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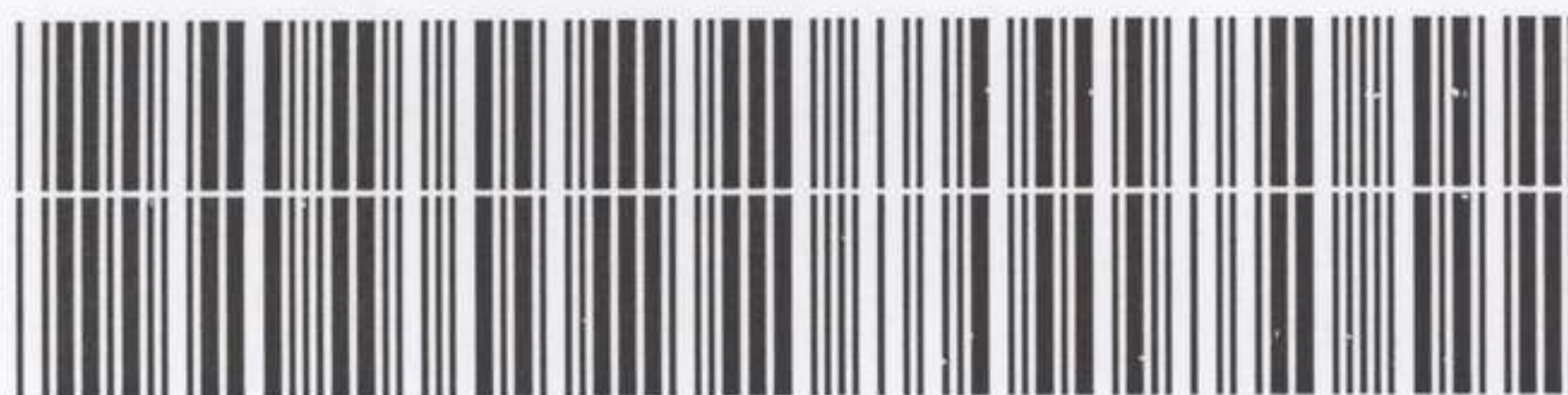
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Artillery

Item number: 13/29/34

Title: Headquarters, 1st Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

September 1917



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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917.			
	Sept. 1st.		Balance of relief detailed in "C" Group Operation Order No. 14a should have been carried out - but at 12.45 a.m. order came through to "stand fast". At 11 p.m. enemy long range gun dropped two shells in 2nd. Battery Wagon Lines wounding one other rank and killing five horses and one mule and wounding three other animals.	
	2nd.		Quiet day. Portion of batteries remaining in line were busy showing relieving Battery Commanders about.	
	3rd.		All Units at Wagon Lines.	
	4th.		do. do.	
	5th.		do. do.	
	6th.		Received orders to be in readiness to move on 7th. instant - and later received message to say move would be postponed to 8th. instant.	
	7th.		Billeting Party went forward to ARQUES to arrange for reception of Brigade.	
	8th.		The Brigade marched at 8 a.m. via RENINGHELST - HAZEBROUCK to HONDEGHEM.	
	9th.		Brigade marched at 10.15 a.m. via STAPLE - FORT ROUGE - ARQUES - to FORET de CLAIRMARAIS.	
	10th.)		Spent in cleaning vehicles and equipment and care of horses.	Hazebrouck SA 1/100 000
	15th.)			
	14th.		General Sir Claude JACOB K.C.B. &c. - Commanding II Corps - to whom the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery were attached from 19th. July 1917 to 3rd. September 1917 - came and inspected the Brigade - and thanked officers and other ranks for good work they had done while under his command.	
	16th.		At 9.30 a.m. Memorial Service was held in 3rd. Battery lines by the Brigade for officers and men who fell in recent operations. At 12.15 p.m. the Brigade was drawn up and inspected by Lieut.-General Sir William BIRDWOOD K.C.B. &c. - who presented ribbons and medals to men who had been awarded decorations.	
	17th.)		Brigade still in FORET de CLAIRMARAIS camp training.	
	25th.)			
	26th.		2/Lieut. J. C. DONCHUE reported for duty and was attached to 101st. How. Battery.	
			Lieut. C. A. ARCHER M.C. acted as Adjutant vice LITTLE on leave from 18th. to 23rd. inst.	
			Major G. McLAUGHLIN M.C. acted as C.O. vice Lt.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON D.S.O. on leave from 18th. to 30th. inst.	
	28th.		Orders were received that the Brigade was to march on following day on its way back to the line.	

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	1917. Sept. 29th.		<p>The Brigade marched at 8 a.m. from FORET de CLAIRMARAIS and proceeded to OUDEZEELE area. arriving about 11 a.m.</p> <p>Battery Commanders and 1 subaltern per battery went forward by motor transport to reconnoitre positions.</p>	
	30th.		<p>Brigade marched from OUDEZEELE area at 4.45 a.m. via STEENVOORDE - ABEELE - RENINGHELST to Wagon Lines at H.27.b. (HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100000). arriving about 11 a.m.</p> <p>Batteries left wagon lines to take up positions previously reconnoitred by Battery Commanders at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>On arrival 1st. and 2nd. Australian Field Artillery Brigades formed together " "A" GROUP ARTILLERY" - Lieut.-Colonel D. H. MOORE being in command. The Group being under orders of 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>Group Headquarters was located near LILLE GATE (YPRES) for time being.</p> <p>Lieut.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON D.S.O. returned from leave.</p> <p>Lieut. D. B. A. KING M.C. reported back from hospital for duty on 28th. instant and returned to 3rd. Battery.</p> <p>Lieut. R. G. JACKSON M.C. was seconded for duty as Instructor with R. B. A. A. England.</p>	

*L. H. ... Cape
Adj. 1st A.F. A. Bde.*

5th Aust Div Group of
Artillery will be
composed as under

"A Group" 4th 1st and 2nd FA Bdes.
under command of Lt Col
DH MOORE - with ~~HQ~~ HQ at
LILLEGATE until 2nd Oct

"B Group" 3rd and 4th FA Bdes
under command of Lt Col.
H.O. CADDY DSO. with HQ
at HALFWAY HOUSE.

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8. Until ~~the morning~~ 10 am
on 2nd Oct-^{FORSS} group will
be superimposed over
5th Div group trail
as follows:-

1 J4 B 70.90 to D28 D 60.70

2 D28 D 60.70 to D28 D 45.60

3 D28 D 45.60 to D28 D 30.95

4 J4 B 85.55 to J4 B 70.90

5 J4 B 95.15 to J4 B 85.55

4 J5 c 1.9 - J4 B 95.15

9. On the morning of the
2nd Oct-

2nd Brigade Batteries
will superimpose on
1st Brigade Batteries
~~as under~~

4th Bty on 1st Bty zone

5th " " 2nd " "

6th " " 3rd " "

Orders will be issued
later

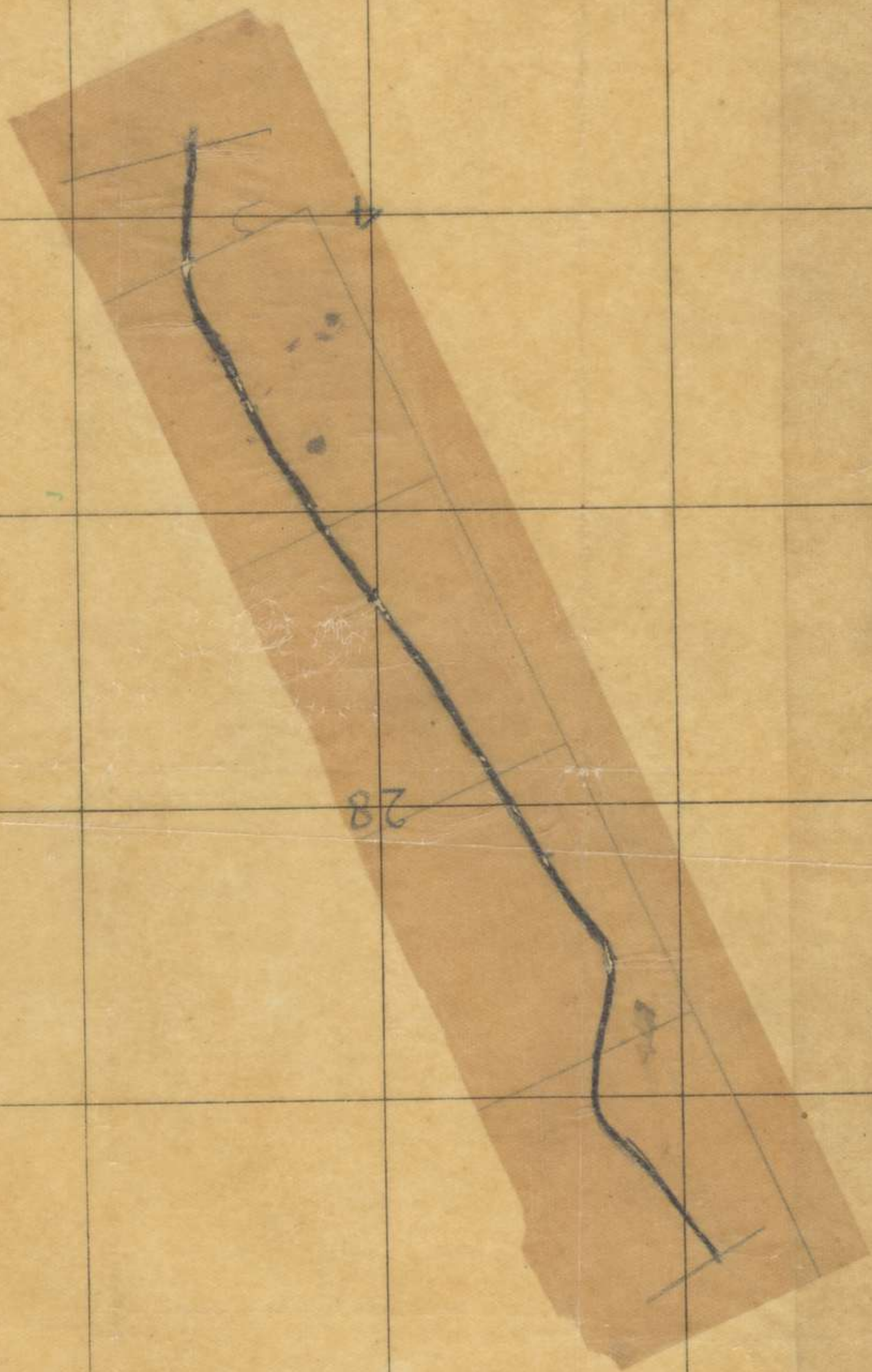
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10. ~~Butter~~ Our line at present
runs J4 D 5.5 - J4 D 8.0
- J4 B 60.25 J4 B 35.70
- D 28 D 10.00 - D 78 C 80.70

Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

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APPENDIX

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 13.

Headquarters,
28th. September. 1917.

1. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will move into the line on the night September 30th./1st. October, 1917, from their Wagon Lines.

2. Positions of 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery will be occupied as under :-

1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

J.7.c.45.63.
J.7.c.65.60.
J.7.d.65.25.
J.7.d.75.95.

2nd. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

J.7.d.85.60.1
J.7.b.35.15.2
J.7.b.20.45.3
J.7.b.30.30.4

3. On completion of the move the 3rd., 6th., and 12th. Australian (Army) Field Artillery Brigades will be withdrawn from the line (probably October 1st.) and moved to a back area.

4. Australian (Army) Field Artillery Brigades will hand over guns, etc. to complete the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery and any guns that may remain in possession of the Australian (Army) Field Artillery Brigades on leaving the line will be handed over to the Gun Pool and not taken to back areas.

5. Batteries will have the following amount of ammunition in the vicinity of their gun-pits by midnight October 1st./2nd. 1917.

18-prs; 1200 rounds per gun. 4.5" Hows. 1000 rounds per gun.

The daily allotment of ammunition for 1st. October, 1917, is :-

112 rounds 18-pr. and 4.5" How.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

Issued at 8 p.m. to:- Copy No.

1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	1.
1st. Aust. F. A. Bde.	2.
2nd. Aust. F. A. Bde.	3.
C.O. "A" Group.	4.
C.O. "B" Group.	5.
3rd. Aust. D. A. Col.	6.
1st. Aust. D. A. Col.	7.
5th. Aust. D. A. Col.	8.
13th. Aust. F. A. Bde.	9.
14th. Aust. F. A. Bde.	10.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	11.
D.T.M.O. 3rd. Aust. Divn.	12.
10th. A. A. S. C.	13.
5th. Australian Divn.	14-17.
5th. Aust. Div. Train.	18.
R.A. 1st. AMZAC.	19.
R.A. 1st. AMZAC.	20.
3rd. Aust. Div. Arty.	21.
4th. Aust. Div. Arty.	22.

Right D-Bom. Group.	23.
R.A. 33rd. Division.	24.
Staff Captain.	25.
6th. Aust. (Army) F. A. Bde.	26.
3rd. Aust. (Army) F. A. Bde.	27.
Signals, 5th. D. A. H. Q.	28.
D.A.D.O.S., 5th. A.D.	29.
D.A.D.V.S., 5th. A.D.	30.
A.D.M.S. 5th. A.D.	31.
A.R.M., 5th. Aust. Divn.	32.
War Diary.	33-35.
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MARCH TABLE.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 11.

U N I T.	Starting Point.	Time of passing S.P.	R O U T E.	Destination.	R E M A R K S.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade	Road junction. H.18.c.95.00.	7 p.m.	YPRES-BIRR Cross Roads- WESTHOEK.	Gun Position.	200 yards to be kept between Sections and Batteries.
1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	do.	8 p.m.	do.	do.	do.

APPENDIX

Statement of Goods available

No. of Goods	No. of Units	No. of Cases	No. of Boxes	No. of Pallets
100	100	100	100	100
100	100	100	100	100
100	100	100	100	100
100	100	100	100	100
100	100	100	100	100
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 14.

Headquarters,
29th. September, 1917.

1. The 315th. Army Field Artillery Brigade will go into action on September 29th/30th. 1917, and come under tactical control of C.O. "A" Group. Headquarters, HALFWAY HOUSE, I.17.c.4.7.
Two Sections per Battery will come into action on the first day, and remaining Section per Battery on the second day.
2. Positions to be occupied are :-

1 18-pr. Battery	J.13.a.3.0.
1 18-pr. "	J.13.c.4.8.
1 18-pr. "	I.12.d.2.3.
1 4.5" How. "	I.12.c.8.2.
3. Ammunition will be taken over in the positions. The 315th. Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column will draw ammunition from "A" Group Dump at I.17.a.2.8. as required.
4. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will be in action on the night September 29th./30th. and come under tactical control of O.C. "B" Group. (Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.). Headquarters, HALFWAY HOUSE, I.17.c.4.7.
"B" Group will be superimposed on the present Divisional Front.
5. At 10 a.m. 1st. October, 1917, the 5th. Australian Divisional Group boundaries will be as follows:-
 NORTH BOUNDARY. J.3.c.25.90. along the road to GARTER POINT (J.3.a central) to D.29.a.00.35 to D.24.d.20.00.
 SOUTH BOUNDARY. J.9.a.0.3. to J.4.c.45.40. to J.4.d.30.70. to J.5.b.45.20 to J.6.d.15.90.
6. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will be composed as follows :-
 "A" Group - 1st. and 2nd. Australian Field Artillery Brigades under the command of Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE. Headquarters, LILLE GATE I.14.a.85.20.
 "B" Group - 13th. and 14th. Australian Field Artillery Brigades under the command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O. Headquarters, HALFWAY HOUSE, I.17.c.4.7.
 The eventual Boundary Line between "A" and "B" Groups will be J.3.d.00.75 - J.4.b.55.87 - D.30.d.80.90.
 "A" Group will eventually cover the northern half of the Divisional Artillery Zone.
 "B" Group will eventually cover the southern half of the Divisional Artillery Zone.
7. "B" Group will cover the whole of the new Divisional Front until "A" Group is registered on the northern half, and is made up in guns by the 3rd., 6th., and 12th. Aust. (Army) Field Artillery Brigades.
8. At 10 a.m. on October 1st. 1917, the present "A" Group, less guns of 112th. How. Battery, under command of Lieut-Col. R.L.R. RABETT, C.M.G. will remain covering their present front.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO. 14. (contd.)

9. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery will be responsible for the defence of the new 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Front until 10 a.m. 2nd. October, 1917.
At 10 a.m. on October 2nd. 1917, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group becomes responsible for defence of the new front.
10. Maps are attached shewing the S.O.S. Line and the approximate British Front Line.
11. On relief of the 3rd., 6th., and 12th. Australian (Army) Field Artillery Brigades from the line, the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will be made up in guns, etc. as follows :-
- 1st. Aust. F.A. Bde. by 3rd. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde. by 6th. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.
Any remaining deficiencies in guns, etc. in 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Field Artillery Brigades will be made up by the 12th. Aust. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade. Arrangements to be made direct by O.C.'s 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Field Artillery Brigades and C.O. present "A" Group (Lt-Col R.L.R. RABETT, C.M.G.) direct.
12. Until the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery is made up in guns as per Para 11., the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will be super-imposed on the whole of the new Divisional Artillery Front.
13. The 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will take over the 4.5" Howitzers of the 112th. Battery in position at J.7.c.4.5.
At 10 a.m. on 1st. October, 1917, any 4.5" Hows. not required by the 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade may be taken over by the 2nd. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade. After completing the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery any surplus hows. of 112th. How. Battery will be returned to "pool" by the 112th. How. Battery.
14. Receipts will be given and taken in all cases.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

A. H. Hall

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

Issued at 1.45 p.m. to:-	Copy No.	Copy No.
Lt-Col. H. O. CADDY, D.S.O.	1. (with map)	Left D-Bom. Group. 20.
Lt-Col. D. H. MOORE,	2. (with map)	R.A. 33rd. Division. 21.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	3.	Staff Captain. 22.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	4.	6th. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde. 23.
1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	5.	12th. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde. 24.
C.O. "A" Group.	6.	3rd. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde. 25.
C.O. "B" Group.	7.	Signals, 5th. D.A.H.Q. 26.
1st. Aust. D.A. Col.	8.	315th. Army F.A. Bde. 27.
5th. Aust. D.A. Col.	9.	R.A. 7th. Division. 28.
13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	10.	R.A. 21st. Division. 29.
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	11.	A.D.M.S. 5th. A.D. 30.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	12.	War Diary. 31.
5th. Australian Divn.	13-15.	File. 34.
5th. Aust. Div. Train.	26.	
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	17.	
H.A. 1st. ANZAC.	18.	
4th. Aust. Div. Arty.	19.	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

AMENDMENT No. 1. to GROUP ORDER No. 14.Headquarters,
29th. September, 1917.

Para 5. Delete last co-ordinate J.6.d.15.90.
Substitute J.6.b.15.90.

Para 6. Line 10. Delete D.30.d.80.90.
Substitute D.30.b.11.00

ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. H. H.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 15.

Headquarters,
29th. September, 1917.

1. There will be two Bombardment Barrages on "P" Day over the Second Army Front.
2. Times of commencement:-
 P 1 at 9.30 a.m.
 P 2 at 8.15 p.m.
3. The starting line will be the S.O.S. Line. In the event of Infantry occupying posts too close to the starting line, O.C. "A" Group will ensure that barrages are put down at a safe distance and the Heavy Artillery will be informed of the necessary alteration.
4. Diagrams of barrages are attached.
5. Rates of fire and estimate of ammunition required.

RATES.		Required per gun.	
		P 1.	P 2.
18 -prs.	2 rounds per gun per minute.	84.	90.
4.5" Hows.	1 round per gun per minute.	50.	45.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. Hulton*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 5.15 p.m. to:- Copy No.

C.O. "A" Group.	1.
Copies for information to:-	
C.O. "B" Group.	2.
1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	3.
R.A. X Corps.	4.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	5.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	6.
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	7.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	8.
5th. Australian Divn.	9.
23rd. Division.	10.
R.A. 33rd. Division.	11.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	12.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	13.
Left D-Bom. Group Xth. Corps.	14.
Staff captain.	15.
6th. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.	16.
3rd. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.	17.

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Signals, 5th. D.A. H.Q.	18.
315th. Army F.A. Bde.	19.
R.A. 7th. Division.	20.
R.A. 21st. Division.	21.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.16.

Headquarters,
30th. September, 1917.

1. There will be two bombardments on "P" Day over the Second Army Front.
2. Times of commencement:-
P 1 at 9.50 a.m.
P 2 at 3.15 p.m.
3. The starting line will be 250 and 1750 yards respectively east of the "jumping-off" line as shown in tracing already sent to you.
4. Diagrams of barrages are attached.
5. Rates of fire and ammunition required:-

RATES.	Required rounds per gun.	
	P 1.	P 2.
18-prs. 2 rounds per gun per minute	84.	90.
4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute.	50.	45.

6. These Barrages will be fired on the new zone.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*H. H. M. M.*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11.45 a.m. to:- Copy No.

C.O. "B" Group.	1.
Copies for information to:-	
C.O. "A" Group	2.
1st. Aust. Div. Arty.	3.
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	4.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde.	5.
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	6.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	7.
5th. Australian Divn.	8.
23rd. Division.	9.
R.A. 23rd. Division.	10.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC	11.
H.A. 1st. ANZAC	12.
Left D-Bom Group	13.
Staff Captain.	14.
6th. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.	15.
3rd. Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.	16.

R.A. X Corps.	Copy No. 17.
Signals, 5th. D.A. H.Q.	18.
315th. Army F.A. Bde.	19.
R.A. 7th. Division.	20.
R.A. 21st. Division.	21.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.17.

Headquarters,
30th. September, 1917.

1. There will be two Barrages on "Q" and "R" Days respectively.

2. Times of commencement :-

"Q" 1. 6.15 a.m.
 "Q" 2. 5 p.m.

"R" 1. 3.30 a.m.
 "R" 2. 4.30 p.m.

7-15 am-
 1.30 pm.

3. The Infantry "jumping-off" line will be as shewn in tracing sent you under this office No.G3/13/2597 dated 29/9/17.

The starting line of Barrages will be as shewn in diagrams attached, and to include, at a safe distance any Infantry posts.

Heavy Artillery will be informed of any alteration through 5th. Aust.D.A.H.Q.

4. O.C's Groups will arrange for a senior officer to watch and report on these Barrages and have any faults corrected.

5. Rates of fire and estimate of ammunition required per gun.

RATESAmmunition required.

18-prs.- 2 rounds per gun per minute.
 4.5" Hows.-1 round per gun per minute.

"Q" 1.	"Q" 2	"R" 1	"R" 2
84.	60.	66.	66.
42.	30.	33.	33.

6. O.C's Groups will arrange an overlap on both flanks of their Barrages.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. H. H. H.

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

Issued at 9 p.m. to:- Copy No.

C.O. "A" Group with diagram 1.
 C.O. "B" Group with diagram 2.
 C.O. "A" Group (for Batts.) 3-10.
 C.O. "B" Group (for Batts.) 11-18.
 Lt-Col. D. H. MOORE 19.
 Lt-Col. F. P. DERHAM, D.S.O. 20.
 1st. Aust. Divn. (for Inf. Bdes) 21-24.
 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. 25.
 1st. Aust. D. A. Column. 26.
 5th. Aust. D. A. Column. 27.
 "Q", 1st. Aust. Divn. 28.
 R.A. 1st. ANZAC. 29.
 H.A. 1st. ANZAC. 30.
 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. 31.
 R.A. 23rd. Division. 32.
 D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn. 33.
 D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Divn. 34.
 57th. H. A. Group. 35.
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— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

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18-pdr. •

B

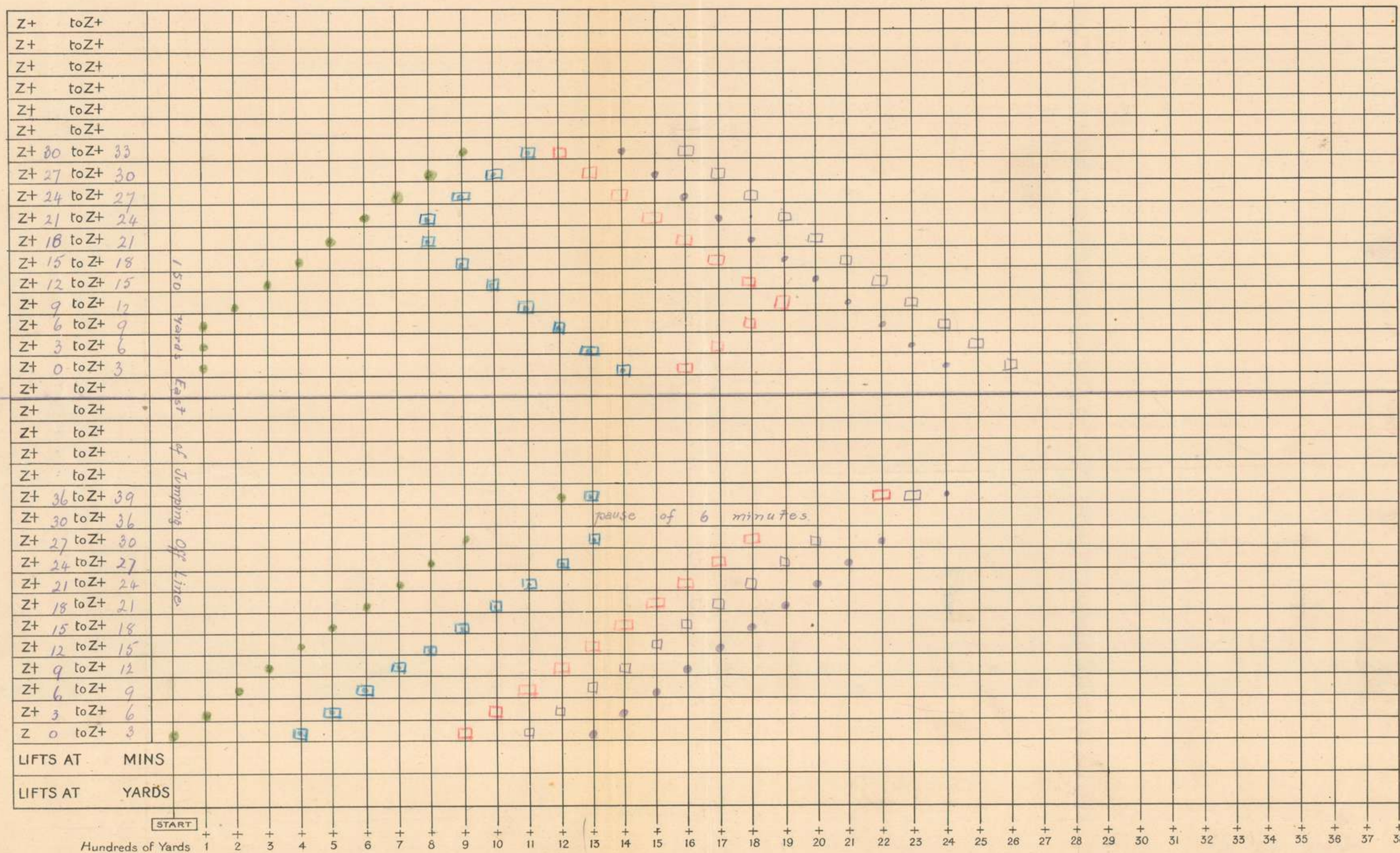
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4.5" How. □

R day.

D

6" How. □

E

8" & 9.2" □
60-pdr. •

R.1

3.30 a.m.

18-pdr. 66

4.5" 33

6" 22

8" } 17

9.2" }

60-pdr. }

R.2

1.30 p.m.

18-pdr. 66

4.5" 33

6" 22

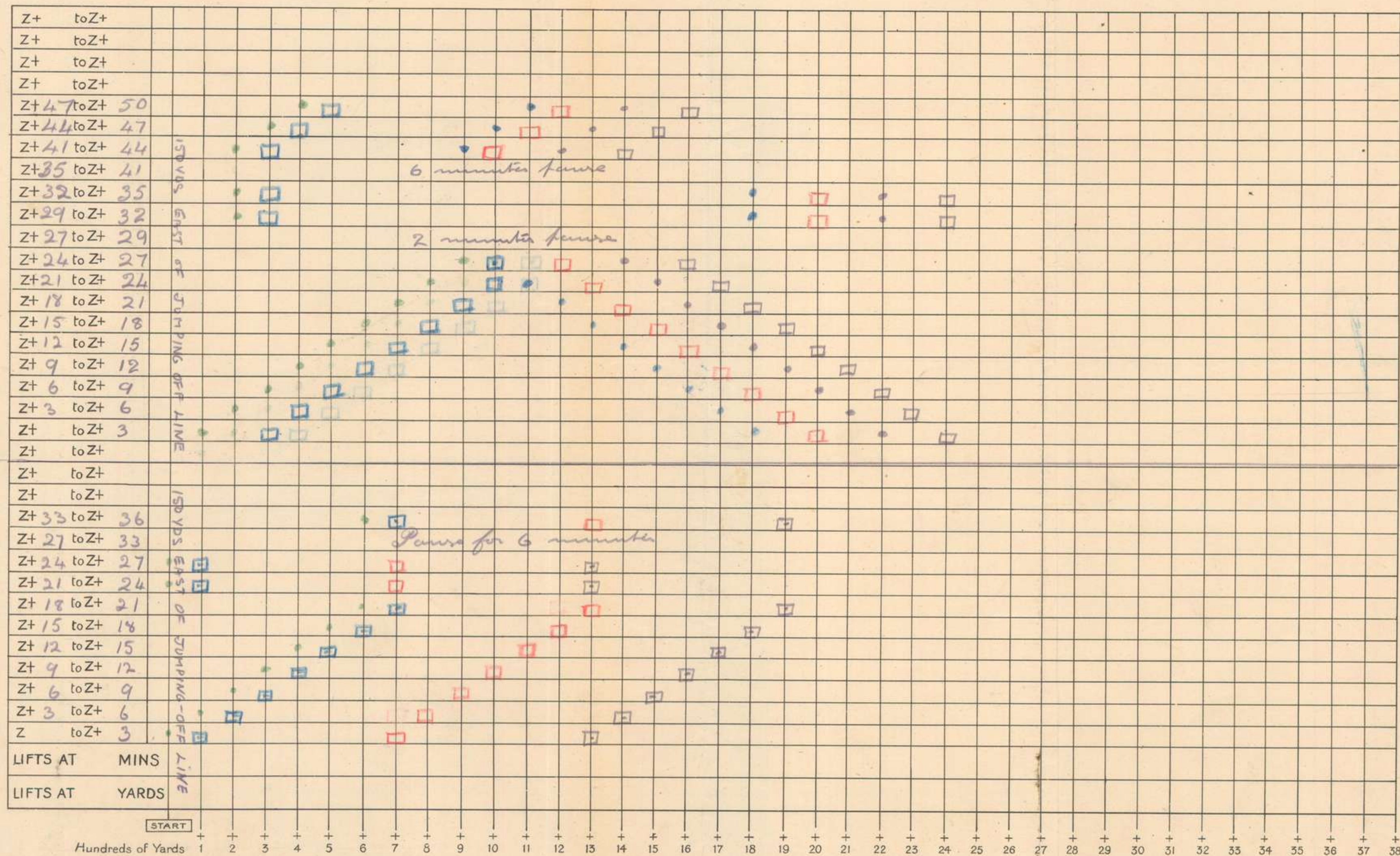
8" } 17

9.2" }

60-pdr. }

— DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —A
18PDRB
18PDR
4.5" How

Q day

D
6" HowE
8" 92" How
60PDR

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Routine Order No. 1.By Lieut.-Colonel D. H. MOORE - Commanding.Headquarters;
30th. September 1917.

1. The 1st. and 2nd. Australian Field Artillery Brigades will constitute "A" Group in the line.
2. The Batteries of above Brigades will move into the line on night of 30th. September/1st. October - and occupy positions reconnoitred - in accordance with attached March Table.
3. All serviceable guns will be taken into the line tonight without fail.
4. Firing Battery and First Line Wagons will go up full - and after unloading will return to dump at I.9.D.5.5. where they will load up and return to gun positions.
Wagons must make two trips with ammunition tonight.
5. Establishment is 1200 rounds per 18-pdr. gun and 1000 rounds per 4.5" How. Batteries must be up to this establishment by midnight 1st./2nd. October.
6. Batteries will register tomorrow morning - 1st. October 1917.
7. For today - 30th. instant "A" Group H.Q. will be in LILLE GATE. On ~~1st.~~ 2nd. October Headquarters will move to HALF-WAY HOUSE.

[Signature]
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

Issued to :-

1st. F. A. Brigade.
2nd. F. A. Brigade.
1st. Battery.
2nd. do.
3rd. do.
101st. do.
4th. do.
5th. do.
6th. do.
102nd. do.

M A R C H T A B L E.

to accompany

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY

ROUTINE ORDER No. 1.

U N I T.	STARTING POINT.	Time of passing S. P.	ROUTE.	Destination.	REMARKS.
2nd. Aust. F. A. Brigade. (In order - 4th. 5th. 6th. and 102nd. Batteries)	Road Juntion H.18.c.95.00.	7 p.m.	YPRES - BIRR Cross Roads - WESTHOEK.	Gun Position.	200 yards to be kept between sections and Batteries.
1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade. (In order 1st. 2nd. 3rd. and 101st. Bties).	do.	8 p.m.	do.	do.	do.

APPENDIX

SECRET.

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Routine Order No. 2.By Lieut.-Colonel D. H. MOORE - Commanding.Headquarters;
30th. September 1917.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Group of Artillery will be comprised as under :-

 "A" GROUP - 1st. and 2nd. F. A. Brigades - under command of Lieut.-Colonel D. H. MOORE - Headquarters at LILLE GATE until 2nd. October 1917.

 "B" GROUP - 13th. and 14th. F. A. Brigades - under command of Lieut.-Colonel H. O. CADDY D.S.O. - with Headquarters at HALF-WAY HOUSE.
2. At 10 a.m. 1st. October 1917 the 5th. Australian Divisional Group boundaries will be as follows :-
 NORTH BOUNDARY - J.3.c.25.90. along the road to GARTER POINT (J.3.a. central) to D.29.a.00.35 to D.24.d.20.00.
 SOUTH BOUNDARY - J.9.a.0.3. to J.4.c.45.40. to J.4.d.30.70 to J.5.b.45.20. to J.6.b.15.90.
3. The eventual boundary line between "A" and "B" Groups will be J.3.d.00.75 - J.4.b.55.87 - D.30.b.11.00.
 "A" Group will eventually cover the northern half of the Divisional Artillery Zone.
 "B" Group will eventually cover the southern half of the Divisional Artillery Zone.
4. "B" Group will cover the whole of the new Divisional Front until "A" Group is registered on the northern half - and is made up in guns by the 3rd. 6th. and 12th. Australian (Army) Field Artillery Brigades.
5. At 10 a.m. on October 2nd. 1917 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group becomes responsible for the defence of the new front.
6. On relief of the 3rd. 6th. and 12th. Australian (Army) Field Artillery Brigades from the line - the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will be made up in guns etc. as follows:-
 1st. Australian F.A.Bde. by 3rd. Aust. (Army) F.A.Bde.
 2nd. Australian F.A.Bde. by 6th. Aust. (Army) F.A.Bde.
 Any remaining deficiencies in guns etc. in 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Field Artillery Brigades will be made up by the 12th. Aust. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade. Arrangements to be made direct by O. C's. 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Field Artillery Brigades and C. O. present "A" Group (Lt.-Colonel R.L.R. RABETT C.M.G.) direct.
7. The 1st. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will take over the 4.5" Howitzers of the 112th. Battery in position at J.7.c.4.5. at 10 a.m. on 1st. October 1917. Any 4.5" Hows. not required by the 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade may be taken over by the 2nd. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade. After completing the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery any surplus hows. of 112th. How. Battery will be returned to "pool" by the 112th. How. Battery.

"A" Group R.O. No. 2. (2).

8. Until 10 a.m. on 2nd. October 1917 for S.O.S. "A" Group will be superimposed over 5th. Australian Divisional Group Front as follows :-

1st. Battery	-	J.4.b.70.90.	to	D.28.d.60.20.
2nd. Battery	-	D.28.d.60.20	to	D.28.d.45.60.
3rd. Battery	-	D.28.d.45.60.	to	D.28.d.30.95.✓
4th. Battery	-	J.5.c.1.9	to	J.4.b.95.20.
5th. Battery	-	J.4.b.95.20	to	J.4.b.85.55.
6th. Battery	-	J.4.b.85.55	to	J.4.b.70.90.

9. On the morning of the 2nd. October 1917 -

2nd. Brigade Batteries will superimpose on
1st. Brigade Batteries.

Orders will be issued later.

10. Our line at present runs :-

J.4.d.5.5. - J.4.b.6.0. - J.4.b.60.25. - J.4.b.35.70.-
D.28.d.10.00. - D.28.c.80.70.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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	2.	2nd. F. A. Brigade H.Q.
	3.	1st. Battery.
	4.	2nd. do.
	5.	3rd. do.
	6.	101st. do.
	7.	4th. do.
	8.	5th. do.
	9.	6th. do.
	10.	102nd. do.