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ST. GRATIEN	1/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, closed at ST. GRATIEN at 10 a.m. and C.R.A. 18th Divisional Artillery assumed command of "C" Divisional Artillery at that hour.	
ARGOEUVES	1/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, re-opened at ARGOEUVES at 12 noon.	
ARGOEUVES	2/8/18		The 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades and the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column moved to the Sector covered by the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 61 re the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery coming under the command of the orders of the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery as from the 3rd August, 1918, issued.	App 1
ARGOEUVES	3/8/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 62 re the 5th Australian Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigade moving from the ST. SAUVEUR Area to BLANGY TRONVILLE on the 3rd August, 1918, issued. A conference was held at ARGOEUVES between the C's R.A. 4th and 5th Australian Divisions and the G.O.C.R.A., Australian Corps. Rear Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, moved to BLANGY TRONVILLE. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 1 relative to the "A" Division attacking on a two Brigade front, issued.	App 2
BLANGY TRONVILLE	4/8/18		Forward Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, moved to BLANGY TRONVILLE. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instructions No. 1 relative to impending attack, issued.	App 3
0.25.a.9.6	5/8/18		Forward Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, moved the 0.25.a.9.6. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Nos. 2 and 3 re forthcoming operations, issued.	App 4
0.25.a.9.6	6/8/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Order No. 63 re the attack to be made on the enemy on the 8th August, 1918, issued. Amendment No. 1 to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 63, re the attack to be made on the enemy, issued. Amendment No. 2 to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 63 re location of the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 64 fixing Zero hour for the attack on the enemy, issued.	App 5

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	7/8/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Nos. 4 and 5 and Administrative Instructions No.2, relative to the impending attack, issued.	App 6 <i>Hmm</i>
	8/8/18		The attack was launched at 4.20 a.m. in front of HAMEL with the 13th, 14th, 4th, 5th Field Artillery Brigade, Aust.F.A., 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., 71st Battery, R.G.A., and 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A. covering the Infantry of the 5th Australian Division. The attack was entirely successful. A full description of the attack is attached in the appendix. Summary of telephone operations conducted is attached in appendix.	App 7 <i>Hmm</i>
	9/8/18		The attack was resumed at 11 a.m. opposite FRAMERVILLE. the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade made the attack under covered by Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division. The attacking Infantry reached the objective and exploited beyond. Summary of telephone operations conducted attached in the appendix. 5th Australian Divl Artillery Instruction No.8 re the attack being resumed on the 9th August, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.7 re the Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division becoming defensive Artillery on the 8th 8th Australian Infantry Brigade gaining their objective, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.8 cancelling Instruction No.7 and advising that the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division would assume command of the Artillery covering the Centre Sector at 4 p.m. 9th August, issued.	App 8 <i>Hmm</i>
	10/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, still at O.25.a.9.6. 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades and the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division for the operation Against LIHONS. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.9 re command of the Reserve Artillery (2nd Australian Divisional Artillery and 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A) passing from the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division to the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.65 re the 2nd Australian Division and the 14th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., relieving the 5th Australian Division and the 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. in the line in the Centre Sector night 10th August, 1918, issued. Addendum No.1 to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.65 re the 2nd Aust. Divl M.T.M. Brigade relieving the 5th Aust.Divl M.T.M. Brigade on the night 10th/11th August, 1918, issued.	App 9 <i>Hmm</i> 20

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	10/8/18		continued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.66 advising that the relief of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and the 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. would by the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery and the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A. would take place on the morning of the 11th August, 1918, instead on the night 10th/11th August, 1918, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.67 re the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery being withdrawn from the line, issued.	App 9 H.M.V.
	11/8/18		The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery (less D.A.H.Q. and M.T.M. Brigade) co-operated in the attack on the LIHONS Sector under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division. The attack was entirely successful. A full description of the work of the Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division is attached in appendix. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Orders Nos. 68 and 69 re the movements of the 189th Army Brigade, R.F.A., issued.	App 10. H.M.V.
	12/8/18		All Units of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery in Reserve in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX WARFUSÉE-ABANCOURT area refitting for fresh operations. Disposition Return No.85, issued.	App 11 H.M.V.
	13/8/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery, 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, 3rd and 6th (Army) Brigades, A.F.A. move forward to area opposite LIHONS - CHILLY front from Reserve positions between VILLERS BRETONNEUX and WARFUSÉE-ABANCOURT for operation against CHAULNES. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instruction No.3 re ammunition supply, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instruction No.4 re the relief of the 5th Aust. Divl M.T.M. Personnel on A.R.P.'s, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instruction No.5 re Veterinary and Salvage arrangements, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.1 Series "C" re the 5th Australian Division attacking the enemy on the 16th August, 1918, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery xxxx Administrative Instruction No.6 re Supplies and Stores, issued.	App 12 H.M.V. C
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	14/8/18		The 13th, 14th, 7th, 8th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd and 6th (Army) Brigades A.F.A. commenced preparations to go into action in front of CAHULNES, and began filling pits. Operation cancelled at 5 p.m. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instruction, Addendum No.1, re water supplies, issued. Amendment No. 1 to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.3 re Ammunition Establishment, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.2, Series "C" re operations, issued. 5th Aust.Divl Arty Administrative Order No. 7, re ammunition, issued.	App 13 H/My
	15/8/18		13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades withdrawn to Wagon Lines, 7th and 8th Australian Field Artillery Brigades passed to the command of the C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division during the morning. The C.R.A. 1st Australian Division assumed command of the 3rd and 6th (Army) Brigades, A.F.A. at 10 a.m. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.70 re the Australian Corps front being divided into four sectors and the allotment of artillery covering same, issued. Copy of letter from the G.O.C., R.A. Australian Corps conveying the congratulations of the G.O.C., R.A. Fourth Army on the excellent Artillery work carried out by the Australian Artillery during the recent operations attached in appendix. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.3 re the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) relieving the 17th Division (less Artillery) in "C" Divisional Sector on the night 16th/17th August, 1918, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.71, re the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery relieving the 17th Divisional Artillery in "C" Divisional Sector on the night 17th/18th August, 1918, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instruction No.8, issued.	App 14 H/My
	16/8/18		The 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades moved into "C" Divisional Sector preparatory to relieving the 17th Divisional Artillery. The G.O.C. Fourth Army congratulates all ranks of the Australian Corps on their splendid victory over the enemy on the 8th August and succeeding days (letter attached in appendix). 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Routine Order No.44, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 72 re Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, closing at 0.25.a.9.6 at 10 a.m. 17/8/18, and reopening at	App 15 H/My

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	16/8/18		continued. Q. 13.a.35.80 at the same hour, issued.	
0.25.a.9.6	17/8/8		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, closed at 10 a.m. at 0.25.a.9.6	App 16
Q.7.c.20.30 62 D	17/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, opened at 10 a.m. at Q.7.c.20.30. At 10 a.m. the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division assumed command of the Artillery, covering "C" Divisional Sector, which was composed of 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades, 12th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., 16th Army Brigade R.H.A., and the 23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instruction No.9 re "Q" arrangements for the current operations, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.4, Series "C" re the amounts of ammunition to be held by Groups in excess of Echelon Establishments, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.5, Series "C" setting forth Standing Orders for Semi-Mobile Warfare, issued.	
Q.7.c.20.30 62 D	18/8/18		During the morning the C.R.A. visited Headquarters of the Left Artillery Group and inspected the battery positions of the 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.73 re the re-grouping of the Artillery on the "C" Divisional Sector, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.6, Series "C" relative to the 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., supplying roving guns and sections, issued. Amendment No.1 to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.5 re Anti-Tank Guns and Counter Preparation, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.7, Series "C" re Counter Battery work, issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Routine Order No.45, issued.	App 12 17
Q.7.c.20.30 62 D	19/8/18		In the morning the Brigade Major and the Reconnaissance Officer visited Headquarters, 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A. Intelligence summary attached in appendix. Location Statement for "C" Divisional Artillery, issued.	App 18

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Q.7.c.20.30	20/8/18		The C.R.A. and Brigade Major, 1st Australian Divisional Artillery, visited the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division with reference to taking over the command of the Artillery covering "C" Divisional Sector. Advice received that the 1st Australian Division is to carry out an operation on "C" Divisional front. Intelligence summary attached in appendix. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 74 relative to an operation on the night 20th/21st August, 1918, issued. Location Statement for "C" Divisional Artillery, issued.	App 19 Hm
Q.7.c.20.30	21/8/18		Misty morning. The Command of the Artillery covering "C" Divisional Sector passed to the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division at 10 a.m. 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades, 5th Aust.Divl M.T.M. Brigade and 5th Aust.D.A. Column remained with 1st Australian Divisional Artillery for forthcoming operation. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, closed at 10 a.m. at Q.7.c.20.30.	A pp 20
CORBIE 0.5.b.0.5	21/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, opened at 0.5.b.0.5 (CORBIE) at 10 a.m. The Brigade Major and the Reconnaissance Officer visited R.A. Australian Corps. Intelligence received that the French attacked North West of SOISSONS during the morning. Amendment No.1 to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.4, Series "C", re ammunition allotment, issued.	Hm
CORBIE 0.5.b.0.5	22/8/18		Fine sunny day. The C.R.A. Staff Captain and Reconnaissance Officer visited Headquarters 5th Australian Division. The C.R.A. discussed the tactical situation with the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division. The THIRD ARMY attacked during the morning North of ALBERT. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Routine Order No.46, issued.	App 21 Hm
CORBIE 0.5.b.0.5	23/8/18		Fine sunny day. The operation of the 1st Australian Division commenced at 4.45 a.m. and entirely successful. The final objectives were reached before scheduled time. Barrage Map issued with Australian Corps Battle Instructions Series "C" No.2 attached in appendix.	App 22 Hm

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CORBIE O.5.b.O.5	24/8/18		The 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades were withdrawn from the line under orders issued by the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.	
CORBIE O.5.b.O.5	25/8/18		During the morning the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division inspected Guns captured by the Australian and Canadian Troops in the operations on the 8th August, 1918. In the afternoon the C.R.A. attended a conference with G.O.C. and Infantry Brigadiers, 5th Australian Division, and discussed forthcoming operations. Major H.H.HULTON, D.S.O., Brigade Major, was recalled to the Imperial Army and transferred to the 32nd Division to command the 161st Army Brigade, R.F.A. Captain T.R.MELLOR took over the duties of Brigade Major, 5th Australian Division. The C.R.A. 5th Australian Division conferred with the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division in connection with forthcoming operations.	
CORBIE O.5.b.O.5 Q.30.c.5.9	26/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, closed at CORBIE (O.5.b.O.5) at 10 a.m. and re-opened at Q.30.c.5.9 at the same hour. The C.R.A. visited G.O.C. 5th Australian Division and discussed forthcoming operations. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.75 relative to the disposition of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade and covering Artillery, issued. Addendums Nos. 1 and 2 to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.75 re the 13th and 14th Australian Field Brigades going into action, issued.	App 23
Q.30.c.5.9	27/8/18		The C.R.A. visited Headquarters, 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., and 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigades and discussed tactical situation with Group Commanders. Intelligence summary attached in appendix. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.1. Series "D", "Standing Orders for Semi-Mobile Warfare" issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.76, re organising Artillery in depth, issued. Disposition Return No.88, issued. Location Statement of "B" Divisional Artillery, issued.	App 24
Q.30.c.5.9	28/8/18		Weather unsettled. The C.R.A. visited Headquarters, 12th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A. Intelligence summary attached in appendix. Summary of telephone operations attached in appendix.	App 25

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Q.30.c.5.9	29/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, closed at Q.30.c.5.9 and re-opened at M.23.central (Sheet 620) at the same hour. All Brigades of Field Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division on the move and keeping close touch with the Infantry. Infantry patrols reached River SOMME about midday. Summary of telephone operations attached in appendix. Summary of telephone operations attached in appendix.	App 25 a
M.23.cen1 Sheet 620	30/8/18		The 1st and 2nd Australian Field Artillery Brigades withdrew to their wagon lines and passed to the command of the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division. The C.R.A. 4th Australian Division visited C.R.A. 5th Australian Division and discussed the tactical situation. Enemy resistance stiffening. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.77 re the Australian Corps advancing in a N.E. direction, issued. Summary of telephone operations attached in appendix.	App 26
N.9.d.5.0 Sheet 620	31/8/18		Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, closed at M.23.central at 2 p.m. and re-opened at the same hour at N.9.d.5.0. The C.R.A. attended conference of G.O.C., C.R.E. and Infantry Brigadiers of 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades and discussed the forthcoming attack on PERONNE. The Brigade Major attended the conference of the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division and Infantry Brigadiers of 5th and 6th Australian Infantry Brigades and discussed the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Policy during the Infantry attack to be made on MONT.ST.QUENTIN. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.78 re co-operation with the Left Flank Division in an attack to be made at 6 a.m. 1/9/18. Intelligence summary attached in appendix. Summary of telephone operations attached in appendix.	App 27

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| 14. | 5th Aust.Divl Arty Order No.70. Letter of appreciation from G.O.C., R.A.Australian Corps on the work of the Artillery on 8/8/18. 5th Aust.Divl Arty Instruction No.3 Series "C". 5th Aust.Divl Arty Order No.71. 5th Aust.Divl Arty Administrative Instruction No.8. |
| 15. | G.O.C.Fourth Army congratulates the Australian Corps on the splendid victory on the 8th August and the succeeding days. 5th Aust.Divl Arty Routine Order No.44. 5th Aust.Divl Arty Order No.72. |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 61Headquarters,
2nd August, 1918.

1. From the 3rd August, 1918, the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will come under the orders of the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 62.*att r
original*Headquarters,
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1. The 5th Australian Divisional Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will move from the ST. SAUVEUR Area to BLANCY TRONVILLE on the 3rd August, 1918, and will be attached to the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column on arrival.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

W. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 1.Headquarters,
3rd August, 1918.**1. GENERAL METHOD OF ATTACK.**

The "A" Division will attack on a two brigade front. The attack will be carried out in two phases. Inter Brigade boundary:-

O.13.c.4.8 - cross roads O.13.d.2.7 - O.15.c.35.00 -
cross roads O.22.a.6.5 - O.24.c.95.00 - P.27.c.0.4 -
P.36.a.70.35 - O.31.c.5.9 - light railway Q.32.c.4.4 -
W.4.central - crucifix W.5.c.20.35 - W.12.b.3.5 -
X.7.a.05.25.

(a) 1st phase: The "A" Division organised in Brigade groups; 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group on the Right and 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Group on the left will advance in open warfare formation from the first objective passing through "C" Division - their objective is the Red line.

(b) 2nd phase: 15th and 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Groups will exploit their success and seize old British lines of defence marked Blue on the map and establish themselves defensively in this line.

The 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade is attacking on the Right of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade. The 4th Australian Division is attacking on the Left of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

2. ARTILLERY.

(1) Field Artillery will be allotted to Infantry Brigades for the attack as under:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade to 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade to 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade
6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A. to 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

This Artillery will support the Infantry advance by fire with direct observation and work under the direct orders of the Infantry Brigadiers concerned.

P.T.O.

The 14th Australian Divisional Artillery, the 14th Army Brigade, R.E.A., and the 71st Heavy Battery, R.G.A., have been allotted to the "A" Division for employment under the C.R.A. defensively to cover the consolidation of the Blue line.

- (3) Heavy Artillery is to be pushed forward to protect the troops in the second objective.

LOCATIONS.

"A" Divisional Headquarters will be established as under:-

4 p.m.	4/8/18	Advanced Divl Headquarters - Railway dug-outs
		O.25.a.95.25.
12 noon	5/8/18	Advanced Divl Artillery Headquarters - Dug-outs
		O.25.a.95.25.
4 p.m.	4/8/18	Rear Divl Headquarters - TRONVILLE Chateau
		N.25.a.95.25.
4 p.m.	4/8/18	Divl Artillery Headquarters - TRONVILLE Chateau
		N.25.a.95.25.
12 noon	4/8/18	Rear Divl Artillery Headquarters - TRONVILLE Chateau
		N.25.a.95.25.

4. INFORMATION REQUIRED.

The following information is required by the C.R.A. during the operation:-

- (a) Position of our troops.
- (b) Position and strength of the enemy.
- (c) Nature and position of enemy defences.
- (d) Nature and direction of hostile shelling.
- (e) Tactical position from time to time.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

- (a) To enable the proper and prompt use of reserves, information from the front must be sent back. That communication has broken down does not absolve subordinate commanders from fulfilling this necessity. All subordinate commanders must be reminded that when sending a message from a new position "the map location at which the message is written must be included at the end of the message".

- (b) Attention is directed to S.S. 148 "Forward communication in Battle". Every provision will be made for the use of alternative methods of communication.

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- (c) New code letters will be issued and prompt measures are to be taken to see that these are adhered to.

6. TANKS.

- (a) Mark 5 Tanks have been allotted to the 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades for the capture of the red line.
- (b) Mark 5 (Star) Tanks. Nine have been allotted to each of the 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades for the capture of the Blue line and will be used to transport the special Vickers and Lewis Gun Companies detailed for that objective.
- (c) Carrying Tanks. Nine have been allotted to "A" Division. 4-6" Newton Trench Mortars and 120 rounds will be carried forward by this means. Personnel of 6" Newton Trench Mortars follow behind on foot. Two of these 6" Mortars will come under the command of the G.O.C. 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade and two under the command of the G.O.C. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

7. The Brigade Commanders of the 13th and 14th Australian and the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A. Brigades will arrange for gun teams and firing battery wagons to move from wagon lines in time to arrive at battery positions at the time specified for the capture of the Green line. Batteries of these Brigades will be ready to move forward immediately the first objective is gained.

8. In order to facilitate the passage of obstacles, each battery of Field Artillery and the 71st Heavy Battery will carry one complete trench bridge attached to the firing battery wagon bodies of their leading sections. A supply of wire cutters, fascines, hurdles, sand-bags and corn-sacks, will be carried by each battery in addition each gun is to carry a camouflage net.

9. Brigade Commanders will ensure that each Unit under their command has sufficient telephone wire for their immediate needs.

10. Arrangements for F.O.O's are to be exploited to the fullest possible degree. The proposed movement embraces a greater advance than has formerly taken place; from the outset reliance must be placed upon visual and improvised means of communication.

11. For these operations -

- No. 1 Section 5th Aust. D.A.C. is allotted to 15th Aust. F.A. Bde
No. 2 Section 5th Aust. D.A.C. is allotted to 14th Aust. F.A. Bde

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No.1 Section 2nd Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 4th Aust.F.A.Bde
No.2 Section 2nd Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 5th Aust.F.A.Bde

Army Brigades will use their own B.A.C's for ammunition supply.

12. Each Brigade of Field Artillery and the 71st Heavy Battery will send two mounted orderlies to "A" Division Artillery Headquarters as soon as the Green line is captured. These orderlies will be used for communication purposes with the Units concerned.

Machine guns will be allotted as follows:-

With each battery - 1 Lewis gun for protection . 1 Lewis gun for Anti-Aircraft.

With each wagon line - 1 Lewis gun for protection. 1 Lewis gun for Anti-Aircraft.

Every effort will be made to obtain tripods for the Anti-Aircraft Lewis guns.

14. Brigade Commanders will arrange to leave all supernumerary personnel and one senior subaltern per battery at locations in rear in readiness to replace casualties when called upon.

15. The C.O's 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will make arrangements to keep in touch with the Artillery Brigades on either flank and between themselves.

16. As soon as the situation permits C.O's of Brigades of defensive Artillery will reconnoitre lines of advance.

17. The C.O's 4th and 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigades and the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will make arrangements to have their gun teams and firing battery wagons up ready to move forward 20 minutes after the attack has been launched on the second objective

18. On capture of the final objective "A" Divisional Artillery will be organised into two groups - Left Group under command of Lieut-Colonel H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., covering the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and the Right Group under command of Lieut-Colonel F.P. DIERHAM, D.S.O., covering the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade. These Groups will be reinforced as the situation demands and reinforcing Brigades will form Sub-Groups under these Group Commanders.

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ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1.

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Headquarters,
4th. August 1918.

Issued in conjunction with 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Instruction No.1.

1. AMMUNITION PACKS. All Ammunition Packs will be made ready for immediate use.
2. SUPPLIES. From 4th. instant, Units of the 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery will draw from H.7.d., North of Cemetery.
Oxo, Pea Soup, and solidified alcohol will be issued by S.S.O.
Chloride of lime may be drawn at Advanced Divisional Dump which will be established at O.28.c.4.3.
3. IRON RATIONS. All ranks taking part in the operation will carry two iron rations in addition to unexpended portion of days rations. These will be drawn under arrangements to be notified.
4. WATER BOTTLES. Every effort must be made to prevent wastage of drinking water. All water bottles must be filled and kept filled.
5. WATER POINTS. will be established in the Forward Area :-
 - (a) (i) O.7.b.9.5. Dixie Filler and Horse Trough.
 - (ii) O.15.b.8.0. Stand Pipe and Dixie Filler with sub-line to O.17.a.1.9. Bottles and Dixie Filler.
 - (iii) O.29.b.5.0. 8000 gallon tank at end of pipe line.
 - (b) No water from cap tured wells is to be used until it has been tested and marked safe.
 - (c) All horse watering should be by bucket, pending the erection of troughs.
6. GAS STORES. All Gas Suits on issue to 13th. and 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigades will be carried forward and used.
7. LEWIS GUNS. A post for the replacement of Lewis Guns will be established by A.D.O.S. of Corps at LA MOTTE BREBIERE.
8. D.A.D.O.S. will establish an advanced post in the vicinity of GLISY at a location to be detailed.
9. TRENCH BRIDGES. One Trench Bridge per Battery of the undermentioned Units will be drawn at a time and place to be notified by the Staff Captain, 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.
 - 4th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
 - 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
 - 6th. (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
 - 13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
 - 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
 - 14th. Brigade R.F.A.
 - 71st. Heavy Battery R.G.A.
10. SANDBAGS, FASINES, and PETROL TINS. have been demanded and will be available at a time and place to be notified by Staff Captain, 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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11. ROADS AND TRACKS. All Roads to be used by M.T. and H.T. will have Notice Boards (1ft.squaro) on them as follows.

For use of M.T.

M. T.

For use of H.T.

H. T.

Letters will be in BLACK on WHITE ground.

12. BAGGAGE DUMP. A Dump will be established by C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A. Column, to which all surp lus kits and baggage will be sent by Units of the 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

13. DETAIL. D.T.M.O. will arrange for necessary personnel to report to O.C. Supply Tanks at Tank Refilling Post at O.13.a.2.8. by 8.a.m. on 5.8.18. Two iron rations and unexpended portion of days rations to be carried.

C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.Column will arrange accomodation at rear wagon lines for the following detail :-

DENTAL UNIT - Y.M.C.A. - TAILORS AND BOOTMAKERS SHOP.

Captain J.H.GOPPOCK, Horsemaster, 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery, will remain with this detail.

14. VETERINARY. The Mobile Veterinary Section will be at BLANGY-TRONVILLE, where all Units will evacuate.

Conducting parties will return to Units after handing over.

15. SANITATION. In view of the prevalence of dyssentry, the greatest care must be exorcised regarding sanitation of area taken over, particularly as regards latrines and protection of food from flies.

16. CROPS. On no account are animals to be allowed to feed on wheat crops.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 2

Headquarters;
5th August, 1918.

1. (a) The C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division is arranging to collect the 3-15 pdr anti-tank guns under his command at Zero plus 4 hours in the vicinity of O.28.c.5.4, present Right Group Headquarters. each
(b) These anti-tank guns will be manned and moved by personnel and teams from the 2nd Australian Divl. Ammunition Column under an Officer. As soon as the Red line is captured, these 15 pdrs will go forward and take up positions for defence of the Red line against hostile tanks. As soon as the Blue line is captured these 15 pdrs will again move forward and take up positions for defence of the Blue line against hostile tanks.
(c) Two of these 15 pdrs are allotted to the front of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade. One of these 15 pdrs is allotted to the front of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade. Officers in charge of these guns will report their positions to the Group commanders concerned who will be located with the Infantry Brigadiers.
(d) Orders for move from the vicinity of O.28.c.5.4 will come from this Office after which the initiative will be in the hands of the Officers in charge of these guns until they are in a position to cover the Blue line; they will then come under the command of the Group commanders concerned.
(e) The senior Officer with the 15 pdrs will allot them as in para. (c).
2. The D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Division will arrange with the C.O. 5th Aust. Divl. Ammunition Column to load four G.S. Wagons with four Medium Trench Mortars and ammunition before Zero.
Two of these Mortars will reinforce the Mortars with the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade. Two of these Mortars will reinforce the Mortars with the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade. These Mortars will move up under orders of the D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Division.
3. C.O.'s 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will each detail one detached section. These sections will be under command of an Officer of experience.
These sections will have a roving commission on their respective Brigade fronts, will follow closely on the Infantry, and be prepared especially to deal with hostile anti-tank guns. They will rejoin their batteries on conclusion of the operation.
4. Definite schemes for "S.O.S." lines and counter preparation will be prepared by Group commanders so that these schemes can be put into force on the arrival of the Infantry on the final objective.
5. CONTACT AEROPLANES.
 - (1) Indication of position by flares.
 - (a) Red ground flares will be used to indicate the Infantry positions to contact aeroplanes. The flares will be lit by

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Infantry in the most advanced positions only.

(b) A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the second Red objective at Zero plus 6 hours 30 minutes. Flares will be called for by the aeroplane sounding a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon horn and by firing a white Very light. If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will repeat its call ten minutes later.

Should the Infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down above, the contact aeroplane will return at half-hour intervals until flares are shown.

(c) A contact aeroplane will fly over the third objective at Zero plus 8 hours 30 minutes when the procedure laid down for the second objective will be observed until the flares are shown.

(d) Divisional dropping ground will be located at O.25.c. 3.3.

6. COUNTER ATTACK PLANES.

(a) From Zero, counter attack planes will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.

(b) In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter attack, the counter attack plane will signal this information to the Artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter attack actually developing a white parachute flare will be fired by the plane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter attack, for the information of the Infantry.

7. LOW FLYING E.A.

Arrangements must be made by units to deal with low flying enemy aircraft.

8. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Throughout the advance beyond the Green line, enemy centres of resistance will be kept under fire as under by Heavy Artillery. All troops will be warned accordingly:-

BAYONVILLERS	fire lifts at Zero plus 4½ hours
(EASTERN MORCOURT	" " " Zero plus 5½ hours
(VALLEY O.35	" " " Zero plus 6 hours
HARBONNIERES.	

9. CONSOLIDATION.

(a) As soon as the Red line has been captured the position will be thoroughly consolidated.

Arrangements have been made to ensure a supply of engineering material for this.

(b) When the Blue line is attained it will be organised and consolidated as the main line of resistance.

(c) If the enemy is able to develop an immediate counter attack or if he has a definite plan, and the troops available in close reserve for the defence of the Blue line - it may not be possible to reach the Blue line. In this case the Red line

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will become the main line of resistance and will be consolidated and organised in depth accordingly.

- (d) Definite plans will be prepared to deal with either case. The Division must be prepared, as early as possible, to fight a stiff defensive battle on the main line of resistance.

10. SMOKE. The Air Service will drop Smoke bombs as under:-

On BAYONVILLERS at about Zero plus 4 hours.
On Q. 35, EASTERN MORCOURT Valley at about Zero plus 5 hours.
On HARBONNIERES at about Zero plus 6 hours.

11. ENEMY GUN POSITIONS. To facilitate capture of enemy guns, a map showing positions of these will be issued. If possible Units should carry tie-on labels to attach to trophies captured.

12. CABLE BURIES. Cable in the new area will be buried commencing at Battalion Headquarters backwards - a reversal of former procedure.

13. PIONEERS. One Company of 4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion will work directly under C.R.E., in each of 8th and 15th Brigade Areas, to make good the following roads:-

Right Brigade Area: From V.5.b.5.5 to W.1.b.7.5, W.2.central, W.10.b.5.2.
Left Brigade Area: P.36.b.1.9, Q.32.c.4.6, Q.32.d.0.1 (avoiding BAYONVILLERS) Cross roads at Q.33.c.9.1, W.5.c.2.6.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. Sturges
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 3

Headquarters,
5th August, 1918.

1. FORWARD AMMUNITION DUMPS.

As soon as the defensive Artillery move forward, C.O.'s Divisional Ammunition Columns and Army Brigade Ammunition Columns will form forward A.R.P.'s as under:-

- (1) (a) Left Group A.R.P. at road junction P.30.b.85.40 under the command of O.C. 6th (Army) Brigade Ammunition Column.
- (b) Right Group A.R.P. between terrace and road at P.35.d.4.3 under command of C.O. 2nd Aust. Divl Ammunition Column.
- (11) (a) Left Group A.R.P. will be formed by No.1 Section, 5th Aust. Divl Ammunition Column, 6th (Army) Brigade Ammunition Column and 14th (Army) Brigade Ammunition Column, R.F.A.
- (b) Right Group A.R.P. will be formed by the 2nd Aust. Divl Ammunition Column and No.2 Section, 5th Aust. Divl Ammunition Column.

2. TRENCH MORTAR AMMUNITION. Trench Mortar Ammunition will be held at both the A.R.P.'s detailed above.

3. CORPS A.R.P. Australian Corps will establish a forward A.R.P. along the FOUILLOY-VILLERS BRETONNEUX road at O.17.a & c.

Major F. THORNTON, M.C., C.O. 5th Aust. Divl Ammunition Column, will control this Dump.

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION. From "Z" day supplies of S.A.A., .45 P.W., Grenades, etc., will be available at Advanced 5th Australian Divl Dump O.28.c.4.3 when supplies are urgently required.

4. PIGEONS. On the day prior to the attack, one pair of pigeons will be supplied to each of the 14th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., and the 4th and 5th Aust. F.A. Brigades. These pigeons will be drawn from Headquarters, 5th Aust. Divl Artillery, at 4 p.m.

Pigeons required by the 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A., for attack day, will be obtained from the Infantry Brigades under whom they will be working.

All Units are reminded that pigeons must be released within 24 hours and must be released between one hour after dawn and one hour before sunset.

5. C.W. SETS. Two C.W. sets are allotted to 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Sturton

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

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(a) Left Group A.R.F. will be formed by No. 1 Section, 5th Aust. Divl Ammunition Column (Army) Brigade Ammunition Column and 14th (Army) Brigade Ammunition Column.

(b) Right Group A.R.F. will be formed by the 2nd Aust. Divl Ammunition Column and No. 2 Section, 5th Aust. Divl Ammunition Column.

3. French Motor Ammunition Column will be held at both the A.R.F. and the 2nd Aust. Divl Ammunition Column.

4. GORRIS A.M.P. Ammunition Column will be established a forward A.R.F. along the MOUTONVILLE-NEZ-DE-RENNES road at 0.17 N. 2. 0.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 63.

Headquarters,
6th August, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division will attack the enemy on the 8th August, 1918.

The attack will commence at an hour to be notified later.

2. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are brought into operation by this order.

3. Tasks are allotted to Artillery Brigades as under:-

(a) The 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will cover the advance of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade and defend all ground gained by Artillery fire.

(b) The 4th and 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will cover the advance of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade and defend all ground gained.

(c) The 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., after completion of their task with the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will cover the advance of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade and defend all ground gained.

(d) The above Brigades will advance under orders of the respective Brigade commanders as the tactical situation requires.

In addition to their own resources, all information received by D.A.H.Q. will be forwarded to Brigades concerned.

4. Areas for battery positions are shown in attached map.

After the advance to the Red line, the area East of the Green line is allotted to Field Artillery and the area West of that line to Heavy Artillery.

5. On capture of the Blue line, the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., and the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., will form Sub-Groups under the command of the C.O. 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

The 4th and 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will form Sub-Groups under the command of the C.O. 15th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

6. WIRELESS. C.O.'s Brigades will arrange to carry their wireless sets either with their Headquarters or with a detailed Battery. "MF", "GF" and "LL" calls will be answered by all batteries that can bring fire to bear on the targets, with 3 minutes intense fire. A second set of wireless has been allotted and will be delivered at 12 noon 7th August, 1918, as under:-

15th Aust.F.A. Brigade	0.13.d.7.7	1 set
14th Aust.F.A. Brigade	0.29.d.7.9	1 set
6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A.	0.16.c.9.1	1 set

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Wireless sets must in all cases be erected AT ONCE as soon as a Unit arrives at a new position.

7. The 71st Battery, R.G.A., will advance to a position about P.30. central and cover the 5th Australian Divisional front. This Battery will be prepared to move forward as soon as the Green line is captured. Initial orders to move will come from this Office.

8. The contact aeroplane will fly over the 3rd objective at Zero plus 7 hours NOT at Zero plus 8 hours 30 minutes as laid down in 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.2 para. 5 sub-para (c).

9. Headquarters, 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade are at N.35.b.2.2

10. The following will be the locations of Medical Stations:-

	On "Y." day.	After capture of Green line.	After capture of Red line.
A.D.S.	N.26.d.1.3	VILLERS-BRETONNEUX vicinity.	WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT vicinity.
M.D.S.	ST. ACHEUL M.14.d.2.2)	M.14.d.2.2	VILLERS-BRETONNEUX vicinity
D.C.S.	M.18.a.5.6	N.26.d.1.3	N.26.d.1.3

Gas centre at ST. ACHEUL M.14.d.3.5.

Blood transfusion centre ST. ACHEUL M.14.d.3.5.

11. Command of "C" Divisional sector of the Battle front passes to "A" 5th Australian Division at Zero plus 240 minutes.

12. Enemy lateral signal wires and signal wires running Eastwards from enemy's Headquarters will be cut.

13. Great care should be exercised in destroying enemy's ammunition dumps in order to avoid loss from gas shell which may be on the dump.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 10 p.m.

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1 set 0.15.0.0
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15th Aust. T.A. Brigade
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 64.

Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

1. Reference 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 63.

The 5th Australian Division will attack the enemy at

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. J. H. Lion

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 4 p.m. to:

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AMENDMENT No. 1 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 63.

Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

1. Delete para. 5 and substitute the following:-

"5. On capture of the Blue line, the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., and the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., will form Sub-Groups under the command of the C.O. 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

The 4th and 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will form Sub-Groups under the command of the C.O. 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade."

2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 3 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 63.

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AMENDMENT No. 2 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 63.

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1. Reference para. 6.

Location of 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade should read O.23.d.7.7
and NOT O.13.d.7.7.

A. H. Wilson

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.2.

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Headquarters,
7th. August 1918.

1. AMMUNITION RETURNS. All Ammunition Returns after noon to-day will be rendered to this office by all Artillery Units of 'A' Division.

In order to simplify returns forward of D.A.H.Q. after zero, the following instructions will be adhered to :-

- (a) Brigades, Army Brigades and D.A.Columns will wire before Zero hour the amount of ammunition of each class that will be at Gun pits and in Echelons at Zero.
- (b) Brigades will wire at 10.a.m. and 6.p.m. daily their total receipts and expenditure and totals in hand showing 'in pits' and 'in Echelon' separately.
- (c) O's.C. Forward A.R.P's will wire at 10.a.m. and 6.p.m. daily shewing total ammunition (in classes) received from Corps A.R.P., totals issued to Units of their respective Groups, and totals in hand.
- (d) O.C. Corps A.R.P. will wire at 10.a.m. and 6.p.m. daily, the totals received by M.T.Column, totals issued to respective Forward A.R.P's, and totals in hand.
- (e) All returns will be made up as at 9.a.m. and 5.p.m.
- (f) Returns from D.A.Columns and B.A.Columns will not be rendered as the ammunition in these Echelons will be treated as 'in transit'.
- (g) Written ammunition returns will not be required until further notice.

2. WAGON LINES. The move forward of Brigade, D.A.C. and B.A.C. Wagon Lines will take place as soon as the tactical situation requires. Sections D.A.C. and B.A.C. must necessarily conform to the move of the Brigade Wagon Lines, and to prevent congestion on Main Roads and M.T. Routes, C.O's and O's.C. Units, will, as far as possible, confine the move of their respective Wagon Lines to Roads within their Group. Boundaries

H.T.ROUTES. Horse transport will as far as possible keep clear of
M.T.Routes. The following Roads and Tracks will be available :-

Track from N.20.b.0.4. through squares 0.19., 20., 27., 28., 23., 24., 30., P.19. and 25.
Track from P.20.c.6.1. to P.21.c.5.9., thence road to P.29.d.0.8.
Road from 0.36.a.2.5. to V.3.b.0.1. thence track to V.5.a.0.0.
Road 0.13. Central to 0.9.c.9.1.
Road 0.9.c.9.1. to 0.8.d.0.9.
Road 0.9.c.9.1. to C.29.d.5.4.
Road 0.15.b.3.4. to 0.10.d.4.8.
Road P.25.c.0.3. to P.20.a.5.6.

M.T.ROUTE. From 9.p.m. on 'Y' Night to 8.a.m. on 'Z' Day the main M.T. Road - AMIENS - VILLERS BRETONNEUX will be closed from AMIENS to Cross Roads N.26.c.6.4. and during that period the road - RIVIERE - CAMON - LONGEAU - GLISY - N.26.c.6.4. will be open as a two way M.T. Road.

3. FORWARD A.R.P's and DUMPS. The officers controlling the A.R.P. and Dumps laid down in para.1 (1.a and b) of 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Instruction No.3 will be responsible for the selection of sites forward of the positions at present selected, to be used when the situation allows. Positions selected to be notified to this office immediately.

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4. GUNS. A wire to reach this office at 2.p.m. daily will be forwarded showing guns in action, and guns out of action, stating particulars.

In the event of a gun being destroyed, a wire will be forwarded to this office immediately, in order that arrangements may be made for replacement. Gun and carriage Number must be given.

5. TECHNICAL STORES. (a) Technical Stores Wagons of D.A.C's and B.A.C's will be stationed at Forward A.R.P's and Units will indent on them for replacement of stores, etc.. Unservicable stores must be returned with indent.

(b) A supply of spare stores, buffer oil, etc., is being held by S.I.O.M., Australian Corps at No. 23 Medium Workshops (Sheet 62.E. L.32.b.2.1.) Units may demand direct for urgent requirements.

6. CASUALTIES. Casualty wires will be forwarded to reach this office by 2.p.m. daily. NIL returns will be furnished.

7. O.M. WORKSHOPS. are allocated as under :-

17 and 22 O.M.W. (Light) (Sheet 62.D. M.27. BOUTILLERIE) for 1st. 2nd. and 5th. Aust. Divisional Artilleries, 6th. (Army) Brigade Aust. F.A., 14th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A., and 298th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A.

8. BATTLE STRAGGLERS POSTS Two hours before Zero the following Battle Stragglers Posts will be in position :-

P.21.d.8.3., P.27.d.8.4., P.33.b.7.3., V.3.d. Central.

Stragglers collecting Station at Cross Roads P.26.c.1.4. will be provided with 250 Iron Rations, 250 Small Box Respirators and 50 gallons of drinking water.

9. VETERINARY. The 5th. Aust. Div. Mobile Veterinary Section is established at N.13.d.9.7.

10. D.A.D.O.S. 5th. Aust. Division is established at N.20.d.8.0.

11. REFILLING POINT. for 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery is at N.7.d., (North of Cemetery).

12. PRISONERS OF WAR will be sent to the advanced P. of W Station at O.24.c.3.3. and thence to Divisional P of W Station at O.27.d.8.8. Prisoners en route to cage must not be delayed and employed, except that they may be used for 1 trip only carrying wounded to the rear. They must on no account be allowed to return towards the front.

13. SALVAGE DUMPS. (a) Left Sector - VECQUEMONT.
(b) Right Sector - Pt. BLANGY CABARET (N.28.d.2.2.)
to be moved forward to VILLERS BRETONNEUX as soon as possible.

14. REMOUNTS. 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Units will wire to this office for all animals required to replace casualties. Demands for shortages to date have already been submitted. Additional shortages only will be demanded.

15. S.A.A. Main 5th. Aust. Divisional Dump is at O.28.c.6.5.
Advanced Dump at O.29.d.8.6.
The advanced Dump will only be used by authority of 5th. Aust. Div. Bombing Officer, who will be at Main Dump.

Allocated.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 5

Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Z plus 4 hours.

1. D.A.H.Q. at 0.25.a.9.6 to Brigades at 0.24.c:- Buried cable, Telephone, D.R.L.S.
2. Forward of attacking Infantry Brigades:-
 - (a) 8th and 15th Infantry Brigades are each laying two pairs of ground cable from D.E. Buried Cable Test Point (P.25.b.4.5) to respective Brigade Forward Stations through Advanced Brigade Headquarters. One pair on each Infantry Brigade route is for Artillery use.
 - (b) The ground lines in (a) will be replaced by a poled cable route which is being run by the No. 1 Sections of 2nd and 5th Divl Signal Companies.
 - (c) F.O.O's will connect up to the Infantry Brigade Forward Stations and thence back as in (a).
3. WIRELESS. One Trench set is allotted for the Brigade Forward Station and one set for the Advanced Infantry Brigade Headquarters of the attacking Brigades, working back to a Directing Set at 0.24.c 3.3 and thence to Advanced Divl Headquarters.
4. VISUAL. The Central Visual Station at P.26.b.8.8 (call C.V.S) will receive messages from any part of the forward area. "DD DD" messages will be worked where necessary.
5. CABLE. Mobile establishment of cable on charge to units may be utilized if absolutely necessary. Every care however should be taken to conserve this source for as long as possible.

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Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No.4

Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

1. (a) If the enemy does not discover the operation beforehand, and if it is a complete success, it is possible that there may be a space of anything up to ~~twenty-four~~ (24) hours before the enemy can counter attack in strength. It is essential that we should make full use of any such respite to prepare our position for defence.
- (b) Group Commanders will at once fix "S.O.S" lines in consultation with Infantry Brigadiers and forward a copy to this Office.

The Australian Corps counter preparation scheme will be adopted and for phase 2 lanes will be numbered as follows, on arrival at the final objective:-

- Lane 37 bounded by the E and W Grid lines running through R.26.a.0.0 and R.26.c.0.0.
- Lane 38 bounded by the E and W Grid lines running through R.26.c.0.0 and R.32.a.0.0.
- Lane 46 bounded by the E and W Grid lines running through W.18.c.0.0 and W.24.a.0.0.

2. With reference to the map issued with 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.63, Group Commanders will take especial care that they do not encroach further into the 4th Australian Divisional area than is shown on the map. The area shown on the map has kindly been allocated to this Divisional Artillery by the 4th Australian Division.

3. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.2 para 1 sub-para (a) is Cancelled and the following substituted:-

*The C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division is arranging to have the limbers and teams for each 15 pdr anti-tank gun, together with 3 G.S.wagons for ammunition transport, at Right Group Headquarters O.28.c.5.4 at Zero plus 4 hours. The O.C's Guns will also rendezvous at the above location.

4. (1) The 17th Armoured Car Battalion is being given definite roles. The roles assigned to this Battalion may carry the cars forward for a considerable distance into enemy territory and may necessitate their returning through other Divisional sectors than that of the 5th Australian Division.

(2) British Armoured Cars can be recognised by the Red and White band markings which are similar to those of the British Tanks. This Battalion also flies the French flag (tricolour).

(3) All troops will be warned of the possibility of our armoured cars coming into our own sector, and of the way in which they will be marked.

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5. The 17th Armoured Car Battalion report centre will be established at P.25.. c, and will be marked by a GREEN and WHITE flag.

Infantry Brigade report centres will be marked with a BLUE and WHITE flag.

At Zero hour the 5th Divisional Cable Head will be at P.25.b.7.7.

6. The following information as to enemy's organization is thought to be reliable:-

VAUVILLERS
PROZART
CHINGNOILES
FRAMERVILLE
RAINECOURT
CAPPY
FONCANCOURT
CHAULNES
OMIECOURT
FONTAINE

- Billets and detrainning point.
- Divisional H.Q. and billets
- Divisional H.Q. and billets
- Corps H.Q.
- Billets
- Aerodrome and dumps
- Corps H.Q., dump, billets
- Important railway junction
- Dumps
- Aerodrome, Div. H.Q. and dump.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

W. H. H. H.

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Brigade Major,
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS ON THE TELEPHONE. 8.../8./1918.

No.	From	To	Time.	S U B J E C T .
1	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	4.21 am	Open to programme. No retaliation so far. People on Right a few seconds early.
2	"	"	4.26 am	No retaliation. Too much smoke. One Red rocket bursting into two repeated several times. Smoke screen very effective.
3	"	"	4.32 am	Shelling the road 300 yards in front. Hostile reply very weak as far as can be ascertained. Probably 4.2 Hows in front.
4	C.R.A.	G 1, 5th Divn	4.44 am	Telling him of weak retaliation.
5	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	4.48 am	Hostile shelling same. Few Reds up again. Several Whites.
6	"	"	5.2 am	Observation impossible. Very smoky and foggy. No movement observed. Hostile artillery no increase.
7	"	"	5.15 am	Observation still bad. No prisoners passed yet. No hostile shelling. Several armoured cars passed.
8	"	"	5.31 am	Five prisoners passed. Visibility improving.
9	2nd A.D.A.	"	5.40 am	Everything started well. Very little Boche retaliation. 106th had 3 guns put out of action and some casualties. Infantry known to have passed trenches in P.22.d. Bad ground mist. Tanks got away well. Prisoners state no attack expected. Identification normal on the South.
10	C.R.A.	G 5th Divn	5.41 am	As above.
11	C.R.A.	Capt Meller	5.58 am	For information. Visibility bad.
12	14th FAB	5th A.D.A.	6 am	No casualties to date.
13	2nd A.D.A.	"	6.21 am	The 106th guns all O.K. again. Three detachments were put out. Right Infantry Brigade reported 80 prisoners. Prisoners still say no idea of our attack. Very little hostile shelling. Canadians and 3rd Division both going well.
14	Capt Meller	"	6.27 am	Observation very bad. Can't see more than 200 yards. About 100 prisoners passed. Col. DERHAM received report no casualties.
15	G 5th Divn	"	6.40 am	Five bombs dropped. Brigade report they got three teams of 53rd Battery. Visibility improving.
16	Capt Meller	"	6.45 am	Visibility improving. Nothing further to report.
17	6th Army Bde	"	6.51 am	Finished their protective barrage, awaiting orders. Major PARKER is with General STEWART.
18	14th FAB	"	6.56 am	No word yet of capture of Green line. Asked for information as soon as it is through.
19	14th Army Bde RFA	"	7.1 am	For news. Wants to know if green line captured.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS ON THE TELEPHONE. 8.00/.8/1918.

S U B J E C T .

No.	From	To	Time.	
20	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	7.2 am	For information as soon as he knows if the Green line is captured. A matter of getting the guns up.
21	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	7.3 am	Nothing further to report. Observation improving very slowly. Prisoners coming in well.
22	13th Aust.FAB	"	7.4 am	Has sent forward two batteries, just sending the other two forward. Has seen no success flares.
23	2nd A.D.A.	"	7.9 am	No word of Green line. In touch with F.O.O's. Everything reported going well along the line including 3rd Corps. Does not think success signals could be seen.
24	5th A.D.A.	4th A.D.A.	7.10 am	For information as to where their Infantry are. Only know they are through ACCROCHE WOOD.
25	"	14 Aust.FAB	7.14 am	Doubtful if success signals could be seen. Told of action of 13th Aust.F.A.Bde. He will start moving his batteries forward.
26	"	Capt Meller	7.18 am	8" Hows gone forward on E & W road. 50 prisoners - last batch passed a poor lot. Heard some machine guns on Right.
27	"	14th Army Bde - RFA	7.25 am	So far no confirmation of capture of Green line, but mist very thick. 13th and 14th Aust.F.A.Bdes have gone forward. Informed of situation as far as known.
28.	G 5th Divn	5th A.D.A.	7.34 am	No confirmation of Green line having gone - but things seem pretty right. Suggest we anticipate the success of it. Many prisoners coming in. Informed that 13th and 14th Aust.F.A.Bdes had gone forward. LANCELEY had been to far side of VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX.
29	5th A.D.A.	2nd A.D.A.	7.40 am	No news of Green line. Visibility probably too bad. Will let us know when it has been confirmed that it has fallen.
30	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	7.43 am	No traffic on E & W road and no shelling on it.
31	13th Aust FAB	"	7.46 am	First battery moved 7.20 am. All going well.
32	14th "	"	7.47 am	C.O. and Adjutant moving to P.34.d.5.2.
33	13th "	"	7.52am	Boche captured map shows Bn H.Q. at Q.30.c.4.3.
34	14th Bde RGA	"	8.4 am	For information. He has a report that WARFUSEE is captured and the Green line in front of it.
35	2nd A.D.A.	"	8.5½ am	Capture of Green line confirmed.
36	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	8.6 am	As above.
37	"	14th Aust FAB	8.8 am	Green line captured.
38	"	71st Bty RGA	8.10 am	As above.
39	"	G 5th Divn	8.12 am	Heavy Artillery will move forward at 8.20 a.m.

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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
40 40a	2nd A.D.A. 14th Army Bde RFA	5th A.D.A. "	8.14 am 8.20 am	When did our Artillery move forward? 7.12 to 7.20 a.m. commenced. Green line captured. 71st Battery is going forward - will be about P.30.central. 13th and 14th Aust.F.A.Bdes gone forward. Our Heavy Artillery remains here at present.
41	6th Army Bde A.F.A.	"	8.24 am	For information. May not move until he gets a release from General STEWART and must then first refer it to C.R.A.
42 43	5th A.D.A. "	4th Aust FAB C.O.A/T Guns	8.26 am 8.29 am	Green line captured - you may move forward your Brigade. Stay where you are for the present. Will give you orders to move forward later. Stay where you are and keep in touch.
44	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.		Observation improved. Can just see WARFUSEE ABANCOURT. Can see our Artillery on the road in P.26.d. Can see crest line in Q and N but cannot see where our shells are falling.
45	2nd A.D.A.	"	8.30 am	Ask if we have taken over. Reply "Yes". He will shift everything over to us.
46	GOC 5th Divn	"	8.30 am	For information as to our action. Given.
47	5th A.D.A.	5th Aust FAB	8.34 am	No officers left at 5th Aust.F.A.Bde.
48	"	2nd D.A.C.	8.39 am	You may commence moving your echelons forward at 8.50 a.m.
49	"	5th D.A.C.		Out of touch.
50	4th Aust.FAB	5th A.D.A.	8.50 am	Given Col. DERHAM's H.Qrs. They will get in touch with him up their.
51.	6th Army Bde AFA	"	8.55 am	Observation Officer reports road forward good. Has been the other side of WARFUSEE. Our Brigades just West of WARFUSEE. Saw one battery and an anti-tank gun captured West edge of WARFUSEE.
52.	5th A.D.A.	2nd Can. D.A.	8.58 am	Giving them information of our artillery movements.
53	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	9.5 am	Informed by a Sergt that we had several guns in WARFUSEE. Hun shelling. Lightly Passed on road Col. DERHAM and Adjutant, 49th Bty etc. They are in P.27. See in large numbers on railway line on Right going forward. Cavalry.
54	R.A.Aust Corps	"	9.7 am	Informed of location of batteries as far as known and general situation to date.
55a	13th Aust.F.AB	"	9.7 am	49th Bty in position S.E. of WARFUSEE. 50th and 51st North of WARFUSEE. Mob. H.Q. P.29.a.6.2. Three batteries have been firing and are now moving on.
56	5th A.D.A.	2nd Can.DA	9.8 am	Informed of situation to date. Their mobile Brigade moved forward and is in action. A second Brigade is now moving up.
57	4th A.D.A.	5th A.D.A.	9.9 am	Brigades of 4th Aust.D.A. as follows 10th Bde in Q.7.a. & c. 11th Bde and 16th Bde R.H.A. on line P.12.cenl to P.23.cenl.

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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
58	13th Aust FAB	5th A.D.A.	9.12 am	Closed. Opening at P.30.c.8.8.
59	C.R.A.	G1 5th Divn	-	Have held back reserves of 14th Inf Bde. Can they go forward yet?
60	C.R.A.	6th Army Bde	-	They will move under orders of 14th Bde Forward.
61	5th A.D.A.	5th D.A.C.	9.15 am	Told 6th Army Bde to move forward. Still under orders 14th Infantry
62	6th Army Bde	5th A.D.A.	9.57 am	Bde. When they have done with him, revert to Col. CADDY.
	AFA			(Verbal) May now move forward.
63	C.O.A/T Guns	5th A.D.A.	10.2 am	They are staying with 14th Infantry Brigade under orders G.O.C. 14th
64	Wire from 14th Aust.F.A.Bde			Infantry Bde unless further orders come from us. They are not
65	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	10.20 am	moving.
66	5th A.D.A.	R.A. Aust Corps	10.20 am	The Group he is with is cutting out. Told to go to our forward post
67	H.A. Aust Corps	5th A.D.A.	10.23 am	at O.30.c.1.5 and get in touch with us again.
68	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	10.23 am	Timed 9.35 am. Our batteries in action in V.5.a.& b. Infantry
69	"	Capt Meller	10.23 am	through BAYONVILLERS. Casualties light. H.Q. at P.34.d.4.0.
70	G 5th Divn	5th A.D.A.	10.32 am	As above.
71	5th A.D.A.	2nd Can.D.A.	10.35 am	As above. They say 3rd Corps have all objectives. Reporting 6"
72	"	4th A.D.A.	10.35 am	shooting short at 9.30 a.m. in V.6.c.
73	C.O.A/T Guns	5th A.D.A.	10.36 am	Heavy Artillery have five Brigades going forward, now on the move.
74	4th A.D.A.	5th A.D.A.	10.37 am	Informed of our moves and position as known.
75	5th A.D.A.	G.O.C. 5th Divn	10.50 am	As above.
76	RA Aust Corps	5th A.D.A.	10.55 am	Told of 3rd Corps being on objectives.
	5th A.D.A.	5th D.A.C.	11.1 am	Reported the 6" Hows falling short in V.12 at 9.30 a.m.
				Reporting situation as far as known. Their batteries are in action
				in V.17.
				Telling them of our situation. They say their Infantry are through
				Q.22 and going according to plan.
				For instructions. Will not move until he gets Orders from this
				Office and won't go until the Red line is captured. Send an
				Officer to the 13th and 14th Aust.F.A.Bdes and get in touch.
				3rd Corps definitely on their objective and are clearing up CHIPILLY.
				Reporting 54th Battery in action at W.9.b.8.3 (received by wire) at
				10.45 a.m.
				MORCOURT captured. French and Canadians junctioned. CERISY captured
				with 300 prisoners.
				For news about ammunition. They have deposited first load and are
				refilling.

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77	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	11.1 am	As above.
78	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	11.2 am	Rocket from P.35. Probably golden rain. Not enemy. Probably playing with them.
79	C.R.A.	G 5th Divn		5th Aust. F.A. Bde in position of readiness in P.35 (Received by wire).
80	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	11.12 am	An Orderly who xxx at 10.10 a.m. was at Q.29 a (crest) reported 30th Bn was on crest on Right of road (Q.35.c. ASHWELL Wood). 4th Divn were on Left of road. They were following Tanks. 12 on Left and 4 on right of road. Enemy then shelling Q.29.a (high ground) with 77 mm. He passed 4 supply and 3 ordinary Tanks at Q.27. He also saw a Tank burning in Q.23. He passed 105 and 11 Siege Batteries. They had not then arrived at WARFUSSE. He passed the 51st Bty in WARFUSSE Valley at 9.45 a.m. Under M.G. fire in Q.29.
81	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	11.18 am	Informed of above.
82	"	"	11.22 am	4th Aust. F.A. Bde in position of readiness at V.5.a and P.35 (wire).
83	GOC 5th Div	C.R.A.	11.24 am	14th Infantry Brigade is now moving forward to WARFUSSE. 6th Army Bde Aust. F.A. reverts to our command.
84	5th A.D.A.	6th Army Bde AFA	11.30 am	You revert to command of C.R.A. Please move forward in accordance with Orders Nos. 63 and 64.
85	5th A.D.A.	C.O.A/T Guns	11.32 am	Move forward and take up positions in accordance with Instruction No.2 and report position of guns.
86	BM 14th AI Bde	5th A.D.A.	11.40 am	Have sent wire to 6th Army Bde, AFA, saying that they are reverting to C.R.A.
87	2nd Canadian	"	11.45 am	Are manning 5.9 and 4.2 Hows in V.11.b & c. Also are manning guns in V.10.c.
88	C.R.A.	G 5th Divn		Repeating wire from 14th Aust. F.A. Bde (Serial No. 64). Red line captured. Tanks proceeding to Blue line. Timed 11.20 a.m.
89	5th A.D.A.	R.A. Corps	11.50 am	Repeating above.
90	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.		A/T Guns now moving forward. Big explosions with columns of smoke at WARFUSSE, and about O.17.a & c.
91	"	"	11.55 am	Our Heavy Artillery observed firing West of WARFUSSE.
92	C.R.A.	G 5th Divn	11.56 am	As above.
93	G Divn	5th A.D.A.	12.4 pm	Blue line captured.
94	5th A.D.A.	2nd Can. D.A.	12.7 p.m.	Informed of above. Their guns are moving East of WIENCOURT.

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95	5th A.D.A.	4th A.D.A.	12.9 pm	Informed of above. 4th Divn took Red line at 11.40 a.m.
96	"	RA Aust Corps	12.5 pm	Repeated above.
97	"	Capt Meller	12.20 pm	Informed that the Blue line taken.
98	"	H.A.Aust-Corps	12.23 pm	Informed of location of 71st Bty. We are to hand them back to Heavy Artillery when finished with.
99	14th Aust FAB	5th A.D.A.	12.43 pm	Infantry reported on Blue line 12.2 pm. Brigade taking up positions to cover. In touch with 4th and 5th Aust.F.A.Bdes. Cav. Corps also reported on Blue line. Brigade Headquarters moving to W.8.a. 13th Aust.F.A.Bde occupying positions for defence of Blue line. Timed 11 a.m. Headquarters expected to move forward from present position.
100	5th A.D.A.			
101	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn		As above.
101	Capt Meller	5th A.D.A.	12.52 pm	Road traffic well organised, no blocks. Large number of prisoners coming in.
102	4th A.D.A.	"	1.9 pm	On Blue line. Informed of our position to date.
103	R.A.Aust Corps	"	3.20 pm	For information. Given situation and approximate locations.
104	15th Inf Bde	"	4.4 pm	5.9 Hows shelling road GUILLACOURT-HARBONNIERES in W. 15.a and W.16.a from due East.
105	5th A.D.A.	14th Aust FAB	4.6 pm	They have cut out. Moving again.
106	"	H.A.Aust Corps	4.9 pm	Reporting as in Serial No. 104. They will take it on.
107	C.O. 14th Aust-FAB	5th A.D.A.	4.15 pm	4.2 Hows shelling HARBONNIERES road. They are at W.15.a.20.80 (Repeated through by Signals).
108	4th A.D.A.	"	5.10 pm	18th Corps not on their objective. On the Red line in K.29, and then apparently back on the Green line to the South leaving a pocket in the river bed. These Bochs are worrying the Left Flank.
109	5th A.D.A.	H.A.Aust Corps	6.5 pm	71st Battery returned to you.

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110	RA Aust Corps	5th A.D.A.	6.30 pm	Asking for information. Given Artillery and Infantry positions as far as known.
111	WIRELESS		8.8 pm	"S.O.S" W.11.d.9.4.
112	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	8.9 pm	As above.
113	"	HA Aust Corps	8.11 pm	As above. They have it and will put down barrage well out.
114	"	G 5th Divn	8.15 pm	Reporting that Heavy Artillery are putting down barrage well out. Division want it beyond the 1916 line.
115	"	HA Aust Corps	8.17 pm	Confirming - keeping barrage well out. They are firing on "S.O.S" at 1000 yards beyond 1916 line. Beche is reported massing in Woods N.W. of ETINHEM. 3rd Corps did not get their objective. Aust Corps H.A. are going to help them mop up that area. Asked them to watch the VAUVILLERS sector throughout the night.
116	D.T.M.O.	5th A.D.A.	8.47 pm	Two Mortars, Right Battery, reported in action at W.6.b.8.8 and Q.36.d.70.15.
117	Lt Sheedy	14th Aust FAB	10.10 pm	Our Artillery 4.5 Hows and above. Raise these 300 yards on line through HARBONNIERES.
118	14th Aust FAB	5th A.D.A.	10.20 pm	In touch with batteries and 4th and 5th Aust. F.A. Brigades. Am with Infantry near ELGIN W.7.d.
119	GOC 5th Div	5th A.D.A.	11.10 pm	Much German ammunition may have to be destroyed. What R.A. Officer has knowledge of this? Major THORNTHWAITE best. Put him in touch with C.R.E.
120	5th A.D.A.	5th D.A.C.	11.13 pm	Major THORNTHWAITE told of above and told to arrange with C.R.E.
121	"	C.R.E.	11.15 pm	Re above. Asked to ring Major THORNTHWAITE and arrange. Ammunition is at W.7.d.

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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
122	G 5th Div	5th A.D.A.	6.50 am	Much movement in VAUVILLERS and heavy How shelling from W.17.c.3.2.
123	5th A.D.A.	HA Aust Corps	6.52 pm	Informed of above and will engage.
124	"	"	7.55 am	Indication of enemy withdrawing towards VAUVILLERS.
125	15th Inf Bde	5th A.D.A.	9 am	Western edge of HARBONNIERES being shelled by 5.9 Hows from behind VAUVILLERS.
126	5th A.D.A.	HA Aust Corps	9.2 am	As above.
127	"	"	10.50 am	Ask re programme for attack. Harassing all along outside final objective. Will put a battery on any special target asked for by us.
128	WIRELESS		11.4 am	LY GF FAN MTL 3la.0.6 km to 9.3.
129	5th A.D.A.	3rd A.D.A.	12 noon	As above. They had not had it.
130	HA Aust Corps	5th A.D.A.	12.22 pm	Have been firing 3,000 rounds an hour. Have now received permission to slow down to bursts of fire and am doing so.
131	14th Aust FAB	"	11.55 am	Columns of Artillery seen moving West at S.26.c.2.7 (air message).
132	5th A.D.A.	R.A Aust Corps	11.58 am	Repeating above.
133	14th Aust FAB	5th A.D.A.		Am supporting main operation in addition to looking after 15th Infantry Brigade.
134	5th A.D.A.	G1 5th Divn	1.3 pm	Repeating above and added. Have told my people they are to support 5th Australian Division defensively and will not support 2nd Australian Division. This was arranged by General ROSENTHAL and GENERAL HOBBS in my presence. Please inform General PHILLIPS.
135	RA Aust Corps	5th A.D.A.	1.2 pm	The Artillery moving West at S.26.c.2.7 have already been engaged by 6" long Guns and broken up.
136	14th Aust FAB	"	2.45 pm	We are in action under Col CADDY. Have received word from F.O.O. that the Green line has been captured.
137	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	2.50 pm	Report capture of Green line.
138	G1 5th Divn	5th A.D.A.	3 pm	Guns and 1,200 Infantry on road from CHAULNES.
139	5th A.D.A.	HA Aust Corps		Heavy Artillery informed and stated this target still on road and a section of 60 pdrs had been pushed forward to engage it.
140	"	G1 5th Divn	3.5 pm	Division informed of above.
141	G1 5th Divn	5th A.D.A.	3.8 pm	General ELLIOTT no line to Heavy Artillery.
				13th and 14th Aust.F.A.Briganes also to get in touch with Heavy Artillery.
142	13th Aust FAB	5th A.D.A.	4.5 pm	F.O.O reports VAUVILLERS taken and clean. At X.14.b & d timed 2.55 pm. Wire timed 1.50 p.m. FRAMERVILLERS taken.

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143	5th A.D.A.	G 5th Divn	4.7 pm	Above passed to you..
144	15th Inf Bde	5th A.D.A.	4.15 pm	Hostile balloons up 48° and 49° from Q.35.a.25.35.
145	5th A.D.A.	RA Aust Corps		Informed of above.
146	14th Aust FAB	5th A.D.A.	4 pm	1st Aust Divn reported through about 3000 yards. All going well.
147	"	"	6.37 pm	Message back from one of our batteries that our Infantry are being heavily shelled. Enemy's batteries in open and we are moving up to try and engage them.
148	"	"	9.28 pm	CREPEY Wood in X.30.a was taken and Wood on South of road and line sweeps around S.W. and in about 400 yards in front of ROSIERES. The Hun is reported to be retiring rapidly and our Infantry are digging in well in front of the objective line. C.R.A. wishes location of all batteries in his Brigade and "S.O.S" lines allotted to them (by wire).
149	13th Aust FAB	"	10.48 pm	Line 7th Infantry Brigade X.10.d.40.00 - X.10.c.95.50 - X.4.c.70.00 - X.4.c.55.80 along road to X.3.d.50.70 to X.3.b.60.00. 13th Aust.F.A.Brigade moving to W.11.b.1.9 at 11 a.m.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 6

Headquarters,
9th August, 1918.

1. The attack will be resumed on the 9th instant - the final objectives of the Corps, objective and boundaries of Divisions and Brigades and phases of the attack are shown on Map No. 2 attached.
2. It is not anticipated that the attack will be launched before 10 a.m. Zero will be notified as soon as it is ascertained. Troops will be prepared to move to a starting line at very short notice from 7 a.m. The controlling factor in the advance will be the rate of advance of the Canadian Corps which is to push in the direction of ROYE and CHAULMES.
3. The first phase of the attack - the advance to the Green Line - will be carried out by the 1st Australian Division on the right and the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade of the 5th Australian Division on the left. The 4th Australian Division will not advance.
4. Tanks are allotted for the operation as follows:-

1st Aust. Division.	2nd Tank Bn.	14 Tanks.
	Tanks near WIMCOURT, H.Q. P.30.a.	
8th Bde, 5th Aust.Divn.	8th Tank Bn.	7 Tanks.
	Tanks in squares P.29 and 35.	
	H.Q. in Chalk Quarry P.29.d.	
2nd Aust.Division.	15th Tank Bde.	10 Tanks.
	H.Q. in vicinity of DOG WOOD.	
5. (a) The attack on the objective of the first phase - Green line - will be carried out by the troops of 1st Australian Division passing through 5th Australian Division in the right sector at Zero hour.

8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will arrange to co-operate with this attack within the boundaries shown on Map No.2.

8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will re-adjust boundaries with the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade prior to the attack or pass through 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade as may be arranged mutually by Brigadiers concerned.

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(b) The 14th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades and troops of 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade not taking part in the attack will remain in their present positions pending further instructions except that a re-adjustment between 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades may be necessary (see sub-para 4 a).

(c) After the capture of the Green line the 2nd Australian Division is to pass through the 5th Australian Division in the centre sector and is to attack the second objective (Phase B) in conjunction with 1st Australian Division
6. The 23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A., is relieving the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade, and on completion of the relief will form a Sub-Group under the command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O. On completion of relief the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade comes under the command of the C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division.

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Positions of the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade are as follows:-

H.Qrs	P.18.d.7.2
25th Battery	Q.20.b.15.20
26th Battery	Q.15.c.20.30
27th Battery	Q.20.b.20.35
107th Battery	Q.14.d.90.30

The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery is relieving the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery. On completion of relief the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will pass to the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division.

The 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., is relieving the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., On completion of relief the 298th Army Brigade, R.F.A., passes to command of the C.R.A., 1st Australian Division and the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., passes to the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division.

7. At Zero hour - 11 a.m. - the Artillery will be re-grouped and will cover the sectors as follows:-

Right Sector.	Centre Sector.	Left Sector.
1st Aust. Divl Arty	5th Aust. Divl Arty	4th Aust. Divl Arty
298th Army Bde, R.F.A.	6th Army Bde, A.F.A.	16th Army Bde, R.H.A.
189th Army Bde, R.F.A.	23rd Army Bde, R.F.A.	12th Army Bde, A.F.A.

8. From 11 a.m. the Artillery under the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will be re-grouped as follows:-

Right Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. DADDY, D.S.O.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade

Left Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.
6th Army Brigade, Aust. F.A.
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Dividing line between Groups E & W along grid line through X.1.central.

9. Group commanders will arrange Artillery support for the attack in the Sectors allotted to them.

10. Acknowledged.

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

Issued at 8.30 a.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divl Artillery
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 7

Headquarters,
9th August, 1918.

1. The Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division, detailed in para. 8 of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 6, will become defensive artillery when the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade have gained their objective.

2. The advance to the Red line by the 2nd Australian Division will be supported by the following Artillery:-

2nd Australian Divisional Artillery } Under command of the
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A. } C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Divn

3. Group commanders under command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will, as soon as the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade have gained their objective, make all arrangements for the defence of the front held by the 5th Australian Division.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 1.15 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 1 and

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189th Army Bde, R.F.A.	115-119

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 8.

Headquarters,
9th August, 1918.

1. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 7 is **CANCELLED.**
2. Command of the Artillery covering the Centre Sector will pass to the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division at 4 p.m. to-day 9th August, 1918.
3. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

J. R. Mellan
for Major, Capt
Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 9.

Headquarters,
 10th August, 1918.

1. Command of the Reserve Artillery, viz:-

2nd Australian Divisional Artillery
 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

has passed from the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division to the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 11 a.m. to:-

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R.A. Aust. Corps	1	5th Tank Brigade	68
5th Aust. Division	2-41	No. 1 GC Tank Coy	69
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	42-46	Staff Captain	70
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	47-51	Reconnaissance Officer	71
6th Army Bde, A.F.A.	52-56	Brigade Major	72
5th Aust. D.A.C.	57-59	War Diary	73-75
H.A. Aust. Corps	60	Fide	76
6th A.F.A., B.A.C.	61	C.R.A.	77
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	62	23rd Army Bde, R.F.A.	78-82
2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	63	4th Aust. F.A. Brigade	83-87
4th Aust. Divl Artillery	64	5th Aust. F.A. Brigade	88-92
3rd Aust. Divl Artillery	65	14th Army Bde, R.F.A.	93-97
1st Aust. Divl Artillery	66		
3rd Squadron, A.F.C.	67		

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 65.

Headquarters,
10th August, 1918.

1. The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery and the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will relieve the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and the 6th Army Brigade, Aust. F.A., in the line in the Centre Divisional Sector to-night 10th August, 1918.
2. 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade will relieve the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Headquarters at Q.32.a.1.5.
- 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade will relieve the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Headquarters at W.7.d.4.5.
- 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will relieve the 6th Army Brigade Aust. F.A. - Headquarters at Q.27.c.3.4.
3. The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will leave Wagon Lines at 3 p.m. to-day.
4. The 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will leave Wagon Lines at 5 p.m. to-day.
5. All movement will be in small parties with long intervals between parties.
6. On relief, the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and the 6th Army Brigade, Aust. F.A., will be Reserve Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division, and will withdraw to Wagon Lines which will be East of a line HAMEL-VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
7. On arrival at Wagon Lines reports will be made to this Office.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

T.R. Ueller
Major, *capt.*
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	42-46	Reconnaissance Officer	71
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	47-51	Brigade Major	72
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6th A.F.A., B.A.C.	61	23rd Army Bde, R.F.A.	78-82
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2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	63	5th Aust. F.A. Brigade	88-92
4th Aust. Divl Artillery	64	14th Army Bde, R.F.A.	93-97
3rd Aust. Divl Artillery	65	2nd Aust. D.A.C.	98-100
1st Aust. Divl Arty	66	14th R.F.A., B.A.C.	100-A
3rd Squadron, A.F.C.	67	D.T.M.O. 2nd Aust. Divn	101
5th Tank Brigade	68		

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ADDENDUM No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 65.

Headquarters,
10th August, 1918.

1. 2nd Australian Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will relieve the 5th Australian Medium Trench Mortar Brigade on the night 10th/11th August, 1918. All other details will be arranged between D.T.M.O's concerned.

5th Australian Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will, on completion of relief, withdraw to FOUILLOY Area.

2. The 2nd Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will relieve the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column on the 10th August, 1918, under arrangements to be made by the C.O's concerned. On completion of relief the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will remain in FOUILLOY Area.

3. Reference Order No. 65, para 5. Wagon Lines will be between VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and WARFUSSE-ABANCOURT, with the Divisional Area.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Russell
Major, call
for Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 3.30 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 65.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 66

Headquarters,
10th August, 1918.

1. Reference 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 65 and Addendum No. 1.
2. The relief of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and the 6th Army Brigade, Aust.F.A., by the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery and the 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will now take place on the morning of the 11th August, 1918, instead of the night 10th/11th August, 1918.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. Stutton*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 8.45 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 65 and Addendum No. 1.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 67.

Headquarters,
10th August, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery Brigades but including Divisional Artillery Headquarters) will be withdrawn to the area bounded on the North and South by the present Divisional boundaries, on the East by the VILLERS line inclusive, and on the West by the Reserve line of the AUBIGNY ZONE and the right bank of the River SOMME in O.7.c. and O.15.a. all inclusive.
2. Orders for the withdrawal of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery (less Divisional Artillery Headquarters), the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A., and the 189th Army Brigade, R.F.A., to Reserve Area have already been issued.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 10.45 pm to:-

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13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	1	D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	12
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	5th Aust. Division	13
6th (Army) Bde, Aust. F.A.	3	R.A. Aust. Corps	14
189th Army Bde, R.F.A.	4	H.A. Aust. Corps	15
6th A.F.A., B.A.C.	5	Staff Captain	16
189th R.F.A., B.A.C.	6	Reconnaissance Officer	17
5th Aust. D.A.C.	7	Brigade Major	18
1st Aust. Divl Artillery	8	C.R.A.	19
2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	9	War Diary	20 - 22
3rd Aust. Divl Artillery	10	File	23
4th Aust. Divl Artillery	11		

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 68.

Headquarters,
11th August, 1918.

1. The 189th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will not move out of the 5th Australian Divisional Area before 5 p.m. 11th August, 1918.

2. The 189th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will make preparations to move at short notice.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (189th Army Brigade and B.A.C.).

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 1 p.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.
189th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
6th A.F.A., B.A.C.
189th R.F.A., B.A.C.
5th Aust. D.A.C.
1st Aust. Divl Arty
2nd Aust. Divl Arty
3rd Aust. Divl Arty
4th Aust. Divl Arty

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8 C.R.A.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 69.

Headquarters,
11th August, 1918.

1. The 189th Army Brigade, R.F.A., will march on the night of 11th/12th August, 1918, to CONTAY.

Route:- CORBIE - FRANVILLERS.

2. An Officer will be sent forward in advance and report to 47th Division "Q" at CONTAY.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (189th Brigade and B.A.C)

W. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 6.30 p.m. to:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.
189th Army Bde, R.F.A.
6th A.F.A., B.A.C.
189th R.F.A., B.A.C.
5th Aust. D.A.C.
1st Aust. Divl Arty
2nd Aust. Divl Arty
3rd Aust. Divl Artillery
4th Aust. Divl Artillery

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Attack on 8th August, 1918.

This operation was part of an operation undertaken on a fairly large scale.

The attack on the 1st objective - Green line V.11.a.35.80 - V.5.central - P.36.c.0.0 - Q.19.c.7.0 - was launched by the 2nd Australian Division, supported by a creeping barrage.

On obtaining the Green line objective, the 5th Australian Division passed through the 2nd Australian Division and attacked the 2nd objective - Red line W.1.b.11.95 - W.6.a.00.80 - Q.30.c.45.40 and then pushed on and attacked the 3rd objective - Blue line W.16.d.70.13 - W.17.a.55.20 - W.18.b.70.90 - along old British trench to R.25.c.15.40.

The attack of the 5th Australian Division was supported by Field Artillery moving forward and firing with direct observation. This Artillery worked under direct orders of the Infantry Brigadiers.

Command of the Battle front passed to the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division at Zero plus 4 hours - 8.30 a.m.

The Artillery allotted to the 5th Australian Division was:-

5th Aust. Divl Artillery	-	13th & 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades
2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	-	4th and 5th Aust. F.A. Brigades
		6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
		14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

This Artillery was divided into offensive and defensive Field Artillery:-

Offensive Artillery.

5th Australian Divl Artillery
6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.

Defensive Artillery.

2nd Australian Divl Artillery
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
71st Battery, R.G.A.

All this Artillery was employed in the attack of the 2nd Australian Division under the command of the G.R.A. 2nd Australian Division.

Command of this Artillery passed to the G.R.A. 5th Australian Division as follows:-

Offensive Artillery at Zero plus 143 minutes 6.55 a.m.

Defensive Artillery at Zero plus 240 minutes 8.30 a.m.

The attack of the 5th Australian Division was carried out by two Infantry Brigades in line. Inter-brigade boundary

O.13.c.4.8 - cross roads O.13.d.2.7 - O.15.c.35.00 - cross roads
O.22.a.6.5 - O.24.c.95.00 - P.27.c.0.4 - P.36.a.70.35 - O.31.c.5.9 -
light railway Q.32.c.4.4 - W.4.central - crucifix W.5.c.20.35 -
W.12.b.3.5 - X.7.a.05.25.

The 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade attacked on the Left.

The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade attacked on the Right.

The 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade was in Divl Reserve.

The Offensive Artillery was allotted to Infantry Brigades as follows:-

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	to	8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	to	15th Aust. Infantry Brigade
6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.	to	14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

There was a pause on the Green line from 6.53 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. to allow the Canadian Corps on the Right, who had further to go and over more difficult country, to come up in line.

The Offensive Artillery was ready to move forward at 6.55 a.m. The Defensive Artillery was ready to move forward at 8.30 a.m. The 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades each detailed a special opportunity section who passed forward with the first waves of Infantry with the Tanks.

Defensive Artillery was allotted tasks as under:-

The 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., to cover the advance of the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade and defend all ground gained by Artillery fire.

The 4th and 5th Aust. F.A. Brigades to cover the advance of the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and defend all ground gained by Artillery fire.

The 71st Battery, R.G.A., was prepared to move forward as soon as the Green line was captured. This Battery was ordered to commence moving forward at 8.45 a.m. to take up a position about P.30. central and cover the whole of the Divisional front.

The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery was ordered forward at 8.57 a.m.

The 14th Army Brigade, R.F.A., moved forward at about 8.45 a.m.

The 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A., reverted to the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division at 11.27 a.m. and was at once ordered forward to cover the advance of the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade and defend all ground gained by Artillery fire.

As soon as the Blue line was captured the Artillery under the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division was re-grouped as follows:-

Right Group (covering front of 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade)
under command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DUNHAM, D.S.O.
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
4th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Superimposed Sub-Group
5th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Sub-Group.

Left Group (covering front of the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade)
under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A. - Superimposed Sub-Group
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A. - Sub-Group.

The Blue line was reported captured at 12.4 p.m.

The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery had a forward observing Officer at the commencement of the operation. The information which he sent back proved of value. A Despatch Rider was attached to him and the information which he collected was telephoned into D.A.H.Q. Visibility was impossible owing to early morning heavy mist and the smoke and dust of the bombardment.

Anti-Tank Guns. The 3-15 pdr Anti-Tank Guns on this front were horsed and manned by personnel of the 2nd Australian Divl Ammunition Column and were sent forward as soon as the Red line was captured. Two were allotted to the front of the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade and 1 was allotted to the front of the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade. On arrival in positions to cover the Blue line these Anti-Tank Guns came under control of the respective Artillery Group Commanders.

6" Mortars. 4-6" Newton Mortars were loaded with 30 rounds a Mortar into Supply Tanks before the operation. Two of these Mortars (9th Aust. M.T.M. Bty) were allotted to the front of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade and two (10th Aust. M.T.M. Bty) to the front of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade - only one of these Mortars arrived at its destination. Four more Mortars (two for each battery) were loaded in four C.S. Wagons of the 5th Aust. Divl Ammunition Column and sent forward on the night 8th/9th August, 1918, with 50 rounds of ammunition per Mortar.

Pigeons. One pair of Pigeons was supplied to each Brigade of the Defensive Artillery on the evening of 7th/8th August. Pigeons for the Offensive Artillery Brigades were drawn from the allotment of the Infantry Brigades to which they were affiliated.

Ammunition. For this operation a section of a Divl Ammunition Column was affiliated to each Divl Artillery Brigade, Army Brigades used their B.A.C's. As soon as the Green line was captured D.A.C's and B.A.C's commenced to move forward and formed two dumps - one about

DEDUCTIONS. The Battle went according to plan. The enemy was not prepared, was apparently caught by surprise. Secrecy of plans is of utmost importance. Communication was most difficult. The mobile reserve of wire for all Artillery units is not sufficient. Visual signalling requires much development. One D.R. should be allotted to the C.R.A. for each Brigade of Artillery under his command. It is essential that Field Artillery intended for mobile warfare should be taken out of the line and be trained in field movements with their Infantry - adequate ground for carrying out these manoeuvres is essential. A Liaison Officer from the Heavy Artillery should be with each Infantry Brigadier conducting the attack. These Liaison Officers should be in direct communication with the Heavy Artillery Brigades covering the fronts over which the Infantry Brigades concerned are operating. In order to maintain an advance, experience shows that Divisional Artillery Headquarters should be moved forward at the earliest opportunity; at any rate representatives of the "G" Staff and Divl Artillery Staff should move forward and establish a forward report centre, thus lessening the distance to Artillery Brigade Headquarters and the length of the necessary communications. In the event of a large advance, the fact that D.A.C. and P.A.C. personnel will not be available for manning dumps must not be lost sight of. - This personnel will be required for their normal role in open warfare that is - in taking up ammunition to the First Line Wagons. Ammunition must be fed forward and not fetched from the rear.

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CRA 5th Aust Div

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As at 11 p.m. 12/8/18

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.R.A., Brigadier General A.J. BESSELL-BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

DISPOSITION RETURN No. 85
 Reference Sheet 62 D 1-40,000
 5th Aust.D.A.H.Q. 0.25.a.90.60

UNIT	LOCATION	WAGON LINES.
13th Aust.F.A.Bde, H.Q. }	Concentrated at Wagon Lines	0.16.central
49th Battery		P.20.a.6.7
50th "		0.12.b.9.8
51st "		0.18.a.5.6
113th "		0.12.b.5.9
14th Aust.F.A.Bde, H.Q. }	Concentrated at Wagon Lines	P.14.d.3.2
53rd Battery		0.18.a.6.3
54th "		0.17.b.5.2
55th "		0.23.d.5.3
114th "		0.27.b.3.0
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A., }	Concentrated at Wagon Lines	{ 0.18.b.80.80
H.Qrs		
16th Battery		
17th "		
18th "		
106th "		
5th Aust.D.A.C., H.Q.	0.17.b.25.70	
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust.Divn	0.25.a.9.6	
9th H.T.M. Battery	FOUILLOY	
10th " "	FOUILLOY	
10th Coy, A.A.S.C.	0.26.d.5.7	
5th Mob. Vet. Section	N.13.d.9.7	
D.A.D.O.S. (Adv)	P.32.a.2.8	
D.A.D.O.S. (Rear)	H.20.d.8.0	
No.22 O.H.W. (Light)	FOUILLOY	
5th Aust. Salvage Coy	0.28.c.6.5	

Wm. Lark

Lieut,
 Acting Reconnaissance Officer,
 5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No.1.

SERIES "C"

Headquarters,
13th August, 1918.

Ref. Map HARBONNIERES 1-40,000.

1. The 5th Australian Division will attack the enemy on the 13th August, 1918. Zero hour will be notified later.
2. Maps showing the approximate Start line, and the Divisional boundaries have been issued to those concerned.
There are 3 objectives, called -

The Halt line	{ Brown line }
The 1st objective	{ Green line }
The Exploitation line	{ Red line }

As shown on the barrage maps to be issued later.
3. The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will attack on the Left.
The 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade will attack on the Right.
The 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be in Reserve.
4. The 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade, 4th Australian Division, is attacking on the Left of the 5th Australian Division.
The 2nd Canadian Division is attacking on the Right of the 5th Australian Division.
5. Inter-brigade boundary between the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade:- An E and W line along the grid line through A.8.central.
6. Field Artillery is allotted as follows:-

Right Group, covering the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. F.P.DERHAM, D.S.O.

14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
7th Aust. F.A. Brigade
8th Aust. F.A. Brigade

Left Group, covering the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. H.E.COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.

6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
3rd (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
15th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

The 8th Brigade, R.G.A., is affiliated for this operation to the 5th Australian Division - Headquarters F.8.b.3.6.
7. The attack on the Halt line will be carried out with a creeping barrage, in accordance with the barrage map.
The attack on the 1st objective and Exploitation lines will be carried out by mobile warfare methods.
8. The Infantry tape line will be as follows:-

A.14.c.5.0 - A.8.b.4.0 - A.2.b.9.0 - S.26.d.9.0 -
S.26.b.6.0 - S.20.c.3.0 - X.24.a.0.5 - X.17.b.0.0 -
X.11.c.5.0 - X.11.a.0.1 - X.5.b.0.0.

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At Zero hour the Field Artillery barrage will open on a line 200 yards in advance of the Infantry taped line. At Zero hour plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes, for 3 lifts. From the 4th lift, inclusive, the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes up to the Brown line. The barrage will halt on the Brown line for 15 minutes and will then advance, as far as range permits, at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes as shown on barrage map.

Field Artillery barrage fire will then cease and the success will be exploited by the Infantry, Cavalry and Tanks, up to the limits laid down above.

The attention of all officers will be called to the fact that some of the Tanks employed will be Whippets.

9. The attack on the Green line and Exploitation line will be carried out as follows:-

(a) At Zero plus 90 minutes, the G.O.'s 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., and the 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade will send forward one section of 18 pdrs to closely support each battalion making the attack on their respective fronts. These sections will work in the closest liaison with the battalions which they cover.

(b) At Zero plus 140 minutes, the 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade and the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A. (less sections detailed in sub-para (a)) and the 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade (less sections detailed in sub-para (a)) will advance and support the Infantry by fire with direct observation

For this purpose the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A. and the 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade, less 1-18 pdr battery and 1-4.5" How. battery, will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade. The 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade and 1-18 pdr and 1-4.5" How battery from the 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade, will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

On completing their barrage tasks the 3rd (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., and the 7th and 8th Aust.F.A. Brigades will remain in their positions, become Corps Reserve, and pass to the command of the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.

10. On gaining the Exploitation line objective, the sections detailed in para. 9 sub-para (a) will revert to their respective batteries, and the Artillery will be grouped as follows:-

Right Group, covering the front of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DIERHALL, D.S.O.

14th Aust.F.A. Brigade
1-18 pdr and 1-4.5" How battery from 13th Aust.F.A. Bde.

Left Group, covering the front of the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.

6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A.
13th Aust.F.A. Brigade (less 1-18 pdr and 1-4.5 How bty).

Group commanders will at once make all arrangements for defending their respective fronts.

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11. Group commanders will make arrangements to keep in touch with Artillery Group and Brigade commanders on either flank and between themselves.
12. Ammunition will be dumped at gun pits as follows forthwith:-
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| 18 pdrs | - 500 rounds per gun. |
| 4.5" Hows. | - 450 rounds per How. |

For the creeping barrage 18 pdr ammunition will be fired as follows:- 15% Smoke, 35% H.E. delay action, 50% Shrapnel.

4.5" How. ammunition:- 85% H.E. with 106 faze, 15% Smoke.

At Zero hour all echelons will be full.

For 18 pdrs "A" and "AX" in equal proportions. 5 rounds of Smoke will be carried on each gun limber and 10 rounds of Smoke will be carried in each of the firing battery and first line wagons.

For 4.5" Hows. H.E. and a proportion of Smoke if available.

13. For this operation -

No.1 Section 5th Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 13th Aust.F.A.Bde
 No.2 Section 5th Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 14th Aust.F.A.Bde
 No.1 Section 3rd Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 7th Aust.F.A.Bde
 No.2 Section 3rd Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 8th Aust.F.A.Bde
 6th Army B.A.C., A.F.A., is allotted to the 6th Army Bde, A.F.A.
 3rd Army B.A.C., A.F.A., is allotted to the 3rd Army Bde, A.F.A.

14. The 7th and 8th Aust.F.A.Br Brigades and the 3rd Aust.Divl Ammunition Column will march forthwith to square V.23 under orders of their respective C.O's.

The 13th Aust.F.A.Br Brigade will march forthwith to square V.28 under orders of the C.O. 13th Aust.F.A.Br Brigade.

The 14th Aust.F.A.Br Brigade will march forthwith to square V.29 under orders of the C.O. 14th Aust.F.A.Br Brigade.

The 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., will march forthwith to square V.22 under orders of the C.O. 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A.

The 5th Aust.D.A.C., will march forthwith to square W.26 under orders of the C.O. 5th Aust.D.A.C.

15. Brigade commanders will reconnoitre positions for their batteries forthwith to carry out tasks as laid out in these instructions and move their batteries into action.

Group and Brigade Headquarters and selected battery position locations will be forwarded to this Office as early as possible.

16. Watches will be synchronised with Group Headquarters under arrangements made by this Office.

17. Responsibility for the defence of the front passes to the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division at 12 midnight, 14th August, 1918. Group commanders will arrange "S.O.S" lines with Infantry Brigadiers concerned from that hour and will send copies of these lines to this Office.

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18. Trench Mortars: One battery of the 3rd Aust. Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will move to about E.9.b.9.5 - the guns will be parked in this vicinity.

One battery of the 5th Aust. Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will move to about E.3.b.9.2 - the guns will be parked in this vicinity.

The personnel of these batteries will be employed under a party of Pioneers to improve the forward communications and roads for the advance of the Field Artillery on the Right and Left Group fronts, respectively.

The remaining batteries of the 3rd and 5th Australian Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigades will remain at FOUILLOY.

19. Messages may be despatched from the following positions:-

- W.14.b.0.3
- W.8.d.9.2.
- W.24.b.central
- X.28.b. cross-roads
- 2nd Divl Signal Office in BAYONVILLERS about W.32.c.7.3
- Canadian Officer in E.18.b.9.3.

20. Each Brigade, D.A.C. & B.A.C., will each detail two Orderlies to report to Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, at 3p.m., 14/8/18.

21. Battle Headquarters for the 14th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades, from-noon 14th August, will be at F.6.c.5.0.

22. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, will remain at Q.25.a.9.6

23. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. M. M. M.
 Major,
 Brigade Major,
 5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

Issued at 12 midnight to:-

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AMENDMENT No. 1.

- to -

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 3.

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Headquarters,
14th. August 1918.

1. Ammunition establishment required as detailed in para 2 (a) is amended as follows :-

18.pdr.

4.5" How.

At Gun Positions A. 1500
 AX. 1050
 AS. 450

At Gun Positions BX 2295
 BS 405

Battery Echelons A. 528
 AX 453
 AS 75

Battery Echelons BX 600
 BS 48

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.3.

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Reference Sheet - ROSIERES 1:40,000.

Headquarters,
13th. August 1918.

Reference 5th.Aust.Div.Art. Instruction No.1 Series C.

AMMUNITION.

1. (a) Main A.R.P. for this Artillery Group have been established at E.9.b.9.5. (no.1.) and E.3.b.8.2. (No.2.) These are manned by personnel of the 5th. Aust. M.T.M. Batteries.
(b) Right Group Artillery will normally draw from No.1 Dump, Left Group Artillery from No.2 Dump.

2. (a) The ammunition establishment required as laid down in above order amounts to the following per Battery :-

18.pdr.			4.5" How.		
At Gun Positions	A.	1800	At Gun Positions	EX	2700
" " "	AX.	1260	" " "	BS	300
" " "	AS.	540			
Battery Echelons	A.	528	Battery Echelons	EX	573
" " "	AX	453	" " "	BS	75
" " "	AS	75			
Total per Battery		4656	Total per Battery		3648

(b) Ammunition will be conveyed direct from No.1 and No.2 A.R.P's to Gun Pits by Brigades, D.A.C's and B.A.C.'s concerned.

D.A.C. Sections and B.A.C's are allotted to Brigades as in 5th. Aust. Div.Art. Instruction No.1. Series C.

B.A.C. Commanders and Section Commanders, D.A.C., are responsible for keeping in touch with the Brigade Commanders to whom they are allotted.

3. Ammunition returns required are sent out in memo, issued to Units responsible for furnishing them. (5th.Aust.Div.Artillery No.A.8/82 of 10.8.1918).

4. All ammunition packs will be hold ready for use.

5. S.O.S. Rockets are available at No.1. and No.2. A.R.P's and may be drawn, six per Brigade.

E. H. Brock

Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,

5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No 4.

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Reference Sheet - ROSIERES 1/40,000.

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13th. August 1918.

RELIEF OF 5TH. AUST T.M. PERSONNEL ON A.R.P.'s.

1. 5th. Australian Medium Trench Mortar Personnel on duty at No. 1. and No. 2. Ammunition Refilling Points will be relieved on the morning of the 14th. instant.
2. No. 1. A.R.P. (Location E. 9. b. 9. 5.), will be taken over and manned by 3rd. Aust. Divisional Ammunition Column.
No. 2. A.R.P. (Location E. 3. b. 8. 2.), will be taken over and manned by 5th. Aust. Divisional Ammunition Column.
3. Ammunition Receipts will be taken and given in each case, and Ammunition Accounts handed over.
4. Other details will be arranged direct between C.O.'s, Divisional Ammunition Columns concerned, and the 5th. Aust. Div D.T.M.O.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Ly H. Booth

Lieut.
A/Staff Captain.
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 5.

Headquarters,
13th. August 1918.

VETERINARY AND SALVAGE ARRANGEMENTS.

The 5th. Aust. Mobile Vet. Section is located as follows :-

5th. Aust. M.V.S. N.13.d.6.9. (62.D.).
(Moving to a location to be notified later).
5th. Aust. M.V.S. Advanced Post. - O.29.c.5.7. (62.D.).

The 1st. Aust. V.E.S. is at POULAINVILLE, O.2.c.8.1. (62.D.), and will receive there on 13th. inst, and will open at CORBIE (location to be notified later) on 15th. inst. On the 14th. inst., horses are being held at M.V. Sections.

2. Commencing 13th. August, a daily Veterinary Casualty Return will be rendered on the following pro-forma by Brigades and D.A.C's.

The 13th. Aust. F.A. Bde and 14th. Aust. F.A. Bde and 5th. Aust. D.A.C. will render the report to this office. 3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery and Army Brigades A.F.A. will render the report through customary channels to A.D.V.S. Corps.

Horses.		Mules.		H O R S E S			M U L E S		
Admitted	Admitted	Admitted	Admitted	Killed	Destroyed	Missing	Killed	Destroyed	Miss
Wounded	Wounded.								-ing.
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

A return for the period 8/11th. inst. will be rendered by 6.p.m. 15th. inst.

3. Fourth Army are taking over the clearing of all Salvage as far East as a line I.29.d.8.0. - CORBIE - FOUILLOY - VILLERS BRETTONEUX, all exclusive.

The Australian Corps are responsible for an Area bounded on the West by the above line, and on the North and South by the SOMME and the VILLERS BRETTONEUX - CHAULNES Railway.

Salvage as collected is being dumped on main traffic routes. General Salvage will be picked up and conveyed to Railhead by any empty transport moving in that direction. All transport is to be given orders to that effect.

Ammunition Empties will be taken to the nearest A.R.P's by any transport moving in that direction - O.'s C. A.R.P's will ensure that these empties are not dumped in such a manner as to disclose the location of the dump. All M.T. Drivers, running empty, have been instructed to return any ammunition empties dumped at A.R.P's to the Ammunition Railhead. (at present VECQUEMONT).

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.6.Headquarters,
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Reference Map - ROSIERES 1:40,000.

Reference 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Instruction No.1 Series C.

SUPPLIES AND STORES

1. From 15th. inst., Units of the 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery will draw from P.32.a.5.5.
2. D.A.D.O.S. 5th.Aust.Divn. have established ~~and~~ an advanced Dump at W.14.a.5.3.
3. No.53 Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light) is at VILLERS ERETONEUX (0.29.d.8.6.).
4. Drinking Water is available at the following points :-

P.29.c.0.4.
Q.32.d.3.9.
Q.32.d.3.7.
W.2.b.4.3.
Q.26.c.8.3.
Q.32.c.5.8.3
Q.35.a.7.9.

Water Tanks.
Windlass and Bucket.
do.
do.
do.
do.
Power Pump.

ANIMALS :- W.7.d.6.6. and W.9.c.2.1.

No water from captured wells is to be used until it has been tested and marked safe.

Every effort will be made to conserve the water supply.

All Horse watering should be by bucket, pending the erection of troughs.

5. Technical Store Wagons of D.A.C's and B.A.C's will be stationed at A.R.P. and Units will indent on them for replacement of stores. Unserviceable stores will be returned with indent.

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ADDENDUM No.1 TO ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.6.Headquarters,
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1. To para 4 add the following water points :-

Reference Map - ROZIERES, Combined Sheet.

- X.28.b.2.7. Well, 40' to water, 10' water, 2000 galls. Has windlass, water good taste, no smell.
- V.9.d.3.4. Water towers filled from well at V.9.d.3.4. 50' deep, 5' diameter, depth of water 15'
- V.4.c.9.0. Well at rear of Cafe near Bridge.
- V.10.a.8.8. Underground tank near road junction.
- X.26.d.5.5. Pumping plant complete, Boiler and Worthington Steam Pump complete, Present supply is in tanks, about 20,000 galls. Water is good. Plant being put in order.
- X.27.c.0.4. Well 50' to water, 14' water, 700 galls., has windlass, Water good.
- W.11.c.1.5. Well. Good Water. One measure bleaching powder.
- W.11.d.3.7. Well do. do.
- W.11.c.7.7. Well do. Three measures bleaching powder.
- W.11.b.1.9. Well. 60' to water. 6' to 8' of water, 600 galls. Has Windlass. Water Good. One measure bleaching powder.
- W.11.d.0.5. Well 30' to water. 10' water., 500 galls. Has windlass, good approach water cart.
- W.11.c.5.7. Well 50' to water. 12' water, 400 galls. Has windlass, in need of repair.
- W.11.c.6.6. Well. 50' to water, 11' water, 700 galls. Has windlass.
- W.11.c.9.4. Well. 55' to water, 10' water, 600 galls. Has windlass.
- W.2.a.8.7. Well. To be repaired and power pump fixed.
- A.18.b.4.9. Bore hole. 40' to water.
- B.7.d.5.5. Bore hole. 44.5 feet to water.
- E.12.c.0.0. Pumping plant. Good water and troughs. 2-40' troughs
- VRELY Stn. 4-1,000 gall tanks.
- E.11.a.0.0. Well. L and F. pump and one trough.
- GUILLIAUCOURT Tank, canvas and pump.
- F.9.b.2.0.) Well, good windlass.
- Sugar Factory)
- MEHARIGOURT Windlasses being fitted to all wells.
- ROSIERES) Railway Pumping Stn. Good plant and supply, horse troughs
- X.26.d.4.5.) and water cart points X.26.d.4.5. and X.26.d.9.0.
- W.26.d.1.9. Spring. Pump being fixed. To fill water lorries on road.
- X.14.a.0.4. Water drawn by rope and bucket.
- X.14.a.0.6. do. do.
- X.13.b.9.6. do. do.
- X.15.d.1.9. Pump. Trough attached 9' x 3' x 2'6".
- X.14.a.5.7. Pump.
- X.14.a.6.6. Windlass.
- X.25.b.6.2. 40' to water. Windlass. Good water.
- F.3.a.0.8. Pump.
- W.18.d.8.7. Deep bucket pump. Good supply presumably from bore.
- X.20.b.7.3. 36' to water. Windlass. Well 3' diameter. Partly bricked.
- X.21.d.0.4. Two pumps. Presumably bores. 1 pump in working order and produces a good supply.

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Headquarters,
14th. August 1918.

Reference 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Memo No. G.16/1/392.

1. No further ammunition will be drawn from A.R.P's.
2. All ammunition at Gun Pits will be protected from the weather, and count taken of the quantity by classes.
Return showing location and quantity of this ammunition will be forwarded to 5th. Aust. D. A.H.Q. as soon as possible.
3. Echelons will be kept full.
4. Ammunition at A.R.P's will be checked and covered.
5. All supplies and stores which have been issued specially for this operation will at present be held at wagon lines.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 2.

Headquarters,
14th August, 1918.

Reference Map HARBONNIERES
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1. Para. 8 of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 1 Series "C" is CANCELLED and the following substituted:-

"8. The Infantry tape line will be as follows:-

A.14.o.5.0 - A.8.b.4.0 - A.2.b.9.0 - S.26.d.9.0 -
S.26.b.6.0 - S.20.o.3.0 - X.24.a.0.5 - X.17.b.0.0 -
X.11.o.5.0 - X.11.a.0.1 - X.5.a.0.0.

BARRAGE.

(a) The 18 pdr barrage will open at Zero on a line 200 yards East of the "Infantry forming up line".

At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift and move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes for 3 lifts.

The rate of lifts will then decrease to 100 yards in 4 minutes until the "Infantry halt line protective barrage line" (400 yards East of the "Infantry halt line") is reached.

Fire will be maintained on this line for a period of 15 minutes, when fire will cease.

As each Brigade arrives on the "Flank protective barrage line" 50% of the guns will be used on this line, the other 50% searching for a distance of 1000 yards beyond. this fire will cease 30 minutes after each Battery arrives on this line.

The "Flank protective barrage line" may be taken to extend from North to South as far as a point in line with the "Infantry halt line". Beyond this point the line is known as "Infantry Halt Line Protective Barrage Line".

(b) The 4.5" Howitzer barrage will conform to the lifts and times of the 18 pdr barrage, but will move 200 yards in advance of it.

Each gun will fire 3 rounds of Smoke on the "Artillery Start Line"; and subsequently 15% of Smoke will be used throughout the barrage.

(c) Smoke Barrage.

The C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division will arrange for a Smoke barrage to be placed from Zero to Zero plus 60 along the line S.8.central to S.16, and from Zero plus 60 to Zero plus 140 along the line from S.16 to S.24

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(d) Rates of fire.

18 pdrs. Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes . 4 rounds p.g.p.m.

Zero plus 3 minutes to arrival
at Protective Barrage line. 3 rounds p.g.p.m.

Whilst on Protective Barrage
lines. 1 round p.g.p.m.

4.5" Hows. Throughout barrage 2 rounds p.h.p.m.

On protective barrage 1 round p.h.p.m.

Heavy Artillery. . Is being arranged by B.G.H.A.

When Field Artillery barrage fire ceases the
success will be exploited by the Infantry, Cavalry and Tanks, up to
the limits laid down above.

The . attention of all officers will be called to the
fact that some^{or} the Tanks employed will be Whippets.

2. Delete from para. 17, 5th Aust.Divl Artillery Instruction
No.1 Series "C", the words "14th August, 1918" and insert in lieu
"15th/16th August, 1918".

3. Delete from line 5 para. 12, 5th Aust.Divl Artillery
Instruction No.1 Series "C" the words "delay action".

4. AMMUNITION. 18 pdr. In the shorter ranges in which H.E. is used,
delay fuzes; and in the longer . . ranges non delay fuzes are to be used
as far as possible.

5. Group commanders are responsible for the emplacement of
the Artillery in their Groups so that the batteries in their Groups
can carry out the tasks required by these Instructions.

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

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