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APPENDIX.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Headquarters,  
4th July 1918.

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Reference this Office No. C. 5/27/12 of even date.

Special Gas Task will be carried out at 10 p.m. 4th July as follows

Unit	How. Batteries	Task
SOUTHERN Group	2	Trenches P28 d north of main road.
RIGHT Group	5	VALLEY P 24 b 3580 - Q 13 o 11 - Q 13 o 4570
CENTRE Group	3	VALLEY Q 13 o 4570 - Q 13 a 7515.
LEFT Group	2	K 31 d 35 - k 31 d 97.

Ammunition in following order :-

First 2 minutes	-	60 rounds BCG or BCBR.	Total 300 rounds per Bty.
For next 10 minutes		REST.	
For next 15 minutes		240 rounds BNG.	

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. (Groups and Liaison Officers only )

*W. P. ...* Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery

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As for C. 5/27/12.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL

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ARTILLERY.

SOUTHERN Group.  
RIGHT "  
CENTRE "  
LEFT "  
D.T.M.Q..

HEADQUARTERS,  
4th July 1918.

R.A. Aust. Corps. )  
L.A. Aust. Corps. )  
"C" 4th Aust. Div.. )  
L. Off (Art.) LEFT Inf. Ede.. ) for inf..  
" " " RIGHT " " )  
2nd Aust. D.A.. )  
3rd Aust. D.A.. )

C 5/27/12

SYNCHRONISED SHOOT TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING NIGHT 4th/5th JULY.

Time	Batteries	Group	Task
10 p.m. for 3 minutes.	50% guns .. ..	SOUTHERN RIGHT CENTRE LEFT	French and works in P 27 c. N. of road. Trench and works in P 23 a) See Special Q 7 c ) task for J 36 d ) 4.5" Hows. ✓
11.30 pm. for 3 minutes.	50% guns and Hows.	SOUTHERN RIGHT CENTRE LEFT	E. half of P 22 c P 17 b ✓ Q 1 c K 31 d
2.25 a.m. for 4 minutes.	50% guns and hows.	SOUTHERN RIGHT CENTRE LEFT	P 28 a P 17 c ✓ Road in Q 7 a K 31 a
3.15 a.m. for 6 minutes.	50% guns and Hows.	SOUTHERN RIGHT CENTRE LEFT	(S.O.S. line plus 200 yards for 1 (minute, then lift eastward in 4 (100 yard lifts, finally drop on to (S.O.S. plus 200 for 1 minute.

50% of Batteries only will take part in Synchronised harassing  
shoots.

All Batteries will fire upon receipt of an S.O.S. Signal or  
message.

Special GAS TASK will be issued to 4.5" Hows. for 10 p.m. shoot.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire (GROUPS & LIAISON OFFICERS ONLY).

W. Bonkinson  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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Liaison



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ORDER NO. 165

HEADQUARTERS,  
4th July 1918.

COUNTER (- PREPARATION.

1. COUNTER-PREPARATION LANES are bounded as follows :-

ON THE WEST : by a line S.O.S. plus 100 yards (to be known as START LINE).

ON THE NORTH & SOUTH :- by the E. and W. grid lines.

2. LANES will be numbered from RIGHT to LEFT as follows :-

lane including	P 26 d	will be	No. 4
" "	P 27 b	" "	No. 5
" "	P 21 d	" "	No. 6
" "	P 22 a	" "	No. 7
	etc.		etc.
" "	K 25 d	" "	No. 16

3. LANES will be divided into 4 zones and lettered as follows :-

ZONE A	will be	START LINE	to	START LINE	plus	500
" B	"	"	plus	500	"	1000
" C	"	"	plus	1000	"	1500
" D	"	"	plus	1500	"	2000

4. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,

4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 - 13 SOUTHERN Group.
- 17 - 40 RIGHT "
- 41 - 60 CENTRE "
- 61 - 74 LEFT "
- 75 - 78 16th Bde. R.H.A..
- 79 D.T.M.O..
- 80 4th Aust. Div. "G"
- 81 R.A. Aust. Corps.
- 82 H.A. " "
- 83 2nd Aust. D.A..
- 84 3rd " "
- 85 File
- 86
- 87 Diary
- 88
- 89 Spare.
- 90 C.R.A..
- 91 B.M..
- 92 S.C..
- 93 R.O..



To H.Qrs.  
RIGHT GROUP,  
4th. Aust.D.A.  
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Herewith report by Capt.A.F.YENCKEN, M.O., C/236 Battery.

"Report of New Front line. 7.30 a.m. 21st. Battn. are digging in line of their objective through P.26.a. and b. and making good progress. At cross roads P.21.c.50.95., 21st. & 13th. Battns. are joined up. 13th. Battn. are digging in slightly in advance of their objective. Line is from P.21.c.50.95. to P.21.b.20.30. to P.15.d.45.00. to P.16.c.10.70. (HUNS WALK). Here the 13th. & 15th. Battns. are joined up. The left flank of the 13th. Battn. had been reinforced by 1 or more platoons of the 14th. Battn. The 15th. Battn are digging line approximately through P.16.a.30.20. to P.10.d.50.40. From 15th. Battn. front, the ground line of ACCROCHES WOOD is not visible and hostile M.G. fire was heavy from this direction. From the nature of the ground a counter attack could easily develop from the cover of ~~xxx~~ ACCROCHES WOOD against HAMEL and the high ground E. and S.E. of it. Up to 9.0 a.m. our aeroplanes were active in great force. At this time E.A. appeared in large numbers and gradually forced our aeroplanes back, bringing down 1 R.E.8. E.A. then made a complete reconnaissance of our new front at a very low altitude unmolested and directed fire on to various targets. At 11.30 a.m. E.A. are still masters of the situation and well over our line.

(sd) A.F.YENCKEN, Capt.R.F.A.  
C/236 Battery R.F.A. "

4/7/18.

B.O.834.  
4/7/18.

*J. H. H. H.*  
Capt. & Adjt.,  
"B" Sub-Group.



To Headquarters,  
RIGHT GROUP,  
4th. Aust. D. A.

Report on Operation carried out on 4th. July 1918.

3.02 a.m. Batteries took up Harassing Fire targets by sections in order to allow normal Batteries on duty to switch guns onto START LINE.

3.10 a.m. Batteries opened punctually and together.

3.20 a.m. Batteries reported no attempt by enemy at counter-battery work, no shelling seen or heard.

5.13 a.m. Batteries ceased fire.

6.0 a.m. Battery Commanders went forward to reconnoitre ground taken from the enemy.

Batteries were kept continually posted with news from Group throughout the attack.

This Brigade had no F.O.Os. or LIAISON Officers with Infantry.

O.P. report herewith and report from O.C. G/236 Bty. attached.

B.O. 853.  
6/7/18.

*J. J. J.*  
Capt. & Adjt.,  
"B" Sub-Group.

O.P. REPORT.

HAMEL OFFENSIVE - 4/7/18.

I reached my O.P. at P.13.c.3.0. at 2.30 a.m., which was about 300 yards behind the Infantry START LINE and just on the forward slope of the hill. The Tanks were lined up 200 yards to my rear. Up to 3.2 a.m. the whole front appeared quiet, except for an occasional Very light or desultory rifle shot. At this hour our Field Guns and Howitzers commenced a light bombardment with smoke shell and H.E. and the Tanks moved forward to the Infantry START LINE, although I could neither see nor hear them on account of the darkness and noise. The Tanks were reported to have reached the Infantry START LINE well on time, which was 3.10 a.m. At this hour the whole of our Artillery opened up with smoke and H.E. so that the front became a line of burning phosphorus particles springing into the air. About 3 smoke shell were observed to burst about 300 yards short and behind our Infantry. With these exceptions the barrage then moved steadily forward according to the appointed lifts. At 4.14 a.m. a single enemy light battery opened fire on our supports from the Left. At 4.20 a.m. there were at least 3 enemy batteries firing H.E. (4.2 or 5.9) onto our OLD FRONT LINE. This shell fire died down towards 5 a.m. by which time our barrage had also lightened.

The light was still bad but figures could be seen moving about freely on the crest in front and prisoners and walking wounded came back with news of having gained our objective; that the barrage was good except for short smoke shell.

The U.S. troops showed great dash and perhaps followed the barrage too closely thereby suffering casualties.

The attitude of the prisoners was that they had no personal interest in the war and that they were glad to be prisoners and disposed to be

P. T. O.



genial and friendly rather than sulky.

Our Infantry walked about freely beyond the final objective line and met with no interference. It was not until 9.30 a.m. that shell fire and a little M.G. fire became general on the captured ground.

At 4.0 a.m. 3 green lights went up in front of VILLERS BRETTONEUX.

6/7/18.

(sd) D.G. THOMAS, Lieut. R.F.A.  
D/236 Bde. R.F.A.

Batteries opened punctually and together.  
Batteries reported no attempt by enemy at counter-battery work, no shelling seen or heard.  
Batteries ceased fire.  
Battery commanders went forward to reconnoitre ground taken from the enemy.  
Batteries were kept continually posted with news from group throughout the attack.  
This Brigade had no P.O.s. or Liaison Officers with Infantry.  
O.P. report not with and report from O.C. D/236 Bty. attached.

Capt. & Adj.  
"B" Sub-Group.

8.0.333.  
6/7/18.

O.P. REPORT.

HANDS OFFENSIVE - 6/7/18.

I reached my O.P. at 8.15 a.m. at 8.30 a.m. which was about 300 yards behind the Infantry START LINE and just on the forward slope of the hill. The Tanks were lined up 200 yards to my rear. Up to 8.30 a.m. the whole front appeared quiet, except for an occasional Very light or desultory rifle shot. At this hour our Field Guns and Howitzers commenced a light bombardment with smoke shell and H.E. and the Tanks moved forward to the Infantry START LINE, although I could neither see nor hear them on account of the darkness and noise. The Tanks were reported to have reached the Infantry START LINE well on time, which was 8.10 a.m. At this hour the whole of our Artillery opened up with smoke and H.E. so that the front became a line of burning phosphorus particles spraying into the air. About 3 smoke shells were observed to burst about 300 yards short and behind our Infantry. With these exceptions the barrage then moved steadily forward according to the appointed lifts. At 8.15 a.m. a single enemy light battery opened fire on our supports from the left. At 8.30 a.m. there were at least 3 enemy batteries firing H.E. (4.2 or 5.9) onto our OLD FRONT LINE. This shell fire died down towards 8 a.m. by which time our barrage had also lightened. The light was still bad but figures could be seen moving about freely on the crest in front and prisoners and walking wounded came back with news of having gained our objective; that the barrage was good except for short smoke shell. The U.S. troops showed great dash and perhaps followed the barrage too closely thereby suffering casualties. The attitude of the prisoners was that they had no personal interest in the war and that they were glad to be prisoners and disposed to be P. T. O.



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H.Q. Right Group.

Ref. your D/184.

I haven't much to report personally. The barrage opened well together and apparently our counter battery work was excellent. None of my batteries had a shell near them throughout the operation. I attach the report made by my brigade F.O.O. who was at on O.P. in P.19.a.

I visited the new front line the next morning & had a talk with several officers who had done the attack. They were all agreed that the barrage was very good but said that the 4 minutes wait on the opening line was too long with the result that a certain number of men got impatient & moved on after 2 or 3 minutes & suffered casualties. They seemed to think that with the good going & an absence of obstacles the rate of movement of the barrage was too slow & with this I agree.

G.I/175  
6<sup>6</sup>/18.

J. V. Barker  
Lieut Col  
Comd. 9/89 Army Bde P.F.A.



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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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INSTRUCTION. No. 98

Headquarters,  
5th. July 1918.

ALL SUB-GROUPS.  
ALL BATTERIES. 10th.A.F.A.Ede.

(1) The 78th. and 79th. Brigades will withdraw to their Wagon Lines tonight. "C" and "D" Sub-Groups will cease to exist at 9 P.M.

(2) Consequent upon the above withdrawal the following S. O. S. Zones are allotted:-

"A" Sub-Group, P 21 <sup>40</sup> ~~35~~ 00 to P 16 d 0 4.

"B" Sub-Group. P 16 d 0 4 to P 17 a 35 80  
to P 11 c ~~35~~ 55.

10th. A.F.A.Ede. 39th. Battery Superimposed over  
"A" Sub-Group.

37th. Battery. P 11 c <sup>30</sup> ~~35~~ 55 to P 17 a 3 5.80  
to P 16 b 95 30.

38th. Battery. P 16 b 95 30 to P 18 d 0 4.

(3) How. TASKS.  
"A" Sub-Group

3 Hows. on line 200 yards EAST of  
Sub-Group. 18-pdr. Zone.  
1 How. Trench from P 22 <sup>b</sup> 65 00 to  
P 22 b 90 45.  
1 How. S.P. P 23 a 40 65 t p  
P 17 c 30 10.  
1 How. search and sweep TAILLEUX WOOD.

"B" Sub-Group. 4 Hows. covering Sub-Group Zone but  
200 yards EAST of 18-pdrs. S. O. S.  
1 How. P 17 a 88 00 to P 17 b 40 28  
1 How. search Road through P 17 d.

(4) 10th A.F.A. Brigade (D/10)

2 Hows. Search and Sweep Area P 11 d.  
2 Hows. on Road from P 18 Central to Cross Roads  
P 7 c 30 50

1 How. search Area. P 17 c

1 How. search Communication Trench through  
P 17 a and b.

(5) The above will come into force at 9 P. M. this evening.

(6) Ammunition of Outgoing Brigades will be taken over  
as follows.

~~"A" Sub-Group~~



2.

"B" Sub-Group from Batteries of 79th. Brigade, R. F. A.  
10th. A. F. A. Brigade from 78th. Brigade R. F. A.

37th. Battery - A/Battery.  
38th. Battery - B/Battery.  
39th. Battery - C/Battery.  
110th. Battery. - D/Battery.

GUARDS will be put on the above Dumps till removed.  
Copies of handing over receipts will be forwarded to this  
Office with Ammunition State at 9 A. M. tomorrow 6th. instant.

All Maps, Photos, Papers etc. will be handed back  
to GROUP HEADQUARTERS before UNITS depart.

Camouflage issued here will NOT be removed.

The following reallocation of O. Ps. will come into  
force from 9 P. M. this evening.

Right O. P. at P 19 a 45 75 to "A" Sub Group.

Left O. P. at I 35 b 9 8 to 10th. A. F. A. Brigade.

Present "B" Group in P 13 b will remain.

Sub-Group O. Ps. will be manned continually.

Liaison Duties as per attached Roster will be  
carried out as from 9 P. M. this evening.

Units that have not already done so will see to the  
removal of their EMPTIES this evening.

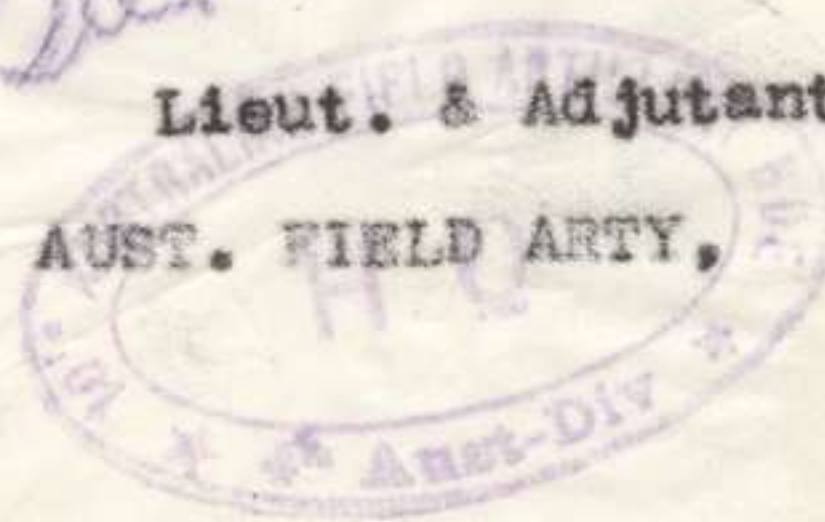
78th. and 79th. Brigades R. F. A. will arrange that  
all cable is reeled up before withdrawing from this Area and  
all surplus twin cable returned to 4th. AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ch. Burt*

Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.





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Headquarters,

5th. July 1918.

"A" and "B" SUB-GROUPS and  
all Batteries 10th. A. F. A. Bde.  
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Reference Instruction No. 99.

The following amendments will take place in the  
allotted zones.

"B" SUB-GROUP P 16 d 0 4 to P 17 a 0 4.

38th. Battery. P 17 a 0 4 to P 11 c 80 55.

Acknowledge.

10TH
A.F.A. BRIGADE.
No. 2/178
Date.

*C. G. Burke*  
For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. F. ARTY.





RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,

5th. July 1918.

I N S T R U C T I O N      N o . 99 .

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1. Effect C. P. Scheme, Phase 1 b, during the night 5th/6th. July 1918 for two periods as follows :-
  - 1st. From 10.15 P.M. to 10.35 P.M.
  - 2nd. From 3.5. A.M. to 3.25 A.M.
2. All batteries in action will fire.
3. AREA FOR THE FIRST TWENTY MINUTES.

"A" Sub. SOUTH HALF	P 22 a.
"B" Sub. NORTH HALF	P 22 b.
10th. Bde. Batteries	P 22 b.
4. AREA FOR THE SECOND TWENTY MINUTES.

"A" Sub. SOUTH HALF	P 16 d.
"B" Sub. NORTH HALF	P 16 d.
10th. Bde. Batteries	P 16 d.
5. Normal Rate for C. P. Scheme.      Ammunition 50% each A and AX.
6. Programme of synchronised shoots for night 5th/6th July will not be issued.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. & Adj.  
for C. O. Right Group - Aust. F. Arty.





## APPENDIX.

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Right Group Field Artillery.  
Intelligence Report.From 7am. 4/7/18 To 7am. 5/7/18.

1. Our artillery dealt with zone calls & movement as the situation demanded. Some good targets presented themselves & were successfully engaged. At 8 pm. S.O.S. lines were tested & reported O.K. by both Artillery & Infantry observing officers.

Harrassing fire as per 65727/12 with special gas shoot by hows. was carried out.

At 10.20 pm. S.O.S. was fired on for 15 mins.. C.P. scheme effected 10 pm.  
- 10-5 pm.

2. In all 7379 18 pm. 2007 BX 175 B.C.G.  
150 BCBR 540 BN.C were expended.



## APPENDIX

Time	Nature	No.	Locality	Direction	From + Remarks
6 am - 8 pm.	4.2	6 per. hrs.	P13 a.		
10 AM. / 2 PM. / 4 PM.	4.2	100	P14 cent.	P17 a	P13 CO3
11 AM. - 3 P.M.	21 cm.	20	Around FOUILLOY	Warfussee Railway	Encl. Base page
Noon - 6 pm.	5.9 H.V.	50	Hamlet + vicinity		
2 pm.	4.2	30	Old.		
2 pm.	4.2	100	P13.	P17 a	P13 CO3.
4 PM. - 5.15 pm.	5.9	200	P15 + 21	P7.	"
5 pm. - 7 pm.	4.2 + 5.9	100	P13 + P19.	V10	P13 CO3
5.35 pm.	4.2	40	Hamlet.		
7.15 pm.	77 + 4.2	150	P7 + 13		
8.45 pm.	21 cm. H.V.	40	barbie.		
11.15 pm.	4.2 How	150	O10 a 4 b.	WARFUSSEE	Some gas
11.25 pm.	4.2 + 5.9	20	Fouillay		
1.30 - 4.50 AM.	5.9	30	O18 a 6.5.		

A lot of scattered ~~fire~~ harassing fire of about 10 rounds. was also put over.



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3. Artillery & aerial hostile.  
See paras. 2 & 4 respectively..

4. Between 9 AM & Noon E.A. flew low over our troops machine gunning & our battery areas observing. During this period his fighting patrols were also very evident.

In the early evening he was in strong force over our lines - chiefly fighting patrols.

At night he was over battery areas bombing & machine gunning.

Our planes were very active - two were shot down, one at 9.30 am the other at 6.45 pm.

No enemy balloons were up during the period.

5. From 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm. 2 formations numbering 8 in each emerged from Taillanc Woods at P22 cent. accompanied by 4 horse drawn vehicles.. More vehicles followed at



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interruptions up to 8 p.m.  
This was successfully  
dealt with.

2.15 p.m. small parties  
moved up road running  
through P10 d + 17a - dealt with  
A great deal of individual  
movement + other movement  
was also reported.

6. Visibility fair.

Tanks cooperated well  
with Infantry - only one  
was hit badly.

Red rockets were evidently  
the enemy's S.O.S. signal  
- a few golden <sup>savage light</sup> sprays  
were also used.

The prisoners appeared  
well set up but very  
young. - some said they  
had only been in the  
line here for one day  
being previously on the  
Russian + Rumanian fronts.

6. J. S. M. A. H. P.  
No Right Group.



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APPENDIX.

"C" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				Army Form C, 2123. (In books of 100.)	
Prefix.....Code..... Words.....			Received.	Sent, or sent out.	No. of Message.....
Charges to Collect			From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions			By.....	To.....	
				By.....	
Handed in at.....			Office.....m.	Received.....m.	
TO <i>Regt Group</i>					
* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
<i>Definitely report</i>					
<i>6 inch HE falling</i>					
<i>short from 1030pm</i>					
<i>onwards in the</i>					
<i>neighbourhood of</i>					
<i>P 21 A 30</i>					
<i>Definitely</i>					
<i>1100am</i>					
FROM		<i>JE</i>			
PLACE & TIME		<i>Group OP</i>			

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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Headquarters,  
5th July 1918.

RIGHT Group,  
CENTRE Group,  
LEFT Group,  
SOUTHERN Group,

L. Off. (Art.) 12th Aust. Inf. Bde,  
" " " 4th Aust. Inf. Bde,  
" " " 6th Aust. Inf. Bde,  
" " " 11th Aust. Inf. Bde,

R.A., Australian Corps } for 4th Aust. Div. "G",  
H.A., Australian Corps } inf. 4th Aust. D.T.M.O.,  
2nd Aust. D.A.,  
3rd Aust. D.A.,

*65/27/18*

1. Effect C.P. scheme, Phase 1 b, during the night 5th/6th July 1918 for two periods as follows :-  
 From 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m.  
 From 3.5 a.m. to 3.25 a.m.
2. All batteries in action will fire.
3. Targets will be arranged by Group Commanders in consultation with Infantry Brigadiers concerned.
4. Programme of synchronised shoots for night 5th/6th July will not be issued.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE ( Groups and Liaison Officers by wire ).

*W. Parkinson*, Major,  
Brigade-Major  
4th Australian Divisional Art.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 34

SECRET.  
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Headquarters,  
5th July 1918

TO ACCOMPANY ORDER No. 166

Upon withdrawal of 16th R.H.A. Brigade, 150th ARMY  
Brigade R.F.A., and 17th Div. Artillery, ammunition at present  
on charge will be disposed of as follows :-

From gun positions

To

16th Bde R.H.A.,  
150th ARMY Bde R.F.A.,  
78th Brigade R.F.A.,  
79th Brigade R.F.A.,

CAMP dump.  
11th Aust. F.A. Bde.  
10th Aust. F.A. Bde.  
10th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Adjutants concerned will arrange that figures taken over  
correspond with those forwarded to D.A.H.Q.

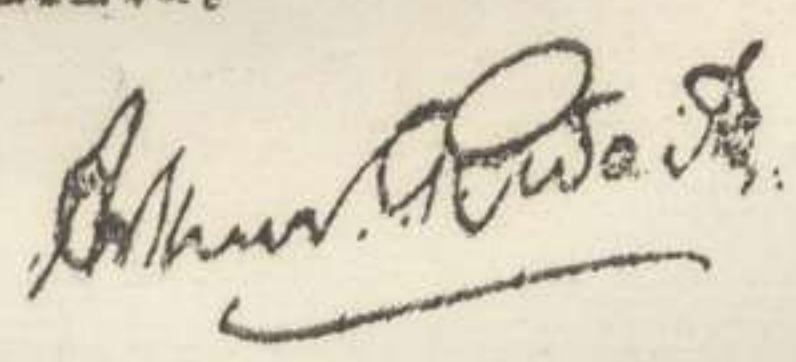
Brigade Commanders of 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Bdes will  
allot the ammunition taken over to their respective Batteries.

Brigades withdrawing will forward statement of ammunition  
being taken out in echelons, to D.A.H.Q. 2 hours before marching.

CAMP dump (H 22 b'2 8) except for 13-pdr. will close at  
12 min-might 7th/8th July, after which time all 18-pdr and 4.5"  
ammunition will be drawn from VECQUEMONT.

All trench shelters drawn from Area Commandant, ALLONVILLE,  
will be returned by Brigades on marching from this area.

ACKNOWLEDGES on form attached.  
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Captain;  
Staff Captain,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION

Normal.

- 16th Bde R.H.A.,
  - 150th ARMY Bde R.F.A.,
  - 78th Brigade R.F.A.,
  - 79th Brigade R.F.A.,
  - 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade,
  - 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade,
  - 4th Aust. D.A.C. (CAMP dump).
  - A.R.P.,
  - RIGHT Group,
  - CENTRE Group,
  - LEFT Group,
  - R.A., Aust. Corps.
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Copy No. 6

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 131.

Headquarters,  
5th July, 1918.

Reference attached Map. *No map*

1. The Divisional Area will now be re-organised on a three Brigade front. The necessary reliefs will take place during nights 5/6th and 6/7th as shown on attached table.

2. On completion of the relief the Brigade Sectors will be held, from Right to Left as follows :-

Bde. Sector	Boundaries	Inf. Bde.	Distribution of Battalions.	Remarks.
Right.	Divl. Southern boundary to line A-A-A-A on map.	4th (less 2 Bns.)	1 in Front and Support Systems. 1 in Reserve.	Remaining 2 Bns in Divl. Reserve in AUBIGNY SYSTEM.
Centre	Line A-A-A-A on Map to line C-C-C-C on map.	13th	2 in Front and Support Systems, 1 in Reserve.	
Left.	Line C-C-C-C on map to Divl. Northern boundary.	12th	2 in Front and Support Systems, 1 in Reserve.	

3. Command of the new front allotted to the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. will pass on completion of the relief on night 5/6th July.

Command of the new 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. front will pass on completion of the 2nd Inter-battalion relief on night 6/7th July.

4. Machine guns will be redistributed to Brigades as follows :-

Forward Zone, Right Bde. Sector - 1 Coy. (less 2 Sections).  
Forward Zone, Centre Bde. Sector - 1 Coy.  
Left Bde. Sector - 1 Coy. plus 2 Sections. (These will provide M.G. defence for the front system of the 2nd Zone, as well as for the forward Zone.)

In Divisional reserve, in front system of 2nd Zone, South of the SOMME, 1 Coy. (less 2 Sections,) and 2 Sections of another Company. The C.O., Machine Gun Bn. will make the necessary arrangements to effect this redistribution.

5. Brigade H.Q. will be established, after the completion of the relief as follows :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde. - CORBIE  
13th " " " - QUARRY at O.12.E.9.4.  
12th " " " - J.19.C.4.4.

6. The C.R.E. will arrange the necessary redistribution of Field Coys. to Brigade Sectors.

7. All American troops will be withdrawn from 4th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. during night 5/6th July, and will move, under Brigade arrangements to an embussing point at H.12.A.4.9, before 5 a.m., 6th July.

They will embuss at 5 a.m. for A PIERREGOT and MOLLIEUS AU BOIS.

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8. Separate Medical and Administrative instructions will be issued.

9- ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th " "  
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33rd American Division.



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Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	
night. 5/6th July.	1.	1 Bn.12th A.I.Bde.	Reserve Rest of LA NEUVILLE.	Line immediately South of the SOMME.	In relief of Left Bn. 11th A.I.Bde. Command of sector North of line C-C-C-C to pass to G.O.C.12th A.I. Bde. on completion. G.O.C.11th A.I.Bde. to remain in command of sector between line E-B-B-B and line C-C-C-C, till night 6/7.
night 5/6th	2.	1 Bn. 11th A.I.Bde.	Line immediately South of the SOMME.	Reserve West of LA NEUVILLE.	Occupying accommodation vacated by Bn. 12th A.I.Bde.
night 5/6th	3.	1 Bn.13th A.I.Bde.	PIONEER SWITCH and terraces.	Line left in 4th A.I. Bde. Sector.	In relief of Left Bn. 4th A.I.Bde., passing under command of G.O.C., 4th A.I.Bde. until taken over by 13th A.I.Bde. on night 6/7th July.
night 5/6th July.	4.	1 Bn. 11th A.I.Bde.	Brigade Reserve	AUBIGNY System.	
night 5/6th	5.	1 Bn.4th A.I.Bde.	Line	Divl. Reserve in AUBIGNY System.	replacing Bn. of 13th A.I.Bde.
night 6/7th July.	6.	1 Bn.13th A.I.Bde.	Divl. Reserve.	Line Right in 11th A.I. Bde. Sector.	Relieving remaining line Bn. of 11th A.I.Bde. Command of new centre Bde. Sector to pass to G.O.C. 13th A.I. Bde. from G.O's.C.4th and 11th A.I. Bdes. on completion of this Bn. relief.
night 6/7th	7.	1 Bn.11th A.I. Bde.	Line.	Reserve in AUBIGNY SYSTEM.	
night 6/7th	8.	1 Bn.12th A.I.Bde.	Reserve West of LA NEUVILLE.	Brigade Reserve	
night 6/7th	9.	1 Bn.13th A.I.Bde.	Divl. Reserve.	Brigade Reserve	Relieving one Bn. of 11th A.I.Bde. Reserve.

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Date.	Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Remarks.
night 6/7th July.	10.	1 Bn. 11th A.I. Bde.	Bde. Support and Reserve.	Reserve West of LA NEUVILLE.	
night 6/7th	11.	1 Bn. 4th A.I. Bde.	Line.	Divl. Reserve in AUBIGNY SYSTEM.	Replacing Bn. of 13th A.I. Bde.
night 6/7th	12.	H.Q. 4th A.I. Bde.	Quarry at 0.12.B.9.4	CORBIE.	
night 6/7th	13.	H.Q. 13th A.I. Bde.	Reserve at I.32.B.2.8	QUARRY at 0.12.B.8.4.	Replacing 4th A.I. Bde. H.Q.
night 6/7th	14.	H.Q. 11th A.I. Bde.	J.25.D.2.3.	Reserve at I.32.B.2.8	Replacing 13th A.I. Bde. H.Q.

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ORDER NO. 163.

HEADQUARTERS,  
5th July 1918.

1. On the night 5th/6th July 1918, the following Brigades will be withdrawn from action with full echelons. Movement will not take place before 9 p.m..

2. The RIGHT GROUP :-

78th Brigade R.F.A. ) Withdraw to W.L. and await instructions  
79th Brigade R.F.A. ) regarding movement on the 8th inst..

3. The CENTRE GROUP :-

(a) 150th ARMY Brigade, R.F.A. withdraw to W.L. and march to ST SAUVEUR R.A. Sub-Area under orders to be issued by the Brigade Commander.

(b) ROUTE :- QUERRIEU - ALLORVILLE - POULAINVILLE -  
- LONGPRE.

(c) TIME :- The march will take place between 10 p.m. and 3.30 a.m. night 5th/6th July 1918.

(d) DISTANCES: Distances in accordance with 4th ARMY ROUTINE ORDER NO. 2039 will be maintained.

(e) SUPPLIES : Supplies will be drawn from 5th Aust. Div. Pack up to 7th instant, for consumption on 9th instant.

4. The SOUTHERN GROUP :-

86th ARMY Bde. R.F.A. will relieve the 179th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. under orders issued by the 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

W. G. Kinison Major,  
for Brigade-Major,  
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION --

Nos. 1 - 3 RIGHT Group.  
4 - 5 CENTRE "  
6 SOUTHERN "  
7 LEFT "  
  
for ( 8 4th Aust. Div. "C"  
inf. ( 9 3rd Aust. D.A..  
( 10 R.A. Aust. Corps.  
( 11 S.S.O., 4th Aust. Div..  
  
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To :-

HEADQUARTERS,  
5th July 1918.

All Group, Brigade & Battery Commanders,  
Horse and Field Artillery  
Covering attack on HAMEL & VAIRE WOOD Plateau.

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The Army Commander, G.O.Cs. Australian Imperial Force, Australian Corps and 4th Australian Division, have expressed to you their commendation and congratulations on your work of yesterday.

Many of the Artillery Brigades will shortly be leaving us. Before we separate I want to express to you all my appreciation and thanks for the willing and able efforts of all concerned which alone obtained the excellent Artillery results which so materially assisted the assaulting Infantry.

We appreciate most fully the commendation and high tribute which has been sent to us by the Higher Commanders, but without deprecating in the least this great honour from Headquarters, our most valued testimonial comes from the Infantry themselves.

Without exception, they have expressed their satisfaction and appreciation of the work of the covering Artillery, both in the preparatory, actual barrage and subsequent protective fire provided.

None of us can expect higher praise or more adequate commendation than this. We are all delighted to know that our efforts have been of service to our Infantry who are essentially in the best position to judge the efficiency and usefulness of the fire from their covering guns.

*W. L. H. Burgess*

Brigadier-General,  
C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.

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/Overleaf



Brigade and Battery Commanders of ---

16th ARMY Bde. R.H.A..

"SOUTHERN GROUP" ---

23rd ARMY Bde. R.F.A., 179th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.,  
14th ARMY Bde. R.F.A., and D/86 Battery.

"RIGHT GROUP" ---

10th Aust. F.A. Bde., 189th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.,  
78th Bde. R.F.A., 79th Bde. R.F.A.,  
236th Bde. R.F.A..

"CENTRE GROUP" ---

11th Aust. F.A. Bde., 13th Aust. F.A. Bde.,  
14th Aust. F.A. Bde., 150th ARMY Bde. R.F.A..

"LEFT GROUP" --

298th ARMY Bde. R.F.A., 4th R.H.A. Bde. (3rd  
CAV. Division), 235th Bde. R.F.A..

D.T.M.O. and 4th Aust. Div. M.T.M. Batteries.

and Commanders of all Brigade and Divisional  
Ammunition Columns.



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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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HEADQUARTERS,

I N S T R U C T I O N No. 100 .

6th. JULY 1918.

The DIVISIONAL AREA will now be reorganised on a  
Three Brigade Front.

The necessary reliefs will take place during  
6th/7th. July.

<u>Bde. Sector.</u>	<u>Boundaries.</u>	<u>Inf. Bde.</u>	<u>Distribution.</u>
RIGHT.	Divisional Southern Boundary to P 16 c 1 7	4th. (Less 2 Bttns.)	1 in Front 1 in Support.
CENTRE.	P 16 c 1 7 to P 10 d 6 5	13th.	1 in Front. 1 in Support. 1 in Reserve.

Brigade Headquarters will be established -

4th. Inf. Brigade - CORBIE.

13th. Inf. Brigade - QUARRY. O 12 b 9 4.

In accordance with the above change in dispositions and extra  
Liaison with 13th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters will be found  
by the 236th. and 169th. Brigades R. F. A. on Roster. Tour  
of Duty 6 days.

The 236th. Brigade R. F. A. will detail a Captain  
of Duty 6 days.

of Duty 6 days.

of Duty 6 days.

The 236th. Brigade R. F. A. will detail a Captain  
to report to 13th. Infantry Brigade at 9 P. M. this evening.

An Amended Defence Scheme will be issued later.

*W. H. B. Smith*



Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP



RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS,

6th. JULY 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 101.

Effect C. P. Scheme Phase 1 B from 3. 15 A. M.  
to 3. 35 A. M. on 7th. instant.

Area "R" (as per Trace issued this afternoon)

"A" and "B" SUB-GROUPS - That portion SOUTH  
of East and West Line through P 17 b 0 5.

ALL BATTERIES 10th. A. F. A. Brigade - That  
portion NORTH of the Line.

RATE OF FIRE. 3 rounds per Gun per minute.

2 rounds per 4.5" How. per minute.

AMMUNITION. 50% A. 50% AX.

(To come out of Daily allotment.)

Acknowledge by wire.

*Le E. B. Burke*

Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.





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Right Group Field Artillery.  
Intelligence Report.

From 7am. 5/7/18 To 7am. 6/7/18.

1. Registrations were carried out by batteries on P17 b 8.3. - P27 b 0.5. + P28 b 6030

Harrassing was carried out as follows:—

The following areas + targets were independently harassed:—

P16 b — P17 c — P12 a + c + Road P23 c to Tailleur Woods. C.P. Schmet b. was fired by the group from 10.15 pm. to 10.35 pm. + from 3.5 am - 3.25 am. on P22 a + b + P16 d respectively.

In all 4109 18 par. + 1289 45. How. ammunition was expended.



Time	Nature	No.	Area	Bearing	From.
11 am.	4.2	15	O17a 2.2.		
11 am.	4.2 H.V.	50	P12a		Inching & fact.
12.15 pm.	5.9 H.V.	30	O12a 0.6.		H.C. & Gas.
12.15 - 1 pm.	5.9/4.2	50	O10a.		" & "
12.30 pm.	5.9	30	P19a 4.6.	112°30'	P19a 6.8.
1.5 pm.	5.9	25	P20b 6.2.	108°	P19a 4575
3.30 pm.	4.2/5.9	50	P20b 6.2.	112°30'	P19a 6.8
4.30 pm.	4.2/5.9	200	Samuel & P10b 6.2.		
4.50 pm.	4.2	25	P19c.	126°	P19a 4575
5.30 - 6 pm.	77/4.2	70	O24 b & P19a		
5.45 pm.	4.2	12	P20b	110°	P19a 4575
6.15 pm.	4.2	30	P14c & P20a	112°30'	P19a 6.8
10.15 pm.	4.2	30	O17 b 1.0.		
10.15 pm.	5.9	12	O17d.	108°	O17d 5593
10.20 pm.	4.2 H.V.	30	P12a		
10.45 pm.	4.2	15	O17d.		few gas.
11 pm.	4.2	20	O18a 4.6.		Blue & Gas.
11.30 pm.	4.2	10	O18 Cent.		
2.5 am.	4.2	20	O17d.		Gas.



2. Most shelling comes from the direction of Warfusec + woods behind there.

A 4.2 or 77 battery was observed firing from about P 29 c 8.5.

A/A guns were very active from about P 23 on 24.

3. Very active + aggressive. Artillery was quiet during morning but lived up a great deal towards + after midday. Several area snappels were put down.

E.A. were very active.

4. From 9.30 am. - 11 am. 30 E.A. patrolled our lines at low altitudes.

From 4.45 pm. - 6 pm. 16 were over our lines.

Both lots were attacked by our planes.

One of our planes crashed while skimming over O.H.d.

No hostile balloons were up yesterday but a lot



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were up early this morning.

5. A lot of individual movement can be seen in the open + on main road from Warfusa.

6. Visibility bad owing to ground mist.

A great deal of percussion shrap. is being used by the 77 gun.

C. J. Shuckart  
No Right Group.

P.S. Papers letters etc. herewith.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY COPY NO.....

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 35.

HEADQUARTERS,  
6th July 1918.

Upon withdrawal of 4th Brigade R.H.A. and 47th Divisional Artillery, ammunition at present on charge will be disposed of as follows :-

<u>From Gun positions</u>	<u>To.</u>
4th Brigade R.H.A.	CAMP dump
235th Brigade R.F.A.	298th Brigade R.F.A.,
236th Brigade R.F.A.	10th Aust. F.A. Bde.

Adjutants concerned will arrange that figures taken over correspond with those shown on D.A.H.Q. returns.

Brigade Commanders of 298th Bde R.F.A. and 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade will allot the ammunition taken over to their respective Batteries.

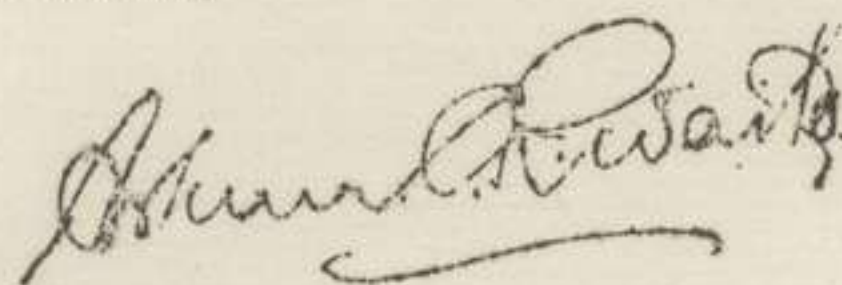
Brigades withdrawing will forward statement of ammunition taken out in echelons, to D.A.H.Q., 2 hours before marching.

Personnel of outgoing Brigades working on dumps will be withdrawn at 8 p.m. on the night of march to Wagon Lines.

All trench shelters drawn from Area Commandant, ALLONVILLE, will be returned by Brigades marching from this Area.

Brigade Commanders will ensure that all empty cartridge cases are returned to A.R.P., before moving out.

ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.



Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION

4th Brigade R.H.A.,  
235th Brigade R.F.A.,  
236th Brigade R.F.A.,  
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4th Aust. D.A.C.,  
CAMP dump,  
VECQUEMONT dump,

For information

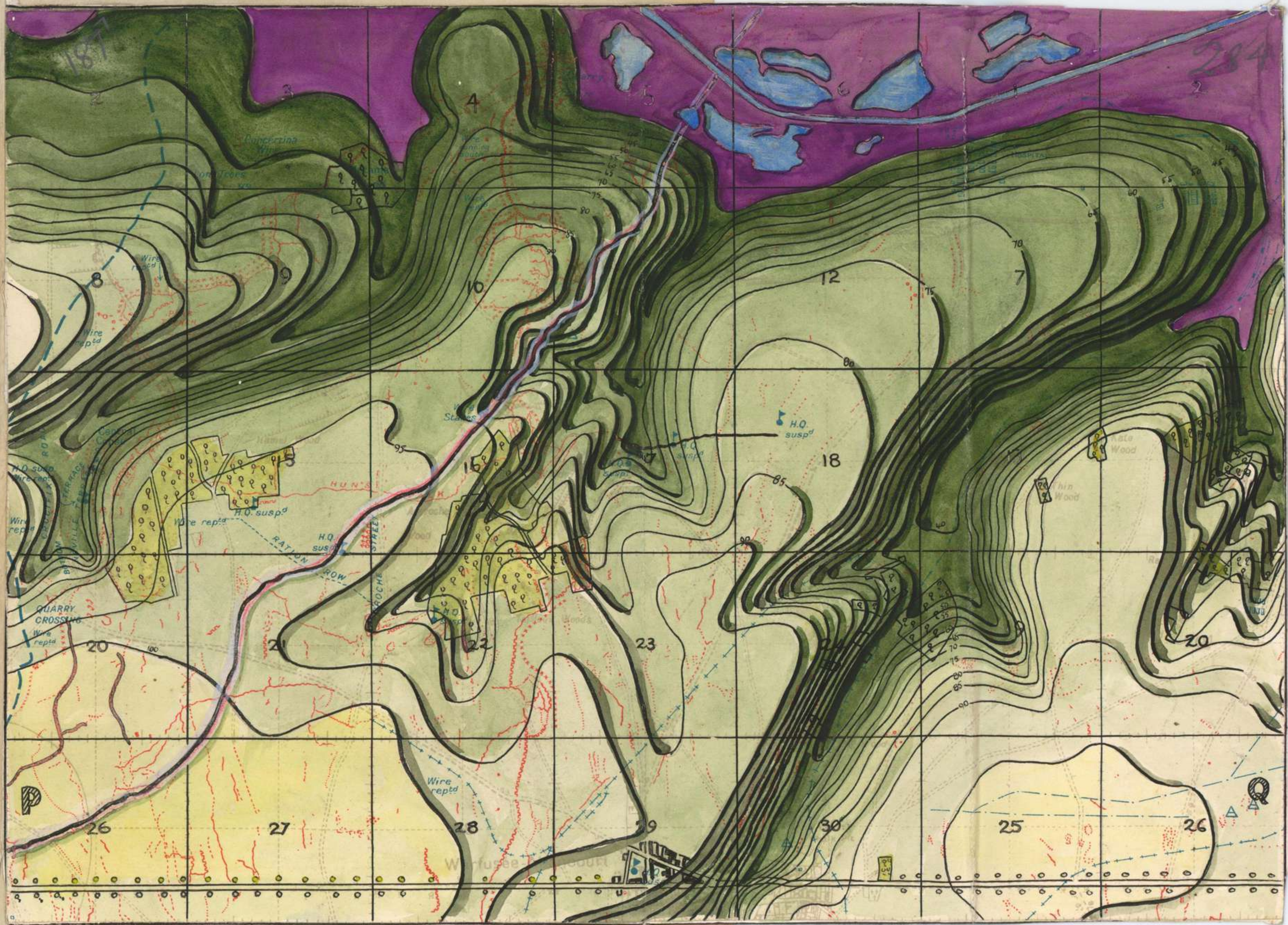
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13th Aust. F.A. Bde,  
14th Aust. F.A. Bde,  
189th Brigade R.F.A.,

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R.O.,  
File,  
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Adjutant  
10<sup>th</sup> Aust FA Brigade.

Regarding the operations near  
HAMEL on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1918  
I have little to report.

Before the operations the  
Battery was silent except for 6  
rounds per gun<sup>for</sup> registration.  
With calibrated guns this  
is considered sufficient. This is  
borne out by registrations since  
the operations.

From ZERO hours onwards C B  
work appeared to be very effective. Very  
few rounds fell in the forward  
battery area and they appeared  
to be erratic.

Hostile shelling on forward areas  
was not heavy.

Numerous infantry officers have  
stated that the Barrage was very  
good.

E. J. Smart T. May  
OC 110<sup>th</sup> How Bty  
Aust FA

6-7-18



10th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,

6th. July 1918.

Headquarters,

4th. Aust. Div. Arty.  
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Reference your G 5/915.

There were not any exceptional incidents to record during the operations on July 4th so far as the Artillery were concerned.

16 Batteries were brought into new positions within 2300 yards of the Enemy's Front Line, and 39527 rounds of ammunition were delivered.

This took place on a front of 2300 yards with no lateral approaches.

All this movement, and shooting necessary to ensure the success of the operation was done, apparently without exciting the suspicion of the enemy.

Guns were in most cases successfully concealed and very few tracks were evident.

All this showed extreme care on the part of Junior Commanders and a thorough grasp of the importance of the operation.

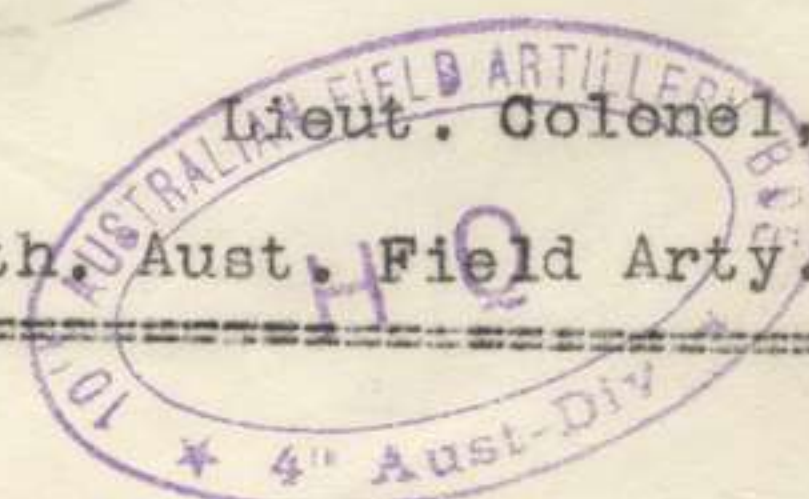
After the barrage opened there was very little hostile fire so far as the gunners were concerned.

Communications were excellent throughout, and information came back from the front with great regularity throughout the whole day, reflecting great credit on the Signal Service.

Liaison with Infantry was good, all situations being well understood.

10TH A.F.A. BRIGADE.
No. <i>291</i>
Date, .....

*Miller*  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Arty. Bde.  
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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

7th. July 1918.

Sub-Groups.  
All Batteries 10th. Brigade.

From receipt of this order GROUP S. O. S. Line on  
Left Flank will be rearranged as follows :-

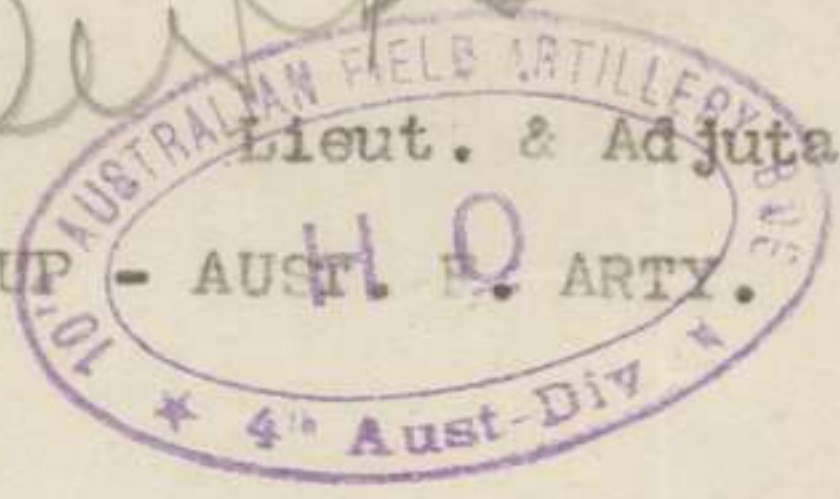
37th. Battery from P 17 a <sup>04</sup> ~~88~~ to P 11 c 80 50

*Acknowledge.*

10TH A.F.A. BRIGADE.
No. <i>D/203</i>
Date. ....

*Cherry*  
Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. F. ARTY.





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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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INSTRUCTION 102

Headquarters,

"A" and "B" Sub-Groups.

7th. July 1918.

Reference D. A. Order 168.

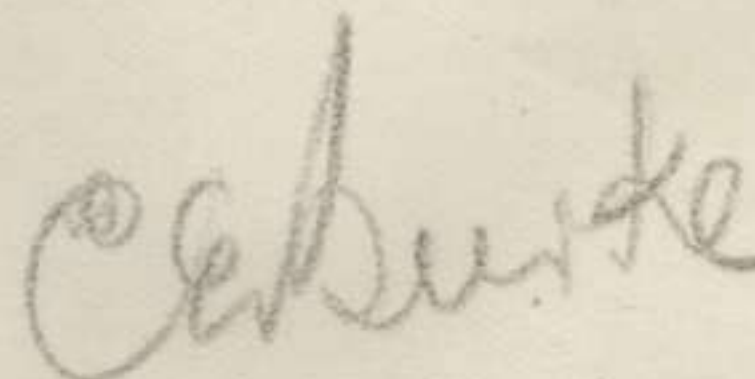
Tasks as therein detailed for RIGHT GROUP will be carried out by all Batteries of RIGHT GROUP.

ZERO HOUR as per attached Sheet.

Watches will be Synchronised at GROUP at 9 P. M.

Tracing attached showing objective.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

ORDER No. 168.

HEADQUARTERS,  
7th. July 1918.

Reference Map 62D 1/20,000.

1. A minor operation will be carried out by the 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the night 7th/8th July at an hour to be notified, with the object of straightening out the present front line from P 11 a 3 0 to J 30 d 8 0

2. ARTILLERY CO-OPERATION.

The LEFT Group "B" Divisional Artillery will cover the advance North of the River SOMME, with a creeping barrage. 18-pdrs. commence on the S. O. S. line and 4.5" Hows. on a line 300 yards East of the 18-pdr. S. O. S. Line, at ZERO HOUR then lift 100 yards at ZERO plus 3 minutes and remain on this line until plus 4 minutes, then creep Eastward in lifts of 50 yards per minute until ZERO plus 14 minutes and remain on this Line until ZERO plus 45 minutes.

The CENTRE GROUP will cover the advance South of the SOMME by placing an 18-pdr. barrage from P 11 c 8 4 - P 11 Central to P 6 a 25 00 and a 4.5" How. barrage 300 yards East of this line at ZERO HOUR, remaining for three minutes, then lift 100 yards at ZERO plus 3 minutes, remaining on this line until plus 4 minutes, then creep Eastward in lifts of 50 yards per minute until ZERO plus 14 minutes, and remain on this line until plus 45 minutes.

The RIGHT GROUP., will commence on RIGHT GROUP S. O. S. Line and creep eastward, conforming to the times and lifts as laid down for the LEFT Group.

3. RATES OF FIRE. -

Zero to plus 14 minutes -	(13-prs. and 18-prs. 3 rds. per gun per minute 4.5 Hows 2 " " How. " "
Plus 14 to plus 45 min.	(13-prs. and 18-prs. 1 rd. per gun per minute. 4.5 Hows. 1 " " How. " "

4. AMMUNITION - 60% A )  
40% AX ) 106 Fuzes will NOT be used.  
100% BX ) (13-prs. 60% N and 40% N X)

5. The S. O. S. LINE on completion of the operation will be -

P 21 b 6 4 0 - P 16 d 0 4 - P 17 a 0 4 - P 11 c 4 0 -  
P 11 b 3 0 - K 25 c 80 55.

6. "A" Divisional Artillery and "C" Divisional Artillery barraging the respective Divisional Fronts will conform to the times and lifts as laid down for the LEFT Group "B" Divisional Artillery.

The Heavy Artillery are requested to engage all known hostile Batteries from ZERO HOUR to ZERO plus 60 minutes.

7. SYNCHRONISATION.

The R. O. 4th. Aust. D. A. H. Q. will visit "B" Divisional Artillery Groups and 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters between 8 p. m. and 9 p. m., 7th. instant.

8. Acknowledge by wire.

(Signed) T. A. J. PLAYFAIR. Major.  
Brigade Major.



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Headquarters,  
7th July 1918.

SECRET.

Reference Order No. 168.

1. ZERO hour will be 12.15 a.m. on the night 7th/8th  
July 1918.

2. Reference Para. 1, the 14th Aust. Inf. Bde is  
co-operating on the North.

*W. H. Thompson*  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery



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Right Group Field Arty.  
Intelligence Report.

From 7am. 6/7/18 To 7am. 7/7/18.

1. Our artillery were active as follows: -

(A) Harassing fire: -

The following areas & targets were engaged.  
 P17a 8010 - P16d - P23c 68  
 P22a + b - P23a - Banks P17c.  
 Trench P17c 3015 - P23a 6020  
 Road. P16d 8000 - P23a 5045  
 & Area "R" in G.P. scheme phase 1b.

(B) Registrations & Calibration: -

R & C. was carried out on P2960550 & P17d 4035.

(C) Movement: -

M. was engaged at P17c 3520. While registering on P2960550 37th Bty. noticed observed a number of Huns to run



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from the vicinity & to  
seek cover in the cemetery  
situated at P29 & Q.2..  
After registration was  
completed this also was  
engaged with two bursts  
of gun fire at a short  
interval. Of the twenty  
which entered the cemetery  
only twelve were observed  
to leave.

Gas shelling:-

110th. How. Battery gassed  
the valley in P24 & 6  
with 200 B.C.G.

Expenditure:-

In all. 323718 pdr.. 668 B X +  
200 B.C.G. were expended.

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Time.	Nature.	No.	Area.	Range	Known.
3.10pm.	77/42/5.9	175	P20 c + d		
3.30 - 5.30pm.	5.9 H.V.	3 GUN BATTERY SALVOES	AT INTERVALS	Harrel + P10 p + d.	
4.30pm.	4.2/5.9	60	O 10 cent..	90°	O 120 1.9.
6.30pm.	4.2	40	O 18 cent..		
7.20pm.	5.9 H.V.	12	Fouilloy	90°	O 120 2894.
ALL AFTERNOON.	77/4.2.	500	Over whole H. Lyke		
3.30 am.	4.2.	12	O 18 a 4.2.		

3. Much quieter than previous twentyfour hours - harassing fire chiefly on forward areas..

4. Three E.A. patrolled F.L. during afternoon - no balloons were up.

5. As in para. 1. 4 2 Huns observed to enter trench about P17 + 83 at 4.45pm..




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6. Visibility. Good in early morning afterwards bad.

4.5 pm. a number of white lights were put up from P47C - no action was noticed to follow.

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C. H. Shuman (Lt.)  
No. Right Group





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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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LOCATION STATEMENT

HEADQUARTERS,  
noon, 7th July 1918.

Reference Map

Sheet 62 D 1/40,000 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. ("B" Div. Arty. H.Q.) -- BUSSY-les-DAOURS.

	UNIT	Battery	Gun location	Wagon Lines	Arc of fire grid bearings (degrees)	OFFICER COMMANDING
RIGHT GROUP	10th Aust. F.A. Brigade	H.Q.	(O 10 a 9 7 (Hospice	H 29 a 8 4		Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..
		37th	O 18 a 4620	H 36 a 8 9		Capt. F.J.M. McADAM.
		38th	O 18 a 0027	N 15 d 5575		Capt. G.W. HALL
		39th (2)	(O 17 a 3024)			Major C.H. SPURGE.
RIGHT GROUP	189th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	(2)	(O 17 c 3080)	N 5 d 6510		
		(2)	(O 17 a 3020)			
		110th H.	O 12 c 6216	H 29 a 2050		Major E.K. SMART, M.C..
RIGHT GROUP	189th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	H.Q.	H 34 b 4 8			Lieut.-Col. L.T. RAIKES, DSO. RFA.
		34th (4)	O 17 d 5593)			
		(1)	O 17 c 8 1 )	H 28 d 8 3(F)	57 - 178	Major M.J.R. WOOD.
		(1)	O 17 d 2035)	O 2 c 4090(R)		
RIGHT GROUP	236th Bde. R.F.A.	B/189	O 17 b 1035	H 28 c 6 4(F)	70 - 120	Major R.R. HOARE, M.C..
		D/189	O 17 b 2 5	O 2 b 1025(R)		
				H 28 b Cent.(F)	24 - 36	Capt. G.W.F. BLYTHE
		C/189	On duty as Depot Battery at Vth ARMY Artillery School.	O 2 c 4090(R)		
RIGHT GROUP	236th Bde. R.F.A.	H.Q.	O 10 b 1 7	H 34 d 9060		Lieut.-Col. A.H. BOWRING
		A/236	O 18 a 0891)			Major COOPER
		B/236	O 12 c 2994)	N 12 d 5 6		Major BERNARD
		C/236	O 12 a 5000)			Captain YENCKEN.
RIGHT GROUP	11th Aust. F.A. Brigade	D/236	O 12 d 4822)			Major DUNCAN
		H.Q.	I 23 d 6020			Major P.J. ROSS, M.C..
		41st	J 26 a 3425	I 24 a 3060(F)	85 - 165	Captain A.V. RICHARDSON
				I 13 c 2020(R)		
RIGHT GROUP	11th Aust. F.A. Brigade	42nd	J 21 c 8383	I 24 c 4030(F)	80 - 170	Major S.F. HODGENS, D.S.O..
				H 24 c 3030(R)		
		43rd	J 26 c 3031	I 23 c 8060(F)	83 - 162	Major C.R. TURNER
				H 18 d 8000(R)		
RIGHT GROUP	11th Aust. F.A. Brigade	111th (2)	J 26 c 3086		75 - 170	Captain W.E. COX
		How. (2)	J 26 c 3994	I 21 b 6050		
		(2)	J 26 c 6323			
			J 27 b 6 2 (Anti-tank gun 15-pr.)			

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CENTRE	3th Aust. F.A. Brigade	H.Q. 49th 50th 51st 113th H.	I 29 c 9010 O 6 d 6248 O 6 d 9500 O 6 b 7556 J 26 c 5570	N 17 d 7050 N 18 a 8030 N 18 c 5070 N 18 a 3070 N 18 a	70 - 150 75 - 160 75 - 160 90 - 186	Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., Major H.V. CATLIFE, D.S.O., Major H. RETCHFORD Major E.C. LISTER Major A.R. LESCHEN
	14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	H.Q. 53rd 54th 55th 114th (4) How. (2)	I 24 b 6000 J 26 c 1637 I 30 a 8708 I 30 b 2144 I 36 c 3017 I 36 c 3538	N 18 c 0060 N 18 a 8020 N 18 d 5000 N 18 c 4080 N 18 c 2080	90 - 175 95 - 185 92 - 160 80 - 150	Lieut.-Col. F.A. DERHAM, D.S.O., Major L.E. BEVIS, D.S.O., Capt. N.L. NICHOLSON Major McCORMACK, D.S.O., Major DREYER, D.S.O.,
GROUP	298th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	H.Q. A/298  B/298 (2) (2) (2) C/298 (3) (3) D/298 (4) (2)	I 30 a 8 3 J 19 a 8565  J 14 c 5050 J 21 b 1010 J 14 d 1500 J 14 b 3248 J 15 a 4099 J 13 c 9060 J 13 d 2018	J 13 b 1090 (F) H 23 a 6 1 (R)  I 20 b 5 8  I 22 a 2050 (F) H 28 d 4 4 (R) <i>I 14 d 4050</i>	114 - 178 110 - 178  113 - 175 98 - 180	Lieut.-Col. H.V. De SATCE, D.S.O., Major F.D. THOMAS  Major E.W. PENDLETON  Major C. MOORE Major E.J. NOLAN
LEFT	235th Bde. R.F.A..	H.Q. A/235 B/ " C/ " D/ "	J 14 b 4010 J 15 c 1050 J 15 a 9070 J 15 b 1060 J 15 a 5080	H 31 d 4 5 BUSSY BUSSY BUSSY BUSSY	115 - 180 125 - 190 120 - 185 125 - 185	Lieut.-Col. W.S.L. ASCHWANDEN DSO. Major P.J. CLIFTON, D.S.O., Major S.L. KEYMER Major I.K. FLYNN Major A.J. COWEN, D.S.O.,
	4th Bde. R.H.A..	H.Q. CANADIAN H.A. Bty. "M" Bty. "K"	J 14 c 3060 J 14 d 8 4 J 14 c 9 1 J 14 c 3 0	H 23 b 9 8 H 24 a 6 8 H 29 b 3 5	115 - 185 110 - 180 105 - 185	Lieut.-Col. LASSELLES, D.S.O., Major LAFFERTY Major PALMER, D.S.O., Lieut. PONTOR
MOBILE RESERVE	16th Bde. R.H.A..	H.Q. "A" "Q" "U"		H 34 c 0 0 N 17 d 5 6 Between Rly. & m. road in H 23 b and d.		Lieut.-Col. J.G.B. ALLARDYCE, DSO. Major A.W. STRAUBENZEE, DSO. Major A.H. BURNE, D.S.O., Major A. ARCHDALE.

attach next sheet.

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4th Aust. M.2 T.M. Btys.	7th Bty.	I 34 a 7090 P 8 b 0315 P 8 b 1035 P 4 d 1 0 J 29 c 1500 J 26 b 2030 J 26 b 2560	One mortar at each position.	136 - 176 72 - 112 118 - 158 112 - 162 175 - 215 175 - 215	Captain S.J. FOX Captain W. PINDER Captain W.H. FELSTEAD
ANTI-TANK GUNS.	15-pr. 6"pr. Hotchkiss	J 34 a 8 4 P 15 b 2 2 J 29 c 5550		0 - 180	
4th Aust. D.A.C..	H.Q. No. 1 No. 2 S.A.A.		H 22 b 2 7 H 22 b H 22 b (RIVERY (H 28 b 2 5		Lieut.-Col. H.V. VERNON, D.S.O. Captain H.S. DAVEY Captain D.E. AIKINS  Captain A.S. FORD.
189th B.A.C. 298th B.A.C. 4th B.A.C. 16th B.A.C.			H 28 b 2 5 N 8 d Central N 12 d 0 7 N 4 c and N 3 d.		Lieut. J.T. JOHNSON Captain B.J. KEMPSTER  Captain R.A. GRAY.

The above CANCELS 4th Australian Divisional Artillery LOCATION STATEMENT of 2nd July 1918 which should be DESTROYED.

Units will please notify this Office immediately, of any change in the above.

ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

*CH Rowan*

Lieut.,  
Staff-Lieut.,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 216.

Map Ref. Boyonvillers 1/20,000.

7th July 1918-

1. A minor operation will be carried out on the night 7/8th July 1918, at an hour to be notified later by the 45th Battalion and 46th Battalion in co-operation with the 14th A.I. Brigade, with the object of straightening the present front line from P 11 a 30 00 to J 30 d 50 00.
2. The objective Battalion and Brigade Boundaries are shown on the attached map.
3. Two Companies of the 45th Battalion will move forward at 10.30 p.m. 7th inst. from present front line to the objective South of the SOMME and dig in protected by patrols.
4. Two Companies of the 46th Battalion will carry out the attack North of the SOMME to the Brigade Boundary. The 54th Battalion, 14th A.I. Brigade, will co-operate by advancing their line from the Brigade Boundary to J 30 d 50 00.  
The attack will be supported by an Artillery barrage in accordance with attached Table "A".  
The attack of the 46th Battalion will be launched from a taped line and the attacking troops will be on the jumping off tape lying down by ZERO minus 10 minutes.
5. Two light Trench Mortars are allotted to the 46th Battalion for attachment to the two attacking Companies. Carrying party for ammunition will be provided by 46th Battalion.
6. On the objective being reached Platoon Posts will be dug and the new line will be held by two Platoons from each of the attacking Companies. The remaining two Platoons will move back on completion of consolidation and occupy the old German front line.
7. 12 Guns of the 12th Machine Gun Company will co-operate by carrying out harassing fire on selected tracks and back area targets from ZERO.
8. Reserve Company of 46th Battalion will move forward from present position and occupy the Support line and will be replaced by a Company of the 48th Battalion. Moves to be completed by 11.30 p.m. on the 7th inst.
9. Dumps and Medical arrangements will be arranged Regimentally by the 46th Battalion.
10. Success signals will be fired on reaching the objective. This signal will be a Red and White Verrey light fired simultaneously from the objective towards our old line.
11. Watches will be synchronised from Brigade Headquarters at 9 p.m.  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ An Officer from Brigade will visit Battalions at this hour.
12. ZERO hour will be notified later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. H. [Signature]*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at.....  
Distribution : Normal.  
Extra copies to  
see Overleaf.



7th July 1915

Map Ref. Boyeriville 1/50,000.

1. A minor operation will be carried out on the night 7/8th July 1915, at a point to be notified later by the 45th Battalion and 45th Battalion in cooperation with the 14th A.I. Brigade, with the object of capturing the 14th A.I. Brigade.

### Distribution of 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 216

#### Extra Copies to :-

- 12th Aust. M.G. Company.
- 14th A.I. Brigade.
- 13th A.I. Brigade.
- Left Group Artillery.
- Centre Group Artillery.
- 4th Aust. Div. Artillery.
- 4th Aust. Division.
- 54th Battalion.

2. The objective Battalion and Brigade boundaries will be marked on the map.
3. Two companies of the 45th Battalion will be sent to the objective south of the 14th A.I. Brigade, from present position, to be ready to move out on the attack.
4. The 45th Battalion will be supported by an Artillery battery in accordance with attached Table "A".
5. The attack of the 45th Battalion will be launched from a taped line and the attacking troops will be on the line at 10.30 p.m. down by 11.00 p.m. 10 minutes.
6. Two light trench mortars are allotted to the 45th Battalion for attachment to the two attacking companies. Carrying party for ammunition will be provided by 45th Battalion.
7. On the objective being reached, the 45th Battalion will be due and the line will be held by two platoons from each of the attacking companies. The remainder two platoons will move back on completion of consolidation and occupy the old German front line.
8. 12 companies of the 12th Machine Gun Company will co-operate by carrying one machine gun on selected tracks and back area targets from 12.00.
9. Reserve Company of 45th Battalion will move forward from present position and occupy the support line and will be relieved by a Company of the 45th Battalion. Moves to be completed by 11.30 p.m. on the 7th inst.
10. Light and heavy machine gun emplacements will be entered by the 45th Battalion.
11. Success signals will be fired on reaching the objective. This signal will be a red and white V or light fired simultaneously from the objective towards our old line.
12. Troops will be synchronized from Brigade Headquarters at 9 p.m. An order from Brigade will visit Battalion at this hour.

12. 12.00 hour will be notified later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major.

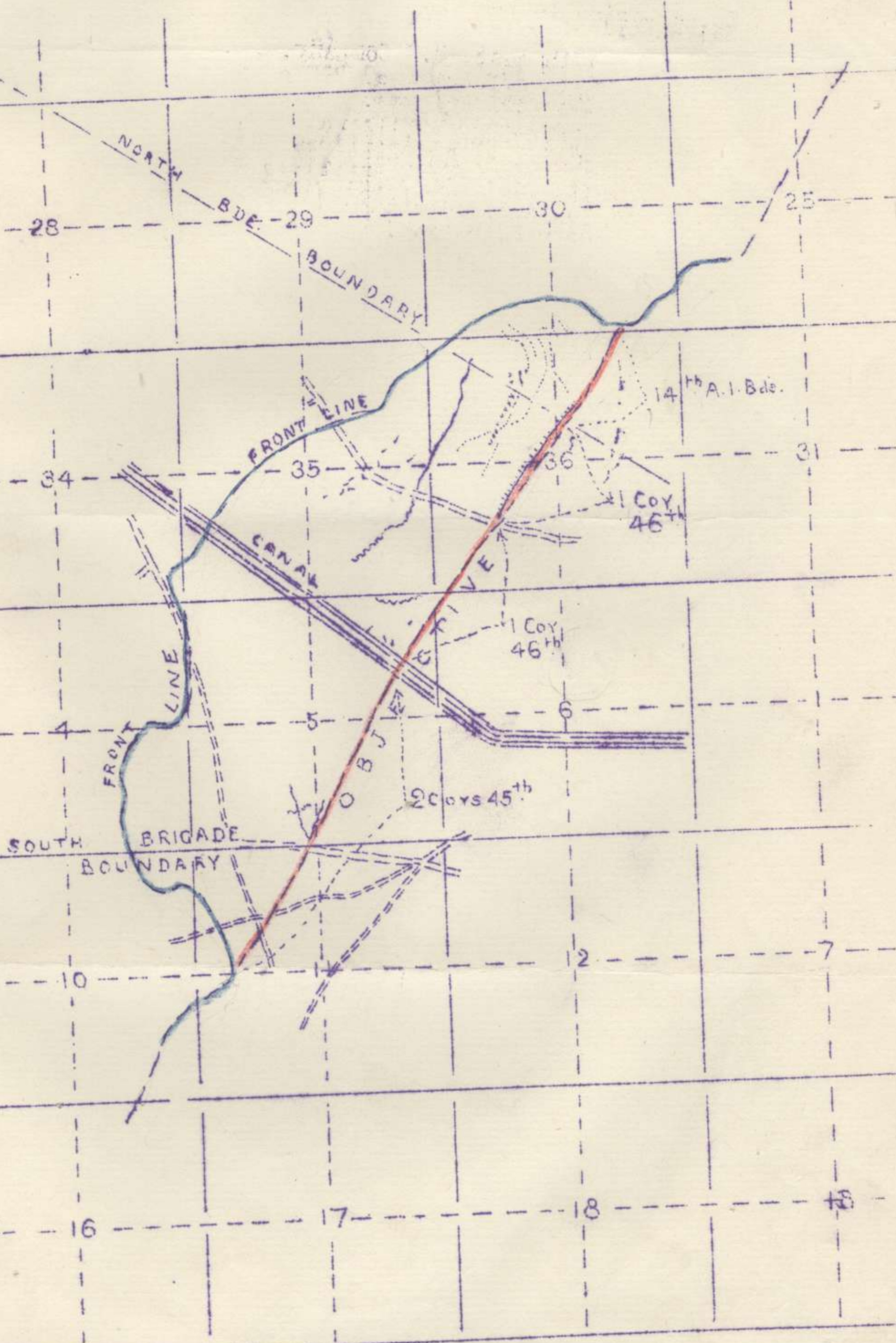
Brigade Major.

12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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ORDER No. 168

HEADQUARTERS,  
7th July 1918.

REFERENCE MAP 62D 1/20,000.

1. A minor operation will be carried out by the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade on the night 7th/8th July at an hour to be notified, with the object of straightening out the present front line from P 11 a 3 0 to J 30 d 5 0.

## 2. ARTILLERY CO-OPERATION :-

The LEFT Group "B" Divisional Artillery will cover the advance North of the River SOMME, with a creeping barrage. 18-prs. commence on the S.O.S. line and 4.5" Hows. on a line 300 yards East of the 18-pr. S.O.S. line, at ZERO HOUR then lift 100 yards at ZERO plus 3 minutes and remain on this line until plus 4 minutes, then creep eastward in lifts of 50 yards per minute until ZERO plus 14 minutes and remain on this line until ZERO plus 45 minutes.

The CENTRE GROUP will cover the advance South of the SOMME by placing an 18-pr. barrage from P 11 c 8 4 - P 11 Central to P 6 a 2500 and a 4.5" How. barrage 300 yards East of the line at ZERO HOUR, remaining for 3 minutes, then lift 100 yards at ZERO plus 3 minutes, remaining on this line until plus 4 minutes, then creep eastward in lifts of 50 yards per minute until ZERO plus 14 minutes, and remain on this line until plus 45 minutes.

The RIGHT GROUP will commence on RIGHT GROUP S.O.S. line and creep eastward, conforming to the times and lifts as laid down for the LEFT Group.

## 3. RATES OF FIRE :-

ZERO to Plus 14 minutes	--	(13-prs & 18-prs. 3 rds. per gun per min. 4.5 Hows. 2 " " how. " " )
Plus 14 to plus 45min.	--	(13-prs. & 18-prs. 1 " " gun " " 4.5 Hows. 1 " " how. " " )

4. AMMUNITION :- 60% A )  
40% AX ) 106 fuzes will NOT be used.  
100% B.X. (13-prs. 60% N and 40% N.X.)

5. The S.O.S. LINE on completion of the operation will be -

P 21 b 4 0 - P 16 d 0 4 - P 17 a 0 4 - P 11 c 4 0 -  
P 11 b 3 0 - K 25 c 8055.

6. "A" Divisional Artillery and "C" Divisional Artillery barraging the respective Divisional Fronts will conform to the times and lifts as laid down for the LEFT Group "B" Divisional Artillery.

The Heavy Artillery are requested to engage all known hostile Batteries from ZERO HOUR to ZERO plus 60 minutes.

## 7. SYNCHRONISATION :-

The R.O. 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. will visit "B" Divisional Artillery Groups and 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., 7th instant.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Major,  
Brigade-Major,

4th Australian Divisional Artillery



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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

INSTRUCTION No. 103.

8th. July 1918.

The 236th. Brigade R. F. A. will withdraw from the Line tonight 8th/9th JULY, - ceasing to be responsible for "B" Sub-Group Sector at 9 P. M. March Orders will be issued later.

Consequent on the above withdrawal the following reallocation of S. O. S. Line will come into force at 8. 30 P. M.

"A" SUB-GROUP. P 21 b 40 00 to P 16 c 95 40.

10th. Brigade. P 16 c 95 40 to P 7 a 45 80 to P 11 c 80 55.

Subdivided as follows -

39th. Battery - P 16 c 95 40 to P 16 b 80 15  
37th. Battery - P 16 b 80 15 to P 17 a 45 80  
38th. Battery - P 17 a 45 80 to P 11 c 80 55

HOWITZERS - "A" SUB-GROUP - 3 Hows. on Line 200 yards East of 18-pdr. S. O. S.  
1 How on TRENCH P 22 b 65 00 to P 22 b 90 45  
1 How P 23 a 40 65 to P 17 c 30 10  
1 How Search and Sweep TAILLEUX WOOD

HOWITZERS - 10th. BRIGADE. - 3 Hows. on Line 200 yards East of 18-pdr. S. O. S. Line.  
1 How. ~~XXXXXX~~ Search C. TRENCH through P 17 a and b.  
1 How. on Road from P 18 Cent. to Cross Roads P 7 c 3 5.  
1 How. Sweep and Search Area P 11 d.

The Ammunition on Charge to 236th. Brigade will be handed over to RIGHT GROUP and allotted as follows -

B/236	to	B/189.
D/236	to	D/189.
A/236	to	37th. Battery.
C/236	to	38th. Battery.

Receipts will be attached to morning Ammunition State. Maps, Plans, Photos etc. will be returned to GROUP by 236th. Brigade before leaving. CAMOUFLAGE issued here will N O T be taken away.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.

Lieut. & Adjutant.



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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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INSTRUCTION No. 104.  
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*Long*  
*9/7/18*

Headquarters,  
8th. JULY 1918.

SYNCHRONISED SHOTS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING  
NIGHT 8th/9th. JULY 1918.  
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Time.

10. 27 P.M.  
For THREE Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. TAILLOUX WOOD - P 22 b  
(Howitzer special task if WIND FAVOURABLE.)  
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11. 43 P.M.  
For TWO Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Area 400 yards Square with  
P 17 Central IN CENTRE.  
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- 1.9 A.M.  
For FOUR Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. S. P. and TRENCH SYSTEM North  
West Portion of P 23 a.  
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2. 2. A.M.  
For FOUR Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Search Communication Trench  
through P 17 a and b from  
P 17 a 2 4 to P 17 b 8 3.  
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3. 30 A.M.  
for FIVE Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. S. O. S. Line plus 200 yards  
for ONE Minute then lift  
Eastward in THREE 100 yard  
lifts - finally drop into  
S. O. S. plus 200 yards for  
ONE Minute.  
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RATES OF FIRE - THREE rounds per Gun per Minute.  
TWO " " How. " "  
AMMUNITION. - 80% A. - 40% A.Y.  
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If WIND is favourable 4.5" Howitzers will fire GAS  
at 10. 27 P. M.

VALLEY - P 24 b 35 80 Q 13 c 1 1.

First TWO Minutes	-	60 rounds B.C.G. or B.C.B.R.	} Total 156 rounds per Battery.
Next SIX Minutes	-	REST.	
Next SIX Minutes	-	96 rounds B. H. C.	

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*C. O. Right Group*  
Lieut. & Adjutant.  
For C. O. Right Group - AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
H.O.  
4th Div.



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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY .  
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Headquarters,

INSTRUCTION No. 105.  
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8th. July 1918.

1. Cancelling RIGHT GROUP Instruction No. 104.
2. Batteries will not fire during the night 8th/9th. July, except in reply to S. O. S. Signal or on receipt of orders from this Office.

All Recipients  
Instruction No. 104.

Lieut.  
for Adjutant,  
for C. O. Right Group - Aust. F. Arty.  
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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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Headquarters,

8th. JULY 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 103.  
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1. Between the hours 9 P. M. on the 8th. to 6 A. M. on 9th. JULY the S. O. S. Line on the RIGHT GROUP Front will run -

"A" SUB-GROUP	P 21 b <sup>40</sup> <del>30</del> to P 13 d 50 40
39th. Battery	P 16 d 50 40 to P 17 a 20 15
37th. Battery	P 17 a 20 15 to P 17 a 45 30
38th. Battery	P 17 a 45 30 to P 11 c 30 55

2. This line is temporary.

If the S. O. S. Signal is repeated after 15 Minutes, Batteries will then fire on the original S. O. S. Line.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Maturus*  
Lieut. For  
Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.

Issued -

"A" Sub-Group.  
All Batteries 10th. Bde.  
Right and Left Bde. Liaison.  
D. A.  
War Diary.  
File.





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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,  
8th. July 1918.

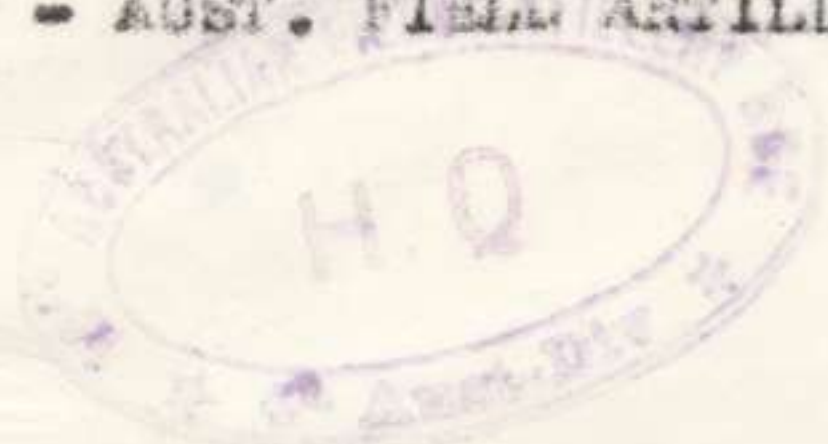
INSTRUCTION No. 107.

1. Effect C. P. SCHEME Phase 1 B from 10 - 15 P. M. to 10 - 35 P. M. on 8th. JULY 1918.
2. The Areas will be -
  - (a) Part of Area R south of line P 17 a 4 3 to P 17 b 3 3 from 10 - 15 P. M. to 10 - 25 P. M.
  - (b) Part of Area T East of line P 16 d 0 0 to P 22 Central from 10 - 25 P. M. to 10 - 35 P. M.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. H. T. G.*

Lieut. For,  
Adjutant.

For C. C. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY.



*Lt. Garrett.*

*Please say what D.A. order no. is for this.  
+ if batteries fired on that L.O.S. line at 8.30 p.m.*

*[Signature]*



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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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Headquarters,

8th. JULY 1918.

"A" SUB-GROUP.  
ALL BATTERIES. 10th. Bde.  
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At 8. 30 P. M. this evening a test S. O. S. on new  
S. O. S. Lines will be fired on RIGHT GROUP FRONT.

TWO ROUNDS Battery fire only will be fired.

Watches will be Synchronised at GROUP & 6 P. M.

10TH A.F.A. BRIGADE.
No. 27214.
Date.

*Chapman*  
Lieut. & Adjutant.  
For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. F. ARTY.





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Right Group Field Army.  
Intelligence Report.

From 7am 7/7/18 to 7am 8/7/18.

1. 40th. How. battery verified.

Zero point. P17 b 4025 -

P28a was engaged by  
 an 18 pdr. battery.

C.P. theme 1b was fired  
 from 10.15 pm. to 10.35 pm. on  
 areas as follows:-

(a) Part of area "R" south of  
 line P17a 43 - P17 b 3.3.

(b) Part of Area "W" east of line.  
 P16 d 00 - P22 cent.

1488 18 pdrs. 470 4.5 How. rounds  
 were expended in all.

3. Quiet but alert. Hanel  
 is constantly harassed.  
 Quick retaliation in reply to  
 our on front system &  
 parts of battery areas in  
 reply to our concentrated  
 shoot at 10.15 pm.

E.A. inactive.



Time	Nature	No.	Area	Bearing	From
10.15 am.	5.9	50	Hamel.		
11.35 am.	5.9	50	"		
2 - 2.30 pm.	{ 7.7. 5.9	{ 20 15	P 20 a	123°	P 19 a 4575
3 pm. - 4 pm.	5.9	20	Vaire Wood.		
4.30 pm.	7.7	20	P 19 a 2.6.	123°	P 19 a 4575
4.15 pm.	5.9	50	Hamel.		
5 pm. - 7 pm.	H.T.M.	12	P 20 b		
10.20 - 10.40 pm.	7.7/4.2/5.9	?	{ H.F. System - Hamel. Hamel + 018 b.		
<del>10.45 pm.</del>					
12.15 am.	4.2	10	O 18 b.		Gas unknown
12.15 am.	4.2	10	O 18 a 2.8		
1.15 am.	4.2	7	O 18 a 2.8		Gas unknown



4. Our planes fairly active.  
 E.A. practically nil.  
 E.H. were on our lines as  
 follows. 1:30 pm. 8/7/18 one.  
 11 am. 8/7/18 one.  
 12:30 pm. 8/7/18 two.  
 No E balloons were up.

5. None observed.

6. Visibility poor.

C. F. Shucksmith.  
 No Right Troop.



## APPENDIX

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13<sup>th</sup> Am Inf Bde

8-7-18

The Captain  
Right wing duty

Reference conversation  
re Test S.O/S this morning.  
4<sup>th</sup> Bde are not at all  
anxious for the test to extend along  
the whole of their front & have asked  
that it may be confined to those  
batteries covering 49<sup>th</sup> Bn.

Scoulds, through tracing  
showing 49<sup>th</sup> frontage &  
can it be arranged  
so that only those batteries covering  
this battalion fire?

Capt. J. P. Taylor  
Bach. O.

W. H. H. H.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Special Order by  
Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O.  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

The following congratulatory telegrams concerning the recent HAMEL offensive and replies thereto, are published for information of all ranks.

From Lieut-General Sir John MONASH, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding Aust. Corps  
To Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding 4th Australian Division.

The Honourable Joseph COOK, Minister of the Navy called on me to-day on his way from the VERSAILLES Conference to LONDON, to tender on behalf of himself and PRIME MINISTER their personal congratulations and thanks to you and troops under yo-ur Command for the Services rendered yesterday to the Commonwealth and the Allied Cause aaa General Monash

From The Honourable W.M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia  
To Lieut-General Sir John MONASH, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding Aust. Corps.

In company with Mr. LLOYD GEORGE and General RAWLINSON to-day saw several hundreds of Prisoners taken by Australian Troops in battle before HAMEL. Rawlinson expressed to me the opinion that the operation was a brilliant piece of work. Please convey this to troops.

From Lieut-General Sir John MONASH, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding Aust. Corps  
To 4th Australian Division.

General BIRDWOOD desires me to convey his heartiest congratulations to Generals MACLAGAN, PATON, BRAND, CANNAN and to all Officers, Troops and Services employed in to-days brilliant operations carried out in true A.I.F. style aaa General Monash

From Lieut-General Sir John MONASH, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding Aust. Corps  
To Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding 4th Australian Division.

Please accept my warmest congratulations to you personally upon todays fine success due to your able leadership and skilful plans and preparations aaa Shall issue message to troops later aaa General Monash



From Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, O.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division  
To Lieut-General Sir JOHN MONASH, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding Aust.  
Corps.

Many thanks for your kind message aaa Success due to excellent co-  
operation of all arms and leadership Brigadiers and subordinate  
commanders and fine fighting qualities of troops

From Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division  
To 4th, 6th, 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. G.O.C. R.A., O.C., M.G. Bn.,  
G.O.Cs. Tank Brigade.

Army Commander wishes his congratulations conveyed to you and your  
men on your excellent work aaa General BIRDWOOD and Corps Commander  
both send you and your Command best congratulations on your brilliant  
work aaa Please add mine

From G.O.C., 5th Tank Brigade  
To 4th Australian Division.

All ranks. 5th Tank Bde. much appreciate message of commendation and  
hope again to have the honour to cooperate with Australian Corps aaa  
In this event our endeavour will always be to save casualties to the  
gallant AUSTRALIAN Troops whose superb moral is always the admiration  
of the Tank Corps.

From Major-General T.W. GLASGOW, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding  
1st Australian Division  
To Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division.

Heartiest congratulations to the Division and all associated with it  
on your splendid success.

From Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division  
To Major-General T.W. GLASGOW, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding  
1st Australian Division.

Many thanks aaa All 4th Division send congratulations to 1st Aust.  
Division on their fine work.



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From Major-General Sir J.J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding  
5th Australian Division  
To Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division

Hearty congratulations on your splendid success from the 5th  
Australian Division aaa HOBBS

From Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division  
To Major-General Sir J.J. TALBOT HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding  
5th Australian Division

Your kind congratulations heartily reciprocated by 4th Australian  
Division.

From Brig-General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O. Commanding 7th A.I.Bde.  
To Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division.

Hearty co-ngratulations on your brilliant achievement.

From Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding  
4th Australian Division.  
To Brig-General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding 7th A.I.Bde.

Many thanks for your kind message aaa Congratulations your Brigades  
excellent work.

From G.O.C., Heavy Artillery, THIRD CORPS.  
To G.O.C., 4th Australian Division.

Congratulations on your successful operation this morning.

From G.O.C., 4th Australian Division  
To G.O.C., Heavy Artillery, THIRD CORPS.

Many thanks aaa Success greatly due to work of Artillery.

HEADQUARTERS,  
4th Aust. Div.,  
8th July 1918.

*R. B. Cross*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.





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4th Aust. Div. Artillery.

No. 6 8/126/1.

The following is a summary showing the number of enemy aeroplanes destroyed and damaged by A.A. gun fire and E.A's. brought down by A.A. and Infantry S.A.A. fire during June 1918 :-

ARMY	A.A. Gun fire		Brought down by A.A.S.A. and Infantry Fire	TOTAL
	Damaged	Destroyed		
First	3	1	2	6
Second	6	2	-	8
Third	3	1	1	5
Fourth	2	1	-	3
L. of C.	-	1	-	1
TOTALS	14	6	3	23

NOTE :- The above includes 1 E.A. damaged by Second Army during May.

(Sgd.) L. CRAIG, Captain,  
for Lieut.-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th Australian Division.

RIGHT Group.  
CENTRE Group.  
LEFT Group.  
4th Aust. D.A.C..  
4th Aust. D.T.M.O..  
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
<i>6/26</i>
No. ....
Date.....

For your information.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

8/7/1918.



## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,  
4th Australian Division.

HEADQUARTERS,  
8th July 1918.

GENERAL REPORT

ON THE ACTION OF THE HORSE AND FIELD ARTILLERY COVERING THE  
ATTACK BY THE 4TH, 6TH and 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADES  
ON HAMEL AND VAIRE WOODS AND THE HIGH GROUND TO THE EAST, ON  
THE 4TH JULY 1918.

PREPARATION FOR THE ATTACK.:-

1. A considerable concentration of Artillery had to be effected within a very limited time. Surprise effect was essential to success. Visibility was very good during the few days prior to the operation. Periods of darkness very short. Roads were very dusty and much of the forward area under enemy observation.
2. When complete, sixteen Brigades of Horse and Field Artillery were in position covering the "E" Div. Sector plus that portion between the Southern Boundary and the WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT - VILLERS-BRETOMNEUX Road. The average range to the "ARTILLERY START LINE" of those Batteries covering the actual frontage of attack, was 2300 yards.
3. The Artillery was organised in four Groups, with the several Brigades constituting the Groups each under its own Commander as a Sub-Group. This system proved most satisfactory, working smoothly and giving prompt and sure control. I consider that this method is indispensable where quick preparations have to be made, and especially so, should open warfare and mobile tactics be likely to develop.
4. The Commands and Constitution of the Groups was as follows
  - "SOUTHERN GROUP" -- Lieut.-Col. H.M. BALLINGALL, D.S.O..
    - 23rd ARMY Brigade R.F.A..
    - 179th ARMY Brigade R.F.A..
    - 14th ARMY Brigade R.F.A..
  - "RIGHT GROUP" -- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..
    - 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
    - 189th ARMY Brigade R.F.A..
    - 78th Brigade R.F.A. (17th DIV.)
    - 79th Brigade R.F.A. (17th DIV.)
    - 236th Brigade R.F.A. (47th DIV.)
  - "CENTRE GROUP" -- Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O..
    - 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
    - 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
    - 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
    - 150th ARMY Brigade, R.F.A..
  - "LEFT GROUP" -- Lieut.-Col. H.V. de SATGE, D.S.O..
    - 298th ARMY Brigade, R.F.A..
    - 4th R.H.A. Brigade (3rd CAV. DIV.)
    - 235th Brigade, R.F.A. (47th DIV.)

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DETACHED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE.

16th ARMY Bde. R.H.A. -- Lieut.-Col. J.G.P. ALLARDYCE,  
D.S.O..

"A" Battery.

"Q" Battery.

"U" Battery.

5. Of the sixty-one Batteries in the above Brigades, forty-nine had to change positions and be newly emplaced. This was effected entirely under cover of darkness during the four nights preceding the night before the actual attack. The only movement on the last night was the 16th Brigade R.H.A. moving into advanced positions on the high ground N.E. of VAUX-sur-SOMME, and the rear Sections of those Batteries which had been carrying out usual harassing fire from original positions.
6. In addition to the usual daily expenditure in harassing and observed fire, 600 rounds per gun, and 500 rounds per Howitzer, were delivered to the Batteries, which, with the ammunition already at the guns, meant that a total of 132,000 rounds had to be supplied. This was completed by the Batteries twenty-four hours before ZERO, with the assistance of the ARMY Brigade Ammunition Columns, 4th Australian Div. Ammunition Column, and one Section of the 17th Div. Ammunition Column.
7. Compatible with the limited time available, every effort was made to reduce transport and horse lines in the forward area. Wagon Lines were well distributed and in most cases concealed under the trees in the SOMME VALLEY. All movement was kept down to an absolute minimum - both in the forward areas and at the Battery positions.
8. All Battery positions, works, etc. were camouflaged before Batteries moved in or work was commenced. It is regretted that as the R.A.F. were unable to photograph the Battery areas after occupation and before the operations, the actual results provided by the new method of camouflage adopted cannot be judged. As seen from the ground it should have proved effective, is economical and quickly erected.
9. The utmost care and secrecy was observed in issue, custody and discussion of all orders, instructions and maps etc. relating to the operations. At a Conference of all Artillery Group, Brigade and Liaison Officers, the whole Artillery plan of action and barrage procedure were dealt with in detail, and subsequently explained by them to their respective Battery Commanders.
10. Notwithstanding the movement of Batteries entailed, the usual daily and nightly programme of harassing fire was maintained right up to ZERO HOUR, and except during the last four hours, was effected by Batteries which had not changed position and by the rear Sections of others which moved up and rejoined their Batteries just before ZERO.
11. No registration was permitted, except a few ranging rounds on the "HALT LINE" and "FINAL PROTECTIVE LARRAGE", and as a check on the correct height of air bursts. This was most successfully effected by desultory rounds from ranging Batteries, covered by brisk harassing fire from those in usual positions. The limited number of ranging rounds allotted to each Battery and the usual daily expenditure was rigidly adhered to.

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12. On all occasions when wind permitted, the Howitzer Batteries fired chemical shell. A small percentage of smoke shell was invariably mixed with these gas bombardments for some days before ZERO, to accustom the enemy to always expect gas with smoke. This "educative" preliminary procedure proved entirely successful as the Infantry report that many of the enemy were wearing their respirators when captured.

13. The Barrage Map supplied by Australian Corps R.A. was excellent. Clear, well drawn and unmistakeable in "times", all Battery Commanders have expressed their satisfaction with it and the assistance it provided. An ample supply for all was received.

14. The distribution, in yards per gun, for all 18-prs. and 16-prs. on the "ARTILLERY START LINE" and "FINAL PROTECTIVE BARRAGE" is given in the following table :-

GROUP	"ARTILLERY START LINE"	"FINAL PROTECT. BARRAGE"
"SOUTHERN"	25.4 yards	35.6 yards.
"RIGHT"	21.4 yards	30.3 yards
"CENTRE"	26.3 yards	25.6 yards
"LEFT"	48.1 yards*	48.1 yards*

\* NOTES :-

No Infantry attack was made on the LEFT Group Front but the barrage moved forward, conforming in times and lifts to that of the SOUTHERN, RIGHT and CENTRE Groups, dealing especially with any active machine gun and trench mortar positions traversed in the barrage area. After searching and sweeping all valleys and covered approaches this barrage finally returned to its original line.

15. The eight minutes' harassing fire put down immediately before ZERO to drown the noise of the Tanks approaching the INFANTRY START LINE did not exceed in any way the usual amount of fire and procedure to which the enemy had been long accustomed about this hour and did not draw any reply. It appeared sufficient to attain its object and as for the last four minutes before ZERO smoke shell were freely used, it also provided an effective screen from hostile view.

#### ACTION DURING ATTACK :-

16. At 3.10 a.m., well synchronised, distributed and consistent, the barrage was put down at an average distance of 200 yards in front of the Infantry Taped Line. In view of the fact that no preliminary bombardment, practice barrage, or registration of the START LINE had been possible, this was rather a delicate operation. Its complete success is endorsed by the Infantry.

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17. After remaining on the START LINE for four minutes the barrage crept outwards at the rate of 100 yards in every three minutes until the "HALT LINE" was reached, where it stood for 10 minutes, and then continued outwards at the rate of 100 yards every four minutes until finally standing on the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE. Timing was good and lifts uniform.
18. The pace of the barrage proved suitable according to the reports of the attacking Infantry and Tanks. The percentage of smoke shell used in the barrage and its increase on each battery reaching the final objective and Halt Line, provided an effective screen and signal, and did not appear to interfere unduly with the vision or movement of attacking troops and Tanks. The wind was favourable, blowing gently down the barrage lines from the N.E. and providing an efficient smoke curtain across the front of attack and completely "smothering" the high ground East of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and P 27, 32 and 33.
19. The additional smoke shell provided by the 4" Stokes Mortars of the Special Company R.E., greatly assisted and the vertical screen on the left flank of attack, combined with the "raking" barrage maintained by the LEFT Group guns, appeared to effectively neutralise the enemy machine guns on the spurs N.W. of SAILLY-LAURETTE.
20. Though the smoke screen used rendered it difficult to judge the distribution and connections of the barrage and to estimate the percentage of "grazes" and height of air bursts, the distribution and "pattern" of the barrage is demonstrated by the subsequent appearance of the area traversed. It appears regular and fairly consistent. There were very few "high bursts".
21. The three batteries of the 16th ARMY Brigade, R.H.A. in "positions of observation" near WELCOME WOOD were detailed to engage any targets appearing east of the barrage after ZERO hour. Though the dim light and smoke did not permit of such action in the early phases of the attack, the enfilade and searching fire of these guns on all approaches and the valley east of HAMEL and VAIRE WOOD must have been very effective. Had any enemy concentration been attempted after the attack, in the above area, the direct fire of these guns would have proved invaluable.
22. The enemy barrage and fire directed against the Batteries was very light. For this our thanks are due to the most effective neutralization of all hostile Batteries opposite the front of attack, by our Counter-Batteries and Heavy Artillery Brigades. About half an hour after ZERO the enemy placed a considerable barrage between the Front Line and Supports of the SOUTHERN Group, and the WARFUSEE ABANCOURT - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road was most effectively searched. This fire appeared to come from the MARCELCAVE and WARFUSEE guns.
23. A fairly heavy fire was also directed by the enemy on the trench system East of HAMEL and from thence Northwards to the SOMME. This fire - and particularly that directed against the Tanks while operating in P 10 and 11 - appeared to come approximately from the direction of the head of the MALARD WOOD Valley. From the close shooting made against the Tanks while in the above area it appeared as if some 10.5 c.m. Hows. and a 7.7 c.m. battery had direct observation, and an increased rate of smoke shell was therefore ordered at this time to cover this particular area.



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The rates of fire were as follows :-

From ZERO to reaching the Artillery Halt Line --

3 rounds per gun and 2 rounds per Howitzer per minute.

During ten minutes Standing Barrage on Artillery Halt Line --

1 round per gun and howitzer per minute for first 8 minutes, with the exception of those Batteries covering specially vulnerable portions of the HALT LINE opposite VAIRE WOOD and HAMEL, which maintained original rate of fire throughout. For the last two minutes of the Standing Barrage on the HALT LINE, fire was quickened to 3 rounds per gun, and 2 rounds per How. per minute until the Final Protective Barrage was reached, where the Batteries slowed to one round per gun and How. per minute and continued at that rate for 30 minutes, when fire ceased at ZERO plus 123 minutes.

25.

Sixty per cent Shrapnel, thirty per cent H.E. and ten percent Smoke Shell were fired throughout the barrage by all 18-prs..

The 4.5" Howitzers which preceded the 13- and 18-prs. by 200 yards throughout the barrage, fired ninety per cent H.E. and ten per cent Smoke Shell.

All 18-prs. and 4.5" Howitzers fired three rounds of smoke shell in quick succession on reaching the ARTILLERY HALT LINE and FINAL PROTECTIVE BARRAGE as a signal to the Infantry that the barrage had become stationary.

After standing on the FINAL PROTECTIVE BARRAGE for five minutes, all 4.5" Howitzers searched forward at the rate of 200 yards every five minutes to a depth of 800 yards and continued searching this area until ZERO plus 123 minutes.

26.

All Artillery Group, Brigade and Battery Observation Posts were manned throughout the operations. In addition special Divisional Artillery Observation Officers were detailed for each flank. These Officers were provided with telephones, C.W. sets, pigeons, and runners. On the Right flank a Power Buzzer was also installed. A central visual station was established to which all Forward Observation Officers and Flank Observers could communicate.

During the earlier phase of the operations the thick smoke prevented any definite observation being obtained but from the HALT LINE onwards the increasing light permitted our observers to closely follow the movements of the Infantry and Tanks up to the final objective.

No interruption of communications occurred and these Headquarters were kept in close touch with the operations throughout from the F.O.Os. and Divisional Artillery Flank Observers.

27.

Liaison Officers were provided by the Artillery Groups to their respective Infantry Brigades. These Officers were in direct telephonic, and alternative visual communication with Artillery Group Headquarters.

28.

The Signal Officer attached to these Headquarters is preparing a separate report on the system and working of communications during these operations.



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29. In conclusion, I desire to place on record my appreciation of the sterling work and energy displayed by all Artillery Group, Brigade, Battery and Ammunition Column Commanders under my tactical control. It is almost entirely due to their efforts and ability and the cheerful and untiring work of the Officers on my Headquarters Staff that permitted these sixteen Brigades of Horse and Field Artillery to be advanced, emplaced and in all respects ready for action in the very limited time available before these operations.

*W. L. H. Burgess.*

Brigadier-General,  
C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

COPY NO. 6

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 171

HEADQUARTERS,  
8th July 1918.

1. The 16th Brigade R.H.A. will move into action covering "B" Divisional Artillery front on the night 9th/10th July 1918. Positions will be selected by the Brigade Commander.

Movement will not take place before 9 p.m. on 9th instant; and will be completed by 4.30 a.m. on the 10th instant.

Occupation of Battery positions will be reported to D.A.H.Q. by wire using Code Word "CORRECT".

2. AMMUNITION :-

200 rounds of ammunition per gun will be maintained at Battery positions. One full echelon will be dumped with the guns on the night 9th/10th July and remainder of establishment on the night 10th/11th July.

3. GROUP :-

In action the 16th Brigade R.H.A. will become the SUPERIMPOSED GROUP, "B" Divisional Artillery.

4. S.O.S. :-

For S.O.S. purposes one Battery will be superimposed over the S.O.S. Line of each Group (RIGHT, CENTRE and LEFT).

5. HARASSING FIRE :-

Harassing fire will be carried out within Battery zones. The daily ammunition allotment will be 250 rounds per Battery, two-thirds of which will be expended during the hours of darkness.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached (GROUPS by wire).

ISSUED AT  
8.45 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION.

- |           |                    |                                      |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| NO 1      | 4 16th Bde. R.H.A. |                                      |                    |
| 5         | RIGHT Group.       |                                      |                    |
| 6         | CENTRE "           | 4th Australian Divisional Artillery. |                    |
| 7         | LEFT               |                                      |                    |
| 8         | D.A.C..            | 10 4th Aust. Div. "G"                | 13 3rd Aust. D.A.. |
| 9         | D.T.M.O.           | 11 R.A. Aust. Corps.                 |                    |
| For inf.- |                    | 12 2nd Aust. D.A..                   | File, Diary, etc.. |

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



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13<sup>th</sup> Aust<sup>n</sup> Infy Bde

In the field

8-7-18

The Captain

Right Group Artillery

Tonight at 10.30pm the 49<sup>th</sup> Bn are sending out extreme line parties in front of their present front line.

These parties are to dig new front line as follows:

From Road at P.16.C. 10.30 to P.16.C. 50.49 crossing HORN'S WALK at P.16.C. 70.60 to P.16 Central to P.16 to 20.15 to present front line at P.16 to 20.35.

This Bn is also manning a post during the night at P.16.C. 10.28.

I do not think the harassing fire will be dangerous to this party as it is 3/400<sup>+</sup> over them at the closest point but I think the S.O.S. line in this particular sector might be marked slightly to give more safety clearance.

Will you please let me know by bearer of any alteration (brought only the party returns at dawn) you have made in S.O.S. line.

Captain Peter James  
Bn R.A.







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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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INSTRUCTION No. 108.  
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Headquarters, .

9th. JULY 1918.

No Firing tonight until ordered specially from GROUP.

This instruction cancels our wire J 75 of todays

date.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ch. Burke*  
Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUSTR. FIELD ARTY.





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 RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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Headquarters,

10th. JULY 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 109.  
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SYNCHRONISED SHOTS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING  
 NIGHT 10th/11th. JULY 1918.  
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Time.

12 Midnight  
 For FOUR Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Search Communication TRENCH  
 through P 17 a, b and 18 a.

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 1. 9 @. M.  
 For FOUR MINUTES. ALL BATTERIES. Area 400 yards Square with  
 P 17 Central as Centre.

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 2. 1 A. M.  
 For FOUR Minutes. 4.5" HOW. BATTERY Search ROAD through P 18 b  
 of "A" SUB-GROUP. from P 18 Central to  
 Q 7 c 2 5.

110th. HOW. BATTERY. Search Road through  
 P 12 c and d to Cross  
 Roads P 18 b.

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 3. 12 A. M.  
 for SIX Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Communication TRENCH  
 through P 17 a and b and  
 P 18 a.

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 RATES OF FIRE - 18-pdrs. 3 rounds per Gun per min.  
 Hows. 2 rounds per How. per min.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*B. H. Burke*  
 For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.  
 Lieut. & Adjutant.





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10<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde. Intelligence ReportFrom Jan 9/7/13 - Jan 10/7/131 Our Artillery

At various intervals during the night our 18 pdrs harassed road in P17C 7.3. Registration was also carried out on P16C 3.7.

Our 4.5 Hows fired on T.M. about P22 & 03

The number of rounds expended were 116 rounds 18 pdrs, and 24 rounds 4.5 Hows

2 Enemy Shelling

TIME	DAY- URE	NO	LOCALITY	GEN- IVE	FROM
* 11 am	5.9	12	017 a 7.5.	112°	017 d 3.93
11.20 "	4.2	30	017 9 018 a		
11.30 "	5.9	8	017 b		
	4.2	20	018 c		
12 noon	5.9	5	017 b		
	4.2	7	017 a		
1.30 pm	4.2	120	F <sub>2</sub> System		
2.10 pm	5.9		E. of Hamel		



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# Enemy Shelling continued

TIME	NATURE	NO	LOCALITY	BEARING	FROM
2.10 pm -	4.2	100	Hamel		
2.25 pm	5.9				
10 pm	4.2	12	P.7		
10 40 pm	5.9	12	O 12 C		
11 15 pm	5.9	8	O 18 A		
11 45 pm	4.2	12	P 7 C		
12 midnight	5.9	10	O 18 B		

\* Apparently registering by plane  
Bursts of 4 rounds 4.2, fell  
on Vaire Wood at intervals  
Between 11 am and 11 30 am  
O 18 C was shelled with 4.2  
(instantaneous) at about 2  
minutes interval, possibly  
carrying out registration

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Comparatively quiet but  
alert

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During the fine intervals  
of the day, P.E.A. were fairly  
active. At 12.30 pm, E.A. pat-  
rolled front line.

1 30 pm one flew over  
line but was driven off by  
P.A. and M.B. At 2.15 pm



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another plane flew in  
direction of Corbie. Enemy  
balloons were up all day  
except during showers

5 A great deal of move-  
ment observed along road  
through K25 bed, thought to  
be a relief in operation

6 Except during showers  
visibility was good.

E. B. S. (H)  
1/0 - 10 H B.F.A. Bde  
10/7/18



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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,

11th. JULY 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 110.

Consequent on the re-adjustment of "B" Divisional Artillery Group Boundaries the following S. O. S. Line will come into force at 11 A. M. on 11th. JULY.

"A" SUB-GROUP. P 21 b 40 00 to P 16 c 50 00.

10th. BRIGADE. P 16 c 50 00 to P 17 a 0 5.

Subdivided as follows -

39th. BATTERY. - P 16 c 50 00 to P 16 d 30 70.

37th. BATTERY. - P 16 d 30 70 to P 17 a 0 5.

38th. BATTERY. - Superimposed over 10th. Brigade Zone.

"A" SUB-GROUP - HOWITZERS - 3 Howitzers distributed over line 200 yards EAST of 18-pdr. S.O.S. Line.  
1 How. Trench P 22 b 55 00 to P 22 b 90 45.  
1 How. P 23 a 40 65 to P 17 c 30 10  
1 How. Search and Sweep TAILLOUX WOOD.

10th. BRIGADE - HOWITZERS - 3 Hows. distributed over a Line 200 yards EAST of 18-pdr. S.O.S. line.  
1 How. Search Com. Trench through P 17 a and b.  
1 How. on Road P 18 Cent. to Cross Roads P 7 c 3 5.  
1 How. Search and sweep Area P 18 c.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ch. Smith*



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RIGHT GROUP = AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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Headquarters,

11th. JULY 1918.

I N S T R U C T I O N    N o .   1 1 1 .  
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SYNCHRONISED SHOTS TO BE CARRIED OUT  
DURING NIGHT 11th/12th JULY.  
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Time.

1. 30 A. M.  
For THREE Minutes. ALL BATTERIES      Area 400 yards square with  
P 17 d 8 0 in Centre.  
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2. 10 A. M.  
For FOUR Minutes. ALL BATTERIES      Search Area S. O. S. plus  
400  
200 to S. O. S. plus 800.  
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3. 20 A. M.  
For TWO Minutes. ALL BATTERIES.      Search slope of Hill about  
100 yards each side of con-  
tour from P 17 b 8 6 to  
P 12 c 2 3.  
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RATES OF FIRE = 3 rounds per 18-pdr. ~~Butter~~ per minute.  
2   "   "      Howitzer      "   "

Ammunition will be expended in proportions of 60% A and  
40% A. X.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.

*Ch. D. H.*  
Lieut. & Adjt.





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# Right Group Field Artillery Intelligence Report

From Jan. 17/18 to Jan. 17/18.

1. One artillery were active as follows:-

One battery carried out a little registration.

Movement of parties of 3+4 at the following points + in the following areas was successfully engaged:-

P29232 - P29606 - P23d - P24c + P286.

Harassing fire was directed on Rd. front + vicinity at P2863 - on suspected gun at P17058 + on suspected T.M. at P22005.

The suspected gun is probably a T.M.  
Synchronized clocks were carried out as follows:-



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Communication trench through  
P17a+b + P18a.

Created a square with P17a+b  
as centre.

Road through P18b from  
P18cent. - Q7c25

Road through P12c to  
K Ras. P18b.

C.T. through P17a+b + P18a.

In all 1267 lbs. of 504  
low. amm. was expended.

Time	Nature	No.	Area	Reg.	From
10.10am.	4.2	12	P20a8c		
4pm - 5pm	4.2	?	P15c.	97 <sup>30</sup>	P15c9.9.
5pm - 5.45pm	7.4	2	lit. area		O24a
6.15pm - 7.35pm	7.7	50	P26a.		
10.20pm.			Barb. supports.		
10.30pm.	5.9		P15c + P14d		
11pm.					
11pm.	5.9	50	P13a.		

3. Quiet but alert. Heavy  
fire only.

4. Slight. At 1.50pm. 2b.4.  
crossed our lines & destroyed  
one of our balloons behind  
barrier.

E.B. of our bearings 84°30', 92°30'



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4 120° from 0190 4570.

5. As in 1.

Two snipers 50 x in front  
of our outposts tried to  
retire but were held up  
all day by our rifle  
fire.

6. Visibility excellent  
except during showers.

C. B. Stinson  
C. B. High Ground



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Headquarters,

INSTRUCTION No. 112.  
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12th. JULY 1918.

SYNCHRONISED SHOTS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING

NIGHT 12th/13th. JULY 1918.  
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Time.

10. 28 P. M.  
for THREE minutes 4.5" HOWS. Search Road through P 18 b from  
P 18 central to Q 7 c 2 5.  
  
18-pdrs. Search Communication Trench  
through P 17 a and b and P 18 a  
commencing at P 17 a 80 25.  
-----
11. 43 P. M.  
For SIX minutes. ALL BATTERIES. TAILLOUX WOOD. Commencing at  
Western Edge search Eastward to  
Trench System P 23 a remaining on  
Trenches for one minute and re-  
turning to "Commencing Line".  
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12. 54 A. M.  
For FIVE minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Area 450 yards SQUARE with  
P 17 central as Centre.  
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2. 12 A. M.  
For FOUR minutes. 18-pdrs. Search Area X commencing from  
Northern end.  
  
110th. How. Bty. Road Junction and branch Roads  
in P 18 b and Sunken Road in  
Q 7 c.  
  
D/189 Bty. Cross Roads in P 24 a 0 5 and  
Branch Roads for 400 yards from  
that Crossing.  
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3. 5 A. M.  
for ~~NINE~~ minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Creeping Barrage from S. O. S.  
FIVE Lines plus 500 yards to S. O. S.  
Line plus 1000 yards - Lift  
100 yards each minute.  
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RATES OF FIRE - 3 rounds per 18-pdr. per minute.

2 " " Howitzer " "

Ammunition will be expended in proportions of 60% A  
and 40% A. X.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. & Adjt.



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Headquarters,

12th. JULY 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 113.  
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From 10 P. M. this evening till 4 A. M. tomorrow, 13th.  
instant the GROUP S. O. S. Line will run as follows -

P 22 a 00 00 along Road to P 22 a 15 71 thence along present  
S. O. S. Line to P 17 a 0 5.

If no notice is received at 4 A. M. to keep this Line  
the old Line will be reverted to.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. B. Hunter*

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP





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Headquarters,

12th. JULY 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 114.

A re-adjustment of AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL and ARMY BRIGADE ARTILLERY will take place between 13th/14th. and 16th/17th. JULY.

Among the different Reliefs the following will effect this GROUP.

On Night 15th/16th. JULY.

One Section 7th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade (3rd. Aust. Division) will relieve ONE SECTION 10th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade. ONE SECTION 10th. Australian Field Artillery will relieve ONE SECTION 5th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade (2nd. Aust. Division) - "G" Divisional Sector.

On Night 16th/17th. JULY. Two Sections 7th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will relieve two sections 10th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade. Two Sections 10th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will relieve two sections 5th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Advance Parties will be met at Cross Roads O 10 b at 2.30 P. M. tomorrow 13th. instant. One Officer per Battery will meet relieving B. C.

All guns will be handed and taken over in situ.

Detailed orders later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Chas. H. ...*  
Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. F. ARTY.



RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.  
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Headquarters,

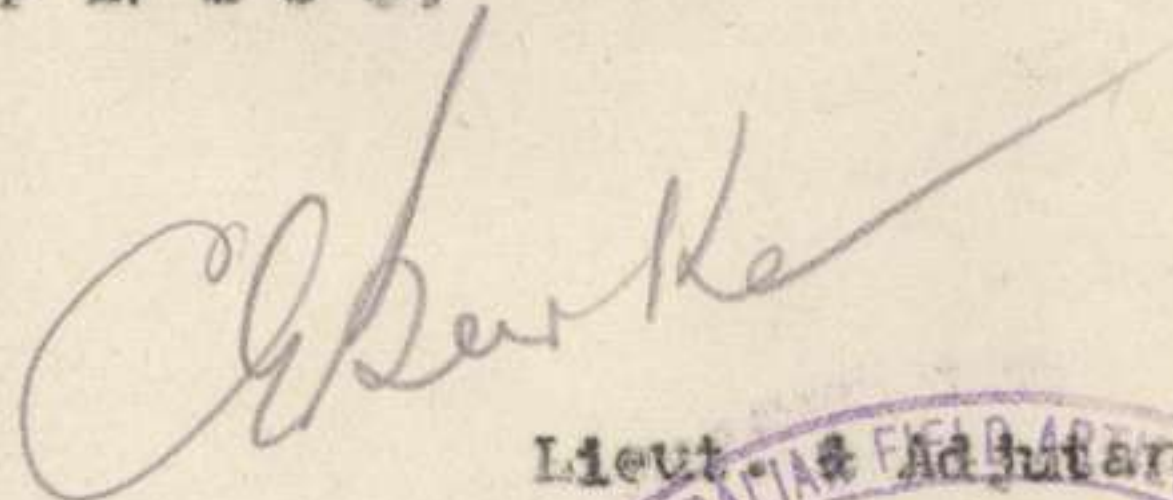
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Forthwith and until further orders the GROUP S. O. S.  
Line will run as follows -

P 22 a 00 00 along Road to P 22 a 15 71 thence along  
present S. O. S. Line to P 17 a 0 5.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTY.





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Headquarters,

13th. JULY 1918.

INSTRUCTION No. 117.  
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SYNCHRONISED SHOTS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING  
NIGHT 13th/14th. JULY 1918.  
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Time.

9. 52 P. M.  
for THREE Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Search and Sweep Area  
"B" on accompanying Trace.  
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11. 23 P. M.  
for SIX Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Search and Sweep Area "D"  
on Trace.  
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12. 34 A. M.  
For FIVE Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Search and Sweep Area "C".  
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2. 15 A. M.  
For FOUR Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Search and Sweep Area "E".  
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3. 7 A. M.  
For FIVE Minutes. ALL BATTERIES. Creeping Barrage from  
S. O. S. Lines plus 500  
yards to S. O. S. Line plus  
1000 yards - Lift 100 yards  
each Minute.  
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RATES OF FIRE - 3 rounds per 18-pdr. per Minute.  
2 rounds per Howitzer per minute.

Ammunition will be expended in proportions of 80% A  
and 40% A. X.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Churke*  
Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. F. ARTY.





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Owing to an extension of BOUNDARIES the following  
S. O. S. Lines will come into force forthwith :-

"A" SUB-GROUP. P 22 a 00 00 Along road to P 16 c 95 40

10th. A. F. A. BRIGADE. P 16 c 95 40 - P 17 a 45 80 -  
P 11 c 80 55.

Subdivided as follows -

39th. Battery - P 16 c 95 40 to P 16 b 80 15.

37th. Battery - P 16 b 80 15 to P 17 a 45 80.

38th. Battery - P 17 a 45 80 to P 11 c 80 55.

HOWITZERS - "A" SUB-GROUP distributed  
3 Hows/ on Line 200 yards EAST of 18-  
pdr. S. O. S. Line.  
1 How. Trench P 22 b 65 00 to  
P 22 b 90 45.  
1 How. P 23 a 40 65 to P 17 c 30 10.  
1 How. Search and Sweep TAILLOUX WOOD.

HOWITZERS - 10th. BRIGADE. 3 Hows. distributed over a Line 200  
yards EAST of 18-pdr. S. O. S. Line.  
1 How. Search Com. Trench through P 17  
a and b.  
1 How. on Road P 18 Central to Cross  
Roads P 7 c 3 5.  
1 How. Search and Sweep Area P 18 c.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. & Adjutant.

For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.

Issued at

11. 15 P. M.





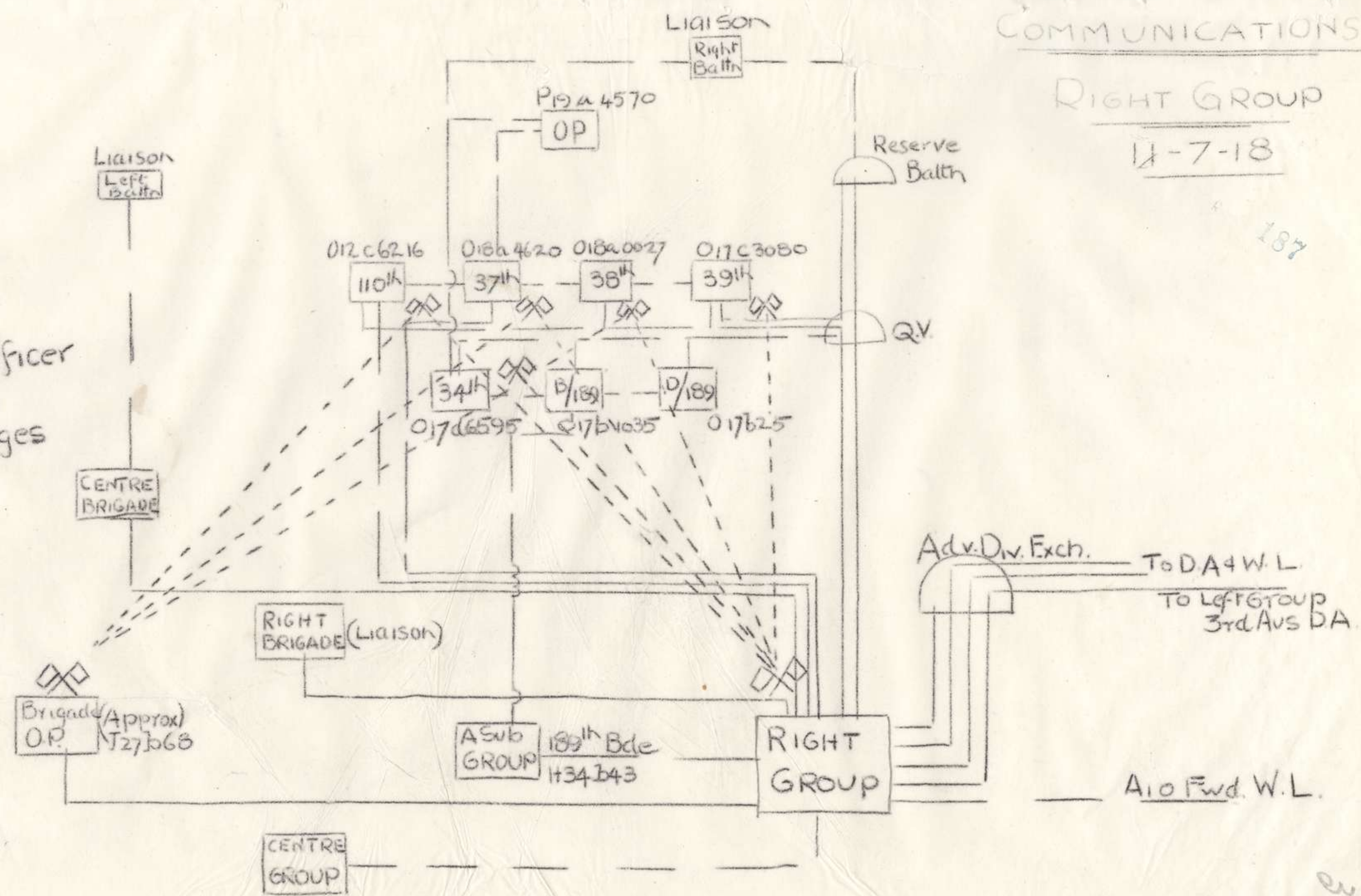
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## RIGHT GROUP

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1. C.O.
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58th Divisional Artillery Order No. 143.

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Reference SENLIS Sheet 1/20,000

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified later, the 174th Infy. Brigade are carrying out a raid on the enemy's trenches. The objectives are shown on Tracing "A".

2. The Artillery support will be furnished as follows :-

(a) 18-pounder Barrage (see attached Tracing "B", which shows Zones) will consist of

(i) Lifting Barrage starting on the RED LINE

E.13.d.6.4.6 - E.8.c.20.95 and

E.8.c.55.08 - E.14.a.85.90 - E.8.c.80.58

The barrage will lift as follows :-

0.0 - 0.5 RED LINE.

0.5 - 0.10 GREEN LINE.

0.10 - 0.12 BROWN LINE.

0.12 - 0.50 BLUE LINE (PROTECTIVE BARRAGE)

(ii) Standing Flank Barrage on the BLACK LINE

E.19.b.8.6. - E.13.d.6.4. and E.8.c.90.95 - E.2.d.7.0.

Natures of ammunition for 18-pounders.

0.0 - 0.12 Shrapnel, 50% on graze.

0.12 - 0.30 50% Shrapnel, 50% H.E.

0.30 - 0.50 75% Smoke, 25% Shrapnel.

Rates of Fire

0.0 - 0.12 Intense.

0.12 - 0.30 Normal.

0.30 - 0.35 Rapid.

0.35 - 0.50 Slow.

(b) 4.5" Howitzer Tasks (see Tracing "C").

Right Group.

1 4.5" How. battery shown in BROWN

0.0 - 0.6 The QUARRY in E.14.c.

0.6 - 0.8 Communication Trench E.14.c.65.50.

0.8 - 0.50 Trenches E.20.a.55.00 - E.14.c.75.18 -  
E.20.b.10.85.

Left Group.

1 4.5" How. battery shown in BLACK.

0.0 - 0.4 Trenches E.14.a.75.90 - E.14.a.85.80 -  
E.8.c.20.08

4 Hows. 0.4 - 0.8 Trenches E.14.b.00.25 - E.14.a.80.35 -  
E.14.b.0.4

0.8 - 0.50 Trenches E.14.b.08.18 - E.14.b.30.65

2 Hows. 0.4 - 0.50 Trench E.8.d.5.0 - E.8.d.61.23

Nature of ammunition.

0.0 - 0.30 H.E. with 106 fuze as available  
except in the case of the battery  
of the Left Group which will use  
NO 106 fuze from 0.0 - 0.4.

0.30 - 0.50 75% Smoke, 25% H.E.

Rates of fire.

0.0 - 0.8 Intense

0.8 - 0.30 Normal

0.30 - 0.35 Rapid

0.35 - 0.50 Slow.



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(b) contd.

Smoke Barrage (shewn in RED) will be put down as follows :-

5th Aust. D.A. (1 4.5" How. Battery) - E.20.a.1.1 - E.20.b.2.8.

Right Group (1 4.5" How. Battery) E.20.b.2.8. - E.15.c.2.8.

47th D.A. (1 4.5" How. Battery) E.8.a.95.00 - E.9.a.90.00

Smoke Shell only will be used.

Rates of fire,

0.0 - 0.10 Intense.

0.10 - 0.50 Normal.

(c) The IIIrd Corps Heavy Artillery (see Tracing "D") are co-operating as follows :-

0.0 - 0.4 Trench E.14.b.08.18 - E.14.b.30.65 (shewn in RED)

A small proportion of lachrymatory shell will be used with the object of making the enemy put on gas masks.

0.0 - 0.50 Various selected Localities (shewn in BLACK)

Rates of Fire.

0.0 - 0.12 Intense.

0.12 - 0.50 Slow.

Vigorous Counter-battery work will be carried out throughout the operation, gas shell being used as far as possible.

(d) With the object of diverting the enemy's attention from the front to be raided, Flank Divisions are being asked to fire a smoke and H.E. barrage on the enemy's front system opposite them during the operation.

3. Right Group will detail an officer not below the rank of Captain to act as Liaison Officer between the Infantry and the Artillery. He will report to O.C. 2/8th Bn. London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) whose Headquarters will be established in ACK STREET, 3 hours before Zero. He will be accompanied by two telephonists. He will communicate all information to Right Group for transmission to these Headquarters.

4. The Recall Signal for the Raiding Party will be a parachute light signal - RED over RED over RED. This will normally be sent up at 0.30. Should it for any reason be found necessary to send it up before that hour, batteries will at once carry out the tasks allotted for 0.30 - 0.50

5. Arrangements as to synchronisation of watches will be notified later.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Christie*

Major,  
A/Brigade Major, R.A.,  
58th Divisional Artillery.

15th July 1918



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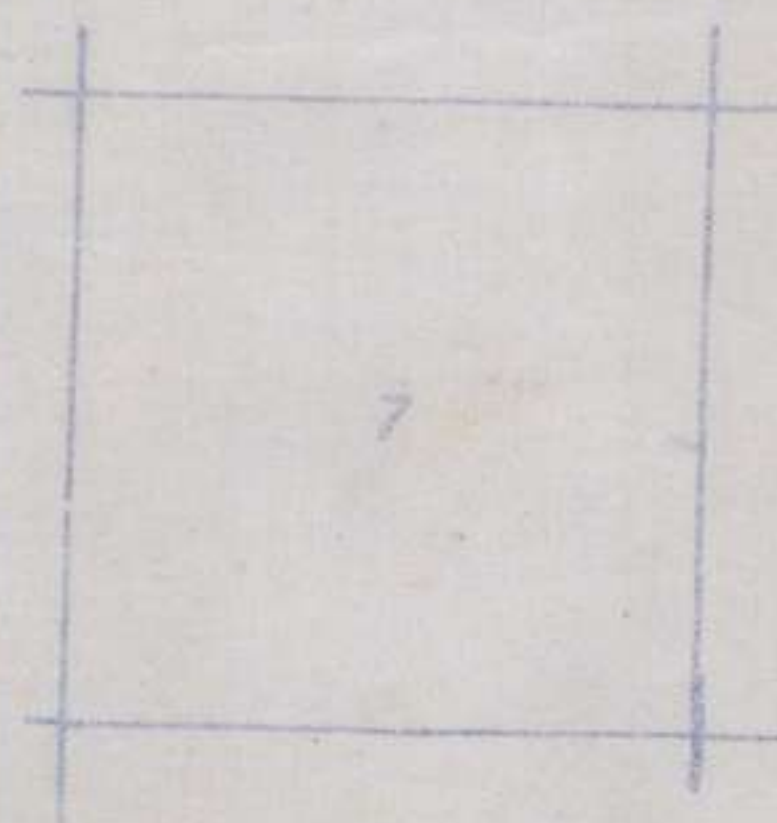
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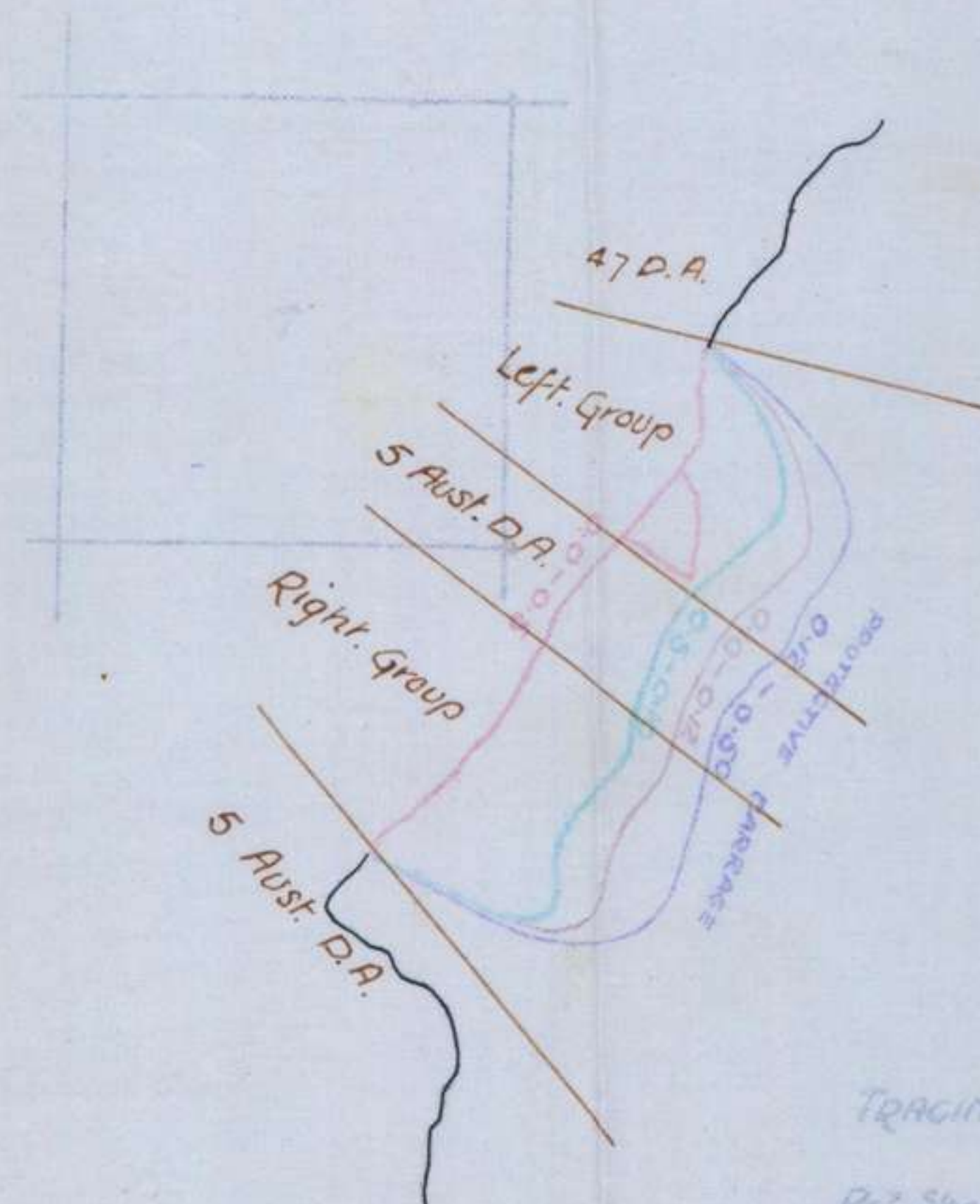
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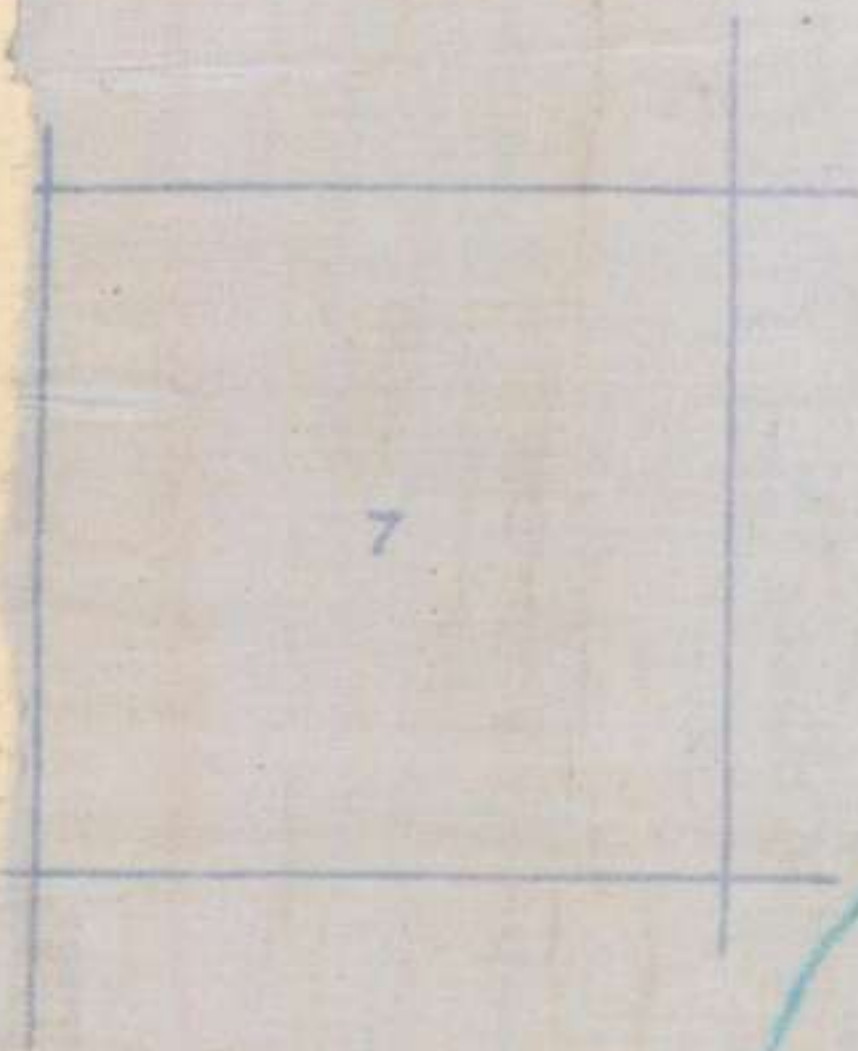


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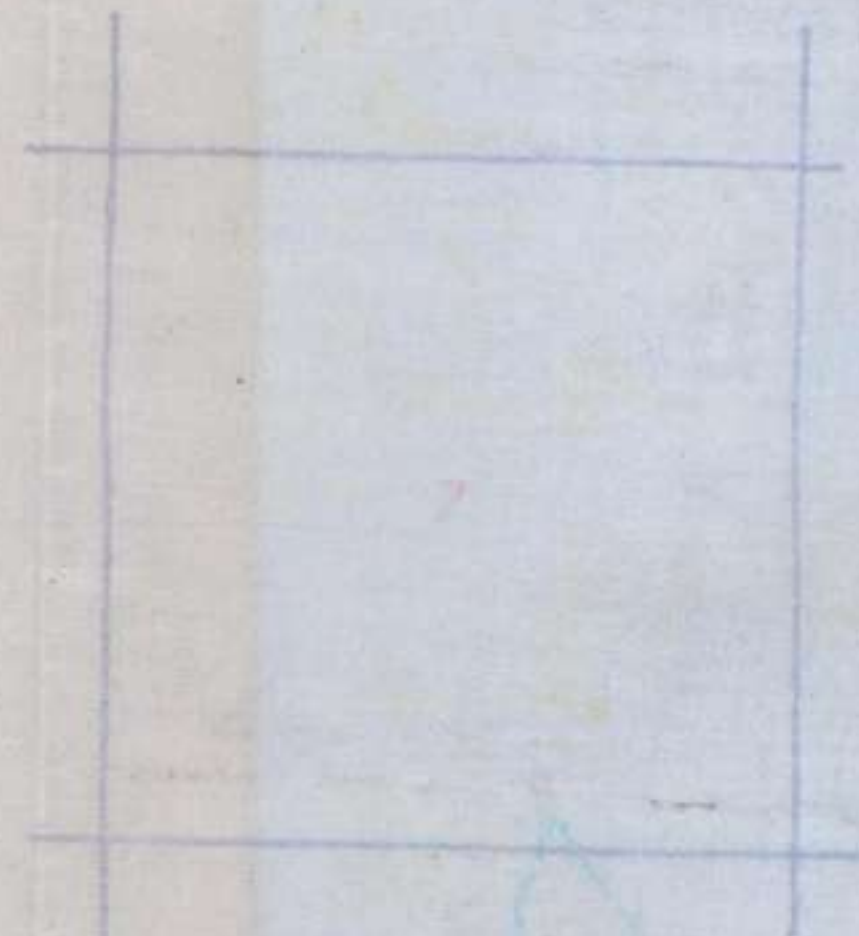
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RIGHT GROUP - AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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INSTRUCTION No. 119.

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Headquarters,

14th. July 1918.

SYNCHRONISED SHOTS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING  
NIGHT 14th/15th. JULY 1918.

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TIME.

9. 30<sup>50</sup> P.M.  
for 2 minutes.

ALL BATTERIES.

Search and sweep TAILLOUX WOOD  
( Eastern half of Area "E" )

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10. 50<sup>11.10</sup> P.M.  
for 6 minutes.

18-pdr BATTERIES.

Search and sweep Area "F"

4.5' HOWS.

Search and sweep EASTERN half  
of Area P 18 d.

*Gas.* { D/10. North of an E & W. Line  
through P 18 d 5 5.

{ D/189. South of an E. & W. Line  
through P 18 d 5 5.

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12. 10<sup>12.25</sup> A.M.  
for 4 minutes.

ALL BATTERIES.

Search and sweep Area "D".

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1. 28<sup>35</sup> A.M.  
for 4 minutes.

ALL BATTERIES.

Search and sweep Area "E"

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2. 40<sup>15</sup> A.M.  
for 2 minutes.

ALL BATTERIES.

Search and sweep Area "C"

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3. 30<sup>10</sup> A.M.  
for 4 minutes.

37th. & 38th. Batteries. Search and sweep Area "A"  
39th. & 110th. " Search and sweep Area "E"  
"A" Sub-Group. Search and sweep Area "E"

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Weather permitting the 4.5' Howitzer Batteries will fire *Gas* guns  
at the 10.50 P.M. Shoot.

First Two minutes - 60 Rounds B.C.G. or B.C.B.R.  
Next Five minutes REST.  
Next Six minutes - 96 Rounds B.N.C.  
= 156 Rounds per Battery.

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RATES OF FIRE - 3 rounds per 18-pdr. per Minute.  
2 rounds per Howitzer per Minute.  
Ammunition will be expended in proportions of 60% A.

and 40% A.X.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. & Adj.

for C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST.F.ARTY.



# RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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APPENDIX

OPERATION

ORDER

NO. 7.

Reference Map  
62d N.E. 1/20,000.

## 1. INFORMATION.

On a date and at an hour to be notified, the 58th. Division are carrying out a raid on the enemy trenches in E.8.c and the Quarry in E.14.c.

## 2. DIVERSION.

The Right Group "C" Div, Arty. will create a diversion from zero to zero plus 15 by firing as follows:-

Zero to zero plus 3 - 7th. Bty. K.8.a.40.00 - K.8.c.40.60.  
8th. " K.8.c.40.60 - K.8.c.40.20.  
13th. " K.8.c.40.20 - K.14.a.40.80.  
14th. " K.14.a.40.80 - K.14.a.80.40.  
"Z" " R.H.A. K.14.a.80.40. to K.14.a.80.00.

Zero plus 3 to zero plus 6 - All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.  
Zero plus 6 to zero plus 9 - All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.  
Zero plus 9 to zero plus 12 - All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.  
Zero plus 12 to zero plus 15 - All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.

111 103rd. How. Battery - 1 How. on K.8.d.10.50. (M.W.)  
2 Hows on K.27.d.45.55. (Battery)  
2 Hows on K.26.b.63.33. (Battery)  
110 105th. How. Battery - 2 Hows on K.33.a.30.60. (Battery)  
2 Hows on K.27.c.60.15. (Battery)  
1 How. on K.27.c.25.30. (Battery)

## 3. SILENT BATTERIES.

Silent Batteries will not take part.

## 4. RATES OF FIRE and AMMUNITION.

### (a) RATES OF FIRE.

18-pounder - 2 rounds per Gun per minute.  
4.5 Hows. - 1 round " How " "

### (b) AMMUNITION.

18-pounder - 50% A - 50% AX.  
4.5 Hows. - BX.

{ 25% AX  
25% A  
50% AS  
50% BX  
50% BS

## 5. SYNCHRONISATION.

Arrangements for Synchronisation will be notified later.

## 6.

## ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut.  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

## DISTRIBUTION:-

7th. Battery.  
8th. "  
9th. " (For information)  
103rd. "  
13th. "  
14th. "  
15th. " (For information)  
105th. "  
"Z" " R.H.A.  
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Right Group Artillery Headquarters,  
14th. July 1918.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref.Map. Sheet 62D.N.E.  
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ORDER No.130.

Headquarters,  
14th July 1918.

1. INTENTION:

On a date and at an hour to be notified, the 58th Division are carrying out a raid on the enemy trenches in E.8.c. and the Quarry in E.14.c.

The "C" Divisional Artillery will co-operate as follows and as shewn in 58th Div.Arty. Order No.143 and traces, issued herewith:-

Right Brigade: Starting on trenches from E.13.d.4.6. South.

Left Brigade E.14.a.20.50.- E.8.c.50.00.

One Howitzer Battery will co-operate in smoke barrage as shewn.

2. AMMUNITION: Nature of ammunition, rates of fire, etc. will be as RATE OF FIRE per 58th D.A. Order No.143

3. REGISTRATIONS: The C.O., Left Group, will arrange for making necessary registrations, checking of barrage, etc., with the C.O., Left Group, 58th D.A.

4. CHINESE BOMBARDMENT:

The Right Group will arrange and carry out a Chinese Bombardment on a selected portion of the enemy front line as far North as practicable, from Zero to plus 15 minutes.

5. ORDERS: Copies of Group Orders will be submitted to the C.R.A. "C" Div.Arty.

6. SYNCHRONIZATION:

Arrangements for synchronization will be notified later.

7. Acknowledge.

Issued at 1-30pm. to:-

Right Group	1 - 2
Left Group	3 - 4
D.T.M.O.	5
Superimposed Group	6
Mobile Res. Bde.	7
5th Aust.Div.	8
R.A. Aust.Corps.	9
H.A. " "	10
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Order No.143.

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*Despard* Captain,  
Acting Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust.Divl.Arty.



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OPERATION ORDER No. 8.

Headquarters,  
16th. JULY 1918.

Ref. Map 62d N.E. 1/20000.

1. Right Group Order No. 7 is cancelled.
2. On a date to be notified later the 52th. British Division are carrying out a raid on the enemy trenches in E 8 c and the Quarry in E 14 c.
3. The Right Group "C" Divisional Artillery will create a DIVER-SION from ZERO to ZERO plus 385 by firing as follows :-

Zero to Zero plus 3. 41st. Bty. K 2 a 50 00 - K 2 c 50 40.  
42nd. " K 2 c 50 40 - K 8 a 50 80.  
43rd. " K 8 a 50 80 - K 8 a 50 20.  
37th. " K 8 a 50 20 - K 8 c 50 60.  
38th. " K 8 c 50 60 - K 14 a 50 80.  
39th. " K 14 a 50 80 - K 14 a 50 00.

*Thence lift 200 yds every  
three minutes till 2+35  
when fire will cease.*

Zero plus 3 to  
Zero plus 7.

ALL BATTERIES lift ONE hundred yards  
due EAST.

Zero plus 7 to  
Zero plus 12.

ALL BATTERIES lift ONE hundred yards  
due EAST.

Zero plus 12 to  
Zero plus 20.

ALL BATTERIES lift ONE hundred yards  
due EAST.

Zero plus 20 to  
Zero plus 25.

ALL BATTERIES lift ONE hundred yards  
due EAST.

4. 111th. Howitzer Battery - 1 How. on K 8 d 10 50.  
2. Hows on K 27 d 45 55.  
2 " " K 26 b 63 33.

110th. Howitzer Battery - 2 Hows. on K 33 a 30 30.  
2 " on K 27 c 60 15.  
1 " on K 27 c 25 30.

5. RATES OF FIRE.

18-pdr. - 2 rounds per Gun per minute.  
4.5" How. 1 " " How. " "

6. AMMUNITION.

18-pdr. - 25% A. 25% A.X. 50% A. S.  
4.5" How. - 50% E.X. 50% E. S.

7. SYNCHRONISATION. Arrangements for Synchronisation will be notified later.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*C. W. Burke*  
Lieut. & Adjutant.  
For C. O. RIGHT GROUP - AUST. FIELD ARTY.

Distribution.  
4 Batteries.  
1 11th. Bde.  
1 Liaison Officer.  
1 5th. D. A.  
4 Files, War diary and spare.



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APPENDIX

Copy No. ....

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
to 58th D.A. Order No. 143,  
dated 13th July 1918.

HEADQUARTERS 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
No. 417/69
Date 17-7-18

1. Para. 2 (a)(i)

(i) Line 2. For "E.13.d.6.4." substitute "E.13.d.4.6."

(ii) Group Commanders will arrange that the ground lying between the RED and GREEN LINES is searched with fire from 0.0 - 0.5. This will be in addition to the Barrage on the RED LINE.

(iii) The BROWN LINE in the Right Group Zone will conform to the BLUE LINE and run as follows and not as shewn on Tracing "B" :- E.13.d.4.6. - E.14.c.40.28 - E.14.c.60.45 - E.14.c.7.7. - E.14.a.77.10  
The remainder of the BROWN LINE will remain as shewn on Tracing "B".

(iv) From 0.12 - 0.30 Batteries will search the ground for a distance of 500 yards East of the BLUE LINE.

2. Para. 2 (a) (ii)

(i) From 0.4 - 0.5 all 18-pounders firing on the Lifting Barrage will fire percussion shrapnel.

(ii) Delete Table shewing Rates of Fire and substitute :-

0.0 - 0.5	Intense.
0.5 - 0.12	Rapid.
0.12 - 0.30	Normal.
0.30 - 0.35	Rapid.
0.35 - 0.50	Slow.

3. Para. 2 (b)

Rates of Fire will now be as shewn for 18-pounders above,

4. Para. 2 (c).

On Tracing "D" Delete "0.0 - 0.30" and substitute "0.0 - 0.50" in all places.

Rates of Fire will now be

0.0 - 0.5	Intense.
0.5 - 0.50	Normal.

and not as detailed.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

16th July 1918.

*Christian*  
Major,  
A/Brigade Major, R.A.,  
58th Divisional Artillery.

Copies to all recipients of 58th D.A. Order No. 143.



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

D. R. L. S. - TIME TABLE.

Headquarters,  
18th. July 1918.

5th. Aust. D. A. H. Q. to GROUPS and D. T. M. O.

Leaves D. A.	7. a. m.	1. 30. p. m.	6. p. m.
" Mob. Res Bde.	7. 30. a. m.	2. 0. p. m.	6. 30. p. m.
" Superimp osed Bgde.	8. 0. a. m.	2. 30. p. m.	7. 0. p. m.
" Left Group	8. 20. a. m.	2. 50. p. m.	7. 20. p. m.
" Right Group	8. 35. a. m.	3. 5. p. m.	7. 3. 5. p. m.
" 5th. D. T. M. O.	8. 50. p. m.	3. 20. p. m.	7. 50. p. m.
Arrives 5th. D. A.	9. 15. a. m.	3. 45. p. m.	8. 15. p. m.

5th. Aust. D. A. H. Q. to 5th. Aust. Division.

By orderly as required.

5th. Aust. D. iv. to Aust. Corps.

Leaves 5th. Aust. Div.	7. 30. a. m.	11. 30. a. m.	4. 45. p. m.	8. 30. p. m.
Arrives Aust. Corps.	8. 40. a. m.	12. 40. p. m.	5. 55. p. m.	9. 40. p. m.

NOTE. Above Service clears despatches for Flank D. A's.

5th. Aust. D. A. H. Q. to 4th. Aust. D. A. C. 5th. Aust. D. A. C. 5th. & 6th. B. A. C's.

By Mounted Orderly as required.

NOTE. Packets mu st be in Signal Office not later than 10 minutes before Despatch Riders are timed to leave.  
Despatch Riders must not be delayed at Offices on route.

*G. Kelynaek*  
Captain.  
O. C., SIGNALS.  
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.