

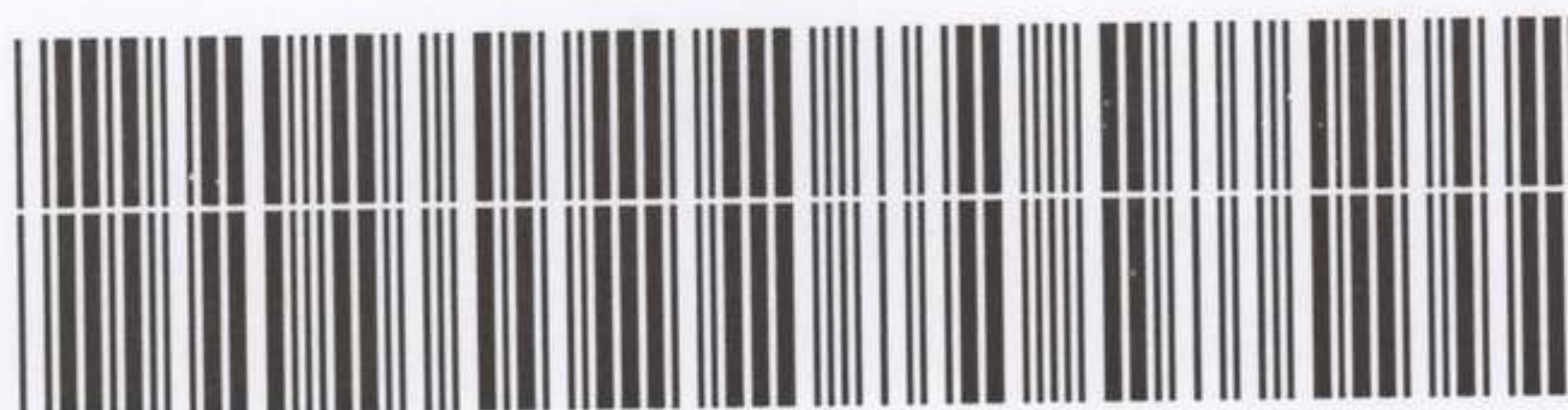
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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Devon Camp	1-11-18		D. A. informed Bde Hqd Qtrs that we would have to move on the 2 nd Inst from Devon to Dettingen Camp. Bde Order 197 issued re relief of Bde. Bde Order 198 issued re move per rail.	
"	2 nd		Bde Hqd Qtrs moved into Dettingen Camp. Orders issued to Batteries re entraining. Bde order 199	
Dettingen Camp	3 rd		Btys out with Waggon being trained in Battery manoeuvre. All Artillery Officers that could be spared attended a lecture at Lock 8. by Brig Gen Bennett. 3 rd Inf Bde. Order no 200 re relief issued. One section per Battery relieved during the night by sections of Batteries of 9 th Division.	
	4 th		Col inspected all Batteries horses + harness during morning. Order 201 issued. Remaining sections of Batteries relieved by 9 th Division Batteries. Order No 202 issued re move.	
	5 th		The Brigade complete now at Dettingen Camp. Informed by D A that we would entrain on the 8 th .	

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Dettingen Camp	6 th		CO visited all Batteries lines. Order no 203 issued re entraining also 204.	
La Clytte.	7 th		" " " " "	
"	8 th		At 4 am Hq 2 nd Bde marched to Goedseveldt and entrained. Train left Goedseveldt at 9.50 am and arrived St Roch Amiens at 8 pm we detrained and marched via Ailly, St Vast, & Vignacourt to St Ouen.	
St Ouen	9 th		The Batteries arrived at St Ouen.	
"	10 th		CO visited Batteries lines. 8.30 pm ordered to move at 9 am 11 th to Vaulx en Amienois. 12 midnight, move at 9 am 11 th cancelled, but Brigade to be prepared to entrain at short notice.	
"	11 th		10 am Photograph of Brigade Officers taken. 11 am Brig Generals Coxen & Anderson visited Batteries lines. 2 pm Orders that 1 st Aust Div will entrain at St Roch on the 11 th and 12 th Inst for 2 nd Army Area.	
"	12 th		2 nd Bde moved via Vignacourt Wood to Allonville.	
Allonville		2 pm	Orders that the Bde would move at 8.30 am 13 th to St Roch & there entrain.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Altonville	13 th	6-30am	Move put back	
		1pm	Bde Hd 2 nd moved out and entrained + left St Roch at 6 pm	
	14 th	9am	detrailed at Cassell and at 11 am moved via Wallon chapel to Le Grand Hasard. (Hazebroucks) here the Brigade took up positions	
			Wagon Lines at D15A. Bde Hd 2 nd at D17E and Batteries 4 th at D18C 5 th at D17d. 6 th at D17A and 102 nd at D23A.	
Le Tir Anglais	15 th		Selected OP for Btys to register and same carried out in the Afternoon	
			Orders received re SOS lines etc. Operation order No. 1 issued	
	16 th		Orders received re posts forming our front line. and that a French Corps on the left would be attacking at 6 pm One battalion of 1 st Bde detailed to keep touch between right of the french and left of us.	
		6-30 pm.	All Btys SOS. plus 300 yds + search 300 yds at half SOS for 15 minutes	
		7-58 "	" " " "	
		10-12 "	" " " "	
		12 midnight.	order issued re shoot to take place 430 to 6 am 17 th	
			Operation Orders No 2. + 4 Issued	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Le Tir Anglais	17 th	4-30 am	Bty's opened as per Order No 4.	
		10-13 am	SO ordered by DA.	
		11 am	Enemy shelling our Forward area with 18 pdrs.	
		4-30 pm	Bty's fired as per Order no 4.	
		2 to 5	"Two of our Aeroplanes driven down in our Area.	
		7	"Area of Bde Hd Quarters shelled with 4.2 1 Casualty only in this Bde.	
	18 th		CO selected new Bty positions informed LRA, the LRA then informed him that a Brigade were relieving us they would occupy the new positions. Counter preparation fire throughout the day. Orders issued re the move.	
	19 th	4-30 am	Batteries fired a series approx (1000 rds for the Bde.)	
		2 pm	Orders issued re the move. Operation order no 5.	
		720 pm	Counter preparation fired.	
		12 midnight	Move cancelling move as per Operation order no 5.	

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Le Havre	20 th	4-15 am	Counter preparation fired also at 7-20 am, 8-5 am.		
		1 pm	6 th Bty moved forward to E 7 c.		
	21 st	8-30 am	4 th Bty moved to Caestre + relieved A Bty 285 Bde		
		2 pm	5 th Bty " " " " " B " "		
Caestre	22 nd	830 am	Hd Ltr moved to Caestre + relieved Hd Ltr 285 Bde R 7 A.		
		"	6 th Bty " " " " " 6 Bty 285 Bde		
		3 pm	102 nd " " " " " D " "		
	23 rd	9 am	CO with C + D Bty commanders went forward + selected new positions for them.		
		5 pm	6 Bty 6 th moved forward to new position. 6 th Bty 7 casualties at night.		
		2 pm	15 th Corps Camouflage Officer visited and advised Bty Commanders.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Baesthe.	24 th		CO and Bty commander of 5 th Bty went forward + selected new position.	
		8 pm.	5 th Bty moved to new position had over night 2 hours killed no casualties to personnel	
		9-30	Fired in answer to S.O.S. call.	
	25 th		CO + Brigade Major visited all Batteries	
		24.5 am.	102 nd Bty reported having opened fire in answer to S.O.S. (This proved to be not on our front)	
		5.5 to 5.15 am.	All Batteries opened as per Counter preparation scheme.	
	26 th		G.O.C. R.A. + CO visited 4 th + 5 th Btys.	
		3 pm	102 nd Bty shelled Lt. Frieder wounded not evacuated.	
			Counter preparation carried out at 4.45 to 4.55 am.	
	27 th		CO + Bty commanders visited Bty positions selected for 1 st Zone Reserve line.	
			Counter preparation carried out 3.30 to 5.5 am.	

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Caestre	28 th	11-20 ^{pm} 10 4am	All batteries carried out harassing fire	
		4-35 ^{pm}	Lieut Burnett wounded arm + head evacuated	
"	29 th	6-30 ^{am}	B.H.Q heavily shelled also 102 nd Wagon line Lieut R H Ch ^c Nicol died of wounds & 11 men killed Capt Patterson wounded knee 2/Lt Evans wounded buttock & leg 7 men also wounded ^{all} evacuated B.H.Q moved to new quarters Harassing fire was carried out by all batteries 10-25 ^{am} to 1-55 ^{pm}	W.Y.W.
"	30 th	9-30 ^{am}	C.O. visited all Battery positions and discussed plan with BC's in case of a retirement.	W.Y.W.
		10-30 ^{pm} 10 3-2 ^{am}	Harassing fire carried out by all batteries.	
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By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 15th APRIL 1918.

1. After the arrival of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery in action, the 1st Australian Division will be supported by the following Field Artillery under the command of C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division.

RIGHT GROUP Covering Right Infantry Brigade front.

1st Aust. Div. Artillery.
119th Army Brigade R.F.A.

LEFT GROUP Covering Left Infantry Brigade front.

57th Div. Artly.) Grouped under C.R.A. 57th Division, who will
64th Army Bde R.F.A.) be under the orders of C.R.A., 1st Australian
28th Army Bde R.F.A.) Division.

2. The C.R.A. 34th Div'n has arranged to cover Right Half of Right Group Sector with the 152nd Brigade R.F.A.

3. The disposition of Brigades on RIGHT GROUP front is as under :-
RIGHT GROUP: 152nd Bde R.F.A. Southern Divisional boundary to East
(34th Div. Artly.) and West line through SECLIN (W.22.c.8.3)

119th Army Bde East and West line through SECLIN to
R.F.A. Inter-Brigade (Infantry) boundary (line
joining E.18. Central - E.9. Central.)

1st Aust. F.A. Bde Superimposed on 152nd Bde R.F.A.

2nd Aust. F.A. Bde Superimposed on 119th Army Bde R.F.A.

4. As soon as the location of an attack has been definitely established, Superimposed Brigades will be switched as required by Infantry Brigade Commanders and under orders from the Artillery Group Commanders.

5. Overlaps of 200 yards at junction of Groups and Brigades will be allowed for.

6. No guns on 1st Aust. Div. front will shoot NORTH of the Grid line between Squares X.19.20.21.22 and X.25.26.27.28.

7. This order will take effect from 6 p.m. 15th April, 1918.

8. In the event of S.O.S. all 18 Pdr Batteries will open fire on the following lines :-

4th BATTERY: E.17.d.35.65 to E.11.d.50.00
5th BATTERY: E.23.b.05.30 to E.17.d.35.65
6th BATTERY: E.23.c.00.10 to E.23.c.00.30 to E.23. central to E.23.b.05.30
102nd BATTERY: Superimposed over E.23.c.60.00 to E.11.d.50.00

9. RATES OF FIRE: 18 Pdrs: 1st 5 minutes - 4 rds per gun per min.
2nd 5 minutes - 3 rds per gun per min.
3rd 5 minutes - 2 rds per gun per min.
4.5" Hows 1st 5 minutes - 2 rds per How per min.
2nd 5 minutes - 1 rd per How per min.
3rd 5 minutes - 1 rd per How per min.

or as near to above rates as ranges at which Batteries are firing at will allow.

10. AMMUNITION: 100 rounds per gun will be kept at each position, and in addition Limbers at Battery positions will be kept filled. Wagons at Battery Wagon Lines will also be kept filled.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 2

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O. Commanding. 16th APRIL, 1918.

1. Until further orders the S.O.S. Line for 102nd BATTERY will be as under :-

102nd HOWITZER BATTERY One How on each of the following points :-

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|------------------|------------------|
| E. 23. c. 38. 75 | E. 24. c. 40. 80 |
| E. 24. a. 13. 37 | E. 23. b. 40. 88 |
| E. 17. d. 90. 02 | E. 17. d. 47. 84 |

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 4

By Lieut. Col. D. H. R. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 17th APR-1918-

1. Counter preparation will be carried out by the French Artillery and the Artillery of the IX, XV and XXII Corps on the morning of 17th April, 1918.

2. This fire will take place between 4.30 a.m. and 6 a.m.

3. Heavy artillery are dealing with the area more than 1000 yards East of the enemy front line.

4. Field Artillery will fire on the zone between the enemy front line and a line 1000 yards East of enemy front line.

5. The programme for this Brigade will be as follows :-

(a) Batteries will fire on areas detailed below.

(b) Special attention will be paid to Farm Buildings and other places in which the enemy may be expected to concentrate.

(c) Fire will be in irregular bursts during the period 4.30 a.m. to 6 a.m., no burst being less than three or more than five minutes in duration. No interval between bursts will be more than ten minutes.

(d) Areas for Batteries are :-

4th BATTERY: E.30.a.

5th BATTERY: E.24.c.

6th BATTERY: E.29.b.

102nd BATTERY: E.29.b. E.30.a. and E.24.c.

(e) At 5.55 a.m. all 18 Pdrs will drop on to their S.O.S. lines and remain for 3 minutes at 2 rounds per gun per minute. Then lift plus 300 yards and remain for three minutes at one round pper gun per minute. Then cease fire.

6. Expenditure will be : 18 Pdrs - 40 rounds per Gun
4.5" Hows - 40 rounds per How.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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By Lt. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 18th APRIL, 1918.

1. 1st Australian Divisional Artillery and 57th Divisional Artillery will exchange positions.
The exchange will be effected in accordance with Table "A" attached:
1st Aust. F.A. Brigade will exchange with 286th Brigade R.F.A.
2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade will exchange with 285th Brigade R.F.A.
2. The exchange will take place by half Batteries :-
First half on morning of 20th April, 1918,
Second half on morning of 21st April, 1918.
3. Guns will not be exchanged. Aiming posts will be exchanged where possible.
Ammunition at positions will be taken over and handed over. Transfer certificates in duplicate will be forwarded to reach this office when handing over is completed.
4. On each day guns of 57th Div. Artillery will remain in action until arrival of gunners of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.
5. Each Battery will send one responsible officer (accompanied by another if desired) to the position of the Battery which it is to relieve, on the morning of the 19th instant. This officer will take over all details concerning the new position.
6. Battery Commanders will accompany the second half of their Batteries and will take over command of the new positions on arrival.
7. Command of guns in positions now occupied by 285th Brigade R.F.A. will pass to Major A.W. DODD, M.C., 6th Bty, 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade at 9 a.m. on 21st instant on departure of C.O., 285th Brigade and until arrival of C.O., 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade.
8. Command of guns in positions now occupied by 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade will pass to C.O., 285th Brigade on his arrival at present 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade Headquarters.
9. Guns of 1st Aust. Div. Artillery will be clear of their present positions and will have commenced their march to 57th Div. Artillery positions by 6 a.m. on each day.
10. Wagons lines will move at the following hours each day :-

4th BATTERY	-	6.30 a.m.
5th BATTERY	-	7.00 a.m.
6th BATTERY	-	7.30 a.m.
102nd BATTERY	-	8.00 a.m.
11. Route to be followed will be as follows :-
LE GRAND HASARD - D.3.c.8.4 - V.20.d.1.2 - V.20.Central -
V.20.b.4.3 - W.20.b.4.2 - V.20.b.8.2 - V.20.b.8.7 - V.15.d.1.2 -
V.15.d.1.5 - La KREULE thence as detailed by Brigade Commanders.
12. Major P. TEARE, 5th Battery, will relieve the Liaison Officer of 57th Div. Artillery at present with 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters at W.25.a.50.20 by 10 a.m. on 20th instant.
The Liaison Officer at 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde H.Qrs at D.24.a.8.2 is being relieved on 20th instant by an Officer of 57th Div. Artillery.
13. On completion of relief the front of the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade will be covered as follows :-
1st Aust. F.A. Bde - Present Inter-Brigade Boundary to E.6.Central.
28th Army Bde R.F.A. Superimposed on 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade
2nd Aust. F.A. Bde - E.6.Central to X.20.c.8.8
64th Army Bde R.F.A. Superimposed on 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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TABLE "A"

To accompany 2nd Aust.F.A. Brigade Operatn Order No.

2nd Aust.F.A. Brigade exchanged with 235th Brigade R.F.A. 57th D.A.

by reference to
the following
and

Army Form C 5112

UNIT-	POSITION:	W.LINES:	UNIT:	POSITION:	W.LINES,
H.Q. 2nd B.A. Bde	D.17.a.55.00	D.15.a.	H.Q. 235th Bde R.F.A.	W.2.d.1.8	
4th Bty	D.13.c.8.5	D.15.b.	A/235 Bde	W.9.d.1.1	W.1.a.2.8
5th Bty	D.17.d.3.8	D. 9.c.	B/235 Bde 2 guns 2 guns	W.10.c.6.2 W. 8.b.1.9	do
6th Bty	D.17.a.2.8	D.15.a.	C/235 Bde	W.8.b.3.4	W.8.a.5.2
102nd Bty	D.23.a.99.90	D.15.b.	D/235 Bde	W.9.c.8.2	V.1.b.9.4

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ADDENDUM TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 5

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 19th April, 1918.

1. Reference para 10. Routes to be followed by Batteries are as under :-
- | | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| 4th BATTERY | } | V.5.c.50.05 - W.7.a.20.90 - W.1.c.40.00 |
| 5th BATTERY | | |
| 6th BATTERY | | |
| 102nd BATTERY | | V.5.c.50.05 - W.7.a.20.90 - W.3.a.50.20 |
| | | V.11.c.10.40 - V.11.c.90.60. |
2. Reference Table "A".
Location of Wagon Lines for 102nd Battery relieving D/238 Brigade R.F.A. is altered to read V.11.b.9.4 and not V.1.b.9.4 as shown.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 19th APRIL, 1918.

1. Para 10 of Operation Order No. 5 is cancelled and the following substituted :-

- (a) Wagon Lines of 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade will move complete on 21st instant.
- (b) On each day, the Wagon Lines of each Battery will move in two halves, in accordance with the following table :-

Half	4th Battery	7.00 a.m.
"	5th Battery	7.30 a.m.
"	6th Battery	8.00 a.m.
"	102nd Battery	8.30 a.m.
"	4th Battery	2.00 p.m.
"	5th Battery	2.30 p.m.
"	6th Battery	3.00 p.m.
"	102nd Battery	3.30 p.m.

- (c) On arrival of half wagon lines of 1st Aust. Div. Artillery half wagon lines of 57th Div. Artillery will move to Wagon Lines of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.
- (d) Wagon Lines in any position will be responsible for the supply of ammunition to the guns in the position to which that Wagon Line belongs.

2. Reference Table "A" -

Locations of A/285 and B/285 Bde R.F.A. being relieved by 4th and 5th Batteries respectively should be altered to read as under :-

A/285 Bde R.F.A.	W.9.c.0.1
B/285 Bde R.F.A.	W.14.b.2.8

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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SECRET: OPERATION ORDER NO. 6.

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By Lt.Col.D.H.MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 30th APRIL 1918.

1. Counter-Preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning
21st instant from 4.10 a.m. to 4.35 a.m. and from 5 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.
Total expenditure will be at the rate of 40 rounds per Gun and How per
hour.

2. Areas for Batteries are as follows :-

4th BATTERY	-	E.17.d.
5th BATTERY	-	E.17.d.
6th BATTERY	-	E.17.b.
102nd BATTY	-	E.17.b and d.

3. No shooting will take place in the following squares :-

E.23.a.b.c. and d. E.24.a and c. E.29.a and b. E.30.a and b.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 21st APR. 1918.

1. Counter-Preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning
22nd instant at the following hours :-

4 a.m. to 4.25 a.m.

4.45 a.m. to 5.15 a.m.

Total expenditure 40 rds
per Gun and How per hour.

Targets as follows :-

A/285

B/285

6th Battery

102nd Battery

E.17.d.

E.17.d.

E.17.b.

E.17.b. and d.

2. No firing will take place on following squares from
2.45 a.m. to 5 a.m. E.23.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 23rd April, 1918

1. Zones laid down for S.O.S. and Harassing fire for 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade are as follows :-

RIGHT BOUNDARY: X.26.d.4.0 to W.24.b.0.5
LEFT BOUNDARY: X.27.Central to X.13.a.0.0

2. The S.O.S. Barrage Line is as follows :-
X.25.b.85.15 to X.20.d.60.35.

3. The Barrage Line is divided into three Sections, each of which is again sub-divided into three lanes of fire. Sections are allotted to Batteries as follows :-

4th BATTERY from X.20.d.60.35 to X.20.d.00.00
1st Lane of Fire: X.20.d.60.35 to X.20.d.40.25
2nd Lane of Fire: X.20.d.40.25 to X.20.d.20.10
3rd Lane of Fire: X.20.d.20.10 to X.20.d.00.00

5th BATTERY from X.20.d.00.00 to X.26.a.45.55
1st Lane of Fire: X.20.d.00.00 to X.26.a.85.80
2nd Lane of Fire: X.26.a.85.80 to X.26.a.65.70
3rd Lane of Fire: X.26.a.65.70 to X.26.a.45.55

6th BATTERY: from X.26.a.45.55 to X.25.b.85.15
1st Lane of Fire: X.26.a.45.55 to X.26.a.25.40
2nd Lane of Fire: X.26.a.25.40 to X.26.a.05.35
3rd Lane of Fire: X.26.a.05.35 to X.25.b.85.15.

4. 10th BATTERY will Barrage as follows :-

1 How. X.20.d.35.00
1 How. X.26.b.00.75
1 How. X.26.a.70.50
1 How. X.26.a.35.30
2 Hows. Roads and Hedges in X.26.b. c. and d.

5. Throughout S.O.S. Barrage batteries will fire on lanes in their Sections alternatively for one minute, commencing with Lane No. 1.

All guns will search back to 200 yards in lifts of 50 yards.

It will be observed that the fire Unit consists of the whole of the guns of the Battery and that in firing on each lane the frontage covered by each gun will be approximately 25 yards. Parallelism of lines of fire is all important and this must be frequently checked by air bursts observed from the Battery.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

A. McArthur Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 9.

COPY NO. 8

by Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 25th April, 1918.

REFERENCE OPERATION ORDER NO. 8.

1. Consequent on the change of position of the 6th Battery, the S.O.S. Barrage Line is now allotted to Batteries as under.

2. The Barrage Line is divided into three Sections, each of which is again sub-divided into three Lanes of Fire. Sections are allotted to Batteries as follows :-

6th BATTERY: from X.20.d.60.35 to X.20.d.00.00

1st Lane of Fire	X.20.d.60.35 to X.20.d.40.25
2nd Lane of Fire	X.20.d.40.25 to X.20.d.20.10
3rd Lane of Fire	X.20.d.20.10 to X.20.d.00.00

5th BATTERY: from X.20.d.00.00 to X.26.a.45.55

1st Lane of Fire	X.20.d.00.00 to X.26.a.35.80
2nd Lane of Fire	X.26.a.35.80 to X.26.a.65.70
3rd Lane of Fire	X.26.a.65.70 to X.26.a.45.55

4th BATTERY: from X.26.a.45.55 to X.25.b.35.15

1st Lane of Fire	X.26.a.45.55 to X.26.a.25.40
2nd Lane of Fire	X.26.a.25.40 to X.26.a.05.25
3rd Lane of Fire	X.26.a.05.25 to X.25.b.35.15

102nd BATTERY will barrage as follows :-

1 How.	X.20.d.35.00
1 How.	X.26.b.00.75
1 How.	X.26.a.70.50
1 How.	X.26.a.35.30
2 Hows	Roads and Hedges in X.26.h. c. and d.

3. Throughout S.O.S. Barrage Batteries will fire on lanes in their Sections alternatively for one minute, commencing with Lane No. 1.

All guns will search back to 200 yards in lifts of 50 yards.

It will be observed that the fire Unit consists of the whole of the guns of the Battery and that in firing on each lane the frontage covered by each gun will be approximately 25 yards. Parallelism of Lines of Fire is all important and this must be frequently checked by air bursts observed from the Battery.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. McArthur Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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Copy No. 7	F I L E
Copy No. 8	War Diary.

WAR DIARY

1. The Barrage Line is divided into three Sections, each of which is again sub-divided into three Lanes of Fire. Sections are allotted to Batteries as follows :-

(Excess working of battery)

References to events and information

Army Form C 5112

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SECRET : ADDENDUM TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 9.

COPY NO. 8.

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 27th Apr. 1918.
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1. Para 3 of OPERATION ORDER NO. 9 dated 25th April-1918, is cancelled and the following substituted :-

Throughout S.O.S. barrage Batteries will fire on lanes in their Sections alternatively for three (3) minutes, commencing with LEFT lane.

All guns will search back to 300 yards in lifts of 50 yards.

It will be observed that the fire Unit consists of the whole of the guns of the Battery and that in firing on each lane the frontage covered by each gun will be approximately 25 yards. Parallelism of Lines of Fire is all important and this must be frequently checked by air bursts observed from the Battery.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

John H. H. H.
Captain,

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SECRET : OPERATION ORDER NO. 10. COPY NO. 8

by Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 25/4/1918.

1. S.O.S. From receipt of this order rates of fire for S.O.S. will be as follows :-

20 Pdrs : First 3 minutes 5 rds per gun per minute
 next 5 minutes 4 rds per gun per minute
 next 10 minutes 3 rds per gun per minute
 next 5 minutes 4 rds per gun per minute
 Thereafter 3 rds per gun per minute in accordance with the situation.

6.5" Howitzers : Half above rates.

2. In case of hostile bombardment of Brigade front all Batteries will at once stand to and be prepared for COUNTER PREPARATION which if necessary will be ordered from this office. Rates of fire: 80 rds per gun or howitzer per hour.

3. At any time during COUNTER PREPARATION Batteries must be prepared to switch to S.O.S. targets ^{and rates} immediately the situation demands.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

W. H. H. H. H.

Captain,

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SECRET : OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

COPY NO 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 25/4/1918.

1. Counter preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning 26th instant from 4.45 a.m. to 4.55 a.m. as under :-

2. Batteries will fire on areas as follows :-

First 5 minutes: 4th, 5th,
6th and 103rd Btys - X.26.b. and d.

Second 5 minutes: 4th, 5th,
6th and 103rd Btys - X.27.c. and d.

3. Tracks and buildings and likely places of assembly are to be selected in the areas detailed.

4. RATES OF FIRE: 3 rounds per gun and How. per minute.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. H. Moore

Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

SECRET : OPERATION ORDER NO. 12.

COPY NO. 8

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 26/4/1918.

1. The defences of the present Divisional Sector are organised in two Zones.

2. The various lines are shown on the attached tracing. The dotted lines shown are the responsibility of other

Units :-

- (a) Those forward of THIEUSHOUK of the 133rd French Division.
- (b) Those in rear of this point, to the Army or G.H.Q.

3. The lines on the map will be known as :-

- (a) (i) The Forward System. } FORWARD ZONE
- (ii) The Support System. }
- (iii) The Reserve System. }
- (b) (i) The Firing Line System. } SECOND ZONE.
- (ii) The Support System. }

4. In the event of it being necessary for the Brigade to retire, Batteries will receive orders to occupy positions to cover one or other of these lines.

5. For the defence of (a) SUPPORT LINE, FORWARD ZONE, 5th and 6th Batteries will be withdrawn to vicinity of present positions of remainder of the Brigade on receipt of orders from this office, and placed in positions as under :-

5th BATTERY	-	W.14.b.15.80
6th BATTERY	-	W. 8.b.34.46.

6. For the defence of the RESERVE LINE, FORWARD ZONE the following positions are allotted to Batteries :-

4th BATTERY	-	V.11.a.10.80
5th BATTERY	-	V.12.c.60.10
6th BATTERY	-	V.12.b.80.70
102nd BATTERY	-	V.11.c.30.50
Brigade H.Q.	-	V.10.c.80.60
Alternative 18 Pdr position	-	V.11.d.90.00
" 4.5" How "	-	V.12.a.20.80.

Positions allotted to Batteries will be clearly marked, and Battery Commanders will ensure that all Officers and a proportion of H.C.O's visit these positions and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the approaches to them.

7. At least one O.P. per Battery should be selected, and if possible a second. In addition a local or near O.P. for each Battery should be marked down in places where suitable trees, buildings or commanding ground can be found.

8. Positions for the defence of the SECOND ZONE are being selected under Corps arrangements and will be notified later.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. H. Moore Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET: OPERATION ORDER NO. 13. COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 26th Apr 1918.
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1. Counter Preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning 27th instant at the following times :-

3.30 a.m. to 3.45 a.m.
 4.15 a.m. to 4.45 a.m.
 5.00 a.m. to 5.05 a.m.

2. TARGETS;

1. X.26.b. and d.
2. X.27.c. and d.

These targets will be fired on by all Batteries in irregular bursts, and will be engaged alternatively, commencing with Target No. 1.

3. AMMUNITION: Ammunition to be expended by each Battery will be 60 rounds per gun and Howitzer.

4. Tracks and buildings and likely places of assembly are to be selected in the areas detailed.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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SECRET:

OPERATION ORDER NO. 14.

COPY NO. 3

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 28/4/1918.
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1. AMMUNITION:

Previous allotment of ammunition to be kept at Battery positions, is cancelled, and the following substituted :-

18 Pdrs	-	350 rounds per gun
4.5" Hows	-	300 rounds per How.

2. In addition to the ammunition at or near Battery positions, Echelons will be kept full.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

W. H. H. H. H.
 Captain,
 Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

SECRET:

OPERATION ORDER NO. 15.

COPY NO. 8

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 27/4/1918.

1. The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 27th instant and tomorrow 28th instant. Batteries will engage Roads, Communications, Hedges &c., as follows with rapid bursts of fire at the times stated.

11.20 p.m.	}	4th BATTERY	{	X.26.b., c., and d.
12.30 a.m.		102nd BATTERY		
12.55 a.m.	}	5th BATTERY	{	X.27.a. c., and d. and F.3.a and b.
		6th BATTERY		

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs: 5 rounds per Gun.
4.5" Hows: 3 rounds per How.

In addition 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass Squares X.26.b. c., and d. during the hours of darkness. Ammunition to be expended will be :-

4th BATTERY	90 rounds
102nd BATTERY	36 rounds.

2. Harassing fire will be carried out tomorrow 28th instant as under, during the hours of daylight :-

4th BATTERY	{	X.26.b., c., and d.
102nd BATTERY		

AMMUNITION: 15 rounds per 18 Pdr.
10 rounds per 4.5" How.

3. No Counter Preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning 28th instant.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET: OPERATION ORDER NO. 15.

COPY NO. 3

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 27/4/1918.

1. Reference ammunition to be dumped at alternative Battery positions.

XX This will be dumped boxed. If unboxed ammunition has already been dumped at alternative positions, it will be moved, and used at present positions, and be replaced by ammunition in boxes.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

John M. M. M. Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET:

OPERATION ORDER NO. 16.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 28th Apr 1918.

1. The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 28th instant and tomorrow 29th instant.
 Batteries will engage Roads, Communications, Hedges &c. as under with rapid bursts of fire at the times stated:-

10.30 p.m.	}	4th BATTERY	{	X.26. b. c. and d.
11.15 p.m.		102nd BATTERY		
12.45 a.m.	}	5th BATTERY	{	X.27. a. c. & d. and F.3. a. and b.
		6th BATTERY		

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs: 5 rounds per Gun.
 4.5" Hows: 3 rounds per How.

In addition 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass Squares X.26. b. c. and d., during the hours of darkness.
 Ammunition to be expended will be :-

4th BATTERY	-	90 rounds
102nd BATTERY	-	33 rounds.

2. Harassing fire will be carried out tomorrow 29th instant as under, during the hours of daylight :-

4th BATTERY	}	X.26. b., c., and d.
102nd BATTERY		

AMMUNITION: 15 rounds per 18 Pdr.
 10 rounds per 4.5" How.

3. The above harassing fire will be in addition to any observed shoots.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET: OPERATION ORDER NO. 17. COPY NO. 8
By Lt. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 28th Apr. 1918.

1. Para 1. of OPERATION ORDER NO. 18 dated 28/4/18 is cancelled and the following substituted.

The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 28th/29th instant.

Batteries will engage Roads, Tracks, Communications, Hedges &c. as under, with rapid bursts of fire at the times stated below:

11.5 p.m.	}	4th BATTERY 102nd BATTERY {	X.26.b. c. and d.
11.20 p.m.			
11.35 p.m.			
11.50 p.m.			
12.10 a.m.	}	5th BATTERY 6th BATTERY {	X.27.a. c. & d. F.3.a. and b.
12.30 a.m.			
12.45 a.m.			
12.55 a.m.			

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs. 120 rds per Bty. 15 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.
4.5" How. 88 rds per Bty. 11 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

H. Cullen Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 18.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 28th Apr. 1918.

1. Counter Preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning 29th instant at the following times :-

4.15 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.
4.40 a.m. to 4.55 a.m.

2. TARGETS: 1. X.26.b. and d.
2. X.27.c. and d.

These targets will be fired on by all Batteries in irregular bursts, and will be engaged alternatively, commencing with Target No.1.

3. AMMUNITION: Ammunition to be expended by each Battery will be 50 rounds per gun and Howitzer.

4. Tracks and buildings and likely places of assembly are to be selected in the areas detailed.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. H. Moore

Captain,

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 19.

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By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 29th Apr. 1918.

1. COUNTER PREPARATION will be carried out tomorrow morning 30th instant at the following times :-

3.30 a.m. to 3.50 a.m.
4.10 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.

2. TARGETS:

1. X.26.b. and d.
2. X.27.c. and d.

These targets will be fired on by all Batteries in irregular bursts, and will be engaged alternatively, commencing with Target No. 1.

3. AMMUNITION: Ammunition to be expended ~~xxxx~~ by each Battery will be 50 rounds per Gun and Howitzer.

4. Tracks and buildings and likely places of assembly are to be selected in the areas detailed.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 29th Apr. 1918.

1. The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 29th instant and tomorrow 30th instant.

Batteries will engage Roads, Tracks, Communications, Hedges &c. as under, with rapid bursts of fire at the times stated.

10. 5 p.m.	}	4th BATTERY {	X.28.b. c. and d.
10.35 p.m.			
11.10 p.m.			
11.55 p.m.			
12.20 a.m.	}	102nd BATTERY {	X.27.a. c. & d. F.3.a. and b.
12.55 a.m.			
1.35 a.m.			
2.50 a.m.			

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs: 120 rounds per Battery. 15 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

4.5" Hows. 88 rounds per Battery. 11 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. Harassing fire will be carried out tomorrow 30th instant as under, during the hours of daylight.

4th BATTERY	}	X.28.b. c. and d.
102nd BATTERY		

AMMUNITION: 15 rounds per 18 Pdr
10 rounds per 4.5" How.

3. The above harassing fire will be in addition to any observed shoots.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

K. H. McArthur
Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 21.

COPY No. 8.

By Lt. Col. D.H. Moore, D.S.O. Commanding. 30th April, 1918.

1. The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 30th inst. and tomorrow 1st May 1918.

Batteries will engage Roads, Tracks, Communications, Hedges, etc. as under, with rapid bursts of fire at the times stated:-

10.20 p.m.	}	4th BATTERY (X-26.b.c. and d.
10.50 p.m.			
11.25 p.m.			
12.10 p.m.			
12.35 p.m.	}	102nd BATTERY (
1.10 a.m.			
1.50 a.m.			
3. 5 a.m.			

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs: 120 rounds per Battery. 15 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.
4.5" Hows. 88 rounds per Battery. 11 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. Harassing fire will be carried out tomorrow 1st May as under, during the hours of daylight.

4th BATTERY:	}	X-26.b. c. and d.
102nd BATTERY:		

AMMUNITION: 15 rounds per 18 Pdr.
10 rounds per 4.5" How.

3. The above harassing fire will be in addition to any observed shoots.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

H. H. Bullen
Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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APPENDIX

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ALPHA FORM C 3113

2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 17/4/1918 to 6 a.m. 18/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery
10.13 a.m. All Batteries opened on S.O.S.

4.30 to 5.10 Operation Order No 4 810 18 pdr 200 4.5

Trench Mortars:

Aerial activity: Our planes observed throughout the day patrolling over the enemy's lines. At 2.14 p.m. one of our planes driven down in D.17.d.

(b) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:

T I M E :	No. Rds.	Nature of Gun.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from.
2-5 p.m.	50	77 mm	Bois d'Aval	MERVILLE	E.27.a.
do	20	4.2"	do	do	"
do	20	5.9"	do		
10 a.m.					
to 12 noon	20	4.2"	D.15.b & d.		
do	70	5.9"	D.15.b & d.		
7-8 p.m.	15	4.2"	D.17.a.c & d.		

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Quiet. Artillery more active than previous days.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY: 2.10 p.m. 5 enemy planes over D.17 and D.18 and at 2.14 p.m. drove one of our planes down.

MOVEMENT:

MISCELLANEOUS: at 8.30 a.m. enemy balloon from motor ascended from E.30.a. At 3 p.m. enemy balloon ascended at 100 degrees from D.17.a.3.8 and descended 15 minutes later.

Visibility good.

The 4.2 shells on D17 caused Casualties 11 Killed & 6 wounded of B7A and 1 Wounded of this Bde Hd Qrs.

W. Evans
Lieut.
O.C., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 18th Apr to 6 a.m. 19th Apr.

(a) OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

6 to 8 p.m COUNTER PREPARATION 750 rds 18 Pdr 250 rds 4.5" How.
4.30 to 5.15 a.m. do 700 rds 18 Pdr 240 rds 4.5" How.

(b) Nil.

(c) Our planes observed patrolling during the afternoon repeatedly being fired at by A.A.Guns.

(b) HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME:	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM
7 p.m.	6	4.2"	D.16.b.	105 deg	D.17.a.2.7

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Less active than previous 24 hours.

AERIAL: Nil.

MOVEMENT Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility - morning fair. Afternoon good.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

McEvans 2/Lt.

2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A.BRIGADE ---- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 19th April to 6 a.m. 20th Apr. 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery

7.20 - 8.20 p.m. COUNTER PREPARATION
 4.25 - 5-15 a.m. COUNTER PREPARATION

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: Our planes over enemy lines throught the day and continually engaged by A.A. fire from forward areas.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:

T I M E :	RDS.	NATURE:	AREA SHELLLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM:
12 m/n	40	Large calibre	D.9.10 & 16	95 deg	D.9.c.30.20
2 a.m.	60	77 mm	D.9.10 & 16	do	do

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Rather quiet.

AERIAL: Enemy planes were over the area at 3.15 and 3.45 p.m. and successfully driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.
 12 m/n to 1 a.m. 4 enemy planes over back area. Dropped about 50 bombs.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility- Morning fair. Afternoon 1 to 3 p.m. good.

5 a.m. to 6 a.m. 2 enemy balloons up at bearings of 84 degrees and 90 degrees true from D.17.d.30.80.

T. Evans
 O.O. 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A.BRIGADE.

2/Lieut.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 22nd Apr to 6 a.m. 23rd April 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

4.12 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. } COUNTER-PREPARATION { 900 rds 18 Pdrs
4.45 a.m. to 5.20 a.m. } { 300 rds 4.5" How.

(b) Trench Mortars.

(c) Aerial. Our planes were patrolling enemy lines throughout the afternoon.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM
9.40 to					
10.5 a.m.	10	4.2"	W.30.b.	T.S.B. 130 deg	W.29.d.9.8
10.10 a.m.	5	77 mm	MILL W.29.b.	" 133 deg	do
10.10 to					
10.35 a.m.	40	4.2"	W.29.a & b.	" 140 deg	do
10.50 to					
11 a.m.	12	77 mm	X.19.a.	" 131 deg	do
1.50 to					
2.5 p.m.	30	4.2"	W.30.b & d.	" 128 deg	do
7 to 8 p.m.	100	3.9"	W.22.d.	" 150 deg	W.15.d.8.4
6.30 to now		enemy constantly shelling our lines with 4.2's from direction of Morris			

ENEMY ATTITUDE:

AERIAL ACTIVITY:

8 a.m. 4 planes over the line and engaged by A.A. fire.
2 p.m. 1 plane over the line and engaged by M.G. fire.
3 p.m. 1 plane over the line, engaged by M.G. fire and driven back.

MOVEMENT.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Visibility - good.

Balloons were up on the following bearings.

129 deg and 136 degrees from W.8.d.99.20

125, 131, 134, 136, 140,

146 and 160 degrees from W.14.b.20.30

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 23rd Apr to 6 a.m. 24th Apr 1918.

OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

3.30 a.m.

to 4.45 a.m.

COUNTER PREPARATION

1100 rds 18 Pdrs

360 rds 4.5" Howd.

5th Battery 130 rds 18 Pdr Registration

102nd Battery 51 rds 4.5" How do

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes active throughout the day and night.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
7.10 p.m.	20	5.9"	W.2.b.	F.22.c.	W.29.b.3.7
7.30 p.m.	50	4.2"	X.20.Central	132 degrees	X.20.a.9.1
8.30 p.m.	40	5.9"	ROUGE CROIX	Morris.	
7.55 p.m. to					
9 p.m.			Heavy barrage on left Meteren Sector from Outersteine direction.		
11.40 p.m.	150	4.2"	W.14.	Meteren	

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Fairly active in forward areas.

AERIAL:

10.15 a.m. 1 plane over forward area, engaged by M.G. fire.

3.30 p.m. 5 planes over 2.14, engaged by M.G. and A.A. fire.

9 p.m. 10 bombs fell in W.9.a. and c. 10.50 to 11.5 p.m. further bombing in W.9.a and c.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Visibility - good.

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Lieut.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 24th Apr to 6 a.m. 25th Apr.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

6th Battery Registration 30 rds 18 Pdr.

9.30 p.m. S.O.S. fired on.

5.5 a.m. to 5.15 a.m. COUNTER PREPARATION 480 rds
18 Pdr
190 rds
4.5" How.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	HEARING	OBSERVED FROM.
8.40 a.m.	50	4.2"	W.9.c.		
11.20 a.	30	5.9"	W.9.a.		
1 p.m.	15	4.2"	W.9.c.		
2.25 p.m.	15	4.2"	W.9.a.		
5.15 p.m.	30	77 mm	W.24. Central		
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.		Frequent shelling in short bursts on to W.11.a. and W.8.c. from X.29. Central.			
10 p.m.	130	5.9"	W.9.	METEREN	W.9.c.1.2
3.30 a.m.	220	4.2"	W.14.	METEREN	W.9.c.1.2

ROUGE CROIX and PRADILLAS area shelled during night with 77's, 4.2's and 5.9's - about 300 rounds.

Aerial: 8 p.m. bombs dropped in W.1.d. and W.8.b.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility - bad.

McEwan Lieut.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 25/4/18 to 6 a.m. 26/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

7 a.m. 5th Battery REGISTRATION 34 rds 18 pdr.

4.45 to 4.55 a.m. COUNTER PREPARATION 480 rds 18 Pdr
180 rds 4.5" How.

(b) French Mortars. Nil,

(c) Aerial. Our planes very actively patrolled the enemy lines throughout the day and were continually engaged by A.A. fire. One of our planes was brought down in approximately W.22.d.8.7.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
8.50 a.	20	4.2" HE	W.9.c.		W.9. Central
9 a.m. to					
9.50 a.	60	5.9" b	W.9.a.		do
1.20 to					
2 p.m.	40	4.2" Gas	W.9.c.		do
1.40 p.m.	15	4.2" HE	W.8.d.		W.8.d. 4.4
4.15 p.m.	15	4.2" HE	W.8.d.		do
5.45 p.m.	65	77 m/m.	W.15. Central		do
3 p.m. to					
5.10 p.m.		CONCENTRATION FIRE ON FLEURE			
5.10 p.m.	20	4.2" HE and GAS	W.9.a & c.		do
6.3 p.m.	10	4.2"	W.8.d.	METEREN	W.9.c. 1.2
7 p.m.	6	4.2"	W.8.d.	do	do

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Except for short ~~snaps~~ sharp shoots in a few areas - quiet.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:

8 a.m. One plane crossed STRAZEELE, engaged by M.G. and rifle fire and was brought down in our lines.

7 a.m. and 8.15 p.m. planes flying low over W.5. and W.11.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS:

4 p.m. Flashes of gun observed at 132 degrees from W.29.b.36.83

Visibility low.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 23/4/1918 to 6 a.m. 27/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

3.30 to 3.45 a.m.	}	COUNTER PREPARATION	{	1020 rds 18 Pdrs
4.15 to 4.45 a.m.				360 rds 4.5" Hows.
5.00 a.m. to 5.5 a.m.				

(b) Trench Mortars:

(c) Aerial.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	40	77 m/m	PRADELLES	MERRIS	W.16.c.4.3
10 to 11 a.m.	40	5.9"	ROUGE CROIX	"	"
9 to 11 a.m.	60	4.2"	PRADELLES	"	"
10.30 to 3 p.m.	100	4.2"	W.9. a & c.		W.9. Central
3.5 p.m.	120	4.2"	W.15.	METEREN	W.9.c.0.2
4.10 p.m.	90	4.2"	W.15 & 22.a.	"	"
4.15 p.m.	15	5.9"	W.16.a.	"	"
2.30 to 3.30 p.m.	50	5.9"	W.9.b.		W.9. Central
4.5 p.m.	5	5.9" GAS	W.9.b.		"
4.15 p.m.	20	4.2" GAS	W.9.b.		W.9. Central
5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	30	4.2" HE and Shrap.	Q.32.d.		W.2.d.
6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.	30	5.9" HE	W.1.d.		W.2.d.
10 p.m. to 8 a.m.			ROUGE CROIX AREA shelled with 77's, 4.2's and 5.9's from direction of MERRIS, about 175 rds.		

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Occasional aggressive strafes on areas otherwise quiet.

HOSTILE AERIAL: 8.50 a.m. 3 planes over X.19.a.

MOVEMENT:

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility good in afternoon.

5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. 4.2 firing from buildings in OUTERSTEENE
Guns were seen firing from :-

4.2" Battery T.B. 127 degrees from W.29.b.3.8

4.2" Battery at F.25.d. observed from W.29.b.3.8

77 mm Battery at F.19.c. " " W.29.b.3.8

the ~~xxxx~~ two last being reported to COUNTER BATTERIES.

M. J. Evans Lieut.
O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 27 Apr to 6 a.m. 28th Apr 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

7.10 p.m. *Harassing fire* X26.b.c.d.
 11.20 p.m.)))) (X.26.b. c. and d.
 12.30 a.m.)) HARASSING FIRE. { X.27.a. c. and d.
 12.55 a.m.)) { F. 3. a. and b.
 1.20 a.m. to 4 a.m. HARASSING FIRE X.26.b. c. and d.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

(a) Artillery.

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
2.50 p.m.	25	5.9"	W.16.		W.9.c.0.1
2 to	200	5.9"	W.9.a and c.		W.9.c.8.3
3.30 p.m.	200	4.2"	do		do
4.30 to					
5 a.m.	20	4.2"	W. 9.a.		do
10.15 p.	30	5.9 & 4.2	W.16.c.		
11 p.m.	24	do	do		
2 a.m.	30	do	ROUGE CROIX AREA		

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Except for heavy shelling from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. rather quiet.

HOSTILE AERIAL. Nil.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility. Bad - morning. Fair - afternoon.

McEvans Lieut.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 29th to 6 a.m. 30th Apr. 1918.

APPENDIX 2

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

HARASSING FIRE and COUNTER PREPARATION carried out as per Operation Orders No.s. 17 and 18, and 19.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM
6 a.m. to 6 a.m.					
5.10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.					
6 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.					
10.30 a.m.					
6 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.					
10.30 a.m.					
11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.					
12.15 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.					
6.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.					
9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.					
5.30 p.m. to 3 a.m.					
3 a.m. to 4 a.m.					
4 a.m. to 2.15 a.m.					
2.15 a.m. to 4 a.m.					

Aerial.

6.30 a.m. 1 enemy plane crossed our line, engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire and driven off.

8. 5 a.m. 1 enemy plane do do do

1.45 p.m. 5 enemy planes do do do

7.30 p.m. 1 enemy plane crossed our lines but was driven off by our planes.

MOVEMENT. Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility. Morning - good. Afternoon - poor.

6 a.m. 4 enemy balloons up extending 8 degrees on a bearing of 120 degrees true from W.9.d.1.2.

W. J. Watson

Lieut.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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B R I G A D E O R D E R N O . 197

By Lt.Col.D.H.MOORE, D.S.O. Commanding. 1st APRIL, 1918.

The following arrangements will be made forthwith in connection with the forthcoming relief of this Brigade :-

AREA AND TRENCH STORES:

1. Units will prepare immediately all handing over lists in triplicate. On relief, one copy will be retained by Unit, one will be handed over to relieving Unit, and one forwarded THROUGH BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS to Divisional Headquarters, WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE RELIEF OF THE UNIT BEING COMPLETED.
2. All receipts will be legibly made out. The attached proforma will be used. Rank, Name and Unit of both handing over and receiving Officers will be plainly stated.
3. Care must be taken to discriminate between Trench and Area Stores and Mobilization or Unit Stores. Mobilization and Unit Stores must, under no circumstances, be left in the area.
4. No Area Stores will be removed from the Area. The greatest care must be taken with all Camp Equipment, such as lamps, washing basins, latrine buckets and seats, etc. All columns must be duly filled in in attached pro-forma, when handing over. Any deficiencies, unless duly accounted for, will be charged against the Officers concerned, unless it can be shown by duplicate indents that Australian Corps Routine Order Q.442 of 16th October has been carried out.
5. No Unit will vacate any camp or bivouac without giving 24 hours' notice to the Area or Sub-Area Commandant, who will arrange for all stores to be checked before the Camp is vacated. The Area or Sub-Area Commandant, or his deputy, will give and take a receipt for all equipment handed over.
6. Billets, Camps and Bivouacs will be left in a scrupulously clean condition. Particular attention will be paid to all latrines, cookhouses, stables and manure dumps. Area or Sub-Area Commandants, or their Deputies' certificate must be obtained to this effect.
7. Everything possible to salvage within the vicinity of the Camps is to be salvaged without delay. Any underclothing, whether serviceable or otherwise, will be sent to the Corps Laundry, LOCRE. Clothing or Equipment will be returned to D.A.D.O.S., Engineers' Stores will be returned to nearest Engineers' Dump. All other articles will be returned to nearest salvage dump. *Particular care will be taken that no gum boots are taken out of the area*

J. McArthur
Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A.BRIGADE.

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B R I G A D E O R D E R N O . 198

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 1st APRIL, 1918.

The following instructions regarding the move of a Division or part of a Division by Rail are issued for the information of all concerned. It is essential that all Officers are fully acquainted with these instructions.

1. Strategical Trains will be used for the purpose.
 A Strategical Train is made up of -

1 Officer's Coach,
 30 Covered Trucks,
 17 Flat Trucks,
 2 Brake Vans.

Each covered truck will carry -

40 men,
 8 L.D. Horses or Mules,
 6 H.D. Horses.

Each flat truck will take on an average 4 axles.

No personnel or stores will be allowed in the Brake Vans at each end of the train, nor on the roofs of trucks.

No covered trucks will be used for luggage as this restricts the space available for personnel.

2. Both Transport and Personnel of all Units will arrive at Entraining Station 3 hours before the departure of the train.

3. The O.C., or an Officer from each Battery will report as early as possible to the R.T.O. at the Entraining Station in order to obtain full information.

4. A complete marching out state will be sent to the R.T.O. at least three hours before the departure of the Train showing the number of Officers, Other Ranks, Horses - Heavy Draught and Light Draught, the number of 4 wheeled vehicles, 2 wheeled vehicles and bicycles, in order that the accomodation on the Train can be checked by the R.T.O. prior to the Unit entraining.

5. Billeting Parties, provided with bicycles, for all Units of the Brigade Group will proceed on the first train.

6. All Units will be completely entrained $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to the time of departure of the train.

7. Breast ropes for horse trucks will be provided by Units. Ropes for lashing vehicles on to flat trucks are provided by the Railway Authorities.

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8. Picquets will be provided at all stops for each end of the train, to prevent troops leaving the train without permission.

9. Lewis Guns will be provided whenever possible for each train. These guns will be mounted in suitable places on the train and used against low flying hostile aircraft which attempt to attack the train.

W. H. Mullin

Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A.BRIGADE.

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B R I G A D E O R D E R N O . 199

By Lt.Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 2nd APRIL, 1918.

PRELIMINARY MOVEMENT ORDER :

1. It is anticipated that the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved in the line on the nights of the 3rd/4th and 4th/5th instant.

One Section per Battery will be relieved on the night of 3rd/4th, and the remaining two Sections will be relieved on the night of 4th/5th April.

2. The relieving Division will come in with Guns complete and Guns of this Division will be withdrawn from the line to the Wagon Lines as Sections are relieved.

3. This Division will possibly entrain on the ~~evening~~ night of 5th/6th April.

4. Care must be exercised in communicating to Batteries with regard to the move, and nothing is to be communicated over the telephone.

J. McCallum

Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET: B R I G A D E O R D E R 200

By Lieut. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 3rd APRIL, 1918.
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1. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved by the 9th Divisional Artillery as under :-
 1 Section per Battery on night 3rd/4th April.
 2 Sections " " " " 4th/5th April.
2. 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade will be relieved by 50th Brigade R.F.A., which will establish Headquarters at I.26.d.05.05.
3. The guns of the 1st Aust. Div. Artillery will be withdrawn from the line, and replaced by guns of 9th Divisional Artillery. Aiming posts will be left in position and exchanged.
4. To ensure that the fewest possible number of guns are out of action at the same time, the reliefs on each night will take place between the following hours :-

Sections of 4th Battery	7 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Sections of 5th Battery	9 p.m. and 11 p.m.
Sections of 6th Battery	11 p.m. and 1 a.m.
Sections of 102nd Batty	1 a.m. and 3 a.m.
5. All maps, aeroplane photographs and documents relating to the front will be handed over.
6. Ammunition will be handed over in the pits, and transfer certificates will be forwarded to LEFT GROUP HEADQUARTERS.
7. Command of Group and Batteries will pass on completion of relief on night 4th/5th April.
8. On withdrawal from the line, the 1st Aust. Div. Artillery will remain in their present Wagon Lines, until orders are issued for entrainment.
9. Anti-Tank Guns will be taken over by 9th Divisional Artillery as follows :-

<u>50th Bde R.F.A.</u>	1 Gun	I.30.d.50.00
	1 Gun	I.30.d.20.90

Relief to be complete by 6 p.m. 4th instant.

10. Arrangements re relief of Wardens in reserve positions will be arranged by Brigade Commanders concerned.
11. The Command of the Artillery will pass from C.R.A., 1st Aust. Division to C.R.A., 9th Divisional Artillery at 10 a.m. on 5th April.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E .

[Signature]
 Captain,
 Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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B R I G A D E O R D E R N O . 201

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 4th April, 1918.

1. Reference Brigade Order No. 200, para 4.
2. Reliefs on night of 4th/5th April will take place between the following hours, and not as previously ordered :-

4th Battery	4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
5th Battery	5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
6th Battery	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
102nd Batty	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In all cases teams of relieving Batteries will leave their Wagon Lines at first hour stated.

3. Teams of 9th Divisional Artillery, after taking up their own guns, will bring back guns of 1st Aust. Div. Artillery.
4. These guns will be taken to Wagon Lines of Batteries of x 9th Divisional Artillery, whence they will be collected as soon as possible by ~~their~~ own Batteries, and taken to 1st Aust. Div. Artillery Wagon Lines.
5. Wagon Lines of 9th Divisional Artillery, are situated as under :-

A/50	relieving 4th Battery)	ELZENWALLE	
B/50	" 5th Battery)	CHATEAU	H.36.c.5.4
C/50	" 6th Battery)		
D/50	" 102nd Battery)	POMPIER CAMP	

6. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Donnellan Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

Issued to all recipients of
Brigade Order No. 200.

MARCH TABLE - BRIGADE ORDER No. 203.

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Train No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	ROUTE.	To start from Wagon Lines at.	Time of departure of train.
1	8/4/18.	H.Q., 2nd Aust. F.A.BRIGADE	N.14.d.00.50	GODEWAERS- VELDE	Via LA CLYTTE - SCHERPENBERG - WESTOUTRE - BOESCHEPE.	3.35 a.m.	10. 5 a.m.
1	8/4/18.	No.2 Section D. A. C. less details.	M.23.d.5.9	do	Via LOCRE - WESTOUTRE - BOESCHEPE.	4. 5 a.m.	10. 5 a.m.
2	8/4/18.	4th Battery & D.A.C.details	N.14.d.00.50	do	Via LA CLYTTE - SCHERPENBERG - WESTOUTRE - BOESCHEPE.	6.35 a.m.	1. 5 p.m.
3	8/4/18.	5th Battery & D.A.C.details	do	do	do	9.35 a.m.	4. 5 p.m.
4.	8/4/18.	6th Battery & D.A.C.details.	do	do	do	12.35 p.m.n	7. 5 p.m.
5.	8/4/18	102nd Batty & D.A.C.details.	do	do	do	3.35 p.m.	10. 5 p.m.

N.B. ALL TIMES ARE CALCULATED ON A PACE OF THREE (3) MILES PER HOUR.

APPENDIX 350

BRIGADE ORDER NO. 203

By Lt.Col.D.H.MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 6th APRIL, 1918.

1. The 2nd Aust.F.A.Brigade and 2nd Section, 1st Aust.D.A.C. will entrain for 3rd Army Area as per table attached, on 8/4/1918.
2. Allotment of Units to Trains and Entraining Stations is shown in March Table attached. Supply and baggage wagons on the Div.Train will move with Units.
3. There will be an interval of three hours between each train.
4. Time of departure of first train will be :-
 GODEWAERSVELDE ----- 10.5 a.m. 8/4/1918.
5. Moves to entraining Stations will be in accordance with attached table.
6. Detraining Station will be ST. ROCH Station, AMIENS.
7. Trains will be met on arrival and instruction or guides given to Units.
8. D.A.C. details will report to the Wagon Lines of the Battery to which they are attached during the hours of daylight on 7/4/1918.
9. The Senior Officer on each train will be O.C. Train, and will be responsible that, whenever they are available, two Lewis Guns are placed in position on his train, to deal with possible attack by hostile aircraft.
10. Billeting Party of 1 N.C.O and one o/rank from each Battery, will travel by first train with Brigade Headquarters. This party will be provided with bicycles.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature] Captain,
 Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

MARCH TABLE - P.T.O.

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B R I G A D E O R D E R N O . 204

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 6th APRIL, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS in continuation of Brigade Order No. 203.

1. The following points will be observed :-

- (a) No personnel or stores will be allowed in the Brake Vans at each end of trains, nor on the roofs of trucks.
- (b) No covered trucks will be used for baggage, as this restricts the space available for personnel.
- (c) All Units will arrive at the entraining Station 3 hours before the time of departure of their respective trains, and will complete entrainment half an hour before time of departure.
- (d) On completion of entrainment no one will get out of the train without orders from O.C. Train.
- (e) In entraining all G.S. Wagons will be loaded first.
- (f) Horses will be watered before being put on the train. Troughs are provided at the Station for this purpose and all water carts will be loaded on the train full.
- (g) Breast ropes for animals will be provided by Units. Lashings for vehicles are provided by the Railway Authorities.
- (h) A Guard will be detailed on each train to prevent troops leaving the train.

2. Baggage wagons from 1st Aust. Div. Train will report to Units not later than 4 p.m. on the 7th April, 1918.

3. A complete marching out state will be sent to the R.T.O. by each Unit, at least 5 hours before departure of trains. This state will show number of Officers, other ranks, horses H.D. or L.D., number of 4 wheeled vehicles, 2 wheeled vehicles and bicycles. This is in order that the accommodation on the train can be checked by the R.T.O. prior to the Unit entraining. This will include Div. Train Wagons.

4. Rations for consumption on the 9th April will be drawn at LA CLYTTE on the 7th April at 10 a.m. Rations for consumption on the 10th April will be drawn at 6 p.m. on 7th instant at Entraining Station. No rations will be drawn on 8th and 9th April.

Two other ranks per Unit, one of whom will be the Q.M. Storeman will be at the ~~entraining~~ entraining station by 5.30 p.m. on the 7th April to draw rations. These rations will remain at the station, and will be loaded on to the train from there.

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It will be necessary for each Unit to guard its own rations. AS some Units will not entrain until late on the 8th, it is suggested that reliefs be sent for these men.

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Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4th Battery,
5th Battery,
6th Battery,
102nd Battery.

Q. 5. Headquarters,
18th April, 1918.

It is intended to move the Batteries of 2nd Aust.F.A. Brigade further forward at an early date.

Positions selected and times of moves will be communicated to Battery Commanders later.

In the meantime work on present positions will be proceeded with as these positions will be considered as alternative positions to be occupied in the case of a retirement being ordered.

Boards will be erected in each of the present positions indicating to which Battery it belongs. Fighting maps will be kept by each Battery Commander. A record will be kept on each fighting map of the angle from each gun from a conspicuous aiming point to the Datum point, S.O.S. Lines and also the ranges. Each No.1 of Sub-Sections will similarly keep a record as above. The amount of ammunition, if any, which will be left at present position will be notified later.

On moving Battery Commanders will frequently visit their evacuated position and if considered necessary will leave a guard in the position.

In view of a more active part being played by Batteries on moving forward, Battery Commanders will at once choose a definite Battery O.P. with the best view possible of the enemy country in rear.

Conclunin Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ---- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Q.13.

Headquarters,
20th April, 1918.

Q.C.,

6th Battery.

Until further orders the S.O.S. line for your Battery
will be as under :-

6th BATTERY: E.23.b.05.30 - E.23.c.85.75 -
E.22.d.95.35 - E.23.b.80.70.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Donnell Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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Q.15. Headquarters,
 21st April, 1918.

1. S.O.S. LINES: Until further ~~orders~~ orders S.O.S. Lines will
 be as follows :-

6th BATTERY: E.23.b.00.40 to E.23.a.85.00 to E.23.d.00.30
 to E.28.b.80.75

A/285 Bty : E.23.b.00.40 to E.17.b.45.10.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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Q.16.

Headquarters,
21st April 1918.

1. Until further orders S.O.S. Lines will be as follows:
 6th BATTERY: E.23.b.80.75 to E.23.c.00.30 to
 E.23.c.85.95 to E.23.b.15.90.

A/285 Bty E.23.b.15.90 to E.11.d.45.00.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BDE.

A. McCallum

Captain,

Instructions regarding H.A. Division
 Batteries are contained in E.
 21st April 1918
 Headquarters
 2nd Australian F.A. Brigade
 1st Australian Division

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Q.18.

Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.

1. Until further orders ~~the~~ S.O.S. Lines for B/285 Bty will be as under :-

B/285 Brigade R.F.A.

Superimposed over whole
of Brigade front.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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Q.31 Headquarters,
22nd April, 1918

1. All Batteries will be registered at once and this office notified as soon as same has been completed.
2. Batteries will forward at once the exact co-ordinate of their Battery Positions, also the DATUM POINT.
3. S.O.S. Lines will be as handed over to Batteries by 235th Brigade R.F.A.
4. The following S.O.S. Lines will be worked out by Batteries and will come into force at a time to be notified later.
(On receipt of the code-word "METEREN" Batteries of this Brigade will cover the following line for S.O.S. :-

4th BATTERY:	X.20.d.80.35 - N.20.c.95.00
5th BATTERY:	N.20.c.95.00 - X.26.a.50.75 - X.26.a.40.60
6th BATTERY:	X.26.a.40.60 - X.25.B.95.15
10th BATTY:	4 Guns superimposed 100 yards in rear of S.O.S. Barrage.
	1 Gun on Road and House X.26.b.45.50
	1 Gun on Cross Roads X.23.d.50.35.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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Division
2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Q.23. Headquarters,
22nd April, 1918.
1. Counter-Preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning
23rd April, from 4.12 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. and from 4.45 a.m. to ~~XX~~
5.20 a.m. on targets as under :-
4th BATTERY: X.26.b.
5th BATTERY: X.26.d.
6th BATTERY: X.26.c.
102nd BATTERY: X.26.b., c., and d.
2. Ammunition to be expended will be 50 rounds per gun and How.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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Q-24.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

1. Referring to S.O.S. Lines allotted to Batteries in this office Q.21.
Special attention will be paid to XV Corps Artillery Instructions No. 19, I.E., the allotment of Zones in Battery Sectors. The Battery should be considered as the fire Unit. Sectors allotted to Batteries should be sub-divided and numbered so that the Battery can switch on to any part of the Sector allotted with lines of fire not more than 25 yards apart.
2. 102nd Battery will not Barrage Cross Roads and other points laid down but will be superimposed over the 18 Pdr Barrage plus 100 yards.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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Q.25.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

1. In the event of an attack by the enemy, he is certain to put down a heavy destructive ~~BARRETS~~ or neutralising fire on all known or suspected gun positions.
2. In order to avoid this as far as possible, every Battery will select an alternative positions two to three hundred yards from its present position.
3. The following preparations will be made at these positions:-
 - (a) The position of each gun will be clearly marked with pegs.
 - (b) Lines will be laid out for each gun, and aiming posts or substitutes planted.
 - (c) 100 rounds per gun and 4.5" How will be placed at these positions, and covered so as to protect it from the weather.
4. In the event of definite information being received of an intended attack by the enemy on a particular date, Batteries will be ordered to move into these alternative positions the night before.
5. When the attack has been definitely repulsed and it appears probable that no further attacks will be launched in the immediate future, Batteries will be instructed as to whether they will remain where they are or return to their original positions.
6. This work will be proceeded with at once, and the locations of alternative positions selected will be notified to this office.
A report will also be forwarded as soon as the dumps of ammunition detailed to be placed at these positions are complete.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

3.30 a.m. to 3.50 a.m.
4.10 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.
4.35 a.m. to 4.55 a.m.

4th BATTERY: X.26.a. ^b
5th BATTERY: X.26.k. ^d
6th BATTERY: X.26.c.
108th BATTERY: X.26.b. c. and d.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.F.A. BRIGADE.

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Captain,
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2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Q.33. Headquarters,
24th Apr. 1918.

4th Battery,
5th Battery,
6th Battery,
10th Battery.

A reconnaissance is to be made as soon as possible
of best routes over fields to wagon lines.

In the event of roads being shelled or blocked
by traffic these routes will be used.

Any obstacles such as canals or ditches to be
reported to Brigade Headquarters, giving map locations.

W. McArthur
Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Q.34. Headquarters,
24th April 1918.

1. Counter preparation will be carried out tomorrow morning from 5.5 a.m. to 5.15 a.m. continuous fire at the rate of 3 rounds per gun or Howitzer per minute.

2. Targets to be engaged by Batteries are as under :-

4th BATTERY:	X.28.b.
5th BATTERY:	X.28.d.
6th BATTERY:	X.28.c.
10th BATTERY:	X.28.b. c., and d.

3. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Headquarters at 12 midnight, it being essential that all Batteries open fire at the same time.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

Col. H. H. H.
Captain,

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Q.35. Headquarters,
24th April, 1918.

1. As there is at the present time a large amount of Short Shooting by the Artillery, each Battery will keep an accurate written record of all rounds fired, stating the exact times and targets engaged, so that they will be able to immediately report on any shooting should they be called upon to do so.

2. In the case of any abnormal firing, one mounted orderly from each Battery Wagon Lines will report to Adjutant at Brigade Headquarters.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. H. H. H. Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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