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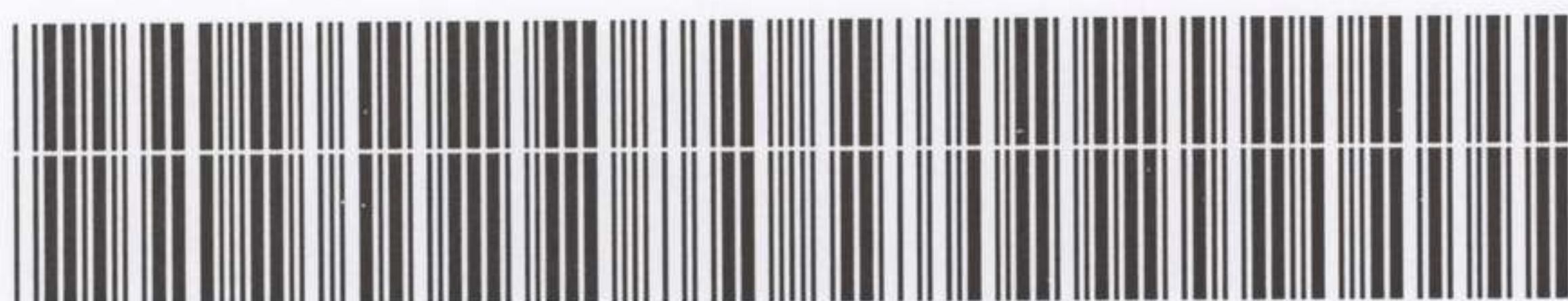
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Artillery Brigade

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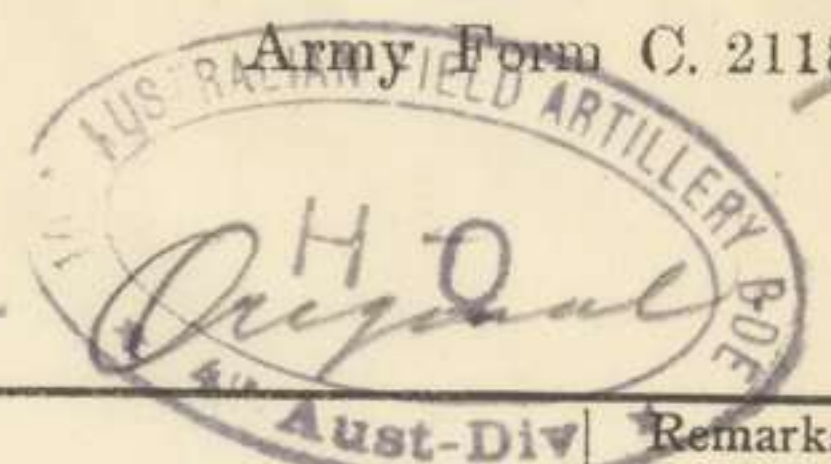
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LAVIÉVILLE (Ref. Albert Sheet 140000 Diod 2025)	1/4/18		<p>Fine warm day - temp. 60° - wind southerly 5 m.p.h. H.Q. moved to a chalk pit at approx. (Albert 140000) D 4 C 3.5. - Batteries fired harassing fire + cooperated in a concentrated shoot on DERNANCOURT. Evac. Nil Cas. 3 O.R. Reinf. Nil. On duty 27 O 736 O.R. Horses 168 Rides 377 L.D. 98 mules. Evac. 2 mules - Cas. 2 sides killed. <u>ammun</u> - Recd. Nil. Exptd. 88A 211 AX 274 BX</p>	J.
"	2/4/18		<p>Fine warm day - temp. 65° - wind Westerly 5 m.p.h. - Evac. Nil - Reinf 10.R. - Cas. Nil - strength 28 O 737 O.R. Horses: - Evac. 2 LD - Cas. 1 LD killed - Day 168 Rides - 374 LD - 98 mules. <u>ammun</u> - Recd. 100A 100 AX <u>Exptd</u> 240A 242 AX 340 BX. Hostile artillery very active.</p>	J.
"	3/4/18		<p>Fine morning - dull wet afternoon - wind West. 5 m.p.h. Evac. Nil - Cas. 3 O.R. - reinf. Nil - on duty 28 O 733 O.R. Horses. Evac. 1 ride. 1 LD - Remounts Nil - duty 167 R. 373 LD 98 mules - <u>ammun</u>. Recd. 72A 72 AX. Exptd 208A 220 AX 270 BX. - First frost 8.30 am - 8.35 am on Sol lines - attack repulsed. - G.O.C & C.R.A. - H.Q. in line.</p>	J.

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Albert 1/4000 D4C2040	4/4/18		Dull wet day - harassed back areas as enemy reported to be massing - Evac. 4 O.R. Gas. 2 O.R. Rinf. Nil on duty 28 O 727 O.R. <u>Horses</u> . 167 R. 373 LD 98 miles. <u>ammun</u> Recd. 293 A 441 AX 200 B.N.C. Expnd. 256 A 230 AX 245 BX.	
"	5/4/18		Dull but fine day - temp. 60° - wind westerly 5 M.P.H. - A dup + heavy barrage put down by enemy at 7.3 am. on all batteries + headquarters (see casualties) - at 9.10 am. enemy attacked + the day was one long fight - Major Farley O.C. 37th. + Lt. Harrison signals officer were killed + Lt. Mossman, Linsley + Stubbin were wounded. Lt. Stubbin only slightly so remained on duty. The battle swayed backwards + forwarded I ended up with a slight loss of ground by us (see Inf 12th + 13th Inf Bde Diaries) - our two Brigades had 3 German Divisions against them + did great slaughter. Evac. Nil. Gas 50340 on duty 24 O 693 O.R. <u>Horses</u> . Evac. 2 LD Gas 1 R. 64 R. on duty 166 R - 365 LD <u>ammun</u> . Recd. 1060 A - 1393 AX 200 BX Expended. 2348 A 2237 AX 1030 BX	

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Albert. D4C2040	6/4/18		<p>Alternately dull + bright - a little rain at dusk. temp. 60° - wind West. 10 M.P.H. - 5 am. start fire one gun sec. appendix 1. Evac. 1 O.R. Gas. 2 O.R. Reinf. (Duty. 26 O 736 2 O.R. Horses: - Evac. Nil. Gas. Nil. Strength. 166 R - 365 L.D. 98 mules <u>Ammun.</u> Recd. 1440 A 1184 AX 850 BX. <u>Expended.</u> 761 A 727 BX 900 BX.</p>	
Ref. Sheet 6257dSE 1/20,000. V276-5-1.	7/4/18		<p>Alternately dull + bright - a little rain during afternoon. temp. 60° - wind west west. 8 M.P.H. H.L. moved to Henecourt Chau. Evac. 5 O.R. Gas. 1 Reinf. 1 O.R. Doing duty 26 O 721 O.R. Horses. Evac. 2 L.D. Gas. 2 R. 5 L.D. killed. Remounts 4 L.D. Strength. 164 R 362 L.D. 98 M. <u>Ammun.</u> Recd. 614 A 582 AX 482 BX <u>Exp.</u> 1232 A 1254 AX 596 BX 6th A. Inf. Bde. relieved 12th. A. Inf. Bde. - Front normal.</p>	
"	8/4/18		<p>It rained pretty well all day today enemy were fairly quiet. Evac. 1 O.R. Gas. Nil. Strength. 260 741 O.R. Horses: - Evac. 4 L.D. Destroyed. 2 R. 5 L.D. Strength 162 R 450 L.D. 98 mules. <u>Ammun.</u>: - Recd. 570 A ^{1 m.} 219 AX 157 AX Exp. 229 A 151 AX 21 AX (106 fyo) 90 BX 30 BX (106).</p>	

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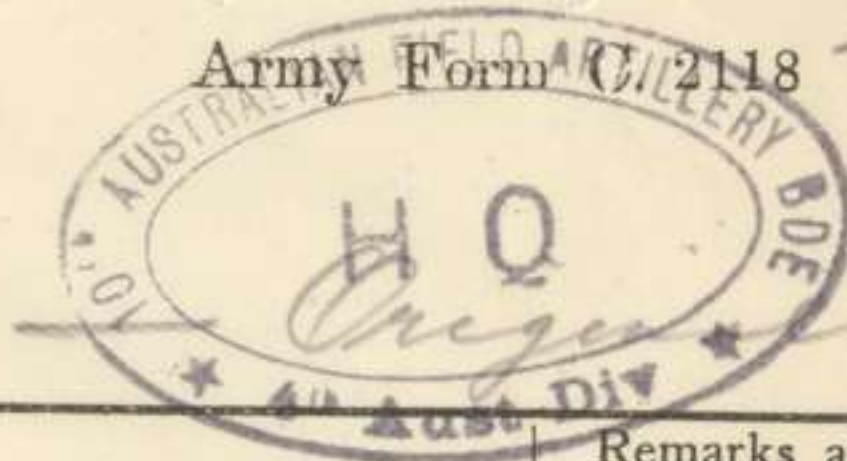
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57dSE V27651	9/4/18		Dull but fine day but particularly wet night. — HQ. was visited by Gen. Birdwood ^{K.C.B., K.C.S.I.} G.O.C. 4th Army. + Brig Gen. Burgess ^{D.S.O., C.R.A.} — Batteries badly harassed by H.E. & GAS all day — Evac. Nil. Cas. Nil. Reinf. 6 CR. On duty 26 0747 OR — <u>Horses</u> Evac. 2 LD. Cas. 2 LD. cas. Remounts Nil. — Strength. 162 R 349 LD. 97 M. <u>Reed.</u> 354 A 176 AX 432 BX. <u>Expended</u> 548 A 427 AX 358 AX with 106 fuz. 241 BX 191 BX with 106 fuz. 50 B.N.C.	P
"	10/4/18		Dull but fine day — temp. 60° — Hostile arty. fairly quiet. — Evac. Nil. Cas. Nil. Reinf. — 4 Officers. ^{Brig.} Hutchinson McFarlane, Lintott + Fullerton — Strength. 300 749 OR. <u>Horses</u> — Evac. 9 LD. — Strength. 162 R 340 LD. 97 M. <u>Am 177</u> — <u>Reed.</u> 778 A 603 AX 227 AX with 106 fuz. BX Nil 588 BX with 106 fuz. — <u>Ext.</u> 679 A 494 AX 305 AX with 106 fuz. 498 BX with 106 fuz. — H.Q. cellars were made gas proof.	P
"	11/4/18		Fine bright warm day — temp. 65° — hostile activity quiet. — H.Q. fired on by hostile plane M.G. — Batteries were visited by Brig. Gen. Burgess. D.S.O. (C.R.A.) — Evac. 2 Cas. Nil. Reinf 20 CR. Dainy duty 300 767 OR. — <u>Horses</u> — Strength. 162 R 340 LD. 97 M. <u>Reed.</u> 2432 A 600 AX 309 AX (106 fuz) 442 BX (106) 50 B.N.C. <u>Expended</u> 688 A* 534 AX 226 AX (106)	P

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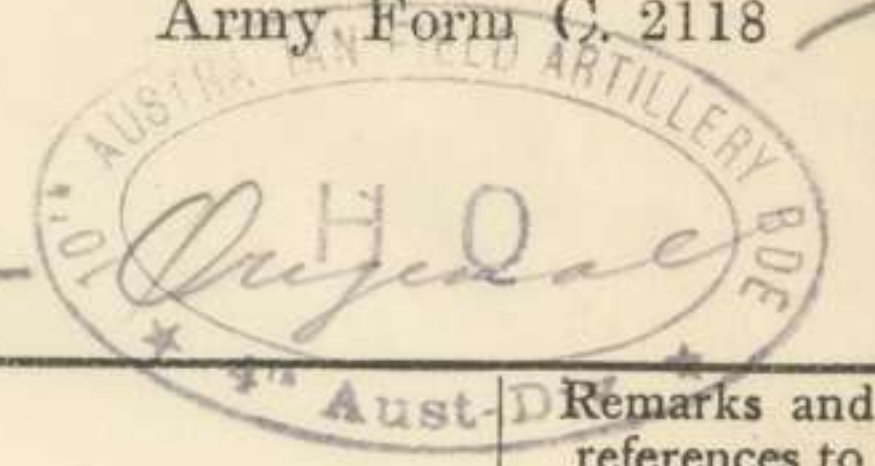
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Reference Sheet 57d. 1/40.000. N2765.1.	12/4/18		Beautiful fine warm day - temp. 65° - wind West - visibility splendid - Evac. 12 O.R. Reinf. 5 O.R. On duty. 30 O 767 O.R. Horse strength 162 R 340 L.D. 97M. <u>ammun</u> : - Reqd. 776 A 304 A X. 150 BX (106 fye) Excp. 435 A 312 A X 73 A X (106 fye) 135 BX 257 BX (106 fye).	B.
"	13/4/18		all hostile roads, approaches + movement were shelled. Dull fine windy day - temp. 57° - wind NORTH 20 M.P.H. batteries fired usual harassing fire - Evac. 4 O.R. Reinf. 12 O.R. On duty. 30 O. 775 O.R. <u>Horses</u> : - strength 162 R 340 L.D. 97M. <u>ammun</u> : - Reqd. 504 A 91 A X 9 A X (106) 150 BX (106 fye). <u>Expended</u> 789 A 325 A X 147 A X (106 fye) 300 BX (106 fye) 60 BNC.	B.
"	14/4/18		Dull fine windy day - temp 55° - wind NW. 20 M.P.H. - support Inf. raid at 12.45 am. as per the appendix 4 with track raid was unsuccessful owing to concentrated enemy M.G. fire. fired usual harassing fire. - Evac. 2 O.R. - on duty 30 O 773 O.R. <u>Horses</u> : - Struck off 13 R. 15 L.D 6 M. <u>Strength</u> 162 R. 340 L.D. 97 M. <u>ammun</u> : - 532 A 380 A X 478 (106 fye) 47 BX (106 fye). <u>Expended</u> 1026 A 934 A X 76 A X (106 fye) 728 BX (106 fye).	B.

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02d V27651	1/20 15/4/18		Dull, fine day with strong 30 M.P.H. N.W. wind which was very cold blowing. Batteries fired usual harassing fire. 2 O.R. were struck off strength leaving 30 O + 774 O.R. doing duty. Horse strength was 162 R 340 L O + 97 M. - 887A 665AX 974AX (106 fuz) 204 BX + 1678 BX (106 fuz) were received + 506A 358AX 82AX (106 fuz) 44 BX + 168 BX with 106 fuz were expended.	
"	16/4/18		Dull fine day - temp. 60° - wind N.W. 2 M.P.H. - Gen. Birdwood visited H.Q. - at 7.30 pm. a concentrated shot was fired on an enemy trench in E 14 Cr. 2050 to E 861000 with hows. on Quarry E 14 C 37 + road through E 14 a.c. - 2 Reinf. Dairy duty 30 O 776 O.R. Hows 162 R 340 L O. 97 M. amm. Recd. 981 A 397AX 638 BX (106 fuz) Expended. 2085 A 1194 AX 477 AX (106 fuz). 831 BX (106 fuz).	
"	17/4/18		Dull day - showery during afternoon - temp. 60° - no perceptible wind. Both CR.A's of 4th. + 2 H.O divisions visited H.Q. - Maj. Ed. is D.S.O. D.C.M. returned from leave + was posted to battery. - Evac. 7 O.R. of which were wounded 6. Dairy duty 30 O 768 O.R.	

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	17/4/18		<p><u>ammun.</u> Recd. 2114 A 1214 AX 286 AX (106 fuz). 150 BX (106 fuz). Expended. 1052 A 372 AX 220 AX (106 fuz) 365 BX (106 fuz).</p>	D
V276x5.1	18/4/18		<p>Wet practically all day - N.W. wind. 40 M.P.H. - temp. 50° Major Sutton transferred from 11th How. Battery to 37th Battery as O/C. - Strength 300 768 O.R. Horses 162 R. 339 L.D. 97 M. - 1 L.D. destroyed by shell fire - <u>ammun.</u> - Recd. 2090 A 464 AX 30 AX (106 fuz). 1450 BX (106 fuz) Expended 629 A 176 AX 127 AX (106 fuz) 200 BX (106 fuz)</p>	D
"	19/4/18		<p>Alternately sun + snow + a little sleet - temp. 52° - batteries fired usual harassing fire - Evac. 1 O.R. struck off. 10 5 O.R. Rejoined 2 O.R. Horses Destroyed 3 R 7 L.D. Remounts ^{5 R 5 M} Strength. 158 R 328 L.D. 102 M. Personnel on Duty 290 769 O.R. <u>ammun.</u> Recd. 1166 A 538 AX 66 AX (106 fuz) 100 smoke. 60 BX 90 BX (106 fuz) 168 B.N.C. Expended 277 A 99 AX 118 AX (106 fuz) 30 smoke 370 BX (106 fuz) 144 B.N.C. Lt. Puddle left to report to Administrator HQ. to join A.F.C.</p>	D
"	20/4/18		<p>Fine sunny day - temp. 57° - wind N.W. 10 M.P.H. - from 8 pm - 8.30 pm. Counter preparation areas were harassed 100 rds. per. 18 pars + 4.5 how. + from at 3 am + 5.30 am. ^{21/4/18} all lanes were searched once. See appended 5. Evac. 4 O.R. Reinf. 1 O.R. on duty 290 769 O.R. Horses 158 R 328 L.D. 102 M. AM 1875V Recd. - 1192 A 401 AX 429 AX (106 fuz) 50 smoke 136 BX 362 BX (106 fuz) 100 B.N.C. Expended - 634 A 114 AX 59 AX () 20 " 100 BX " 128 B.N.C.</p>	D

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V27651	21/4/18		<p>Fine, warm, sunny day - temp 60° - 37th. Batteries were shelled + had 3 O.R. casualties - 2 killed 1 wounded. Evac. 2 O.R. - Cas. 2nd killed - Reinf 17 O.R. On strength. 29 O 782 O.R. Horses 158 R 328 LD. 102 mules <u>ammun.</u> <u>Recd.</u> 4802 A 1591 AX 134 AX (106 fuz) 52 smoke. 150 BX 1476 (106 fuz) 200 B.N.C. <u>Expended</u> 4339 A 2466 AX 567 AX (106 fuz) 166 BX 1122 OX (106 fuz) 80 B.N.C.</p>	B.
"	22/4/18		<p>Fine warm sunny day - our batteries cooperated with the Division on our left. (See appendix 6). Evac. 1 O.R. To O.T.C. 2 O.R. Reinf 4 O.R. On Duty. 29 O 783 O.R. Horses 158 R 328 LD. 102 M. <u>ammun.</u> <u>Recd.</u> 1140 A 228 AX 100 B.N.C. <u>Expended</u> 902 A 105 AX 31 AX (106 fuz) smoke. 130 BX 185 (BX 106 fuz). 37th. were harassed all day by hostile fire - no damage caused.</p>	B.
"	23/4/18		<p>Fine warm, sunny day - temp 60° - 2 O.R. struck off, 4 O.R. wounded + evacuated. On duty. 29 O 778 O.R. <u>Horses</u>! - Duty 158 R. 328 LD. 102 M. <u>ammun.</u> <u>Recd.</u> 2075 A <u>Expd</u> 2700 A 219 AX 25 AX (106)</p>	B.

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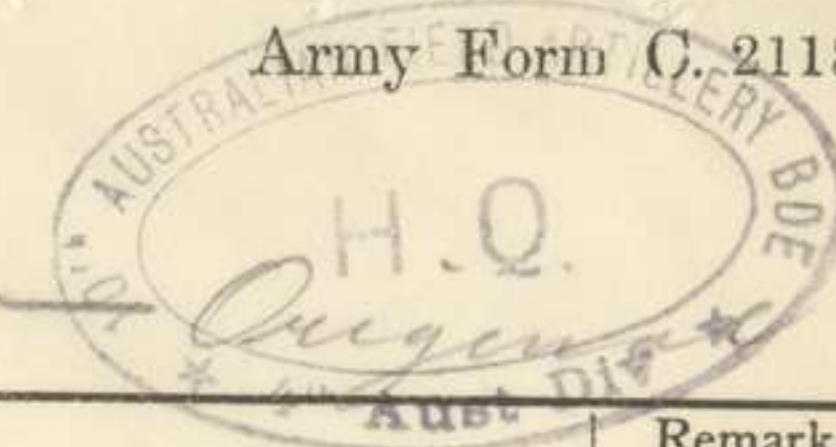
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V27651. Hengencourt Chau.	24/4/18		Dull day - only a little rain - heavy harrassing fire H.E. and gas over whole area. 10 R. shuckhoff. 1 O.R. to F. Amb. - <u>on duty</u> 290 777 O.R. <u>Horses</u> Evac 8 L.D. on duty. 158 R 328 L.D. 102 M. <u>AMMUN</u> Recd. 377 A 59 AX 20 AX (106) Expd. 305 A 36 AX 20 AX (106) 100 BX (106)	D.
"	25/4/18		ANZAC DAY - Dull all day ending up with heavy rain at 7 P.M. Evac 1 O.R. <u>Duty</u> 290 776 O.R. <u>Horses</u> . Evac. 4 L.D. Destroyed. 4 L.D. 4 M. Strength. 158 R 320 L.D. 98 M. <u>AMMUN</u> . Recd:- 718 A 471 AX 27 AX (106). Expd:- 269 A 34 AX 17 AX (106) 8 smoke 150 BX (106)	D.
"	26/4/18		Dull all day but no rain. - hostile artillery particularly quiet - <u>Dairy duty</u> 290 774 O.R. <u>Horses</u> 158 R 320 L.D. 99 M. <u>ammun</u> : 324 A 50 AX 7 AX (106) 150 BX (106) Expended & none received.	D.
"	27/4/18		Dull all day & rained at dusk - <u>Dairy duty</u> 290 774 O.R. <u>Horses</u> 158 R 320 L.D. 99 M. <u>ammun</u> . Recd. 230 A 76 AX. <u>Expended</u> 250 A 31 AX 88 (AX106) 6 smoke 100 BX (106)	D.

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V27651	28/4/18		Dull all day + wet at night - batteries fired usual harassing fire - hostile artillery fairly active. Evac. 2 OR. On duty. 290 772 OR. <u>Horses</u> - 158 R 320 L.D. 99 M. <u>ammun</u> <u>Expd.</u> 414A 50AX 26AX(106) 185BX(106)	P.
"	29/4/18		Alternately dull + bright - 37th battery badly harassed - 2 men killed - Maj. Evans MCwounded + evacuated. Evac. 10 2 OR. - Gas. 2 OR. killed. On duty 280 768 OR. <u>Horses</u> 158 R 320 L.D. 99 M. <u>ammun</u> . <u>Expd.</u> 302A 125AX 45AX(106) + smoke 100 BX(106). Recd. 334A 155 AX 130 AX(106).	P.
"	30/4/18		Rained nearly all day - Evac. 10 OR. on duty. 280 767 OR. <u>Horses</u> Evac. 1 M. - <u>Strength</u> 158 R 320 L.D. 98 M. <u>Expd.</u> 368A 220 AX 115 AX(106) 220 BX(106).	P.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 102.

Reference map HAZEBROUCK 5A, 1/100,000.

Headquarters,
23rd. March, 1918.

1. The 4th. Australian Division will move from MERRIS AREA to BUSNES AREA on the 24th. and 25th. insts., in accordance with table attached.

2. On arrival in BUSNES AREA units will be allotted to Brigade Groups as under; G.O.Cs. concerned will administer same till completion of subsequent moves.

4th. A.I. Bde.	12th. A.I. Bde.	15th. A.I. Bde.	4th. Aust. Div. Arty.
4th. A.A.G. Coy.	12th. A.A.G. Coy.	13th. M.G. Coy.	4th. Aust. M.V.S.
4th. Fld. Amboe.	12th. Fld. Amboe.	24th. M.G. Coy.	14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
4th. Fld. Coy., Engrs.	12th. Fld. Coy. Engrs.	13th. Fld. Amboe.	
7th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	26th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	13th. Fld. Coy. Eng.	
	4th. Pioneer Bn.	Div. San. Section.	
		27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	

3. Dismounted personnel will be conveyed by motor busses as follows :-

No. 1 COLUMN.

Embussing Point, X.20.d.1.9. (Head of Column facing West)

12th. A.I. Bde.	4th. Aust. Div. H.Q.
12th. M.G. Coy.	4th. Div. Signal Coy.
26th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	

No. 2 COLUMN.

Embussing Point, T.20.A.8.2. (Head of Column facing East)

4th. A.I. Bde.	4th. Fld. Amboe.
4th. Fld. Coy. Engrs.	12th. Fld. Amboe.
12th. " " "	7th. Coy. A.A.S.C. and
4th. M.V.S. (dismounted)	4th. Aust. Div. Train H.Q.

No. 3 COLUMN.

Embussing Point, M.23.d.2.7 (Tail of Column)

13th. A.I. Bde.	13th. Fld. Amboe.
13th. M.G. Coy.	Div. San. Section.
4th. Pioneer Bn.	24th. M.G. Coy.
13th. Field Coy.	27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.

4. The Transport of each Brigade Group, as shown in para 3, will march under the orders of a Senior Officer told off by each Infantry Brigade, who will also arrange billeting.

5. Staff Captains of Brigades and Artillery will proceed by car to BUSNES on the 24th. inst. accompanied by the D.A.Q.A.G., under arrangements to be notified by 'Q' of Division.

Billeting parties will move under Brigade arrangements.

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6. Supplies will be carried as follows :-

Transport Personnel - Iron ration and unexpended day's ration.
One day's ration (5th) Supply Wagons.

Dismounted Personnel:- Iron ration and unexpended portion of
days ration (25th.)

Rations for consumption on 23th. inst. will be dumped in
BUSNES AREA and collected by Supply Wagons on arrival. Location
of Dumps will be notified by 'Q' of Division.

Artillery rations for consumption on 26th. instant will be
dumped at HAVERSKERQUE on 24th. inst. and collected by Supply Wagons.
Rations for consumption on 27th. inst. will be dumped in BUSNES AREA.

RAILHEAD :- On 26th. inst - TINQUES.

AMMUNITION :- Units will move with Echelon full.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

 Major,
G.S., 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO.4.

23rd march, 1918.

1. The Superimposed Group (10th and 11th F.A.Briganes) will withdraw from present positions to wagon lines immediately - (during afternoon of 23rd inst.)
2. The 10th and 11th F.A.Briganes and 4th Aust. D.A.C. will hold themselves in readiness to march to MERRIS AREA during afternoon 23rd inst.
Time will be notified later.
3. Billeting parties will proceed at once, and will take over billets as under from Units of 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery and 1st Aust. D.A.C.
3rd Aust. Div. Arty will be clear of billets by 8 pm 23rd inst.

10th F.A.Bde. take over billets from 7th F.A.Bde.
(Headquarters at GRAND SEC BOIS, E.S.D.C.S.
Sheet 38 A 1/40,000.)

11th F.A.Bde. take over billets from 8th F.A.Bde.
(Headquarters at S.26.C.3.2. Sheet 28 1/40,000.)

4th D.A.C. from 1st. D.A.C. at OUTERSTEENE.

1st Aust. D.A.C. will send billeting party at once to take over Wagon Lines and billets of 4th Aust. D.A.C. at ALMA and REDAN LINES, at H.23.D. and H.24.D. respectively. (Sheet 28. 1/40,000.)
4. 4th Aust. D.A.C. will notify H.Q. 1st Aust. Div. Arty. of time they leave present wagon line, so that arrangements can be made for 1st. Aust. D.A.C. to be clear of OUTERSTEENE before their arrival.
5. It is understood (by verbal message from Corps) that 4th Aust. Div. Arty. will march from MERRIS AREA tomorrow 24th inst.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. (10th, 11th Bdes, 1st D.A.C. & 4th D.A.C. by wire).

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C. H. G. J.
a/cde. Major., 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Captain.

DISTRIBUTION.

10th F.A. Brigade.	Copy No. 1. ✓
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4th Aust. D.A.C.	3.
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37th Aust. D.A.H.Q.	11.
H.A. Aust. Corps.	12.
S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	13.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	14.
Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.	15.
Reconnaissance Officer "	16.
Commandant, LERIS Area.	17.
Commandant, LA CLYTTE Area.	18.
D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	19.
Commandant, RIDGEWOOD Area.	20.
" LOCRE Area.	21.
" DEZON Area.	22.
War Diary.	23-25.
File.	26.
Spare	27-28.

It is requested that you forward to the D.A.C. a copy of the diary of the 1st. Aust. Div. for the period 1st. Nov. 1917 to 31st. Dec. 1917. The diary should be in the form of a narrative and should be written in the first person. It should be written in ink and should be written in a clear and legible hand. It should be written in a simple and straightforward manner and should not be written in a literary or artistic style. It should be written in a plain and unadorned language and should not be written in a flowery or ornate style. It should be written in a plain and unadorned language and should not be written in a flowery or ornate style. It should be written in a plain and unadorned language and should not be written in a flowery or ornate style.

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TO { O.C.s 39 - 110 Btys

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * T.C.W. 1 23 —

Head of column should pass
 church at NEUVE EGLISE at 8 pm.

From J. Miller
 Place
 Time

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TO { 10th Aust FA Bedford
 11th Aust FA Bedford

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * SC 504 23

Rations & forage for consumption
 on 25th will be drawn
 at OTTERSTEENE at 1 pm
 on the 24th will be
 supply waggon
 will meet ASC lorries in
 OTTERSTEENE village
 waiting if necessary

From 4th Aust FA
 Place
 Time

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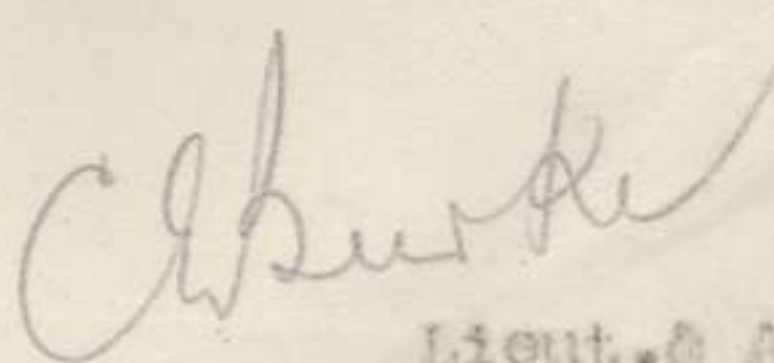
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SECRET.

10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.10th
A.F.A. BRIGADE.No
DateHeadquarters,
24th March, 1918.All Batteries.

Reference D.A. Order 121 attached :-

Party reporting to Capt. SMART at BUSHES
will consist of Lieut. J.H.G. JACKSON and Brigade Interpreter.Party reporting to Lieut. FERGUSSON at
VIEUX BERQUIN as follows :-Lieut. G.S. SMITH, 37th Bty.
1 H.C.O. and 1 O/R per Bty.
1 O/R. " B.H.Q.They will report to Lieut. SMITH at 37th
Bty. W. Lines immediately.ORDER of MARCH :- Headquarters, Signal Section, 110th,
38th, 37th and 39th Batteries.

Lieut. & Adjutant,
for G.O., 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.


SECRET.Copy No. 5ADDENDUM TO
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 102.Headquarters,
24th March, 1918.Reference map HAZEBROUCK 5A, 1/100,000.
" " LENS 11. 1/100,000.

1. That portion of the 4th Australian Division proceeding by lorries on 25th instant will move to HERMANVILLE Area and not to the BUSNES Area as ordered. Billeting parties at BUSNES have been notified accordingly.
2. Vickers and Lewis Guns will accompany personnel moving by lorries on 25th instant.
3. Embussment as follows :-

<u>No. 1 Column.</u>	Embussing point X.20.D.1.9 (Head of Column facing West). Time 10 a.m. Debussing TINGUES.
<u>No. 2 Column.</u>	Embussing point T.20.A.8.2 (Head of Column facing East). Time 6 a.m. Debussing TINGUES.
<u>No. 3 Column.</u>	Embussing point M.29.A.5.9 (Head of Column facing North). Time 6 a.m. Debussing TINGUES.
4. Transport of 4th Australian Division will continue its march so as to reach BUSNES Area tonight. Orders have been issued direct to transport officers concerned by D.H.Q. Instructions for the move from BUSNES Area to HERMANVILLE Area will be issued tomorrow.
5. The Div. Artillery will move as previously ordered. 7th and 8th Medium Trench Mortar Batteries will be conveyed by lorries as arranged with D.T.H.Q.
6. On arrival in HERMANVILLE Area 4th Australian Division will cease to be Army reserve and will come into G.H.Q. Reserve.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Law
Major,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

Distribution.

Normal.
24, 25 Australian Corps 2.
26 Area Commandant, HERMANVILLE.
27. " " BUSNES.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

COPY NO.....

SECRET

ORDER No. 121

HEADQUARTERS,
24th March 1918.

Reference Map SHEET HAZEBROUCK 5A.

1. The 4th Aust. Div. Artillery will move to BUSNES Area via HAVERSKERQUE on the 24th and 25th March in accordance with MARCH TABLE attached. Orders for the move of the 4th Aust. M.T.M. Batteries will be issued later.
2. Distances will be maintained as per 4th Aust. D.A. ORDER No. 120.
3. BILLETING PARTIES :-

Billeting Parties, mounted and carrying one day's rations and forage, to report as follows :-

Date	To whom	Place	Time	Strength.
24/3/18	Capt. SMART, M.C.	Town Major's Office BUSNES	1 p.m.	1 Off. per Bde. and D.A.C..
24/3/18	Lieut. FERGUSSON	VIEUX BERQUIN	11 a.m.	1 Off. per Bde. & D.A.C.. 1 N.C.O. & 10.R. per H.Q., Bty. & Sec. D.A.C..
25/3/18.	Officers representing Bdes. & D.A.C.	Town Major's Office, BUSNES.	10 a.m.	1 N.C.O. & 1 O.R. per H.Q. and Bty. & Sec. D.A.C..

4. Rations will be drawn at HAVERSKERQUE on 24/3/18 for consumption on 25/3/18 and at BUSNES on 25th for consumption on 26th. This cancels previous orders regarding rations to be drawn in MERRIS Area.
5. This Office will close at STRAZEELE at 9 a.m., 25/3/18 and re-open on arrival in BUSNES Area.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,
for Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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MARCH TABLE

Date	Unit	Starting Point	Pass at	Route	Final Destination	Remarks
24/3/1918	10th Bde.	Road Jun. 1st L. in LE TIR ANGLAISE	2 p.m..	N.W. to Road Jun. 1/4 mile S. of HAZELBOUCK thence via MORBECQUE and along HAVERSKERQUE Rd. through Forêt de NIEPPE.	HAVERSKERQUE Area.	
24/3/18	11th Bde.	LA COURANNE	2.45 p.m.	NEUF BERQUIN - MERVILLE - Along Road on N. side of Canal.	do.	MERVILLE not to be enter- ed before 4 p.m..
	D.A.C.	do	3.30	do.	do.	do.
25/3/18	10th Brigade	E in HAVERSKERQUE	9.30 a.m.	ST VERANT	BUSNES Area	
do.	11th Bde.	do.	10.15 a.m.	do.	do.	
do.	D.A.C.	do.	11 a.m.	do.	do.	

Ready to march

*Neuf
Merville
St Verant
Busnes*

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TABLE OF MOVES ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH 4th AUST. DIV. ORDER NO. 102.

Serial No.	Date	Unit.	From	To	Route	Remarks.
1.	24th March.	4th Div. Artillery	MERRIS AREA	HAVERSKERQUE	VINOX BERQUIN	By road. Not to enter MERVILLE before 4 p.m. 10th A, F, A, Bde via HORBECQUE .. HAVERSKERQUE Road. Billets on application to Town Major.
2.	March 24th	Transport of No. 1 Column.	METEREN AREA.	MERVILLE AREA.	VIEUX BERQUIN	Composition of No. 1 Col. is shown in para. 3. By road. Not to enter MERVILLE before 1 p.m. Billets on application to Town Major, MERVILLE.
3.	March 24th	Transport of No. 2 Column.	NEUVE EGLISE AREA.	ESTAIRES AREA.	STEENWERCK	Composition of No. 2 Col. is shown in para. 3. By road. To be clear of STEENWERCK at 1 p.m. Billets on application to Town Major, ESTAIRES
4.	March 24th	Transport of No. 3 Column.	LOCRE AREA	ESTAIRES AREA	NEUVE EGLISE-STEENWERCK	Composition of No. 3 Col. is shown in para. 3. By road. Not to reach STEENWERCK before 1.30 p.m. Billets on application to Town Major, ESTAIRES.
5.	March 25th	4th Div. Artillery	HAVERSKERQUE	BUSNES AREA	Direct	Own time.
6.	March 25th	No. 1 Col.	METEREN AREA.	BUSNES	-	By busses. Time to be notified later. Units of Col. will be embussed and debussed under orders of G.O.C. Brigade.
7.	March 25th	No. 2 Col.	NEUVE EGLISE AREA.	BUSNES Area.	-	ditto
8.	March 25th	No. 3 Col.	LOCRE AREA	BUSNES AREA	..	ditto.
9.	March 25th	Transport No. 1 Col.	MERVILLE	BUSNES AREA	Direct	To clear MERVILLE by 9 a.m.

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Serial No.	Date	Unit.	FROM	To.	Route	Remarks.
10.	March 25th	Transport No. 2 Col.	ESTAIRES	BUSHES AREA	BERVILLE - ROBECQ	Commence march at 8.30 a.m.
11.	March 25th	Transport No. 3 Col.	ESTAIRES	BUSHES AREA	BERVILLE - ROBECQ	March at 9.30 a.m.
12.	March 25th	Div. H.Q.	BERNIS	BUSHES	Direct.	Closes at BERNIS noon and re-opens at same hour.

Orders for move of 4th Div. Salvage Coy. and 7 & 8 Medium Trench Mortar Batteries will be issued later.

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10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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All Batteries.

Headquarters,
24th March, 1918.

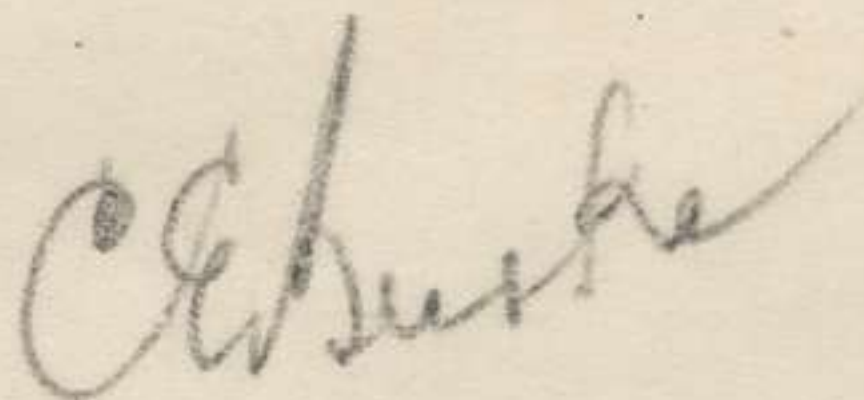
Order No. 31.

Reference Map Sheet :- HAZEBROUCK 5A.

1. 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade will move to BUSNES Area tomorrow, 25th March, 1918, as per 5th Aust. D. A. Order No. 121, already issued.
2. Order of March will be - Headquarters, Signal Section, 110th, 37th, 38th and 39th Batteries, head of column passing starting point (first "E" in HAVERSKERQUE) at 9-30 a.m.
3. Distances - as per 4th A.D.A. Order No. 120.
4. Advance party :- Lieut. J.H.G. JACKSON, 38th Battery has already proceeded to BUSNES. 1 Officer and 2 O/Rs. will push on per Bty and meet this Officer at Town Major's Office BUSNES, at 10 a.m. tomorrow, 25th.
5. Billeting :- The usual certificates against damage will be obtained and forwarded to this Office. A full list of householders, and the number of Officers, O/Rs., and horses accommodated by each will be rendered to B.H.Q. before moving out.
6. March Discipline :- This needs more attention from B.Os. and Battery Officers. The following points were noticed on today's march. -
 - (a) The absence of Water Buckets.
 - (b) Instances of "Off" horses carrying nothing.
 - (c) Off Horses with oil sheets next the skin.
 - (d) Many teams consisting of only four animals.
 - (e) Riding on trails and perches.
 - (f) O/Rs. leaving the column without permission.

It is again to be impressed on all that no man shall leave the column without authority from his Battery Commander.

7. Acknowledge.



Lieut. & Adjutant,
for C.O., 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS.
No. 5/243
Date.....

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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Copy of letter 164/114 dated 23rd March 1918 received from Australian Corps addressed all Divisions.

The following has been received from the M.G. G.S., Second Army, dated 22/3/18 and is forwarded for your information :-

"I have just talked to the M.Gs. G.S. of both third and Fifth Armies. The situation is as follows :-

Third Army -

Has been heavily attacked to-day, 22nd March. The enemy advanced in dense masses estimated at 3 Divisions per 200 yds. Columns four miles long on main BAPAUME - CAMBRAI road.

He has broken through at BEAUMETZ but it is not very serious. He is also trying to break through at VAUX VRAUCOURT.

23 Divisions have been identified by Third Army.

It is estimated that he has about 30 Divisions opposite this Army and 50 to 60 opposite Fifth Army.

55 in all have actually been identified.

Casualties in Third Army yesterday were comparatively light. The Third Army repulsed almost all attacks made.

Fifth Army -

Have had a hard day again and have been forced to give a good deal of ground.

The troops have fought splendidly but are tired. They have had to fall back to the line NURLU - TINCOURT - HANCOURT - MONCHY - LA CACHE - MOLINAUX - BOUY LE GRAND - HAM - ST. SIMON - RIVER SOMME - TERGHIER - BARASIS.

R.F.C. crashed 21 E.A. yesterday and lost 1 machine.
" " " 26 E.A. today " " 2 "

The French are taking over the line up to ST.SIMON and will have three divisions in by tomorrow midday.

No attack was made on the French to day.

(2)

G. 5/522/1.

Forwarded for your information.

Headquarters,
23rd March 1918.

Sgd. L. CRAIG Capt. for Major,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ALL UNITS

Forwarded for your information.

Headquarters,
24/3/18.

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.	Charge.	No. of Message.....	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		This message is on a/c of:	
.....		At.....m.	 Service.	
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.....		By.....		From.....	
.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	

TO { All Units.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>TAP. 1</u>	<u>24th/8</u>		

The following is a copy of message timed 11.35 a.m. from 2nd Army :-

"Special order of the day by Field Marshal Sir Douglas HAIG AAA to all ranks of the British Army in FRANCE and FLANDERS AAA We are again at a crisis in the war AAA The enemy has collected on this front every available Division and is aiming at the destruction of the British Army AAA We have already inflicted on the enemy in the course of the last two days very heavy loss and the French are sending troops as quickly as possible to our support AAA I feel that every one in the Army fully realise how much depends on the exertion and steadfastness of each one of us will do his utmost to prevent the enemy from attaining his object AAA Message received from G.H.Q. timed 11.35 p.m. 23rd.

From.....
Place 4th Aust. D.A.
Time.....

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY COPY # 1

ORDER NO. 122.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS,
25th March 1918.

REFERENCE Sheets 5A and 11

100,000

1. Reference Order No. 121 - DELETE all reference to the move of March 25th.
2. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will move on March 25th from HAVERSQUERQUE Area to HOUDAIN Area (LENS Sheet 11).
3. Billetting Officers and Staff Captain will be taken by Motor transport to HOUDAIN and report to Town Major for Billetting. Billetting parties of Units will report to Town Major's Office HOUDAIN as soon as possible after 10 a.m. 25th and await orders from Billetting Officers.
4. This Office will close at 9 a.m. at STRAZEELE on 25th and will re-open at HOUDAIN on arrival.
5. 7th and 8th T.M. Batteries will move to HOUDAIN under arrangements made between 4th Australian Division "Q" and the D.T.M.O.
6. The move will be continued into the IIIrd Army Area on the 26th.
7. Starting point and times for march on 25th will be as follows :-

10th F.A. Brigade	-	E in HAVERSQUERQUE	9.30 a.m.
11th F.A. Brigade	-	"	10.15 a.m.
4th D.A. Column	-	"	11.a.m.

ROUTE -

ROBEQQ - CHOCQUES - LABEUVRIE - HESDIGNEUL and BRUAY (LENS Sheet 11). 14th A.A.S.C. Coy via BUSNES,

8. Town Major BUSNES has been asked to advise Billetting Officers of alterations.
9. Rations for consumption 26th will be drawn at BUSNES and will be carried in supply wagons of 14th Coy. A.A.S.C. to HOUDAIN. Supply arrangements and refilling point on 26th will be notified later.
10. Brigade and D.A.C. Commanders will use their discretion regarding a mid-day halt for their Units. Such halts must be clear of the road.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 2 a.m.

Major,
for Brigade Major,
4th Aust. Div, Artillery.

P.T.O.

HEADQUARTERS
12th AVIATION DIVISION
12th AVIATION DIVISION
12th AVIATION DIVISION

Distribution -

- 1. 10th A.F.A. Brigade
- 2. 11th A.F.A. Brigade
- 3. 4th A.D.A. Column
- 4. 4th D.T.M.O.
- 5. 14th Coy. A.A.S.C.

Copies to -

- 6. 4th Aust. Div. "G"
- 7. 4th Aust. Div. "Q"
- 8. D.A.D.O.S.
- 9. A.D.M.S.
- 10. 4th Aust. Div. Train.
- 11. C.R.A.
- 12. B.M.
- 13. S.C.
- 14. War Diary.
- 17. Spare.
- 18-20. Spare.

The 4th Australian Division is to be moved to the 12th AVIATION DIVISION area (Lena Sheet) and will be open at HOUDELL. This move will be completed by the 11th Army Area and will be open at HOUDELL. The 4th Australian Division is to be moved to the 12th AVIATION DIVISION area (Lena Sheet) and will be open at HOUDELL. This move will be completed by the 11th Army Area and will be open at HOUDELL.

10.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.
11.30 a.m.

10.15 a.m.
11.00 a.m.
11.30 a.m.

Officers of all ranks are requested to advise their respective units of the above arrangements and to ensure that all necessary preparations are completed by the 11th Army Area.

Brigades and B.A.C. Commanders will use their discretion regarding a mid-day halt for their units, such halts must be clear of the road.

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Issued at 2 a.m.

12th AVIATION DIVISION
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SECRET. 10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

All Batteries.

Headquarters,
25th March, 1918.

- 1. Reference 4th Aust. D. A. Order No. 123 attached, 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade Order of March will be
- 2. Headquarters, 32nd, Signal Section, 37th, 41st, 39th and 38th Batteries, head of column to pass starting point (first "A" in BARAFFIE at 10 a.m.
- 3. Distances will be maintained as per 4th Aust. D. A. Order No. 120.
- 4. Advance Parties :- Lieut. W.G. JOLLY, M.C., 38th Battery, will report to the D.T.M.C. at BRUGIN at 8-30 a.m. as per para. 2. of D.A. Order. 1 *Officer* and 1 C/R. per Battery will assemble at 38th Sty. W. Lines at 8 a.m. tomorrow, and proceed mounted in charge of Senior M.C.O. They will report to 4th D.A. Staff Officer at Town Major's Office, BASSEUX at 12-30 p.m.
- 5. Billeting :- Para. 3 of Brigade Order No. 22 will be complied with regarding this area.
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

CR. [Signature]

Lieut. Adjutant,
for C.O., 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade.



SECRET.

ORDER NO. 123

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REFERENCE Sheet 11.

HEADQUARTERS,
25th March 1918.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will move on 26th March from HOUDAIN Area to BASSEUX Area.

The 7th and 8th Aust. Medium Trench Mortar Batteries will embus and move from their Billets at 9 a.m.,

2. BILLETING PARTIES.

One Staff Officer from 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. and 1 Officer per Brigade and D.A.C. will report to D.T.M.O. at BEUGIN at 8.30 a.m. for conveyance to BASSEUX for Billeting purposes. 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R. per Battery and Section D.A.C. will report to 4th Aust. D.A. Staff Officer at Town Major's Office, BASSEUX at 12.30 p.m., 26th instant.

3. STARTING POINT and TIMES for march will be as follows :-

<u>11th Aust. F.A. Bde.</u>	--	Cross Roads at first "A" in BARAFFIE	9.30 a.m..
<u>10th Aust. F.A. Bde.</u>	--	" " " " " "	10 a.m..
<u>4th Aust. D.A.C.</u>	--	" " " " " "	10.30 a.m..
<u>14th Coy. A.A.S.C.</u>	--	" " " " " "	10.45 a.m..

4. ROUTE.

REBREUVE - HERMIN - CAUCOURT - AUBIGNY -
HERMAVILLE - BABARCOQ - WANQUETIN - BAUMETZ.

5. RATIONS for consumption on 27th will be drawn at BASSEUX.

6. HA.L.T.

In addition to the hourly halts ordered by 4th Australian Division STANDING ORDERS, there will be a halt from 11.50 a.m. to 12.20 p.m..

7. DISTANCES as per 4th Aust. D.A. ORDER 123 will be maintained.

8. SYNCHRONISATION.

One Officer from Headquarters 10th and 11th Brigades, D.A.C. and Trench mortars will report to 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. at 7 p.m. to-night for purpose of synchronising watches.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

J. J. Fair
Major,
for Brigade-Major,
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

1 - 5	10th Aust. F.A. Bde..	
6 - 10	11th " " "	
11 - 14	4th Aust. D.A.C..	<u>Issued at 4.15 p.m..</u>
15	4th Aust. D.T.M.O..	
16	14th Coy., A.A.S.C..	
For inf.		
17	4th Aust. Div. "G" ;	
18	4th Aust. Div. "Q"	
19	D.A.D.O.S..	
20	A.D.M.S..	23 File
21	A.D.V.S..	24 26 Diary
22	Div. Train.	27 Spare.

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10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

All Batteries.

Headquarters,
25th March, 1918.

Order No. 32.

Ref. Sheets :-
HAZEBROUCK 5A and LENS.

- 1. This cancels Order No. 31 of 24th inst.
- 2. 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade will move to HOUDAIN area today.

March Table

Starting point	pass at.	Route	Final Destination
First "E" in HAVERSKERQUE.	9-30 a.m.	St. VENANT - ROBECQ - GONNEHEM CHOCQUES - LABEUVRIERE HESTE HESDIGNUEL - BRUAY	Houdain Area.

- 3. Order of March :- Headquarters, Signal Section, 110th, 37th, 38th and 39th Batteries, head of column to pass starting point at 9-30 a.m.
- 4. Distances - as per 4th Aust.D.A. Order 120.
- 5. Advance Party :- 1 Officer and 2 N.C.Os. per Bty. and 1 O.R., Headquarters, will assemble at 110th Battery mounted, and carrying one day's rations and forage. They will proceed under the senior Officer and report to Town Major HOUDAIN, by 1-30 p.m. Assembling Time at 110th - 8 a.m.
- 6. Billeting :- The usual certificates re damage, etc. will be obtained and forwarded to this Office. A full list of householders and the numbers of Officers, O/Rs. and animals accommodated by each will be rendered to B.H.Q. before moving out.
- 7. Para. 6 of Order 31 re March Discipline still stands.
- 8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten Signature]
Lieut. & Adjutant,
for C.O., 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO. 1

ORDER NO. 124.

Headquarters,
26th March 1918.

Reference Sheets 11 and 17.

1. 4th Australian Divisional Artillery and 4th Aust. Div. Mobile Section will march to-morrow 27th instant to ACHEUX LEALVILLERS - VARENNES Area. (LENS Sheet 11 Square 6 G).
2. Brigades will be prepared to go into action on the 27th instant.
3. 12th and 13th Infantry Brigades are marching to same Area to-night.
4. Div. H.Qrs and D.A.H.Q. will be at BAIZIEUX (AMIENS Sheet 17 Square 1 G).
5. Route for move - 11th Aust. F.A. Bde and 4th Aust. D.A.C., GAUDIEMPRE -- SOUASTRE - COIGNEUX - BERTRANCOURT.
10th Aust. F.A. Brigade POMMIER - ST. AMAND - SOUASTRE - COIGNEUX - BERTRANCOURT.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C. - As for 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.
Mob. Vet. Section - HUMBER CAMP - SOUASTRE - BERTRANCOURT.
6. Starting point and times :-
11th A.F.A. Bde - Cross-roads HUMBER CAMP 7 a.m.
10th A.F.A. Bde - Cross-roads POMMIER 7.25 a.m.
4th A.D.A. Clm - As for 11th Aust. F.A. Bde 8 a.m.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C. - " " " 8.30 a.m.
Mob. Vet. Sect. - " " " 8.45 a.m.

Order of march :-
11th Brigade, 10th Brigade, 4th D.A.C., 14th Coy. A.S.C., Mob. Vet. Section.
7. Each Brigade will send an Officers patrol of one Officer and 5 men along the road BIENVILLERS AU BOIS - CHAU DE LA HAIE - SAILLY AU BOIS and rejoin Unit unless required further and will watch the Left Flank of the Div. Artillery.
8. Distances of 500 yards will be maintained between the Brigades and D.A.C. and 100 yards between Batteries and Sections D.A.C.
9. T.Ms in lorries will move via SOMERIN - HUMBERCOURT - MONDICOURT - PAS - THIEVRES and will park at ACHEUX and await orders.
10. Railhead for 27th will be at WARINCOURT. Arrangements are being made to deliver to Units by Motor Transport.
11. The C.R.A. will be at the head of the Column where all reports will be sent.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE

H. J. Hamilton
Major,
for Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Div. Artillery.

All Batteries, Sections D.A.C. and other Units will send one mounted orderly to report to 11th Bde H.Qrs at their Starting point. These orderlies will march with 11th Bde H.Qrs.

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10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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All Batteries.

Headquarters,
28th March, 1918.

Warning Order.

Reference Map Sheets - LENS 11 and AMIENS.

1. 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade will move to ALBERT Area early tomorrow, possibly leaving present billets at 6-30 a.m.
2. All kit that can be "cast" must be got rid of before the march.
3. Tonight and while precautionary methods are being taken Batteries will arrange to concentrate their billets or bivouacs handy to Wagon Lines. An alarm post will be immediately established, the man on duty being aware of sleeping quarters of every Officer, N.C.O. and man of his Battery.
4. Billeting :- Usual Certificates indemnifying Batteries against damage will be obtained and forwarded to this Office. Full particulars of present billets occupied to be sent to B.H.Q. before moving out.
5. Advance parties :- In all probability the usual billeting party of one Officer and 1 C.R. per Bty. will be required to push on. They will assemble at 39th Battery Wagon Lines two hours (if possible) before the actual time given in later orders for the commencement of the march. Further orders will be forwarded immediately on receipt of same.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. & Adjutant,
for H.Q., 10th Aust. F. A. Brigade.

WAR NEWS :- Reports received show the situation to be well in hand.

Enemy agents are spreading false rumours amongst the troops and every endeavour must be made by all ranks for the suppression of the spreading of same, and from the actual source if possible.

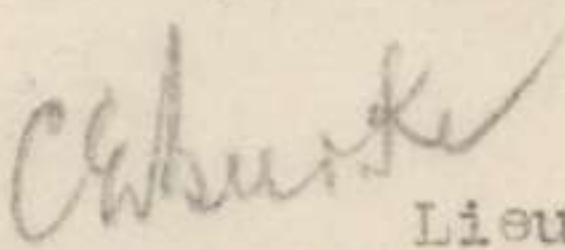
Cases have occurred during the last two days in which one of the enemy dressed as a Brig.-General gave orders for the removal of guns.

Chamberlain
Lieut. & Adjutant.

SECRET. 10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.All Batteries.
-----Headquarters,
26th March 1918.Order No. 33.

Reference 4th Aust. D.A. Order 124 attached :-

1. Headquarters will be moving out at 6 a.m. tomorrow, 27th. The Order of March will be - Headquarters, Signal Section, 37th, 38th, 39th and 110th Batteries.
2. No advance parties will be sent ahead, but will be detailed, in readiness in event of them being ordered to push on during the march.
3. Special attention is directed to para. 2 of D.A. Order.
4. Officers' patrol:- 37th Battery will detail an Officer in charge of same, 37th, 38th and 39th Batteries detailing one O/R. and 110th Battery two O/Rs.
5. Mounted Orderlies from each Battery will be detailed to report at head of 11th Brigade column as per footnote to D.A. Order. (Note time 11th Bde. will pass starting point.)
6. ACKNOWLEDGE

Rations for consumption on 28th will
be drawn at SAULTY tomorrow, 27th.
Lieut. & Adjutant,
for G.O., 10th Aust. F.A. Bde.
-----

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 At.....m. From.....
 To..... By.....
 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 10th Aust of H Bde
 11th Aust of H Bde
 AAC DT 170

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * A3 26th

The following precautions will be taken during the present and forthcoming periods and men will be kept concentrated in billets or bivouacs and their officers will be billeted with them and a complete system of sentries and alarm posts will be put in force and an officer of Bde or Bn Hqs will always be available at each Hqs and will remain near the telephone if such is installed
 Acknowledged

From Lt Aust DA
 Place
 Time
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 To..... By.....
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TO { 10th Bde
 11th Bde
 W PAC DTMO

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * SC507 26th

Stations and baggage will be drawn at SAULTY ~~SAULTY~~

From Lt Aust DA
 Place
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 At _____ m. _____
 To _____ From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { *all Battalion* }

Sender's Number. *K 24* Day of Month. *29th* In reply to Number. *AAA*

The present situation AAA our
 troops hold from MERICOURT along
 railway to DERNANCOURT - Albert south
 of MERICOURT along road to SAILLY-LE-SEC
 AAA The 4th Aust Div Arty will
 probably be superimposed over the front
 occupied by 21st & 35th Divs i.e.
 MERICOURT (exclusive) to DERNANCOURT
 (inclusive)

The 10th & 11th Bdes will move to a
 position of readiness between
 HENENCOURT + WARLOY. aaaa Bty
 line will be at WARLOY
 DAC will be at WARLOY, DAHQ
 at BAIZIEUX

If guns are ordered into action

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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 To _____ From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { *10th FA Bde
 11th FA Bde
 4th ADA* }

Sender's Number. _____ Day of Month. _____ In reply to Number. *AAA*

Refilling	Point	is	BOULINCOURT
DUMPS	WARLOY	and	CONTAY
Railhead	ACHEUX	and	
for	information	of	Co.
DAC	the	21st	Div
ADCCO	is	at	CONTAY

From *4th Aust Div Arty*
 Place _____
 Time _____

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Sent			From.....
At.....m.			By.....
To.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
By.....			

TO { 10th AFAB

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* E1	27		

You will take up position
in residence on left hand
side of WARLOY - HENENCOURT
Road before reaching HENENCOURT
Wood and the 11th ABAB are
on the right of the road in
the same fully and

From	
Place	
Time	
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Sent	At.....m.	Service.	Date.....
To.....	From.....		
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....

TO { 11th Fus 3rd Bde
10th AFAB de 4th Arm. Div.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM1	27 th Nov		

11th Fus Sub Bde has been ordered
to make HERBUTERIVE ^{to the north} and
then push on to line BUC QUOY
- PUSIEUX AU MONT. AAA. Last
places are believed well held
by enemy AAA. Our infantry are
holding CHATEAU de la HAIE
and 11th AFAB will be
attached for this operation to.
11th Fus Sub Bde and Opc will
report to GOC 11th Fus Sub Bde
at SAULTY for orders at once
11th Fus Sub Bde will detach companies
ammunition wagon of letter N° 1
or N° 2 section under orders
of 11th Fus 3rd Bde and will arrange

From	11 th Fus Sub
Place	
Time	

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Sent
At m. Service. Date
To From
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

* with 4th Fus Inf Bde, for a
refilling point of SAA Infantry
Bde sections. and HQ of 4th Fus
DB will be at BASSEUX and
Remainder of 4th Fus DB will
be held ready to move at
Saulcy. and acknowledge
and printions taken up
by 11th Bde and
Dgc will be reported
to their office

From 4th Fus DB
Place
Time 2.15 pm

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Sent
At m. Service. Date
To From
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

* Received B.M. dated 27 at 10.26
4-15 pm, 26-3-15
M. L. M. a P. H.

From
Place
Time

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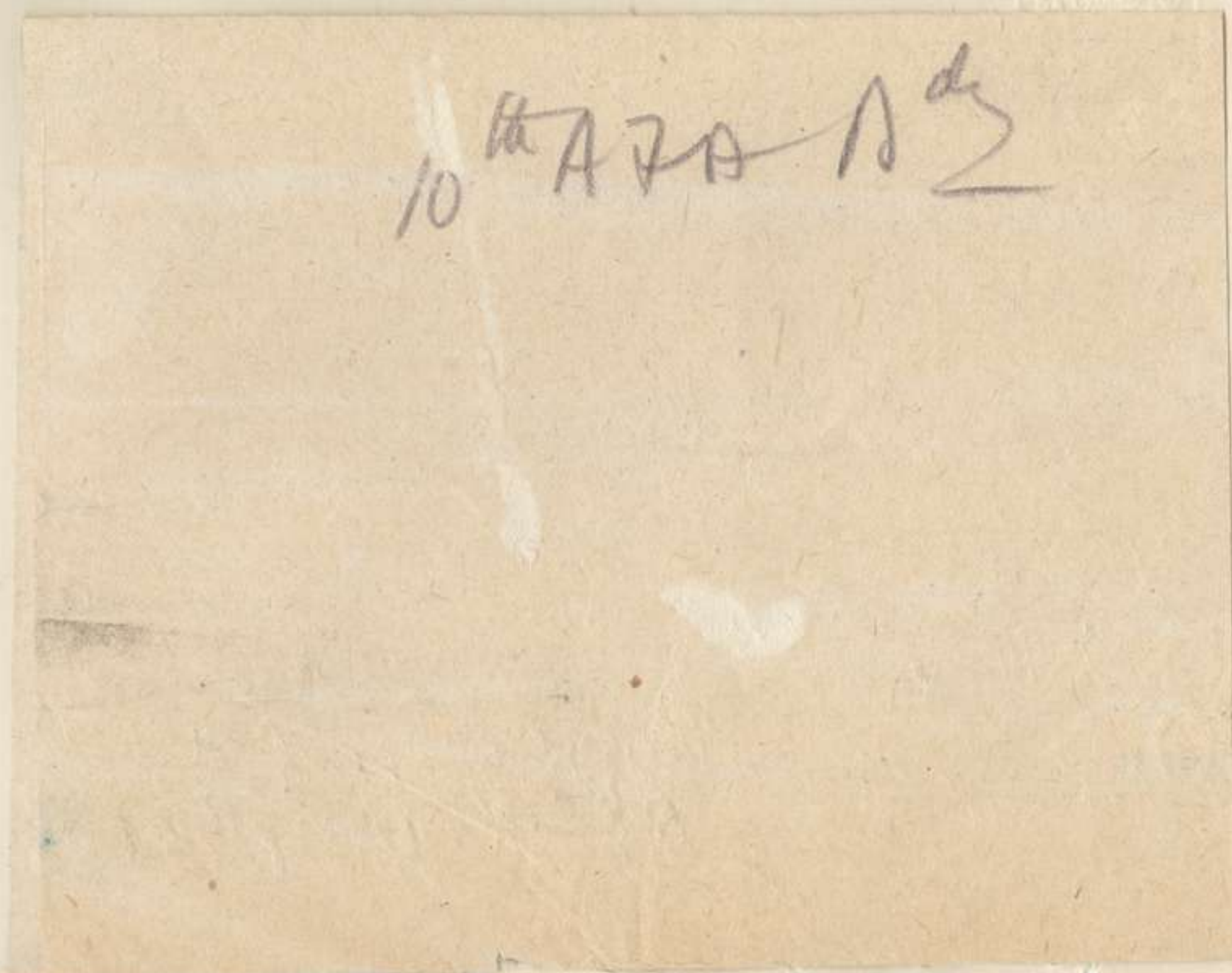
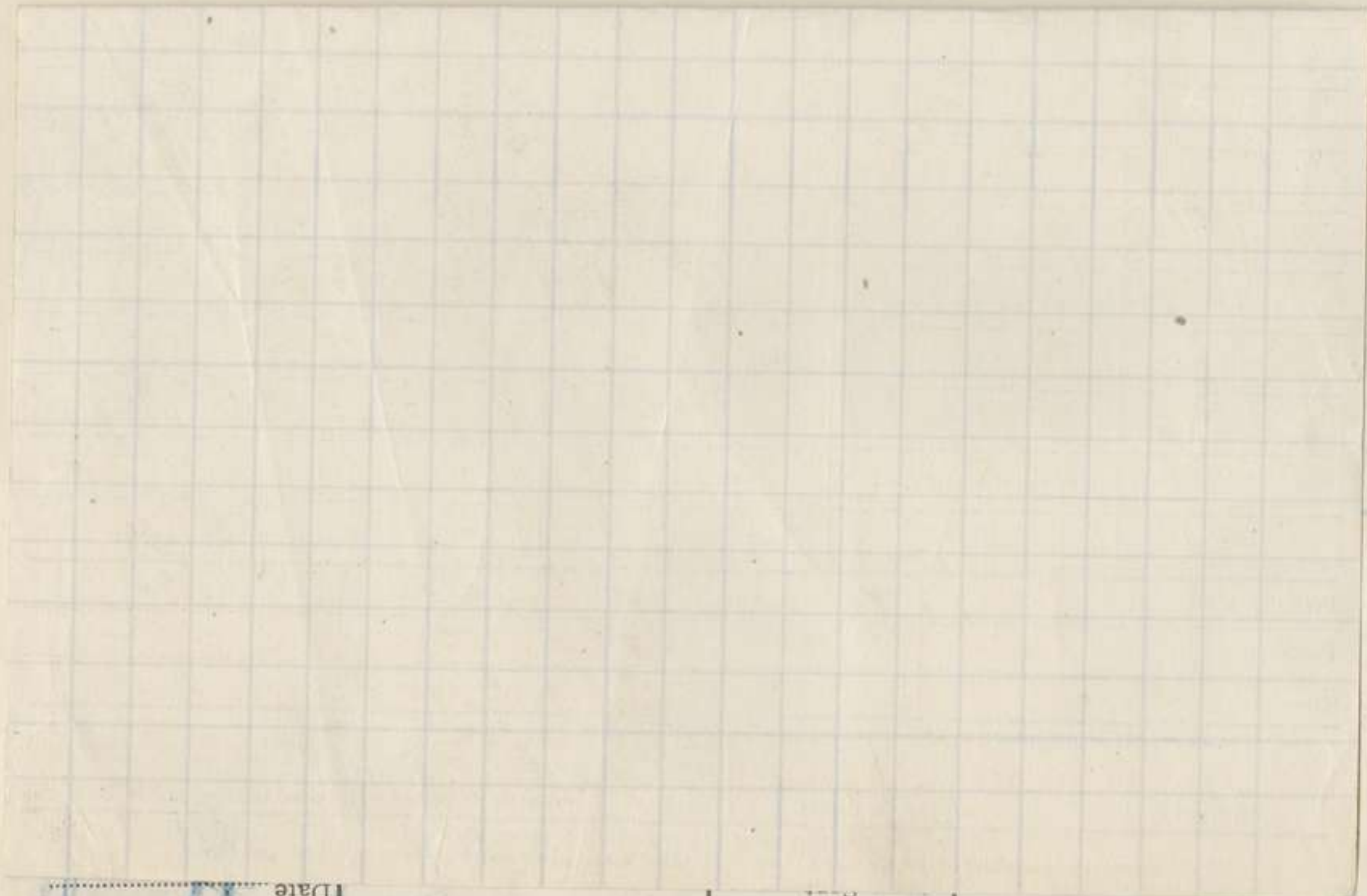
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 Charge
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 Date.....

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Prefix: Code: Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *AMS*
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 Sent Date
 At m. Service.
 To
 From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: *10th Bde 4th Aus Bde*
11th AFA AFA

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
 * *BMY 2* *27th*

10th AFA 13de will
take up positions in
readiness in the
vicinity of line LA CAUCHIE
- LA BAZAQUE
covering approaches from
SOUASTRE and HENESCAMP
aaa funds with 1st

From
 Place
 Time

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 To
 From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO:

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 * *AMS*

be placed in action
but all preparations will
be made to put
them in aaaa Battens
with Bivona in vicinity
of positions selected aaaa
SAULTY) aaaa remain in
aaa addressed 10th 13de
AFA 4th Aus DAC
repeated 11th AFA AFA

less section with 11th AFA AFA

From *4 Aus DA*
 Place
 Time *2.55 pm*

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 At m. Service.
 To..... From.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 10th Div 11th Bde 4th Am Div
 DTMO

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 * BM 3 27th

Enemy is reported in
 HERBUTERNE area on 62nd
 and 42nd Div are
 holding line PUISIEUX - BUCQUOY
 - ABLAINZE VILLE 62nd
 on right area Between
 PUISIEUX and HAMEL there is
 a gap which the
 N2 Divs will fill
 area they have now
 4 Bns in position
 behind this gap area
 the situation is generally
 well in hand was
 enemy agents are spreading
 false rumours amongst troops
 area these will be

From
 Place
 Time

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 At m. Service.
 To..... From.....
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A
 *

Suppressed vigorously by
 all tanks area cores
 have occurred in which
 a man dressed as
 a Brig general has
 given orders to the
 removal of guns etc
 area all tanks are
 to be warned to
 verify source of orders
 received where doubts could
 possibly exist area this
 Div is attached to
 the 4th Corps

From 4 Corps Div art
 Place
 Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions. **Dpt of Conscription Special**

Word. Charge. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at m.

Sent Date m.

At m. Service. From

To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 10th Ade
11th Ade
4th ans DAE

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

* **BM 4** 27th

4th ans has been placed under orders of DAE to support it. Office are Bde SAULTY of section be required for operation and 10th DAE and 4th ans DAE

From 4th ans DAE

Place

Time

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

This message is a/c of: Recd. at m.

Sent Date m.

At m. Service. From

To By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 10th ans DAE
DTMO

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

* **BM 5** 27th

The Bureau on 10th march this morning to FORCEVILLE - SENLIS area. Sheet of 66 ans regarding position of leadmen for 10th Bde is cancelled and orders for march later. 10th Bde 4th ans addressed 11th Bde and DTMO was acknowledged.

From 4th ans DAE

Place

Time 4.30 pm

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INSTRUCTION NO. 39

HEADQUARTERS,
28th March 1918.

1. ORDERLIES.

Two mounted orderlies per Brigade and D.A.C. with 48 hours' rations and forage will report to 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. on morning of 28th instant. These orderlies will remain with 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.. Two orderlies from 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade sub-Group will be held at 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade. D.A.C. will provide orderlies to report to Batteries and Reserve Infantry Brigade S.A.A. Section.

2. F.O.Os.

One Officer per Brigade will be detailed as F.O.O. and to do Liaison duty with Infantry Company Commanders. These Officers will carry visual signal equipment, including Lucas Lamp. Group Visual Receiving Stations will be established at convenient places.

3. RIFLES AND LEWIS GUNS.

24 rifles and two Lewis Guns per Battery will be kept at Battery positions.

4. FUZE LENGTHS.

B.Cs. should be reminded that the gun detachments must know fuze lengths for ranges not shown on the bar indicator.

5. FORWARD WAGON LINES.

At forward Wagon Lines teams are to be kept harnessed up and hooked in and at least one man per team to be standing to. One third of team at a time may have the harness removed for grooming purposes.

6. POSSIBLE ENFORCED WITHDRAWAL.

In the event of an enforced withdrawal, 1 Section per battery will always cover the retirement of the remainder of Battery and then be withdrawn afterwards.

W. J. Harrison

Major,
for Brigade-Major
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

over

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DISTRIBUTION.

1	-	5	10th Aust. Bde.
6	-	10	11th Aust. Bde.
11	-	14	4th Aust. Div.
		15	4th Aust. Div.
		16	4th Aust. Div.
		17	R. 7th Corps.
		18	9th Div.
		19	12th Aust. Inf. Bde.
		20	Spare.
		21	
		22	Diary.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

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Date.....
Service.
From.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 10th A.F.A. Group.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
* B.M. 9 28/3 A A A

The infantry retook DURNANCOURT last night, and wishes us to provide for the possibility of another attack which is now imminent in our Divisional front. You consult with the infantry and allot two batteries to cover orders to be specially on the alert.

From 4th Aust Div art.
Place
Time 8 am

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War diary

LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Narration of Operations on 5th April, 1918.

The morning of 5th April was very foggy and damp and slightly inclined to rain. Throughout the night the Bosche had been carrying out a systematic strafe extending to back areas at a slow rate, and keeping only to the roads and villages of MILLENCOURT, LAVIEVILLE and HENENCOURT. Abnormal movement on the main approaches to ALBERT, DERNANCOURT and MORLANCOURT, had warned us of an impending attack either on the 5th or 6th instant.

All concerned were warned to stand to at 4 a.m. A special programme of slow fire, searching all possible assembly places in Group zone was set down for 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. This was carried out. At 5 minutes to 7 a heavy area shoot, gas and H.E. and in great depth, was put down by the Bosche from a line E 13 central to E 8 Central, extending in depth to HENENCOURT. BRESLE.

All lines were cut and no information was forthcoming as to the state of things on the front. At 8.40 a.m. the barrage eased in depth and from the observation of the Group Commander, it was seen to be concentrated on our own front and its density increasing. It was then decided that the BOSCHE was attacking. Fire was at once quickened up to S.O.S. rates and D.A.H.Q. informed. Visibility was still bad at 9-15 a.m.

At 9.25 the barrage lifted and increased. The enemy attacked and as far as could be ascertained in great force. A runner from Battalion Liaison Officer brought confirmation of the fact at 10.30 a.m.

Lines had now been restored and it was ascertained that an area Battery shoot was still in progress, chiefly with instantaneous fuzes. For several hours on stretch the Batteries had a "thin" time and had many casualties to personnel and a few guns, four in all for the Group, were put out of action. An effort was made to engage these Batteries, but with apparently little success, perhaps owing to the arrival of many of the Batteries, which prior to the attack had remained silent.

Reports, but very meagre ones, now continued to arrive, which showed that the attack was being fiercely repulsed, especially by the Left Battalion against a strong flank invasion from E 8 Cent. Peculiarly the inter Brigade boundary was placed as the road leading from DERNANCOURT and here the first break of the day occurred, necessitating an immediate fall back of the flanks of both Brigades resting in E 13 a and conforming to the left flank of the 12th Brigade which up till three p.m. had gallantly held to within a few yards of its original line. The Bosche barrage since 11.30 a.m. had been one across rear areas and now changed to one of Bursts of Fire, shrapnel and H.E. being used.

At 12.40 the Right Brigade reported they had regained their old line, but the statement was incorrect as later discovered only half the line was still held.

After much seeking and enquiry an approximate line was struck as being our present position and a barrage along the following line. E 14 Central - E 9 c 19. E 3 a 2565 was put down and satisfied our Infantry.

The day had cleared somewhat at 2.30 p.m. and movement was vigorously engaged especially in direction of approaches to DERNANCOURT and the Quarry and Sunken Road in E 14 b in which the Bosche appeared to be established.

At 3 p.m., when the exact position was known it was decided by both Brigades to counter attack and reserve Battalions were sent forward. Three Whippet tanks were detailed to assist, but up to 4.40 had not put in an appearance. The hour was fixed at 5.50 p.m. to establish in a lumpy off line and 5.26 to advance. During the process of establishing the forming up line the Bosche M.Guns and Rifle fire was exceedingly brisk and his barrage, somewhat inaccurate, was put down. The chief sources of trouble, the Quarry, Road in E 14 c and d and the valley in E 3 c were engaged with 4.5" Hows with success, switching back to S.O.S.

at 5-26.

The barrage lifted 100 yards at 5.26 and remained on that line till the Battalions were established in new line. This was done quickly and fire on both sides eased. Until darkness set in intermittent M.G. fire was carried on by both sides and our Artillery continued to successfully engage movement. It was quite evident from the observation of the enemy Cookers and transport, seen to be following close on the Infantry, that success was expected.

Instead our front had successfully withstood the onslaught of three identified enemy divisions.

From an Artillery point of view it had been the greatest battle this Divisional Artillery has taken part in and for continuous firing on S.W.O.S. and movement, an expenditure of 12,300 rounds was made between the 14 hours of daylight.

Casualties to personnel of Group were as follows

Killed or died of wounds	4	Officers	and	16	O/Rs
Wounded	7	"	"	57	"

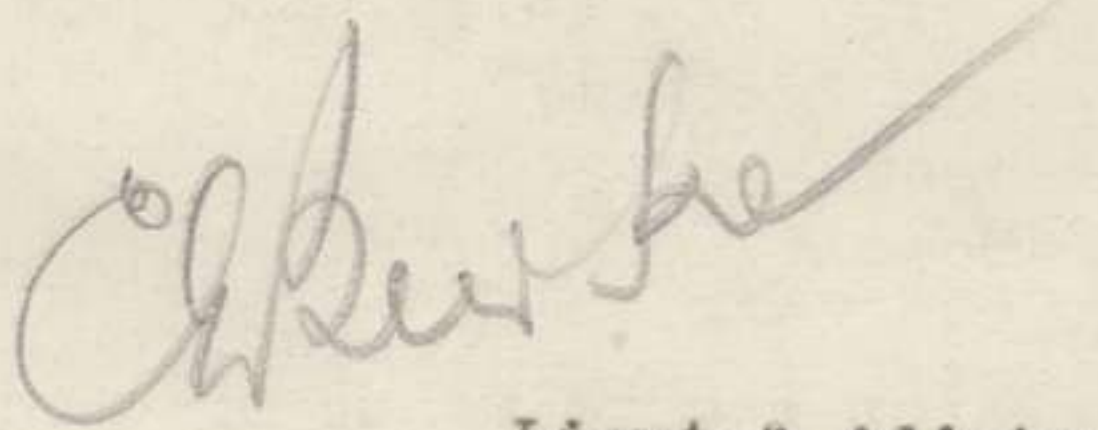
It is regretted that there appeared little desire to establish keen Infantry liaison with Artillery. Throughout the day Artillery Liaison was maintained with G.O.S. Inf. Bde, and with Right and Left Battalions, but information was hard to gain and then purely only as the result of observation and deduction. Even until a late hour, the Artillery was not told of the projected plans of the Counter attack, and had it not been expected and a barrage accordingly arranged, it is doubtful if the Artillery fire would have been so prompt and good as it luckily was.

Communication was again the "Lions in the Path" and in this connection it is the unanimous opinion of Battery Commanders that some system of attack and position signals should be introduced without delay. The S.O.S. signal should be an unmistakable one and repeated from a series of closely connected stations, especially in foggy weather.

Our own guns, 18-pdrs., 60-pdrs. and 4-5" Hows. and it is believed a stray 9.2" have been used against us on the day of the attack and since.

It is suggested that H.A. keep closer Liaison with Field Groups and Inf. Bdes. This Liaison was nowhere in evidence forward of D.A.H.Q. and much useful shooting was thereby missed.

In conclusion, summarising the work of the day, it again bears testimony to the efficiency and endurance of both Brigades, but it is thought many casualties would have been avoided had there been time to have constructed protection against the latest methods of field warfare, viz., barrage in depth and the instantaneous fuze.



Lieut. & Adjutant,
for C.O., Left Group Australian Field Artillery.

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Capt
10th AFA ~~Went~~
Observation in battle on 5.6th April.
At 7 am enemy opened a very
heavy bombardment over the whole
front. This I phoned to you
immediately. I then reported
to Colonel Smiley CO 47 Batta.
(with whom I was doing
liaison) He had just received
a phone message from Coy HQ
to the effect that no attack
was in progress on 12th Bge
front or elsewhere, & that
enemy bombardment was not
then on front line. I immediately
tried to phone this to you but
all communication had failed
forward & rear by that time,
7/10 Am. The bombardment at
that time was very heavy on
battalion HQ & a runner could not
have got through. At 8.30 Am

8.30 Am
a runner from Coy HQ at
brought a message to say that
no attack had taken place
up to 7.45 Am, but that Support
line was being being shelled.
This information I forwarded
to you by infantry runner at
8.35 Am. No further news of
importance was received till
10.10 Am when a runner
brought a message to say
that enemy attacked on
12th Bge front at 9.40 Am &
that the SOS was fired at
that time repeatedly, but with
no response. A few minutes
afterwards word was received
from wounded men that
enemy had broken through
at junction of 12th & 13th Bge
The latter Bge's ~~for~~ left front
had given way, thus causing
the 12th Bge's right to fall back

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How attack of 5/4/18.

Time.	Information.
5.20 am	Inf. reported marring at E. 15d o.o. D.A. informed.
5.52 am	The set shoot of 1 gun per battery which commenced at 5 am. searching + sweeping increased to two.
6.15 am	One smoke shell fell in valley - smoke drifted East + not laterally.
6.25 am	Sections stopped + a how from each of 110 + 111 batteries + a section from each 37 + 39 put to work along Albert-Dernancourt.
6.40 am	37th. + 39th. stopped.
6.57 am	How. stopped.
7.3 am	Area shoot on large scale commenced.
7.10 am	Opened on I.O.S. lines at slow rate.
7.13 am	38th. 110th. + 11th. Bde. lines down
7.17 am	Division line down.
7.27 am	37th. + 39th. lines down.
7.34 am	Area shoot slowed very slightly.
7.35 am	Phase 1 ordered.

Time.	Information.
7.45 am	Area shoot slightly easier. Capt. Beale left with lamp.
7.51 am	Caed to about $\frac{3}{8}$ of sharding rate.
7.57 am	Fire reported heavier on front line system.
8.3 am	D.A. line down.
8 am	37th. line down.
8.5 am	Area shoot normal - front thicker.
8.7 am	11th. Bde. line in.
8.25 am	Phase 2 ordered.
9.3 am	Back area again normal.
9.13 am	Back area shoot again quickened up.
9.35 am	Enemy reported to be using gas shell in battery zones - news that Maj. Goring, Lt. Massman + O.O.M. wounded.
9.50 am	Back area shoot much quieter.
10.30 am	News that enemy seen advancing from Albert through E. 3 - but situation reported well in hand - reported enemy broken

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Time.	Location.
	through C & D companies of 48th. but driven back. S.O.S. rate quickened to 2 rds. per. gun per. min. for 15 min. then as before. Reinforcements sent up.
10.35am.	Area shoot again had shell against dugout which killed Harrison & wounded Lt. Stubbin & Cpl. Field.
10.40am.	Much quieter.
11.30am.	One section of each No 2 & whole 111 on morning reported in Dernancourt.
11.35am.	37th. put on (Dernancourt).
7.5am.	11th. Bde. opened at slow rate on S.O.S. lines & ceased at 8.5 am.
8.15am.	First line wagons ordered to forward wagon lines.
8.18am.	Batt. H.2. still in same place.
8.20am.	Back area shoot quickened up a good deal.
8.23am.	Attack wounded.

Time	Information.
8.37am.	All wires again down.
8.39am.	Back area shoot slightly easier.
8.46am.	& now to 1/2 rate.
12.35pm.	C/10, D/10 & C/11 on Dernancourt 2 rds. per. gun. per. min. for 10 min.
12.40pm.	People on right reported that they were back in old line again.
1.30pm.	S.O.S. lines as follows given out:—
	10th. E14 cont. — E9C19
	11th. E9C19 — E3a2565
	lifting 100# lifts to Original S.O.S. lines. Rate. 3 rds. per. gun. per. min.
3.45pm.	111th. put on to shell E14 d.
4.10pm.	C/10 to search up road in E14 d.
4.30pm.	Back area still badly shopped.
5.5pm.	110th. & 111th. on Quarry & Road in E14 d. Rate. 2 rds. per. hour. per. min. 37th. also over at 3 rds. per. gun per. min.
5.15pm.	All batteries on standing barrage
5.26pm.	+ lift at 5.26 pm 100#. Lines is S.O.S. line above.

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Time	Information
5.40pm	Escorted from B to 2nd. per. min.
5.50pm	47th Bde reported having gained their objective.
5.53pm	D24 d 30 - E D 19 C 01 - E 14 C 30 reported to be 13th line. Shattered to 1 gun per gun per. min.
6pm	Batteries stopped.
6.45pm	E 14 a 70 - E 30 8550 sent out as S.O.S. lines. The division between Bdes. is E 8 d 8595.
7.50pm	48th Bde. O.L. reported two greens on our front.
During night	11th Bde. Harassed approaches + assembly points in our zone. 37th. E 10 a 50 + E 16 a 50 38th. E 9 b 50 + E 16 a. 39th. E 14 d + E 15 a 50. 110th Navy E. 14 C + E 14 d. ① " A " 18.
5am.	All batteries one gun on S.O.S. lines sweeping 30' + searching back 500' at slow rate.
9am.	Ceased fire.
2.55pm	Right Group reported enemy entering Mianthe - D.A. informed - a sector of 110th + 111th put on it.
3.15pm	Sent following S.O.S. bearing forward (27 d 52)

Time	Information
	through to D.A. 81°30', 111°30', 120° 133°20'. Two 57 d 1/40000 on way to us + 1 57 d 5E 1/20000 will be sent.
3pm.	E sharp. bursting over D 10 d.
3.40pm	39th. 30 rds. Salutes on E 17 at request of Infantry.
3.50pm	Information that 2 G.S. wagons per. battery reporting to remove emplacements tonight.
5.20pm	S.O.S. balanced lights on left reported. - found out to be concentrated ahead by people on left.
6.42pm	S.O.S. reported on our front. - opened out at 10th. - 11th only shod by.
6.55pm	2nd. per. min
6.55pm	Obsd on whole of our front.
7.13pm	10th. Bde. stopped.
7.20pm	All ordered to stop.
7.40pm	Flash lights reported so opened up afresh.
7.55pm	All stopped
8pm.	Division reported all quiet - informed 11th. -
8.15pm	Division reported a box on our South Div. Front.
8pm.	5.90 on D.10 + a min.

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Time	Information
10.25 pm.	Shelled H.2. with 5.9's.
10.45 pm.	Ceased. 7" 9" 18"
1.15 pm - 1.35	as above. About 30 rds. each time.
2.00 - 2.50	
3.15 - 3.40	
10 pm. - Dawn	Manassing Line. 10th Bde., Roads, tracks, strong points, Meauette, Railway Bank & River Crossings. 11th Bde. Exits to & from Albert Railway Area & Belleme 2 m. 150 rds. per battery were used.
5.00 to 6 am	1 gun per battery to search & sweep on Sol. for 500" & 30' at 1 rd. per gun per min.
6.30 am.	All batteries on Railway line for 1 min. - 3 rds per gun.
6.32 am.	Sol. line for 1 min. same rate of fire.
6.34 am.	Search back from Sol. line to railway. At 6.33 am & 6.34 am hours on road & river crossing & all possible assembly points to 2000' East of railway.
7 am.	Repeat the 6.30 am shoot.
7.30 pm.	NF - KA K3661 by G/10 moved to Henecourt Chebeau
8/4/18. 8.30 am	GF. GMT. E.24695.

Time	Information
	G.F.B. 80°, 103°, 112°, 106° from D562.5.
2.10 am	Sol. reported on 7th Front -
2.12 am	Reported no Sol.
2.15 am	2 rds. 6" fell 20 yds. short from Inf. at E.7659.
	All batteries to indent for small, keros, timber, Iron, light cupolas & sandbags.
5 pm.	Sol line tested & Inf. reported very good.
	G.F.B. 94° from V29 d.5.2 (.77)
	G.S.B. 82° 96° from " (5.9)
	G.S.B. 130° " E7018. (4.2)
	KA N.A. S.I.
	7 Aug. 77 87930 75° 30' from D56708

C. J. Shuevich
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also I sent this information
to you at once by runner
at the same time warning you
that it was not official.
Many runners were coming
in at this period from wounded
men but most of a wild cat
nature. At 10.30 am I heard
definitely that we had got
through so I then phoned you
soon afterwards when the line
was mended confirming the
written message I had sent
by runner. Also that Battle
Hqs were sending up reserves
to hold the ridge at D 24 +
E 13. From 10.35 am +
onwards all the information
I received or heard appeared
to me to be more accurate on
account of the shelling being
quieter + phone communication
getting better. This enabled

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me to accept information
with less caution than
before, put it together,
compare notes etc then
forward on to you.
As to communication during
the bombardment it barely
existed + it was impossible
as proved by the inability
to mend the line. Also I
understand 80 per cent of
the runners forward + rear
were killed or wounded.
I would say that 50 per
cent of the information
recd at Battle Hqs was
very faulty + had to be
accepted with reserve.
A lot of this stuff I did
not send to you as I
thought it would cause
confusion, but the news
I got from Col Imbrey +

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the draft appeared to be correct, but I might add that to some extent had to be drawn out of them. My opinion is that the infantry should take the liaison officer a little more into their confidence.

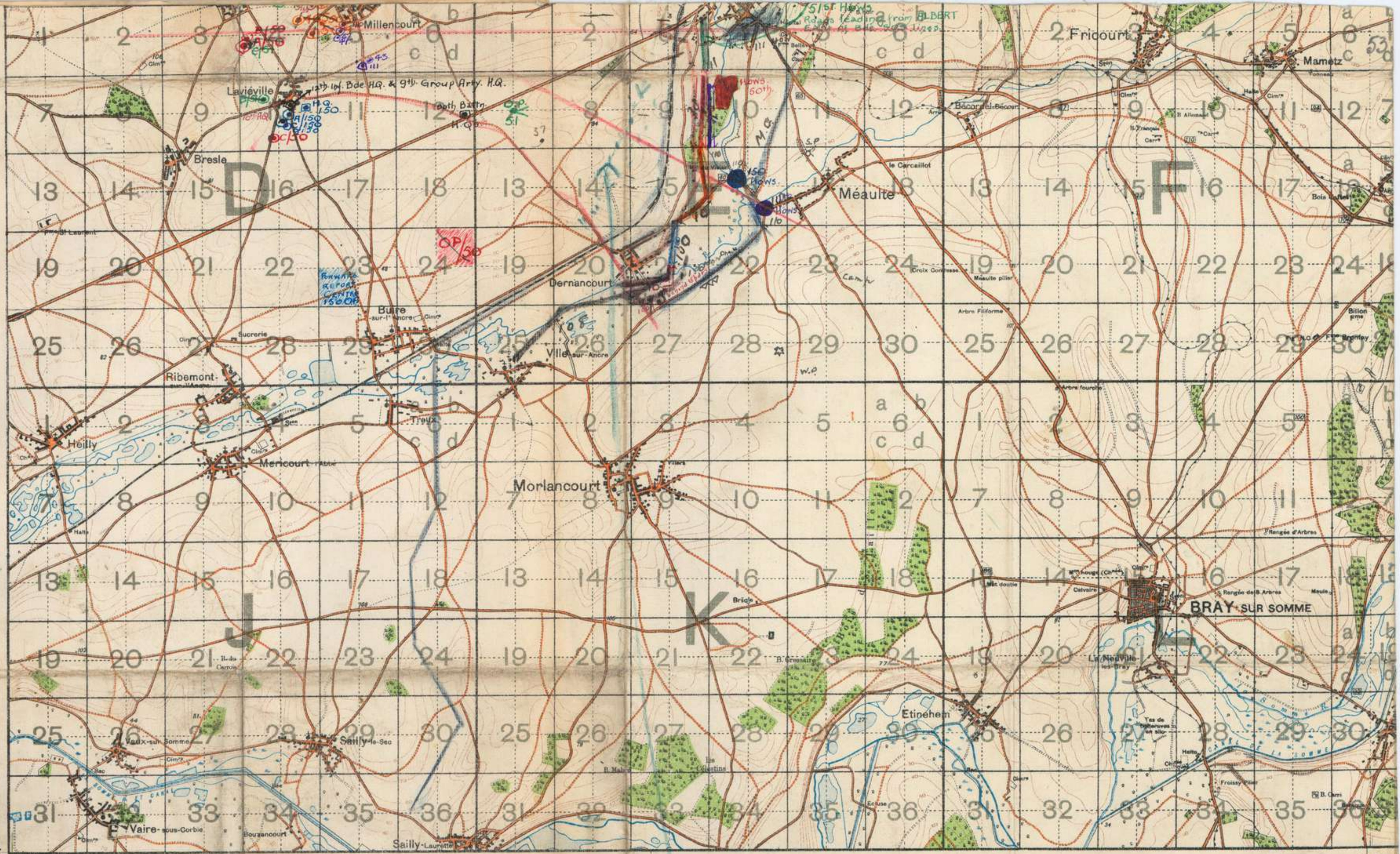
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G.S.G.S. 2745.

62° N.E. | 6

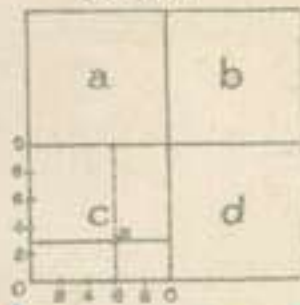
INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES.

1. The large rectangles on the map, lettered A, B, C, etc., are divided into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is subdivided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as lettered a, b, c, d. (See Square No. 6 in each rectangle).

A point may thus be described as lying within Square B.6, M.5.b, etc.

2. To locate a point within a small square, consider the sides divided into tenths, and define the point by taking so many tenths from W. to E. along Southern side, and so many from S. to N. along Western side; the S.W. corner always being taken as origin, and the distance along the Southern side being always given by the first figure. Thus the point Z would be 63; i.e. 6 divisions East and 3 divisions North from origin.

DIAGRAM



Ball frame 5th April - 4th ant. line & 10th ant. anty

Part + Map to 2nd NE

W 26 D

8.40 / 8.30

Markham
10th Oct 21st

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Second Aust Div. Art. H.O. 13.4.18

The following resected locations have been received from Aust. Corps Topo Section:-

	37 th Battery	D 5. a. 33.87	No. 1. Gun.
	38	V 29. a. 05.38	"
X	39	D 5. a. 24.61	"
	110	D 5. a. 72.53	"
	41	V.29. C. 34.80	"
XX	42	D. 5. a. 72.46	4 "
	43	D. 5. d. 41.15	" 1 "
	111	D. 5. d. 34.08	" 3 "
X	39 th Bty	now situated at D 4. a. 00.00	
XX	42	" " " " D 4. C. 30.20	

2nd Aust. D.A. H.P. Location Statement has been amended accordingly. (Sgd) J. Murray
R.O. 2nd Aust. Div.

Left Group Aust. F.A.

Sub. Group.
All Batteries.

H. Gros 14.4.18

For your information.

10TH
A.F.A. BRIGADE
No. 9375
Date. 14.4.18

for receipt of
CO 10th A.F.A. Bde

Lewis Stubbins
with Compliments

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My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure
to acknowledge the
receipt of your
kind letter of the
10th inst.

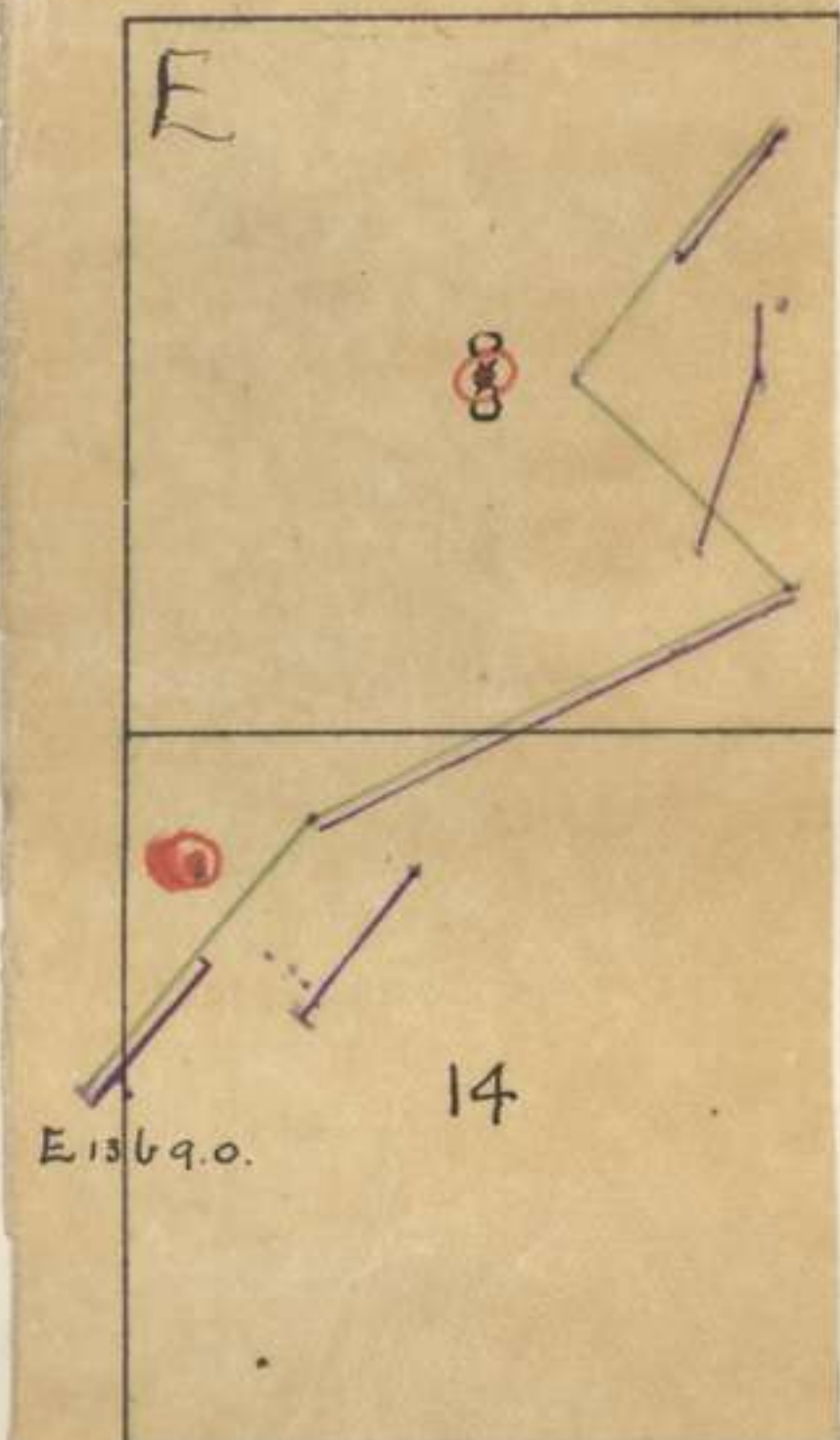
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Yours faithfully,
Lewis Stubbins

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Z - Z+3 Green Line.
Z+3 - Z+20 Violet Line.

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APPENDIX 4

Left Group Aust. F. Arty.

Order No. 3.

13.4.18.

1. There will be a double raid on enemy post. by 6th Inf Bde., Right and Left Battalions respectively, tonight.
2. Zero hour 12.45 am. 14.4.18.
3. "A" Raid. Post. E 14 A 2.6.
"B" Raid. E 8 central.
4. Artillery Support.
37th & 39th and 110 Pshp. will support "A" raid.
37th & 42nd and 111 Pshp. will support "B" raid.
5. "A" Raid. Zero to zero + 3.
39 Psh. E 13 b 9.0. to E 14 a 50.75.
37 v E 14 a ~~45.50~~ to E 8 c 85.40.
5075
Zero + 3 Zero + 18
39 Psh. ~~45.50~~ ^{Centre & Left Sections} left to line E 14 A 52 to E 14 A 8.6.
37 Psh. Remain. on line E 14 A ~~45.50~~ to E 8 c 85.40.
5075
Zero plus 18 - Cease fire
110 Hows. on S.O.S. line throughout with
One How. on Quarry in E 14.C.
Rate of fire: 18 pdr. 2 to 2+3. 4 rounds per gun p.m.
2+3 to 2+18. 2
2+18 to Cease fire - 1 rd per gun p.m.
Hows. 2 rounds per how p.m. for 5 min.
13 v.
6. "B" Raid Zero to zero plus 3.
38 Psh. E 8 c 85.40. to E 8 b 25.00.
42 Psh. E 8 b 25.00. to E 8 b 8.7.

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"B" Raid continued

Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 18.

38 P.M. Base & left section left to line
E 8 d 6.5. to E 8 b 8000

42 P.M. Right section left to line
E 8 b 8000 to E 8 b 8.2.

Remainder of guns, 38" + 42" on original line.

Zero plus 18. Base fire

111 P.M. On S.O.S. targets throughout

Rate of fire: 18 pounds -

Zero to 3 + 3. 4 rounds per gun per min.

3 + 3 to + 13. 2 " " " " " "

3 + 13 to base fire. 1 " " " " " "

How: Zero to 3 + 3. 2 rounds per hour per min.

3 + 3 to + 13. 1 " " " " " "

7. Acknowledge by wire.

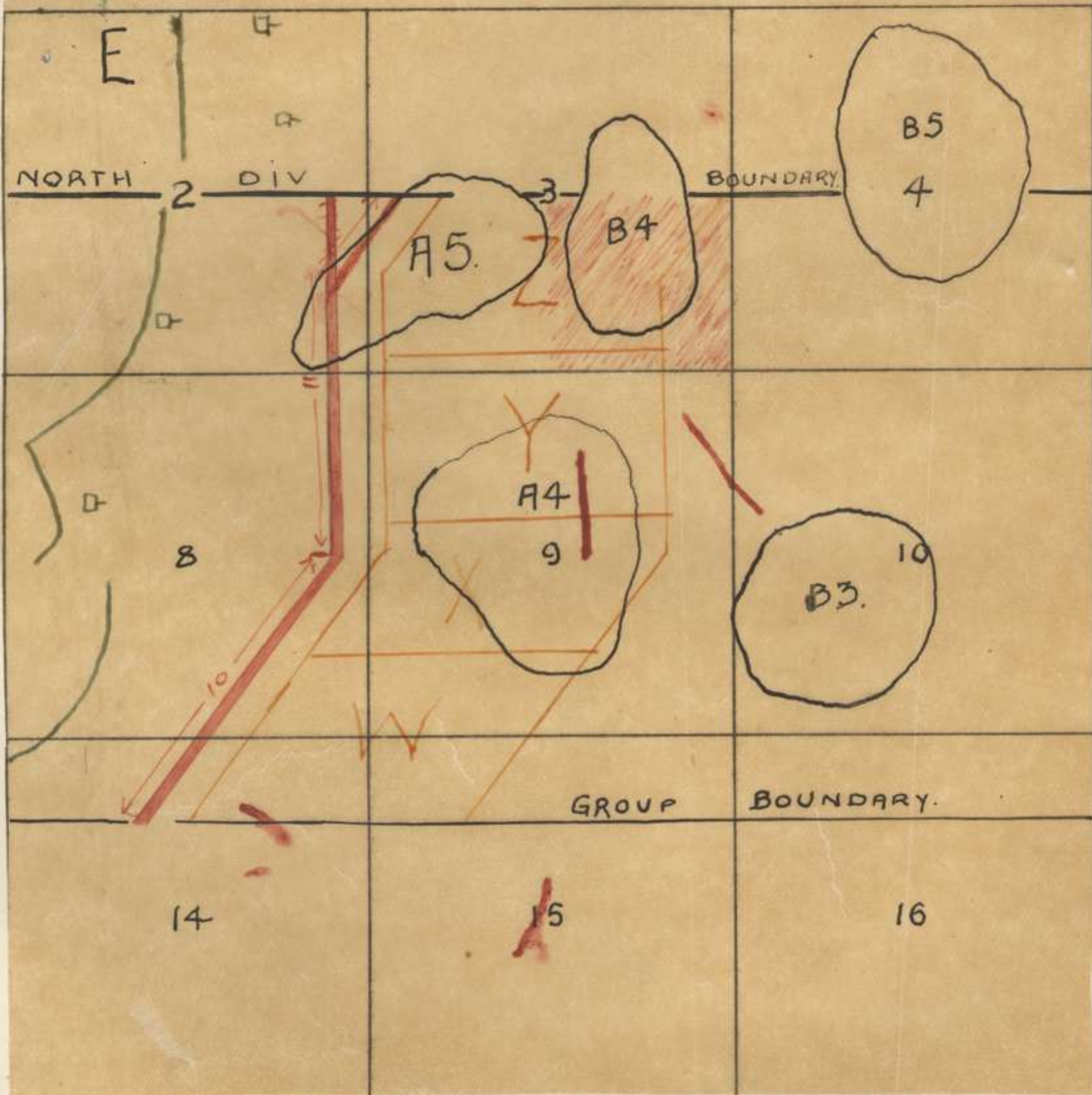
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for C.O. Left Group A.F.H.

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British F.L.T. & outposts shown GREEN
 S.O.S. line shown Red
 Lines of fire shown --- Orange.
 Counter preparatory area.. Black.

Reference Sheet 62d N.E.
 1 : 20 000.

Identification Trace for



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 10/11/19
 W.P. 5
 THE ARTILLERY DIVISION
 No. 414/65
 DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY S.O.S.
 LEFT DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ** AUSTRALIAN CORPS ARTILLERY SECRET

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEFENSIVE No 1

Copy No. 10

Headquarters,
 13th April, 1919.

1. GENERAL POLICY: An active defence will be maintained. This will take the form of harassing fire directed at the enemy's main arteries of approach to his forward areas, and will be carried out both by day and by night. The enemy has mainly made his attacks by day and seldom in force at night. His assembly takes place in daylight or just before dawn; at times, however, assembly is effected under cover of mist, in folds of the ground, in woods or in the vicinity of villages where the buildings afford protection from view. It is necessary, therefore, to search villages, woods and all other places where assembly by day may take place out of view of our aeroplanes or observers.
2. COUNTER PREPARATION:
- (a) Whenever information indicates that a hostile attack is imminent, or the situation makes such action desirable, Schemes of Counter Preparation in accordance with Appendix "A" attached will be put into force. Orders will normally be issued from this H.Q. but Group Commanders, if they consider that the situation demands urgency, will be responsible for taking immediate action, notifying D.A.H.Q. at once.
- In the event of batteries being heavily shelled (either H.E. or Gas) the fact will be reported at once to higher authority in order that any attempt to neutralise batteries preliminary to an assault may be realised.
- (b) During Counter-Preparation it is not advisable to put a barrage on S.O.S. Lines until the enemy are actually seen to leave their trenches, or there is good reason to believe that they have actually done so. In cases where doubt exists it will prove more fruitful to search the ground in which the enemy is supposed to be preparing for attack than merely to place a curtain of fire in front of our S.O.S. Lines. The danger of giving away our "S.O.S." Lines is a real one; once its position is definitely located the enemy is enabled to alter his dispositions for attack in order to suit his requirements with reference to our "S.O.S." barrage.

P.T.O.

(2)
In the event of "S.O.S." being received while Counter-Preparation is in progress, batteries will at once switch on to "S.O.S." Lines.

- (d) Counter Preparation is divided into:-
(i) Harassing fire.
(ii) Annihilating fire.

In (i) the object will be the delivery of a maximum of harassing fire during the period in which it is considered that the enemy is making preliminary arrangements for an attack.

In (ii), the Divisional front is divided into "Lanes", fire being concentrated in the form of a creeping barrage from a line known as the "START LINE" to a depth of 600 yards East of this line on those "Lanes" in the area concerned.

- (e) In (d)(i), Field Artillery will be responsible for the area from 18-pdr "S.O.S." Lines to 1000 yards forward of that line. Heavy Artillery are responsible for the area from a line 500 yards in front of 18-pdr "S.O.S." Lines forward, thus making an overlap in the area of likely assembly.

During this period the areas to be engaged are those it is considered the enemy will use in his approach marches and assembly. The fire need not necessarily be distributed over the whole front but rather concentrated for effect where most desirable.

In (d) (ii) the operation may be repeated as may seem necessary, Heavy Artillery at the same time covering the area from 500 yards East of 18-pdr "S.O.S." Lines to a line 1100 yards East of the same line.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.A. Clowes

Issued at Above to
Right Group Copies 1 - 6 4th Aust. D.T.M.O. 16
Left Group 7 - 10 2nd Aust. Div. 17 6th A.I. Bde. 24
Superpd. Group 11-12 3rd Aust. Div. Art. 18 7th A.I. Bde 25
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Major,
Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.



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LEFT DIV. ARTY. - AUST. CORPS
Instructions for Defensive No 1 (Contd.)

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APPENDIX "A".

(4th Aust.Div.Arty. Counter Preparation Order No.1 is cancelled from 12 noon, April 14th. The diagram issued therewith will, however, be retained for use during the "Harassing" Period, as stated below.)

1. HARASSING FIRE: (To take effect on receipt of the order "Counter Preparation".)

(a) The areas shown on the diagram accompanying 4th Aust.Div.Arty. Counter Preparation Order No.1 are selected as being at present "tender spots" and will normally be used as targets for harassing fire, the allotment to Groups for the purpose being as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP:- Areas A.1, A.2, A.3, B.1, B.2 and C.

LEFT GROUP:- Areas A.4, A.5, B.3, B.4 and B.5.

Groups are not limited to the above areas alone, Group Commanders will vary them at their own discretion from time to time as conditions and habits of the enemy change.

(b) Fire will be directed on above areas by night and day. Methods of fire will be by concentrated rapid bursts at irregular intervals. Where weather conditions and relative position of targets to our front line permit, gas will be used by 4.5" Hows. whenever possible.

2. ANNIHILATING FIRE:-

(a) The Divisional front is divided into 10 lanes, two of which are allotted to each Brigade.

Lanes are bounded on the West by a line to be known as the "START LINE", 150 yards East of 18-pdr S.O.S. Lines, and on the East by a line 750 yards East of 18-pdr S.O.S. Lines.

Southern and Northern Boundaries of Lanes are as follows:-

LANE Q: (Southern- a line through E.25.c.6.5. and K.1.a.9.9.
 (Northern- an E. & W. Line through E.26.a.0.2.

LANES: East and West lines through:

R	E.25.a.0.2.	and	E.20.c.3.2.
S	E.20.c.3.2.	and	E.20.a.3.0.
T	E.20.a.3.0.	and	E.20.a.30.85.
U	E.20.a.30.85.	and	E.14.c.35.65.
V	E.14.c.35.65.	and	E.14.b.0.5.
W	E.14.b.0.5.	and	E.8.d.70.42
X	E.8.d.70.42.	and	E.9.a.1.2.
Y	E.9.a.1.2.	and	E.3.c.1.1.
Z	E.3.c.1.1.	and	E.3.a.5.0.

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(b) Lanes are allotted to Groups as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP: Lanes Q to V.
LEFT GROUP: " W to Z.

(c) At Zero hour, which will be notified by wire from this H.Q. as follows:-

"Prepare Lanes ----at ---- (time)once (or more)",
Brigades will concentrate the fire of all their batteries first on their respective Northern lanes, then on the remaining one.

Procedure will be as follows:-

At Zero Hour:- Open on "START LINE" of respective Northern Lanes, creep at the rate of 100 yards per 2 minutes to the Eastern limits ceasing at Zero plus 14 minutes.

At Zero plus 16 mins: Open on "START LINE" of respective Southern Lanes, creep at same rate to Eastern Limits.

At Zero plus 30 mins., all fire will cease unless operation is to be repeated, when same procedure will obtain.

(d) Rates of fire: 18-pdrs - 3 r.p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows. - 2 r.p.h.p.m.

(e) Ammunition to be used: 18-pdrs - 50% A; 50% A.X.
4.5" Hows.-H.E. with 106 Fuzes.

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APPENDIX 6

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LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Wherry

Headquarters.

WARNING ORDER No. 36.

21st. April 1918.

It is proposed that Left Group will co-operate with the Division on left in a small operation during night 22nd./23rd. April 1918.

Proposed start line for barrage (creeping) is from - W. 27. A. 62.44. to W. 21. B. 00.14.

Proposed distribution -

- 37th. Battery. W. 27. A. 62.44 to W. 21. C. 80.05.
- 41st. Battery. W. 21. C. 80.05 to W. 21. C. 95.70.
- 38th. Battery. W. 21. C. 95.70 to W. 21. B. 00.14.
- 43rd. Battery. superimposed over Line -
W. 27. A. 62.44 to W. 21. B. 00.14.

Front Line posts are at :- E. 2. C. 60.30
 E. 2. C. 65.75. E. 2. A. 60.05. E. 2. A. 60.20
 E. 2. A. 50.70. W. 26. C. 60.20. W. 26. C. 90.60.
 W. 26. A. 00.95. W. 27. A. 10.30. W. 27. A. 30.40.
 W. 27. A. 50.40. and W. 27. A. 60.60.

Necessary preliminary registrations are advisable early tomorrow, Monday, 22nd. instant.

Detailed orders later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]

Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. LEFT GROUP



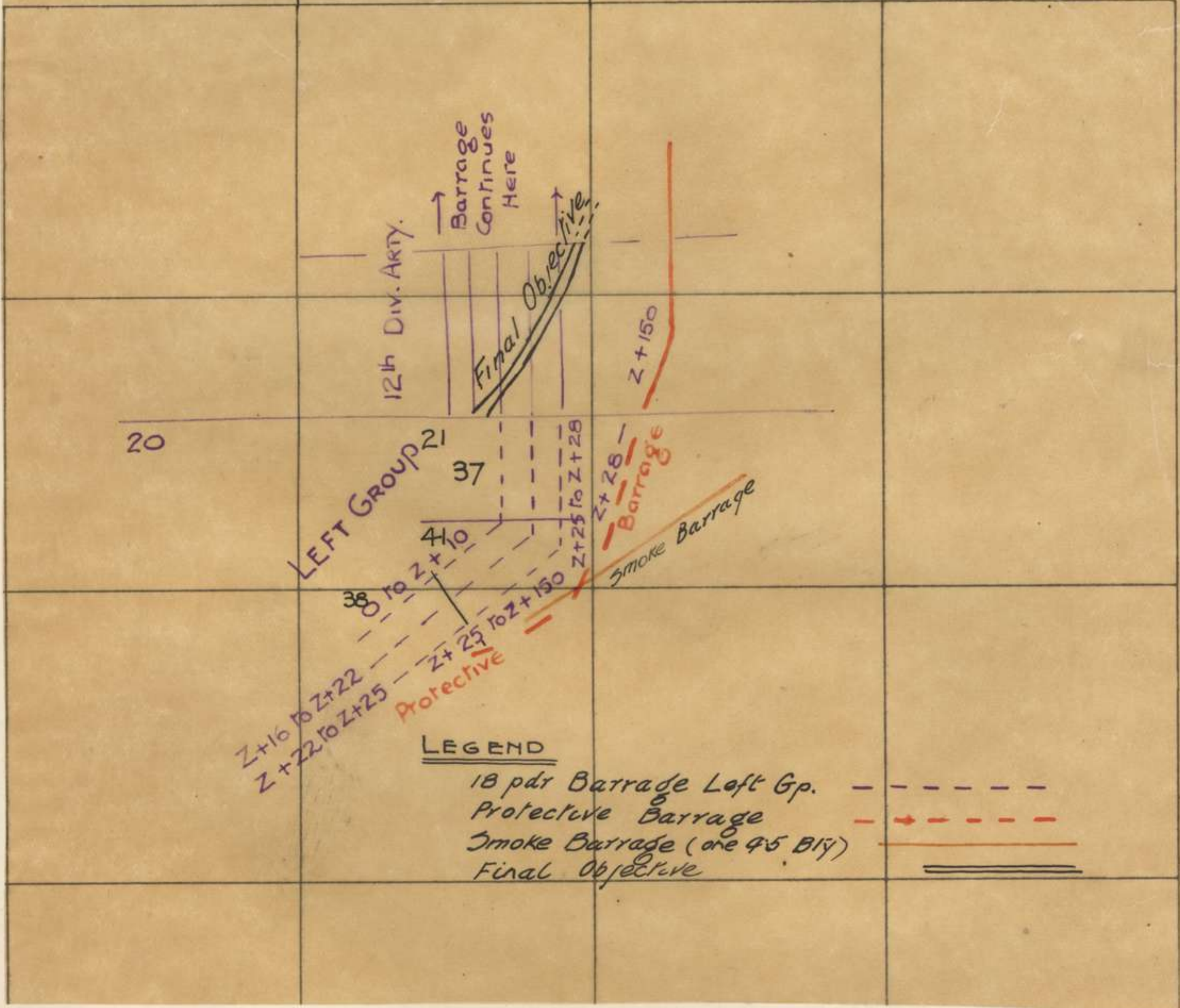
- ✓ All Batteries.
- ✓ 11th. Brigade.
- ✓ 2nd. D. A.
- File
- War Diary.

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TRACE "D."

Barrage Trace to accompany
2nd A.D.A. Order No. 95
Portion of 57^d S.E
Scale 1:20,000

W
use with Artillery Maps.



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APPENDIX 6⁶⁵

SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters.

A 18/92.

21st. April 1918.

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

1. With reference to 2nd. Aust. D. A. Order 95 of April 21st. the 3rd. (Army) Bde. A. F. A. will, from Zero hour, cover the following 'S. O. S.' Lines. Whilst on these Lines they will cease to be "Silent" and will open fire as usual in case of 'S. O. S.'

2 18-Pdr. Batteries E. 8. Central to E. 2. c. 7. C.
to E. 2. Central.

1 18-Pdr. Battery E. 8. c. 5. C. - E. 8. c. 7.4.
- E. 8 Central.

HOWS.

E. 14. a. 60.05 (1)
Road E. 14. b. 35.30 to 5.7. (2)
E. 8. d. 25.85. to E. 8. b. 25.10 (1)
E. 2. d. 70.15 to 70.45. (2)

2. On receipt of Code word "RECOVER" from this H. Q. normal lines as laid down in para. 3 (b) of 2nd. Aust. D. A. Order No. 94 will be resumed.

3. Please acknowledge.

(Signed) C. A. CLOWES. Major,
Brigade-Major.
2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

LEFT GROUP A. F. A.
Headquarters.
22nd. April 1918.

Sub Group.

ALL BATTERIES.

The above for your information.

10TH	
A.F.A. BRIGADE.	
No	<i>P/446</i>
Date	<i>22.4.18</i>

C. A. CLOWES

Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. *H O*

LEFT GROUP A. F. A.

4th Aust. Div.

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APPENDIX 6 66

SECRET.

LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
22nd. April 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 38.

MESS HOUR will be 7. 30 p. m. this evening 22nd.
April 1918.

WATCHES will be synchronised at GROUP HEAD-QUARTERS
at 4. 30 p. m. this evening.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

10TH
A.F.A. BRIGADE.
No. <i>R/447</i>
Date. _____

C. G. C.
 AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY
 Lieut. & Adjutant.
 H. O.
 For C. G. LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTY.
 4th Aust-Div

All batteries.
11th. Brigade.
File.
War Diary.

