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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. Appendix

S.381.

This office Nos.

S.375, together with Maps "A" and "B" issued therewith.

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are cancelled and the following, together with Maps "AI" and "BI" substituted.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters.  
22.4.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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1. Map "AI" attached shows the "Forward Zone".

The area EAST of the BALZIEUX System (given in para.2) and the whole area between the ANCRE and the SOMME will be known as the "Forward Zone"; principles of the defence of which were forwarded under my S.372/1, dated 10.4.1918. The Divisional policy is to fight to a finish in the "Forward Zone" - If, however, by reason of the insufficiency of our available garrisons, or by one or both of our flanks being turned, it becomes apparent that the "Forward Zone" cannot any longer be successfully defended, a definite and complete withdrawal to the "Second Zone" may be ordered by Divisional Headquarters.

The BROWN line running from J.30.b.0.5. - J.19.d.0.2. - Gravel Pit at J.19.d.4.9. - the earthworks and wood in J.13.d. - extending to and covering HALTE in J.7.f.5.3. and Bridges to RIBEMONT is available to be held if definite orders for withdrawal from the Forward Zone are issued. The 189th Army Brigade, R.F.A. is responsible for covering this line and will not withdraw without orders from the C.R.A. or the Infantry Commander holding this line.

Should a withdrawal to the Second Zone become necessary, the lines as shown on the attached plan will be held by the Infantry in succession.

Batteries will withdraw in succession in co-operation with the Infantry withdrawal and under orders issued by Artillery Group Commanders.

It is of the utmost importance that any withdrawal should be carried out in accordance with a definite plan, but it is obvious that such a plan must not be too rigid and a certain amount of latitude should be allowed Unit Commanders.

Routes in the withdrawal will be detailed to the various Batteries. Locations of alternative routes prepared have been forwarded to all concerned.

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2. Map "BI" attached shows the "Second Zone" system of defences prepared and in course of preparation.

The RED line, the areas shown with RED dots (the B. IZIEUX system), the BLUE line (the FR. NVILLERS system), and the GREEN line (the LA HOUSOYE system) combined, make up the Second Defensive Zone.

Artillery positions will be reconnoitred to cover the RED line.

The RED and BLUE circles show the area in which positions will be taken up in the withdrawal by the 6th Army Brigade Group and the 8th A.F. Bde Group, each within its own Group boundaries, which coincide with Infantry Brigade boundaries as shown on Map.

The BROWN circle shows the area to be occupied by the 189th Army Bde during the withdrawal and GREEN circle the area after withdrawal.

The above must not be looked upon as a set piece and Group Commanders will, during the withdrawal, keep in immediate touch with the Infantry Brigadiers, and act in conjunction with them, varying their dispositions as occasion demands.

Reconnaissance of these positions should take place immediately, and routes thereto should be reconnoitred.

After occupation of Second Zone, Units will be located as under:-

- Right Brigade H.Q. & )
- H.Q. Artly Group. ) In neighbourhood of LA HOUSOYE.
- Left Brigade H.Q. & )
- H.Q. Artly Group. ) " " " FR. NVILLERS.
- Reserve Brigade H.Q. - FRECHENCOURT.
- Cyclists. - PONT NOYELLES.
- Light Horse. - FRECHENCOURT.
- Reserve Brigad. - Neighbourhood of FRECHENCOURT.
- Divsl H.Q. & D...H.Q. - ST GR. TREN.

6th Aust Army Bde Group. ) In position already chosen  
(covering 10th Aust Inf. Bde.) ) around FR. NVILLERS.

8th A.F. Bde Group. (covering 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.) ( One Bde in vicinity of  
LA HOUSOYE.  
( One Bde in vicinity of  
B. ESCALDONNEUR.  
Positions to be taken over  
from 189th Army Brigade.

189th Army Bde, R.F.A. - In a position of readiness in  
Wood about 1,000 yards S.E.  
of FRECHENCOURT.

3rd Aust D.A.C./





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3rd Aust. D.A.C. - ALLONVILLE.  
 6th Army Bde B.A.C. - ST. GR. TIEN.  
 108th " " B.A.C. - ST. GR. TIEN.  
 189th " " B.A.C. - ALLONVILLE.

Wagon Lines.

7th & 8th A.F. Bdes. - Just NORTH of QUERRIEU.  
 189th Army Bde, R.F.A. - ditto.  
 6th Army Bde A.F.A. - FRECHENCOURT, just WEST of River.  
 108th " " R.F.A. - ditto.

Ammunition Supply.

Divisional A.R.P.s will be established at G.24.b.6.7.  
 and B.14.a.

Distribution:-

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R.A., Aust Corps.	1.	3rd D.T.M.G.	1
3rd Aust. Div. G.	1	3rd Aust. D.A.C.	1
7th A.F. Bde. <del>xxxx</del>	1	(no map)	
6th Army Bde Grp	2	C.R.A.	1
8th A.F. Bde Grp.	1	B.M., R.A.	1
189th Army Bde, R.F.A.	1	S.C., R.A.	1
27th H. Group.	1	R.O., R.A.	1
2nd Aust. Div. Art.	1	R.A. Sig. Ofcr.	1
5th " " "	1	War Diary.	3
		File.	1.





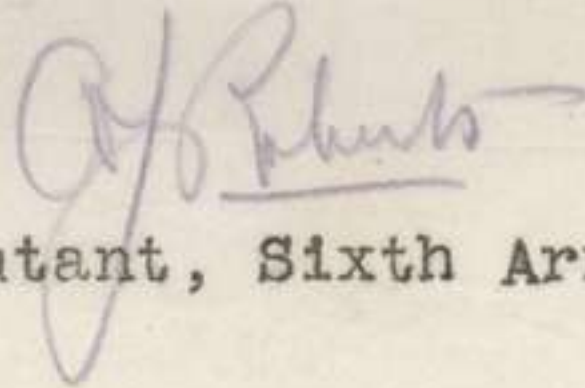
Sixth Army Brigade Group,  
April 22nd 1918.

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C.O. 8th A.F.A. Brigade Group  
B.M.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Reference 6th Army Brigade Group Operation Order No 5 of 21st  
inst. This Order is now cancelled and the attached order substituted.

Headquarters

  
Lieut.  
Adjutant, Sixth Army Brigade Group.





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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 6.  
By LT. COL. H.E. COHEN C.M.G. D.S.O.  
Ref. Map. 62.D. 1/20,000.

1. From 6 a.m. on 23rd inst. this Group will cover the Front from J.12.central - E.19.central on the S.O.S. Lines detailed below.
2. The Group covers 10th Australian Infantry Brigade. "A" Battalion from J.12.central to D.30.c.5.1. "B" Battalion from D.30.c.5.1. to E.19.central. The Front Line and Posts are as detailed below:  
 J.18.b.45.30 - J.18.B.4.6.0 - J.12.d.40.15 - J.12.d.38.43 -  
 J.12.d.17.79 - J.12.c.45.40 - J.12.a.81.00 - J.12.a.58.65 -  
 J.12.a.59.89 - J.6.c.60.50 - J.6.c.82.88 - J.6.a.89.30 -  
 J.6.a.75.48 - J.6.a.49.34 - J.5.b.72.50 along RIVER ANCRE -  
 D.30.d.55.68 - D.30.b.10.10 along Railway to E.19.d.55.45 -  
 E.19.a.05.48.
3. The S.O.S. Lines for 18 Pounder Batteries are as follows:
 

18th Battery	E.20.a.09.05 - E.26.a.00.85
17th Battery	E.26.a.09.90 - E.26.a.00.45 - E.25.c.30.75
16th Battery	E.25.c.50.80 - J.6.b.82.28
B/108th Battery	J.6.b.88.32 - J.6.d.30.50
C/108th Battery	J.6.d.42.64 - J.12.b.00.72
A/108th Battery	J.12.b.10.80 - J.12.d.40.90.

 18th Battery will arrange to emplace one Section so as to cover the left of its Zone.
4. 4.5" Howitzer Targets are allotted as follow:
 

106th Battery	1 How E.25.c.30.40
	1 How E.25.b.00.40
	1 How K.1.b.05.40
	1 How E.25.c.75.42
	2 Hows E.20.c.50.95
D/108th Battery	1 How K.7.c.15.70
	1 How K.7.b.10.10
	1 How K.1.c.10.10
	1 How K.1.d.20.89
5. Batteries must be prepared to bring fire to bear on any other portion of the Group Front within the arc of their Guns. Zones for Counter Preparation and Instructions are separately issued.
6. 108th Army Brigade R.F.A. will be responsible for Right Battalion Liaison Headquarters at J.11.a.45.80 and for Group O.P. at J.16.d.20.20  
 8th Army Brigade A.F.A. will be responsible for Left Battalion Liaison at J.5.a.2.8 and for Left Group O.P. at point now being selected.  
 Roster and times of mounting are issued separately.
7. The following are the S.O.S. Rates:
 

18 Pounders	For 5 minutes	4 rounds	p.g.p.m.
	10 "	2 rounds	p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.	5 minutes	2 "	p.h.p.m.
	10 "	1 round	p.h.p.m.

 The S.O.S. will not be continued after the 15 minutes unless S.O.S. Signal is repeated within the last 5 minutes.

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*12h 7.0  
6d 90-50*





## Appendix

The 6th Australian Medium Trench Mortar Battery is allotted to the Group. Two Six-inch NEWTON MORTARS are in position at J.5.d.80.55

S.O.S. Points are allotted as under:

1 6" Mortar on Cross Roads J.6.b.85.10

1 6" Mortar on Cross Roads K.1.a.40.15

Rates of Fire on S.O.S.

2 rounds per Mortar per minute for 10 minutes

1 round per Mortar per minute for 5 minutes

If the S.O.S. Signal is repeated during the last 5 minutes the above programme will be repeated.

## 9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 12 noon, 22/4/18

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
 2 17th Battery  
 3 18th Battery  
 4 108th Battery  
 5/9 108th Army Bde. Sub-Group  
 10 3rd Aust. Div. Arty  
 11 2nd Aust. Div. Arty  
 12 10th A.I.B.  
 13 8th A.F.A. Bde. Group  
 14 6th A.M.T.M. Battery  
 15 File  
 16 War Diary

*A. J. Roberts*  
 Lieut.  
 Adjutant, Sixth Army Brigade Group.





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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.5/92.

To : 8th.A.F.A.Bde.Grp.  
 6th.Army Bde.Grp.  
 27th.H.A.Grp.  
 R.A. Aust.Corps. ) For  
 3rd.Aust.Division. ) Information.

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Gas Bombardments will be carried out on night 22nd/23rd. April, as follows :-

Target.	To be engaged by.	No.of Guns.	Nature of Shell	Time.	Rates of fire.	No.of Rds.
QUARRY - K.31.c.90.25.	8th.A.F.A. Bde.Group.	12 4.5" Hows.	BNC	3 to 3.3am.	3 rds. per How. per min.	108
				3.30 to 3.33 am.		108
do.	27th. H.A. Group.	4 60Prs.	DNC	do.	2 rds. per gun per min.	24 24
AREA K.7.b.7.5. - K.7.b.8.3. - K.8.a.3.9. - K.8.a.3.6.	6th.Army Bde A.F.A. Grp.	6 ) 4.5" ) Hows )	BNC	3 to 3.3am.	3 rds. per How. per min.	54
				3.30am to 3.33 am.		54
do	27th. H.A. Group.	8 6" ) Hows. ) 4 ) 60Prs. )	PNC DNC	do.	1 rd. per How per min.	24 24
				do.	2 rds.per gun per min.	24 24

This bombardment will not be carried out if the wind is more than 7 m.p.h., or coming from a bearing between 0° and 180°.

Acknowledge by wire.

Headquarters,  
22.4.1918.

*R. A. ...*

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd.Aust.Division.



Appendix  
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.L./G./18

To.

8th. F.A. Brigade.

Herewith lists of TRIGINOMETRICAL POINTS  
in 62 D. S.W.S.E. and N.W. and 57 D. N.W. and S.E., also demand  
slips to be used by Batteries when requiring Artillery Beards or  
fixation of new position.

*Althouley*

Headquarters,  
22.4.1918

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.





LIST OF TRIGONOMETRICAL POINTS.

€2 d S.W.

	X South metres.	Y West.	Square Position.
Corbie, N.W. Turret of.			
N.W. Tower.	52864.2	133527.3	O5a6677.
Villers Bretonneux			
W. Church Tower.	57313.0	133230.3	O29d3104
Daours Church Spire.	53595.3	137930.3	N6d0317.
Vecquemont Ch. Sp.	53730.9	137755.8	N12b4188.
Blangy-Tronville			
Ch. Sp.			
Glisy Ch. Sp.	56031.9	141579.9	N20d0584.
Longueau Ch. Sp.	56450.9	144978.6	M28b6193.
Boves, N. Tower.	59937.3	142986.7	S12d9730
Cambos Farm.	61030.7	145693.4	S22a0591.
Cachy Ch. Sp.	59185.1	135860.1	U8b5695
Gentelles Ch. Sp.	59943.8	137511.3	T12d9529.
St. Acheul Ch. Sp.	55387.5	146902.4	M14d4125
St. Fuscien (small Sp.)	60551.7	147748.5	S13d5596.
St. Fuscien Ch. Sp.	60501.5	147825.7	S13b3807.
Sains en Amienois			
Ch. Sp.	62541.7	147516.1	S26c0661.

€2 d N.E.

Millencourt Ch. Sp.	-42818.3	-127883.9	D5b0075.
Meaulte Ch. Sp.	-44842.3	-122357.8	E17b0932
" Signal Pillar.	-45986.9	-120276.6	F19df482
Mametz Ch. Sp.	-43409.6	-1171432.2	F5c4945.
Froissy signal Pillar	-51994.4	-117828.2	L34b0068
Morlancourt Signal			
Chimney.	-50298.1	-125315.3	K20a6238
Chippilly Sig. Pillar	-52288.5	-122723.9	K35a2903
Vaux Sur Somme			
Sig. Pillar	-50239.4	-131132.7	J19b9051
Saizieux mill.	-43121.6	-131722.7	D1a6106
Secordel Ch. Sp.	-44214.4	-120722.2	F7c6769.
Bray Sur Somme Ch. Sp.	-49805.1	-118548.1	L15d4247
" " " Crucifix	-49700.0	-119126.6	L15c1670
Dernancourt Ch. Sp.	-45894.7	-124649.3	E21a0802
" House on Rly.	-45185.0	-124330.0	E15c7857
Etinehem Ch. Sp.	-51115.6	-120554.4	L25b0360
" mill.	-50657.1	-120510.1	L19d1360
Froissy Chimney.	51858.5	118271.9	L28c0306
La Vieville Ch. Sp.	43925.2	128528.7	D10b5933
Laneuville-les-Bray.	50608.9	118463.7	L21d6170
(Mericourt Lock-	52313.1	121970.2	K35d9498.
keepers's house	7		
Morlancourt Ch. Sp.	48474.4	124998.0	K8b3238
" Large Tree.	50111.2	124218.6	K21b0279
Vaux Chimney.	50311.9	131172.3	J19b8135.
Villers Ch. Sp.	48487.2	124498.4	K9a4135
" Crucifix.	47839.5	124496.3	K3c4176.
Villers-le-Vert,			
Tree 1st West.	50027.8	125284.1	K20a6998
Ville-sur-Ancre Ch. Sp.	47088.1	126176.5	E25c7441.



## Appendix

## LIST OF TRIGONOMETRICAL POINTS.

62 d S.E.

Description.	X South Metres	Y West	Square Position.
Bayonvillers	Ch. Sp. 58421.8	125132.8	W2b0262
Cerisy.	" " 53384.4	124289.5	Q3c8763
"	Crucifix S. 54158.0	124214.3	Q9d0394
Chipilly.	Ch. Sp. 53070.2	123480.7	Q4a6332.
Chuignes.	Church Dome 54194.9	116124.0	R12c7286
Chuignolles.	" " 54206.5	118213.1	R10c1684
"	Mill 53921.2	118701.5	R9b0946.
Framerville	Ch. Sp. 58648.6	118838.8	X3a7912
Guillancourt	" " of 60439.5	125034.3	W14b2420
"	Crucifix S.E. 60905.8	124550.8	W15c2918
"	" S. of 61004.0	125058.6	W20b1897
Hamel.	Sugar Ref. Chimney 60093.3	124741.7	W14b8896
Harbonnieres.	Ch. Sp. 53959.6	129291.9	P9b9238
"	" " 59955.6	122191.0	W11d4626
"	Crucifix N.W. of 58912.4	122776.5	W5c1754
Herleville	Chimney E. of 60055.3	121685.5	W12c5605
Lamotte-en-Santerre.	Ch. Sp. 58186.1	116380.1	R36c1613
Lihons.	" " 57203.9	127269.1	P30c3528
"	Square Tower 62098.1	117710.6	X28b2558.
Merlcourt.	Signal, brick chim. 61874.0	116805.6	X23d2307
Marcelcave.	Ch. Sp. 53485.8	121822.2	Q6c2641
Morcourt.	" " 59771.3	129219.6	V10c0867
"	" " 54941.9	123503.6	Q16a5823
"	Shrine S. of 55243.9	123348.1	Q16c9257
Proyart	Crucifix S. of 56076.3	123287.0	Q22d0675
"	Ch. Sp. 55693.5	119409.2	R20b5459
"	Chimney of 57212.1	119312.2	R26d7526
Rosieres	Cross on Shrine N 55053.8	119086.6	R15c2498
Wiencourt	Foundry Chimney 62609.2	119478.4	X26d3946
Crossing.	Ch. Sp. Rd 60245.3	126349.6	W13a3663
"	{ Cain-Harbonnieres/ Amiens-St Quentin and Framerville Rds, House N.E. Halt. 61167.1	122632.2	W23a4961.
Crossing.	{ Amiens-St Quentin and Framerville- Chuignes Roads. 57153.2	118038.4	R28c5438
"	{ Harbonnieres to Rosieres Road. 61426.0	117696.8	R28d2839
"	{ Rosieres to Lihons, Harbonn- -ieres, Rosieres. 61872.2	122049.0	W23b7705
		118367.7	X21d8207



## Appendix

## List of Trigonometrical Points.

62 d N.W.

	X South. Metres.	Y West.	Square Position.
Rainneville Ch. Sp.	-45410.8	-144448.2	A17c7707.
St. Gratien " "	-46413.5	-140612.1	B27b1788
Franvillers Ch. Sp.	-46585.4	-133653.8	C29a3851
Pont Noyelles Sig. Pillar	-50621.5	-137432.0	I19c1268
Bussy les Daours Ch. Sp.	-52745.6	-138998.5	H35c6903
Allonville Ch. Sp.	-49023.7	-143806.1	G12c1817
Poulainville mill	-47027.2	-147765.1	A25d 5154
Poulainville Ch. Sp.	-48345.4	-147526.0	G8a0466
Saizieux Ch. Sp.	-43460.9	-132684.6	C6c5034.
Villers Bocage Ch. Sp.	-42799.7	-146998.3	A2b2079.



LIST OF TRIGONOMETRICAL POINTS.57 d S.E.

	X South	Y Metres West	Square Position
Acheux, Chim. of Sugar Fcty.	35224.2	131010.6	P 14 c 1661.
Albert Church Spire.	42565.5	123360.7	W 28 c 9055
Bouzinourt " "	39939.2	125978.6	W 7 d 1730
Englebeimer " "	36339.9	126020.6	Q 19 d 0817
Forceville " "	36051.3	129819.3	P 21 c 7780
Genancourt Chateau Chimney	42323.7	129456.1	V 27 b 5608
Harponville Warloy Trig. Sig.	38873.8	131369.2	V 1 d 3863
Mailly-Maillet Ch. Sp.	34341.2	126286.5	Q 7 c 5054
Mesnil Church Spire.	37034.2	123264.8	Q 28 d 1165
Senlis mill	40440.9	127193.9	V 18 a 5120
Varennes Church Spire.	37317.7	131337.1	P 25 d 4503
Albert, tallest chimney.	42339.2	123725.8	W 28 a 1005
" N. chimney.	42021.3	123303.5	W 28 b 0875
" square of Trees E. of	42488.4	119291.6	X 26 d 8072
" shamrock tree E. of.	42750.7	121735.8	W 30 c 4515
Auchonvillers Church.	33880.8	124504.4	Q 9 a 4055
Aveluy Church Spire.	40354.4	122406.2	W 17 a 9839
Beaussart Church.	33701.4	127953.2	P 11 a 8581
Bouzinourt Tree	40426.6	124226.6	W 15 b 0123
Broken Tree.	42747.8	121573.3	W 30 c 8116
Mailly-Maillet mill.	33294.7	125706.8	Q 1 d 7783
Martinsart Church	38660.9	124326.8	W 3 a 7809
Pozieres Windmill, Trig. pole	38106.0	116966.2	R 35 c 8831
Senlis mill, S.W. of	41152.3	128679.7	V 22 b 2664
Vitermont Mill Hill 142.	35508.4	125245.3	Q 20 a 7799

57 j N.W.

Beaurepaire Signal Pillar.	25019.7	142663.4	B 13 c 6893
Beauval.	30314.3	145626.3	G 22 a 2035
" Church Spire.	30509.8	145508.7	G 22 c 4592
" Mill.	32232.8	147010.5	G 32 b 1715
Bois De Milly mill.	31160.0	145201.1	G 28 b 1350
Halloy Church Spire.	25077.9	138845.6	B 17 d 0380
Haute Visée Signal Pillar.	23442.9	146044.8	A 3 d 2838
Le Bon Air. House N. Gable.	27616.6	145157.1	G 4 b 2225
Louvencourt mill.	31818.2	133658.3	I 29 c 3706
Pommeray Church Spire.	23598.2	137643.7	B e d 6604
St. Marguerite mill.	23710.5	138600.9	B 11 b 5680.



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Copy No. 18

8th. Aust. Fld. Arty. Group.

OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Issued by Lieut. Col. H. G. ALLAN, D.S.O., Commanding.

Reference Map: Sheet 62D - 1/25,000 Date: April, 1918.

1. FRONT LINE.

The front line of 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is as follows: - J.24.e.5.0 - J.24.g.4.4 - J.24.e.4.7  
J.24.g.6.0 - J.24.g.95.00 - J.24.g.95.77  
J.24.b.25.00 - J.18.d.4.1 - J.18.d.70.18 -  
J.18.d.45.77 - J.18.b.48.00 - J.18.d.3.0 - J.18.d.  
00.45 - J.18.d.00.80 - J.18.g.9.0.

2. S.O.S. LINE.

S.O.S. is now: - J.24.g.<sup>9.0</sup>95.00 - J.24.e.0.0.  
J.24.g.9.0 - J.24.b.35.45 - K.13.e.1.1 - J.18.b.9.0  
J.18.d.7.0 - ~~J.18.d.4.5~~ - J.18.d.4.5 - J.18.b.3.0  
J.18.b.07.70 - J.6.d.3.5 - K.25.e.40.75  
Now S.O.S. as per Operation Order No. 1.

3. SECTORS.

East and West lines thro' following coordinates will be Battery sectors: -

- 25th. Battery - K.7.a.0.0 to K.7.c.0.0.
- 26th. Battery - K.7.c.0.0 to K.13.a.0.0.
- 27th. Battery - Superimposed over 25th. & 26th. Btys
- 31st. Battery - K.13.a.0.0 to K.19.a.0.5
- 29th. Battery - K.19.a.0.5 to K.19.c.0.0.
- 30th. Battery - Superimposed over 31st. & 29th. Btys

These sectors come into operation at 9 p.m. 23rd. instant.

4. COUNTER PREPARATION.

When Counter Preparation is ordered under Scheme 1 b. - 18-pdr. batteries will carry out their harassing fire in the lettered sectors which come into sectors allotted in this order. Now. For Scheme 1 b. remain as per O.O. No. 1. Tasks for Scheme 2 Counter Preparation for now. will be as per 'B' Barrage, i.e., 200 yds. behind and doing the same tasks as 18-pdrs.

5. MOVES.

The 27th. and 30th. Batteries will move to positions in J.19.a already selected and will only fire on harassing fire thro' night and O.P. if ordered, and S.O.S. No firing other than O.P. or S.O.S. thro' the day.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*E. Griffith* Lt. Col. 8th Aust. F. Arty. Commandant



## DISTRIBUTION:

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2/5. All Btys. 8th. Bde.  
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8. 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
9. 6th. Aust(Army) F.A. Bde.  
10. 150th. Bde. R. F. A.  
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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Appendix

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To. 8th A.F.A. Bde Group - 189th Army Bde. (for reference)  
6th Army Bde Group.

1. Recent photographs show that insufficient care is taken in selecting and concealing Battery positions.

It is realised that camouflaging Batteries, especially at this time of the year, and in open country, is extremely difficult.

2. The best way to camouflage positions is to dig down the gun as far as possible and cover the whole with camouflage suitable to the surroundings.

~~3.~~ Another method is to plough up the surrounding country and keep the tracks continually ploughed up - guns being sunk down and covered with dark camouflage.

3. All Batteries will immediately construct one, and if possible, two dummy positions, and they will be filled with old carts, ploughs, etc., to represent guns. Two guns should occupy these positions and most shooting should be done from them.

4. In addition to the main Battery position constructed for six guns and only occupied by four (more or less silent guns), each Battery should have an alternative position to move into if necessity arises. This position will be re-sited, marked, aiming posts planted for each gun, and S.O.S. ranges are to be worked out for each gun and known by the Nos. 1. These last positions should be semi-covered and not low down in valleys where they may be neutralised by gas.

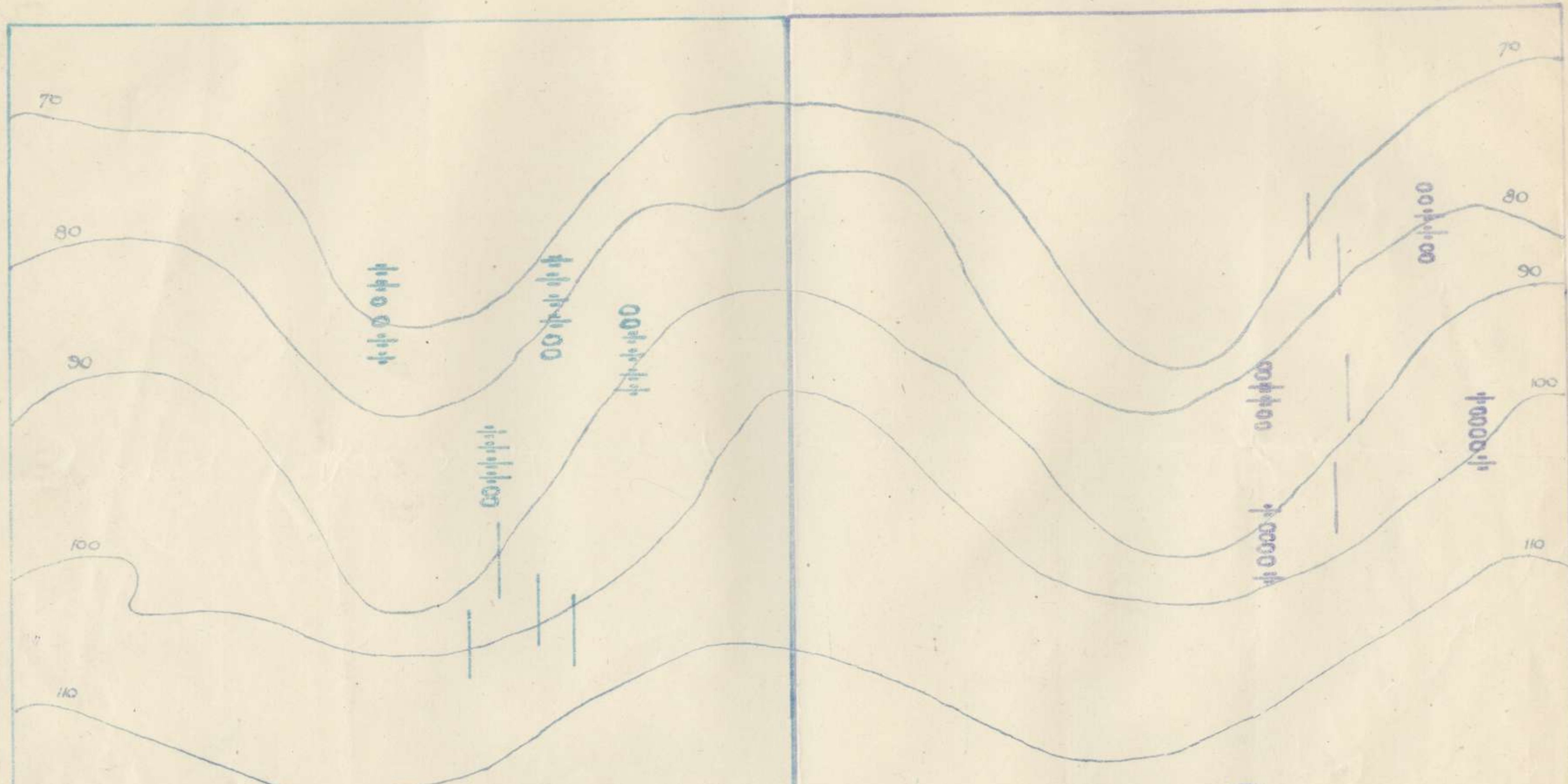
5. Group Commanders will, as far as possible, keep "Silent Areas" from which no shooting at night is done; all night shooting being carried on from the detached sections in dummy positions in "Active Areas".

Headquarters.  
23.4.1918.

*W. A. Richards*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.







Silent Area

———— Resected Positions.  
 |||·|||·00 Silent Positions

Active Area

———— Dummy Positions.  
 ||·0000·|| One Section of Guns with 4 Dummies.



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Appendix

7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.,  
3rd Aust. D.A.C.,  
8th Aust. F.A. Brigade (for information)  
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Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/40000.

Wagon Lines (Comprising firing battery and 1st line wagon lines) of 7th F.A. brigade will move on 24th inst, to positions as under, move to be completed by 6 p.m. 24th inst:-

25th Battery	B.6.b.8.8.
26th Battery	B.30.d.80.05.
27th Battery	B.30.d.99.30.
107th Battery	H.6.a.Central

Gun limbers and teams will remain at present locations and D.A.C. will still deliver ammunition demanded by batteries to Gun limber positions, which will be used as small ammunition refilling points, batteries carrying ammunition from gun limbers to battery positions.

One Officer from each battery will be at gun limbers, and one at rear wagon lines.

One Gas mask per horse will be kept at gun limbers.

7th F.A. Brigade and 3rd D.A.C. to acknowledge.

Headquarters,  
23.4.18.

*J. Farrell*  
Captain.  
Staff Captain R.A.,  
3rd Australian Division.







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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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- 5/92/1 13A

GAS BOMBARDMENT FOR NIGHT 23rd/24th April, 1918.

Target.	To be engaged by.	No. of Guns.	Nature of shell.	Time.	Rate of fire.	No. of Rds.
Area - K.3.d.30.80. - K.3.d.50.70. - K.3.d.20.25. - K.3.d.05.35.	8th.A.F.A.Bde.Grp.	6 4.5"Hows.	B N C.	11.30 - 11.36pm.	3 rds. per How. per min.	216
	6th.Army.Bde.AFA.	6 4.5"Hows.	B N C.	de.	de.	216
Area - K.21.c.85.10.- K.21.d.00.10.- K.27.b.10.60.- K.27.b.20.60.	27th.H.A.Group.	8 60 Pdrs.	D N C.	11.30 - 11.36pm.	2 rds. per gun per min.	192
	de.	8 6"Hows.	P N C.	de.	3 rds. per <del>per How</del> per How per 2 mins.	144

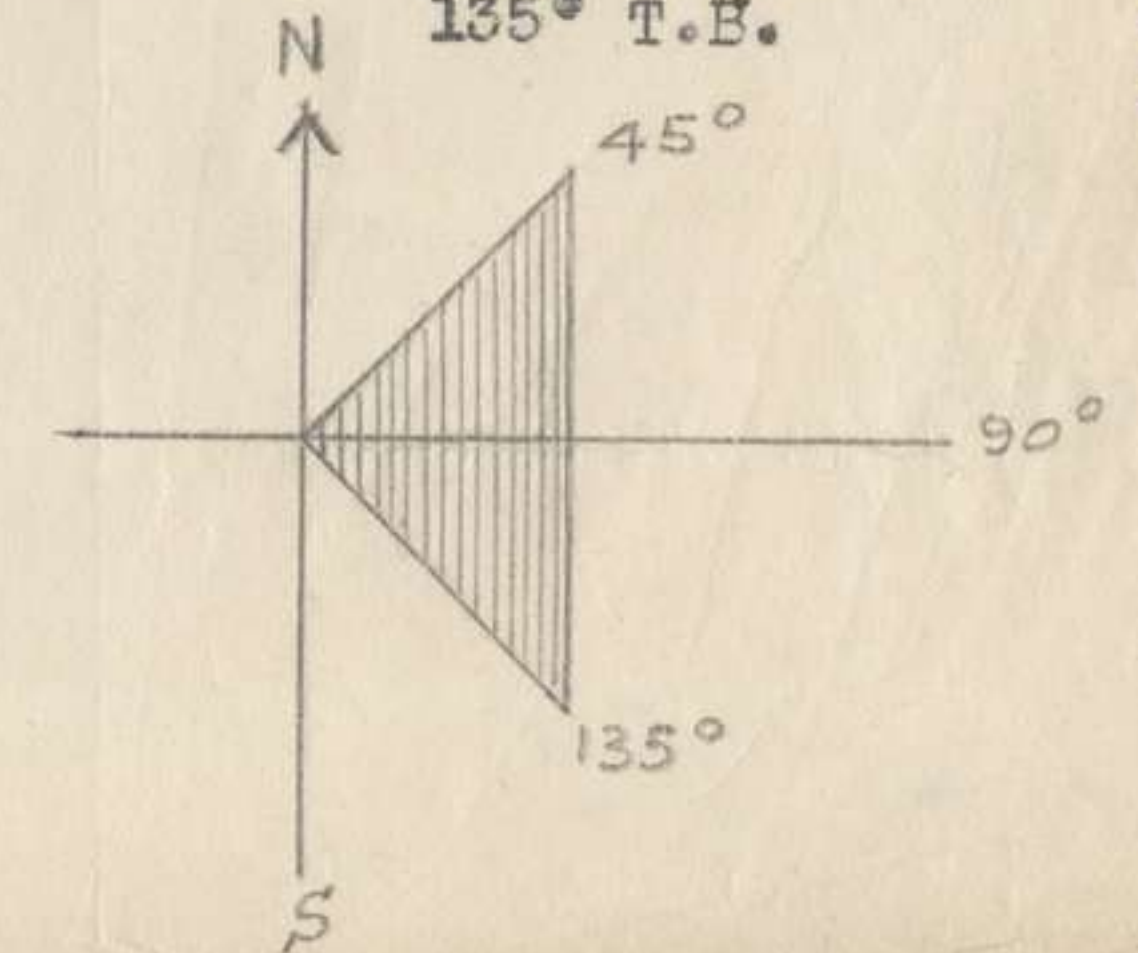
This bombardment will be cancelled if wind is above 7 m.p.h. or coming from a direction between 45° and 135° T.B.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. *ES*

DISTRIBUTION : ✓ 8th.A.F.A.Bde.Grp. - 6th Army Bde.Grp.  
27th.H.A.Group. - S.O.R.A.  
3rd.Aust. Divn. "G".

Headquarters,  
23.4.1918.

*Whalley* Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd.Aust.Divn.



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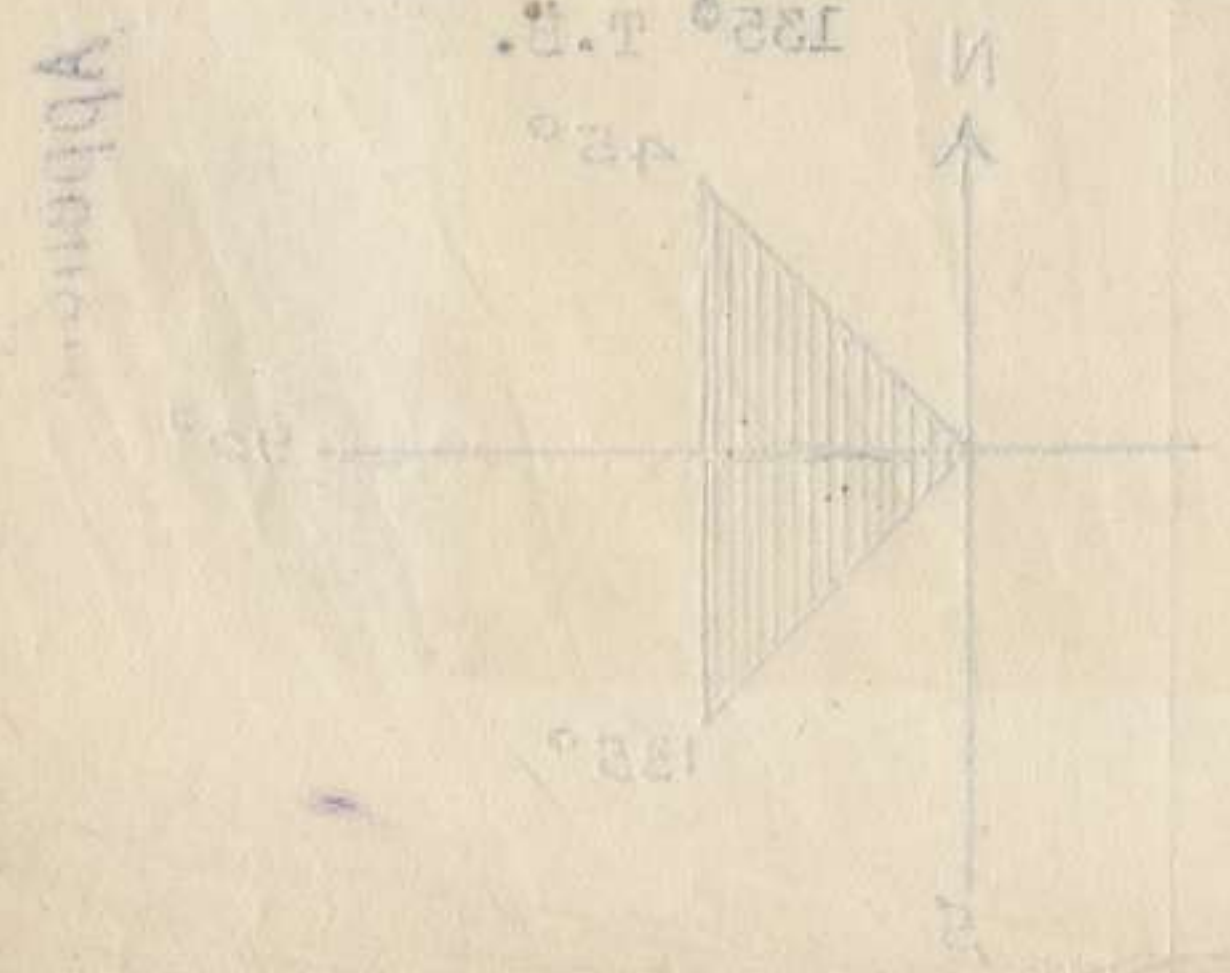
Target.	To be engaged by.	No. of Guns.	Nature of shells.	Time.	Date of fire.	No. of lbs.
Area - K. 3. d. 30. 80. - K. 3. d. 80. 70. - K. 3. d. 20. 85. - K. 3. d. 05. 35.	8th. A. T. A. Bde. Grp.	8 4.5" Hws.	B N C.	11.30 - 11.36pm. 12 mid. - 12.0am.	3 rds. per Hw. per min.	216
Area - K. 3. d. 35. 10. - K. 3. d. 00. 10. - K. 3. d. 10. 60. - K. 3. d. 30. 60.	8th. Army. Bde. A.A.	8 4.5" Hws.	B N C.	11.30 - 11.36pm. 12 mid. - 12.0am.	3 rds. per Hw. per min.	216
Area - K. 3. d. 35. 10. - K. 3. d. 00. 10. - K. 3. d. 10. 60. - K. 3. d. 30. 60.	27th. H. A. Grp.	8 60 Pzrs.	D N C.	11.30 - 11.36pm. 12 mid. - 12.0am.	3 rds. per Hw. per min.	192
Area - K. 3. d. 30. 60.	de.	8 6" Hws.	P N C.	11.30 - 11.36pm. 12 mid. - 12.0am.	3 rds. per Hw. per min.	144

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ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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27th. H. A. Grp. - S.O.R.A.  
3rd. Asst. Div. "G".

Major E.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Asst. Div.



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23.4.1918.

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TO 8th. F.A. Group. 5th. F.A. Group.  
 189th. F.A. Group. 27th. H.A. Group.  
 3rd. D.A.C. 867th. Coy. A.S.C.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 \*N/621. 23.

Following received from 3rd. Australian Divn. at 6.35 p.m. begins aaa Following from Aust. Corps begins aaa Following from Corps on Right begins aaa Prisoner captured last night East BOIS SENECA belongs to 3/13th I.R. 13th. Divn. his regiment relieved 160th. I.R. 15th. Divn. night 22/23 aaa A deserted came over to our lines this morning opposite HANGARD he is an Alsatian belonging to 7th. Regt Guards Field Arty Guards Ersatz Divn aaa He thinks an attack on a large scale is intended for today or to-morrow batteries have orders to stand to at dawn ready to limber up and move at a moment's notice the same order was given on March 20th. aaa Large number of troops have been moved up out of their billets and are bivouaced close up near the front line this was also done before offensive March 20th. aaa Ends aaa repeated all concerned.

From 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.  
 Place  
 Time  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
 Urgent Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.  
 Major R.A.

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By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO ~~6th Army Bde Group - 189th Army Bde, R.F.A.~~ 8th A.F.A. Bde Grp.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 \*N.622. 23rd.

Effect C.P. Scheme, Phase 2, from 3.45 a.m. to 4 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. to 4.45 a.m. 24th April on lanes N to S inclusive only aaa 6th Army Bde Group will superimpose 8th A.F.A. Bde Group on lanes O to Q inclusive with all available guns aaa Rate b aaa

Addressed 6th Army Bde Grp & 8th A.F.A. Bde Grp, repeated 189th Army Bde, R.F.A. aaa Acknowledge.

From 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.  
 Place 7.45 p.m.  
 Time  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
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 Major R.A.

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SECRET.Ref. Maps.  
62 D. 1/40,000.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5 p.m. 22.4.1918. to 5 p.m. 23.4.1918.

OUR FIRE. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on enemy roads, approaches and centres of activity. From 3 a.m. to 3.3 a.m. and from 3.50 a.m. to 3.53 a.m. 4.5" Hows. in conjunction with Heavy Artillery, carried out a gas bombardment of area enclosed in K.7.b.7.5. - K.7.b.8.3. - K.8.a.3.9. - K.8.a.3.6. and on quarry at K.31.c.9.2. Enemy strong point at J.30.b.7.4. was engaged by 4.5" Hows. 30 rds. fired. At 10.30 p.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 90 rounds gas and H.E. on MORLANCOURT and at 12.45 p.m. 13 rounds H.E. were directed against movement in K.15.b. During the day harassing fire was maintained by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. on enemy defences opposite the Divisional front whilst movement in K.1.d. was effectively fired on and dispersed.

HOSTILE FIRE. During the period under review a marked decrease in the enemy's artillery fire was noticeable. The night remained comparatively quiet, and no shelling of importance was recorded. During the day the enemy's artillery activity was confined to light intermittent shelling of roads in D.27.b. and D.20.b. by 10.5 cm Hows. J.20.a. and b., J.27.a. and b., J.22.c., J.16.a. and d. J.17.c. and J.23. - fire light and scattered and mainly from 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns. At 11.15 a.m. the enemy registered Cross Roads in J.22.b. with 10.5 cm Hows. - direction of fire not ascertained. No gas shelling or counter battery work was recorded for the 24 hours. Main features as follow :- During the night 30 rounds harassing fire by 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns were directed against area J.18.a. - direction of fire approximately K.20.a. At intervals during the night RIBEMONT and MERICOURT were lightly shelled by Hows. of the same calibre. At 5.30 p.m. and again at 10.25 p.m. 20 rds. 77 mm and 15 rds. 10.5 cm were directed against MARETT WOOD (J.27.b.) - harassing fire. From 11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. 80 rounds 10.5 cm from a direction 105 deg. 2.3. from J.27.b.4.2. fell in J.21.d. and J.22.c. Between 11 a.m. and noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. 40 rds. 10.5 cm H.E. were scattered over area J.16.b. and d. During the late afternoon 10. rds. 10.5 cm fell in J.10. while 5 rounds of the same calibre fell in J.17.



INTELLIGENCEAIRCRAFT.

Enemy aircraft were very active during the period.

At 7.30 a.m. 8 enemy aircraft crossed our lines flying in a South Westerly direction, but were driven off by A.A. fire.

At the same time 4 E.A. patrolled our front line and at 9.a.m 5 E.A. were observed over RIBEMONT

At 3 p.m. an enemy aeroplane flying low passed over HEILLY and was heavily engaged by Lewis Gun and A.A. fire.

At 3.45 p.m. 16 enemy aeroplanes crossed our front line but were driven off by A.A. fire, and at 4.15 p.m. 3 enemy machines flew over RIBEMONT.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

During the period enemy movement in K.1d. was observed, fired on by 180drs. and dispersed.

At 11.50 a.m. two of the enemy were observed to enter house in K.3.d.

8.20 a.m. a train was observed on a bearing 88 deg. T. from J.17.a.5.6.

Transport was observed on road running through K.10.c. and d. proceeding in a South Easterly direction.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 9 p.m. an explosion occurred in the direction of Albert from J.16.a.

*A. H. Couler*

Headquarters,  
23.4.1918.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.



Appendix

*[Handwritten initials]*

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To  
All Batteries, 8th. Div.  
7th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

At 9 a.m., 24th. instant, all 12-pounder batteries will fire two (2) salvos at 1 minute interval, 100 yds. East of S.O.S. line in Operation Order No. 2.

H. H. to be used.

At 9.30 a.m. the howitzer batteries will fire two (2) salvos at 2 minute interval on their S.O.S. points.

Usual harassing fire will be carried out thro' the night.

No firing nearer than 200 yds. East of the S.O.S. line.

*[Handwritten signature]*

23.4.1918.

Lieutenant,  
Adjutant, 8th. Aust. F.A. Bde. Group





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To

All Batteries, 8th. Bde.  
7th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.  
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Counter Preparation will be put into effect  
at the following times:-

3.45 a.m. to 4 a.m. - 24th. instant.  
4.30 a.m. to 4.45 a.m. 24th. instant.

Scheme 2 - Rate 'B'

Zones as follows:-

25th. Battery	-	'N'	)	
26th. Battery	-	'O'	)	107th. Battery -
27th. Battery	-	'P'	)	2 Hows. on each.

31st. Battery	-	'Q'	)	
30th. Battery	-	'R'	)	108th. Battery -
29th. Battery	-	'S'	)	2 Hows. on each.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieutenant,  
Adjutant, 8th. F. A. Brigade Group.

23/4/1918.





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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To : 6th.Aus.Army Bde.Group.  
8th.A.F.A.Bde.Grp. ✓

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Please make necessary arrangements with Infantry Brigadiers for short bursts of fire to be directed against enemy's trench system as follows :-

Trench running NORTH to SOUTH.-

From K.7.c.15.90. -  
J.12.d.97.40. - K.7.c.10.10. - K.13.a.05.85. -  
J.18.b.90.50. - J.18.b.80.40. - J.18.b.85.05. -  
K.13.c.00.85. - K.13.c.15.50.

Support Trench.- From K.13.a.65.45. - K.13.a.50.35. -  
K.13.a.50.10.

Communication Trench.-

From K.13.a.50.35. - K.13.a.10.20.

Special attention should be paid to extremities of above trenches, where enemy working parties are busily engaged nightly.

Headquarters,  
23.4.1918.

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Australian Divn.



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To. ✓ 8th A.F.A. Bde. Group. 2.  
 6th Army Bde Group. (7)  
 3rd Aust. D.A.C.  
 189th Army Bde.

Appendix

D.A. 5/151

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 Forwarded for your information and attention; Reports  
 in accordance with para. 9 to be forwarded to this office.

Headquarters.  
 24.4.1918.

*J. M. Pell. Capt. go.*  
 Major, R.A.,  
 B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.





(COPY) THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Appendix  
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Divisional Headquarters.

23rd April, 1918.

S.G.401/10/1.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 80A.PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE BOMBING.

1. It must be expected that the enemy will continue his bombing of villages and back areas - if for no other reason than that of retaliation for our unwearying air offensive.
2. The Divisional Commander desires Unit Commanders to pay special attention to the protection against bombing of all billets and bivouacs.
3. In the Forward Area the danger of shell fire on houses renders them particularly unsuitable for occupation by Troops (though certain houses on the outskirts of villages must be held as strong points, O.Ps., etc., and many <sup>may</sup> have suitable cellars.
4. In the remainder of the Divisional Area it is impossible to entirely forego the quartering available in villages, though in those villages which are particularly subjected to bombing, the quartering should be reduced to a minimum.
5. The nature of the terrain facilitates the construction of suitable shelters either against weather, shell fire or bombs.  
Excavation of about 2 feet, with the earth banked around the excavation gives satisfactory protection, shelters or tents being erected over the excavation.
6. The protection of horses and mules requires the careful personal attention of Commanding Officers. Considerable avoidable casualties have already been caused among animals by bombs and shell fire, due to too large a number being picketed together.
7. In view of the difficulty of replacing animals, and the fact, that without a full Establishment a Division is practicable immobile, Unit Commanders will ensure that animals are not grouped in larger numbers than twenty and that traverses to a height of at least 3 feet are erected around each Group.
8. Though the folds of the ground give cover from the view of enemy ground observers, the regularity of the surface makes concealment of positions, or movement, almost impossible from balloons or aircraft, therefore protection becomes of greater importance.
9. Recipients of this memo will report -
  - (a) If animals are satisfactorily distributed and necessary protection exists at present, or
  - (b) When the construction of protection has been commenced, and
  - (c) When satisfactory protection has been completed.
10. The selection of suitable banks and other features minimises the danger, and facilitates the construction of protection.

(Sgd) Geo. F. Wieck, Major.  
for Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.





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for Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

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To. ✓ 8th A.F.A. Bde. Group.  
6th Army Bde Group.  
3rd Aust. D.A.C.  
189th Army Bde.

D.A. 5/151

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Headquarters.  
24.4.1918.

*J. M. Pell. Capt. for.*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.



COUNTER BATTERY - AUSTRALIAN CORPS H.A.DAILY SUMMARY - from 3 p.m. 23/4/18 to 3 p.m. 24/4/18.

GENERAL. Last night at 6 p.m. the enemy began a lively gas bombardment of our battery areas on the right of the Corps front. Our 'planes were up at the time and many NF calls were sent and answered, in five cases NT being sent a few minutes after the targets had been engaged.

This morning at about 3.42 am the enemy put down a barrage upon the whole of our front line system, and bombarded heavily with gas all our battery areas. Many sorts of gas were employed. An observer in D 9 reports about 30% to have been Lachrymatory. Yellow Cross was identified in BRESLE.

PRINCIPAL AREAS SHELLED. The following neighbourhoods received special attention, SENLIS, HENENCOURT and WOOD, BRESLE and WOOD, MILLENCOURT, J 19, 20, 25, I 23, 24, 29, 30, D 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 26.

OPERATIONS. During the period under review 44 neutralizations have been carried out including answers to 20 NF calls. At 6.11 pm last evening a W.P.N.F. call on P 16 b was sent and answered. Two M.O.K's were reported. In reply to an NF call sent on K 27 c 74, 1 fire and explosion were caused at 7 pm, the fire lasting till 7.38 when a big explosion occurred. A third explosion took place at 7.41 pm.

LOCATIONS.

23/4/18.

<u>Reported by.</u>	<u>Zone No.</u>	<u>Co-ordinates.</u>	<u>Accuracy.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>
'plano	KA 21		NF	
'K' SRS	W 30 c or d or F 1 a			gun
'A' "		K 26 d 7090	R	HVG
'plano	PD 41		NF	
"	PD 52		NF	
"		P 35 c 32	NF	
"		P 29 a 25	NF	
"		P 23 a 72	NF	AA
"		K 32 b 70	NF	
"		P 10 c 89	NF	
"	PB 82		NF	
"		P 10 d 50	NF	
"		K 27 c 74	NF	
"	QA 71		NF	
"		P 11 central	NF	
"		P 11 c 55	NF	
"		K 27 c 74	NF	
"		P 16 b 53	NF	
"	KC 53	K 27 c 75	NF	
"		P 16 a 92	NF	
"		P 16 b 59	NF	
"		P 16 c 38	NF	
'A' SRS	KC 53	K 27 c 6035	R	77
15 G.S.		Q 3 b 93	Inter'n	Medium.
"		Q 21 b 7073	Tri'n	15 cm Gun
24/4/8	PB 85	P 18 c 20	Inter'n	100 gun
"	PB 84		Tri'n	100 gun
"		Q 15 c 0463	"	100 Gun
"		P 16 c 8510	Inter'n	105 How
"		P 23 c 5065	Q.Tri'n	Field.
'A' SRS		V 1 d 2095	approx	HVG
28 GS		F 17 c 8240	'Q' Tri'n	105 gun
"	FC 1	F 19 c 8565	Inter'n	150 How
'A' SRS	KC 53	K 27 c 5070	R	77
"		Q 8 d 0070/1590	R	100 Gun (3)

PTO.







To:

Adjutant  
8<sup>th</sup> FA Bde

24/4/18

Reference rear Wagon lines for  
this Battery.

I have selected position at  
H. 6. a. 4. 5., shells have fallen  
around present wagon lines  
this morning, but so far  
no damage has been done  
could you say briefly what  
this morning's situation is

W. H. B. G. Capt  
D/o 30<sup>th</sup> Wagon line





Appendix

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

REVOLVER SHOOTING COMPETITION

FOR OFFICERS OF 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

1. Herewith sufficient copies of targets for distribution to all Batteries and to Sections of the 3rd. D.A.C. for revolver shooting competition for Officers of 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.
2. The C.R.A. has offered a prize of <sup>100</sup> francs to the Officer sending in the best pattern of six shots with Service or Automatic revolver fired from a distance of 10 yards.
3. The C.R.A. reserves the right to challenge the Officer sending in the best card to a series of six shots under the same conditions, and, should the Officer lose, the prize money will not be paid.
4. All cards sent in must be certified correct by an Officer who witnessed the series, i.e., distance 10 yards.
5. Not more than one card will be sent in by each Officer, and all cards must reach 3rd. D.A.H.Q. not later than noon 1st May, 1918.
6. No limit to the number of attempts is made.
7. "Q" will arrange ammunition supply.

*A. H. Clouston*

Headquarters,  
24.4.1918.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.





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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Ref. Map: 62D. - 1/40,000.

OPERATION ORDER No.51.

1. The 3rd Army Bde, A.F.A. will come under the orders of the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division at 6 a.m. on the 25th instant, and will be attached to the 6th Army Brigade F.A.Group.

The 108th Army Bde, R.F.A., on the same date and at the same hour, will cease to form part of the 6th ARMY Bde Group, and will be superimposed over the whole Divisional Front; coming directly under the orders of the C.R.A., 3rd Australian Division.

2. The disposition of Artillery covering the 3rd Australian Divsl Front will then be as follows:-

6th Army Bde A.F.A. Group - Lt-Col H. Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O. (to be known in future as Left Group).

3rd Aust. Army Bde F.A. ) Covering 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade Front. 6th " " " " )

8th Aust F.A. Bde Group - Lt-Col W.G. Allsop, D.S.O. (to be known in future as Right Group).

7th A.F.A. Brigade. ) - Covering 11th Aust. Infy Brigade Front. 8th A.F.A. Brigade. )

108th Army Bde, R.F.A. - Superimposed. 189th Army Bde, R.F.A. - Position of readiness.

3. Reliefs to be wired to D.A.H.Q.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters. 24.4.1918.

W.A. Nicholls Major, R.A., B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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7th A.F.A. Bde.	6.	S.C., R.A.	17.
189th Army Bde, R.F.A.	7.	R.A. Sig. Ofcr.	18.
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TO *Right Group Art*  
*8 Bde*

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To G.R.A.

2nd Aust Div Ctry.

I have to make the following report and put up a proposition for your approval. The H.Q. lately occupied by the 4th Brigade have become untenable, owing to the quantity of gas used on this wood during the past 24 hours. Col. James is now up here with his staff (Money & Watson), and there is very little room here and his communications now all come on to my board and his being here only duplicates the work.

I would suggest, Sir, that the eight batteries be now run as a single group tactically and that the 4th Brigade H.Q. goes to the rear and all Administrative matters for both Brigades be sent to them.

Col James is suffering considerably, from the effects of gas himself and if, only for his sake, would put up the above proposition.

24/4/18

4.15 p.m.

Gen. Murray, Lt Col

C.O. 8th J.A. Pugh

Over





To. C.O. 8th. A.F.A. Bde.

APPROVED - Location Rear Headquarters to be wired to this Office - Suggested Headquarters 31st Bty Wagon Lines (Prisoners of War Camp) I.28.a.0.5.

(Sgd) W.F.NICHOLLS. Major, R.A. B.M. R.A. 3rd. Aust. Div.

Headquarters, 24.4.1918.

Handwritten note on graph paper, containing a typed version of the typed text above, with additional handwritten notes and signatures.





## Appendix

## OPERATION ORDER No. 3

Issued by Lieut.-Col. W.S. MASSEY, D.S.O., Cmdg. 8th. F.A. Bde. Group.

Reference Map: 62D, 1/40,000.

24th. April, 1918.

1. INTENTION: In the event of a withdrawal being ordered, Batteries will withdraw to positions as set out below:-  
 Batteries of 7th. F.A. Bde. will withdraw to positions already selected in the vicinity of LAHOUSBOYE.  
 Batteries of 8th. F.A. Bde. will occupy positions at present occupied by Batteries of 189th. Bde. R.F.A. Positions will be taken over from this Brigade in the following order:-

29th. Bty.	From	34th. Bty.	} Vicinity of Bois ROCARDREUSE. I.15.
30th. "	"	B/189 "	
31st. "	"	C/189 "	
108th. "	"	D/189 "	

These positions must be immediately reconnoitred by Battery Captains, and as many of the personnel of the Battery as possible made acquainted with them.

Should these positions, however, be occupied, if the withdrawal takes place, Batteries of the 8th. F.A. Bde will then occupy positions already selected in the vicinity of LAHOUSBOYE.

2. If a withdrawal is ordered, Batteries will withdraw in the following order:-

ORDER:

25th. and 31st. Btys.
107th. and 108th. "
26th. and 29th. "
27th. and 30th. "

It is essential that the withdrawal is carried out according to a definite plan; but it must be firmly understood that under the present circumstances, a Battery commander is allowed the latitude in this matter, and must act on his discretion, and as the situation demands. The withdrawal to be along routes already notified.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

*J. Griffith*  
 LIEUTENANT.,  
 Adjutant., 8th. Aust. F.A. Bde. Group.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Ref. Map: 62D. - 1/40,000.

52.

OPERATION ORDER No.

1. The following reliefs will take place:-

108th Army Brigade, R.F.A. will relieve the 7th Aust. F. A. Brigade and vice-versa; relief to be completed by 12 noon 26.4.1918.

189th Army Brigade, R.F.A. will relieve the 8th Aust. F. A. Brigade and vice-versa; relief to be completed by 3 p.m. 26.4.1918.

2. Lt-Col. L.T. Raikes, D.S.O., will take over the command of the Right Group from Lt-Col. W.G. Allsop, D.S.O. - command to pass at 9 a.m., 27.4.1918.

3. Guns will in all cases be handed over in 'Situ', and all arrangements for the relief made by Brigade Commanders concerned, in consultation with O.C., Right Group.

4. All maps, orders, etc., will be handed over on relief.

5. On relief, dispositions of Artillery covering 3rd Aust. Divsl front will be as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP - Lt-Col. L.T. RAIKES, D.S.O.

108th Army Bde, R.F.A. } Covering 11th Australian
189th " " " } Infantry Brigade.

LEFT GROUP - Lt-Col. H. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.

3rd Army Bde, A.F.A. } Covering 10th Australian
6th " " " } Infantry Brigade.

7th Aust. F. A. Brigade superimposed over the whole Divisional Front.

8th Aust. F. A. Brigade - position of readiness.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters.
25.4.1918.

W. J. Nicholls
Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. *77* — Secret —

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To. Right Group Art.

S.5/94.

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According to prisoners' statements the enemy intended to attack today Westward with four Divisions between AMIENS-WARFUSEE Road.

An attack on our front does not appear very probable, but the threatened attack on South so materially affects this front that all possible fire must be brought to bear in defence of it.

The Right Group Artly will see that its O.P. can observe this flank and, if not engaged on our front, will take on all opportunity targets possible.

*W. J. Miles*

Headquarters.  
25.4.1918.

Major, R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.





## RIGHT GROUP OPERATION ORDER No.1.

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 Issued by Lieut.Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O. C.O. Right Group Arty.

25th. April. 1918.

1. INTENTION: The following reliefs will take place.  
 108th. Army Bde. R.F.A. will relieve the 7th. Aust. F.A. Bde.,  
 and vice versa; relief to be completed by 12 noon, 26th.  
 instant.  
 7th. F.A. Bde. Batteries to take over from relieving Batt-  
 eries, having ascertained their positions.  
 189th. Army Bde., R.F.A. will relieve the 8th. Aust. F.A. Bde.,  
 relief to be completed by 8 p.m. 26th. inst.;  
 8th. F.A. Bde. Batteries taking over from relieving Batt-  
 eries, having ascertained their positions of readiness.
2. HANDING OVER. Guns will be handed over with Sights and Aiming Posts,  
 but no stores or Lewis Guns.
3. COMMAND. On completion of relief, the 7th. F. A. Brigade will come  
 under the Tactical and Administrative Command of Major  
 J.M. IRWIN.  
 The Command of the RIGHT GROUP will pass to Lieut.Col.,  
 L.T. RAIKES, D.S.O. at 9 a.m. 27th. instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Lieutenant.,  
 Adjutant., Right Group Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To  
 8th. F.A. Brigade. ✓  
 6th. Army. F.A. Brigade.

Appendix

Please report completion of marking of battery positions for the defence of the second zone.



Headquarters,  
 25.4.1918.

Major R.A.  
 B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.





## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Appendix

B.M.577.

To. 6th Army Bde, A.F.A. - 7th A.F.A. Bde.  
 ✓ 8th A.F.A. Bde. - 189th Army Bde, R.F.A.  
 108th Army Bde, R.F.A. -

Copy of the silhouettes of French Armoured Cars, referred to in the following letter, is forwarded for your information:-

" From General BELIN, French Military representative at the Supreme War Council, to General SACKVILLE-WEST, British Military representative at the Supreme War Council.

During the course of the recent fighting on the SOMME, some French Armoured Cars were mistaken for German Armoured Cars and were fired on by British Batteries.

To avoid a recurrence, I beg to forward to you some silhouettes of our armoured cars.

As a large number of our Armoured Cars are still in use, I would be glad if you would issue instructions for these silhouettes to be distributed amongst British formations."

*Col. Chouley  
for*

Headquarters.  
26.4.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.





THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Reference Map  
42 D. 1/40,000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5 p.m. 25.4.1918. to 5 p.m. 26.4.1918.

OUR FIRE. Harassing fire by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. was carried out during the night, particular attention being paid to re-entrant in K.7.b. and K.0.a.

10.45 p.m. 30 rds. EX and 90 rds. BNC were directed against MALARD WOOD in K.27.a. and K.35.a.

At 5 a.m. 60 rds. BX were directed against K.21.a. and c.

5.15 p.m. an enemy M.G. position in brick hut at E.19.d.90.60. was fired on by 4.5" Hows. - 30 rds. expended. - During this shoot direct hits were obtained and the building demolished.

At 1.40 a.m. 18 pdrs fired 36 rds. on enemy working party at E.25.b.25.50.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. 60 rounds in short bursts of fire were expended on enemy movement at K.1.a.40.30.

2.15 p.m. 100 rds. BNC gas shell were directed against re-entrant in K.9.a. and d.

During the day enemy defences, including machine guns positions, trenches, and strong points referred to in Divisional Intelligence Summaries have been harassed by 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows.

At 11.30 a.m. 50 rds. BNC and 50 rds. BCER were directed against re-entrant in K.3.d. while during the late afternoon 18 pdrs. fired 30 rds. on enemy post at K.1.a.35.30.

HOSTILE FIRE. During the period under review the enemy's artillery has been comparatively quiet. During the evening a slight increase in hostile fire was reported, but otherwise shelling has been of a light harassing nature distributed over the front.

No counter battery work has been carried out by the enemy, but he has again employed a number of gas shell, the majority of which fell in the vicinity of HELLLY.

Main features as follow :-

From 5 to 5.30 p.m. the enemy intermittently shelled J.19.a. with 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns.

At 7.40 p.m. heavy shelling by 15 cm and 10.5 cm (H.E. and Gas) was directed against HELLLY - fire of 10 minutes duration, while at 8.15 p.m. the enemy again shelled this village with Hows of the same calibre - fire ceasing at 9.15 p.m.

From 7.30 to 8 p.m. 30 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm (light harassing fire) were scattered over area J.2.c. - J.8.a. 10 rds. 10.5 cm mustard gas reported to have fallen during this shoot.

From 6.15 to 8 p.m. short bursts of fire were directed against J.14.a. by 10.5 cm Hows. ; H.E. and a proportion of gas shell being used - fire coming from the direction of K.21.

At 7.30 p.m. the enemy brought light harassing fire to bear on our battery areas of the Right Group : the bulk of this fire appeared to come from a sound bearing 100 True from J.17.a.45.15.

At 10.30 p.m. 30 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm were directed against RIBEMONT Factory and cross roads in the vicinity.

From 11.15 to 11.40 p.m. RIBEMONT was subjected to heavy shelling from 10.5 cm Hows.

At 5.30 a.m. 50 rds. 10.5 cm fell in D.23.a. whilst D.23.b. and D.24.a. were lightly shelled during the early hours of the morning.

From 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. 100 rounds 15 cm fell in ... J.23. and from 11 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. 70 rds. 15 cm and 10.5 cm fell in the vicinity of MERICOURT.

Fire during the day has been very light, and with the exception of a few rounds scattered over our forward areas no shelling of importance was recorded.



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HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 8.30 p.m. flashes of a hostile battery were observed 128 deg. E.B. from J.17.45.15 and at 8.50 p.m. flashes were observed 95 deg. E.B. from J.17.45.15.

Owing to poor visibility no enemy movement was observed.

Enemy aircraft were inactive throughout the period owing to unfavorable flying conditions.

*OK*

Headquarters,  
26.4.1918.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Appendix

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Divisional Headquarters,  
26th. April, 1918.

Map Ref: - Sheet 62D. 21:40,000.

Disposition of Units as at 6.0 a.m. 27th. April, 1918.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
Divisional Headquarters.	CHATEAU. ST. GRATIEN.
Divisional Engineer. H.Q.	ST. GRATIEN.
9th. Field Coy.	I.5.a.30.60.
10th. -do-	C.23.c.80.20.
11th. -do-	C.29.c.10.80.
Divisional Signal Coy.	ST. GRATIEN.
9th. A. I. Bde. H.Q.	CHATEAU. FRECHENCOURT.
33rd. Bn. H.Q.	LAHOUSOYE.
34th. do.	FRANVILLERS.
35th. do.	LAHOUSOYE.
36th. do.	LAHOUSOYE.
9th. A.M.C. Coy. H.Q.	BONNAY.
9th. A.L.T.M. Bty. H.Q.	FRANVILLERS.
10th. A.I. Bde. H.Q.	HEILLY. (Advanced).
do.	C.29.c.00.50. (Rear).
37th. Bn. H.Q.	MERICOURT.
38th. Bn. H.Q.	RIBEMONT.
39th. do.	J.11.a.50.90.
40th. do.	J.5.a.20.90.
10th. A.M.C. CO. H.Q.	J.28.d.85.80.
10th. A.L.T.M. Bty. H.Q.	J.5.a.20.90. (Advanced).
	HEILLY. (Rear).
11th. A.I. Bde. H.Q.	J.1.d.0 5.70. (Advanced).
	I.14.a.20.10. (Rear).
41st. Bn. H.Q.	J.22.d.20.37
42nd. do	J.17.b.80.70.
43rd. do.	J.21.c.70.75.
44th. do.	J.13.d.25.35.
11th. A.M.C. Coy. H.Q.	HEILLY.
11th. A.L.T.M. Bty. H.Q.	I.17.c.80.20.
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.	RIBEMONT.
23rd. A.M.C. Coy. H.Q.	RIBEMONT.
3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q.	HEILLY.
"A", "C", & "D" Coys.	HEILLY.
"B" Coy.	RIBEMONT.
A.D.M.S.	CHATEAU, ST. GRATIEN.
9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	QUEBEC.
10th. -do-	I.4.b.80.00.
11th. -do-	H.10.a.90.40.
D.A.D.V.S.	FRANVILLERS.
3rd. Aust. Div. Mob. Section.	LAHOUSOYE.
3rd. Aust. Div. Trains H.Q.	C.23.d.60.20.
867th. Coy.	LAHOUSOYE.
868th. Coy.	H.12.c.40.30.
869th. Coy.	FRECHENCOURT.
870th. Coy.	H.12.c.20.20.

P. T. O.



3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy. ....	LABOUSOYE.
D.A.D.O.S. ....	PONT NOYELLES.
A. P. M. ....	FR. VILLERS.
Divisional Gas Officer. ....	ST. GRATIEN.
Divisional Bombing Officer. ....	ST. GRATIEN.
Divisional Paymaster. ....	ST. GRATIEN.
Divisional Reinforcement Wing. ....	ST. LEGER.
3rd. Aust. M. T. Coy. ....	ALLOUVILLE.
Ammunition Section. ....	ALLOUVILLE.
Supply Section. ....	ALLOUVILLE.
Divisional Artillery H.Q. ....	MAIRIE, ST. GRATIEN.
7th. A.F.A.Bdc. H.Q. ....	J.1.c.7.5.
8th. -do- ....	J.1.d.05.30.
D.A.C. H.Q. ....	PONT NOYELLES.
3rd. Aust. Div. Trench Mortars. .	I.34.c.4.7.

Attached Units.

6th. Army Brigade. A.F.A. H.Q.	J.1.c.85.85.
6th. B.A.C.H.Q.	C.25.c.30.18.
	LABOUSOYE.
189th. Army Brigade. R.F.A.H.Q.	SAINT-ROBERT.
189th. B.A.C. H.Q.	
108th. Army Brigade. R.F.A. H.Q.	J.1.c.00.90.
108th. B.A.C. H.Q.	K.15.b.2.6.
27th. Heavy Artillery Group. H.Q.	I.9.a.10.90.
Troop, 13th. Light Horse. H.Q.	LABOUSOYE.
Platoon, Cyclist Bn. H.Q.	I.36.c.4.6.

NOTE. Amendments to be immediately notified to Divisional Headquarters.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY BULLETIN  
No. 15.

SITUATION WIRES. - 25.4.1918.

FOURTH ARMY. 10.30 am.

Following from G.H.Q. 11.15pm. 24th. aaa Heavy fighting has taken place in and around METEREN, which enemy still holds aaa Attack last night on detachment Des Armees du Nord believed to have been a raid aaa French line intact and a few prisoners taken aaa Fighting has taken place on French front about HANGARD and S. of HAILLES aaa French believed to hold Western houses of HANGARD aaa Enemy has made some progress towards HAILLES.

FOURTH ARMY 3.10 pm.

Following from G.H.Q. 10.40 am. aaa Enemy attacked detachment Des Armees du Nord yesterday evening N.E. of BAILLEUL and was repulsed aaa Further hostile attacks on this front developed early this morning aaa No details yet reported aaa No further change on British front aaa In the AVRE Valley the French are reported to hold SENECA WOOD, HILL 82, HAILLES HILL 36, HILL 63, and HILL at C.8.d.3.0.

FOURTH ARMY, 7.10 pm.

Following from G.H.Q. 3.45 pm. aaa Enemy attacked on LYS front extending from N. of BAILLEUL to WYTSCHAETE and has made progress about DRANOUTRE where situation is obscure, and S. of KEMMEL aaa French believed to hold MONT KEMMEL.

FOURTH ARMY. 8.20 pm.

All quiet on Right Division aaa BRETONNEUX cleared, except small enemy Post C.36.c.6.3. - now being dealt with aaa Tank moving to engage enemy in wood H.6. aaa Heavy casualties with Artillery and small arms inflicted on enemy parties seen throughout day aaa Line now runs U.29.a.5.8. - U.22.d.7.0. - U.22.b.5.8. - U.22.a.2.9. - Cross Roads U.15.b. - U.4.d.5.3. - Posts to U.5.d.5.0. thence line to U.5.b.8.6., gap to U.36.b.1.2. - being filled, thence to P.20.a.0.0., thence original front line aaa Air reports indicate our Posts U.6.c.2.C. to S. of MONUMENT aaa Captures up to present 13 Officers 601 O.Rs. 27 M.Gs. Others not counted aaa 5 E.A. crashed 3 out of control.

Extract from FOURTH ARMY G.494.

" Last night's counter-attack was admirably planned by 3rd Corps, and execution of it by 13th and 15th Australian, and 54th Brigades is deserving of the highest praise."

Headquarters,  
26.4.1918.

*W. P. ...*  
Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.



COUNTER BATTERY - AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTY.

DAILY REPORT - from 3 p.m. 25/4/18 to 3 p.m. 26/4/18.

GENERAL.

The activity of the enemy's artillery has been almost entirely directed upon the fighting area of our Right Division, and the Corps on our Right. Otherwise hostile artillery has been fairly quiet.

The neighbourhoods of HAMELET and BOIS DE VAIRE southwards were subjected to heavy shelling last night, and this morning; and guns have been active harassing WARLOY and BAIZIEUX.

PRINCIPAL AREAS SHELLED. O 15, 16, 18, 24, VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE, BOIS-DE-VAIRE, I 21, 28, CORBIE, HEILLY, BUIRE, RIBEMONT, WARLOY, HENENCOURT, and WOOD, MILLENCOURT, LA NEUVILLE.

OPERATIONS. In support of the Corps on our Right, 14 batteries were subjected to heavy fire on four occasions, three others on one occasion. Six batteries were kept under fire for five hours.

The battery areas of Q 4 a central, P 11, 17, 24, and Q 15, were harassed. Gas concentrations were put down on batteries at P 10 d 50, P 16 b 00, P 11 c 34, P 16 b 33.

On our own front 21 batteries were neutralized, and a gas concentration was carried out on E 15 d 8060.

LOCATION.

26/4/18.  
'A' S.R.S. K 22 c 8060 77 mm Accuracy 'R'

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Fine, Visibility very poor, Wind light, westerly.

AMENDMENTS TO HOSTILE BATTERY CATALOGUE.

<u>NEW.</u>	<u>Zone No.</u>	<u>Neutralizing</u>	<u>Pin-point.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	
	KD 4	K 22 c 7060,		77 mm	Pits not definable on Photograph (A 3 AEB c)

*W. Curran*

Lieut. Col. R.A.  
COUNTER BATTERY STAFF OFFICER.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTY.

26/4/18.



(SECRET)

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To. ~~Right & Left Art Group.~~  
~~7th & 8th A.F.A. Bde.~~  
~~3rd Aust. D.A.C & 3rd D.T.M.O.~~

Appendix

B.M. 566/3.

The following from Headquarters, 3rd Aust. Division is quoted for your information:-

"At 12.55 p.m. on 22nd April an aeroplane, with British markings, and numbered 16, dropped bombs at TREUX and near MARETT WOOD.

The incident was investigated by Fourth Army and the following report has now been received:-

"It has been ascertained that these bombs were dropped by a Pilot of No. 82 Squadron, R.A.F., who mistook his position. The error is deeply regretted.

Disciplinary action has been taken against the offending Pilot and every precaution is being taken to prevent a recurrence of these incidents."

Headquarters.  
27.4.1918.

*W. Manning*  
 Major, R.A.,  
 B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.





To Adjutant 8<sup>th</sup> Y.A.B.

I have inspected all Guns & Carriages of this Brigade and find in the 108<sup>th</sup> Battery.

Howitzer No 1943 in very bad condition  
Breech mechanism wants overhauling and rivets loose in Saddle. 110

Howitzers Nos. (482) (1462) and 749 in very bad condition chambers scored and require to be measured by Inspector of Ordnance

29<sup>th</sup> Battery.

Gun No 5522 Breech lugs want bushing carriage in good order.

Gun No 4970 Recuperator has been damaged which requires slight repairs. Lower Shield broken and unserviceable

Gun No 5051. Breech lugs want Bushing and Recuperator base requires slight repairs.

All other Guns & Carriages in good condition

30<sup>th</sup> Battery.

All Guns & Carriages in good condition, 5 Carriages without Saddles for Recuperator Pumps

31<sup>st</sup> Battery

All Guns & Carriages in good condition, 5 Carriages without Saddles for Recuperator Pumps

Staff Sergeant Bell  
8<sup>th</sup> Y.A.B.

Pump.  
Saddles.  
1 Pump



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

Reference Map 62 D. 1740, 000.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5 p.m. 26.4.1918. to 5 p.m. 27.4.1918.

OUR FIRE.

During the night harassing fire was maintained on enemy's roads and approaches opposite this Divisional Front. Fire during the day has been mainly directed against enemy's M.Gs., trench system, and other defences, whilst harassing fire by 18-Pdrs. has been directed against valleys, sunken-roads, and re-entrants.

At 10.30 am. an 'NF' call - K.9.a.1.1. - was answered ; mostly 'OKs' reported, and the battery silenced.

550 rds. were directed against roads in E.26.c. & d., K.2.d., and from E.26.a.30.35. to E.20.d.25.25.

From 2.15 to 3 pm. an enemy Post at K.1.b.25.25. was fired on at Infantry request - 15 rds. expended.

11.30 am. to noon - 50 rds. in short bursts were directed against target L.21.c.20.90. From 9 to 11 pm. 100 rds. 'BNC' were directed against re-entrant in K.9.d.

TRENCH MORTARS.

M.T.Ms. fired 30 rds. on sunken road at K.1.c.30.80.

HOSTILE FIRE.-

The enemy's Artillery was again quiet during the period. RIBEMONT was intermittently throughout the night, but fire on other areas was light and scattered. No counter-battery work nor Gas shelling on the part of the enemy was reported. Main features as follow :

From 6 to 9 pm. short bursts from 10.5cm. Hows and 77mm guns were directed against J.17.a,c, & d.

At 7.30 pm. RIBEMONT was shelled for 10 minutes by 10.5cm. Hows., while at 10.30 pm., and between 11.30 pm. and 12.15 am. a further 50 rds. and 80 rds. respectively from guns of the same calibre were directed against this village.

From 4.45 a.m. to 5 am. 50 rds. 10.5cm. fell in RIBEMONT and D.27.c. At 8.50 a.m., a few rounds 15cm. fell in J.22. and at 9.5 am. 25 rds. of the same calibre fell in this square. At 10 am. 10 rds. (air bursts) were observed over J.11.central. At 10.14 am. a number of air-bursts were reported over MANETT CO., while at 10.26 am. air-bursts were also observed over road in J.14.d. 10.30 am. a few rds. 10.5cm. were directed against road in J.17.c. & d. - from 108 degs. T.B. (s und) from J.17.a.7.4.

INTELLIGENCE.

From 5 pm. to 7 pm. enemy working parties were reported at K.16.d.10.50. reported to Heavy Artillery for action.

VISIBILITY - low.

*Col. Chouley*

Headquarters,  
27.4.1918.

Lieutenant,  
Pro reconnaissance Officer,  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.



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Appendix

T/3/565

7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.  
27th April, 1918.

*Handwritten initials in red ink: "HLL" and "R"*

To

ALL Batteries, 7th A.F.A.Bde.  
3rd D.A.H.Q.,  
8th A.F.A.Bde.  
6th Army A.F.A.Bde.

Tactical Headquarters 7th A.F.A.Bde. will close at HEILLY at 7 p.m. to-day 27-4-1918, and will re-open at J.l.a.l.8. at the same hour.

Administrative Headquarters will close at HEILLY at 11 a.m. 28-4-1918, and will re-open at Brigade Headquarters Wagon Lines in FRANVILLERS, at the same hour.

*Handwritten signature: "K. D. Watson"*

A/Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

Lieutenant,





Appendix

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY BULLETIN No.16.  
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SITUATION WIRES. -

FROM G.H.Q. 10.20 p.m. 26th.

Enemy attacked heavily this morning on front LOCRE LA GLYTTE on both sides of YPRES-COMINES CANAL and after being repulsed three times with heavy losses he succeeded in taking LOCRE, and also made some progress astride the YPRES-COMINES CANAL and all attacks on the SCHERPENBERG and LA GLYTTE were repulsed and our line between BAILLEUL and Canal believed to be approximately KOUDEKOT FARM immediately West of LOCRE, East of SCHERPENBERG, N.S. central, KEMMEL BEEK - ELZENWALE, HILL 60, all inclusive and 55th Division carried out a successful local operation North of GIVENCHY and captured 40 prisoners and on remainder of front no change last reports state that LOCRE was re-taken by the French at 8.0 p.m. this evening.

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FROM 15th.A.I.BDE.- 8.15 am. 27th.

Enemy now digging in 400 yds. in front of our Left Battalion and our Artillery causing many casualties as he is approximately digging in on our S.O.S. Line and the enemy advanced in mass and slaughter caused by our Artillery was terrible and all arrangements well in hand for Counter-attack if necessary.

*A. H. Chandler*

Headquarters  
27.4.1918.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.



Appendix

DA 4/601

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To

*✓ 6 copies*

7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades,  
 3rd & 6th Aust. (Army) Bgdes. R.F.A.,  
 108th & 189th Army Brigades, R.F.A.  
 3rd Aust. D.A.C. ) For information.  
 Salvage Officer. 3rd Aust. Divn.)

The attached is a return showing numbers of empty shell cases, clips, etc., returned by Units to Salvage for week ending 25th April, 1918.

Attention is drawn to the apparent waste in items marked (x); Also to the marked comparison of returns of empties by different Units.

Sufficient copies are attached for distribution to Batteries.

Will you please instruct Batteries of the importance of returning all their empties, and ensure that they do not accumulate at the Battery positions.

Headquarters,  
 27-4-18.

*J. J. J.*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain R.A.,  
 3rd Australian Division.





PWP.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Confidential.

Intelligence Summary No. 108 from 5.30 pm 26-4-18 to 5.30 pm 27-4-18

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS)

## 1. - OPERATIONS: PART I.

Artillery. Enemy roads and approaches opposite the Divisional front were again subjected to harassing fire during the night. During the hours of daylight fire was directed mainly against enemy M.G. and defences. From 9 to 11 p.m. 100 rds. gas were fired on the re-entrant in K.9.d. During the day a working party at K.16.b.10.50 was also fired on; result unobserved. Harassing fire by 18-pdrs. was also directed against valleys, sunken roads, and re-entrants.

At 10.30 a.m. an N.F. Call at K.9.a.10.10 was answered; a majority of O.K's. were reported; the enemy battery was silenced. 550 rds. were directed against roads in H.26.c and d, K.2.d and from H.26.a.30.55 to H.20.d.25.25. Between 2.15 and 3 p.m. an enemy post at K.1.b.25.25 was fired on at request of the Infantry. Between 11.30 a.m. and noon 50 rds., in bursts, were directed against targets at H.21.a.20.90.

Trench Mortars. At 12.30 p.m. M.T.M's. fired 30 rds. on enemy S.P. in Sunken Road at K.1.c.30.80; excellent shooting is reported, four direct hits being obtained.

Machine Guns. Our M.G. fired 8,000 rds. on positions where enemy movement had been noticed. Amongst targets engaged were - enemy works in K.13 and 19, Cross Roads K.1.b.50.50 and emplacement in K.7.b.

Patrols. (a). A patrol of the Right Brigade found enemy equipment in a tank-hole in J.18.b. Sounds of talking were heard at K.7.a.10.35 and a dog was seen at this spot at 9.30 p.m. At 11 p.m. an enemy patrol, 20 strong, was seen in J.18.b. going towards K.13.central. Sounds of work were heard in K.13.0. An enemy working party heard in K.19.a was dispersed by L.G. fire.

(b). A patrol of the Left Brigade lying up at 3.40 a.m. at J.6.b.80.10 saw an enemy patrol of 25 moving from Sunken Road in K.1.a; something disturbed the hostile patrol which quickly returned to the Sunken Road. Driving of stakes was heard at K.7.a.central. As a patrol approached Hut at H.25...90.50 (previous location given H.25.b.10.25) 5 of the enemy disappeared in the direction of the River. Later the patrol saw 20 Besche in the vicinity of this Hut. An enemy working party was heard at H.25.c.30.10, and also at H.20.c.80.90. Three of enemy dead, who appeared to have been killed some time previously, were found behind the mound at H.25.b.30.70.; identification 15 I.R. 13 Div.

## 2. - IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

## 4. - HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

The enemy artillery was again quiet during the period. No counter battery work nor gas shelling has been reported.

Between 2 and 4 p.m. 40 rds., mixed calibres, fell in D.23.d. Between 5 and 6 p.m. 18 shells, thought to be 24 cm., fired from the direction of WARFUSSE fell in the Wood in J.22.b. RIBEMONT was intermittently shelled throughout the night. At 7.30 p.m. the village was shelled for 10 minutes by 10.5 hows., 50 rds of the same calibre fell at that place at 10.30 p.m.; between 11.30 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. a further 80 rounds were reported, and again between 4.45 and 5 a.m. 50 rds. fell in the same vicinity.

Between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. salvos of shrapnel were reported on Eastern edge of MARETT WOOD. Between 10 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. 40 rds. 10.5 and 15 cm. fell in BUIRE from the direction of MORLAN-COURT. J.22.d. was shelled during the period from the direction of BAILLY-LAURETTE and J.23. from direction of CEMETERY in J.24.d.

P.T.O.



ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Enemy M.Gs. were quieter than usual during the night, otherwise there has been no apparent change.

6. - ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G. were reported active from J.18.b.80-30, K.7.a.20.20, J.18.d.88.98, J.18.b.78.15, K.13.c.10.20, and GHECTRY, VILLE-Sur-ANORE (K.1.a); also E.25.central  
Minesweeper. No M.W.fire reported.  
Work. From 5 to 7 p.m. enemy was seen working on trenches at K.16.d.10.20. Enemy has constructed a new post at K.1.a.18.50.  
Wire. A large amount of new wire can be seen in K.1.a. and b.

7. - HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy aeroplanes showed little activity. At 10.5 a.m. one aeroplane attempted to cross our lines but was driven off by A.A. M.G. fire.

8. - MOVEMENT IN & BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

At noon 10 men were seen in K.19.a. At 2.30 a.m. a working party at K.7.a.10.35 was fired on and dispersed. Movement of individuals was reported at K.1.a.40.30 and K.16.d.10.50.

*J.H. Jackson*

Captain,  
General Staff.

PART II.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From Branch Intelligence, Australian Corps. - Reconnaissance.

Summary to 8 p.m. 1.40 p.m., large fire in DERNANCOURT caused by our shelling. 2.25 p.m., two fires in DERNANCOURT. 2.25 p.m. large explosion and fire HARBON-PIERRES. Visibility very bad during afternoon. 32 plates successfully exposed along Corps front.

The above summary was again dated during the period. No further details were reported. Between 2 and 4 p.m. 40 shells, mixed calibres, fell in D.25.d. Between 5 and 6 p.m. 12 shells, thought to be 24 mm. fired from the direction of WAREHAM Hill in the Wood in D.25.d. ENEMY was intermittently shelled throughout the night. At 7.30 p.m. the village was shelled for 10.5 hours. 50 shells of the same calibre fell at 10.30 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. a further 50 shells were reported. The gap between 4.45 and 5 a.m. 50 shells fell in the same vicinity. Between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. a series of shells were reported on Eastern edge of WENT WOOD. Between 10 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. 40 shells and 12.30 a.m. 12 shells from the direction of WENT WOOD. 12.30 a.m. was shelled during the period from the direction of WENT WOOD. 12.30 a.m. 12 shells from the direction of WENT WOOD.



29/4/18

Capt. J. H. B.

With reference to General Staff Circular No 80 a I wish to report:

a) Animals are satisfactorily distributed with a great amount of natural cover.

b) Construction of necessary protection has commenced.

W. H. B. Capt  
No. 30 B Coy

Appendix

Adjutant  
8th L.A. Bde.

Reference G.S. Circular No 80 a.  
Reporting that animals in this battery are distributed & that construction of protection as laid down has been commenced.

28/4/18

W. H. B. Capt  
8th L.A. Battery



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Appendix

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

(SECRET)

S.5/99.

To. Right & Left Art. Groups.  
7th & 8th A.F.A.Bdes. ✓  
3rd Aust. D.A.C. & 3rd D.T.M.O.

The following is copy of communication received from Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery:-

"From 12 noon, 30th April, the Heavy Artillery Brigade affiliated to the 3rd Australian Division will be the 6th Brigade, R.G.A. - Commander Lieut-Col. J.Y.H.RIDOUT, R.G.A., with Headquarters at C.26. Central."

For your information.

*W.D. Hills*

Headquarters.  
29.4.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.





THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map 42 D.1/40,000

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5 p.m. 20.4.1918. to 5 p.m. 29.4.1918.

OUR FIRE. Intensive harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on enemy's roads and approaches opposite the Divisional front owing to a suspected enemy relief. At 5.15 p.m. O.P. at K.2.c.67.42. was engaged. Enemy movement at E.25.d.8.4. was also engaged by 10 pdrs. E.27.a.4.6.

Other targets engaged during the period were :- M.W. at E.25.d.8.4. - 30 rds. - working party in K.1.a. - 40 rds. - dispersed. - Between 9.15 and 10.30 p.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 100 rds. BX and 35 rds. Gas shell on road K.14.b.2.2. to K.14.b.50.99. Between 10 p.m. and 10.10. p.m. 320 rds. were fired by 18 pdrs. on area K.13.b. and c. and d., and K.7.d. 10.30 p.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 100 rds. BNC gas shell on MORLANCOURT. and at 9.20 p.m. 100 rds. BCBR were directed against enemy trenches in K.19. At 11.30 a.m. an active hostile battery at K.7.d.5.8. was engaged by 4.5" Hows. - 100 rounds expended. -

HOSTILE FIRE. A slight increase in hostile fire for the period is noticeable, probably owing to our increased activity during the night on enemy roads approaches, and defences. The enemy's shelling was also of a harassing nature, and well distributed over the front. No hostile counter battery work was reported, but a small proportion of gas shell was used.

At 8.30 p.m. and again at 10.15 p.m. 50 rds. 77 mm fell in J.16.d. From 8.45. to 10 p.m. approximately 80 rounds 10.5 cm H.E. and gas (Phosgene) were scattered over J.3.a.b. and c. At 9.45 p.m. approximately 50 rds. gas shell fell in the vicinity of D.27. Central. From 9.25 to 10 p.m. heavy shelling of D.22. by 10.5 cm Hows. was reported and from 4.20 to 4.50 a.m. D.27. and 28 were subjected to heavy fire from Hows. of the same calibre. At 4.10 a.m. an area shoot by 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns was carried out on area J.C.c. and d. while J.17.a., D.16.c. and d., BULLITT WOOD in J.11.b., RIBMONT and TREUX were lightly shelled by 10.5 cm Hows. and 77 mm guns.

INTELLIGENCE

OBSERVATION. At 5 p.m. 2 men were observed at Brickyard in K.16.c. At 8.30 a.m. a motor lorry, stationary, was observed on road K.15.c. Central and at 8.45 a.m. a party of 12 men was observed at K.16.c.9.5. Considerable movement of small parties of the enemy was noticed during the morning in K.5.b. and d. Very little aerial activity is reported. At 9.30 a.m. 1. E.A. was observed over RIBMONT.

*W. Elouley*  
Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Headquarters,  
29.4.1918.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. Appendix

DAILY BULLETIN No.16.  
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SITUATION WIRE - FOURTH ARMY 2.25pm.28th.-

Following from G.H.Q. 11.35 am. Situation in neighbourhood of LOCRE not clear. Our line now runs WEST of LOCREHOF FARM (H.29.d.) Enemy attacked and captured VOORMEZEELE yesterday afternoon, but was driven out by counter-attack. Further fighting has taken place at this point during night, and also North of Canal East of LANEHOF FARM. Canadian Corps carried out 3 successful raids last night in neighbourhood of GAVRELLE and HILL 70, and captured 53 prisoners, 4 M.Gs. & 1 T.M.  
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FOURTH ARMY. 7.20 pm.-

Situation unchanged. Some shelling N. of HENENCOURT WOOD, BOIS L'ABBE, support line N. of BRETONNEUX.  
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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 28.4.18. 10.25 am.

Local fighting has been taking place throughout the night on both sides of the YPRES-COMINES CANAL. Successful raids in which we captured over 50 prisoners, 4 M.Gs. and a T.Mortar were carried out by us last night south of GAVRELLE and in the LENS and HILL 70 Sectors. A raid attempted by the enemy North of BAILLEUL was repulsed. Artillery activity continued on both sides of the battle front. South of the SOMME a number of prisoners have been brought in by our patrols in the neighbourhood of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. This afternoon hostile artillery heavily bombarded our positions in the YPRES Sector.

GERMAN OFFICIAL. On the FLANDERS battlefield the enemy retired into lines in his rear. Following up closely we compelled him frequently to give action, and we captured some Belgians and several hundred British. We reached the line south west of LONGEMARCK - West bank of the STEENBACH-VERLORENHOEK - HOOGE - ZILLEBEKE - VOORMEZEELE. Considerable artillery activity in the KEMMEL SECTOR. After a repulse on the evening of the 26th of the French counter-attack directed against the western slope of the hill, our Infantry on it's own initiative, followed up the repulsed enemy and stormed LOCRE. Strong British thrusts in the neighbourhood of GIVENCHY failed. On the battlefield on both sides of the SOMME the fighting activity was limited to reconnaissances and artillery action, increased at times. A hostile attack on HANGARD failed.

THE MILITARY POSITION.- The Military Correspondent, British Wireless Service writes that the enemy occupation of MONT KEMMEL is a threat to the lower ground to the north. The enemy is trying to wear down the British Army, and the whole object of the Allies is to counter his efforts by wearing him down more quickly. This can best be done by selecting such a position that the enemy may longest be delayed while withdrawing in good time from those positions endangered. The enemy may be trusted to devote his best energies to exploiting this success, leaving the resumption of the AMIENS offensive to a later date when he hopes to have drawn off north and tired enough allied troops to weaken their resistance further South, and also to have shaken the front from ARRAS to the sea. In the SOMME salient the situation is distinctly good. The enemy was unable to debouch from HANGARD, and the French succeeded in occupying the western outskirts of the village. Between AVREA and NOYON they retain a firm hold of their positions despite all attempts to take HAILLES, a place of considerable tactical importance. The enemy expected to improve his positions here while awaiting developments further North, and to be in a better situation for his main drive. In this he has once more failed.

*Albion*

Headquarters,  
 29.4.1918.

Lieutenant.  
 Reconnaissance Officer,  
 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No. 3.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 39.

1. From an inspection of various villages, roads, valleys, etc., of the Divisional Area, it is obvious that 4th Army Standing Orders, paras. 782-828, 920-966 are not being carried out.-

2. The following irregularities are drawn attention to:-

FAECES:

(a) In many places uncovered faeces are to be found near hedges and in the holes along the road, which have been constructed for drainage purposes. It is recognised that difficulties exist in the matter of providing latrine seats, but even if open pits are used, earth can be thrown over the faeces, and in less than 10% of latrines inspected is this being done.

(b) Horse Droppings: In many cases this is dumped in a field close to the lines and no attempt is being made to deal with it, and as a result the whole Area is rapidly becoming a breeding place for flies.

(c) Water. It is found that water is sometimes drawn by men from wells which have been marked "UNFIT FOR USE". Also that men draw water from the River HALLUE, in spite of the fact that there is a water point 200 yards away.

3. The following points will be given special attention:-

(a) On arrival in a new position adequate arrangements must be made for latrines. Latrines should be properly filled in and marked when a unit marches out.

(b) As soon as material is available, fly-proof latrines must be constructed.

(c) All latrines must be of the deep pit type, that is, 8 feet or more, providing that material is available for covering them.

(d) All horse droppings must be placed in heaps, not more than 20 ft. x 5 ft. x 3 ft. and close packed - or if possible incinerated.

(e) All water must be chlorinated at its course.

4. Brigade Orderly Officers will bring to notice any neglect of compliance with the above instructions.

Divisional Headquarters,  
28th April, 1918.

(Sgd) ROBT. E. JACKSON. Lieut-Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G., Third Aust. Division.

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To

7th & 8th Aust. F. A. Brigades,  
3rd & 6th Aust. (Army) F.A.Bgdes.,  
108th & 189th Army Brigades, R.F.A.  
3rd Aust. D.A.C., 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.

Above forwarded for necessary action.

Headquarters,  
29-4-18.

*J. J. J.* Captain,  
Staff Captain R.A.,  
3rd Australian Division.



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## AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

CODE NAMES and STATION CODE CALLS allotted to Attached ARTILLERY UNITS.

Heavy Artillery Units. Code Name. Station Code Call.

14th Bde. R.G.A. ....	HABIT ....	A V C
11th Siege Battery. ....	HACK ....	C B J
150th Siege Battery. ....	HAPT ....	D H P
214th Siege Battery. ....	HAIL ....	F R N
296th Siege Battery. ....	HANDBILL ..	G J Q
69th Bde. R.G.A. ....	HANDGUN ....	G J W
25th Siege Battery. ....	HANG ....	J V K
238th Siege Battery. ....	HAPPEN ....	K S O
291th Siege Battery. ....	HANDSOFF ..	Q W R
331st Siege Battery. ....	HAUGHTY ..	R C U
499th Siege Battery. ....	HAUL ....	T W T
89th Bde. R.G.A. ....	HAUTBOY ...	Y I K
57th Siege Battery. ....	HAYCOCK ...	Z J P
68th Siege Battery. ....	HAWTHORN ..	A V N
178th Siege Battery. ....	HAYMAKER ..	C B N
225th Siege Battery. ....	HARDEARNED	D H R

## Unbrigaded Batteries.

138th Heavy Battery. ....	HAYRICK ...	F R P
169th Siege Battery. ....	HAVER ....	G J N
222nd Siege Battery, ....	HARMLESS ..	J V M
404th Siege Battery. ....	HARDHEART .	K S T

Army Field Arty. Units. Code Name. Station Code Call.

14th Army Bde. R.F.A. ....	RACEHORSE ...	K S V
A/14 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RABIES ....	Q W B
B/14 Battery R.F.A. ....	RADDLE ....	R C M
C/14 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAGSTONE ...	T W I
D/14 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAGOUT ....	Y I H
23rd Army Bde. R.F.A. ....	RAJAH ....	Z J X
A/23 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAINBOW ...	A V U
B/23 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAMBLER ....	C B P
C/23 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RATCATCHER ..	D H T
D/23 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RATEPAYER ..	F R R
48th Army Bde. R.F.A. ....	RASHLAD ...	J V F
A/48 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAMSHEAD ...	K S L
B/48 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAMSEOTTOM ..	Q W M
C/48 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAVENOUS ...	R C K
D/48 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RATATAT ...	T W O
77th Army Bde. R.F.A. ....	RATIFY ....	G J T
A/77 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAGMAN ....	J V Q
B/77 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RAMADAN ...	K S E
C/77 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RABOUL ...	Q W I
D/77 Battery, R.F.A. ....	RABBI ....	R C G

P.T.O.







THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION I. ARTILLERY

"B" DIV. L. ARTILLERY AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

LOCATION STATEMENT

As at noon 29. 4. 1918.

All previous lists cancelled.

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Ref. Map 62 D.1/40,000.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY

LT. COL. L. P. RAIKES. D.S.O.

Headquarters

J.1.d.05.30.

108th. ARMY BRIGADE R.F.A.

Headquarters - J.1.a.3.9.

Battery Positions

Wagon Lines.

A/108th. Battery

J.10.a.3.8.

B/108th "

J.15.a.2.3. (5)

" "

J.10.d.9.1. (1) (Anti tank.)

C/108th. "

J.13.d.2.0. (2)

H.17.d.

" "

J.14. Central (2)

D/108th. "

J.9.d.6.4. (2)

" "

J.9.a.8.5. (4)

109th. ARMY BRIGADE R.F.A.

Headquarters - J.1.d.05.30.

34th. Battery

J.14.c.15.35.

B/109th. "

J.19.a.8.0.

C/109th. "

J.16.a.2.2. (3)

BEHENCOURT.

" "

J.16.a.4.7. (2)

" "

J.16.d.8.1. (1) (Anti-tank)

D/109th. "

J.14.c.4.6.

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

LT. COL. M. COHEN. C.M.G. D.S.O.

6th ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Headquarters - J.1.c.05.05.

16th. Battery

D.21.c.9.2. (5)

C.24. Central.

D.22.c.3.2. (1) Anti-tank

17th. "

J.3.a.5.5.

C.23.c.2.0.

18th. "

J.3.b.3.7.

C.23.c.5.5.

106th. "

J.3.a.5.2.

I.10.d.5.2.

3rd ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

LT. COL. G. I. STEVENSON. C.M.G.

Headquarters

D.14.a.10.10.

7th. Battery.

D.22.a.00.45. )

8th. "

D.15.a.00.07. )

FRANVILLERS.

9th. "

D.15.b.09.41. )

103rd. "

D.21.b.05.60. )

7th. A.F.A. BRIGADE GROUP.

MAJOR. J.M. IRVIN.

(Superimposed over whole Divisional Front.)

Headquarters. (Forward)

J.1.a.1.0.

" (Rear)

FRANVILLERS.

25th. Battery.

C.30.d.09.20.

E.6.b.8.9.

26th. "

J.1.a.2.5.

P.30.d.80.05.

27th. "

J.1.a.3.4.

B.30.d.99.30.

107th. "

J.1.a.2.2.

H.6.a. Cont.



5th. A.F.A. BRIGADE.

LT. COL. W.G. ALLSCP. D.S.O.

Headquarters

C.25.d.5.5.

Battery Positions Wagon Lines.

29th. Battery	Positions of readiness in I.9. & I.15.	}	H.11.b.1.3.
30th. "			H.6.a.
31st. "			H.6.a.2.3.
100th. "			H.11.b.1.5.

27th. HEAVY ARTILLERY GROUP.

LT. COL. G.L. HILL.

Headquarters

I.9.a.1.9.

110 Siege Battery	I.12.c.75.50.	(4)
"	I.17.d.05.75.	(2)
216 "	J.7.a.0.3.	(4)
"	I.17.b.2.1.	(2)
25 Heavy Battery	I.28.b.0.4.	(4)
"	I.14.c.7.7.	(2)
144 "	I.33.b.1.6.	(4)
"	I.26.d.55.40.	(2)
504 Siege Battery 6" Mk.XIX	I.24.b.85.90.	(1)
	H.6.d.5.7.	(2)

3rd. AUSTRALIAN D.A.C.

MAJOR. A.B. SANDFORD.

Headquarters

FONT NOVELLES.

Mcs. 1.2. & S.A.A. Sectns. H.6.a.2.9.

3rd. AUST. D.T. MORTARS

CAPT. R.S. SCARR. M.C.

Headquarters

LA HUSSOYE.

LOCATION OF MORTARS IN LINE.

J.5.b.82.40.	}	Defensive Positions.	J.5.b.72.00.	}	Offensive Positions.
J.5.b.73.45.			E.25.a.20.75.		
D.30.c.32.70.					
D.30.a.95.00.					

108th. Army. Bde. Arm Column	H.15.b.3.6.
189th. " " " "	FRECHENCOURT.
6th. " " " "	I.1.a.1.8.
867th. Coy. A.S.C.	H.17.b.8.5.
9th. AUST. INF. BDE. H.Q.	FRECHENCOURT.
10th. " " " "	HEILLY.
11th. " " " "	HEILLY.
D.A.D.C.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn.	PONT NOVELLES.
I.O.M. 17 and 47.	CARDONNET.
Ammunition re-filling point	H.15.a.5.2.

( Amendments to be immediately notified to this office.)

*ALLCHOMLEY*

Headquarters,  
29.4.1918.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.



## Appendix

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DISTRIBUTION of PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

Copy No.	1.	1st Anzac Corps.
	2.	R.A., 1st Anzac Corps.
	3.	3rd Aust. Divsn. "G".
	4/8.	Right Art. Group.
	9/18.	Left Art. Group.
	19.	38th Div. Art (Right Flank).
	20.	5th Aus. Div. Art. (Left Flank).
	21.	S.C., R.A., 3rd Aus. Div.
	22.	52nd H.A. Group.
	23.	1st Anzac H.A.
	24.	D.T.M.O., 3rd Aus. Div.
	25.	3rd Aust. D.A.C.
	26.	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
	27.	10th Aus. Inf. Bde.
	28.	11th Aus. Inf. Bde.
	29.	69th A.F.C.
	30.	No. 6 Kite Balloon Coy.
	31.	"M" Sound Ranging Section.
	32.	R.A. Sig. Ofcr, 3rd Aus. Div.
	33.	C.R.A.
	34.	B.M., R.A.
	35.	R.O.
	36/38.	War Diary.
	39.	FILE.





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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

Ref Maps :- Sheet 80 SW. } 1/80,000.  
Sheet 86 NW }

1. FRONT.

The 3rd Australian Division held the front from the River DOUVE on the North, to the River LIS on the South.

The Divisional boundaries are as follows:-

- Northern Div. Bdry. - From point where front line cuts River DOUVE in U.11.b. along southern bank of River DOUVE to T.3.b.35.10.
- Southern Div. Bdry. - From C.17.c.10.85. along River LIS (exclusive) to C.21.a.9.4. and thence in direct line to C.19.b.15.15., thence along River (exclusive) to B.23.d.58.00. to B.23.d.0.0. Along Road to B.25.c.6.8. and thence SW along Road to B.28.b.15.35., thence along N of Railway to B.13.b.80.80.
- Western Div. Bdry. - Approximately line running from B.13.b.80.80. to T.3.b.35.10.

2. FLANK

The 30th Division is on our Right; the 5th Australian Division on our Left.

3. DISPOSITIONS.

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The front is held by two Infantry Brigades, with one Brigade in reserve. - Disposition as follows:-

- Right Brigade. - 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade, with Headquarters at BOUND GATE. B.10.a.6.7. 8 Battalions in the line, with Right Battalion Headquarters at C.18.b.1.0., and Left Battalion Headquarters at U.27.b.2.2.
- Left Brigade. - 10th Australian Infantry Brigade with Headquarters at B.4.c.1.7. 8 Battalions in the line, with Right Battalion Headquarters at U.15.c.9.3. and Left Battalion Headquarters at U.9.b.80.40.
- Reserve Brigade. - 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade, with Headquarters at U.20.c.6.0.

The Dividing Line between Brigades is U.23.f.70.85. U.22.a.46.85. - U.21.d.70.00. and along road to U.26.b.1.1. - along WARMAVE River to C.1.b.2.0. to B.6. central.



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ARTILLERY DISPOSITIONS.

The Artillery covering the front of the 3rd Australian Division consists of two Brigades and is divided into two Groups, composed as follows :-

Right Group Headquarters - B.11.d.1.3.  
(1 - 18 Pdr Battery and 1 - 4.5" Howitzer Battery).

Left Group Headquarters - T.21.d.3.1.  
(5-18 Pdr Batteries & 1 - 4.5" Howitzer Battery).

5. GROUP ZONES.

Boundaries of Group Zones will be as under:-

Left Group. - North. - U.12.a.C.2.  
South. - U.24.a.C.8.  
Right Group. - North. - U.24.a.O.8.  
South. - C.18.a.O.2.

In each case the boundary will be an East and West line through the points stated.

5.1. HEAVY ARTILLERY - See (x) below.

6. ZONE CALLS.

The following squares are allotted for Zone Calls:-

Right Group. - D.1. D.7.  
Left Group. - V.13. 19. 25.

7.

S.O.S. Lines run as follow:-

S.O.S.

18-Pdrs. - U.11.b.70.33.  
U.11.d.72.81. *thence along and 50'*  
U.12.c.0.3. *East of the Eastern Bank of*  
U.18.a.35.22., *thence along the East*  
*bank of the River LYS. River Lys.*  
4.5" Hows. - As per Appendix VI. *(vide and note)*

Group Commanders have power to alter these S.O.S. lines at the request of the Infantry Brigadiers commanding the sector covered. 3rd Australian Divsl. Artly. Headquarters will be immediately advised of any change proposed.

Groups will cover that portion of the S.O.S. line which lies within their respective zones and will ensure an overlap of 50 yards on either flank.

Rate of Fire.

18 Pdrs. - 3 rds. per gun per min. for first 5 mins.  
2 " " " " " " " second 5 "  
1 " " " " " " " thereafter.

(x)

4.5" Hows /

5A. Heavy Artillery.

The 52nd H.A. Group will normally be the H.A. Group on whom the Divsl. Artly will call for assistance.