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| CORBIE. | 1-9-18. | | Training. | |
| | 2-9-18. | | -do- | |
| | 3-9-18. | | -do- | |
| | 4-9-18. | | -do- | |
| | 5-9-18. | | -do- | |
| | 6-9-18. | | -do- | |
| | 7-9-18. | | Div. Arty. moved from SAILLY-LAURETTE to SUZANNE. | |
| HALLE. | 8-9-18. | | D.A.H.Q. moved from CORBIE to HALLE. | |
| | 9-9-18. | | Div. Arty. moved from SUZANNE to HEM. C.R.A. visited Corps R.A. and 3rd. D.A. | |
| | 10-9-18. | | C.R.A. and Brigade Commanders went forward and reconnoitred. | |
| | 11-9-18. | | 1st. F.A. Brigade, 2nd. F.A. Brigade and D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) marched from HEM area to wagon lines in BUIRE-TINCOURT area and on arrival came under orders of C.R.A. | |
| | | | 3rd. Aust. Division. | |
| | | | At 5 p.m. Batteries of 1st. and 2nd. F.A. Brigades moved into the line to positions selected during afternoon and were grouped as follows:- 1st. F.A. Brigade to Left Group (under Lieut-Col. STEVENSON of 3rd. Aust. Army F.A. Brigade) to positions in vicinity K.14.B. and | |
| | | | K.15.A. 2nd. F.A. Brigade to Right Group (under Lieut-Col GIBBONS, D.S.O. of 14th. Army Brigade R.F.A.) to positions in vicinity of K.20.C. and K.26.A. These reinforcing in | |
| | | | depth the 3rd. Aust. Army F.A. Brigade and 14th. Army Brigade R.F.A. respectively in depth. | |
| | | | The above was done on account of 2nd. Bn. (Left) and 4th. Bn. (Right) of 1st. Aust. Infantry | |
| | | | brigade (advance guard) having been counter-attacked by the enemy between 10 and 11 a.m. | |
| | | | and forcing our infantry to fall back from approx- line JEANCOURT L.14. Central - L86 Central | |
| | | | to line approximately 600 to 800 yards in rear. | |
| | 12-9-18. | | At 10 a.m. C.R.A. took over command from C.R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn. Artillery in divisional | |
| | | | sector on passing of command were:- | |
| | | | In Line. | |
| | | | <u>Right Group.</u> Under command of Lieut-Col GIBBONS D.S.O. (14th. Army Brigade | |
| | | | R.F.A.) | |
| | | | 14th. Army Brigade R.F.A. | |
| | | | 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade. | |
| | | | <u>Left Group.</u> Under command of Lieut-Col. G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. (3rd. Aust. Army | |
| | | | F.A. Brigade.) | |
| | | | 3rd. Aust. Army F.A. Brigade. | |
| | | | 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade. | |

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| | 12-9-18 (contd.) | | <p>In Reserve. 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. <u>To be in area by 4 p.m.</u> 4th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. In the afternoon the 14th. Army F.A. Brigade was relieved in the line by 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade which moved forward and took over 14th. Army Brigade R.F.A. positions. On completion the Field Artillery was disposed as follows:-</p> <p><u>In the line.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.</td> <td>)</td> <td>Under command of Lieut-Col.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.</td> <td>)</td> <td>G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd. Aust. Army F.A. Bde.</td> <td>)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>In reserve.</u></p> <p>4th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>Brig-General S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O. returned from 14 days leave to England and took over command of Artillery in the line covering 1st. Aust. Division from Lieut-Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O., temp. commanding, who resumed command of 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade. As the infantry operations had now come more or less to a standstill it was decided to increase the Artillery in the line by taking the 4th. and 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigades from Reserve into the line. The command was divided into two Groups under the C.R.A. as follows:-</p> <p><u>Right Group.</u> (covering Right Bn.) under the command of Lieut-Col. E.T. DEAN, D.S.O. composed of the 1st. and 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigades.</p> <p><u>Left Group.</u> (covering Left Bn.) under command of Lieut-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. composed of the 3rd. 4th. and 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigades.</p> | 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade. |) | Under command of Lieut-Col. | 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade. |) | G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. | 3rd. Aust. Army F.A. Bde. |) | | |
| 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade. |) | Under command of Lieut-Col. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade. |) | G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3rd. Aust. Army F.A. Bde. |) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 13-9-18. | | <p>Heavy rain fell at frequent intervals. The re-grouping and increase of the artillery covering the Divisional front decided upon last night was carried out by the 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade moving into the positions vacated by the 2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade yesterday and the 4th. Aust. F.A. Brigade occupying positions vacated by the 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade. The 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade were instructed to reconnoitre and occupy positions approximately 3000 yards from our present front line, which now ran as follows:- L.32.D.70.80. - L.32.B.6.8. - L.26.D.5.1. - L.26.D.6.5. - L.26.D.5.8. - L.56.B.4.4. - L.20.C.8.0. - L.20.C.5.8. - L.20.B.2.2. - L.20.A.4.8. - L.14.C.7.7. - L.14.B.6.2. - L.14.B.6.8. - L.8.C.3.2. - L.1.C.6.3. (ref. sheet 62c 1/40,000). During the morning the C.R.A. visited the 3rd. Army Aust. F.A. Brigade Headquarters and also the 5th. Brigade R.G.A., the latter Brigade being affiliated to this Division for</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | 13/9/18. | (contd) | Bombardment purposes. During afternoon C.R.A. attended conference at Aust. Corps H.Q. and on return interviewed candidates for R.A. Cadet School. Very heavy rain fell during the night but cleared up about 11 am. for the rest of the day. | |
| | 14/9/18. | | Weather fine throughout day. During the morning C.R.A. held a conference of Brigade Commanders at Left Group H.Q. K.27.A.4.8 (Sheet 62 C) and gave instructions that reconnaissances be made with a view of pushing batteries further forward and siting positions for two or possibly three additional Brigades which are to be brought in for forthcoming operations. | |
| | 15/9/18. | | During the night the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade relieved the 1st Aust. Inf Brigade and the forward Divisional boundaries were readjusted and now run as follows:- <u>NORTHERN BOUNDARY.</u> E. and W. Grid line between squares L1 and L7 as far East as L.3.C.00 - thence to F.29.C.8.0 then East and West Grid line between square F.29 and L.5. <u>SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.</u> Line drawn from K.36.D.00 to L.23.C.0.8 thence to G.20.A.0.5. This readjustment came into effect as far as the Field Artillery covering the Divisional Sector is concerned from 12 midnight 14th/15th instant. It had now been decided that for the forthcoming attack on the enemy's defensive position in front of the HINDENBERG Line the Artillery covering the 1st. Aust. Div. was to be increased by the addition of the two Brigades of the 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. and the 5th (Army) Brigade RFA the former to come under C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div. at 10 am. 15/9/18 and the latter on arrival in area on 16/9/18. On arrival of above Brigades the Field Artillery will be re-grouped as follows:- <u>Right Group.</u> Covering Right Infantry Brigade. Right Group Commander. Lt-Col. E.T.DEAN D.S.O. (1st Aust. F.A. Bde.) 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade. 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade. Right Sub Group Commander. Lt-Col. G.H.M. KING C.M.G., D.S.O. (7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.) 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade. <u>Left Group.</u> Covering Left Infantry Brigade. Left Group Commander. Lt-Col. G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. (3rd Aust (Army) F.A. Brigade.) 3rd Aust (Army) F.A. Brigade. 5th Army Brigade R.F.A. Imp. | |

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| | 15/9/18. | (contd.) | Left Sug Group Commander. Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O. (5th Aust F.A. Brigade). 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade. | |
| | 16/9/18. | | During the afternoon the C.R.A. attended Div. Commanders conference at Div. H.Q. J.16.A.5.0 Sheet 62 C. 1/40000. C.R.A. attended Corps Commanders conference during morning re forthcoming operations. During the night the 1st F.A. Brigade, 7th F.A. Brigade, 8th F.A. Brigade and 5th Army Brigade R.F.A. moved forward and occupied their battle positions for operation. | |
| | 17/9/18. | | During the afternoon the C.R.A. visited 1st and 3rd Infantry Brigades H.Q. Final preparations made for tomorrows operation, and advice received that Zero hour was to be 5.20 am. 18 18th instant. During the evening the 1st F.A. Brigade (Right Group H.Q.) moved up to their Battle H.Q. at L.26.C. 4.8 (Sheet 62 C) and the 3rd (Army) Brigade A.F.A. (Left Group H.Q.) moved to theirs at K.12.D.3.0, both H.Q. being alongside the Right and Left Infantry Brigades xxxxxxx H.Q. respectively. | |
| | 18/9/18. | | The C.R.A. held a final conference of the Group Commanders, Lt-Col. Dean D.S.O. and Lt-Col. G.I. Stevenson C.M.G. at K.27.A.4.8 during afternoon. | |
| | 19/9/18. | | (See appendix). Disposition in depths of batteries was completed during the day. | |
| | 20/9/18. | | C.R.A. visited Right and Left Group H.Q. In anticipation of a possible enemy counter attack, Counter Preparation was put down put down from 5.15 am. to 5.25 am. and again from 5.35 am. to 5.45 am. to a depth of a 1000 yards East of our S.O.S. lines. Weather fine occasionally overcast. | APPENDIX |
| | 21/9/18. | | Our Left Infantry Brigade suspected an enemy relief opposite their front and as a consequence the areas A.26.Central to A.26.D.15.70 to A.26.A.8.0 to A.26.D.5.0, QUERIE MONT FARM and A.26.A.83.60 were subjected to much increased harassing fire. Weather fine. | |
| | | | During the early morning an advance was made by the 1st Aust. Div. and 74th Div. on our left, with objectives as shown on attached map, the object being to establish points of observation overlooking the enemy system in A.27.A. and B. This operation was supported by our Left Group of Artillery plus two 18 pounder batteries of the Right Group, the Left Group then consisting of 14 18 pounder batteries and 4 4.5" How. Batteries. A diversion to the operation was created by the Right Group putting down a barrage on the Right Div. Sub Sector as per Intelligence summary No. 7 attached. Weather fine. During the night the 5th Army Brigade R.F.A. withdrew to their Waggon lines and came under the | |

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| | 21/9/18. | | <p>command of C.R.A. 4t Aust. Div. The Divisional Artillery was then grouped as follows:-</p> <p><u>Right Group.</u> 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade.) Lt-Col E.T. DEAN D.S.O. commanding. 2nd Aust F.A. Brigade.)</p> <p><u>Right Sub Group.</u> 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.) Lt-Col G.H.M. KING C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding. 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade.)</p> <p><u>Left Group.</u> 3rd Aust (Army) F.A. Bde.) Lt-Col G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. Commanding. 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade.) 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.)</p> <p>From 10 am. today Group Lines will be :-</p> <p><u>Right Group.</u> Southern XXXXXX Boundary. - Line joining K.22.C.0.8 and G.23.D.0.8 Northern Boundary. - Present inter-Brigade Boundary (namely East and West line through G.8.Central.)</p> <p><u>Left Group.</u> Southern Boundary. - Present Inter-Brigade boundary. Northern Boundary. - Present Inter-Corps boundary (namely line drawn East from F.29.D.3.0.)</p> | |
| | 22/9/18. | | C.R.A. visited Right and Left Group H.Q. At 10 am. the new boundary between Division and Aust. Corps and IX Corps came into force in accordance with attached tracing. Weather stormy. | |
| | 23/9/18. | | <p>C.R.A. visited Corps H.A. H.Q. during afternoon. During the night the following Brigades arrived in the BUIRE area and came under orders of C.R.A. 1st Aus. Div.</p> <p>65th Army Brigade R.F.A., 84th Army Brigade R.F.A.</p> <p>The 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. relieved the 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. in the line. The latter Brigade withdrew to its Waggon lines and came into Corps reserve.</p> <p>On completion of this relief Lt-Col. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O. took command of the Left Group.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p> | |
| | 24/9/18. | | <p>During the night 24th/25th the 65th Army Brigade R.F.A. moved into the line and occupied positions vacated by the 5th Army Brigade R.F.A. on night 21st/22nd.</p> <p>The 84th Army Brigade R.F.A. relieved the 7th A.F.A. Brigade, the latter withdrawing to its</p> | |

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| | 24/9/18. | | <p>waggon lines and coming under orders of C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div..</p> <p>On completion of these reliefs the Field Artillery was grouped as follows :-</p> <p><u>Right Group.</u> Covering Right Battalion. 59th American Infantry Brigade.</p> <p>1st Aust. F.A. Brigade.) Lt-Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O. commanding Right Group.</p> <p>2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade.)</p> <p><u>Right Sub Group.</u></p> <p>150th Army Brigade R.F.A.) Lt-Col. F.A. DIXON D.S.O. 150th Army Brigade R.F.A.</p> <p>84th Army Brigade R.F.A.) commanding Right Sub Group.</p> <p><u>Left Group.</u> Covering Left Battalion. 59th American Infantry Brigade.</p> <p>12th Aust. (Army) F.A. Brigade.) Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O. commanding Left Group.</p> <p>65th Army Brigade R.F.A.)</p> <p><u>Left Sub Group.</u></p> <p>4th Aust. F.A. Brigade.) Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O. commanding Left Sub Group.</p> <p>5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.)</p> <p>During the morning the C.R.A. visited C.R.A. 46TH DIV. re operations. Weather fine.</p> <p>An S.O.S. signal was reported on the Right Battalion front at 5.18 am. and batteries put down S.O.S. barrage until 5.35 am.</p> | |
| | 25/9/18. | | <p>Day spent in preliminary preparations for forthcoming operations. At 8.10 pm. an S.O.S. signal was reported to have gone up on the Right Battalion Front and our Right Group put down their S.O.S. barrage until 8.24 pm. when all was reported quiet.</p> | |
| | 26/9/18. | | <p>During the night an extensive gas bombardment took place on to selected points of much recent enemy activity. A certain proportion of H.E. was mixed with the B.B. gas shell comprising this bombardment in order to disguise the smaller burst of the gas shell as much as possible and lead enemy to believe he was under an H.E. bombardment only. As B.B. gas shell affords the enemy little indication of its presence, other types of gas shell were not included in this operation in order not to cause the enemy not to adjust his gas masks too readily and thus lessen the effect of B.B. gas shell. This was the first time which this Division had used this type of gas shell. The bombardment was carried out in intermittent bursts of intense fire as per 1st Aust. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 7, series 6. Weather fine.</p> | APPENDIX |
| | 27/9/18. | | <p>Soon after daylight the preliminary bombardment was commenced prior to the attack on the HINDENBERG LINE of enemy defences.</p> <p>The initial stages were confined to the cutting of lanes through the enemies wire and intense harassing fire. The wire cutting was carried out with 4.5" Hows, 6" Hows., and 6" Trench Mortars. M.P.I's were selected at intervals through the belts of wire and a series of 100</p> | |

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| | 29/9/18. | | <p>In accordance with pre-arranged programme the Australian Corps today attacked the HINDENBERG LINE in the Sector NAUROY GOUY as detailed in report for 27/9/188</p> <p>The detailed allotment and designation of the Field Artillery on the front of the 30th American Division was as follows :</p> <p>30th American Divisional Front. (Under C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.)</p> <p>1st Australian Divisional Artillery.)</p> <p>2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.) Right Division Creeping Barrage Brigades.</p> <p>12th Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery)</p> <p>60th Army Brigade R.F.A.))</p> <p>84th Army Brigade R.F.A.)</p> <p>150th Army Brigade R.F.A.)</p> <p>6th Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery. Right Flank Barrage Brigade.</p> <p>For exploitation to RED line by 5th Australian Division. (Under C.R.A. 5th Aust. Div.)</p> <p>5th Australian Divisional Artillery.) Right Division Exploitation Brigades.</p> <p>6th Army Brigade A.F.A.)</p> <p>For exploitation Southwards to RED line. (Under C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.)</p> <p>1st Australian Divisional Artillery plus) Southern Exploitation Brigades.</p> <p>one Army Brigade to be detailed later.)</p> <p>The S.A.A. Section of 1st Aust. D.A.C. has been allotted to the 30th American Division.</p> <p>The role of the 30th American Division was to carry out the first phase of the attack as far as the GREEN LINE as shown on the attached map.</p> <p>The 27th American Division were on the Left and the 46th British Division of the IXth Corps on the Right.</p> <p>Owing to the strength of the enemy defences opposite this front a much greater bombardment than has latterly been deemed necessary was required for this operation and this was arranged as detailed in 1st Aus. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 6 series 6 attached.</p> <p>At 5.50 am. the Field Artillery Barrage opened up on a line 200 yards East of the "Infantry Forming up Line" and at 5.54 am. commenced to move forward at the rate of 100 yards every four minutes. When the Artillery Halt Line was reached the barrage halted for a period of 15 minutes from 7.22 am. to 7.37 am. and then again advanced at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes until the Protective Barrage Line to the first Objective was reached 400 yards</p> | |

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| | 29/9/18. (contd). | | <p>East of the GREEN Line. The 6th Army Brigade co-operated by forming smoke screens on the Right Flank of the Division. This operation consisted of three separate smoke screens viz:- One by the How Battery from 5.50 am. to 5.53 am. put down in 5 salvos from W. to E. each on a frontage of 150 yards and from 5.53 am. to 6.20 am. battery fire 5 seconds along the whole frontage G.21.B.9.0 - G.22.A.25.75 - G.16.D.20.00.</p> <p>The second smoke screen was formed by three 18 pounder batteries from 5.50 am. to 6.20 am. when the 4.5" How. battery having completed the first screen joined in. This screen was as shown on attached barrage map.</p> <p>The third and final smoke screen was carried out by the whole Brigade as for the second one and was put down from 7.46 am. to 8.30 am. as per barrage map.</p> <p>The enemy reply to the opening of our barrage was rather feeble at first; by 6 am. G.8.B., G.14.D. and G.10. Central were being heavily bombarded. By 7 am. all hostile fire had eased off considerably. Information was received that our troops had crossed the canal well up to time and at 7.55 am. all was reported going well until at 8.4 am. tanks and Infantry were reported on the line A.27. Central and G.3. Central.</p> <p>From this time until the evening reports were very conflicting as to the situation. The only full and reliable information which came through at all being those furnished by Officers Patrols sent out by Artillery Brigades especially Lieuts LEWIS AND MURRAY of the 1st F.A. Bde. The chief difficulty during the day was that owing to incomplete "mopping up" strong detachments of the enemy were able to hold out after our troops had passed and as the Division on our left had made no appreciable advance, the enemy was able to reinforce these detachments from the North and hold up the Left Flank of our attack.</p> <p>This failure to mop up rendered the advancement of the 5th Div. batteries moving forward to support the advance to the RED line extremely difficult. In fact they were unable to do so until after some considerable time numerous isolated enemy detachments had been cleared out of BELLICOURT at 12.55.</p> <p>At 1.40 pm. the C.O. of the 13th Brigade (advanced Brigade of 5th Aust. Div.) after a reconnaissance decided to retire on to position at G.9.A., B., and D. and eventually occupied positions as follows :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>53rd Battery.</td> <td>G.9.A.00.90</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>54th "</td> <td>G.8.D.80.75</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>55th "</td> <td>G.2.C.80.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>114th "</td> <td>L.6.A.50.30</td> <td>(4 Hows).</td> </tr> </table> | 53rd Battery. | G.9.A.00.90 | | 54th " | G.8.D.80.75 | | 55th " | G.2.C.80.80 | | 114th " | L.6.A.50.30 | (4 Hows). | <p>APPENDIX</p> <p>9</p> |
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| | 29/9/18. (contd). | | <p>At 4.35 pm. Lieut-Colonel DIXON D.S.O. of the 150th Army Brigade R.F.A. reported having established his Headquarters at G.13.B.90.90 with his batteries in action behind the crest at G.7.D.40.20.</p> <p>An excellent report on the situation was received from Lieut. MURRAY, 1st F.A. Brigade, Right Group and ran as follows:-</p> <p>"4.15 pm. Lieut. MURRAY was at G.11.A.10.10 Our Infantry are still where I left them at 12.30 pm. The 29th and 30th Aust. Bns. are here. The 30th are in front of 29th by 300 yards. Enemy are still holding the LE CATELET - NAUROY line and is either observing from CABARET WOOD FARM or G.6.D. The Infantry on our left are just coming up in line with us now. Tanks are supporting them and tried to get up on to ridge at G.6.C. but were fired at by M.G's. Enemy Artillery are firing at and hitting every tank that tries to advance. Also saw Boche get out of trench G.6.D. and run eastwards. Enemy are putting down constant barrage with all calibres round G.10.C.&.D. G.11.A.&.C. G.17 and also good percentage of sneezing gas. I have managed to get to the CATELET-NAUROY which is being held by the 29th Btn.S. of G.5.D. they are not in touch with anybody on the left and seem absolutely lost as to the position in general. Enemy is is still holding post on high ground G.6.D. Lamp Signal Station. Co. Cdr. also forward. B.H.Q. which are at G.10.D.80.80 in a shell hole and trying to find out about people on left. Infantry in front line say enemy hold same line left of them but cannot be certain. I am certain enemy are holding ridge in G.6.D. along towards CABARET FARM WOOD. 1 Co. of 29th Btn. have withdrawn to supports into bank running G.10.D.50.50 to 50.90. Timed 5pm.</p> <p>On the left the 119th American Regiment held CABARET WOOD FARM but had not been able to link up with the 27th Div. on their left and this flank was being hard pressed by the enemy at 7.55 pm.</p> <p>The outstanding features of the whole operation was the splendid results received from Officer Patrols sent out from Artillery Brigades.</p> <p>Owing to the disorganization of all other communications than Artillery these Officers had to obtain all their information by personal reconnaissances and throughout the whole operation their reports were the only details of the situation received by the C.R.A. and G.O.C. 30th American Division.</p> | |

APPENDIX

WAR DIARY

OF

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS.

FOR

SEPTEMBER

1918.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION. No.1.

6/9/1918.

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1. (a). The Australian Corps is continuing its advance as shown on the attached map.
(b). The lanes of advance of 5th Aust. Div. on right and 3rd Aust. Div. on the left, are shown, also various bounds given as objectives to these divisions.
(c). The 4th Aust. Div. is to follow up in support of 5th Aust. Div; the 1st Aust. Div. in support of 3rd Aust. Div. Troops of 3rd Corps will be on the left of 3rd Aust Div.
2. It is probable that the Corps frontage will swing in a North East direction from the line VERMAND - ROISEL, and the probable boundaries of the Corps will run as shown by dotted green lines.
3. (a). The Infantry Brigades are probably de-bussing at the following places on the following dates :-

| | | |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| August 6th. | 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade | East of CLERY. |
| " | 7th. 3rd " | " " " about MONT ST. QUENTIN. |
| " | 8th. 2nd " | " " " about BUSSU. |

(b). The 1st Australian Division is thereafter to stage forward by march route on the leap-frog principle.
4. The Corps main signal route as affecting this Division is via SUZANNE - CLERY - BUSSU and ROISEL.
5. (a). All troops will be warned constantly of the danger of booby traps and enemy ruses.
(b). The enemy is leaving delay action shells in his ammunition dumps. It is not possible to distinguish these shells from others. Troops will be specially warned to avoid quartering themselves near such dumps.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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| 1st Aust D.A.C. | 3. |
| D.T.M.O., 1st Aust. Div. | 4. |
| 1st Aust. Div. | 5. |
| R.A., Aust Corps. | 6. |
| C.R.A. 1st Aust Div. | 7. |
| Staff Captain. | 8. |
| Recomm. Officer. | 9. |
| Signal Officer. 1st ADA. | 10. |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 2.
SERIES 8.

9/9/18.

1. (Vide 1st Aust Div Art, Instruction no.1. Series 5. attached map).
 - (a). The Australian Corps have established themselves along the general line RESECOURT-VENDELLES and Spur running South of VENDELLES maintaining touch with the enemy by means of mounted and dis-mounted patrols.
 - (b). There are three lines upon which resistance may be expected, viz.,
 - (i). The HARGICOURT - LE VERQUIER - MAISSEMY - HOLNON LINE.
 - (ii). The old British Line - VILLERET - PONTRUET - FAYET.
 - (iii). The HINDENBURG LINE.
2. The general advance is not to be continued until further orders.
3. The forward boundary between Australian Corps and 3rd Corps is amended as follows -
From K.11.A.0.0 forward the boundary will be the line of the river COULOGNE as far as TEMPLEUX - LE - GUERARD which is inclusive to Australian Corps, thence from F.20.D.5.0 the boundary runs due East along the grid line through F.30.C.0.0.
The above boundary will come into force forthwith.
maps will be amended accordingly.
4. (a). 1st Aust Div. (less Artillery) is relieving the 3rd Aust Div. (less Artillery) in the advanced Guard positions on the nights 9/10th and 10/11th September.
(b). Command of the sector passes to G.O.C., 1st Aust. Div. at 10 a.m. on 11th inst.
5. Orders for Field Artillery reliefs will be issued later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec W. Jones major.
brigade major 1st Aust Div Art.

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| 1st F.A. brigade. | 1. |
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| D.T.M.O., 1st Aust Div. | 4. |
| 1st Aust Div. | 5. |
| R.A., Aust Corps. | 6. |
| H.A., Aust Corps. | 7. |
| 3rd Aust Div. Arty. | 8. |
| 4th Aust Div Arty. | 9. |
| C.S.A. | 10. |
| Staff Captain. | 11. |
| R.O., 1st A.D.A. | 12. |
| Signal Officer. | 13. |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY,

14/9/1918

INSTRUCTION NO. 3
Series 5.

1. (a) The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. is relieving the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade in the line on the night 14th/15th. September.

(b) Command will pass on completion of relief.

2. (a) On the night 14th/15th September the forward Divisional Northern and Southern boundaries will be adjusted to run as follows :-

NORTHERN BOUNDARY.

East and West grid line between Squares L 1 and L 7, as far East as L.3.C.0.0 - thence to F.29.C.8.0 then East and West grid line between square F.29 and L 5.

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.

Line drawn from K.36.D.0.0 to L.23.C.0.8 - thence to G.20.A.0.5.

(b) Adjustment of Southern Boundary is being effected by direct arrangement between G.O.C. 1st Inf. Brigade and G.O.C. 1st Inf. Brigade of 4th Aust. Div.

3. The above alteration in Divisional Boundaries, so far as the Field Artillery covering the Divisional Sector is concerned, will come into effect from 12 midnight 14th/15th inst.,

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

cy *K. W. ...* Major.
Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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| 4th Aust. F.A. Bde. | 4 |
| 5th Aust. F.A. Bde. | 5 |
| 61st Bde. R.G.A. | 6 |
| 4th Aust. D.A. | 7 |
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| 1st Aust. Div. | 12 |
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| Reconn. Officer. | 15 |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTIONS NO.4
SERIES 5.

14/9/1918.

1. INFORMATION.

- i. The 4th Army in conjunction with the 1st French Army on the right and the Third Army on the left is to attack the enemy's defensive position in front of the HINDENBURG LINE
- ii. The Aust. Corps. is to attack in the Centre of the 4th Army front, the IX Corps is attacking on the right, the III Corps on the left.

Date and Zero hour will be notified later.

2. INTENTION.

- i. 1st. Aust. Division will attack on the left of the Aust. Corps. 4
- ii. The 4th Aust.Div. will be on the right of the 1st Aust.Div. The 74th Division will be on the left of the 1st Aust. Div.
- iii. Objectives and boundaries are shown on attached map. A back inter-brigade boundary has been drawn defining Brigade areas for approach and assembly.

3. DETAIL OF TROOPS.

- i. The 3rd Aust. Inf. brigade will attack on the right, the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will attack on the left.
- ii. One half-section (2 Tanks) is allotted to each Brigade.
- iii. One troop of 13th Light Horse Regt. is allotted to each the 1st. and 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bdes. These troops will report to brigades before noon on 17th inst.,
- iv. 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion has been placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 1st Aust. Division.

4. ARTILLERY.

(a) 8 Field Artillery Brigades will be available to cover the Divisional front.

- (b) The Artillery will be grouped as follows :- Right Group covering right Inf. Brigade (under command of Lt. Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O. Headquarters 1st Aust. F.A. Bde - K.26.A.40.85. 4 Brigades.
- Left Group.- covering Left Infantry Bde. (under command of Lt. Col. G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G., Headquarters - 3rd Aust. Army F.A. Bde - K.27.A.4.8.) 4 Brigades.

(c) The whole of the Artillery of the Corps will come under the command of the G.O.C., R.A., Aust. Corps for the operation.

(d) For exploitation beyond the Red Line, a proportion of the Field Artillery will come under the command of the G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Div., immediately the second objective is captured.

(e) S.O.S. will cease to be operative at zero minus 15 minutes.

5. METHOD OF ATTACK.

(a) Each brigade will attack on a frontage of two battalions.

(b) The Infantry will form up on a taped line prior to zero. The barrage will open at zero hour and the tanks and infantry will press close up to the barrage.

The barrage will continue until the halt line, shown in brown on the attached map, is reached, where there will be a halt for a period to be notified later.

P.T.O.

method of Attack.

From the halt line the advance will continue under cover of the artillery barrage until the red line is reached. A protective barrage will continue to cover consolidation of the red line for a period of 15 minutes, when it will cease. Infantry parties supported by specially detailed Field Artillery units will endeavour to take advantage of the enemy's demoralisation to exploit the success with a view to establishing themselves on the blue line.

TANKS.

(a) Tanks will be used for employment against selected tactical points. They will not be employed in advance of the Second objective.

The chief tactical point on the 3rd Brigade front is the high ground and spurs about FERVAQUE Fm. on the 1st Brigade front, COLOGNE FARM.

Instructions for forming up of Tanks will be issued later.

Dummy Tanks will be employed. The C.R.E. has the construction of the latter already in hand.

7. Infantry forming up Line. This line will be as shown on the attached map.

8. (a) In anticipation of the foregoing group Commanders will reconnoitre and select positions for the Artillery detailed in para. 4 (b), approximately 2500 yards from the Infantry forming up line. It may be possible to find positions for a few batteries even closer than above limit.

(b) should it be necessary in some cases to select positions which afford little or no cover. Batteries occupying them will remain silent until zero hour or will not occupy them until the night prior to the day on which the operation takes place.

(c) (a) Steps will be taken at once to get ammunition up to position to be occupied for the operation to the establishment of :-

| | | |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| 18 pdrs. | 400 rds. per gun | 50% A. 50% AX |
| 4.5" Hows. | 400 " " | how. |

It is probable that this establishment will be increased directly.

(b.) 1st and 2nd Aust. D.A.C.'s will deliver ammunition to positions selected for the Reinforcing Brigades under supervision and orders of Group Commanders.

On arrival of the Reinforcing Brigades they will take over the work.

For above purpose 1st Aust. D.A.C. will work under right Group and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. under Left Group Commander.

9. Further instructions will be issued later.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
A/c Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Major Artys.

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| 4th Aust. F.A.Bde. | 4 |
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| 7th Aust. F.A.Bde. | 6 |
| 8th Aust. F.A.Bde. | 7 |
| | 8 |
| Army Bde. R.F.A. | 9 |
| 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. | 10 |
| 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. | 11 |
| 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. | 12 |
| 1st Aust. D.A.C. | 13 |
| 2nd Aust. D.A.C. | 14 |
| D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div. | 15 |
| 1st Aust. Div. | 16 |
| 4th Aust. Div. Arty. | 17 |
| 74th Div. Arty. (Imp). | 18 |
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| H.A. Aust. Corps. | 20 |
| C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div. | 21 |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTIONS NO. 5.
Series 5.

15/9/1918.

1. In continuation of 1st Aust. Div. Instructions No. 2 - Series 5 para 4. :-

2. The following is the additional Field Artillery which has been allotted to the 1st Aust. Div. and will come under command of the C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div. at times and on dates as under.

3rd Aust. Div. Art. (less Hdqrs). 10 am 15/9/18
5th Army Bde. A.F.A. - on arrival in area 16/9/18

3. (a) The Field Artillery will be grouped as under :-

Right Group. Covering Right Inf. Bde.
Right Group-Commander Lt. Col. M. T. DEAN D.S.O.
(1st Aust. F.A. Bde.)

1st Aust. F.A. Bde.
2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.

Right sub-group-Commander. Lt. Col. G. H. M. KING C.M.G.
D.S.O. (7th Aust. F.A. Bde.)

7th Aust. F.A. Bde.
8th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Left Group. - covering Left Inf. Bde.
Left Group-Commander Lt. Col. G. I. STEVENSON C.M.G.
(3rd Aust. (A) F.A. Bde.)

3rd Aust. (A) F.A. Bde.
5th Army Bde. A.F.A. (Imp).

Left sub-group Commander Lt. Col. H. W. RIGGALL D.S.O.
(5th Aust. F.A. Bde.)

4th Aust. F.A. Bde.
5th Aust. F.A. Bde.

(b) The above grouping will come into operation on arrival of the 7th and 8th Aust. F.A. Bdes and 5th Army Bde. A.F.A. in action

(c) i Reinforcing Brigades must be in action by 12 midnight on night 17th/18th inst.

ii Reinforcing Brigades will not fire until zero hour unless under orders from this H.Qtrs.

iii Brigades at present in action will be in forward position, where necessary, by 12 midnight on night 17th/18th inst.,

(d) In selecting positions it must be borne in mind that all batteries must be able to cover the Brown Line and that a percentage must be able to cover the Red Line from positions selected.

Batteries that cannot cover the Red Line will have to move forward during the halt on the Brown Line, and be in action in positions from which they can cover Red Line before the barrage is timed to move on from Brown Line.

The period of halt on Brown Line is not yet known. Reconnaissance for forward positions to which Batteries will move must be carried out, and if possible they should be resorted and lines of fire laid out.

P.T.O.

4. AMMUNITION.

(a) The following ammunition will be held by Field Artillery on Zero day.

| | At Guns. | Echelon. | A.R.P. | Corps Reserve. | Total. | |
|-----------|----------|----------|--------|----------------|--------|-------------|
| 18 Pdrs. | 600 | 276 | 100 | 175 | 1151 | lds per gun |
| 4.5" How. | 400 | 222 | 100 | 90 | 812 | " " |

(b) This will be held in the following proportion :-

18 pdr. At guns. 10% AS. if available (if not available to be replaced by A.
50% A.
40% AX.

Echelon
A.R.P. & } 60% A.
Corps } 40% AX.
Reserve.)

4.5" Hows. At Guns. 10% BS.
90% BX.

Echelon
A.R.P. & } BX.
Corps }
Reserve.)

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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- 5th Aust. F.A.Bde. 5
- 7th Aust. F.A.Bde. 6
- 8th Aust. F.A.Bdo. 7
- 51st Brigade, R.F.A. (Imp). 8
- 5th Army Bde. R.F.A. 9
- 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. 10
- 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. 11
- 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. 12
- 1st Aust. D.A.O. 13
- 2nd Aust. D.A.O. 14
- 3rd Aust. D.A.O. 15
- D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div. 16
- 1st Aust. Div. 17
- 3rd Aust. D.A. 18
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Amendment no.1 to 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions
no.5 - series 5.

1. In para 4 (b) 2nd line - to be altered to read ^{1/10/1918} -
"18 pdr. At guns 10% AS if available (If not
available to be replaced by AX.)

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*K. H. ...*Major.
A/ Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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APPENDIX I

16/9/1918.

INSTRUCTION NO. 6.-
SERIES 5.1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

It is necessary that equal care should be exercised in regard to the concealment of our intentions as has been emphasised prior to other deliberate operations.

New units arriving in the Corps area are to be especially instructed in this regard.

Owing to the distance of the Final Objective from the Field Artillery Start Line, it will be necessary to emplace brigades very close to the Infantry Start Line, therefore the following points are again brought to notice :-

- (a) Movement by day in these positions is to be prohibited.
- (b) Careful camouflage of guns when emplaced, and ammunition when dumped, is to be arranged.
- (c) No firing is to take place prior to Zero day from these forward positions.
- (d) Resection of battery positions is to be carried out.
- (e) Care is to be exercised in determining likely alterations in the angle of sight throughout the barrage.
- (f) Classification of ammunition will be arranged.
- (g) Expenditure of ammunition is not to exceed the allotment in force at the moment on the Corps front.
- (h) Sights are to be tested just prior to Zero day.
- (i) During the operation all sights are to be checked by clinometer.
- (j) Attention is to be paid to atmospheric conditions.

2. MOVEMENT BY DAY.

No abnormal movement is to take place on roads during daylight.

3. WAGON LINES.

Wagon Lines are to be selected with a view to concealment from the air.

4. REHEARSAL OF BARRAGE.

The barrage procedure is to be rehearsed and checked by each unit at least once prior to the operation taking place, without firing.

5. CORRECTOR LENGTH.

Corrector lengths are to be used which will give 50% of time shall on graze.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. W. ...
major.
A/ brigade major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

1st Aust. Div. Art.

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INSTRUCTION. No.7.
SERIES 5.

16/9/18.

1. In continuation of 1st Aust Div Arty. Instructions Nos. 4.5. and 6 Series 5.

(i). Attached is Barrage map for the forthcoming operation.

(ii). Divisional and Inter-brigade boundaries and Infantry forming up line are shown on map.

(iii). Inter-Group boundary will be the same as Boundary between Infantry Brigades as shown on map.

(iv). (a). The 18-pdr. barrage opens at Zero on Artillery start line which is 200 yards East of Infantry "forming up line".

From Zero to Zero plus 3 Barrage remains on Artillery Start, then advances in lifts of 100 yards at times as shown on Barrage map.

As the Barrage arrives on the "Protective Barrage Line" to the "Infantry Halt Line" it will halt till Zero plus 190 minutes.

This "Protective Barrage Line" is 300 yards East of the "Infantry Halt Line".

At Zero plus 190 minutes the barrage will again continue to advance in 100 yard lifts at times laid down on barrage map until it reaches the "Protective Barrage Line" to the 2nd Objective which line is 400 yards East of 2nd Objective Line.

Fire will cease 15 minutes after arrival on the "Protective Barrage Line" to the 2nd Objective.

(b). The 4.5 How. barrage will be the same as for 18-pdr except that it will commence and remain 200 yards to the East of 18-pdr barrage.

(c). In the case of the Left Group the fire of all guns and Hows. will be evenly distributed across the front throughout the barrage.

(d). In the case of the Right Group the fire of 18-Pdrs. will be distributed evenly across the front throughout the barrage.

Howitzers will be used to thicken the barrage in lanes shaded "Blue" in attached tracing B. as required by G.O.C., 3rd Infantry Brigade.

(e). Rates of fire.

18-pdr . Throughout Creeping barrage. Rapid.
* When on "Protective Barrages. Slow.4.5" How . Throughout Creeping Barrage. Rapid.
* When on Protective Barrages. Normal.

* For 3 minutes (Zero plus 187 to plus 190) prior to lifting from the Protective Barrage Line to the Infantry Halt Line fire will be increased to "RAPID".

Whilst on the Protective Barrage to the Infantry Halt Line 50% of the guns will search East as far as possible.

(f). Ammunition.

18-pdr. Throughout Barrage - *10% A.S. if available.
40% A.X.
50% A.4.5" How . *10% BS. if available.
90% BX.

* If Smoke Shell is not available it will be replaced by H.E.

P.T.O.

(g). A corrector will be ordered that will give 50% grazos.

(h). Those Batteries which will be firing beyond time shrapnel range must be warned to increase the percentage of shrapnel used at shorter ranges so that sufficient H.E. may be available for use at longer ranges.

(i). As far as compatible with Ammunition available, all H.E. used at ranges below 4000 yards will be fuzed 101 delay fuze - above 4000 yards will be fuzed 101 non-delay fuze and 10c type fuze.

3. (a). As soon as the attack is launched, Brigade Commanders with 1 subaltern per battery will go forward and reconnoitre positions in vicinity of the "Artillery Start Line"
- (b). Group Commanders will indicate to Brigade Commanders the areas in which they are to find positions.
- (c). As soon as positions are selected Subalterns will rescut them and lay out lines of fire and will send back a mounted orderly to battery wagon-line to guide up ammunition wagons at once, so that ammunition may be available on arrival of guns.
4. (a). On reaching the "Protective Barrage Line" to the "Infantry Halt Line" not less than 6 Batteries per Group which are capable of firing the Protective Barrage for the 2nd Objective, will remain in action. The remainder will at once move forward to forward positions selected in accordance with para. 3. and will be in action in time to continue the barrage when it advances.
- (b). Batteries which are in action before the Barrage again moves forward will open fire on Protective Barrage.
- (c). When fire on the Protective Barrage to the 2nd Objective ceases, the batteries which remained in action during the Halt on Protective Barrage to Infantry Halt Line will move forward also.
- (d). All battery wagon-lines will move to forward positions near their batteries and be in position by Zero plus 30 minutes.
5. (a). 1 Company 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion has been detailed by C.R.E. to assist in moving Artillery forward.
Half the Company will assist Right Group Artillery - the other half the Left group Artillery.
- (b). Artillery bridges have been ordered and will be placed in convenient forward positions which are known to the Pioneers.
6. Liaison.
- (a). Groups will provide a Liaison Officer with each attacking Battalion.
- (b). These Officers will continue on with the Battalions moving forward to capture the Second Objective and will take care to join up with them as they pass through the Battalions which captured the First Objective (the Infantry Halt Line).
7. F.O.O's.
- (a). Each Brigade will detail 1 F.O.O. of whom 1 may be Group F.O.O.
- (b). Group F.O.O's will take forward a Continuous Wave Wireless Set and personnel to man it for use in addition to all other means of communication, which must be exploited to the utmost.
- (c). Message rockets will be issued to each Group.
8. (a). O.W. Wireless Sets and personnel will be allotted as follows-
- 1. Set per each Group F.O.O.
 - 1. Set per each Sub-Group F.O.O.
 - 1. Set per Group Headquarters.
 - 1. Set per Sub-Group Headquarters.
 - 1. Set per D.A.M.Q.

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8. (b). i. C.W. set and personnel on charge to 6th A.F.A. Brigade will be at disposal of right sub-group Commander.
 ii. 2 C.W. sets and personnel on charge to 4th A.F.A. brigade will be at disposal of left group Commander.
 (c). Instructions regarding Wave Lengths are being issued by Div. Arty Signal Officer to brigade Signal Officers.
9. Report Centres.
 (a) Right Group Headquarters - L.28.C.4.8.
 Left Group headquarters - K.12.D.3.0.
 Div. Arty. Report Centre. - K.30.A.2.5.
 1st Aust Div. Report Centre - K.30.A.0.6.
 Divisional Visual Station. - K.30.A.2.7.
 (b) A cable dump and accumulator Charging set will be established at 1st Aust Div Report Centre.
10. Zone Calls.
 Group Commanders will detail 1 battery (4.5" How or 18-pdr) per Group to answer "M.F." "G.F." and "L.L." Calls during the period from Zero to Zero plus 273 minutes.
 These Calls will be replied to by three minutes "INTENSE" fire from batteries detailed. Batteries detailed should be super-imposed so that when employed on above duty there will be no gap in the barrage.
- AEROPLANES.
11. (a). Counter-attack machines will be constantly in the air from Zero onwards with the object of observing hostile concentration or abnormal movement.
 (b). In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, aeroplane will signal this information to artillery by wireless.
 In the case of a counter-attack actually developing, a white parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the Infantry.
12. S.O.S. signal on the Army front is a rifle grenade signal RED over RED.
13. Telephone precautions. As the HINDENBURG LINE is organised for defence, it is most probable that listening sets are installed. Every precaution therefore must be taken.
14. Exploitation. Orders will be issued later on lines which have already been communicated verbally to Group Commanders by C.K.A.
15. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. watches will be synchronised by an officer who will leave D.A.H.Q. for Right and Left Group H.Q. at approximately 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the day prior to operation. Time will not be synchronised over telephone.
16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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INSTRUCTION NO.8.SERIES.5.1. EXPLOITATION.

(a) At Zero plus 2 30 minutes - 2 Batteries will be detailed by each Right and Left Group Commanders' to move forward in close support of the attacking Battalions.

(b) In the Right Group these 2 Batteries will be detailed from the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.
In the Left Group from the 3rd Aust. Army F.A.Bde.

(c) 1 Battery will be definitely allotted to each attacking Battalion.

(d) The remaining 2 Batteries of the Brigades from which the Batteries (in (b)) above are detailed will hold themselves in readiness to go forward should the Group Commander concerned decide that they can be usefully employed.

2. (a) From the moment of ceasing fire on the Protective Barrage to the 2nd Objective all Batteries, less batteries detailed for exploitation, will be prepared to put down a S.O.S. 300 yards East of "Objective line of exploitation" as marked on Barrage map.

In no case will these batteries fire west of this S.O.S. Line, except on the order of an Infantry Brigade Commander, until such time as they are detailed to a S.O.S. covering whatever line has been consolidated.

3. After ceasing fire on the Protective Barrage to the 2nd Objective the husbanding of ammunition is of great importance.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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INSTRUCTIONS No.9SERIES 5.

1. In continuation of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions no.7 - Series 5. para 4. (a) :-

(a) Should a Battery which is to move forward during the Halt of the Barrage in front of the "Infantry Halt Line", not be in action by the time the Barrage moves forward from the Infantry Halt Line, it will join in the Barrage as soon as possible but will open fire plus 200 yards of the Barrage line at the moment.

(b) Brigade Commanders will be responsible that Lane of Fire allotted to them by Group Commander is evenly covered by the guns at their disposal, at all times.

2. In continuation of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions no.8 - Series 5 - para 2 (b) :-

(a) Group Commanders will place their S.O.S. line in accordance with the wishes of the G.O.C. Infantry Brigade they are covering and will notify this Headquarters of its position.

(b) Each battery is responsible for an allotted portion of the Divisional Front, and unless a Battery is in action, all guns will be kept laid on S.O.S. Lines. S.O.S. will always open with H.E.

(c) On receipt of the "S.O.S." Signal or call, all Batteries of the Group concerned and the adjacent flank Battery of the neighbouring Group will open fire at once on their "S.O.S." Lines, fire being concentrated as and if required by the Group Commander.

(d) A superimposed Unit will answer the call on the Front affected.

(e) In the case of an "S.O.S." call on the front of the adjacent Group of either flank Divisional Artillery, the F.A. Brigade of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery next to the call will at once open on "S.O.S." Lines in the ordinary way.

3. RATES AND DURATION OF FIRE FOR "S.O.S."

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

For first 2 minutes 18-pdrs will fire H.E. thereafter 50% "A" 50% "AX".

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

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In continuation of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions No. 7 - Series 5, para. 4 (a) :-

(a) Should a Battery which is to move forward during the halt of the barrage in front of the "Infantry Halt Line", not be in action by the time the barrage moves forward from the Infantry halt line, it will join in the barrage as soon as possible but will open fire from 300 yards of the barrage line at the moment.

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4 (a) A Battery receiving an "S.O.S." Call will at once inform :-

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

(b) Groups will inform :-

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

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(c) In the case of an "S.O.S." call on the front of the adjacent group of either flank Divisional Artillery, the B.A. Brigade of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery next to the call will at once open an "S.O.S." line in the ordinary way.

3. RATE AND DURATION OF FIRE FOR "S.O.S."

NATURE:
18-gram (3) for first 3 minutes
4.5" howitzer (1) for first 3 minutes
for first 3 minutes 18-gram with 150 lb. howitzer for "A"

All fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes unless the "S.O.S." signal is repeated after the expiration of the 15 minutes when the maximum rate of fire will be referred to and the above procedure repeated.

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

2. Counter preparation is divided into three phases :-
(a) Counter battery work (alluded to as Phase 1.A.)
(b) Harassing Fire (alluded to as Phase 1.B.)
(c) Annihilating Fire (alluded to as Phase 2.)

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

4. HARASSING FIRE. (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs. as follows :- "Effect C.P. Phase 1.B from.....to....." (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment".)
(a) Field Artillery are responsible to a depth of 1000 yards East of "S.O.S" Lines, the responsibility East of that line belonging to the Heavy Artillery.
(b) Group Commanders will select the areas considered to be most dangerous, and sub-allot them to their Brigades.
(c) The procedure for engaging the areas selected will be as follows :-
During the period allotted for "Phase 1.B, all Batteries of a Brigade will be concentrated in quick succession on each area allotted it, method of fire; 3 rounds gun fire.
Concentrations will be synchronized, the interval between them being arranged and ordered by the Brigade concerned, taking into account the period fire is to be maintained and the rate of fire ordered (see below).
(d) Rates of fire, which will be ordered at the time the scheme is put into operation, are as follows :-
rate "A" 60 rounds per gun per hour.
" " "B" 30 do do
" " "C" 15 do do

5. ANNIHILATING FIRE. (Ordered normally by instructions from these H.Qrs. as follows :- "Effect C.P. Phase 2 Lanes.....Zone.....at....." (or "from commencement of enemy bombardment".)
(a) In order to facilitate the production of the heaviest possible fire on any portion of the front at short notice, the Divisional Front will be divided into lanes as follows :-

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| LANE. | AREA bounded by EAST and WEST Lines through | Allotted to. | |
|-------|---|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | L.22.Central ^{and} to L.16.D.O.O | RIGHT GROUP. | |
| 2. | L.16.D.O.O ^{and} to L.16.Central. | | |
| 3. | L.16.Central ^{and} to L.10.D.O.O | | |
| 4. | L.10.D.O.O ^{and} to L.10.Central. | | |
| 5. | L.10.Central ^{and} to L.4.D.O.O | | |
| 6. | L.4.D.O.O ^{and} to L.4.Central. | | LEFT GROUP. |
| 7. | L.4.Central ^{and} to F.28.D.O.O | | |

- (b) Lanes are bounded on the West by a line known as the "START LINE", which will be 100 yards East of "S.O.S." Lines. They are subdivided into Zones each of 500 yards in depth, commencing from the "START LINE", and extending Eastward for four Zones, i.e. covering the front to a depth of 2000 yards from the "START LINE". These Zones will be called "A", "B", "C" and "D" from West to East.
- (c) These lanes ~~are~~ will come into operation from the time the barrage reaches the Protective Barrage to the 2nd Objective and will continue in operation until further orders.
- (d) Annihilating fire will take the form of a creeping barrage over any or all of the lanes at the rate of 100 yards in two minutes in the Zone ordered.
- (e) (i) The procedure for effecting Phase 2 will be as follows :-
At Zero hour - Brigades will open with 18-pdr Batteries on the Western Boundary line of the Zone ordered, concentrating their fire on the Lanes allotted, and creep at the rate of 100 yards per two minutes to a depth of 600 yards ceasing at Zero plus 14 minutes.
If more than one Zone has been ordered, the procedure will be repeated in the other Zone or Zones, a two minutes pause being made between each barrage, 4.5" Hows. will be employed 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdr. Barrage.
- (ii) Rates of Fire.
- | | |
|------------|----------------------------|
| 18-pdrs. | 3 rds. per gun per minute. |
| 4.5" Hows. | 2 " " " " " |
- (iii) Ammunition.
- | | | | |
|------------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 18-pdrs. | 50% T.S. | 50% H.E. | (106 fuzes where possible). |
| 4.5" Hows. | H.E. (with 106 fuzes if possible). | | |
- (f) (i) In case communications are cut during a heavy enemy bombardment which is taken as indicating an enemy attack, it is considered necessary to have a Counter Preparation Scheme which will come automatically into force.

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5. (f) cont'd.

(i) The procedure as in (iii) below ^{will} therefore be carried out by Batteries if cut off from higher authority.

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

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

Zero hour to Zero plus 1 hour.

C.P. Scheme Phase 1.B. on Zones "D" and "C" at Rate "B"

Zero plus 1 hour to Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins.

C.P. Scheme Phase 2 on Zone "C", working westwards.

Zero plus 1 hour 15 mins. to plus 1 hour 45 mins.

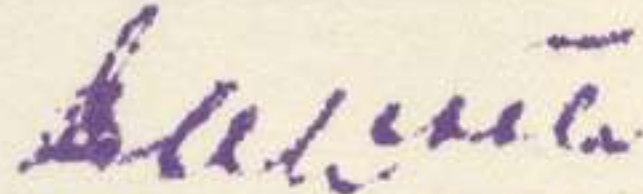
C.P. Scheme. Phase 1.B. on Zone "B" at rate "B"

Zero plus 1 hour 45 mins. to plus 2 hours.

C.P. Scheme, Phase 2 on Zone "A", working eastwards.

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

In phase 1.B. only, and not in Phase 2, 4, 5" Hows. if the wind is favourable, will use gas shell only on targets to be selected and detailed to Batteries by Group Commander.



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1. As far as can be ascertained at present - the 3rd. Infantry Brigade is established on the Blue Line (Line of Exploitation). The 1st. Infantry Brigade are beyond Red Line (2nd Objective) and are in touch with Left of 3rd Infantry Brigade and Right of 74th Division.
2. (a) Group Commanders will move forward batteries where necessary so as to dispose brigades in depth at ranges varying between 2500 to 5000 yards from the line the Infantry are consolidating.

(b) 4.5" How. Batteries should not be the rearmost battery of Brigades.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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1. An advance is being made by the 1st Australian Division and 74th Division on the morning 21st September. Zero Hour will be notified later.
2. (1) The Objective of 1st Aust. Div. is shown in Red on the attached map.
The flank of the advance of 74th Division is shown by a Green Line - the Right Objective of the 74th Division is QUENNELMONT FARM.
- (2) It will thus be seen that it is not intended that a continuous objective between the two Divisions will be attained but that points of observation will be established overlooking the enemy system in A.27.A. and B.
3. The advance will be carried out by the 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade
4. (a) For purpose of this operation 2 18-pdr Batteries of Right Group will come under orders of C.O. Left Group Artillery.
- (b) Left Group will then consist of.
14 - 18-pdr. Batteries.
4 - 4.5" How. Batteries.
- (c) C.O. Left Group will arrange Artillery programme with G.O.C. 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade (except as in para (d))
- (d) From Zero until such time as G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade and G.O.C. Right Inf. Bde. of 74th Division mutually agree that it is no longer required. C.O. Right will engage MALAKOF WOOD as follows :-
LEFT Group
 - 1 4.5" how. battery - on trench on western edge of MALAKOF WOOD.
This Battery will not use 106 Fuze.
 - 1 4.5" how. battery - on trench on Eastern edge of MALAKOF WOOD.
(no restriction as to fuze).
 - 3 18-pdr guns to search and sweep MALAKOF WOOD.
 - 3 18-pdr guns to enfilade PETER TR. (north edge of MALAKOF WOOD - using shrapnel with normal corrector.
5. (a) Right Group Artillery (10 18-pdr and 4 4.5" How. batteries) will co-operate as follows :-
At Zero Right group Arty. will put down a Barrage on Right Sub-sector which will commence on a line to be arranged with G.O.C. 3rd Inf. brigade by Right Group Commander.
- (b) This Barrage will junction with Right of Left Group barrage, will conform to its lifts - and will stop at same time.
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- 6. Where the creeping Barrage crosses Trench System a corrector giving 25% graze will be used otherwise 50% graze.
- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 1. (a). The IX Corps on the Right is taking over portion of the front and area of the Aust Corps as far North as the new inter-Corps boundary on the 22nd Sept. 1918.
- (b). New Inter-Corps boundary runs - P.2.C.0.4 - P.3.D.7.5 - thence along north side of road running East through P.4.C. and D; P.5 and P.6 to Q.1.B.4.2 - R.22.C.0.58 thence a line drawn East from that point.
- (c). Command passes at 10 a.m. on 22nd Septr.
- (a). The 4th Aust. Div. is being relieved on night 21st/22nd Septr. by 46th British Division which will take over as far North as the new Inter-Corps boundary.
- (b). The Left Battalion of the 4th Aust. Div. now holding portion of the front between the new inter-Corps boundary and the present boundary, between 1st and 4th Aust. Divisions, passes temporarily to command of the G.O.C., 1st Aust. Div.
- (c). Command passes at 10 p.m. 21st Septr.

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- (a). The 5th Army Brigade R.F.A. will withdraw from the line to Wagon Lines on night 21st/22nd Sept., and will relieve the 6th Aust. Army F.A. brigade in the present Right Division Sector on night 22nd/23rd Sept; under orders to be issued by 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
 - { H.Q., 4th Aust D.A. - - - Q.(A.1.6).
 - { H.Q., 6th Aust. Army F.A. Bde. - L.34.C.7.6).
 - { H.Q., W.L. 5th Army brigade R.F.A. - K.20.D.7.5).
- (b). On withdrawal of 5th Army brigade R.F.A, Artillery will be grouped as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1st Aust F.A.Bde.) | Lt. Col. E.T. DEAN. D.S.O. Commanding. |
| 2nd " " ") | |
| <u>Right sub-group.</u> | |
| 7th Aust F.A. Bde.) | Lt. Col. G.H.M. KING. C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding. |
| 8th " " ") | |
| <u>LEFT GROUP.</u> | |
| 3rd Aust Army F.A.Bde. } | Lt. Col. G.I. STEVENSON. C.M.G. Commanding. |
| 4th Aust F.A. Bde. } | |
| 5th Aust F.A. Bde. } | |

- (c). From 10 a.m. on 22nd Septr 1918. Group Lines will be -
 - RIGHT GROUP.
 - Southern boundary - Line joining K.22.C.0.8 and G.23.D.0.8.
 - Northern boundary.- Present inter-Brigade Boundary (namely East and West line through G.8.Central.
 - LEFT GROUP.
 - Southern boundary. - Present inter-Brigade Boundary.
 - Northern boundary. - Present inter-Corps Boundary (namely line drawn East from F.29.D.3.0).

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ZERO hour will be 5.40 a.m. on 21st September 1918.

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1. (a) 65th Army Bde. R.F.A. will arrive at Wagon Line in BUIRE area on night 23rd/24th September and will move up and go into the line on night 24th/25th September in vicinity of positions vacated by 5th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 (b) Area Commandant PERONNE will allot accommodation at BUIRE for night 23rd/24th September.
 ii billeting party will meet Staff Captain at 10 a.m. on 24th September at J.18.C.6.2 who will point out Wagon Lines to them.
 (c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Lt.Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO at L.10.A.2.5 at 10 a.m. on 24th September
2. (a) The 12th Army Aust. F.A. Brigade will relieve the 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade in the line on the night 23rd/24th September.
 (b) Billeting party will meet an Officer (to be detailed by C.O. 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade), at 10 a.m. on 23rd September at K.20.B.4.5, who will show them Wagon Lines of batteries they are relieving. 12th Army Aust. F.A. Brigade will pick positions for wagon line in proximity to those of Batteries they are relieving.
 (c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Lt.Col. STEVENSON CMG at L.10.A.2.5 at 10 a.m. on 23rd September.
 (d) 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade, on relief will withdraw to Wagon Lines and pass to Corps Reserve.
3. (a) The 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. will march from HALLE at 8 p on night 23rd/24th September via FEULLAUCOURT - HAUT - ALLAINES and BUSSU to Wagon Lines in HERVILLY area and will relieve the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade in the line on the night 24th/25th Septem
 (b) billeting parties will meet an Officer, (to be detailed by C.O. 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade), at 10 a.m. on 23rd September at K.23.D.5.2, who will show them Wagon Lines of Batteries they are relieving. 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. will pick positions for Wagon Lines in proximity to those of Batteries they are relieving.
 (c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Lt.Col. G.H.M. KING CMG DSO at L.20.D.5.4 at 10 a.m. on 24th September.
 (d) 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade on relief will withdraw to Wagon Lines and will come under orders of C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division.
4. (a) There will be no movement of troops by day.
 (b) Wagon Lines will be selected as far as possible to ensure concealment from the air.
 (c) Until further orders Artillery horses are not to be grazed in the 1st Australian Divisional Area.
5. COMMAND.
 On relief of 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade the Command of the Left Group Artillery will pass to Lt.Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade who will take over headquarters at present occupied by Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON CMG at L.10.A.2.5.

6. On completion of above reliefs, Field Artillery will be grouped as follows :-

RIGHT GROUP.- Covering Right Infantry Brigade.

1st Aust. F.A. Brigade. } Lt. Col. E.T. DEAN DSO
2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade. } Commanding Right Group.

Right Sub-Group

8th Aust. F.A. Brigade. } Lt. Col. G.H.M. KING OMC DSO
(To be relieved by 150th Bde. R.F.A. on arrival.) } Commanding Sub-Group.
84th Army Bde. R.F.A. }

LEFT GROUP.- Covering Left Infantry Brigade.

4th Aust. F.A. brigade. } Lt. Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO
5th Aust. F.A. Brigade. } Commanding Left Group.

Left Sub-Group

12th Army Aust. F.A. Brigade. } Commander to be detailed later.
65th Army Brigade R.F.A. }

L. H. White

Major.
A/ Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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- Left Group Arty., 2
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- 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. 4
- 12th Army Aust. F.A. Bde. 5
- 2nd F.A. Bde. (Aust). 6
- 4th F.A. Bde. " 7
- 5th F.A. Bde. " 8
- 7th F.A. Bde. " 9
- 8th F.A. Bde. " 10
- 68th Bde. R.G.A. 11
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23/9/1918. APPENDIX 2

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO 1ST A.D.A. INSTRUCTION NO. 1.
Series 6.

reference map FRANCE
Sheet 82 C
1/40,000.

- (a) The 150th Army Bde R.F.A. will arrive in MARQUAIX area on night 23rd/24th September and will move up and relieve the 8th Aust. F.A. Bde in the line on night 24th/25th September.
 - (b) Billeting Parties will meet an Officer, (to be detailed by C.O. 8th Aust. F.A. Bde) at 10 am. on 24th September at A.23.D.5.2 who will show them Wagon Lines of Batteries they are relieving. 150th Army Bde. R.F.A. will pick positions for Wagon Lines in proximity to those of Batteries they are relieving.
 - (c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Major S.G. ROWE D.S.O. at A.21.B.65.75 at 10 am. on 24th September.
 - (d) 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade on relief will withdraw to Wagon Lines and will come under orders of C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div.
2. 3rd Aust. Div. Arty (less H.Q.) will move from present Wagon lines on night 25th/26th September under orders to be issued by C.R.A., 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
 3. (a) Relieved units will move with full echelons. All other ammunition will be handed over to relieving units.
(b) All maps, photographs and documents relating to this sector will be handed over.
(c) Batteries will relieve by sections, not more than 1 section of any battery to be out of action at one time.
(d) Completion of reliefs will be notified to this Office.
 4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lewis

Major.
A/ brigade major. 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 2.
Series 8.

reference map FRANCE.
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1. INFORMATION.

30th American Division (less Artillery) arrives in Aust. Corps area by bus on night 22/23rd and 23/24th September and will be accommodated in the TINCOURT Area prior to taking over the sector now held by 1st Aust. Division.

Advance D.H.Q., 30th American Division will be established with 1st. Australian Divisional Headquarters.

2. RELIEF.

1st. Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by 30th American Division (less Artillery) in the line on 23rd and night 23rd/24th inst.

Relief will be completed and command will pass to G.O.C. 30th American Division at 10 am. on 24th September.

3. BOUNDARIES.

(i) A new Divisional Boundary and area tracing is attached.

(ii) The boundary between Aust. Corps and IXth Corps came into force at 10 am. on 22nd.

(iii) The boundaries between Aust. Corps and 3rd Corps will come into force at 10 am. 25th September.

4. HEADQUARTERS AND DISPOSITIONS 30TH AMERICAN DIVISION.

On completion of relief the 30th American Division will be disposed as under :-

59th brigade. In LINE Brigade H. Qrs. L.26.C.4.7

1 Rgt.) 2 Bns in line.
in line) 1 Bn in support (Area L.11. & .17.)
Regt H. Qrs. L.10.A.2.4

1 Regt) 1 Bn. Area L.3.8.&.9
in bde) 3 Bns. 1 Bn. " L.15.D.
Reserve) L.16.C. L.21.
1 Bn. " L.14.D. L.20
L.26
Regt H.Qrs. K.18.D.3.0.

60th brigade. in Divisional Reserve H.Qrs. K.27.A.6.8

2 regts. in ROISEL - 1 Regt. N of line E.&.W.
SERVILLY. Area. through K.17. & 18. Central.
1 Regt. South thereof.
H.Qrs 'A' Regt. K.30.C.5.2.
H.Qrs 'B' Regt. Quarry. K.11.C.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution.
P.T.O.

[Signature]
Major.
A/ Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.



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| Left Group Arty., | 2 |
| 65th Army Bde. A.F.A. | 3 |
| 84th Army Bde. A.F.A. | 4 |
| 12th Army Aust. Bde. | 5 |
| 2nd Aust. I. Bde. | 6 |
| 4th Aust. F. Bde. | 7 |
| 5th Aust. F. Bde. | 8 |
| 7th Aust. F. A. Bde. | 9 |
| 8th Aust. F. A. Bde. | 10 |
| 8th Aust. R. G. A. | 11 |
| 1st Aust. Corps. | 12 |
| 2nd Aust. Corps. | 13 |
| 1st Aust. Div. | 14 |
| 74th Div. Arty. | 15 |
| 4th Aust. Div. Arty. | 16 |
| 1st Aust. D. A. O. | 17 |
| D. T. M. O. 1st Aust. Div. | 18 |
| S. S. O. 1st Aust. Div. | 19 |
| No. 1 Coy. 1st Div. Train. | 20 |
| C. K. A. 1st Aust. Div. | 21 |
| Staff Captain. | 22 |
| Signal Officer. | 23 |
| Reconn. Officer. | 24 |
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DISPOSITION OF THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

1st Aust. Div. (A) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

23/9/1918-

INSTRUCTION NO. 3.
Series 6.reference map FRANCE
sheet 620 1/40,000

1. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of 1st. Aus. D.A. Instructions No, 1, series 6 are cancelled and following substituted.

COMMAND. On relief of 3rd Aust. Army F.A. Bde. the command of Left Group Artillery will pass to Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O., 12th Aust. Army F.A. bde. with Headquarters at L.10.A. 2.5

3. On completion of above reliefs, Field Artillery will be grouped as follows :-

Right Group. - covering Right Bn., 59th American Inf. Brigade.

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1st. Aus. F.A. Bde.) | Lt-Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O. commanding Right Group. |
| 2nd. " " ") | |

Right Sub Group.

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|--------------------------|--|
| 150th Army bde. R.F.A.) | (To be detailed later.) Commanding Right Sub Group. |
| 84th " " ") | |

Left group.- covering Left Bn. 59th American Inf. Brigade.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 12th Aust. Army F.A. bde.) | Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O. commanding Left Group. |
| 65 th Army bde. R.F.A.) | |

Left Sub Group.

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|----------------------|---|
| 4th Aus. F.A. Bde.) | Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O. commanding Left Sub Group. |
| 5th " " ") | |

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. W. Lloyd

Major.
A/ Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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All recipients of 1st. A.D.A.
Instructions No, 1, series 6.
plus 150th Army Bde R.F.A.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION NO. 4.
Series 6.

23/9/1918.

1. On completion of relief detailed in 1st. Aus. Div. Arty Instruction No, 2, series 6, liaison will be as follows :-

(a) Right Group.

With 59th American Inf. Brigade H.Q. L.26.C.4.7.
With Right Line Bn. (3rd Bn. of 118th Regt).
H.Q. G.7.D.3.7

(b) Left group.

With 118th American Inf. Regt. H.Q. L.10.A.2.4.
With Left Line Bn. (1st Bn. of 118th Regt).
H.Q. L.5.D.6.6.

2. COMMUNICATION.

(a) A direct line will be maintained between H.Q. of Right and left Groups.

(b) Right and Left Groups will maintain a line to the H.Q. of Battalion they are covering in the line.

3. KNOWLEDGE.

Richard

Major.

A/ brigade major. 1st Aus. Div. Arty.

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| Right Group Arty. | 1 |
| Left Group Arty. | 2 |
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| 84th " " " | 4 |
| 12th Aust. Army F.A. Brigado. | 5 |
| 150th Army Brigade R.F.A. | 6 |
| 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade. | 7 |
| 4th " " " | 8 |
| 5th " " " | 9 |
| 7th " " " | 10 |
| 8th " " " | 11 |
| 68th Brigade R.G.A. | 12 |
| R.A. Aust. Corps. | 13 |
| H.A. " " | 14 |
| 1st Aust. Div. | 15 |
| 74th Div. Arty. | 16 |
| 4th Aust Div. Arty. | 17 |
| 1st Aust. D.A.C. | 18 |
| M.T.M.O., 1st Aust. Div. | 19 |
| O.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div. | 20 |
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| Signal Officer. | 22 |
| Reconn. Officer. | 23 |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Instruction No. 5
Series 6.

24/9/1918.

reference map FRANCE
Sheet 62 G 1/40,000.

1. Reference 1st Aus. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 3, series 6, paragraph 2.

Right Sub Group Commandor will be Lieut-Colonel F.A. DIXON D.S.O.
150th Army Brigade R.F.A.

2. (a) The 6th Aust. Army F.A. Brigade will march from present Wagon Lines to Wagon Lines in J.29.C. & D. on the night 25th/26th instant.

(b) Location of Headquarters 6th Aust. Army F.A. Brigade will be sent to this H.Q. (J.16.A.8.3) on arrival.

3. 5th Aust. Div. Arty (less H.Q.) will move from present Wagon Lines to Wagon Lines in J.35.B - J.36.A and D and Q.1.A on night 26th/27th instant under orders to be issued by H.Q., 5th Aust Div. Arty.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. A. ...
Major.
Brigade Major. 1st Aus. Div. Arty.

Distribution.

- Right Group Arty. 1.
- Left Group Arty. 2.
- 65th Army Brigade R.F.A. 3.
- 84th " " " 4.
- 150th " " " 5.
- 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade. 6.
- 4th " " " 7.
- 5th " " " 8.
- 7th " " " 9.
- 8th " " " 10.
- 68th Brigade R.G.A. 11.
- R.A. Aust Corps. 12.
- H.A. Aust. Corps. 13.
- 30th American Division. 14.
- 74th Div. Arty. 15.
- 4th Aust. Div. Arty. 16.
- 1st Aust. D.A.C. 17.
- D.T.M.O., 1st Aus. Div. 18.
- C.R.A. 1st Aus. Div. 19.
- Staff Capt. 20.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION. No. 6. 25/9/18.
SERIES 6.

1. (a). At times and dates to be notified later AUSTRALIAN CORPS with 2 American Divisions affiliated, intends to attack the HINDENBURG LINE in the Sector NAURON-GOUY.
- (b). In order to obtain a proper 'jump off' line for this attack it may be necessary for the Division on our Left to carry out a preliminary attack, which if it is necessary, will take place 48 hours before the main attack.
2. (a). Owing to the strength of the enemy defences opposite us, the coming operation will require a much greater bombardment than has latterly been found necessary.
- (b). The main attack will be divided into 2 phases, and will be delivered on front of two Divisions.
 - (i) The 30th American Division on Right and 27th American Division on Left will attack under a creeping barrage accompanied by tanks, and have as their objective the GREEN Line on map given to Group Commanders by C.R.A. this morning. (Copies of this map will be issued down to brigades later.)
 - (ii) After the capture of the GREEN Line, the 5th Australian Division on right and 3rd Australian Division on Left, pass through the 30th American Division and the 27th American Division respectively, in order to exploit towards and capture the RED Line. At the same time troops specially allotted from 30th and 27th American Divisions exploit Southwards and Northwards respectively East of the tunnel, with a view to broadening the salient.
- (c). For the purpose of this attack there will be 11 Brigades of field Artillery in the Area of 30th American Division. 8 of these brigades consisting of 2 Divisional Artilleries and 4 Army Field Artillery brigades will take part in the creeping barrage for the initial attack.

1 Divisional Artillery and 1 Army Field Artillery brigade will be in Wagon Lines and will constitute the Field Artillery supporting the Exploiting Division.

This Army Brigade will select positions from which it can place an effective enfilade barrage on the flank of the area attacked by the 30th American Division. It will occupy these positions on night prior to "Attack Day".

The Divisional brigades will move off with their exploiting division, that is one brigade of Artillery to each of the 2 Infantry brigades of its Division. On completion of the flank barrage, the Army brigade detailed for that purpose will draw out and stand by ready to accompany the Supporting Infantry Brigade to which it has been allotted, as it moves forward in support of the 2 Infantry Brigades previously mentioned.

One Divisional Artillery will be allotted from the barrage Artillery on completion of barrage, and ordered to move forward. The brigades of this Divisional Artillery will be attached to the regiment forming the protective flank. The remainder of the barrage artillery will remain in their positions and await further instructions.

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2. (d). The detailed allotment and designations of the Field Artillery on the front of the 30th American Division will be as follows:-

30th American Divisional Front. (under C.R.A. 1st Australian Division).

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|---|---|
| 1st Australian Divisional Artillery. | } Right Division Creeping Barrage Brigades. |
| 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery. | |
| 12th Army brigade Australian Field Artillery. | |
| 65th Army brigade. R.F.A. | |
| 84th Army brigade. R.F.A. | |
| 150th Army Brigade R.F.A. | |

6th Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery. Right Flank Barrage Brigade.

For Exploitation to RED Line by 5th Australian Division. (Under C.R.A. 5th Australian Division).

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|---|--|
| 5th Australian Divisional Artillery. | } Right Division Exploi- tation Brigades. |
| 6th Army brigade, Australian Field Artillery. | |

For Exploitation Southwards to RED Line. (Under C.R.A. 1st Australian Division).

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1st Australian Divisional Artillery plus one Army Brigade to be detailed later. | } Southern Exploitation Brigades. |
| The S.A.A. section of 1st Aust. D.A.C. has been allotted to the 30th American Division. | |

3. BOUNDARIES. The boundaries will be as shown on the map issued to Group Commanders.

4. The following bombardments prior to main attack will commence 48 hours before Zero hour :-

- Special Gas (D.D.) bombardment.
- Vigorous Counter battery Work.
- Intense harassing fire.
- Cutting lanes in hostile wire defences.
- Bombardment of selected strong points and localities.

5. SPECIAL GAS. (B.E.) bombardment.

This bombardment will be carried out by 18-pdrs and 6" Howitzers firing B.E. Gas Shell combined with H.E. during intermittent periods between Zero minus 56 hours and Zero minus 48 hours. The objectives will be the hostile defensive system and artillery positions along the Corps Front so far as the range of guns permits. Subsequent to Zero minus 48 hours NO. "B.E." Gas Shell will be fired.

6. INTENSE HARASSING FIRE.

This will commence at Zero minus 48 hours immediately after the cessation of the special Gas "D.D." Bombardment. Plans for this will be drawn up and issued later. Facilities of observation must be fully exploited in order to limit the area in which unobserved harassing fire will have to be maintained *by day*. For the purpose of this harassing fire, Field Artillery will take a Zone up to 2,500 yards East of our Front Line. In shelling roads, H.E. with delay action is NOT to be employed.

7. CUTTING LANES IN HOSTILE WIRE DEFENCES.

This will commence at Zero minus 48 hours and will be carried out principally with 4.5" Howitzers and 6" Howitzers, and possibly 6" Newton mortars.

8. BOMBARDMENT OF SELECTED STRONG POINTS IN LOCALITIES.

This bombardment will commence at Zero minus 48 hours and will be continued until Zero hour with a view not only to the destruction of defences, but also to the demoralisation of the defenders.

9. In order to carry out the tasks detailed above, and in confirmation of verbal orders by C.R.A. this morning, Group Commanders will select immediately, positions for all batteries in their Groups between 2000 and 2500 yards range from the Artillery "Start Line" as shown on map issued to them.

Ammunition up to 300 rounds per gun and howitzer will be dumped in those positions commencing immediately. Should a greater amount be required orders to this effect will be issued later.

10. Detailed instructions will be issued later concerning the following subjects:-

- (a). Bombardment and wire cutting.
- (b). Creeping Barrage (with Barrage map).
- (c). Ammunition allotment.
- (d). Movement of Batteries.
- (e). Liaison and F.O.O. Parties.
- (f). Communications.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alce. M. Forbes
Major.
Brigade major 1st Aust Div Art.

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| 2nd F.A. Brigade. | 3. |
| 4th F.A. Brigade. | 4. |
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| 65th Army Brigade R.F.A. | 6. |
| 84th Army Brigade R.F.A. | 7. |
| 150th Army Brigade R.F.A. | 8. |
| 68th Brigade R.G.A. | 9. |
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| 1st Aust Div. | 12. |
| 30th American Division. | 13. |
| 27th American Division. | 14. |
| 2nd Aust. Div. Art. | 15. |
| 4th " " " | 16. |
| 5th " " " | 17. |
| 46th Div. Art. (Imperial) | 18. |
| 1st Aust D.A.C. | 19. |
| D.T.M.O., 1st Aust Div. | 20. |
| No. 1. Coy. A.A. | 21. |
| C.A.A. 1st Aust Div. | 22. |
| Staff Captain. | 23. |
| Recconn. Officer. | 24. |
| Signal Officer. | 25. |
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| 1st Coy. | 30-32. |
| 6th Army Bde Aust F.A. Bde | 33. |

11 FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

25th Sept. 1918.

Instruction No. 7.
Series G.

B.B. GAS BOMBARDMENT.

1. Reference para 5 of 1st Aust. Div. Arty. instruction No. 6 Series G, the gas bombardment referred to will take place on the night 26th September. Zero hour will be notified later.
2. The periods of bombardment and periods of rest for Field Artillery will be as follows throughout the Gas (B.B.) attack.

GAS BOMBARDMENT - FIELD ARTILLERY.

| | |
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| Zero to Zero plus 15 minutes. | Bombard. |
| Zero plus 15 mins. to Zero plus 2 hours 15 mins. | Rest. |
| Zero plus 2 hrs. 15 mins. to Zero plus 2 hrs. 30 mins. | Bombard. |
| Zero plus 2 hrs. 30 mins. to Zero plus 4 hrs. 30 mins. | Rest. |
| Zero plus 4 hrs. 30 mins. to Zero plus 4 hrs. 45 mins. | Bombard. |
| Zero plus 4 hrs. 45 mins. to Zero plus 6 hrs. 45 mins. | Rest. |
| Zero plus 6 hrs. 45 mins. to Zero plus 7 hrs. | Bombard. |

3. Rates of fire. Rapid throughout.
4. OBJECTIVES FOR BOMBARDMENT. The attached diagrams show the areas for bombardment, and the following table the rounds to be expended by each group concerned.
The areas in circles to be concentrated upon.

LEFT GROUP.

| <u>Area as per diagram.</u> | <u>18 pdr. B.B.</u> | <u>H.E. 18 pdr. or 4.5" how.</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| M | 1000 | 300 |
| N | 750 | 250 |
| O | 1000 | 300 |
| P | 500 | 200 |
| Q | 500 | 200 |
| | <u>3750</u> | <u>1250</u> |
| | ===== | ===== |

RIGHT GROUP.

| <u>Area as per diagram.</u> | <u>18 pdr B.B.</u> | <u>H.E. 18 pdr. or 4.5" how.</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| R | 1000 | 300 |
| S | 1000 | 300 |
| T | 750 | 250 |
| U | 1000 | 300 |
| | <u>3750</u> | <u>1150</u> |
| | ===== | ===== |

5. B.B. Gas shell only will be employed, and H.E. will be mixed in all cases in the proportion of approximately three gas shells to one H.E.
6. Gas shell other than B.B. are not being mixed owing to the fact that B.B. affords the enemy very little indication of its presence. The mixture of other gas shell would at once apprise the enemy of the presence of gas in the area, and would cause him to adjust his mask more readily and thus lessen the effect of B.B.

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- 7. H.M. is being mixed with B.B. in order to disguise as much as possible the smaller burst of the gas shell, and in order to lead the enemy to believe he is under a H.M. bombardment only.
- 8. Our troops are safe from a cloud passed from this shell at about one mile if the wind is blowing directly towards them. The best effect is gained in a wind from 10 miles and under, but it can be used with effect in a wind up to 15 miles per hour.
- 9. The bombardment will take effect whatever the weather conditions may be at the time set out for it to commence.
- 10. Watches will be synchronized by groups four hours and 1 hour prior to Zero by telephone to Div. Arty Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| 1st F.A. Brigade. | 1-5. |
| 12th Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde. | 6-10. |
| 2nd F.A. brigade. | 11-15. |
| 4th F.A. brigade. | 16-20. |
| 5th F.A. brigade. | 21-25. |
| 65th Army brigade A.F.A. | 26-30. |
| 64th " " " | 31-35. |
| 150th " " " | 36-40. |
| 93 rd th brigade A.G.A. | 41. |
| A.A. Aust. Corps. | 42. |
| M.A. Aust. Corps. | 43. |
| 1st. Aust. Div. | 44. |
| 30th American Division. | 45. |
| 27th " " " | 46. |
| 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. | 47. |
| 4th " " " | 48. |
| 5th " " " | 49. |
| 4th Div. Arty (Imperial). | 50. |
| 1st Aust. D.A.C. | 51. |
| D.T.M.O., 1st Aust. Div. | 52. |
| C.A.A., 1st Aust. Div. | 53. |
| Staff Captain. | 54. |
| Accconn. Officer. | 55. |
| Signal Officer. | 56. |
| File. | 57. |
| War Diary. | 58-60. |
| Spare. | 61-64. |
| 6th Aust (Army) F.A. Bde. | 65. (For information). |

H.M. will be mixed in the proportion of approximately three gas shells to one H.M.

The shells other than B.B. are not being mixed owing to the fact that this allows the enemy very little indication of the presence of the mixture of other gas shells and would cause him to adjust his aim in the area, and would cause him to adjust his aim to adjust the effect of the

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Addendum to 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 7.

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1. Zero Hour will be 9.30 pm. 26th September 1918.
2. No synchronization of watches will be done over the telephone forward of Group Headquarters.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX 2

Instruction No. 8.
Series 6.

26th September 1918.

AMMUNITION.

1. FIELD ARTILLERY.

(a). The following ammunition will be held by Field Artillery allotted to C.R.A.'s. at Zero hour on the day of Operation :-

| | At Guns. | Echelon. | A.R.P. | Corps Res. | Total. |
|------------|----------|----------|--------|------------|-------------------|
| 18 pdrs. | 550 | 276 | 50 | 125 | 1001 rds per gun. |
| 4.5" Hows. | 450 | 222 | 50 | 90 | 812 rds per How. |

(b). A similar amount will also be held by the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

(c). Ammunition will be held in the following proportions :-

18 pdr. At Gun Dumps. 20% A.S. if available, (if unavailable to be replaced by A).
40% A.
40% AX.

Echelons, A.R.P. and Corps Res. 60% A.
40% AX.

4.5" How. At Gun Dumps. 20% B.S. if available.
80% B.X.

Echelons A.R.P. and Corps Res. B X.

2. The following statement shows the estimated expenditure per gun per day. This is only to be taken as a guide in working out the daily expenditure :-

Statement showing Estimated expenditure per gun per day.

| Day. | No. of bdos. | Nature of gun. | No. of rds per gun. | Remarks. |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Zero minus 3 days. | 8 | 18 pdr. 4.5" How. | 30 30 | |
| Zero minus 2 days. | 8 | 18 pdr. 4.5" How. | 100 100 | |
| Zero minus 1 day. | 8 | 18 pdr. 4.5" How. | 100 100 | |
| Zero day. | 8 | 18 pdr. 4.5" How. | 550 450 | Barrage Brigades. |
| Zero day. | 1 | 18 pdr. 4.5" How. | 550 450 | |

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| Day. | No of bdos. | nature of gun. | No. of rds per gun. | Remarks. |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Zero day. | 3 | 18 pdrs. 4.5" how. | 50 50 | 1st and 2nd Bdes and probably 150th Bco R.F.A. allotted to 30th American Division for exploitation. |
| Zero plus 1 day. | 7 | 18 pdr. 4.5" How. | 100 100 | |

NOTE: This does not include expenditure of B.B. Gas shell.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| Day. | No. of bdos. | nature of gun. | No. of rds per gun. | Remarks. |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Zero day. | 3 | 18 pdrs. 4.5" how. | 50 50 | |
| Zero plus 1 day. | 7 | 18 pdr. 4.5" How. | 100 100 | |
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Instruction No. 9.
Series 6.25th September 1918.1. MAIN ATTACK.

The main attack referred to in 1st. Aus. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 6, paragraph 1, is designed with a view to giving our attacking Infantry the support of a creeping barrage for an average depth from the Artillery Start Line to approximately 4500 yards East.

This depth, although greater than has usually been demanded is necessary to ensure the successful capture, with the maximum of Artillery support, of LE CATELET - GOUY on the North and NAUROY on the South - two strongly defended areas.

It is essential, therefore, that the utmost care should be exercised in the preparation for the barrage in order to ensure its accuracy.

2. PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS.

In this operation, as in those lately undertaken, accurate registration from battle positions is neither possible, owing to the limit of time, nor advisable owing to the likelihood of the enemy gaining information of our plans.

For the above reasons the instructions previously issued are reiterated, and are to be adhered to with the utmost care so far as circumstances permit.

- (a). The accurate fixation of the battery positions and accurate determination of the exact height of the site selected are to be arranged.
- (b). Attention is to be directed to likely alterations in the angle of sight during the progress of barrage.
- (c). The barrage is to be rehearsed without firing, prior to the attack taking place.
- (d). Lines of fire are to be checked by direct means where possible.
- (e). The Field Clinometer is to be employed to check the accuracy of every gun on the start line. Throughout the creeping and protective barrages an Officer must be told off to check the guns of his battery at stated periods by the same means.
- (f). Corrector lengths are to be arranged in order to give 50% of time shell on graze.
- (g). So far as time permits, ammunition is to be sorted by lots and carefully checked and grouped.
- (h). The most careful attention is to be paid to atmospheric conditions.
- (i). It is essential to ensure that sights are tested the day prior to Zero day.

The enemy must be afforded as little opportunity of learning our plans as is humanly possible. This can be ensured by allowing no unnecessary movement by day on roads or at Battery positions.

Reconnaissance Officers are not to be permitted to expose themselves or their maps in view of the enemy.

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11 Strict attention is to be paid to the use of camouflage on all forward gun positions and dumps, and where work is being carried out the site is to be previously camouflaged.

TELEPHONES. As it is known that the enemy has very effective listening sets installed, vigilance must be exercised in telephone messages sent over lines within 3000 yards of the front line.

No information that would in any way give indication of impending attack, or times and dates of operations, should be sent in 'clear'.

3. brigade Commanders of 1st and 2nd F.A. Brigades and 150th Brigade R.F.A. who will probably be required to support the exploitation to the RED line by the 30th American Division, will carefully study from maps, air photographs and where possible, from visual observation, the country and routes they are likely to move over during the advance.

4. USE OF SMOKE WITH GAS BY DAY. When gas shells are used by day they should be mixed with a proportion of smoke shell, thus educating the enemy to adjust his gas masks whenever smoke shell are employed.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.Instruction No. 10.
Series 6.28th September 1918.

1. Reference the Harassing Fire and Selected Points Bombardment referred to in paras. 6 and 8 of 1st Aust. Div. Arty Instruction No. 6 Series 6.

(a). This bombardment will commence immediately on the cessation of the gas bombardment referred to in Instruction No. 7.

(b). (i) Allotment of ammunition has already been detailed in Instruction No. 8.

(ii). Of the amounts allotted for this bombardment, 30% will be fired by day and 70% by night.

(iii) All the ammunition allotted for 4.5" Hows. during this period will be expended in wirecutting for which a special programme will be issued later.

(c). This bombardment will be carried out by Groups in their own Group Lanes as at present existing.

(d). The Field Artillery will fire up to 2500 yards East of the Infantry Jumping Off Line.

(e). (i) In arranging programmes the keynote should be variety and surprise, plans being so framed that, throughout the 24 hours of day and night the enemy is permitted no immunity from shell fire.

(ii) Facilities of observation must be fully exploited in order to limit the area in which unobserved harassing fire will have to be maintained by day.

(iii) The following points will receive special attention throughout, both by day and night.

Unobserved areas in A.27. and G.3.A.&B.

Eastern entrances to BELLICOURT.

main C. T's running East and West through (a) G.17.A.,

(b) G.11.C. and G.10.D. (c) G.11.A. and G.10.B.
and (d) G.4.B. and A.

All approaches to front system of enemy defences.

Areas concentrated on during gas bombardment.

Exits and entrances of Canal Tunnel.

(iv) In enfilading communication trenches shrapnel with a normal corrector will be used.

(f). This bombardment will take the form of shell storms of varying intervals and durations, either by whole brigades or smaller units. In no case will the fire unit be less than a half battery.

2. MOVEMENT TO BATTLE POSITIONS.

(a). Battle positions will be occupied as under :-

50% of guns on night 27th/28th September.

50% of guns on night 28th/29th September.

(b). Not more than one section per battery is to be out of action at the same time.

(c). Of the guns which move forward on the night 27th/28th, only those whose flashes cannot be observed will take part in the bombardment, the majority of which will be fired by guns which do not move. Those guns whose flashes can be observed will only fire on S.O.S. on this night.

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- (d). On the night 28th/29th September the bombardment must be carried out, but only those guns whose flashes cannot be observed by the enemy will be used.
- (e). Positions selected by 6th Aust. Army F.A. Brigade will be occupied as early as possible after dark on night 28th/29th September.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Amendment to 1st Aus. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 10.
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reference para 1. (a).

1. zero hour for the commencement of the bombardment will be 5.30 ~~am~~ on 27th September and not on cessation of gas bombardment as stated.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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3. (a). (Continued).

With 120th Infantry Regiment. L.23.E.7.6.
C.O. or Battery Commander from 84th Army Brigade R.F.A. (to be detailed by C.O. Right Group and to maintain communication with him).

With 117th Infantry Regiment. L.17.B.4.3.
C.O. 150th Army Brigade R.F.A. (to maintain communications with C.O. Right Group).

(b). In addition to this the C.Os. Right and Left Groups will supply a Liaison Officer with the necessary party with each of the attacking battalions of the 120th and 119th Infantry Regiments respectively. Group Commanders will be responsible for maintaining communication with their respective battalion Liaison Officers.

(c). All Liaison Officers will be in position at Zero minus 12 hours.

4. F.O.O. PARTIES.

(a). Each Group will provide an F.O.O. party consisting of two Officers, six telephonists and three C.W. operators. Each Group F.O.O. party will be provided with a C.W. Wireless set and the necessary telephones, cable, lucas lamps etc. A C.W. set will be installed at each Group Headquarters and one at D.A.H.Q.. The Signal Officer, 1st D.A.H.Q. will make the necessary provision of these sets.

(b). In addition to the Group F.O.O. party detailed above each Brigade will man its normal O.P. from Zero hour.

(c). Group F.O.O. parties will be in position by Zero minus three hours.

4. Two mounted orderlies from each Brigade will report to 1st D.A.H.Q. by 6 pm. on 28th September. Should a Brigade move its H.Q. during the course of the operations two fresh orderlies will be sent to replace those, immediately on arrival at the new H.Q.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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=====INSTRUCTION NO. 12.
Series 6.28/9/1918.

1. (a). On the 27th September, at 5.30 am. the 27th American Division is advancing its line to the Objective line shown on the attached map in order to obtain a jumping off line for the forthcoming operation.
- (b). The Field Artillery covering the 30th American Division will not take part in this barrage.
2. (a). Either tonight or at the same time as the operation on the left, the 30th American Division is pushing forward its line where necessary in order to reach this objective line.
- (b). The Artillery covering the 30th American Division will support this movement under arrangements to be made direct between Group Commanders and the G.O.C., 59th Infantry Brigade and the C.O., 118th Infantry Regiment.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 13.Series 6.1. WIRE CUTTING.

Wire cutting will commence as soon as possible after daylight on 27th Sept. or and will be continued throughout the 27th and 28th September.

2. Corps Heavy Artillery have arranged to cut the following lanes:-

| | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| (1) | A.27.A.10.00 | A.27.A.20.00 | A.27.B.10.00 | |
| (2) | A.27.C.00.00 | A.27.C.50.00 | A.27.D.20.00 | |
| (3) | G.3.C.25.30 | G.3.C.55.30 | G.3.C.32.30 | A.3.D.37.30 |
| (4) | G.9.A.35.85 | G.9.A.95.90 | G.9.B.40.95 | |
| (5) | G.9.C.32.85 | G.9.C.80.90 | G.9.B.22.15 | |
| (6) | G.9.D.25.22 | G.9.D.82.67 | | |
| (7) | G.15.B.42.75 | G.15.B.82.78 | G.16.A.30.92 | |

3. The following lanes will be cut by 4.5" Hows. :-

LEFT GROUP.

| | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| (1) | A.27.C.10.62 | A.27.C.40.68 | A.27.D.15.76 | |
| | (50 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | (50 rds p h.) | |
| (2) | G.3.A.15.30 | G.3.A.63.35 | G.3.B.33.46 | |
| | (50 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | |
| (3) | G.3.C.32.98 | G.3.C.55.98 | G.3.C.72.98 | G.3.B.34.07 |
| | (75 rds p h.) | (50 rds p h.) | (50 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) |
| (4) | G.9.A.05.40 | G.9.B.00.60 | G.9.B.42.76 | |
| | (75 rds p h.) | (100 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | |

RIGHT GROUP.

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|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| (5) | G.9.C.82.70 | G.9.C.98.72 | G.9.B.45.00 | |
| | (100 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | (100 rds p h.) | |
| (6) | G.9.D.43.07 | G.9.D.80.05 | G.10.C.20.15 | |
| | (75 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | |
| (7) | G.15.B.86.57 | G.16.A.42.78 | | |
| | (100 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | | |
| (8) | G.16.A.15.26 | G.16.A.34.32 | G.16.A.52.45 | G.16.A.50.70 |
| | (75 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | (75 rds p h.) | (100 rds p h.) |

4. (a). Each of the coordinates given above is to be the M.P.I. of two 4.5" Hows.
- (b). The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two hows. told off to it, on each day i.e. :- the number of rounds fired on each M.P.I. during the 48 hours of bombardment will be four times the figures shown under each coordinate.
- (c). Ranging rounds on each M.P.I. will NOT be taken out of the amount allotted for this M.P.I.
- (d). 25% of the amount fired during each 24 hours will be fired at night.
- (e). 106 fuze will be used throughout.

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- 5. (a). The D.T.M.O., 1st Aust. Div. has 6 M.T.M's emplaced which will cut the wire in G.15., G.14.B. and G.8.
- (b). He is also emplacing 6 M.T.M's to cut the wire in A.27.C. and G.3.A. and C.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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(1) A.27.0.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(2) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(3) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(4) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(5) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(6) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(7) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(8) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(9) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)
(10) G.3.A.10.02 (100 rds p h.) (75 rds p h.)

(a) Each of the coordinates given above is to be the M.P.I. of
two 4" howitzers.
(b) The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of
rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two howitzers.
(c) The number of rounds fired on each M.P.I. during the 24 hours of
operation will be four.
(d) The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of
rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two howitzers.
(e) The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of
rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two howitzers.
(f) The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of
rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two howitzers.
(g) The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of
rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two howitzers.
(h) The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of
rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two howitzers.
(i) The figures shown under each coordinate are the number of
rounds to be fired on each M.P.I. by each of the two howitzers.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 14.
Series E.

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1. The Field Artillery distribution on the front of the 30th American Division for exploitation will be as follows:-
This distribution will come into force on the completion of the protective barrage to the GREEN line.

| Formation. | Divisional Arty. | Army Brigades. |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2nd Aust. Div. | 2nd Aust. D.A. (Brig. General O.F. PHILLIPS D.S.O.) | 12th Army Bde A.F.A. |
| 5th Aust. Div. | 5th Aust. D.A. (Brig. Gen. A.F. BESSELL-BROWNE C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) | 6th Army Bde A.F.A. |
| 30th American Division. | 1st Aus. D.A. (Brig. Gen. S.M. ANDERSON D.S.O.) | 150th Army Bde R.F.A. |
| Corps Reserve. | | 84th and 65th Army Brigades R.F.A. |

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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SECOND AMENDMENT TO 1ST AUST. DIV. ARTY. INSTRUCTION NO. 14.
Series 6.

1. In amendment to Instruction No. 14, para 1. after "4th and 5th brigades Aust. F.A." add "12th Army Aust F.A. brigade".
2. All the brigades mentioned will be prepared to reopen fire on the protective barrage to the GREEN line on receipt of orders from this Office.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTION NO. 14. Series 6.

1. After the completion of the Protective barrage to the GREEN line the 4th and 5th brigades Aust. F.A. and the 35th and 84th Army brigades R.F.A. will not revert immediately to C.R.A., 2nd. Aust. Div. and Corps Reserve but will remain under the C.R.A., 1st Aust. Div. until further orders.
2. They will remain in observation in the positions from which they have fired the barrage and will be prepared to move at short notice.
3. Should they be required to move, attention is directed to Instruction NO. 17.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 15.
Series 6.

Reference . Barrage diagram attached.

1. (a). The attached barrage diagram shows the boundary between Right and Left Groups for the operation and will come into force at Zero hour.
 - (b). West of the Canal the Southern Boundary of the Right Groups barrage will be the line marked in BLUE on the diagram, i.e. G.20.B.5.4 - G.21.B.8.6 thence along road to Canal. No notice will be taken by the Right Group of the continuation of the barrage lines South of this Line. East of the Canal the Southern boundary of the barrage lines will be as shown on the diagrams.
 - (e). The boundary between the Aust. Corps and the IXth Corps East of the Canal will be the East and West Grid Line through G.22 Central - G.23.Central - G.24.Central to sunken road at H.19. B.5.0 thence along sunken road inclusive to Aust. Corps. to H.15.A.4.6 thence due East along Line marked final Corps boundary.
The above boundary will be the dividing line for troops and all artillery fire. There will be no artillery fire South of this line except as ordered in Instructions for Exploitation which will be issued later or as may be ordered by D.A.H.Q.
2. (a). The 18 pounder barrage will open at Zero on a line 200 yards East of the "Infantry Forming Up Line".
At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift and will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes. There will be six lifts at this rate.
The rate of lift will then decrease to a 100 yards in 4 minutes, until the "Artillery Halt Line" is reached. The barrage Halts on this line for a period of 15 minutes, i.e., Zero plus 85 mins to Zero plus 100 minutes.
At Zero plus 100 minutes the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes until the "Protective Barrage Line to the First Objective" (GREEN LINE) is reached, which is 400 yards East of the GREEN line.
All fire ceases at Zero plus 215 minutes.
 - (b). The 4.5" how. barrage will conform to the lifts and times of the 18 pounder barrage, but will move 200 yards in advance of it.
 - (c). RATES OF FIRE.
Throughout creeping barrage :-
18 pounders - 3 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" hows. - 2 rounds per How. per minute.
Whilst on protective barrage and "Artillery Halt Line" :-
18 pounders) - 1 round per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows.)
Except on the "Artillery Halt Line" between A.22.D.10.45 to A.28.B.4.0 where it will remain 3 and 2 rounds per gun and how. per minute respectively.
 - (e). AMMUNITION.

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| 18 pounders. | { 40% H.E. non delay. |
| | { 50% Shrapnel {50% on graze) |
| | { 10% Smpke. |
| 4.5" Hows. | H.E. 106 fuzes. |
3. ZONE CALLS. The usual arrangements will be made for answering Zone calls.

4. SMOKE BARRAGES.

- (a) The 6th. Aust. (Army) F.A. Brigade will form smoke screens on the Right Flank of the Division in accordance with the Barrage map attached, except that the screen marked Zero to plus 30 will run G.21.B.90.00. - G.22.A.25.75. - G.16.D.20.00. instead of as shown on the diagram
- (b) There are three separate smoke screens viz:-
Zero to plus 30 minutes hereafter called A.
Zero to plus 116 minutes hereafter called B.
Plus 116 to 8.30 a.m. hereafter called C.

- (c) A. by 4.5" How. Battery.
Zero to plus 3. 5 salvos from West to East each on a frontage of 150 yards = 30 rounds.
Plus 3 to plus 30. At Battery fire 5 secs. along the whole frontage = 300 rounds.

This screen ceases gradually from West to East 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdr. Barrage Lines.

- (d) B. by 3 18-pdr. Batteries throughout and by one 4.5" How. Battery after Zero plus 30 minutes. The frontage will be divided equally between 3 18-pdr. Batteries
At Zero hour each Battery to fire three salvos from West to East, each salvo covering 120 yards = 54 rounds.
Each Battery will then sweep its whole frontage at Battery fire at the rate shown in the following Table with occasional salvos as also shown in the Table.

| Time. | Rate of Battery Fire. | Rounds. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| plus 3 to plus 8. | 3 secs. | 300 |
| " 8 " " 13. | 5 secs. | 180 |
| " 3 salvos per battery. | | 54 |
| plus 15 to plus 30. | 5 secs. | 540 |
| 3 salvos per Battery. | | 54 |
| plus 30 to plus 40. | 10 secs. | 90 |
| 3 salvos per Battery. | | 54 |
| plus 42 to plus 52. | 10 secs. | 90 |
| 3 salvos per Battery. | | 54 |
| plus 54 to plus 64. | 10 secs. | 90 |
| 3 salvos per Battery. | | 54 |
| plus 66 to plus 76. | 10 secs. | 90 |
| 3 salvos per battery. | | 54 |
| plus 78 to plus 88. | 10 secs. | 90 |
| 3 salvos per Battery. | | 54 |
| plus 90 to plus 100. | 10 secs. | 90 |
| 3 salvos per Battery. | | 54 |
| plus 102 to plus 116. | 10 secs. | 150 |
| | | <u>2242</u> |

The 4.5" How. Battery will thicken up the whole length of this screen at Battery fire 10 secs. from plus 30 to plus 116 (516 rounds).

- (e) C. Having regard to the ammunition available C.O. 6th. Aust. (Army) F.A. Brigade will arrange this screen in a similar manner as detailed for B screen.

- (f) These smoke screens are to be observed and reported on from time to time, and a general report is also to be submitted on conclusion

5. NORMAL FIRE UP TO ZERO.

Normal harrassing fire will be continued by Heavy and Field Artillery up to Zero hour for the attack.

6. S.O.S. INOPERATIVE.

15 minutes prior to Zero S.O.S. will be inoperative.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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Addendum to 1st Aust. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 15.
Series C.

1. During the commencement of the barrage 12 Medium Trench Mortars emplaced along the Divisional Front will cut wire.
2. They will keep 200 yards in front of the 18 pounder barrage and will cease fire on reaching their maximum range.
3. They will not fire South of the Line G.20.B.5.4 , G.16.D.1.7..
4. Rate of fire will be maximum.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec. M. Forbes
Major.
brigade major. 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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AMENDMENT TO 1ST AUST. DIV. ARTY. INSTRUCTION NO. 15.

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28th September 1918.

1. Para. 2 (a) is cancelled and the following substituted :-

The 18 pounder barrage will open at Zero on a line 200 yards East of the "Infantry Forming Up Line".

At Zero plus 4 the barrage will lift and will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes until the "Artillery Halt Line" is reached. The barrage halts on this line for a period of 15 minutes, i.e., Zero plus 92 minutes to Zero plus 107 minutes.

At zero plus 107 minutes the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes until the "Protective Barrage Line to the first objective" (GREEN LINE) is reached, which is 400 yards East of the GREEN line.

Fire will remain on the Protective Barrage Line until Zero plus 222 minutes, when all fire will cease.

2. The timings on all barrage diagrams will be altered in accordance with the above.
3. This amendment will not affect the timing of Smoke Screens.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec. W. Forbes
major.
brigade major. 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

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27th September 1918.

INSTRUCTION NO. 16.
Series 6.

EXPLOITATION.

1. Exploitation to the Green dotted line is being carried out by the 117th. American Regiment assisted by Tanks and covered by Field Artillery smoke screens as shown on the Barrage Map.
2. Further exploitation in a S.E. direction by the 30th. American Division is contingent upon the success or otherwise of the 46th. Division on our Right.
Should the 46th. Division succeed in crossing the Canal with their Left on the inter-Corps boundary and then succeed in advancing East, no movement S.E. by the 30th. American Division will be necessary.
Should the 46th. Division be hold up, exploitation by the 30th. American Division will be ordered.
3. Artillery available for this exploitation will be
1st. Aust. F.A. brigade. } 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.
2nd. Aust. F.A. brigade. }
150 th. Army brigade R.F.A.
93rd. H.A. brigade (less 9.2" and 8" Hows.)
4. The 1st. and 2nd. Aust. F.A. brigades are well placed for co-operation in this operation and will not move in the first instance, but after ceasing fire on the protective barrage line will remain in observation.
Similarly the 93rd. H.A. Brigade, after completion of its tasks will remain in observation.
But in the case both of Field and Heavy Artillery limbers and wagons will be moved up and all preparations made for a forward move.
5. The 150th. Army brigade R.F.A. is detailed to the close support of the 117th. American Infantry Regiment, and for this purpose will cease fire in the barrage on reaching the Green Line, and their place in the remainder of the barrage and the protective barrage will be taken under arrangements to be made by the Group Commander.
6. The 150th. brigade R.F.A. will be directed on Squares G.11.C. and will march by the Black Road (see Road map issued with Instruction no. 17 (to follow).
7. They are not to be on this road before 9 a.m., but at 9 a.m. they are given precedence of all other traffic on this road and must proceed to their destination as rapidly as possible.
8. Arrangements as regards Liaison with the 117th. American Infantry Regiment will be made by O.C. 150th. Army Brigade R.F.A. 150th. brigade will use Officers' patrols to keep touch with the situation on his front, particularly with regard to the situation on the Corps boundary East of the Canal.
9. Officers' patrols to obtain information East of the Canal within and at the Corps boundary are also to be sent out by each of the 1st. and 2nd. Aust. F.A. brigades.

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- 10. A visual station will be established by 150th. Brigade R.F.A. East of the Canal to communicate with a visual station to be established by the Eight Group at about G.14.D.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec M. Forbes

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

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27th September 1918.INSTRUCTION NO. 17.
Series A.reference. map attached (Brigades only).

1. Four main roads are being developed for traffic by the C.E. Aust. Corps.
2. These roads are coloured on the attached map respectively BLACK, RED, YELLOW and BLUE. They will be respectively marked on the ground by sign boards painted in the same sequence of colours.
3. The BLACK and RED roads (the two in 30th American Div. Area) run as follows :-
 - BLACK ROAD. HAMPELET - ROISEL - HERVILLY - HESBEGCOURT - VILLERET - BELLICOURT - N. of NAUROY - JONCOURT.
 - RED ROAD. MARQUAIX - ROISEL - TEMPLEUX - HARGICOURT - BELLICOURT - A.24.C.9.3 - B.25.D.2.5 - B.25.D.60.95.
4. No traffic of any description will be permitted on any of these roads East of the Start Line until after 9 am. on Zero day.
5. The roads West of the Start Line will not be used at all by artillery for ammunition supply or any other purpose, after Zero hour, except by 150th brigade R.F.A. as detailed in Instruction No. 16 Series 6.
6. No transverse crossing of any of these roads, from North to South, or vice versa, will be permitted on Zero day, except for single vehicles or single tanks or small bodies of troops. All North and South traffic must give way to, and avoid blocking, all East bound traffic.
7. Any of the Artillery detailed to support the 117th American Regiment which requires to move East of the Canal (i.e. 150th brigade R.F.A.) will have precedence at 9 am. on the BLACK and BLUE roads.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec M. Forbes
Major.
brigade major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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OPERATION ORDER NO.70

1. (a) The Australian Corps is attacking the enemy to-morrow 18th September.
- (b) The 1st and 4th Australian Divisions are taking part in this attack.
- (c) The Zero Hour will be notified separately.
2. (a) The 1st Australian Division is being supported by 8 Brigades of Field Artillery under the Command of the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.
- (b) The action of this Artillery will be as laid down in 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Series 5. Numbers 4 to 10 inclusive.-
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.
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R. H. Smith

Major.
A/ Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.



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- 1. Reference 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Operation Order No.70, para 1 (d) and Instructions No.4 - Series 5 - para (a) 1.
Zero hour will be 5.20 a.m. 18th September 1918.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE. 17/9/1918.

L. W. Smith
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 71.

28th September 1918.

- 1. The 30th American Division in conjunction with the 46th Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the Left is to attack the enemy on the 29th September.
Zero hour is being communicated to C.Os. Groups, C.O., 6th Army brigade and the D.T.M.O. by word of mouth by an Officer from D.A.H.Q.
- 2. The Field Artillery under the command of C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div. will support this attack as detailed in 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions, Series 6. Numbers 6 - 18.
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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N O R M A L .

Reference Sheets 62 C. and 62 D. 1/40,000.

1. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move on 7th August to the SUZANNE Area.
2. ^{Sept} Routes will be as follows :-
1st and 2nd. F.A. Brigades.
SAILLY-LAURETTE - Road Junction K.20.b.4.9. - BRAY-SUZANNE.
1st Aust. D.A.C.
CHIPILLY-ETINEHAM-BRAY-SUZANNE.
3. Head of 2nd ^{unit} F.A. Brigade to pass SAILLY-LAURETTE church at 8.30 a.m.
Head of 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade to pass SAILLY-LAURETTE at 9. a.m.
Head of 1st Aust. D.A.C. to pass Cross Roads Q.3.D.5.3. at 10. a.m.
4. Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between Batteries and sections of the D.A.C. on the march.
5. An Officer from each Battery and each section of the D.A.C. will meet the Staff Captain at the Area Commandant Office SUZANNE at 9.30 a.m. 7th August.
6. Orders re supply transport and the move of the Medium Trench Mortar Batteries will be issued later.
7. Orders re move of 1st Aust. Div. ^{Arty} Hq., will be issued later.
8. Acknowledge.

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

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| Area Comm. SUZANNE. | 7 |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ADDENDUM TO 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.128.

1. 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters will close at COMBIE at 10 a.m. on 8th inst., and will open at HALLE 1.19.E. on arrival.

Alec M. Forbes
 Major.
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Amendment to 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.128.

Para 1. Line 2.

for 7th August read :- 7th September.

Para 5, last line

for 7th August read :- 7th September.

Alec M. Forbes
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 ORDER NO. 129 .

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Reference. Sheet #2c. 1/40,000 .

1. 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move on 9th September from SUZANNE to the vicinity of HEM.
2. There will be no restrictions as to route.
3. D.A.C. to be clear of wagon-lines by 8.30 a.m .
 Head of 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade to pass SUZANNE Church by 9 a.m.
 Head of 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade to pass SUZANNE Church by 9.30 a.m .
4. Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between batteries and sections of the D.A.C. on the march .
5. An Officer from each battery ^{and Section of D.A.C.} will meet the Staff Captain at HEM Church at 8.30 a.m . 9th September .
6. Acknowledge.

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

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| 1st Aust. Div. | 5 |
| R.A. Aust. Corps. | 6 |
| Area Comm. HEM. | 7 |
| No. 1 Coy. 1st Aust. Div. Train. | 8 |
| S.S.O. 1st Aust. Div. | 9 |
| D.A.D.O.S. 1st Aust. Div. | 10 |
| C.R.A. | 11 |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
ORDER NO. 130

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Reference. Sheet 62 C. 1/40,000.

1. 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery on 11th and night 11th./12th., September.

2. (a) The Artillery at present under the command of 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery is disposed as under :-

In Line.

3rd Aust. Army F.A. Brigade.
14th Army brigade A.F.A.
51st brigade A.G.A.

In Support.

16th Army brigade A.H.A.

In Reserve.

7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
8th Aust. F.A. brigade.

(b) At 12 midnight 11th/12th., September after arrival in the area, the 1st Aust. Div. Arty., (less Hdqrs.) will become Reserve Artillery, thus relieving 3rd Aust. Div. Arty., (less Hdqrs.)

(c) Command of the Artillery detailed above will pass from C.A.A. 3rd Aust. Div., to C.A.A. 1st Aust. Div., at 10 a.m. 12th September.

From this hour 1st Aust. Div. Arty., Hdqrs., will be located at J.16.a.5.0.

3. 1st Aust. Div. Arty., will be located as Reserve Artillery, in the area between BUIRE and IL-COURT.

4. (a) 1st Aust. Div. Arty., will march from HEM to the area detailed in para 3, above on 11th September.

(b) route will be via CLERY-PERONNE-DOINGT-J.31.c.50.95 - J.32.a.3.c.- BUIRE.

(c) Starting point. Cross Roads H.3.C. Central.
Head of 1st F.A. brigade to pass starting point at 9 a.m.
" " 2nd " " " " " 9.30 a.m.
" " D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section). " " " 10 a.m.

(d) Distances of 200 yards will be maintained between batteries and sections of the D.A.C.

5. (a) Brigade Commanders, with one Subaltern per Battery will come forward ahead of their Brigades and will meet brigades on arrival at J.27.b.9.0.

(b) representatives of the D.A.C. will meet the Staff Captain at J.31.a.5.0. at 11.30 a.m. 11th September.

(c) Immediately on arrival, Headquarters of brigades and D.A.C. will send a mounted Orderly to 3rd D.A.H.Q., (I.36.b.3.0.) giving their exact locations.

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6. 1st Aust. Div. M.T.M. Batteries will remain in their present location.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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- 2nd Aust. F.A.bde. 2
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- 3rd Aust. Army. F.A.Bde. 5
- 14th Army bde. A.F.A. } o/e 3rd D.A. 6
- 16th Army bde. A.H.A. } 7
- 51st Bde. R.G.A. 8
- 3rd Aust. D.A. (5) 9/11
- 4th Aust. D.A. 12
- 5th Aust. D.A. 13
- 1st Aust. Div. 14
- R.A. Aust. Corps. 15
- H.A. Aust. Corps. 16
- No.3 Squadron A.F.O. 17
- No.1 Coy. 1st Aust. Div. Train. 18
- S.S.O. 1st Aust. Div., 19
- D.A.D.O.S. 1st Aust. Div. 20
- C.A.A. 1st Aust. Div. 21
- Staff Captain. 22
- Recorn. Officer. 23
- Signal Officer. 1st A.D.A. 24
- File. 25
- War Diary. 26/28
- Spare. 29/31.

(a) Distribution of 200 yards will be maintained between batteries and sections of the D.A.G.

(b) Brigade headquarters, with one subaltern per battery will move forward ahead of their brigades and will meet brigades on arrival at 4.30 p.m.

(c) Immediately on arrival headquarters of brigades and D.A.G. will send a mounted orderly to 3rd D.A.H.A. (1st D.A.G.) giving their exact locations.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ORDER NO. 131.

reference sheet 620 1/40,000.

1. (a) 16th Bde. R.H.A. is moving on 11th September to 9th Corps Area under orders of 9th Corps.
 - (b) 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., is moving on 11th September to area vacated by 16th Bde. R.H.A. and becomes Divisional reserve under orders of C.R.A. 3rd., Aust. Div., move to be completed by 4 p.m. 11th inst.,
 - (c) 4th Aust. F.A. Bde., and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) are moving on 12th September to area COURCELLE-BUIRE-TINCOURT - moves to be completed by 4 p.m.
 - (d) Brigades and D.A.C. of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., will come under orders of C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div., at 10 a.m. on 12th September.
2. On the passing of Command from C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div., to C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div., at 10 a.m. on 12th inst., the Artillery in Sector will be disposed as follows :-
 - In Line.
 - 3rd Aust. Army F.A. Bde.
 - 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - 51st Bde. R.G.A.
 - In Support.
 - 5th Aust. F.A. Bde.
 - In Reserve.
 - 1st Aust. F.A. Bde.
 - 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.

To be in area by 4 p.m. 12th September.
4th Aust. F.A. Bde.
 3. On the 12th inst., the following reliefs will take place.
 4. (a) The 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde. will relieve the 14th Army Bde. R.F.A. in the line.
 - (b) On relief the 14th Army Bde. R.F.A. will withdraw to wagon lines and will march on 13th inst., to Corps area under orders to be issued by IX Corps.
 5. (a) 1st Aust. F.A. Bde., will relieve the 3rd Aust., Army F.A. Bde. in the line.
 - (b) On relief the 3rd Aust. Army F.A. Bde., will withdraw to wagon lines and will relieve 5th Aust. F.A. Bde., as support brigade.
 6. 4th Aust. F.A. Bde., and 5th Aust., F.A. Bde., will remain at wagon lines in reserve.

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7. (a) Reliefs will be carried out between 4 p.m. 12th inst., and as soon after dark on 12th inst., as possible.
- (b) Batteries will relieve by sections under arrangements to be made between brigade Commanders' concerned.
- (c) Command of Brigades will pass on completion of relief, and this office will be notified immediately by wire.

8. Artillery Brigades when not in the line will demand any Infantry escorts they may require from the G.O.C. Support Brigade.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

for *K. L. ...*
 BRIGADE MAJOR. 1st Aust. Div. Arty. ^{major.}

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| D.R.M.O. 1st Aust. Div. | 4 |
| 3rd Aust. Army Bde. F.A. | 5 |
| 14th Army Bde. R.F.A. | 6 |
| 5th Aust. F.A. Bde. | 7 |
| 51st Bde. A.G.A. | 8 |
| 2nd Aust. D.A. | 9 |
| 3rd Aust. D.A. | 10 |
| 4th Aust. D.A. | 11 |
| 5th Aust. D.A. | 12 |
| 4th Aust. F.A. Bde. | 13 |
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| H.A. Aust. Corps. | 17 |
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ADDENDUM TO ORDER NO. 131.

11/9/1918.

- 1. 1st Divisional Artillery Headquarters closes at HALLE
1.19.18. at 3 p.m. 11th inst., and opens at J.16.A.5.O. at
3 p.m. 12th inst ,

for *Keenan* major.
brigade major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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ORDER NO. 132.

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1. Paragraphs 2 to 7 inclusive of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 131 are cancelled.
2. On arrival in the BUIRE-TINCOURT area the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery (less Headquarters) will be under orders of C.R.A., 3rd Australian Division.
- On the passing of command from C.R.A. 3rd Aust., Div., to C.R.A. 1st Aust., Div., at 10 a.m. on 12th inst., the Artillery in the sector will be disposed as follows :-

In the Line.

Right Group (under Lt.Col. GIBBONS D.S.O., 14th Army Bde., R.F.A.)
 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 2nd Aust. F.A.Bde.,

Left Group (under Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. 3rd Aust., Army Bde. F.A.)
 3rd Aust. Army F.A.Bde.
 1st Aust. F.A.Bde.

In support.

5th Aust. F.A.Bde.,

To be in Area by 4 p.m. 12th inst.,
 4th Aust. F.A.Bde.,

4. On the 12th inst., the following move will take place.
 - (a) The 2nd Aust., F.A.Bde., will relieve the 14th Army Bde., R.F.A.
 - (b) On relief the 14th Army Bde., R.F.A. will withdraw to wagon lines and will march on 13th inst., to IX Corps Area under orders to be issued by IX Corps.
5. On completion of relief. (para. 5.) the Artillery covering the Divisional Sector will be as follows :-

In the Line.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| 1st Aust. F.A.Bde. | } | Under Command of Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. (3rd Aust. Army F.A.Bde.) |
| 2nd Aust. F.A.Bde. | | |
| 3rd Aust. Army F.A.Bde. | | |

In Reserve.

4th Aust. F.A.Bde.
 5th Aust. F.A.Bde.

6. (a) Relief will be carried out between 4 p.m. 12th inst., and as soon after dark on 12th inst., as possible.
- (b) Batteries will relieve by sections under arrangements to be made between Brigade Commanders concerned.
- (c) Command of Brigades will pass on completion of relief and this office will be notified by wire.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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major.
 A/o Brigade Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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to be in area by 4 p.m. 18th inst.,
 4th Aust. F.A.Bde.,
 on the 18th inst., the following move will take place.
 (a) The 2nd Aust. F.A.Bde., will relieve the 1st Aust. F.A.Bde.
 (b) On relief the 1st Aust. F.A.Bde., will withdraw to wagon
 lines and will march on 18th inst., to IX Corps area under
 orders to be issued by IX Corps.

on completion of relief (para. 5.) the artillery covering
 the Divisional Sector will be as follows:-

- 1st Aust. F.A.Bde.
- 2nd Aust. F.A.Bde.
- 3rd Aust. Army F.A.Bde.
- 4th Aust. F.A.Bde.
- 5th Aust. F.A.Bde.

(a) Relief will be carried out between 4 p.m. 18th inst., and
 as soon after dark on 18th inst., as possible.
 (b) Batteries will relieve by sections under arrangements to be
 made between Brigade Commanders concerned.
 (c) Command of batteries will pass on completion of relief
 and this action will be notified by wire.

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 Major, 1st Aust. Div. (A/C)

ORDER NO. 133.

1. The 1st Aust. F.A.bde. will move from present positions and will occupy on 13th inst. those vacated by 2nd Aust. F.A. bde. to-day (12th inst.)
2. The 4th Aust. F.A.bde. will move from Wagon lines and will occupy on 13th inst. the positions at present occupied by 1st Aust. F.A.bde. which they will move from on 13th inst.,
3. The 5th Aust. F.A.bde. on 13th inst. will reconnoitre and move forward to positions approximately 3,000 yards from present front line.
4. Brigade Commanders concerned with their Battery Commanders will report to Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. at headquarters 3rd Aust. (Army) F.A.bde. at A.27.A.4.8. at 10 a.m. on 13th inst.
5. Moves will be carried out and positions will be occupied after dark on 13th inst. unless the weather is considered favorable by this office, for their occupation in daylight, in which case brigades will be so notified.
6. Batteries must be capable of covering any portion of the Divisional front.
7. On completion of moves detailed above the Field Artillery covering the Divisional sector will be grouped as follows :-

Right Group - covering Right Battalion - under Command of

Lt.Col. E. T. DEAN D.S.O.
1st Aust. F.A.bde.
2nd Aust. F.A.bde.

Left Group - covering Left Battalion - under command of

Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G.
3rd Aust. (Army) F.A.bde.
4th Aust. F.A.bde.
5th Aust. F.A.bde.

8. Group Headquarters will be situated sufficiently close to Infantry brigade Headquarters to enable a close personal liaison to be maintained. Each Group will maintain a liaison Officer and communication with the Battalions they are responsible for covering
9. S.O.S.
Owing to the impossibility of adequately covering the Divisional front with a continuous barrage with the Artillery at the disposal of the Division, portions of the front only will be barraged.

The portions selected to be barraged will be chosen in consultation with the G.D.C. Infantry Brigade and will be such that 18 pdrs. are responsible for not more than 25 yards per gun and 4.5" Hows. for 40 yards per How.

10. The 1st Aust. F.A.bde. and 4th Aust. F.A.bde. will on 14th inst. select offensive positions at approximately 2500 yards from front line.

Lines of fire will be laid out on positions selected so that they may be occupied at short notice.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Director, P.T.O.

R. H. White Major.
A/c Brigade major. 1st Aust.Div.Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Intelligence Summary No. 1.

14/9/1918

From 6 am 13/9/18 to 6 am 14/9/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. From 9.45 to 10.45 am 18 pdrs. fired 120 rds. into CARPEZA COPSE.

At 11.30 am - enemy movement was engaged along roads K.10.d.0.0 to junction K.23.a.8.3 and K.23.d.0.7.

Shell storms were put down on wood in L.21, and special attention was paid to trenches in L.15.C. and earthworks in K.3.a & b.

4.5" Hows. fired 100 rds. on dugouts and enemy movement in L.3.a & b. During the night about 800 rds. were expended in harassing fire on roads and approaches of activity. *(and centres)*

HOSTILE. Hostile fire generally reported below normal.

ARTILLERY. 4 am to 2 pm intermittent fire on K.20 with 4.2" and 5.9" and intermittent shelling with 8" on K.23 about 3 rds. per hour.

11.45 am 35 rds. 77 H.E. in K.11.b

12 Noon 20 rds. 4.2" H.E. in E.30.e.

12.15 pm onwards during afternoon about 15 rds. 5.9" in ROSSELLES.

4.10 pm 30 rds. 77's in L.1.e.5.3 from T.B. 92° from L.13.a 4.3.

4. pm to 10.30 pm intermittent shelling by 4.2" and 5.9" in K.29.d and K.25.b.

6.30 pm enemy reported to be shelling his own line. Red and white flares thrown up.

6.15 pm 30 rds. 77 H.E. and gas in L.19. b & East of HEVILLE WOOD.

6 pm to midnight about 200 rds. of 77 and 4.2" gas and H.E. were put into HEVILLE.

11 pm K.20.c was shelled with 4.2" gas and H.E.

2 am to 4 am 60 rds. 77 in K.18.a.

Intermittent shelling of K.28 and 29 during the night.

At least one H.V. gun fired intermittently on back areas during day & night.

AERIAL. E.A.'s active during the afternoon and bombing planes very busy after dark. Two bombing planes shot down between 9 pm and 10 pm.

Our planes were normally active.

VISIBILITY. Good.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

15/9/1918

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 2.From (am 14/9/1918 to (am 15/9/1918.OUR ARTILLERY.

Intermittent harassing fire was carried out on to recently located centres of enemy activity, the chief targets engaged being as follows :- Occupied trench - L.15.A 7.7 to L.15.A.55.35 MG at L.2.C.10.57 - Earthworks in L.3.B.5.5 from at L.16.C.8.7, COX WOOD on banks in L.10.C, FERVACQUE from road and trench L.16.D.2.4 to L.16.D.3.8.

In addition CARPEZA COPSE and valley in L.9.A were thoroughly searched and swept and shell storms put down on Wood No.1 in L.21.B and trench from L.22.A.9.1 to L.22.B.9.3 at 3.20 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. respectively.

An M.F. call at L.22.B.8.6 was answered by the 102nd Battery at 5.40 p.m.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. - was reported as being more active than during the previous 24 hours. During the morning intermittent shelling was put down on to HESBECOURT and K.55.A & B - K.29.C Valley between TINCOURT and MARQUIS were occasionally shelled, the latter with a 5.9" HV gun.

HERVILL was the chief centre of enemy attention during the afternoon, bursts of 5.9" - 4.2" and 77 being frequently directed on to this target. - K.26.D, K.29.C, K.35.A, K.54.B, K.18.C, L.7.Central all received light bombardment and a quantity of shrapnel and H.S. was sprinkled on back areas.

The most marked feature of the night's shelling was the heavy shelling of K.17, K.22 and K.23 with 77 mm and 15 c.m. from 11 p.m. to midnight. From 12.30 a.m. to 1.20 a.m. these areas and K.21.C, were subjected to fairly heavy 77 mm gas shelling, blue Cross yellow cross and Phosgene being identified.

AERIAL. Our air craft were very active during the day and brought down two enemy balloons during the day.

Enemy balloons were up at 30° 38° and 110° grid from K.23.A.40.95.

GENERAL. At 3.30 p.m. 4.2" and 77 m.m. were observed firing from 20 deg. left of L.33.B.78.90 from K.30.D.6.7, these guns ceased firing when engaged by our Counter Batteries.

V. H. Brown
Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust.
Div. Arty.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5.

6 a.m. 15/9/18 to 6 a.m. 16/9/18.

APPENDIX 5

OUR ARTILLERY. Systematic harassing and destructive fire was maintained during the period on to selected centres of enemy activity, the following being the chief targets engaged :-
 MAVAQUE FARM, QUARRIES in L.10.A, BROSSÉ WOODS No.1 and 2, GRAND FLEUR WOOD - from L.22.0.8.3 - L.22.A.8.6 - L.17.0.0.0 -
 GORCE at L.2.A.20.52 - trench at L.15.A.6.0 and movement in

At 7.25 p.m. an N.F. call on L.15.B.6.2 was answered by the 102nd Battery.

A number of rounds were expended during the period in registration.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. - Throughout the period the enemy appeared to concentrate the majority of his fire on the roads from ROISEL to HERVILLY and TRAPLEUX N.W. and S.E. edges of ROISEL VALLEY in K.10.A and K roads in K.12.A. Pronounced area shoots were also put down on to K.18.B & D and K.17.B and C during the morning composed chiefly of 10.5 C.m. and 15 C.m.

From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. a constant fire by 15 c.m. was maintained on K.22 and K.23 about 300 rounds falling in these areas.

Other shelling as follows :-

8.45 a.m. E.28 heavily shelled by 15 c.m.
 8.30 - 9.30 a.m. Intermittent shelling of K.10 Central by 21 c.m.
 9.40 a.m. 100 rds. 15 c.m. on K.10.A and at 10.30 a.m. a similar shoot on K.22.B.
 11.45 a.m. Heavy shelling of K.12.D with 10.5 How.
 12.45 p.m. Area shoot on ROISEL and S edge with 15 and 21 C.m. Hows.
 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 30 rds 77 m/m on K.23.C and D. and 20 rds 4.2" and 5.9" on HERVILLY.
 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. 80 rds 8 inch. and 5.9" on K.23.A.

During the night concentration shoots were put down on K.16.B, D.17.A and C, K.22.B and K.23 - mostly 4.2" and 5.9". A considerable quantity of gas shell fell in K.23.C, K.29.A, K.9, K.15, K.26.A and MARQUIX. (blue Cross).
 From 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. 50 rds. 77 m/m and 60 rds 4.2" fell in K.35.B.6.5

The following Grid Sound bearings were noted :-

| CALIBRE. | BEARING. | OBSERVED FROM. |
|-----------|----------|----------------|
| 10.5 cm | 58 deg. | L.19.D.30.35 |
| " | 43 " | do |
| " " | 80 " | do |
| " | 94 " | K.16.C.75.50 |
| 15 c.m. | 60 " | L.19.D.30.35 |
| " | 81 " | do |
| " | 50 " | K.18.C.75.50 |
| " | 90 " | do |
| 77 m.m. | 54 " | do |
| 5.9" How. | 81 " | L.19.D.30.35 |
| " | 50 " | K.18.C.75.50 |
| " | 95 " | do |
| 4.2" H.V. | 94 " | do |
| " | 88 " | do |

AERIAL. Hostile planes displayed increased activity and succeeded in downing three of our balloons at 4.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. and 5.3 p.m. enemy balloons were up at grid bearing of 10° 13° 32° 51° 81° and 102° from L.19.D.30.35. These were lowered repeatedly but re-appeared when none of our planes were in the vicinity.

W. J. Stoney Lieut.
 Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust.Div.Arty.

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4

6 a.m. 16/9/1918 to 6 a.m. 17/9/1918,

OUR ARTILLERY.

Continual harassing fire was maintained by batteries, the following being the chief targets engaged :- FERVACQUE FAIR L.10.A, QUARRIES in L.10.A, CHATEAU at L.23.A.40.10, Cross roads L.10.A and earthworks in L.7.A and B. Intermittent shell storms were placed from L.21.D.8.9 - L.22.A.25.00 - sunken road C.8.5 - L.28.A.5.6 - WOOD No.1 at L.21.B, L.27.A.5.3 and L.7.A.3.7. The latter targets were engaged at the request of Infantry in co-operation with the establishment of a post at L.27.A.3.9.

A number of rounds were expended in registration,

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. - displayed a slight decrease from the previous 24 hours HERVILLY and ROISEL were intermittently shelled with 4.2" and 5.9" from 11 a.m. to 11.30, and about 100 rds 77 and 4.2" fell in K.18.C. and K.24.A. Throughout the morning K.29.C and K.28.A and B received heavy "strafing" of 77 - 4.2" and 5.9", roads and tracks appearing to be the enemies main objective.

From 12.45 to 2.45 p.m. K.35.B. and K.29.D were subjected to 4.2" shelling from the direction of HARGICOURT.

Roads in L.25.C and K.30.D HERVILLY, K.30, A and C - a.22.C. and K.35.B were the chief centres of the afternoons shelling.

A marked decrease was reported during the night. At 1.30 a.m. 29 rounds of 8" fell in K.35.B. from the direction of HARGICOURT and at 3 a.m. an area shoot of 4.2" and 5.9" was put down on K.35.B and K.29.D.

From 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. 150 rounds of 77 m/m fell in K.16 and 17.

Other areas shelled during the night were 15 o/m on ROISEL 77 m/m shrapnel on K.15.B and 10.5 o/m on K.14.C.

The following bearings were taken from K.9.D.30.00.

| TIME. | ROUNDS. | CALIBRE. | AREA SHELLED. | GRID BEARING. |
|----------------|---------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| 8.30 am. | 16 | 10 cm | K.11.A | 73 deg. |
| 8.30 am. | 2 | 77 | K.9.D | 75 " |
| 8.45 - 8.55 am | 23 | 15 cm | K.16.A | 60 " |
| 9.15 - 9.25 am | 27 | " | K.16.A | 60 " |
| 9.25 - 9.45 am | 45 | 10 " | K.11.A | 75 " |
| 9.50 am | 6 | 10 " | K.12.D | 89 " |
| 10.20 am | 5 | 10 " | K.9.D | 73 " |
| 11.25 am | 5 | 10 " | K.9.D. | 73 |

AERIAL.

At 5.30 p.m. one E.A. crossed our lines but driven off by AA fire.

From 8.30 p.m. EA active bombing forward areas. One of our planes crashed near TEMPLEUX at 12.20 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. a flight of 8 E.A. were over K.24.

L. W. Major
for Lieut.

Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust.Div.Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5

From 6 a.m. 18/9/18 to 6 a.m. 19/9/18.

OUR OPERATIONS. At 5.20 p.m. a creeping barrage was commenced in support of our Infantry attack on the enemies defensive system in front of the HINDENBURG LINE.

This consisted of an 18-pdr. barrage starting 200 yards back of the Infantry "forming up line" and lifting at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes until the Infantry "Halt Line" was reached when a stationary protective barrage was formed for a period of 70 minutes.

During this stationary period of the barrage batteries (which previous to the launching of the attack had been unable to get sufficiently far forward to carry out the whole of the barrage to its final phase, owing to the enemy holding such commanding position as LE VERQUIER - TEMPLEUX - LE GERRARD and spur running through L.15.A and B and L.9.C.) were moved up to positions in the vicinity of the Artillery start line, and were in action in time to continue the second phase of the Barrage to the Final objective.

At the end of the seventy minutes halt on the Protective Barrage to Infantry Halt Line the barrage again advanced in 100 yard lifts every three minutes until the Final Objective was gained when after a Protective Barrage of 15 minutes had been put down, batteries ceased fire at zero plus 273 minutes.

As soon as this barrage was completed batteries which had remained in action during the "Halt period" were moved forward and all brigades were then in accordance with instructions from the C.R.A. disposed in depth at ranges varying between 2500 and 5000 yards from the line the Infantry were consolidating.

During the night harassing fire was carried out on to located centres of enemy activity especially sunken roads and trenches in G.8.A. - G.8.D. and G.15.A.

Counter Preparation was put down between 4.55 a.m. and 5.5 a.m. and again from 5.20 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. A very marked decrease was reported in enemy Artillery fire.

Very little retaliation was observed in reply to our morning barrage until 15 to 20 minutes after zero - when a very light and ragged barrage was put down along our forward system and in the vicinity of ROISEL and HERVILLY.

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

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20/9/1918

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 6.

6 a.m. 19/9/18 to 6 a.m. 20/9/18.

OUR OPERATIONS. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the period, intermittent "shell storms" being put down on to located centres of enemy activity. The following were some of the chief targets engaged :- Sunken Pools and Trenches - G.10.B.2.2 to G.11.B.7.2 - G.11.A.1.0 to G.11.D.1.2. G.9.D.8.4 to G.11.C.9.1, G.11.A.1.0. to G.11.D.1.2 and G.10.D.0.0 to G.16.D.0.8 - Trench system in G.3.A and C and BUCK SHOT Ravines and G.9.A and C were thoroughly searched and swept.

From 5.15 a.m. to 5.25 a.m. and again from 5.35 a.m. to 5.45 a.m. Counter Preparation was carried on pre-arranged targets to a depth of 1000 yards East of our S.O.S. Lines.

At the request of the Left Infantry Brigade 300 rounds were expended on suspected enemy relief in G.3.A. and C. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A.26 Central to A.26.D.15.70 to A.26.A.80.00 to A.26.D.5.0 - QUERIMONT FARM, A.26.A.85.60 and A.26.A.90.00 were thoroughly harassed during the evening.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Retaliation to our heavy harassing fire and Counter Preparation was light and on the whole enemy activity displayed a decrease from previous period - from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. L.23.B. and C received 40 rounds of 4.2" and 5.9" and during the day 75 rounds of 4.2" fell in valley in L.10.A. G.1.D. was subjected to 4.2" and 5.9" shelling from 9.30 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. from a Grid bearing of 93° from G.1.D.70.80.

Other areas shelled were G.14.A. with 290 rounds 4.2" H.E. from 3 p.m. to 4.40 p.m., 300 rounds 4.2" and 5.9" on L.17 and L.18, from 5.10 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

AERIAL. E.A. were normally active during the 24 hours two low flying E.A. crossed our right Front at dawn this morning.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

21/9/1918.

INTELLIGENCE

SUMMARY NO. 7.

6 a.m. 20/9/18 to 6 a.m. 21/9/18

OUR OPERATIONS.

Prearranged harassing fire was to a certain extent modified in order to deal with the much enemy movement reported by our F.O.Os. and Infantry.

Intermittent shell storms were directed on to movement and activity at the following locations :- Roads G.10.B.8.8 - G.11.D.0.3, and in G.9.A and C and G.15.B - MELLIGOURT Hostile Battery in G.17.B.20.50, and activity G.2.D, G.3.C and G.3.C.

During the afternoon two N.F. calls at G.18.A 4.4 were answered.

At 5.40 a.m. a barrage was opened up by our LEFT GROUP, and two 18-pdr batteries of RIGHT GROUP, in support of an attack by the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade and 74th Division on enemy positions in A.25.D, and G.1.B, and D. Starting on the line G.8.A.8.0 - G.2.C.0.4 - A.25.D.7.0 - A.25.D 4.5 the barrage after a stay of three minutes lifted at the rate of 100 yards every 3 minutes until the Protective Barrage Line G.8.A.8.0 - G.2.B.6.0 - A.26.D.6.0 - A.26.A.2.4 was reached.

The remainder of the RIGHT GROUP co-operated by starting a creeping barrage from the line G.15.C.60.25 - G.14.B 80.05 - G.8.D.40.00 - G.8.Central and at zero plus 10, plus 30 and plus 50 lifting 200 yards finally ceasing fire at plus 63.

The How. Batteries and 7th 18-pdr. Battery of the LEFT GROUP simultaneously searched and swept MALAKOFF WOOD - trench system in A.26.A, B and D and high ground in A.27.A and C from zero to zero plus 63 minutes.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. - displayed a more aggressive attitude than during the previous period, especially during the hours of daylight. From 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. L.3.D, L.10, G.14.A and C, L.8.B and L.9.C, were continuously harassed with 77 and 4.2" and between 5.10 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. 300 rounds 4.2" and 5.9" fell on L.17 and L.18, and 40 rounds on L.23.B and C.

During the night L.8.B, L.2.D, L.3.C, and L.4.C were "strafed" with 77 and 4.2" and 20 rounds 8" fell on L.17.C.5.8.

AERIAL. The enemy carried out heavy bombing operations during night especially on our battery areas in L.19.A, L.17.C, L.16.C and L.21.B.

No material damage was reported.

W. H. Strong
Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

22/9/1918

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 8.From 6 a.m. 21/9/1918 to 6 a.m. 22/9/18.

OUR OPERATIONS. Extensive harassing fire was carried out by all batteries and the following were among the chief targets engaged. Trenches in G.3.D, G.9.A and B, G.4.C, A.27.0, G.10, G.14, and G.1.P, A.20.D.75.50 to A.20.D.60.20, A.26.E.7.7 to A.26.D.8.3 to A.29.B.9.0 and movement opposite Divisional Front reported by F.O.O.s and Infantry.

ARTILLERY. A considerable decrease was reported in hostile shelling throughout the period, although during the night areas on both flanks of the Divisional Zone were subjected to heavy bombardment.

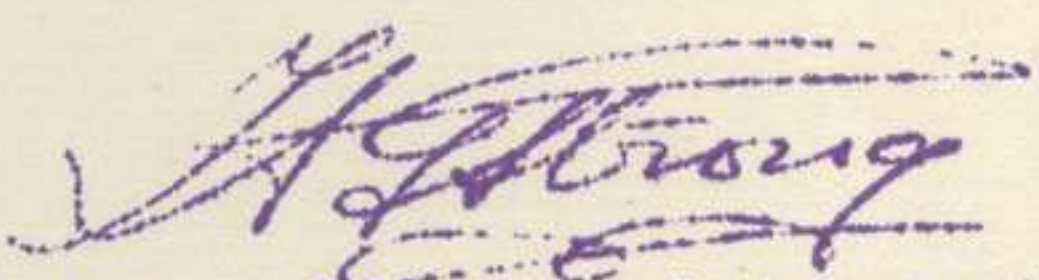
F.29. 30, L.5 and 6 were intermittently shelled with 10.5 c.m. and 15 c.m. during the day. The majority of this shelling which up to 5 p.m. amounted to about 800 rounds came from the direction 61° and 97° from L.4.A.75.80.

At 2 p.m. 35 rounds 10.5 (H.V.) c.m. fell in ROISEL and 60 rounds 15 c.m. in HARGICOURT.

The night was quiet, scattered light harassing fire being directed on to L.4, L.8 and G.16.

AERIAL. E.A. quiet during the day. Were fairly active bombing our Battery areas from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. two enemy observing planes flew over our forward areas for half an hour. Two enemy balloons ascended for a few minutes at 5 p.m. at bearings of 87° and 114° from L.4.A.75.80.


Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty. Liout.

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Intelligence Summary No. 9.
From 6 am. 22/9/1918 to 6 am. 23/9/18.OUR OPERATIONS.

In addition to carrying out our usual harassing of enemies roads, tracks, trenches and other centres of located activity the following targets received special attention - MALAKOFF WOOD, sunken roads in G.4 and G.10, house at G.4.C.1.2, traffic at G.10.Central and trenches in G.C. 9.A.&B.

STILE ARTILLERY. - Activity was decidedly below normal. No outstanding shoots were put down. The following areas were lightly harassed VILLERET - HARGICOURT - L.4., L.6.A., L.11.C., L.5.C., L.9.B. and L.10.D., chiefly by 77s, 10.5 cm and 15 cm.

AERIAL. E.A. were very active during the morning. 3 E.A. crossed our front line at 7.30 am. 2 at 7.50 am., 1 at 8.45 am., and 1 at 11 am., 6 at 11.20 am., and 3 at 11.45 am. On each occasion planes were flying very low. No bombing was reported during the period.

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Reconnaissance Officer. 1st. Aus. Div. Arty. Lieut.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

24/9/1918.

Intelligence Summary No. 10.
From 6 am. 23/9/18 to 6am. 24/9/18.

OUR OPERATIONS. Intermittent harassing and destructive fire was maintained on to located centres of enemy activity in accordance with recent Intelligence and reports from F.O.O. and Infantry.

Special attention was paid to the following areas, G.16.A & B, sunken roads in G.4.D., A.27.D., G.9.A and B, G.3.A., roads in G.10.B., approaches to BELLICOURT, MALAKOFF WOOD and trenches in G.3.A., B and C.

Our medium Trench mortars expended 15 rounds on suspected enemy machine gun positions at G.8.D.7.1., G.8.D.8.2 and G.8.D.7.4.

During the day four NF calls were answered by our 102nd Howitzer Battery as follows :- G.12.D.8.2 - G.11.B-8.2 - G.23.A.1.1 and G.12.C.6.1.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. was slightly above normal. Between 6.45 pm. and 8 pm. 200 rounds 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. Blue Cross Gas shell fell in L.3.C and D. and at 1.20 am. 20 rounds in L.8.A. Other shelling as follows :-

| <u>Times.</u> | <u>Rounds.</u> | <u>Calibre.</u> | <u>Area shelled.</u> | <u>Direction.</u> |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 3 pm to 7 pm | 150 | 4.2 & 5.9 | L.4.A & L.3.B. | |
| 7 pm. | 20 | 77mm & 5.9 | G.14.C. | Bellicourt. |
| 7 - 8 pm. | 60 | 5.9s | G.14.C & D. | " |
| 8.30 pm. | 50 | 4.2" guns | G.13.A & D. | Nouroy. |
| 11 pm to mn. | 100 | 4.2" & 5.9 | G.1 | Estreos. |
| 2 - 4 am. | 50 | do. | G.13 | |
| 4.30 am. | | do. | G.14 | |

AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

4.30 pm. One E.A. crossed our lines but was forced to return.

5.7 pm. E.A. active - engaged by A.A., M.G., and our planes. Hostile planes crossed our lines at night and dropped a few bombs.

Enemy aeroplanes active throughout the day. Our aeroplanes also active.

MISCELLANEOUS. One enemy balloon up at 81° Grid from L.4.C.4.6. Small parties of enemy were observed moving E. & N. along road through BELLICOURT at G.3.D.90.15.

A. Strong
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 Recon. Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

25/9/1918.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Intelligence Summary No. 11.from 6 am. 24/9/1918 to 6 am. 25/9/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS. Prearranged programmes of harassing and destructive fire were carried out by all brigades.

The following were the chief targets engaged: Approaches to BELLICOURT, roads, tracks and trenches in G.3. B. and D., G.4., G.9., G.29.C. and D. and G.8.B. and other centres of activity located by P.O.O.

At 5.18 am. an S.O.S. signal was reported to have gone up on our Right Battalion Front and batteries opened up on their S.O.S. lines until 5.35 am. when all was reported quiet and batteries ceased firing.

Another S.O.S. signal was reported to have been sent up at 6.15 am. and our S.O.S. barrage was again put down until 6.58 am. when the situation was again normal.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Activity was above normal throughout the period L.4., L.5., and L.10.C. were especially subjected to heavy shelling chiefly with 10.5 cm. and 15 cm.

During the morning Railway near ROISEL was shelled intermittently with a 15 cm. H.V.

| Time. | Rounds | Calibre. | Locality shelled. |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| 4.45 pm / 4.50 pm | 30 | 77 mm. | L.4.C. |
| 6.50 pm. | 50 | 77 mm. | L.4.C. |
| 7 pm. | 50 | 15 cm. & 10.5 cm. | L.5.C. & D. |
| 7 / 7.50 pm. | 20 | 15 cm. | L.4.C. |
| 8 / 9 pm. | 30 | 15 cm. & 10.5 cm. | HARGICOURT. |
| 8.50 / 9 pm. | 50 | 21 cm. | L.4. |
| 3 / 5 am. | 30 | 15 cm. | HARGICOURT. |
| 4 / 4.15 am. | 100 | 77 mm. | L.4. |
| 10 pm / 12.30 am. | Enemy artillery fairly active on right of our | | |
| 4.30 / 5 am. | 20 | 10.5 cm. | TEMPLEUX. sector. |

AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

5.15 pm to 6 pm. Enemy planes very active flying in twos and threes. at good altitude. One E.A. was brought down by A.A. behind our lines at 12.20 pm. Hostile bombing planes active from 9 pm. to 11.30 pm. Bombs were dropped on battery areas. Two of our balloons were brought down during the afternoon. marked increase in activity of hostile aircraft in the afternoon.

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Lieut.
Reconn. Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Intelligence Summary No. 12.

26th September 1918.

from 6 am. 25th September to 6 am. 26th September 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Selected points of much recent enemy activity were intermittently harassed with bursts of fire throughout the period, especially on to approaches to BELLICOURT, and enemies communications to his forward system.

Six N.F. calls were answered during the day, shells storms being put down on to G.12.D.8.3, G.12.D.5.1, G.12.D.6.6, G.18.C.4.5, G.10D.2.2 and G.16.A.7.7.

At 8.10 pm. an S.O.S. signal was reported to have gone up on the Right Battalion Front and our Right Group put down their S.O.S. barrage until 8.24 pm. when all was reported normal.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

was normally active and chiefly confined to forward areas. The principal shelling was as follows :-

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. | 300 rds. | 10, 15 & 21 cm. | HARGICOURT. |
| 3.45 pm to 4.30 pm. | 100 " | 21 cm. | G.1.C. |
| 4 to 6 pm. | 30 " | 15 cm. | L.5.C.1.D. |
| 4.20 pm to 5 pm. | 20 " | 15 cm. | Over HEAIRBUR ST. TEMPLEUX. |
| 4.40 pm. | 40 " | 10.5 cm. | G.1.C. |
| 5.30 pm. | 20 " | do. | L.4.C. |
| 5.40 to 6 pm. | 40 " | do. | HARGICOURT. |
| 7.15 to 7.45 pm. | 40 " | 15 cm. | L.4.C. |
| 7.20 pm. | 50 " | 15 & 10.5 cm. | L.3.D to L.10.A. |
| 8.55 pm. | 30 " | 77 mm. | L.4.C. |
| 9.30 pm. | 40 " | 15 & 10.5 cm. | L.3.D to L.10.A. |
| 9.40 pm. | 20 " | 10.5 cm. | L.8 & L.10. |
| 11.45 pm to 3.30 am. | 500 " | All calibres. | L.3 (Reported Blue and Green Cross). |

OUR ARTILLERY 18-pdrs.

| | | | |
|----------|--------|---------|---|
| 5.20 pm. | | 50 rds. | G.10.D. |
| 7.15 pm. | (How). | 30 " | (Battery in action - Wireless call). G.16.A.7.7. |

HARASSING FIRE.

On roads, tracks and banks east of S.O.S. 18 pdrs. 600 rounds, Howitzers 100 rounds.

AIRCRAFT.

5 to 6 pm. 4 E.A. over sector - engaged by A.A.
5.30 pm. 1 E.A. crossed our line but was forced to return by A.A.
E.A. showed marked decrease in activity, compared with previous period.
OUR PLANES very active.
ENEMY bombing planes over and bombed battery areas from 8.30 to 11 pm.

The following bearings were taken to active batteries :-

| | | | |
|--------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 10 cm. | 58 degrees | grid from | L.10.D.20.85. |
| 15 " | 52 | " | " |
| 10 " | 64 | " | " |
| ? | 78 | " | " |
| ? | 104 | " | " |
| ? | 93 | " | " |

From 11.45 pm. to 3.30 am. about 500 rounds 77 mm and 4.2 blue and green cross gas shell fell in L.3.

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Reconn. Officer. 1st Aus. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 12.27th September 1918.From 6 am. 26th September to 6 am. on 27th September 1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

Vigorous harassing fire carried out during the period on trenches and wire in G.11.C. and G.11.D.

Intermittently throughout the night intense gas bombardments were put down on to selected points of enemy activity. A proportion of HE was mixed with the gas bombardment in order to disguise the smaller bursts of the gas shells and lead the enemy to believe he was under an HE bombardment only.

Three NF calls were answered during the day, shell storms being put down on to G.18.A.4.3, G.18.A.5.4, G.18.A.3.6 and G.5.C.3.7.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Normally active and chiefly confined to the following areas.

| Time. | Calibre. | Rounds. | Area Shelled. | Direction. |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 3 to 5.30 pm. | 5.9, 8". | Intermittent. | L.23.B.&.D.) | |
| 3.40 pm. | 4.2 | 20 | L.24.A.&.C.) | |
| 6 pm. | 4.2 | 20 | L.15.C.&.D. | |
| 6.30 pm. | 4.2 | 10 | L.26.C.4.7. | |
| 7 pm. | 4.2 | 14 | L.15.C.&.D. | |
| 7.5 pm. | 5.9 | 15 | L.16.A. | |
| 7.10 pm. | 77 mm. | 15 | G.21.C. | NAUROY. |
| 8.30 to 9 pm. | 4.2 & 5.9 | 100 | G.14.C. | |
| 9.15 to 9.20 pm. | 5.9 | 20 | G.14.A.&.C. | |
| 11 pm. | 5.9 | 20 | L.16.A. | |

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes very active.
Enemy planes during the afternoon destroyed two of our kite balloons.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

14/9/1918LOCATION STATEMENT as at 9 A.M. 14/9/1918.

1st Aust. Div. Art. Hdqrs., J.18.a.8.3

Reference
Map. Sheet 290 1/40,000

Right Group - Headquarters. K.26.a.40.80

Group. Brigade. Position.

1st Aust. F.A. Brigade.

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Headquarters. | A.26.A.40.85 |
| 1st Battery. | A.26.b.55.35 |
| 2nd Battery. | K.26.b.60.10 |
| 3rd Battery. | K.26.D.55.85 |
| 101st Battery. | K.26.A.80.15 |

RIGHT

2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade.

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Headquarters. | K.27.A.2.7 |
| 4th Battery. | A.35.b.6.4 |
| 5th Battery. | K.29.c.58.72 |
| 6th Battery. | K.29.c.68.65 |
| 102nd Battery. | K.29.d.15.40 |

GROUP.

Left group.- Headquarters. K.27.a.40.80

3rd Aust. (A) F.A. Bde.

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Headquarters. | K.27.a.40.80 |
| 7th Battery. | K.17.d.00.85 |
| 8th Battery. | K.23.c.80.20 |
| 9th Battery. | K.23.b.20.00 |
| 103rd Battery. | K.22.b.30.70 |
| 3rd B.A.C. | K.22.C.80.50 |

LEFT

4th Aust. F.A. Bde.

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Headquarters. | A.26.a.40.85 |
| 10th Battery. | K.15.a.50.48 |
| 11th Battery. | K.9.c.57.00 |
| 12th Battery. | K.9.c.70.70 |
| 104th Battery. | K.20.d.35.90 |

GROUP.

5th Aust. F.A. Bde.

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Headquarters. | K.26.a.30.75 |
| 13th Battery. | K.29.a.40.50 |
| 14th Battery. | K.23.a.40.95 |
| 15th Battery. | K.17 ^B .60.60 |
| 105th Battery. | K.23.a.20.60 |

51st Brigade. A.G.A.,

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Headquarters. | J.24.a.5.6 |
| 283rd Siege Battery. | K.22.b.9.9 |
| 258th " " | K.22.d.0.4 |
| 137th " " | K.22.b.0.5 |
| 138th " " | K.20.d.1.9. |
| 8" Battery. | K.22. d.0.8 |
| 9.2" Battery. | K.22.b.3.5 |

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Brigade.

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Position.

1st Aust. D.A.C.

Headquarters.
No.1 Section.
" 2 "

J.33.h.Cent.
J.27.c.8.1
J.27.d.1.4.

2nd Aust. D.A.C.

Headquarters.
No.1 Section.
" 2 "

I.30.b.7.7
J.25.b.4.3
J.25.d.3.7

A.A.Point.

J.18.c.30.20

No.1 Coy. Div. Train.

J.22.a.10.10

Clean Clothing Store. MUIRE.

J.28.c.2.1

Div. baths.

J.24.a.9.3 & J.34.a.1.8.

Corps. Camouflage Dump. P.23.A.9.4

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For/ Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust.Div.Arty. Lieut.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT as at 9 a.m. 15/9/1918.1st Aust. Div. Arty. Hdqrs., J.16.A.8.3

Reference map. Sheet 626 1/40,000.

Right Group - Headquarters. K.26.A.40.80

| <u>GROUP.</u> | <u>BRIGADE.</u> | <u>BATTERY POSITION.</u> | <u>WAGON LINES.</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|

1st Aust. F.A. Bde.

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Headquarters. | K.26.A.40.85 | J.30.B.40.70 |
| | 1st Battery. | K.26.B.55.35 | K.25.B.60.55 |
| | 2nd Battery. | K.26.B.60.10 | J.30.C.30.60 |
| | 3rd Battery. | K.26.D.55.85 | J.17.B.5.5 |
| <u>RIGHT</u> | 101st Battery. | K.26.A.80.15 | J.17.B.40.70 |

GROUP. 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.

| | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|------------|
| | Headquarters. | K.27.A.2.7 | J.22.B.3.4 |
| | 4th Battery. | K.35.B.6.4 | J.22.C.5.8 |
| | 5th Battery. | K.29.C.58.72 | J.16.D.5.5 |
| | 6th Battery. | K.29.C.68.65 | J.23.C.0.6 |
| | 102nd Battery. | K.29.D.15.40 | K.19.C.3.3 |

3rd Aust. (A) Bde. F.A.

| | | | |
|--|------------------|--------------|------------|
| | Headquarters. | K.27.A.4.8. | K.21.C.2.5 |
| | 7th Battery. | K.17.D.00.85 | K.28.A.1.8 |
| | 8th Battery. | K.23.C.50.20 | K.14.C.2.3 |
| | 9th Battery. | K.23.B.20.00 | K.21.B.9.9 |
| | 103rd How. Btty. | K.22.B.30.70 | J.15.B.5.0 |

4th Aust. F.A. Bde.

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>LEFT</u> | Headquarters. | K.14.D.35.70 | K.13.C.10.25 |
| | 10th Battery. | K.15.A.50.49 | K.14.B.45.10 |
| | 11th Battery. | K.9.C.60.00 | J.28.A.05.20 |
| <u>GROUP.</u> | 12th Battery. | K.9.C.68.70 | J.22.C.70.20 |
| | 104th How. Batty. | K.20.D.35.90 | J.27.C.90.70 |

5th Aust. F.A. Bde.

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Headquarters. | K.26.A.30.75 | K.25.C.05.95 |
| | 13th Battery. | K.20.A.40.50 | J.35.D.80.80 |
| | 14th Battery. | K.23.A.40.95 | J.30.A.20.40 |
| | 15th Battery. | K.17.A.60.60 | J.30.D.80.99 |
| | 105th How. batty. | K.23.A.20.60 | J.27.C.20.80 |

51st Brigade R.G.A.,

| | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| | Headquarters. | J.24.A.5.6 |
| | 283rd Siege Battery. | K.22.B.9.9 |
| | 258th " " | K.22.B.0.4 |
| | 137th " " | K.22.B.0.5 |
| | 138th " " | K.20.D.1.9. |
| | 8" Battery. | K.22.D.0.8 |
| | 9.2" Battery. | K.22.B.3.5 |

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Brigade.

Position.

1st Aust. D.A.C.

Headquarters.
No.1 Section.
No.2 "

J.33.B.0ent.
J.27.C.8.1
J.27.D.1.4.

2nd Aust. D.A.C.

Headquarters.
No.1 Section.
No.2 "

I.30.B.7.7
J.25.B.4-3
J.25.D.3.7

DTMO 1st Aust. Div.
AR Point.

I.30.D.80.05
J.18.C.30.20

No.1 Coy. Div. Train.

J.22.A.10.10

Clean Clothing Store. BUIN.

J.28.C.2.1

Div. Baths.

J.24.A.9.3 & J.34.A.1.8

Corps Camouflage Dump.

P.23.A.9.4

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

J.31.C.18.3
J.28.A.1.8
J.28.C.1.1
J.28.D.1.8
J.28.E.1.8

J.28.C.10.25
J.28.A.10.10
J.28.A.10.20
J.28.C.10.20
J.27.C.10.20

J.28.C.10.25
J.28.D.10.20
J.28.A.10.20
J.28.C.10.20
J.27.C.10.20

J.28.C.10.25
J.28.A.10.20
J.28.C.10.20
J.28.D.10.20

J.28.C.10.25
J.28.A.10.20
J.28.C.10.20
J.28.D.10.20

J.28.C.10.25
J.28.A.10.20
J.28.C.10.20
J.28.D.10.20

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Location Statement as at 9 a.m. 16/September 1918.

1st Aust. Div. Arty. Hdqrs. J.16.A.8.3

Reference Map. Sheet 20 1/40,000

Right Group - Headquarters. K.26.A.40.80

| P. | BRIGADE. | BATTERY POSITION. | WAGON LINES. |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| RIGHT GROUP. | 1st Aust. F.A.Bde. | | |
| | Headquarters. | K.26.A.40.85 | J.30.B.40.70 |
| | 1st Battery. | K.28.A.5.8 | K.25.B.00.55 |
| | 2nd Battery. | K.28.B.3.7 | J.30.C.30.60 |
| | 3rd Battery. | K.22.C.5.1 | J.17.B.5.5 |
| | 101st Battery. | K.22.E.5.10 | J.17.B.40.70 |
| | 2nd Aust. F.A.Bde. | | |
| | Headquarters. | K.27.A.2.7 | J.22.B.3.4 |
| | 4th Battery. | K.35.B.6.4 | J.22.C.5.8 |
| | 5th Battery. | K.29.C.58.72 | J.16.D.5.5 |
| 6th Battery. | K.29.C.68.65 | J.23.C.0.8 | |
| 102nd Battery. | K.29.D.15.40 | K.19.C.3.3 | |

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| LEFT GROUP. | 3rd Aust. (Army) Bde. F.A. | | |
| | Headquarters. | K.27.A.4.8 | K.21.C.2.5 |
| | 7th Battery. | K.17.D.00.85 | K.28.A.1.6 |
| | 8 Battery. | K.23.C.50.20 | K.14.C.2.3 |
| | 9th Battery. | K.23.B.20.00 | K.21.B.9.9 |
| | 103rd How.Bty. | K.23.C.6.8 | J.15.B.5.0 |
| | 4th Aust. F.A.Bde. | | |
| | Headquarters. | K.14.D.35.70 | K.13.C.10.25 |
| | 10th Battery. | K.15.A.50.49 | K.14.B.45.10 |
| | 11th Battery. | K.9.C.60.00 | J.28.A.05.20 |
| 12th Battery. | K.9.C.68.70 | J.22.C.70.20 | |
| 104th How.Bty. | K.20.D.35.90 | J.27.C.90.70 | |
| 5th Aust. F.A.Bde. | | | |
| Headquarters. | K.26.A.30.75 | K.25.C.05.95 | |
| 13th Battery. | K.29.A.40.50 | J.35.D.80.80 | |
| 14th Battery. | K.23.A.40.95 | J.30.A.20.40 | |
| 15th Battery. | K.17.A.60.60 | J.30.D.80.99 | |
| 105th How.Batty. | K.23.A.20.60 | J.27.C.20.80 | |

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| 51st Brigade R.G.A., | | | |
| Headquarters. | J.24.A.5.6 | | |
| 283rd Siege Bty. | K.22.B.9.9 | | |
| 258th " " | K.22.D.0.4 | | |
| 137th " " | K.22.B.0.5 | | |
| 138th " " | K.20.D.1.9 | | |
| 8" Battery. | K.22.D.0.8 | | |
| 9.2" " | K.22.B.3.5 | | |

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APPENDIX



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|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <u>1st Aust. D.A.C.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | | J.33.B.7.7 |
| No.1 Section. | | J.27.C.8.1 |
| " 2 " | | J.27.D.1.4 |
| <u>2nd Aust. D.A.C.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | | I.30.B.7.7 |
| No.1 Section. | | J.25.B.4.3 |
| " 2 " | | J.25.D.3.7 |
| <u>D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div.</u> | | I.13.D.60.05 |
| <u>A.R.Point.</u> | | J.18.C.30.20 |
| <u>No.1 Coy. Div. Train.</u> | | J.22.A.10.10 |
| <u>Clean Clothing Store.</u> | <u>BUIRE.</u> | J.28.C.2.1 |
| <u>Div. Baths.</u> | J.24.A.9.3 & | J.34.A.1.8 |
| <u>Corps Camouflage Dump.</u> | | P.23.A.9.4 |
| <u>11/22 O.M.W.</u> | <u>CATELET.</u> | P.8.B. |

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Lieut.

Reconnaissance Officer, 1st Aust.Div.Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Location Statement as at mid-night - 17th September 1918.1st Aust. Div. Arty. Hdqrs. J.16.A.8.3Reference Map. Sheet 620 1/40,000

| GROUP. | BRIGADE. | Battery Position. | |
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| <u>Right Group - Headquarters.</u> | | L.26.C.4.8 | Lt. Col. E.T.DEAN D.S.O. |
| <u>1st Aust. F.A. Bde.</u> | | | |
| Headquarters. | | K.27.A.50.85 | Lt. Col. E.T.DEAN D.S.O. |
| 1st Battery. | | K.30.A.50.50 | |
| 2nd Battery. | | K.23.B.60.50. | |
| 3rd Battery. | | K.23.B.70.90 | |
| 101st Battery. | | K.30.A.40.60 | |
| <u>2nd F.A. Bde (Aust).</u> | | | |
| Headquarters. | | K.27.A.30.85. | Lt.Col. D.H.MOORE D.S.O |
| 4th Battery. | | K.35.B.50.50. | |
| 5th Battery. | | K.29.C.50.50. | |
| 6th Battery. | | K.29.C.50.70. | |
| 102nd Battery. | | K.29.D.20.40. | |
| <u>Right Sub-Group.</u> | | | |
| Headquarters. | | K.22.A.3.2. | Lt.Col.G.H.M. KING. |
| <u>7th F.A. Bde (Aust).</u> | | | C.M.G., D.S.O. |
| Headquarters. | | K.22.A.3.2. | |
| 25th Battery. (3 guns) | | K.29.B.00.38. | |
| 25th Battery. (3 guns) | | K.29.B.20.39. | |
| 26th Battery. | | K.23.C.80.60. | |
| 27th Battery. | | K.23.D.50.50. | |
| 107th Battery. | | K.24.D.50.00. | |
| <u>8th Aust F.A. Bde H.Q.</u> | | | |
| Headquarters. | | K.25.C. | Major S.G. ROWE. D.S.O. |
| 29th Battery. | | K.36.B.50.90. | |
| 30th Battery. | | L.25.C.20.10. | |
| 31st Battery. | | K.36.B.35.40. | |
| 108th Battery. | | K.36.B.70.55. | |
| <u>Left Group.</u> | | | |
| Headquarters. | | K.12.D.3.0. | Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON. |
| <u>3rd Aust (Army) F.A. Bde.</u> | | | C.M.G. |
| Headquarters. | | K.27.A.4.8. | Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON. |
| 7th Battery. | | K.17.D.00.85. | C.M.G. |
| 8th Battery. | | K.23.C.50.20. | |
| 9th Battery. | | K.23.B.20.00. | |
| 103rd Battery. | | K.23.C.8.8. | |
| <u>5th Army Bde. R.F.A.</u> | | | |
| Headquarters. | | J.29.A.50.80. | |
| 81st Battery. | | K.11.C.67.04. | |
| 64th Battery. | | K.12.A.52.09. | |
| 73rd Battery. | | K.17.B.67.85. | |
| D/5. Battery. | | K.17.C.42.48. | |
| <u>Left Sub-Group.</u> | | | |
| Headquarters. | | K.26.A.30.75. | Lt.Col. H.W. RIGGALL |
| <u>4th Aust F.A. Bde.</u> | | | D.S.O. |
| Headquarters. | | K.14.D.35.70. | Lt.Col. C.A. CALLAGHAN. |
| 10th Battery. | | K.11.C.40.40. | D.S.O. |
| 11th Battery. | | K.12.D.06.69. | |
| 12th Battery. | | K.12.D.10.85. | |
| 104th Battery. | | K.12.A.50.40. | |

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| <u>Left Sub-Group.</u> | <u>5th Aust F.A. Ede H.Q.</u> | K.26.A.30.75. | Lt.Col. H.W.RIGGALL |
| | 13th Battery. | K.29.A.40.50. | D.S.O. |
| | 14th Battery. | K.23.A.40.95. | |
| | 15th Battery. | K.17.A.60.80. | |
| | 105th Battery. | K.23.A.20.60. | |

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| <u>63th Bde. R.G.A., H.Q.,</u> | J.34.B.3.4. | Lt.Col.C.W.SWINTON |
| | | D.S.O. |
| 148th Siege Battery | 6" How. 6 guns. | K.16.B.25.90. |
| 168th Siege Battery | 6" " 6 " | K.16.B.55.20 - K.12.D.15.50 |
| 211th Siege Battery | 6" " 4 " | K.10.B.1.2 - K.12.A.6.7. |
| 25th Siege Battery. | 8" " 6 " | K.15.A.4.0.. |

Attached. "A" Hun Battery 10.5. C.M. Guns. 3. moving into line manned by V/Aust. H.T.M.Bty.

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| <u>1st Aust. D.A.C.</u> | J.33.B.Central. |
| Headquarters. | J.27.C.8.1. |
| No.1.Section. | J.27.D.1.4. |
| No.2.Section. | |

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| <u>2nd Aust. D.A.C.</u> | I.30.B.7.7. |
| Headquarters. | J.25.B.4.3. |
| No.1.Section. | J.25.D.3.7. |
| No.2.Section. | |

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| <u>3rd Aust D.A.C.</u> | J.31.A.50.00. |
| Headquarters | |

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| <u>5th(Army)Bde. B.A.C., R.F.A.</u> | J.29.A.30.80. |
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| <u>3rd (A) Bde. B.A.C., A.F.A.</u> | J.22.D.2.2. |
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| <u>D.T.M.O., 1st Aust Div.</u> | I.13.D.80.05. |
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| <u>A.R.Point.</u> | K.20.B.Central. |
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| <u>No.1.Coy. Div. Train.</u> | J.22.A.10.10. |
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| <u>Clean Clothing Store. BUIRE.</u> | J.28.C.2.1. |
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| <u>Div. baths.</u> | J.24.A.9.3. & J.34.A.1.8. |
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| <u>Corps Camouflage Dump.</u> | P.23.A.9.4. |
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| <u>11/22 O.M.W.</u> | <u>CATELET</u> | P.8.B. |
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Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer 1st Aust Div Art.

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LOCATION STATEMENT as at 12 noon 19th September 1918.

1st Australian Divisional Artillery - Headquarters - J.16.A.8.3.
C.H.A. Brig-General S.M. ANDERSON DSO

Right Group - Headquarters. L.26.D.50.50 Lt.Col. E.T. DEAN DSO

1st Aust. F.A. Bde.

Headquarters. L.26.D.50.50 Lt.Col. E.T. DEAN DSO
1st Battery. L.20.C.45.98
2nd " L.20.A.70.30
3rd " L.15.A.19.10
101st " L.21.B.60.90

2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.

Headquarters. K.29.D.1.4. Lt.Col. D.H. MOORE DSO
4th Battery. L.26.B.00.40
5th " L.16.C.30.20
6th " L.21.B.93.88
102nd " L.27.A.50.30

Right Sub-Group - Headquarters. L.20.D.50.40 Lt.Col. G.H.M. KING
CMG - DSO

7th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Headquarters. L.20.D.50.40 Lt.Col. G.H.M. KING CMG -
DSO
25th Battery. L.14.D.20.10
26th " L.17.C.90.50
27th " L.14.D.70.50
107th " L.21.B.20.70

8th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Headquarters. L.21.B.65.75 Major S.G. ROWE DSO
29th Battery. L.22.A.10.50
30th " L.21.C.80.40
31st " L.16.C.20.70
108th " L.21.B.40.50

Left Group - Headquarters. L.10.A.2.5 Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON
CMG

3rd (Army) Bde. A.F.A.

Headquarters. L.10.A.2.5 Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON CMG
7th Battery. L.10.C.7.2
8th " L.10.C.8.8
9th " L.15.A.3.2
103rd " L.10.C.2.0

5th (Army) Bde. R.F.A.

Headquarters. L.14.A.5.2
73rd Battery. L.14.A.5.3
64th " L.14.D.5.5
81st " L.14.C.6.5
D/S L.14.C.6.8

Left Sub-Group - Headquarters. L.8.A.05.88 Lt.Col. H.W. RIGGALL
DSO

4th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Headquarters. L.1.C.50.15 Lt.Col. G.A. CALLAGHAN DSO
10th Battery. L.3.A.5.5
11th " L.8.B.7.2
12th " L.4.D.10.05
104th " L.4.C.3.2

Left Sub-Group. (Cont'd)

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| 5th Aust. F.A. Bde. Headquarters. | L.8.A.05.88 | Lt. Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO |
| 13th Battery. | L.2.D.2.2 | |
| 14th " | L.9.B.5.8 | |
| 15th " | L.8.B.25.35 | |
| 105th " | L.10.A. Central. | |
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| 68th Brigade P.G.A. Headquarters. | K.20.B.3.2 | Lt. Col. C.W. SINTON DSO |
| 114th Siege Battery. | 6" How. 6 | K.16.B.25.90 (6 |
| 168th " " | 6" How. 6 | K.12.D.1.7. (6 |
| 211th " " | 6" How. 4 | K.12.A.3.7 (4 |
| 25th " " | 8" " MK VII 6 | K.15.A.4.0 (6 |
| 1st Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters. | | K.20.C. Central. |
| No.1 Section. | | K.20.C. Central. |
| No.2 " | | K.26.A. Central. |
| 2nd Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters. | | |
| No.1 Section. | <i>K.13.D.9.8</i> | <i>K.15.A</i> |
| No.2 " | <i>K.14.A.3.9</i> | |
| | <i>K.14.D.5.9</i> | |
| 3rd Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters. | | J.12.B.2.0 |
| No.1 Section. | | J.17.B.40.30 |
| No.2 " | | J.34.B.4.0 |
| 3rd Army Bde. B.A.C. A.F.A. | | J.27.A.5.5 |
| 5th Army Bde. B.A.C. R.F.A. | | J.29.A.3.8 |
| D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div. | | I.13.D.80.05 |
| A.R.P. | | K.20.B. Central |
| No.1 Co. Div. Train. | | J.22.A.1.1. |
| Clean Clothing Store. BUIRE. | | J.28.C.2.1 |
| Div. Baths - Officer. | | J.24.A.9.3 |
| Corps Camouflage Dump. | | P.23.A.9.4 |
| 11/22 Com. W. CATELET. | | P.8.B. |
| Mobile Vet. Section. Advanced post. | | J.33.C.2.9 |

[Signature]
Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

20/9/1918

LOCATION STATEMENT as at 12 noon 20th September 1918.

 1st Australian Divisional Artillery - Headquarters - J.16.A.8.3
 G.R.A. Brig.General S.M. ANDERSON DSO.

Right Group - Headquarters. L.26.C.50.70 Lt.Col E.T.DEAN
 DSO

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| | <u>Battery Position.</u> | <u>Wagon Lines.</u> |
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| <u>1st Aust. F.A. Brigade.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | L.26.C.50.70 | K.24.C.80.50 |
| 1st Battery. | L.16.A.20.35 | K.22.C.10.30 |
| 2nd Battery. | L.21.B.05.25 | L.23.B.70.87 |
| 3rd Battery. | L.15.A.19.10 | L.19.C.90.40 |
| 101st Battery. | L.21.B.63.91 | K.21.C.90.40 |
| <u>2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | L.27.C.20.90 | K.29.D.10.40 |
| 4th Battery. | L.27.A.53.23 | J.22.C.8.8 |
| 5th Battery. | L.16.C.30.30 | K.28.B.40.30 |
| 6th Battery. | L.21.B.90.80 | K.28.C.60.80 |
| 102nd Battery. | L.17.C.40.45 | K.35.A.40.50 |
| <u>Right-Sub Group - Headquarters.</u> | L.20.D.50.40. | Lt.Col. G.H.M.KING CMG |
| <u>7th Aust. F.A. Bde.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | L.20.D.50.40 | K.23.D.30.30 |
| 25th Battery. | L.21.A.70.10 | K.24.D.5.0 |
| 26th Battery. | L.17.C.9.5 | K.24.C.50.70 |
| 27th Battery. | L.14.D.70.50 | K.19.C.50.30 |
| 107th Battery. | L.21.B.20.70 | K.23.D.40.40 |
| <u>8th Aust. F.A. Bde.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | L.21.B.65.75 | |
| 29th Battery. | L.22.A.10.50 | |
| 30th Battery. | L.21.C.50.40 | |
| 31st Battery. | L.16.C.20.70 | |
| 108th Battery. | L.21.B.45.60 | |

 Left Group - Headquarters. L.10.A.2.5 Lt.Col.G.I.
 STEVENSON CMG

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| <u>3rd (Army) Bde. A.F.A.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | L.10.A.2.5 | Lt.Col. G.I. STEVENSON |
| 7th Battery. | L.10.C.7.2 | CMG |
| 8th Battery. | L.10.C.8.8 | |
| 9th Battery. | L.15.A.3.2 | |
| 103rd Battery. | L.10.C.2.0 | |
| <u>5th Army Bde. R.F.A.</u> | | |
| Headquarters. | L.14.A.5.2 | |
| 73rd Battery. | L.14.A.5.3 | |
| 64th Battery. | L.14.D.5.5 | |
| 81st Battery. | L.14.C.6.5 | |
| D/5 Battery. | L.14.C.6.8 | |
| B.A.C. | K.20.D.2.6. | |

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Left Sub-Group - Headquarters. L.8.A.05.88 Lt. Col. H. W. RIGGALL
Battery Position DSO

4th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Headquarters.

L.1.C.50.15 Lt. Col.

10th Battery. L.3.D.55

G. A. CALLAGHAN DSO

11th Battery. L.8.B.7.2

12th Battery.

L.4.D.10.05

104th Battery.

L.4.C.3.2

5th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Headquarters.

L.8.A.05.88 Lt. Col. H. W. RIGGALL

13th Battery.

L.2.D.2.2

DSO

14th Battery.

L.9.B.5.8

15th Battery.

L.8.B.25.35

105th Battery.

L.10.A. Central.

68th Bde. R.G.A.

Headquarters.

K.20.B.3.2 Lt. Col. C. W. SWINTON

114th Siege Battery. 6" How. 6

L.11.D.6.8 (6) DSO

168th " " 6" " 6

K.12.D.15.45 (3)

214th " " 6" " 4

K.12.A.3.7 (4)

25th " MK VII 8" " 2

K.5.A.4.0 (2)

L.4.C.1.0. (4)

1st Aust. D.A.C. No.1 Section.

Headquarters,

K.20.C. Central.

No.2 "

K.20.C. Central.

K.26.A. Central.

2nd Aust. D.A.C. No.1 Section.

Headquarters.

K.13.A.9.8

No.2 "

K.14.A.3.9

K.14.D.5.9

3rd Aust. D.A.C. No.1 Section.

Headquarters.

J.12.B.2.0

No.2 Section.

J.17.B.40.30

J.34.B.4.0

3rd Army bde. B.A.C. A.F.A.

J.27.A.5.5

5th Army Bde. B.A.C. R.F.A.

J.29.A.3.8

D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div.

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A.R. Point.

K.29.B. Central.

No.1 Coy. Div. Train.

J.22.A.1.1.

Clean Clothing Store. BUIRE.

J.29. . C.2.1

Div. Baths Officer.

J.24.A.9.3

Corps Camouflage Dump.

P.23.A.9.4

11/22 C.M.W. CATLET.

P.8.b.

mobile Vet. Section. Advance post.

J.33.C.2.9

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 12 noon 22nd September 1918.

1st Australian Divisional Artillery - Headquarters. J.16.A.8.3
C.R.A. Brig.General. S.M. ANDERSON DSO.

RIGHT GROUP - Headquarters. L.26.C.50.70 Lt.Col. E.T.DEAN ISO.

1st Aust. F.A. Brigade.

| | <u>Battery Position.</u> | <u>Wagon Lines.</u> |
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| Headquarters. | L.26.C.50.70 | K.24.C.80.50 |
| 1st Battery. | L.16.A.20.35 | K.22.C.1.3 |
| 2nd Battery. | L.21.B.05.65 | L.23.B.70.87 |
| 3rd Battery. | L.17.C.70.20 | L.19.C.9.4 |
| 101st Battery. | L.21.B.63.91 | K.21.C.90.40 |

2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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| Headquarters. | L.27.C.20.90 | K.29.D.10.40 |
| 4th Battery. | L.27.A.53.23 | K.27.D.5.4 |
| 5th Battery. | L.16.C.30.20 | K.27.C.1.1 |
| 6th Battery. | L.21.B.90.80 | K.28.B.8.3 |
| 102nd Battery. | L.17.C.40.45 | K.35.A.40.50 |

Right Sub-Group - Headquarters. L.20.D.50.40 Lt.Col. G.H.M.KING CMG DSO

7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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| Headquarters. | L.20.D.50.40 | K.23.D.30.30 |
| 25th Battery. | L.21.A.70.10 | K.24.D.5.0 |
| 26th Battery. | L.17.C.9.5 | K.24.C.50.70 |
| 27th Battery. | L.14.D.70.50 | K.19.C.50.30 |
| 107th Battery. | L.21.B.20.70 | K.23.D.40.40 |

8th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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| Headquarters. | L.21.B.65.75 | L.21.B.00.50 |
| 29th Battery. | L.22.A.10.50 | L.19.D.00.30 |
| 30th Battery. | L.21.C.50.40 | K.28.A.50.80 |
| 31st Battery. | L.16.C.20.70 | K.32.D.90.00 |
| 108th Battery. | L.21.B.45.60 | K.30.A.00.70 |

LEFT GROUP - Headquarters. L.10.A.2.5 Lt.Col. G.I.STEVENSON CMG

3rd (Army) Brigade A.F.A.

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| Headquarters. | L.10.A.2.5 | <u>Lt.Col. G.I.STEVENSON</u> |
| 7th Battery. | L.10.C.7.2 | <u>CMG</u> |
| 8th Battery. | L.10.C.8.8 | |
| 9th Battery. | L.15.A.3.2 | |
| 103rd Battery. | L.10.C.2.0 | |

Left Sub-Group - Headquarters. L.8.A.05.88 Lt.Col. H.W.RIGGALL DSO

4th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

| | <u>Lt.Col. CALLAGHAN DSO.</u> | |
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| Headquarters. | L.9.C.50.90 | K.10.D.3.6 |
| 10th Battery. | L.3.D.6.3 | K.14.D.4.7 |
| 11th Battery. | L.8.B.7.7 | K.12.C.8.8 |
| 12th Battery. | L.10.A.8.8 | K.12.A.6.6 |
| 104th Battery. | L.4.C.3.2 | K.11.A.5.4 |
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| | L.4.C.90.88 | |

5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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| Headquarters. | L.8.A.05.88 | <u>Lt.Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO.</u> |
| 13th Battery. | L.2.D.2.2 | |
| 14th Battery. | L.9.B.5.8 | |
| 15th Battery. | L.8.B.25.35 | |
| 105th Battery. | L.10.A.0ntral. | |

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68th Brigade R.G.A.

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| Headquarters. | K.20.B.3.2 | Lt. Col. C.W. SWINTON DSO |
| 114th Siege Battery. | 6" How. 6 | L.11.D.3.8 (6) |
| 168th " " | 6" " 6 | K.12.D.15.45 (6) |
| 211th " " | 6" " 4 | K.12.A.6.7 (4) |
| 25th " " | 8" " 2 | K.15.A.4.0 (2) |
| MK VII. | 4 | L.4.C.1.0 (4) |

1st Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. K.20.C. Central.
 No.1 Section. K.20.C. Central.
 No.2 : K.28.A. Central.
 SAA : K.20.B.3.6

2nd Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. K.13.A.9.8
 No.1 Section. K.14.A.3.9
 No.2 " K.14.D.5.9

3rd Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. J.12.B.2.0
 No.1 Section. J.17.B.40.30
 No.2 " J.34.B.4.0

3rd Army Brigade BAC AFA. J.27.A.5.5

D.F.M.O. 1st Aust. Div. I.13.D.80.05

A.R.Point. K.29.B. Central.

No.1 Coy. Divisional Train. J.22.A.1.1

Clean Clothing Store. BUIRE. J.20.C.2.1

Divisional Baths Officer. J.24.A.9.3

Corps Camouflage Dump. P.23.A.9.4

11/22 O.M.W. GATELET. P.8.B.

mobile Vet. Section. Advanced post. J.33.C.2.9

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

25/9/1918.

Location Statement as at noon 25th Sept. 1918.

First Australian Div. Arty. Headquarters. J.1.A.80.30

Reference map Sheet 62 0 1/40,000.

C.R.A. - Brig. General S.M. ANDERSON D.S.O.

Right GROUP - covering Right Btn. 59th American Inf. Brigade.Headquarters. L.26.C.50.70 Lt-Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O. - Commanding.

| | Battery. | Wagon Lines. |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st. F.A. Bdo. | L.26.C.50.70 | K.24.C.8.5 |
| Headquarters. | L.16.A.20.35 | K.22.C.1.3 |
| 1st. Battery. | L.21.B.05.65 | L.23.B.70.87 |
| 2nd " | L.17.C.70.20 | L.19.C.90.40 |
| 3rd " | L.21.B.63.91 | K.21.C.90.40 |
| 101st " | | |

| | Lt-Col. D.H. MOORE D.S.O. | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 2nd F.A. Brigade. | L.27.C.20.90 | K.29.D.10.40 |
| Headquarters | L.27.A.53.23 | K.27.D.50.40 |
| 4th Battery | L.16.C.30.20 | K.27.C.10.10 |
| 5th " | L.21.B.90.80 | K.28.B.80.80 |
| 6th " | L.17.C.40.45 | K.35.A.40.50 |
| 102nd " | | |

RIGHT SUB GROUP HEADQUARTERS. L.20.D.5.4

| | Lt-Col. H. CORNES D.S.O. | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 84th Army Brigade R.F.A. | L.20.D.5.4 | K.23.D.3.3 |
| Headquarters. | L.21.A.7.1 | K.24.D.5.6 |
| A Battery. | L.17.C.9.5 | K.24.C.5.7 |
| B Battery. | L.14.D.7.5 | K.19.C.5.3 |
| C Battery. | L.21.B.2.7 | K.23.D.4.4 |
| D Battery. | | |
| B.A.C. | | |

| 150th Army Brigade R.F.A. | L.21.B.65.75 | L.21.B.00.50 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Headquarters. | L.22.A.10.50 | L.19.D.00.30 |
| A Battery. | L.21.G.8.4 | K.28.A.50.80 |
| B " | L.16.C.2.7 | K.32.D.90.00 |
| C " | L.21.B.45.60 | K.30.A.00.70 |
| D " | | |
| B.A.C. | | |

LEFT GROUP. covering Left Btn. 59th American Inf. Brigade.Headquarters. L.10.A.2.5 Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O.

| 12th Army Brigade R.F.A. | L.10.A.2.5 | K.21.C.2.3 |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Headquarters. | L.10.G.7.2 | L.13.B.6.8 |
| 45th Battery. | L.10.C.7.6 | K.29.B.1.3 |
| 46th " | L.15.A.9.0 | K.21.B.9.9 |
| 47th " | L.16.A.3.0 | K.23.D.7.4 |
| 112th " | K.22.C.80.50 | |
| B.A.C. | | |

| | Lt-Col. H.P. BURNYEAT. | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 65th Army brigade R.F.A. | L.14.C.2.8 | K.21.B.3.0 |
| Headquarters. | L.14.B.07.38 | K.23.D.2.6 |
| A Battery. | L.10.D.10.28 | K.23.C.5.5 |
| B " | L.14.C.65.55 | K.22.B.5.2 |
| C " | L.14.C.82.82 | K.22.D.7.6 |
| D " | K.20.D.2.7 | K.21.B.4.0 |
| B.A.C. | | |

P.T.O.

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LEFT SUB GROUP HEADQUARTERS. L.S.A.05 : Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O.

4th Aust. F.A. Brigade. Lt-Col. CALLAGHAN D.S.O.
 Headquarters L.9.C.5.9 K.10.D.3.6
 10th Battery L.3.D.6.3 K.14.D.4.7
 11th " L.8.B.7.7 K.12.O.8.8
 12th " L.10.A.8.3 K.12.A.6.6
 104th " 4 Hows - L.4.O.3.2 K.11.A.5.4
 2 " - L.14.A.22.15

5th Aust. F.A. Brigade. Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O.
 Headquarters L.8.A.05.88 K.11.C.4.7
 13th Battery L.2.D.2.2 K.20.C.6.5
 14th " L.3.D.30.73 J.30.A.2.4
 15th " L.16.B.16.81 J.30.D.80.99
 105th " L.10.A.24.01 K.15.Central.

Headquarters. 59th American Infantry Brigade L.26.C.4.7
 " Infantry Regiment in Line. L.10.A.2.4
 " Right Battalion in Line. G.7.D.3.7
 " Left " " " L.5.D.6.6

68th Brigade R.G.A. Lt-Col. C.W. SWINTON D.S.O.

Headquarters. K.11.B.3.5
 114th Siege Battery 6" How. 6 L.11.D.6.8 (6)
 168th " " 6" " 6 K.12.D.15.45 (6)
 211th " " 6" " 4 K.12.A.6.7 (4)
 25th " " 8" " 2 K.15.A.4.0 (2)
 MK VII. 4 L.4.O.1.0 (4)

1st Aust D.A.C. - Headquarters. K.20.C.Central.
 No. 1 Section. K.20.C.Central.
 No. 2 " K.26.A.Central.
 SAA K.20.B.3.6

2nd Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. K.13.A.9.8
 No. 1 Section. K.14.A.3.9
 No. 2 " K.14.D.5.9

3rd Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. J.12.B.2.0
 No. 1 Section. J.17.B.40.30
 No. 2 " J.34.B.4.0

D.T.M.O., 1st Aust. Div. K.16.C.3.4

Advanced A.R.P. K.17.A.50.25

Coar A.R.P. K.20.B.Central.

No. 1 Co. Divisional Train. J.22.A.1.1

Corps Camouflage Dump. P.23.A.9.4

11/22 O.M.W. CATELET. P.S.B.

[Signature]
 Recon. Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty. Lieut.

SECRET.26/9/1918.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.Amendment to Location Statement dated 25th September 1918.65th Army Brigade R.F.A.

Lt-Col. H.P. BURNYEAT.

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Headquarters. | L.13.D.95.45 | K.21.A.1.2 |
| 465th battery. | L.14.C.60.00 | K.16.D.5.0 |
| 466th " | L.14.A.70.20 | K.22.D.5.5 |
| 504th " | L.14.B.07.30 | K.22.B.5.2 |
| 505th " | L.14.C.60.00 | K.16.D.2.3 |
| B. A. C. | K.20.B.4.5 | |

93rd Brigade R.G.A. (Affiliated to A Division Artillery).LT-COL. H.C. MOULTRIE D.S.O.

K.11.A.9.9

| | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|---|------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 35 Hvy Bty. | 60-pdr. | 6 | R.14.C.7.2 | {6} | A/ Major H. McMORPHY MC. |
| 2/1 Lowland Bty. | 60-pdr. | 6 | L.13.B.3.7 | {6} | A/ Major A. GAYER. |
| 231 Sgo. Bty. | 6" How. | 6 | R.1.B.1.6 | {6} | A/ Major J. PERRIN MC. |
| 232 Sgo. Bty. | 6" How. | 6 | L.14.C.6.5 | {6} | A/ Major J.L. ORR. |
| 215 Sgo. Bty. | 8" Hmk.VI. | 6 | R.14.C.4.1 | {6} | Major J.H. JOHNSON DSO. |
| 124 Sgo. Bty. | 9.2" Hmk.11. | 6 | L.19.B.3.4 | {6} | A/Maj. J.E.W. WHEATLEY MC. |

84th Army Brigade R.F.A. - B.A.C. K.23.D.6.3150th Army Brigade R.F.A. - B.A.C. K.20.D.5.42nd Battery Waggon Lines. L.23.B.70.87.*W. H. Harry*

Lieut.

Reconn. Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

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LEFT SUB GROUP HEADQUARTERS. L.8.A.05.88 Lt.-Col H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O.

4th Aust. F.A. brigade. Lt-Col CALLAGHAN D.S.O.
 Headquarters. L.9.C.5.9 K.10.D.3.6
 10th battery. L.5.A.36.40 K.14.D.4.7
 11th " L.5.A.63.64 K.12.C.8.8
 12th " L.5.A.37.54 K.12.A.6.6
 104th " L.5.B.40.30 K.11.A.5.4

5th Aust. F.A. brigade. Lt.-Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O.
 Headquarters. L.8.A.05.88 K.11.C.4.7
 13th battery. L.5.D.60.75 K.20.C.6.5
 14th " L.5.A.48.98 J.30.A.2.4
 15th " L.5.A.55.80 J.30.D.80.99
 105th " L.5.B.32.50 K.15. Central.

headquarters 59th American Infantry Brigade L.28.C.4.7
 " Infantry Regiment in Line L.10.A.2.4
 " Right Battalion in Line G.7.D.3.7
 " Left " " " L.5.D.6.6

93rd brigade R.G.A. Lt.-Col. C.W. SWINTON D.S.O. *H.C. Moultrie DSO*
 35 Hvy Bty. 60.pdr. 6 R.14.C.7.2 } A/major E. McMORPHY M.C.
 2/1 Lowland Mb. 60-pdr- 6 L.13.B.3.7 } A/major A. GAYER.
 231 Sge Bty. 6" How. 6 R.1.B.1.6 } A/major J. PERRIN M.C.
 232 Sge Bty. 6" How. 6 L.14.C.6.5 } A/major J.L. ORR.
 215 Sge Bty. 8" Hmk.VI. 6 R.14.C.4.1 } major J.H. JOHNSON D.S.O.
 124 Sge Bty. 9.2" Hmk.11. 6 L.19.b.3.4 } A/major J.E.W. WHEATLEY MC.

1st Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. K.20.C. Central.
 No. 1 Section. K.20.C. Central.
 No. 2 Section. K.26.A. Central.
 SAA. K.20.B.3.6
 2nd Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. K.13.A.9.8
 No. 1 Section. K.14.A.3.9
 No. 2 Section. K.14.D.5.9
 3rd Aust. D.A.C. - Headquarters. J.12.B.2.0
 No. 1 Section. J.17.B.40.30
 No. 2 Section. J.34.B.4.0
 D.T.M.B., 1st Aust. Div. K.16.C.1.4
 Advanced A.R.P. K.17.A.50.25
 Rear A.R.P. K.20.B. Central.
 No. 1 Co. Divisional Train. J.22.A.1.1.
 Corps Camouflage Dump. P.23 A.9.4
 11/22 O.M.W. OATELET. P.8.B.

W. Strong
 Lieut.
 Recon. Officer, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.

6th (Army) Brigade A.F.A.
 Headquarters. L.23.A.50.00
 16th Battery. L.23.D.50.50
 17th " L.23.D.35.45
 18th " L.23.C.15.80
 106th " L.23.D.30.40
 B. A. C.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.1st October 1918.Location Statement as at midnight 1st October 1918.

First Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters. K.11.C.50.80

reference map Sheet 62 0 1/40,000.

C.R.A. - Brig. General S.M. ANDERSON D.S.O.

1st Aust. F.A. brigade.Headquarters.
1st battery.
2nd battery.
3rd battery.
101st battery.Waggon Lines.K.24.C.8.5
K.22.C.1.3
K.23.B.70.87
L.19.C.90.40
K.21.C.90.402nd Aust. F.A. brigade.Headquarters.
4th battery.
5th battery.
6th battery.
102nd battery.K.29.D.10.40
K.27.D.50.40
K.27.C.10.10
K.28.B.80.30
K.35.A. .50

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150th Army brigade R.F.A.Headquarters.
A battery.
B battery.
C battery.
D battery.
B.A.C.L.21.B.00.50
L.19.D.00.30
K.28.A.50.80
K.32.D.90.00
K.30.A.00.70
K.20.D.5.41st Aust. D.A.C.Headquarters.
No. 1 section.
No. 2 section.
S.A.A.K.20.C. Central.
K.20.C. Central.
K.28.A. Central.
K.20.B.3.62nd Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters.

K.13.A.9.8

3rd Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters.

E.22.D.1.2

4th Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters.

E.27.D.0.2

5th Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters.

F.26.C. -

D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div.

K.16.C.6.4

Advanced A.R.P.

K.17.A.50.25

Rear A.R.P.

K.20.B. Central.

No. 1 Co. Divisional Train.

J.22.A.1.1

Corps Camouflage Dump.

P.23.A.9.4

11/22 O.M.W.

CATELET.

P.8.B.

W. H. Murray / Lieut.
Reconn. Officer. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

1-10-1918. 7

REPORT ON RECONNAISSANCE OF LANES CUT BY ARTILLERY
FIRE IN WIRE OF HINDENBURG LINE ON "A" DIVISION
SECTOR AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

1-10-18

On the morning of ~~1-10-18~~ I reconnoitred the extensive belts of wire in front of the complicated system of trenches forming the Hindenburg Line running just West of BELLICOURT and extending from East and West Grid Line through A.27.Central down to G.16.B.

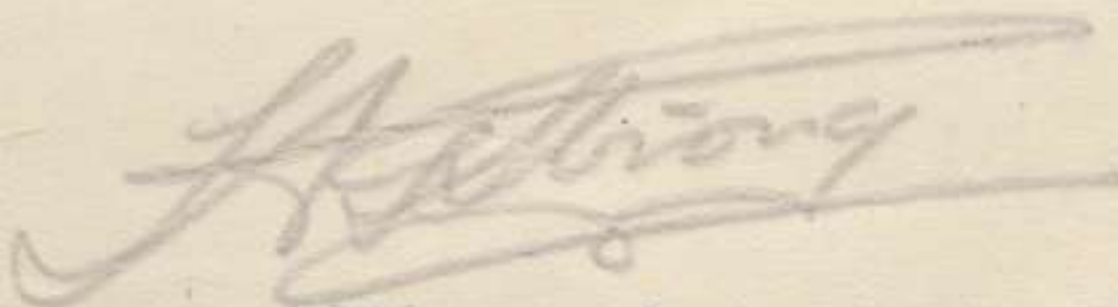
In nearly all instances I found that M.P.I. had been established well in the centre of the belts of wire and the rectangle of the series fired on these M.P.I.'s had cut considerable lanes varying from 6 to 10 feet in width.

In some lanes strands of wire were still intact, but others were so well cut that I was able to ride a horse right through, which I did at G.3.C.30.25., G.3.A.20.30. and G.9.D.3.2.

At A.27.C.0.0. the M.P.I. had not been established on the wire and the series fired was short of the main belt.

I do not think any of the other lanes could have presented the slightest difficulty to the advancing Infantry.

During a conversation with the G.O.C. 30th. American Division on my return, he stated that he had not received a single account of any difficulty his Brigades had had in crossing the wire, and as far as he could ascertain they had done so without a hitch.


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

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From Liaison Officer with the 3rd Battalion
120th Regiment 30th American Division.
29th - 30th September.

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On the morning of the 29th September all the troops of the 3rd Battalion were reported in position on the tapes by 4.30 A.M. A tank officer reported 4 heavy tanks in position ~~at~~ behind the ridge in G 20 a.s.s about the same time. No sound of the approach of the tanks could be heard even in the support line. The enemy was very quiet indeed and no shelling took place on the 3rd Battalion sector until our barrage started. The whole barrage line was well clear of our men. The German SOS. in reply to our barrage was feeble consisting as far as I could see chiefly of 4.2 hours mixed with a few 77s. No gas was used on the 3rd Batt. sector. Our barrage remained for 4 mins on the start line, thus enabling the German SOS to fall before our men got off the tapes. There were a few casualties in the first hundred yards.

The smoke was very dense and when the infantry had gone a few hundred yards they were right out of sight. Very little information ~~could~~ was obtainable. No messages were sent back but by questioning wounded I ascertained, in succession that the Canal had been passed, that considerable opposition had been encountered, that the infantry were keeping well up to the barrage, that Bellecourt had been taken. Then ~~some~~ persistent rumours came back that machine guns were firing from the canal. I could get no ~~real~~ definite information about that. So I went down Bruyere Ravine nearly to the canal and was satisfied that no machine guns were firing from within 1000 yards of the canal although a few spent

bullets were falling and there was considerable noise
coming from the direction of Narroy. I saw ¹⁰⁸
a considerable number of dead in **APPENDIX**
the wire in G 9 C and D. I examined several ¹²³
saw that most of the casualties were caused by
machine gun or rifle bullets. The casualties
~~to~~ were heavy up to this stage but most cases
were slight. The number of dead in proportion
to wounded ~~was~~ was very small. One
Company commander ^{of the two attacking companies} was killed and ~~the~~ other wounded
at this position, this appears to have disorganized
matters considerably. The 117th Regiment which
was in support to the 120th Regiment also got
confused with the 120th Regiment very early.
Almost every wounded man stated that the
~~most~~ majority of the casualties were caused
by getting into our own barrage.
It appears that the tanks did not catch up
to the infantry until the infantry had reached
the head of the canal, but they did good work
in Bellecourt and later in Narroy.
When the 120th Regiment got to about the
~~G 11 a + b~~ N + S grid line between G 10 and G 11
the 5th Australian Division past them. According
to all information available the Americans
had by that time stopped. Considerable
opposition was encountered from the Narroy line.
~~is~~ There were numerous heavy machine
guns captured here. About 6 P.M. there
were so many conflicting reports that I
went to see where the 3rd Battalion were
and found them in communication trenches in
G 10 C and D and G 11 A and C. These troops
stated they were the front front line, and asked
for an S.O.S. barrage. I did not think that
probable and went up towards Narroy, in
the outskirts of which town I found some
men of the 8th Australian Brigade who
stated they were ~~what~~ holding the Green
Line and the whole of Narroy. The Americans
persistently maintained that they were being

11 fired on by machine guns from Narroy but J124
made sure that they the trouble was only spent
bullets coming over Narroy from the vicinity
of Estres.

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Hostile artillery fire was very light throughout
Bellecourt and later Narroy were shelled
considerably, also the area between those
towns. The guns firing were chiefly 77.
with ~~one~~ a few 4.2 hows. One 4.2 H.V.
gun fired at times on the road in G15a+b
The trenches of the Hindenburg Line were
shelled lightly at intervals.

During the night and early morning of the 30:
the battalions reorganized and occupied
defensive positions on both sides of the canal.
At 8 A.M. on the 30: I went to see exactly
what the position was. I walked through
Bellecourt and then south on the east bank
of the canal to about La Bagaque, then
east up the ridge to where some RFA
18 pr batteries were in action, they stated
that they were firing due east at a range
of about 2000 yards. I then walked ^{across} to country to
cross road in G18a 2.2. and along the road
to about G18a 7.8 where I met men of
the 8: Aust. Brigade. They stated that
they had been in that position all night.
They were then pushing forward on the
right to keep in touch with the division
on the right, and they expected to advance
all along the line as soon as the
left flank came up. They were under
considerable machine gun fire. I
then walked to about G12c central, but
seeing no one in front turned back
and went round the rear of Narroy
to G6c central where I found some men
5: Div Infantry who stated that they

11 were only waiting for the left to come
up to advance. There was heavy machine
gun fire coming from the left at the same time. I could see that the ridge between a.6 central
and Cabaret Wood Farm was held by our
troops. I then returned via Bellecourt.

In that piece of country I saw only an
occasional dead American and no dead
Australians, ~~but~~ ~~not~~ and very few dead
Germans. There were numbers of captured
machine guns, rifles and SAA dumps ~~in~~
west of Narroy, also numerous newly dug
~~the~~ trenches and posts. There was a
complete 77 gun captured at G. 18 a 1.9. and a
5.9 how with one wheel shot off at G. 16 f. 05.30.
and large quantities of 77, 4.2, 5.9 + 8" C
ammunition in Bellecourt and along the
Canal.

The wire throughout was very well cut. Complete
gaps existed every 50 yards or so up to
the Narroy line. This is exclusive of
the tank routes.

I saw numbers of horses and transport ~~wagons~~
wagons destroyed by our fire along the roads,
many ~~having been~~ dead a considerable
time and still unburied.

Two prisoners told me that the effects of
our gas bombardment ~~was~~ ~~to~~ two nights
before was terrible. Many men had
been gassed before they got on their masks
not realising the shells were gas.

They also said that our long range guns
did a great deal of damage on the roads.
The Americans state the smoke barrage greatly
interfered with ~~the~~ them.

17 Oct. 1918.

A. N. Lewis Lt. 3rd Bty

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WAR DIARY REPORT FOR 18TH SEPTEMBER 1918.

18/9/18. Today the First Australian Division has the LEFT Division of the AUSTRALIAN CORPS attacked the enemies defensive system in front of the HINDENBURG LINE.

The Objectives and boundaries were as shown on attached Barrage Map.

The Eight Field Artillery Brigades supporting the 1st. Australian Division were detailed in War Diary report for 15/9/1918. Zero hour 5.20 am.

One of the outstanding difficulties of the initial preparation for this Operation, was that owing to the enemy still being in possession of such commanding features as LE VERQUIER - TEMPLEUX LE GARRARD and the spur running through L.15.A and B, and L.9.C, it was impossible to site all Batteries sufficiently far forward to enable them to carry out the whole of the barrage, without them coming under direct enemy observation.

It was therefore necessary that twenty batteries should be moved forward at some period during the progress of the barrage.

This was carried out as follows :-

Brigade Commanders with 1 subaltern per Battery moved forward as soon as the attack was launched to areas already indicated by Group Commanders and reconnoitred positions for these Batteries in the vicinity of the Artillery Start Line. The positions were to be occupied by the twenty batteries detailed, during the "Halt Period" of 1 hour 10 minutes after the attainment of the first objective.

As soon as positions were selected as above mounted orderlies were sent back to the Battery Waggon lines to guide up ammunition waggons, barrage tables and lines of fire laid out and thus ~~ammunition~~ ammunition was available at these positions by the time batteries arrived,

Despite the limited time of 1 hour 10 minutes available for this procedure all batteries were in action in these positions (necessitating an average move forward of yards) in time to continue the barrage from the Protective Barrage to the "Halt Line" to its final phase.

At 5.29 am, the C.O. of the Right Group, Lt-Col, DEAN D.S.O. reported the attack was progressing satisfactorily and Infantry reported our initial barrage was good. The enemy took 15 to 20 minutes to reply and then only put a light and very ragged barrage along our forward system. Communication to the Left Group was for some time broken up by shell fire, and C.W. Wireless were only through to 7th and 8th F.A. Brigades of Right Groups.

The Fourth Division on our right reported at 7.15 am. that their Infantry were on their first objective (Brown Line) and 35 minutes later 1st Division G. stated all was going well and our troops well past TEMPLEUX and confirmed reports that enemies retaliation to our barrage was light.

7.50 am, report was now received from the 74th Division Artillery (Imp.) (on our left flank) that they had received a message from one of their F.O.Os (time 7.30 am.) to the effect that their Infantry had gained their first objective and were progressing well.

A further message from 1st, F.A. Brigade at 8.28 am. stated the Right Battalion of the Right Brigade had got well ahead but had sustained heavy casualties, those of the Left Battalion being light.

By this time (8.28 am.) first of our batteries were moving forward. At 8.45 am. the Left Brigade had established themselves on the first objective and in touch with the 74th Division on their left. An F.O.O. of the Right Sub Group reported he was at L.22.C.9.9. (Sheet 62 C.) and was pushing forward, L.22.B. and D. were being lightly shelled. The 6th and 8th Batteries were already in their new positions. The 1st Brigade advised at 9.25 am. that the following Batteries were in action in new positions near JEANCOURT and all in time for the continuation of the barrage after the 17 minutes stay on the Protective Barrage to the First Objective. 70

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|--------------|----|---|
| 1st. Battery | at | |
| 2nd Battery | at | |
| 4th | " | " |
| 6th | " | " |
| 27th | " | " |
| 108th | " | " |

The second barrage was also reported to be very satisfactory and at 10.40 am. the Right Battalion, Right Brigade were on the Blue (Exploitation) Line.

The 3rd (Army) Brigade A.F.A. (Left Group) advised that all batteries that had to move forward had now (10.30 am.) established themselves in their new positions and all in time for the continuation of the second part of the barrage from the Protector to the First Objective. Lt-Col. NELLIGAN (10th Battery on Right of Right Brigade) reported that they had definitely gained the Blue Line and the 1st F.A. Brigade stated they were arranging their S.O.S. lines East of this line. (600 yards)

A report was received from 3rd (Army) Brigade A.F.A. (Left Group) at 12.10 pm to the effect that the 1st Infantry Brigade were not quite on the final Blue Line but commanded the whole of this line from where they were i.e. from 250 to 300 yards East of the Red Line.

The Artillery casualties throughout the operation were very light. Up to 1.30 pm. the whole of the four Brigades of the Right Group had only had two guns put out of action, four other ranks slightly wounded and about half a dozen horses wounded. The Left Group were less fortunate sustaining about 30 casualties. By this time all batteries of this Group were consolidated in their new positions with 200 rounds per gun.

Batteries which had remained in action during the Halt on the Protective Barrage to the Infantry Halt line were moved forward as soon as the final barrage to the Second Objective had ceased, and all Brigades were then in accordance with instructions from the C.R.A. disposed in depth at ranges varying between 2500 to 5000 yards from the line the Infantry were consolidating which now runs :- G.20.A.9.6 - G.14.A.6.0 - G.8.C.5.0 - G.8.C.5.5 along trench to G.1.D.9.0 - G.1.D.6.5 thence along MINNOW TRENCH to A.25.D.2.0. This line was in touch with both flanking divisions i.e. :- ~~the~~ 74th Division and 4th Aust. Division.

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PERSONNEL.
STATEMENT SHOWING STRENGTH & WASTAGE. *Sept. 1918*

| Date. | Strength. | | Joined. | | Gone. | | Wounded | | Sick. | | Transf. | |
|----------|-----------|------|---------|------|-------|------|---------|------|-------|------|---------|------|
| | Off. | O.R. | OFF. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Sept. 1. | 93 | 2421 | 1 | 2 | | | | 3 | | 6 | 1 | - |
| " 2. | 94 | 2426 | 2 | 11 | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| " 3 | 94 | 2422 | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| " 4 | 94 | 2420 | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| " 5 | 93 | 2420 | | 4 | | 2 | | | | 2 | | |
| " 6 | 93 | 2428 | | 10 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | - |
| " 7 | 93 | 2427 | 2 | 4 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 8 | 93 | 2415 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| " 9 | 94 | 2415 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 10 | 1 | 4 |
| " 10 | 96 | 2415 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| " 11 | 96 | 2415 | | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 12 | 96 | 2413 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| " 13 | 96 | 2414 | | 2 | | | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| " 14 | 95 | 2406 | | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| " 15 | 92 | 2346 | | 2 | | | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| " 16 | 92 | 2343 | | 4 | | | 4 | | | 4 | 3 | 56 |
| " 17 | 89 | 2328 | | 5 | | | | | | 3 | | 5 |
| " 18 | 88 | 2323 | | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 9 | | |
| " 19 | 86 | 2322 | | 4 | 2 | - | 1 | | | 5 | | |
| " 20 | 86 | 2325 | | 7 | | 1 | 4 | | | 1 | | |
| " 21 | 86 | 2327 | 3 | 20 | | 1 | 7 | | | 3 | | |
| " 22 | 80 | 2214 | | 2 | | 2 | | | | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| " 23 | 79 | 2141 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 6 | 6 | 108 |
| " 24 | 79 | 2137 | | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 70 |
| " 25 | 79 | 2135 | | 3 | | | | | | 4 | | 3 |
| " 26 | 78 | 2138 | | 15 | | 3 | 1 | | | 4 | | |
| " 27 | 78 | 2136 | | 4 | | | 1 | 4 | | 5 | | |
| " 28 | 79 | 2132 | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | | 3 | | 1 |
| " 29 | 79 | 2139 | 1 | 11 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | |
| " 30 | 78 | 2153 | | 22 | | 1 | 1 | 5 | | 2 | | |
| | | | 16 | 150 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 43 | 1 | 100 | 21 | 267 |

Of the above transfers 3 Officers 10 Other ranks were within the Divisional Artillery.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

STATEMENT SHOWING STRENGTH AND WASTAGE OF ANIMALS.

| Date. | Strength. | | | Received. | | | Gone. | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----|------|-----------|-----|-----|---------|---|----|--------|---|----|--------------|----|---|----|
| | Hs. | Ms. | Tl. | Hs. | Ms. | Tl. | Killed. | | | M.V.S. | | | Lost of tran | | | |
| Sept 1 | 1202 | 677 | 1879 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 2 | 1197 | 677 | 1874 | | | | | | | | 5 | | 5 | | | |
| " 3 | 1233 | 695 | 1928 | 36 | 18 | 54 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 4 | 1233 | 695 | 1928 | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | |
| " 5 | 1231 | 695 | 1926 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 2 |
| " 6 | 1229 | 695 | 1924 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| " 8 | 1225 | 695 | 1920 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | | |
| " 9 | 1225 | 695 | 1920 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 10 | 1225 | 696 | 1921 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | 1 | - | 1 |
| " 11 | 1223 | 699 | 1922 | | 3 | 3 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | |
| " 12 | 1221 | 699 | 1920 | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | |
| " 13 | 1221 | 699 | 1920 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 14 | 1221 | 699 | 1920 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 15 | 1220 | 698 | 1918 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 16 | 1239 | 716 | 1955 | 20 | 18 | 38 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 17 | 1243 | 717 | 1960 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| " 18 | 1242 | 716 | 1958 | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| " 19 | 1238 | 715 | 1953 | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| " 20 | 1234 | 707 | 1941 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| " 21 | 1233 | 707 | 1940 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| " 22 | 1233 | 707 | 1940 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 23 | 1232 | 707 | 1939 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 24 | 1232 | 707 | 1939 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " 25 | 1226 | 706 | 1932 | | | | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| " 26 | 1225 | 706 | 1931 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 27 | 1218 | 706 | 1924 | | | | 6 | | 6 | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| " 28 | 1212 | 706 | 1918 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 3 | | 3 |
| " 29 | 1208 | 704 | 1912 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | | 1 |
| " 30 | 1208 | 704 | 1912 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 68 | 42 | 110 | 21 | 4 | 25 | 23 | 3 | 26 | 21 | 10 | | 31 |

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STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

| September 12 | "A" | "AX" | "AS" | "BX" | "BS" | "ABB" | "TMG" |
|---------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| S eptember 12 | 3198 | 2070 | | 641 | | | |
| " " 13 | 140 | 100 | | 180 | | | |
| " " 14 | 711 | 704 | | 350 | | | |
| " " 15 | 804 | 696 | | 349 | | | |
| " " 16 | 920 | 851 | | 230 | | | |
| " " 17 | 651 | 718 | | 224 | | | |
| " " 18 | 24846 | 22419 | 2588 | 14652 | 927 | | |
| " " 19 | 6158 | 5879 | 136 | 2686 | 10 | | |
| " " 20 | 8563 | 7686 | | 4394 | | | |
| " " 21 | 8678 | 8289 | 850 | 5361 | 244 | | |
| " " 22 | 2873 | 2449 | 70 | 1138 | | | |
| " " 23 | 2348 | 1961 | 20 | 878 | | | |
| " " 24 | 1906 | 1586 | 9 | 815 | | | 27 |
| " " 25 | 9932 | 7830 | | 4008 | | | |
| " " 26 | 4484 | 3586 | | 1630 | | | 85 |
| " " 27 | 1202 | 3855 | | 563 | | 6687 | |
| " " 28 | 4874 | 4059 | | 3832 | | 39 | 188 |
| " " 29 | 25744 | 20842 | 3910 | 8113 | | | 414 |
| " " 29 | 7908 | 6394 | 4592 | 4439 | 1143 | | |
| " " 30 | 20 | 30 | | 10 | | | |

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