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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 70.

Headquarters,
15th August, 1918.

1. The Australian Corps front is divided into the following sectors:-

- "A" Sector. VILLERS BRETONNEUX - CHAULNES RAILWAY to the grid line between S.11 and S.17.
- "B" Sector. From the grid line between S.11 and S.17 to the grid line along R.23.central.
- "C" Sector. From the grid line through R.32.central to the river SOMME inclusive.
- "D" Sector. North of the River SOMME to the Northern Corps boundary.

2. The Field Artillery covering the front will be as follows:-

- "A" Sector under command of C.R.A. 4th Aust. Divl Artillery.
4th Aust. Divl Artillery
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.
6th Army Brigade, A.F.A.
189th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
- "B" Sector under command of C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Divl Artillery
2nd Aust. Divl Artillery
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
- "C" Sector under command of C.R.A. 17th Divisional Artillery
17th Divisional Artillery
16 Army Brigade, R.H.A.
12th Army Brigade, A.F.A.
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.
- "D" Sector under command of C.R.A. 58th Divisional Artillery.
58th Divisional Artillery
5th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

In Reserve. 1st Aust. Divl Artillery
3rd Aust. Divl Artillery
5th Aust. Divl Artillery

3 The following movements and reliefs are being carried out to complete these dispositions:-

- (a) The 4th Aust. Divl Artillery is relieving the 1st Aust. Divl Artillery in the "A" Sector on the night 15th/16th instant. The command is passing to the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division at 10 a.m. on the 16th instant.
- (b) On relief the 1st Aust. Divl Artillery is concentrating in the vicinity of FOUILLOY under orders to be issued by the C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division.

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(c) The 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery and the 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery will be withdrawn from the line on the night 14th/15th instant to their Wagon Lines, in accordance with 5th Aust. Divl Artillery No. 613/18/395, and will then come under their respective C.R.A.'s.

(d) The 3rd and 6th Army Brigades, A.F.A., come under the orders of the 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery at 10 a.m. on the 15th instant.

(e) The 25th Army Brigade, R.F.A., passes under command of the 17th Divisional Artillery at 10 a.m. on 15th instant.

4. C.O.'s 13th, 14th, 7th and 8th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will report their arrival in their Wagon Lines to this Office.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 12 noon to:-

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14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	5	1st Aust. Divl Artillery	20
7th Aust. F.A. Brigade	6	Staff Captain	21
8th Aust. F.A. Brigade	7	Reconnaissance Officer	22
6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.	8	Brigade Major	23
5th Aust. D.A.C.	9	C.R.A.	24
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R.A. Headquarters,

Australian Corps,

15th August, 1918.

My dear Russell-Brown,

The following is an extract from a letter received by me from the G.O.C., R.A. Fourth Army.

"August 8th was a great day for the Artillery.

"Will you please convey to all ranks of the Artillery under

"your command my admiration and appreciation of their work.

"I consider the following points to be particularly note-

"worthy:-

"1. The manner in which difficulties were overcome in putting guns and ammunition into position.

"2. The accuracy and effect of the barrage fire and heavy artillery bombardment without previous registration.

"3. The effective counter-battery work.

"4. The bold and successful way in which the advance of the artillery in support of our Infantry was carried out".

In forwarding this to you I wish to add my sincerest thanks and appreciation of the work and energy displayed by those under your command in carrying out the many tasks which confronted you. My best congratulations and wishes for continued success to you and those under your command.

(Sd) WALTER A COXEN.

Brigadier-General,
G.O.C., R.A., Australian Corps.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 3

Series "C".

Headquarters,
15th August, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) is relieving the 17th Division (less Artillery) in the "C" Divisional Sector on the night 16th/17th August, 1918.
2. On completion of relief "C" Divisional Sector will be held as under -

"A" Area (Right)	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade
"B" Area (Left)	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade
"C" Area (Reserve)	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade

"B" Divisional Sector (Right) is held by the 2nd Australian Division.
"D" Divisional Sector (Left) is held by the Liaison Force (Brigadier-General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O.)
3. Command of the "C" Divisional Sector passes to the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division at 10 a.m. 17th August, 1918.
4. Orders for the relief of the 17th Divisional Artillery by the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will be issued later.
5. PREPARATORY MEASURES.
 - (i) In order to secure and strengthen the battle front the nibbling tactics which the Division has formally employed will be continued.
A map is attached which shows the dispositions of the 17th Division. The Line shown in GREEN represents the first phase of the operations. When these objectives are secured further objectives are to be considered. It is desired in this manner to obtain a strong position from which to continue the offensive to secure adequate protection to the flank of the offensive and to continue the pressure which is being exerted on the enemy.
 - (ii) Artillery activity in addition to ordinary protection will embrace the destruction of all wire shown within the limits of the objectives laid down for the battle and subsequent exploitation.
It is considered that the interval allowed will permit of more complete preparation of counter-battery action.
6. HOSTILE ACTIVITY. Reports tend to show that the present enemy artillery activity is almost entirely based on the employment of larger calibre guns such as 5.9" guns.

The enemy has however employed heavy gas shoots on the fronts of the French, Canadian and III Corps. It is therefore to be anticipated that these tactics will be pursued and careful arrangements will be made with regard to all places likely to be objectives of artillery action of this nature. Troops should be withdrawn from woods and villages and from any other places which it may be anticipated that the enemy will shell. Where carrying parties are required to pass through such localities special measures will be prepared to ensure that they are checked and adequate police arrangements made in the event of a gas bombardment.

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7. The great shortage in signal cable requires that all good cable should be salvaged as far as possible. Artillery Signal Officers in the forward area will arrange to salvage as much as possible in their areas.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. H. H.

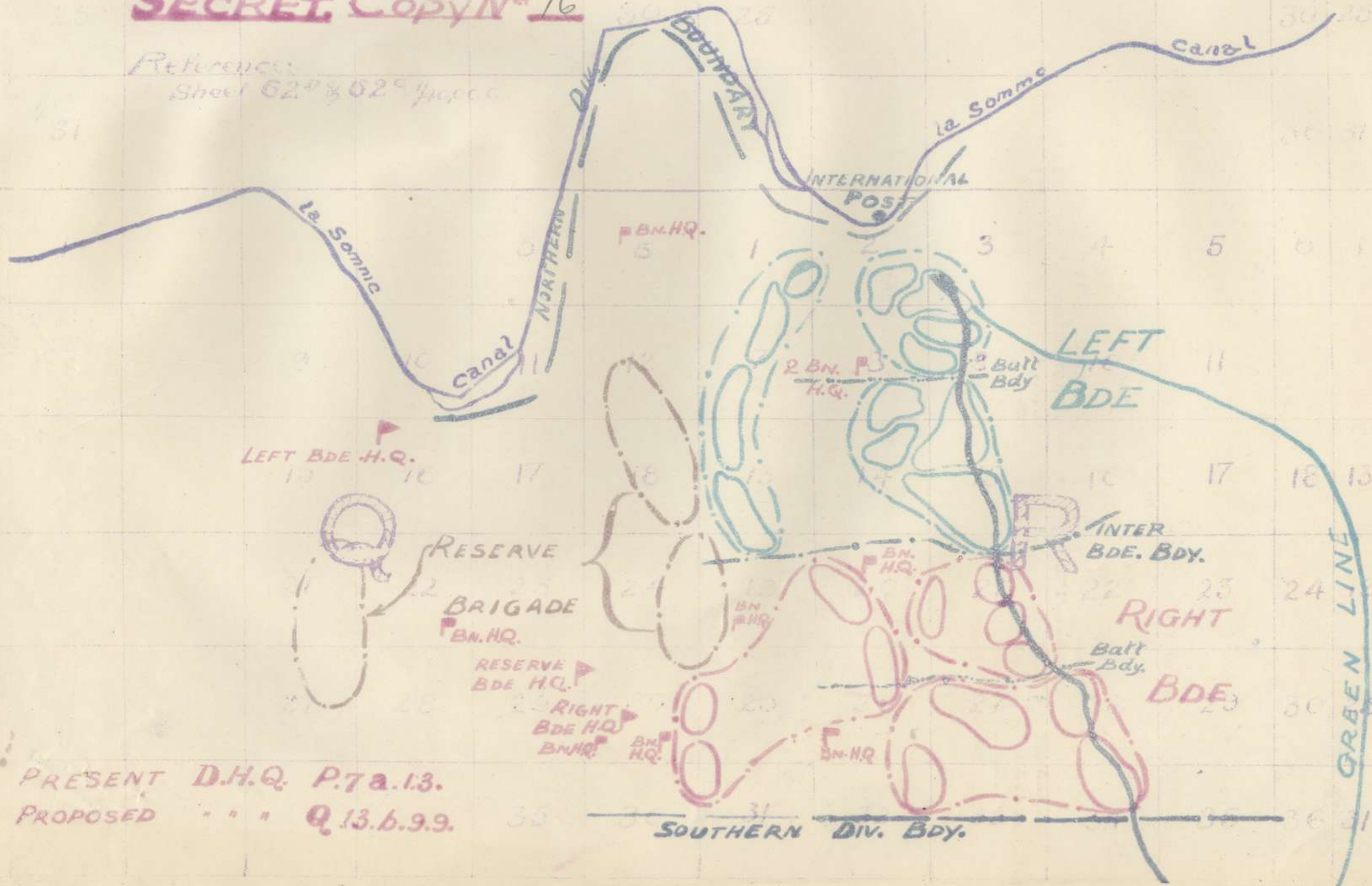
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

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5th Aust. D.A.C.	3	Brigade Major	21
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	4	Reconnaissance Officer	22
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12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	12	for information	
23rd (Army) Bde, R.F.A.	13	"	
16th (Army) Bde, R.H.A.	14	"	
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58th Divl Artillery	16		
9th Brigade, R.G.A.	17		
17th Divl Artillery	18		
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		H.A. Aust Corps	5
		R.A. Aust Corps	6
		Staff Captain	7
		Brigade Major	8
		Reconnaissance Officer	9
		Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	10
		12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	11
		9th Brigade, R.G.A.	12
		23rd (Army) Bde, R.F.A.	13
		16th (Army) Bde, R.H.A.	14
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 71.

Headquarters,
15th August, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery (less S.A.A. Section 5th Aust. D.A.C) will relieve the 17th Divisional Artillery (less S.A.A. Section 17th Divl A.C) on the night 17th/18th August, 1918, in accordance with the attached Relief Table.

2. Guns will not be taken over "in situ", except the anti-tank gun.

3. Command will pass to the C.O's 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades on completion of relief.

On completion of relief Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., will command the Left Group.

4. Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., will arrange to take over the anti-tank gun at Q.23.b.65.30.

5. All ammunition with the anti-tank gun, in battery positions, and A.R.P., will be taken over "in situ" and receipts given.

6. Fighting maps, aeroplane photographs, and all other papers and information affecting the front will be taken over.

7. The relief of all personnel and duties at A.R.P. will be arranged between C.O's D.A.C's concerned.

8. The D.T.M.O. 5th Australian Division will take over all 6" Newton Trench Mortars in position and hand over the same number to the D.T.M.O. 17th Division.

9. The Artillery Gas Officer, 5th Australian Division, will take over from the Artillery Gas Officer, 17th Division, all gas arrangements, precautions, work on hand, and other information affecting the "C" Divisional Sector.

10. C.O's of all Units of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will get in touch with the C.O's of the Units they are relieving as early as possible.

11. Command of the Artillery covering the "C" Divisional Sector will pass to the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division at 10 a.m. 18th August, 1918.

Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will be at Q.15.a.35.80.

12. Subject to the terms of this Order all other arrangements will be made direct between C.O's concerned.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	9th Brigade, R.G.A.	19
5th Aust. D.A.C.	3	17th Divl Artillery	20
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	4	D.A.G.O.-	21
H.A. Aust. Corps	5	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	22
R.A. Aust. Corps	6	Staff-Captain	23
C.B.S.O. Aust. Corps	7	Brigade Major	24
5th Aust. Division	8	Reconnaissance Officer	25
8th Aust. Infantry Brigade	9	C.R.A.	26
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12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	12	Spare	30
23rd Army Bde, R.F.A.	13		31
16th Army Bde, R.H.A.	14		
2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	15		

On completion of relief, Lieut-Col. H.O. GAWY, D.S.O., will command the 1st Group.

Lieut-Col. H.O. GAWY, D.S.O., will arrange to take over the anti-tank gun at 0.15.00.

All ammunition with the anti-tank gun, in battery positions, and A.H.P., will be taken over "in situ" and receipts given.

Lighting maps, maps, and other papers, and information affecting the front will be taken over.

The relief of all personnel and duties at A.H.P. will be arranged between C.O. 5th D.A.C. concerned.

The D.T.M.O. 5th Australian Division will take over all 5th Australian Division's horses in position and hand over the same number to the D.T.M.O. 17th Division.

The Artillery Gun Officer, 5th Australian Division, will take over from the Artillery Gun Officer, 17th Division, all gas arrangements, procedures, work on hand, and other information affecting the 5th Australian Division.

C.O. 5th of all units of 5th Australian Division Artillery will get in touch with the C.O. 5th of the units they are relieving as early as possible.

Command of the Artillery covering the 5th Australian Division will pass to the C.O. 5th Australian Division at 10 a.m. 18th August, 1918.

Headquarters, 5th Australian Division Artillery, will be at 0.15.00.

Subject to the terms of this Order all other arrangements will be made direct between C.O. 5th concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGED

15.

5th Australian Divl Artillery
Brigade Major
Major

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RELIEF TABLE.

Unit handing over	P o s i t i o n s.		Unit taking over	Date & hour by which relief is to be complete.
	Gun	Wagon lines.		
78th Bde, R.F.A., H.Q. A/78 Battery B/78 " C/78 " D/78 "	Q.17.b.70.50 Q.12.c.10.50 Q.16.d.80.90 Q.18.d.11.11 Q.17.c.20.20	Q.2.d Q.2.d Q.2.d Q.2.d Q.2.d	13th Aust.F.A.Bde, H.Q. 49th Battery 50th " 51st " 113th "	12 midnight 17th/18th August, 1918. " " "
79th Bde, R.F.A., H.Q. A/79 Battery B/79 " C/79 " D/79 "	Q.21.a.70.20 Q.18.c.30.80 Q.23.b.70.40 Q.18.d.70.20 Q.18.e.20.70	Q.21.a.80.35 Q.9.d.80.50 Q.17.b.30.60 Q.8.d.00.40 Q.1.d.50.50	14th Aust.F.A.Bde, H.Q. 53rd Battery 54th " 55th " 114th "	12 midnight 17th/18th August, 1918. " " "
17th Div 1 A.C. "		P.6.d.10.20 CHIRISY- Main A.R.P.)	5th Aust.D.A.C. "	6 p.m. 17th August, 1918

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 8

Headquarters,
15th. August 1918.

1. (a) On withdrawing from the CHAULNES Sector, a warden will be left in each Battery position where ammunition has been dumped.
 (b) C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A. Column will provide a guard of 1 N.C.O. and three men on No. 2 A.R.P. (E.3.b.9.2.)
 (c) These men will be provided with 48 hours rations. Notification of further rationing will be issued later, if necessary.
2. (a) Surplus stores which have been issued for operations, and which it is not possible to transport, will be dumped under Brigade and D.A.C. arrangements.
 Location and nature of these dumps will be notified to this office immediately.
 (b) Surplus Water Tins and iron rations will be carried.
 (c) As Camouflage is difficult to obtain, arrangements should be made to carry all that is available.
3. Location of Supply Dump will be notified later.
4. Units will march with Echelons full.

Col. H. Burt.
 Lieut.
 A/Staff Captain,
 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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Fourth Army No. G.S. 2/8

Australian Corps.

I desire to express officially to all ranks of the Australian Corps my sincere appreciation of their splendid victory over the enemy on 8th August and the succeeding days.

The task that was allotted to them depended largely for its success on the element of surprise. The care that was taken prior to 8th August to camouflage the arrival of the Canadian Corps interfered to some extent with the Australian Corps' dispositions. In spite of this and other difficulties, the assembly of the Corps, the distribution of the tanks, and the disposition of a large force of heavy and field artillery, were accomplished by night without attracting attention.

From zero onwards everything went according to programme and without a hitch. It was no ordinary feat to win all the objectives allotted, to effect a penetration of 10 miles into the hostile position, and to reach the most distant objective half an hour before scheduled time.

The three points which I desire specially to eulogise are (1) the splendid gallantry and drive of the infantry, (2) the thoroughness and precision of the staff work of the Corps, Divisions, and Brigades, and (3) the skill and rapidity with which the mobile artillery were brought forward in close support of the infantry for the attack of the more distant objectives.

I offer my heartiest congratulations and warm thanks to all ranks of the Australian Corps, though I feel that whatever words I may use all Australians realize that "Victory is her own reward". It was a splendid performance and as fine a feat of arms as any that even this war can produce.

(sgd) H. RAWLINSON. General.
Commanding FOURTH ARMY.

H.Q. Fourth Army,
16th August, 1918.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 44.

- by -

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

C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
16th. August 1918.

278. STRENGTH.

The undermentioned officers having reported from R.A. Cadet School, are taken on strength and posted for duty with 5th. Aust.D.A.Column.

2/Lieut. F.M.Conners.
2/Lieut. H.F.Fanning. Dated 26.7.18.

Lieut.G.Williamson (wounded and evacuated) having been transferred to 5th. Aust.Div. Artillery from 60th.Aust.Inf.Bn., is taken on strength and seconded for duty with 5th.Aust.M.T.M. Batteries. Dated 17.6.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No.360 dated 23.7.18.)

Captain E.S.Walker having been transferred to A.F.C. on 28.6.18, is struck off strength as from that date.
(Authority - A.I.F. List No.365 dated 2.8.18).

The undermentioned officers having been reported "Died of Wounds" are struck off strength as from dates set opposite their names.

Major N.L.Dreyer D.S.O. 6.8.1918.
2/Lieut. J.V.Reebuck, 10.8.1918.

Captain P.T.Redmond having rejoined from hospital on 26.7.18, resumes duty with 14th. Aust.F.A.Brigade.

279. - DUTY.

During the absence of Captain B.M.Morris on duty, Capt. R.S.Coates will perform the duties of Staff Captain 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery. Dated 26.7.18.

Captain R.S.Coates having been evacuated to Hospital sick, Lieut.E.H.Booth M.C. will carry out the duties of Staff Captain, 5th.Aust.Div.Artillery. Dated 10.8.18.

280. - ATTACHMENT.

2/Lieut. H.R.McLarty M.M. is attached for duty with Headquarters, 5th.Aust.Div.Arty. Dated 5.8.18.

281. - PROMOTION.

To be Lieutenant :-

2/Lieut. A.J.McBean. Dated 14.6.18.
(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 365 of 2.8.18).

282. - HONOURS & AWARDS.

Extract from Aust.Corp s R.O. No.40 para 210 of 31.7.18.
"Following decorations have been awarded. In publishing the names of the recipients, the Corps Commander wishes to offer them his congratulations.

MILITARY MEDAL.
No.1215 Gunner R.S.Boggett. 5th.Aust.D.A.C."
The C.R.A. wishes to convey his congratulations to the recipient.

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283. - CORPS SCHOOL.

5th. Aust. D.A.R.O. No. 330 is republished for information and necessary action :-

" The Commandant, Corps School, has reported certain irregularities with reference to personnel detailed to attend courses there. Action must be taken to ensure that no such irregularities occur in future. The following irregularities have been specially mentioned :-

- (a) Officers for the Infantry Course reported without rifles and equipment.
- (b) Batmen did not bring their blankets.
- (c) Officers did not bring Australian Hats, the wearing of which on parade at the School is laid down in Standing Orders.

284. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders.

- 4577. - Inventions. 4583. - French Currency.
- 4596. - Gloves, Anti-Gas for Linesmen.
- 4604. - Courts Martial - Sentences of Forfeiture of Seniority of Rank of Officers.
- 4609. - Apparatus for dropping Ammunition, etc., from Aeroplanes.
- 4613. - Forage. 4618. - Leave Warrants - Entries on.
- 4621. - Loss of Underclothing.
- 4623. - Lamps Electric, Daylight Signalling - Defective Batteries.
- 4629. - Distinguishing Flags on Motor Cars.
- 4631. - 6" Trench Mortar, Mk. III, Ejector Gas, and 6" Trench Mortar Mk. II. Cap, Muzzle.
- 4634. - Stragglers and Absentees.
- 4636. - Message Dropping Apparatus - Salvage of.
- 4637. - Guns, Lewis, .303" Springs, Return, with Hub and Casing in Tin Box.
- 4638. - Repair of Booth.
- 4647. - Issue on Payment to Officers.
- 4653. - Telephone Equipment. 4662. - Leave in France.
- 4669. - Leave to the United Kingdom, Extension of - To Other Ranks.
- 4671. - German Prisoners of War wearing British Uniform.
- 4678. - Leave or Duty Ration Book.
- 4680. - Anti Gas Rattles.
- 4681. - Guns Lewis .303" - Boxes, Tin, Luminous Sights.
- 4684. - 18.pdr. Fuze Indicators.
- 4687. - Postal - Contents of Packets and Parcels.
- 4688. - Blankets. 4708. - The Military Medal.
- 4713. - 6" T.M. - Ejector Gas Mk. III. & Cap Muzzle Mk. II.

Fourth Army Routine Orders.

Paras 2340 - 2377.

- 2346. - Eye-pieces for Box Respirators.
- 2349. - Cooking in the Field. 2350. - War Savings Certificates.
- 2357. - Disposal of Oats unfit for issue.
- 2359. - Preparation of Dried Milk.
- 2365. - 18.pdr. Field Gun Carriages.
- 2369. - March Discipline and Traffic Control.
- 2371. - Removal of Survey Signals and Flags.
- 2373. - Ammunition for 13.pdr. 6 cwt. Guns and 18.pdr. Guns.

5th. Aust. D.A.R.O. No. 44.16th. August 1918.

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284. - ORDERS (Cont'd).A.I.F. Orders.

Paras 1307 - 1333.

1310. - Order in which Orders and Decorations should be worn.
 1315. - Illegal Absence; Courts of Inquiry held in France under Section 72 of the Army Act.
 Notices :- Wills.
 Congratulatory.
 Loss of Mails at Sea.
 1324. - Establishments to Australian Army Postal Corps.
 Notices - Collection of Drawings and Sketches for Australian War Museum.
 1327. - Loss of Imprest Monies.

Aust. Corps Routine Orders.

Paras 206 - 214.

208. - Diarrhoea and Dyssentry.
 212. - Sanitary Appliances.

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders.

Paras 326 - 336.

326. - Commonwealth Bank Warrants.
 333. - Petrol Tins. 336. - Cooking in the Field.

E. H. Brett
 Lieut.
 A/Staff Captain,
 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

N O T I C E.

The C.R.A. desires to acknowledge the following goods distributed by the Australian Comforts Fund between 17.3.18 and 31.7.18.

Cocoa	88 cases	Curry.	13 cases
Tobacco	14 "	Biscuits.	19 "
Cigarettes.	22 "	Milk.	25 "
Cricket Bats.	11	Cricket Balls.	20
Oatmeal.	15 cases	Sweets	24 cases
Lime Juice	13 "	Mixed Goods.	8 "
Sugar.	6 "	Fruit.	44 "
Grocery	9 "	Footballs.	4
Gramophones	4	Socks.	6 1/2 cases
Playing Cards	2 parcels	Boxing Gloves	3 sets.
Golden Syrup.	9 cases	Vegetables	9 cases
Meat Paste.	1 case		

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 72

Headquarters,
16th August, 1918.

1. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will close at 0.25.a.9.6 at 10 a.m. 17/8/18, and re-open at 0.13.a.35.80 at the same hour.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (2 to 9 only).

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 11 p.m. to:-

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 9.

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Headquarters,
17th. August 1918.

1. AMMUNITION. CHERISY
A.R.P. is at - Q.9.a.2.3.
2. WATER.
Lieut. DESHON is acting as Water Officer and will be located at S.A.A. Section.
Table shewing water supply in Area is attached.
Great care must be taken to see that all water, from a source which has not been used recently, is tested before use.
Watering of Animals. (a) Watering of animals from the river must be done by bucket. Animals must not be allowed to drink from the river or stream, as the banks become impassable in a short time. As far as possible, portable troughs with L & F pumps will be utilised.
(b) Water troughs will be erected at the more important transport line centres, near the river, as soon as possible.
3. VETERINARY.
Evacuation of Horses. The Mobile Veterinary Section is located at FOUILLOY.
The 1st. Australian Veterinary Evacuation Station is located at O.3.b.8.7.

All animals will, when practicable, be skinned before burial. Hides to be returned to the M.V.S.
4. SALVAGE.
Details of salvage system to be adopted will be issued later. The salvage of all stores in the area is of great importance, and every effort must be made by all to assist.
5. BATHS.
The Divisional Baths Officer is to instal Baths in the vicinity of GAILLY or CHERISY. Location will be notified as soon as selected.
6. TRENCH STORES.
All Trench Stores taken over will be checked and handing and taking over receipts made out in duplicate. One copy of same to be sent to 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters within 48 hours of taking over.

Edg. H. Brett
Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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WATER SUPPLY.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION.	CONDITION	REMARKS.
Cerisy. Q.C.3.9.3.	Well.	Tested. Fit for use.	
Cerisy. Q.3.c.7.2.	Well.	do.	
Cerisy. Q.c.3.9.8.	Well.	do.	
(In Charente). Cerisy. Q.8.a.7.9.	Bore evidently used as a large water supply stn. in the past. has engine & two 2000 gall. tanks.	Engine & tanks destroyed by shell fire but pump and pipe seem intact.	Evidently a large supply of water if it could be pumped
Cerisy. Q.8.a.7.9.	Bore.	Engine & tank destroyed.	353 EM Co have been instd. to get plant in running order. 238 AT Co to put up W.P.
Q.24.d.4.3.	Well.	Good.	
Q.29.c.7.4.	Well.	Good.	
Q.30.c.4.7.	Well.	Good.	
Q.24.d.4.3.	Well sunk in valley 4 x 4 timbered throughout 66' to water 5' water. Windlass		Sample sent to MC. 4th. Div. Eng. who reports 3 scoops chloride
Q.30.c.4.7.	Well at house near German CCS 76' to water, 35' water 3' 6" dia. Has windlass. Present rope too short.	Good.	Excellent supply. 1 scoop per Water Cart.
Q.29.c.7.4.	Well sunk in valley with bricked cover. Walls raised by means large plunger worked by lever.	Good.	Possible site for power driven pump. Fit for drinking with 1 scoop B.P. per W.C.
P.25.d.9.1.	Damaged Bore.	Bad.	No. 3. W.D. Sec. instd. to get well going. 1600 gall. tank & 2 stand-pipes. D & B filler to be erected.
P.30.c.6.7.			Army has been asked to put bore down.
Q.35.a.7.9.	Large well covered with heavy timber fitted with pump 2 1/2" feedpipe.	Good.	Good water tested and fit for drinking. 1 meas B.P. per W.C.
Q.32.c.3.7.	Wells all fitted with windlasses.	Good.	Good water tested and is fit for drinking
Q.32.9.3.9.	do.	"	Req. 1 meas. B.P.
Q.32.d.3.7.	do.	"	

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LOCATION.	DESCRIPTION.	CONDITION	REMARKS.
Q.26.c.8.3.	Well with windlass.	Good.	Good drinking water. Tested. 1 meas. B.P. per W.C.
Q.28.d.8.4.	2 storage tanks 10' dia. 10' deep with 6" main.	Tanks empty, main being followed up.	
Q.16.a.2.4.	Well		Tested. Fit for use.
Q.16.a.4.5.	Well		do.
Q.23.c.1.8.	Well		do.
Q.23.c.2.6.	Well		do.
P.29.d.6.7.	Deep well windlass.		Supplying large number of troops.
WARFUSEE	Two wells.		1 windlass erected, 1 repaired. Both now in good order.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 4
Series "C".

Headquarters,
17th August, 1918.

1. The following amounts of ammunition will be held by Groups in excess of Echelon Establishments:-

At or near the gun.

18 pdr	...	...	300 rounds per gun
4.5" How.	...	...	250 rounds per How.

2. The following amounts of ammunition will be held in Corps Reserve:-

18 pdr	...	...	100 rounds per gun
4.5" How.	...	...	100 rounds per How.

In the case of Field Artillery this ammunition will be held in Corps Ammunition dumps, and will not be on Divisional Artillery charge.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No.5

Series "C".

Headquarters,
17th August, 1918.

STANDING ORDERS FOR SEMI-MOBILE WARFARE.

The following instructions will be adhered to during the present phase by the Field Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

SECTION "A"

S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS.

1. (a) The "S.O.S" Signal is a call for immediate Artillery assistance.
- (b) "S.O.S" may be asked for in three ways:-
 - (i) By the "S.O.S" Light Signal
 - (ii) By telephone.
 - (iii) By call from Aeroplanes.
- (c) "S.O.S" Repeating Stations will be established at each F.A. Brigade, Tactical O.P. and at all anti-tank guns. These will be continuously manned and will be responsible for repeating "S.O.S" Signals on their respective fronts.
2. All batteries will post Rocket Guards who are acquainted with all rocket signals. Any rocket seen will be at once reported to the officer on duty at the guns. At each battery a "Zone Indicator" will be installed, showing the flanks of the Divisional front, of Group and F.A. Brigade fronts, Battery "S.O.S" Lines, etc.
3. Each Battery is responsible for an allotted portion of the Divisional front, and unless a Battery is in action, all guns will be kept laid and loaded on "S.O.S" Lines.
4. (a) On receipt of the "S.O.S" Signal or call, all batteries of the Group concerned and the adjacent flank battery of the neighbouring Group will open fire at once on their "S.O.S" Lines; fire being concentrated as and if required by the Group Commander.
- (b) The Superimposed Brigade will answer the call on the front affected.
- (c) In the case of an "S.O.S" call on the front of the adjacent Group of either flank Divisional Artillery, the F.A. Brigade of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery next to the call will at once open on "S.O.S" Lines, in the ordinary way.
5. Group Commanders are responsible for alteration, by arrangement with the Commander of the Infantry unit they are covering, of the "S.O.S" Line, as and when required. The "S.O.S" Line will be notified to D.A.H.Q. as soon as possible after any change is made.

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6. RATES AND DURATION OF FIRE FOR "S.O.S" :-

NATURE	ROUNDS PER GUN PER MINUTE
18 pdrs and 4.5" Hows	For first 8 minutes. For following 7 minutes.
	4. 3.

All fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes unless the "S.O.S" Signal is repeated after the opening of fire, when the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the above procedure repeated.

7.(a) A battery receiving an "S.O.S" call will at once inform

- (i) Batteries on either flank.
- (ii) Group Commander's Headquarters.

(b) Groups will inform

- (i) Batteries in the Group.
- (ii) Groups on either flank.
- (iii) D.A.H.Q.

SECTION "B"1. ARTILLERY POLICY.

- (a) Every possible step will be taken to harass the enemy to the utmost. Arrangements will be made to ensure that all visible movement is engaged by day, and that an irregular and intermittent volume of fire is delivered by night on the enemy's defences and communications.

Full use will be made of roving guns and sections close up to the line, moves being made as required from position to position. These mobile sections, etc. should work in close touch with the Infantry.

As much use as possible will be made of gas shell for harassing purposes. There are ample supplies available.

- (b) In the siting of battery positions particular attention will be paid to the following points:-

- (i) Positions to be, as far as possible, on high ground, in order to avoid the effects of a hostile gas bombardment.
- (ii) Each battery to have at least one alternative position resected and marked, to permit of a rapid move in case of heavy gas or H.E. shelling of the old position making this necessary.

2. ANTI-TANK GUNS.

- (a) Anti-Tank guns are at present tactically controlled as follows:-

One by Right Group
Two by Left Group.

- (b) These guns will be manned for the present by personnel from Brigades in the line, and will be disposed by Group Commanders in suitable positions.

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In normal conditions these guns will be "silent"; they will be used only in case of an enemy attack with tanks, or during a hostile attack when favourable opportunities for their use against Infantry targets occur. Every possible care will be taken not to give the positions away prematurely. Attention is drawn to S.S.203 (Instructions for Anti-Tank Defence).

(d) All anti-tank guns will be in possession of Standing Orders defining their action and responsibilities. These will be issued by Group Commanders.

(e) 100 rounds of ammunition will be maintained at each gun.

3. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

(a) In the absence of any organised System of A.A.Lewis Gun defence, it is to be remembered that each unit commander is responsible for his own protection against low-flying enemy aircraft.

(b) A.A.Lewis Guns of batteries will be disposed:- 50% at battery positions; 50% at wagon lines.

4. LIAISON WITH INFANTRY.

Group Commanders will arrange with the Infantry Commanders to whom they are affiliated for all Liaison Officers required, also for the provision, as far as possible, of telephone communication.

5. ZONE CALLS.

(a) Procedure on receipt of Calls from the air will be as follows:-

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Answered by.</u>	<u>Method of Fire.</u>
N.F.	One battery only of each Group inside its own zone.	2 Salvoes. If call is repeated Salvoes will be repeated.
G.F.	" "	2 rounds gun fire.
I.L.	All batteries that can bear on the target.	3 rounds gun fire.
S.O.S.	As for "S.O.S" Signals from the ground.	

Note - If batteries are engaged on important work, such as barrages, one section per battery will be used.

@ In addition to sending the "S.O.S" by wireless, the pilot, whilst flying towards the enemy, sounds his Klaxon horn and drops a white parachute light over the enemy. The light descends slowly.

(b) WIRELESS SETS.

F.A. Brigade Wireless sets will be located either at Brigade H.Q. or a selected battery, the disposal being left to the discretion of C.O's.

6. COMMUNICATION.

It is to be remembered that one of the primary duties is the passing of all useful information to the next higher formation. The establishment of communication or where possible,

the improvement of existing communication is therefore of vital importance.

7. PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE BOMBING.

Units are responsible that where possible, all possible precautions are taken, both by the dispersion of personnel and horses and the provision of cover, to minimise losses through enemy bombing.

COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. The object of counter preparation is to break up the enemy's threatened attack before it has time to materialise, and this is best effected by searching all likely assembly places and bringing the maximum amount of fire on to areas over which he has to move,

2. Counter Preparation is divided into three phases:-

- (a) Counter Battery Work (alluded to as Phase 1.A)
- (b) Harassing fire (alluded to as Phase 1.B)
- (c) Annihilating Fire (alluded to as Phase 2)

3. COUNTER BATTERY WORK.

It is anticipated that any serious attack by the enemy will be preceded by a heavy bombardment. This is met by vigorous Counter Battery action, gas constituting, as far as possible, the main means of neutralizing the enemy artillery activity. This is chiefly a Heavy Artillery duty.

4. HARASSING FIRE. (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Q.s as follows:- "Effect C.P. Phase 1.B from.....to....." (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment".))

(a) Field Artillery are responsible to a depth of 1000 yards East of "S.O.S" Lines, the responsibility East of that line belonging to the Heavy Artillery.

(b) Group Commanders will select the areas considered to be most dangerous, and sub-allot them to their Brigades.

(c) The procedure for engaging the areas selected will be as follows:-

During the period allotted for "Phase 1.B", all batteries of a brigade will be concentrated in quick succession on each area allotted to it; method of fire; 3 rounds gun fire.

Concentrations will be synchronized, the interval between them being arranged and ordered by the Brigade concerned, taking into account the period fire is to be maintained and the rate of fire ordered (see below).

(d) Rates of fire, which will be ordered at the time the Scheme is put into operation, are as follows:-

Rate "A"	- 60 rounds per gun per hour.
" " "B"	- 30 " " " "
" " "C"	- 15 " " " "

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ANNIHILATING FIRE. (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs as follows:- "Effect C.O. Phase 2 Lanes.....Zone.....at") (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment")

(a)

In order to facilitate the production of the heaviest possible fire on any portion of the front at short notice, the Divisional front is for the present divided into Lanes as follows:-

LANE.	Area bounded by East & West lines through		ALLOTTED TO.
25	L.25.a.0.0	and L.25.c.0.0	LEFT GROUP
26	L.25.c.0.0	" L.31.a.0.0	
27	L.31.a.0.0	" L.31.c.0.0	
28	L.31.c.0.0	" R.1.a.0.0	
29	R.1.a.0.0	" R.7.a.0.0	
30	R.7.a.0.0	" R.7.c.0.0	
31	R.7.c.0.0	" R.13.a.0.0	
32	R.13.a.0.0	" R.13.c.0.0	
33	R.13.c.0.0	" R.19.a.0.0	RIGHT GROUP
34	R.19.a.0.0	" R.19.c.0.0	
35	R.19.c.0.0	" R.25.a.0.0	
36	R.25.a.0.0	" R.25.c.0.0	
37	R.25.c.0.0	" R.31.a.0.0	
38	R.31.a.0.0	" R.31.c.0.0	

When within Divisional area.

(b)

Lanes are bounded on the West by a line known as the "START LINE", which will be 100 yards East of "S.O.S" Lines. They are subdivided into Zones each of 500 yards in depth, commencing from the "START LINE", and extending Eastward for four Zones, i.e. covering the front to a depth of 2000 yards from the "START LINE".

(c)

Annihilating fire will take the form of a creeping barrage over any or all of the Lanes at the rate of 100 yards in two minutes in the Zone ordered.

(d)

(i) The procedure for effecting Phase 2 will be as follows:-

At Zero hour - Brigades will open with 18 pdr batteries on the Western boundary line of the Zone ordered, concentrating their fire on the Lanes allotted, and creep at the rate of 100 yards per 2 minutes to a depth of 600 yards, ceasing at Zero plus 14 minutes.

If more than one Zone has been ordered, the procedure will be repeated in the other Zone or Zones, a two minutes pause being made between each barrage. 4.5" Hows will be employed 200 yards in advance of the 18 pdr barrage.

(ii)

Rates of fire.

18 pdrs - 3 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows - 2 " " " "

(iii)

Ammunition.

18 pdrs - 50% T.S. 50% H.E. (106 fuzes where possible).
4.5" Hows - H.E. (with 106 fuzes if possible).

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(e) (1) In case communications are cut during a heavy enemy bombardment which is taken as indicating an enemy attack, it is considered necessary to have a Counter Preparation Scheme which will come automatically into force. The procedure as in (iii) below will therefore be carried out by batteries if cut-off from higher authority.

(ii) Zero hour throughout will be the opening of the enemy bombardment; Battery Commanders will use their own discretion as to this Zero hour. As soon as communications permit, Zero hour will be co-ordinated by Group Commanders.

(iii) The following procedure will obtain until interrupted by the "S.O.S" call:-

Zero hour to Zero plus 1 hour.
C.P. Scheme Phase 1.B on Zones "D" and "C" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour to Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins.
C.P. Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "C", working Westwards.

Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins. to plus 1 hour 45 mins.
C.P. Scheme Phase 1.B on Zone "B" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour 45 mins. to plus 2 hours.
C.P. Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "A", working East ward.

Zero plus 2 hours until receipt of "S.O.S" or orders to cease fire, or hostile fire ceases.

In Phase 1.B only, and not in Phase 2, 4.5" Haws. if the wind is favourable, will use gas shell only on targets to be selected and detailed to batteries by Group Commanders.

Acknowledge

H. M. L. M.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 73

Headquarters,
18th August, 1918

1. The Field Artillery on the "C" Divisional Sector will be re-grouped from 8 a.m. 19th August, 1918, as follows:-

(a) Right Group - Commander - Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.
12th Army Brigade, Aust. F.A.
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Left Group - Commander - Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

(b) The 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will be superimposed on the Divisional front.

2. Inter-Group boundary will be East and West along the grid line between R.16 and R.22.

3. The Right Group will cover the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
The Left Group will cover the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

4. The C.O. Right Group will arrange to have a liaison officer, not below the rank of Captain, with the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade, in direct telephonic communication.

The C.O. Left Group will be located at 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, Headquarters.

5. The 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will arrange telephonic communication to both the Right and Left Groups.

6. The 9th Brigade, R.G.A. (Headquarters Q.16.a.40.85) is affiliated to the 5th Australian Division.

7. The D.T.M.O. 5th Australian Division, will arrange to put one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

In each battery three defensive Mortars will be in reserved positions to cover the front running N and S through the line R.20. central and three offensive Mortars will be emplaced to assist the present operations.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 11 a.m.

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C.O. 12th Army Bde, A.F.A.	4	9th Brigade, R.G.A.	17
C.O. 16th Army Bde, R.H.A.	5	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	18
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(c) The 13th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will be superimposed on the Divisional front.

Inter-Group boundary will be east and west along the grid line between R.16 and R.22.

The Right Group will cover the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

The Left Group will cover the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

The G.O. Right Group will arrange to have a liaison officer, not below the rank of Captain, with the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade in direct telephonic communication.

The G.O. Left Group will be located at 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

The 13th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will arrange telephonic communication to both the Right and Left Groups.

The 9th Brigade, R.G.A. (Headquarters G.16.R.40.85) is allocated to the 5th Australian Division.

The D.T.M.O. 5th Australian Division, will arrange to put one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade and one battery of Medium Trench Mortars in action on the front of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

In each battery three defensive mortars will be in readiness to cover the front running Y and B through the line R.20. Central and three offensive mortars will be engaged to seal the present operations.

ADDITIONAL

5th Aust. Divl Artillery

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AMENDMENT No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 5
Series "C".

Headquarters,
18th August, 1918.

1. Reference Section "B", para 2, ANTI-TANK GUNS, sub-para (a), line 4. Delete the word "Two" and substitute "One".

Reference, COUNTER PREPARATION, para. 5. Add at end of sub-para (b) -

"These Zones will be called "A", "B", "C", "D", from West to East".

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 3 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 5, Series "C".

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No.6
Series "C".

Headquarters,
18th August, 1918.

1. Reference 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.5, Series "C", Section "B", para 1, sub-para (a), lines 6 to 9.

The 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., on becoming the superimposed Brigade from 10 a.m. 19th August, 1918, will supply these guns as required on the Divisional front.

The C.O. 16th Army Brigade, R.H.A., will keep in close touch with the C.O.'s Right and Left Groups for this purpose and report demands and action taken in all cases to this Office.

ACKNOWLEDG.

H. Hutton

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 7

Series "C".

Headquarters,
18th August, 1918.

COUNTER BATTERY.

1. (a) The Australian Corps Counter Battery Officer is at FAGOT FARM O.2.a.9.5.
(b) All hostile shelling is to be immediately reported to Australian Corps Counter Battery, through Group Headquarters or through Headquarters "C" Divisional Artillery whichever is the quicker.
(c) "C" Divisional Artillery have a telephone line to the Australian Corps Counter Battery Office through the Australian Corps Heavy Artillery exchange.
(d) Information required by Australian Corps Counter Battery is as follows:-
 - (i) Unit calling
 - (ii) The number and calibre of hostile guns or howitzers firing.
 - (iii) Time of hostile shelling.
 - (iv) Locality shelled.
 - (v) Nature of fire, e.g. "Salvoes of 3 each 2 mins" "One round each 10 mins"
 - (vi) Direction from which the hostile shelling is coming. When possible this should be given in grid line bearing, and the place stated from which the bearing is taken. The mode of obtaining direction will be stated, viz: Flash or Sound.
- (e) The Counter Battery Officer must be kept informed of the continuance or otherwise of all hostile shelling reported; the time of cessation being of the utmost importance.
- (f) It must be realised that all hostile shelling must be reported whether it affects a unit's own area or not.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

Hamilton

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 4 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.5, Series "C".

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No.45.

- by -

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

C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
18th. August 1918.

285. - FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

The undermentioned Officers are detailed to assemble at Headquarters, 5th. Aust. D.A. Column (Sheet 62.D. P.6.d.1.2.) at 2.p.m. on 20th. inst., for the purpose of trying by F.G.C.M. the accused person named in the margin, and any other person or persons who may be brought before them.

PRESIDENT.

No.1322 Major F.THORNTHWAITE M.C. - 5th. Aust.D.A.Col.

Driver

MEMBERS

W.Hackett. Captain H.L.Archibald. - 14th.Aust.F.A.Bde.

54th.Battery. Lieut. M.C.Clark M.C. - 13th.Aust.F.A.Bde.

14th.F.A.Bde.

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

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

286. - HONOURS & REWARDS.

Attention is again directed to 5th. Aust.Div. Routine Order No.213 dated 29.4.18.

It is imperative that the certificate therein referred to is forwarded when submitting recommendations for Immediate Award.

287. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders.

Paras 4725 - 4746.

4728. - Tailor's Tools

4731. - Guns Lewis .303 inch. - Box, Tin Casing Return Spring.

4735. - Unauthorised uses of Fuzes in Shell.

4736. - Horse Clipping Machines - Stewart Pattern.

4737. - Carriage, Field, 18.pdr.Q.F. Mks.I to II - Rings Compressed Packing No.8.

4738. - March Discipline and Traffic Control.

4739. - Typewriting Machines - Issue to Artillery Brigades.

4743. - Moves. 4744. Guns Lewis .303" .

Fourth Army Routine Orders.

Paras 2378 - 2393.

2386. - Kits of wounded Officers.

2389. - Hay and Straw.

A.I.F. Orders.

Paras 1334 to 1337.

1336. - Extra Regimental Rank.

1337. - Replacement of Kits lost by Officers on Active Service.

Aust. Corps Routine Orders.

Paras 215 to 220.

217. - Slackness in Guards and Sentries.

219. - Indents for Sanitary Materials and Appliances.

Ely H. Brett Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 18/8/18 to 6 a.m. 19/8/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the morning Registrations and checking of Zero lines were carried out and movement of small parties engaged. Throughout the day crashes were fired at irregular intervals on tender spots R.4.a, b & c, ROBERT WOOD in R.16.c, LUC WOOD, WOOD in R.9.b, R.3.d and R.4.c, Sunken road in R.10.c and R.16.b, Trench in R.3.b and R.4.c, M.G. at R.3.a.75.75 and R.3.c.85.90. 72mm battery in R.12.a was silenced on several occasions during the day and night. A concentrated shoot on battery at R.29.c.9.8 was carried out during the night. Crashes were also fired on the above targets during the night.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Enemy attitude quiet and unchanged from previous 24 hours. The following areas were shelled.

Area shelled	Time	Rds	Calibre	Direction from
R.20 & 21 PROYART "	Morning Afternoon Morning	40 15 "	8" How " 15 cm) 21 cm)	TSE 58° (R.26.b.95.95) " " Apparently registering
Q.17.d	8.10 pm	10	10.5 cm	
Q.17.d	9.35 pm	37	10.5 cm	
Q.17.c	4.45 am	6	10.5 cm H.V.	

3. GENERAL. Visibility after 8 a.m. good. Our own and enemy aircraft active. Forward and back areas bombed during the night by hostile aircraft. At 5.45 p.m. one of our Observation Balloons was brought down in flames. At 7.45 p.m. a E.A. was forced to land in enemy lines.

J. R. Mellor
Captain,
for Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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C DIVL. ARTY — AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
LOCATION STATEMENT.

As at 8 a.m.
19.8.18

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Headquarters,
5th Aust. Divl Arty
19th August, 1918.

C.R.A. BRIGADIER GENERAL A.J. BESSELL, BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. Q.13.a.35.80

BRIGADE	BATTERY	No. of GUNS	GUN LOCATION	WAGON LINE LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE G.B. Degrees	OFFICER COMMANDING.
RIGHT GROUP (Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., Q.28.a.40.70)						
12th (Army) Bde, AFA.	H.Q.		Q.28.a.40.70	Q.14.b.50.50		Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD, CMG, DSO. Mjr F.B. JACOB Mjr E. CAMPBELL Capt L.H. CALLINAN Mjr E.W. RICHARDS
	45th	6	Q.29.b.30.40	Q.21.a.50.20		
	46th	6	Q.23.a.70.15	Q.14.b.30.50		
	47th	6	Q.23.c.90.20	Q.19.a.00.70		
	112th	6	Q.23.c.42.85	Q.14.d.10.10		
23rd Army Bde, REA.	H.Q.		Q.23.b.85.10			Lt-Col. H.M. BALLINGALL, DSO. Mjr J. de B. LUCAS, MC. Mjr H. BRITTON Mjr E.G. LUTYENS
	107th	6	Q.24.b.1.3			
	108th	6	Q.24.b.7.3			
	D/23	6	Q.24.b.0.1			
LEFT GROUP (Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O. Q.16.a.40.50)						
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		Q.16.a.40.50	Q.2.d.5.5		Lt-Col. H.O. CADDY, DSO. Mjr V.H. GATLIFF, DSO. Mjr E. RETCHFORD
	49th	6	Q.12.c.10.50	Q.2.d		
	50th	4	Q.17.a.30.25	Q.2.d		
		2	Q.18.a.90.95			Mjr E.G. LISTER Mjr A.R. LESCHEN
	1st Anti-Tank	5	Q.18.d.10.10	Q.2.b.60.40		
	113th	1	Q.18.d.40.60			
		6	Q.17.c.20.20	Q.2.d		
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		Q.21.a.70.20	Q.21.a.80.35		Lt-Col. F.P. DERHAM, DSO. Mjr L.E. BEAVIS, DSO. Mjr C.A. KELLY Mjr P.J. McCORMACK, DSO. Capt N.A. NICOLSON
	53rd	6	Q.18.c.30.80	Q.9.d.80.50		
	54th	6	R.19.a.15.30	Q.17.b.30.60		
	Anti-Tank	1	Q.25.b.65.30			
	55th	6	Q.18.d.70.20	Q.8.d.00.40		
	114th	6	Q.18.c.20.70	Q.1.d.50.50		

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BRIGADE	BATTERY	No. of GUNS	GUN LOCATION	WAGON LINE LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE G.B. Degrees	OFFICER COMMANDING.
SUPERIMPOSED BRIGADE.						
16th Army Bde, RHA.	H.Q. "A" "Q" "U"		Q.24.c.90.50 Q.24.d.95.50 Q.24.d.05.40 Q.24.d.85.75	MORCOURT P.11.b.90.40 Q.16.b.60.70		Lt-Col. E.M. ARCHDALE, DSO. Mjr A.N. VAN STRAUBENZEE, DSO Mjr A.E. BURNE, DSO. Mjr A.Q. ARCHDALE
5th Aust. D.A.C.	H.Q. No.1 Section No.2 Section			Q.1.c.25.60 Q.1.c.6.6 Q.1.c.1.2		Mjr F. THORNTHWAITE
16th R.H.A., B.A.C. 12th A.F.A., B.A.C.				P.12.a.90.90 P.6.c.10.10		Capt R.A. GRAY, MC. Capt J.P. BEATTIE
5th Aust. Divl M.T.M. Bde	D.T.M.O. 9th Bty 10th Bty			Q.15.a.55.80		Capt E.J. FERGUSON, MC
5th Aust. A.R.P. 5th Aust. Mob. Vet. Sec. D.A.D.O.S. 5th Aust. Divn 10th Coy, A.A.S.C.	(Adv) (Rear)			CERISY P.9.b.7.8 O.6.d.2.5 N.20.d.8.0 O.30.d.8.4		

Wm. L. Arty
Lieut

for Brig-General,
C.R.A., 5th Australian Division.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 19/8/18 to 6 a.m. 20/8/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. Registration of Zero lines was continued throughout the day and a programme of harassing fire was carried out. During the afternoon a fortified house in R.9.c.9.5 was engaged. The building was destroyed and casualties observed. A post at R.16.c.1.1 was engaged with good results. Last night harassing fire was continued and at irregular intervals crashes were fired on R.29 and R.35.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. The Artillery activity has shown a slight increase on the previous 24 hours. The shelling was widely distributed and of a harassing nature. The following areas were shelled:-

Area shelled.	Time.	Rds	Calibre.	Direction from.
R.25	Morning		15 cm	TSB 75° (R.13.c.70.45) Concentrated fire for 15 minutes.
R.26.d	10 am		10 & 15 cms	
R.27.c & R.28	Afternoon		15 & 21 cms	
Dump at Q.26.d			15 cm	
Main road near			10.5 cm	
WARFUSSE-ABANCOURT	3.45 pm		10.5 cm	Area shoot }
R.26.b	4.35 pm		15 cm	
Q.12.a	6.30 pm		15 cm	
Q.28 & 29	6.45 pm	30	15 cm	
Q.29	9.30 pm	10	15 cm	
Cross rds }				
Q.17.c	11.45 pm.	20		

3. GENERAL. Visibility good. Our aircraft very active. Enemy aircraft quiet.

H. M. Lantz
Lieut.
Acting Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 74.

Headquarters,
20th August, 1918.

1. In order to support a forthcoming operation, the following Artillery is moving into the "C" Divisional Sector on the night of 20th/21st August, 1918:-

1st Australian Divisional Artillery
298th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
5th Army Brigade, R.H.A.

This Artillery will move into action under orders of the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.

2. All Brigades at present under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will get up to their gun pits as early as possible the following ammunition:-

18 pdr	500	(50% "A"
		(50% "AX"
4.5" Hows.	450	

3. Command of the Artillery covering the "C" Divisional Sector will pass to the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division at 10 a.m. 21st August, 1918.

4. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will close at 9.13 a.m. 21st August, 1918, and re-open at 0.5.20.5 at the same hour.

5. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

William

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 3 p.m. to:-

	Copy No.		Copy No.
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	1	8th Aust. Inf. Bde	15
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	2	14th Aust. Inf. Bde	16
12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	3	15th Aust. Inf. Bde	17
23rd Army Bde, R.F.A.	4	9th Brigade, R.G.A.	18
16th Army Bde, R.H.A.	5	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	19
1st Aust. Divl. Arty	6	Staff Captain	20
H.A. Aust. Corps	7	Brigade Major	21
R.A. Aust. Corps	8	Reconnaissance Officer	22
"G" 5th Aust. Division	9	C.R.A.	23
3rd Aust. Divl. Arty	10	Brigade Major Trainee	24
32nd Divl. Arty	11	War Diary	25 - 27
5th Aust. D.A.C.	12	File	28
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	13		
C.B.S.O. Aust. Corps	14		

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"C" DIVL. ARTY -- AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
LOCATION STATEMENT.

SECRET.
Headquarters,
5th Aust. Divl Arty
20th August, 1918.

As at 8 a.m.
21/8/18

C.R.A. BRIGADIER GENERAL A.J. BESSIELL-BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., 5th Aust. D.A.E.Q. Q.7.0.30.35.

BRIGADE	BATTERY	No. of GUNS	GUN LOCATION	WAGON LINE LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE G.B. Degrees	OFFICER COMMANDING.
RIGHT GROUP (Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., Q.28.a.40.70)						
12th (Army) Bde, AFA.	H.Q.		Q.28.a.40.70	Q.14.b.20.50		Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD, CMG, DSO.
	45th	6	Q.24.d.38.18	Q.21.a.50.20	60-135	Mjr F.B. JACOB
	46th	6	Q.23.a.70.15	Q.14.b.30.50	Unlimited	Mjr E. CAMPBELL
	47th	6	Q.23.c.93.15	Q.19.a.00.70	40-113	Capt J.A. FLEMING
	112th	6	Q.23.c.02.85	Q.14.d.10.10	30-150	Mjr E.W. RICHARDS
23rd Army Bde, REA.	H.Q.		Q.23.d.40.30	Q.21.b.15.15		Lt-Col. H.M. BALLINGALL, DSO.
	107th	6	Q.24.b.1.3	Q.16.b.00.80	62-132	Mjr J.de B. LUCAS, MC.
	108th	6	Q.24.b.7.3	Q.16.d.90.60	62-124	Mjr H. BRITTON
	D/23	6	Q.24.b.0.1	Q.9.b.70.00	40-110	Mjr E.G. LUTYENS
LEFT GROUP (Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O. Q.16.a.40.50)						
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		Q.16.a.40.50	Q.2.d.5.5		Lt-Col. H.O. CADDY, DSO.
	49th	6	Q.12.c.15.50	Q.2.d	60-110	Mjr V.H. GATLIFF, DSO.
	50th	6	Q.18.a.90.95	Q.2.d	40-100	Mjr H. RETCHFORD
	51st	5	Q.18.c.95.10	Q.2.b.60.40	33-103	Mjr E.C. LISTER
	Anti-Tank	1	Q.18.d.40.60			
	113th	6	Q.17.c.43.00	Q.2.d	53-110	Mjr A.R. LESCHEN
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		Q.21.a.70.20	Q.21.a.80.35		Lt-Col. F.P. DERHAM, DSO.
	53rd	6	Q.18.c.40.85	Q.9.d.80.50	60-110	Mjr L.E. BEAVIS, DSO.
	54th	6	R.19.a.15.30	Q.2.d.70.20	37-100	Mjr C.A. KELLY
	Anti-Tank	1	Q.23.b.65.30			
	55th	6	Q.18.d.17.20	Q.8.d.20.70	50-110	Mjr P.J. McCORMACK, DSO.
	114th	6	Q.18.c.20.70	Q.1.d.50.50	55-126	Capt N.A. NICOLSON

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BRIGADE	BATTERY	No. of GUNS	GUN LOCATION	WAGON LINE LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE G.B. Degrees	OFFICER COMMANDING
SUPERIMPOSED BRIGADE						
16th Army Bde, RHA.	H.Q.	6	Q.24.c.90.50	Q.27.a.50.00	36-127 30-110 37°30'-117°30'	Lt-Col. R.M. ARCHDALE, DSO. Mjr A.W. VANSTRAUBENZEE, DSO. Mjr A.H. BURNE, DSO Mjr A.Q. ARCHDALE
	"	6	Q.24.d.95.50	Q.10.c.30.70		
	"	6	Q.24.d.75.40	P.11.b.90.40		
	"	6	Q.24.d.5.75	Q.16.b.60.70		
5th Aust. D.A.C., H.Q.				Q.1.c.25.60		Mjr F. THORNTWHAITE MC
No.1 Section				Q.1.c.6.6		
No.2 Section				Q.1.c.1.2		
16th R.H.A., B.A.C.				P.12.a.90.90		Capt R.A. GRAY, MC. Capt J.P. BEATTIE
12th A.F.A., B.A.C.				P.6.c.10.10		
5th Aust. Divl M.T.M. Bde.	D.T.M.O. 9th Bty 10th Bty			Q.7.c.30.35 Q.30.a.70.20 Q.16.d.80.40		Capt E.J. FERGUSON, MC.
5th Aust. A.R.P.				CERISY		
5th Aust. Mob. Vet. Sec.				P.9.b.7.8		
D.A.D.O.S. 5th Aust. Divn {Adv}				Q.6.d.2.5		
" {Rear}				N.20.d.8.0		
10th Coy, A.A.S.C.				O.30.d.8.4		
Corps Salvage Officer				P.13.central		

Wm. Clark
Lieut.,
for Brig-General,
C.R.A., 5th Australian Division.

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AMENDMENT No. 1 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 4
Series "C"

Headquarters,
21st August, 1918.

1. Delete para. 2 and substitute the following:-
- *2. The following amounts of ammunition will be held in Corps Reserve:-

18 pdrs	-- 200 rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	-- 150 rounds per How.

In the case of Field Artillery this ammunition will be held in Corps Ammunition Dumps, and will not be on Divisional Artillery charge.*

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ON ATTACHED FORM.

H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 11 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 4, Series "C".

APPENDIX

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 46.

- By -

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

C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters,

22nd. August 1918.

288. - STRENGTH.

Lieut. L.C. McCarthy having rejoined from Hospital is posted for duty with 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. Dated 15.8.18.

289. - FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

Reference 5th. Aust. D.A.R.O. No. 45, para 285 of 18th. inst. The F.G.C.M. therein detailed will re-assemble at Headquarters, 5th. Aust. D.A. Column at 2.p.m. on 24th. inst. The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required to attend.

290. - DUTY.

Captain R.S. Coates, having rejoined from Hospital, resumes the duties of Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Div. Art., during the absence of Captain B.M. Morris. Dated 18.8.18.

291. - BOOTMAKERS' and TAILORS' SHOPS.

The above shops are now open at Billet No. 27, FOUILLOY, and will execute any work that may be required.

292. - DENTAL UNIT.

No. 101 Aust. Dental Unit is now located at Billet No. 27. FOUILLOY.

293. - CANTEEN.

The location of the 5th. Aust. Div. Canteen will be VAIRE-sur-CORBIE.

294. - VETERINARY.

The 5th. Aust. Mobile Vet. Section will remain at P. 9. b. 7. 8.

295. - BATHS and CLEAN CLOTHING.

Baths will be established at VAIRE-sur-CORBIE and AUBIGNY. Application for clean clothing and use of Baths will be made direct to Div. Baths Officer, who will be at Clothing Store, AUBIGNY.

296. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders.

Paras 4747 - 4800

- 4751. - Economy effected by return of Unserviceable Clothing.
- 4752. - Wearing of Gloves by Officers.
- 4754. - Men proceeding on Leave in a Verminous Condition.
- 4760. - Markings of Boxes. 18. pdr. Shrapnel Ammunition.
- 4780. - Cordite Cartridge of 'H.P.C.' and 'Q.N.'. Manufacture to be expended early.
- 4784. - Economy in Clothing.
- 4785. - Rations.
- 4789. - Mats, Protecting Spring Cases, 18. p dr.
- 4791. - Leakage of Information through Prisoners of War.

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296. - ORDERS (Cont'd).

Fourth Army Routine Orders. Paras 2396 - 2412 .

2398. - Leave for Jewish Festivals.

2401. - Horse Lines.

2411. - Cooking in the Field.

A.I.F. Orders. Paras 1388 - 1341.

1341. - Disposal of Officers and Other Ranks who, without any visible wound, become non-effective from any disorder of the Nervous System.

Relboates

Captain,

A/Staff Captain,

5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 75.

Headquarters,
26th August, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) is to relieve the 1st Australian Division (less Artillery) in the Right of "C" Divisional Sector on the night 26th/27th August, 1918, and will be known as "B" Division, Australian Corps.
- (b) The boundary between the 5th Australian Division and the 32nd Division will be an East and West line through M.32.cen1.
- (c) The boundary between the 5th Australian Division and the 2nd Australian Division will be an East and West Grid between M.8 and M.14.
- (d) The hour at which the command will pass to the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division will be notified later.
2. The Field Artillery covering the front will be re-grouped on the night 26th/27th August, 1918 (from an hour to be notified) as follows:-

RIGHT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., Headquarters at Q.24.a.38.18.
Consisting of -
12th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A.
1st Aust.F.A. Brigade
2nd Aust.F.A. Brigade

LEFT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.,
Headquarters at Q.24.a.9.1
Consisting of -
13th Aust.F.A. Brigade
14th Aust.F.A. Brigade
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.
3. The C.F.A. 5th Australian Division will assume command of the Artillery covering 5th Australian Division on the night 26th/27th August, 1918, at an hour to be notified.
4. Inter-Group boundary will be East and West line through M.20.c.0.5.
5. Group commanders will arrange Liaison with the Infantry they are covering
6. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will close at Red Chateau, CORBIE, and re-open at Q.30.c.5.9 on the 26th August, 1918.
7. The 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades will come into action in Left Group "C" Divisional Sector on the night 26th/27th August, 1918. On coming into action each Brigade will be allotted a zone and will become responsible for the defence of that zone.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

: Issued at 3.30 p.m.
For distribution P.T.O.

J. R. Mellow
Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Arty.

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The boundary between the 5th Australian Division and the 2nd Australian Division will be on the East and West Grid between M.8 and M.14.

The hour at which the command will pass to the 6.0.0. 5th Australian Division will be notified later.

The Field Artillery covering the front will be re-grouped on the night 27th August, 1918 (from an hour to be notified) as follows:-

RIGHT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W. MOORE, D.M.S., D.B.O., Headquarters at 6.0.0. M.8.13.

Consisting of:-
1st (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
1st Aust. F.A. Brigade
2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade

LEFT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. GABRY, D.B.O., Headquarters at 6.0.0. M.8.13.

Consisting of:-
1st Aust. F.A. Brigade
2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade
3rd Aust. F.A. Brigade

The 5th Australian Division will assume command of the Artillery covering the Australian Division on the night 27th August, 1918, at an hour to be notified.

Inter-group boundary will be East and West line through M.20.0.0.5.

Group commanders will arrange liaison with the Infantry they are covering.

Headquarters, 5th Australian Division Artillery, will close at Red Cross, GOMER, and reopen at 6.0.0.5.9 on the 28th August, 1918.

The 15th and 16th Australian Divl Artillery Brigades will come into action at Red Cross on the night 27th/28th August, 1918. On coming into action they will be allocated a zone and will become responsible for the defence of that zone.

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ADDENDUM No. 3 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 75Headquarters,
26th August, 1918.

1. Headquarters of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade are situated at Q.30.c.5.5 and the Brigade is holding the line with two battalions in the front line and two in support.
2. The 30th Battalion is in the front line and the 31st Battalion is in support in the Right Sector.
3. The 32nd Battalion is in the front line and the 29th Battalion is in support in the Left Sector.
4. The Inter Battalion boundary is East and West line through R.24.central.
5. Para. 4 of Order No. 75 is cancelled and the following substituted:-
Inter-Group boundary will be East and West line through R.24.central.
6. The Right Artillery Group will provide a subaltern officer as Liaison Officer with Right Infantry Battalion and Left Artillery Group will provide an officer with Left Infantry Battalion.
7. An officer, not below the rank of Captain, will be provided by the Right and Left Groups alternately for duty as Liaison Officer with the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. M. M.
Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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ADDENDUM No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 75.

Headquarters,
26th August, 1918.

1. Pending the 13th and 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigades going into action, the 5th Australian Divisional front will be covered by the 1st and 2nd Australian Field Artillery Brigades and the 12th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A., under the command of Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., who will arrange the allotment of zones to Brigades.
2. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve Units of the 1st Australian Division.
3. Command will pass to the G.O.C. 5th Australian Division at 10 p.m. 27th August, 1918.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. Mella
Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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ADDENDUM No. 2 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 75Headquarters,
26th August, 1918.

1. Reference Addendum No. 1, para. 1, line 4.

After "12th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A." add "23rd Army
Brigade, R.F.A."

T. Russell
Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 26/8/18 to 6 a.m. 27/8/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the day concentrations were carried out on Posts and Dug-outs in M.25.d.9.0 & 90.35, M.32.a, M.26.c.05.10, direct hits being observed. Movement in M.25 dispersed. Registrations and calibrations were continued. At night harassing fire was carried out on selected targets East of "S.O.S" lines in Lanes "A", "B", "C" and "D".

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Remained quiet during the day and night. The following areas were shelled:-

Area shelled	Time	Rds	Calibre	Direction from
R.29.c & R.30.c	12.15 pm		4.2 & 77	(Concentration)
R.36.a	3.45 pm	Lightly	10.5 c.m.	
R.28.c	3.45 pm	50	77	SOYECOURT Wood
R.28.c	6.50-7pm	30	77	DAY
R.22.a.0.8 to)	7.10 pm	30	77	
R.22.a.6.0)				
Q.23, 24, 29)	During		77 & 5.9 How	(Concentration).
& 30)	day			

3. GENERAL. E.A. frequently patrolled our lines during the afternoon. At 3.45 p.m. two planes crossed our line and shot down one of our balloons. Observation balloons were up on T.B. 127° 30' and 120° 30' from R.22.c.80.15. At 7.30 p.m. a plane with British markings and similar pattern appeared to make a very careful examination of battery positions in valley running through R.15 and along our forward trench system. This plane was first observed approaching from enemy territory and finally disappeared at a fair height over the enemy lines. Visibility good.

Captain,
for Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 1

Series "D"

Headquarters,
27th August, 1918.STANDING ORDERS FOR SEMI-MOBILE WARFARE.

The following instructions will be adhered to during the present phase by the Field Artillery under the command of the G.R.A. 5th Australian Division.

SECTION "A".S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS.

1. (a) The "S.O.S" Signal is a call for immediate Artillery assistance.
- (b) "S.O.S" may be asked for in three ways:-
 - (i) By the "S.O.S" Light Signal.
 - (ii) By telephone.
 - (iii) By call from aeroplane.
- (d) "S.O.S" Repeating Stations will be established at each F.A. Brigade, Tactical O.P. and at all anti-tank guns. These will be continuously manned and will be responsible for repeating "S.O.S" Signals on their respective fronts.
2. All batteries will post Rocket Guards who are acquainted with all rocket signals. Any rocket seen will be at once reported to the Officer on duty at the guns. At each battery a "Zone Indicator" will be installed, showing the flanks of the Divisional front, of Group and F.A. Brigade fronts, Battery "S.O.S." lines, etc.
3. Each battery is responsible for an allotted portion of the Divisional front, and unless a battery is in action, all guns will be kept loaded and laid on "S.O.S" lines.
4. (a) On receipt of the "S.O.S" Signal or call, all batteries of the Group concerned and the adjacent flank battery of the neighbouring Group will open fire at once on their "S.O.S" lines; fire being concentrated as and if required by the Group Commander.
- (b) In the case of an "S.O.S" call on the front of the adjacent Group of either flank Divisional Artillery, the F.A. Brigade of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery next to the call will at once open on "S.O.S" lines, in the ordinary way.
5. Group Commanders are responsible for alteration, by arrangement with the Commander of the Infantry unit they are covering, of the "S.O.S" line, as and when required. The "S.O.S" line will be notified to D.A.H.Q. as soon as possible after any change is made.

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6. RATES AND DURATION OF FIRE FOR "S.O.S" :-

NATURE	ROUNDS PER GUN PER MINUTE	
	For first 8 minutes.	For following 7 minutes.
18 pdrs -and 4.5" Hows	4	3

All fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes unless the "S.O.S" Signal is repeated after the opening of fire, when the maximum rate of fire will be reverted to and the above procedure repeated.

7. (a) A battery receiving an "S.O.S" call will at once inform

- (i) Batteries on each flank.
- (ii) Group Commander's Headquarters.

(b) Groups will inform

- (i) Batteries in the Group.
- (ii) Groups on each flank.
- (iii) D.A.H.Q.

SECTION "B"1. ARTILLERY POLICY.

- (a) The general Artillery policy is that it is on the defensive, but close touch must be kept with the enemy.

Every possible step will be taken to harass the enemy to the utmost. Arrangements will be made to ensure that all visible movement is engaged by day; and that an irregular and intermittent volume of fire is delivered by night on the enemy's defences and communications.

As much use as possible will be made of gas shell for harassing purposes. There are ample supplies available.

- (b) In the siting of battery positions particular attention will be paid to the following points:-

- (i) Positions to be, as far as possible, on high ground, in order to avoid the effects of a hostile gas bombardment.
- (ii) Each battery to have at least one alternative position resected and marked, to permit of a rapid move in case of heavy gas or H.E. shelling of the old position making this necessary.

2. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

- (a) In the absence of any organised system of A.A. Lewis Gun defence, it is to be remembered that each unit commander is responsible for his own protection against low-flying enemy aircraft.

- (b) A.A. Lewis Guns of batteries will be disposed:- 50% at battery positions; 50% at wagon lines.

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3. LIAISON WITH INFANTRY.

Group Commanders will arrange with the Infantry Commanders to whom they are affiliated for all Liaison Officers required, also for the provision, as far as possible, of telephone communication.

4. ZONE CALLS.

(a) Procedure on receipt of Calls from the air will be as follows:-

<u>Nature of Call</u>	<u>Answered by.</u>	<u>Method of fire.</u>
N.F.	One battery only of each Group inside its own zone.	2 Salvoes. If call is repeated Salvoes will be repeated.
G.F.	" "	2 rounds gun fire.
✓ L.L.	All batteries that can bear on the target.	3 rounds gun fire.
@ S.O.S.	As for "S.O.S" Signals from the ground.	

Note: ✓ If batteries are engaged on important work, such as barrages, one section per battery will be used.

@ In addition to sending the "S.O.S" by wireless, the pilot, whilst flying towards the enemy, sounds his Klaxon horn and drops a white parachute light over the enemy. The light descends slowly.

(b) WIRELESS SETS.

F.A. Brigade wireless sets will be located either at Brigade H.Qrs or a selected battery, the disposal being left to the discretion of the C.O's.

5. COMMUNICATION.

It is to be remembered that one of the primary duties is the passing of all useful information to the next higher formation. The establishment of communication or where possible, the improvement of existing communication is therefore of importance.

6. PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE BOMBING.

Units are responsible that all possible precautions are taken, both by the dispersion of personnel and horses and the provision of cover, to minimise losses through enemy bombing.

7. TRENCH MORTARS.

(a) One 6-Mortar battery of 6" Newton Medium Trench Mortars will be emplaced, for defence of the line, on the Divisional front.

Three mortars will be affiliated with each Battalion Commander.

(b) One 6-mortar battery of 6" Newton Medium Trench Mortars will be held in reserve on the Divisional front.

Three mortars will be held in reserve in each Battalion area.

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7. (c) As the mortars, which are emplaced for defence of the line, get out of range through the Infantry pushing forward, the mortars in reserve will leap-frog them and take up a position in defence of the new line, but so that there will always be three mortars in the line and three in reserve in each Battalion area.

(d) Close liaison must be kept by Trench Mortar Officers with Battalion Commanders

8. COUNTER PREPARATION.

The object of counter preparation is to break up the enemy's threatened attack before it has time to materialise, and this is best effected by searching all likely assembly places and bringing the maximum amount of fire on to areas over which he has to move.

9. Counter preparation is divided into three phases:-

- (a) Counter Battery Work (alluded to as Phase 1.A)
- (b) Harassing fire (alluded to as Phase 1.B)
- (c) Annihilating fire (alluded to as Phase 2)

10. COUNTER BATTERY WORK.

It is anticipated that any serious attack by the enemy will be preceded by a heavy bombardment. This is met by vigorous counter battery action, gas constituting, as far as possible, the main means of neutralising the enemy Artillery activity. This is chiefly a Heavy Artillery duty.

11. HARASSING FIRE. (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs as follows:- "Effect C.P. Phase 1.B from to "(or "from commencement of enemy bombardment".)).

(a) Field Artillery are responsible to a depth of 1000 yards East of "S.O.S" lines, the responsibility East of that line belonging to the Heavy Artillery.

(b) Group Commanders will select the areas considered to be most dangerous, and sub-allot them to their Brigades.

(c) The procedure for engaging the areas selected will be as follows:-
During the period allotted for "Phase 1.B", all batteries of a Brigade will be concentrated in quick succession on each area allotted to it; method of fire - 3 rounds gun fire. Concentrations will be synchronised, the interval between them being arranged and ordered by the Brigade concerned, taking into account the period fire is to be maintained, and the rate of fire ordered (see below).

(d) Rates of fire, which will be ordered at the time the Scheme is put into operation, are as follows:-

Rate "A"	- 60 rounds per gun per hour.
" "B"	- 30 " " " " "
" "C"	- 15 " " " " "

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12. ANNIHILATING FIRE (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs as follows:- "Effect C.P. Phase 2 LanesZone.....at " (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment")).

(a) In order to facilitate the production of the heaviest possible fire on any portion of the front at short notice, the Divisional front is for the present divided into Lanes.

Lanes are numbered from North to South; Lane 32 being bounded by the East and West grid lines running through M.9.c.0.0 and M.15.a.0.0 and Lane 38 by East and West grid line running through M.27.c.0.0 and M.33.a.0.0.

Lanes 32, 33 and 34 are allotted to the Left Group and Lanes 35, 36, 37 and 38 are allotted to the Right Group.

(b) Lanes are bounded on the West by a line known as the "START LINE", which will be 100 yards East of "S.O.S" lines. They are subdivided into zones each of 500 yards in depth, commencing from the "START LINE", and extending Eastward for four zones, i.e. covering the front to a depth of 2000 yards from the "START LINE".

(c) Annihilating fire will take the form of a creeping barrage over any or all of the Lanes at the rate of 100 yards in two minutes in the zone ordered.

(d) (i) The procedure for effecting Phase 2 will be as follows:-

At Zero hour - Brigades will open with 18 pdr batteries on the Western boundary line of the zone ordered, concentrating their fire on the Lanes allotted, and creep at the rate of 100 yards per 2 minutes to a depth of 600 yards, ceasing at Zero plus 14 minutes.

If more than one zone has been ordered, the procedure will be repeated in the other zone or zones, a two minute pause being made between each barrage. 4.5" Hows will be employed 200 yards in advance of the 18 pdr barrage.

(ii) Rates of fire.

18 pdrs - 3 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows - 2 " " " "

(iii) Ammunition.

18 pdrs - 50% T.S. 50% H.E. (106 fuzes where possible).
4.5" Hows - H.E. (with 106 fuzes if possible).

(e) (i) In case of communications are cut during a heavy enemy bombardment which is taken as indicating an enemy attack, it is considered necessary to have a counter preparation scheme which will come automatically into force. The procedure as in (iii) below will therefore be carried out by batteries if cut off from higher authority.

(ii) Zero hour throughout will be the opening of the enemy bombardment; Battery Commanders will use their own discretion as to this Zero hour. As soon as communications permit, Zero hour will be co-ordinated by Group Commanders.

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(iii) The following procedure will obtain until interrupted by the "S.O.S" call:-

Zero hour to Zero plus 1 hour.
C.P.Scheme Phase 1.B on Zones "D" and "C" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour to Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins.
C.P.Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "C", working Westwards.

Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins to plus 1 hour 45 mins.
C.P.Scheme Phase 1.B on Zone "B" at Rate "B".

Zero plus 1 hour 45 mins to plus 2 hours.
C.P.Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "A", working Eastward.

Zero plus 2 hours until receipt of "S.O.S" or orders to cease fire or hostile fire ceases.

In Phase 1.B only, and not in Phase 2, 4.5" Hows, if the wind is favourable, will use gas shell only on targets to be selected and detailed to batteries by Group Commanders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.R. Mellor
Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 76.

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Headquarters,
27th August, 1918.

1. To maintain touch with the situation, Artillery Group Commanders will organise their Artillery in depth.
2. When batteries are moved forward they will be kept intact as a brigade.
3. One brigade in each Group will be kept in close support of the Infantry.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Munn
Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 7 p.m. to:-

Right Artillery Group
Left Artillery Group.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

As at 12 noon 27/8/18

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

DISPOSITION RETURN No. 88
Reference Sheets 62D & 62C 1-40,000
5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. Q.30.c.5.9

UNIT	LOCATION	WAGON LINES
RIGHT GROUP, H.Q.	Q.24.a.38.18	
12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.H.Q.	Q.24.a.38.18	Q.14.b.30.50
45th Battery	R.26.b.57.18	Q.24.d.5.4
46th "	R.26.b.18.98	Q.23.b.8.2
47th "	R.26.a.92.02	Q.23.c.50.40
112th "	R.27.b.22.68	Q.23.c.50.90
1st Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	Q.24.d.4.5	Q.23.c.60.80
1st Battery	R.21.c.25.60	Q.21.c.80.80
2nd "	R.16.d.10.20	Q.14.d.20.50
3rd "	R.26.b.88.56	Q.14.d.40.80
101st "	R.27.a.94.23	Q.22.b.90.60
2nd Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	R.25.d.70.40	Q.9.b.8.8
4th Battery	R.25.b.60.18	Q.10.a.7.2
5th "	R.33.a.96.55	Q.3.c.5.2
6th "	R.27.b.83.74	Q.10.a.1.9
102nd "	R.27.b.65.72	Q.9.b.5.5
LEFT GROUP, H.Q.	R.14.b.60.10	
13th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	R.14.b.60.10	Q.11.d.80.20
49th Battery	R.16.d.80.60	Q.12.c.10.40
50th "	R.17.c.30.65	Q.18.a.85.85
51st "	R.15.b.10.50	Q.18.c.50.50
113th "	R.15.b.20.10	Q.12.c.80.80
14th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	R.14.b.10.30	Q.16.d.80.60
53rd Battery	R.15.c.3.6	Q.10.c.1.4
54th "	R.16.d.40.00	Q.8.b.2.9
55th "	R.23.b.00.70	Q.15.c.1.5
114th "	R.17.d.55.00	Q.1.d.20.50
23rd Army Bde, R.F.A., H.Q.	R.19.b.75.60	Q.31.a.9.8
107th Battery	R.27.c.20.30	Q.2.b.25.99
108th "	R.21.d.59.08	Q.2.d.90.60
D/23 "	R.21.d.5.4	Q.3.c.0.8
Anti-Tank Gun	R.28.a.70.90	
12th A.F.A., B.A.C.	Q.21.c.8.8	
23rd R.F.A., B.A.C.	P.30.c.5.5	
1st Aust. D.A.C., H.Q.	Q.2.b.7.6	
No.1 Section	Q.2.d.8.8	
No.2 Section	Q.2.b.9.1	
5th Aust. D.A.C., H.Q.	Q.21.d.9.2	
No.1 Section	Q.22.c.2.3	
No.2 Section	Q.22.c.2.3	
5th Aust. Div 1 M.T.M. Bde	Q.30.c.5.9	
D.T.M.O.	R.21.a.30.00	
9th Battery	Q.1.c.10.60	
10th "		

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"B" DIVL. ARTY — AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
LOCATION STATEMENT

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Headquarters,
5th Aust. Divl Arty
27th August, 1918.

As at 12 noon
27/8/18

C.R.A. ERIC ADLER GENERAL A.J. BESSEL-BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. Q.30.c.5.9

BRIGADE	BATTERY	No. of GUNS	GUN LOCATION.	WAGON LINE LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE G.B. Degrees	OFFICER COMMANDING
RIGHT GROUP (Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O., Q.24.a.38.18)						
12th (Army) Bde, AEA.	H.Q.		Q.24.a.38.18	Q.14.b.30.50		Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD, CMG, DSO.
	45th	6	R.26.b.57.18	Q.24.d.5.4	45-135	Mjr F.B. JACOB
	46th	6	R.26.b.18.98	Q.23.b.8.2	Grid W-180	Mjr E. CAMPBELL
	47th	6	R.26.a.92.02	Q.23.c.50.40	45-115	Capt. J.A. FLEMING
	112th	6	R.27.b.22.68	Q.23.c.50.90	45-135	Mjr E.W. RICHARDS
1st Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		Q.24.d.4.5	Q.23.c.60.80		Lt-Col. J.C. SELLIES, DSO.
	1st	6	R.21.c.25.60	Q.21.c.80.80	60-115	Mjr R.A. LITTLE
	2nd	6	R.16.d.10.20	Q.14.d.20.50	60-120	Mjr H.R. BYRNE, DSO.
	3rd	6	R.26.b.88.56	Q.14.d.40.80	55-103	Mjr W.J. CHRISTIE
	101st	6	R.27.a.94.23	Q.22.b.90.60	60-120	Mjr J.W. SEXTON
2nd Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		R.25.d.70.40	Q.9.b.8.8		Lt-Col. D.H. MOORE, DSO.
	4th	6	R.25.b.60.18	Q.10.a.7.2	60-120	Capt W. GRAHAM, MC.
	5th	6	R.33.a.06.55	Q.3.c.5.2	60-120	Capt N.S. HOLLIS
	6th	6	R.27.b.83.74	Q.10.a.1.9	60-120	Mjr A.W. DODD, MC.
	102nd	6	R.27.b.65.72	Q.9.b.5.5	40-140	Mjr D.J. TOOMEY
LEFT GROUP (Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., R.14.b.60.10)						
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		R.14.b.60.10	Q.11.d.80.20		Lt-Col. H.O. CADDY, DSO.
	49th	6	R.16.d.80.60	Q.12.c.10.40		Mjr V.H. GATLIFF, DSO.
	50th	6	R.17.c.30.65	Q.18.a.85.85		Mjr H. RETCHFORD
	51st	6	R.15.b.10.50	Q.18.c.50.50		Mjr E.G. LISTER
	117th	6	R.15.b.20.10	Q.12.c.80.80		Mjr A.R. LESCHEN
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	H.Q.		R.14.b.10.30	Q.16.d.80.60		Lt-Col. F.P. DERHAM, DSO.
	52nd	6	R.15.c.3.6	Q.10.c.1.4		Mjr L.E. BEAVIS, DSO.
	54th	6	R.16.d.40.00	Q.8.b.2.9		Mjr C.A. KELLY
	55th	6	R.23.b.00.70	Q.15.c.1.5		Mjr P.J. McCORMACK, DSO.
	114th	6	R.17.d.55.00	Q.1.d.20.50		Capt N.A. NICOLSON

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BRIGADE	BATTERY	No. of GUNS	GUN LOCATION	WAGON LINE LOCATION	ARC OF FIRE G.B. Degrees	OFFICER COMMANDING.
LEFT GROUP	Continued.					
23rd Army Bde, REA.	H.Q.		R.19.b.75.60	Q.31.a.9.8		Lt-Col. H.M. BAILLINGALL, DSO.
	107th	6	R.27.c.20.30	Q.2.b.25.99	60-120	Mjr J.de B. LUCAS, MC.
	108th	6	R.21.d.59.08	Q.2.d.90.60	62-120	Mjr H. BRITTON
	D/23	6	R.21.d.5.4.	Q.3.c.0.8	30-150	Mjr E.G. LUTYENS
	Anti-Tank		R.28.a.70.90			
12th A.F.A., B.A.C.				Q.21.c.8.8		Capt J.P. BEATTIE
23rd R.F.A., B.A.C.				P.30.c.5.5		
1st Aust.D.A.C., H.Q.				Q.2.b.7.6		Capt C.L. GAVAN DUFFY
No.1 Section				Q.2.d.8.8		Capt W.H.G. SEGRAVE, MC.
No.2 Section				Q.2.b.9.1		Lieut. C.W. SMITH
5th Aust.D.A.C., H.Q.				Q.21.d.9.2		Mjr F. THORNTHWAITHE, M.C.
No.1 Section				Q.22.c.2.3		Lt. R. BARNETT
No.2 Section				Q.22.c.2.3		Capt B.R. LAW
5th Aust. Divl D.T.M.O.				Q.30.c.5.9		Capt W.D. WALLIS, MM.
M.T.M. Bde	9th Bty			R.21.a.30.00		Lieut O.J. TAYLOR
	10th Bty			Q.1.c.10.60		Capt E.J. FERGUSON, MC
5th Aust. A.R.P.				Q.29.d (Main rd)		
5th Aust. Mob. Vet. Sec				P.9.b.70.80		
D.A.D.O.S. 5th Aust. Divn				P.7.a.1.3		
10th Coy, A.A.S.C.				Q.30.d.8.4		
Divl Salvage Officer				Q.29.c.8.5		
Nos. 17 & 22 O.M.W. (Light)				CORBIE		
Divl Baths				VAIRE & AUBIGNY		
Divl Canteen				CORBIE		
Dental Unit				Billet 27, FOUIL LOY.		

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2/ Lieut,
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 27/8/18 to 6 a.m. 28/8/18
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FORWARD SYSTEM.

1. OPERATIONS. During the day hostile batteries in M.17.b, M.17.d, M.18.b, M.18.o, and front posts were engaged. Strong points in M.20.b and M.20.central were destroyed during Infantry advance. At 1 p.m. an organised shoot in conjunction with Heavies was carried out on FOUCAUCOURT. The shoot lasted 30 minutes and was very effective. At 2.5 p.m. a light barrage was put down along the line M.21.central to M.27.central, while Infantry entered FOUCAUCOURT. Through the night harassing fire was continued on hostile batteries and strong points.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Very active during the day. Front line shelled continuously. At 2.12 p.m. a fairly heavy barrage was laid down on M.21, M.27 in response to our fire. Activity became normal during the night. The following areas were shelled:-

Area shelled	Time	Rds	Calibre	Direction from
LAPPIN Wood R.25, 26) (Main road))	9 am 10 am	30	5.9 8"	
PROYART Stn R.21.b	11.12 am 12 noon		5.9 77	
M.21 to M.27 R.14.b	2 pm 2.15 pm	60	77 & 4.2 8"	Barrage
R.19, 23, 24,) 29 & 30.)	3.7 pm		77 & 4.2	Concentration
R.16.b	7 pm	70	4.2	
K.22.a & R.16.o	5.40 pm	20	5.9 Gas	
R.29.a	8 pm	80	77	
R.21, K.21.b &) K.22.a)	9 pm		5.9	

3. GENERAL. Enemy aircraft quiet. At 7.45 pm six enemy aircraft crossed our line. These were driven off by A.A.fire. Our planes were active over enemy lines during the day and night. Three balloons were seen at intervals during the day. Several H.F.calls received and answered.

W. M. L. A. T.
2/Lieut,
Acting Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS ON THE TELEPHONE. 28.../8./1918. *ap 25*

No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
1	C.R.A.	Left Group	11.35 am	Left Group to absorb tank gun into one of short batteries. All Ammunition to be cleared from old gun pits before drawing on A.R.P.
2	"	Adj't Right Grp	11.35 am	Send Brigade forward to keep in touch with Infantry and the balance to be moved forward as situation demands.
3	"	G.S.O.2	11.45 am	Advising that one Brigade of each Group pushed forward and sections in advance.
4	C.O. Left Grp	C.R.A.	11.50 am	1st Aust. F.A. Bde will be pushed forward and 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde will leap-frog them. Bde H.Q. will be moved to R.24.c (46th Bty) as soon as possible.
5	Sigs. D.A.	B.M.	11.55 am	Right Group Headquarters to be established at R.24.c.15.30.
6	"	B.M.	12 noon	5th Bde, R.C.A., moving to front of PROYART.
7	C.R.A.	8th Inf. Bde	12 noon	Am pushing on a Brigade for each battalion. 8th Inf Bde states that that they will be in front of FOUCAUCOURT.
8			12.7 pm	C.R.A. proceed to 8th Infantry Brigade.
9			12.30 pm	O.C. 2/1 Lowland Battery and D.A.C. reported.
10	Right Group	B.M.	12.50 pm	M.28.b & d and Liaison Officer has reported to battalion. 1st Aust. F.A. Bde R.24.c rendezvous. 12th (Army) Bde R.27.b. Right Group are ready to move forward as soon as communication established.
11	H.A. Aust Corps	B.M.	1 pm	4 guns to come to us and other 2 to remain with H.A. Bde. Asked them to direct Major Gayer, O.C. 2/1 Lowland Battery to put guns in action at M.26 and report to this Office.
12	B.M.	8th Inf Bde	1.5 pm	Reporting areas of our Brigades of Right Group.
13	14th F.A.B.	5th D.A.	1.15 pm	Will be moving to present 55th Battery position - R.23.b.0.7 and will be near Left Group Artillery.
14	Sigs 5th D.A.	"	1.45 pm	13th Aust. F.A. Bde will be at R.17.c.8.3 (50th Bty).
15	Left Group	"	2 pm	23rd Army Bde, R.F.A., went forward to M.13.d and since moved on to get in touch with the Infantry.
16	C.R.A.	Left Group	2 pm	Keep Brigades in depth - one about M.14. Front line now runs N.13, 19, 25 central.
17	2nd D.A.	5th D.A.	2.10 pm	Their line remains as before.
18	Sigs 5th D.A.	5th D.A.	3.10 pm	Testing through to forward exchange. Line O.K.
19	Right Group	5th D.A.	3.55 pm	Report 1st Aust. F.A. Bde in action M.29.d. 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. position of assembly R.24. 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde in LAPPIN Wood M.14.

C.O. will live with Infantry at M.30.a.2.3 for tonight

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No.	From	To	Time.	S U B J E C T .
20	2nd D.A.	5th D.A.	4.10 pm	Giving line.
21	5th Bde RGA	5th D.A.	5.15 pm	5th Bde, R.G.A. will be at R. 21.a.9.0. Liaison Officer from your Brigade has report to these Headquarters.
22	Right Group	5th D.A.	6.45 pm	Report line about 2000 yards East of ESTREES. Unconfirmed.
23	5th D.A.	14th F.A.B.	7 pm	Location of batteries checked. Advised of move of D.A.H.Q. to R.28.c.9.7.
24	5th D.A.	2nd D.A.	7 pm	Conferring. Lines checked.
25	5th D.A.	14th F.A.B.	9.30 pm	Conferring. They are not in touch with 13th Aust.F.A.Bde or 23rd Army Bde, R.F.A. They will advise as soon as they get them.
26	2/1 Lowland Bty	5th D.A.	9.50 pm	All guns in action M.21.c.2.8. Instructed by C.R.A. not to shoot East N.23.central and to harass all bridges and approaches over SOMME.
27	C.R.A.	14th F.A.B.	10.5 pm	Lay line to 32nd Battalion and take over defence if necessity arises.
28	5th D.A.	2nd D.A.	10.45 pm	Conferring and giving and taking line. H.Q. 13th Aust.F.A.Bde M.16.a.2.5.
29	5th D.A.	2nd D.A.	12 m.n.	re taking over one of our Brigades 29/8/18.

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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
30	G.S.O.2	5th D.A.	12.15 am	Infantry may require ASSEVILLERS shelled from 6.45 am to 7.30 am preparatory to advancing to the capture of it. Nothing can be fixed at present, but "G" will advise at 5 am whether required Lines to Brigades are down. S.D.R. sent to 14th Aust.F.A? Brigade advising of same.
31	5th D.A.	14th F.A.B.	1.30 am	In communication with and advised them of proposed ASSEVILLERS bombardment.
32	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	2 am	Repeating message re proposed ASSEVILLERS bombardment and instructing them to keep in touch with Infantry.
33	5th D.A.	5th Divn	2 am	Advising them of steps taken.
34	G 5th Divn	5th D.A.	6.15 am	Infantry now hold ASSEVILLERS and BELLOY and are on grid between N.27, 28. Fire not now required.
35	5th D.A.	14th F.A.B.		Advised accordingly.
36	G 5th Divn	5th D.A.	7.30 am	Infantry are hustling forward and require Artillery to support them. River should be reached with a few bounds. 15th A.I.Bde will move to FAX (M.23) and 14th A.I.Bde to where 15th A.I.Bde were. Bridge heads to be established in 23 and 29 and fire required to cover it. Field guns to seize high ground N.30.a.
37	12th Bde AFA	5th D.A.	7.30 am	Advising us that 1st Aust.F.A.Bde now moving up in close support of and 12th Army Bde, A.F.A. following. 2nd Aust.F.A.Bde to remain in support.
38				Our communications: 12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A. 2/1 Lowland Bty through 12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A. 1st Aust.F.A.Bde through " " " 14th Aust.F.A.Bde 14th Aust.F.A.Bde to repeat to 13th Aust.F.A.Bde 2nd Aust.F.A.Bde
39	5th D.A.	14th F.A.B.	7.50 am	Advising them of Infantry move and told them to get in touch with Lieut Col. CADDY and push forward.
40	5th D.A.	2/1 Lowl'd Bty	7.50 am	Battery to move forward to cover O.23, 29. Probable position of Battery N.23 and 29.
41	Bde Liaison	5th D.A.	8.10 am	Within 500 yards of river on main road and one battery going into action in N.29.b.
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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
42	5th D.A.	2/1 Lowl'd Bty	8.30 am	Advising Infantry accordingly.
43	Bde Liaison	5th D.A.	8.45 am	Advises general line of Infantry O.13, 19, 25.central. From Prisoner's statement the enemy held O.14.c & d with 2 companies and ordered to hold out all day.
44	5th D.A.	14th F.A.B.	8.50 am	Passed to you from Left Group.
45	5th D.A.	5th Bde RGA	9.5 am	Advising them of our move to M.30.a and that they were to move to M.9.central.
46	5th D.A.	2nd D.A.	9.10 am	Conferring as to line. Unable to say about high ground.
47	S.C.			Advises that A.R.P. is to be at M.29.d.
48	2nd D.A.	5th D.A.	9.30 am	We are hold 17 and 23 central. Enemy in 24.c (Wood).
49	Liaison	5th D.A.	9.50 am	Reports our Infantry on Canal on Right and held up at ETERPIGNY On Left.
50	Right Liaison	5th D.A.	11 am	Infantry are running wire to Right and Left Battalions. Should be thro' in half an hour. Advised that D.A.H.Q. had been established at M.30.a.2.3.
51	2/1 Lowl'd Bty	5th D.A.	12 noon	Officer reported that battery was on road moving to N.29.b. A mounted orderly was to report to D.A.H.Q. at once.
52	23rd Army Bde RGA	5th D.A.	12.50 pm	Officer reported that Brigade Headquarters were at N.15.b.9.1. Instructed him to keep in touch with his Group and also with Liaison Officer.
53	Right Group	5th D.A.	1.30 pm	Advised locations of 12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A., and 1st Aust.F.A.Bde.
54	H.A.Aust Corps	5th D.A.	2.20 pm	5th Brigade, R.G.A. report probably M.9.central. Wire them to join up.
55	Right Liaison	5th D.A.	3.30 pm	Infantry proposed to push forward tonight to end of S.W.map. They have arranged with Infantry Groups to provide necessary fire. More ammunition required.
56	R.A.Aust Corps	5th D.A.	3.30 pm	1st D.A. to be withdrawn to wagon lines tonight and will come under 1st D.A. Location of wagon lines to be wired to 1st D.A.
57			4 pm	Orderly Officer from 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. reported and discussed scheme for tonight.
58	S.C.		4.10 pm	Advises that Smoke has arrived and remainder of ammunition on road.
59	S.O.R.A.	5th D.A.	5.15 pm	R.29.central. 1st D.A. batteries to march under orders of 1st D.A. Lieut-Col. MACARTNEY of R.A.Australian Corps called.
60			6 pm	Lieut-Col.DERHAM called and advised of situation.
61			6.30 pm	Another S.D.R. ordered for Lieut-Col.CADDY in case Capt. WALLIS did not reach destination. To bring back orders for Lieut-Col.DERHAM.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS ON THE TELEPHONE. 29.10.1918.

No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
62	H.A.	5th D.A.	7 pm	H.A.Liaison reports H.Qrs moving to N.15.b.8.1. Batteries are in N.11.c.
63	G 5th Divn	5th D.A.	7 pm	Forcing a crossing over the SOMME is off for tonight. G3 asked to get Infantry Brigades to inform Artillery Groups.
64			9.30 pm	G.R.A. attended conference at Hospital (M.30.a) and rang up Brigade Major. 32nd Division will take over part of front and we will push on line J - E. Boundaries O.15.a & b and I.32.b.0.6. 12th (Army) Brigade A.F.A. will pull in on Left and form new Left Group. 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade will occupy positions North of BARLEUX and be under Lieut-Col CADBY, Right Group. A.R.F. to be moved to vicinity ASSEVILLERS. Staff Captain to reconnoitre.
65	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	9.30 pm	Advised accordingly. Communication through to 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. and 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade to be in action by dawn.
66			10 pm	Location of 32nd D.A. X.23.b.8.2.
67			10 pm	Brigade Liaison - Left and Right Groups reported.
68	Lt GREGORY	5th D.A.	11 pm	Reports that he is at Hospital (M.30.a) but cannot get in touch with Brigade.
69	G 5th Divn	5th D.A.	10.55 pm	2nd Divn require Artillery co-operation on LE MESNIL to support their attack on DOINGT and MONT ST. QUENTIN from 5 to 5.30 a.m. 69th and 5th Brigade, R.G.A. are co-operating.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 77

Headquarters,
30th August, 1918.

1. At a date to be notified later the Australian Corps is to advance in a N.E. direction. Divisional Sectors are being re-adjusted.

2. (a) During the 30th instant, the 5th Australian Division is to side-slip northwards and take over the front from O.15.a.7.7 to I.32.b.0.8. This front is at present occupied by the 2nd Australian Division (who are attempting to advance across the SOMME and occupy the high ground in O.11, O.5, and I.35.

The front south of O.15.a.7.7 now held by the 5th Australian Division will be taken over by 32nd Division.

(b) The 5th Australian Divisional boundaries for the advance N.E. on the eastern side of the SOMME are shown in RED on attached map.

(c) On side slipping northwards the 5th Australian Division will take over from the 2nd Australian Division (7th A.I. Brigade) any ground held by the 2nd Australian Division on the east bank of the SOMME between the above mentioned Divisional boundaries.

3. The following Infantry Brigade reliefs will accordingly take place:-

Morning 30th August.

15th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 7th A.I. Brigade in the new 5th Australian Divisional front (vide para. 2). Relief to be complete by 9 a.m.

14th A.I. Brigade will move to valley in N.5.c, and N.11, and will be in support to 15th A.I. Brigade.

Evening 30th/31st August.

A Brigade of 32nd Division will relieve 8th A.I. Brigade. Relief to be complete by 9 p.m.

8th A.I. Brigade on relief will be located in the FONTAIN VALLEY (M.16). Command of the Infantry Brigade sectors will pass on completion of Brigade reliefs.

4. (a) Machine Gun Companies will be attached to their affiliated Brigades. The Reserve Company (25th M.G. Co) will be disposed by O.C. 5th Machine Gun Battalion in M.18.

(b) No. 1 Troop "A" Squadron and No. 1 Troop "B" Squadron, 13th A.L.H. will be attached to 15th A.I. Brigade and will report by 7th a.m. 30/8/18, at N.17.a.9.9 where they will be met by a representative of 15th A.I. Brigade.

Cyclist Platoon will remain attached to 8th A.I. Brigade

5. Allocation of Field Companies to Brigades will remain as at present. Necessary Engineer and Pioneer reliefs will be arranged by the C.R.E.

6. As it is not normally intended that the 32nd Division will advance to the east bank of the SOMME it will be necessary for the front

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line Brigade of 5th Australian Division to effectively protect its right flank and to maintain liaison.

7. On the 30th August, 1918, the Artillery covering the 5th Australian Division will be re-grouped as follows:-

LEFT Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W.LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.
12th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A.
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.

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

Inter-Group boundary O.3.central, J.21.central.

8. Positions will be occupied to cover the new front as close as the tactical situation allows.

9. The 2/1 Lowland Battery will occupy positions about N.6 and O.1.

10. Completion of all moves will be reported to this Office.

11. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will remain at FAY (M.23.central).

12. An Advance Report Centre will be established at N.15.b.6.2.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Mullen
Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11 a.m.

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12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.	11-15	5th Brigade, R.G.A.	34
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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
70			4.30 am	C.R.A. proceeded to 32nd D.A. and conferred re handing over front and ammunition.
71	G 5th Divn	5th D.A.	6 am	Advising us of situation. Our front three bridges, but no knowledge whether ours or theirs. Crossing effected at I.19.c, but very swampy and M.G.fire from 7.1. Crossing effected at H.6.c & d.
72	13th F.A.B.	5th D.A.	9 am	Report communication through. 14th Aust.F.A.Brigade in action. H.Qrs N.16.d.8.7.
73	5th D.A.	12th Army Bde AFA	9 am	You are to occupy positions North of BARLEUX forthwith and become Left Group.
74			10.30 am	Right Liaison reported personally and now moving to 15th A.I.Bde. 15th A.I.Bde raid to be at O.2.a.9.1.
75	G3 5th Divn	5th D.A.	10.40 am	32nd Divn. T.4.c.1.0 with 168th Brigade, R.F.A. and 161st Brigade R.F.A. T.17.b.2.2.
76			11 am	5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.77 re the 5th Australian Division side slipping midway Northwards and taking over the front from O.15.a.7.7 to I.32.b.0.8, issued.
77	94th D.A.	12th Army Bde AFA	11 am	Advising them of re-grouping of field Artillery and of scheme. They are to pull out at once and take up positions near BARLEUX well forward.
78	G3 5th Divn	5th D.A.	11.30 am	7th Aust.Inf.Brigade still on West bank of canal and G.O.C. 15th A.I.Brigade advises impracticable relieve before dark. Little opposition but difficult to get through swamps.
79	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	12.30 pm	New scheme explained. They will send a Liaison with 29th Battalion.
80	23rd Army Bde RFA	5th D.A.		12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. have cut off. 23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A. will supply Brigade Liaison for 8th Aust.Inf.Brigade
81	5th D.A.	8th A.I.Bde	12.50 pm	Advising that Liaison would be sent to Brigade and Battalion.
82				Forward exchange at N.15.b.2.9.
83	8th A.I.Bde	5th D.A.	4 pm	Report that posts have been withdrawn from East bank of Canal because of M.G.fire from trenches O.22, 28 and 34. Do not shoot on BUIRE at present. No Liaison at 31st Battalion.
84	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	4 pm	Get up Smoke and detail batteries to shoot it. They require 6 miles double wire.
85	5th D.A.	23rd Army Bde RFA		Send Liaison to 31st Battalion. Engage trenches in O.22, 28 and 34 but not to shoot BUIRE at present.
86	2/1 Lowland Bty			

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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
86	2/1 Lowl'd Bty	5th D.A.	4.10 pm	Reported that positions reconnoitred N.6 and ready to move. Advised that they would be placed under 5th Brigade, R.C.A.
87	G1 5th Divn	5th D.A.	4.15 pm	Conferred re situation. Great deal of bridging required.
88	8th A.I.Bde	5th D.A.	4.15 pm	31st Battalion being shelled. 4.2 & 5.9 from LE MESNIL.
89	5th D.A.	69th Bde RGA	4.25 pm	Advised of above.
90	Left Liaison	5th D.A.	5.30 pm	Reports situation. Proposed to drift across river tonight in two objectives. No Artillery preparation required, but "S.O.S" laid down and handed to Groupe by Liaison Officer. Liaison Officer required for 15th A.I.Bde
91	8th A.I.Bde	5th D.A.	5.45 pm	Patrol across river and being heavily machine gunned from Quarry O.21.d and 27.b cemetery. Arrange 30 minutes shoot to cover them.
92	5th D.A.			23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A., and 69th Brigade, R.C.A. advised accordingly.
93	5th D.A.	8th A.I.Bde	6 pm	Advising them that we intend to shoot for half an hour.
94	8th A.I.Bde	5th D.A.	6.45 pm	Shoot very effective. Concentrate odd bursts on same places.
95				All Brigades advised of the above.
96			6.30 pm	Lieut-Col. HARDCASTLE, 2nd 21st Brigade, R.C.A., called and arranged his Brigade to be affiliated with 5th Brigade, R.C.A. Conferred with C.R.A.
97	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	7.30 pm	Take over defence of whole front including Left and Right Group.
98	5th D.A.	2nd D.A.	8.30 pm	Advising them that we had taken over front.
99	12th Army Bde AFA	5th D.A.	10.30 pm	Have taken over Left Group and established communication and O.P.
100	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	10.30 pm	Advising them that Left Group O.K.
101	H.A.	5th D.A.	10 pm	Arranging Liaison with 15th A.I.Bde to report in morning.
102	12th Army Bde AFA	5th D.A.	10.45 pm	Infantry require H.A. on O.11.d - 5.d - I.35.d - DOINGT - Road T.22.d. Arrange H.A. to engage. 77 shelling O.9.c from 86° T and 97° T from O.9.c.15.75. Reported to Counter Battery.
103	Left Group	5th D.A.	11.25 pm	Flash 5.9 How. 92° grid from H.32.d.4.4. 16' between flash and report. Flash 4.2 How 121° Grid from same O.P. Repeated to Counter Battery.
104	2/1 Lowl'd Bty	5th D.A.	11.55 pm	Battery in action. Targets allotted roads and approaches to PERONNE beyond I.27 - I.34 - O.4 & 11.central.

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No.	From	To	Time.	SUBJECT.
105	Left Group	5th D.A.	5 am	4.2 How 121 ⁰ Grid opened again. Counter Battery advised.
106	5th D.A.	R & L Groups	5 am	Advised of 2nd Divns attack on MONT ST. QUENTIN.
107	G 5th Divn	5th D.A.	8.15 am	2nd Divn captured MONT ST. QUENTIN. 14th A.I.Bde to move to H.12.central provide Liaison.
108	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	8.15 am	As above. Provide Liaison.
109	5th D.A.	12th Army Bde	8.20 am	As above.
110	5th D.A.	AFA		
111	12th Army Bde	2/1 Low ¹ d Bty	8.20 am.	As above.
112	5th D.A.	69th Bde RGA	8.30 am	Infantry require O.12.d.30.75 and O.5.d.9.9 straffed.
113	12th Army Bde	5th D.A.	10 am	Above repeated.
114	AFA			Infantry require more Heavy Artillery on above strong points. H.A. advised.
115	13th F.A.B.	5th D.A.	12.15 pm	Divisional Headquarters M.9.d.7.1
116	C.R.A.	5th D.A.	12.25 pm	Col. CADDY reports Liaison Officer despatched to 14th A.I.Bde. Im-possible to withdraw any of his Artillery in day time. One Section ready to move with Infantry but still in action.
117	13th F.A.B?	5th D.A.	2.20 pm	Pack up at once and be ready to move. Will ring later when location and communication fixed.
118	2nd D.A.	5th D.A.	2.20 pm	Battalion Liaison report enemy massing at I.12, 18 and J.13. Artillery fire required. Passed to H.A.
119	5th D.A.	2/1 Low ¹ d Bty	2.30 pm	Line I.9.central - 10.d.0.0 - 15.central - cross roads 15.d - 21.cenl. Advised of line. They are engaging hostile batteries and movement in at every opportunity. F.O.O's are sending in targets.
120	12th Army Bde	5th D.A.	2.30pm	Infantry request Counter Battery on hostile positions while they push forward.
121	5th D.A.	C.B.	2.45 pm	Advised accordingly. They will increase fire.
122	12th Army Bde	5th D.A.	3 pm	Infantry require fire I.17, 18, 12. Communicated with H.A. and they stated that they were already shooting.
123	15th A.I.Bde	5th D.A.	3.46 pm	Enemy is re-forming in I, 17, 16, 18 & 12. Informed them that H.A. and and Field Artillery were engaging it.
124				Nothing doing on our front.
125	C.R.A.	B.M.		Establish Sigs Office at N.11.a.5.8.

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No.	From	To	Time.	S U B J E C T .
126	5th D.A.	Left Group		Infantry report I.17, 18 are clean. 15th Inf.Bde require fire on T.16.a.4.5 (Quarry) leaving about 300 yards to spare.
127	C.R.A. (Forward)	B.M.	3.30 pm	Guns moving forward on road in J.31 and 32. Passed to H.A.
128	"	"	3.35 pm	Guns on roads in J.30, 32, P.1 & 2 moving towards us. Confirmed later by C.R.A? and G.1.
129	5th D.A.	H.A.	4.40 pm	Advised of movement towards us in J.31, 32, P.1 and 2.
130	C.R.A.	B.M.	4.50 pm	Brigade Major to remain behind at FAY to deal with the situation.
131	12th Army Bde AFA	5th D.A.	4.50 pm	We are dealing with P.1 and 2 with observed shooting.
132	C.R.A.	B.M.	4.40 pm	Request from Infantry through 12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A. for bursts of fire from H.A. on BUSSU. Transport can be seen.
				5th Brigade, RGA, informed who arranged with Corps H.A. to deal with it.
				Brigade Major, 15th A.I.Bde reported enemy Artillery moving in T.16.b.
				Owing to this being so close to where we expect our troops to be the matter was referred to G1 who passed to 2nd Divn.
133			5 pm	Brigade Major reported to D.A.H.Q. at M.9.d.50.00.
134	23rd Army Bde RFA	5th D.A.	5.25 pm	P.20.c.2.3. Hostile battery observed firing.
135	12th Army Bde AFA	5th D.A.	5.25 pm	Report much movement on road J. 14.a. Passed to H.A. who will deal with it.
136	G1 5th Divn	5th D.A.	5.45 pm	14th A.I.Bde report at 3.30 pm no Liaison Officer reported H.17.cenl. Situation of 14th A.I.Bde doubtful. They were unable to cross OMENIECOURT and crossed two miles West. Probably will not be in action until late in the afternoon.
137	5th D.A.	13th F.A.B.	5.45 pm	Lieut A.C.MANN is Liaison. He reported during the morning and was to report again. Will make further inquiries.
138	12th Army Bde AFA	5th D.A.	6.25 15pm	Left Liaison report that enemy (in battalion numbers) in I.16.a and I.21.c. Can they be engaged. Where is their front ?
139	5th D.A.	G 5th D.A.	6.25 pm	As above. He will ring me.
140	G 5th Divn	5th D.A.	6.58 pm	2nd Divn do not want us to shoot on I. 16.a and I.21.c, but think that enemy will dribble Westward through PERONNE with view to Counter attack. G 5th Divn want us to shoot on PERONNE.
141	13th F.A.B.	5th D.A.	7 pm	Lieut MANN was at O.P. at 1 pm and left for Infantry Brigade. Brigade Major to make further inquiries.

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142	5th D.A.	12th Army Bde	7.3 pm	Informed them of conversation with "G". They will consult Left Btn 15th A.I.Bde.
143	69th Bde RGA	5th D.A.	7.10 pm	Can you advise us of the outpost line. We will ring you when it is cleared up.
144	13th F.A.B.	5th D.A.	7.20 pm	C.O. is in touch with Infantry.
145	5th D.A.	15th A.I.Bde	7.30 pm	Conferring re situation. No 15th A.I.Bde North on East of Canal but unaware where the 14th A.I.Bde are.
146	13th F.A.B.	5th D.A.	7.40 pm	O.P. reports parties moving West on road in P.7.a & b. Passed to H.A. at 7.50 p.m.
147	5th D.A.	12th Army Bde	8.25 pm	Left Btn have no objection to shooting on PEROONE, but do not shoot 33, 26.a & d, 34.a & c.
148	12th Army Bde AFA	5th D.A.	8.55 pm	Hostile guns. 4.2 How 95° Grid from I.32.d.2.3. 5.9 How 93° 30' flash. Passed to Counter Battery.
149	5th Divn	5th D.A.	10 pm	C2R.A. conferring with G.O.C. 5th Divn. Informed of conference at 6th Bde, but too late to attend. Advised of situation.
150	Bde Liaison	5th D.A.	10.15 pm	15th A.I.Bde require one T.M. put in tonight.
151	5th D.A.	Left Group	10.15 pm	12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. advised of situation. C2R.A.
152	C.R.A.	C.B.	10.30 pm	C.R.A. conferred with C.B. re flashes.
153	5th D.A.	2nd D.A.	10.45 pm	Conferred re situation. They will get into touch with 6th A.I.Bde and advise.
154			11 pm	Brigade Major left to attend conference at 6th A.I.Bde. Conference attended, scheme considered and approved. Brigade Major returned to 5th D.A. at 1.15 a.m. 1/9/18 and conferred with G.O.C. and Groups re Scheme

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