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1	Sigs 5 ADA	B.M.	5.10 am	Signal Superintendent reported communication to Artillery Groups. Lines to Left Flank and G.O.C. 30 American Division have been tested and found O.K.
2	Reco nnaissance Officer Forward	B.M.	5.20 am	Zero hour. Field Artillery barrage opened. Forward report officer states that barrage opened to time. During the hour preceding zero there was slight hostile shelling by 4.2's, 77's on BUSIGNY V.16.b and 10.d.
3	Right Gp Arty	B.M.	5.55 am	Batteries reported all correct at zero. Slight shelling of BUSIGNY prior to zero but it has now died down.
4	Left Gp Arty	B.M.	6 am	Batteries reported all correct at zero. As far as can be ascertained everything is going according to programme. Enemy reply to our barrage is not noticeable.
5	Reconnaissance Offr, Forward	B.M.	6.15 am	BUSIGNY was shelled during the night by 77's, 4.2's and 5.9's also some Gas. This ceased on opening of our barrage and is now quiet. Observation is bad and is not improving.
6	GOC 30 Amern	B.M.	7 am	G.O.C. advised of situation as far as known and requested further information in regard to situation in W.14.b & d.
7	Right Gp Arty	B.M.	7.10 am	13th Aust. F.A. Bde's line to 117th American Regiment down and do not know situation in W.14.b & d, but will advise as soon as possible.
8	30 Amern Div	B.M.	7.15 am	G3 reports that liaison at 59th American Infantry Brigade arrived at 3 am and did not know situation and has no communication with his Artillery.
9	RA II Amern	C.R.A.	7.15 am	Conferring re situation. C.R.A. stated that visibility was not good. G.O.C suggested cutting down Smoke.
10	6 Army Bde AFA	B.M.	7.25 am	Three officers have been sent forward but no information can be obtained so far as fog is dense. Are they to move forward? Yes. Advised that we had no information regarding situation generally.
11	C.R.A.	GOC II Amern	7.28 am	G.O.C. approved of the cutting down of Smoke ammunition to half during the barrage.

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12	C.R.A.	Liaison 60 Inf. Bde	7.50 am	<p>Get message to Groups to cut down Smoke to half and to get what information they can.</p> <p>S.D.R. despatched to C.O. 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade to reduce Smoke to half and to report any information available.</p> <p>14th Aust. F.A. Brigade report that they have stopped barrage and that 27th American Division are well through.</p> <p>At 6 am batteries in W.2 and 8 were under rifle fire. Communication to batteries now down. No information received of situation on the Right. Prisoners coming in.</p> <p>Repeating the above information.</p> <p>Enemy retaliated at the opening of the barrage with Trench Mortars in vicinity of W.7.d. Batteries were subjected to Trench Mortar fire at close range while shooting barrage and heavy casualties received. 1 officer and 30 other ranks. 2 guns out of action. Officers patrol on the Left Flank crossed to Q.29.d at 7.30 am. No information in regard to the Right.</p> <p>By wire. Officer patrol at W.3.a report at 8.30 am that there is a hostile barrage in W.3.d and 9.a. Forward batteries are getting into action on high ground.</p> <p>Conferring re situation. Advised them of the casualties in their Brigades as reported by Left Group Artillery.</p> <p>Advised of information received from 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., vide Entry No. 18.</p> <p>Advised of situation as known to us.</p> <p>Liaison 59th Amern Bde reports that 117th Inf. Regiment were on river on the Right at 7 am. The Left of the 117th Inf. Regiment was then a little obscure. Prisoners state that it is intended to retreat. Identifications 25th and 179th Regts. 6th British Divn report BELLEVUE FARM was captured at 7.45 am.</p> <p>Advised of situation.</p> <p>Hostile bursts of fire with large proportion of Gas, principally in W.3.d - W.9.a & W.8.c. State that 117th Inf. Regiment report having received at 8.45 am a message timed 8.10 am that 1 Btn of 117th Inf. Regt at MOLAIN (W.15), 2 Btns held up at LA HAIE MENNERESSE (W.8.c)</p>
13			7.55 am	
14	14 Aust FAB	C.R.A.	8.25 am	
15	13 Aust FAB	C.R.A.	8.27 am	
16	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Amern	8.30 am	
17	Left Gp Arty	B.M.	8.40 am	
18	6 Army Bde AFA	B.M.	8.45 am	
19	B.M.	4 Aust. D.A.	8.50 am	
20	B.M.	G3 30 Amern	8.55 am	
21	B.M.	RA II Amern	9 am	
22	Liaison 60 Amern Bde	B.M.	9.5 am	
23	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Amern	9.10 am	<p>Advised of situation.</p> <p>Hostile bursts of fire with large proportion of Gas, principally in W.3.d - W.9.a & W.8.c. State that 117th Inf. Regiment report having received at 8.45 am a message timed 8.10 am that 1 Btn of 117th Inf. Regt at MOLAIN (W.15), 2 Btns held up at LA HAIE MENNERESSE (W.8.c)</p>
24	Left Gp Arty	B.M.	9.15 am	

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25	Right Gp Arty	B.M.	9.20 am	Hostile Artillery fire is very heavy and it is impossible to maintain touch with batteries. 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. have a line to W.1. Further information required regarding hostile batteries. Information regarding hostile shelling passed to C.B.S.O.
26	6 Army Bde AFA	B.M.	9.25 am	Report centre has been established at W.2.a but the hostile shelling is very heavy. Only sections of batteries have been able to get into action so far.
27	Liaison 60 Amern Bde	B.M.	9.45 am	59th Amern Bde have received message timed 9.25 am that 16th Inf. Bde on the Right have reached objective. Bellevue Farm taken 7.5 am. At 8.10 am the 1 Btn of 117th Regt were at MOLAIN. 6th British Division xxx on dotted line between 7.10 and 7.20 am.
28	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Amern	9.50 am	Advised of the above.
29	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	9.50 am	Captain REDMOND, Liaison with 120th Regt, was in MOLAIN at 8 am and Infantry was then held up.
30	13 Aust FAB	B.M.	9.50 am	Liaison with 117th Regt proceeded to W.13.b.6.9 and he reports that he received a message from the British timed 8.15 am that the Left and Right Btns passed N & S grid between 21-22, also that 1st Brigade had passed through them. Liaison further reported at 9 am that enemy Machine Guns were firing into W.2.d.
31	D.T.M.O.	B.M.	10 am	Reports that he was in W.20.central at 8 am and everything on the Right was quite satisfactory. The situation on our Divisional front was a little obscure.
32	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	10.5 am	One exploiting section has moved on and the other is being held pending a report from Major KELLY, O.C. 54th Bty. The C.R.A. directs that the other section is to be pushed forward at once and that the remainder of the guns are to be pushed up.
33	13 Aust FAB	B.M.	10.10 am	117th Regt Liaison Officer reports that 118th Regt on River on Left and advancing. Also that the 117th Regt had reached objective and were in touch with Right Flank - timed 9.40. Estimated that 1000 prisoners had been captured on 6th Divl front (report from N.C.O. of A.M.C).

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34	Liaison 60 Inf. Bde	B.M.	10.15 am	Reports that the 60th Infantry Bde will cross 1st objective at 11.20 a.m.
35			11.15 am	C.R.A. proceeded to 60th Infantry Bde and conferred with General FAISON.
36	13 Aust FAE	B.M.	11.25 am	At 10.2 am a Sgt from the 50th Battery went to W.11.a and Infantry were then held up near railway W.11.b which was held by the enemy. We have heard that 27th Division are held up and we would like further information on their situation. Americans are in 11.d. 14th Aust. F.A. Bde report that ST. MARTIN has been mopped up and that Infantry proceeded over river North of ST. MARTIN but had to come back - Report untimed.
37	Liaison 60 Inf. Bde	B.M.	11.55 am	117th Regt reach objective at 10.20 am. 119th Regt in close support and ready to go through. Liaison advised of the situation generally as known to us.
38	C.R.A.	GOC 50th Amern	11.55 am	Advising you that all sections have crossed the river and one battery is was at river half an hour ago ready to cross which indicates that our Infantry are getting forward. Information was not passed before because it was so contradictory.
39	4 Aust DA	B.M.	11.55 am	Advising that they had reports - 1. Infantry hold objective 2. Infantry only 200 yards East of road Q.30. 4 Aust DA state that they had not heard of the report from from the 14th Aust. F.A. Bde that 27th Divn have come back from North of ST. MARTIN but would speak to the 14th Aust. F.A. Bde direct and clear the matter up. Liaison 4 Aust DA reports that guns are in action in W.6 and 12.
40	1st DA	B.M.	1.5 pm	1st DA received an S.O.S. from the air at 12.40 pm - Q.24 - R.24. Infantry on 1st Divl front are in touch with Americans on Red dotted line. Still fighting at LA VALLEE MULATRE.
41	Liaison 60 Inf Bde	B.M.	1.25 pm	At 11.20 am the 117th Regt were on line W.11-17. central and and were reported to be then advancing. Engineer officers would take three hours to fix bridges. Liaison states that 60th Bde will not be involved till the 59th Bde have taken objective.

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42			1.30 pm	Capt W.D.WALLIS, D.T.M.O. reports that at 11.30 am he was on railway W.11.b and Infantry were in 6-12 & 13.central. One section of mobile trench mortars was at W.5.d at 11.30 am. River is no opposition at W.10.c.35.45. M.G.fire was coming from RIBEAUVILLE. Col. DERHAM advised and engaging. 3 Tanks across the river, 1 being at 17.a, 1 filling at 10.d.central and 1 in valley W.10.a.
43	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Amern	1.30 pm	Advised of the above.
44			1.40 pm	"C.I.B" Message "Huns in Q.30.d".
45				Major BEAVIS, Liaison, 60th Bde, advised of Capt WALLIS' report.
46	C.R.A	13 Aust FAB	1.55 pm	Advised of Capt WALLIS' report and the position generally. The C.R.A.suggested that Lieut-Col.CADDY, 13th Aust.F.A.Bde, should move forward.
47			2.10 pm	Conferring with Lieut McLARTY, Forward Report Officer. He advised advance exchange at W.9.c.2.5. He reported that D.A.Sig Officer was again pushing forward to ST.MARTIN.
48	B.M.	HA II Amern	2.20 pm	Advised of situation. They required information in regard to the 9th Brigade RGA.
49	14 Aust FAB	C.R.A.	2.25 pm	Advised of situation generally.
50	C.R.A.	RA II Amern	2.30 pm	Advised of situation and of the steps being taken.
51	GOC 30 Amern	C.R.A.	2.35 pm	GOC advised that at 1 pm the leading Btn reached objective X. 1.d.5.0, Left Btn X.1.b.7.3. xxxxx Cannons in large numbers right ahead of us. Prisoners state that more Artillery is being brought up. The C.R.A. stated that our guns were being pushed forward and that S.O.S. and C.P. Schemes would be prepared for the night. C.R.A. asked for location and direction of hostile guns to get C.B. on them, but was of opinion that the-hostile Artillery was not extra strong as very few NF calls had been received.
52	B.M.	13 Aust FAB	2.40 pm	Lieut BRADY reports that line is along X.13.central - East of RIBEAUVILLE - X.1.d.5.0 - thence along Red line. 13th Aust.F.A.Bde advise that two Brigades going across the river now. 13th Aust.F.A.Bde will move to LA HAIE. Lieut BRADY crossed the river at 11 am.

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54	Sigs 5 DA	B.M.	2.50 pm	Report that a forward exchange has been established at W.10. central. Advised him of general situation and moves of the Brigades.
55	13 Aust FAB	B.M.	3.15 pm	Some screen put down West of RIBBAUVILLE. Lieut BRADY reports infantry coming back towards railway and it looks as if the enemy intends to attack. Batteries have been stopped from moving and warned to keep touch with infantry through Liaison and O.P. 51st Battery is already moving.
56	C.R.A.	GOC 30 A mern	3.20 pm	GOC advised of the above report.
57			3.30 pm	GOC, RA Fourth Army called and conferred with the C.R.A.
58			4 pm	S.D.R. sent to 4th DA to ascertain situation.
59			4 pm	G2 RA II American Corps called and conferred. He advised that a mixed Brigade of Heavy Artillery was going into action just West of the river.
60			4.5 pm	Lieut McLARTY, Forward Report Officer, states that DA Sig Officer now established at W. 10.a.8.5. Lieut MC LARTY instructed to remain where he was for tonight and assist by collecting and passing any information.
61	13 Aust FAB	B.M.	4.20 pm	Smoke screen is now reported as thick fog by Lieut STEAD who is with forward section.
62	HA II Amern	C.R.A.	4.25 pm	Conferring re the situation. 9th Brigade RGA are well forward but are out of touch just at present.
63	C.R.A.	14 Aust FAB	4.40 pm	Locations for 14th Aust FAB are - 53rd Bty W.9.c.cen1, 55th Bty W.9.a.1.2, 114th Bty W.9.d.3.3. 54th Bty 14th Aust FAB informed of the situation generally and advised to push forward. Advised them that Heavy Artillery mixed Brigade would go into action just West of the River to-night.
64	GOC RA II Amn	B.M.		Advised that 4th Aust D.A. at Left Flank, R.31.a.05 - R.31. central. He considers that position of battery West of river satisfactory. C.R.A. to arrange for 30th Div to lay a line direct from 30th Div to D.A.

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65			4.55 pm	Lieut WARNOCK, Liaison, 59th Infantry Bde, reported that 59th Infantry Bde did not require him any longer.
66			5 pm	Conferred with Lieut McLARTY, Forward Report Officer. 13th and 14th Aust.F.A.Bdes are now moving W.7.d.00.65.
67	C.R.A.	14 Aust FAB	5.30 pm	Conferred re situation and arrange with 13th Aust.F.A.Bde to join up S.O.S. Till further information is available put S.O.S. on RED line. This can be drawn in to N H and S grid between W and X later if required.
68				Capt WALLIS, D.T.M.O. returned from forward and reported that Infantry on line of road W.6.d and W.12.central.
69	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Div	5.55 pm	Advising of report by Capt WALLIS and that S.O.S. arranged on Red line pending further information.
70	B.M.	59 Inf Bde	6.15 pm	Conferred regarding liaison arrangements. As far as they know liaison officers are still with 117th and 118th Regts and both Btns. Major CURTIS said that his General thought that his liaison officer would not be required and let him go. Major CURTIS has gone over to 60th Infantry Brigade. We will send you another Artillery Liaison Officer from the 14th Aust.F.A.Brigade at once.
71	C.R.A.	HA II Amercn	6.25 pm	Advising air report as follows:- At 3.30 pm Q.5.d.0.7 - Q.11.b.0.1 - Q.17.b.1.5 - Q.17.d.4.5 - Q.23.b.9.5 - Q.23.d.2.6 - Q.29.b.6.8 - Q.30.c.9.9 - Q.30.d.2.3 - Q.36.b.6.5 - Q.36.d.4.6 - R.31.c.0.4 - R.31.d.5.2 - X.1.a.6.5 - X.1.a.2.1 - X.1.c.4.3 - X.7.a.6.5 - X.7.c.7.5 - X.13.b.4.3 - W.18.d.6.1 - W.24.a.3.8 - W.23.b.1.2 - W.30.a.9.1. Line on Corps front can be vouched for but not on flank. - If you get in touch with 9th Bde RCA please order them to cover the front as they did last night.
72			6.35 pm	S.D.R. returned with 4th Aust.D.A. front line. Checked with air report and it approx agreed.
73	C.R.A.	GOC 30 Amercn	6.40 pm	Conferring as to line given by air report. Wait till Capt. WALLIS returns. He may be able to clear matter up and give more definite details.
74	C.R.A.	RA II Amercn	6.50 pm	GOC RA II American Corps to have conference at HQ 5th D.A. C.R.A. 5th D.A. to arrange for C.R.A. 4th D.A. to be present.

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75	C.R.A.	59 Inf.Bde	6.50 pm	Line runs approx W.6.b.7.2 along road to W.12.central and continue on down to boundary. They were on RED line and were driven in by M.G.fire. 59th Bde will ring later and give more definite details.
76	CRA 4 DA	CRA 4 D.A.	6.55 pm	Advised of conference. C.R.A.4th DA will leave at once for these Headquarters.
77	C.R.A.	GOC 30 Amern	7 am	Can you say whether there will be a push tonight or not. It is intended to hold where the Infantry are at present.
78	C.R.A.	Forward Report Officer	7.5 am	Advise/RGA that S.O.S. will be 600 yards West of RED line 9th Bde
79			7.10 pm	and that they will cover the front as they did last night. D.T.M.O. Captain WALLIS returned and confirmed the fact that line runs along road. T.M's are in action with front line infantry. T.M's beds have blown up and are being replaced. D.T.M.O.'s report: "Reporting for your information positions taken up by sections of this Battery (9th Bty) in W. 12.c.7.6 and W.12.c. 8.5 in support of the Infantry when being held up by M.G.fire in BELLEVUE Wood in vicinity of RIBBAUVILLE (in orchards etc). 9 rounds were fired from No.1 Gun on BELLEVUE Wood when the mobile bed of this gun broke its back. 6 rounds were fired from No.2 Gun on M.G's in vicinity of RIBBAUVILLE when this gun also broke its back. Sections returned to billets in BECQUIGNY. Casualties to personnel Nil. Action commenced 4 pm and fire ceased 4.25 pm".
80	C.R.A.	HA II Amern	7.25 pm	Infantry are suffering from M.G.fire from RIBBAUVILLE and BELLEVUE Wood. Can you shoot them up with Heavies. H.A. advised that it was not proposed to move forward tonight, also that there was an 800 yards clearance. Line runs along road in W.6.b down to W.12.central. S.O.S. will be 600 yards down from RED line.
81	C.R.A.	14 Aust FAB	7.35 pm	Supply Liaison Officer to 59th Infantry Brigade tonight. Advise 13th Aust.F.A.Bde of S.O.S. You will junction with 4th Aust.D.A. by that line.

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82	B.M.	59th Inf Bde	7.40 pm	S.O.S. will be 600 yards short of RED line.
83	C.R.A.	Forward Report Offr	7.45 pm	Let Let 13th Aust. F.A. Bde know S.O.S. is 600 yards short of RED line.
84	Forward Report Offr	B.M.	9 pm	At 1845 the following was received from C.O. 6th (Army) Bde A.F.A. 16th Bty W.3.b.4.4, 17th Bty W.2.b.7.3, 18th Bty W.3.a.15.70, 106th Bty W.3.b.2.4. Full echelons 113th, 54th, and 50th Batteries, which includes mobile sections in W.3.a in rear of my Batteries. 8" Battery in read of ST. SOUPLLET.
85			8.30 pm	Conference of GOC RA II American Corps and the C.R.A. Barrage will be put down in the morning.
86	HA II Amern	B.M.	9.15 pm	What is location of 9th Brigade RGA. We are in touch with Lieut McLARTY, Forward Report Officer, and he reported 9th Brigade RGA on the move and were to notify location but had not done so up to the present.
87	B.M.	6 Army Bde AFA	9.30 pm	Advising you of S.O.S. line and approx Infantry line. 6th Army Brigade AFA will be superimposed on the whole front.
88			9.35 pm	The C.R.A. left with Captain WALLIS to attend a conference of Brigade Commanders at Headquarters of 14th Aust. F.A. Bde at BUSIGNY. Line: W.6.b.8.2 - along road to W.12.b.2.0 - W.12.c.3.5 - W.18.a.1.9 - W.18.a.4.0 - W.23.b.1.0.
89	Liaison 60 Bde	B.M.	10 pm	Conferring with Major BEAVIS. Advised him of S.O.S. line. He would attend conference with C.R.A. at H.Q. 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.
90	B.M.	HA II Amern	10.10 pm	No further information of the 9th Brigade RGA but expect them on at any time as they said they would join up as soon as they moved to vicinity of W.10.central.
91	Adjut 14 Aust F.A.B.	B.M.	10.30 pm	C.R.A. would like to know if disposition of 60th Infantry Bde will be the same for tomorrow as it was today?
92	B.M.	59 Bde	10.35 pm	9th Bde RGA have cut off and they don't know where they are.
93	60 Inf Bde	B.M.	11 pm	Disposition as for today.
94	GOC 30 Amern	B.M.	11.5 pm	At 10 am 6th Division go forward and Right of 30th Division will conform with Artillery support. Left flank of 6th Division W.12.d.2.0 - W.18.b.8.3. They have been warned of our barrage at 5.30 am tomorrow and are making necessary arrangements.

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95	B.M.	Lieut MCLARTY	11.15 pm	Advised him of the foregoing and instructed him to inform the
96			11.45 pm	C.R.A.forthwith. C.R.A.advised.

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1			0030	Synchronising with GOC 30th American Division and passed time to Lieut McLARTY for Brigades.
2	GOC 30th Amern	B.M.	0035	GOC 30th American Divn turning in and would speak to the C.R.A. in the morning. Would like as much Heavy Artillery on RIBEAUVILLE as possible.
3	G3 30 Amern	B.M.	0520	Conferring re Artillery Start Line of 4th Aust.Div Arty and explaining that there would be no gap between the 4th D.A. and the 5th D.A..
4			0530	Zero hour for Field Artillery Barrage., Visibility improving
5	4 DA	B.M.	0525	Hostile shelling on the left very heavy.
6			0740	Enemy shelling to North of Sector. Situation quiet on this front.
7	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	0745	120th Regt have post X.1. c.4.3 and general line runs N and S between W.6 and X. 1. Report timed 0700.
8	Forward Report Offr	B.M.	0750	Col.DERHAM at Headquarters, 120th Regt. Say hung up because of M.G.fire in RIBEAUVILLE and want Heavy Artillery on it. Capt HANDLEY to let me know where our Infantry are and what time they want shelling to xxx stop.
9	Liaison 60 Bde	B.M.	0855	13th Aust.F.A.Bde report all quiet. Infantry situation is obscure. 14th Aust.F.A.Brigade are on the move and find it difficult to keep in touch between batteries. Hostile shelling not heavy.
10	B.M.	14 Aust FAB	0800	Conferring. - Infantry still at X.1.c.4.3. General thinks Heavy Artillery bombardment of RIBEAUVILLE should be co-ordinated with operation by the British. Major BEAVIS to inform Lieut-Col.DERHAM (14th Aust.F.A.Bde) accordingly. M.G.fire from RIBEAUVILLE and 77's and 4.2's from MAZINGHIEN.
11	B.M.	C.B.S.O.	0820	14th Aust.F.A.B. are unable to give the line held by the 119th Regt on the Right. Advised them of the latest situation generally and told them that Major BEAVIS would inform Lieut-Col.DERHAM that RIBEAUVILLE would be engaged in co-operation with attack by British on the Right during the morning.
				77's and 4.2's in MAZINGHIEN R.32.d.

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13	C.B.S.O.	B.M.	0840	Want to know if safe for H.A. to shoot on MAZINGHIEN. Advised of situation generally.
14	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Amern	0845	Agreed that Heavy Artillery could be turned on RIBEAUVILLE and MAZINGHIEN.
15	C.R.A.	13 Aust FAB	0850	I want you (Col. CADDY) to live with the 119th Regt and if you want Heavy Artillery get 9th Brigade, RGA, or ring me.
16	C.R.A.	14 " "	0855	Conferring re situation and explaining that Heavy Artillery could bombard any points desired. Let me know if you want RIBEAUVILLE bombarded till 1000.
17	B.M.	6 Army Bde AFA	0915	They will remain in action till orders are received. It is contemplated that they will not be withdrawn but will stay in present positions till they get out of range.
18	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	0915	Casualties about 60 and several men gassed. 120th Regt will not advance till 1000. 14th Aust. F.A. Bde and 9th Brigade RGA will deal with close targets. Heavy Artillery required on distant ones.
19	"	"	0920	27th American Division are advancing and 120th Regt will swing left flank to conform but will not advance.
20	13 Aust. FAB	B.M.	0925	119th Regt will not advance till 1000 but have heard that the British on the Right will not move till 1100. Confirmation required.
21	B.M.	GOC 30 Amern	0926	Informed of the information given by Col. CADDY and asked for confirmation of the time of attack.
22	B.M.	HA II Amern	0930	Giving location of front line and advising of the intention of the infantry to advance at 1000 xx or 1100. Heavy Artillery to bombard till 1000 and then lift unless infantry decide to attack at 1100 and it will then lift at that hour.
23			0945	C.R.A. accompanied by the D.T.M.O. left for Headquarters, EXX 60th American Infantry Brigade.
24	HA II Amern	B.M.	0945	Please ask 9th Brigade RGA to ring us.
25	GOC II Amern	B.M.	0950	British will attack at 1130 and Heavy Artillery can keep going till then. Advised GOC that the C.R.A. had left for the 60th Infantry Brigade.
26	Liaison 60 Bde	B.M.	0955	Fire to lift off RIBEAUVILLE at 1125 and off MAZINGHIEN 1145. Heavy Artillery advised accordingly.

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27	B.M.	13 Aust FAB	1005	Infantry will go forward at 1000 and fire on RIBEAUVILLE to be lifted at once.
28	B.M.	14 Aust FAB	1010	Fire on RIBEAUVILLE and MAZINGHIEN to be lifted forthwith.
29	B.M.	HA II Amern	1010	Fire to be lifted forthwith. 9th Brigade RGA are at W.14.a.1.8. XI Corps will be shooting at 1130.
30	6 Army Bde AFA	B.M.	1020	Asking for any orders and to know if they are to get up more ammunition or to move to a more covered position.
31	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	1030	Col. MINOR, 120th Regt, advises objectives are X.8.central - X.2.d.5.7 - R.32.d.00.00 - exclude MAZINGHIEN - R.32.a.40.00 - conforming in R.26.a. C.R.A.advised. 14th Aust F.A.Bde will put down barrage as required.
32	GOC 30th Amern	B.M.	1040	Air report - Our men X.7.a.1.8 - X.7.a.3.0. Huns on road X.7.a, since shelled. Advised GOC that Heavy Artillery had been lifted from RIBEAUVILLE and MAZINGHIEN and that these places were fired on by Heavy Artillery for half an hour at 1000.
33	Liaison 60 Bde	B.M.	1050	Advising him of the latest air report and passed him line of objective received from Lieut-Col.DERHAM.
34	RA II Amern	B.M.	1055	Corps report untimed. Infantry held up X.2.a by M.G.fire. Request Artillery support but not to North or West of square.
35	B.M.	6 Army Bde AFA	1110	Lieut-Col.Cohen is to remain where he is at present. He will probably move his Headquarters to ST.SOUPLET and join up to Forward Exchange at W. 10.a.8.5.
36	3 Sqd AFC	B.M.	1120	Air report 0915 to 1000. Q.6.d.7.4 - Q.12.b.8.2 - Q.18.b.5.1 - Q.18.d.4.8 - R. 13.c.3.3 - R.19.a.2.8 - R.19.a.5.1 - R.25.a.5.5 - R.25.d.5.9 - R.25.d.5.6 - R.31.a.7.1 - Q.36.d.9.1 - W.6.a.8.1 - X.7.a.1.9 - X.7.a.4.1 - W.12.c.9.6 - W.12.c.0.0 along road railway W.18.a.8. 0. Our troops advancing to to R.13.c.1.5 - W.18.c.1.5. Enemy shelled Q.29.b at 0930, Q.30.b at 1000, R.25.a.& c at 1000.
37	Liaison 60 Bde	B.M.	1155	Conferring-re situation. All liaison between C.O. 14th Aust F.A.B.will go through Major BEAVIS. C.O. 14th Aust.F.A.B. advises that he is putting down a creeping barrage in conjunction with the 13th Aust.F.A.Bde.

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38	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	1215	1130 Start X.1.a.50.00 - X.1.c.90.30 - North East along Group front to 200 yards South of North boundary. Halt R.33.a.0.0 North and South.
39	" "	B.M.	"	4th Aust.D.A.line at 1200. R.8.c down stream to R.25.b, R. 31. a & c.
40			1205	C.R.A. returned and conferred with GOC 30th Divn.
41			1230	C.R.A. left D.A. for 30th Divn to confer with GOC.
42	B.M.	D.A. Sigs	1305	Send 1-D.R. to live with Mr McLARTY, Forward Report Officer. Conferred on Signal services generally. Advised them of general situation on our front and of news from BELGUIM. Signals to supply list of subscribers to all exchanges
43	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	1315	Rear HQ 14th Aust.F.A.Bde are cutting off and moving to farm W.8.a.1.6. Signals advised.
44	13 Aust FAB	B.M.	1320	Lieut JONES, F.O.O. at W.12.b.30.75 reports - Americans in W.6.d - W.12.b.&d - W.18.b. Cannot see or hear any signs of enemy M.G's or rifle fire as far East as the Church in RIBEAUVILLE to X.1.b.central. Good view and cannot see any signs of enemy 1055.
45	B.M.	GOC 30 Div	1335	Lieut BRADY reports at 1215. Section in touch with battery in railway W.11.b.4.8. Line is as follows W.6 South and West between A a & b - W.12. West to cross roads (?) British attack resulted in a slight advance on the Right. Americans still same as last evening. Enemy Artillery active on front line. Lieut CLARKE with Forward Section, W.5.c.2.8.
46	Staff Capt	C.R.A.	1350	Repeated above reports. Conferring re situation. No further reports in. C.R.A. wishes us to get in touch with Major BEAVIS and ask for latest information.
47	Liaison 60 Bde	B.M.	1350	119th Regt report timed 1325. Our troops line X.7.a.central - X.7.c.central. British on Right on roads X.13.b & d. British report timed 1320. Line runs X.13.d.8.8 - X.19.b. 7.3 - X.20.c.4.1. Cavalry with British pushing forward with the object of taking X.9.d.

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48			1400	Liaison 59th Infantry Bde reports. Capt REES Liaison with 117th Regt and Capt KING, Liaison with 118th Regt have returned to their units. Advised that two more officers would be detailed to report to the Regts concerned.
49	Forward Report Officer	B.M.	1410	Lieut-Col.DERHAM reports at 1405 that Infantry are on line where they started from this morning.
50	C.R.A.	Liaison 60 Bde	1440	C.R.A. returned from 30th Division and discussed situation.
51	C.R.A.	13 Aust FAB	1445	C.R.A. discussed situation with Lieut-Col.CADDY.
52			1455	Lieut THORNE, Liaison with 59th Infantry Brigade, called and conferred.
53	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Amern	1500	GOC engaged. C.R.A. will ring later. Later the C.R.A. conferred with the GOC and said that from reports of F.O.O's it would appear that the Infantry did not keep close enough to the barrage and as soon as the barrage passed over, the hostile guns opened up. The C.R.A. suggested that we adopt a barrage in depth which would probably change the situation.
54	4th DA	B.M.	1520	Conferred re situation. The line probably runs R.1.c & d - East to R.8.b.2.8 - R.9.c.2.2 - R.27.central.
55	Liaison 60 Bde	C.R.A.	1535	Line still runs W.12.b & d (from Capt CHASE, Liaison, 119th Regt) Enemy shelling RIBEAUVILLE at 1400. Intention of 119th Regt is to advance North of RIBEAUVILLE and link with the British on the South.
56	4th DA	B.M.	1550	Air report. Our troops R.8.central - R.8.c.8.0 - R.14.a.2.3 - River - R.20.a - R.26.a.4.8 - R.26.c.1.0 - R.32.d.4.0 - X.2.c.0.8 - cross roads X.7.a.6.0 - X.13.a.0.6. Report timed 1445.
57	C.R.A.	B.M.	1555	Advising of air report. Both 13th and 14th Aust.F.A.Brigades must be over the river tonight and other batteries on river line. Batteries must be bold. If batteries are not moved new aiming posts must be put out so that batteries can occupy positions tonight to fire a barrage in the morning if required. C.R.A.informed that Col.CADDY reports that it is is stated that enemy holds W.12.a, and the C.R.A. wishes it to be investigated.

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58	C.R.A.	GOC 30th Amercn	1605	Advising of air report.
59			1540	GOC RA II American Corps called and conferred with the C.R.A.
60	Forward Report	B.M.	1630	Contact plane reports "Our troops advancing BASUEL".
61	Officer 13 Aust FAB	B.M.	1655	Lieut Col. CADDY reports. Lieut GIBSON, Btn Liaison, at Farm X.13.a.1.6, which British hold, reports at 1300. 119th Regt on road running North West and line ran West of road X.12.b and d into W.6.b and d. Lieut MAHON at W.12.b.central reports at 1650 that he is of opinion that the enemy is out of RIBEAUVILLE, xxxx because enemy are shelling it. Could not hear any M.G's. Americans have been xxxx ordered to dig in on road W.6 and 12 for the night and do not intend to move forward.
62	B.M.	14 Aust FAB	1700	Advising of situation generally. Detail Liaison Officers for the 117th and 118th Regts to report in the morning. Map locations will be advised later.
63	Liaison 60 Bde	B.M.	1735	3rd British Brigade will take RIBEAUVILLE and hand it over to the Americans. Americans are still in the old position. British are between X.15 and 16 and Cavalry xxxxxx pushing forward to X.24, little opposition (report untimed). Americans will try and confirm. Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Brigade W.23.b.3.2. Advised of air report timed 1445.
64	13/1444/1444	1444		Lieut MAHON reports 1715. 3 American Officers report that 27th American Division have occupied RIBEAUVILLE and that 1 Btn has gone through that Village. I am going forward. Btn is pushing forward to forward to consolidate X.2.central and X.8.central, little opposition expected. Btn on Right detailed to mop up RIBEAUVILLE.
65	B.M.	GOC 30 Amercn	1800	Advised of the above.
66	B.M.	13 Aust FAB	1800	" " "
67	B.M.	14 Aust FAB	1800	" " "

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68	Forward Report Officer	B.M.	Ø 1830	Air report timed 1630 reports line :- q.6.c.8.8 - q.6.d.6.3 - R.13.b.6.8 - q.6.d.6.3 - R.13.b.0.7 - R.13.d.4.8 R.19.b.4.8 - R.25.b.5.6 - R.25.b.9.2 - R.31.a.6.2 - R.31.c.8.8 - R.31.d.0.7 - X.1.a.5.0 - X.1.c.8.8 - X.2.d.0.7 - X.1.d.4.4 - X.1.d.5.2 - X.1.d.7.1 X.8.c.6.5 - X.8.d.0.3 - X.14.b.5.6 - X.14.b.8.0. Report received from 3rd Sqd AFC. 9th Sqd RFC report line X.14.d.6.2 - X.21.c.2.5 - X.27.a.1.8 - X.26.a.3.1 - X.26.a.1.3 - X.26.c.8.1 - X.26.d.8.1 - F.2.d.1.0 - F.2.d.5.5. Lieut McLARTY to repeat to 13th, 14th Aust. F.A.Bdes x, 6th Army Bde, AFA, and to Liaison at 60th Infantry Brigade.
69	30th Div	C.R.A.	1845	Div on Right have requested no fire to be put on RIBEAUVILLE.
70	Forward Report Officer	B.M.	1900	Passed to Major Beavis at 1950 to be passed on to Brigades. Locations 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade, H.Q. W.1.a.20.95, 25th Bty W.8.a.30.55, 26th Bty W.8.a.20.80, 27th Bty W.7.b.30.50, 107th Bty W.8.c.20.00. 14th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q. W.8.a.15.53, 53rd Bty W.10.c.5.5, 54th Bty W.10.a.10.10, 55th Bty W.10.a.4.8, 114th Bty W.3.d.7.5.
71	RA II Amern	B.M.	1925	6th (Army) Brigade will remain in present position and become Corps reserve but could be called on if required. One Brigade of 3rd D.A. to pass to 4th D.A. under arrangements to be made by C.R.A.'s 4th and 5th Divisions.
72	GOC 30 Amern	B.M.	1930	Our line runs East of RIBEAUVILLE.
73	B.M.	Forward Report Officer	-	Advised and he will inform 13th, 14th Aust. F.A. Bdes, 6th (Army) Bde and Major BRAVIS.
74	HA II Amern	B.M.	1935	S.O.S. line for Field Artillery required. Will advise you when fixed.
75	13 Aust FAB	B.M.	1940	S.O.S. of 1st Divl Arty required to join up. We will ring and advise you later.
76	C.R.A.	GOC 30 Amern	2000	Advising you of transfer of 7th Aust. F.A. B to 4th Aust. D.A. GOC stated that we were on RED line all along.
77	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	2000	Liaison with Right Btn of 120th Regt reports that they are now moving through MAZINGHIEN meeting with little opposition (report untimed)
78	B.M.	GOC 30th Amern	-	The above passed to you.

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79	C.R.A.	14 Aust FAB	2005	Transfer 7th Aust. F.A. Bde to 4th Aust. F.A. Bde. Arrangements will be made for 8th Aust. F.A. Bde to be superimposed on the whole Divisional front.
80	C.R.A.	4th DA	2020	We are arranging to transfer the 7th Aust. F.A. Bde to you. Location s of Batteries and Brigade Headquarters have been wired to you.
81	C.R.A.	13 Aust FAB	2025	7th Aust. F.A. Bde will be transferred to 4th Aust. D.A. and 8th Aust F.A. Brigade will be superimposed on the Divisional front. You had better move early in the morning to cover the Canal.
82	B.M.	Sigs 5th D.A. H.Q.	2030	Advance will probably not go beyond the Canal.
83	B.M.	14 Aust FAB	2035	Advised of change of 7th Aust. F.A. Bde and of the re-grouping of Artillery.
84	GOC 30 Amern	C.R.A.	2040	Command of the 7th Aust. F.A. Bde will not pass to 4th Aust DA until the morning.
85	B.M.	Liaison 60 Bde	2045	Heavy Artillery S.O.S. to be West bank of Canal till situation is cleared up. Division will move tomorrow to BOHAIN.
86	C.R.A.	Sigs D.A.	2050	D.A. will be forward of that.
87	B.M.	6 Army Bde AFA	2115	Advised of re-grouping of the Artillery. Heavy Artillery S.O.S will be West edge of Canal till situation is cleared up.
88	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	2130	Conferring re Signal services and advising of proposed moves.
89	C.R.A.	GOC 30 Amern	2135	Advising you that 6th (Army) Brigade AFA will be transferred to Corps Reserve and will remain at present positions but will be under the orders of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division if required.
90	B.M.	HA II Amern	2140	Infantry are being shelled in X.1 from North direction. C.B. informed at 2140.
				C.R.A. informed the GOC that the hostile shelling from the North was being dealt with by Counter Battery. The GOC advised that we hold the second objective.
				GOC 30th Divn would like S.O.S. on West bank of Canal. Infantry hold second objective.

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91	GOC 30 Amern	C.R.A.	2205	GOC advised that the 30th American Division would not move from present position as the Division was to be relieved on the 20th instant.
92	RA II Amern	P.M.	2205	As far as it can be ascertained it will be a quiet day tomorrow. There is plenty of ammunition for tonight and more coming up tomorrow. Staff Captain advised.
93	C.R.A.	Liaison 60 Brigade	2210	What is the situation. Infantry are R.32. central - road North and South. They are not on the 2nd Objective.
94	C.R.A.	GOC 30 Amern	2240	Conferring regarding the situation and advising of report by Liaison 60th Infantry Brigade.
95	C.R.A.	GOC 30 Amern	2350	GOC asked if we had received any recent reports regarding the line. Advised GOC that we would make further inquiries.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.99

19/10/18

18th/19th

1. On the night 18th/19th October, 1918, the 7th Aust.F.A. Brigade will pass to the command of the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division and the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A. will be transferred to Corps Reserve, but will remain in action in present positions on the West side of the river at the call of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division in case of emergency.
2. Consequent upon the above, the Field Artillery covering the 30th American Division will be re-grouped on the night 18th/19th October, 1918, under the command of Brigadier-General A.J. BESSELL-BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., C.R.A. 5th Australian Division, as follows:-

Right Group (Headquarters at W.7.d.50.20) under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., consisting of -
13th Aust.F.A. Brigade
8th Aust.F.A. Brigade

Left Group (Headquarters at W.8.a.1.6) under command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O., consisting of -
14th Aust.F.A. Brigade
3. Group boundaries will remain unchanged and Right Group Artillery will continue to cover and provide liaison with Right Regiment and Left Group Artillery will cover and provide liaison with Left Regiment.
4. Artillery Groups will be responsible for the defence of the front it covers but for S.O.S. purposes the 8th Aust.F.A. Brigade will be superimposed on the whole Divisional front. S.O.S. lines will be arranged by Artillery Group Commanders in consultation with Infantry Regimental Commanders and with each other.
5. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, will remain at present location C.6.d.5.0 62B. -
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 0900 19/10/18 to:-

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13th Aust.F.A. Bde	1	119th Amern Inf. Regt	15
14th Aust.F.A. Bde	2	120th Amern Inf. Regt	16
7th Aust.F.A. Bde	3	5th Aust.D.A.C.	17
8th Aust.F.A. Bde	4	3rd Aust.D.A.C.	18
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	5	D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	19
E.A. II American Corps	6	D.T.M.O. 3rd Aust. Divn	20
H.A. II American Corps	7	C.R.A.	21
C.B.S.O. II American Corps	8	B.M.	22
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Headquarters 30th Division,
American Expeditionary Forces

October, 19th, 1918.

Major General Sir J.J. Talbot Hobbs, KCB, VB.
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

My dear General,

I wish to express to you my keen appreciation
on the part of myself as well as the other officers of this Division
of the cheerful co-operation and efficient service rendered by the
5th Divisional Artillery under command of Brig-Gen. A.J. BESSELL-
BROWNE during the recent operations.

It is hoped that we may be associated together
again in the future.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd) E.M. LEWIS.

Copy to Brig-Gen. A.J. BESSELL-BROWNE.

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

DISPOSITION RETURN No.99

5th Aust.D.A.H.Q.

C.6.d.5.0, 62B

UNIT.	LOCATION.
Right Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.	
Headquarters	X.7.b.1.2 Sheet 57B
13th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	X.7.b.1.2 " "
49th Battery	X.1.a.1.2 " "
50th "	X.2.b.3.3 " "
51st "	X.7.a.4.7 " "
115th "	X.7.a.5.7 " "
Left Group under command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O.	
Headquarters	W.7.d.99.80 Sheet 57B
14th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	W.7.d.99.80 " "
53rd Battery	X.1.c.60.05 " "
54th "	W.12.a.40.60 " "
55th "	W.12.b.50.70 " "
114th "	W.11.b.50.50 " "
Superimposed Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.	
Headquarters	X.7.b.1.2 Sheet 57B
8th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	W.11.d.50.90 " "
29th Battery	X.1.c.8.8 " "
30th "	X.1.c.7.3 " "
31st "	X.1.c.1.4 " "
108th "	X.1.c.4.0 " "
5th Aust.D.A.C. H.Q.	V.20.a.1.8 Sheet 57B
No.1 Section }	Area LA-HAIE MENNERESSE
No.2 Section }	
No.2 Section, 3rd Aust.D.A.C.	V.13.b.1.2 Sheet 57B
5th Aust.D.A.H.Q. Report Centre	W.10.d.8.5 " "
A.R.P.	W.14.a.0.2 " "
Nos.17 & 22 O.M.W.	BELLICOURT " 62B
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust.Divn	C.6.d.5.0 " 62B
9th M.T.M. Battery	V.29.a.5.1 " 57B
10th " "	V.29.a.5.1 " 57B
Supply Dump	MARETZ U.12.0 " 57B
D.A.D.O.S.	ROISEL " 62C
Divl Canteen	ROISEL " 62C
Mobile Vet. Section 108	MONTBREHAIN " 62B
Mobile Vet. Section 105	JONCOURT " 62B
Vet. Evacuation Station	ROISEL " 62C

H.M. Party
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Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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1	B.M.	Liaison 60 Bde	0030	Conferring re situation.
2	B.M.	GOC 30 Amern	0030	Advised GOC of conflicting reports received. One gave line X.1.b & d and the other R.32 - X.2 with patrols in MAZINGHIEN.
3	B.M.	Forward Report Officer	0130	No information received by Forward Report Officer from Bdes. I instructed him to send Orderlies from 7th Aust. F.A. Bde to 4th Aust. D.A. forthwith.
4	13 Aust FAB	B.M.	0845	Re situation. Nothing definite received. Two Btms are now crossing the river. Two more to cross later and 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade to follow. Forward sections are forward but no reports to hand.
5	14 Aust FAB	B.M.	0845	Nothing definite but one battery over river last night. Two batteries now crossing and 114th Battery will follow.
6	"	"	0925	At 0910 the 120th Regt received the following from Btms. Line runs R.27.central to R.33.b.7.2. Cavalry have gone through. Headquarters of two Btms are established at X.3.central.
7	13 Aust FAB	C.R.A.	1020	Headquarters, 5th Aust. F.A. Bde, Billet No. 35 RIBBAUVILLE. Our troops on line R.33.b.8.3 - R.33.d - X.3.b and front of hedges in these squares. Join Right Flank at X.3.d.7.7. No opposition. A few rounds of 5.9's. Civilians in RIBBAUVILLE (Report timed 0915).
8			1030	Brigade Major and Staff Captain went forward.
9	BM 4 DA	C.R.A.	1045	Line St. MAURICE RIVER - R.15 - R.21. Line 0950 R.27.central - R.27.d.4.0 - R.33.b.8.0 - R.33.d. P.O. and still advancing and xxx meeting with slight M.G. fire.
10	14 Aust FAB	C.R.A.	1230	C.O. 54th Battery reports at 1210 line. R.27.c.0.1 - R.33. central - X.3.a.8.3.
11	Liaison 60 Bde	C.R.A.	1235	Cavalry Patrol report. 119th Regt on line 400 yards East of 2nd objective. 120th Regt held up by machine gun fire from LA HALE TONNOILE Farm. Advanced section are engaging hostile Artillery firing on MAZINGHIEN.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 100

20/10/18.

1. 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group has been transferred to IXth Corps and will constitute Left Group Artillery under C.R.A. 6th. British Division.

2. Positions will be occupied in area Q.12 - 18 by 1200 21st October to cover 71st Infantry Brigade Front. Artillery Groups will become responsible for defence of the front by 1200 21st October.

3. Division boundaries :-

Between 1st and 6th Division

CATELLION HALL (R.23.a.9.9) W.6.c.0.0 W.9.c.5.0.

Between 6th and 25th Division

R.8.b.0.6 BAZUEL St BENIN Rd inclusive to 25th Division
R.13.c.5.2 Q.28. central Q.32. central-Cross Roads
V.10.d.1.9.

Between Infantry Brigades

Q.34.c.0.0 Q.36.a.9.4 R.20.c.0.0 R.16. central.

4. The Artillery covering 71st. Infantry Brigade will be under C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division and will consist of :-

LEFT GROUP under Lieut Colonel F.P. DERHAM D.S.O. consisting of:-

14th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

RIGHT GROUP under Lieut Colonel H.O. CADDY D.S.O. consisting of:-

13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade
8th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade

Inter-Artillery Group Boundary will be :-

R.4. central R.14.d.0.0.

For S.O.S. 8th.Aust.F.A.Brigade will be superimposed on whole Division front.

5. Left Artillery Group will provide before 1200 21st October a Liaison Officer with 71st Infantry Brigade (Headquarters at ST SOUPLLET) and Right Artillery Group by the same hour a liaison Officer with each Infantry Battalion holding the line.

6. Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery has been established at V.9.a.5.8 (sheet 57c)

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Mellan.
Major,
Brigade Major.
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at V.9.a.5.8 at 2300 20th Oct. 1918.
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R.A., VIIth Corps No. O/101/21.

From: The Chief of Staff, II American Corps.
To: G.O.C., R.A.
Subject: Telegrams of Commendation.

It gives me great pleasure to transmit herewith a telegram from the Commander in Chief, B. E. F., and the reply of the Corps Commander thereto.

(sgd) F.E. BUCHAN, Colonel, G.S.
for GEO. S. SIMONDS,
Brig. General, G.S.
Chief of Staff.

France.
20th Octr. 1918.

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VII Corps Heavy Artillery.
2nd Australian Divnl. Artillery.
3rd Australian Divnl. Artillery.
4th Australian Divnl. Artillery.
5th Australian Divnl. Artillery.

Forwarded for your information and communication to all ranks.

The G.O.C., R.A., wishes me to say that he has sent a reply to the Chief of Staff, IInd American Corps, on behalf of all ranks of the Artillery, thanking the Commanding General for his appreciation of their work.

20th Octr. 1918.

E. Boyce

Major, G.S.
R.A., VIIth Corps,
attached IInd American Corps.

1.
COPY OF TELEGRAM.

20 Oct. 1918.

General READ,
2nd American Corps.

I wish to express to you personally and to all the Officers and men serving under you my warm appreciation of the very valuable and gallant services rendered by you throughout the recent operations with the 4th British Army. Called upon to attack positions of great strength held by a determined enemy all ranks of the 27th and 30th American Divisions under your command displayed an energy, courage and determination in attack which proved irresistible. It does not need me to tell you that in the heavy fighting of the past three weeks you have earned the lasting esteem and admiration of your British comrades in arms whose success you have so nobly shared.

D. HAIG.

2.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

20 Oct. 1918.

Commander in Chief,
B. E. F.

In acknowledging receipt of your telegram of this date permit me to say that every Officer and other soldier of the 2nd American Corps will always remember with great pride your general commendation of the services rendered in the important operations of the past three weeks during which time we have had the honour to be in action as a part of your superb Fourth Army. We are under the greatest obligation to all British units attached to us. Their splendid co-operation especially that of the 7th Corps R.A., insured at all times the success of our operations.

READ, Comdg.

H.Q., R.A., VIIth Corps.
20th October, 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.O. 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
 C.O. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
 C.O. 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade

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Headquarters,
 20th October, 1918.

Warning FAME.

1. At a date to be notified the IX Corps will continue the attack in co-operation with the XIII Corps on its Left.
2. The 5th Australian Divl Artillery Group, under the orders of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division, consisting of the 13th, 14th and 8th Aust. F.A. Brigades, will constitute the Left Group of the 6th (British) Divl Artillery.

The Right Group will be commanded by the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division and will consist of the 10th, 11th, 7th Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.

Both Left and Right Groups will be under the orders of the C.R.A. 6th (British) Division.
3. The attack will be in a North East direction and approximate boundaries and objective are shown on the attached sketch issued to Brigades.
4. Positions will be reconnoitred today in area R.20 - 26 to cover the attack with a creeping barrage as far as the RED dotted line. It is anticipated these positions will be occupied on the 21st October, 1918, but no movement will take place till orders are issued from these Headquarters.
5. A halt will be made for three hours on the RED dotted line during which time the batteries will reconnoitre and occupy positions in area L.32, R.2. to cover the final objective.
6. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, will move to BUSIGNY, V.9.3.5.8, at 4 p.m. 20th October, 1918.
7. Reports will be forwarded to 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. on night 20th October, 1918, on the positions selected in areas R.20-26.
8. 300 rounds per 13 pds and 250 rounds per 4.5" How will be dumped at positions in R.20-26. 10% of all ammunition will be smoke and a proportion CO Gas will be used.

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

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ADDENDUM No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 100

21/10/1918

1. At 2000 on the 21st October, 1918, the Inter-Brigade boundary between the 71st Infantry Brigade and the 18th Infantry Brigade will be the Railway from L.35.c.5.3 - R.4.b.10.10 - R. 15.b.1.8 - JONG DE MER Farm (inclusive to Right Brigade) - road junction Q.30.d.35.15.
2. Para. 4. The Inter-Artillery Group boundary will be amended to R. 8.d.0.0 to R.3.d.0.0.

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

Issued at 1230 21st October, 1918, to all recipients of
 5th Australian Divl Artillery Order No. 100.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.O. 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade
C.O. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
C.O. 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Headquarters,
22nd October, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
No. 12/2/838
Date

1. Communications between Tanks and Infantry.

The following signals will be used between Tanks and Infantry:-

(a) From Infantry to Tanks.

Helmet waved on rifle - Tanks wanted here.

N.B. The rifle should be pointed in the direction of the obstruction.

(b) From Tanks to Infantry.

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|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (i) | Red and Yellow flag | - Tank broken down - do not wait. |
| (ii) | Green and White flag | - All's well, come on. |
| (iii) | Tricolour flag | - British Tank coming back to rally. |

(c) Wireless Tanks will fly a blue and white signal flag.

2. Signal Tank.

When the situation permits a signal tank will be established as a report centre at R.15.b.central.

This tank will be in communication by wireless with 501st Tank Battalion Headquarters (BUSIGNY) and through them with 6th Divisional Headquarters.

3. Visual.

13th and 71st Infantry Brigades will be in communication by visual with advanced exchange ST.SOUPLET.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Meller
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "C", No. 1

22/10/18

1. At a date and time to be notified the 6th Division will re-new the attack in conjunction with the 1st Division on its Right and the 25th Division on its Left.
2. (a) The attack of the 6th Division will be carried out by the 18th Infantry Brigade on the Right and the 71st Infantry Brigade on the Left. The 16th Infantry Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve.
(b) On our Left the 7th Infantry Brigade is attacking the first objective (RED line), the 75th Infantry Brigade the Dotted RED line and the 74th Infantry Brigade the GREEN line.
3. Barrage Maps showing Inter-Group boundaries have been issued. Inter Sub-Group boundary will be R.8.b.90.45 to G.20.a.0.1
For the purpose of the Barrage the 50th, 54th and 55th Batteries will fire on the Left Sub-Group Front and the 29th, 30th and 31st Batteries will fire on the Right Sub-Group Front. The 49th, 51st and 53rd Batteries (air recuperator batteries) will be superimposed as arranged between Sub-Group Commanders.
On completion of the Barrage the Batteries and Brigades will return to present grouping.
4. **LIFTS.** (a) From Zero to Zero plus 56 minutes - lifts of 100 yards every 4 minutes.
(b) From Zero plus 180 minutes to RED Dotted line Protection - lifts of 100 yards every 6 minutes.
5. **RATES OF FIRE.**

Zero to Zero plus 8	Rapid rate
Plus 8 to plus 56	Normal
Plus 180 to Plus 342	Normal
Plus 342 to plus 348	Slow
Plus 348 to plus 408	Normal

then search forward for 15 minutes to a depth of 1000 yards and stop firing.
6. From Zero plus 56 minutes to plus 180 minutes there will be a pause on the RED line.
7. (a) During the pause as in para 6 all the Batteries of the Left Group, less the 49th, 51st and 53rd Batteries (air recuperator batteries) will move forward and occupy positions in R.8.
(b) The 49th, 51st and 53rd Batteries will at plus 56 minutes search forward to a depth of 1000 yards for 8 minutes and then stop.
(c) On arrival of Batteries in the new positions ammunition will be dumped and echelons sent back at once to a pre-arranged place to refill.
(d) At Zero plus 180 minutes the creeping Barrage will again move forward.

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8. (a) 4.5" Hows will fire a creeping Barrage 200 yards in advance of the 18 pdr Barrage. A proportion of CO shell - 10% - will be used in 4.5" Hows creeping Barrage if the wind is favourable.
(b) If the morning of attack day is misty or foggy, Smoke will not be used in the creeping Barrage otherwise a proportion up to 10% Smoke will be used.
9. AMMUNITION.
18 pdrs. In creeping Barrage up 4000 yards Shrapnel. After that H.E. with 106 fuzes. When shooting into wooded country only Shrapnel will be used.
4.5" Hows. H.E. with 106 fuzes.
10. S.O.S. lines. The Protector line for the objective gained will in all cases be the S.O.S. line.
S.O.S. signal. Rifle Grenade bursting into RED over RED over RED. No signal to denote that objectives have been gained will be used.
11. GF and LL Calls. GF calls will be answered by the superimposed batteries and by one section of each How battery.
LL calls. When engaged in the creeping Barrage as for GF calls. When not engaged in the creeping Barrage LL calls will be answered by every battery which can bring fire to bear. Rates of fire in all cases - 3 minutes intense.
12. Zero hour will be notified later. Watches will be synchronised with Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery.
13. Barrage map issued will be amended as follows:-
(a) Start line will run from R.2.d.5.3 to the original start line on Right Divisional Flank. This is to say the extreme left hand battery will advance its start line 150 yards, the battery next to Right will advance its start line 75 yards and the battery second from Left will advance its start line 25 yards.
All lifts and subsequent lines will be advanced likewise.
(b) Second Protective Barrage will be from plus 342 minutes to plus 348 minutes (and not to plus 358 minutes). For all subsequent times and lifts deduct 10 minutes from times and lifts shown on barrage map.
14. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, are at Q.31.d.1.8 (Sheet 57B).
15. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

J. R. Mella

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "G", No. 2

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1. On completion of the 3rd Protective Barrage the C.O. Right Sub-Group will detail one Brigade to move and act in support of the Infantry exploitation of high ground in G.19-20.
2. An officers reconnaissance will be made as soon as the tactical situation admits with a view of occupying positions in R.3.d.
3. An officer from the Brigade detailed will be despatched to report to the G.O.C. 71st Infantry Brigade and keep in close touch with the situation.
4. The exploitation Brigade will not move without orders from this office.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

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5th Aust. D.A.C.	8	C.R.A.	21
3rd Aust. D.A.C.	9	Brigade Major	22
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ADDENDUM No.2 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.100

22/10/18

Para.4 of 5th.Aust.Divisional Artillery Order 100 is amended.
Group under Lieut-Colonel F.P.DIRHAM D.S.O. is designated
"LEFT SUB-GROUP"
Group under Lieut-Colonel H.O.CADDY D.S.O. is designated
"RIGHT SUB-GROUP"

For S.O.S. 8th.Aust.I.A.Brigade will be superimposed on whole
LEFT GROUP Front.

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

Issued at 1800 22nd October, 1918, to all recipients of 5th Aust..
Divisional Artillery Order No. 100.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

As at 0900 22/10/1918.

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

DISPOSITION RETURN No. 100

5th Aust.D.A.H.Q.

Q.31.d.0.8

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UNIT.	LOCATION.
Right Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.	
Headquarters	Q.4.d.5.7 Sheet 57B
13th Aust.F.A.Bde, H.Q.	Q.4.d.5.7 "
49th Battery	Q.12.a.0.7 "
50th "	Q.12.c.3.3 "
51st "	Q.12.c.15.25 "
115th "	Q.12.a.0.0 "
Left Group under command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O.	
Headquarters	Q.4.d.40.40 Sheet 57B
14th Aust.F.A.Bde, H.Q.	Q.4.d.40.40 "
53rd Battery	Q.12.c.45.85 "
54th "	Q.12.c.60.40 "
55th "	Q.12.c.00.50 "
114th "	Q.12.c.10.10 "
Superimposed Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.	
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8th Aust.F.A.Bde, H.Q.	Q.10.a.7.5 "
29th Battery	Q.18.b.43.12 "
30th "	Q.18.d.4.4 "
31st "	Q.18.b.85.65 "
108th "	Q.18.a.00.10 "
5th Aust.D.A.C., H.Q.	V.20.a.1.8 Sheet 57B
No.1 Section	LA HAIE-MENNERESSE
No.2 Section	" " "
No.2 Section, 3rd Aust.D.A.C.	LA HAIE-MENNERESSE
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9th M.T.M. Battery	V.29.a.5.1 " 57B
10th M.T.M. Battery	V.29.a.5.1 " 57B
Supply Dump	MARETZ U.12.0 " 57B
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Divl Canteen	ROISEL " 62C

LE Beavis

Major

For Reconnaissance Officer
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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5th Aust. D.A.C. and "G" 5th Aust. Div
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6th Divl Arty will relieve 5th Aust. Divl
Arty on night 23/24 October 24th Bde H.F.A.
relieving 14th Aust. F.A. Bde and 2nd Bde
R.F.A., relieving 15th Aust. F.A. Bde and
5th Aust. Divl Arty will on relief be
withdrawn to wagon lines and will come into
Corps Reserve and Locations H.Q.s and
Wagon Lines will be wired this Office
and Acknowledge

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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Australian Corps,

Since the Australian Corps joined the Fourth Army on the 8th April, 1918, they have passed through a period of hard and uniformly successful fighting of which all ranks have every right to feel proud.

Now that it has been possible to give the Australian Corps a well-earned period of rest I wish to express to them my gratitude for all that they have done. I have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the various stages through which they have passed from the hard times of FLERS and POZIERES to their culminating victories at MONT ST. QUENTIN and the great HINDENBURG System at BONY, BELLICOURT Tunnel and MONTEBREHAIN.

During the Summer of 1918 the safety of AMIENS has been principally due to their determination, tenacity and valour.

The story of what they have accomplished as a fighting Army Corps, of the diligence, gallantry and skill which they have exhibited, and of the scientific methods which they have so thoroughly learned and so successfully applied, has gained for all Australians a place of honour amongst nations and amongst the English speaking races in particular.

It has been my privilege to lead the Australian Corps in the Fourth Army during the decisive battles since August 8th which bid fair to bring the war to a successful conclusion at no distant date.

No one realises more than I do the very prominent part that they have played, for I have watched from day to day every detail of their fighting, and learned to value beyond measure the prowess and determination of all ranks.

In once more congratulating the Corps on a series of successes unsurpassed in this great war I feel that no mere words of mine can adequately express the renown that they have won for themselves and the position they have established for the Australian nation not only in FRANCE but throughout the world.

I wish every officer, N.C.O. and man all possible good fortune in the future and a speedy and safe return to their beloved Australia.

H.Q., Fourth Army,
14th October, 1918.

(Sd) H. RAWLINSON, General,
Commanding Fourth Army.

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Fourth Army No. G.S.2/26.

IX Corps.
XIII Corps.

I am anxious to convey to all ranks of the Artillery serving under your command my appreciation of their untiring and successful efforts to advance their guns and supply them with ammunition during the recent operations.

The difficulties to be overcome have been considerable owing to the constant movement forward of the Infantry line and the consequent distance of the ammunition railheads. This has imposed on all ranks long hours of hard work under very trying conditions. The manner in which all difficulties have been overcome is fully in accordance with the traditions of the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

I desire specially to recognise the zeal and devotion to duty exhibited by the drivers, both of teams and lorries, in getting ammunition to the guns, and of all units engaged in sorting, preparing, and loading up ammunition. Brigade and Divisional Ammunition Columns have carried out their arduous duties in a manner deserving high commendation.

B. Rawlinson

Adv. H.Q., Fourth Army.
22nd October, 1918.

General,
Commanding Fourth Army.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 52.

- by -

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

Headquarters,
23rd. October 1918.

338. - STRENGTH.

The undermentioned officers having rejoined from Hospital on dates set opppsite their names, resume duty with 13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Major H. Retchford. Dated 12.10.18.

Lieut. A.H. Mahon M.O. 16.10.18.

Lieut. B.B. Brett having rejoined from R.B.A.A. ceases to be seconded, and is posted for duty with 13th. Aust. F.A. Bde. Dated 8.10.18.

339. - HONOURS & REWARDS.

Extract from A.I.F. List No. 398 dated 15.10.18.

"The following is among the Decorations and medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign.

"His Majesty the King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the decoration and medal in question.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

No. 2 9874 Sergt. William Oakford JEFFREY - 13th. Bde. A.F.A."

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

340. - ENEMY AERODROMES.

Our present advance is uncovering aerodromes daily. It is particularly desirable that all such aerodromes be left as intact as possible and that accomodation should, unless absolutely necessary, be left untouched.

341. - CAPTURED GUNS.

Units will report to D.A.H.Q. the location of captured guns. Army will arrange removal.

342. - XMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS.

Attention is redirected to G.R.O. 5083 re the above, which should be brought to the notice of all concerned.

343. - DUTY.

Lieut. (temp. Capt.) E.J. Ferguson M.C. will perform the duties of D.T.M.O. vice Cap t. (temp. Major) W.D. Wallis M.M. to School. Dated 20.10.18.

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344. - PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions are approved :-

13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

No. 874 Sergt. A. Moore M.M. to be Temp. Battery Quarter Master Sergeant, vice B.Q.M.S. Dunne to Australia on Furlough.
Dated 3.10.18.

14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

No. 1897 B.Q.M.S. E.E. Kearns, to be Temp. Battery Sergeant Major (Warrant Officer Class II) vice B.S.M. Cullen to Australian on Furlough.
Dated 14.9.18.

345. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders.

Paras 5228 - 5317.

- 5229. - Wives of Members of the British Armies in France, Residence, etc., in France and Belgium.
- 5237. - Horses Mules and Donkeys found straying or captured.
- 5242. - 18. pd r. Chemical Shell, Marks II & III filled 'BB'
- 5249. - Mechanical Transport.
- 5254. - Vehicle Components - Return of Metal Fittings.
- 5256. - 4.5" Chemical Shell filled 'BB'
- 5258. - Tents and Trench Covers, 5262. - Railway Crossings.
- 5266. - 4.5" How. H.E. Shell for Air Burst Ranging.
- 5269. - Courts Martial - Distinction between ranks and appointments.
- 5270. - Courts of Enquiry under Sec. 72. A.A. 5273. - Rations.
- 5275. - Recovery of Solder.
- 5283. - 18. pr. Q.F. Marks III & III Equipments.
- 5291. - 18. pr. Chemical Shell filled 'BB'.
- 5298. - Returning Leave Trains from Scotland.
- 5301. - P.H. Helmet Satchels.
- 5304. - Preservation of Electrical Machinery.
- 5310. - Salvage Dumps - Abuse of facilities given by.
- 5314. - Medium Trench Mortar Battery - Mob. Store Table.

Fourth Army Routine Orders.

Paras 2608 - 2618.

- 2610. - Churches.
- 2613. - Training Areas of Devastated Land.
- 2615. - Frost Precautions to safeguard water supply.

A.I.F. Orders.

Paras 1397 - 1404.

- 1404. - Claims for Replacement of Kits Lost by Officers.

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345. - ORDERS (Cont'd).

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders.

Paras 379 - 396.

- 381. - Furlough in Australia.
- 382. - Promotions (b) Delegation of Authority.
- 384. - Reinforcements - Taking on Strength.
- 385. - Leave to Italy.
- 387. - Postal Corps - Transfers to.
- 388. - Scottish National Emblem.
- 392. - Horses - Trotting on Roads.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 101

23/10/18

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved in action on the night 23rd/24th October, 1918, by the 6th Divisional Artillery, less Headquarters.
2. The 24th Brigade, R.F.A., will relieve the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade and the 2nd Brigade, R.F.A., will relieve the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade under arrangements to be made between Brigade Commanders.
3. On completion of relief command of the Left Group Artillery will pass from the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division to Lieut-Col. H.R. PHIPPS, D.S.O., C.O. 24th Brigade, R.F.A.
4. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will on relief be withdrawn to Wagen Lines and come into Corps Reserve.
5. All ammunition at gun pits will be handed over to the incoming Brigades.
6. Units will move with full echelons.
7. On completion of relief Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, 5th Australian Divl Ammunition Column, will revert to the command of C.O. 5th Aust. D.A.C.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Mullen

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 2000 23rd October, 1918, at Q.31.d.O.8.

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2nd Bde, R.F.A.
5th Aust. D.A.C.
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The Breaking of the HINDENBURG LINE.

Operations 29th Sept. to 2nd October, 1918.

Reference: WIANCOURT 1/20,000
Sheet 62B N.W. 1/20,000.

(A) Attack on the 29th September, 1918.

(1) PLAN OF ATTACK.

Two American Divisions - the 30th on the right and the 27th on the left - were to attack the HINDENBURG line on the frontage from 1000 yards S of BELLICOURT to the N.W. of LE CATELET, and penetrate to a depth of approximately 2500 yards beyond the underground tunnel. The 5th Australian Division was then to pass through the 30th American Division and the 3rd Australian Division through the 27th American Division and advance a further 4500 yards to the RED line which ran approximately on a line from the E outskirts of BEAUREVOIR to the E edge of WIANCOURT.

The artillery to support the infantry of the 5th Australian Division in its exploitation consisted of the 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. These Brigades were placed under the direct orders of the Brigadiers of the 8th (Right), 15th (Left) and 14th (Support) Infantry Brigades respectively. They did not take part in the two days preliminary bombardment nor in the creeping barrage which covered the American attack. The Brigades which did this remained in position as defensive Brigades and were available to re-inforce the exploiting Brigades if necessary.

(2) PRELIMINARY MOVEMENTS OF 5TH AUST. DIVL ARTILLERY.

On the night of 25th September, the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, which was in action in the LE VERGUIER sector under the 46th Division, moved to wagon lines, and the following day to reserve in the area just S of BRUSLE. While there orders were received for the forthcoming operations. The two days spell in this area gave the horses and gunners a rest, much needed owing to the heavy physical strain imposed by advancing from position to position and the heavy night firing during the preceding week.

(3) CONFERENCE ON 28TH SEPTEMBER.

On the 28th September a conference of officers down to battery commanders was held. The C.R.A. explained the scope of the operations, and referred to the lesson learned from previous attacks.

(4) MOVEMENT TO THE ASSEMBLY AREAS.

On the night of the 28th September the Headquarters of the 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades were established with the Headquarters of the 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades (which they were to support during the attack) in the quarry just E of TEMPLEUX.

The batteries moved out of wagon lines at 3 a.m. on the 29th and by 6 a.m. assembled in their respective group areas - the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade in the vicinity of HESBECOURT and the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade 1000 yards W of TEMPLEUX.

The 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade watered the horses at ROISEL en route and the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade from the COLOGNE RIVER.

(5) THE ATTACK.

Zero hour was 5.50 a.m. 29th September. The barrage was placed down to time, and the Brigades waited for news of the progress of the Americans. By 10 a.m. returning wounded said that the Americans had reached their objective. A thick haze caused by the smoke and spume obscured the view at distances greater than a few hundred yards but it was apparent from the heavy shell-fire that the GREEN line could not have been consolidated.

(6)

ACTION OF THE 8TH AND 15TH AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADES.

The 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades assembled on the American jumping-off line at 9 a.m. The plan was that they should pass through the Americans at the GREEN line (running roughly North and South from the E edge of GOUY to the E edge of NAUROY) at 11 a.m.

As soon as it was learned that the Americans had not gained their objectives the 8th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades moved forward so as to occupy the GREEN line if possible.

(7)

ACTION OF THE 13TH AUST. F.A. BDE IN SUPPORT OF THE 8TH AUST. INFANTRY BDE.(a) Reconnaissance Party.

At 9.45 a.m. the Brigade reconnaissance party went forward with a view to selecting positions in RIQUEVAL RAVINE, S.E. of BELLICOURT. Considerable shelling from guns at close range was experienced by the party on the road to and in BELLICOURT. Although reports had come through that the GREEN line had been taken officers of the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade reported that fighting was taking place on the South Eastern outskirts of BELLICOURT. A message was sent back to the Brigade not to advance any further until the situation cleared up. The horses were left in the village and the reconnaissance completed on foot. The two forward sections were met - the section of the 50th Battery in BELLICOURT and the section of the 49th Battery in action S.E. of BELLICOURT. It was ascertained from the C.O.'s of the 29th and 32nd Battalions that the GREEN line had not been reached and that they did not propose to advance at 11 a.m.

(b) Forward Sections.

Two forward sections - one from the 49th Battery under Lieut W. SINCLAIR, M.M., and one from the 50th Battery under Lieut S.S. CREED - were pushed forward under command of the 32nd Battalion (on the right) and the 29th Battalion (on the left) respectively.

The section of the 49th Battery came into action in G.11.a, S.E. of BELLICOURT. Just as this position was occupied the mist cleared and it was found that there was no infantry in front. Immediately an anti-tank fort which was situated in G.11.b opened fire with 77 .m. guns, minenwerfers, anti-tank rifles and machine guns on the section and three tanks which had moved ahead when the section came into action. Two of the tanks received direct hits and were put out of action. Several horses belonging to the section were killed or wounded and two men belonging to the section were wounded. Efforts were made to locate the hostile guns but without success. Under heavy shellfire the section withdrew to the W of BELLICOURT. This was successfully done with the exception of two wagons which received direct hits while on the road, the ammunition in the wagons exploding. The conduct of all ranks, particularly of the subaltern in charge was highly creditable.

The section then occupied a position in G.9.a. Meanwhile the guns in the tank fort had been located. Fire was then opened on them and they were silenced. This enabled a number of our tanks to advance to NAUROY.

The section of the 50th Battery came into action W of BELLICOURT.

(c) The Action of the Remaining Batteries.

The forward sections moved off in close touch with the infantry. The remaining batteries moved from the assembly area at 8 a.m. via VILLARET (Black road). The lifting of the mist revealed the column to the enemy while it was on the spur to the W of BELLICOURT, and it came under heavy shell and M.G. fire. The 49th Battery which was leading was in a sunken road. It was necessary for it to unlimber and reverse under a heavy fire.

(3)

With the loss of a few men and horses the batteries came into action in positions as follows:-

49th Battery G.13.b.20.95

51st Battery G.13.d.90.90

113th Battery L.18.a.05.50

The 50th Battery moved to a position in readiness at VILLARET.

By 1 p.m. these positions were occupied and Brigade Headquarters established at G.7.d.40.20.

By 3.10 p.m. the 50th Battery advanced into position at G.8.d.80.20.

The 51st and 113th Batteries also moved forward and occupied positions as follows:-

51st Battery G.8.c.80.20

113th Battery G.9.c.90.10.

(8)

ACTION OF 14TH AUST. F. A. BDE IN SUPPORT OF 15TH AUST. INFANTRY BDE.

(a) Organisation for the Advance.

One section from each of the 53rd, 54th and 55th Batteries was placed under the orders of the 58th, 57th and 59th Battalions respectively. The 58th Battalion was in support but the section of artillery was required to assist it in the proposed assault on ESTREES. The remainder of the 18 pdr batteries were to advance in support of the same battalions as the forward sections, (keeping further in rear) so as to be immediately available if a greater volume of fire was required.

Each battery had a liaison officer with the battalion which was supported by its advanced section.

(b) Action of Forward Sections.

Lieut L.R. KERR was in charge of the advanced section of the 54th Battery supporting the 57th Battalion on the right. While advancing along the RED road into BELLICOURT Lieut KERR was badly wounded. Another officer was sent to take charge but by the time the section was found the situation was known and the guns were brought back to the battery which was in action W of BELLICOURT.

The action of the 55th Battery under Lieut H.H. DEAN, which was supporting the 59th Battalion, was rendered immobile while advancing through BELLICOURT owing to the losses in horses and gunners. Later in the morning fresh teams were sent up and the guns withdrawn to the battery.

The section of the 53rd Battery, under Lieut L.R. TURNER, working under the orders of the 58th (Support) Battalion attempted to cross overland by a track N of the main HARGICOURT-BELLICOURT road. It was hung up by the trenches and wire as well as by direct machine gun and shell fire from the direction of BONY. Lieut TURNER, having ascertained that the GREEN line had not been captured, withdrew to HARGICOURT and then joined the battery in action W of BELLICOURT.

(c) Action of Remainder of Batteries.

At 8 a.m. the batteries moved from the assembly area W of TEMPLEUX so as to be close behind the infantry when they crossed the American start line at 9 a.m. It was soon seen that something had gone wrong on the left. The HARGICOURT valley was heavily shelled by close range guns from the left front. All roads also came under heavy fire. Despite this the batteries moved into action in the following positions:-

53rd Battery G.9.a.3.9

54th Battery G.9.a.2.4

55th Battery G.2.d.8.1

114th Battery L.6.a.8.5

Before midday fire was opened on the LE CATELET-NAUROY trench in G.5 as the infantry reported that this was strongly held by the enemy.

Reconnoitring parties at MT OLYMPUS (G.3.a) came under heavy shell and M.G. fire from the N.E.

(4)

At 3 p.m. the infantry made an attempt to capture the NAUROY line. A barrage was put down by all four batteries from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., the front covered by the NAUROY line in A.28 and A.29. Owing to the large frontage the barrage was very thin. Whilst firing this barrage the 18 pdr batteries were machine-gunned by two enemy aeroplanes. The infantry pushed to within 150 yards of the NAUROY line but did not succeed in taking it. Heavy M.G. fire from CABARET WOOD FARM (A.29.c) was encountered, so about 4 p.m. 200 rounds were fired into it. During the night bursts of fire of about 20 rounds were put down on it about every 20 minutes.

(9) The Situation at Dusk.

The line held ran roughly from the N.E. corner of NAUROY to G.5.d.7.0, then to A.28.central to A.27.central. Batteries covered this at ranges of approximately 2500 yards.

(10) Difficulties and Deductions.

(a) It was exceedingly difficult for batteries to move forward over the heavily shelled roads. The enemy was able to concentrate his fire on these as it was impossible for horses to move overland owing to the wire and trenches. Before the enemy guns are silenced batteries run a great risk of being rendered immobile in attempting to advance along the roads in such country. It is different in open country where shelled areas can be avoided.

(b) It was found that Brigade Commanders could not keep touch with both the infantry and the batteries unless Infantry Brigade Headquarters moved forward.

Both Brigades were able to keep practically constant communication with the batteries by telephone and runners (lines were short so that breakers were soon mended).

8th Aust. Infantry Brigade did not move forward. It was necessary for Headquarters, 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade, to go forward to keep in touch with the batteries. Consequently touch was lost with the 8th Infantry Brigade as the line was too long to maintain. Many attempts were made to use visual signalling but without success.

On the other hand Headquarters, 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and Headquarters, 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade, moved forward together, and as the latter was in continual touch with the batteries artillery support as required by Infantry Brigade Headquarters, as well as the Battalions, was readily available.

(c) The horses were badly knocked up by the end of the day, especially the 4 horse first-line teams.

(d) While advancing to the position of assembly several batteries were held up for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours by a supply train which remained stationary on a level crossing. This might have led to serious consequences.

(e) The results obtained justified the placing of the exploiting artillery brigades directly under the orders of the Brigadiers of the Infantry Brigades they supported.

Operations on the 30th September.

(1) Attack at 6 a.m.

During the night 29th/30th September a conference at which the following were present, was held at 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters in the quarry E of TEMPLEUX:- G.O.C., C.R.A., and the Brigadiers of the 8th, 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades. It was decided to attack at 6 a.m. in a Northerly direction from the line approximately A.28.d. central to A.27.central and take RAILWAY RIDGE.

The 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade received orders about 1 a.m. and the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade at 3 a.m.

The creeping barrage which was 3000 yards in depth and lasted 123 minutes was put down on time. This was a very creditable performance on the part of the batteries. The supply of 250 rounds per gun to the battery was not an easy matter. This had to be done by men and horses already fatigued by the days hard work. The night was dark and rainy which greatly added to the difficulty of moving along the shelled roads and then over the greasy shell-torn ground in between the wire and the trenches to the guns. The share of the gunners was no less creditable. As the guns had been emplaced to fire East it was necessary to swing the batteries round so as to fire in a N.N.E. direction. This had to be done in the dark.

It would hardly have been possible to carry out this operation had not a forward A.R.P. been established at HARGICOURT.

The attack was not wholly successful owing to the stiff resistance of the enemy in the HINDENBURG line South of BONY, but the highest part of RAILWAY RIDGE was taken and our hold on the LE CATELET-NAUROY line extended.

(2) Action during the day.

(a) 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Throughout the day the infantry experienced much opposition from the sugar factory in G.12.d.90.65 and arrangements were made to support an attack on this place to the railway through H.7.b and H.8.c. The 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade put down a creeping barrage at 4 p.m. after 15 minutes preliminary bombardment on the SUGAR FACTORY. This attack was only partially successful as much opposition was met with from the LAMP SIGNAL Station in G.6.d. Consequently this Station was kept under heavy bursts of fire for some time.

(b) 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

A Brigade O.P. was established at G.4.b.7.5 and with observation from here many targets were engaged. Following are some of the targets which were engaged during the day:-

10 a.m.	M.Gs in RUDDER COPSE A.29.b.
11.30 a.m.	Enemy movement on road from A.17.d to A.18.a by all batteries.
11.40 a.m.	Troops assembling in sunken road in A.30.a (114th How. Battery).
11.40 am	Sugar Factory at H.7.c.0.5.
11.45 a.m.	NF Call A.24.b.2.1.
12.15 p.m.	Movement in sunken roads G.6.a. & b.
12.40 p.m.	NF Call A.12.d.70.20.
1.30 p.m.	M.Gs at CABARET FARM A.29.c.
2 p.m.	RUDDER COPSE A.29.b.
3 p.m.	Trench W of ESTREES.

Some of these targets were engaged at the request of the infantry. Over 1000 rounds were expended.

(c) Enemy Artillery.

The enemy artillery was very active on forward areas and the neighbourhood of BELLICOURT.

(d) Situation on night of 30th September.

The line held by the infantry during the night ran

H.15.central - H.13.central - G.18.d.40.50 - G.17.d.00.00 - G.12.a.90.80 - G.5.d.70.00 - and then Northwards along the LE CATELET - NAUROY line.

C. Operations on the 1st October.

(1) 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

(a) Attack by 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

At 6 a.m., in conjunction with other supporting artillery, the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade put down a creeping barrage on MILL RIDGE and the spur running up to H.2.d in support of an infantry attack. The operation was successful, the enemy being observed to run when the barrage was put down.

At 10 a.m. it was learned that the exploiting objective for the infantry was the BEAUREVOIR line as far N as the TORRENS CANAL in B.20.

(b) Forward Section.

As soon as the plan of action was known a section of the 50th Battery, under Lieut S.S. CREED, went ahead in close support of the 31st Battalion. This section came into action at H.7.d.50.20. The first target observed was two hostile guns E of JONCOURT. After four ranging rounds two limbers appeared, the guns were hurriedly limbered up and they were driven away over a crest followed by shrapnel which appeared to be effective but actual results could not be observed. Two other guns at C.26.c.central were located and engaged, 10 rounds being fired. These remained silent for the rest of the afternoon. Many moving targets of various sized parties of Germans were engaged. Casualties were observed particularly in one party of about 100 moving into WIANCOURT.

In all 150 rounds were fired by this section which suffered no casualties. Later it was joined by the remainder of the battery.

(c) Remainder of the Batteries.

At 1 p.m. the batteries moved forward and by 4 p.m. had occupied the following positions:-

49th Battery G.11.b.15.00
50th Battery H.7.d.30.40
51st Battery G.12.d.60.80
113th Battery G.11.b.91.85
Bde H.Qrs G.12.b.50.50

Wagon lines moved into the old battery positions and horses were watered in the ST. QUENTIN CANAL in G.16.a. This was the first good point available for watering since the night 28th/29th September.

(2) 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Early in the morning sections were pushed out in close support of the infantry and were in action at the following locations by 11 a.m.

55th Battery G.11.b.80.40
54th Battery G.12.c.50.40
53rd Battery G.10.b.75.40

The remainder, after firing the creeping barrage at 6 a.m., also moved up and came into action as follows:-

55th Battery G.9.d.47.28
54th Battery G.9.d.70.15
53rd Battery G.9.a.30.90
114th Battery G.9.b.05.90

Communication with the O.P. was successfully maintained throughout the day and over 2000 rounds were expended on targets with observation. In two instances hostile 77 m.m. batteries were silenced. In addition the following targets were subjected to bursts of fire:- JACK, JILL and PAIL COPSES in B.19 and B.25, and the BEAUREVOIR line between B.27.d.4.0 and B.14.c.5.0.

3. Trench Mortars.

Prior to the attack at 6 a.m. the mobile section of the 10th Aust. M.T.M. Battery fired 15 rounds into CABARET WOOD FARM (A.29.c).

4. Situation.

The line reached by the infantry during the days operations ran as follows:- A.3.d.6.0 - A.10.c.8.2 - A.16.central - A.24.central - A.30.b.6.5 - A.30.d.5.8 - B.25.c.8.8 - B.25.d.9.1 - along trench N of ESTREES to B.26.d.9.4 - H.2.b.7.4 - along sunken road to JONCOURT.

D. Operations on the 2nd October.

(1) 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

This was a much quieter day. The 51st and 113th Batteries observed and engaged enemy sections, the 51st Battery firing 150 rounds with very good results. Several fires were caused one of which burned for 15 minutes.

The 49th Battery employed a captured 77 m.m. gun.

Twice during the day, once at 6.57 a.m. and again at 6.35 p.m. wireless S.O.S. calls for M.17.a.50.50 and M.11.a & c, respectively, were received and answered.

(2) 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

During the day many targets were engaged with direct observation. Batteries did not move.

(3) Enemy Air Activity.

After midday hostile aerial activity increased, several enemy formations and single machines crossing to the battery areas flying very low. These all appeared to be two seater reconnaissance machines. They were heavily engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire.

E. The D.A.C.

During the operations the sections of the D.A.C. worked under orders of the Brigades. No difficulty was experienced in the supply of ammunition.

F. Withdrawal to Wagon Lines.

AT After 4 p.m. on the 2nd October batteries received orders to leave guns in position under a guard and to withdraw to wagon lines.

G. General.

During the operations the weather was cold, dull and showery except for occasional bright intervals.

Throughout it was found that communication to the rear was more difficult to maintain than forward. In almost all cases the breaks were due to horse and vehicular traffic and not to shell-fire.

D.A.H.Q. remained at HERVILLY for the operations.

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Brigadier-General A.J.BESWELL - BROWNE,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Commanding 5th Australian Divl. Artillery.

Will you please accept for yourself and convey to
your artillery, the appreciation of the 6th British Division
of the splendid support you have given us during the past four
days.

J.D. Naden

6th Division H.Q.
24th October, 1918.

Major-General,
Commanding 6th Division.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Casualties to Personnel and Horses from 29.9.18. to 2.10.18.

	Officers		O/Ranks		Horses
	K.I.A.	Wd.	K.I.A.	Wd.	Killed & Wnd.
13th. Aust. F.A.Bde.	-	2	-	11	49
14th. Aust. F.A.Bde.	-	2	5	32	28
5th. Aust. D.A.Col.	-	-	-	-	2
5th. Aust. M.T.M. Btys.	-	-	-	2	-
Total.	-	4	5	45	79

Ammunition expended from 29.9.1918 to 2.10.1918.

	18.pdr.	4.5" How.
13th. Aust. F.A.Bde.	7365	1901
14th. Aust. F.A.Bde.	8195	1090
Total.	15560	2991

The ammunition expended weighed as follows :-

18.pdr.	-	156 tons.
4.5" How.	-	51 tons.

The Brigades did not take part in the preliminary barrage. All this ammunition was carted forward after the initial advance had been made.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No.39.

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Headquarters,
24th. October 1918.

Reference Sheet 62.B.

1. On withdrawal to the BRANCOURT Area, billeting areas are allotted as follows :-

13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	-	BRANCOURT.
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	-	BRANCOURT.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	-	PONCHAUX.
		near BEAUREVOIR.
Headquarters, 13th. Aust. F.A. Bde and Headquarters 14th.		
Aust. F.A. Brigade will be at Farm - C.24.a.2.4.		

2. Billeting parties for BRANCOURT Area consisting of one Officer per Brigade, and one N.C.O. per Battery will report at 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters C.6.d.5.0. at 9.a.m. on the 25th. inst.

Billeting party for 5th. Aust. D.A. Column will proceed direct to PONCHAUX and allot billets.

3. 5th. Aust. Medium T.M. Batteries will remain at BECQUIGNY until further orders.

4. Rations for consumption on the 25th. inst have been drawn at REUMONT by Units.

Rations for consumption on the 26th. inst. will be drawn on the 24th. inst at 10th. A.A.S.C. Dump. BRANCOURT Church.

5. Watering facilities in the area are as follows :-

LOCATION.	Type.	Tested	Scoops	Remarks.
I.1.b.2.1.	Pump.	O.K.	1	Dug Well - MONTBREHAIN Area,
I.1.b.2.1.	"	Horses only.	-	Cistern for do. Horses only

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5th. Aust. D.A. Ad. Order No. 39.

24th. October 1918.

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Watering Facilities Cont'd.

Location	Type	Tested	Scoops	Remarks.
I.1.a.4.2.	Windlass.	O.K.	None.	MONTBREHAIN Area.
I.1.c.1.3.	"	O.K.	-	do.
I.1.b.2.2.	"	O.K.	-	do.
I.1.d.5.5.	Pond.	Horses only	-	South of Tank MONTBREHAIN Area.
C.25.d.3.1.	Pump.	O.K.	-	BRANCOURT Area.
C.27.d.7.7.	Windlass.	O.K.	1	do.
C.22.c.9.1.	"	O.K.	1	do.
C.22.a.7.5.	"	O.K.	1	do.
C.27.b.9.5.	"	O.K.	-	do.
C.21.d.8.1.	"	O.K.	-	PREMONT Area.

Eg. H. Booth

Lieut.
Staff Captain,

Distribution.

5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	1 - 5
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	6 - 10
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	11 - 14
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	15 - 17
10th. A.A.S.C.	18
"Q" 9th. Corps.	19
Area Commandant BRANCOURT.	20
"Q" 5th. Aust. Divn.	21
Brigade Major.	22
R.O.	23
"Q" Australian Corps.	24
War Diary.	25 - 27
File.	28

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 102.

24/10/18

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, less Headquarters and the 5th Australian Divisional Medium Trench Mortar Brigade, will march to BRANCOURT Area on the 25th October, 1918, in accordance with the March Table attached.
2. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, will move to C.6.d.5.0 Sheet 62B on the 24th October, 1918.
3. The 5th Australian Divisional Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will remain at present location BECQUIGNY.
4. Attention is called to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 re "March Discipline and Traffic Control". Every care will be taken to assist the Traffic Control to avoid congestion of traffic on roads.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

J. R. Walker
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 1630 24th October, 1918, at C.6.d.5.0 Sheet 62B.

	Copy No.		Copy No.
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	1	Area Commandant BRANCOURT	9
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	2	" " PONCHAU	10
5th Aust. D.A.C.	3	C.R.A.	11
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	4	Brigade Major	12
R.A. IX Corps	5	Staff Captain	13
"Q" IX Corps	6	Reconnaissance Officer	14
10th Coy, A.A.S.C.	7	War Diary	15 - 17
"Q" 5th Aust. Division	8	File	18

March Table.
Reference Sheets 57B and 62B

Unit	Route	Starting Point	Time	Destination
14th Aust. I.A. Bde	LA HAIE MENNERESSE- -VAUX ANDIGNY-BOHAIN- -BRANCOURT.	Church LA HAIE MENNERESSE	0900	H.Q. F rm. C.24.e.5.3 Sheet 62B. Batteries BRANCOURT.
13th Aust. I.A. Bde	" " "	" "	1100	"
5th Aust. D.A.C.	LUSSIGNY-MARTEZ- FERINES-PONCHAUX	Wagon Lines	*	PONCHAUX

* The 5th Aust. Divl Ammunition Column to be clear of
LA HAIE MENNERESSE by 0845

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 103.

25/10/1918.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery (less Headquarters and the 5th Aust. Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigade) and the 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., will march from present locations to BELLENGLISE Area on the 26th October, 1918, in accordance with the March Table attached.
2. Attention is called to para. 4 of 5th Australian Divl Artillery Order No. 102.

Following distances will be maintained between Units on the March.

Between Batteries	- 100 yards
Between Section D.A.C., or B.A.C.	- 100 yards
Between Artillery Bdes	- 500 yards

3. Wherever possible dry weather tracks will be used so as to allow the metalled road open for motor transport. It is contemplated the road between FONTAINE and FRESNOY will be very much used on the morning of the 26th October, 1918.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. M. M. M.
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Arty.

Issued at 1530 25th October, 1918, at C.6.d.5.0 Sheet 62B.

	Copy No.		Copy No.
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	1	Area Commandant BRANCOURT	11
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	2	Area Commandant BELLENGLISE	12
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	3	A.P.M. IX Corps	13
5th Aust. D.A.C.	4	S.R.A.	14
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Division	5	Brigade Major	15
R.A. IX Corps	6	Staff Captain	16
"Q" IX Corps	7	Reconnaissance Officer	17
10th Coy, A.A.S.C.	8	War Diary	18 -20
"G" 5th Aust. Division	9	File	21
Area Commandant PONCHAUX	10		

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Unit	Route	Starting point	Time.
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	FRESNOY-LE-GRAND	Station BRANCOURT	1000
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	-SEQUEHART.	C.28.c.	(Following 13th Bde at 500 yds distance. 1000
5th Aust. D.A.C.	ESTREES-JONCOURT-	Cross rds B.18.a	
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	-LE BARQUE BOHAIN-FRESNOY-LE- GRAND-SEQUEHART.	Present Wagon Lines	(At such a time to follow 14th Aust. F.A. Bde from FRESNOY.

Reference Sheet 62B

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Copy No.....

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 40.

Headquarters,
25th October 1918.

1. Billeting parties will report to Staff Cap tain, 5th.Aust.Div.
Artillery as under :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
26th.Oct.	9.a.m.	Area Commandant BELLENGLISE.
27th.Oct.	9.a.m.	" " " " TINCOURT.
28th.Oct.	9.a.m.	" " " " BRAY.
28th.Oct.	3.p.m.	" " " " CAMON.

Billeting parties, with exception of those for 28th. inst. will consist of one officer and one N.C.O. per Battery or Section D.A.C. and will remain as guides to their units, pushing forward to new destination each day as scheduled above.

Parties for the 28th. inst. will consist of one officer and two N.C.O's per Battery or Section D.A.C., the senior N.C.O. being left at BRAY to act as guides, the remainder proceeding to CAMON direct.

2. RATIONS for consumption on the 26th. inst have been drawn at BRANCOURT.

Rations for consumption on the 27th.inst. will be drawn at BELLENGLISE on the 26th.inst.

Rations for consumption on the 28th.inst. will be drawn at TINGOURT on the 27th.inst.

Rations for consumption on 29th.inst. will be drawn at BRAY on 28th.inst. 5th.Aust.M.T.M.Btys. are remaining in 9th.Corps Area until 29th.inst., and will be rationed under 9th. Corps arrangements.

3. 5th.D.A.H.Q. Wheel transport and a percentage of personnel to be detailed will march from present location C.6.d.5.0. (Sheet 52.B.) and report to C.O. 13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade at BELLENGLISE Area on the 26th.inst. Two motor lorries will report to C.6.d.5.0. at 8.0.a.m. on the 28th.inst. and convey baggage and remainder of personnel direct to CAMON Area.

4. TRENCH MORTARS. Mobile Sections of M.T.M. Batteries have been attached to 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.

Five motor lorries will report to D.T.M.O. 5th.Aust.Divn. at BECQUIGNY at 8.0.a.m. on the 29th.inst., and convey guns, baggage, and personnel direct to CAMON Area.

5. Orders with regard to administration in CAMON Area will be issued later.

AMIENS is out of bounds to all troops of 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery and 6th. (Army) Bde. A.F.A. until instructions with regard to passes are issued.

Eg. H. Burt Lieut.
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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THE AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 40.

Headquarters,
28th October 1918.

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Location.

Copy No.

13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	1 - 5
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	6 - 10
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	11 - 14
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	15 - 17
6th. (Army) Bde. Aust. F.A.	18 - 24
10th. A.A.S.C.	25
"Q" 9th. Corp.	26
"Q" Australian Corps.	27
"Q" 5th. Australian Division.	28
Area Commandant BRANCOURT.	29.
" " BELLENGLISE	30
" " TINCOURT	31
" " PRAY	32
" " CAMON	33
D.A.D.O.S. 5th. Aust. Divn.	34
D.A.D.P.S. Fourth Army.	35
5th. Aust. I.T. Coy.	36
Brigade Major.	37
R.O.	38
War Diary	39 - 41
File.	42

4. The following sections of the 5th. Australian Division have been

ordered to report to the 5th. Australian Division at

3. Orders will be issued to the 5th. Australian Division

2. The 5th. Australian Division will be instructed to

1. The 5th. Australian Division will be instructed to

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.105.

Headquarters,
26.10.1918.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery and 6th.(Army) Brigade Aust. F.A. will march from present location to TINCOURT Area on 27th. October 1918, in accordance with the March Table attached.
2. Attention is called to previous traffic instructions.
3. Road and Railway Crossing at K.16.a.1.1. (Sheet 62.C.) was blown up on 25th.inst. by delay action mine and should be avoided.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Mella

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

Issued at 1800, 26th.October 1918, at G.26.d.2.4. Sheet 62.B.

	Copy No.		Copy No.
13th.Aust.F.A.Bde.	1	Area Commandant BELLENGLISE	11
14th. Aust. F.A.Bde.	2	A.P.M. IX Corps.	12.
6th.(Army)Bde.A.F.A.	3	C.R.A.	13
5th.Aust. D.A.C.	4.	Brigade Major.	14
D.T.M.O. 5th.Aust.Divn.	5.	Staff Captain.	15
R.A. IX Corps.	6	Reconnaissance Officer	16
"Q" IX Corps.	7	War Diary	17 - 18
10th.Coy. A.A.S.C.	8	File.	20.
"Q" 5th. Aust. Division.	9		
Area Commandant TINCOURT	10		

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Unit.	Route.	Starting Point.	Area.
13th.Aust.F.A.Bde.	BELLEGLISE - Le VERQUIER - JEANCOURT - MONTIGNY - BERMES - HANCOURT - TINCOURT.	Cross Roads G.29.c. Sheet 62.B. Time.0900.	TINCOURT. Sheet 62.C.
14th.Aust.F.A.Bde.	do. do.	Cross Roads G.29.c. Sheet 62.B. Time.0945.	do.
5th.Aust.D.A.Col.	BELLICOURT - HARGICOURT - TEMPLEUX - ROISEL	Cross Roads G.22.b. Sheet 62.B. Time.0900	MARQUAIX. Sheet 62.C.
6th.(Army) Bde. Aust.F.A.	do. do.	Cross Roads G.22.b. Sheet 62.B. Time 1000	HAMELET (Sheet 62.C.). (6th.Army. B.A.C. - BOUGLY)

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 105.

Headquarters,
27th. October 1918.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery and 6th. (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. will march from present location to BRAY Area on 28th. October 1918, in accordance with March Table attached.
2. Attention is called to previous traffic instructions.
3. All Guns and Howitzers will be calibrated at Fourth Army Calibration Range, SUZANNE, under orders to be issued later.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Ryndell
Major.
Brigade Major,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 1700, 27th. October 1918, at J.23. Central. Sheet 62.C.

	Copy No.		Copy No.
13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	1	Area Commandant BRAY.	11
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	2	A.P.M. IX Corps.	12
6th. (Army) Bde. A.F.A.	3	C.R.A.	13
5th. Aust. D.A.C.	4	Brigade Major.	14
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	5	Reconnaissance Officer.	15
R.A. IX Corps.	6	War Diary.	16-18
"G" IX Corps.	7	File.	19
10th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	8	Staff Captain.	20
"G" 5th. Aust. Division.	9		
Area Commandant TINCOURT	10.		

P.T.O.

MARCH TABLE.

Sheet 62.C.

Unit.	Route.	Starting Point.	Area.
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	TINCOURT - BUIRE - DOINGT - BIACHES - CAPPY.	Cross Roads - J.27.b. Time. 8.30.a.m.	BRAY Area.
13th. Aust. F.A. Bri gade.	do. do.	Cross Roads - J.27.b. Time. 9.15.a.m.	do.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	do. do.	Cross Roads - J.18.d. Time. 8.45.a.m.	do.
6th. (Army) Bde. A.F.A.	do. do.	Cross Roads - J.18.d. Time. 9.30.a.m.	do.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 106.

Headquarters,
27th. October 1918.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery and 6th. (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. will march from BRAY Area to CAMON-LONGEAU Area on 29th. October 1918, in accordance with March Table attached.
2. Attention is called to previous traffic instructions.
3. As Guns and Howitzers complete calibration by Batteries, they will rejoin their Brigades.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. R. Munn

Major,
Brigade Major,

5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 0700, 28th. October 1918 at J.23. Central Sheet 62.c.

	Copy No.		Copy No.
13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	1	Area Commandant CAMON	11
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	2	A.P.M. IX Corps.	12
6th. (Army) Bde. A.F.A.	3	C.R.A.	13
5th. Aust. D.A.C.	4	Brigade Major	14
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	5	Staff Captain.	15
R.A. IX Corps.	6	Reconnaissance Officer	16
"G" IX Corps.	7	War Diary	17-19
10th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	8	File	20
"G" 5th. Aust. Division.	9		
Area Commandant BRAY	10		

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MARCH TABLE

Sheet 62.D.

Unit.	Route.	Starting Point.	Area.
13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	East West Road K.18,17,16 to CORBIE - FOUILLOY -AUBIGNY - VECQUEMONT - Cross Roads M.5.d. - CAMON.	Cross Roads - L.14.d. Sheet 62.D. Time - 0800	CAMON-LONGEAU.
14th. Aust. F.A. Bri-gade.	do. do.	Cross Roads - L.14.d. Sheet 62.D. Time - 0845.	do.
6th. (Army) Bde. Aust. F.A.	do. do.	Cross Roads - L.14.d. Sheet 62.D. Time 0915.	do.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	do. do.	Cross Roads - L.14.d. Sheet 62.D. Time - 1000	do.

Guides will be at Church, AUBIGNY to divert any portion of the Column should the ultimate Billeting Areas require it.

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As at 1600 30th October, 18.
FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.R.A., Brigadier General A-J. BESSELL-BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
DISPOSITION RETURN No. 1
5th Aust. D.A.H.Q.
M.33. b.7.8
Sheet 62D

UNIT.	LOCATION.
13th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q. 49th Battery } 50th " } 51st " } 113th "	M.33.d.75.95 (CAGNY) BOUTILLERIE CAGNY
14th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q. 53rd Battery } 54th " } 55th " } 114th "	M.16.e.70.20 (CANON) CANON
5th Aust. D.A.C., H.Q. No.1 Section } No.2 Section }	LONGUEAU (M.28.b.6.7) LONGUEAU
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Division 9th M.T.M. Battery } 10th " " }	LONGUEAU (M.28.b.9.9) LONGUEAU
Supply Dump D.A.D.C.S. Divl Canteen	CANON OISEMONT Dieppe Sheet OISEMONT " "

H.M. Larty 2/Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 41.

Headquarters,
30.10.18.

1. SUPPLY Dump is in the Square, CAMON.
2. CANTEEN STORES are obtained from 5th. Aust. Divisional Canteen and brought by motor lorry to Units for distribution according to ration strength.
Supplies are now available at 5th. Aust. D.A. Column.
3. PAY is available at D.A.H.Q. Units have been notified as to hours of drawing.
4. AMUSEMENTS. Arrangements are being made for a Band to be placed at the disposal of the Divisional Artillery. It is also expected that the Cinema and Concert Party will be available.
5. PORTABLE BATH is arriving immediately and will be placed at a central spot.
Clean Clothing, winter issue, will also be available.
6. WINTER ISSUE OF BLANKETS has been authorised, and will be issued shortly, old blanket being returned to Base and two new blankets per man issued.
7. AMIENS is out of bounds to all ranks.
8. TYING OF HORSES to trees or hedges, or within reach of them is prohibited.
9. CLIPPING OF HORSES is forbidden, except on certificate of a Veterinary Officer.
Rugs will only be used on clipped horses.
10. HORSES. Particular care will be given to the care and comfort of horses, special attention being directed to shoeing.
An issue of Bran and Salt will be made for mashes.
11. GRAZING. Full advantage must be taken of grazing facilities, to supplement fodder ration. All open grass areas are available.
Lucerne patches will be avoided.

P.T.O.

12. INDENTS for all requirements to complete establishment and winter issue (apart from underclothing) will be submitted immediately. Indents will be signed by the officer commanding the Unit, and will show present strength of men and animals. Necessary certificates will be attached in case of indents to replace losses. Oil is available and will be issued on indent. Indents for paint will be submitted; issue is being hastened.
13. FOURTH ARMY STANDING ORDERS. Special attention is directed to the following Fourth Army Standing Orders on the subject of Fires :- No. 77, 78, 79, and 83. Unit commanders are responsible that all ranks of their command are familiar with these orders. Attention is also directed to Fourth Army Standing Orders - Court of Enquiry on Fires.
14. "LIGHTS OUT" will be 2200.
15. SANITATION. Orders previously issued with regard to sanitation will be strictly observed.

E. H. Dook
Captain,
Staff Captain,

Distribution.

5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	6 - 10
6th. Army Bde. A.F.A.	11 - 16
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	17 - 20
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	21 - 23
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5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

The Corps Commander wishes all R.A. units, and their affiliated M.T. Bde. and Coys. to be informed that it was his intention to express his personal thanks to all units under his command for the work they have performed during the past five weeks.

The Army Commander has, however, issued a special letter on the subject, and it is now only necessary for the Corps Commander to add to the high commendation of the Army Commander his special thanks and congratulations.

25-10-18.

Sd/ F.H. WHITAKER, Major.
for D.A. & Q.M.G., IX Corps.

NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.
Enemy Trenches in Blue.

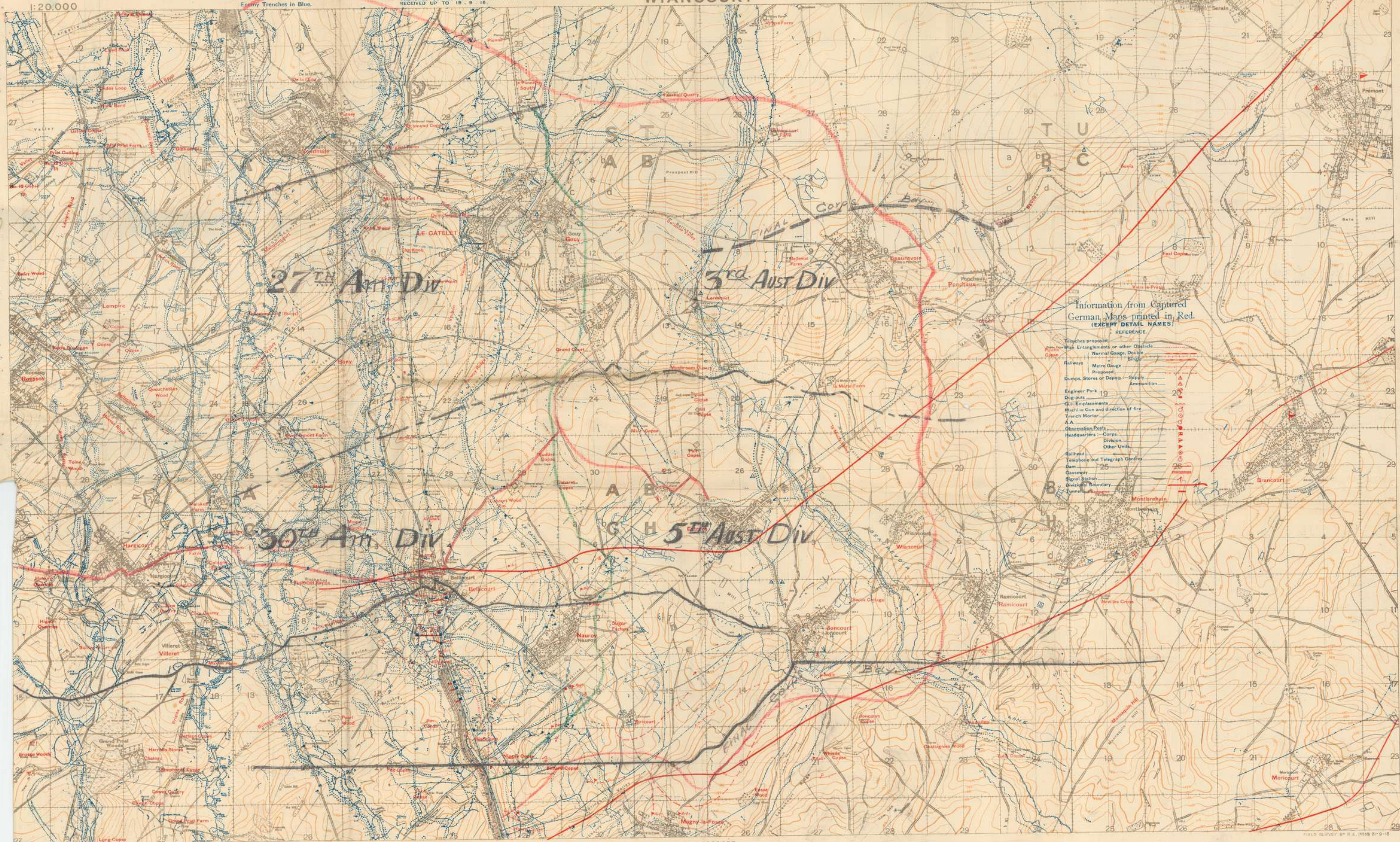
TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 15. 9. 18.

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