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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

1st April 1918.

AMENDMENT NO.1 to OPERATION ORDER NO.14

1. The six 6" Newton Trench Mortars hold in reserve by D.T.M.O. 1st Australian Div. will be handed over complete to D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Div. in exchange for the six 6" Newton Trench Mortars taken over in the line from D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Div.,
2. Copy of transfer certificate will be forwarded to this office.
3. Acknowledge (D.T.M.Os., by wire.)

Alec W. Forbes Major,
Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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1st April 1918.

ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 15

1. In para 4 - 3rd line
delete "H 12 B 80.50, H 12 B 35.20, H 12 A 85.87
and substitute
"O 12 B 80.50; O 12 B 35.20, O 12 A 85.87.
2. Acknowledge (Group by wire).

Alce. M. Forbes Major.
Bde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued to all recipients of 1st Aust. Art. Order No. 15.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 16.

2nd April, 1918.

1. First Australian Division is being relieved in the line between 3rd/5th April.
2. 9th British Division is relieving 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade in the left Sub-Sector on the night 3rd/4th April.
26th Brigade is relieving 10th Battalion on right of 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade, and the 27th Brigade is relieving the 9th Battalion on left of 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade.
27th Brigade Headquarters is being established at LOCK 8, Sq. I.32.A.8.6.
26th Brigade Headquarters is being established at SPOIL BANK, Sq. I.33.D.1.5.
3. 21st British Division is relieving 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade in the Right Sub-Sector on the night 4th/5th April.
62nd Brigade is relieving the Right of Second Brigade, and 64th Brigade is relieving the Left of 2nd Brigade.
The boundary between 62nd and 64th Brigades will be:-
O.17.B.00.20. - Southern edge of GREEN WOOD - PIONEER LANE to Sq. I.6.B.00.10., thence to IN. DO. STERKTE Cabaret - along WYTSCHAETE Road to Sq. O.14.D.60.70., thence due West.
Headquarters 62nd Brigade is being established at REGENT-street Dug-outs, Sq. N.29.O.5.6.
Headquarters 64th Brigade is being established at WYTSCHAETE Dug-outs, Sq. N.19.D.2.8.
4. (a) C.O. Right Group will detail an Officer, not below the rank of Captain, as Liaison Officer with 64th Brigade at WYTSCHAETE Dug-outs.
(b) C.O. Left Group will detail an Officer, not below the rank of Captain, as Liaison Officer with 26th Brigade at SPOIL BANK I.33.D.1.5.
(c) Liaison with 62nd Brigade and 27th Brigade will remain the same as at present effected with 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade, and 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade.
5. Orders re the relief of the Artillery will be issued later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE (Groups by wire).

Alce. W. Forbes
Major.
Brigade Major, 1st Aust. Div. Art.

Distribution.

Right Group.	1.	Aust. Corps. Heavy Arty.	9.
Left Group.	2.	C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	10.
9th Div. Artillery.	3.	Staff Capt. 1st. A.D.A.	11.
21st " "	4.	Signal Officer "	12.
19th " "	5.	Reconn. Officer "	15.
49th " "	6.	File.	14.
1st. Aust. Division.	7.	War Diary.	15-17.
R.A., Aust. Corps.	8.	Spare.	18-20.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 17.

3rd April, 1918.

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. 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade will be relieved by 51st Brigade, R.F.A., which will take over H.Q. from 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade at I.32.A.90.95.
 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade will be relieved by 50th Brigade, R.F.A., which will establish Headquarters at I.26.D.06.08.
 Battery of 51st Brigade R.F.A., which relieves 2nd Battery, 1st. F.A. Brigade, will come under tactical control of C.O. Right Group.
3. The guns of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty., will be withdrawn from the line, and replaced by guns of 9th Div. Arty. Aiming posts will be left in position and exchanged.
4. In order to ensure the fewest possible guns being out of action at the same time, the reliefs on each night will take place between the following hours:-

Sections of 1st. & 4th Btys.	7 pm to 9 pm.
" " 2nd " 5th "	9 pm to 11 pm.
" " 3rd " 6th "	11pm to 1 am.
" " 101st & 102nd Btys.	1 am to 3 am.
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 forwarded to reach this Office by last D.R. on 5th inst.
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. Arty., will remain in their present Wagon Lines, until orders are issued for entrainment.
9. 1st. Aust. D.A.C. and all Dump parties will be relieved by 9th D.A.C., on 4th April. Relief to be complete by 6 pm.
 On relief 1st. Aust. D.A.C. will remain in their present Wagon Lines.
10. Anti-Tank Guns will be taken over by 9th Div. Arty. as follows:-

<u>51st Bde. R.F.A.</u>	1 gun	I.35.C.43.05.
	1 "	I.35.D.65.43.
<u>50th Bde. R.F.A.</u>	1 "	I.30.D.50.00.
	1 "	I.30.D.20.90.

Relief to be complete by 6 pm, 4th inst.

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11. Arrangements re relief of Wardens in reserve positions will be arranged by Brigade Commanders concerned.
12. The mortars of 1st. Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries will be withdrawn from the line by 11 pm on the 4th April.
Ammunition in positions on Right Group front will be taken over by C.O. Right Group.
That on Left Group front by D.T.M.O. 9th Division.
The seven 2" T.M.'s at present on Right Group front will also be taken over by C.O. Right Group.
D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div., will make arrangements direct with C.O. Right Group and D.T.M.O. 9th Division.
Copies of all receipts will be forwarded to this Office.
14. Command of the Artillery will pass from C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div. to C.R.A. 9th Div. Arty. at 10 am on 5th April.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE (Groups by wire).

Alec M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

Distribution.

Left Group.	Copy No. 1.
2nd F.A. Brigade.	2.
Right Group.	3.
9th Div. Arty.	4.
19th Div. Arty.	5.
49th Div. Arty.	6.
1st. Aust. Division.	7.
R.A.M., Aust. Corps.	8.
R.A., 9th. Corps.	9.
H.A. 9th Corps.	10.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	11.
D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	12.
C.R.A. do	13.
Staff Captain, 1st. A.D.A.	14.
Signal Officer do	15.
Reconn. Officer. do	16.
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War Diary.	18-19.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

3rd April, 1918.

Amendment to 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Operation

Order No. 17.

Reference 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No. 17, para 4.

- 1. Reliefs on night of 4th/5th April will take place between the following hours, and not as previously ordered:-

1st and 4th Btys.	4 pm to 5 pm.
2nd and 5th Btys.	5 pm to 6 pm.
3rd and 6th Btys.	6 pm to 7 pm.
101st & 102nd Btys.	7 pm to 8 pm.

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

- 2. Teams of 9th Divl. Artillery, after taking up their own guns, will bring back guns of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

- 3. These guns will be taken to Wagon Lines of Batteries of 9th Divl. Arty., whence they will be collected as soon as possible by their own Batteries, and taken to 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Wagon Lines.

- 4. Wagon Lines of 9th Div. Arty., are situated as under:-

A/51	relieving 1st. Bty.	ADEN CAMP.	N.11.A.7.2.
B/51	" 2nd "	COVENTRY CAMP.	N.10.B.2.9.
C/51	" 3rd "		
D/51	" 101st "	LITTLE KEMMEL.	N.20.C.9.6.
A/50	" 4th "	ELZENWALLE CHATEAU.	H.36.C.5.4.
B/50	" 5th "		
C/50	" 6th "	POMPIER CAMP.	
D/50	" 102nd "		

- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Groups by wire).

Alec M. Forbes
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 18.

3rd April, 1918.

1. Owing to the re-organisation of the Divisional Front, the present Right Group "B" Divisional Artillery will be organised into two Groups: - "A" Group and "B" Group.
2. "A" Group covering 62nd Infantry Brigade.
"B" " " " 64th " "
2. These Groups will be organised as follows:-
 "A" Group under Lieut-Col. E.T.H. HOOD, D.S.O. Headquarters, Regent-street Dug-outs, N.29.C.5.6. - 38th Army brigade, R.F.A.
 "B" Group under Lieut-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. Headquarters, N.18.B.5.6. - 3rd Australian Army F.A. Brigade, and ~~2nd Australian Artillery~~. *B/51 Battery 9th Div. Art.*
 Boundary between Groups will be as follows:-
 Sq. O.17.B.00.20. - Southern Edge of GREEN WOOD - PIONEER LANE to Sq. O.16.B.00.10., thence to IN DO STERKTE Cabaret - along Wytshaete-road, to Sq. O.14.D.60.70., thence due West.
3. This reorganisation will take effect as from 10 am 5th April.
4. C.O. "B" Group will provide Liaison Officer, not below the rank of Captain, with Headquarters, 64th Infantry Brigade, at Wytshaete Dug-outs N.19.D.2.8.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Groups by wire).

Colo. M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

Distribution.

Right Group.	1.	21st. Div. Arty.	11.
Left "	2.	K.A. 9th Corps.	12.
Lt-Col. E.T.H. HOOD, DSO.	3.	H.A. 9th Corps.	13.
38th Army F.A. Bde. RFA.	4.	C.R.A. 1st A.D.	14.
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.	5.	Staff Capt. A.D.A.	15.
9th. Div. Arty. R.F.A.	6.	Sig. Officer "	16.
49th. " " "	7.	Reconn. " "	17.
1st. Aust. Division.	8.	File.	18.
9th Division.	9.	War Diary.	19-21.
21st Division.	10.	Spare.	22.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 19.

4/4/18.

In continuation of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No. 18.

1. Pending the arrival of the 21st Divisional Artillery, the C.R.A., 9th Division, will take over from C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div., the command of "A" and "B" Groups detailed in 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No. 18, para 2.
2. This will be effected at 10 am April 5th, at the same time that the command of the Artillery on the 9th Division front passes.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Groups by wire).

Alec M. Forbes Major.
Brigade major, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

Distribution.

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| Right Group. | 1. | H.A. IX Corps. | 9. |
| 38th Army F.A.Bde. | 2. | C.R.A. 1st. A.D. | 10. |
| Left Group. | 3. | Staff Capt. 1st. ADA. | 11. |
| 9th. Div. Arty. | 4. | Sig. Officer " | 12. |
| 9th Division. | 5. | Reconn. " " | 13. |
| 21st Division. | 6. | File. | 14. |
| 21st Div. Arty. | 7. | War Diary. | 15-17. |
| R.A., IX Corps. | 8. | File. | 18. |
| | | <i>Spare.</i> | <i>19.</i> |
| | | <i>1st Aust Bde</i> | |

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. I.
From 6 am 17-4-18 to 6 am 18-4-18. 18-4-1918.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Counter preparation programmes were carried out along the Divisional front during the early morning in accordance with Corps instructions.

At 10 a.m. and S.O.S. was replied to and the Divisional front barraged until 11 am when the situation was reported as quiet.

During the day harassing fire was carried out by all Batteries onto enemy's roads and communications, and a number of rounds expended in registration.

Our M.T.M. Batteries carried out very successful harassing and destructive shoots onto FARM BEAULINU and houses at E.17.B.2.6. - E.11.B.60.90. and E.12.A.20.60./30.70. 48 rounds were expended and numerous direct hits obtained. In addition an entrenching party at E.11.B.95.55. was dispersed at 7.45 am.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Our planes observed throughout the day patrolling over the enemy's lines. At 2.14 pm one of our planes driven down in D.17.D.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY observed as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from.
8-30am to 2.50 pm.		16 & 7.7 cm.	E.16.A. E.15.B. E.9.C. E.8.	Heavy barrage, slackening down about noon. Direction chiefly VIEUX BERQUIN.	
10 am to 12 noon.	20	4.2"	D.15.B.&D.		
do	70	5.9"	D.15.B.&D.		
2.5 pm	50	77mm	BOIS d'AVAIL.	MERVILLE.	E.17.A.
do	20	4.2"	do	do	
do	20	5.9"	do		
7 to 8 pm.	15	4.2"	D.17.A.C.&D.		
-	30	5.9"	Posts & Reserves.	East.	
-	20	11"	GRAND HASARD.		

During day and night there was a light indiscriminate shelling of areas both front and back by H.V. guns and 15cm Hows. Night quiet.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Four hostile planes flying exceptionally low (about 200 ft.) came over our lines about 2.45 pm firing several rounds S.A.A. at ground targets including horse-lines, though no damage done. One of our planes was driven down at D.17.B. 8 am to 2.36 pm hostile balloon up 1130 T.B. from G/119. Five enemy aircraft over D.17. and 18. at 2.10 pm.

HOSTILE MOVEMENT. 2 pm many small parties of Infantry on road E.24.A. & D. and in area E.18.C.&D. and E.24.B.&D. Two gun teams trotting along road from E.24.A. to E.24.B.
At 12.35 pm a large body of Infantry moving along road from PONT RONDIN to LA COURONNE was dealt with by our Heavies.

V.A. Johnson
Reconnaissance Officer, 1st. Aust. Div. Ltout. Arty.

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTY. UNIT.RECONNAISSANCE SECTIONINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 2.From 8 am 18-4-18 to 8 am 19-4-18.

19/4/18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

In accordance with pre-arranged programme Counter Preparation was carried out along the divisional front between the hours of 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 4.30 a.m. to 6.15 a.m.

During the day enemy's communications were systematically harassed and enemy movement observed by our F.O.O's fired on.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Activity was below normal, with the exception of light mortar fire on back areas very little shelling was observed.

Time.	Area Shelled.	Rds.	Calibre.	Direction or Bearing.
6 - 7 p.m.	G/119 position D.12.A.3.3.		15 cm gun.	T.B. of 'blind' 160° from D.12.A.3.3.
7 pm	D.16.B.	6	4.2"	105 deg. T.B. from D.17.A.20.70.

GENERAL. Working parties observed digging at E.18. and E.24. new trench from E.C.C.4.9. to Road Junction at E.C.B.6.5. M.G. active at E.C. Central.

Farm at E.C.D.2.8. strongly occupied. M.G. located here. Movements of single men observed in E.17.C., during the afternoon, and at E.17.D.6.C. from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. much activity.

The following special reports have been received:-

'On the morning of the 18th. considerable movement was seen on the slopes of Hill 30, amongst the buildings in E.C.C. and in a trench running from E.C.C.2.5. across to E.C.C.3.4. then West to about E.C.C.0.4. Fire was opened on this trench and the enemy began to evacuate in two's and three's after several direct hits were obtained. Between 50 and 70 of the enemy carrying wounded left the trench and crossed the open, then entered houses at E.C.C.3.4. While crossing the open they were shot at by Infantry with M.G. several being seen to fall. Firing on this trench was continued, and a M.G. at E.C.C. was blown up. The house at E.C.C.3.4. was then fired on, and two direct hits obtained. The enemy then evacuated this house and took cover in the hedge about E.C.C.4.3. These were dispersed, a number being hit, and the remainder running off into the wood at E.C.C.5.0. A few returned to houses from which they had come. Fire was again turned onto the house, and five direct hits obtained. The farm and houses on this slope appeared to be full of the enemy.

An enemy post at X.20.A.5.5. observed being dug.
M.G.'s at X.21.A.2.2. X.20.C.95.85.
Several mortars in E.C.B. and F.1.A.
O.P. in house X.20.D.10.15. (an old military laundry)
Occupied building at X.20.D.3.7.

Battery of three guns in action at F.25.D.6.4., Calibre unknown at 3.30 p.m.

Enemy defensive line E.12.A.1.4. behind buildings in E.C.C. to E.C.B.3.2.

A. J. Strong
Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 3.
 From 7 am 19-4-18 to 7 am 20-4-18.

20-4-18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Between the hours of 7.20 p.m. to 8.35 p.m. and 4.15 a.m. to 5.15 a.m., Counter Preparation was carried out along the Divisional Front in accordance with pre-arranged programme.

In addition registration and calibration was proceeded with during the day.

Several direct hits were obtained on suspected O.P.'s in the Brewery at E.24.B.7.0. and considerable movement at LA BECK FACTORY in E.24.A. was successfully engaged.

A very satisfactory operation was carried out by the 1st. Battery, who ran a gun forward to E.20.B.7.3.. With a total expenditure of 74 rounds of Thernit shell farms at E 29 O 90.50, E 29 A 49.83, E 29 A 49.82, E 30 A 40.90 and a group of houses at the Cross Roads La Couronne were completely burnt down, and a hostile balloon brought down with a fuze 18 incendiary shell.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our 6 inch M.Trench Mortars obtained many direct hits on to FARM BEAULIEU which is now practically demolished. 30 rounds were also expended on houses at E 29 A 30.90, E 28 O 85.90 and E 28 O 20.80. This was a most successful shoot, the roof being lifted off the latter house.

At the request of the Infantry 10 rounds of harassing fire was put down on E 6 O 60.25 and E 6 O 55.90 and enemy parties at E 12 A 30.65 and E 11 B 70.60 were dispersed at 11.30 a.m. many casualties being observed.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. was on the whole very quiet in forward areas but throughout the day and night back areas were subjected to decultory 4.2 and 5.9 shelling chiefly from the SE.

Principal shelling observed as follows :-

T I M E.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
12 m/n	40	Large calibre	D.9.10 & 16	95 deg.	D.9.O.30.20
2 a.m.	60	77 mm	D.9.10 & 16	"	"
9 a.m.	10	4.2	STRAZEELE	S E	
	20	5.9	W 20 A		

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. Hostile working parties in E 18 and E 24. Much activity around E 12 A, 30.65 and E 6 B 60.30.

At 2 p.m. a woman passed the O.P. at E 16 A 9.6 from the direction of the German Lines. She was arrested by the Infantry, and stated she came from PRADELLES. Fires were observed in MERVILLE during the whole day. Fire also observed in VIEUX BERQUIN during morning. Slight enemy movement in E 18 and E 24.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY
INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 2
Form 1 (No. 1-1-1) 20-1-18

OUR ARTILLERY
between the hours of 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and 4.15 a.m.
to 5.15 a.m., Control operations were carried out along the
Divisional front in accordance with pre-arranged programme.

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.

BECK FACTORY in W. 22. A. was successfully engaged.
A very satisfactory operation was carried out by the
unit forward to W. 20. A. V. 3. With a total
of 100 shells fired from the shell tanks at W. 20. A. 30.30.
The tanks were completely burnt down, and a
large amount of smoke was seen in the vicinity of the
factory.

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Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Art

THROUGH CONTACT. Our 4 tank M. Trench mortars obtained many direct
hits on the main BRANLIEU mine in the vicinity of W. 20. A. 30.30.
The mine was also expanded on houses at W. 22. A. 30.30. E 28. 0 30.30
and W. 20. A. 30.30. This was a most successful shoot, the roof
being lifted off the latter house.
At the request of the Infantry 10 rounds of harassing fire
was put down on W. 20. A. 30.30 and W. 20. A. 30.30 and enemy parties at
W. 20. A. 30.30 and W. 20. A. 30.30 were dispersed at 11.30 a.m. many
casualties being observed.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY was on the whole very quiet in forward areas
but throughout the day and night both areas were subjected to
battery 4.3 and 6.8 shelling chiefly from the SE.
Principal shelling observed as follows:-

TIME	BOS.	NATURE.	AREA SHOT.	REMARKS.
12.15	40	Large caliber	D. 2.10 2.15	
3.15	40	77 mm	D. 2.10 2.15	
4.15	10	4.2	STRANGLER	
8.0	20	4.2	W 20 A	

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Rather quiet.
Enemy planes were seen over the area at 5.15 and 5.45 a.m.
and were seen to be driven off by A.A. and M.F. fire.
At 1.15 to 1.30 4 enemy planes over back area. Dropped
about 50 bombs.
Little working parties in E 18 and E 24.
Much activity around E 18 A. 30.30 and
E 4 A 30.30.

At 8.15 a woman passed the O.P. at W. 19 A 0.9 from
the direction of the German lines. She was arrested
by the Infantry, and stated she came from BRANLIEU.
From her observations in BRANLIEU during the whole day
she also observed in TRENCH BRANLIEU during morning.
Slight enemy movement in E 18 and E 24.

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.4.From 8 am 20-4-18 to 8 am 21-4-18.

21-4-1918.

OUR ARTILLERY.

In accordance with Corps Instructions, Counter Preparation was carried out during the evening and early morning.

The chief activity of our batteries during the day was confined to the thorough searching and sweeping of enemy communications, especially the wood in F.7.C., E.12., E.18., E.f.D., E.5.D., and X.2f.B.&D.

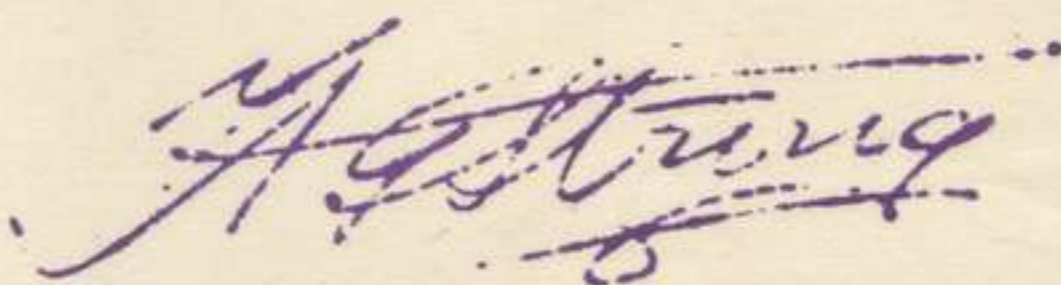
Considerable activity in the vicinity of house at E.11.B.70.45. was dealt with and a direct hit obtained.

TRENCH MORTARS again carried out a most extensive and successful programme. A total of 151 rounds of 6" Newton were expended in harassing and destructive fire as follows:- 58 rounds on enemy strong point at E.23.C.20.80. Farm is now practically destroyed, many direct hits being obtained. 30 rounds on E.f.C.50.90. with good results. 20 rounds on occupied house at E.8.C.15.60., troops dispersed and casualties inflicted. 20 rounds on centre of activity at E.8.C.6.0. 12 rounds on enemy movement, very effective. 5 rounds on occupied farm at E.11.B.30.20. and 6 rounds on occupied farm at E.11.B.65.95. All bombs detonated well.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY continued its quiet attitude, the chief feature being 20 to 30 rounds of phosgene gas shell, which fell in rear of 123rd. Battery, W.15.D.5.3. at 4.20 a.m. Intermittent shelling on STRAZEELE, OROIX ROUGE and W.21.A. was put down during the morning and at 12.30 p.m. 4.2" salvoes on W.15.D.f.1.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. 4 E.A. crossed our lines at 10.30 a.m..

VISIBILITY poor.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5.

From 6 am 21-4-18 to 6 am 22-4-18. 22-4-18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

At intervals during the early morning and evening Counter Preparation was put down along the Divisional Front.

All Batteries carried out harassing fire on enemy's communications, and the following centres of activity were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire:- House E.12.A.1.6., E.6.C.5.5., E.6.C.5.4., P.1.A.&B., E.12.B., buildings in E.6.C.&D., trench E.6.C.25.65., ~~Exxxxxxxx~~ E.6.C.35.60., MERRIS, F.13.A., LYNDE FARM roads in E.11.D. and E.12.B. and roads in X.1. and X.2.

A total of 68 rounds was expended by No. 2 6" M.T.M. Battery in satisfactory harassing and destructive fire as follows:- 13 rds on houses at E.11.B.00.30., with the exception of 3 "duds" this was quite successful, 10 rounds in sweeping between strong point E.11.B.7.9. to house E.11.B.8.2.; all bombs detonated well and were effective, as were 10 rounds expended in sweeping between E.6.C.0.3. to E.12.A.35.65., 20 rounds on farm houses at E.6.C.0.3., E.12.A.20.65. E.11.B.7.6. and E.11.B.7.5. Many direct hits obtained in the latter shoot., 15 rounds harassing fire on the following known centres of activity :- E.6.C.55.90., E.6.C.15.65. and E.6.C.60.20.

No. 1. Battery carried out an excellent shoot of 40 rounds on X.20.D.09.15. at the request of the G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade. The end was knocked out of one building and four bombs put through the roof of another. The larger building was burnt to the ground. In addition six rounds were expended on a destructive shoot on houses in METEREN.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY displayed a more aggressive attitude especially as regards concentration on forward areas as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area Shelled.
{ 6 a.m. to 6 a.m. intermittent	Intermittent	4.2"	EAST	
{ 11.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.	30	5.9"	-	W 19 and 20
5.10 a.m.	20	4.2"	-	
3.30 p.m.	20	5.9"	-	
{ 9 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.	70	4.2"	-	
2.30 a.m.	30	4.2"		W 13 and 14
5.10 a.m.	20	4.2"		
Intermittent during day.	100	77mm & 4.2"	130 deg from	W 15 0
10 p.m.	20	4.2"	W 9 0 5.2	W.14.B.
11 p.m.	55	77mm	-do-	W.8.
12 noon.	20	77mm	110 deg. from	
2 p.m.	12	77mm	W.8.B.2.9.	W.2.0.&D.
8.15-9.30 pm	200	4.2"	-do-	
	Gas & HE			W.21.C.
8.20-9 pm	150	4.2" & 77mm	-	W.26.&.27.
5.45 a.m.	50	77mm		
5.25 a.m.	50	4.2"		
5.15 a.m.	20	4.2" & 77mm	-	W.20.
11.5pm-3am	50	4.2" & 77mm	-	
9.35 p.m.	30	77mm & 4.2"	100°	FROM
11pm-7am	60	H.E. & Gas.	125° 141°	W.28.B. W.13.&.14. 1.2.

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ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet during the day. Artillery active during the night.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 3 p.m. 5 E.A. flying very low over E.2. Central. 8.45 p.m. E.A. brought down in flames over OUTERSTANE. Formations of 10 and more flew low over some of our battery positions about 3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Anti-aircraft guns failed to shoot.

MOVEMENT as follows:- At 11.45 a.m. Germans seen at E.6.0.55.80. proceeding in direction of E.12.A.8.8. They appeared to be carrying rations. 3 men in post at E.6.0.4.5.

MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility morning poor. 11 a.m. onwards good.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY displayed a more aggressive attitude especially as regards concentration on forward areas as follows:-

Time	Rds.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area Shelled.
6 a.m. to 8 a.m. intermittent	4.2"	WEST		
11.30 p.m.	5.9"			W 19 and 20
12.30 a.m.	4.2"			
5.10 a.m.	5.9"			
3.30 p.m.	4.2"			
9 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.	4.2"			
2.30 a.m.	4.2"			E 13 and 14
6.10 a.m.	4.2"			
Intermittent	7.7"	130 doz		
ent during day.	4.2"	from		
10 p.m.	4.2"	W 9 0 2.3		W 18 0
11 p.m.	4.2"	WESTERN		N.14.B.
12 noon.	7.7"	-do-		W.8.
3 p.m.	7.7"	1104 8. from		W.2.0.2.D.
2.15-2.30 pm 200	4.2"	-do-		
2.20-9 pm	4.2" & 7.7"			W.21.0.
5.45 a.m.	7.7"			W.26.2.27.
5.35 a.m.	4.2"			
5.15 a.m.	4.2" & 7.7"			
11.30 a.m.	4.2" & 7.7"			
9.35 p.m.	7.7" & 4.2"	1001		From
11pm-7am	4.2"	H.2.6.2.2. 1230		W.28.B. W.13.A.14.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 6.

From 6 am 22-4-18 to 23-4-18 (6 am)

23-4-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Counter Preparation was put down along the Divisional Front as per Corps Instructions.

Intermittently during the period harassing fire was carried out on enemy's communications, special attention being paid to the Easterly approaches to MARRIS and METELEN.

At the request of the Left Infantry Brigade, METELEN was bombarded from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. in support of the first phase for the taking of this village.

In addition the following targets were engaged during the day:- T.H. in house at X.15.C.05.00., E.18.D.8.4., F.1.B., F.1.D. 4.2. and movement in E.12.Central, E.24.B., E.18.C. and F.1.A.

In conjunction with the use of gas projectors by our Infantry 60 rounds of gas shell were expended by the 65th. Battery in the shelling of F.8.Central and X roads at F.2.D.10.10.

S.O.S. lines were satisfactorily checked by our Left group at 9 a.m.,

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. maintained its increased activity particularly as regards Area shoots and was observed as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from.
9.30 a.m.	30	T.H.?	Railway E.4.C.		W.28.B.1.2.
9.40-10.5am	10	4.2"	W.30.B.	TSB 130deg.	W.29.D.9.8.
10.5-10.45am	40	5.9" How.	PRADELLES.	140° Rt.	W.28.B.1.2.
10.10 a.m.	5	77mm	Mill W.29.B.	TSB 135deg.	W.29.D.9.8.
10.10-10.35am	40	4.2"	W.29.A.&B.	TSB 140deg.	-do-
10.50-11am	12	77mm	X.19.A.	TSB 131deg.	-do-
10.40am	10	5.9" How.	W.28.B.	120° Rt..	W.28.B.1.2.
11 a.m.	20	-do-	W.21.B.	-do-	W.21.B.5.9.
11 a.m.	40	4.2"&77	E.2.		124 Bty. position.
1.50-2.5pm	30	4.2"	W.30.B.&D.	TSB 128deg.	W.29.D.9.8.
3.20-3.25pm	7	4.2" 5.9"	STRAZELLE		
		& 77mm	Station.		W.28.B.1.2.
5.50 p.m.	60	5.9" How.	W.15.D.	120deg Rt.	W.21.B.5.9.
6.30 p.m.	4	4.2" How.	W.28.B.1.2.		-do-
6.55 p.m.	60	4.2", 5.9"			
		& 77mm	W.28.A.&b.		-do-
7 p.m.	50	4.2"&77mm	W.27.	135deg.	124 Bty. position
7-8 p.m.	100	5.9"	W.22.D.	TSB 150deg.	W.15.D.8.4.
6.30-11pm		Enemy constantly shelling	ROUGE OROIX and		
		4.2" from direction of	MARRIS.		
12 M/N	30	5.9" How.	W.15.D.	120deg Rt..	W.21.B.5.9.
5 a.m.	20	77mm	E.8.	135 deg.	124 Bty. position.

A heavy barrage of 4.2" and 77mm was put down on STRAZELLE, E.4.-5 and 10 during the morning, and on our front line from 8.45 a.m. to 8.50 a.m. St.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL intermittently shelled with 4.2" gun.

MISCELLANEOUS. 5.30 p.m. 4.2" How. Battery in action 151°15' Rt. of Grid from O.P. L.2.0.0.0. 4.30 p.m. 2 77mm guns fired from back of hedge in F.25.C. 150°30' Rt. of Grid from O.P.

MOVEMENT. Parties of twos & threes seen continually about E.24.B. & E.18.A. Small parties of men in E.18.Cen. at 10 a.m.

AERIAL. Many enemy balloons up in early morning and afternoon. 11 am 3 E.A. flew over PRADELLES and were driven off by anti-aircraft fire. Enemy aircraft activity normal. One E.A. brought down in R.31.A. Pilot wounded and captured.

VISIBILITY. Good.

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The chief activity of all batteries was confined to the harassing of enemy's approaches and centres of activity. Among others, the following locations were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire:- Roads and tracks in F.1., F.2., Farms at E.7.A.15.35., E.5.D.80.50., F.1.A.10.50., E.6.J.50.90. and three at E.6.C.30.40. The two latter targets were dealt with by a shoot with Thormit shell carried out by our 1st. Brigade, and were burnt down.

A very satisfactory observed shoot was put down onto a hostile Battery in action at E.18.C.00.70. at 8.15 p.m.

In accordance with Corps Instructions, Counter Preparation programmes were completed.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Both the 1st. and 2nd. Medium Trench Mortar Batteries carried out extensive tasks, expending a total of 267 rounds of 6" Newton, during the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. 23-4-18. Buildings at X.20.C.95.90. were destroyed and the garrison dispersed. At the request of the Infantry, farm at X.20.D.00.65. was engaged. The roof was knocked off and side blown in, and a bomb sent into a number of enemy running from the building, who were also sniped and machine gunned by Infantry, numerous casualties being inflicted. Other occupied houses at X.15.B.50.15., E.11.C.75.30./99.00./99.40./E.11.B.70.60., E.6.C.15.60., and enemy's outposts from E.6.C.00.31. to E.11.B.70.20. were systematically harassed with excellent results.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY was again very active, numerous area shoots being put down, particularly onto STRAZEELE, PRADELLES, ROUGE CROIX, W.29., W.15., R.26., Q.26.

Chief shelling observed as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from.
10.50 a.m.		Intermittent.	D.29.B.3.8. & STRAZEELE.		W.29.B.3.8.
1.45 p.m. to 2.30 pm	"	4.2" H	W.29.C.&D.		-do-
4.15 p.m.	20	77 mm	W.29.B.3.8.	145° True.	-do-
5.15 p.m.	20	77 mm	-do-	-do-	-do-
3 p.m.	30	5.9" & 4.2"	W.20.B. and BORRE Road.	140° T.B.	W.21.B.5.9.
4.30 p.m.	30	5.9" How.	W.15.D.Cent.	-do-	-do-
5.30 p.m.	12	-do-	W.15.C.	-do-	-do-
4.45 p.m.	40	5.9" & 4.2"	W.20.B.		
7.15 p.m.	30	5.9" How.	W.15.D.Cent.	-do-	-do-
6.30-6.40pm	20	4.2" H.	E.2.D.7.7.	120° True.	E.2.D.Cent.
6.45 p.m.	20	4.2" H	E.2.D.9.9.	110° True.	E.2.Cent.
12.45 a.m.		5.9" & 4.2"	STRAZEELE.		

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. 2.15 p.m. 3 E.A. flew over PRADELLES. 5 p.m. 9 E.A. flew over PRADELLES. 5.10 p.m. 1 E.A. flew over in direction of HAZEBROUCK. Enemy planes heavily bombed BORRE & vicinity from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

MOVEMENT. Parties seen at E.6.B.6.4. and 9.5. House at F.1.A.08.17. appeared to be a machine gun post. Germans seen in trench running from F.6.Cent. to F.6.C.4.7. This trench does not appear very deep.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 8.

From 6 am 24-4-18 to 6 am 25-4-18.

25-4-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

All Batteries completed programmes of harassing fire, and carried out Counter Preparation in accordance with Corps Instructions.

The 64th. Brigade carried out Counter Battery work from F.2.C.40.15. to F.8.A.40.88., F.2.D. and F.7.B.

A working party in E.6.G.10.40. was dispersed at 10 a.m. and at 6.30 p.m. 4 direct hits were obtained onto a suspected occupied house in F.1.A.

At 9.30 p.m. an S.O.S. was reported to have gone up, and the Divisional front was barraged for half an hour, when all was reported normal.

During the afternoon our Left carried out an effective shoot with Thermit shell on METEREN, several houses being set on fire.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our Medium Trench Mortars completely destroyed an enemy strong point at X.21.A.65.95., which had previously held up our Infantry attack.

In addition a number of rounds were expended on targets in METEREN pointed out by Infantry, excellent results being obtained.

Other targets engaged were occupied houses at E.17.B.05.15., E.12.A.35.65. and E.12.A.4.9. Altogether a total of 135 rounds of 6" Newton were expended.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Activity was most pronounced during the night. Between 8 and 10 p.m. a heavy barrage was put down along our Front, but no resultant enemy action took place. At 2.55 p.m. a heavy bombardment on our Right was simultaneous with concentration on R.31.A. and Battery areas.

During the day STRAZILLE Railway Station was subjected to heavy shelling, as also were ROUGE CROIX and PRADELLES. Gas shelling of FL TRE was reported at 3 a.m.

Chief shelling as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from.
10-10.30 a.m.	100	10.5 cm.	E.8.A.8.9. & immed. vicinity.	NEUF BERQUIN.	E.8.B. 15.95.
10.30 am	20	-do-	E.2.D.5.4.		E.2.D.70.00.
12 noon	20	-do-	-do-		-do-
12.30 p.m.	30	7mm	E.8.D.2.5.	VIEUX BERQUIN.	E.7.B. 8.7.
6.40 p.m.-7.10pm	30	15 cm	E.3.B.&F.4.C.		E.2.D.72.07.
6.30-7.30 p.m.	50	10.5 cm	D.29.A.8.9.&2.8.	BLEU.	D.29.B.3.8.
7.30 p.m.	30	15cm & 21 cm.	E.3.B.3.4.	-do-	E.4.A.9.3.
11.15 p.m.	8	4.2"	W.20.A.	S.E. 107°	W.20.A.6.6.
2.20 a.m.	60	8"		140°	W.20.A.7.5.
3.45-8.40pm	50	5.9" & 4.2"	W.15.	146°	W.21.B.50.95.
12.30 am	8	5.9"	W.15.C.		-do-
2.30-4 am			Between W.15.C. & N.23.		
4.37 am	9	5.9"	W.15.C.Cont.	140°	
3 p.m.	4	gas	-do-	150°	
7 p.m.	20	4.2"	W.28.	138°	E.8.B.8.9.
8 p.m.	50	4.2" & 77	E.3.B.	135°	
8.15 p.m.	20	4.2"	E.8.		

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Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing	observed From.
10 p.m.	10	4.2"	W.28.		
3.15 a.m.	100	4.2" & 77	E.4.		
4 a.m.	20	4.2"	E.E.	135°	
6 a.m.		77 mm	R.31.C.5.6.		
6.30 a.m.		77mm	R.31.A.5.5.		
1.45 - 2 p.m.		10.5cm	W.2.B.&D.		
2.15 - 3 p.m.	150	15 cm	-do-		
		10.5cm	Q.36.B.		
2.30 - 3 p.m.		10.5cm H	FLETRE.		
			X.2.C.1.2.		
3.15 p.m.		10.5cm	R.28.D.3.4.		
			R.32.D.0.9.		
4 p.m.		10.5cmH	COO DE PALLE		
		15 cm	Area.		
8-8.30 p.m.		All	R.32.C.		
		calibres.	R.31.B.		
3 a.m.	200 gas		FLETRE.		
8.40 a.m.	50	4.2"	W.9.C.		
11.20 a.m.	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.		
3.15 p.m.	30	77 mm	W.24.Cent.		
10 am to 2 pm.			Frequent shelling in short bursts onto W.11.A. and W.6.C. from X.29.Central.		
10 p.m.	130	5.9"	W.9.	METEREN.	W.9.C.1.E.
3.30 a.m.	220	4.2"	W.14.	METEREN.	-do-
ROUGE CROIX and PRADELLES area shelled during night with 77mm 4.2" and 5.9" - about 300 rounds.					

AERIAL. E.A. active between 5 and 6 p.m.. At dawn this morning 8 E.A. flew over our front line and areas shelled during night. At 8 p.m. 8 bombs were dropped in W.1.D. and W.1.B.

MISCELLANEOUS. Between 7.30 and 8 p.m. flashes of 15 c.m. hows seen direction OLAPBANC, X.28.A.&B. and X.30., from X.10.B.4.8. Dud 15 c.m. found at Q.36.B.40.05., direction 150 deg 30 min. T. Sound Bearing taken of 15 c.m. How. at 166° True from X.2.B.10.15. Infantry report a M.G. in chateau at X.15.C.9.1. Between 5.30 and 6.30 a.m. (24th inst.) O.P. Line of B/110 was out in four places at R.27.C.9.C., R.33.B.5.5., R.34.C.0.6. and X.4.A.4.7.

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11.15 p.m.	8	4.2"	W.20.A.		
11.30 a.m.	60	8"	8"		
11.45 a.m.	50	5.9" & 4.2"	W.16.		
12.30 a.m.	2	5.9"	W.16.C.		
1.30-4 am			Between W.16.C. & H.23.		
4.30 am	9	5.9"	W.16.C.Cent.		
5 p.m.	4	Gas	-do-		
7 p.m.	30	4.2"	W.28.		
8 p.m.	30	4.2"	E.3.H.		
8.15 p.m.	30	4.2"	E.9.		

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 9.
From 6 am 25-4-18 to 6 am 26-4-18.

26-4-18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

A number of rounds were expended by all Batteries in carrying out/Preparation and harassing fire.

Numerous direct hits were obtained on houses at E.5.D.70.45., E.12.D.25.90., X.16.D.90.90., X.29.A.70.00/20.60., X.23.C.00.00., X.17.C.15.90., X.17.A.30.10. X.15.D.20.80., X.20.D.20.70. and X.16.D.70.90. The latter house was set on fire and burnt out.

In addition roads and tracks in X.20.D., X.26., X.27., F.1., E.12.B., E.6.D. and METEREN-BAILLEUL ROAD in X.16.D., were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire during the period.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY has on the whole displayed decreased activity. A heavy concentration was put down on FLETRE at 3.10 p.m.. A few gas shells were reported in W.6.A. at 4.15 a.m.

Chief shelling observed as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from.
6.30 -8p.m.	130	4.2" & 5.9"	Q.35.D.		W.9.Cent.
6.50 a.m.	20	4.2" H.E.	W.9.C.		W.9.Cent.
6.9 a.m.	100	4.2"	X Rds. in W.4.D. 70.60.		W.9.Cent.
9-9.50 a.m.	60	5.9"	W.9.A.		-do
1.20-2 p.m.	40	4.2" Gas.	W.9.C.		W.6.D.4.4.
1.40 p.m.	15	4.2" H.E.	W.8.D.		-do-
4.15 p.m.	15	4.2" H.E.	W.8.D.		-do-
5.45 p.m.	65	77 mm	W.15.Cent.		-do-
3-3.10 p.m.	Concentration fire on FLETRE.				-do-
5.10 p.m.	20	4.2" H.E. & gas.	W.9.A. & C.		W.9.C.1.2.
6.3 p.m.	10	4.2"	W.8.D.	METEREN.	-do-
7 p.m.	6	4.2"	W.8.D.	-do-	W.21.B.5.9.
4.10 p.m.	4	4.2" How.	W.21.B.4.7.	142 deg.	W.21.B.5.9.
4.30 p.m.	20		W.15.D. & 21.B.	133°	-do-
5 p.m.	20	5.9" How.	-do-	133°	-do-
5.30 p.m.	20	4.2"	Main rd. in W.22.B. & D.		W.22.B.5.9.
9.30 p.m.	60	4.2" & 5.9" H.	Area shoot.		W.21.
3 p.m.	6	4.2"	W.26.D.		W.26.D.
3.45 p.m.	6	-do-	W.26.D.		
4.30 p.m.	6	-do-	W.26.D.		
7.10 p.m.	30	4.2" & 5.9"	W.20.A.		W.20.A.6.6.
9.15 p.m.	50	4.2" & gas.	-do-		-do-
3.15 p.m.	30	4.2"	-do-		-do-
3.15-4.30 p.m.		Intermittent 4.2"	W.27.A.	BLEU.	W.27.A.2.7.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 8 a.m. one plane crossed STRAZKELE, engaged by M.G. and rifle fire, and brought down in our lines.

GENERAL. T.M's are reported by Infantry at X.20.D.6.6., X.20.D.2.1. One was seen firing from about X.15.B.5.1. M.G's reported at X.20.D.8.5., and X.16.D.7.9. in house at X.15.C.9.2., and along hedge X.15.C.7.8. to X.15.C.9.2. Flashes of hostile Batteries seen at true bearing of 174 deg., 185 deg., and 158 deg., from X.10.B.5.8. Red lights on 115 Brigade front at 6.5 p.m. on night 24/25th brought down a heavy barrage on our front line. Enemy aircraft flew low over Battery positions at 7.10 a.m. 11 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. Windmill at W.4.A.9.0. is apparently used by enemy as a zero point.

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MISCELLANEOUS. 4 p.m. flashes of gun observed at 102 deg. from W.29.B.38.83. H.V. gun Sound Bearing 147 deg. Grid from R.51.C.10.70.

Flashes 77mm 143 deg. Grid. from X.2.C.20.20.
" 4.2" 178 deg. " " " "
" 5.9" 160 deg. " " " "

Trenches. in E.6.C.Cent. appear to be freshly dug out. More new earth is visible. M.G. appeared to be giving from E.12.A.7.4. at 10 a.m. at one of our planes.
Enemy post at E.5.D.75.45.
" T.M. at E.12.A.2.8.
" post at E.8.C.60.00.

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Time	Place	Remarks	Remarks
5.30 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	W.29.B.38.83
5.35 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	X.2.C.20.20
5.40 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	E.6.C.Cent.
5.45 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	E.12.A.7.4
5.50 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	E.5.D.75.45
5.55 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	E.12.A.2.8
6.00 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	E.8.C.60.00
6.05 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.10 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.15 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.20 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.25 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.30 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.35 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.40 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.45 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.50 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
6.55 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.00 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.05 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.10 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.15 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.20 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.25 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.30 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.35 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.40 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.45 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.50 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
7.55 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.00 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.05 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.10 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.15 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.20 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.25 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.30 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.35 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.40 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.45 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.50 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
8.55 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.00 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.05 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.10 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.15 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.20 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.25 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.30 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.35 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.40 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.45 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.50 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
9.55 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	
10.00 p.m.	100	4.2" 178 deg.	

HOSTILE AIRIAL ACTIVITY 6 a.m. the plane passed STRAKER, and was
by M.G. and "The 110" and dropped down to the level
of the ground. The plane was observed at 10.15 a.m. and reported at
10.20 a.m. and X.15.D.7.0. in house at K.15.C.2.2. and along
with X.15.D.7.0. to K.15.C.2.2. The plane of hostile batteries was
at the bearing of 170 deg. and 125 deg. from X.10.R.5.8.
and 110 deg. from X.10.R.5.8. on the front at 8.15 a.m. on the front
and heavy batteries on our front line. Many aircraft flew low
over battery positions at 7.15 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. (initially)
the W.A.C. is apparently used by enemy as a zero point.

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SECRET.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.10.

From 8 am 26-4-18 to 8 am 27-4-18.

27-4-18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

During the early morning Counter Preparation was carried out along the Divisional Front, and intermittently throughout the period harassing fire was put down onto enemy's chief centres of activity and communications.

Our Left Group expended a number of rounds onto Battery positions about X.23.B.50.40., X.23.A.5.0., X.29.A.&B. and X.28.D.20.20. The latter Battery was subjected to a burst of fire with 106 faze at 3.20 p.m., and did not fire again during the day.

In addition the following locations were selected for special attention in accordance with recent intelligence:- Houses at X.16.D.96.88. and X.15.D.20.80., Road junctions in X.23.A. and roads in X.16.D., X.17-C. and E.6.D.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our medium trench mortars bombarded enemy strong points as follows:- E.11.B.10.60. to E.12.A.30.90., E.6.C.7.6., E.6.C.6.5., E.6.C.00.30. and E.6.C.60.20., expending a total of 30 rounds of 6" Newton in very satisfactory shoots.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY was normally active the chief features being heavy bursts of fire on CAESTRE STATION and PRADELLES. Gas shelling was reported in X.7.B. and W.9.B.

Chief shelling and direction observed as follows:-

Table with 6 columns: Time, Rds., Nature, Area Shelled, Bearing, Observed from. Contains detailed records of artillery shelling including times like 9-11 am, 10-11 am, 10.30am-3pm, 3.5 pm, 4.10 pm, 4.15 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 1.30 a.m., 2.25 p.m., 3.20 pm, 5.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 11.15 p.m., 4 p.m., Midnight, 11am-11.30am, 5.30-7.30pm, and 8.20-8.33pm. Lists areas such as PRADELLES, ROUGE CROIX, W.9.A.&C., W.15., W.15.&22.A., W.16.A., W.28., W.27., W.15.D., W.14.A.&B., W.15.A.&B., Railway line, STRAZEBLE-HAZEBROUCK, W.15.C., W.15.C.&B., Rd. Jct., X.14.B.2.7., W.6.E., X.14.A.3.0., and to X.20.A.7.5. Includes bearings like 135 deg. E.2.B.8.9., 142 deg. W.21.B.5.9., 142 deg., 130 deg T, V.30.B.8.7., 100 deg TB, 120 deg, S.B.150 deg, S.B.170 deg, and S.B.130 deg.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 8.50 a.m. 8 planes over X.19.A. 2 p.m. a low flying E.A. over Battery positions in E.8.A.

MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility good in afternoon. An enemy post is reported at X.16.D.3.9. A good deal of movement during the night on road X.16.D.00.85. to X.16.D.9.9.

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Guns were seen firing from:-

4.2" Battery, T.B. 127 deg. from W.29.B.3.8.
 4.2" Battery probably position at F.25.D. observed from W.29.B.3.8.
 77mm " " " at F.19.C. observed from W.29.B.3.8.
 4.2" How. at " " at F.8.D.50.70.
 77mm Bty. " " at F.19.C. 50.20.

During the day the following Sound Bearings were taken:-

From.	Nature of Bty.	Bearing.
R.32.C.5.3.	77mm	159 deg.
X.2.C.2.2.	4.2" How.	143 deg.
"	77 mm	153 deg.
R.36.A.1.7.	H.V. gun.	147 deg.

A farm was seen burning from X.2.C.2.2. on a Grid Bearing of 152 deg.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 11.

From 8 a.m. 27-4-18 to 8 am 28-4-18.

28-4-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

In accordance with our harassing policy, all Batteries were active throughout the period in searching and sweeping roads, hedges, railways and approaches to enemy's centres of activity, opposite the Divisional Front.

Special attention was paid to the following locations:- Railway in E.12.A., Hedges in E.6.D., E.12.A.&B., F.7.A., E.6.C., farms and tracks E.12.D.85.90., X.26, E.6., E.5.D., F.1., F.8.B., F.9.A., X.27. and F.3.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our Medium Trench Mortars expended a total of 72 rounds of 6" Newton on enemy's cross roads as follows:- X.20.D.05.05., X.26.B.55.55., E.6.C.30.60., E.6.C.60.30., E.11.B.70.60. to E.12.A.50.95. and E.6.A.60.20., with excellent results.

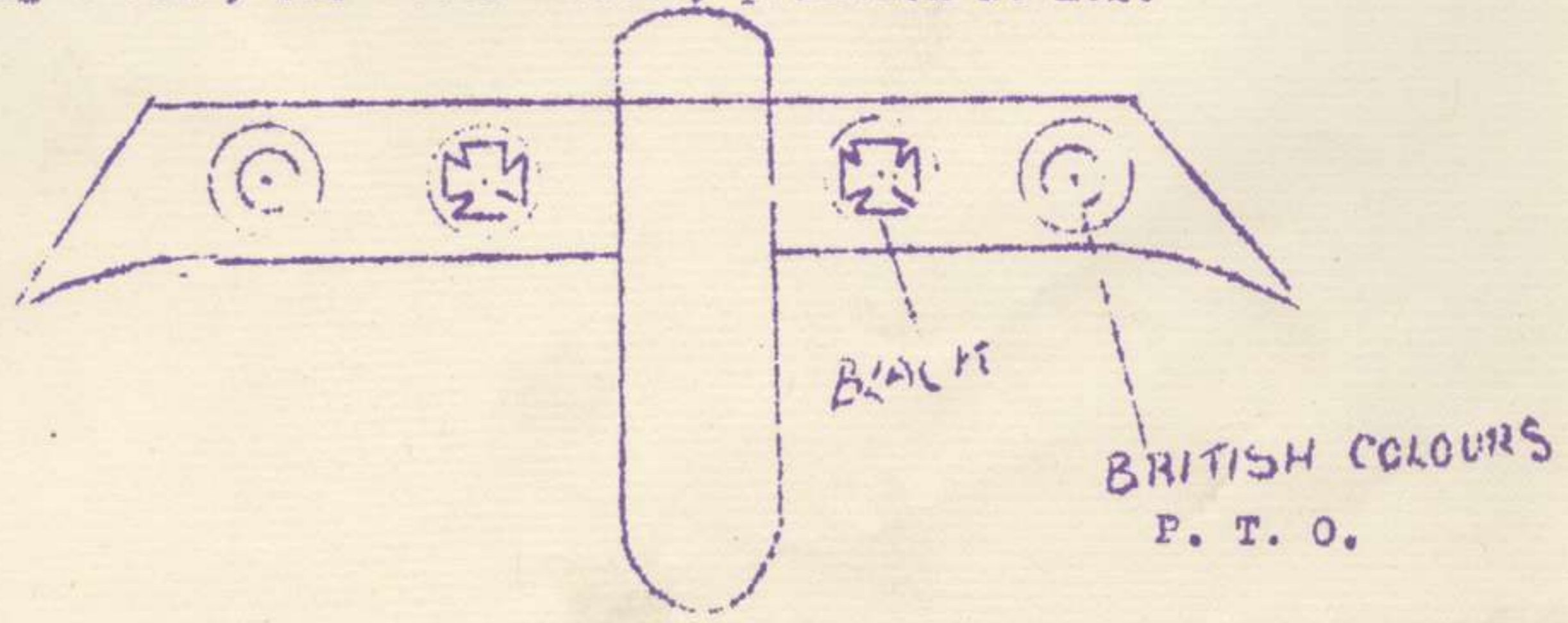
Numerous direct hits were obtained on strong point at E.6.C.60.30., and 10 rounds were expended on a mangal heap at E.6.A.60.20., known to be an enemy stronghold. Enemy were rooted out from this point, and dealt with by Infantry as they ran for cover.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY's chief activity was confined to area shoots onto ROUGE CHOIX. E.2., W.9.A.&C., W.15.B., W.16. and intermittent shelling of PRADELLES, W.21.B. and E.6.

Chief shelling observed as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from
During night.		4.2" & 5.9"	PRADELLES.		Direction of BLEU.
9.30pm-4.50am	16	4.2"	Rd. in rear of 124 Bty. post.		124 Bty. pos.
Intermittent	100	4.2"	Railway E.2.		"
11.55 a.m.	6	4.2"	W.22.B.	135°	W.21.B.5.9.
12.5 p.m.	12	4.2"	W.21.B.&22.C.	135°	"
2.25-3 pm	200	4.2" & 5.9"	W.15.B.&16.A., C.&D.		"
5.20 p.m.	40	4.2"	W.16.C.	140°	"
2.10 p.m.	40	4.2" & 5.9"	W.30.B.	"	W.30.A.1.9.
11.20 p.m.	20	5.9"	W.15.	135°	W.21.B.5.9.
2 p.m.	30	4.2" & 5.9"	W.16.A.&C.	"	W.20.A.6.6.
11 pm	20	4.2"	"	"	"
11 pm	200	77 mm	Road W.19.A.1.3.		
11.30 am-4 pm	300	10.5 c.m.	E.2.A.&D.		NEUF BERQUIN.
12 noon	40	5.9" How.	E.2.C.		BLEU.
1.15-2.50 pm	70	5.9" How.	E.8.A.&C.		"
3.15 p.m.	40	5.9" How.	"		"
2.50 p.m.	25	5.9"	W.16.		W.9.C.0.1.
2-3.30 pm	400	5.9" & 4.2"	W.9.A.&C.		W.9.C.8.3.
10.50	20	4.2" & 5.9"	W.8.	120° TB	W.8.D.50.80.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. One enemy aircraft flew over Battery positions at E.2. at 8.30 p.m.. At 7.30 p.m. hostile plane marked as per following sketch, flew over Battery position at E.2.



Ten minutes later two E.A. ordinary marking flew over and dropped several bombs in E.2.B. One E.A. dropped bombs on STRAZELLE Railway Station about 6 p.m.

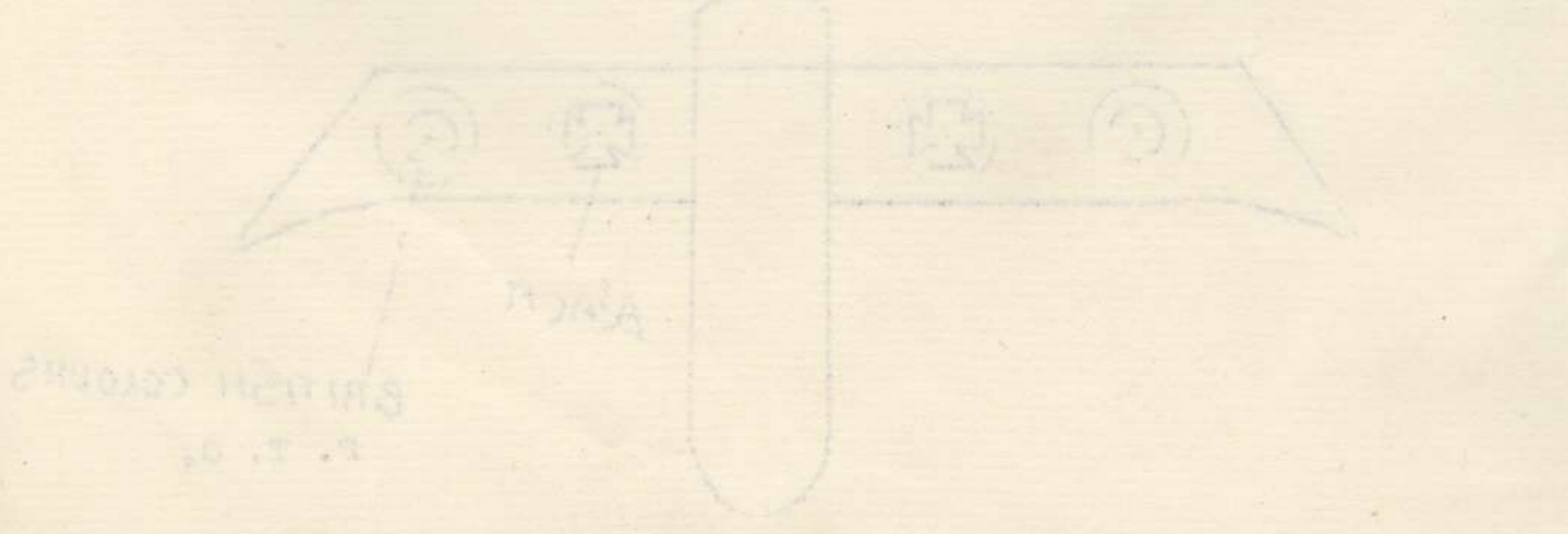
At 5.15 p.m. E.A. over 123rd. Bty position. 6.30 p.m. E.A. flew over W.30.A. 5.25 p.m. one E.A. flew over PRADELLES but was driven off by A.A. fire.

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Time	Altitude	Remarks	Area marked	Position	Direction of flight
10.30	500	2 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
11.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
11.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
12.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
12.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
13.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
13.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
14.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
14.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
15.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
15.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
16.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
16.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
17.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
17.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
18.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
18.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
19.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
19.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
20.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
20.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
21.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
21.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
22.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
22.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
23.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
23.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
24.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
24.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
25.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
25.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
26.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
26.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
27.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
27.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
28.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
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35.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
36.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
36.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
37.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
37.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
38.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
38.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
39.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
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40.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
40.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
41.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
41.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
42.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
42.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
43.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
43.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
44.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
44.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
45.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
45.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
46.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
46.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
47.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
47.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
48.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
48.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
49.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
49.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
50.00	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°
50.30	500	1 E.A. 100'	W.30.A.	123rd Bty	W. 120°

AIRIAL ACTIVITY. One enemy aircraft flew over battery positions at 10.30 p.m. At 7.30 p.m. hostile planes marked as per following section, flew over battery positions at 2.2.



SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.12.From 6 a.m. 29/4/18 to 6 p.m. 29/4/18.

29-4-18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Harassing and Counter Preparation programmes were completed by all Batteries. The former ensured the thorough searching and sweeping of enemy approaches, especially those leading to METEREM and MERRIS, and chief centres of activity.

The following locations were specially dealt with:- METEREM, MERRIS, X.24.A., X.17.B., suspected Batteries at X.25.A.60.40., X.29.C.48.62. and X.21.A.90.10. Bursts of shrapnel were put on the latter from 4.25 to 4.34 p.m., in conjunction with a shoot carried out by the heavy artillery.

From 4pm to 6 pm our 4.5" Hows. thoroughly swept trench from X.15.C.70.80. to X.15.C.90.20.

In anticipation of an enemy relief E.12.B., E.6.D., F.7.D., F.7.C., and F.7.A., were kept under intermittent bursts of fire during the early morning.

At 7.20 p.m. a heavy bombardment well to our Left spread to the front of the Division on our immediate Left, and our Left Brigade supported by opening up at a slow rate of fire until 8.30pm when bombardment slackened off.

A French S.O.S. signal was reported to have gone up at 10 pm, followed by heavy machine gun fire. Our Left Brigade therefore again opened at a slow rate until 10.26, when Liaison reported our front all quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. Very satisfactory reports were received of a shoot put down on E.11.D.Cent. to E.6.C.2.4., by the 1st. M.T.M. Battery at 4.30 a.m., 20 rounds of 6" Newton being expended on this target. Target at X.15.D.20.80. was successfully registered.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY displayed intervals of intense activity, particularly on the front line system of 2nd. zone running through W.26. and W.20.

PRADELLES was intermittently subjected to heavy "strafes", with 15 c.m. How. from the direction of BLEU.

Our 1st. and 5th. Batteries were shelled during the afternoon, several casualties being incurred to personnel.

Chief shelling observed as follows:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed From.
Intervals during day	200	77 & 4.2"	W.26. & 27.		
12-12.10pm	300	77, 4.2" & 5.9"	PRADELLES, W.20, W.21. & W.26.		
6-6.15 pm	150	77 & 4.2"	-do-		
12.40-2 pm	60	4.2" & 5.9"	W.20.A.		W.20.A.A.S.
5-5.20 pm	40	5.9"	W.20.		-do-
6.50-8.50pm	20		-do-		-do-
8.30 p.m.	12	5.9"	W.20.A.		-do-
12-1.50 pm	50	77 & 4.2"		W.14. 120°	W.8.D.53.08.
9.30-11.30pm		4.2" & 5.9"	PRADELLES & W.20.A.		-do-
1.50 a.m.-3 am		5.9"	PRADELLES.		-do-
5 a.m.	9	5.9"	W.20.A.A.S.		-do-
11.45-12.40pm	120	4.2", 5.9" & shrap.	W.15., W.14.B.	135°	W.21.E.6.9.
1.50 pm.m	15	5.9"	W.9.D., 14.D. & 20.B.	135°	-do-

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Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing.	Observed from
5.30 p.m.	10	4.2"	W.15.D.	135°	W.21.B.2.2.
5 p.m.	40	4.8" & 5.9"	W.15.C.&D.		-do-
6 p.m.	15	4.2"	W.15.C.&D.		-do-
6.30 p.m.	15	4.2"	W.15.C.&D.		-do-
5.15-6 a.m.	100	4.2" & 5.9"	W.21.B., W.22.A. & W.15.C.		-do-
2.15-5 p.m.	300	4.2"	W.14.A.	120°	W.9.D.53.08.
5.10 a.m.	12	4.2"	W.5.B.		
5.15 a.m.	100	4.2"	X.7.A. & W.12.B.		X.28.D.
11.25 a.m.	30	4.2"	X.8.C. central.		
	4	4.2"	In rear of O.P. at X.7.D.2.3.	118°	Sound bearing from O.P. 118° Grid.
12.40 p.m.	30	4.2"	X.7.C.		X.28.D.
	30	4.2"	X.7.B.		X.29.B.
12.55 p.m.	30	4.2"	X.1.D.	127°	Jrd. X.1.A.45.00
1.10 p.m.	30	4.2"	X.13.A. & X.14.C.		X.7.D.2.3.
4.20 p.m. slow rate		5.9" How	X.11.C.6.8	118°	Grd.
5 a.m. 4.45 2 per		5.9" "	R.31.A.	120°	X.10.B.5.8.
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GENERAL.

Field guns were reported shooting short by Infantry at X.16.B.7.4., X.13.B.5.4., and X.16.A.7.4., at 10.10 p.m., 1 a.m., 1.30 a.m. and 4.50 a.m.
Hostile T.H. has been located at X.16.C.6.7.

AIRCRAFT.

A flight of 5 E.A. crossed our line several times between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Visibility poor during the day owing to mist; improved in the evening.
3.45 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. 2 E.A. flew over our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

2.53 p.m. Flash of gun firing observed from W.29.B.8.9., at 138° 30 min. Rt. of Grid North.

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Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer, 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Intelligence Summary No-13.

From 6 am 29-4-18 to 6 am 30-4-18.

30-4-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

During the early morning Counter Preparation was carried out in accordance with Corps Instructions.

Harassing fire was intermittently put down along the Divisional front, especially onto the following recently reported centres of much enemy activity:- Wood in F.7.C., Roads in E.12.B., E.6.D., F.1.C., F.8.A., F.2.A. and F.7.A., Hedges in E.6.C., E.12.B., E.7.C., Houses at E.6.C.65.25., E.12.A.80.30., E.12.A.55.00., E.6.C.35.45., E.11.B.70.45., E.12.D.30.90., E.5.D.75.45., F.2.A.0.1., E.12.A.14.60., X.27.B.70.10., X.27.D.20.70., X.27.B.10.90., X.21.C.6.0., X.21.C.90.70., X.15.C.8.5. and X.16.A.0.3.

A considerable amount of Counter Battery work was accomplished, the following hostile positions being subjected to intermittent bursts of fire:- X.28.D.20.20., X.28.B.60.20., F.3.B.60.20., F.2.D.17.65./26.28/45.47 and 41.48.

A number of rounds were expended in registration and checking of S.O.S. lines.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our Left Group of M.T.M's fired 80 rounds on houses in N. edge of METEREN with very good results, 2 houses being knocked down.

On the Right Sector 38 rounds were expended on effective shoots as follows:- 10 rounds on M.G. position at X.20.S.30.43., 6 rounds sweeping fire from E.11.B.Gent. to E.6.C.Gent. 10 rounds on houses at X.26.B.3.5., direct hits being obtained and all bombs detonated well., and 12 rounds on E.6.C.0.3.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY was fairly active. In retaliation to our Morning Counter Preparation a light barrage was put down on our Support system.

Area shoots were carried out onto W.28., E.4., W.15.C.&D., and W.2.D. An intermittent trench mortar bombardment of X.25.C. and D. was fairly heavy from 5.20 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The 123rd and 124th. Battery positions in W.15.D. and E.2.B. were shelled during the day.

Chief shelling as under:-

Time.	Rds.	Nature.	Area Shelled.	Bearing. Observed from.
4.20 am-2pm	300	4.2"	W.8.B.	
	10	8"		
8.20 a.m. -		2 heavy	Back areas.	Grid bearing to flash
10.30 a.m.		how.	"	144° from X.1.D.4.7.
				Grid bearing of 145°
				45' from X.1.D.4.7.
1.40 p.m.		4.2"	X.1.A.&R.31.0.	145° from X.1.A.2.6.
12 noon	40	4.2"	X.1.D.	
7.30 p.m.	40	4.2"	W.6.B.0.7.	F.2.D.
9 am-11 am	100	4.2"	X.1.A.0.0.	F.10.
8.45 a.m.	20	77 & 4.2"	W.15.C.&16.C.	135° from W.31.B.5.9.
6 am-6 am		Intermittent fire with 77's,	4.2' and 5.9" of W.9.A.&C.	
5.10 am-		Continuous heavy shelling of W.2.D. and vicinity with		
10.30 am		6", 5.9", 4.2" & 77's.		
10.30 am		6", 5.9", 4.2", 77's	W.8.B.&W.9.A.	METEREN. W.9.D.1.2.
11 am-12.15 pm	80	4.2"	W.6.B.	-do- -do-
6.30 am-9.30 am	150	5.9" & 4.2"	W.5, 10, 11, 12.	OUTERSTRENE.
5.30-6 pm	80	5.9"	W.4.	
5 a.m.	60	4.2" HE	W.14.	METEREN. W.9.D.1.2.

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AERIAL. 6.30 am 1 enemy plane crossed our lines, engaged by AA and M.G. fire and driven off.
 8.5 am 1 do do do do
 1.45 p.m. 5 do do do do
 7.30 pm One enemy plane crossed our lines, but was driven off by our planes.
 8 a.m. 4 enemy balloons up extending 8 degrees on a bearing of 120 degrees true from W.9.D.1.2.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flashes were observed as follows:-
 5.20 am Grid bearing 141030' from X.1.D.2.2. Suspected to be about X.23.D. or F.4.B.
 3.50 a.m. Grid bearing of large flash 145° from X.1.D.2.2. Time between observation of flash and sound of report - 25 seconds. Appeared to be firing towards STEENVOORDE.
 5 - 5.30 a.m. Flashes of 4 guns at grid bearing of 145° from X.1.D.2.2.
 6.50 a.m. Flash observed of 5.9" or 8" How. Grid bearing 152° from X.10.B.2.8.
 5 minute bursts at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. on roads in R.52.O. from 77mm gun.
 10 minute bursts of 4.2" on a line X.2.A.3.7. - R.32.O.1.9. at 12.45 p.m., 2 p.m., 3.5 p.m., 4.5 p.m., and 5.40 p.m. About 25 rounds in each burst.

GENERAL. 9.15 a.m. 10 rounds fell in our front line from farm at X.15.D.4.3.
 Light T.M. suspected at X.18.C.10.65.
 Posts have been located at X.15.E.5.3. (with M.G.), X.16.A.3.2. and X.16.C.10.65. Post suspected at X 17 A 50.75 House at X.16.A.40.00. is occupied. 6 men seen there at 8 p.m.
 BELLE CROIX FARM was set on fire during the evening and burnt for four hours.
 Movement seen at dusk at X.22.C.10.50. There appears to be a small trench here from which all earth has been removed.



Reconnaissance Officer, 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery. Lieut.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No 13

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.

6th April, 1918.

In continuation of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.
Order No. 118.

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 Stations three 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. Billeting parties consisting of one N.C.O. from each Unit will proceed by the first train of their respective brigades. Those for the D.A.C. will accompany D.A.C. Headquarters. These billeting parties will take bicycles with them.
3. Baggage wagons from 1st. Aust. Div. Train will report to Units not later than 4 pm on the 7th inst.
4. A complete marching Out State will be sent to the R.T.O. by each Unit, at least 5 hours before time of 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.
5. Rations for consumption on the 9th April will be drawn at LA CLYTHE on the 7th April at 10 am. Rations for consumption on the 10th April will be drawn at 8 pm on the 7th inst., at Entraining Station. No rations will be drawn on the 8th and 9th April.

Two Other Ranks per Unit, one of whom will be the Q.M. Storeman will be at the Entraining Station by 5.30 pm on the 7th APRIL to draw rations. These rations will remain at the Station, and will be loaded onto 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 mon.

6. One Motor Lorry will report at 1st F.A.Bde., POMPIER LINES at 7 pm on 7th APRIL to carry the Dental Unit to Entraining Station. 1st. F.A. Brigade will ensure that a lock-out is kept for this lorry.

7. In order to move 1st. Aust. Div. M.T.M. Batteries to Entraining Station, 6 motor lorries will report at KEMMER Cross-roads at N.21.D.5.3., Sheet 28, at 8 pm on 7th APRIL. These lorries will be met by a guide and taken to T.M. Camp.

1st. Aust. Div. M.T.M. Batteries will arrive at Entraining Station (HOPOUTRE) at 2.45 am. This will necessitate moving off from present camp at 1.15 am.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

[Handwritten signature]

Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Captain.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION 22-4-1918.Refer. Map. Sheet 27. 1/40,000. No. 2.AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

1. Previous instructions from this Office re ammunition supply are cancelled.
2. The following will be the method of demanding and accounting for ammunition.
3. All demands for ammunition will be made by this Office.
4. Brigades will forward daily to reach this Office as soon after noon as possible, a wire giving the following information:-
 - (a) Gun and Trench Mortar Ammunition expended for period noon to noon.
 - (b) Gun and Trench Mortar Ammunition destroyed by shell fire from noon to noon.
 - (c) Balance of Gun and Trench Mortar Ammunition remaining on hand (in case of Brigades showing at guns and at wagon lines), at noon on the day on which the wire is despatched.Explanation of any difference between the balance remaining on hand and that reported the previous day, i.e. Receipts, Transfers, Ammunition returned to Railhead (stating Railhead) etc., will be given in this wire. D.A.C.'s will report as per para (C) and will include A.R.P. figures.
5. Staff Captain, 33rd. Div. Arty. will report as per para 4 in the case of 25th. Div. Arty., and 113th. Army Brigade R.F.A., and will continue to function these Brigades regarding A.R.P.'s etc.
6. Under normal conditions a careful count will be made every Friday of the amount of ammunition on hand. The figures found by the count will be reported, and any necessary adjustment between book figures and the amount actually on hand, can then be made.

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7. The following gives the A.R.P.'s to be used by Units as shown:-

LA KREWE V.16.B.7.5.

A.R.P. at Q.19.D.8.C.

1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.
64th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
28th. Army. Brigade R.F.A.

25th. Div. Artillery.
113th. Army Brigade R.F.A.

8. The above instructions come into force as from noon 22nd. inst.

9. ACKNO LEDGE.

[Signature]
Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery. Captain.

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1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	1.	1st. Aust. Div.	12.
2nd. " "	2.	1st. Aust. Div. M.T. Coy.	13.
1st. " D.A.C.	3.	C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	14.
D.T.M.O. 1st. A.D.	4.	Brigade Major, 1st.	
64th. (A) Bde. R.F.A.	5.	Aust. Div. Arty.	15.
28th. " " "	6.	War Diary.	16-18.
33rd. Div. Arty.	7-11.	File.	19.
		Spare.	20-22.

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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ORDER NO. 1.

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. Australian Division:-

RIGHT GROUP. Covering Right Infantry Brigade front.

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

LEFT GROUP. Covering Left Infantry Brigade front.

57th Div. Arty.	} Grouped under C.R.A. 57th. Division, who will be under the orders of C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.
64th Army Brigade R.F.A.	
28th Army Brigade R.F.A.	

2. The C.R.A. 54th. Division has arranged to cover Right Half of the Right Group Sector with the 160th brigade R.F.A.

3. The disposition of Brigades on each Group front is shown in Table "A" attached.

4. The location of brigade headquarters, Batteries etc., is shown in Location Statement attached.

5. LIAISON.

(a) C.O. 1st. Aust. P.A. Brigade will detail an Officer not below the rank of Major to act as Liaison Officer with 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade Hdqrs., at D.24.A. 0.2.

(b) Lt-Col. D. COOKES, D.S.O., 285th Brigade, R.F.A. is acting as Liaison Officer with 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade Hdqrs., at BOKRE.

(c) Each Artillery Brigade will lay a direct line to the Liaison Officer at the Hdqrs., of the Infantry Brigade which it is covering.

(d) All Artillery Brigades will also lay lateral lines to the Artillery Brigades on each flank.

S.O.S.

(a) In the event of an S.O.S. all 18-pdr Batteries will open fire on a continuous S.O.S. line which will be determined by the Infantry Brigade Commander concerned, and communicated to Artillery Brigades and to 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Hdqrs., by the Liaison Officer.

(b) 4.5" Hows. will open fire on selected points laid down for them by Group Commanders.

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

(d) Overlaps of 200 yards at junction of Groups and Brigades will be allowed for.

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- 7. 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.
- 8. This order will take effect from 6 pm 15th April.
- 9. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Col. M. Forbes
 Major,
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	Copy No 1 - 2.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	3.
119th Army Brigade R.F.A.	4.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	5.
57th Div. Artillery.	6-10.
34th. Div. Artillery.	11-12.
1st. Aust. Division.	13.
R.A. XV Corps.	14.
H.A. XV Corps.	15.
G.R.A. 1st. Aust. Division.	16.
Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	17.
Signal Officer " " "	18.
Reconn. Officer " " "	19.
File.	20.
War Diary.	21-23.
Spare.	24-26.

LOCATION STATEMENT APPENDIX 10

Issued with 1st. Aust. Div.
Arty. Order No. 1.

1st. Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q. GRAND HASARD D.14.B.2.5.

RIGHT GROUP.

160th. Brigade R.F.A. (34th. Div. Arty.)
H.Q. E.16.B.4.9.
A/160 E.7.C.5.4.
B/160 E.13.B.0.7.
C/160 D.24.B.3.8.
D/160 D.18.B.8.1.

119th Army brigade R.F.A.
H.Q. D.10.D.7.4.
A/119 D.18 Central.
B/119 D.18.D.7.8.
C/119 E.7.D. Central.
D/119 D.12.A.5.6.

1st Aust. F.A. Brigade.
H.Q. PAPOTE.
1st Battery D.22.B.7.4.
2nd Battery D.22.C.3.7.
3rd Battery D.22.A.7.0.
101st Battery D.22.A.3.2.

2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade.
H.Q. D.17.A.55.00.
4th Battery D.18.C.60.60.
5th Battery D.17.D.30.80.
6th Battery D.17.A.20.80.
102nd Battery D.16.D.20.60.

LEFT GROUP. (57th D.A. Group.)

H.Q. GRAND HASARD. D.14.B.2.5.

286th Brigade R.F.A.
H.Q. BOBRE.
A/286 } W.21.A. and W.20.B.
B/286 }
C/286 }
D/286 }

285th Brigade R.F.A.
H.Q. BOBRE.
A/285 } ROUGE GROIX
B/285 } W.10.C.
C/285 }
D/285 }

64th Army Bdo. R.F.A.
H.Q. E.8.C.0.7.
A/64 }
B/64 }
C/64 }
D/64 } L.2.D.

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28th Army Bde. R.F.A.

H.Q.
68th Battery.
124th Battery.
A/28
123rd Battery.

WERRE. W.10.D.1.9.

E.8.A.00.15

E.2.B.8.9.

W.21.A.3.3.

W.15.D.5.2.

Moving to vicinity
of PRADELLES.

12th Army Brigade R.F.A.

1st Army Bde. R.F.A.

1st Battery.
2nd Battery.
3rd Battery.
4th Battery.
5th Battery.
6th Battery.

1st Army Bde. R.F.A.

1st Battery.
2nd Battery.
3rd Battery.
4th Battery.
5th Battery.
6th Battery.

GRAND HARARD. D.12.8.2.3.

W.21.A. and W.20.5.

BOUCH OROIX
W.10.C.

W.21.A. and W.20.5.

W.15.D.5.2.

W.15.D.5.2.

TABLE "A".

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Order No. 1.

RIGHT GROUP.

160th. Bde. R.F.A.
(34th. Div. Art.)

Southern Divisional Boundary to
East and West line through
SECLIN (E.22.C.8.3.)

119th Army Brigade,
R.F.A.

East and West line through SECLIN
to Inter-brigade (Infantry) Boundary
(line joining E.18. Central - E.9.
Central).

1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Superimposed on 160th Brigade R.F.A.

2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Superimposed on 119th Army Brigade
R.F.A.

LEFT GROUP. (37th. D.A. Group.)

286th Brigade R.F.A.

Inter-Brigade Boundary to E.C.
Central.

285th Brigade R.F.A.

E.6. Central to Northern Divisional
Boundary.

64th Army Brigade R.F.A.

Superimposed on 285th Brigade R.F.A.

28th Army Brigade R.F.A.

Superimposed on 286th Brigade R.F.A.

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15th April, 1918.

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

to

1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 1.

1. (a) In para 2 of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 1., for "160th. Brigade R.F.A." substitute "152nd Brigade R.F.A."
- (b) In Table "A", under Right Group: for "160th Brigade R.F.A." substitute "152nd brigade R.F.A."
- (c) In Location Statement, under Right Group, for locations of 160th Brigade, R.F.A., substitute:

<u>152nd Brigade R.F.A. (34th Div. Arty.)</u>	
H.Q.	D.17.C.4.84
A/152	D.28.B.9.7.
B/152	D.23.A.10.05.
C/152	D.23.B.90.75.
D/152	D.23.C.50.70.
2. In para 5, sub-para (a) last line For "D.24.A.C.2." read "D.24.A.S.2".
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (brigades by wire).

W. M. ...
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO.2.

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SERIES 2.

16th April, 1918.

1. The French Corps is to attack, probably about 6 p.m. to-day, in the direction of KEMMEL-WULVER-GHEM, on the Left with the 28th French Division and in the direction of FLITRE-METEREN with the 133rd French Division.
2. This attack is being supported on the Southern Flank by one Battalion of the 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade on the line STRAZEELE - Sq. W.17. Central. The general direction of this Battalion is to be towards MOCLENACKER. Its function is to prevent any gap occurring between the Right of the French and the present Left of the First Australian Division. This Battalion Headquarters is to be established in the first place, in the vicinity of the Brickworks Sq. W.22.D.9.8. The Battalion is to be prepared to advance at this time and to move in conformity with the advance of the French.
3. Should the French attain success and continue to advance, a Battalion of the 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade is to fill up any gap that may occur on the left of the First Australian Division, and in case of failure, or a heavy German Counter Attack driving in the French Right the Battalion is to assure the Left of the First Australian Division.
4. The 29th. Division is to move up two battalions and a Machine Gun Coy., to a position of readiness about Squares W.8. and W.14. to be ready to move on ROUGE CROIX. The two Battalions of the 29th. Division are to act in conjunction with the Battalion on the Left of the First Australian Division.
5. A Brigade of the 31st. Division is to be ready to move at an hours notice to exploit any success or to strengthen the defence of the Left Flank of the Corps.
6. C.R.A. 57th Div. will arrange for a Liaison Officer to report to the Headquarters of the Battalion of First Australian Infantry Brigade at the Brick Works Sq. W.22.D.9.8., by 4 p.m. this afternoon.
7. C.R.A. 57th. Division will also arrange to give such Artillery support as is possible to this attack on information received from Liaison Officers.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire.)

W. J. ...

Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

DISTRIBUTION.

57th. Div. Arty.	1-5.	R.A. XV Corps.	12.
34 " "	6-7.	C.R.A. 1st. A.D.	13.
1st. F.A. Brigade.	8.	File.	14.
2nd. F.A. Brigade.	9.	War Diary.	15-17.
119. Army. Bde. R.F.A.	10.	Spare.	18-20.
1st. Aust. Div.	11.		

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO.3.

SERIES 2.

10th April, 1918.

1. 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade are relieving 10th. Infantry Brigade, 33rd Division, from present junction of the two brigades (X.25.A.6.6.) to a point 200 yards West of METEKEN BEQUE.
2. On completion of above relief Northern Divisional Boundary will be from point in the front line 200 yards West of METEKEN BEQUE to FLETKE (exclusive) to CAESTRE (exclusive).
3. G.R.A. 57th. Div. Arty., will arrange and be prepared to cover the new portion of the front by Artillery fire from 9 p.m. this inst.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE (57th.D.A. by wire).

W. J. ...

Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

57th Div. Artillery.	Copy No. 1 - 5.
34th " "	6 - 7.
1st. P.A. Brigade.	8.
2nd. P.A. Brigade.	9.
119th Army Brigade ...P.A.	10.
1st. Australian Division.	11.
E.A. XV Corps.	12.
G.R.A. 1st. Aust. Division.	13.
Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	14.
Reconn. Officer.	15.
File.	16.
War Diary.	17-19.
Spare.	19-21.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

SERIES 2.

16th July, 1918.

1. Counter Preparation will be carried out by the French Artillery and artillery of the IX, XV and XII Corps on the morning of 17th April.
2. This fire will take place between 4.30 am and 6 am.
3. Heavy Artillery are dealing with the area more than 1000 yards East of 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 the Left Group has been arranged by C.R.A., 57th. Division.
6. The programme for the Right Group will be as follows:-
 - (a) Brigades 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 am to 6 am, 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 Brigades are:

152nd. Brigade.	K.5.B. and K.5.D.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	E.29.C. and E.29.D.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	E.29.B., E.30.A., E.24.C.
119th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	E.23.B., E.24.A., E.17.D.
 - (e) At 5.55 am all 18-pdrs will drop onto their S.O.S. lines and remain for 2 minutes at 2 rounds per gun per minute. Then lift plus 300 yards and remain for three minutes at 1 round per gun per minute. Then cease fire.
7. Expenditure will be 18-pdrs, 40 rds per gun. 4.5" Hows. 30 rds per How.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alfred M Forbes
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

1st. F.A. Brigade.	1.	1st. Aust. Div.	12.
2nd. F.A. Brigade.	2.	R.A. XV Corps.	13.
119th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	3.	C.R.A. 1st. A.D.	14.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	4.	Staff Capt. 1st. A.D.A.	15.
57th. Div. Arty.	5-9.	Reconn. Officer "	16.
34th. Div. Arty.	10-11.	File.	17.
		War Diary.	18-20.
		Spare.	21-23.

Guns of 1st. Aust. Div. Art. will be clear of their present positions and will have commenced their march to 57th Div. Art. positions by 6 am on each day.

11. Wagon Lines will move at the following hours each day:-

1st. & 4th. Batteries	7.30 a.m.
2nd. & 5th. "	7 a.m.
3rd. & 6th. "	7.30 a.m.
101st. & 102nd. "	8 a.m.

12. Route to be followed will be as follows:-

LE GRAND HASARD - D.3.0.8.4. - V.20.D.1.2. -
 V.20.0entral - V.20.B.4.3. - V.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 KREMLE thence as detailed
 by Brigade Commanders.

13. The two 6" Trench Mortars at present emplaced on the Right Infantry Brigade front will be withdrawn from the line on the night 19th/20th, by D.T.O. 1st. Aust. Div.

14. C.O. 2nd. F.A. Brigade will detail a Field Officer who will relieve the Liaison Officer of 57th Div. Art., at present with 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters at V.25.A.30.29 by 10 am on the 20th inst.
 The Liaison Officer at 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters at D.21.A.8.2. is being relieved on the 20th inst., by an Officer of 57th. Div. Art.

15. On completion of relief the front of the 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be covered as follows:-

1st. Aust. F.A. Bde. - Present Inter-Brigade Boundary to E.f. Central.

33th. Army Bde. R.F.A. - Superimposed on 1st. F.A. Bde.

2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde. - E.f. Central to X.20.0.6.6.

64th. Army Bde. R.F.A. - Superimposed on 2nd. F.A. Bde.

16. Orders concerning:-

- (a) Artillery covering the new front of 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
- (b) Change of Command between G.S.A. 1st. Aust. Div. and 57th. Div.
- (c) Move of 1st. Div. Art. Headquarters.
- (d) Move of 1st. Aust. D.A.G. will be issued later.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alec M. Forbes
 Major,
 Brigademajor, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

Distribution see Table "A".

T A B L E "A".

Issued with 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Operation
Order No. 5.

1st. Aust. Div. Arty. exchanges with 57th. Div. Arty.

Unit.	Position.	W. Lines.	Unit.	Position.	W. Lines.
H.Q. 1st.			H.Q.		
F.A.B.	D.15.B.7.1.	D.19.E.5.6.	286th. Bde.	W.13.A.4.1.	
1st. Bty.	D.22.B.8.5.	D.13.B.4.3.	A/286.	W.14.A.8.5.	V.4.C.5.1.
2nd. Bty.	D.22.C.4.7.	-do-	B/286.	W.20.A.3.8.	V.11.B.9.5.
3rd. Bty.	D.22.A.8.1.	D.20.B.2.4.	C/286.	Not in action. Position to be selected by C.O. 1st. F.A. Brigade	
101st. Bty.	D.22.A.5.1.	-do-	D/286.	W.14.C.1.1.	V.11.B.9.5.
H.Q. 2nd.			H.Q. 285.		
F.A. Bde.	D.17.A.55.00.	D.15.A.	th. Bde.	W.2.D.1.8.	
4th. Bty.	D.13.C.8.5.	D.15.E.	A/285	W.9.D.1.1.	W.1.A.2.8.
5th. Bty.	D.17.D.3.8.	D.9.C.	B/285. 2 gns.	W.10.C.6.2.	-do-
			2 "	W.8.B.1.9.	
6th. Bty.	D.17.A.2.6.	D.15.A.	C/285	W.8.C.3.4.	W.8.A.5.2.
102nd "	D.23.A.99.90.	D.15.B.	D/285.	W.9.C.5.2.	V.1.E.9.4.

DISTRIBUTION

- 1st. F.A. Brigade. Copy No. 1.
- 2nd. F.A. Brigade. 2.
- 1st. Aust. D.A.C. 3.
- D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div. 4.
- 57th. D.A. 5-9.
- 84th. D.A. 10-11.
- 119th. Army Bde. R.F.A. 12.
- 1st. Aust. Div. 13-16.
- R.A. XV Corps. 17.
- C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div. 18.
- Staff Captain 1st. A.D.A. 19.
- Sig. Officer. " " 20.
- Logon. Officer " " 21.
- File. 22.
- War Diary. 23-25.
- Spare. 26-28.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Amendment to Operation Order No. 5.
SERIES 2.

19-4-1918.

In 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Order No. 5. Series 2.-

- 1. In para 1. line 3 for "X.16.B.9.5." read "X.11.A.70.05."
- 2. In para 9, sub-para (C), line 2, for "C.O. 286th Brigade", read "C.O. 285th. Brigade".
- 3. In Table "A", Battery Position of 101st. Battery, for "D.22.A.5.1.", read "E.19.C.8.9."
- 4. ACKNOWLEDGE (origades by wire).

Alec M. Forbes
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Army.

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AMENDMENT NO. 2.

to
Operation Order No. 5. Series 2.

19-4-1918.

Reference 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No. 5. Series 2.

1. Para. 11 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

- (a) Wagon Lines of 1st. F.A. Brigade will move complete on the 20th. inst.
- (b) Wagon Lines of 2nd. F.A. Brigade will move complete on the 21st. inst.
- (c) On each day the wagon lines of each Battery will move in two halves, in accordance with the following table:-

<u>On 20th. inst.</u>	<u>On 21st. inst.</u>	<u>Time of move.</u>
1st. Battery.	4th. Battery.	7 a.m.
2nd. Battery.	5th. Battery.	7.30 a.m.
3rd. Battery.	6th. Battery.	8 a.m.
101st. Bty.	102nd "	8.30 a.m.
1st. Battery.	4th. Battery.	2 p.m.
2nd. Battery.	5th. Battery.	2.30 p.m.
3rd. Battery.	6th. Battery.	3 p.m.
101st. Bty.	102nd. Bty.	3.30 p.m.

- (d) On arrival of half wagon lines of 1st. Aust. Div. Art., half wagon lines of 57th. Div. Arty. will move to wagon lines of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.
- (e) 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. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alfred M. Forbes
Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 6.

SERIES 2.

19-4-1918.

In continuation of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 5. Series 2.

- 1. The following additional Field Artillery will come under the orders of 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery when the left of the Division is extended to X.11.A.

H.Q. 33rd. Divisional Artillery.
 25th. Divisional Artillery.
 113th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A.

- 2. Until 10 a.m. 20th inst., all Field Artillery covering the whole of XV Corps front, will be under the orders of C.R.A. 1st. Australian Division.
- 3. At 10 a.m. on 20th inst., command of the Field Artillery covering the present Right Infantry Brigade front, and which will then be the 31st. Division front, will pass to C.R.A. 57th. Division.
- 4. From 10 a.m. on 20th. inst., the front of the 1st. Australian Division will be covered as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP. Covering 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

1st. Aust. F.A. Bde. } On completion of relief of 285th
 2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde. } and 286th. Brigades R.F.A.
 28th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
 34th. Army Brigade R.F.A.

This Group will be commanded direct by C.R.A. 1st. Australian Division.

LEFT GROUP. Covering 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

25th. Div. Arty.) Grouped under C.R.A. 33rd.
 113th. Army Bde. R.F.A.) Division, who will be under
 the orders of C.R.A. 1st.
 Australian Division.

- 5. C.R.A. 33rd. Division is moving from BOESCHEPE to EEOKE at a time to be notified later.
- 6. C.R.A. 33rd. Division is arranging for a Liaison Officer with 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters at X.1.A.O.O.
- 7. (a) 1st. Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section), 1st. Aust. Div. M.T.M. Batteries and No. 1. Coy. 1st. Aust. Div. Train will move from present location at V.25.C.O.O. to P.35.C.7.2. on 22nd inst.
 (b) To be clear of present lines by 8 a.m.. Move to be completed by 12 noon.
 (c) An interval of 100 yards will be maintained between sections and 25 yards between each group of 6 vehicles.
 (d) Route:- V.25.C.O.O. - V.25. Central - V.26.B.4.0.-
 V.20.D.1.3. - V.1.D.O.3. - V.5.C.4.1. -
 V.35.D.3.5.
 (e) The S.A.A. Section, 1st. Aust. D.A.C. will remain in its present location at V.20.D.2.7.

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- 8. 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Headquarters will close at WALLON Cappel and open at ST. SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL at 10 a.m. on 20th. inst.
- 9. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alce M. Forbes
 Major.
 BRIGADE MAJOR, 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	1.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	2.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	3.
D.F.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	4.
33rd. Div. Art.	5-8.
34th. Div. Art.	9-10.
37th. Div. Art.	11-15.
119th Army Brigade R.F.A.	16.
No. 1. Coy. 1st. Aust. Div. Train.	17.
1st. Australian Division.	18.
31st. Division.	19.
R.A. XV Corps.	20.
H.A. XV Corps.	21.
No. 4. Squadron. R.A.F.	22.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Division.	23.
Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.	24.
Signal Officer. " "	25.
Reconn. Officer. " "	26.
File.	27.
War Diary.	28-30.
Spare.	31-33.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 7.

SERIES 2.

20-4-1918.

1. The move of the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery and the 57th. Divisional Artillery having been postponed, the disposition of the Field Artillery now covering the front of the 1st. Australian Division is as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP. Headquarters - ST. SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL.
Covering 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
285th. Brigade R.F.A. }
286th. Brigade R.F.A. } Under direct command of
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A. } C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.
64th. Army Bde. R.F.A. }

LEFT GROUP. Headquarters - EECHE.
Covering 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
25th. Div. Arty. } Grouped under C.R.A. 33rd.
113th. Army Bde. R.F.A. } Div., who will be under the
orders of C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.

2. LIAISON.

- (a) RIGHT GROUP. Major D'ARCY, 57th. Div. Arty. is acting as Liaison Officer with 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters.
- (b) LEFT GROUP. Major VINCENT, 112th. Bde. R.F.A. is acting as Liaison Officer with 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters.
- (c) Brigades will be responsible for maintaining direct *telephone* communication with the Liaison Officer with the H.Q. of the Infantry Brigade whose front they cover.

3. S.O.S.

- (a) S.O.S. lines for 18-pdrs. and points for 4.5" Hows. will be allotted by Brigade Commanders after consultation with Infantry Brigade Commanders and Liaison Officers, and will be notified to this Office.
- (b) To avoid disclosing the S.O.S. scheme to the enemy, S.O.S. lines will never be fired on unless the tactical situation demands it.
- (c) Until further orders rates of fire for S.O.S. will be as follows:-

18-pdrs.	5 rds. per gun per min. for 10 mins.
	3 " " " " " " " 5 "
	Then in accordance with the situation.
4.5" Hows.	Half the above rates.

4. COUNTER PREPARATION.

- In the event of Counter Preparation being ordered:-
- (a) All Field Artillery will fire on the zone from the enemy's front line to plus 1,000 yards.
- (b) The scheme for the Left group will be arranged by C.R.A. 33rd. Division.

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- (c) The Scheme for the Right Group will be as follows:-
- (i) Brigades will fire on areas detailed below.
 - (ii) Special attention will be paid to farm buildings and other places in which the enemy may be expected to concentrate.
 - (iii) Fire will be in irregular bursts during the period notified, no burst being less than three, or more than five minutes in duration. Intervals between bursts will be irregular.
 - (iv) Shortly after the commencement of the bombardment one Battery per Brigade should be detailed to search periodically, apparently open ground.
 - (v) Areas for Brigades are:-

28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	E.11B.&.D.	E.12.A.&.C.
284th. Bde. R.F.A.	E.6.C.&.D.	E.12.B. Approaches to MERRIS in F.1.C.
285th. Bde. R.F.A.	F.1.A.&.B.,	F.2.A., X.26.D.
64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	X.20.C.,	X.26.B., X.20.D.
- (d) The duration of a Counter Preparation task, and the number of rounds to be expended per gun, will be ordered by wire.
- (e) When the wind is favourable a proportion of 4.5" How. gas shell will be employed during Counter Preparation.

5. HARASSING FIRE.

- (a) An active policy of harassing fire will be adopted against all roads, communications and occupied areas within range.
- (b) Brigades will fire on their own zones.
- (c) Expenditure as under:-
- (i) By night.

18-pdrs.	20 rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	15 rounds per How.
 - (ii) By day.

18-pdrs.	15 rounds per gun.
4.5" How.	10 rounds per How.
- This is in addition to any observed shoots.

Amount of ammunition to be kept at gun positions will be:-

18-pdrs.	-	300 rounds per gun.
4.5" Hows.	-	250 rounds per How.

This is exclusive of special shell.

7. The following Brigades of Heavy Artillery are affiliated to the 1st. Aust. Div. for bombardment work. These Brigades are under the orders of G.O.C., H.A. XV Corps.
- | | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| On 1st. Infantry Bde. front. | - | 45th. Bde. R.G.A. |
| On 3rd. " " " | - | 33rd. Bde. R.G.A. |

8. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Col. J. J. ... Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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33rd. Div. Arty.	Copy 1 - 4.	1st. Aust. Div.	14.
285th. Bde. R.F.A.	5.	R.A. XV Corps.	15.
286th. Bde. R.F.A.	6.	H.A. XV Corps.	16.
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	7.	4th. Squad. R.A.F.	17.
64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	8.	S.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	18.
1st. Aust. D.A.G.	9.	Staff Capt. 1st. A.D.A.	19.
D.T.E.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	10.	Reason. O'f. " "	20.
57th. Div. Arty.	11.	File.	21.
33rd. Brigade R.G.A.	12.	War Diary.	22-23.
45th. Brigade R.G.A.	13.	Spare.	24-26.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1:
to
1st. Aust. D.A. Operation Order
NO. 7. Series 2.

21-4-1918.

1. Para 4, sub-para C (v) areas for counter preparation given for 285th. brigade R.F.A., and 64th. Army Brigade R.F.A., are cancelled and the following substituted:-

285th. Ede. R.F.A. X.26.B., C.&D., and X.20.D.
64th. Army Ede. R.F.A. F.1.A.&B. and F.2.A.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alec M. Forbes
Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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Nº 2
AMENDMENT TO 1ST. A. D. A.
OPERATION ORDER NO. 7. SERIES 2.

26-4-1918.

1. Para 8, First Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No. 7 Series 2 is cancelled.
 The following amounts of ammunition will be kept at Battery positions:-

18-pdrs	350 rounds per gun.
4.5 ⁿ How.	300 rounds per How.
2. In addition to the ammunition at, or near Battery positions, Echelons will be kept full.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

W. M. Forbes Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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OPERATION ORDER NO.8.

SERIES 2.

20-4-1918.

1. The Artilleries of the 1st. Aust. Division and the 57th. Division will exchange positions and wagon lines on the 21st. April, and following day, provided that the situation remains quiet.
Brigades concerned will be warned by telephone on each day at 8 a.m. if the move can be carried out.
2. The exchange of positions will take place as follows:-
 - (a) At 8.30 a.m., 21st. April, 1st. Battery will pull out and proceed to A/286 position. 4th. Battery will proceed to A/285 position.
On the relief of the 1st. and 4th. Batteries, A/285 and A/286 will pull out and proceed to their new positions.
When A/285 and A/286 are in action, the 2nd. and 5th. Batteries can pull out of action and proceed to their new positions, and relieve B/285 and B/286
 - (b) C.O. 1st. F.A. Brigade will hand over command to an Officer detailed by him at 8.30 a.m. on 21st. April, and go to the Headquarters of 286 Brigade, where he will relieve C.O. 286 Brigade, who will proceed direct to his new Headquarters and take over command.
 - (c) At 8.30 a.m. on 22nd., if the situation is still quiet, the 6th Battery will pull out and proceed to C/285, and the 3rd Battery to position selected by C.O. 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade.
On relief C/285 will march to their new position.
When C/285 is in action, the 101st. and 102nd. Batteries can pull out and relieve B/285 and B/286.
 - (d) C.O. 2nd. F.A. Brigade will hand over command to an Officer to be detailed by him, at 8.30 a.m. on 22nd. April, and go to Headquarters of 285 Brigade, where he will relieve C.O. 285 Brigade, who will proceed to his new Headquarters and take over command.

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3. All Aiming Posts will be left in position, and Batteries of both Divisional Artilleries will arrange to leave an Officer behind to hand over. Each Battery which is down for relief to-morrow, will send over an Officer to take over early to-morrow morning. Those Batteries down for relief on 22nd. will send ~~over~~ an Officer over to their new positions to-morrow afternoon. A proportion of telephonists must be sent over early.
4. F.O.O's will remain at O.P's until relief. Liaison Officers of the two Divisional Artilleries will be relieved on morning of 23rd. Major D'ARCY, 57th. D.A., relieves Liaison Officer with 4th. Guard's Brigade Headquarters. C.O. 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade will detail a Field Officer to relieve Major D'ARCY at 1st. Aust. Infantry brigade headquarters by 10 a.m. to-morrow.
5. On each day wagon lines will move in two halves, in accordance with the following table:-

21st.		Times of Moves.	
$\frac{1}{2}$	1st. Bty. & A/286		9.30 a.m.
$\frac{1}{2}$	" " "		10 a.m.
$\frac{1}{2}$	4th. bty. " A/285		10.30 a.m.
$\frac{1}{2}$	" " "		11 a.m.
$\frac{1}{2}$	2nd. Bty. " B/286) Time of move will depend on time 2nd. and 5th. Btys. pull out of action.	
$\frac{1}{2}$	5th. Bty. " B/285		

Notice will be sent from old Headquarters 1st. and 2nd. F.A. Brigades when Batteries are on the move to these Headquarters.

This information will be passed direct to the old Headquarters of 285 and 286, who have orderlies there to tell wagon lines of 57th. Div. Arty. when they can march.

22nd.		Times of Moves.	
$\frac{1}{2}$	3rd Battery.		9.30 a.m.
	-do-		10 a.m.
$\frac{1}{2}$	6th. Bty. & C/285		10.30 a.m.
	-do-		11 a.m.
$\frac{1}{2}$	101st. Lty. & D/286.) see march for 2nd. and 5th. Batteries.	
$\frac{1}{2}$	102nd. Lty. & D/285.		

Batteries will send representatives as soon as possible to their new wagon lines.

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6. Route for guns will be:- LE GRAND HASARD - D.3.C.8.4. -
 V.20.D.1.2. - V.20.Central - V.20.B.4.5. - V.20.B.4.2. -
 V.20.D.8.2. - V.20.B.8.7. - V.15.D.1.2. - V.15.D.1.5. -
 Route for wagon lines will be:- LE GRAND HASARD -
 D.8.C.8.4. - D.8.C.0.0. - D.7.D.9.1. - D.7.D.8.4. -
 LA CUMWELLE - D.1.B.8.4. - V.25.Central - V.19.D.7.6. -
 V.19.B.4.4. - V.13A.8.2. - V.7.D.8.1. - V.7.D.5.7. -
 V.8.Central - V.8.D.4.5. - V.9.Central - V.10.A.5.2. -
 V.10.C.8.4. - V.11.C.1.4. -
7. (a) 1st. Aust.D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section), 1st. Aust.
 Div. M.T. Batteries and No. 1. Coy. 1st. Aust. Div. Train
 will move from their present location at V.25.C.0.0. to
 P.35.C.7.2. on 23rd. inst., provided moves of Batteries
 are complete.
 (b) Details of moves will be as laid down in 1st.
 Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 6. Series 2. para 7.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alce M. Forbes Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

285th. Bde. R.F.A.	1.	H.A. XV Corps	13.
286th. Bde. R.F.A.	2.	No. 1. Coy. 1st. A.D.T.	14.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	3.	S.S.O. 1st. A.D.	15.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	4.	D.A.D.O.S. 1st. A.D.	16.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	5.	C.I.A. 1st. A.D.	17.
D.F.M.O. 1st. A.D.	6.	Staff Capt. 1st. A.D.A.	18.
57th. D.A.	7.	Reconn. Off.	19.
33rd. D.A.	8.	Sig. Officer.	20.
28th. Army. Bde. R.F.A.	9.	File.	21.
64th. Army. Bde. R.F.A.	10.	War Diary.	22-24.
1st. Aust. Div.	11.	Spare.	25-26.
R.A. XV Corps.	12.		

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OPERATION ORDER NO.9.

SERIES 2.

21-4-1918.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. is being relieved in the line from its present right to the HAZEBROUCK - BAILLEUL Railway, on the night 21/22 April, by the 92nd. Brigade, 31st. Division.
The Railway remains inclusive to 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
2. On completion of the relief the Southern Divisional Boundary will run from the point where the Front Line crosses the HAZEBROUCK - BAILLEUL railway Westward along the Railway (inclusive to the 1st. Aust. Div.) to V.30.C.9.3., and then as at present.
3. The Field Artillery covering the 1st. Aust. Div. will remain on S.O.S. Lines as at present until the completion of the change of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. and 57th. Div. Arty.
4. Orders re new zones for Brigades of the Right Group and the time at which these come into effect will be issued later.
5. C.O. 28th. Army Bde. R.F.A. will arrange to send an Officer to act as Liaison Officer with the Battalion of the 92nd. Brigade which is taking over the front from the present Southern Divisional Boundary to the Railway.
This Officer will be relieved by an Officer of 57th. Div. Arty. when the re-adjustment of zones takes place.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alfred F. ... Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	1.	31st. Division.	9.
285th. Bde. R.F.A.	2.	H.A. XV Corps.	10.
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	3.	O.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	11.
64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	4.	Sig. Off. 1st. A.D.A.	12.
Liaison Officer with		File.	13.
2nd. Inf. Bde.	5.	Reconn. Off. 1st. A.D.A.	14.
33rd. Div. Arty.	6.	War Diary.	15-17.
1st. Aust. Div.	7.	Spare.	18-21.
R.A., XV. Corps.	8.		

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OPERATION ORDER NO.10.

SERIES 2.

21-4-1918.

Reference 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No.9.

- 1. New zones for S.O.S. and harassing fire will be allotted to brigades of the Right group as under:-

1st.Aust.F.A.Hde. (Right Boundary. F.7.C.0.0. to E.4.Central.
 (Left " F.7.B.0.5. to W.29.A.0.0.

64th.(A) Bde. (Right Boundary. F.7.B.0.5. to W.29.A.0.0.
 R.F.A. (Left Boundary . F.2.A.0.0. to W.24.C.0.0.

28th.(A) Bde. (Right Boundary. F.2.A.0.0. to W.24.C.0.0.
 R.F.A. (Left Boundary. X.26.D.4.0. to W.24.B.0.5.

2nd.Aust.F.A. (Right Boundary. X.26.D.4.0. to W.24.B.0.5.
 Bde. (Left Boundary. X.27.Cent. to X.13.A.0.0.

- 2. These zones will come into force on completion of relief of 57th. and 1st. Aust.Div. Artys. tomorrow evening. Exact time will be notified by wire.
- 3. Areas for Counter Preparation will remain the same as detailed in 1st.Aust.Div.Arty. Operation Order No.7. Series 2, para 4, sub-para C (v), and Amendment No.1. to the foregoing.
- 4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

W. R. Day Capt.
 Brig. Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st.Aust.Div.Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.
SERIES 2.

23-4-1916.

1. D.T.M.O. 25th. Div. will take over the 3rd. Inf. Brigade front from D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div. on night 24/25th April.
2. Two mortars at present emplaced on 3rd. Inf. Bde. front will be taken over by D.T.M.O. 25th. Div., who will hand two mortars to D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div. in exchange. D.T.M.O. 25th. Div. will arrange particulars with D.T.M.O., 1st. Aust. Div. at P.35.C.7.2. on 23rd. inst.
3. Command will pass on completion of relief. This Office to be notified by wire.
4. D.T.M.O.'s of 1st. and 25th. Divisions will carry out a reconnaissance immediately, on their respective fronts, with a view to the selection of additional T.M. positions to cover present front, and also for positions to cover Reserve Line of Forward Zone.
On completion of reconnaissance, reports will be forwarded to Div. Artillery Headquarters concerned.
5. In the event of D.T.M.O. 25th. Div. finding more positions than he can man with personnel and mortars at his disposal, arrangements will be made for D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div. to take over portion of his front.
6. Acknowledge.

W. H. Carr
for. Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| 33rd. Div. Arty. | 1 - 5. | R.A. XV Corps. | 13. |
| D.T.M.O. 25th. Div. | | Art. Liaison Off. | |
| att. 33rd. D.A. | 6. | att. 2nd. Inf. Bde. | 14. |
| D.T.M.O. 1st. A.D. | 7. | Staff Capt. 1st. ADA | 15. |
| 28th. (A) Bde. RFA. | 8. | C.R.A. 1st. A.D. | 16. |
| 64th. (A) Bde. RFA. | 9. | Reconn. Off. 1st. ADA | 17. |
| 1st. Aust. F.A. Bde. | 10. | File. | 18. |
| 2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde. | 11. | War Diary. | 19-21. |
| 1st. Aust. Div. | 12. | Spare. | 22-23. |

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 12.
SERIES 2.

23-4-1919.

1. The 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade is advancing its line to-night and capturing METEREN.

2. The 9th. and 10th. Battalions are pushing forward their lines at midnight as follows:-

9th. Battalion. X.20.C.8.8. - X.21.A.3.5. - X.15.C.5.0. -
X.15.A.5.0. - X.15.A.7.5.

10th. Battalion. X.16.A.0.2. - X.16.C.7.7. - X.16.D.7.5. -
X.17.A.4.8. - Cross Roads at X.11.C.5.9.
and

3. METEREN will then be attacked from 1.30 a.m. after the mopping up of METEREN, the line will run as follows:-

X.20.C.9.8. - X.21.A.0.2. - X.21.A.60.55. - X.21.B.0.9.
- X.16.C.0.0. - X.16.C.5.2. - X.16.C.8.7. - X.16.D.7.8.
- X.16.B.95.10. - X.17.A.2.7. - X.11.C.5.9.

From 1.30 a.m. the safety line for Artillery will be 250 yards plus of this line.

4. Arrangements for Artillery Support are being made direct between G.O.C. 3rd. Infantry Brigade and C.R.A. 33rd. Div.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alce W. ... Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

33rd. Div. Arty.	1 - 4.	1st. Aust. Div.	12.
28th. (A) Bde. R.F.A.	5.	R.A. XV Corps.	13.
64th. " "	6.	R.A. " "	14.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	7.	C.R.A. 1st. A.D.	15.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	8.	Staff Capt. 1st. ADA.	16.
3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	9.	Reconn. Off.	17.
Liaison Off. 2nd. Inf. Bde.	10.	File.	18.
57th. Div. Arty.	11.	War Diary.	19-21.
	Spare ...	22-24.	

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 13.
SERIES 2.

24-4-1919.

1. Headquarters 25th. Div. Arty., will take over from Headquarters, 33rd. Div. Arty., on 25th inst.
2. C.R.A., 25th. Div. is arranging direct with C.R.A. 33rd. Div.
3. On completion of relief the Left Group, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty., will be commanded by C.R.A. 25th. Division.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

Alec M. Forbes

Major.
brigade major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

33rd. Div. Art.	1.	C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	11.15
25th. Div. Art.	1-2.	Staff Capt. 1st. A.D.A.	12.16
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	3.	Sig. Off. " "	13.17
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	4.	Recom. Off. " "	14.17
29th. Army Lde. R.F.A.	5.7	File.	15.18
64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	6.8	War Diary.	16.-18.19-21
1st. Aust. Div.	7.9	Spare.	19-21. 22-24
H.A. XV Corps.	8.10		
H.A. XV Corps.	9.11		
Liaison Off. 2nd. Inf. Bde.	10.		
4 th Squad RAF	13		
DTWD 1 st Aust Div	14		

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.OPERATION ORDER NO.14.
SERIES 2.

24-4-1918.

1. On arrival in camp about V.7.,8.,13 & 14 on 24th. inst., the 2nd. (Army) Brigade, N.Z.F.A. will come under the command of C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.
2. The 2nd. (Army) Brigade N.Z.F.A. will relieve the 64th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A. in action on the night 26th/27th April, in accordance with Table "A" attached.
3. 2nd. (Army) Brigade N.Z.F.A. will send forward Battery Commanders, with one Subaltern and two telephonists, per Battery, to positions of 64th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A. on the morning of 25th. inst. These parties will remain until relief takes place.
4. Guns will not be exchanged, but Aiming Posts will be left in position and exchanged where possible.
5. All maps, aeroplane photographs, and documents relating to the front will be handed over.
6. Camouflage will not be removed from positions, but will be handed over to 2nd. (Army) Brigade N.Z.F.A.
7. Ammunition at positions will be handed over. Copies of transfer certificates will be forwarded to this Office by mid-day D.R. on 27th. inst.
8. Command of Batteries and of Brigade will pass on completion of relief.
Completion of relief will be notified to this Office by wire.
9. On relief the 64th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A. will occupy camp vacated by the 2nd. (Army) Brigade N.Z.F.A.
10. 64th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A. will move out of action with all echelons full, but no ammunition will be taken from gun positions.

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11. After withdrawal, 64th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A. will remain under the command of the Division in reserve.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Brigades by wire).

W. M. Forbes

Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Liv. Arty. Major.

DISTRIBUTION.

64th. Army Brigade R.F.A.	1.
2nd. Army Brigade N.Z.F.A.	2.
33rd. Div. Arty.	3.
25th. Div. Arty.	4.
1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	5.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	6.
28th. Army Brigade R.F.A.	7.
57th. Div. Arty.	8.
1st. Australian Division.	9.
R.A. XV Corps.	10.
H.A. XV Corps.	11.
Liaison Off. 2nd. Infantry bde.	12.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	13.
D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	14.
C.P.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	15.
Staff Capt. 1st. Aust. Div. Art.	16.
Sig. Officer "	17.
Reconn. Officer "	18.
File	19.
War Diary.	20-22.
Spare.	23-26.
No. 1. Coy. 1st. Aust. Div. Train.	27.
S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	28.

T A B L E "A".

 To accompany 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Operation Order No. 14.
 SERIES 2.

Position Unit of 64th. Army Bde. RFA.	Position.	Wagon Line.	Unit of 2nd (A) Bde. NZFA.	Date and time of relief.
Headquarters.	V. 30. D. 25. 25.	G. 6. D. 80. 00.	Headquarters.	
A/64th.	E. 8. B. 65. 95.	D. 8. A. 80. 90.	A/N.Z.	8 p.m. - 9 p.m. 26-4-18.
B/64th.	F. 2. G. ent.	D. 1. B. 80. 00.	B/N.Z.	9 p.m. - 10 p.m. 26-4-18.
C/64th.	F. 2. D. 75. 15.	D. 1. B. 90. 80.	C/N.Z.	10 p.m. - 11 p.m. 26-4-18.
D/64th.	F. 8. B. 25. 80.	D. 2. C. 40. 00.	D/N.Z.	11 p.m. - 12 mid- night 26/27th.
64th. B. A. C.		G. 8. D. 80. 00.	N.Z. B. A. C.	To be arranged by Bde. Cdrs. Concerned.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.OPERATION ORDER NO. 15.
SERIES 2.

25th April 19.

1. S.O.S.Para. 3 of Operation Order No. 7 Series 2 is
Cancelled.From receipt of this order rates of fire for
S.O.S. will be for 18 pdrs :-

First 3 minutes.	5 rds. per gun. per min.
next 5 "	4 " " " "
" 10 "	3 " " " "
" 5 "	4 " " " "

Thereafter 2 rounds per gun per minute
in accordance with the situation.

4.5" Hows. Half above rates.

This barrage may be stopped at any time
on the Infantry reporting all quiet.

2.

In reply to hostile bombardment Counter
preparation will be put down on Brigade Front concerned,
at rate of 60 rounds per gun and how. per hour.Batteries must be prepared to switch to
S.O.S. targets and rates immediately the situation
demands.

3.

ACKNO LEDGE . (Brigades by wire)

L.A. Little, Capt.
for. Major.
Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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25th Div. Art.	1-4
1st Aust. F.A. Bde.	5
2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.	6
28th Army Bde. R.F.A.	7
64th Army Bde. R.F.A.	8
1st Aust. Div.	9
R.A. 15 Corps.	10
H.A. XV Corps.	11
Liaison Off. 2nd Inf. Bde.	12
4th Squad. R.R.F.	13
D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div.	14
C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div.	15
Staff Capt. 1st Aust. D.A.	16
Personn. Off.	17
File.	18
War Diary.	19-21
Spars.	22-24

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.**OPERATION ORDER NO. 16.****SERIES G.****25-4-1918.**

The following arrangements for mutual support have been made with the Divisions on either flank.

With 133rd. French Divisional Artillery on the Left.

- (a) If 133rd. French Division is attacked, the Left Brigade of its Left Group, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. will open fire on its S.O.S. Lines.

In addition, if the situation on our front permits, one Brigade Left Group will switch to:-

18-pdrs. On the area X.17. Central - X.18.A.7.0. - S.19.B.3.9, - X.24.A.0.0.

4.5" Hows. Bridges in X.18.0, and X.24.A.

Cross roads at X.18.0, 55.05.

- (b) If 1st. Aust. Div. is attacked, the Right Brigade of the 133rd. French Div. Arty. will open fire on its S.O.S. lines.

In addition, any guns that can be spared, will open fire on the area X.18.D.50.70, - X.11.D.70.15. - X.24.A.10.55. - X.22.B.85.10.

- (c) In the event of a heavy bombardment on the front of the 133rd. French Division the Left Brigade of the Left Group, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. will open fire on its Counter Preparation Programme.

- (d) In the event of a heavy bombardment on the front of the 1st. Aust. Div. the Right Brigade of the 133rd. French Divisional Artillery will open fire on its Counter Preparation Programme.

With 57th. Divisional Artillery on the Right.

- (a) If 57th. Div. Arty. calls "Help Right Division", Right Brigade, Right Group, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. will open fire on its Counter Preparation Programme.

- (b) If 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. calls "Help Left Division", Left Brigade, 57th. Div. Arty. will open on its Counter Preparation Programme.

- (c) If the S.O.S. Signal goes up on the immediate Right of the Boundary, Right Brigade, Right Group, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. will open fire on its S.O.S. Line.

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(d) If the S.O.S. Signal goes up on the immediate Left of the Boundary, Left Brigade, 57th. Div. Arty. will open fire on its S.O.S. Line.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Brigades by wire).

Alec M. Jones Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

133rd. French Division.	1.
57th. Div. Arty.	2.
25th. Div. Arty.	3-6.
1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	7.
2nd. " " "	8.
28th. Army Ede. R.F.A.	9.
64th. " " "	10.
1st. Aust. Div.	11.
R.A. XV Corps.	12.
H.A. " "	13.
31st. Division.	14.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	15.
File.	16.
War Diary.	17-19.
Spare.	20-24.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 16.
SERIES 2.

26-4-1918.

1. On the morning of the 27th. inst. the 31st. Division is carrying out a raid on the farm and enclosures of LA BEOQUE in E.23.C.
2. Zero hour will be the hour detailed for commencement of Counter Preparation on the Corps front.
3. First Australian F.A. Brigade will assist by providing the following diversion South of the Railway.

From zero to zero plus 15 minutes:-

- 2 Btys. 18-pdrs.
- 1 Section 4.5" Hows.

will fire on farm buildings and enclosures in E.12.A. South of the Railway.
Zero plus 15 minutes cease fire.

Rates of fire: From
 Zero to zero plus 5 mins. - 4 rds. per gun per min.
 Zero plus 5 to zero plus 10 - 3 rds. per gun per min.
 Zero plus 10 to zero plus 15 mins. 2 rds. per gun per min.
 4.5" Hows. - Half above rates.

4. Remainder of 1st. F.A. Brigade will conform to orders for Counter Preparation.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

W. M. Forbes Major.
 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

25th. Div. Arty.	1-4.	57th. Div. Arty.	12.
1st. F.A. Brigade.	5.	31st. Division.	13.
2nd. B "	6.	C.R.A. 1st. A.D.	14.
28th. (A) Bde. R.F.A.	7.	Staff Captain.	15.
64th. " "	8.	Reconn. Off.	16.
2nd (A) Bde. N.Z.F.A.	9.	File.	17.
1st. Aust. Div.	10.	War Diary.	18-20.
R.A. XV Corps.	11.	Spare.	20-23.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.OPERATION ORDER NO. 18.
SERIES 2.

29-4-1918.

1. Under orders from XV Corps the C.R.A. 25th. Division is to take over the command of the Field Artillery of the Division in Reserve, to-morrow, 30th. April.
2. From the time of departure of the C.R.A. 25th. Division, the Left Group will be temporarily commanded by Lieut-Col. F.F.LAMBARDE, D.S.O. 113th. (Army) F.A. Brigade.
3. Headquarters Left Group will remain in its present location at Q.27.B.2.8.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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W. M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

DISTRIBUTION.

25th. Div. Arty.	1 - 4.
Lt-Col. F.F.LAMBARDE, D.S.O.	
113th (A) F.A. Bde.	5.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	6.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	7.
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	8.
2nd. (A) Bde. N.Z.F.A.	9.
1st. Aust. Div.	10.
R.A. XV Corps.	11.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	12.
Staff Captain, 1st. A.D.A.	13.
Reconn. Off. " "	14.
File.	15.
War Diary.	16-18.
Spare.	19-21.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

30th April 1918.

Amendment to Operation Order
No. 18.

- 1. Para 3 Operation Order No.18. is cancelled, and the following substituted -

Headquarters Left Group will be established at present Headquarters of 113th Army Brigade., R.F.A. R.31.A.1.7.

- 2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Richard. Carr
for. Major.

Brigade Major 1st Aust Div. Art.

Issued to all recipients of Operation Order No.18.

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15th April 1918

INSTRUCTION NO. 1. (Series II)

1. In the event of it becoming necessary for Brigades to move in a westerly direction, the following allotment of routes across 1st. Aust. Divisional area will be adhered to by these Brigades moving South of HAZEBROUCK:-

152nd Brigade (34th D.A.) Roads through D.23.D.&C., D.29.A., D.28.E.D.&C., D.27.Central to MORBLOQUE.

160th Brigade (34th D.A.) Roads through D.18.D., D.18.C.&A., TIR ANGLAIS, PAPOTE, D.22.A., D.21.D.&A., D.20.B.&A.

119th Army Brigade R.F.A. Bridge in D.17.A., TIR ANGLAIS, D.16.E., D.16.C., D.9.D.&A., la GUNEWLE.

1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade. PAPOTE, D.22.A., D.21.D.&A., D.20.B.&A.

2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade. TIR ANGLAIS, D.16.B., D.10.C., E. of Railway in D.16.A. & D.15.B., D.15.A., D.14.B.

64th Army Brigade R.F.A. E.8.B.D.&C., E.7.D., E.13.B.&A., D.18.B., D.12.D.&A., D.11.B., D.5.C., D.4.D., D.10.A., D.3.D., D.3.Central.

2. Heavy Artillery will be using the roads:-

- (a) D.23.E., D.16.B., D.10.C., D.3.D.
(b) D.28.D.&C., D.27.D.&A., D.20.D.&C.

Priority must be given them on the roads.

3. Routes detailed in para 1 permit of a maximum movement in three echelons.

(a) 152nd Brigade.
160th Brigade.
64th Army Brigade R.F.A.

(b) 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
119th Army Brigade R.F.A.

(c) 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

4. Movement of Brigades in the Divisional Sector, North of HAZEBROUCK is being detailed by G.R.A., 57th Division.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

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119th Army Brigade.	6.	A.D.A.	13.
57th Div. Art.	7-8.	Reconn. Officer "	14.
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INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

SERIES 2.

16th April, 1918.

1. POLICY. As the situation has improved guns will be camouflaged and emplacements dug with all speed. This work should be carried out with object of eventually improving emplacements and adding splinter proof cover at an early date. If material is available in vicinity of any Battery positions, splinter proof cover should be proceeded with at once.
2. AMMUNITION. Establishment to be maintained at guns is now increased to:-
 - 300 rounds per 16-pdr gun.
 - 200 " " 4.5" How.

Steps will be taken immediately to get additional amount to Battery positions.
3. HARASSING FIRE. to be carried out at night will be issued separately from time to time.
 - 15 rounds per gun will be expended in harassing fire by day (152nd. Brigade R.F.A. excepted).
 - This is in addition to ammunition expended in observed shoots.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE (brigades by wire).

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INSTRUCTION NO.3.

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1. The defences of the Divisional Sector are being organised in two zones:-
 - (i) The Forward Zone.
 - (ii) The Second Zone.

2. The Forward Zone is being organised in three systems:-
 - (i) The Forward System.
 - (ii) The Support System.
 - (iii) The Reserve System.

The main lines of each system are shown approximately on the attached map.

 - (i) The Forward System comprises the present front line posts and its close supports. It is shown in blue on the attached map. This will be regarded as the main line of resistance.
 - (ii) The Support System is the forward line shown in red on the attached map.
The point of junction with the 5th Division will be at Sq. K.2.D.f.f.
STRAZEELE is being organised as a defensive locality.
 - (iii) The Reserve System is in process of construction. It is the second line shown in red on the attached map.
Defended localities are being constructed at LA MOTTE, PETIT SEC BOIS and PRADELLES.

3. The Second Zone is in process of preparation. For the present it will consist of two systems:-
 - (i) Firing Line System, Second Zone.
 - (ii) Support System, Second Zone.
 - (a) The Firing Line System is shown in green on the attached map. North of Sq. D.12.Central, there is a second line running West of BORNE.
 - (b) The Support System is shown in brown on the attached map.

4. In the event of it being necessary for a Brigade to retire orders will be given to the Brigade to take up positions for the defence of one or other of the lines mentioned above and shown on the attached map.

5. AKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire.)

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33rd. Div. Artillery.	11.
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* With Maps.

(i) The Forward System comprises the present front line of positions and the line of communication. It is shown in blue on the attached map. This will be referred to as the main line of communication.

(ii) The Support System is the forward line shown in red on the attached map. The point of transition with the 5th Division will be at Pt. L.S.D. 7. This system is being organized as a defensive locality.

(iii) The Reserve System is in process of construction. It is shown in red on the attached map. Detached localities are being constructed at LA. BOTT, PATTI BRO HOIE and TRABELLA.

The Reserve System is in process of preparation. For the present it will consist of the system.

(i) 5th Div. System, Second Line.
(ii) Support System, Second Line.

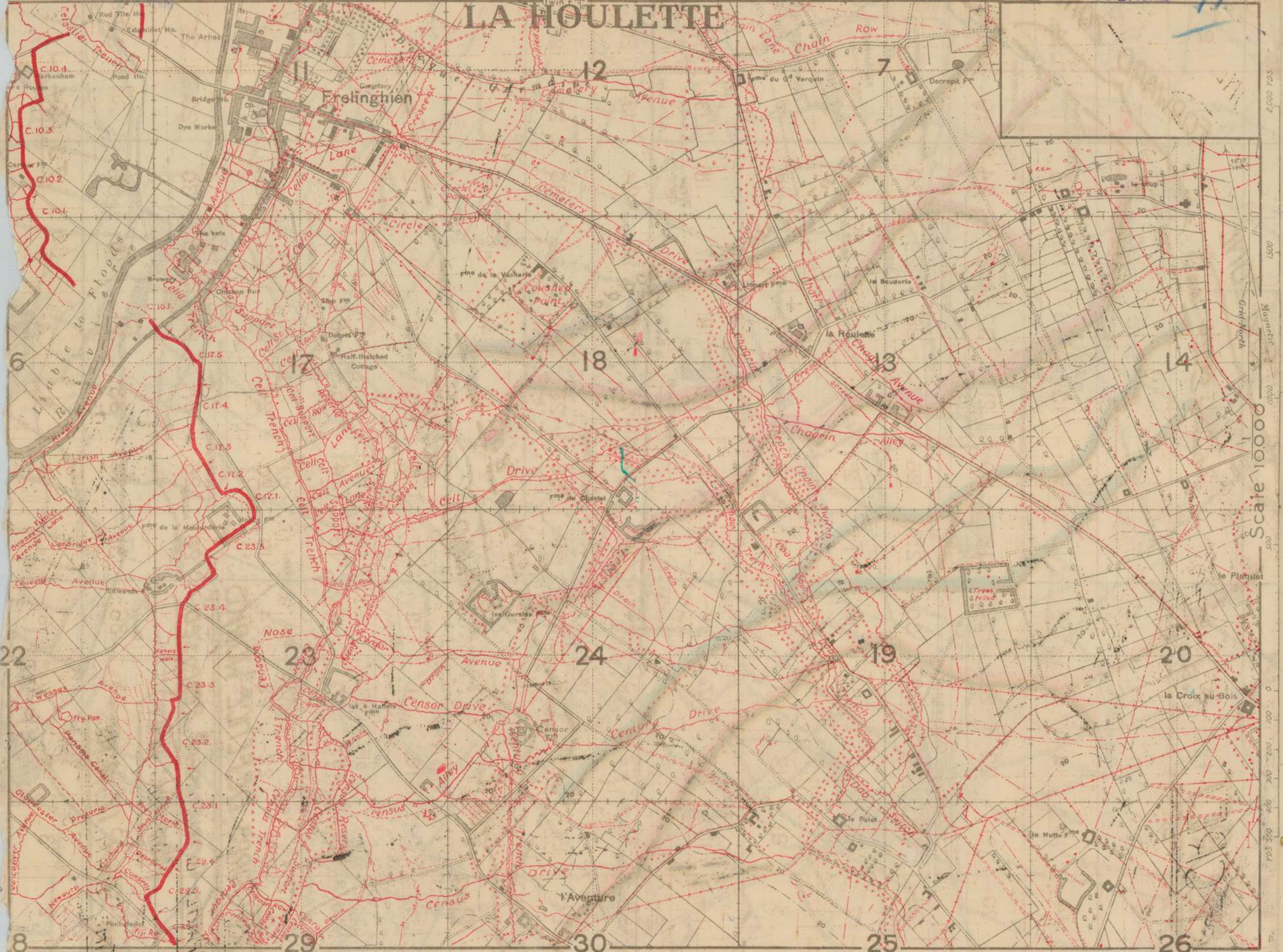
(a) The main line system is shown in green on the attached map. It is the main line of communication. It is a second line running east of BOTT.

(b) The Support System is shown in brown on the attached map.

In the event of it being necessary for a Detachment to receive orders will be given to the Detachment to take up positions for the defence of one or other of the lines mentioned above and shown on the attached map.

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 Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

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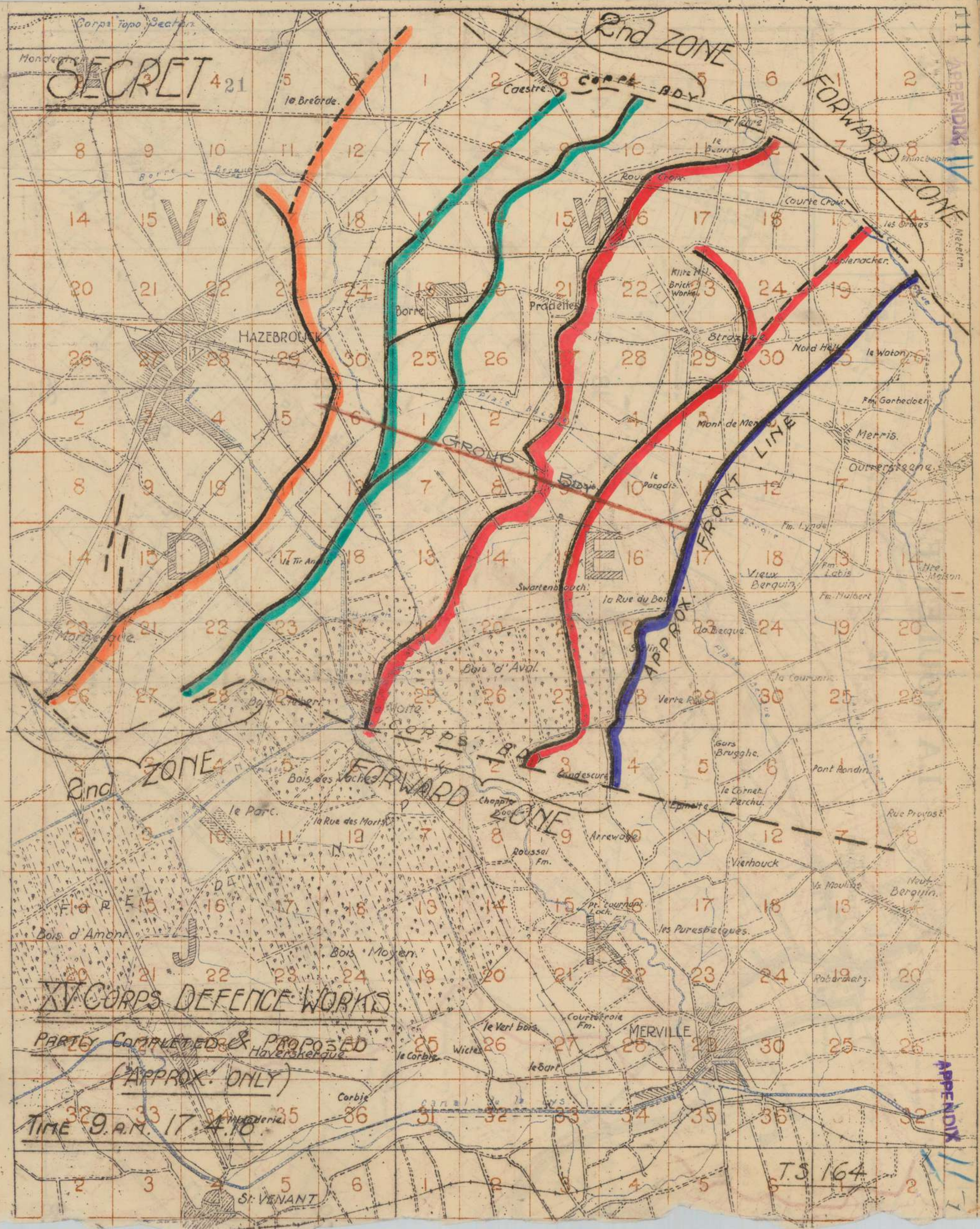
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1. The defences of the present Divisional Sector are organised in two zones as detailed in 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 3, Series 2.
2. The various lines are shown on the attached map. The dotted lines shown are the responsibility of other authorities:-
 - (a) Those forward of THIEUSHOUK of the 153rd. French Division.
 - (b) Those in rear of this point, of the Army or G.H.Q.
3. The lines on the map will be known as the BLUE, the RED, the GREEN and the BROWN line respectively.
4. In the event of it being necessary for a Brigade to retire, the Brigade will receive orders to occupy positions to cover one or other of these lines.
5. Brigade Commanders will make a reconnaissance as soon as possible with a view to selecting positions to cover these various lines.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

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28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	8. ●	A.D.A.	14.
64th. " "	9. ●	Reconn. Off. "	15.
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Amendment to Instructions
No. 4. Series 2.

22-4-1918.

1. Para. 3 of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 4, Series 2, is cancelled and the following substituted:-

"Those lines will be known as:-

(a) (1) The Forward System.
(ii) The Support System. } Forward Zone.
(iii) The Reserve System.

(b) (1) The Firing Line System. } Second Zone.
(ii) The Support System.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

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=====INSTRUCTIONS NO.5.SERIES 2.

22-4-1918.

1. In the event of an attack by the enemy, he is certain to put down a heavy destructive or neutralizing fire on all known or suspected gun positions.
2. In order to avoid this as far as possible, every battery will select an alternative position 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" Howitzer 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.

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5. When the attack has been definitely repulsed and it appears probably that no further attacks will be launched in the immediate future, Brigades will be instructed as to whether Batteries 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 (Brigades by wire).

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28th. Army. Ede.		Reconn. Off. " "	13.
" R.F.A.	7.	File.	14.
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AMENDMENT NO. 1.
to

INSTRUCTIONS NO. 5. SERIES 2.

26-4-1918.

- 1. Reference ammunition to be dumped at alternative positions; vide 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 5, Series 2, para 3 (c).

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 (Brigades by wire).

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INSTRUCTIONS NO. 6.

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1. In the event of a movement Westwards becoming necessary, the following routes will be used by Brigades of the Right Group:-
 - 64th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
E.8.B.D.&C. - E.7.D. - E.13.B.&A. - D.18.B. -
D.12.D.&A. - D.11.B. - D.5.C. - D.4.D. - D.10.A. -
D.3.D. - D.3.Central - D.3.A. - V.27.C. - V.26.D. & C.
 - 28th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
PRADELLES - BORRE - L'HOFFAND - La KREULE - V.16.Cont. -
V.16.C. - V.15.D.&C. - V.21.A. - WERKE MEULIN.
 - 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
W.13.D.O.3. - W.13.C. - V.18.D.O.&A. - V.17.B. -
V.11.D.&C. - V.10.D.O.&A. - V.9.Central.
 - 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
ROUGE CROIX - Le PEUPLIER - La BRIARDE - V.2.B.9.3.
2. 1st. Aust. D.A.C. will use the following routes:-
P.35.C.7.2. - V.5.A. - P.34.D.&C. - V.4.A. -
V.3.B.&A. - V.2.B.D.&C. - V.2.C.2.2. - LONGUE CROIX.
3. Routes for 110th. and 112th. Brigades R.F.A. and 113th. Army Brigade R.F.A. will be detailed by C.R.A. 33rd. Div.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Brigades by wire).

W.D. Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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33rd. D.A.	1.	R.A. XV Corps.	9.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	2.	H.A. XV Corps.	10.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	3.	C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	11.
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	4.	Staff Capt. 1st. A.D.A.	12.
64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	5.	Reconn. Off. " "	13.
57th. D.A.	6.	File.	14.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.	7.	War Diary.	15-17.
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INSTRUCTION NO. 7.
SERIES 2.

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Reference 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Instructions No. 4. Series 2, para 5.

1. The areas in which Brigade Commanders will make reconnaissances for the defence of the different lines of the Forward Zone are as follows:-

(a) SUPPORT LINE, FORWARD ZONE.

64th. Army Brigade R.F.A. V.29.&.30. D.5.&.6.
Other Brigades will remain in their present positions for the defence of this line; any forward Batteries being withdrawn to vicinity of present positions of the remainder of the Brigades.

(b) RESERVE LINE, FORWARD ZONE.

2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde. - V.11.&.12.
1st. " " " - V.17., V.18.B.&.D.
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A. - V.23., V.22.B.&.D.
64th. " " " will remain in position selected for defence of Support Line, Forward Zone.

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

3. In selecting positions the following requirements will be considered:-

(a) The general run of Bty. positions will be in two distinct tiers, although the Batteries in each tier may be all irregularly placed. The front tier Batteries will average 4,000 to 4,500 yards from the line to be defended. The second tier will be about 5,000 to 5,500 yards from this line. In certain areas these two tiers may merge the one into the other, but an endeavour will be made to ensure that, with each brigade, two Batteries will be forward and two back.

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- (b) Very wide areas of fire are all important, and Batteries must not be prevented from swinging right round to Right or Left of trees or buildings etc.
- (c) A suitable field of view over the ^{sights} is to be sought for, in order that Batteries may, in emergency defend their own front by their own fire.
- (d) All Battery positions should be well clear, say 300 yards of cross roads or important thoroughfares.

- 4. Positions selected will be clearly marked, and Brigade Commanders will ensure that all Battery Officers and a proportion of N.C.Os, visit these positions and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the approaches to them.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Positions of Brigade Headquarters should be selected.
- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE (brigades by wire).

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2nd. F.A. Brigade.	4.	Sig. Off. 1st. A.D.A.	12.
29th. (A) Bde. R.F.A.	5.	Recon. Off. "	13.
64th. " " "	6.	File.	14.
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Reference positions for defence of Second Zone.

1. Attached map shows Battery positions, wagon lines, and Brigade Headquarters for each Brigade.
It also shows routes to be followed by each Brigade in going to these positions.

2. In the event of positions chosen for the defence of the Reserve Line, Forward Zone having been occupied, Batteries will still follow the routes shown, in their move from those positions, to positions shown on the attached map.

3. Routes to be followed by 110th and 112th. Brigades R.F.A., and 113th. Army Brigade R.F.A. will be laid down by G.O. Left Group, and will be forwarded to this Office.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Brigades by wire).

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2nd. Army Bde. N.Z.F.A.	8.
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1st. Aust. Division.	10.
R.A., XV Corps.	11.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	12.
Staff Captain, 1st. A.D.A.	13.
Reconn. Off. " " "	14.
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Group.	Brigade.	Position.	Wagon Line.
	<u>1st F.A. Brigade.</u>		
	Headquarters.	W.19.C.20.80.	
	1st. Battery.	W.14.A.6.6 4 guns.	V.6.C.5.1.
		W.14.A.8.8. 2 "	
	2nd. "	W.20.A.35.82.	V.12.A.8.8.
	3rd. "	W.14.B.40.80.	
	101st. "	W.14.C.0.3.	V.12.A.8.8.
	<u>2nd. F.A. Brigade.</u>		
	Headquarters.	W.8.D.90.10.	
	4th. Battery.	W.9.C.0.1.	W.1.A.2.8.
	5th. "	W.14.B.15.90.	-do-
	6th. "	W.8.B.2.4.	W.8.A.5.2.
RIGHT	102nd. "	W.9.C.55.35.	V.11.B.9.4.
	<u>64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.</u>		
GROUP.	Headquarters.	E.7.A.90.80.	C.6.D.6.0.
	A/64th Battery.	E.2.D.70.00.	D.8.A.0.9.
	B/64th. "	E.2.Central.	D.1.B.8.0.
	C/64th. "	E.2.D.72.07.	D.1.B.9.0.
	D/64th. "	E.8.B.15.95.	D.2.C.4.0.
	B.A.C.	O.6.D.8.0.	
	<u>28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.</u>		
	Headquarters.	W.19.A.1.1.	V.17.C.9.1.
	A/28th. Battery.	W.20.A.8.5.	V.10.D.4.4.
	123rd. Battery.	W.15.D.5.3.	V.11.D.6.4.
	124th. "	E.2.B.8.9.	V.17.C.5.2.
	65th. Battery.	W.27.A.2.7.	V.23.B.1.6.
	B.A.C.	V.19.C.7.5.	
	57th. D.A.C.	D.1.D.8.9.	
	<u>33rd. Div. Arty.</u>		
LEFT	Headquarters.	Q.20.D.20.05.	
GROUP.	Rear.	Aerodrome ABLELE.	

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Group.	Brigade.	Position.	Wagon Line.
<u>110th brigade R.F.A.</u>			
	Headquarters.	R.25.C.6.3.	Q.6.D.5.0.
	A/110 Battery.	R.26.C.3.7.	Q.24.D.0.7.
	B/110 "	R.26.D.8.8.	R.13.B.5.4.
	C/110 "	R.20.B.2.7.	R.13.B.4.5.
	D/110 "	R.31.B.9.9.	R.13.C.4.9.
<u>LEFT.</u>	<u>112th. brigade R.F.A.</u>		
	Headquarters.	Q.33.B.5.5.	Q.19.B.6.7.
<u>GROUP.</u>	A/112 Battery.	W.5.A.2.7.	Q.11.D.5.0.
	B/112 "	W.5.D.7.9.	Q.6.D.8.3.
	C/112 "	W.6.A.55.80.	Q.11.D.9.5.
	D/112 "	W.4.B.4.5.	Q.6.D.8.3.
<u>113th. Brigade R.F.A.</u>			
	Headquarters.	R.31.A.1.7.	R.19.D.1.8.
	A/113 Battery.	R.31.A.1.2.	Q.21.D.2.1.
	B/113 "	X.2.A.3.9.	Q.28.B.8.8.
	C/113 "	X.2.B.2.2.	Q.23.A.4.4.
	D/113 "	R.31.C.9.9.	R.25.C.6.4.
	113th. D.A.C.		Q.22.D.75.35.
	25th. D.A.C.H.Q.		Q.13.B.
	" No.1.&.2. Sections.		Q.25.A.
1st. Aust. D.A.C.		V.25.C.00.10.	
" " No.1. Section.		V.25. Central.	
" " No.2. Section.		V.20.D.20.70.	
" " S.A.A. Section.		V.20.D.20.70.	
133rd. French D.H.Q. LEFT FLANK.		R.15.A.10.80.	
133rd. French Inf. " "		R.30.A.0.6.	
92nd. B.H.Q. RIGHT "		D.11.D.9.2.	
H.Q. 265th Reg. FRENCH ARTY. LEFT FLANK.		R.23.B.70.80.	
Mob. Vet. Section.		P.30.A.10.40.	
No. 1. Coy. A.A.S.C.		V.25.C.0.2.	

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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LOCATION STATEMENT 8 a.m. 1-5-18.

1st. Aust. Div. Art. Hqrs. P.28.L.60.40.

Refer Map. Sheet 33A 1/10,000.
Sheet 27.

Group.	Brigade.	Position.	Wagon Lines.
<u>1st. Aust. F.A. Bde. Hqrs.</u>			
	1st. Battery.	V.30.B.60.70.	V.12.A.20.70.
	2nd. Battery.	W.14.A.32.54.	V.6.C.5.1.
	3rd. Battery.	W.20.D.37.72.	V.5.D.20.20.
	101st. Battery.	W.8.D.53.08.	V.13.A.30.80.
		W.14.C.0.4.	V.11.B.90.40.
<u>2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde. Hqrs.</u>			
	4th Battery.	W.1.B.50.50.	(
	5th. Battery.	W.9.C.0.1.	(W.1.A.2.8.
	6th. Battery.	W.16.C.30.55.	(
	102nd. Battery...	W.11.B.00.80.	W.8.C.9.9.
		W.9.C.55.30.	V.11.B.9.4.
<u>2nd. (A) Bde. N.Z. F.A. H.Q.</u>			
	2nd. Battery.	V.30.D.25.25.	V.25.B.00.50.
	6th. Battery.	E.8.B.65.95.	D.8.A.80.90.
	9th. Battery.	E.2. Cent.	D.2.C.4.0.
	5th. Battery.	E.2.D.75.15.	D.1.B.90.80.
	B.A.C.	W.25.C.40.30.	D.1.B.80.00.
			C.6.D.80.90.
<u>23th. (A) Bde. R.F.A. H.Q.</u>			
	A/23th. Battery.	W.19.A.1.1.	V.17.C.9.1.
	123rd. Battery.	W.20.A.8.5.	V.10.D.4.4.
	124th. Battery.	W.15.D.5.3.	V.11.D.6.4.
	85th. Battery.	E.2.B.8.9.	V.17.C.5.2.
	B.A.C.	W.27.A.2.7.	V.23.B.1.6.
	57th. D.A.C.		V.19.C.7.5.
			D.f.D.8.9.
<u>LEFT GROUP - Headquarters.</u>		R .31.A.10.70.	

P. T. O.

Group.	Brigade.	Position.	Wagon Line.
	110th. Bde. R.F.A. Hdqrs.	R.25.C.6.3.	Q.6.D.5.0.
	A/110th. Battery.	R.26.C.4.7.	Q.24.D.0.7.
	B/110th. Battery.	R.26.D.8.2.	R.13.B.5.4.
	C/110th. Battery.	R.26.A.2.6.	R.13.B.4.5.
	D/110th. Battery.	R.26.B.5.1.	R.13.C.4.9.
	112th. Bde. R.F.A. Hdqrs.	Q.33.B.5.5.	Q.19.B.6.8.
	A/112nd. Battery.	W.5.A.2.7.	Q.11.D.2.6.
	B/112nd. Battery.	W.5.D.7.9.	Q.6.D.8.3.
	C/112nd. Battery.	W.6.B.15.65.	Q.11.D.9.5.
	D/112nd. Battery. 4 guns.	W.4.B.4.5.	Q.6.D.8.3.
	2 " X.1.A.2.7.		
	113th (A) Bde. R.F.A. H.Q.	H.Q. B.51.E.90	Q.19.D.118.
	A/113rd. Battery.	R.31.A.1.2.	Q.21.D.2.1.
	B/113rd. Battery.	X.2.A.3.9.	Q.15.D.10.60.
	C/113rd. Battery.	X.2.B.2.2.	Q.23.A.4.4.
	D/113rd. Battery.	R.31.C.9.9.	R.26.C.6.4.
	B.A.C.		Q.18.A.4.9.
	25th. D.A.C. Hdqrs.		Q.13.B.4.7.
	No.1. Section.		Q.25.A.3.9.
	No.2. Section.		Q.20.C.7.8.
	1st. Aust. D.A.C. Hdqrs.	} V.1.C.70.40.	
	" " No.1. Section.		
	" " No.2. Section.		V.1.C.20.40.
	" " S.A.A. Section.		V.20.A.65.50.
	133rd. French D.H.Q.	LEFT FLANK.	R.15.A.10.60.
	133rd. French Inf.	" "	R.30.A.6.6.
	92nd. B.H.Q.	RIGHT "	D.11.D.0.2.
	H.Q., 265th. Reg. French Arty.	LEFT FLANK.	R.23.B.70.80.
	Mob. Vet. Section.		P.35.B.50.70.
	Np. 1. Coy. A.A.S.C.		V.3.B.40.30.
	D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.		V.1.C.60.60.

W. D. Strong

Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

DISPOSITION.

10 am 4/3/1918.

1st. Aust. D.A.H.Q. - SOMERPENDING CAMP M.17.B.

Ref. Map Sheet 29 1/40,000.

GROUP.	UNIT.	GUNS.	POSITION.	WAGON LINES.
L E F T.	1st F.A.B., H.Q.		I.32.A.90.97.	POMPIER CAMP.
	1st battery,	6	I.35.A.68.82.	do
	3rd "	6	O.3.O.60.48.	N.15.B.80.80.
	Lt-Col. 4th "	6	I.28.D.38.17.	N.14.D.60.50.
	E.T.DEAN. 5th "	6	I.28.D.80.80.	do
	D.S.O. 6th "	6	I.27.D.58.41.	do
	101st "	6	I.33.D.50.00.	N.15.B.80.80.
	102nd "	6	I.34.A.80.60.	N.14.D.00.50.
	Anti-Tank Guns.	1	I.30.D.20.90.	
		1	I.30.E.50.00.	
		1	I.35.D.65.45.	
		1	I.35.O.42.05.	
R I G H T.	3rd (Army) F.A. Bde. H.Q.		N.18.B.90.25.	N.32. Central.
	2nd battery.	6	O.3.A.03.12.	N.14.A.30.30.
	Lt-Col. 7th "	6	O.9.A.60.80.	N.32. Central.
	G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. 8th "	6	O.15.E.50.35.	N.32. Central.
	9th "	6	O.8.D.70.80.	do
	103rd "	6	O.14.B.20.65.	do
	A/38 "	4	O.25.D.65.78.	T.5.B.20.90.
	B/38 "	2	O.26.C.20.90.	
	C/38 "	6	O.8.L.30.05.	S.5.L.80.50.
	D/38 "	6	N.23.B.69.10.	N.27.A.40.60.
		6	O.19.E.25.30.	S.12.A.60.50.
	Anti-Tank Guns.	1	O.10.C.80.20.	
		1	O.15.D.80.50.	
		1	O.28.A.05.15.	
	2nd F.A. Bde. Headquarters.		DEVON CAMP N.7.C.70.50.	
	38th (Army) brigade H.Q., R.F.A.		S.5.E. Central.	
	3rd (Army) F.A. Bde. Arm. Col.		N.32. Central.	
1st Aust. D.A.C.	Headquarters		ALMA CAMP N.25.D.5.9.	
	No. 1. Section.		REDAN LINES. A.24.D.2.7.	
	No. 2. Section.		ALMA CAMP. N.25.D.5.9.	
	E.A.A. Section.		SEBASTAPOOL CAMP. N.25.D.	
Trench mortar Batteries.	D.T.S.O. Headquarters.		I.33.D.60.50.	
	Reserve Camp.		N.16.D.20.40.	
	H.Q. Bty. in line.		O.3.B.20.50.	
Left Infantry Bde. H.Q.			I.52.A.80.50.	
	Left Bn. Headquarters.		I.36.O.30.10.	
	Right Bn.		O.5.A.20.50.	
Right Infantry Bde. H.Q.			N.29.O.40.40.	
	Left Bn. Headquarters.		O.14.A.30.10.	
	Centre Bn.		O.20.E.20.30.	
	Right Bn.		O.20.D.20.30.	

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Ammunition Dump	
Terk House. A.R.P.	N.16.D.25.55.
No.1.Coy.A.A.S.O.	N.6.A.90.40.
D.A.S.O.S.	N.12.D.30.00.
1st. Mob. Vet. Sec.	N.7.A.70.30.
No. 25 Workshops,	T.14.D.00.90.
No.5 Gun Park.	WODESWARRY LOT.
Corps Camouflage Off.	A.30.E.3.7.



Reconnaissance Officer, 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Lieut.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

PERSONNEL.

Statement showing Strength & Wastage

Date.	Strength.		Joined.		Gone.							
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Transferred	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
April 1	89	2312	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	89	2311	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	25
3	91	2331	5	34	-	-	-	-	-	11	3	3
4	90	2339	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	9
5	90	2332	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
6	91	2323	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	1
7	93	2318	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1
8	93	2318	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	93	2318	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	92	2315	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	-
11	91	2308	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	1
12	91	2339	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	91	2339	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	91	2339	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	91	2361	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
16	90	2352	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	15	1	2
17	90	2344	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	9	-	-
18	90	2341	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
19	90	2338	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
20	91	2336	1	23	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	19
21	91	2333	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
22	94	2343	4	15	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	2
23	92	2337	-	12	-	-	-	7	1	5	1	6
24	93	2337	1	9	-	1	-	2	-	6	-	-
25	94	2323	1	-	-	-	-	8	-	5	-	1
26	94	2318	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	-
27	94	2352	-	45	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	-
28	94	2372	-	32	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	8
29	87	2348	1	1	2	5	4	13	-	3	2	4
30	85	2337	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	2	7
TOTALS.			20	297	2	9	5	38	2	134	15	91

11 Officers - 77 O/Rks., transferred within the Divisional Artillery.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

STATEMENT SHEWING STRENGTH & WASTAGE OF ANIMALS.

Date.	Strength.			Received.			Gone.								
	HS.	MS.	TL.	HS.	MS.	TL.	Killed.			M.V.S.			Lost or Transferred		
	HS.	MS.	TL.	HS.	MS.	TL.	HS.	MS.	TL.	HS.	MS.	TL.	HS.	MS.	TL.
April 1	1301	750	2051	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	1301	750	2051	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	1301	762	2063	3	14	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
4	1319	762	2081	21	-	21	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1
5	1308	756	2064	2	-	2	-	-	-	9	3	12	4	3	7
6	1307	757	2064	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
7	1303	755	2058	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	5	2	-	2
8	1303	755	2058	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	1303	755	2058	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	1302	755	2057	2	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
11	1301	754	2055	2	-	2	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	-	-
12	1301	754	2055	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	1301	754	2055	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	1301	752	2053	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1297	751	2048	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	1	3
16	1295	749	2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	2
17	1293	749	2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	2
18	1293	749	2042	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
19	1293	749	2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	1292	749	2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
21	1292	749	2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	1290	749	2039	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	1287	749	2936	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	1284	747	2031	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	4	-	-	-
25	1284	747	2031	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	1275	745	2020	-	-	-	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	2	2
27	1275	745	2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	1274	745	2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
29	1261	745	2006	-	-	-	11	-	11	-	-	-	2	-	2
30	1248	745	1993	-	-	-	12	-	12	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTALS.				32	15	47	37	3	40	29	7	36	19	10	29

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

STATEMENT SHEWING DAILY AMMUNITION ~~XXXXXXXX~~ EXPENDITURE 1st Australian Divisional Artillery for April 1918.

	A	AX	AS	AT	BX	BS	BCBR	BSK	BPS	BNC	BVN	TMG
April 1	853	828	-	-	455	-	-	-	32	40	-	3
2	1945	2013	27	-	1004	3	180	-	7	-	-	-
3	631	561	3	-	343	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	498	650	-	-	108	-	304	-	10	47	-	7
5-23					N I L.							51
24	7481	3394	-	99	2789	-	-	-	-	-	-	208
25	5231	1708	-	-	1634	-	-	-	-	-	-	135
26	4091	1248	-	-	913	-	-	-	-	-	-	286
27	3088	1141	-	-	1423	-	114	-	-	-	-	30
28	1436	314	-	-	616	-	-	-	-	-	26	78
29	3568	1282	-	-	1686	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
30	4143	996	-	-	1552	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
	32965	14135	30	99	12523	3	598	-	49	87	26	850

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SECRET.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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- 1. Counterpreparation tomorrow 26th inst., will be carried out from 4.45 a.m. to 4.55 a.m.
- 2. Brigades will fire on areas as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP.

		Aust.	
First 5 mins.	1st/F.A. Bde.	E.8.D. & E.12.B.	
	64th. (A) Bde. R.F.A.	F.1.C. & D.	
	24th "	F.1.A. & B.	
	2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	X.26.B. & D.	
Second 5 mins.	1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	Railway in E.12.B. &	
		F.7.A.C. & D.	
	64th. (A) Bde. R.F.A.	F.1.D. & F.7.B.	
	28th. "	F.2.A. & F.1.D.	
	2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	X.27.C. & D.	

LEFT GROUP.

First 5 mins.	1 Brigade.	X.21.C. & X.22.C.
	1 "	X.17.C. & X.23.A.
	1 "	X.15.D.
Second 5 mins.	1 "	(X.27) X.27.B. & D.
	1 "	X.29.A. & B.
	1 "	X.23.E. & X.24.A.

- 3. Tracks and buildings and likely places of assembly are to be selected in the areas detailed.
- 4. Rates of fire:- 3 rds. per gun & How. per minute.
- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE (brigades by wire),

W. J. ... Major.
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.

DISTRIBUTION.

25th. D.A.	1.	1st. Aust. Div.	6.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	2.	R.A. XV Corps.	7.
2nd. " "	3.	C.R.A. 1st. A.D.	8.
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	4.	Staff Capt. 1st. A.D.A.	9.
64th " "	5.	Reconn. Off. "	10.
		File.	11.
		War Diary.	12-14.
		Spare.	15-18.