A/77 " 4 guns	0.17.d.65.95	
" " 1 gun	0.17.c.8.1	H.28.d.8.3
" " 1 gun	0.17.d.20.35	
O/77 " "	0.17.b.18.46	H.28.d.5.5
14th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	I.23.d.6.2	I.9.b.2.2
53rd Battery 2 guns	I.24.d.50.34	I.13.c.2.2
" " 4 guns	J.13.c.05.00	
54th " 2 guns	I.24.b.55.10	H.24.c.
" " 4 guns	I.24.d.06.62	
55th " 4 guns	I.29.c.92.45	H.18.d.7.0
" " 2 guns	I.36.a.58.66	
114th " "	I.35.a.62.61	I.21.b.8.6
B/298 " 4 guns	J.26.a.20.40	I.14.d.20.40
" " 2 guns	J.26.d.20.95	
150th Army Bde, H.Q.	I.30.a.8.3	I.16.d.5.5
A/150 Battery 5 guns	J.15.b.90.60	O.25.c.95.10
B/150 " 3 guns	J.14.c.50.50	I.1.c.30.45
" " 1 gun	J.21.b.10.10	
" " 2 guns	J.14.d.15.00	
O/150 " 3 guns	J.14.b.32.48	O.25.c.20.20
" " 3 guns	J.15.d.40.99	
D/150 " 2 Hows	J.19.d.40.70	
" " 2 Hows	J.28.a.30.60	I.7.b.80.80
" " 2 Hows	J.27.a.70.60	
B/77 " 2 guns	J.14.b.70.35	
" " 3 guns	J.14.d.45.50	I.15.d.30.40
D/77 " 4 Hows	J.15.a.30.75	
" " 2 Hows	J.15.b.75.75	H.12.d.0.7

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UNIT	LOCATION	WAGON LINES
298th Army Bde, R.F.A., H.Q.	I.21.b.5.8	I.20.b.9.5
A/298 Battery	I.28.b.40.90	N.5.d.80.15
C/298 "	I.28.d.22.43	H.28.d.4.4
D/298 "	I.22.d.55.40	I.14.d.40.50
16th Army Bde, R.H.A., H.Q.	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	N.17.d.5.6
"A" Battery	Mobile	H.23.b & d
"Q" "		H.23.c & d
"U" "		
77th Army Bde, R.F.A. (H.Q. not functioning)	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	LA NEUVILLE (I.34.o.40.85)	
9th M.T.M. Battery	J.26.d.20.10	
10th M.T.M. Battery	I.34.o.40.85	
5th Aust. D.A. Column, H.Q.	H.22.b.2.7	
No.1 Section	H.22.b.5.8	
No.2 Section	H.22.a.9.9	
B.A.A. Section	CAMON	
5th Aust. A.R.P.	H.26.a.5.9	
Main A.R.P.	N.6.o.0.0	
16th R.H.A., B.A.C.	N.3.d & N.4.o.	
77th R.F.A., B.A.C.	H.28.b.	
150th R.F.A., B.A.C.		H.32.o & d
298th R.F.A., B.A.C.	N.8.d. central	
10th A.A. S.C.	ALLONVILLE	
5th Aust. Vet. Sec (Mobile)	BUSSY-les-DAOURS	
Ordnance Workshop (Forward)	LONGPRE	
22nd & 53rd Ordnance Workshops	(Light) PICQUIGNY	
Supply Dump 5th Aust. Div. Troops	PONT NOYELLES (H.12.o.7.4)	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
27th May, 1918.Herewith diagram Nos. 11, 12 & 13 showing C.P.
Phase 1b.

- 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade have 4 alternate Schemes,
V.S., V.N., A.S., and A.N.
- 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade have 12 alternate Scheme,
A to L.
- 150th Army Brigade, R.F.A., have 6 alternate
Schemes, Nos. 1 to 6.
- 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., have 3 alternate
Schemes, X, Y and Z.

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Reference Sheet 62° NE-SE 1-20,000.

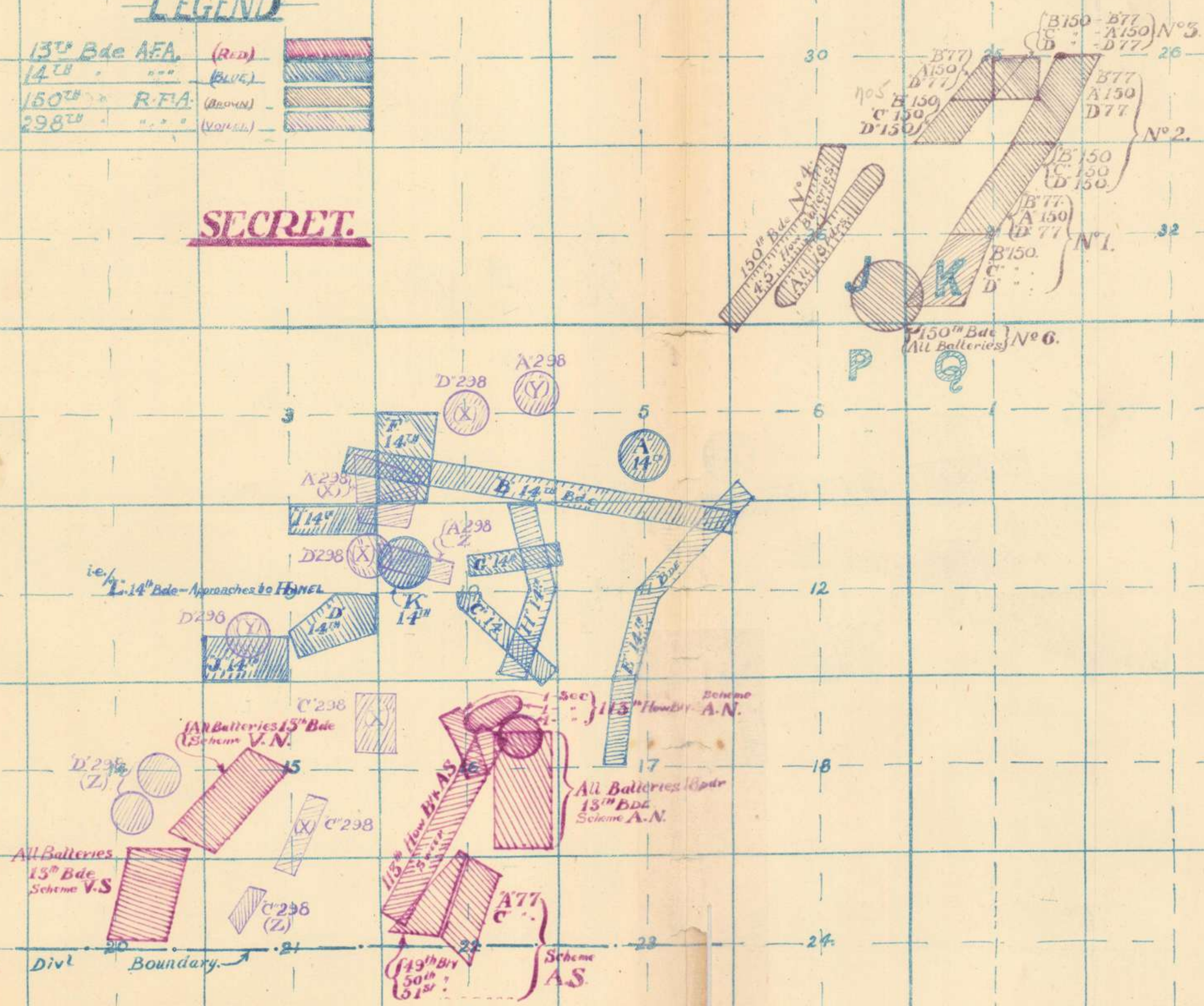
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13 th Bde AFA.	(Red)	
14 th " " "	(Blue)	
150 th R.F.A.	(Brown)	
298 th " " "	(Violet)	

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NORTHERN Div^l Boundary

Southern Div^l Boundary.



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From 6 a.m. 26/5/18 to 6 a.m. 27/5/18
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1. OPERATIONS. During the morning a concentration bombardment was carried out against the Minenwerfers at J.36.d.00.45, successfully shooting being reported. A hostile party working on the trench in P.11.o were dispersed. During the afternoon enemy parties at P.8.d.7.1, P.4.o.4.4, P.15.d, P.14.d.9.3, P.17.d, H.23, and Q.27.a, were scattered. A number of men filling sand-bags at P.14.b.60.35 were put to flight. At dusk enemy parties entering HAMEL along the road in P.10.d were engaged on several occasions, many casualties being observed. At 9 p.m. four limbers observed entering valley in P.17. central were engaged by 4.5 Hows and 6" Hows, the latter knocking out two limbers. At 10.2 p.m. possible points of assembly received a two minute concentration. At 11.33 p.m. HAMEL was bombarded by all guns for three minutes. At 1.1 a.m. area P.16.d.7.8 to P.17.c.05.95 was swept for five minutes. At 2.33 a.m. a five minute concentration swept the BOIS de VAIRE. From 3.15 to 3.30 a.m. intense searching fire was employed.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This showed an increase in activity during the day, and a considerable increase during the night. The flats to the South of the river were fairly heavily gassed between 3 and 4 a.m. During the morning VAIRE was intermittently engaged by 4.2 Hows and 77 mm; Road in J.31.a & b shelled by 77mm; O.16.b lightly by 4.2 Hows; P.17.b by 150 rounds 77 mm; O.3 by 22 rounds 4.2 How; I.30 by 20 rounds 4.2 How; O.16.b by 5.9 and 4.2 Hows; Front Line System by 4.2 Hows, lightly; and J.29.b & d intermittently by 5.9 Hows. During the afternoon J.13 and J.19 were lightly shelled by 5.9 Hows and 77 mm; I.30.a by 20 rounds 77 mm, gas and H.E; I.29.b by 77 mm; J.20 by 40 rounds gas; I.24.o lightly by gas, and O.15.a by 5.9 Hows. During the night O.16.a was shelled by 30 rounds gas and H.E; J.15.b by 12 rounds gas; CORBIE by 6 rounds 4.2 Hows. Between 3.15 and 4 a.m. O.11.a & b, O.16.a, O.16.b, received 400 rounds gas, 70 rounds 5.9 How, H.E., and 250 rounds 77 mm H.E. The first gas to arrive was phosgene, which was followed by mustard. Proportion unknown.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft active bombing during the night. One bomb fell in BUSSY-les-DAOURS, several in vicinity of DAOURS, and 40 in I.22 and I.23. New wire is apparent in front of trench in P.11.a which is being improved. The spire of LA MOTTE Church has been blown down. During the shoot in HAMEL at 11.33 p.m. some small ammunition dumps were fired.

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From 6 a.m. 27/5/18 to 6 a.m. 28/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning an enemy party in P.15.d.85.95 was dispersed. In the afternoon a working party in P.11.d was scattered, a machine gun at P.10.b.95.20 engaged, and a suspected H.Q. at P.4.c.00.45 bombarded. A working party at P.14.d.2.9 was dispersed, and movement at P.15.c.6.8 stopped. At 10.30 p.m. a five minutes concentration was fired on new work to the West of the BOIS de VAIRE, and the BOIS de VAIRE actively searched. At 1.35 a.m. a four minute area shoot was put down on P.21.a & P.20.b, and the road in P.15.a & c swept. At 2.10 a.m. a two minute burst was fired on HAMEL, and at 3.5 a.m. a four minute burst swept the BOIS de HAMEL. At 3.40 a.m. a rolling barrage came back from S.O.S. plus 600 yards to S.O.S. plus 200 yards, and out from S.O.S. plus 100 yards to S.O.S. plus 300 yards. 6" Newton T.Ms fired 212 rounds on various targets in P.4.b, J.36.c, P.8.d, and P.9.a & b, during the night 26th/27th.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This showed a considerable increase in activity on the South of the river, but remained unchanged on the North. During the morning HAMELET was shelled by 26 rounds 4.2 How from P.11.d, and by 40 rounds 77 mm from behind HAMEL; J.27.a by 10 rounds 4.2 H.V.; J.27.b by 77 mm from the direction of SAILLY LAURETTE; I.35 and I.36.c lightly by 77 mm; I.36.a by 6 rounds 4.2 H.V.; O.15 and O.16 by 20 rounds 4.2 How and 20 rounds 77 mm; O.18.c by 6 rounds 4.2 H.V.; O.17.a by 50 rounds 5.9 How. During the afternoon I.24 and I.30 were lightly shelled by 4.2 Hows; I.36.a by 20 rounds 5.9 How; chalk pits I.30.c, I.36.a by 25 rounds 4.2 How; CORBIE by 4.2 Hows; O.17.a by 360 rounds 5.9 How; O.17.c by 20 rounds 4.2 How gas (yellow cross); O.16.b and O.15.a by scattered 4.2 How and 77 mm; O.10.a by 240 rounds 4.2 How; O.10.b & d by 150 rounds 4.2 H.V., and 77 mm; O.17.b by 20 rounds 4.2 How; O.16.d by 10 rounds 4.2 Shrapnel; LA NEUVILLIE by 5.9 Hows. During the night I.24.b was lightly shelled by 77 mm; O.10.b & d by 200 rounds 5.9 How; O.17.a by 20 rounds gas; O.10.c by 100 rounds 4.2 How; O.15 and O.16 by 80 rounds 4.2 gas, and tracks in J.14 and J.15 intermittently searched by 77 mm. A 4.2 H.V. gun registered on the windmill in J.27.a, from T.B. 168° from J.27.a.7.0.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft were very active between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., patrolling vicinity of our Front Line. At 3.5 p.m. one flew low over battery positions. They were active bombing during the night. New work is observed in trench P.14.b.5.0, and on trench into the BOIS de VAIRE at P.14.b.7.0. A heavy howitzer firing to the South West of CORBIE was reported to be at P.22.b.8.9.

28/5/18

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

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APPENDIX. 28.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 25.

Headquarters,
28th May, 1918.

1. (a) The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery in "A" (the 3rd Aust) Divisional Sector, under orders of 3rd Australian Division, on the 2nd and night 2nd/3rd June, 1918.

(b) Relief will be completed by midnight 2nd/3rd June, 1918.

(c) Command of the field artillery covering "A" Divisional front will pass from C.R.A., 4th Australian Division to C.R.A., 3rd Australian Division at 10 a.m. on 3rd June, 1918.

(d) On relief, the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will replace the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery in Army Reserve in the HALLENCOURT R.A. Area.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades only).

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

Issued at 5 p.m. to:-

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13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	1	Aust. Corps, H.A.	9
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	Aust. Corps, R.A.	10
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.	3	5th Aust. Divn "G"	11
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	4	R.O.	12
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	5	B.M.	13
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.	6	File	14
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 28/5/18 to 6 a.m. 29/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning hostile parties in P.15.b were dispersed, and a party of 15 men moving from the BOIS de VAIRE to the BOIS DIACROCHE were engaged and casualties inflicted. During the afternoon working parties in P.16.c were twice put to flight, a M.G. at P.4c.00.45 was silenced, and a working party at P.17.b.4.7 dispersed. Movement in P.11.c.63.47 was stopped, a hostile working party at P.14.b.4.2 scattered with casualties, and a hostile battery at P.11.c.63.47 silenced. At 9.55 p.m. roads and tracks on the Divisional front were searched for three minutes; at 10.30 p.m. an area drive into P.15.c was fired, ending in a concentration on that area by all guns. At 1.55 a.m. a four minute concentration was put down on the BOIS de VAIRE. At 2.25 a.m. a counter battery shoot was fired on forward battery positions. At 2.40 a.m. the trench systems in P.4.b & d, and P.10.b & d, were bombarded for four minutes and at 3.10 a.m. possible points of assembly were swept for five minutes. 6" Newton T.Ms fired 150 rounds on various targets night 27th/28th.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This remained active through the period. Maximum of fire continues to be on the South side of the river. During the morning VAUX was lightly shelled by 77 mm; O.10.c & d by 200 rounds 4.2 How; O.16.b and O.17.a by 150 rounds 4.2 How and 100 rounds 5.9 How; I.35 intermittently by 77 mm; P.19.a by 6 rounds 4.2 How; J.19.d heavily bombarded by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows; J.15.b by shrap bursts of 4.2 How; J.13.b intermittently by 77 mm; cemetery in I.33.b by 77 mm with instantaneous fuze; forward posts received a few scattered 4.2 Hows. In the afternoon I.36 was shelled by 30 rounds 77 mm; I.24 by 20 rounds 77 mm and 30 rounds 4.2 How; VAIRE lightly by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; BONNAY by 6 rounds 5.9 How; O.17.a by 150 rounds 5.9 How and 20 rounds 77 mm; FOUILLOY by 22 rounds 4.2 How; O.10.c & d by 160 rounds 77 mm and 20 rounds 4.2 How; O.18.b by 6 rounds 4.2 How; O.16.b by 30 rounds 4.2 How and 20 rounds 77 mm, and J.15 intermittently by 4.2 Hows. During the night FOUILLOY received 50 rounds 77 mm gas (yellow Cross); O.12.a & b were shelled by 30 rounds 4.2 How; O.17.b by 20 rounds 77 mm; O.16.b by 200 rounds gas (Yellow Cross) also 100 rounds 77 mm H.E. and 30 rounds 4.2 How H.E; J.15.b was searched by 4.2 Hows, including a little gas; O.10.c, O.7.b, O.13.a & c were engaged by a 4.2 H.V.gun, and DAOURS was lightly shelled, including slight amount of Yellow Cross.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft were very active. Visibility was good. Large dump N.E. of WARFUSSE was blown up at 6.40 p.m. Hostile balloons up on T.B. 140°, 155°, 160° and 165° from I.24.d.2.7.

J. Russell
Lieut. Capt.
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

29th May, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 26

Headquarters,
30th May, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 4th Australian Division (less Artillery) in "B" Divisional Sector and area on the nights 31st May/1st June and 1st/2nd June, 1918.

(b) When relieved the 5th Australian Division will be in Corps Reserve.

2. (a) On completion of relief the following Artillery will come under command of the G.O.C., 4th Australian Division:-

5th Australian Divisional Artillery
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

(b) The 9th Brigade, R.G.A., now affiliated to 5th Australian Division will, at the same time, become affiliated to 4th Australian Division.

(c) The C.R.A., 5th Australian Division will continue in command of the Divisional Artillery of "B" Divisional Sector.

3. Reliefs will take place in accordance with MOVE TABLE issued with this Order.

4. (a) Command will pass at 10 a.m. on 2nd June, 1918.

(b) On completion of relief Headquarters of 5th Australian Division will be established at ALLONVILLE.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

J. R. M. Nelson
Major, *cap*
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11 a.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.
77th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
150th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
9th Brigade, R.G.A.
5th Aust. D.A. Column
16th R.H.A., B.A.C.
77th R.F.A., B.A.C.
150th R.F.A., B.A.C.
298th R.F.A., B.A.C.
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1 Aust. Corps R.A.
2 Aust. Corps H.A.
3 5th Aust. Division
4 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade
5 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade
6 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade
7 4th Aust. Divl Arty
8 Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.
9 R.O.
10 B.M.
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TABLES OF MOVES - ISSUED WITH 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 26.

Serial No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Relieved by	Remarks
1	31st May	15th Inf.Bde	AUBIGNY System	ALLONVILLE Area	4th Inf.Bde	15th Brigade move out by BLANGY and West of HALLUE clearing by 9 a.m. 4th Brigade move in by DAOURS and East of the HALLUE arriving by 9 a.m.
2	31st/1st	14th Inf.Bde	LINE. Right Sector	AUBIGNY System	4th Inf.Bde	- -
3	1st June	14th Inf.Bde	AUBIGNY System	QUETTIEU Area	13th Inf.Bde	13th Brigade arrive by 9 a.m. 14th Brigade to be clear by 9 a.m. Route as for Serial No.1
4	1st/2nd June	8th Inf.Bde	LINE. Left Sector	AUBIGNY System	13th Inf.Bde	- -
5	2nd June	8th Inf.Bde	AUBIGNY System	REVEFY	12th Inf.Bde	12th Brigade via VECQUEMONT. 8th Brigade via LA MOTTE BREBIERE. Complete by 9 a.m.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 29/5/18 to 6 a.m. 30/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning hostile parties moving in P.11.a and P.14.d were dispersed, a working party between P.14.d.2.8 and P.14.d.6.6 scattered, and a small party attempting to leave a dug-out at P.20.d.6.4 driven back. During the afternoon a small party in P.17.a was scattered, a M.G. at P.4.c.00.45 bombarded, three small parties in P.16.c dispersed, and a group of eight of the enemy in P.17.a.9.6 put to flight. A party of 12 of the enemy at P.14.b.5.1 was engaged, and 4 casualties inflicted. A suspected M.G., H.Q. at P.10.d.95.20 was engaged, and a number of direct hits recorded. Movement in trench at P.11.b.7.6 was engaged; party on the road in P.10.d scattered, and a line of 10 men running down the road in P.10.d for HAMEL were sniped. At 9.20 p.m. between two and three hundred of the enemy in parties of twelve entered the valley in P.17.central. One party of 15 moved off in the direction of BOIS D'ARQUAIRE, and was engaged by 4.2 Hows, many casualties being claimed. The whole valley and approaches were then heavily engaged. Heavy Artillery co-operating. At 10.55 p.m. a concentration shoot was put down on SAILLY LAURETTE and HAMEL for three minutes. At 1.40 a.m. three minute bombardments were fired on the work to the West of the BOIS de VAIRE, the valley in P.9.c, and the quarry in K.31.c. At 2.10 a.m. sweeping fire was employed for five minutes on tracks and approaches on the Divisional front. At 2.40 a.m. the BOIS D'ACCROCHE and the BOIS de HAMEL were searched for five minutes. At 3.10 a.m. a five minute shoot was performed on areas P.9.d, P.15.b & d, P.21.b; at 3.50 a.m. a five minute area shoot on P.9.c, P.15.a & c, and P.21.a.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Consisted entirely of scattered shelling during the morning; was slightly more active during the afternoon, but still scattered, with the exception of one shoot of 250 rounds on O.16.b & d, and O.10.c. During the night active South of the River. During the morning CORBIE was lightly shelled by 5.9 Hows; J.27.a lightly by 4.2 Hows; BONNAY and VAIRE lightly by 4.2 Hows; Centre Front Line System intermittently by 4.2 Hows; I.24 and J.27.b lightly by 77 mm; WELCOME WOOD (J.27.b) lightly by 5.9 Hows; O.9.b by 10 rounds 4.2 How; trenches in O.24.b & d intermittently by 77 mm; and cross roads at O.18.b.3.0 occasionally by a 5.9 How. During the afternoon J.27.b was lightly shelled by 77 mm; J.26.b by 14 rounds 77 mm; P.19.d by 16 rounds 4.2 H.V; VAIRE by 4.2 H.V; time H.E. on O.10.a.9.2 from 5.9 How, and several universal over O.16.b, followed by 200 rounds 5.9 How and 50 rounds 4.2 How in O.16.b, O.16.a, and O.10.c; I.29.d by 20 rounds 77 mm. During the night I.25.c and CORBIE received 20 rounds gas, and about 200 rounds H.E; O.11.c was shelled by 15 rounds 4.2 H.V; O.17.a by 30 rounds 5.9 How; O.18.c lightly by 5.9 Hows; O.16.b by 70 rounds Yellow Cross; O.9.d and O.10.c by 20 rounds 4.2 How; O.18.a by 15 rounds 5.9 How; O.16.a & b by 300 rounds Yellow Cross; I.28.b by 77 mm, lightly, in four bursts of two rounds per minute eight minutes duration, and J.27.b lightly by an H.V. gun - believed to be a 60 pdr.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft less active. Bombs were dropped on VAUX at 11.25 p.m. Visibility was low until 11 a.m., then good. A H.Q. is suspected in dug-outs on ridge in P.13.a. An ammunition dump burnt during the afternoon on T.B. 126° 30' from J.27.b.8.6.

30th May, 1918.

J. R. Russell
Capt.
for Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 30/5/18 to 6 a.m. 31/5/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning working parties in P.16.c were repeatedly dispersed, a large working party at P.16.b.24.60 scattered, and movement at P.14.d.8.8 engaged. During the afternoon small enemy parties at the cross roads in P.4.d were engaged on two occasions, and casualties inflicted each time. New work in P.16.b was bombarded and four direct hits obtained, and a hostile Minenwerfer at P.5.d.8.2 engaged. A Trench Mortar at P.36.d.00.45 was also successfully engaged. At 10.30 p.m. a two minute concentration was fired on tracks in P.15.a & c, and P.21.b, also on SAILLY LAURETTE and approaches, followed immediately by a five minute bombardment of trenches in P.21.a, b, d, and in P.9 & P.15. At 12.7 a.m. the track from P.11.b.85.85 along and North of the terrace in P.5.d to P.5.o. 2.8 to P.5.o.00.95 received a two minute burst, followed by a five minute pause and further two minute burst; this was repeated at 1.30 a.m. At 1.40 a.m. the trench in P.4.b & d, and P.10.b was bombarded for three minutes. At 2.30 a.m. the BOIS de VAIRE and the BOIS de HAMEL were searched for four minutes, and approaches North of the River swept. At 3.35 a.m. a rolling barrage came in from S.O.S. plus 6 00 yards to S.O.S. plus 200 yards, and out from S.O.S. plus 100 yards to S.O.S. plus 300 yards in six minutes. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired 130 rounds on various targets on the night 29th/30th, with excellent results, causing damage to material and inflicting casualties.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. This has shown an increase in activity, but has been well scattered. During the morning J.21 was shelled by 50 rounds 4.2 How; J.27.b. by 120 rounds 77 mm; VAIRE by 15 rounds 4.2 How and 5 rounds 4.2 H.V; J.20.d by 4 rounds heavy How; O.18.b by 15 rounds 5.9 How; I.24 and I.30 by 4.2 Hows and 77 mm; O.17.c by 5 rounds 5.9 How; O.11.c by 6 rounds 4.2 H.V; O.17.b by 20 rounds 77 mm; O.9.d by 30 rounds 5.9 How; J.15 lightly by 5.9 Hows, and I.26.c and d by 20 rounds 5.9 How. During the afternoon I.30.d and I.36.o were lightly shelled by 5.9 Hows; J.27.c by 40 rounds 4.2 H.V; P.2 heavily by 4.2 Hows; Front Line at J.33.d lightly by shrapnel; J.27.a heavily by 77 mm and 4.2 Hows; FOUILLOY by 62 rounds 77 mm and 20 rounds 4.2 H.V; O.16.a by 15 rounds 5.9 How; O.16 and O.18 by 30 rounds 5.9 How, and O.16.b by 40 rounds 4.2 How. During the night BONNAY received 8 rounds 5.9 How; O.4.d was shelled by 28 rounds 5.9 How; O.16.b by six rounds time H.E; O.10.c & d by 50 rounds 4.2 How; O.17.b by 20 rounds 4.2 How; FOUILLOY by 50 rounds gas; I.15.c by 10 rounds 77 mm; I.29. by 20 rounds 4.2 How and 30 rounds 77 mm, and I.22.d by 30 rounds 4.2 How.

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft were very active. One of our planes was driven down in I.29.d, and one enemy plane landed near FRANVILLERS. At 4.45 a.m. bombs were dropped on BONNAY. There has been a large amount of minor movement. A H.Q. or O.P. is suspected at P.16.c.5.2. Two enemy balloons were up between 8 and 11 a.m. on T.B. 87° and 95° from O.10.b.1.5. A dump was blown up in SAILLY LAURETTE at 6 p.m.

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Lieut.,

Reconnaissance Officer,

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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AMENDMENT No. 18 to "B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. Sheet "F" of the "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme is CANCELLED and the attached substituted?
2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

J. R. M. [Signature]
Major, Calt.
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters, 31/5/18

Issued at 9 p.m. to all recipients of "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme.

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"B" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM.	TO.	DESCRIPTION OF LINE.
"B" DIVL ARTY	CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY	Local cable to Army route at H.34.d, thence air line to MONTIGNY.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"B" DIVISION	Local cable (2 lines)
"B" DIVL ARTY	G.S.O.1 "B" DIVN	Direct from Brigade Major to G.S.O.1.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"A" DIVL ARTY	On Corps Bury system.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"C" DIVL ARTY	Cable to Army route at H.34.d, thence air line to "C" DIVL ARTILLERY.
"B" DIVL ARTY	FORWARD EXCHANGE (FOUILLOY)	Cable to river near DAOURS thence sub-cable to FOUILLOY.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"Z" ARMY BDE, RFA.	Cable all way. Runs approx H.35.central - H.36.central - I.31.a - I.32.a - I.21.b.5.8.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"Z" ARMY BDE, RFA.	Extension of "B" DIVL.A.C., line. Cable runs approx East to Brigade.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"Z" ARMY BDE, RFA.	Cable from extension at "ii" Brigade, R.G.A.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	Cable from Forward Exchange runs North from FOUILLOY across River SOMME to railway line thence along line to Brigade.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	Cable to River SOMME at approx O.1.a thence sub-cable in SOMME and ANCRE (with test point at LA NEUVILLE). D.T.M.O. "B" Divn party on line.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA	Cable from Forward Exchange runs North from FOUILLOY to railway thence along line to "X" Brigade, thro' office at "X" Brigade and cable to "Y" Brigade.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	Cable to SOMME at O.1.a thence sub-cable along SOMME and ANCRE (with test point at LA NEUVILLE and "X" Brigade) to "Y" Brigade.

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FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION OF LINE.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	From Forward Exchange along SOME to approx I.30.c thence cable to Brigade.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	From Forward Exchange. Local cable.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"I" H.A.GROUP	Local cable.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"A" KITE BALLOON SECTION.	Local cable.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"B" KITE BALLOON SECTION.	Local cable (party with "A" Kite Balloon Section)
"B" DIVL ARTY	"B" DIVL A.COLUMN	Cable to H.34.d thence air line to H.22.b.2.7.
"B" DIVL ARTY	"W" BDE WAGON LINES EXCHANGE.	Local cable.
"B" DIVL ARTY	BDE, R.H.A.	Local cable.
	"W" BRIGADE, AUST.F.A?	
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	LEFT INF.BDE LIAISON	Buried cable all way.
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	RIGHT INF.BDE	Part ground cable and part bury to Brigade.
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	BATTALION LIAISON	Ground cable in party with "Za" Battery and O.P.
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"Wa" Battery "W" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"Wb" Bty "W" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"Wc" Bty "W" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"Wd" Bty "W" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"XXa" Bty "XX" BDE "XXc" Bty "XX" BDE	Party line, part bury and part ground line. Alternative on both Batteries through Exchange at "Za" Rear.
BATTERY O.P. LINES DIRECT TO BATTERIES.		
	"Z" ARMY BDE, R.F.A.	
"Z" ARMY BDE, R.F.A.	"I" BDE, R.G.A.	Two lines, ground cable (alternative means of getting "B" DIVL ARTY).
"Z" ARMY BDE, R.F.A.	"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	Ground cable via "Wd" Bty.

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2Z" ARMY BDE, R.F.A. continued.

"Z" ARMY BDE R.F.A.	"Za" Bty "Z" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"Z" ARMY BDE, RFA.	"Zo" Bty "Z" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"Z" ARMY BDE, RFA.	"Zd" Bty "Z" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"Z" ARMY BDE, RFA.	WAGON LINES	Ground cable.
"Z" ARMY BDE, RFA.	H.A.G., O.P.	Ground cable to O.P.

BATTERY O.P. LINES DIRECT TO BATTERIES.

"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.

"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"Za" Bty "X" BDE "Xb" Bty "X" BDE	Ground cable to Batteries (party). Both Batteries connected laterally.
"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"Xc" Bty "X" BDE "Xd" Bty "X" BDE	Ground cable to Batteries (party). Both Batteries connected laterally. Direct line (cable) to "Xd" Bty.
"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"Zb" Bty "Z" BDE	Ground cable to Battery.
"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	LEFT INF.BDE LIAISON	Direct line (cable) with tee into "Xd" Battery.
"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"W" BDE, AUST.F.A.	Ground cable via "Wd" Bty.
"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	WAGON LINES	One line ground cable (serves all Wagon Lines).
"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	"E" DIVL O.P.	Direct line (cable).
"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	LEFT INF.BDE	From Brigade to River ANCRE thence in River to Left Inf. Brigade.

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"Y" ARMY BDE, R.F.A.

"Y" ARMY BDE, R.F.A.	"Ya" Bty "Y" BDE	Cable all way (ground).
"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	"Yb" Bty "Y" BDE	Cable all way (ground).
"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	"Yo" Bty "Y" BDE	Cable all way (ground).
"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	"Yd" Bty "Y" BDE	Cable all way (ground).
"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	"XXb" Bty "XX" Bde "XXd" Bty "XX" Bde	Party line Ground cable all way. Also lateral connection.
"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	"X" BDE, AUST.F.A.	Ground cable (two lines).
"Y" ARMY BDE, RFA.	LEFT BDE "A" DIVL ARTY	Ground cable.

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