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OF

**Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.**

FOR

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*L B Beam*  
for  
Lieut,  
Reconnaissance Officer.,  
5th Aust.Divl.Artillery.

Signature of Officer Commanding

*H. B. ...*  
Brig-General.,  
C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOUTILLERIE	1/11/18		Generally dull but bright at intervals. The C.R.A. attended a conference convened by the Army Commander. General RAWLINSON explained that owing to the exigencies of the situation the Australian Corps would probably be returning to the line. Disposition Return No. 2 issued.	App. 1
BOUTILLERIE	2/11/18		Morning dull and drizzly, brighter during afternoon. The C.R.A. and B.M. reconnoitred a Parade ground for the Divisional Artillery Mounted Parade to be held on the 6th inst. Administrative Order No.42 issued.	App. 2
BOUTILLERIE	3/11/18		C.R.A., Brigade Major, and Staff Captain attended a conference convened by G.O.C. 5th Australian Division. Matters discussed were :- Organisation, Discipline, Canteens, and the well being of the Division generally.	
BOUTILLERIE	4/11/18		A skeleton parade of the Divisional Artillery held at M.23.d.(62D) preparing for the Ceremonial Parade on the 6th instant.	
BOUTILLERIE	5/11/18		C.R.A. attended a Conference convened by Major-General of the General Staff FOURTH ARMY - A lecture was delivered on Training. Routine Order No.53 issued	App.3
BOUTILLERIE	6/11/18		Information received that the 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery would return to the line, the move to commence on 10th instant. C.R.A. conferred with Brigade Commanders with reference to move. Owing to extremely wet weather the ceremonial Parade of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery was postponed. Report on Operations of 5th Aust.D.A. in support of the attack by 30th American Division South of LE CATEAU -17th to 19th October 1918.	App.4



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BOUTILLERIE	7/11/18		5th Aust. Divisional Artillery resting. Sports in progress. C.R.A. visited 13th & 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades and 5th Aust. D.A. Column. Routine Order No 54 issued.	App. 5
do	8/11/18		G.O.C. 5th Australian Division inspected the 5th Aust. Divl. Artillery: The Divisional Artillery was first inspected in line, the Divisional Artillery then marched passed, Brigades in line, and afterwards trotted passed in column of Batteries. G.O.C. was very pleased with the turnout. The Command of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery passed to Brig-General H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O. at 2130. Brig-General A.J. BESSELL BROWNE C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. having been granted 6 months furlough to Australia. Reports on Operations East of LE CATEAU and support of the attack by the 6th British Division on the 23rd October 1918 issued. Copies of 60th American Order No 3 regarding the recent Infantry Brigade successful operations in which this Divisional Artillery co-operated.	App. 6
do	9/11/18		Conference of Commanding Officers held at D.A. H.Q. in which Unit Commanders were introduced to the C.R.A. (Brig-General H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O.). C.R.A. and Brig-General A.J. BESSELL BROWNE C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. visited G.O.C. 5th Australian Division. At 9 p.m. Orders were received from R.A. Australian Corps that 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, less 5th Aust. Divl. T.M. Batteries and plus 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. were to march to the BRAY Area on the morning of 10th November, and to the ATHIES Area on the 11th. Artillery Order No. 107 and Administrative Order No. 44 issued.	App. 7
	10/11/18		Units marched from CAMON Area to BRAY Area. Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Artillery closed at BOUTILLERIE at 3 p.m. and reopened on arrival in BRAY Area 5 p.m. Artillery Order No. 108 issued.	App. 8
	11/11/18		Units continued their march to ATHIES Area. Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Artillery closed at BRAY at 11 a.m. and reopened on arrival in ATHIES at 1 p.m. Armistice was signed at 5 a.m. and hostilities ceased at 11 a.m. (French time). Units then being between BRAY and ATHIES marching to the line.	

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ATHIES	12/11/18		Orders were received from Australian Corps that 5th Australian Divisional Artillery were to remain in ATHIES Area. The C.R.A. visited visited 13th & 14th Aust.F.A.Brigades and 5th Aust.D.A.Column to meet Unit Commanders. Circular relative to "Rough notes on Turnout" issued.	App. 9 <i>LAB</i>
ATHIES	13/11/18		The C.R.A. motored to Australian Corps Headquarters and conferred with G.O.C.R.A. regarding the action <del>the</del> to take place under the new conditions. The 2nd and 4th Armies to be part of the Allied Army of Occupation in Germany; the 4th Army to include the Australian Corps. Disposition Return No.3 issued	App. 10 <i>LAB</i>
ATHIES	14/11/18		The C.R.A. addressed massed parades of the 13th & 14th Aust.F.A.Brigades and 5th Aust.D.A.Column each independently. Administrative Order No.45 issued.	App. 11 <i>LAB</i>
ATHIES	15/11/18		The C.R.A. left for OISEMONT ( where 5th Australian Divisional Headquarters are situated ) to confer with the G.O.C. 5th Aust.Divn, but meet him on the road at LONGEAU.	<i>LAB</i>
ATHIES	16/11/18		A Conference of G.O's.C 5th Australian Divisional units at OISEMONT to confer with G.O.C. 5th Australian Division at OISEMONT at 2.30 p.m. The C.R.A. attended: Matters arising out of the new situation were discussed as well as preliminary arrangements regarding the Corps and Divisions participation in the occupation of German territory. Major F.THORNTHWAITE M.C. left to take command of the 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. During the day orders were received that this unit was to be attached forthwith to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery.	<i>LAB</i>



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ATHIES	17/11/18		Conference with Brigade Commanders was held at Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Artillery at 11.30 a.m. The C.R.A. discussed with Commanding Officers matters relating to the 5th Aust. Divl. Arty's part in the forthcoming move to Germany. In the afternoon the C.R.A. visited the 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. Routine Order No.55 issued.	App. 12
ATHIES	18/11/18		The D.A.D.V.S. 5th Aust. Divn. held a conference with Commanding Officers at D.A.H.Q., matters relating to clipping of horses, shoeing etc were discussed.	
ATHIES	19/11/18		The C.R.A. visited Australian Corps Headquarters at LE CATEAU and learned that the 4th Army would not be part of the Army of Occupation. Routine Orders No56 and No.57 were issued.	App. 13
ATHIES	20/11/18		During the afternoon the C.R.A. was present at the final match of an Australian Rules football competition, the teams being 49th and 113th Batteries; the latter won. Since coming to the ATHIES Area Units have done cleaning-up work during the mornings and held sports in the afternoons. Nearly every night there have been concerts given by local talent.	
ATHIES	21/11/18		During the day a sports meeting was held for Officers and Men of the 13th & 14th Aust.F.A.Brigrades. The C.R.A. was present during the afternoon. The 2nd Aust. Divl Artillery band was present, it remained for the evening and played a number of selections at the concert. Administrative Order No.46 issued.	App. 14
ATHIES	22/11/18		C.R.A. and Brigade Major called at R.A. Australian Corps Hq. LE CATEAU. Brigade Major discussed the Education System with Lieut M.L.L.HOLLAND, Corps Education Officer, as far as it affected the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery. Routine Order No 58 and Artillery Instruction No 1 issued	App 15
ATHIES	23/11/18		C.R.A. called a meeting of representatives of units to discuss matters appertaining to the formation of a concert party: A trial concert was held in the evening at which the C.R.A. was present.	



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ATHIES	24/11/18		B.G.G.S. Australian Corps - Brig-General T.A. BLAMEY C.M.G., D.S.O. called at D.A.H.Q. Early in the evening orders were received that the S.A.A. Section of the D.A. Column would move to BERTRY (near LE CATEAU) on the 25th November. From 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. a class on German for Officers was held at D.A.H.Q., M. PLAYOUSE the Interpreter attached 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade, took the class which is to be held daily as long as opportunity offers. Administrative Orders No 47 and 48 issued.	App 16
ATHIES	25/11/18		S.A.A. 5th Aust. D.A. Column marched from ENNEMAIN (near ATHIES) at 8 a.m. for PONCHAUX (Eof BELLICOURT). During the day orders were received that 5th Australian Divisional Artillery plus 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. would move to FRESNOY on the 27th November. Artillery Instructions No 2 & 3, Artillery Order No 109 and Administrative Order No 49 issued	App 17
ATHIES	26/11/18		C.R.A. attended conference at Headquarters Australian Corps LE CATEAU: General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., the Corps Commander, G.O's C. Divisions and Infantry Brigades and C's R.A. were present. Matters regarding the concentration and the probable occupation of German territory by the Australian Corps also points in connection with early demobilisation were discussed.	
	27/11/18		Leaving at 9 a.m. (head of column) the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. marched to FRESNOY-le-Grand via VERMAND, BELLENGLISE and SEQUEHART, a distance of 23 miles. Near SEQUEHART the G.O.C. R.A. and the B.G.G.S. Australian Corps inspected the column as it marched by. D.A.H.Q. closed at ATHIES at 1000 opened at FRESNOY-le-Grand at 1430. Artillery Order No 110 and Amendment to same issued.	App 18
	28/11/18		The march was continued to the ST. SOUPLLET area via BOHAIN, VAUX ANDIGNY and LA HAIE MENNERESSE. The head of the column passed the starting point (1 mile N.E. of FRESNOY) at 10 a.m. The Corps Commander inspected the column from a point midway between BOHAIN and VAUX ANDIGNY. Light rain fell throughout the day. D.A.H.Q. closed at FRESNOY at 1000 and opened at ST. SOUPLLET at 1300.	



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ST. SOUPLET	29/11/18		<p>The C.R.A. called at 5th Australian Divisional Headquarters at FEVRIL in the afternoon. Accommodation in this area (ST. SOUPLET) indifferent; dry billets for most of men secured during the day. Two Batteries of the 12th Army bde. A.F.A. in tents. Rained heavily during the night; the day was foggy. Administrative Order No 50 issued.</p>	<p>App 19</p>
ST. SOUPLET	30/11/18		<p>In the morning the 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. moved to billets in MAZINGHEIM and RIBEAUVILLE. A wire from 5th Australian Division was received in the evening stating that Brig-General A.J. BESSELL BROWNE C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. would assume command of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery on the 1st December and that Brig-General H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O. would report to Australian Corps Headquarters. <sup>nearly all the</sup> Practically all the men and horses under cover. Routine Order No 50 and Disposition Return No 4 issued.</p>	<p>App 20</p>
			<p><i>L. Beavin</i> Lieut. Reconnaissance Officer. 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery.</p> <p><i>H. W. Lloyd</i> Brig-General. C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.</p>	



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*major*  
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 5th Aust.Divl.Artilery.

*J. H. H. H. H. H.*  
 Brig-General.  
 C.R.A. 5th Australian Division.



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As at 1700 1/11/18  
 FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.R.A., Brigadier-General A.J. BESSELL-BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.  
 DISPOSITION RETURN No.2  
 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.a.70.20 (CAMON)  CAMON
5th Aust.D.A.Column, H.Q. No.1 Section No.2 Section	LONGUEAU (M.28.b.6.7) LONGUEAU LONGUEAU
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust.Division 9th M.T.M.Battery 10th " "	LONGUEAU (M.28.b.9.9) LONGUEAU LONGUEAU
Supply Dump D.A.D.O.S. Divl Canteen	CAMON OISEMONT Dieppe Sheet OISEMONT " "
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A. 16th Battery 17th " 18th " 106th "	LAMOTTE (M.19.d.8.5)  LAMOTTE & CAMON.

*H.M. Lart* 2/Lieut.  
 Reconnaissance Officer,  
 5th Australian Divl Artillery.



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 42.

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Headquarters,  
2.11.1918.

1. Railhead for Supplies remains at CORBIE.  
Supply Dump is moving from CAMON to BLANGY TRONVILLE on the 3rd. inst.
2. 10th. A.A.S.C. will draw supplies from Railhead and transport to Supply Dump at BLANGY TRONVILLE.  
5th. Aust. D.A. Column will be responsible for drawing from Supply Dump and distributing to Units.
3. All G.S. Wagons used for this distribution of Supplies to Units will remain under the command of C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A. Column, returning to Wagon Lines each day after completion of duty.
4. Transport required from 5th. Aust. D.A.C. will be 1 G.S. Wagon per Battery and one G.S. Limbered Wagon for Brigade Headquarters, - in addition, 1 G.S. Wagon per two Batteries for fodder.  
These will report to Units at 0800 on the 3rd. inst.
5. G.S. Limbered Wagons attached to M.T.M. Batteries will remain with them to draw supplies from BLANGY TRONVILLE
6. All baggage and Supply Wagons at present with units will be returned forthwith to 10th. A.A.S.C.

*H. Booth*

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER NO. 53.

- by -

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

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

Headquarters,  
5th. November 1918.

346. - FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

The undermentioned Officers are detailed to assemble at Headquarters, 5th. Australian Divisional Ammunition Column, LONGUEAU, at 1400 on 7th. instant, for the purpose of trying by F.G.C.M. the accused person named in the margin, and any other person or persons who may be brought before them.

PRESIDENT.

No. 35255.  
Gunner

Major F. THORNTHWAITE M.C. - 5th. Aust. D.A.C.

E.J. SHAW  
50th. Battery  
13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.

MEMBERS.

Captain H.B. Archibald.  
Lieut. H.F. MANNING

- 14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.  
- " " "

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

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

*Edg. H. Booth*

Captain.  
Staff Captain.  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.



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Headquarters,  
6th November 1918.

1 Major-General C.E.D BUDWORTH C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O. R.A. FOURTH ARMY.  
1 G.O.C., R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.  
1 "G" 5th Australian Division.  
1 Lieut-Colonel J.G.B. ALLARDYCE D.S.O.  
3 War Diary

Attached please find "Report on operations of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery in support of the attack by the 30th American Division South of LE CATEAU - 17th to 19th October 1918.

*W. B. MacLennan*  
Brig-General.  
C.R.A. 5th Aust. Division.



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Headquarters,  
6th November 1918.

REFERENCE ATTACHED REPORT  
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Orders were received on the 15th October that I would be in command of the Artillery covering the 30th American Division from 10 a.m. on the 16th October.

I foresaw the difficulty of cohesive co-operation owing to the organisation of the American Units. To deal with this I issued special instructions, together with a graph (copies of which are attached to the report), for the establishment of a system of close liaison, and after perusal of this report it will be seen that the liaison arrangements were of the greatest benefit to all concerned.

*[Signature]*  
Brig-General.  
C.R.A. 5th Aust. Division.



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# REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF THE 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY IN SUPPORT OF THE ATTACK BY THE 30TH AMERICAN DIVISION SOUTH OF LE CATEAU - 17th to 19th OCTOBER 1918.

Reference Sheet 57B.

## A. 12th to 16th October.

### 1. Brigades moved into action.

On the night of 12th October orders were received for the 13th & 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades and 5th Aust. D.A. Column to move into action under the orders of C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division who was commanding the LEFT Group covering the 27th American Division. Orders were issued to Brigades during the night and in the morning: They moved from the NAUROY Area, the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade into wagon lines in V.8., V.19., and V.20., the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade into action in P.36 and Q.31., and the D.A. Column into wagon lines in V.20. The 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade became mobile reserve. Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Artillery remained at G.23.b.2.8. 62B. On the 14th instant the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade went into action in V.6 and V.11.

### 2. Line held by 27th American Division.

On the 15th October the front line ran approximately from the Church at ST SOUPLLET to W.3 central to W.20 central.

### 3. Plan of Operations.

Up to the morning of the 15th October, although definite orders had not been issued, it was understood that the Artillery under the orders of the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division would cover the attack by the 27th American Division across the River SELLE, and then that the 30th American Division would leap frog through, covered by the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery in its task of exploitation.

This plan was not adhered to.

On the morning of the 15th a conference was held at H.Q., R.A., VII Corps at WAINCOURT; there it was announced that the 30th American Division would move into the line on the night 15th/16th October, relieving the 27th American Division in the Southern half of its Sector, that the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division would be in command of the Artillery covering the 30th American Division.

from 10 a.m. on the 16th October, and that the attack would be on the morning of the 17th October.

It will be seen that there was very little time to make the necessary arrangements, also the difficulties to be overcome were aggravated owing to the organisation of the American Staffs with which all units had to deal.

### 4. Preliminary arrangements.

On the afternoon of the 15th October Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Artillery moved to MONT BRETAIN so as to be in close touch with the 30th American Divisional Headquarters. From here orders for the re-distribution of the Artillery, and instructions regarding the attack on the morning of the 17th October were issued. These Headquarters were 17000 yards behind the front line, consequently 5th D.A.H.Q. moved to C.6.d.5.0 Sheet 62B (in close proximity to 60th American Infantry Brigade Headquarters) on the afternoon of the 16th October.



## 5. Artillery allotted to cover 30th American Division

At 10 a.m. on the 16th October the following Artillery came under the command of C.R.A. 5th Australian Division :-

LEFT Group :- under command of Lieut-Colonel T.I.C. WILLIAMS D.S.O.  
Headquarters V.16.b.55.90  
10th Aust.F.A. Brigade  
11th Aust.F.A. Brigade

RIGHT Group :- under command of Lieut-Colonel H.O. CADDY D.S.O.  
Headquarters V.16.a.9.9  
13th Aust.F.A. Brigade,  
8th Aust.F.A. Brigade.

MOBILE Reserve :- under command of Lieut-Colonel H.E. COHEN C.M.G.  
D.S.O. Headquarters V.10.d.60.52.  
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.

The 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade remained under orders of C.R.A. 4th Australian Division.

## 6. Organisation of the Infantry for the attack.

The 59th American Infantry Brigade - which held the line - was to advance under the cover of an Artillery Barrage to objective which ran from Q.36.c.9.2 to W.12.c.0.0. The 60th American Infantry Brigade was then to pass through and reach the line X.7.d.0.7 to R.32.c.0.0 to R.32.a.0.7. The barrage would then cease and if possible the Infantry would exploit as far as the SAMBRE CANAL. Both the 119th and 120th Regiments were to advance with two Battalions in the line and 1 in support.

## 7. Organisation of Artillery for the exploitation.

The 13th and 8th Aust.F.A. Brigades were detailed to assist the 119th (Right) Regiment and the 14th and 7th Aust.F.A. Brigades were detailed to assist the 120th (Left) Regiment in the exploitation.

As soon as the first objective was reached they were to become the Right and Left Groups respectively, and the 10th and 11th Aust.F.A. Brigades were to pass to the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division.

## 8. The Infantry Start Line

Portion of the Infantry line in W.14.d. was in the hands of the enemy. On the 16th instant arrangements were made with the 59th American Infantry Brigade to cover with Artillery fire a minor operation with the object of capturing this ground. Ultimately it was decided to give this area a concentrated bombardment and that the Infantry would advance as near as possible to the start line in the morning before zero hour. During the attack it was found that this bombardment had been effective as the enemy moved his Trench Mortars to positions further North.

## B. The attack on the 17th October.

### 1. General.

Zero hour was 5.20 a.m. 17th October.

Prior to Zero hour the enemy put down very heavy counter preparation in which gas was largely used. This made the task of assembling troops difficult; in addition, when day broke a heavy fog made it impossible to see more than a few yards. This greatly hampered both Infantry and Artillery. As late as 7 a.m. some batteries had to bring the aiming posts closer in as they could only be seen with difficulty.



## 2. Action of the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

### (a) Batteries

During the night 16th/17th October the 51st and 113th Batteries moved to W.2.a.15.15 and W.2.d.20.80 respectively. Batteries completing the dumping of 450 rounds per gun at gun positions. All Batteries fired in the barrage. When the first protective barrage (W.12.a.3.5 to Q.36.d.7.6) was reached at 6.38 a.m. the 49th and 50th Batteries moved forward to W.2.a.70.20 and W.2.a.70.50 respectively and carried on with the barrage from 7.32 a.m. to 9.2 a.m. even the final protective barrage (X.8.a.0.0 to R.26.c.9.1) was reached while in the position in W.2., Batteries came under machine gun fire causing slight casualties amongst the horses and personnel. They were also subjected to fairly heavy shelling, the 113th Battery suffered mostly. The Battery Commander, Major A.R. LESCHEN, was slightly wounded, and another Officer, Lieut D.A. CAMERON severely wounded. Both were controlling the fire of the Battery at the time and this momentarily interfered with the Battery's portion of the barrage, until another officer Lieut J.T.V. SMITH carried on. In addition this battery lost one complete detachment and had one howitzer put out of action by hostile shelling. The machine gun fire was continued until 9 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. the shelling decreased.

During this period no satisfactory information could be obtained as to the progress of the Infantry. Reports were either contradictory or so vague that they were valueless.

As the Brigade anticipated moving forward an Officer patrol per Battery was detailed at about 9.30 a.m. to reconnoitre. It was found that the Infantry had not advanced beyond the railway in W.5., W.11., and W.17., consequently batteries did not move forward.

### (b) Forward Sections

The forward sections were detailed in charge of Lieut V.J. BRADY and Lieut H.S. HUMPHRIES, 49th and 50th Batteries respectively to support the Right and Left Battalions of the 119th Regiment. As the 59th American Infantry Brigade were not able to reach the first objective the 119th Regiment passed through the remnants of the 117th Regiment (59th Brigade) a short distance E of LA SEILLE River.

Considerable opposition was met with from RIBEAUVILLE and the surrounding hedges which were found to contain a large number of Machine guns, 77 mm guns and 105 cm hows. Both forward sections subjected these hedges to a heavy fire. The 49th Battery section claim the destruction of one gun. Both sections experienced difficulty in crossing the SEILLE River at ST MARTIN on account of machine gun fire, but subsequently crossed a vehicle at a time and came into action in W.11.a. and W.11.d. at about 9 a.m. From there many hostile targets were engaged with observation. The section of the 49th Battery provided covering fire for the mobile section of the 9th Aust. M.T.M. Battery during the afternoon.

## 3. Action of the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

For the barrage the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade acted under orders of the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division. As soon as this was finished two sections went forward, one from the 53rd Battery and one from the 54th Battery under Lieut L.R. TURNER and Lieut F. PARSONS M.M. respectively, to act in close support of the two Battalions of the 120th Regiment.

They experienced the same difficulties as the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade - machine gun fire and inability of the Infantry to give any definite information.



These Sections were able to engage a number of enemy machine guns - the Section from the 53rd Battery firing 8 wagon loads of ammunition. These Sections were also able to send back valuable information as to the Infantry situation.

The Batteries remained in W.9.

#### 4. 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades.

The Batteries of the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades (LEFT Group) were in action in W.7.d. At the opening of the barrage they were subjected to heavy Trench Mortar fire at close range. 1 Officer, 30 Other ranks and 2 guns were put out of action. The enemy T.M's must have been firing from inside the Infantry start line. Apparently when the Area W.14.d. was bombarded these T.M's moved to the Area W.9.a. and c., still within the Infantry start line for the attack. This was the result of the Infantry stating that their front line was further advanced than it actually was.

#### 5. Action of Mobile Trench Mortars.

Two Mobile Sections of the 6" Newton Mortars accompanied the Infantry. Positions were taken up by the 9th Battery in W.12.c.7.6 and W.12.c.8.5 at 4 p.m. The Infantry were then held up by machine guns from the hedges and wood on the South-West of RIBEAUCOURT. No. 1 gun fired 9 rounds on the wood when the Mobile bed of the Mortar broke its back. No. 2 gun fired 6 rounds on M.G's in vicinity of RIBEAUVILLE when this gun also broke its back. The fire on the wood was effective as the enemy shelled it 20 minutes later. The Infantry did not attempt to occupy it. This was the first occasion which Mobile Trench Mortars were used in the attack. Their value in overcoming the resistance of enemy strong points was made manifest.

#### 6. Situation at Dusk

By nightfall the Infantry had reached the sunken road running through W.6.d., W.12.b. to W.18.a.6.6. Heavy Machine gun fire from RIBEAUVILLE prevented a further advance.

#### 7. General Remarks.

(A) Special parties of Engineers were allotted to Brigades to prepare passages across the River SELLE. Although it was at one time reported that it would take 3 hours for the Engineers to prepare a crossing, guns were able to cross without difficulty.

(B) Great difficulty was experienced through lack of reliable information of the progress of the Infantry, many reports came back, the majority of which were either vague or contradictory. Artillery Officers were the main source of reliable information. The situation was very obscure until the D.T.M.O., Captain W.D. WALLIS M.M., who had gone forward on a Mortar Cycle returned with the information that at 11.30 a.m. he was on the Railway in W.11.b. and that the Infantry were on the line W.6., W.12., W.18 central. At 7.10 p.m. Captain WALLIS again returned from the front and confirmed the information that the front line ran along the road W.6.d. - W.12. The Liaison Officers with Battalions obtained much valuable information by personal reconnaissance.

(C) The following were the Liaison Officers :-

60th American Infantry Brigade - Major L.E. BEAVIS D.S.O.

120th Regiment Capt. P.T. REDMOND

119th Regiment Capt. C.M.C. CHASE M.C.

LEFT Btln  
Lt. DRINKWATER

RIGHT Btln  
Lt. TURNER

LEFT Btln  
Lt. BRADY

RIGHT Btln  
Lt. HUMPHRIES

All these, especially Major BEAVIS, did very good work in co-ordinating the action of the Artillery with the Infantry under difficult conditions.



Owing to the great length of line it was a very big task to organise and maintain telephonic communication. During the morning a forward report centre was established at W.9.c.2.5. Great credit was due to Lieut W.FORREST, 5th Aust.Divl.Artilletry Signal Officer for the way he handled the situation.

### C. Attack on the 18th October.

#### 1. Plan.

The 30th American Division ordered that the advance was to be resumed on the 18th October. At 8.30 p.m. 17th October the C.R.A. conferred with the G.O.C., R.A. II American Corps. At 11 p.m. 17th October the C.R.A. held a conference with Brigade, Group Commanders and Major L.E. BEAVIS D.S.O. (Liaison Officer to 60th American Inf. Brigade) at 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade Headquarters at BUSIGNY. It was decided that the 6th and 7th Aust.F.A. Brigades would put down a barrage covering the 120th Regiment and the 8th and 13th Aust.F.A. Brigades would cover the 119th Regiment. The 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade were to advance, as soon as the barrage commenced, in close support of the Infantry.

#### 2. The Barrage.

Zero hour was 5.30 a.m. 18th October. The Start line of the Barrage was W.18.b.30.95 to X.1. a.05.95 to Q.36.d.85.70. This was twice altered previously during the night - once so as to link up with the Division on the Left, and again at the request of the Infantry. All Batteries fired 3 rounds per gun per minute for the first 5 lifts and then 2 rounds per gun per minute to limit of range or until communication was exhausted. The 6th British Division on the Right did not attack.

#### 3. Infantry Action.

On completion of the barrage it was ascertained that the Infantry had not advanced.

#### 4. Re-grouping of Artillery.

On completion of Barrage the 14th and 7th Aust. F.A. Brigades under Lieut-Colonel F.P. DERHAM D.S.O. became the LEFT Group and the 13th and 8th Aust.F.A. Brigades became the RIGHT Group under Lieut-Colonel H.O. CADDY D.S.O.

#### 5. Barrage at 10 a.m.

The C.O. LEFT Group arranged with the C.O. 119th Regiment to again put down a barrage at 10 a.m. This was carried out but no Infantry advance took place.

#### 6. Barrage at 11.30 a.m.

At 11.30 a.m. the 6th British Division attacked. In conjunction with this another attempt at an advance was made by the 60th American Brigade. The LEFT Group put down a creeping barrage and the RIGHT Group fired on selected points.

#### 7. Situation up to Midnight.

From 11.30 a.m. onwards the situation was very obscure. Reports were received from Battalions that the Infantry had reached a certain line and then they would report that the front line was 1000 yards or more further WEST. The enemy put up a very strong resistance on the outskirts of RIBEAUVILLE. It appeared that the Units of the attacking Infantry had become mixed up and that the front line had fluctuated throughout the afternoon.



At 1.20 p.m. Lieut K.J.JONES, an F.O.O. at W.12.b.30.75 reported that the Infantry were still in W.6 and W.12. This was confirmed at 3 p.m. and it was reported by another F.O.O. that the enemy was shelling RIBBAUVILLE. Meanwhile the 3rd British Brigade on the Right had advanced to road running through X.14.b. and d. At 4.35 p.m. the support Battalion of this Brigade moved towards RIBBAUVILLE to cover the Left flank. At 5.30 p.m. the American Infantry moved forward and by 7 p.m. had reached the East edge of RIBBAUVILLE. The 3rd British Brigade on the Right had then reached the low ground approximately on the grid line between X.15 and X.16. The American Infantry still continued to push forward during the evening, at 10 p.m. they were reported to have reached the road running North and South through R.32 central.

#### 8. Action of the Brigades during the day.

The 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade supplied two forward sections, one from the 53rd Battery under Lieut J.J.R.PUNCH M.C. and one from the 54th Battery under Lieut F. PARSONS M.M., these Sections engaged many targets at the request of the Infantry and also from personal observation. The hostile M.G's in the outskirts of RIBBAUVILLE were engaged, and both this village and MAZINGHEM were subjected to bursts of fire. In addition to firing barrages referred to the batteries shelled RIBBAUVILLE and MAZINGHEM, and engaged many targets at the request of the Infantry.

#### 9. General Remarks.

The same difficulties regarding information were experienced as on the 17th. The only information that could be relied upon came from Artillery observers who even on the spot had great difficulty in finding where the front line was. The weather was dull and misty, both on the 17th and 18th and contact aeroplanes were able to fly only for short periods during the afternoon.

#### 10. Regrouping of Artillery.

During the night 18th/19th the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade passed to the command of the C.R.A. 4th Australian Division and the 6th Army Bde A.F.A. became Corps Reserve. The Artillery remaining under the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division covering the 30th American Division was as follows :-

RIGHT Group - Headquarters W.7.d.5.2 under command of  
Lieut-Colonel H.O. CADDY D.S.O.  
13th Aust. F.A. Bde.  
8th Aust. F.A. Bde.

LEFT Group - Headquarters W.8.a.1.6 under command of  
Lieut-Colonel F.P. DERHAM D.S.O.  
14th Aust. F.A. Bde.

#### D. Operations 19th and 20th October.

##### 1. Advance on the 19th.

The 30th American Division ordered that the advance was to be continued at 5.30 a.m. 19th October. Brigades put down bursts of fire for one hour to cover the advance. F.O.O's reported at 10 a.m. that the Infantry had reached the line X.4.c.2.0 - X.3.b.7.0 - X.3.a.8.2 - R.33 central to R.33.a.5.5. Many reports were received from the Infantry that they had advanced as far as a line 1000 yards further EAST. Either these reports were incorrect or the Infantry retired. Considerable M.G. fire was met with especially from LA HAIE TONNOILLE Farm (R.28.).

##### 2. Artillery action.

The 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade again supplied two forward Sections, one from the 53rd Battery under Lieut L.C. MCCARTHY and one from the 54th Battery under Lieut C.A. MAYES. These rendered very effective work in



engaging enemy machine guns to the EAST of MAZINGHUM. They also subjected LA HAIE TONNOILE Farm to a heavy fire.

During the morning the batteries in the RIGHT Group moved forward, Five to X.1.a. and c., Two to X.7.a and One to X.2.a. RIGHT Group Headquarters was established at R.7.b.40.25.

In the afternoon the batteries of the LEFT Group moved forward to the neighbourhood of L'ARBRE DE GUISE (W.6.b.).

Throughout the day RIBBEAUVILLE and Battery areas were shelled.

### 3. Relief of the 60th American Infantry Brigade.

During the night 19th/20th the 60th American Brigade was relieved by the 2nd Brigade 1st British Division. The Artillery under the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division continued to be responsible for the defence of the front until 2 p.m. on the 20th when the C.R.A. 1st British Division took over the responsibility. Batteries remained in the same positions until the following day.

#### 4. General Remarks.

By the 20th the horses were in a very exhausted condition owing to the hard work. It was again found that 4 Horses were insufficient for the 1st Line wagons.

The successful co-operation of the Artillery would not have been possible without the effective liaison arrangements. One Brigade had as many as 7 Officers on liaison duty with the Infantry.



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Casualties to Personnel and Horses and Ammunition expenditure  
 for Units under command of C.R.A. 5th Australian Division  
 for period 17th to 19th October 1918.

## CASUALTIES.

	Officers		O/Ranks		Horses
	K.I.A.	Wd.	K.I.A.	Wd.	Killed & Wounded
5th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	2	-	10	6
14th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	1 (inj)	-	12	7
5th Aust.D.A.C-1.	-	-	-	1	27
7th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	-	-	-	-
7th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	1	-	6	-
8th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	1	2	12	2
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.	-	4	4	49	-
11th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	2	-	2	-
TOTALS	-	11	6	92	42

for 17th October only

## AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE.

	18.pdr.	4.5" How.
13th Aust.F.A.Bde.	8456	1626
14th Aust.F.A.Bde.	5707	1786
7th Aust.F.A.Bde.	6364	1758
5th Aust.F.A.Bde.	4908	426
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.	5601	1110
11th Aust.F.A.Bde.	4486	1392
TOTALS	35552	8098

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY,

## INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "F", No. 3.

## LIAISON

1. The success of the Artillery action in the forthcoming operation will to a very large extent depend on close liaison with the attacking Infantry both before and during the operation.
2. The following instructions refer to the exploitation groups which function after the capture of the first objective.
3. (a) The Right and Left Groups will each send an officer, of the rank of Major, to the exploiting Infantry Regiment. If a Major cannot be spared a senior Captain will be sent.  
(b) The Right and Left Groups will each send an officer to each of the exploiting battalions they will support.
4. The officers to be detailed in accordance with the above will report to the respective Headquarters by 1800 16th October, 1918.
5. The officers commanding the exploiting sections and mobile trench mortars will get in personal touch, as soon as possible, with the battalions they will support. Groups will report to this Office as soon as these instructions have been carried out.
6. The attached graph gives all information at present available of the composition of the exploiting force together with its commanders names and the location of the Headquarters. This should facilitate the introductory liaison before the fight on which the C.R.A. places the very greatest importance.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*J. Russell*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major,

5th Australian Divl Artillery,

Issued at MONTERECHAIN H.6.b.8.2 at 2330 15th October, 1918.

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APPENDIX I  
to  
BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS No. 3, SERIES "F"  
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30TH AMERICAN DIVISION  
IN ATTACK.  
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LEFT.

Headquarters - D.5.b.3.7  
118th Regiment - (59th Brigade)  
Col. WOOLF.

RIGHT.

Headquarters - V.25.d.8.2  
117th Regiment (59th Brigade)  
Col. SPENCE

SUPPORT.

60th American Brigade  
Headquarters - D.7.c.000001  
General FAISON

ARTILLERY.LEFT GROUP

Headquarters - V.16.b.55.90  
Lieut-Col. WILLIAMS, D.S.O.

10th F.A. Brigade  
11th F.A. Brigade

RIGHT GROUP

Headquarters V.16.a.9.9  
Lieut-Col. CADDY, D.S.O.

15th F.A. Brigade  
8th F.A. Brigade

MOBILE RESERVE.

Headquarters - V.10.d.98.50  
Lieut-Col. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.  
6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.

MOBILE HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Headquarters - V.28.b.1.5  
9th R.G. Artillery  
Lieut-Col. OWEN, D.S.O.

30TH AMERICAN DIVISION.

Exploiting after capture of First Objective.

LEFT.

120th Regiment (60th Brigade)  
Col. MINOR.

RIGHT.

119th Regiment (60th Brigade)  
Col. METTS.

SUPPORT.

Headquarters - G.17.b.9.6  
59th Brigade  
General TYSON.

ARTILLERY.LEFT GROUP

Lieut-Col. DERRHAM, D.S.O.

14th F.A. Brigade  
7th F.A. Brigade

RIGHT GROUP

Headquarters - V.16.a.9.9  
Lieut-Col. CADDY, D.S.O.  
13th F.A. Brigade  
8th F.A. Brigade

*J.R. Russell*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major  
5th Aust. Divisional Artillery.







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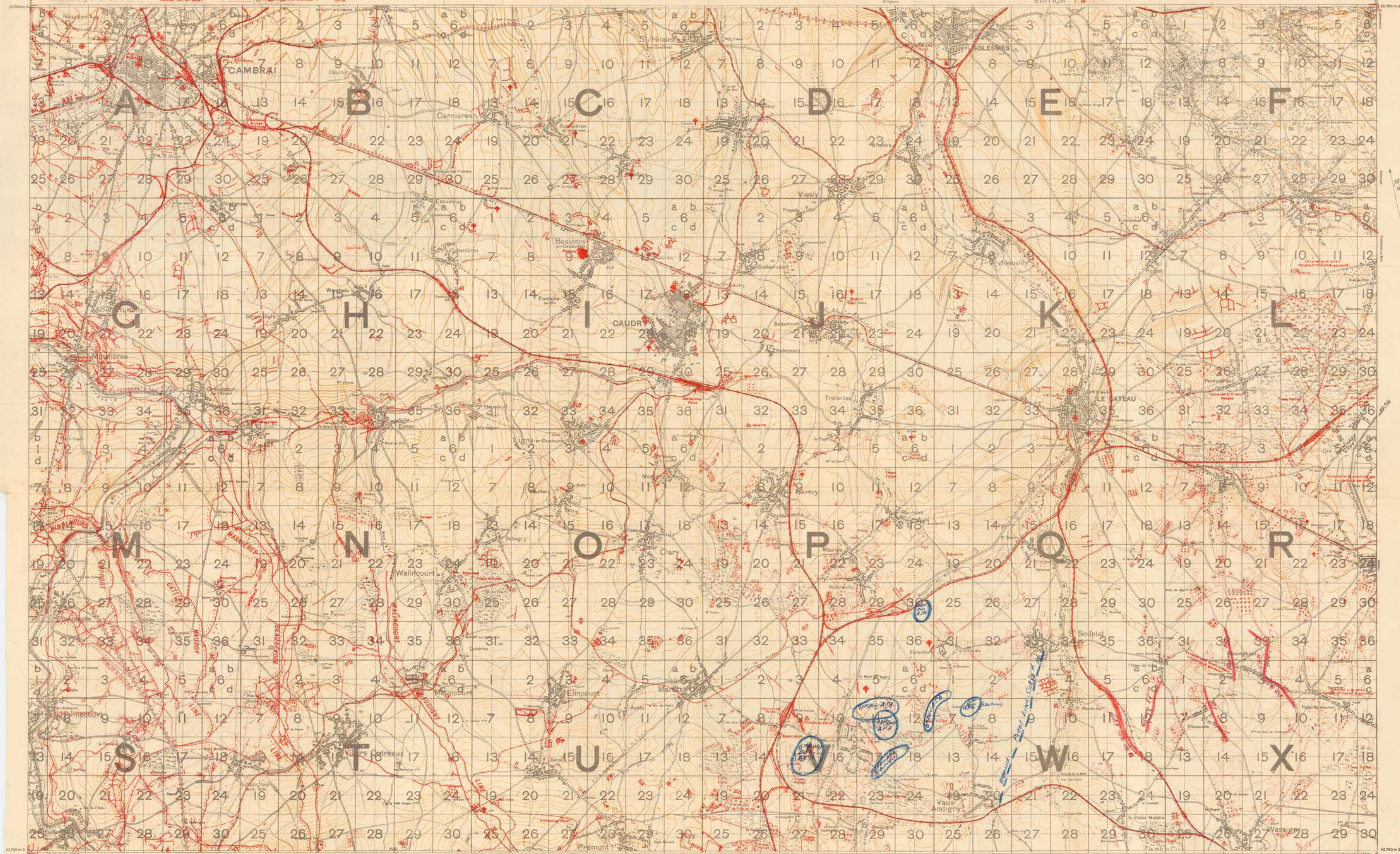
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No.54.

- by -

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

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

Headquarters,  
7.11.1918.

47. - STRENGTH.

The undermentioned officers are granted the temporary rank of Major whilst commanding Batteries, transferred to Units as shewn hereunder, and are struck off strength.

Captain C.M.Orr to 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.  
Captain B.C.Handley do. do.  
(and to relinquish appointment of Adjutant,  
14th. Aust. F.A.Brigade.).

Captain P.T.Redmond to 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery.

Dated 20.10.1918.

(Authority - A.I.F. List - 400 dated 22.10.18.).

348. - PROMOTIONS.

To be temp. Majors whilst commanding Batteries :-

Captain R.S.Coates.  
Captain H.K.Frior.  
Captain W.D.Wallis M.M. and to relinq. the  
appointment of D.T.M.O. 5th.Aust.Divn.  
Dated 20.10.1918.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No.400 dated 22.10.18).

Captain T.R.MELLOR to be temp.Major and to retain  
appointment of Bde Major, 5th.Div. Art. Dated 20.10.18.  
(Authority - A.I.F. List 400 dated 22.10.1918).

To be temp. Captains :-

Lieut. G.H.Miller.  
Lieut. A.Taylor. Dated 24.10.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List 403 dated 29.10.18.

Lieut. E.H.Booth M.C. to be temp. Captain whilst  
employed as Staff Captain 5th. Aust. Div. Art.  
Dated 25.10.18.  
(Authority - A.I.F. List 405 dated 1.11.18).

To be Battery Sergeant Majors (Warrant Officers Class II).

1837 Sergt. H.P.Waring - 51st Battery vice B.S.M. Morris, Killed  
in Action. Dated 9.8.18.

1447 Sergt. (temp. B.S.M.) J.V.Young to complete establishment.  
Dated 27.11.17.

3315 temp.B.S.M. P.E.Horne 55th.Bty. vice B.S.M. KINGSBURY  
commissioned. Dated 11.10.17.

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348. - PROMOTIONS (Cont'd).

To be temp. Battery Sergeant Majors (Warrant Officers Class II). :-

1021 Sergt. H.H.Martin, 49th.Battery, vice B.S.M.Moon to R.B.A.A. Dated 27.6.18.

2104a Sergt. C.S.Jamieson, 50th.Battery, vice B.S.M. Bowen to Australia on Furlough. Dated 27.9.18.

349. - TRANSFERS.

The following transfers are approved :-

From 5th.Aust.D.A.C. to 14th. Aust.F.A.Bde.

2/Lieut. W.L.Willis.

2/Lieut. D.H.Davison M.M. Dated 19.10.18.

350. - APPOINTMENT.

Lieut. R.BARNETT to be Adjutant, 5th. D.A.C. vice Lieut. G.E.Barrow, sick. Dated 26.9.18.  
(Authority - A.I.F. List 399 dated 18.10.1918).

351. - SECONDED LIST.

The undermentioned officers are placed on the Regimental Seconded List.

Lieut. L.R.Kerr. Dated 29.9.18.

Lieut. J.C.Doyle. Dated 29.9.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No.399 dated 28.10.18.

2/Lieut.E.Hearnshaw M.M.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No.400 dated 22.10.18).

Lieut. R.G.McLeod M.C. is seconded for duty with R.B.A.A. Dated 1.10.18.

(Authority - A.I.F. List 400 dated 22.10.18).

352. - SURPLUS STORES.

Units will arrange for return to Ordnance forthwith of all surplus gear, in order to lessen difficulties of future transportation.

353. - HONOURS & REWARDS.

With reference to Aust. Corp s R.O. No.48 para 259, dated 17.10.18.

The undermentioned Officers has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre. In publishing his name the Corps Commander wishes to convey to him his congratulations.

Lieut. Colonel F.P.DERHAM, D.S.O. - 14th.Brigade A.F.A.

The C.R.A. wishes to convey his congratulations to the abovenamed Officer.

354. - CONGRATULATORY.

5th.Aust.D.R.O. 411 is republished for the information of all ranks :-

"The following letter has been received by the C.R.A., 5th. Australian Division from the G.O.C. 6th. British Division :-

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



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354. - CONGRATULATORY(Cont'd).

5th.Aust. D.R.O. 397 is republished for the information of all ranks :-

"The Divisional Commander has much pleasure in publishing the following letter which has been received from Headquarters, 30th. American Division, American Expeditionary Forces -

& 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  
E.M.LEWIS ' '.

355. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders.

Paras 5318 - 5467.

- 5318. - Circulation of False Reports.
- 5327. - Leave - Feeding Arrangements.
- 5329. - Claims for Captured Guns as Trophies.
- 5330. - Economy in Blankets. 5336. - Economy in Ordnance Stores.
- 5350. - Currency and Notes.
- 5357. - Guns and Howitzers, Drift Corrections for.
- 5361. - Removal of Furniture from Houses in the Forward Areas
- 5362. - Passenger Flights in Aircraft. 5368. - Rations.
- 5375. - Care of Ammunition. 5383. - Disposal of Effects, etc.
- 5390. - No.101 Fuze Cylinder Mark IV.
- 5391. - 18.pr. H.E. Ammunition with Reduced Charge.
- 5397. - Disposal of Effects, etc. 5404. - Harness and Saddlery.
- 5405. - Commissions - Indian Army Reserve of Officers.
- 5434. - Purchase of Vegetables. 5449. - Postal Censorship.
- 5450. - Commissions - Candidates for Cadet Schools.
- 5458. - Horse Rugs.
- 5461. - Carriage, Field, 13 & 18.pr. - Lubricators for Gun Slides.
- 5463. - Ammunition - 18.pr.Shrapnel with setting Corrections, Sorting of.
- 5466. - M.T.Vehicles - Disposal of Captured.

Fourth Army Routine Orders.

Paras 2629 - 2660

- 2631. - Level Crossings. 2634. - Ammunition Supply.
- 2636. - Blankets. 2637. Soap. 2638. - Boots.
- 2645. - Burial of Animals. 2646. - Amiens - Bounds.
- 2648. - Salvage of Ammunition in Army Areas.
- 2650. - Economy in Ordnance Stores. 2651. - Billeting Certificates.
- 2652. - Hay and Straw in Recaptured Territory.
- 2653. - Grazing on recently shelled ground.
- 2654. - Vegetables from Shelled Areas. 2658. - Captured M.T.Vehicles
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- 1425. - Canteen Accounts in France.



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355. - ORDERS (Cont'd).Aust. Corps Routine Orders.

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401. - Horses, Evacuation of.

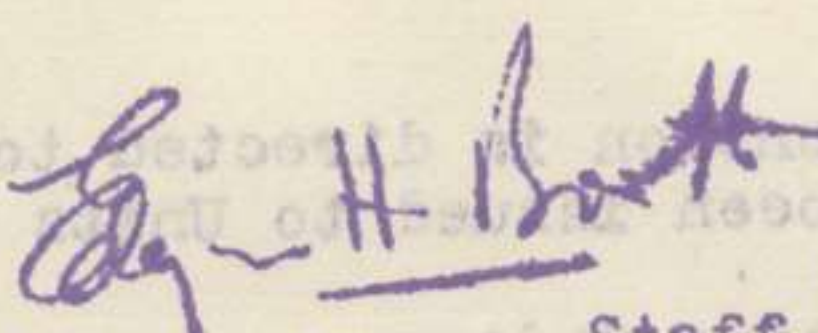
402. - Horses, Watering of.

403. - Riding Horses.

404. - Special Payment - Xmas Gifts.

417. - A.A.M.C. Personnel attached for Water Duties.

418. - Supplies - Drawing of.

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



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY  
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Headquarters,  
8th November 1918.

1 Major-General C.E.D.BUDWORTH C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., R.A. FOURTH ARMY.  
1 G.O.C., R.A. Australian Corps.  
1 "G" 5th Australian Division.  
1 Lieut-Colonel J.G.B. ALLARDYCE D.S.O.  
3 War Diary

Attached please find "Report on Operations East of  
LE CATEAU and support of the Attack by the 6th British Division  
on the 23rd October 1918".

*Alfred C. Brown*  
Brig-General.  
C.R.A. 5th Aust. Division.



OPERATIONS EAST of LE CATEAU AND SUPPORT OF THE ATTACK BY THE 6TH  
BRITISH DIVISION ON 23RD OCTOBER 1918.

Reference Sheet 57B

1. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery passes to command of  
C.R.A. 6th British Division.

At 6 p.m. 20th October orders were ~~issued~~ received that 5th Aust. Divl. Artillery would come under the orders of C.R.A. 6th British Division forthwith and form the LEFT Group.

2. Organisation of Artillery

Three Brigades were placed under the orders of the C.R.A. 5TH Australian Division and they were organised as follows :-

LEFT Sub-Group - Lieut-Colonel F.P. DERHAM D.S.O.  
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

RIGHT Sub-Group - Lieut-Colonel H.O. CADDY D.S.O.  
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
8th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

For S.G.S. purposes the 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade was to be superimposed over the whole Group front.

3. Moves prior to the attack.

Brigades were ordered to reconnoitre positions in R.20 and R.26. This reconnaissance was made but subsequently orders were issued to the Brigades to occupy positions in the Area Q.12 - Q.18. These positions were occupied by 12 noon on the 21st October when the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division became responsible for the defence of the front of the 71st British Infantry Brigade which ran from R.9.c.0.4. to R.2.d.1.0, approximately..

On the morning of the 21st October 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. moved to V.8.d.1.8 (near BUSIGNY) and the following morning to Q.3.d.2.8 (ESCAUFORT).

4. Weather. Hostile shelling etc.

Both on the 21st and 22nd October it was dull and rainy. All Batteries occupied positions in the open the only cover available being tarpaulins. During the mores scattered hostile shelling was placed on roads and Battery areas. On the 22nd a few enemy low flying aeroplanes crossed as far as battery positions.

5. Orders for the attack.

At noon on the 22nd the C.R.A. held a conference with Sub-Group Commanders at RIGHT Sub-Group Headquarters. Sub-Groups received copies of 6th British Divl. Artillery orders for the attack and copies of the barrage Maps at the conference. During the afternoon the Start line ~~was~~ for the attack was altered and the 2nd Protective Barrage cut out. The amended start line ran from R.9.c.45.65 to R.2.d.6.3.

The barrage was 5500 yards in depth consequently it was necessary for batteries to move forward during the protective barrage.

Orders were issued by 6th British Divl. Artillery that batteries of the LEFT Group would move forward to the Area L.32 and R.2. On the 22nd when it was learned that Zero hour would be 1.20 a.m., the C.R.A. pointed out that it would be impossible to plant lines of fire in the dark (batteries would have to continue the barrage from the new positions at 4.20 a.m.); lines could not be planted before the attack as the area L.32., R.2. was occupied



by the enemy. The C.R.A. asked that the question of emplacing the batteries should be left entirely in his hands, and this was agreed to. At the conference it was decided that the air recuperators batteries would not move but that the remainder would move to the valley S.W. of BASUEL. During the afternoon the forward positions were selected and aiming posts planted. Two Officers from the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade, Lieut J.J.R. PUNCH and Lieut L.R. TURNER, were severely wounded during this reconnaissance.

6. Night 22nd/23rd October.

During the night 22nd/23rd batteries received considerable harassing shell fire and all were ~~subjected~~ harassed by machine gun bullets. Forward areas were subjected to severe counter-preparation. The night was starlight but there was a heavy ground mist.

7. The Attack.

Zero hour was 1.20 a.m. 23rd October.

For the Barrage the 50th, 54th and 55th Batteries fired on the LEFT Group front and the 29th, 30th and 31st Batteries fired on the RIGHT Group front. The 49th, 51st and 53rd Batteries were superimposed.

At 2.16 a.m. the protective barrage was reached and according to plan all Batteries except those with air recuperators moved forward to positions West of the stream in R.7. and R.14. During the approach to these positions Batteries came under very heavy shell and machine gun fire, including gas. All ranks had to wear respirators continuously. The 50th Battery came in for particularly severe fire. Lieut H.W. MARSH and a Sergeant went ahead to reconnoitre, they subsequently, after passing through several barrages, led the guns into position. Two guns were struck by shells. All Batteries were able to take up the barrage at 4.20 a.m. the time laid down. Soon after coming into action the 113th Battery had a premature at the muzzle of one of the howitzers. One man was killed and three others wounded.

It was realised that that the Infantry had not advanced to programme when the batteries came under machine gun fire. The first definite report was that at 7.30 a.m. the Brigade on the Left were in touch with the 71st Brigade at L.34.c.2.0. The 8th Aust. F.A. Bde which was detailed to cover the exploitation did not advance, as the Infantry could be effectively covered from the positions batteries were in. Machine guns in R.3.b and R.4 central put up a strong resistance. These were engaged. One F.O.O. per battery went forward, they worked in pairs and were able to engage a number of targets. The line reached by 7 p.m. ran approximately from R.5. central to L.29.c.0.0 to L.24.a.50. The Brigade on the RIGHT reached the final objective and the Brigade on the Left went well beyond its objective.

8. Relief.

During the night 23rd/24th the 24th Brigade R.F.A. relieved the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade and the 2nd Brigade R.F.A. relieved the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade. Command of the Left Group passed to the C.O. 24th Brigade R.F.A. at 3.10 a.m. on the morning of the 24th.

The 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades moved to wagon lines. The 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade remained in the Left Group.

9. Move to Rest Area.

On the 24th October 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. moved to the old Headquarters near PREMONT. The 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades moved to the BRANCOURT AREA on the 25th October. The 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. was then placed under the orders of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery (less Headquarters and the T.M. Bde.) moved to the BELLE-ENGLISE area on the 26th October, the TINCOURT area on the 27th October, the BRAY area on the 28th October, and the CAMON area on the 29th October. 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. and the 5th T.M. Bde moved to the CAMON area on the 29th October.

Brigadier General.  
C.R.A. 5th Aust. Division.



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Casualties to Personnel and Horses and Ammunition expenditure for  
 5th Australian Divisional Artillery for  
 period 21st to 23rd October.

CASUALTIES

	Officers		Other ranks		Horses
	K.I.A.	Wd	K.I.A.	Wd.	Killed & Wounded
13th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	-	1	6	-
14th Aust.F.A.Bde.	-	2	2	11	10
5th Aust.D.A.Col.	-	-	-	-	1
5th Aust.D.T.M.Bde	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2	3	17	11

AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE

	18-pdr	4.5" How.
13th Aust.F.A.Bde.	7294	1034
14th Aust.F.A.Bde.	6061	2300
Total	13355	3334



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HEADQUARTERS  
5th AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

No. 920/928

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Headquarters,  
8th November 1918.

C.O. 15th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
C.O. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
C.O. 5th Aust. D.A. Column.  
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Division.

The following communication issued by 60th American Infantry Brigade relative to recent successful operations is forwarded for communication to all ranks, please:-

Headquarters 60th Inf. Brigade A.E.F.  
France 29/10/18.

## GENERAL ORDERS No. 3

1. The 60th Infantry Brigade has written another brilliant chapter in its history. The series of successes attending the operations of this Brigade from the 8th to 20th October stand as a lasting testimonial of the courage and patriotism of all troops, and of their untiring devotion to duty. In this campaign six vigorous attacks were made - two periods of three successive days each - against a stubborn foe who was ordered to hold his positions at all costs, and who fought to the last with all his resources at his command. The enemy was driven back a distance of ten miles; the town of BUSIGNY, BEQUIGNY, VAUXANDIGNY, ESCAUFFORT, ST. SOUPLET, ST. BERNIN, LAHAIE MENNERESSE, RIBEAUVILLE, MAZINGHEIN, and ECAILLON were captured, with other smaller towns and many farms; over twenty square miles of territory were conquered; the enemy's strategical system of railways was cut and held; more than two thousand civilians were freed from the bondage which they had suffered for over four years; captures include many prisoners, 95 machine guns, 11 field guns, 5 heavy guns, 11 minenwerfers, several caissons, limbers and G.S. Wagons, a large amount of Artillery, machine gun and S.A. ammunition, together with much other unclassified war material.
2. The Brigade Commander is happy to recount these successes, and he congratulates all troops upon their accomplishment. These glorious deeds are recorded, not in a boastful spirit, but through a sense of sincere gratitude, and the hope that each officer and man will continue to do his utmost to uphold this record, and to add to the achievements of his unit each time it is called upon to participate in this memorable struggle for World liberty. In this connection, all must utilize the present rest period in reorganisation and training for the future duties which await us in the Field.
3. Our fallen comrades are not forgotten. They gave their all in a righteous cause, and died as heroes and soldiers should, facing the enemy to the last. We honor their memories.
4. In the fighting of Oct. 11th, the 118th Inf. Regiment fought with this Brigade. It was entirely successful, and displayed those soldierly qualities of fortitude, courage and skill which demand the high admiration of the Brigade Commander, that Regiment is heartily congratulated as is the Third Battalion of the 117th Regiment which fought with this Brigade on Oct. 19th. Much credit is due these organisations: they contributed much to the success of this Brigade. The Infantry was ably supported by the 2nd and 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, which made our success possible. The 113th M.G. Bn is also due much praise for its support; it rendered very material assistance.
6. This order will be read to each organisation at its first formation after receipt, and will be posted on all bulletin boards.

Sgd S.L. FAISON?  
Brigadier General U.S.A.

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



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 107  
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Headquarters,  
9th November 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, less 5th Aust.M.T.M.Bde and plus 6th Army Bde.A.F.A. will march from the present locations to BRAY Area tomorrow, 10th November in accordance with March Table attached.

2. Attention is called to Fourth Army Routine Order No 2039 re March Discipline and Traffic control.

Following distances will be maintained between units on the March :-

Between Batteries 100 yards  
Between Sects D.A.C. or E.A.C. 100 yards  
Between Arty.Brigades 500 yards

3. A halt will be made from 10 minutes to the clock hour to the clock hour.

The Column will halt and feed-up from 1300 to 1400.

4. The Column will march at the pace 4.5 Kilometers per hour.

5. 5th Aust.M.T.M.Brigeade will remain at present location until further orders.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 2300 9th November 1918 at M.23.d.7.8. Sheet 62D.

	Copy No		Copy No
13th Aust.F.A.Brigeade	1	Area Commandant BRAY	9
14th Aust.F.A.Brigeade	2	C.R.A.	10
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.	3	Brigade Major	11
5th Aust.D.A.Column	4	Staff Captain	12
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust.Divn.	5	Reconnaissance Officer	13
10 A.A.S.C.	6	War Diary	14 - 16
G.5th Aust.Division.	7	File	17
Area Commandant CAMION	8		



# MARCH TABLE

Unit	Route	Starting point	Time
5th Aust D.A.C	LONGUEAU - VILLERS BRETONNEAU - LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE - PROYART - BRAY	Cross Roads N.26.c.	1030
13th Aust I.A.Bde.		de	1115
14th Aust I.A.Bde.	de	de	1145
6th Army Bde A.F.A.	VILLERS-BRETONNEAU - LAMOTTE - PROYART - BRAY	de	1215

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No.44.

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Headquarters,  
9th. November 1918.

1. Billeting parties will report to Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery on the 10th.inst., at office of the Area Commandant, BRAY, at 1300.  
Billeting Parties will consist of one Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Battery or Section D.A.C. and will remain as guides to their Units, pushing forward to new destinations each day, so as to report to Area Commandants concerned by 0900 each day. These destinations will be notified later.
2. Rations for consumption on the 10th.inst. have been drawn at BLANGY TRONVILLE.  
Rations for consumption on the 11th.inst will be drawn at Supply Dump BLANGY TRONVILLE on the morning of the 10th.inst., and delivered by 10th.A.A.S.C.  
Rations for consumption on the 12th.inst., will be drawn at the Church, BRAY, on arrival on the afternoon of the 10th.inst.  
Location of Supply dump for later days will be notified.
3. 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters are moving to BRAY on the 10th.inst.
4. The 5th. Aust. M.T.M.Batteries will remain at LONGEAU until further notice, with the exception of Horse Transport which will report to 5th. Aust. D.A.C. forthwith and move forward under the orders of C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.C. One M.T.M. Officer and necessary personnel will accompany the transport.  
G.S.Limbered Wagon attached from 10th.A.A.S.C. will remain with D.T.M.O. at LONGEAU until a Motor Lorry reports.  
Rations will be drawn on the morning of the 10th.inst., for consumption on 11th.inst., at BLANGY TRONVILLE. Rations for future days will be drawn by Motor Lorry from R.S.O. CORBIE and delivered to LONGEAU direct.  
Motor Lorry will report to D.T. M.O. 5th.Aust.Divn. at noon on 11th.inst.

P.T.O.



5th. Aust. D.A. Ad.O. 44.

9th. November 1918.

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5. Brigades may form a dump of surplus baggage at LONGEAU.  
D.T.M.O. will be in charge of this dump, keeping an inventory of all material so deposited, and will be responsible that a guard is left with it in the event of his moving forward without it.

6. M.T.M. Batteries and Surplus Baggage Dump will be moved forward by motor lorry at a later date under arrangements to be made by Australian Corps.

D.T.M.O. will keep in close touch with Area Commandant, CAMON, to whom motor transport will report for this purpose.

*Edy. H. Brett*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Distribution.

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"Q" 5th. Aust. Divn.	27
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 108

Headquarters,  
10th November 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery less 5th Aust.M.T.M.Bty and plus 6th Army Bde.A.F.A. will continue the march to ATHIES Area tomorrow 11th November in accordance with March Table attached.
2. Attention is called to Fourth Army Routine Order No 2039 re March Discipline and traffic control. Following distances will be maintained between units on the march :-

Between Batteries	100 yards
Between Sects D.A.C. or B.A.C. dc	
Between Brigades	500 yards
3. A halt will be made from 10 minutes to the clock hour to the clock hour.  
The Column will halt and feed-up from 1300 to 1400.
4. The Column will march at the pace 4.5 Kilometers per hour.
5. Billeting parties will report to Staff Captain at Area Commandant ATHIES at 0900 11th November.
6. All Units will report to 5th D.A.H.Q. the time of arrival at Billets.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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14th Aust.F.A.Brigade	2	C.R.A.	10
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# MARCH TABLE

Unit	Starting Point	Route	Time
13th Aust.F.A.Bde	Cross Roads M.10.b. SHEET 620	CAPPY - FAY - ESTREES BUIRE - ATHIES	1000
14th Aust.F.A.Bde	(Following behind 13th Aust.F.A.Bde from ESTREES) Church CHUIGNES	BRAY - CHUIGNES - FAUCAUCOURT ESTREES - BUIRE - ATHIES	1000
5th Aust.D.A.Col.	(Following behind 14th Aust.F.A.Bde from CHUIGNES) Church CHUIGNES	MERICOURT - CHUIGNOLLES - CHUIGNES - FAUCAUCOURT - ESTREES - BUIRE - ATHIES	1030
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.	(Following behind 5th D.A.C from FAUCAUCOURT) Cross Roads R.26.d. SHEET 620	PROYART - Cross Roads R.26.d. (Sheet 62D) - FAUCAUCOURT - ESTREES - BUIRE - ATHIES	1100

Units will pass Church ESTREES at the following times :-

13th Aust.F.A.Brigade	1100
14th Aust.F.A.Brigade	1130
5th Aust.D.A.Column	1200
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.	1245



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ROUGH NOTES ON TURNOUT.

HORSES : Tails ends, one handbreadth above hook. Hairs short, at upper end of tail pulled. Manes hogged completely (no top knot).

MAN : Haversack properly packed; to rest on thigh; strap not too long. Gas Helmet strap shortened; Respirators carried across the back like a satchel bag. Boots pinned, colour patches clean, coats and breeches in repair, pockets not stuffed. Spurs worn well up and clean, ("under" strap lengthened). Bandoliers clean, studs polished, one pocket buttoned to shoulder button. Jack knife cords properly plaited and whitened.

HARNESS : Leather soft and pliable, brushed and clean. Bearing surfaces of breast collar and breeching lightly dubbed. Outside of breast collar and breeching polished. Saddle seats and flaps not dubbed, polished. Tugs not dubbed, stiffened. Girths softened. Reins and headcollars saddle soaped. Harness fitted carefully. Linc collar pads cleaned. Steelwork burnished (including head collar chains). Blankets under saddles to extend under rear of panels.

CARRIAGES : Painted or oiled. Lids open and close easily. Small store trays complete in (cared for) small stores. Stores neatly and tightly packed; spade blades painted or oiled. Blankets folded narrower than space between strap loops and flattened. Shrapnel Helmets firmly placed on top (not hanging over back) with straps crossed over top of helmet. Helmets may be packed in front of men's packs, suspended in rear of vehicles. Shrapnel Helmets oiled and painted with Divisional Artillery colour patch on helmet. Dust caps and Guard Irons furnished. Saws and other stores cleaned and cared for. Drag Ropes whitened, also spare traces. Other ropes cleaned ropes on footboards to be folded round battens. Mess tins polished and clean inside. Ammunition clean, not oiled, driving bands of Howitzer shells free from dirt. Interior of carriage bodies free from dirt, especially on either side of lower centre tray. 16-pdr. Ammunition to have "clips" complete.

OTHER DETAILS : Horse Respirators attached to front of breast collar, (wheelers excepted). Horse blankets neatly folded, edges co-incident, small in shape with blankets and waterproof sheet not folded over and over, but backwards and forwards, giving cutting creased edges. Whole square in shape. Shrapnel Helmets supported high from off side of surcingle pad. Body brushes (if carried) hair uppermost on near side of surcingle pad, of A.C.O.'s and mounted men from near side of rolled coat. Hay nets across top of greatcoats on saddles. Nose bags, round ball shaped, tightly tied, and strapped close up to rear arch. Mess tins strapped short in rear of nose bag. Greatcoats, if worn, to be under equipment.

Units of a Brigade to be consistent and in accordance with ideas of Commanding Officer.

12th November 1918.

(Signed)

T. R. MILLER, Major,  
Brigade Major 5th Aust. Div. Arty.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.R.A., Brigadier General H.E. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.

DISPOSITION RETURN No. 3

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

ATHIES (V.7.c.3.8.)

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Reference Sheet ATHIES 1/100,000.

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LOCATION as at 12.00 13th. November 1918.

15th. Aust. F.A. Bde., H.Q.  
 49th. Battery  
 50th. Battery  
 51st. Battery  
 113th. Battery

ATHIES  
 FOURQUES.  
 ATHIES.  
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24th. Aust. F.A. Bde., H.Q.  
 53rd. Battery.  
 54th. Battery.  
 55th. Battery.  
 114th. Battery.

ATHIES.  
 ATHIES.  
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5th. Aust. D.A. Column, H.Q.  
 No. 1 Section.  
 No. 2 Section.  
 S.A.A. Section.

EMMERAIN.  
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D.T.M.O., 5th. Aust. Division.  
 9th. Aust. M.T.M. Battery.  
 10th. Aust. M.T.M. Battery.

LONGUEAU.  
 "  
 "

10th. A.A.S.C.

EMMERAIN.

D.A.D.Q.S.

BUSIGNY.

*H. Huid*  
 2/Lieut.  
 Reconnaissance Officer,  
 5th. Aust. Divnl. Art.



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No.45.

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Headquarters,  
14.11.1918.

1. 5th. Aust. M.T.M.Batteries are reporting to 5th. Aust. D.A.C. on 16th. Novr.1918, and come under the command of the C.O.5th. Aust. D.A.C. from that date.
2. Battery Commander and 10 Other Ranks of the 9th.Aust.M.T.M. Battery and Battery Commander and 10 Other Ranks of the 10th. Aust. M.T.M.Battery, will remain in charge of the guns and stores, and act as a nucleus. The remainder of the personnel will be attached to 5th. Aust. D.A.C. for regimental duties, as may be required by the C.O. 5th.Aust.D.A.C.
3. The D.T.M.O. will be in charge of the M.T.M.Batteries nucleus, under the orders of the C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.C.
4. Personnel of M.T.M.Batteries attached for regimental duty to 5th. Aust. D.A.C. must at all times be available to rejoin their nucleus for detachment as complete Batteries.

*Ly. H. Brett* Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No.55.

- - by -

Brig-General H.W.LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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

Headquarters,  
17.11.1918.

356. - STRENGTH.

Brig-General A.J.Bessell Browne, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., having proceeded on 6 months Furlough to Australia, ceases to command the 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery, and is struck off strength. Dated 8.11.1918.

Lieut.Colonel H.W.Lloyd, C.M.G., D.S.O. is taken on strength from 12th.(Army) Brigade A.F.A., is appointed to temporarily command the 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery, and is granted the temp. rank of Brig-General whilst so commanding. Dated 8.11.1918.

(Authority - D.A.G., A.I.F. Wire No. T.841 dated 5.11.18).

357. - PROMOTIONS.

To be Battery Sergeant Majors (Warrant Officers Class II). :-

No.59. Temp. B.S.M. W.Fleming M.M. vice B.S.M. C.E.Daniels promoted. Dated 1.3.18.

No.1309. Temp. B.S.M. F.P.Green, 5th. Aust. D.A.Col., vice B.S.M. Black to R.A. Cadet School, England. Dated 20.5.18.

To be Temp. Battery Quarter Master Sergeants. :-

No.980. Temp. Sergeant J.N.Connolly, 55th. Battery, vice B.Q.M.S. Steel, evacuated injured. Dated 16.11.18.

No.2888 Sergt. H.Crossland M.M., 114th. How.Battery, vice B.Q.M.S. Kearns, promoted. Dated 14.9.18.

358. - HONOURS & REWARDS.

Extract from A.I.F. List No.408 dated 8.11.18.

" His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards to the undermentioned Officers, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field.

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358. - HONOURS & REWARDS (Cont'd).

Awarded the Military Cross. :-

Lieut. Harry Jones.	14th. Bde. Aust. F.A.
Lieut. Arthur Hugh Mahon.	13th. Bde. Aust. F.A.
Lieut. Joseph James Raphael Punch.	14th. Bde. Aust. F.A."

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

359. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders.

Paras 5469 - 5567.

- 5485. - Carriage Field Q.F. 13. & 18. pr. and Mountings Motor Lorry, 13. pr. 9. cwt. - Spanners.
- 5494. - Loss of Officers' Kits during a Railway Journey.
- 5533. - Forage, Rations, Fuel and Light.
- 5538. - Salvage of Archives, etc.
- 5554. - Ordnance, Q.F. 13. pr. 6. cwt. 18. pr. and 13. p r. 9. cwt. Renewable Bushes for Gun Lugs.
- 5555. - Elliptical Anti-aircraft Sights for Machine Guns.
- 5556. - Clothing - Anti-gas.

Fourth Army Routine Orders.

Paras 2661 - 2666.

- 2661. - Lewis Gun Equipment.
- 2662. - Negotiation of Dripping Vouchers.
- 2663. - Captured R.E. Dumps.
- 2666. - Soda Water.

A.I.F. Orders.

Paras 1427 - 1438.

- 1428. - Rate of Exchange.

Aust. Corps. Routine Orders.

Paras 264 - 276.

- 268. - Court Martial upon Officers
- 270. - Officers passing through Abbeville.
- 271. - Grazing.
- 273. - Maintenance of Roads.
- 274. - Sanitation.

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders.

Paras 421 - 426.

- 421. - Regimental Trust Accounts
- 422. - Trench Foot Precautions.

*H. Dwyer* Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No.56.

- by -

Brie-General H.W.Lloyd, C.M.G., D.S.O.

C.I.A., 5th. Australian Division.  
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Headquarters,  
19.11.1918.

359. - FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

The undermentioned officers are detailed to assemble at Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Ammunition Column, ENNAHIAH, at 1400 on 20th. inst, for the purpose of trying by F.G.C.M. the accused person named in the margin, and any other person or persons who may be brought before them.

No. 1802 Dvr.  
W.H. Webb,  
55th. Battery,  
14th. Aust.  
F.A. Brigade.

PRESIDENT.

Major E.G. LISTER - 13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. T/Capt. A. Taylor - 13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
Lieut. A.B. Ellis, M.C. - 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
Courts Martial Officer.

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

Proceedings will be forwarded to D.A.F.C. on completion.

A junior Subaltern from 13th. and 14th. F.A. Brigades, 5th. Aust. D.A. Column and 5th. Aust. M.T.B. Batteries will be detailed to attend for instruction.

*R. L. Lister*  
for Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 57.

- by -

Brig-General H.W. LLOYD. C.M.G., D.S.O.

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

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Headquarters,  
19.11.1918.

360. FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

The undermentioned officers are detailed to assemble at Headquarters, 5th. Aust. D.A. Column, ENNEMAIN, at 1400 on 20th. inst., for the purpose of trying by F.G.C.M. the accused person named in the margin.

No. 827. Gunner  
A. Standring.  
13th. Aust. F.A.  
Brigade.

President.

Major H. Retchford. - 13th. Aust. F.A.B.

Members.

Lieut. (T/Capt). A. Taylor. do.  
Lieut. A.B. Ellis M.C. 14th. Aust. F.A.B.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required to attend.  
Proceedings will be forwarded to D.A.H.Q. on completion.

*W. H. B. K.* Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 46.

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Headquarters,  
21.11.1918.

MOVE TO THE RHINE

1. SURPLUS STORES.

All Units will arrange at once to go through stores and put aside everything that will not be required, including men's Souvenirs, etc. These surplus stores will be left in a Divisional Dump. Particulars re location, and Units supplying guards will be notified later.

2. ALL UNITION.

Units will move with echelons full;

3. EQUIPMENT.

Steel Helmets and Small Box Respirators will be carried. Arrangements will be made to carry two blankets for every man. Special inspections will be made to ensure that all boots, clothing and equipment are in good order. The 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Colour patch is to be painted on all Steel Helmets; these helmets are to be oiled or painted.

4. CENSORSHIP.

Censorship may be relaxed. Names of places and Units may be mentioned. Cameras may be taken.

5. TRANSPORT.

Units will arrange for all transport to be overhauled to see that all spare parts, etc., are complete. The extra wheel and swingle tree will be carried. When on the march all transport must be clear of roads between hours 1700 and 0500.

6. ANIMALS.

Only fit and sound animals are to be taken. The V.O. will inspect all transport lines and all animals that he considers unsound are to be replaced.

P.T.O.



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17. DEMOBILISATION.

Units will be prepared at short notice to supply all information regarding personnel - whether married, fixed employment, trades, occupation, etc. and date of embarkation from Australia.

8. PRISONERS OF WAR ARRIVING IN OUR LINES.

The following are the instructions as to how escaped Prisoners of War arriving in our lines are to be dealt with -

(a) British. To be despatched at once to CALAIS and a wire reporting name and unit sent at once to Fourth Army /"A" Headquarters through the usual channels. Each man to be provided with blankets and train rations.

(b) 'Italian and Russian Prisoners' Collecting Centre, ROUEN and a similar wire as in (a)

(c) 'Portuguese' To Portuguese Headquarters, AIRE and a similar wire as in (a).

9. ORDNANCE MATERIAL.

Reserves of Box Respirators need not be carried, and will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. forthwith. Proper reserves of Boots and clothing must go forward with units. Units will arrange to carry one set of fitted spare shoes per animal in order that cold shoeing may be carried out if necessary.

*Edy H Bork*

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 58.

- by -

Brig-General H. E. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O.

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

Headquarters,  
23.11.1918.

361. - STRENGTH. Major E.W. Richards is attached from 12th. (Army) Bde. Aust. F.A. to 5th. Aust. D.A. Column and to command temporarily. Dated 23.11.18.

The undermentioned officers having proceeded on Furlough to Australia, are struck off strength as from the dates set opposite their names :-

2/Lieut.	W. Hay.	27.10.18.
Lieut.	G.P. Makinson.	1.11.18.
Lieut.	A.E.E. Mann.	1.11.18.
2/Lieut.	H.R. McLarty	15.11.18.

362. - PROMOTIONS. To be Temp. Captains :- Dated 10.11.18.

Lieut.	G.A. Dep-ledge
"	R. Barnett.
"	C.B. Thorne.
"	A.G. Mann.

To be Lieutenants :-

Dated 22.8.18.

2/Lieut.	F.A. Stead.
"	W. Hay.
"	H.S. Humphries.

(Authority - A.I.F. List No. 410 dated 15.11.18.).

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

General Routine Orders.

Paras 5499 - 5626.

5499. - Christmas Greetings. 5503. - Ordnance Mobile Wk. shop.  
5517. - Box Air Pump Q.F. 18. pr. Mk. I.

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363. - OFDMIS (Cont'd).General Routine Orders Cont'd.

- 5513. - Record Cards of Box Respirators - Entries on.
- 5521. - Indents for Ordnance Stores.
- 5524. - Extraction of Fat from Meat unfit for Consumption.
- 5571. - Marriage between British Soldiers and French and Belgian women.
- 5584. - Enemy Documents. 5585. - Photography. 5591. - Nosebags.
- 5598. - Warrant Officers - Badges of Rank.
- 5606. - Christmas Postal Arrangements.
- 5607. - Level Crossings - Precautions at.
- 5610. - Ayrton Flapper Fans. 5615. Exhumation.
- 5616. - Prohibition of Permanent Memorials over Soldiers Graves.
- 5617. - Removal of Crosses. 5618. - Erection of Crosses.
- 5619. - Tidying of Cemeteries. 5620. - Battlefield Memorials.
- 5623. - Packing Cases.
- 5624. - Limber Q.F. 18.pr. Carr. Mx. II Box Ammunition - Tray Lower.

Fourth Army Routine Orders.

Paras 2667 - 2679.

- 2667. - Traffic Rules for Horse Transport Drivers.
- 2668. - Memoranda of Examination for Guns and Howitzers.
- 2667. - Ammunition Empties.
- 2672. - Employment of Prisoners of War. 2674. - Dripping.
- 2678. - German Delay Action Mines.

A.I.F. Orders.

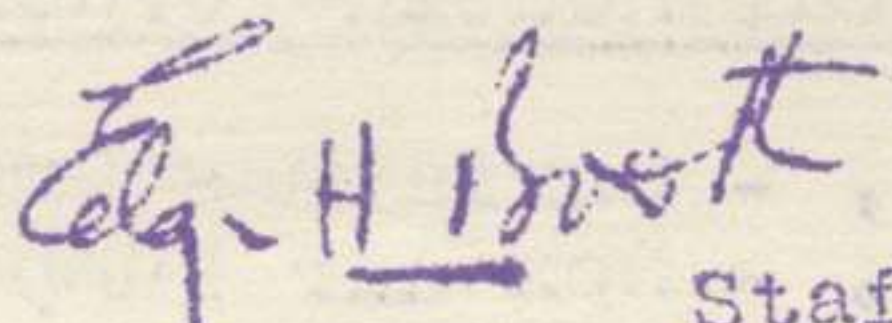
Paras 1434 - 1441.

- 1441. - Establishment A.I.F.C. (Other Ranks) attached to Units.

Aust. Corps. Routine Orders.

Paras 277 - 281.

- 279. - Personnel proceeding to Schools of Instruction.
- 280. - Prisoners of War - Theft from.



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Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.



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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 1

Headquarters,  
22nd November 1918.

ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

STAFF NOTES in connection with MARCHES

1. In the event of the 5th Australian Division being called upon to move by march route towards the RHINE, the comfort of the troops will depend very largely upon the high standard of Staff work of all branches of the Staff and all grades of staff officers.
2. The march will be carried out by each division organised in four groups moving along a single road and quartering daily in depth. The depth of the quartering area will be equivalent approximately to the length of the column. This will vary, however, according to the density of population and consequent billeting facilities.
3. It is most important in the orders to put in the meeting point for the train where the officers in charge of the various sections of the train, both baggage and supply, will find guides from units to load waggons to the billets of their units. This meeting place should be as near the entrance to the Brigade group area as possible and at a good road centre.
4. The time during which the road can be used by marching troops of formations will be limited. There are two main factors which will affect this :-
  - (a) The presence on the road in front and in rear of other divisions, and the probability that the supplies of these divisions may have to come along the same road from the rear.
  - (b) Clearing the road for the supply vehicles of the division.In the case of factor (a) it may be necessary for the Corps to lay down the hours during which the marching troops may occupy the road.
5. Road and traffic control is of added importance under the conditions of a march of this nature. Regimental police should be reinforced; the men should be selected at once and put through a course of instruction. It is desirable that each man should have a small scale map and be instructed to read roads, direction, etc. Each Brigade and D.A. Column with forthwith detail 1 N.C.O. and 4 other ranks as Regimental Police.



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6. Baggage wagons of the train should march immediately in rear of the units to which they are attached so that they will arrive in billets with the unit.  
It is of the greatest importance that transport should not be over-loaded in a continuous advance of this nature as this will lead inevitably to a breakdown. This means that all surplus kit must be got rid of in the advance.
  7. There will be a halt of 10 minutes commencing at 10 minutes before the clock hour throughout. Troops move on again at the hour. This halt does not take place during the march to the starting point until the main road of the advance is reached. Once on the main road, the halt rule will be strictly adhered to. Timing of the march to the starting point must allow for this halt when troops come on to the main road.
  8. There must be constant Staff supervision. Staff Officers must be on the roads helping and foreseeing difficulties. An Officer from each Brigade and D.A. Column should be at the starting point to check the commencement of each day's march.
  9. Other details requiring consideration are:
    - (a) Sentries in quartering areas should know where headquarters are and where Roads lead to.
    - (b) Headquarters of formations and units should be properly marked by day and night.
    - (c) Where possible, next headquarters should be forecasted and higher and lower formations informed.
    - (d) Arrival in quarters should be at once reported to the next higher formation.
    - (e) Strict orders for the control of cyclists should be issued to ensure that they are properly placed and controlled in the column.
    - (f) Bowman, clerks, and similar details must march in proper formation.
    - (g) At all halts Section Commanders will look over their Section and obtain reports from No's 1 that their Subsections are all correct.
    - (h) Dismounted men and Gunners will at all times keep clear of the Left of the Road to allow motor transport unhindered passage.
  10. Wireless communication must be freely used.  
Instructions for the employment of aeroplanes in maintaining communication along the column will be issued later.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. E. Beavis*

*for* Major.  
Brigade Major.  
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 47.

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Headquarters,  
24.11.1918.

MOVE TO THE RHINE.

1. F.P. COMPOUND will not accompany the Corps in any forward move. No more men will be received at the Compound. Units will at once notify D.A.H.Q. which men, now serving sentences in the Compound, they do not wish to rejoin their Units. Arrangements will then be made for the disposal of these men, and they will be sent, on completion of their sentence, to Corps Reinforcement Camp.
2. SAFE CUSTODY COMPOUND. will also not accompany the Corps in any forward move. No more men will be sent to the Safe Custody Compound. A list of the men there is being prepared and will be communicated to Units concerned. Units will arrange to dispose of the cases of men there forthwith. A list of those who cannot be disposed of will be furnished to this office, with an explanation against each, of the reason. Instructions as to their disposal will then be issued. It is proposed to establish a Court to sit at the Compound for a week or less to dispose of as many cases as possible.
3. BAD CHARACTERS. Units will at once prep are lists of bad characters whom they do not wish to accomp any Unit. Orders for their disposal will be issued as early as possible. Steps to Prevent. : any further men rejoining their units under suspended sentences have already been taken.
4. COURTS MARTIAL CASES. All papers in connection with outstanding F.G.C.M. cases will be completed and sent to this office forthwith.

*Edg. H. Booth*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.  
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 48.

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Headquarters,  
24.11.1918.

MOVE TO THE RHINE

1. VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS. Attention is directed to D.A.D.V.S. Circular Memorandum re the above which has been issued to all concerned.
2. CAPTURED STOCKS OF SUPPLIES. With reference to cap tured stocks it is recognised that there is considerable difficulty in dealing with these while the Armies are advancing, but until general instructions on the subject are received, the following are the principles to be followed in France and Belgium. :-
  1. Those dumps which are obviously the property of the enemy should be reported and disposed of as far as circumstances permit, under para. 154 F.E & A Regulations.
  2. In cases where there is doubt as to whether the dumps belong to the enemy or civilians, the needs of the troops must first be met and a record kept as to quantities taken, and the locality from which taken. The assistance of Liaison Officers should be asked for when possible in deciding such cases.
  3. In these cases, where the supplies are clearly the property of civilians, the usual procedure should be adopted, i.e. :-
    - i. Purchase, if ownership is established and the owner is present - or
    - ii. Requisition through the medium of the French or Belgian Mission Officers. Should there be no civil authority present in the Commune to whom a requisition note can be handed, the original and duplicate should be sent to the Central Requisition Officer for transmission to the Director of Intendance Services of the Mission concerned. These notes should give the fullest information possible to assist in the identification of the locality and, in any case, the name of the Commune or Municipality must be stated.
  4. No bread-making cereals should be taken under any circumstances
  5. It is understood that with reference to instances under (1) it may be difficult to guard any remains of such stocks, after all possible issues are made. In the absence of assistance by guards detailed by Army or Corps Headquarters, the best arrangements for disposal should be made, under instructions from D.A.H.Q., either by obtaining the assistance of the Salvage Officers or possibly/



possibly by handing over to a neighbouring civilian authority and a receipt obtained. It is quite impossible under present circumstances to send additional Supply personnel to assist in supervising any dumps left, and while the provisions of para 154 of F.E.A Regulations should be followed when practicable, sufficient records should be kept to explain the circumstances which prevented their being carried out.

6. In the event of operations in enemy's territory and in the absence of any general instructions on the subject, Requisitions should be adopted and no payments made.

3. FIRES IN RAILWAY TRUCKS. An instance has occurred in which, through the use of a naked candle, the hay in a truck containing sick horses under transport to the Receiving Veterinary Hospital, was set on fire with the result that the attendant and two horses were nearly suffocated and one mule badly burned. The use of naked lights in horse trucks is prohibited and strict orders should be issued to that effect. Attention is called to G.R.O. No.1345 regarding the prohibition of braziers in railway vehicles. Smoking in railway trucks is also prohibited.

4. DIVISIONAL DUMPS. It has been decided that no dumps will be established in this Area. Everything is to be taken and arrangements will be made later as regards forward dumps.

*E. H. Booth* Cap tain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 49.

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Headquarters,  
25.11.1918.MOVE TO THE REINE.

Reference March to Aust. Corps Concentration Area.

1. BILLETING. 12th. Army Brigade A.F.A., 13th. and 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigades, 5th. Aust. D.A.C. and 10th. A.A.S.C. will each detail one Officer, with batman and kit, to report to Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery at 1100 on the 26th. inst. at 5th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. as advanced Billeting Party. This party will proceed 24 hours ahead of the main body by Motor Lorry. Grooms with horses of this advanced party will report to Town Major, FRESNOY-le-GRAND at 1500 on the 26th. inst. Rations for horses and men of advanced Billeting Party will be carried by Motor Lorry under arrangements made by 5th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. Main Billeting party of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Battery and Section D.A.C. and B.A.C. will report to Staff Captain at the Office of the Town Major, FRESNOY-le-GRAND at 0900 on 27th. inst. Advanced report centre for 28th. inst. will be notified later.
2. SUPPLIES. for consumption on 28th. inst. will be drawn at Supply Dump, ATHIES, at 1500 on the 26th. inst., and carried on A.S.C. Wagons on 27th. inst. Rations for consumption on 29th. inst. will be drawn at 1600 on 27th. inst., from Supply Dump to be established by 10th. A.A.S.C. at suitable site in FRESNOY-le-GRAND, precise location to be notified later. Baggage wagons will move with Units.
3. DUMPS and SICK HORSES. Carriers, Ammunition, Emergency and 6" Newton T.M. Super beds will be dumped at Area Commandant, ATHIES. No other stores or equipment will be left in the Area. Animals that cannot be moved, even if led, will be left under arrangements being made by Area Commandant, ATHIES, to whom they will be sent. Three days rations will be left with these animals. G.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.C. will detail necessary personnel, under the charge of a senior N.C.O. from M.T.L. Batteries to remain with these animals. Area Commandant, ATHIES, is arranging rations from 30th. inst. onwards. The above personnel will also be in charge of dumped material.
4. MOTOR TRANSPORT. To assist in moving Horse Rugs, sports material, etc., one lorry will report to C.O. 13th. Aust. F.A. Bde. and one lorry to C.O. 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade, at 1500 on the 26th. inst., and will be at the disposal of Brigade Commanders until arrival in the Concentration Area. One lorry will report to C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.C. at 1800 on 26th. inst. to move Tailors and Bootmakers shops and Dentist's Material, and will remain with 5th. Aust. D.A.C. until arrival in the Concentration Area. G.O. 12th. Army Brigade A.F.A. will make his own arrangements and distribution of M.T. Section attached.

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5. Y.M.C.A. C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.C. will arrange for 1 G.S. Wagon to carry Tent and Stores of Y.M.C.A., who are providing hot cocoa for men on arrival in billeting areas.
6. TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES. D.T.M.O. and 5th. Aust. M.T.M. Batteries nucleus will move attached to 5th. Aust. D.A.C. and under orders of C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A.C.  
Two G.S. Wagons per M.T.M. Battery are available under Corps Orders for transport of Guns and Stores.  
Super-beds will be dumped at Area Commandant, ATHIES.
7. ECHELONS. Units will move with Echelons full.
8. MEDICAL. A motor ambulance will follow in rear of the column for the evacuation of sick, etc.
9. SANITATION. Particular attention is directed to orders previously issued with regard to Sanitation.  
All units will obtain clearance certificates from the Area Commandant ATHIES.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 109

Headquarters  
25th November '18.

Reference Maps *ATHENS 17* } 1/100,000  
*ST. QUENTIN*

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery plus 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. will march from *ATHENS* to *BRESNOY* on 27th November in accordance with March Table attached.
2. Attention is called to March discipline and traffic control, as laid down in Artillery Instructions No. 1, 2, & 3.
3. All units will report to this office time of arrival in billets and map location of Headquarters.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. R. McClellan*  
Major:  
Brigade Major:  
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at *ATHENS* at 2345 to : -

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12th Army Brigade A.F.A.	1	Signals D.A.A.Q.	10
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	Area Commandant <i>ATHENS</i>	11
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	3	Town Major <i>BRESNOY</i>	12
5th Aust. D.A. Column	4	C.R.A.	13
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn.	5	Brigade Major	14
10th Coy A.A.S.C.	6	Staff Captain	15
14th Field Ambulance	7	Reconnaissance Officer	16
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# MARCH TABLE

Unit	Starting point	Route	Time
12th Army Brigade A.F.A.	Cross Roads immediately South of H in ESTREES-en-CHAUSSEE	VERMAND-BELL ENGLISH-SIQUENHART	0915
14th Aust.F.A.Brigade	Cross Roads immediately North of P in PRUSIE	- do -	0900
13th Aust.F.A.Brigade	- do -	- do -	0930
5th Aust.D.A.Column	- do -	- do -	1000



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 3

Headquarters,  
25th November 1918

ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

1. BRIGADE GROUPS.

In the event of the division moving by route march to the German frontier, the following will be the order of march and composition of Brigade Groups:-

"A" (14th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 14th A.I. Brigade  
14th A.I. Brigade  
14th A.L.T.M. Battery  
1-18 pdr Battery (to be detailed by C.O. 14th Aust. F.A. Bde)  
5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion  
14th Company 5th Machine Gun Battalion  
14th Field Company A.E.  
28th Company A.A.S.C.  
14th Aust. Field Ambulance (less detachment with "D" Group).  
Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

"B" (15th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 15th A.I. Brigade  
15th A.I. Brigade  
15th A.L.T.M. Battery  
1-18 pdr Battery (to be detailed by C.O. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.)  
H.Q. and 2 companies 5th Machine Gun Battalion  
15th Field Company A.E.  
29th Company A.A.S.C.  
15th Aust. Field Ambulance  
Detachment 5th Aust Sanitary Section

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"C" (8th A.I. Brigade) Group.

H.Q. 8th A.I. Brigade  
8th A.I. Brigade  
8th A.L.F. Battery  
1-18 pdr (to be detailed by C.O. 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade)  
8th Company 5th Machine Gun Battalion  
8th Field Company A.E.  
18th Company A.A.S.C.  
8th Aust. Field Ambulance  
Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section  
5th Aust. Divl. Salvage Company

"D" (5th Australian Divl. Artillery) Group.

H.Q. 5th Aust. Divl. Artillery  
13th Aust.F.A. Brigade  
14th Aust.F.A. Brigade } Less 3-18 pdr batteries  
12th Army Brigade A.F.A.  
3 sections 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery  
9th and 10th H.T.M. Batteries  
5th Aust. D.A. Column  
5th Aust. Mobile Vet. Section  
10th Company A.A.S.C.  
Detachments 14th Field Ambulance  
Detachment 5th Aust. Sanitary Section

2. REAR GUARDS.

"A", "B", "C" Groups will each detail an infantry rear guard and  
"D" Group will detail a mounted rear guard.  
Each rear guard will be commanded by a senior officer who will be  
mounted. An Officer, not below the rank of Captain, will be detail-  
ed by 13th Aust.F.A. Bde to command the "D" Group rear guard. (for  
duties see Sect 74 F.S. Regulations, Part I.)

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. Mellan  
Major.  
Brigade Major.

5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at ATHIES at 1300 to all recipients of Instructions No. 2



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 2

Headquarters,  
25th November '18.

ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

1. In order to ensure representation of the 3rd Australian Division in the Australian Corps during the advance to the Rhine and the occupation of hostile territory, one section of each battery of 3rd Divisional Artillery will be attached to divisional artilleries and Australian army brigades in the Corps. Six sections of 18-pdrs and two 4.5" Howitzer sections of 3rd Divisional Artillery in all will be allowed.
2. The allocation of sections will be as follows:-
  - 1 section 4.5" Hows to 14th Aust.F.A.Bde.
  - 1 section 18 pdrs to 14th Aust.F.A.Bde.
  - 1 section 18 pdrs to 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
3. Detailed orders for the attachment will be issued by G.O.C., R.A. All details will be worked out and preparations completed, but sections will not move to join the brigades to which they are detailed until further orders.
4. In the event of the Australian Corps being required to march, the 4th Australian Division will march on the right road, and the 1st Australian Division on the left road. The 4th and 1st Australian Divisions will establish a liaison with the 32nd and 6th Divisions respectively. These are the two rear divisions of the IX Corps. Divisions will arrange direct for a staff officer provided with a car to move with the advance of the 32nd and 6th Divisions, to report on roads, billeting accommodation, billeting plans of the divisions to which attached and any other information which may be of value to their own divisions.
5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MARCH.
  - (a) Division detailed to march will establish divisional depots, each under the command of a senior officer. These depots will be located in a place convenient to a railway station. Preparations for the establishment of depots will be made and everything will be ready to establish the depot on receipt of orders to march. In event of the divisions moving by train, it will be unnecessary to establish these depots.
  - (b) A.A.guns of batteries of artillery will be carried on the march.

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(c) The issue of instructions alone is not sufficient; officers must be detailed to ascertain by personal supervision that instructions are carried out.

# 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. P. M. M. M.*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
5th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	2	C.R.A.	11
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	3	Brigade Major	12
5th Aust. D.A. Column	4	Staff Captain	13
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 110

Headquarters,  
27th November, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, plus the 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., will continue the march from FRESNOY to ST. SOULET on the 28th November, 1918, in accordance with the March Table attached.
2. Cocks and other vehicles marching in advance of the column will pass the starting point at 8 a.m. in the following order - 13th Aust. F.A. Bde, 14th Aust. F.A. Bde, 5th Aust. D.A. Co., 12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A. Each Brigade's vehicles under an N.C.O.
3. Care must be taken that when main column is moving to the starting point the roads in FRESNOY-le-Grand are not congested and the following will be the priority of traffic - 13th Aust. F.A. Bde, 14th Aust. F.A. Bde, 5th Aust. D.A. Co., 12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. R. Mellow*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

Issued at FRESNOY-le-Grand at 2000 27/11/18.

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13th Aust. F.A. Bde	2	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	12
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	3	Town Major, ST. SOULET	13
5th Aust. D.A. Column	4	Town Major, FRESNOY	14
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn	5	C.R.A.	15
10th Coy, A.A.S.C.	6	Brigade Major	16
14th Aust. Field Ambulance	7	Staff Captain	17
5th Aust. Sanitary Section	8	Reconnaissance Officer	18
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# MARCH TABLE.

Unit.	Starting Point	Route	Time
1st Aust. F.A. Bde	Railway & Road crossing main FRESNOY-le-Grand - BOCHAIN Road.	BOCHAIN, VAUX- AUDIGNY, MOLAIN, ST. MARTIN, ST. SCUPLLET.	1000
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	" "	" "	1030
5th Aust. D.A. Column	" "	" "	1100
12th (Army) Bde, A.I.A.	" "	" "	1130

First halt will take place at 1050 when distances between  
Units will be adjusted.



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AMENDMENT No. 1 to 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 110.

Headquarters,  
27th November, 1918.

1. Route will be amended to read -  
"BOHAIN - VAUX-AUDIGNY - LA HAIE MONTGROSSIE - ST.  
SOUPLET".
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 50.

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Headquarters,  
29.11.1918.

1. Units of 12th. Army Brigade A.F.A. billeted in St. BENIN Area will move to RIBEAUVILLE on the 30th. Novr. 1918. Units to be clear of St. BENIN by 1200.
2. Headquarters, 12th. Army Brigade A.F.A. and Units 13th. Army Brigade A.F.A. will concentrate in RIBEAUVILLE on the 30th. Nov.
3. Billeting parties will proceed to RIBEAUVILLE forthwith and take over accomodation from 53rd. Battalion, 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
4. Receipts will be obtained from Area Commandant St. SOUPLET for tents vacated.

*E. H. D.*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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Area Com'dt. MAZINGHEIM.	2
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As at 1200 30/11/18  
 FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.R.A., Brigadier-General H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.  
 DISPOSITION RETURN No. 4  
 Reference VALENCIENNES 1/100,000  
 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q.  
 ST. SOUPLET  
 6.G.35.71

UNIT.	LOCATION.	
13th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	ST. SOUPLET	6.G.37.72
49th Battery	"	6.G.38.75
50th "	"	6.G.38.71
51st "	"	6.G.34.70
113th "	"	6.G.43.71
14th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.	ST. SOUPLET	6.G.47.65
53rd Battery	"	6.G.47.66
54th "	"	6.G.49.67
55th "	"	6.G.48.64
114th "	"	6.G.47.65
12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A., H.Q.	RIBEAUVILLE	6.H.07.59
45th Battery	MAZINGHIEN	6.H.15.61
46th "	RIBEAUVILLE	6.H.10.49
47th "	RIBEAUVILLE	6.H.07.55
112th "	MAZINGHIEN	6.H.23.65
B.A.C.	RIBEAUVILLE	6.H.02.52
5th Aust. D.A. Column, H.Q.	L'ARBRE DE GUISE	6.G.87.65
No. 1 Section	MAZINGHIEN	6.H.27.64
No. 2 "	L'ARBRE DE GUISE	6.G.86.71
10th Coy, A.A.S.C.	ST. SOUPLET	6.G.40.68

*LC Beavis*

Major,  
 for Reconnaissance Officer,  
 5th Aust. Divl Artillery,



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDER No. 52.

- by -

Brig-General H. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O.

C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division.  
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Headquarters,  
30.11.1918.

365. - FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

Reference 5th.Aust.D.A.R.O. No.57 para 350.

The Court therein detailed will re-assemble at Headquarters, 13th.Aust.F.A.Brigade, St.Sauplet, at 1400 on 3rd.prox., for the purpose of trying by F.B.C.M., the accused person named below, and any other person or persons who may be brought before them.

No. 5224 Driver T.White. 10th.Coy. A.A.S.C.

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

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

366. - STRENGTH.

2/Lieut. A.S.P.Bacey, having reported from R.A. Cadet School, is taken on strength, and posted for duty with 5th.Aust. D.A.C. Dated 29.11.18.

367. - PROMOTION.

926. Bty.S.M. Patrick Joseph Doyle to be temp. Bde.S.M.(T/W.O.Class I), 14th.F.A.Bde., vice Daniels to Aust. on Furlough. Dated 16.11.18.  
(Authority - A.I.F. List No.413 dated 22.11.18).

368. - FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

Particular attention will be paid by all Units to Fire Precautions, detailed instructions for which have been issued to all concerned.

369. - CONGRATULATORY.

Extract from Aust.Corps R.O.51 para 283 of 24.11.18.  
"The Corps Commander wishes to express his appreciation of the gallant services rendered by the undermentioned during the recent operations :-

Lieut. J.T.V.Smith - 113th.Hov.Bty.A.F.A."

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376. - ORDERS.

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

General Routine Orders. - Paras 5647 - 5689.

- 5647. Courses at Ordnance Colloge, Woolwich.
- 5648. A.F.B.213.
- 5652. Commissions-Indian Army and Reserve of Officers.
- 5653. Disposal of kits and effects.
- 5662. Emery Cloth - Economy in the use of.
- 5664. Permanent Commissions.
- 5665. Prisoner of War Companies.
- 5669. Leave Returns. 5679. Horse Respirators.
- 5682. Postal Censorship. 5687. Permits to sketch.
- 5689. By-products, Cookhouse - Issue of Fat Presses.

Fourth Army Routine Orders. - Paras 2680 - 2687.

- 2681. Officers & Other Ranks proficient in German Language.
- 2683. Billeting in re-conquered territory.
- 2684. Billeting in Belgium.
- 2685. Requisitions in reconquered Territory.

A.I.F. Orders. - Paras 1442 - 1459.

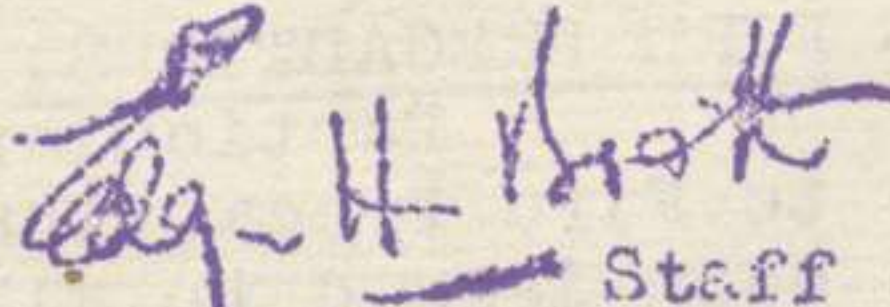
- 1447. Movement, Australian Records Section, 3rd. Echelon G.H.Q.
- 1452. Employment 'A' Class Personnel.

Aust. Corps Routine Orders. - Paras 282 - 290.

- 286. Leave to Abbeville. 287. Care of Feet.
- 288. Shooting of Game. 289. Aust. Pay Office, Paris.

5th. Aust. Div. Routine Orders. - Paras 427 - 434.

- 429. Education Service.
- 431. Colour Patches on Steel Helmets.

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