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	<u>SEPTEMBER 1917.</u>				
CAESTRE.	1st		The distribution of 4th Aus. Div. Artillery at this date is as follows :- Div Art. H.Q. in rest at <u>CAESTRE</u> . 10th and 11th Aus. F.A. Brigades in rest around <u>STEENWERK</u> and <u>BAILLEUL</u> . 4th Aus. D.A.C. in rest T 1 d 40 90 near <u>DRANOUTRE</u> . Trench Mortar Batteries in rest at <u>DESEULE</u> Camp.		
	2nd		Lieut. J.H. ASHER 11th Aus. F.A. Bde. Killed) Captain D.O.L. KITTO do Wounded) By aeroplane bomb in <u>BAILLEUL</u> . Lieut. D.A.F. GRAY. do ")		
	5th		4th Aus. Div. Artillery less Trench Mortars marched into <u>CAESTRE</u> area. C.R.A. inspected on route.		4th Aus. D.A. Order 89.
	8th		Brigade and Battery Commanders make a reconnaissance of Battery Positions previous to relief of 113th and 236th Brigades R.F.A. Trench Mortar Batteries marched into <u>CAESTRE</u> .		4th Aus. D.A. Order 90 2nd Aus. D.A. Warning Order No. 30.
	9th	8 am	10th Aus. F.A. Brigade marched to Wagon Lines H 34 a 15 50, Sheet 28. 11th " " " " " " " " G 24 b 60 80 " 28.		
	9th		4th Australian Divisional Artillery came under command of C.R.A., 2nd Aus. Division for all tactical purposes		
CAESTRE	9th				
	10th		10th and 11th Aus. F.A. Brigades commence relief of 113th and 236th Brigades R.F.A. This relief completed, night 10/11th.		2nd Aus. D.A. Orders 30, and 31.
	10th		Half of 4th Aus. D.A.C. marched to Wagon lines in G 20 b and a. Sheet 28, remainder marched up on 11th. Relief of 47th D.A.C.		4th Aus. D.A. Order 91.

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RENING- HELST.	11th		4th Aus. D.A. Headquarters marched to RENINGHELST. Lieut. A.H.CATES, 11th Aus. F.A. Brigade. Killed. Major P.J.ROSS. 11th " " " Wounded G.S.W. Slight.			
	13th		4th Aus. Div. Trench Mortar Batteries marched to SCOTTISH LINES G 28 b. Sheet 28.			4th Aus. D.A. Order 91.
	20th		Lieut. E. TAIT 10th Aus. F.A. Brigade Killed. Lieut. J.M.HIRST 10th " " " Killed.			
	23rd		T/Major A.A.EVANS 110th How. Battery Evacuated (Shell shock).			
SMYTH CAMP.	24th		4th Aus. D. Artillery H.Q. moved to SMYTH CAMP, H 21 d (sheet 28). Relieved 2nd Aus. D.A.E.Q. at 10 a.m.			
	25th		Lieut. T.A. HESTER. Wounded.			

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	25th Sept '17.	2.17 p.m.	VOL. XX	"D" Group reports smoke barrage on our front line.	
		2.20		Ordered to sweep up Boche assembly positions and keep up slow rate of fire on S.O.S. line over Divisional Front.	
		2.22		G.O.C.R.A. informed. Division 'G' informed.	
		2.35		"C" Group reports smoke barrage caused by a smoke bomb dump going up. G.O.C.R.A. informed. 'G' informed. "D" Group ordered to stop firing.	
				F.O.Os. for operations :- "C" Group - Lieuts. JACKSON (38th Bty) & THOMPSON (42nd) "D" Group - " McI. HEATH & MICHAEL.	
		10.50	"D" Group	Enemy have damaged corduroy road between BIRR Cross Roads and 14th Battery. Can arrangements be made to repair ? C.R.E. informed. Corps job. R.A. 1st ANZAC. informed and asked to see C.E..	
		11.4		R.A. 1st ANZAC. states that this road will be put in order to-night.	
		11.15		R.A. Sigs. reports all buried cables forward of WESTHOEK blown out. Groups advised, given plans for maintenance, but advised that F.O.Os. may have to be thrown on their own resources to a certain extent.	
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	26th Sept.	6.10 a.m.	"D" Group	At 6.7 a.m. no shelling on our Sector.	
		6.35 a.m.	"D" "	Liaison Officer reports a good start. Very little shelling. None on Battery positions. A little between front and support line. Visibility bad.	
		6.40 a.m.	"C" "	Very little hostile shelling. "Cannot see much. No shelling on Batteries".	
		6.42 a.m.	"D" "	6.35 a.m. prisoners coming in.	
			"D" " (Liaison)	Strong Point J 3 b 3 3 captured with 2 M.G. and prisoners.	
		7.30	"C"	Message timed 6.35 a.m.. Runner off 53rd Battalion passed and reports 53rd Battalion has gained objective on Left and are now at the BUTTE. Casualties, slight.	
		7.40	"5th D.A.	RED LINE taken and consolidating. About 100 prisoners taken.	
		7.45	"D"	Liaison Officer 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. reports 4th Inf. Bde. on RED LINE and in touch with 5th Division but not in touch with 13th Brigade. Not known where 13th Brigade is.	
					7.55 a.m.....

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	26th Sept. 1917.	7.55 a.m.	"D" Liaison Officer	TOKIO and Ridge <u>D 28 a ? ?</u> and RED LINE in 13th Bde's. hands. Casualties, slight.	
		7.56		G.O.C. stated 4th Inf. Bde. had RED LINE.	
		8 a.m.		5th D.A. informed we have the RED LINE. They state both their Brigades are up but situation still obscure on their Right.	
		8.5		3rd D.A. informed. They state that they have too.	
		8.15	"D" Group	F.O.O. established near TOKIO. All goes well. Casualties very slight. Prisoners still coming in.	
		8.34	"D" Liaison	Lieut.-Col. SHELLSHEAR reports 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. in touch both flanks.	
		9.51		"G" reports pigeon message from Lieut. JACKA (Left Battalion, 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.) in BLUE LINE and in touch with Battalions on Right and Left.	
		8.55		G.O.C. R.A. informed, also Groups.	
		9.12	R.O. 1st ANZAC.	4.5s. shooting short in J 3 c 8 8. Groups informed.	
		9.25	"C"	Liaison Officer reports contact on Left is good. Our people can be seen moving through POLYGON WOOD. Visibility becoming better.	

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2x55	26th Sept. 1917	9.45 a.m.	"C" Group	Liaison states our Right Battalion is not in BLUE LINE and is suffering from enfilade fire from REMUS WOOD direction. Group ordered to put 2 18-pr. Batteries on JONAH Trench J 4 b and 28 d. G.O.C. R.A. informed.	
		10		"C" Group reminded of block houses on enemy map at J 4 b 7 5 and suggested that it might help if Batteries on that point were quickened up a bit.	
		10.10	"C" Liaison Officer	Right Battalion Right Infantry Brigade reports in BLUE LINE all right.	
		10.35	"C" F.O.O.	4.2s and 5.9s. shelling from D 23 Central or forward Infantry. Passed about on to C.B. Group.	
		11.20	L.O. "C" Group.	Infantry reported to be consolidating 100 yards E. of Road in J 4 b, Post at J 4 b 4 5. Group told to put barrage 400 yards E. of BLUE LINE.	
		11.27		5th D.A. consulted and arranged to join up with them for S.O.S. at J 5 c 0 9. "C" Group informed.	
		11.25		"G" have message by amplifier. Enemy massing for counter attack along ridge. Groups informed.	
		11.55	"D" Group	Liaison Officer asks for S.O.S. line to be 400 yards E. of BLUE LINE.	
				12 noon,.....	

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	26th Sept 1917.	12 noon		G.O.C. reports S.O.S. on Left of 5th Division. Group spoken to and were already firing with flank Batteries. They were ordered also to turn on to their Southern Howitzer Task.	
		12.1 p.m.	To 3rd D.A.	S.O.S. Line co-ordinated at D 28 a 8 7.	
		12.6	5th D.A.	S.O.S. on 14th Bde. front. Enemy reported massing on our front. "C" Group informed and are now firing 2 18-pr. Batteries and 1 4.5" How..	
		12.15		G F call. 20 Fan J 5 c 1 7. Passed to "C" Group and 5th D.A..	
		12.35	G.O.C.R.A.	Gas shell bombardment of D 29 b 0 8 and D 30 c 2015 for 12.30 p.m.. 300 rounds on each point. The former allotted to "D" Group and the latter to "C" Group. Ordered to shoot a rapid rate at first, then slow, then rapid, etc..	
		12.35	Aeroplane	J 5 c 1 7 M O K	
		1.40	R.A. 1st ANZAC.	R.O. 1st ANZAC. Heavies report Boches massing in D 29 a and D 29 c 9 2. Time 1.25 p.m.. Groups informed.	
		1.55	"C" Group	Reports in communication with F.O.O. at J 4 b 4950 by visual. Firing Test B.O.S. at 2 p.m..	
		2.32	"C" Group	Reports firing on G F call 500 Infantry J 12 a 8 2.	2.50.....

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	26th Sept. 1917.	2.50 p.m.	3rd D.A.	Report Boches in open order D. 28 c. Group informed but doubts thrown on map reference.	
		2.56	Counter Batteries	Much enemy movement D 28 b 8 5. Groups informed.	
		3.25	"C" Group	S.O.S. on Right Inf. Bde. front.	
			"D" Group	Signs of enemy massing on their front. Do not want us to open. Reported to G.O.C. R.A., 'G', and 5th Aus. D.A..	
		4.4 p.m.	"C" Group	Counter attack completely smashed and enemy much demoralised. General BRAND congratulates. 'G', G.O.C. R.A. and 5th Aus. D.A. informed.	
			"D" Group	In reply to query. "D" Group state no shelling on their front and enemy seems somewhat demoralised.	
			Major T.W. Garling 27 th Battery Evacuated (gassed)		

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	26th Sept. 1917.	4.55 p.m.		S.O.S. line given to ANZAC. Heavies and nearest posts to it.	
		5.50 p.m.	H.A.	Enemy advancing down BROODESINDE Ride towards ZONNEBEKE in 3 waves. "D" Group informed and ordered to pass on to neighbours.	
		6.13	"C" Group	S.O.S. on 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. front. Brigadier requested S.O.S. line brought in 100 yards. Group has done so. 'G' informed. Did not want Heavies. G.O.C. R.A. informed.	
		6.50	H.A.	F.O.O. reports our troops retiring "down the ridge" on left of Railway.	
		6.55	"C" Group	S.O.S. repeated on their front.	
			C.R.A. at "D" Group	States S.O.S. all along line.	
		6.56	To H.A.	Heavies asked to fire.	
		7.5	"D" Group	Reports No. S.O.S. on their Sector.	
		7.30		Report ceased firing. H.A. informed.	
		8.30	"C" Group	S.O.S. on 13th Inf. Bde. front.	
		9.15		All quiet on 13th Bde. front.	

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C. M. Rate
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Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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	27th Sept. 1917	4.55 p.m.	"D" Group	F.O.O. reports " Batches of enemy coming down the slope from PAASCHEHENDAELE through D 12 a - 11 d and c where they seem to get into a trench." R.A. 1st ANZAC. informed and asked to pass on.	
		6.45 p.m.	"D" Group	S.O.S. on "D" Group front.	
		6.45 p.m.	"B" Group	Heavy barrage behind our front line: no other information from Infantry Brigade. Counter Batteries asked to take on.	
		7 p.m.	5th D.A.	S.O.S. along whole 5th Div. front.	
		7.4 p.m.	"D" Group	States all wires cut to front and heavy smoke, cannot see what is happening. "C" Group ordered to fire an S.O.S..	
		7.4 p.m.	H.A.	By order of G.O.C., asked Heavy Artillery to fire for 20 minutes.	
		7.30 p.m.	"D" Group	13th Aus. Inf. Bde. ask for slackened rate. "G" informed.	
			"C" Group	Have been asked to stop. 5th D.A. consulted and "C" Group told to keep flank 18-pr. Battery and Southern How. task on at slow rate.	
		10.55 p.m.	"C" Group	S.O.S. on 4th Inf. Bde. front. "G" and H.A. informed.	
		11.5 p.m.	"C" Group	Report closing down their fire. "G" and H.A. informed.	

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Brigade-Major,
4th Aus. Div. Artillery.

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"SMYTHE CAMP"	27th Sept. 1917			<p>M.C. Lieut. A.W. ANDERSON/ 37th Battery) Wounded G.S.W.. " W. GREENE 37th ") G.S.W..</p>																																																																																							
	30th Sept. 1917			<p>Captain G.W. HALL 45th Battery Wounded (Slight) Remaining on duty.</p> <p><u>HONORS & AWARDS :-</u></p> <p>The following HONORS and REWARDS have been received during month of September by the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery :-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No.</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Unit</th> <th>Decoration</th> <th>Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>E.C. KING</td> <td>11th Aus. F.A. Bde.</td> <td>MILITARY CROSS</td> <td>A.I.F. List 237</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4819</td> <td>Corpl.</td> <td>C.J. MOYNIHAN</td> <td>10th " " "</td> <td>MILITARY MEDAL</td> <td>2nd Aus. Div. R.O. 766</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1954A</td> <td>"</td> <td>C.B. BRIAN</td> <td>10th " " "</td> <td>" "</td> <td>" " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3509</td> <td>"</td> <td>A.J. CLENNETT</td> <td>10th " " "</td> <td>" "</td> <td>" " " "</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>CONGRATULATORY :-</u></p> <p>Lieuts. F.F. FLORANCE, 39th Battery, and Lieut. H.R. SHALDERS, 43rd Battery were congratulated by the G.O.C. 1st ANZAC. for valuable services during the battle of MENIN ROAD, vide 1st ANZAC. R.O. No. 404A of 28/9/17.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES DURING SEPTEMBER 1917</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Unit</th> <th colspan="3">Officers</th> <th rowspan="2">Total</th> <th colspan="3">Other ranks</th> <th rowspan="2">Total</th> <th rowspan="2">Grand Total</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Killed</th> <th>Wounded</th> <th>Missing</th> <th>Killed</th> <th>Wounded</th> <th>Missing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>37th Battery</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td>2</td> <td>30</td> <td>-</td> <td>32</td> <td>36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>38th "</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>6</td> <td>25</td> <td>-</td> <td>31</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>39th "</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> <td>10</td> <td>-</td> <td>15</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>110th How. "</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>6</td> <td>-</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Decoration	Authority		Lieut.	E.C. KING	11th Aus. F.A. Bde.	MILITARY CROSS	A.I.F. List 237	4819	Corpl.	C.J. MOYNIHAN	10th " " "	MILITARY MEDAL	2nd Aus. Div. R.O. 766	1954A	"	C.B. BRIAN	10th " " "	" "	" " " "	3509	"	A.J. CLENNETT	10th " " "	" "	" " " "	Unit	Officers			Total	Other ranks			Total	Grand Total	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Killed	Wounded	Missing	37th Battery	1	3	-	4	2	30	-	32	36	38th "	1	-	-	1	6	25	-	31	32	39th "	-	1	-	1	5	10	-	15	15	110th How. "	-	1	-	1	-	6	-	6	7	
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Unit	Officers			Total	Other ranks			Total	Grand Total
	Killed	Wounded	Missing		Killed	Wounded	Missing		
Brought Forward ...	2	4	-	6	13	71	-	84	90
41st Battery	-	2	-	2	4	20	2	26	28
42nd Battery	-	1	-	1	5	23	-	28	29
43rd Battery	-	2	-	2	2	14	-	16	18
111th How. "	-	1	-	1	1	26	-	27	28
4th Aus. T.M. Batteries	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	10
4th Aus. D.A.C.	-	-	-	-	1	27	-	28	28
TOTALS	2	10	-	12	26	191	2	219	231
37th Battery	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
111th Battery	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
	4	10	-	14	26	191	2	219	233

W. L. H. Jürgen
Brigadier-General,
C.R.A., 4th Australian Divisional

HEADQUARTERS,
1st October 1917.

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SECRET.ORDER NO. 89.HEADQUARTERS
4th September 1917.REFERENCE SHEET 1/100,000, HAZEBROUCK 5A.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will march from present positions to CAESTRE area to-morrow 5th September.
2. March Table as per overleaf.
3. Adjutants 10th, 11th Aus. F.A. Brigades and 4th D.A.C. with billeting parties will meet Staff Captain at CAESTRE Church at 8.45 a.m.
4. 200 yards between Sections and 500 yards between Batteries will be maintained throughout the march.
5. Three (3) motor lorries per Brigade will report to Head Quarters Brigade at 10 a.m. 5th instant.

Captain,
Staff Captain,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

<u>U N I T.</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STARTING POINT</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT.</u>
10th Aus. F.A. Bde.	STEENWERCK AREA	CAESTRE AREA	Cross Roads 200 yds., S.W. of L in LE VERRIER	LE VERRIER- MERRIS- STRAZELLE- CAESTRE.	9.30 a.m.
11th Aus. F.A. Bde	BILLEUL AREA.	CAESTRE AREA.	Cross roads 100 yds. South of M in MOOLENACKER.	MOOLENACKER- ROUGE-CROIX- CAESTRE.	9.30 a.m.
4th Aus. B.A.C.	DEANOUTRE	CAESTRE	Cross roads NEUVE- EGLISE.	NEUVE-EGLISE- RAVELSBERG- BAILLEUL- METEREN- FLETRE- CAESTRE.	9.40 a.m.

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ORDER NO. 90.

HEADQUARTERS,
7th September 1917.

REFERENCE, 2nd Aus. Div. Artillery Warning Order No. 30.

The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Group will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O., though during his absence Lieut.-Col. P.M. EDWARDS will make all necessary reconnaissance.

Brigade Commander and a senior representative from each Battery will proceed to forward area to-morrow to make reconnaissance of Battery Positions. A motor bus will be at PRADELLES CHURCH at 8.30 a.m. to convey party.

Brigades will relieve as in Para. 9 Warning Order No. 30.

10th Aus. F.A. Brigade	relieve	113th Brigade R.F.A.
11th Aus. F.A. Brigade	"	236th Brigade R.F.A.

Batteries relieve in order of numerical seniority.
Brigades acknowledge by wire.

Robert F. White

Captain,
Staff Captain,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued to :-

Copy No.	
1 - 5	10th Aus. F.A. Brigade.
6 - 10	11th " "
11	4th Aus. D.A.C.
12	4th " D.T.M.O.

Copies to (for inf.)

13	4th Aus. Div. "G".
14	R.A., 1st ANZAC.
15-16	War Diary.
17	File.
18	C.R.A.

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ORDER No. 91.

HEADQUARTERS,
8th September 1917.

REFERENCE SHEET HAZEBROUCK 5A., 1/100,000 and Sheet 28 - 1/400,000.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve Artillery in the line vide 2nd D.A. Orders No. 30 and 31.
2. Adjutant 4th Aus. D.A.C., will meet Adjutant 47th D.A.C., at their Headquarters (G 20 b 1.1.) 10 a.m. tomorrow 9th inst

D.T.M.O., 4th Australian Division will meet D.T.M.O., 47th Division at 47th D.A. Headquarters (G 28 a 9.0.) 10 a.m. tomorrow 9th instant, for reconnaissance of Wagon Lines and Billets.
3. March Table attached.

200 yards between Sections, 500 yards between Batteries will be maintained.
Mid-day halt from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

2nd Line Transport will be Brigaded and March in rear, in charge of an Officer.
4. 4th Aus. D.A. Headquarters will remain as at present until further orders.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. (Brigades, D.A.C. and D.T.M.O.).

Arthur Wood

Captain, for Bde Major
Staff Captain,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued to :-

Copy No.	
1 - 5	10th Aus. F.A.Bde.
6 - 10	11th " " "
11 - 14	4th Aus. D.A.C.
15	4th Aus. D.T.M.O.

Copies to (for inf.)

16	4th Aus. Div. "G".	22.	A.D.M.S.
17	R.A., 1st ANZAC.	23.	S.S.O.
18	2nd Aus. D.A.	24.	C.R.A.
19	14th A.A.S.Coy.	25.	File
20	D.A.D.O.S.	26- 27.	War Diary.
21	A.D.V.S.		

M A R C H T A B L E.

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	STARTING POINT	ROUTE	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT	REMARKS
9th Sept.	10th Aus. F.A. Bde. (1 Sect. per Bty.)	BORRE	Wagon Lines H 34 a 36	CAESTRE CHURCH	CAESTRE-EECKE-STEENVOORDE	8 a.m.	
9th	11th Aus. F.A. Bde (1 Sect. per Bty)	PRADELLES	Wagon Lines G 24 b 7.9.	CAESTRE CHURCH	"	8.30 a.m.	
10th	10th Aus F.A. Bde (remainder of 1de)	BORRE	As for 9th. instant.	CAESTRE CHURCH	"	8 a.m.	
10th	11th Aus. F.A. Bde (remainder of 1de).	PRADELLES	As for 9th instant.	CAESTRE CHURCH	"	9 a.m.	
10th	4th Aus. D.A.C. (half of each Sect.)	PRADELLES AREA.	Wagon Lines G 20 b and 21 a	CAESTRE CHURCH	"	10 a.m.	
11th	4th D.A.C. (half of each Sect)	PRADELLES AREA.	Wagon Lines	CAESTRE CHURCH	"	8 a.m.	
13th	4th Aus. Div. T.M.	CAESTRE	Billets in G 28 b.	T.M. PARADE GROUND.	"	9 a.m.	D.A.C. will detail 10 G.S. Wagons to report to D.T.M.O. on night of 12th instant.

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ORDER NO. 92

HEADQUARTERS,
23rd September 1917.

Reference Sheet 28, 1/40,000.

1. 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters will move on 24th September to H 21 d 6 2.
2. This Office will close at RENINGHELST at 10 a.m., 24th September and re-open on arrival at the new Headquarters.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE ~~by~~.
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Normal distribution.

C. M. Bates

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ORDER NO. 93

HEADQUARTERS,
25th Soptembor 1917.

1. On "K" day, 26th September, the 1st ANZAC Corps in conjunction with the Corps on Right and Left will continue the operations against the PASSCHENDAELE Ridge.
2. 4th Australian Divisional Order No. 80 of the 25th September has been issued to all Brigades Australian Field Artillery.
3. Zero hour will be notified later.
4. 4th Australian D.A. Instructions Nos. 9, 10 and 11, dealing with the timing, lifts, and rates of fire of Barrage, Communications and Liaison with Infantry, the General methods of attack, guns at the disposal of the Divisional Commander during the Barrage, and the answering of aeroplane wireless calls have been issued, as have also Barrage Maps shewing the protective Barrages and the 2 objectives.
5. 4.5" Howitzer Batteries will each retain not less than 500 rounds Special shell for tasks which may be given them on "K" day.
6. Special Heavy and Siege Batteries are being detailed to keep under fire during the advance and consolidation localities in which it is known that the enemy is likely to assemble for counter attacks and the Routes forward from those points.
7. (a). After the cessation of the Barrage at Zero plus 327 minutes the Infantry are pushing out patrols 200 to 250 yards in advance of the BLUE line.
(b) Consideration must be given to the best methods of supporting the patrols in the event of the Infantry being ordered to exploit their success further.
8. The S.O.S. line for the Divisional Artillery after the attack is laid down in 4th Australian D.A. Instructions No.12.
It must be understood that this line is liable to alteration Eastwards either on orders from this office or at the request of Liaison officers with Infantry Brigades or by the Group Commanders on information received from F.O.Os.
Any changes thus made will be communicated at once to Groups on flanks and to D.A.Headquarters.
The S.O.S. Barrage line is not to be brought further west without orders from D.A.Headquarters.
9. From the above it will be seen of what vital importance it is that F.O.Os should get back the very earliest information of the Map locations of the Line held by the Infantry.

10. FORWARD MOVES OF BATTERIES.

No Batteries will move forward on the night "K"/"L" days, unless it is rendered necessary to carry out the better support of the Infantry as in para. 7 (b).

In this event the following Brigades would be moved and in the following order :-

- | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 11th Aus. F.A. Brigade | -- | 18-pdr Batteries. |
| 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade | -- | 18-pdr Batteries. |
| 111th Howitzer Battery. | | |
| 105th Howitzer Battery. | | |

Routes forward will be at once reconnoitred.

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APPENDIX

11. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT OBJECTIVE.

At an early date after the capture of the BLUE line, the Corps boundaries will change, the 1st ANZAC taking over as far North as the YPRES - ROULERS RAILWAY and handing over some of its Southern Area.

Positions for the 11th and 5th Aus. F.A. Brigades will be reconnoitred for in the HANNE BEKE Valley in J 2 b and d, and J 3 c.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

C. M. Bates

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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- No. 1 to 4th Aus. F.A. Bde..
- 2 " 5th " " "
- 3 " 10th " " "
- 4 " 11th " " "
- 5 " 5rd (British) Div. Arty.
- 6 " 5th Aus. Div. Arty.
- 7 " R.A. 1st ANZAC.
- 8 " H.A. " "
- 9 " 4th Aus. Div.
- 10 " 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.
- 11 " 12th " " "
- 12 " 13th " " "
- 13)
- 14) War Diary
- 15 " File
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- 18 " S.C..
- 19) Liaison Officers.
- 20)

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HEADQUARTERS,
26th September 1917

1. On a date to be notified later the Xth Corps will take over from 1st ANZAC. the line as far North as J 4 d 4 6 and the 1st ANZAC. will extend to the North as far as the YPRES - ROULERS Railway.

The Corps Boundary on the South will be the present Inter-Divisional Boundary and its continuation through J 4 d 4 6.

2. The new Inter-Divisional Boundary will be notified as soon as possible.

3. All Field Batteries will be sited East of a line running from I 6 c 8545 to J 13 a 3075 and North of the Corps Southern Boundary.

4. On the 27th and night 27th/28th September the 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade 18-pr. Batteries will move to positions in J 1 c and d, and the 41st and 43rd Batteries' rear Sections will join their Forward Sections.

On the 28th September and night 28th/29th September the 42nd Battery will move to position in J 2 c or d.

The following positions have been reconnoitred and are suggested in J 1 c and d :-

- J 1 d 4020
- J 1 d 1560
- J 1 c 9010
- J 1 c 5040

5. The O.C. "C" Group will please have J 2 thoroughly reconnoitred with a view to moving the balance of his Brigade or other Batteries into that square.

6. The O.C. "D" and "C" Groups will please report on the capacity for Battery positions in J 1 and J 2 respectively, and further state what roads or tracks they require making to render these positions available for occupation.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached. (Groups by wire).

DISTRIBUTION.

- No. 1 "C" Group.
- " 2 "D" Group.
- " 3 10th Aus. F.A. Bde.
- " 4 4th " " "
- " 5 3rd (British) B.A.
- " 6 5th Aus. D.A.)
- " 7 2nd Aus. D.A.) for inf.
- " 8 R.A. 1st ANZAC.)
- " 9 H.A. 1st ANZAC.)
- " 10 4th Aus. Div.)
- " 11 2nd Aus. D.A.C..)
- " 12 4th " ")
- 13 - 15 Diary
- 16 File
- 17 C.R.A..
- 18 - 19 S.C. & R.O..

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 7

HEADQUARTERS,
24th September 1917.

1. There will be two bombardment barrages carried out on "J" day, 25th September. Barrage "A" will be carried out throughout the Second Army Front. Barrage "B" will be a Corps barrage.

2. Diagrams of lifts and timings are attached, (Groups only).

3. The starting line for both barrages will be the 18-pr. "A" Barrage 150 yards East of the Infantry jumping off line for Attack Day (2) which is shown on attached tracing. (Infantry Brigades Artillery Groups and 4th Aus. Division only).

Any Infantry Posts East of the Infantry jumping off line are being withdrawn.

4. Zero hours for the barrages will be notified later. Barrage "A" will be in the early morning. Barrage "B" will commence 60 minutes after the completion of barrage "A".

5. 106 fuze will not be used within 500 yards of the Infantry jumping off line,

6. Estimate of ammunition and rates of fire per gun per minute will be as follows :-

	<u>18-prs.</u>	<u>4.5" How.</u>
<u>Barrage "A"</u>		
Zero to Z plus 45 min.	2	1
Zero plus 45 to zero plus 60	1	1
	--	--
Ammunition.	105	60
	===	===
<u>Barrage "B"</u>		
Zero to zero plus 18	2	1
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Ammunition	30	15.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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Normal distribution.

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery,

4th Australian Divisional Artillery,

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APPENDIX

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INSTRUCTION NO. 8

HEADQUARTERS,
24th September 1917.

The following will be the normal distribution of
4th Australian Divisional Artillery INSTRUCTIONS and ORDERS :-

"C" Group	Copies 1/9.	
"D" Group	10/18	
4th Aus. F.A. Bde.	19	
10th " " "	20	
4th Aus. Div.	21) for inf.
2nd Aus. D.A.	22	
R.A. 1st ANZAC.	23	
H.A. 1st ANZAC.	24	
5th Aus. D.A.	25	
3rd (British) D.A.	26	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	27	
12th " " "	28	
13th " " "	29	
War Diary	30/32	
File	33	
C.R.A.	34	
R.O.	35	
S.C.	36	

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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INSTRUCTION No. 9

HEADQUARTERS,
24th September 1917.

1. 2nd Army Barrage maps for Attack Day (2) have been issued to all concerned.
2. Diagrams are issued herewith showing the Lifts and Timings. (Groups only).
The diagram is made out for the guns with the greatest number of lifts, and from the map it should be noticed that the first gun to reach the RED Line Protector Barrage does so at Zero plus 23 after which this Protector is gradually built up till the last gun reaches it at Zero plus 53.
For BLUE Protector Barrage the first gun reaches it at Zero plus 116, and the last at Zero plus 132.
3. The "A" Barrage (18-prs.) will commence 150 yards East of the Infantry Jumping Off Line as shown on the Barrage map.
4. After Zero plus 132 the 18-prs. of "B" Barrage will cease firing.
After Zero plus 162 the 18-prs. of "A" Barrage will not fire between Zero plus 162 and Zero plus 192, between Zero plus 207 and Zero plus 237, and between Zero plus 252 and Zero plus 282 - finally ceasing fire unless further required at Z plus 297.
5. As it reaches each of the RED and BLUE Protector Barrages, each gun of "A" Barrage will fire 3 rounds of smoke shell in quick succession to mark its arrival on that line.
6. There will be no overlap with the Vth Corps on the Left (3rd British Division), or between Groups.
There will be an overlap of 100 yards with the 5th Australian Division on the Right.
7. 18-prs/ will fire shrapnel only within 150 yards of the Left Boundary of the Division. This will not eliminate the smoke shell mentioned in para. 5.
8. Rates of fire will be as follows (per gun per minute) :-

		<u>18-prs.</u>	<u>4.5" How.</u>
During advance	--	2	1
When Inf. are halted	--	1	1/2
Zero to zero plus 4	--	4	1
Zero plus 96 to Zero plus 100	--	4	1
9. Until reaching the RED LINE Protector Barrage all available guns will be kept in action. After that time guns will be rested as laid down in S.S. 114 (C.H.Q. Circular).
10. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

Normal distribution.

C. J. D. Bates

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 10

HEADQUARTERS,
24th September 1917.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LIAISON ON ATTACK DAY.

1. After Zero hour forward Stations are being established as laid down in S.S. 148 (FORWARD INTER-COMMUNICATION IN BATTLE) as follows :-

	<u>Right Inf. Bde.</u>	<u>Left Inf. Bde.</u>
From Cable heads at	J 9 a 4545	J 3 c 2 8
To Stations at	J 4 c 2545	J 3 b 7 6.

and after capture of BLUE Line extended to Stations at

J 4 d 1590	D 27 d 9 7.
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2. Each of these main routes will consist of three pairs, one of which is allotted to Artillery and will be connected at Cable head direct on to the Groups' pairs. No other wires are to be laid across NO MAN'S LAND until after Attack day.

3. F.O.O. parties will consist of the following, per Group :-

- 1 F.O.O. per Brigade.
- 3 Signallers per Brigade.
- 2 Linesmen per Brigade.
- Runners as required.

and the following equipment per Brigade :-

- 1 Signalling Lamp.
- 1 Signal shutter
- 1½ miles of D Twin or twisted, previously labelled with the Groups' call at frequent intervals. (Cable for this purpose already labelled is being issued from this Headquarters).

4. Each Group party will concentrate on keeping the wires going between selected O.Ps. and forward Infantry Brigade Stations and visual back to old O.Ps. on WESTHOEK. The maintenance of wires back to Cable head from Infantry Brigade Forward Station is a Signal Company matter.

5. There will be power buzzers at each of the Forward Stations, those for the RED line being moved forward to the BLUE line forward Stations during the establishment of the latter. The forward Stations will also have pigeons and Runners and visual, all of which will be at the disposal of F.O.Os. for important messages in the event of the Artillery lines not holding.

6. The following localities are probably the best for O.P. work in the new area :-

- "C" Group -- J 4 d 1 1
- "D" Group -- TOKIO FARM, D 27 d 9 7.

The former cannot be occupied till after the capture of the BLUE Line, while the latter is in the RED Line and will finally have a Brigade Forward Station near it. This Station will not be waited for but lines will be laid

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to the Station at J 3 b 7 6.

7. F.O.Os. will remember that negative information is of value and that all messages must be numbered and timed. In the BLUE Line each Infantry Brigade will have two Battalions. F.O.Os. must find out the position of Battalion Headquarters and inform the Battalions where they are stationed so that the Battalions can communicate their needs to them.

8. For visual signalling and for messages which owing to the breakdown of the Artillery wire, may have to be sent over the Infantry Lines, F.O.Os. may use the same Code as used by aeroplanes to Ground Stations for LL and GF calls, denoting living targets. Such messages will be addressed to the Group.

9. A Divisional Visual Receiving Station is being established at ZERO minus 4 hours at J 1 d 7 1. All messages for this Station will be sent as a whole three times. Answers will not be sent by this Station.

10. Arrangements are being made to bury cable forward of the present Cable heads on Attack Day.

11. Liaison Officers with the Infantry Brigades are appointed as follows :-

- 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. -- Lieut.-Col. F. O'MAHONY.
- 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. -- Lieut.-Col. S.F. SHELSHEAR

These Officers will take up their duties on the morning of the 25th instant.

12. Groups will please furnish this Office with the names of the Officers selected as F.O.Os..

13. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

Normal distribution.

C.M. Jater

Major, R.A.;
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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SECRET INSTRUCTION NO. 11

HEADQUARTERS,
24th September 1917.

METHOD OF
ATTACK

1. The attack on the RED and BLUE Lines shown on Barrago maps already issued to all concerned will be carried out by the Infantry as follows :-

	<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u>	<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u>
<u>RED Line</u>	50th Battalion	13th Battalion
<u>BLUE Line</u>	51st & 49th Btns.	14th & 15th Btns.

The Battalions for the attack on the BLUE line form up 350 yards behind our present front line at ZERO hour and pass through the 50th and 13th Battalions on the RED Line.

BARRAGE

2. The attack will take place covered by a barrage by all natures of guns and Howitzers up to 9.2", distributed in depth in the same manner as on the 20th September. During the consolidation of the RED and BLUE Lines the barrages, other than the 18-pr. (A) Barrage will search back as per diagrams already issued to Groups.

CONTROL OF
BARRAGE

3. The control of the barrage is under the Command of the G.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC..

GUNS AT
DISPOSAL OF
G.O.C.
DIVISION

4. The 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade and one 6-inch Howitzer Battery are at the disposal of the G.O.C. Division during the barrage. These Units have tasks allotted to them during the barrage. The Group Commander of "D" Group will arrange his task so that the 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade or any portion of it can be taken off his barrage line without creating gaps.

CALL FOR
ABOVE GUNS

5. Brigade Liaison Officers will report to D.A. Headquarters if the services of the above Units are required at any time during or after the barrage.

WIRELESS
CALLS

6. The 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade is detailed to answer NF and GF calls. LL calls will be taken up by all Batteries which can reach the spot: if other important work is going on, with one Section at least. In the case of the 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade "other important work" will include any special task ordered under para. 4.

GF and LL
CALLS, REPLY
TO

7. Replies to GF and LL calls will be as follows :-

<u>G F</u>	<u>L L</u>
18-prs. - 20 rds. per gun	5 minutes rapid fire.
4.5" Hows- 10 " " how.	

After an LL call guns will stand by for further calls from the aeroplanes and then either re-commence as required or return to their original tasks.

INSTRUCTION NO. 11 (Continued)COUNTER
ATTACKS

8. Group Commanders must recollect that an LL call may be the prelude to a counter-attack. Special maps are being issued showing the points from which counter-attacks may be expected and the direction of the same. Group plans for meeting counter-attacks will take those routes into consideration, the Protective Barrage being thickened in places covering them.
9. The general provisions of Instructions issued for the attack on 20th September will apply unless contradicted by instructions issued from this Office. The following Instructions have been issued by 4th Australian Divisional Artillery :-
- | | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| <u>No. 7</u> | - | Barrages on 25th September. |
| <u>No. 8</u> | - | Normal distribution of orders and Instructions. |
| <u>No. 9</u> | - | Barrage, maps and Diagram. |
| <u>No. 10</u> | - | Communications and Liaison on Attack Day. |
10. Headquarters of Divisional Artillery and Infantry Brigades will be as follows :-
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------------|
| <u>Divisional Artillery</u> | -- | H 21 d 6 2. |
| <u>4th Aus. Inf. Brigade</u> | -- | J 7 d 9 9 |
| <u>13th Aus. Inf. Brigade</u> | -- | J 1 d 7510 |
11. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. COPY NO. 32

S E C R E T

INSTRUCTION NO. 12

HEADQUARTERS,
25th September 1917.

1. Assuming that the BLUE Line has been captured on Attack Day (2) and in default of further instructions / S.O.S. Lines after Zero plus 327 will be as follows :- from this Office or Liaison Officers,

18-prs. -- 100 yards East of BLUE Line Protector Barrage.

4.5 Hows. -- "D" GROUP :-

1 Battery on road from Cross Roads D 23 c 3 5 to D 22 d 1 3.
1 Battery searching and sweeping between REMUS and ROMULUS Woods.

"C" GROUP :-

1 Battery on trench system D 29 c 9 0 to crater D 29 c 6 7.
1 Battery searching and sweeping between J 5 c 4580 and J 5 a 3 5.

2 Rates of fire will be as follows - in rounds per gun per minute :-

18-prs. - 5 minutes .. 4 rounds, then
5 minutes .. 2 rounds, then
 $\frac{1}{2}$ round until the situation is clear or the S.O.S. is repeated.

4.5 Hows. - At half the above rates.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

C.M. Jones

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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 FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. COPY NO. 31

SECRETINSTRUCTION NO. 13
 HEADQUARTERS,
 25th September 1917.

1. A bombardment Barrage over the 2nd Army Front will be carried out on "L" day, 27th September.
2. Time of commencement -- 5 a.m.
3. Timing, Lifts and distances between Barrages will be as per attached diagram (Groups only).
4. Starting line, "A" Barrage on S.O.S. Line.
5. Rates of fire per gun per minute, and estimate of ammunition per gun :-

	<u>18-pr.</u>	<u>4.5" How.</u>
Rate --	2	1
Ammunition --	66	51

6. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

C. M. Bates

Major, R.A.,
 Brigade-Major,
 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SECRETINSTRUCTION NO. 15HEADQUARTERS,
28th September 1917.

1. On the night 28th/29th September the 42nd Battery will have completed its move to position at J 2 d 5280 and the 15th and 14th Aus. F.A. Batteries will commence their move from positions at J 7 b 7 7 - 69 to positions at J 1 d 2570 and J 1 c 4 8.

2. On the night 29th/30th September the 111th How. Battery and 27th Battery will place one Section each in action in J 2 d North of the ZONNEBEKE - WESTHOEF Road, and the remaining Sections on the night 30th Sept./1st October.

3. All moves must be completed and ammunition according to 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 14, dumped by mid-night 1st/2nd October.

4. 4th Aus. Divisional Artillery Headquarters Wireless Set is allotted to "C" GROUP and will be installed in position convenient to 27th, 42nd and 111th How. Batteries under orders of the Senior Battery Commander.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

Normal distribution

C. M. Sale
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APPENDIX

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INSTRUCTION NO. 16

HEADQUARTERS,
29th September 1917.

1. The following reliefs are taking place in the Artillery of the Right Divisional front.

The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery were withdrawn on the night 28th/29th September.

The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery are taking up positions in J 7 c and d and on completion the 3rd, 6th and 12th (ARLY) Brigades, Australian Field Artillery are being withdrawn to Reserve (probably on October 1st).

The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery are moving into the line on the night Sept. 29th/30th and are taking up positions as follows :-

- J 8 c 8035
- J 8 d 5090
- J 8 c 9090
- J 8 c 6090
- J 8 b 7075
- J 8 b 6585
- J 8 d 6000
- J 8 d 5000

2. Infantry reliefs are as per 4th Aus. Divisional ORDER NO. 82.

3. Lieut.-Colonel T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O., 10th Aus. P.A. Brigade will relieve Lieut.-Colonel P.L. EDWARDS, 11th Aus. P.A. Brigade, in the Command of "C" GROUP on September 30th.

4. LIAISON :-

The Liaison Officer with the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will be relieved by a Captain to be detailed by the O.C. "C" GROUP on the 29th instant under arrangements to be made between Groups concerned.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 17

HEADQUARTERS,
29th September 1917.

INTENTION

1. The Second phase of the operations against the PASSCHENDAELE Ridge has been brought to a successful conclusion and the 2nd Army is proceeding to make a further advance co-operating with the 5th Army on the Left flank.

OBJECTIVE

2. The 1st ANZAC Corps will have as its objective the capture of the main ridge with a footing on the Eastern slopes from J 5 b 4 2 to D 23 a 8 8 (the "BLUE LINE"). The first stage in this advance will be a "RED LINE" running from J 5 a 5500 to D 22 b 5 5.

CODE DAYS

3. The days prior to the Attack Day will be known as "K", "L", "M", "N", "O", "P", "Q", etc. "K" day having been the 26th September.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT

4. The attack is being made with two Divisions in the line, that on the Right being covered by the 1st and 5th Divisional Artilleries under the C.R.A. 5th Australian Div. while that on the Left will be covered by the 2nd and 4th Australian Divisional Artilleries under the C.R.A. 2nd Aus. Division.

GROUPING

5. Grouping and general arrangements will be as for Attack Days, No. 1 and No. 2 on the 20th and 26th September.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS

6. Group Headquarters are being moved as follows :-
"C" GROUP -- to vicinity of MOMBER Crater.
"D" GROUP -- to I 12 b 2 0.

GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE FIELD ARTILLERY

7. The general distribution of the Artillery by "P"/"Q" night will be as follows :-
2nd Aus. D.A. 3 18-pr. Batteries J 1 c and d.
 3 " J 7 a and b
 1 4.5" How. Bty. J 7 b
 1 " " J 7 c

4th Aus. D.A. 2 18-pr. Batteries and 1 4.5
 in J 2 d.
 and the remainder in J 7 a, c
 and I 12 d.

NF and GF CALLS AND BRIGADE AT DISPOSAL OF G.O.C. ATTACKING DIVISION.

8. The 4th Australian Divisional Batteries in J 2 d will be detailed to answer NF and GF calls. The 4th Australian F.A. Brigade will be at the disposal of the G.O.C. attacking Division for special tasks during the barrage if required. This Brigade and the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries in J 2 d will be superimposed on their respective Groups' fronts.

AMMUNITION
9.

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AMMUNITION
9.

All Batteries have been ordered to have 1200 rounds per 18-pr. and 1000 rounds per 4.5" How. at or in vicinity of positions by "P"/"Q" midnight. The allotments for days after noon "P" day will be given later.

BOMBARDMENT BARRAGES
10.

Bombardment Barrages on similar lines as previously will commence on "P" Day.

HARASSING FIRE
11.

Harassing fire on billets and tracks is being carried out by Field Artillery for 3000 yards E. of the present front line, (on their present zones until 10 a.m. October 2nd). 10 rounds per gun or How. during the day and 20 rounds per night in bursts of fire. If bombardment barrages do not leave sufficient ammunition on the day's allotment to admit of the above, the above amounts must be reduced. 4.5" Hows. will in addition cut wire and carry out destructive shoots. The attention of Group Commanders is called to the map showing the principal tracks etc. used by the enemy. (BECELAERE, 1/10,000, dated Sept. 22nd.). After 10 a.m. October 2nd the zones will be changed as in para. 14.

SILENT BATTERIES
12.

Batteries in J 2 d will be kept as quiet as is possible and will only be used in emergency prior to attack day and during bombardment barrages.

GAS SHELL BOMBARDMENTS.
13.

Bombardments with special shell from 4.5" How. Batteries will be carried out under separate instructions to be issued.

BOUNDARIES
14

Up to 10 a.m. October 2nd the boundaries for all purposes will be as at present. After 10 a.m. on October 2nd the boundaries for the Division and Corps will be as already sent to Groups as per tracing, and will be according to the following map references :-

Division Southern Boundary -- D 30 a 0077 - D 29 a 0035
- GARTER Point J 3 a 5247.

Division Northern Boundary -- D 23 b 0 9 - D 22 a 8210,
thence along the Railway Westwards.

The Inter-Group Boundary will be
-- D 23 d 4085 - D 22 d 4520
- DRAUGHT HOUSE,
D 27 c 3054.

From 10 a.m. October 1st to 10 a.m. October 2nd the Artillery will be covering the 3rd Brigade 1st Australian Division, and one Battalion 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade, on the present Divisional front under the G.O.C. 1st Australian Division.

After 10 a.m. October 2nd the Artillery will cover the new front as above held by the 2nd Aus. Division Infantry under the G.O.C. 2nd Aus. Division.

CHANGE OF COMMAND
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INSTRUCTION NO. 17 (Continued)

CHANGE OF COMMAND
15.

Command of the 2nd and 4th Australian Divisional Artilleries will pass to the C.R.A. 2nd Aus. Division at 10 a.m., 2nd October.

16.

After the attack all Batteries now west of J 2 will be moved to positions East of WESTHOEK Ridge.
"C" GROUP is allotted J 2 c and d and 8 a North of the ZONNEBEKE - WESTHOEK Road.
"D" GROUP is allotted J 2 a and b and D 26 c, d and b South of the Railway Line.

Positions for Batteries will at once be reconnoitred and work on platforms started.
This Office will be informed as to positions selected.

17.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

- No. 1 4th Aus. F.A. Bde.
- 2 5th Aus. F.A. Bde..
- 3 10th Aus. F.A. Bde..
- 4 11th Aus. F.A. Bde..
- 5 2nd Aus. D.A.)
- 6 5th Aus. D.A.)
- 7 3rd Aus. D.A.)
- 8 R.A. 1st ANZAC.)
- 9 4th Aus. Div.) for
- 10 1st ANZAC. H.A.) inf.
- 11 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.)
- 12 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.)
- 13 File
- 14)
- 15) Diary
- 16)
- 17 S.C.
- 18 C.R.A.
- 19 R.O.
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INSTRUCTION NO. 18

HEADQUARTERS,
30th September 1917.

1. Previous orders concerning allotment for "P" day are cancelled. The following table shows allotments "P", "Q", "R" and "S" days, and amount required to be in hand on mid-night of "R"/"S" day.

	18-pr.	4.5" H.
"P" Bulk	28800	9600
Per gun	200	200
"Q" Bulk	28800	9600
Per gun	200	200
"R" Bulk	28800	9600
Per Gun	200	200
"S" Bulk	57600	19200
Per Gun	400	400
To be in hand per Gun mid-night "R"/"S" day.	960	760

2. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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- 38 -- 2nd D.A.C..

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 19

HEADQUARTERS,
30th September 1917.

- 1. The following barrages will be carried out on "P" day :-
 - P.1 Commencing at 9.30 a.m..
 - P.2 " " 8.15 p.m..

Both barrages are in conjunction with Corps on Right and Left.

- 2. The front to be covered by "C" and "D" Groups Left Divisional Artillery will be that laid down in INSTRUCTION NO. 17, para. 14, "after 10 a.m., October 2nd".

- 3. The starting line will be as follows :-

P 1 :- D 28 d 1792 - D 22 c 6 2 D 22 c 1760
 P 2 :- 300 yards East of the above.

- 4. Diagrams of barrages are attached.

- 5. Rates of fire and ammunition required, in rounds per gun per minute/are as follows :-
and rounds per gun

			<u>P. 1</u>	<u>P. 2</u>
18-prs.	--	2	84	90
4.5" Hows.	--	1	50	45

- 6. 106 fuze will not be used within 300 yards of the line in para. 3.
- 7. Batteries in J 2 will not fire.
- 8. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Normal distribution.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 20

HEADQUARTERS,
30th September 1917.

WIRELESS SETS

The following will be the distribution of Wireless
1. Sets for Attack Day (3) :-

- 4th Aus. D.A. H.Q. set in J 2 d
- 4th Aus. F.A. Bde. set to 104th How. Battery (Counter-Battery).
- 5th Aus. F.A. Bde. set to 5th Aus. F.A. Bde. ("D" Group)
- 10th " " " set to 10th Aus. F.A. Bde. ("C" Group).
- 11th " " " set to "C" Group for 11th How. Battery if wires forward are available.
- 2nd Aus. D.A. H.Q. set at D.A.H.Q..

2. F.O.O. and Communications on Attack Day (3) :-

F.O.O. arrangements and communications will be exactly as on Attack Day No. 1, 20th September, vide 2nd Aus. Divisional Artillery INSTRUCTION NO. 1 of 11/9/17 and NO. 4 of 16/9/17. There will thus be 2 F.O.Os. in each Group forming one party. Names of F.O.Os. to be given to Headquarters, 2nd Aus. D.A..

3. LIAISON on Attack Day No. 3 :-

With Right attacking Infantry Brigade :-

Lieut.-Col. F. O'MAHONY. -

With Left attacking Infantry Brigade :-

Lieut.-Col. J. SHELSHEAR.

With D.A. Headquarters for liaison with flank D.As. :-

Lieut.-Col. P.E. EDWARDS, 11th Aus. F.A. Bde..

The above Officers will take up their duties by 11 a.m. "R" Day, unless otherwise ordered.

4. Over lap in Barrages

With the Division on the Left there will be no overlap: the railway and boundary will be inclusive. With the Division on the Right there will be an overlap of 50 yards. Between Groups there will be no overlap: boundary will be inclusive to both Groups. Group Commanders will ensure that their inner flank Batteries join up.

5. The ammunition allotments have been altered vide INSTRUCTION NO. 18.

/The difference.

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5 Contd. The difference between the amounts used for barrages on any one day is available for destructive shoots and harassing fire on that day.

The ammunition used for the latter purpose is not to drop below 30 rounds per gun or Howitzer, except under the circumstances given in INSTRUCTION No. 17, para. 11, second sentence.

The amount used daily between 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. is to be wired to D.A.H.Q. daily by 7 p.m. under the following headings :-

	<u>EXPENDITURE 6 p.m. to 6 p.m.</u>		
	A	AX	BX
Harassing	--		
Barrages	--		
Other purposes	--		

6. S.O.S. LINE :-

As from 10 a.m., October 2nd, the S.O.S. line on the Left Divisional Front will be as follows :-

D 28 d 1792 - D 22 c 6 2 - D 21 d 7 5.

The Infantry front line runs as follows :-

J 4 d 8075 - J 4 b 3047 - D 28 d 1200 -
D 28 a 3025 - Western edge ZOMNEBLKE Lake -
D 28 a 3075 - D 22 c 0 0 - D 21 d 2015 -
D 21 c 5572, thence North with posts 50 to 100 yards East

7. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

Nos. 1 - 9	"C" Group.	
10 - 18	"D" Group.	
19	4th Aus. F.A. Bde.	32 C.R.A.
20	11th " " "	33 S.C.
21	2nd Aus. D.A.	34 R.O.
22	R.A. 1st ANZAC.	35 37 Diary
23	H.A. " "	38 File
24	5th Aus. D.A.) for inf.
25	3rd (British) D.A.	
26	Major W.L. POSTON, D.S.O., R.A.)	
	c/o. R.A. 1st ANZAC.) for
27	57th H.A.G.) inf.
28 - 31	2nd Aus. Div.)

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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INSTRUCTION NO. 21

HEADQUARTERS,
30th September 1917.

1. There will be two Corps Bombardment Barrages on each of "Q" and "R" days.

2. Times of commencement-

Q. 1	Barrage	--	6.15 a.m..
Q. 2	"	--	5 p.m.
R. 1	"	--	3.30 a.m.
R. 2	"	--	1.30 p.m..

3. The starting line will be as follows, with reference to line on attached tracing :-

Q. 1	-	"A" Barrage	100 yards E. of line.
Q. 2	-	"A" Barrage	on line.
R. 1	-	"A" Barrage	100 yards E. of line.
R. 2	-	"A" Barrage	on line.

4. Diagrams of barrages are attached.
Any faults in Barrage distribution will be checked during Q 2 Barrage.

5. Rates of fire will be as in INSTRUCTION No. 19.

Estimate of ammunition is as follows in rounds per gun :-

	<u>Q. 1</u>	<u>Q. 2</u>	<u>R. 1</u>	<u>R. 2</u>
18-prs.	84	30	36	66
<u>4.5" How.</u>	42	30	33	33

6. There will be the usual restrictions as to the use of No. 103 Fuze.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

C. M. A. T.

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Normal distribution.

37 57th H.A.C. (for inf.)
2nd Aus. Div. 4 copies.
Tracing for Groups, H.A.
and 57th H.A.C..

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CONFIDENTIAL DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

6 a.m., 23rd to 6 a.m., 24th September 1917.

- OBSERVATION :- Fair.
- OUR ARTILLERY :- 2712 rounds used on harassing and isolating fire.
8482 rounds fired on barrage fire.
185 rounds were fired on S.O.S. Tests.
175 rounds were fired on registration.
- ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Shelling on forward areas throughout the day was above normal. CARTER POINT, Dugout at J 3 a 4 4 and ANZAC HOUSE were kept under constant fire by all calibres. Fire was apparently drawn by the movement around this area.
The cross roads in I 11 b and vicinity were shelled by 5.9s. at intervals. CHATEAU WOOD and BELLEWAARDE RIDGE were shelled intermittently by 4.2s. and 5.9s..
I 12 c and d were shelled consistently throughout the night by 77s., 4.2s. and 5.9s.. A small percentage of gas shells were used.
- AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Enemy 'planes were very active all day, flying low over our F.L.T. at low altitude. One plane which appeared to be an enemy machine was driven down. It fell in J 8 a.
At 12 noon one of our 'planes was brought down in I 17.
- ENEMY MOVEMENT :- At 6.30 a.m. an aeroplane call to fire on movement in J 4 b 5 2 was answered with 60 rounds.

GENERAL

Area shelled	Nature	Time	Direction	Observed From.
CHATEAU WOOD) BELLEWAARDE) Ridge) MENIN Road)	5.9	12 noon	90° Sd.	J 7 c 3050
I 11 a MENIN) Road & BIRR) Cross Roads)	4.2s.	p.m. 12.15 5.30 2.15	60° Sd.	I 11 d 8540
I 12 d	5.9	5 p.m.	90°	J 7 c 3 8.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

6 a.m., 24th - 8 a.m., 25th September 1917.

OBSERVATION :- Visibility low during morning. Good during afternoon.

OUR ARTILLERY :- Roads and approaches were dealt with. 3570 rounds were used. 120 rounds used to cut wire in front of JUBILEE Trench.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Forward areas were heavily shelled. BELLEWAARDE Ridge was swept from J 7 Central to I 12 a by 5.9s. and 4.2s. twice during the afternoon, about 1000 rounds being used.

The Valley in J 7 a and b was shelled continuously from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. HOOGE and the MEMIN Road running through I 18 a were shelled by 4.2s. during the morning.

Area Shelled	Nature	Time	Direction	Observed from
I 12 Central	5.9	9.45 - 11.45 5.m., - 3 - 5 p.m. & 6 - 7.45 p.m.	65° Sound	I 12 b 1535
I 18 a & c	"	12.20 - 12.40 p.m.	85° "	"
I 12 b & d BELLEWAARDE Ridge.	4.2	7 - 8.30 a.m.	80° "	J 7 a 0517
HOOGE, -	5.9	9.30 - 11 a.m.	90° "	I 18 a 0 3
MEMIN Road	4.2	10.15 - 10.45 a.m.	77° "	I 12 c 7 0
I 17 b & d BELLEWAARDE Ridge	"	"	82° "	I 18 a 0 3
	5.9	1 - 2 p.m.	68° "	J 7 c 5650
	77s	1.30 - 3 p.m.	80° "	I 18 a 0 3.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

:- At 11 a.m. 12 'planes flew over J 7 encircling about for 30 minutes. 1.30 p.m. a 'plane dropped 12 bombs in J 12 d. At 2.20 p.m. 2 'planes made a very low reconnaissance of the Valley between VELDHOEK and BELLEWAARDE Ridges. From 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. three enemy 'planes patrolled our F.L.T. and WESTHOEK Ridge.

ENEMY MOVEMENT

:- Nil.

GENERAL

:- At 9.30 a.m. the Infantry captured a post at J 4 d 3545 capturing 8 prisoners and inflicting casualties on the remainder.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

6 a.m., 25th - 6 a.m., 26th September 1917.

OBSERVATION

:- Visibility low during the morning. Good during afternoon.

OUR ARTILLERY

:- At 5.30 a.m. in answer to an S.O.S. signal on the Right of our front / 8,800 rounds were fired on S.O.S. and barrages. Our Batteries opened fire. 2800 rounds were fired on harassing and isolating fire. 370 rounds were used to cut wire in front of JUBILEE Trench.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

:- Very active all day. MENIN Road was shelled heavily by 4.2s. and 5.9s.. J 7 a and b were heavily shelled by 4.2s. and 5.9s.. HOOGE was shelled by 5.9s. during the morning. The corduroy road running through I 12 was heavily shelled and hit in several places.

Area shelled	Nature	Time	Bearing	Observed from.
I 12 b, LAKE Farm	5.9	8. - 9.30 p.m.	68° Sd.	I 12 b 3505
J 7	5.9	9 - 1 p.m.	68° Sd.	J 7 a 5650
MENIN Road	5.9	9 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	65° "	J 7 c 5650
I 17 b	4.2	9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	89° "	J 7 b 9 2
"	5.9	"	85° "	"
"	5.9	"	62° "	"
WESTHOEK	5.9	"	83° "	J 7 b 6040
J 7 c	H.V.	4.30 p.m.	85° "	"
Barrage from)	4.2	5.10 p.m.	85° "	"
J 2 a to)	4.2	5.10 p.m.	89° "	"
J 8 b.)	5.9	"	94° 30'	"

AERIAL ACTIVITY

:- Hostile 'planes flew over the front areas at low altitudes, at intervals throughout the day, flying over the Batteries when S.O.S. and barrages were being fired. Two balloons ascended during our barrage and descended at 7.30 a.m.. At 5.30 p.m. an enemy 'plane apparently hit by machine gun fire, descended in our lines. The enemy was very aggressive. Two of our 'planes were brought down falling in J 12 c.

ENEMY MOVEMENT

:- Movement was seen around house in J 4 c 5 1.

GENERAL

:- Traffic was blocked on the MENIN Road during the morning owing to motor wagons being hit. Several of our dumps were exploded by the enemy's fire. Red and green flares were fired by the enemy during our barrage fire.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

6 a.m., 26th - 6 a.m., 27th September 1917.

OBSERVATION :- Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY :- 55,200 rounds were fired on barrage and in answer to S.O.S. calls.
820 rounds were fired in answer to zone calls. Several O.Ks. were reported.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- The enemy's retaliation was very light until late in the afternoon when at 6.38 p.m. a heavy barrage was put down on our P.L.T. It stopped at 7 p.m.. Four H.V. guns were shelling back areas throughout the day. CHATEAU WOOD was shelled consistently by an 8-inch How.. I 12 b and d were shelled by a 5.9 battery at frequent intervals.
J 1, J 7 and VESPER RIDGE were shelled by a 4.2 Battery from 7 to 10 p.m.. The majority of the enemy's guns appeared to be firing at long ranges.

Area shelled	Nature	Time	Bearing	Observed from
I 11	5.9	6.15 a.m.	90° Sd.	I 12 c 6505
I 11 d	H.V. gun	12 1.50 p.m.	92° "	"

AERIAL ACTIVITY :- At 7.20 p.m. 3 enemy planes fired on troops and Battery positions in J 7 a.
At 8.10 p.m. 4 enemy planes made a low reconnaissance of I 12.
At 5 p.m. an enemy plane was brought down by machine gun fire; it fell within our lines.
Four enemy balloons were up on a T.Es. of 75°, 80°, 90° and 120° from J 7 b 7500.

ENEMY MOVEMENT :- Before the counter-attacks were launched, movement was seen in JORAH Trench, REMUS WOOD, J 5 c 1070, J 12 a 8 2 and at D 29 c 9 2.

GENERAL :- Several small ammunition dumps were exploded by the enemy's fire.
Enemy machine guns in concrete dugouts at J 4 b 8 4 caused trouble during the attack.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

6 a.m., 27th - 6 a.m. 28th September 1917.

OBSERVATION :- Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY. :- Quiet during the day.
At 6.53 p.m. and 9.50 p.m., in answer to S.O.S. Signals, 3000 rounds were fired.
Roads and approaches were kept under fire throughout the night. 2100 rounds being fired.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. :- Active. Most of the shelling was by 4.2s and 8 inch, at long ranges.
J 7 central and J 7 A and C were heavily shelled by 8 inch, 5.9s and 4.2s.
An 8 inch Howitzer shelled the BELLEWARDE Ridge consistently throughout the day.
MENIN Road was shelled from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., by 4.2s and from 1.40 to 2 p.m. by an 8 inch howitzer.

Area shelled	Nature	Time	Bearing	Observed from
J 7	8 inch	2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	86° Sd.	J 7 c 25 45
J 7 a and c	4.2	10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	680 "	J 7 c 56 50
CHATEAUWOOD	5.9	11.30 a.m.	600 "	I 11 d 85 80
J 7 c	8"	1p.m. to 2.30 pm	100°	J 7 c 56 50
MENIN Road	8"	1.40 pm	570"	J 7 a D 3
J 7 c	5.9	2.15 - 2.40 pm	870"	J 7 d 2 1

AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Three enemy planes flew over our lines at a low altitude at 6.40 pm, and occasionally fired white flares.
At 3.45 pm an enemy 'plano was brought down in flames, by four of our 'planos. It fell in D 20.
Enemy 'planes were bombing within our lines from 9 - 11 p
Two balloons were up at T.Bs of 89° and 85° from I 12 c 70 60.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. :- A lot of movement was observed around PASSCHEWDAELE.

GENERAL :- NIL.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

6 a.m. 28th - 6 a.m., 29th September 1917. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

OBSERVATION :- Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY

:- Roads and approaches were kept under fire throughout the day, 2500 rounds being used.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

:- Activity normal.
Between 11 pm and 1 am, a heavy gas shell bombardment was directed onto I 12 d and J 7 c and CHATEAUWOOD. MENIN Road was shelled by an 8" Howitzer and 5.9s from 12.45 pm to 4 pm.
BELLEVARDE and WESTHOEK Ridges were shelled late in the afternoon by 4.2s and 5.9s.
BIRR CROSS Roads was shelled by 5.9s from 6 am to 7.5 am.

Area shelled	Calibre	Time	Bearing	Observed from.
BELLEVARDE Ridge.	4.2	5 to 7 am	89° Sd	J 7 c 30 50.
BIRR CROSS Roads.	5.9	6 am to 7.5 am	80° "	J 7 c 80 20.
I 12 a.	5.9	10 am to 12 noon.	80° "	J 7 80 60.
HOOGE.	77	11 am to 12 noon.	109° "	J 7 c 30 50
BELLEVARDE Ridge.	5.9	5 p.m. - 7.15 p.m..	50° "	J 7 c 13 78.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

Enemy aircraft were very active. Many bombing raids were carried out on back areas throughout the night. Considerable damage to transport caused in the MENIN Road. An enemy balloon was up on T.B. of 82° from I 12 c 68 08. One of our 'planes came down in flames near BIRR CROSS roads

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

None observed.

GENERAL.

A large enemy dump was observed to blow up at 6.30 pm at 42° T.B. from J 7 b 20 15. The gas shell bombardment on I 12 d and J 7 c stopped immediately our Heavies opened fire.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT6 a.m. 29th - 6 a.m. 30th September 1917.
-----ENEMY
ARTILLERY.

The enemy's artillery was abnormally active on Battery Areas.

Area between WESTHOEK and BELLEWARDE Ridge was heavily shelled by 10.5 cm, 15 cm and 21 cm Howitzers from 7.15 am until 4 pm.

It is estimated that some 4000 rounds were fired.

Most of the fire came from the BECELAIRE and BROODESINDE Groups.

J 7 a and b, were shelled throughout the night with gas shells and H.E. from 4.2 and 5.9 Howitzers.

At 12 noon, a heavy barrage of all natures was put down on CHATEAU WOOD lasting for 15 minutes.

OUR
ARTILLERY.

Registration from new Battery positions was carried out.

Our Right Group responded to an appeal for assistance from the Right Division at 6.50 pm, firing some 2000 rounds.

It is not known whether any attack eventuated.

Harassing fire was kept up throughout the night, some 1500 rounds being expended.

OBSERVATION

Owing to mist and haze, observation was poor.

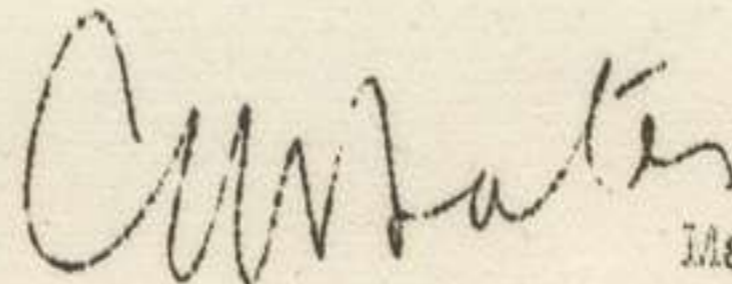
HOSTILE
AIRCRAFT.

Enemy aeroplanes have been active.

Enemy 'planes crossed our Lines at 7 a.m., 8.15 a.m., and 4 p.m., flying low.

At 6 a.m., 6 'planos came over Battery positions.

At 12.40 p.m., 12 'planos were well over our lines for 15 minutes, and then returned, possibly after taking photographs.



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