

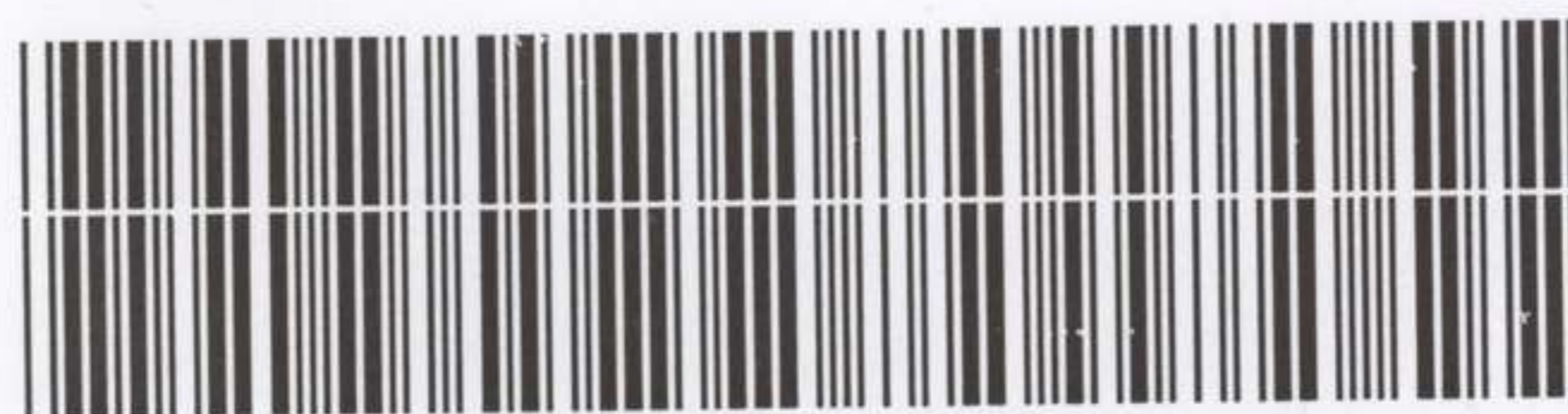
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Summary of Events and Information

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Tulla 123d 6020	8/7/18		<p>Day fine and bright, observation good. Wind fairly strong from N.E. During early morning harassing fire has been kept on enemy roads &amp; approaches and all soft spots. At 2.45 am Infantry reported movement at P3c. 8020 and was dealt with by 4<sup>th</sup> Battery. Throughout the day various targets have been engaged &amp; dealt with effectively. At 9.45 pm Infantry reported party of 50 Rocks at P10 &amp; 8030. The 4<sup>th</sup> Battery dealt with this target &amp; was reported satisfactory. Throughout the night the rear sections kept harassing fire on the roads &amp; approaches. During the day we fired covering fire for the other Brigades with our rear guns. Ammunition was carted forward to new position &amp; full complement is now on hand. Further orders for the stunt have been received. Mobile Artillery has been a bit more active today. Bommy was shelled for a time. Throughout the night hostile Artillery was quiet. Naval activity has been above normal on both sides throughout the day. Major G. McKenna returned from English leave. 2 other ranks proceeded to A.F.S.D. for Medical Board.</p> <p>Ammunition Received: 650 A 426 AX 362 AS 70 BX                      Ammunition Expended: 775 A 222 AX 158 BX</p>	

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Dulla I 23d box	11/7/18		<p>Day fine bright observations good strong wind from SW. During early hours of morning harassing fire has been continued over enemy roads approaches &amp; likely places of congestion. Throughout the day the two guns remaining in rear positions have continued to engage enemy targets. At 9.25 am 1st Bty engaged party of tanks at K 31 0 9025. At 10.10 am the same Bty engaged a party at K 31 0 6550 as movement was seen there. Infantry think no evidence a dump. This target was engaged at 3.15 pm and 9.15 pm also. Shooting was reported as being very good. Between 5. &amp; 6 pm the 18pdr fired two or three rounds every 5 mins to cover the fire of the 13" &amp; 14" L guns whilst attacking. This was apparently effective as no retaliation was brought on new positions. Throughout the night the usual harassing fire has been continued by rear sections and ammunition has been carried to forward positions. Arrangements are being made for removal from tank back to I &amp; d box, New to 1st Arty. Artillery activity has been normal &amp; apparently suspects nothing unusual. Ammunition received 656A 802AX 160AS. Ammunition received 1576 BX.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	3/7/18.		<p>Day bright and fine, clouded over during the evening and wind from NE. During the early hours of the morning harassing fire was kept on roads &amp; approaches and timber areas. Throughout the day various targets were engaged some at the request of the Infantry and shooting was reported good especially on P4d 5010 - P4d 2020 as working party were on road between these points. 4<sup>th</sup> Btry engaged this target. Dues orders were received during the evening for the stunt and today was Y day. The guns in rear positions were moved forward during the evening and all were in action by 11.30 pm and all ammunition was complete. The 11<sup>th</sup> I. Arty did not fire during the night with the exception of the 11<sup>th</sup> I. Arty which carried on the usual harassing fire. Hostile Artillery has been quiet and apparently they suspect nothing as everything is normal. Some activity on both sides about noon.</p> <p>General Andrews Mo GRA 4<sup>th</sup> Army. came up during the evening to see the stunt in the morning. Issue Station at Vaux and I4d 64 was manned. One telephonist from 41<sup>st</sup> I4d reports to 4<sup>th</sup> Div Arty Reconnaissance Officer.</p> <p>Ammunition Expended. 1068A 1052AX 52AS 350A 242AX 40AS</p> <p>Ammunition Received New</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field 123d6020	4/7/18		<p>Day fine bright observations good. During the early hours of morning the 111<sup>th</sup> Battery fired harassing fire. At 3.2 am the 111<sup>th</sup> with 3 other Batteries of other Brigades fired at slow rate for 8 mins. At 3.10 am all Batteries opened on the artillery start line. The Brigade covered 600 yds of country with the front 200 yards in rear of Barrage Line. After 4 mins on start line Barrage lifted 100 yds away from trench until zero plus 31 when they rested for 10 minutes. After this they resumed the 100 yds lift away three minutes until the protective barrage line was reached. The 18pdrs stayed on this until zero plus 123 mins at 1st position and the 45 hows marched backward forward for 800 yds until ceasing fire. 10% smoke was fired throughout the barrage, by both hows &amp; 18pdrs. From 4.46 am until 5 am all Batteries used 75% smoke to <del>offer</del> produce a smoke screen to assist some tanks that were in trouble. The barrage was reported on as excellent both by Infantry &amp; Artillery observers. The enemy were undoubtedly taken by surprise and the results of approx 1200 grenades including 30 officers, 90 machine guns &amp; 20 T.M. shows that Artillery can be concentrated <del>effectively</del></p>	

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In the Bull 123d 6020	4/7/18.		<p>without the enemy's knowledge that bargages can be put down without requisition. The enemy retaliated immediately after our opening between the 2 L.I. and supports but the Infantry had gone. No counter Battery work was done by the enemy, but wagon lines and back country were shelled throughout the day &amp; 1 other rank were wounded. Our aeroplanes and enemy have been very active and many fights have taken place. Throughout the day a number of opportunity targets were engaged. At 6 am transport on road at A 2500 Joco was engaged by 42<sup>nd</sup> Battery. At 11.25 enemy was seen going into Tallont Wood at P 23 a and were engaged by 41. 42. 111<sup>th</sup> Battery. 12.15 Road through A 23 a was seen to be alive with transport and new target was passed to heaven. 150 am N. 2 call was responded to by 42<sup>nd</sup> Battery with 4 salvoes. At 3.25 same Battery engaged transport on road through A 15 a - C T got casualties. At 6.56 pm N F call at P 22 to 3.40 was answered by the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battery with 4 salvoes. 7.29. 111<sup>th</sup> Bty replied to N F call at P 22 to 3.40 with the same amount ammo. Numerous casualties were inflicted on the enemy during these shoots and the advantage of the air recuperative buffers was seen.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Izua I23d6020	4/7/18		<p>as the 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty engaged effectively targets that were hopelessly out of range for other Batteries. At 10.16 pm an SOS signal was received and Battery replied without delay. at 10.20 pm the signal was repeated + Bty ceased fire at 10.35 pm. At 10.45 pm SOS was again repeated and Bty started again. At 10.48 2 SOS sig was received and at 11.5 pm fire ceased. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Battery however searched + swept in rear of SOS line for 15 mins at 2.00 pm commencing at 10 pm the 11<sup>th</sup> Bty fired 300 rounds into valley at Q13e 4590 to Q13w 7515. The 41<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Battery continued on harassing fire throughout the night, which was quiet after the second SOS signal. <del>Log</del> # Ammunition Received</p> <p><del>2</del><sup>100</sup> A <del>1</del><sup>100</sup> AX # AS <del>1</del> BX Ammunition Expended. 2283 A 1276 AX 588 AS. 1094 BX 135 BS 750 BC BR 150 BNE.</p>	
	5/7/18		<p>Day fire + night observation good. During the <del>night</del> harassing fire has been kept on roads + approaches and likely areas of assembly. During the day various targets have been engaged by all Batteries and any hostile movement has been dealt with.</p>	

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In the Dread T138d 6020	5/7/18		<p>The afternoon was quiet and Batteries took advantage of squaring up. The 4<sup>th</sup> Battery re-committed a position for the anti tank gun selected a spot at T27 to 6020. and during the evening the position was prepared. At 9 pm the 11<sup>th</sup> Battery responded to an NF call and put 4 Salvoes on to P18d 6030 and at 9.15 pm the 4<sup>th</sup> answered one at P24d 2050. Counter preparation was ordered from 10.15 to 10.25 on parts P11b, P12a after firing for 10 minutes an S.O.S was reported. Lt Col promptly got on to the S.O.S and cleared fire at 10.40. It was afterwards ascertained that the S.O.S signal was mistaken as the enemy sent up green lights. Various harassing shoots were fired throughout the night by the 4<sup>th</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Lt Col, but all Lt Col took part in the counter preparation. No other Artillery has been quiet all day and none of the Battery positions have been shelled. The vicinity of the front line has been shelled at times. Normal <del>combat</del> activity has been above normal on both sides. The C.O inspected Dragon Line and found everything in good working order.</p>	

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In the Field 1230 2060	5/7/18.		<p>The health of the men is good and the horses are in good condition. Lt A A Tochar and 3 other ranks left to attend to the course of Signal Instruction at Corps Signal School. Seven Remounts Lt D were received and posted to HQ. On the 150<sup>th</sup> Army Bn R 80 pulling out of the line the 11<sup>th</sup> A I A Bn took over the ammunition on charge to them. Ammunition Received from 5 Ab 120 A 80 AX 300 BNC from 150<sup>th</sup> Army Bn 485 SA 4266 AX 382 AS 2931 BX 300 BNC expended 2030 A 1073 AX 738 BX Strength 33 officers 843 other ranks</p>	
	6/7/18.		<p>Day fine clouding over at dusk, wind from N. Observation good as times. From 3-5 am to 3-15 am counter preparation was fired on parts of P 11a &amp; P 12c at rate of 3 rds per 15 sec &amp; 2 rds per min 4.5 hours. Enemy retreating in the vicinity of Iron Line but not on I A Bn positions. Harassing fire was continued on roads &amp; approaches by the 41<sup>st</sup> &amp; 111<sup>th</sup> Battal. Throughout the day various targets have been engaged by Batteries some at the request of the Infantry. Various points have been registered on by Batteries. Throughout the day</p>	

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In the Trench I 23d 2060	6/2/18		<p>The 41<sup>st</sup> - 111<sup>th</sup> Battery carried out harassing fire on various targets and the SOS line was moved out 500 yards Eastward, as Infantry were patrolling the country in front. The night was quiet throughout and at 3-15 am Batteries returned to their original SOS line. During the night the anti tank gun was moved forward by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Battery to new position at T 27 to 68-15. This was carried out successfully and ammunition was carried forward. Hostile Artillery has been quiet throughout the period under review, with the exception of an area shape in T 26 a-c. Very few were put over but last shell caught the 41<sup>st</sup> position. Artillery activity has been quieter than usual. Casualties. Capt Dick M. B. wounded &amp; evacuated. 1 other rank killed &amp; 2 other ranks wounded &amp; was all of the 41<sup>st</sup> Battery. Capt H. T. Richardson 43<sup>rd</sup> Battery proceeded to 41<sup>st</sup> Battery and took command. Ammunition Received. 300A 200 AX 70 B Ammunition Expended. 302A 216 AX 72 BX 300 BNC</p>	

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In the Dues 1234 0020	7/7/11		<p>Day fine &amp; calm observation poor on 9<sup>th</sup> mist. Throughout the early morning &amp; harassing fire was continued on various areas in hostile territory. During the day various targets were engaged by Batteries some registrations were carried out. The night was quiet and on 11<sup>th</sup> carried out the usual harassing tasks.</p> <p>From 9 pm the S.O.S Line was put out about 300 yards Eastward and Infantry advanced &amp; started to dig in under new line.</p> <p>Artillery has been quiet throughout the period under review and none of the Batteries have been shelled. Casual activity has been above normal on both sides. Numerous balloons were up on our side of the line. Capt W J Sanderson 4<sup>th</sup> Bty reported to Bde HQ to take over the position of Majorant from Capt Kewan. 1 Other rank wounded &amp; evacuated &amp; 1 other rank accidentally killed.</p> <p>Ammunition Expended 1213A 826AX 3/6 BX Ammunition Received 120A 80AX</p>	

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Field I 23d B Co	8/7/18		<p>Day fine &amp; warm, hardly any wind observation fair. At 12.15 am barrage was put down to cover the Infantry advance. Guns opened on start line &amp; remained for 3 mins then lifted 100 yards &amp; paused on this line for one minute. Barrage then swept Eastward at 50 yds for minutes until zero plus 12 minutes when barrage remained on this line until zero plus 45 when fire ceased. Infantry operation was quite successful and all objectives were gained. Hostile Artillery came down on old front line, but Batteries were not shelled. Throughout the morning the 42<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 43<sup>rd</sup> Batteries carried out harassing fire on various areas. During the afternoon the enemy heavily bombarded the newly captured country east of HAMEL. Our counter batteries immediately replied and succeeded in silencing the hostile fire. At 10.15 pm our artillery put down a counter preparation scheme lasting for 20 minutes. This consisted in searching back from our S.O.S line for a distance of 2000 yards in 1 minute lifts. Ammunition Expended 760 A. 552 AX 14 AS. 340 BX. " Received 180 A 120 AX.</p>	

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Field I. 23d 60.20 (Sheet 623)	9/7/18		<p>During the night enemy artillery was quiet. Day broke warm &amp; fine <sup>with</sup> light breeze, but towards afternoon turned showery. This has made observation difficult. Hostile Arty. fairly quiet, with the exception of a few heavy bombardments on HAMEL.</p> <p>All Btys, with exception of 42<sup>nd</sup> have reconnected advanced positions today. These positions will enable us to harass the enemy in his back areas.</p> <p>Wagon lines were inspected today &amp; the horses are reported as in splendid condition. Very little sickness, nearly all minor wounds. The Men have <del>each</del> a Y.M.C.A. branch at each Bty Wagon line, where there are pianos, writing material &amp; reading matter provided. Detachments are periodically changed, with the "gun position" to enable the men to have a rest from the forward area. Health of the Unit is good.</p> <p>Guns in action 17. 18 pdr &amp; 6 Hows.</p> <p>Capt. W. L. Sanderson assumed duties of Adjutant, from Capt. K. Cwan, who reported today to Dvr. H. G. as D.T.M.O.</p> <p><del>At 10.00</del> Harassing fire was carried out during early part of night.</p> <p>Am. Expenditure 418A. 258 AX. 5A.S. 49.BX. Received 60A 40.AX.</p>	

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Field. I 23d.60.20. Sheet 62.D. 420,000.	10/7/18		<p>During the night enemy artillery quiet.                      At 1.35 am. We fired C.P. Scheme Phase 1. B. Lane 10. Zone B, which consists of a maximum amount of annihilating fire on a prescribed area for a certain time in this case it was 3. minutes.                      The day broke fine &amp; cool, after last night's showers. Steady breeze blowing. Visibility good.                      1. other rank, reported missing from 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty. Wagon lines on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, found drowned in canal, near Dilly-our. Kommer.                      During afternoon showery weather again set in.                      At 9 pm tonight this Brigade took over zone of left group. One Bty of 298 Bde R.F.A. attached till 11 am tomorrow.                      Lieut N. Quail wounded &amp; evacuated.                      Harassing fire carried out during early part of evening.                      43<sup>rd</sup> Bty moved 1 section forward during early part of night.                      Amm. Expended. 196A 128AX 155BX 70BNC.                      " Received. Nil.</p>	
do.	11/7/18		<p>During night enemy artillery quiet, but was active with trench mortars. These were fired on at intervals &amp; silenced.                      Day broke fine, with intervals of rain. Wind fairly strong.                      At 11 am 298 Bde R.F.A. withdrew from line &amp; handed over ammunition at gun pits to this Brigade.                      Amm. handed over. A. 2912 A X 1593 A.S. 397 BX 1562 BNC 202 B.S. 170 BCBP 222                      C.P.A. Brig. Gen. Benzen C.M.G. D.S.O. visited group Headquarters this morning.                      Brigade Major of 12<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde of 4<sup>th</sup> Div called in during afternoon &amp; thanked us for the support we had always given.</p>	

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Field I 23d 60-20 Sheet 62 <sup>P</sup> /20,000.	11/7/18		<p>There is a fine spirit &amp; good feeling among all arms of this Division.</p> <p>During afternoon enemy activity was below normal.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">A</td> <td style="text-align: right;">AX</td> <td style="text-align: right;">AS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">BX</td> <td style="text-align: right;">OVC</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">323</td> <td style="text-align: right;">255</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15</td> <td style="text-align: right;">254</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">" Received</td> <td style="text-align: right;">526</td> <td style="text-align: right;">190</td> <td style="text-align: right;">84</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- 64 (Salved)</td> </tr> </table>	A	AX	AS	BX	OVC	323	255	15	254	-	" Received	526	190	84	- 64 (Salved)				
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do.	12/7/18		<p>Day broke fine; but later weather became unsettled. Heavy showers.</p> <p>Enemy planes were active during morning, flying over our lines.</p> <p>After 1 pm, weather again changed, and became fine, cool breeze blowing.</p> <p>Adjutant visited all Btys &amp; Inf Brigades.</p> <p>43<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 41<sup>st</sup> Btys completed their moves forward to new positions.</p> <p>111<sup>th</sup> Bty sent a section forward to J 26 d 75.15.</p> <p>This Bty had a premature, which burst just outside muzzle of piece due to defective fuse. Two other ranks were wounded &amp; evacuated.</p> <p>Enemy artillery was quiet.</p> <p>owing to 4<sup>th</sup> Div Inf being relieved by 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div Inf. Harassing fire was concentrated on enemy forward Machine Guns &amp; Trench mortars. This was very effective and relief was quietly carried out.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">A</td> <td style="text-align: right;">AX</td> <td style="text-align: right;">AS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">BX</td> <td style="text-align: right;">OS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">BCBR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">437</td> <td style="text-align: right;">237</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22</td> <td style="text-align: right;">201</td> <td style="text-align: right;">64</td> <td style="text-align: right;">70</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">" Received</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;">600</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> </table>	A	AX	AS	BX	OS	BCBR	437	237	22	201	64	70	" Received	-	-	600	-	-	
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Field I 23d 60.20 Sheet 64 <sup>3</sup> 1/40,000.	13/7/18		<p>Day broke warm &amp; fine. Warning Order 174 received from 4<sup>th</sup> Div. Ppty, stating we are to move to Sector immediately north of our present one. Move to be completed on night of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. C.O. &amp; Aid Officer have proceeded to arrange move with Bde, which changes over with us. The C.R.A. &amp; Brigade Major, visited the group this morning. 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty are having a race meeting, at Wagon lines today, all men who can be spared have been allowed to attend. One O/R. marched in from 4<sup>th</sup> D.P.C. this morning. Parties of enemy were engaged during afternoon &amp; casualties inflicted. The few men, who are being specially trained as observers, by Major Hodgins, show great keenness and send down excellent information. This might well be adopted by all artillery Brigades. Tonight at 9 pm this Brigade again became a sub group, under the C/O. 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. F. A. Bde, who is left group Commander. Two hostile planes came over &amp; brought down two (2) of our observation balloons. All the occupants landed safely &amp; with their parachutes. Both balloons were burnt, by the incendiary</p>	

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Field. I 23d 60.20 Sect 64 <sup>D</sup> <del>1/40,000</del> 1/40,000.	13/7/18	Cont.	<p>bullets fired by the Hun airmen. The planes were heavily engaged by our Anti-Aircraft gunners, but both escaped. Rest of the night was quiet. Amm expended 342 A 288 AX 230 BX. " Received Nil.</p>	
do	14/7/18		<p>Day broke showery. C.O. of relieving Bty went around our Bty positions during morning. Our Bty Commanders inspected relieving Bty positions this morning &amp; Bty Commanders of relieving Bty inspected our positions during afternoon. About 9 pm. enemy were observed apparently carrying out a daylight relief near Accrocks Wood. They were heavily shelled by us &amp; a going group. Usual harassing fire was carried out on roads &amp; approaches. Lieut R. J. Lorne reported back to III Bty. Ammunition expended. 530 A 264 AX 146 BX. " Received. 500 A. Salvaged by 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty</p>	

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<p>Field. T23D6020 Sheet 64<sup>th</sup> 1/40,000</p>	<p>15/7/18.</p>		<p>Night very quiet Day broke warm &amp; fine, though cloudy. Visibility very good, Enemy movement being constantly reported in the back areas. All within reach was engaged by our Bty. Two wireless calls from aeroplanes reporting guns firing giving locations by code, were answered. Gas shell &amp; Bx were used About 3 pm. Enemy plane came over &amp; brought down in flames, one of our observation balloons. Both observers landed in parachutes. At 5 pm. 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty were heavily shelled enemy 5.9. Bty. 2 guns were put out of action. These are being sent to I.O.M. Workshops. One section each Bty moves over to meet our front on North. 41<sup>st</sup> Bty to 8<sup>th</sup> Bty position. 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty to 7<sup>th</sup> Bty pos. 43<sup>rd</sup> Bty to 9<sup>th</sup> Bty pos. &amp; 111<sup>th</sup> Bty to 103<sup>rd</sup> Bty pos. Gun sections were replaced from the relieving Bty mentioned.</p>	

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Field I 23d 6020 Sheet 62 <sup>D</sup> 1/40,000	15/7/18.		Harassing fire was directed on assembly areas. Ammun. expended. 479 A 192 AX 257 BX 9 BNC " destroyed 43 AS. (at 42 <sup>nd</sup> sty position) " returned to dump 76 AX (by 43 <sup>rd</sup> sty) " received nil.																	
do	16/7/18.	6pm	Night quiet Morning broke with heavy rain, but later became warm & clear. Towards midday became very warm. One of our hottest days. Flies are very bad. Engaged moving our H.Q. to new position at 586-1555. Relief by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Army F.A. Bde & our relief of them completed. We handed over 15 18 pdrs & 5 4.5 howitzers. " received " 18 " " 5 " "																	
586-1555			We now become Right Sub Group, under order of 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. Arty. Total Ammun. now on charge to this Bde is as follows:- <table border="1" data-bbox="621 1592 2486 1733"> <thead> <tr> <th>A</th> <th>AX</th> <th>AS</th> <th>BX</th> <th>BNC</th> <th>BCG</th> <th>BS</th> <th>BCBR</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6517</td> <td>3246</td> <td>162</td> <td>3083</td> <td>1108</td> <td>108</td> <td>133</td> <td>152</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Ammun. Expended. 120 A, 105 AX, 182 BX 7. BS. " Received Nil.	A	AX	AS	BX	BNC	BCG	BS	BCBR	6517	3246	162	3083	1108	108	133	152	
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<p>Field. J8615.55 Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.</p>	<p>17/7/18.</p>		<p>Hostile aircraft was active bombing our rear areas during night, otherwise enemy was quiet. We fired on active trench mortars &amp; succeeded in silencing two. Day broke warm &amp; fine. Visibility was good, but op's able not command a good view, as country is flat. One howitzer No 1060 is being sent to I.O.M. for condemnation. Btys checked registrations &amp; calibration during day. Trench mortar at K 20a 7.5 was active. 30 rounds were spent on this by 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty. Result. It ceased fire. During afternoon rain fell heavily but cleared again &amp; at 6pm weather was fine. Health of men remains very good &amp; horses are looking well. Hostile aeroplanes were active during early part of evening.</p> <p>Expenditure Amm. 395A. 194AX. 54BX. Received. " Nil.</p>	

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<p>Field J861555 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> 1/40,000.</p>	<p>18/7/18.</p>		<p>Usual harassing fire was carried out during night on enemy assembly points &amp; routes. Day broke warm &amp; fine. Our aeroplanes are very active. One enemy hostile observation brought balloon, brought down early this morning by one of our airmen. Hostile planes very quick. During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained on principal roads &amp; tracks &amp; likely places of assembly - At 5pm. 11<sup>th</sup> Hoo. Bty. fired 20 Rds. on K 3C 4080 at request of Infantry &amp; one direct hit was observed - Enemy artillery was quiet on our sector. Capt N. L. Sanderson returned to 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty. &amp; assumed command during Major S. F. Hodgen's <sup>D.S.O.</sup> absence. Duties of Adjutant taken over by Lieut N. W. Rose M.C.</p>	
<p>do.</p>	<p>19/7/18</p>		<p>Ammunition expended - 308 A, 217 A x 252 B x 90 BNC. received - 575 A, 287 A x 50 AS. W.W.R. Morning broke fine &amp; hot with slight breeze from S.W. becoming very hot about midday - Visibility exceptionally</p>	

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<p>Pied J87 1555 Sheet 62<sup>d</sup> 1/40000</p>	<p>19/1/18</p>		<p>Good during morning - Enemy artillery was normal &amp; included some shelling of trenches - Some registration with timed H.E. was also done by the Hun this morning with aeroplane observation - During the day our Bty. carried out some registration &amp; check shoots &amp; throughout the night concentrated burst of fire were brought to bear on main roads &amp; approaches, trench systems &amp; tender spots - At 8pm 111<sup>th</sup> How Bty. assisted in trench mortar shoot 1 sec. sweeping &amp; searching road in K20 to K21a for 10 minutes - At 1.50am this Bty. also carried out gas bombardment in conjunction with 110<sup>th</sup> Bty. &amp; Special R.E. At 12.15am 43<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 111<sup>th</sup> Btys. engaged T.M. at K14 d 1590 &amp; K47 1310 at the request of Infantry who reported shoot effective - These 2 Mts. were again engaged at 10.45pm &amp; silenced - Hostile artillery quiet during the day - Intermittent scattered shelling during the night - Aircraft busy on both sides - 1 of our planes &amp; 2 of the enemy's</p>	

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<p><i>Buld.</i> J861555 Sheet 62D 1/40000</p>	<p>19/7/18</p>		<p>brought down out of control during the day - The Co. recommitting Bn positions for reinforcing Brigade - 6 o.R. rejoined ex hospital today. Ammunition expended - 332 A, 161 Ax, 42 Bx. " received 684 A, 228 Ax, 300 Bx. W.W.R.</p>	
	<p>20/7/18</p>		<p>Morning close &amp; sultry with thunder &amp; some rain - Visibility fair - Our artillery was quiet during the day &amp; at night the usual harassing fire was maintained special attention being paid to likely areas of activity. Enemy artillery showed slightly increased activity today - Mericourt &amp; vicinity being intermittently shelled during the day - T9d &amp; T10c also received attention. Our planes were active as usual about the forward areas - During the last few days evening has been busy registering by aerial observation - mostly between 8 am &amp; 10 am in the mornings - Work was started on preparing gun positions of reinforcing Brigade today &amp; satisfactory progress made - 43rd &amp; 111th Bys supplying the</p>	

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J 861555 Sheet 62 <sup>D</sup> 1/40000	27/7/18  28/7/18		<p>working parties - 111<sup>th</sup> Bty. also started on new position at J4733 - Lt. L. E. Post left to attend a months course at Fourth Army Artillery School - Ammunition expended 402 A, 230 Ax, 108 Bx - received 608 A, 304 Ax - W.W.R.</p> <p>Day broke fine + cool + remained so throughout. Slight breeze from S.W. + visibility good. The day passed without incident. Our Batteries were quiet except for some registration during the day + enemy artillery was quieter than usual. During the night the usual harassing fire was carried out by us on Machine Guns, trench mortars, dugouts, + areas of activity. At 4.55 am. <del>111<sup>th</sup></del> 111<sup>th</sup> Bty. replied to G.F. call - 6 Motor transport pits today which the Co. inspected during the morning but word came through this evening that the minor operation for which they were being prepared had been cancelled + so pits were abandoned. The 111<sup>th</sup> How Bty. moved 3 of their guns up to new position at J4733 tonight. The Liaison course with the A.F.C. for which Lieut J.P. Clarke <sup>of 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty</sup> had been detailed was cancelled today for some unknown reason. Ammunition expended 328 A, 183 Ax, 120 Bx. received 1772 A, 1192 Ax, 100 AS. W.W.R.</p>	

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<p>Field J861555 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> 1/40000</p>	<p>25/1/18</p>		<p>Fire warm + calm with some clouds - The day passed quietly - as far as artillery action was concerned - The 43<sup>rd</sup> + 111<sup>th</sup> Btys did some registration - at 4.55 am this morning a G.F. called was received reporting motor transport on road in K 33 C but this was out of our range - No shelling in vicinity of Bty. positions is reported today but at 3.30 pm the enemy heavily shelled our front + support line trenches in K 13 C + D. During the night the usual harassing fire was maintained by our Btys - frequent short bursts of fire being concentrated at irregular intervals on roads, tracks + areas of suspected activity - Our planes have been actively patrolling all day + are reported to have brought down 4 of the enemy's observation balloons - at 2.20 pm. 5 E.A. flew over our back area + 1 of our balloons was brought down in flames - the planes being chased home by several anti-aircraft guns but escaped apparently unhurt - Lt. G. J. Ballye reported to this Brigade for duty today from D.A.C. + was posted temporarily to 43<sup>rd</sup> Bty. The 111<sup>th</sup> Bty. moved their remaining guns up to new position tonight - We received 10 remounts from Picquigny Remount Depot today - 7 horses + 3 mules + were distributed as follows: 1 horse to B.H.C., 2 horses to 41<sup>st</sup> Bty.</p>	

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<p>Field. J8 715.55 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> 1/40000</p>	<p>22/7/18</p>		<p>2 horses to 42<sup>nd</sup> Bty; 1 horse + 1 mule to 43<sup>rd</sup> Bty + 1 horse + 2 mules to 111<sup>th</sup> How. Bty. - Ammunition expended 545 A, 186 Ax, 230 Bx. received Nil.</p>	
	<p>23/7/18</p>		<p>Day broke cool + cloudy with strong breeze blowing from SW. Showers during the day - Visibility good. During the early morning harassing fire was kept up on roads + approaches + likely points of movement - Our Artillery was quiet during the day except for some registration carried out by the 43<sup>rd</sup> + 111<sup>th</sup> How. Bty on roads, dugouts etc. - During the night the usual harassing programme was carried out. Aerial activity was below normal today owing to unfavourable weather but at night conditions improved + bombing raids were carried out by both sides. Enemy artillery has been quiet today the only points to receive much attention being valley in T9d which was shelled intermittently with 4.2", J30b + J24d. It was intended to put down a gas bombardment tonight on M.W. + M.G. Group at K147-21 but owing to unfavourable weather conditions this was cancelled. Ammunition expended 414 A, 283 Ax, 96 Bx. received 1170 A, 733 Ax.</p>	

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<p>Pield J871555 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> 1/40000</p>	<p>24/1/18</p>		<p>Cool + Cloudy all day with some showers towards evening. Visibility fair to good. + slight breeze from SW. - During early hours of the morning all Batteries searched + swept areas K25d, K317 + K86d for 2 mins. The heavies cooperating - During the day some registrations were carried out by the 43<sup>rd</sup> + 111<sup>th</sup> How. Btys. - + throughout the night bursts of fire were brought to bear on roads, tracks, trench systems, active M.G. + T.M. + other likely places of activity. The Hun showed slightly increased artillery activity today which included an area shoot on J16 + J10 of 150 Rds of 5.9, intermittent shelling with 5.9 in vicinity of D29, + J5a + J3a + 7 also came in for attention - Aerial activity was normal. - The Co. visited the Wagon lines this morning with the A.D.V.S. + found everything satisfactory - The C.R.A. of 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Division visited the Btys. today + seemed well pleased with things generally. - 1 How. of the 111<sup>th</sup> Bty. was sent to LOM. tonight for overhaul + calibration. - Most of the guns that we took over here are in bad repair + some much worn. 1 How. came back from LOM. tonight with a new piece.</p> <p>Amms expended 418A, 251Ax, 210AS, 326Bx 36 BCG received 228A, 228Ax, 152AS.</p>	

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<p>Field J871555 Sheet 62 440000</p>	<p>25 1/16</p>		<p>Cool + Cloudy with showers throughout the day. Visibility good to fair. From midnight to dawn the usual concentrated shoots of harassing fire were carried out on dugouts, trenches, M.G., roads + approaches + likely places of assembly. At 2.30am 111<sup>th</sup> How. Bty fired 30 Rds on active machine gun at K 31700 at the request of the Infantry with good effect. From 10am to 10.35am all Btys. cooperated in making a diversion to assist the 58<sup>th</sup> British Division in their raids on enemy trenches in E8C + Quarry in E14C. A barrage was put down on start line from zero to zero plus 3 at the rate of 2 Rds per gun per minute then lifted 200 yds every 3 minutes till zero plus 35 when fire ceased. The 111<sup>th</sup> How. Bty. did counter battery work on Btys. in K22c, K26b, + K27d. 18 Pdrs for this operation the 41<sup>st</sup> + 42<sup>nd</sup> Btys. came under command of Co. Sub Group - 18 Pdrs. 320A, 320AX 630AS. 4.5 Hows 95 Bx 85 P.S. - As a result of this operation enemy became more aggressive with his artillery. + during the afternoon the 43<sup>rd</sup> + 111<sup>th</sup> Btys were subjected to a heavy bombardment of 5.9<sup>s</sup> lasting for half an hour. Direct hit obtained on one of 43<sup>rd</sup> Bty. guns breaking the trail. This gun was sent to I.D.M. tonight. Retaliation to our barrage was slight - about 100 Rds 4.2 + 5.9 on Fst. in E25, E19 + E13 - Throughout the day scattered shooting was put down on our supports + rear areas. Our planes were active as usual patrolling forward areas. Enemy activity slight - One</p>	

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Diced J8 7 1555 Sheet 62 <sup>D</sup> 1/40000	25/7/18		<p>enemy balloon brought down in flames by one of our planes - Practically the only movement observed on this front is in back country. The country that we hold at present does not lend itself to a good observation - Throughout the night the usual harassing fire was maintained the 111<sup>th</sup> How. Bty. firing gas onto T.M. + M.G. at K 14 7 21. The 41<sup>st</sup> Bty. moved 1 sec. up to new position tonight + took over 20 Wagon loads <sup>(456 Res)</sup> of ammunition 43<sup>rd</sup> Bty. had taken over charge from Reinforcing position - Work was completed tonight on new op. at K 25 a 8095 -</p>	
			<p>Ammunition expended 398 <del>718</del> A, 300 Ax, 186 Bx, 85 BS, 62 BCG 160 BNC                  " destroyed by shellfire 190 A, 26 Ax                  " received 364 A, 504 Ax, 74 Bx, 70 Bx (106) 100 BS.</p>	
	26/7/18		<p>Calmer, dull + showery all day. Visibility fair. Harassing fire by all Btys during early hours of the morning was brought to bear on roads, tracks, trenches, hostile battery positions, M.B. + likely places of movement - From 2.30 am to 2.35 am. How. Bty. fired gas onto M.G. + dugouts in K 8a. Otherwise the night was quiet. It was intended to fire gas shells tonight but the weather was unfavourable. At 1.3 am hostile battery at K 21 C 84 was engaged by 111<sup>th</sup> How Bty again at 1.40 am - 45 Res Bty. The enemy</p>	

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<p>Dieud J8 71555 Sheet 62D 1/20000</p>	<p>27/7/18</p>		<p>was quiet during the day except for shelling on NE corner of MARRETT WOOD with 4.2 20 Rds. J15 + J16 also received some attention + TREUX - Aerial activity was below normal -</p> <p>Ammunition expended - 233A, 224 AX, 207 BX                  " received - 1094A, 685AX, 150AS, 528 BX. W. 10. 10</p> <p>Day broke dull + cool - with showers throughout the day - visibility fair - the usual harassing fire was carried out during the early hours of the morning - The day passed without incident - Enemy artillery was fairly active + during the afternoon J15 + J16 was heavily shelled with 5.9". The villages of Treux + Mericourt also came in for some attention but no material damage was caused. Throughout the night harassing fire was brought to bear on likely places of movement, M.C. + I.M. position + Phys within our range - Orders were issued today in connection with the intended operation of the 5th Div. + all preparation are being made for same -</p> <p>Ammunition expended 64A 40 AX 157 BX 508 X 106                  received 228 BX 300 BX 106</p>	

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<p>Field J861555 Shot 62° 1/40000</p>	<p>28/1/18</p>		<p>Cool &amp; showery with slight breeze from S.W. - Visibility fair to good. During the early hours of the morning the usual harassing fire was kept up by all Btys. concentrated bursts of fire being put down on all suspected areas of activity, Road junctions, dugouts &amp; Btys. within our reach. During the afternoon all Btys. checked new S.O.S. lines &amp; linked up with flank guns. Hostile artillery was slightly more active than of late &amp; throughout the afternoon Bericourt, Ribemont &amp; J4 was heavily shelled with 4.2° + 5.9°. From 9 p.m. to 12 midnight harassing fire was carried out as usual by all Btys. to give the Hun no grounds for suspicions of the intended attack. Our planes have been active all day patrolling the forward areas &amp; this evening succeeded in bringing an enemy observation balloon down in flames. Enemy planes were quiet. Lt. M. Quail of 111<sup>th</sup> Bty. reported back from hospital today &amp; Lt. G.C. Garwin &amp; Lt. E.A.B. Smith reported to this Bde. from DAC &amp; were posted temporarily to 41<sup>st</sup> &amp; 43<sup>rd</sup> Btys respectively.</p>	
			<p>Communication expended 126A, 194A, 96Bx, 180 BNC. received 788A, 512Ax, 900Bx.</p>	<p>W.W.C.</p>

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<p>Field J861555 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> 1/40000.</p>	<p>29/12/18</p>		<p>Day broke cool + cloudy with light N + NW. wind. - Visibility low. At zero hour 12.30am. all <del>18</del> 18 Pdrs opened on start line - enemy front line trenches + remained there for 3 mins. firing at the rate of 4 rds per gun per min. then lifted 100yds every 2 mins. to protective barrage line at the rate of 3 rds per gun per min. - where the barrage remained stationary until zero plus 40 mins. rate of fire being reduced to 1 1/2 rds per gun per minute. The 11th How. Bty started 200yds in rear firing at the rate of 3 rds per how. per min. for the first 3 mins. + then 2 rds. per min. till zero plus 40 mins. when fire ceased for 15 mins. - At zero plus 55 mins. the 53rd Battalion of 14th Aust. Bde. attacked on the right <del>in</del> which this Bde. of Artillery also cooperated. opening up on the start line + remaining there for 3 mins. at the rate of 4 rounds per gun per min. (18 Pdrs) + the Hows. 200yds in rear at 3 rds. per how. per min. - then as before lifting 100yds every 2 mins. till on the protective barrage line where they remained till zero plus 85 mins. At zero plus 4 hours a barrage was put down on protective barrage line for 10 mins. at rate of 1 rd. per gun per min. - At 2.50am. 11th How. Bty. searched Raime in K 317 + K 36C on it being reported by the Infantry that the enemy was massing there. - 1 Rd per How per 2 mins. for 10 mins. The Infantry gained both their objectives without much opposition + expressed their thanks to the Art. by wire for the effectiveness of the barrage. + the lack of retaliation by the enemy again proved the effectiveness of our work.</p> <p>Comdr Battery work -</p>	

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<p>Field J881555 Sheet 62D 1/40000</p>	<p>29/7/18</p>		<p>The rest of the day passed quietly. At 5.30 pm. all Btys. checked new logs. at the request of the Infantry who also observed &amp; expressed satisfaction. Throughout the night the usual harassing fire was maintained. At 10.15 pm Infantry reported considerable movement in enemy forward areas. This was engaged by all Btys. with 5 rounds per Bty. At 11.45 pm. all 18 Pdr Btys. concentrated on Copse at K 36 44540 where movement was suspected, with 20 Rds per Bty. 1.30 am to 4.30 am. 111<sup>th</sup> Bty with one section of hows. engaged the same Copse with 3 rds per gun every half hour. Capt W.L. Sanderson left here today to do liaison with the Branch &amp; Major Hodgson D.S.O. returned to 4<sup>th</sup> Bty. Lt J.P. Clarke left for liaison course with A.F.C.</p> <p>Ammunition expended 2694 A, 1663 Ax 757 Bx. " received. 960 A, 228 Ax, A.S. 50, Bx 670. W.W.R.</p> <p>Fine &amp; warm &amp; calm. Visibility low in early morning owing to heavy ground mist but improving during the day. Harassing fire was carried out by all Btys. during the early hours of the morning. During the afternoon 111<sup>th</sup> How Bty. carried out an experimental shoot with ammunition fuzeed with 83/44 fuze with both II + V charges. These fuzes give an air burst. but are</p>	
		<p>30/7/18</p>		

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<p>Tied J871555 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> 1/4000.</p>	<p>30/7/18</p>		<p>Somewhat irregular especially with IV Charge. - Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on all tender spots. Lt. N. Annil of III<sup>rd</sup> How Bty reported to B.H.Q. temporarily as Orderly Officer. Orders were received today of our move to B Division Arty sector as a Mobile Bde. in a few days time - Gun No. 8675 of 41<sup>st</sup> Bty. was returned from I.O.M. tonight &amp; Gun No. 6289 of same Bty. was sent away for condemnation.</p> <p>Ammunition expended. 343A 138AX 104BX 53BX(106)31BX(83/44)50BX received. 300A 200AX 70BX 70BX(106)</p>	<p>W. J. Lane 11/11</p>
	<p>31/7/18</p>		<p>Day broke fine &amp; warm with slight breeze from SW. - Visibility good. During the day all Btys. registered on new S.O.S. but were otherwise quiet - till night when the usual harassing fire was carried out. The Hun has shown increased artillery today especially on front line systems &amp; supports. putting down heavy bursts of fire on to these areas at intervals throughout the day &amp; night. At 9.50 pm. T.O.P. reported S.O.S. on which all Btys. opened fire but were ordered to stand down on it being learnt that our front was quiet. The health of the troops is good &amp; the animals are all in good condition &amp; strength 360H 218.Obs.</p> <p>Ammo. expended 400A 266AX 116BX 106 received. 300A 200AX 300BX 400BX 1067</p>	<p>W. J. Lane 11/11</p>

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# WAR DIARY

OF

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

FOR

Month ending 31st. July, 1918.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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3.	- Order No.1.
4.	- Order No.2.
5.	- R.M.O. established Aid Post, in Vaux.
6.	- Reference our Order No.2.
7.	- Reference D.A. Order No. 163.
8.	- Order. No.3. with Maps attached.
9.	- Congratulation from Army and Corps Commanders.
10.	- Order No.4.
11.	- Re withdrawl 150 Army Brigade, R.F.A.
12.	- Order No.5.
13.	- Report on the operation carried out at HAMMEL.
14.	- Order No.6.
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22.	- " " Order No.3.
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29.	- Reference "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme.& Tracing.
30.	- Order No.5.
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39.	- Order No.8.
40.	- Order No.9.
41.	- Ammendement No.2.to Order No.1.
42.	- Order No.10.
43.	- Visit of French Prime Minister.
44.	- Order No3.
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46.	- 5th. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No.53. with Maps.
47.	- Order No.4.
48.	- Instruction No. 1.
49.	- Order No.5.
50.	- Telegram of congratulations.
51.	- Right Sub-Group Order No.1.
52.	- " " Order No.2.
53.	- Battalion Liaison and O.P. Roster.

WS/EW.

Telephone:  
Military 68.

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Major Edwards,  
a/C.O.,  
11th Australian Field  
Artillery Brigade.  
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CINEMA DEPOT, E.F.C.,  
BOULOGNE BASE.

1st July 1918.

I am exceedingly pleased to note from your B.2724., dated 22nd inst., that the exhibitions given by the Mobile Cinema sent out from this Depot have been so much appreciated. I hope it will be possible to send the Cinema to you again when circumstances are favourable.

*W. P. Coatt* *W. P. Coatt*  
for Lieut. Colonel,  
Officer i/c., E.F.C., (France).  
Captain.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.SECRET.INSTRUCTION NO. 35.HEADQUARTERS,  
1st July, 1918.

1. Liaison Duties and O.P. duties as laid down in Instruction No. 32. and Amendments are cancelled. The manning of the Anti-Tank Gun, however, remains the same.
2. Infantry Brigade Liaison will be detailed. The 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade will detail an Officer to relieve the present Liaison Officer.
3. Battalion Liaison.— The 11th Aust.F.A. Brigade will in conjunction with the 150 (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., do Battalion Liaison with the Left Battalion of the Right Brigade, at 06h 55.00. This will be known as Right Liaison. Tour of duty will be three days' and reliefs will take place at 10 a.m. on days of relief. One telephonist with telephone and Lucas Lamp will be taken. The following roster will be adhered to :-

1st/4th	July	-	150 (Army) Brigade, R.F.A..
4th/7th	"	-	43rd Battery, Aust.F.A..
7th/10th	"	-	150 (Army) Brigade, R.F.A..
10th/13th	"	-	11th Battery, Aust.F.A..
13th/16th	"	-	150 (Army) Brigade, R.F.A..
16th/19th	"	-	41st Battery, Aust.F.A..
19th/22nd	"	-	150 (Army) Brigade, R.F.A..
22nd/25th	"	-	42nd Battery, Aust.F.A..
25th/28th	"	-	150 (Army) Brigade, R.F.A..
28th/31st	"	-	43rd Battery, Aust.F.A..

and so on in rotation.

Left Liaison with Battalion at J 25 d 25.60 will be done by the 13th and 14th Aust. F. A. Brigades.

4. Sub-Group O.P.— The 11th Aust.F.A. Brigade will man a Sub-Group O.P. at J 27 a 60.00, continuously by an Officer and 3 telephonists, with telephone and Lucas Lamp. The tour of duty will be 24 hours and reliefs will take place at 10 p.m. daily. Upon completion of relief Officers' will report thro' to 11th Bde Sub-Group Headquarters. The following roster will be adhered to :-

1st / 2nd	July	-	42nd Battery.
2nd / 3rd	"	-	43rd Battery.
3rd / 4th	"	-	11th Battery.
4th / 5th	"	-	41st Battery.
5th / 6th	"	-	42nd Battery.
6th / 7th	"	-	43rd Battery.
7th / 8th	"	-	11th Battery.
8th / 9th	"	-	41st Battery.
9th / 10th	"	-	42nd Battery.
10th / 11th	"	-	43rd Battery.
11th / 12th	"	-	11th Battery.
12th / 13th	"	-	41st Battery.

and so on in rotation.

5. Battery O.P.'s.— Will be manned from dawn till dusk, but the Battery on duty at Group O.P. need not man the Battery O.P. that day. Please forward locations of Battery O.P's to this Office, as soon as possible.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. (by wire).

*John Ewan*  
Captain & Adjutant.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE APPENDIX

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 1.

HEADQUARTERS,  
1st July, 1918.

Reference Maps:-62.D. N.E., N.W., S.E., S.W.. - 1/20,000.

1. Zones on the Centre Group Artillery Sector are allotted as follows, and will come into effect at once :-

150 Brigade, R.F.A. - P 8 d 60.40 - P 9 a 40.40 - P 3 c 50.00 -  
P 3 c 75.35

13th Aust. F.A. Bde. - P 3 c 75.35 - P 3 b 50.50 - P 4 a 60.55 -

14th Aust. F.A. Bde. - P 4 a 60.55 to P 5 b 20.65 - P 5 b 30.90

11th Aust. F.A. Bde. - Superimposed over Group Zone.

The 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade Zone will be distributed as follows :-

42nd Battery. - P 8 d 60.40 - P 9 a 40.40 - P 3 c 50.00

41st Battery. - P 3 c 50.00 - to - P 3 b 50.50

43rd Battery. - P 3 b 50.50 to P 5 b 20.65 to P 5 b 30.90

11th Battery. -  
1 How. - P 10 a 25.15  
1 How. - P 9 b 15.70  
1 How. - P 10 Central  
1 How. - P 4 c 50.35  
1 Section. - Sweep Trench from P 4 d 50.40 to  
P 4 b 30.30

The above will be the general S.O.S. Lines, and all Batteries with the exception of the 42nd and 11th, will be laid on them. The 42nd & 11th Batteries will lay on lines as per para. 2. below, until further orders.

2. Reference 4th Aust. D.A. Order No. 161. para. 1. attached hereto. In order that the number of guns on the front are not disclosed by an S.O.S. Call, which may be a serious one, only the undermentioned Batteries will open fire. All other Batteries will stand to, but will not open fire until ordered to do so from Group. If communication with Group fails, Battery Commanders' will act on their own judgement according to the situation :-

42nd Battery.- P 3 d 60.40 - P 9 a 40.40 to P 3 c 50.00

1 Bty. 150 Bde.- P 3 c 50.00 - P 3 b 50.50

50th Battery.- P 3 b 50.50 - P 4 b 65.55

1 Bty. 14th Bde.- P 4 b 65.55 - P 5 b 20.65 - P 5 b 30.90

11th Battery.-  
1 How. at - P 11 a 52.45  
1 How. at - P 10 c 00.60  
1 How. at - P 9 b 80.00  
1 How. at - P 4 c 50.35  
1 How. at - P 4 d 20.20  
1 How. at - P 10 a 75.30

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*W. G. ...*

Captain & Adjutant.

11th Australian F. A. Brigade Sub-Group.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 2.

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd July, 1918.

1. Rear Sections of Batteries will move forward on the night of the 3rd/4th July, 1918, at times to be notified later. The full complement of ammunition must be completed at Forward Guns tonight 2nd/3rd July, 1918.

2. The following times are allotted to Batteries for registration purposes, as laid down in D.A. Order No.161. of 29th ultimo.

<u>3rd July.</u>	-	10 a.m.	to	11 a.m.	-	<u>41st Battery.</u>
		12 p.m.	to	1 p.m.	-	<u>42nd Battery.</u>
		2 p.m.	to	3 p.m.	-	<u>43rd Battery.</u>
		4 p.m.	to	5 p.m.	-	<u>11th Battery.</u>

Battery Commanders' will arrange for covering fire with their Rear Sections, and not more than six (6) rounds per gun will be used. The Start Line will not be registered on. Completion of registration will be reported to this Office.

3. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Battery Commanders' will issue strict instructions to all Officers' and telephonists that no references are to be made over the telephone to Zero Day, Zero Hour, or to anything in connexion with the operation.

4. During the operation Battery Commanders' will order fuze lengths for the different lifts in the barrage, rather than correctors.

5. Battery Commanders' will ensure that all Guns have a clear field of fire to allow of the possibilities of switches.

6. Reference D.A. Order No.163 and Amendment No. 1. attached. para.5. New zones will be allotted to comply with this Order and the 43rd Battery will be superimposed over the 11th Aust.F.A.Brigade Zone, and will answer all "L.L." Calls.

Ref. para. 12. The 11th Australian F.A.Brigade will supply the telephonists to report to Lieut. Ferguson, as under :-

41st Battery - 1 (ONE) Telephonist and One D.III. Telephone.

42nd Battery - 1 (ONE) Telephonist and One D.III. Telephone.

They will not report to D.A.H.Q. as laid down in para.12., but will meet Lieut. Ferguson at 8 p.m. on "Y" Day, at commencement of 'C.T.' in J 27 a.

Ref. para.13. P.O.O. and party are being supplied by the other Brigade of the Centre Group.

Ref. para.14. Major E.G. Lister, will be the Brigade Liaison Officer. Attention is drawn to paras. 15. and 16.

7. During the operation Battery O.P's will be manned by an Officer.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE. (BY WIRE).

*Richard L. Lister*

Captain.

ADJUTANT.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade Sub-Group.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.
No. <u>B2836</u>
Date.....

SECRET.

- 41st Battery.
- 42nd Battery.
- 43rd Battery.
- 11th Battery.
- R.M.O., 11th Bde.
- Centre Group H.Q.
- War Diary. ✓

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd July, 1918.

The R.M.O., 11th Australian Field Artillery  
Brigade has established an AID POST, in School Building, VAUX,  
at J 26 c 80.85.

*Keith Seward*

Captain & Adjutant.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.	
No.	B 2849
Date	

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS,  
3rd July, 1918.

41st Battery.  
42nd Battery.  
43rd Battery.  
11th Battery.  
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Reference our Order No.2. of the 2nd instant.

Para. 1. - Rear Sections of Batteries will move from present positions at the following hours tonight the 3rd/4th July, 1918 :-

10 p.m. - 41st and 43rd Batteries.

11 p.m. - 42nd and 11th Batteries.

Completion of move will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by wiring the following message :-

"A.99 - NOTED."

Para. 6. - Telephonists of 41st and 42nd Batteries will report to Lieut. Ferguson at 8 p.m. at commencement of "C.F." in J 27 a. tonight the 3rd inst. D.III. Telephones need not be taken.

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SYNCHRONISATION.- As per D.A.H.Q. - S./347 of even date, attached.

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Reference our Order No. 3. of the 3rd instant.

Para. 2.- The 11th Aust. F. A. Brigade will not do any harassing fire on the night 3rd/4th July, 1918. (tonight).

ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*Quirk*

Captain.

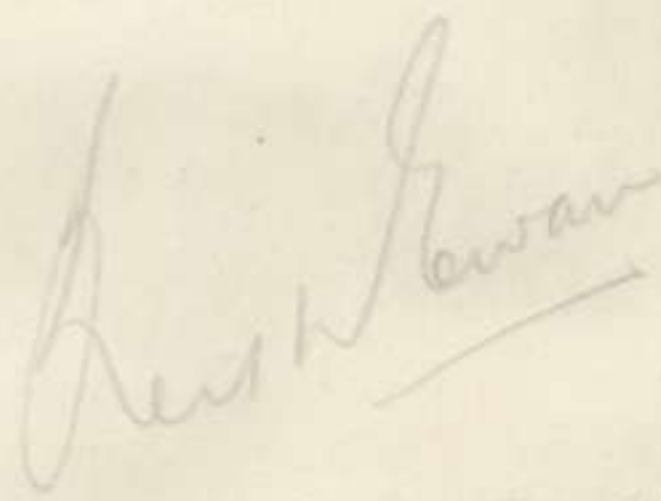
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11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.11TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET.HEADQUARTERS,  
3rd July, 1918.41st Battery.  
42nd Battery.  
43rd Battery.  
111th Battery.  
-----Reference D.A. Order No.163.

1. Zero hour will be 3.10 a.m. on the 4th July, 1918.
2. Para. 15. The S.O.S. Line will be the respective Artillery Start Lines from one hour. ten minutes before Zero hour.
3. After the operation S.O.S. Lines for all Batteries will be their final protective barrage line as shown on the barrage map, issued with Order No. 3.
4. Brigade and Battery Liaison Officers' will not be relieved tomorrow the 4th instant, they will remain with the Brigade or Battalion which they are at present with until the 5th inst. Any movement of Brigade or Battalion will be reported to this Office as quickly as possible.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).



Captain.

Adjutant.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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## ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-APPENDIX 8

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 3.

HEADQUARTERS,  
3rd July, 1918.Reference :- Map 62.D. - 1/20,000. also our Order No.2. para. 6.

1. ZONES.- The Centre Group Artillery Zones is as shwen on attached tracing. The 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade Zone on Start Line is as follows :-  
P 3 c b 62.40 - P 3 b 17.35  
and will be sub-divided as under :-
- |                     |   |                          |   |             |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| <u>41st Battery</u> | - | P 3 c 62.40              | - | P 3 c 91.89 |
| <u>42nd Battery</u> | - | P 3 c 91.89              | - | P 3 b 17.35 |
| <u>43rd Battery</u> | - | Superimposed P 3 c 62.40 | - | P 3 b 17.35 |
| <u>11th Battery</u> | - | P 3 d 02.39              | - | P 3 b 57.30 |
2. TASKS.- From Zero - 8 minutes to Zero a limited number of guns will continue harassing fire, this will be ordered later. During this Tanks and Infantry will as close to tape line as possible. From Zero hour onwards the Artillery will creep Eastward from Artillery Start Line in lifts of 100 yards, every 3 minutes to Arty Halt Line, which will be reached at zero plus 31 minutes. It will remain on this Line for 10 minutes then continue Eastward in lifts of 100 yards every 4 minutes until the protective barrage line is reached, at varying lines up to approx. zero plus 93 and will remain on this line until zero plus 123 minutes. The 4.5" How. Battery will commence and continue on a line 200 yards E. of the 18-pdr. Barrage, similarly this Battery will creep eastwards at the above pace and will remain 200 yards East of Arty Halt Line from zero plus 31 to zero plus 41. On reaching 200 yds East of Final Protective Barrage Line which is shewn for 18-pdrs. they will remain there for 5 minutes then advance Eastward 800 yds at the rate of 200 yds each 5 minutes, moving forward and backward over the area until zero plus 123 minutes. All fire ceases at zero plus 123 minutes unless further required.
3. RATES OF FIRE.-
- |   | 18 - pdrs. | Q.F.                       |
|---|------------|----------------------------|
| Zero to zero plus 31 mins.                    | -          | 3 rds per gun per minute.  |
| Zero plus 31 - zero plus 39.                  | -          | 1 rd " " " "               |
| Zero plus 39 - Final Protective Barrage Line  | -          | 3 rds p.g.p.min.           |
| Final Protective Barrage Line - zero plus 123 | -          | 1 rd p.g.p.min.            |
| <u>4.5" Howitzers.</u>                        |            |                            |
| Zero <del>mins</del> - Zero plus 31.          | -          | 2 rds per how. per minute. |
| Zero plus 31 - zero plus 39.                  | -          | 1 rd. per how. per minute. |
| Zero plus 39 - zero plus 93.                  | -          | 2 rds " " " "              |
| Zero plus 93 - zero plus 123                  | -          | 1 rd. " " " "              |
4. AMMUNITION.- As laid down in para. 9 and Amendment No. 1. It is imperative that the 10% of SMOKE shell be used as evenly distributed throughout in order that these rounds are not mistaken for the Signal rounds marking the arrival at the Artillery Halt Line and the final Protective Barrage Line.
5. S.O.S.- Should an S.O.S. Signal or message be received during the period one hour before Zero to Zero hour S.O.S. Lines for 18-pdrs. & 4.5" Hows. will be their ~~Artillery~~ respective Artillery Start Line, as shewn on barrage map.
6. ATTACK.- Should an attack take place prior to zero hour, the operation will take place in accordance with the above order.

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S E C R E T.

Order No. 3 ..... 2 ..... 3rd July, 1918.

7. Location.- On X / Y night Brigade and Battalion Headquarters of 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be as follows :-

Bde Forward H.Qrs. and 41st Btn H.Qrs. at present RIGHT Battalion H.Qrs. of 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade at J 25 d 27.40

42nd Aust. Inf. Battm H.Qrs. at J 28 a 60.70

43rd & 44th Aust. Inf. Btn H.Qrs. at O 6 b 50.00

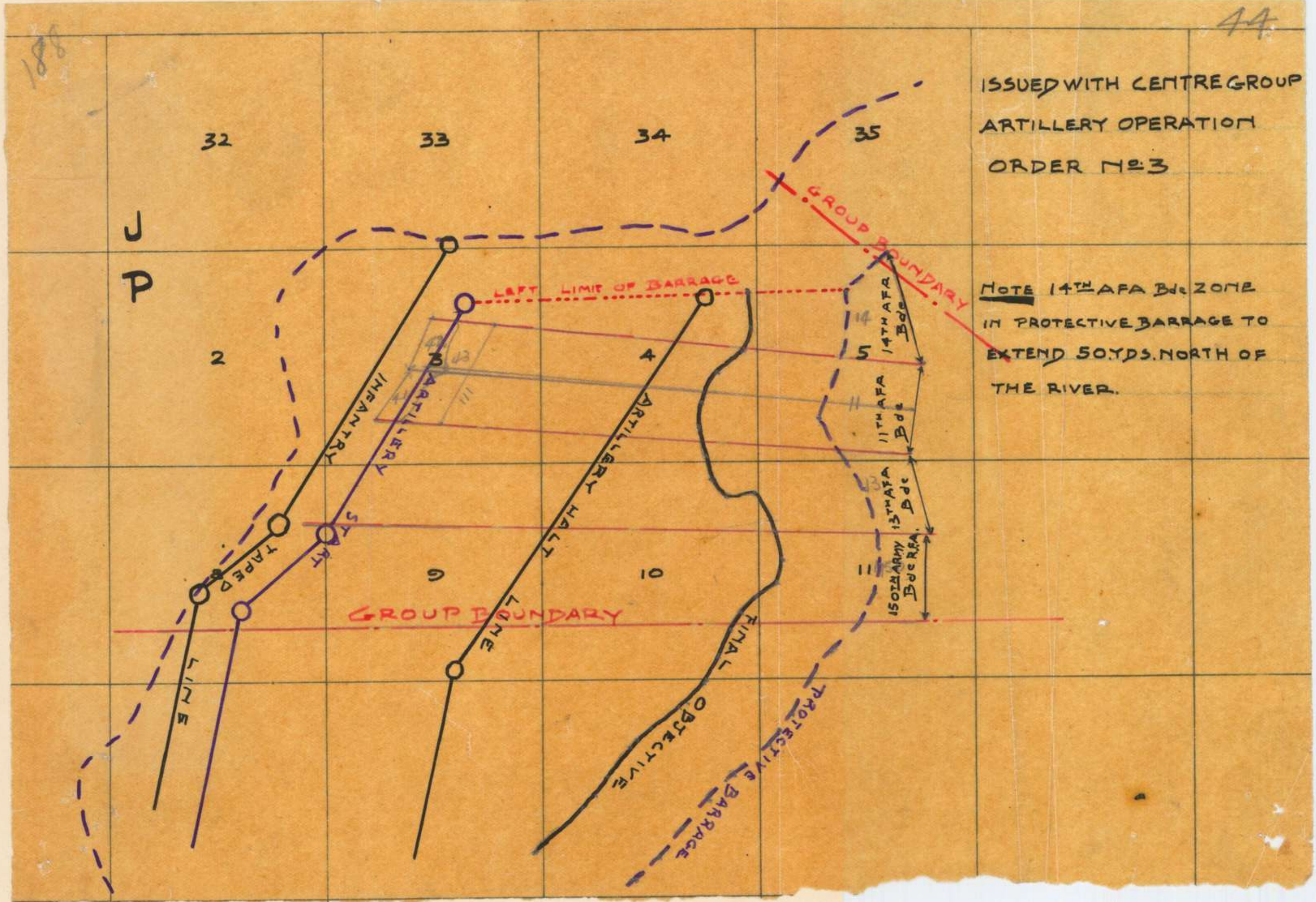
8. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*Richard Ewan*

Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade Sub-Group.  
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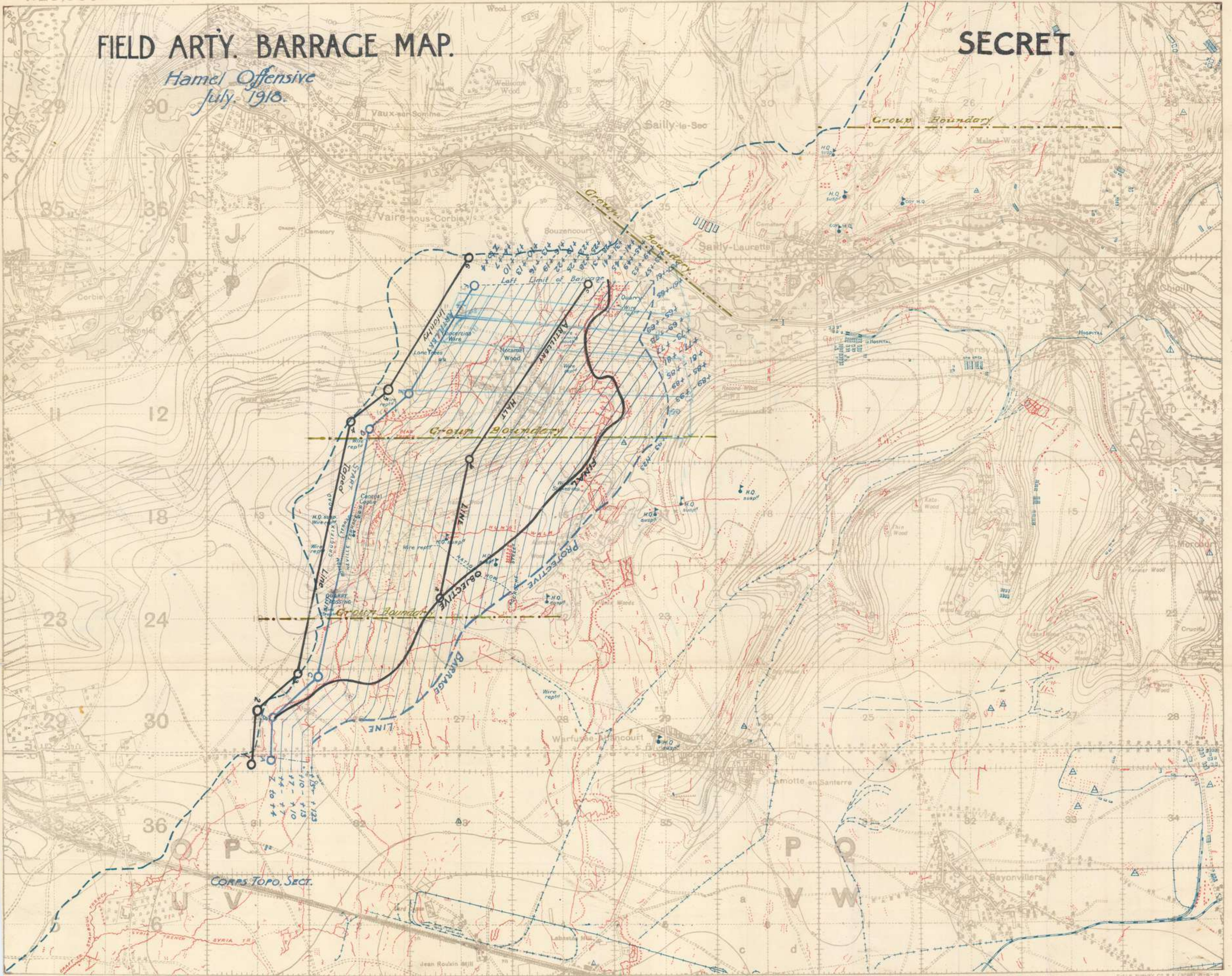
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EDITION I.

# FIELD ARTY. BARRAGE MAP.

*Hamel Offensive  
July 1918.*

# SECRET.



Approximate British Front Line - - - - 22-6-18

Scale 1:20,000

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 24-6-18.

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FIELD ARTY BARRAGE MAP

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APPENDIX 9

CENTRE GROUP ARTILLERY.  
 11th Aust. BRIGADE.  
 5th AUST. DIVISION.  
 4T4/2

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Headquarters,  
4th July 1918.

- C.O. 11th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- C.O. 14th " "
- C.O. 150th (Army) Bde. R.F.A.

The following communication has been received from the ~~Brigade Major~~ Major, 4th Aust. Div. Arty., and is forwarded for your information, please :-

" W.B. 1. 4/7/18.

The Army Commander wishes his congratulations conveyed to you and your men on your excellent work aaa General BIRDWOOD and the Corps Commander both send you and your Commands their best Congratulations on your brilliant work aaa The Divisional Commander wishes to add his own congratulations to the above appreciations aaa."

Rep<sup>d</sup> all  
Batteries  
5/7/18

11TH  
 AUSTRALIAN  
 F.A. BRIGADE.  
 B2863  
 5/7/18

Lieut & Adjt.  
Centre Group Arty.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.SECRET.ORDER NO. 4HEADQUARTERS,  
4th July, 1918.

1. The S.O.S. Line on the Centre Group Front will be as follows :-

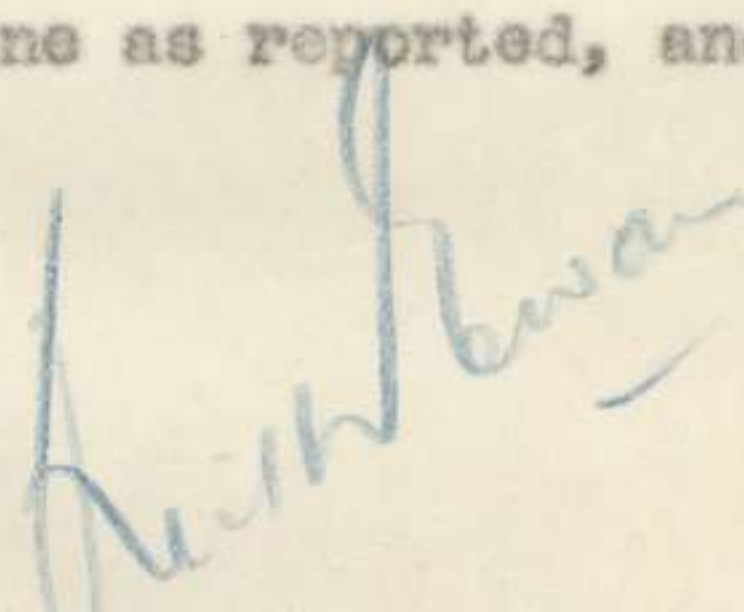
<u>150 (ARMY) Bde.</u>	- P 11 a	45.50	- P 11 a	82.00	- P 11 a	75.32
<u>13th A.F.A.Bde.</u>	- P 11 a	75.32	- P 5 c	50.13		
<u>11th A.F.A.Bde.</u>	- P 5 c	50.13	- P 5 c	35.40	- P 5 c	75.95
<u>14th A.F.A.Bde.</u>	- P 5 c	75.95	- P 5 b	15.95		

The 11th Aust.F.A.Brigade Zone will be distributed as follows :-

<u>41st Battery</u>	- P 5 c	50.13	- P 5 c	35.40	- P 5 c	45.50
<u>42nd Battery</u>	- P 5 c	45.50	- P 5 c	75.95	-	
<u>43rd Battery</u>	- P 5 c	50.13	- P 5 c	35.40	- P 5 c	75.95
<u>11th Battery</u>	- P 5 c	50.13	- P 5 c	35.40	- P 5 c	75.95

plus  
200 yards.

2. Rates of fire and ammunition as laid down in "B" Div. Arty Defence Scheme.
3. Batteries will maintain an establishment of 200 rounds per gun and How. at Pits.
4. The attached tracing shows our front line as reported, and S.O.S. Lines.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).



Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.	
No.	B2864
Date	.....

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.SECRET.HEADQUARTERS,  
5th July, 1918.

41st Battery.  
42nd Battery.  
43rd Battery.  
11th Battery.  
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The 150 (ARMY) Brigade, R.F.A., will be withdrawn from the Line on the night of the 5th/6th July, 1918.

The 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will take over all Ammunition at present on charge to them (with the exception of Echelons). Some of the Batteries have ammunition still in the positions they occupied before advancing, this will also be taken over.

Batteries will send an Officer to the Battery from which they are receiving ammunition and a count will be taken. Duplicate receipts will be obtained and a copy will be attached to Ammunition State rendered tomorrow the 6th inst., which will include all ammn. taken over. Guards will be left on all ammunition taken over, and it will be transferred to Battery Positions as soon as possible.

Batteries will take over as follows : -

41st Battery from B/150 at J 25 a 10.30  
42nd Battery from A/150 at J 26 a 20.40  
43rd Battery from C/150 at J 25 b 95.30  
11th Battery from D/150 at J 26 c 20.30

These are the locations of the present positions of 150 Batteries. It will be necessary to obtain the location of Rear positions when at the Batteries.

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*W. W. Rose*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB - GROUP.SECRET.ORDER NO. 5.HEADQUARTERS,  
5th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D., SW., SE., NW., NE., - 1/20,000.

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1. Upon the withdrawal of the 150 (ARMY) Brigade, R.F.A., from Centre Group Artillery, tonight the 5th/6th July, 1918, S.O.S. Zones for 11th Aust. F. A. Brigade will be as follows : -
- P 11 a 65.60 - P 5 c 35.40 - P 5 c 55.70 & TRENCH SYSTEM  
P 5 d 00.00 to P 5 c 80.50.
- Zones for Batteries of this Brigade are as follows : -
- 41st Battery - P 11 a 65.60 - P 5 c 50.10.
- 42nd Battery - P 5 c 50.10 - P 5 c 35.40 - P 5 c 55.70.
- 43rd Battery - Superimposed P 11 a 65.60 - P 5 c 35.40 -  
P 5 c 55.70.
- 11th Battery - Line 200 yards East of P 11 a 65.60 - P 5 c 35.40 -  
P 5 c 55.70, and will include TRENCH SYSTEM  
P 5 d 00.00 to P 5 c 80.50.
- Batteries will be responsible for S.O.S. as above from 9 p.m. tonight the 5th instant.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).

*W. W. Rose*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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At 3.2 a.m. Zero hour minus 8 minutes the 11th (How) Battery fired for 8 minutes ob trench from P 9 c 00.85 - P 4 c 00.45, at the rate of 2 rounds per how. per minute.

From Zero - 4 mins. to Zero hour 10% of SMOKE shell was used and during this harassing fire the Infantry and tanks crept out to the 'Jumping Off' Line.

At 3.10 a.m. all Batteries of 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade opened on the Artillery Start Line, which was as follows :-

41st Battery	- P 3 c 62.40	- P 3 c 91.89.
42nd Battery	- P 3 c 91.89	- P 3 b 17.35.
43rd Battery	- P 3 c 62.40	- P 3 b 17.35.
11th Battery	- P 3 d 02.39	- P 3 b 57.30.

At the rate of 3 rounds per gun per minute for 18-pdrs. and 2 rounds per how. per minute for 4.5" Howitzers. After 4 mins. fire the barrage lifted 100 yards and then at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes until the Artillery Halt Line was reached at Zero plus 31 minutes. The arrival of the barrage on this line was notified by all Batteries firing 3 rounds of SMOKE shell. 10% SMOKE shell was used throughout the creeping barrage.

At 3.15 a.m. O.P. Officer reported that the enemy had put down a fairly heavy barrage between our F.L.T. and Supports. Our barrage was described by him as excellent and that none of our Batteries were short. Numerous red and green lights had been sent up by the enemy.

At 3.23 a.m. Batteries reported that all was going well and that enemy was not doing any C.B. work.

From Zero plus 31 to Zero plus 39. Batteries fired at the rate of 1 round per gun per minute and then quicken up to 3 rounds for 18-pdrs. and 2 rds. for 4.5" Hows. The creeping barrage was then resumed at the rate of 100 yards per 4 mins. until the Final Protective Barrage Line was reached, at time varying from Zero plus 65 to Zero plus 81. The arrival of the barrage at this time was also marked by the firing of 3 rounds of SMOKE shell; and Batteries reduced the rate of fire to 1 round per gun per minute. The Hows. after 5 minutes pause on this line searched forward and backward to a depth of 800 yards at the rate of 200 yards each five minutes.

At 3.40 a.m. A report was received from Observing Officer at a Battery O.P. that our Barrage was good and uniform, and that the bursts of shrapnel were nice and low, giving a good percentage of bursts on graze.

At 3.50 a.m. Group O.P. reported that hostile barrage was not kept long on our F.L.T. and that most of the fire was then going into squares P 14 a & b which was coming from over Hamel Wood.

At 3.55 a.m. A Hostile Battery was observed firing from at T.B. of 148°30' from I 27 b 70.60.

At 4.11 a.m. Batteries were all going strong, all guns were in action, and no shelling had been in the vicinity of their positions. Hamel was reported as being on fire.

At 4.45 a.m. Sub-Group O.P. reported one of our planes brought down in flames and fell in our lines.

At 4.26 a.m. 43rd Battery reported that prisoners had been captured and that they were from the 202nd R.I.B.

At 4.46 a.m. 75% SMOKE shell was ordered from Group as some tanks were being shelled and a screen was needed. This proportion of smoke was fired until 5 a.m.

At 5.15 a.m. Fire ceased.

From this time onwards the day was quiet, but much movement was observed on roads, but most of this was out of range for our Field Guns. The 42nd Battery, however, engaged some of the targets, having the advantage of Air Recuperators.

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At 5.57 a.m. The 43rd Battery replied to an F.A.N. call, which reported Infantry on road at P 21 d 80.40. The 42nd Battery engaged transport on road at Q 25 a 20.60 and reported casualties. This Battery also engaged enemy seen near Crucifix in Q 22. Numerous small parties of enemy were seen entering Tailloux Wood at 11.20 a.m. and were engaged ~~xx~~ by 41st, 42nd and 111th Batteries. Much traffic was reported on road in Q 23 a from 12.15 p.m. onwards, Troops and vehicles were continually seen on this road going into MORCOURT.

At 1.50 p.m. an N.F. call was answered on to P 16 d 80.30 by 42nd Battery, who also engaged transport consisting of Ammunition Wagons on road running thro' Q 15 a and c. Casualties were caused in this Column.

The Warfusee-Abancourt road was reported crowded with transport at 4.15 pm.

At 6.56 p.m. The 43rd Battery answered an N.F. call on P 22 b 30.90 and the 111th Battery fired on same Battery at 7.29 p.m. Hostile Artillery throughout the day was quiet, and no Battery positions were shelled.

At 10.16 p.m. the 41st Battery reported S.O.S. on our front. All Batteries opened immediately. This signal was again repeated at 10.20 p.m. and fire finally ceased at 10.35 p.m. Two minutes later the Signal was again seen and Batteries replied, after 3 mins. fire the rate of fire was reduced to 2 rds per gun per min., which was continued until 11.5 p.m., when Batteries with the exception of the 43rd ceased fire. The 43rd Battery at the request of the Infantry continued to search and sweep in rear of the Brigade S.O.S. Zone for 15 mins. at the rate of 1 rd. per gun per min. Reports have been received from Infantry to the effect that the barrage for the operation and S.O.S's were excellent and accurately placed, which is most satisfactory as Batteries were limited to 6 rds per gun for registration purposes.

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*Keith Lewis* Capt. in Charge  
to Major  
1/60 11<sup>th</sup> Anst 211 B Coy

REPORT ON HAMEL OFFENSIVE 4th JULY 1918As observed from Battery O.P. at J266706.

3.0 to 3.10.a.m. On left towards Saily-le-Sec, and right towards Villers Bretonneux a moderate barrage put down.

3.10.a.m. The barrage proper was put down. As far as could be seen it was good, with very few high bursts.

3.20.a.m. Enemy opened up in reply to S.O.S., mostly on left and right, practically no shelling in centre near Hamel.

3.30.a.m. Fire broke out in Hamel.

3.50.a.m. Enemy battery firing from 148 deg. 30 min. Grid Bearing.

4.10.a.m. Two of our planes now visible. They had been over since zero.

4. 5.a.m. Fire broke out in Saily-le-Sec. Still very ~~much~~ little hostile artillery replying. Fire in Saily-le-Sec exploded, then died down and broke into another explosion. Several fires in Hamel.

4.40.am. Enemy shelling towards ridge near Villers Bretonneux.

4.45.a.m. Opened on Valley at Bouzencourt, 4.2s and 77mm.

4.48.am. Two of our planes flew over dropping lights.

4.52.a.m. Single green lights being fired from Vaire Wood. Two red ground flares burning at P.11.a.2.5.

5.0.a.m. Our protective barrage obscured enemy country. Our Infantry and Tanks seen moving about east of final objective. Enemy shelling - Nil. S.A.A. dropped by our planes (by parachute) fell mostly in and around Hamel.

5.15.a.m. Everything quiet.

(Signed T.P.Clark. LT.  
42nd Battery.

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13TH F. A. BRIGADE,  
 5TH AUST. DIVISION.  
 No. 113/128  
 Date.....

APPENDIX 12  
 Headquarters,  
 4th Aust. Division,  
 4th July 1918.

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 4th Aust. Div. Arty.  
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Please forward, as quickly as possible, reports on the operation carried out to-day, 4th July. It is important that these should be written while the incidents of the operation are still fresh in the minds of those who took part.

Original reports, (or true copies thereof) of Junior Commanders who were actual participators in the operation are the most valuable form of report. These should be attached to the general reports sent in.

(Sgd) J.T. LAVARACK, Lieut-Col.  
 G.S. 4th Aust. Division.

C.O. 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 C.O. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

For necessary action. Reports to be forwarded, in duplicate, to this office as soon as possible. If a good report can be obtained from an Officer manning an O.P. this may help.

*Phillips*  
 Lieut & Adjt.  
 Centre Group Artillery.

5/7/18.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN F. A. BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.SECRET.ORDER No. 6.HEADQUARTERS,  
6th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D, N.E., S.E., N.W., S.W., - 1/20,000.

1. S.O.S. Lines will be as follows for tonight the 6th/7th July, 1918, at 6 a.m. tomorrow the 7th instant S.O.S. Lines will be resumed as ordered in our Order No. 5. of the 5th inst.

13th A.F.A. Brigade. - P 11 c 50.50 - P 11 b 20.00 -  
P 11 b 40.55

11th A.F.A. Brigade. - P 11 b 40.55 - P 5 d 90.60.

14th A.F.A. Brigade. - P 5 d 90.60 - P 6 a 45.80.

The 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade zone will be distributed as follows :-

41st Battery. - P 11 b 40.55 - P 5 d 75.00.

42nd Battery. - P 5 d 75.00 - P 5 d 90.60.

43rd Battery. - P 11 b 40.55 - P 5 d 90.60.

111th Battery. - P 11 b 40.55 - P 5 d 90.60 - plus 200 yards.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).

*Devin Brown*

Captain.

Adjutant.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade Sub-Group.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.SECRET.ORDER NO. 8.Headquarters,  
7th July, 1918.Reference Maps:- 62.D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., 1/20,000.

1. A minor operation will be carried out by the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade tonight 7th/8th July, 1918, at 12.15 a.m. with object of straightening out the present front line to a line P 11 a 30.00 - P 5 d 00.00 to P 5 d 30.60 - P 5 b 80.20 - J 30 d 50.00.
2. The Left Group will cover the advance NORTH of the SOMME with a creeping barrage.  
The Right Group will co-operate.
3. The Centre Group will place a barrage on a line from P 11 c 80.40 to P 11 Central to P 6 a 25.00. Batteries will open at Zero hour. on Start Line, remaining for three (3) minutes then lift a hundred (100) yards, - at zero plus 3 minutes, remaining on this line until zero plus 4 minutes then creep EASTWARD in lifts of 50 yards per minute until zero plus 14 minutes remaining on line until zero plus 45 mins.
4. The 11th Aust. P.A. Brigade Zone is as follows :-
  - 41st Battery - P 11 b 20.25 - P 11 b 45.65.
  - 42nd Battery - P 11 b 45.65 - P 5 d 65.00.
  - 43rd Battery - P 11 b 20.25 - P 5 d 65.00.
  - 11th Battery - P 11 b 20.25 - P 5 d 65.00 plus 300 yards.
5. Rate of fire :-
  - Zero to Zero plus 14 mins. 18-pdrs. 3 rds. per gun per minute.
  - 4.5" How. 2 " " " "
  - Zero plus 14 to Zero plus 45. - 1 rd. per gun or How. per minute.
6. Ammunition :-
  - 18-pdrs. - 60% "A" 40% "AX" No 106 Fuze to be used.
  - 4.5" How. - Will fire "B.X"
7. On completion S.O.S. Line will be as laid down in our Order No.7. of even date.
8. Heavy Artillery <sup>will</sup> co-operate with Counter Battery work.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).

*Richardson*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade Sub-Group.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.

11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.	
No.....	B2883
Date.....	

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS,  
7th July, 1918.

- 41st Battery.
- 42nd Battery.
- 43rd Battery.
- 111th Battery.
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1. It is proposed that the 45th Battalion will push forward their line to P 11 a 2.2 to P 5 d 00.00 to P 5 d 3.6 then to P 5 b 8.2 tonight the 7th/8th July, 1918. This operation will be a silent one commencing at 10.30 p.m. Posts will be established 50 yards EAST of the above line.  
The 46th Battalion are co-operating on the Right and North of the SOMME from 9 p.m. tonight. S.O.S. Lines will be as shewn in our Operation Order No.7. of even date.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE. (BY WIRE).

*Richard Swan*

Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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APPENDIX 16.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.SECRET.ORDER NO. 7.Headquarters,  
7th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D. S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.

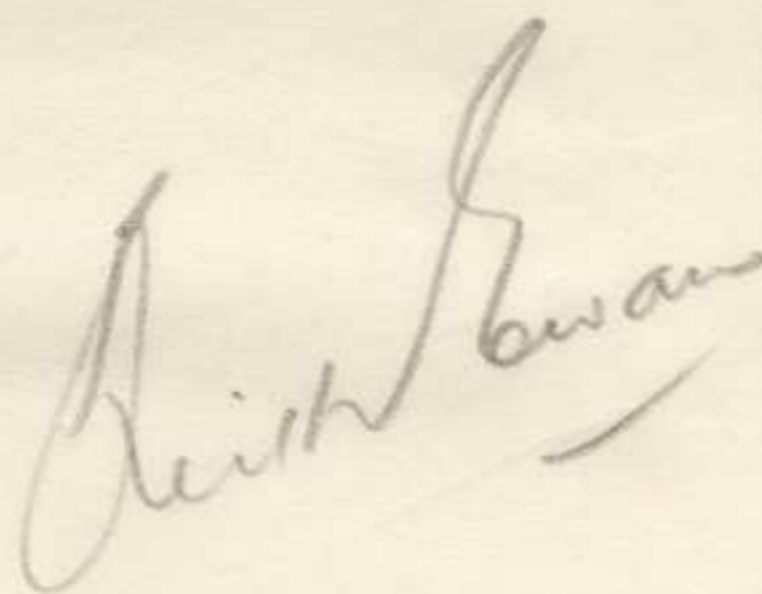
1. S.O.S. Line from 9 (NINE) p.m. tonight 7th/8th July, 1918, will be as follows :-

13th A.F.A. Brigade. - P 11 c 60.45 - P 11 Central - P 11 b 40.6011th A.F.A. Brigade. - P 11 b 40.60 - P 6 c 10.70 - ~~P 6 c 10.70~~14th A.F.A. Brigade. - P 6 c 10.70 - P 6 a 25.00 - P 6 a 50.70

2. The 11th Aust.F.A. Brigade Zone will be distributed as follows :-

41st Battery - P 11 b 40.60 - P 5 d 72.12.42nd Battery - P 5 d 72.12 - P 6 c 10.70.43rd Battery - P 11 b 40.60 - P 6 c 10.70.11th Battery - P 11 b 40.60 - P 6 c 10.70 plus 200 yards.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).



Captain.

ADJUTANT.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade Sub-Group.

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## ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade
No. B2891
Date

SECRET.HEADQUARTERS,  
8th July, 1918.

41st Battery.  
42nd Battery.  
43rd Battery.  
11th Battery.  
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The daily allotment of Ammunition is as follows :-

18-pdrs. 250 rds. per Battery. 80 rds. per Battery to be expended on observed shoots during daylight.

4.5" Hows. 200 rds per Battery. 70 rds. per Battery to be expended on observed shoots during daylight.

Ammunition :- 18-pdrs. 60% "A" 40% "A.X"

4.5" Hows. GAS when weather conditions are favourable.

Night Firing :- Will be done by 3 Batteries of the Brigade per night. These Batteries will use no fewer than 3 guns, but the full allotment of ammunition will be expended. Night firing tasks will be sent from this Office, but this will not prevent B.C's from engaging any point where they have noticed frequent movement during the day. Batteries will not fire on tasks on the nights as detailed below :-

8th	July	-	41st Battery.
9th	"	-	11th Battery.
10th	"	-	42nd Battery.
11th	"	-	43rd Battery.
12th	"	-	11th Battery.
13th	"	-	41st Battery.
14th	"	-	42nd Battery.
15th	"	-	11th Battery.
16th	"	-	43rd Battery.
17th	"	-	41st Battery.
18th	"	-	11th Battery.
19th	"	-	42nd Battery.
20th	"	-	43rd Battery.
21st	"	-	11th Battery.

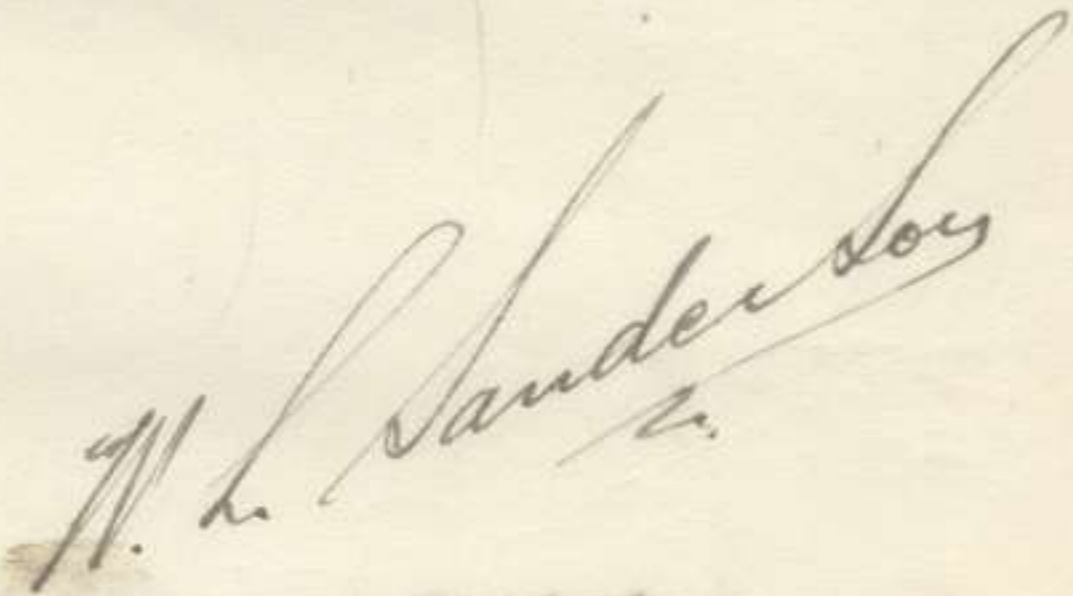
and so on in rotation.

*Richardson*  
Captain.

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ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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ELEVENTH/AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.SECRET.ORDER NO. 9.HEADQUARTERS,  
9th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.

1. S.O.S. Line from 9 p.m. tonight the 9th July, 1918, will be as follows :-  
13th Aust.F.A.Brigade - P 11 c 82.45 - P 11 ~~g~~ 35.95 - P 11 b 70.50.  
11th Aust.F.A.Brigade - P 11 b 70.50 - P 6 a 70.05.  
14th Aust.F.A.Brigade - P 6 a 70.05 - J 36 d 50.45.
- All Howitzer Batteries to follow above lines 200 yards further EAST.
2. 11th Aust. F.A.Brigade Battery zones are as follows :-  
41st Battery - P 11 b 70.50 - P 6 c 17.25.  
42nd Battery - P 6 c 17.25 - P 6 a 70.05.  
43rd Battery - Superimposed over Brigade Zone - P 11 b 70.50 -  
P 6 a 70.05.  
111th Battery - P 12 a 10.50 - P 6 b 10.05.
3. Batteries will mutually arrange to register the above lines, care being taken that they link up with "Flank" Batteries.  
"Completion" reports to reach this Office by 6 p.m. tomorrow the 10th instant.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade Sub-Group.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE SUB-GROUP.SECRET.ORDER NO. 10.Headquarters,  
10th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.Reference 4th Aust. Div. Artillery Order No.172. attached.

1. S.O.S. Lines for 11th Aust.F.A.Brigade, plus C/298 Battery till 11 a.m. on 11th July, 1918, will be as follows :-

C/298 Battery - K 25 c 85.55 - K 31 a 32.8041st Battery - K 31 a 32.80 - J 36 b 90.1343rd Battery - J 36 b 90.13 - J 36 d 50.4542nd Battery - Superimposed over whole Brigade Zone from -  
K 25 c 85.55 - J 36 d 50.4511th Battery - Over whole zone 200 yards EAST of 18-pdr. S.O.S. Line.

2. S.O.S. Line for Group from 11 a.m. 11th July, 1918, will be as follows:

42nd Battery - J 36 b 90.15 - P 6 b 22.9241st Battery - P 6 b 22.92 - Centre Canal at P 6 c 50.8043rd Battery - Superimposed over whole Zone J 36 b 90.15 -  
P 6 c 50.8011th Battery - Over whole Zone 200 yards EAST of 18-pdr. S.O.S. Line.

3. AMMUNITION.- 11th Aust.F.A.Brigade will take over all Ammunition at present on charge to 298th (ARMY) Brigade, R.F.A., at Battery Positions (with the exception of Echelons). Batteries will send an Officer to the Battery from which they are receiving ammunition at 10 a.m. tomorrow the 11th inst. A count will be taken. Duplicate receipts will be obtained and a copy will be attached to Ammunition State rendered on the 12th inst., which will include all Ammunition taken over. Guards will be left on all ammunition taken over and it will be transferred to Battery Positions as soon as possible. Batteries will take over Ammunition as follows :-

41st Battery from C/298 Battery (3 guns) J 14 b 32.48  
(3 guns) J 15 a 40.9942nd Battery from B/298 Battery (2 guns) J 14 c 50.50  
(2 guns) J 21 b 10.10  
(2 guns) J 14 d 15.0043rd Battery from A/298 Battery (6 guns) J 19 a 85.6511th Battery from D/298 Battery (4 hows) J 13 c 90.60  
(2 hows) J 13 d 20.18

4. LIAISON.- The 11th Aust.F.A.Brigade at 9 p.m. tonight 10th July, 1918, takes over LEFT Group. Liaison will be maintained at 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade and Left Battalion of 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Order No. 10.210.7.1918.

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4. LIAISON.- (continued).

Brigade Liaison.- Tour of duty 7 (seven) days, reliefs to take place at 10 a.m. on day of relief. The following roster will be adhered to :-

<u>11th Battery</u>	from 10 a.m. 11.7.18	till 10 a.m. 18.7.18.
<u>43rd Battery</u>	" 18.7.18	" 25.7.18.
<u>42nd Battery</u>	" 25.7.18	" 1.8.18.
<u>41st Battery</u>	" 1.8.18	" 8.8.18.
<u>11th Battery</u>	" 8.8.18	" 15.8.18.

and so on in rotation.

Battalion Liaison.-Tour of duty 3 (three) days, reliefs to take place at 10 a.m. on day of relief. The following roster will be adhered to :-

<u>41st Battery</u>	from 10 a.m. 11.7.18	till 10 a.m. 14.7.18.
<u>42nd Battery</u>	" 14.7.18	" 17.7.18.
<u>43rd Battery</u>	" 17.7.18	" 20.7.18.
<u>11th Battery</u>	" 20.7.18	" 23.7.18.
<u>41st Battery</u>	" 23.7.18	" 26.7.18.
<u>42nd Battery</u>	" 26.7.18	" 29.7.18.
<u>43rd Battery</u>	" 29.7.18	" 1.8.18.
<u>11th Battery</u>	" 1.8.18	" 4.8.18.
<u>41st Battery</u>	" 4.8.18.	" 7.8.18.

and so on in rotation.

Officer doing Battalion will be accompanied by 2 (two) Telephonists D.III. Telephone and a Lucas Lamp.

5. This cancels all previous S.O.S. and Liaison Orders.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. (by wire).

*W. L. Pander*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION :-

Issued at 7 p.m. 10.7.18.

Copy to C/298 Battery.



LEFT GROUP AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY.SECRET.ORDER No. 1.HEADQUARTERS,  
11th July, 1918.

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1. The 41st and 43rd Batteries will move forward to new positions as selected. Move to be completed by night 12/13th July, 1918.
  2. The 41st Battery will move two Sections, (1 section to be in new position before the second section is moved) forward night 11th/12th July, 1918. Remaining Section on night 12th/13th July, 1918. The 43rd Battery will move one Section per night, commencing night 10th/11th July, 1918.
  3. On "completion" Battery Commanders will report code word to Group H.Q.  
"SANDBAGS"
  4. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*W. L. Sanderson*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLER.

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Normal Distribution.

LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.SECRET.ORDER NO. 2.HEADQUARTERS,  
11th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.

1. Battery Commanders will arrange to have O.P's reconnoitred, from where view of Group Zone can be obtained.  
The following is a list of O.P's vacated by 298th (ARMY) Brigade, R.F.A.

J 16 d 25.45  
J 27 b 70.30  
J 27 b 60.10  
J 19 c 80.60  
J 23 a 60.70

Locations of O.P's adopted to be sent into this Office by 6 p.m. on the 12th instant.

Zero points and number of degrees obtainable right and left by each Battery to be forward at the same time.

2. Left Group S.O.S. Lines will now be as follows :-

42nd Battery - J 36 b 60.15 - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - J 36 c 97.43

41st Battery - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - J 36 c 97.43 - P 6 a 73.70

43rd Battery - 1 Section on P 6 a 30.04 (Left Bank Canal).  
2 Sections superimposed over Zone J 36 b 60.15 -  
J 36 c 97.43 - P 6 a 73.70

11th Battery - 1 How. on P 6 c 60.82 (Left Bank Canal).  
5 Hows. 200 yards EAST of line J 36 b 60.15 -  
J 36 c 97.43 - P 6 a 73.70

The above S.O.S. Lines will be registered, care being taken that barrage links up with that of "Flank" Batteries. "Completion" reports to be forwarded to this Office by 6 p.m. the 12th instant.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).

*W. L. Sanderson*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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SECRET.ORDER NO. 3.Headquarters,  
11th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.

1. Harassing Fire will be carried out by this Group tonight the 11th/12th July, 1918, as follows :-

41st BATTERY. (18-pdr).

10.20 p.m.	ROAD K 31 c 50.50 - K 31 b 60.00	- 40 rounds.
10.40 p.m.	ROAD K 31 d 00.30 - K 32 c 00.70	- 40 "
2.00 a.m.	H.Qrs. at K 31 d central.	- 40 "
3.15 a.m.	T.M. at K 31 c 20.60	- 40 "
4.20 a.m.	Search and Sweep North half of K 31 d	- 120 "

42nd BATTERY. (18-pdr).

10.30 p.m.	ROAD K 32 c 00.70 - K 32 b 80.95	- 40 "
11.00 p.m.	TRACK along CANAL in Q 2 a	- 40 "
12.20 a.m.	H.Q. at K 31 d Central	- 40 "
4.20 a.m.	Search and Sweep North half of K 31 c	- 100 "
5.00 a.m.	ROAD Q 1 a 20.70 - Q 1 a 30.00	- 35 "

111th BATTERY. (4.5" How).

10.5 p.m.	TRACK along CANAL in Q 2 b	- 20 "
10.40 p.m.	H.Q. at K 31 d Central	- 20 "
1.00 a.m.	QUARRY at K 31 c 80.30	- 20 "
3.40 a.m.	ROAD K 32 c 00.70 - K 32 b 80.95	- 20 "
4.30 a.m.	Search and Sweep EAST half of K 32 b	- 80 "

2. ACKNOWLEDGE. (by wire).

*W. W. Rose*  
for Captain.

ADJUTANT.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Distribution :-

- 1 - File  
2 - 41st Battery  
3 - 42nd Battery  
4 - 111th Battery  
5 - 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
6 - 4th Aust. D.A.H.Qrs.  
7 - War Diary.  
8 - Spare.

LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.SECRET.ORDER No. 4.HEADQUARTERS,  
12th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by this Group tonight 12th/13th July, 1918, as follows :-

10.15 p.m. for duration of 3 minutes :-

ALL Batteries - WOOD at K 31 a 50.80 20 rds. per Bty

10.45 p.m. for duration of 3 minutes.:-

ALL Batteries - QUARRY at K 31 c 80.30 20 rds. per BTY

10.30 p.m., 11.15 p.m., 12.5 a.m., and 1.30 a.m.:-

41st Battery	-	M.G. at J 36 d 10.40	20 rds. on each
42nd Battery	-	M.G. at J 36 c 95.55	" shoot
43rd Battery	-	M.G. at P 6 a 90.70	"

In addition to the above the following targets will be engaged :-

41st Battery (18-pdr).

1.45 a.m. &amp; 3 a.m. T.M. K 36 d 60.30 25 rds. on each shoot

42nd Battery (18-pdr).

11.35 p.m.	T.M!s	K 31 a 80.40	6 K 31 b 10.60	20 rounds.
3.00 a.m.	M.G.	J 36 c 95.55		20 "
3.15 a.m.	BRIDGE	Q 1 c 30.70		10 "

43rd Battery (18-pdr).

3 a.m. &amp; 3.15 a.m. ROAD K 31 d 0.2 - K 32 c 0.7 25 rds. on each sht

111th Battery (4.5" How).

11.5 p.m.	BRIDGE & HOUSE	Q 1 c 30.70 (left bank Canal)	30 rounds.
11.35 p.m.	T.M.	K 31 a 80.40 - K 31 b 10.60	20 "
3.10 a.m.	ROAD & BANK	K 32 c 00.70 - K 32 d 00.90	30 "
3.30 a.m.	HOUSE	P 6 d 95.60	10 "

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2. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*W. W. Rose*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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Distribution :-

1 - File	6 - Liaison Officer w/-
2 - 41st Battery	Infantry Brigade.
3 - 42nd Battery	7 - 4th D.A.H.Qrs.
4 - 43rd Battery	8 - War Diary.
5 - 111th Battery	

LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.	
No.	82931
Date.	

SECRET.HEADQUARTERS,  
12th July, 1918.

41st Battery.  
42nd Battery.  
43rd Battery.  
111th Battery.  
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1. Night firing will now be carried out by all Batteries. Tasks will be sent from this Office, but this will not prevent Battery Commanders from engaging any point, where they have noticed frequent 'movement' etc..

Daily allotment of Ammunition remains the same, viz :-

18-pdrs. - 250 rds. per Battery. 80 rds. to be expended on observed shoots during day.  
4.5" Hows. - 200 rds. per Battery. 70 rds. to be expended on observed shoots during day.

Ammunition :-

18-pdrs. - 60% "A" 40% "A.X"  
4.5" Hows. - GAS when weather conditions are favourable.

2. This cancels our B.2891 of the 8th instant.  
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*W. W. Rose*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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LIST OF TARGETS AND AREAS ON WHICH HARASSING FIRE AND CONCENTRATED  
SHOOTS ARE CARRIED OUT BY LEFT GROUP  
AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

1. M.G. J 36 d 20.20
2. " J 36 b 35.05
3. " P 6 b 10.70
4. " J 36 c 90.60
5. " J 36 d 20.30
6. " P 6 a 90.70
7. " J 36 d 10.40
8. " J 36 e 95.50
  
9. T.M's K 31 a 80.40 to K 31 b 10.60
10. " J 36 d 60.30
11. " K 31 a 70.70
12. " K 31 c 20.60
  
13. H.Qrs. K 31 d Central
14. HOUSE P 6 d 95.60
15. BRIDGE Q 1 c 30.70
16. QUARRY K 31 c 80.30
17. ROAD K 31 e 50.50 - K 31 b 60.00
18. " K 31 d 00.30 - K 32 c 00.70
19. " K 32 c 00.70 - K32 d 80.95
20. " Q 1 a 20.70 - CANAL.
21. ROAD & BANK K 32 c 00.70 - K 32 d 00.90
22. " K 32 d 00.90 - K 33 c 20.80
23. TRACK along CANAL in Q 2 a
24. " " " Q 2 b
25. TOW-PATH" " Q 1 c. Q 1 b. Q 2 a.
26. WOOD K 31 a 60.80
27. RAVINE K 31 a 70.20 - K 31 b 30.80
28. SAILLY - LAURETTE.
29. SEARCH & SWEEP SOUTHERN Half of Q 2 a.
30. " " " " " Q 2 b.

11TH  
 AUSTRALIAN  
 F.A. BRIGADE.  
 No. 32934  
 Date 12.7.14

Major.

*[Signature]*  
 a/C.O., Left Group Aust. F.A.

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APPENDIX 26

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11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

SECRET.

WARNING ORDER.

Headquarters,  
13th July, 1918.

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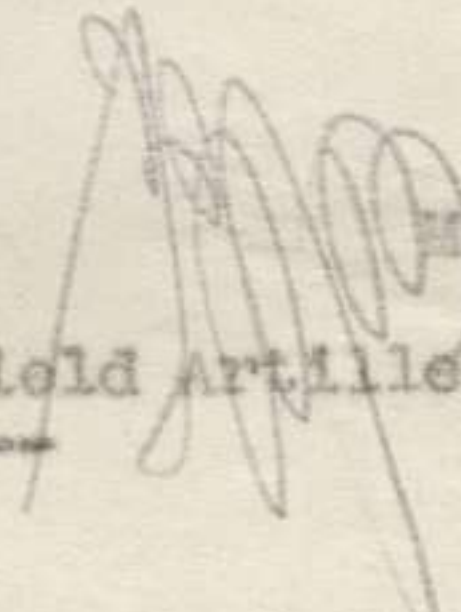
On night 15th/16th July, 1918, one Section of 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will exchange with one section of 3rd Aust. (ARMY) Brigade, F.A..

On night 16th/17th July, 1918, two Sections of 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will exchange with two Sections 3rd Aust. (ARMY) Brigade, A.F.A. ("C" Div. Sector).

All guns will be handed and taken over "in situ".

Detailed orders will be issued later.

ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

  
Major.  
a/C.O., 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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(27)

Eleventh Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

11th AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.	
No.	<i>B2945</i>
Date	

SECRET.

Headquarters,  
13th July, 1918.

- 41st Battery.
- 42nd Battery.
- 43rd Battery.
- 11th Battery.

Reference 4th Aust.D.A. Order No.174. attached.

1. Para. 5.- Battery Commanders will arrange for Battery Captains to remain with necessary personnel in "B" Divisional Sector to hand over. Batteries will be responsible that all guns are kept in action, <sup>the</sup> necessary personnel being drawn from other sections if required.
2. Batteries will march out with full Echelons. Please wire this Office amount of ammunition "A" "AX" and "BX" taken out.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*W.L. Sanderson*

Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.



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ORDER NO. 37.

HEADQUARTERS,  
13th July, 1918.

Reference 4th Aust. D.A. Order No.174. and our Warning Order of 12th inst.

1. The 41st and 42nd Batteries will relieve as under (GUN POSITIONS ONLY):-

<u>42nd Battery</u>	RELIEVE	<u>7th Battery.</u>
<u>41st Battery</u>	"	<u>8th Battery.</u>

The remaining Batteries as per 4th Aust.D.A.Order No.174 and their Location Statement.

2. Guns; History Sheets; Sights, except Field Cline; and Aiming Posts will be handed over to in-coming Units. All other stores will be retained.
3. Battery Commanders, Wagon Line Officer, and necessary O.R's will respectively reconnoitre their new positions tomorrow the 14th inst.
4. Wagon Line Officers will leave representative at lines they are vacating to obtain "Cleanliness" Certificates from in-coming Units.
5. Duplicate receipts will be obtained for guns, sights, aiming posts, etc and forwarded to this office on completion of relief. Ammunition receipts (to agree with return rendered to H.Q.) both for Ammunition handed over and received, will be obtained in duplicate and forwarded to this office at same time.
6. Batteries will report completion of relief by wiring Code Word :-  
"CORDITE"  
to this office.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

Captain.

ADJUTANT.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigadr.

DISTRIBUTION :-

Issued at 9 p.m. 13.7.18.

- 1 - File
- 2 - 41st Battery
- 3 - 42nd Battery
- 4 - 43rd Battery
- 5 - 11th Battery
- 6 - 3rd (ARMY) Bde, Aust.F.A..
- 7 - 4th Aust. D.A..
- 8 - War Diary
- 9 - Spare

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11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade Sub-Group.

11TH AUSTRALIAN F. A. BRIGADE.
No. <u>B2948</u>
Date.....

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS,  
13th July, 1918.

- 41st Battery.
- 42nd Battery.
- 43rd Battery.
- 11th Battery.
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Ref. Map:- 62.D., N.E., & S.E., 1/20,000.

Reference "B" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme of 12.7.18.

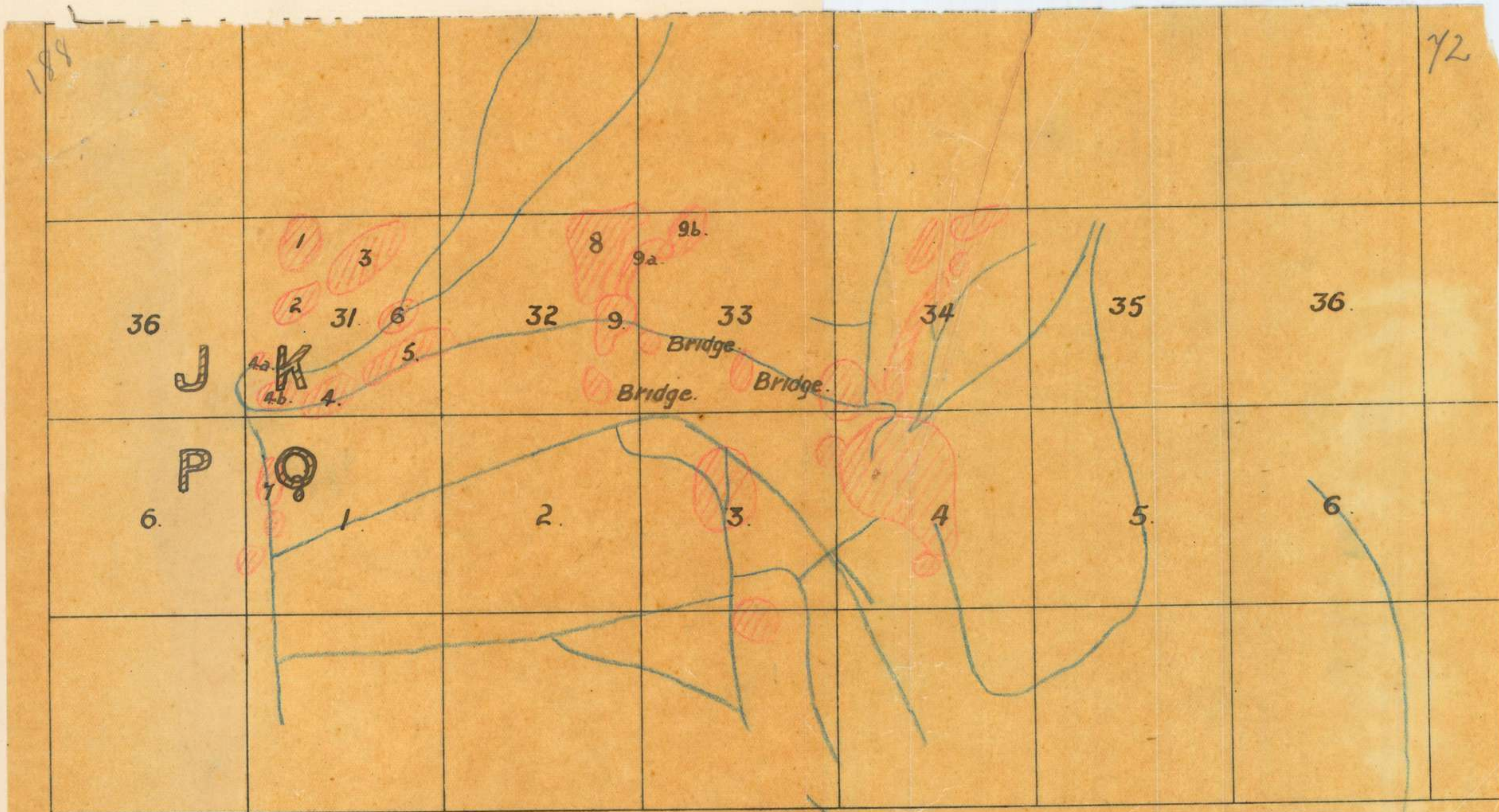
Section 6. para. 1 (l.a.)

Herewith "Assembly Areas". All Batteries will be prepared to engage any one or more as ordered from this Office.

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*W. H. Anderson*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
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NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.  
 (2). The squares on this trace are 500 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.  
 (3). The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

G.S.G.S. 3023.

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of the 1:..... map of.....

Signature.....

APPENDIX

SECRET.Order No. 5.HEADQUARTERS,  
13th July, 1918.Reference Maps :- 62.D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by this Sub-Group tonight 13th/14th July, 1918, as follows :-

10.20 p.m. for duration of 3 mins.

ALL Batteries - Search and sweep SOUTH half of Q 2 a. - 20 rds per Battery  
(11th Bde AFA)

10.40 p.m. for duration of 3 minutes.

ALL Batteries - Search and sweep ROAD & RAVINE K 31 a 70.20 -  
(11th Bde AFA) - K 31 b 30.80 - 20 rds per Battery.

10.55 p.m.

ALL Batteries - BRIDGE Q 1 c 30.70 - 10 rds per Battery.  
(11th Bde AFA)

1.10 a.m. for duration of 3 minutes.

ALL Batteries - QUARRY K 31 c 80.30 - 20 rds per Battery.  
(11th Bde AFA)

3 a.m. for duration of 3 minutes.

ALL Batteries - Search and sweep NORTH half of K 31 d. - 20 rds per Battery.  
(11th Bde AFA)

11.15 p.m., 11.40 p.m., 12.45 p.m., and 2.30 a.m.,

41st Battery - M.G. J 36 d 20.20  
42nd Battery - M.G. J 36 c 95.55 - 20 rds on each shoot.  
43rd Battery - M.G. J 36 ~~1~~35.05

111th (HOW) Battery (4.5").

11.15 p.m. - ROAD K 32 d 00.90 - K 33 c 20.80 - 20 rounds.

2.30 a.m. - ROAD K 31 c 50.50 - K 31 b 60.00 - 20 rounds.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY wire).

*W. W. Rose*  
for Captain.

ADJUTANT.

Left Group Australian Field Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION :-

1 - File	6 - 4th Aust. D.A.
2 - 41st Battery	7 - Superimposed Group.
3 - 42nd Battery	8 - 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
4 - 43rd Battery	9 - War Diary
5 - 111th Battery	10 - Spare.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.	
No.	B/2951
Date	14/7/18

Headquarters.  
14th. July 1918.

O. C.  
43rd. Battery A.F.A.

1. Please arrange to hand over to O.C. ~~9th. Battery A.F.A.~~ *2nd BAC*  
15 Pounder Anti-Tank Gun. *(Location J 27 b 68.15)*  
Limber.

and All Ammunition.

Receipt in duplicate to be forwarded to this office.

2. Acknowledge (By wire.)

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*W. L. Henderson*  
ADJUTANT. Captain.  
LEFT GROUP Australian Field Artillery.

LEFT GROUP AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY.  
(11th Aust.F.A.Bde Sub-Group).

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 6.

Headquarters,  
14th July, 1918.

Reference Maps:- 62,D., S.W., S.E., N.W., N.E., - 1/20,000.

1. Programme of firing for night 14/15th July, 1918, will be as follows:-

<u>Times</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Batteries</u>	<u>Target</u>
11.35 p.m.	5 mins.	41st Bty.) 42nd Bty.( 111th Bty.)	Search and sweep K 31 c and d.
		43rd Bty.	Search Road and tow path along SOMME from S.O.S. line to limit of range.
12.10 a.m.	3 mins.	ALL BATTERIES 11th Bde.AFA.	SAILLY LAURETTE.
1.50 a.m.	3 mins.	do.	Search road eastwards from K 31 d 90.65 to limits of range.
2.55 a.m.	5 mins.	do.	Search and sweep Q 1 d.

2. Rates of fire :- 18-pdrs. 3 rounds per gun per minute.

4.5" Hows. 2 rounds per how per minute.

3. Ammunition :- 18-pdrs. 60% "A" and 40% "AX"

4.5" Hows. "BX"

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (BY WIRE).

*W. L. Sanderson*

Captain.

ADJUTANT.

Left Sub-Group Australian Field Artillery.

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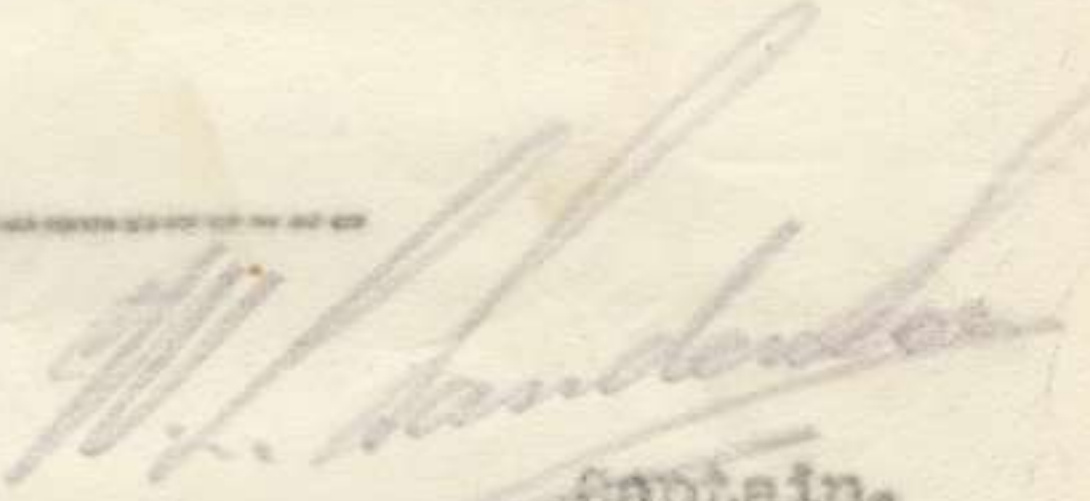
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- 3 - 42nd Battery
- 4 - 43rd Battery
- 5 - 111th Battery
- 6 - War Diary

LEFT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

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ORDER No.2.Headquarters,  
July 17th. 1918.

1. (a) The 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the left sub-sector of "C" Divisional Area, and the left Battalion of the 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade on the night 17th/18th. July 1918. Relief will be completed by 8 a.m. 18th July, 1918.
  - (b) On completion of relief, the inter-brigade boundary will be altered to run as follows :- E. to W. along the BRAY-CORBIE Road (inclusive to Right brigade) to J 18 c 9.1. thence to J 11 d 0.0. thence <sup>w</sup> along <sub>A</sub> grid to J 7 d 0.0.
  - (c) The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade on relief becomes Divisional Reserve, and will take over present dispositions of the 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
  - (d) The battalion of the 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade relieved will move into Brigade reserve.
2. Consequently at 8 a.m. on the 18th. July, 1918, the 41st. and 42nd. Batteries will pass from the Right Group to the Left Group and will come under the command of the C.O. 6th. (Army) Brigade A.F.A.
  3. The Inter-Group boundary will be altered at the same hour to conform to the Inter-Brigade boundary given in Para. 1. sub-para (b). "S.O.S." lines will be altered accordingly.
  4. Liaison with Infantry Battalions will be arranged by Group Commanders so as to have one Liaison Officer with each Battalion in the line. Thus Right Group will find two Liaison Officers, one with each battalion of the 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade, and Left GROUP will find three Liaison Officers, one with each battalion of the 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
  5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

  
 ADJUTANT.

Captain.

Left Sub-Group, Australian Field Artillery.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 41st. Battery.
3. 42nd. Battery.
4. 43rd. Battery.
5. 11th. Battery.
6. War Diary.

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W. G.*

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RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS,  
17th. July 1918.

ORDER No.3.

Ref. Map. Sht. 62d. N.E.

At a time to be notified later the 4.5" Howitzer Batteries of RIGHT GROUP will carry out a Gas Bombardment of Area "D" (as per attached trace U ) in conjunction with special Coy. R.E.

Task - AREA "D".

<u>Time.</u> -	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>
Zero to plus 2 Minutes.	Intense Rate.	B.C.B.R.
Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 8 Minutes.	SILENT.	
Zero plus 8 to Zero plus 15 Minutes.	2 Rounds per Howitzer per Minute.	B.N.C.

Synchronisation at 9 p.m. at Group.

ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire.)

*W. H. Sanderson*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.

RIGHT SUB-GROUP Australian Field Artillery.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 11th. How. Battery.
3. War Diary.



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HEADQUARTERS,  
17th. July 1918.

ORDER No. 4.

Ref. Map. Sht. 62d. N.E.

Consequent on the readjustment of INFANTRY BRIGADE BOUNDARIES and the transfer of 41st. and 42nd. Batteries (11th. A.F.A. Brigade.) from Right GROUP to LEFT GROUP - The RIGHT GROUP front will be altered as from 8 a.m. on 18th. July 1918.

From 8 a.m. on 18th. July the S.O.S. line of RIGHT GROUP FRONT will be as follows :-

38th. Battery.	J 36 <sup>b</sup> 60 15. to	K 25 c 6 2.
39th. "	K 25 c 60.20. to	K 25 b 50.50.
37th. "	K 25 b 50.50. to	K 20 c 20.80.
43rd. "	K 20 c 20.80. to	K 14 c 20.10.

Z Battery R. H. A. will be superimposed over the above line

111th. Howitzer Battery. 4 Hows. distributed over Group Front but 200 yards East of 18 Pdr. S.O.S. Line.  
1 How. Cross Roads K 20 b 30 90.  
1 How. K 21 c 70.98.

110th. Howitzer Battery. 2 Hows. Area "E".  
2 Hows. Area "B".  
1 How. Search BRAY-CORBIE ROAD from K 20 a 5.9. to K 21 a 35.70.  
1 How. K 31 b 70.20.

At 8 p.m. on 18th. July Z Battery R. H. A. will be transferred to 5th. ARMY BRIGADE R. H. A.

38th. Battery will arrange to take over all Ammunition at Z Battery position and include on daily state of 19th. inst.

Z Battery will retain Photos, Maps, and Defence Scheme but will destroy all RIGHT GROUP ORDERS

ACKNOWLEDGE (By Wire.)

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 41st. Battery.
3. 42nd. Battery.
4. 43rd. Battery.
- 5th 111th. Battery.
6. War Diary.

*W. L. Sanderson*  
Captain.

ADJUTANT.

Right Sub-Group Australian Field Artillery

RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.~~SECRET.~~ORDER NO. 5.HEADQUARTERS,  
17th July, 1918.Reference Map :- 62.D. N.E. - 1/30,000.

1. Night firing for 17/18th July, 1918, will be carried out as follows, (reference Harassing Fire Targets handed over) :-

1.15 a.m. for duration of THREE minutes:-

41st Battery	-	Target No.	3.
42nd Battery	-	"	5.
43rd Battery	-	"	29.
11th Battery	-	"	11.

2.15 a.m. for duration of FIVE minutes:-

41st Battery	-	"	42 and 22.
42nd Battery	-	"	26 and 27.
43rd Battery	-	"	9 and 36.
11th Battery	-	"	19.

3.01 a.m. :-

All Batteries - Target No. 18. - One SECTION Salvo.

3.30 a.m. for duration of FIVE minutes :-

41st Battery	-	Target No.	32.
42nd Battery	-	"	9.
43rd Battery	-	"	10.
11th Battery	-	"	11.

2. Special Task for 11th (HOW) Battery - if weather conditions are suitable - as per our Order No. 3 of even date.
3. Rate of Fire :- 18-pdrs. 3 rds per gun per minute.  
4.5" Hows. 2 rds per how. per minute.
4. Ammunition :- To be expended in proportion 60% "A" 40% "A.X".
5. Synchronisation :- Watches to be synchronised at Group H.Q. at 9 pm.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).

*W. L. Sanderson*

Captain.

ADJUTANT.

RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY?

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RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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ORDER NO. 6.

Headquarters,  
18th July, 1918.

Reference our Order No. 3.

Zero hour for Gas bombardment as per Order No.3. will be  
1.50 a.m. 19th JULY, 1918, weather conditions being still  
suitable.

Code word to confirm this will be "SPIN"

ACKNOWLEDGE. (by wire).

*W. W. Rose*  
Lieut.

A/Adjutant.  
Right Sub-Group Australian Field Artillery.  
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APPENDIX.

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RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.SECRET.ORDER NO. 7.Headquarters,  
20th. July. 1918.Synchronised Shoots to be carried out on Night  
of 20th/21st. July.

<u>10 p.m. to 10.2. p.m.</u>	)	37th. Bty, 43rd. Bty, 111th. Bty, Area "H".
	)	38th. Bty, 39th. Bty, 110th. Bty, " K 31 b.
<u>10.50. to 10.51. p.m.</u>	)	110th. Bty., 111th. Bty. K 21 c 75.20.
	)	37th, 38th, 39th, 43rd, Btys. Area "F".
<u>11.30. to 11.32. p.m.</u>	)	All Batteries ..... Area "D".
<u>1.15. to 1.16. a.m.</u>	)	All Batteries ..... Area "B".
<u>2.30. to 2.33. a.m.</u>	)	All Batteries ..... Area "G".

Rates of Fire - As USUAL.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W. W. Rose*

Lieut.

a/ADJUTANT.

RIGHT SUB-GROUP Australian Field Artillery.Distribution.

1. File.
2. 43rd, Battery.
3. 111th. Battery.
4. War Diary.

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RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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ORDER NO. 8.

Headquarters,  
22nd. July. 1918.

1. AMMUNITION. - From receipt of this Order the establishment of AMMUNITION to be maintained at GUNS will be :-

- 300 rounds per 18-Pdr.
  - 250 " " 4.5" Howitzer.
  - 10 rounds SMOKE per 18-Pdr. )
  - 15 " SMOKE " 4.5" How.)
- ) will also be carried.

The maximum amount of ammunition to be expended daily is :-

- 300 rounds per 18-Pdr. Battery.
- 375 " " 4.5" How. "

In the case of ~~enemy~~ attack by the enemy, ammunition will be expended solely with regard to the tactical requirements.

The proportions of ammunition to be held in Echelons is :-

60% A. and 40% A X.

and ammunition will be expended in the same proportions.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE. - Acknowledge by wire.

*W. W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.

Right Sub-Group Australian Field Artillery.

Distribution.

- 1. File.
- 2. 43rd. Battery.
- 3. 111th. Battery.
- 4. War Diary.

RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERYSECRETORDER NO 9.Headquarters,  
22nd. July, 1918.

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1. Batteries will register at first opportunity on some point in K 31 a or b.
  2. O.C. 43rd. Battery will take delivery of, and take on charge twenty-four (24) Waggon Loads 18-Pdr. Ammunition at present on partly prepared position, J 4 d 95.20.
  3. 3 men from each 43rd. and 111th. Batteries will report nightly until job is finished, to Lieut. McDonald 43rd. Battery at Left O.P. K 25 a 80.90. - This party will take picks and shovels and also some sand bags on each trip.
  4. Galvanised iron, Sand bags &c, at present being guarded by the 43rd. Battery will be distributed by O.C. 43rd. Battery amongst batteries according to their requirements.
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*W. W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.

Right Sub-Group Australian Field Artillery.

Distribution.

1. File.
  2. 43rd. Battery.
  3. 111th. Battery.
  4. War Diary.
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APPENDIX

OPERATION ORDER No.1.

Headquarters.  
16th. July 1918

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

1. Right Group Order No.7 is cancelled.
2. On a date to be notified later the 58th 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 DIVERSION from ZERO to ZERO plus 25 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.

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 30.60.  
 2 " " K 27 c 60.15.  
 1 How. on K 27 c 25.30.

5. RATES OF FIRE.  
 18 Pdr. - 2 rounds per Gun per minute.  
 4.5" How. 1 Round " How. " "

6. AMMUNITION.  
 18 Pdr. - 25% A. 25% A.X. 50% A.S.  
 4.5 How.- 50% B.X. 50% B.S.

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

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W.L. Henderson*  
 Captain.

Distribution.

ADJUTANT.  
RIGHT SUB-GROUP Australian Field Artillery.

1. File.
2. 41st. Battery.
3. 42nd. Battery.
4. 43rd. Battery.
5. 111th. How. Battery.
6. War Diary.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 to

ORDER No. 1.

Headquarters,  
17th July, 1918.

1. Para. 3. line 2.

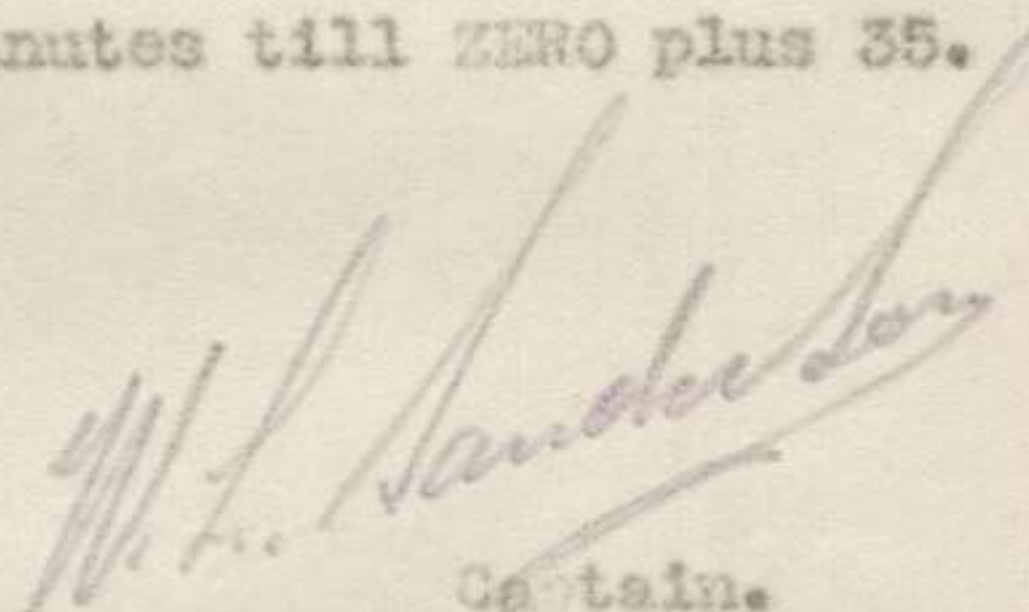
Delete "plus 25" and substitute "plus 35".

Delete from line 9 inclusive to end of para. and substitute :-

"Thence lift 200 yards every THREE minutes till ZERO plus 35.

WHEN FIRE WILL CEASE."

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire).



Captain.

Adjutant.

Right Sub-Group Australian Field Artillery.

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Headquarters,  
24th. July, 1918.

AMMENDMENT NO.2. to ORDER NO.L.

Para 4 and Line 1

For - 111th. How. Battery.- 1 How. on K 8 d 10.50.

Read.- 111th. How. Battery.- 1 How. on K 22 c 57.65.

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of Order NO. 1.

*W. W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.  
Right Sub-Group Australian Field Arty.

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RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,  
24th. July, 1918.

ORDER NO. 10.

Reference Order No.1. Ammendment No.1.

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1. For this Operation the 41st. and 42nd. Batteries will come under Commanding Officer, Right Sub- Group. You will therefore comply with our Order No.1. and Ammendments No's.1 and 2., issued to you.
  2. The RAID will take place on the morning of 25th. July, 1918. ZERO HOUR will be at 10 a.m. Watches will be SYNCHRONISED at this office at 9 a.m.
  3. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.
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*W. W. Rose*  
Lieut.  
A/ADJUTANT.  
Right Sub-Group Australian Field ARTY.  
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Distribution.

1. File.
  2. 41st. Battery.
  3. 42nd. Battery.
  4. 43rd. Battery.
  5. 111th. Battery.
  6. War Diary.
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## Visit of French Prime Minister to the Australian Troops.

It will interest members of the AUSTRALIAN Corps to know how it was that the Prime Minister of France came up to visit us the other day and what he said.

When the Supreme Council of the Allies was sitting at Versailles the other day, and the Prime Ministers of France, Italy, and England were present around the table, and all the Prime Ministers of the Dominions, it so happened that there came in, while they were deliberating there, the news of the battle of Hamel, and of the success that the Australian Troops had gained. All those present asked the Secretary to telegraph at once their congratulations to the Australians. But when it came to M. Clemenceau, the venerable Prime Minister of France, after starting to instruct the Secretary to telegraph his congratulations also, he said: "No, I will go and tell them myself."

M. Clemenceau is 78 years of age. Every Sunday he drives to some division of the French Army, goes to see them close up to the line, travelling hundreds of miles through the country in spite of his age. This Sunday he determined to come to an Australian Division. As the 4th Australian Division had been directing the operations at Hamel, he came to that. After chatting and laughing with the Officers and men who could be got together at short notice at Headquarters—as much at home amongst them as if he were a boy again—he said he would like to say a word or two to them on behalf of the French people. A number of the men were gathered into a rough semicircle, and the little Premier, "The Tiger," as he is known by the French, standing in front of them simply, without any attempt to flatter or over-do his praise of them, made them in English the following speech:—

"Gentlemen," he said, "I hope you will be kind enough to excuse my faulty English. I know only a little, but I find it very useful at this moment, this English, because it enables me to tell you what all the French people think of you. When the Australians came to France we expected a great deal of you. First, because we had heard of what you had done in war in Gallipoli; secondly, because we had heard a great deal of what you had accomplished in peace in your own country. The French people expected that when you came to France to fight in this great struggle, which, after all, is the same for the French, the English, the Australians and all those who have fought this great war out in the cause of freedom, which is the same for all, they expected a good deal of you; and I should not like to say that they have been surprised that you have fulfilled that expectation. They admired most the fact that you were capable of doing what they expected of you. The more they expected of you, the more they held it in admiration.

"Hamel—after all, that is not such a very great battle; but I am ready to hold that in a comparatively small battle the man, the fighting man, who goes in to give all he has—his home, his hopes, his life itself—in a small battle his qualities show in all the brighter light, the action of each individual man having more influence in the final result. In a very big action it is not possible to notice so well the qualities of particular men. Well, in this battle the Germans saw that they had before them men who came from far away to attest that wherever free people lived, in England, in France, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and all free countries, these were not ready to give way to the Boche who has acted with such barbarity—who wounded and killed not only men in battle, but women and old men and little children—who ruined and destroyed our country, our houses, our fruit trees, even our gardens.

"We have all been fighting beside each other here. It is such a wonderful thing that this should happen in history on these old fields of battle which you had read of in books, hearing of wars which you had not seen and the consequences of which you had never expected to see. It is a wonderful thing that you should be fighting beside us on these old battlefields of history. Still, it has come true. The work of our fathers, which we wanted to leave unharmed to our children, they tried to rob us of. They tried to take from us all that was dearest in modern society. But the free nations of the world said that the Boche should not do this so long as they were there to come and prevent it. Men were the same in England, in France, in Italy, and all the countries which are proud of being the home of a free people. And that is what you did. And that is what made us greet you when you came. We knew that you would fight a real fight. But we did not know that from the very beginning you would astonish the whole continent.

"I have come here just for the very purpose of seeing the Australians. I am going back to-morrow to see my countrymen and tell them: 'I have seen the Australians. I have looked in their eyes. I know that these men who have fought great battles beside us in the cause of freedom will fight alongside us again until the cause of freedom for which we are battling is safe for us and for our children.'"

The Australians who had been listening to this fine speech from the Grand Old Man of France, gave three tremendous cheers for France, which affected him greatly. He then called for three cheers for Australia, and left to go back to Paris.

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ORDER NO. 3.

Headquarters,  
26th. July, 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62d. - 1/40,000.

1. Herewith tracing of work that may be necessary for probable operations on 26th/29th. July, 1918. -  
11th. Brigade Zone is shown on tracing.  
Actual Zones &c will be notified later.
2. 18-Pdr. Batteries will registerat once on Start Line using as few rounds as possible.  
11th. How. Battery will register on Beacon in K 20 a.
3. Batteries will complete to 550 rounds per Gun before night 28th./29th. and thereafter maintain the usual 300 roundsper Gun.
4. For this operation 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will come under C.O. 10th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*W. W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.

Left Group Australian Field Artillery.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 41st. Battery.
3. 42nd. Battery.
4. 43rd. Battery.
5. 11th. Battery.
6. 5th. D. A.
7. War Diary.

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LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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ORDER NO 2.

Headquarters,  
26th. July, 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62d. - 1/40,000.

1. At 10 a.m. on 28th. July, 1918 the Anti-Tank Gun at D 23 c 45.80. will pass to command of Left Group.

This Gun will be manned by an Officer, N.C.O., and 4 men. 5th. Aust. D.A.C. are manning this Gun at present.

O.C. 11th. Battery will reconnoitre a position for this Gun on left of new Divisional Sector. The position selected should be about 1,000 yards from front line, and should command likely approaches for hostile Tanks along the ANCRE VALLEY.

This Anti-Tank Gun will be manned by Batteries weekly in turn as follows :-

- |            |    |             |   |                |
|------------|----|-------------|---|----------------|
| 28th. July | to | 3rd. August | - | 11th. Battery. |
| 3rd. Aug.  | to | 10th. Aug.  | - | 41st. Battery. |
| 10th. Aug. | to | 17th. Aug.  | - | 42nd. Battery. |
| 17th. Aug. | to | 24th. Aug.  | - | 43rd. Battery. |
| 24th. Aug. | to | 31st. Aug.  | - | 50th. Battery. |

and so on in rotation.

Reliefs will take place at 10 a.m. on day of relief.

O.C. 11th. Battery will give receipts for Gun, Ammunition, and all Stores taken over. Duplicate receipts to be forwarded to this office.

On battery reliefs receipts will be obtained by battery relieved and duplicate forwarded to this office.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*W. W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.

Right Left Group Australian Field Arty.  
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Distribution.  
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1. File.
  2. 41st. Battery.
  3. 42nd. Battery.
  4. 43rd. Battery.
  5. 50th. Battery.
  6. 11th. Battery.
  7. 5th. D.A.
  8. War Diary.
  9. Spare.
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AMENDMENT No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 53.

Headquarters,  
27th July, 1918.

1. Para. 3, last line but 4 -  
for "8th" read "14th".  
Para. 6, lines 5 & 7 -  
For "Zero plus 11" read "Zero plus 13".

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*J. Johnston*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

Issued at 11 p.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divisional  
Artillery Order No. 53.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 53.

Headquarters,  
27th July, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62D N.E. 1-20,000.

1. On the night of 28th/29th July, 1918, the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade, 5th Australian Division, will attack & consolidate on the line K.20.c.0.2 - K.20.a.4.0 - K.14.c.6.0 - K.14.a.4.3 - K.8.c.0.0 (Enemy second line trench system).

The 32nd Battalion will attack on the RIGHT.

The 29th Battalion will attack on the LEFT.

The boundary between Battalions is the BRAY - CORBIE road inclusive to the 29th Battalion.

2. Fifteen minutes after the completion of the operation of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade, the 53rd Battalion, 14th Australian Infantry Brigade, will attack and consolidate on the line J.30.d.95.30 - K.25.c.54.40 - K.25.d.00.52 - K.25.d.63.94 - K.25.b.80.21.

3. Artillery tasks are shown in attached barrage maps. The attack of the 32nd Battalion, in para. 1, will be supported by the Field Artillery under command of Lieut-Colonel T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O. (Right Group).

Right Group.

10th Australian Field Artillery Brigade  
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A. (less one 18 pdr battery)  
2-18 pdr Batteries, 3rd (Army) Brigade, Australian Field Artillery.

The attack of the 29th Battalion, in para. 1, will be supported by the Field Artillery under command of Lieut-Colonel F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O. (Left Group).

Left Group.

5th Army Brigade, R.H.A. (lent for this operation by the 58th Divisional Artillery).  
13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.  
3rd (Army) Brigade, Australian Field Artillery (less 2-18 pdr batteries).

The attack of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will be supported by a creeping barrage fired by the Field Artillery under command of Lieut-Colonel T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O. A protective barrage will at the same time be put down by the Field Artillery under command of Lieut-Colonel F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O.

4. (a) For the attack in para. 1. At Zero hour the 18 pdrs will bombard the hostile front line for 3 minutes. From Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will creep forward at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes, with 100 yard lifts, until it reaches the protective barrage line. The barrage will then become stationary until Zero plus 40 minutes.

Throughout the operation there will be an 18 pdr standing barrage along the Right Flank.

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(b) At Zero hour the 4.5" Howitzers will bombard the final objective for 3 minutes; they will then lift off on to special points shown in the barrage map until Zero plus 40 minutes.

The Left Flank of this operation will be covered by a bombardment of 3-4.5" Howitzers throughout.

(c) (i) At Zero hour the 6" Newton Trench Mortars will bombard specially selected points for 3 minutes.

(ii) 3-6" Newton Trench Mortars will bombard the valley K.31.b - K.35.d - K.26.c - from Zero to Zero plus 40 minutes.

(d) All fire will cease at Zero plus 40 minutes for 15 minutes.

(e) A Rifle Grenade Signal RED over ~~GREEN~~ over ~~YELLOW~~ will be fired by Units to show that their objective has been taken.

5. (a) For the attack in para. 2. At Zero plus 55 minutes the 18 pdrs of the Right Group will put down a barrage on the German front line for 3 minutes, which will then advance at 100 yards in 2 minutes till it reaches the protective barrage line when it will become stationary.

(b) The 18 pdrs of the Left Group will put down a stationary protective barrage throughout this operation.

(c) Especial points will be bombarded throughout the operation by the 4.5" Howitzers.

(d) For this operation tasks will be allotted to the D.T.M.O. by the Infantry Brigadiers direct.

(e) All fire will cease at Zero plus 85 minutes unless especially-asked for by the Infantry Brigadier concerned.

(f) Flares RED over RED over RED fired by the Infantry will denote the objective is reached.

6. Rates of fire and ammunition:

For operation in para. 1.

	Zero to Zero plus 3.	Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 11.
18 pdrs	4 rds p.g.p.m.	3 rds p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.	3 rds p.h.p.m.	2 rds p.h.p.m.
6" Newtons	Rapid.	Intermittent for para 4 (c) (ii)

Zero plus 11 to Zero plus 40

18 pdrs	1 1/2 rds p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.	2 rds p.h.p.m.
6" Newtons	Intermittent for para 4 (c) (ii).

For operation in para. 2.

Zero plus 55 to Zero plus 58. Zero plus 58 to Zero plus 70.

18 pdrs	4 rds p.g.p.m.	3 rds p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.	3 rds p.h.p.m.	2 rds p.h.p.m.

Zero plus 70 to Zero plus 85.

18 pdrs	1 1/2 rds p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.	2 rds p.h.p.m.

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18 pdrs creeping barrage 75% "A" 25% "AX". Stationary and protective barrage 50% "A" and 50% "AX".  
4.5" Howitzers "BX".

106 Fuzes are not to be used from Zero to Zero plus 3, or in the creeping barrages.

For this operation Group Commanders will arrange to have the following ammunition at each gun pit:-

4.5" Hows "BX" 250 rds.      18 pdrs 250 rds.

This ammunition is in addition to the normal dump at each gun pit for guns responsible for the defence of the front.

7. Group Commanders concerned will detail Liaison Officers with the Forward Infantry Brigade Headquarters and with each Battalion Commander in the attack.

Forward Brigade Headquarters:

8th Aust. Infantry Brigade  
14th Aust. Infantry Brigade

J.17.b.3.8  
J.22.d.20.54.

These Liaison Officers will be in telephone communication with their respective Group Headquarters, in addition each Group will arrange to man three O.P.'s with F.O.O.'s.

Two pairs of Pigeons will be delivered at each Group Headquarters on the evening of the 28th July, 1918. These Pigeons will be used by Liaison Officers or F.O.O.'s as detailed by Group Commanders.

8. The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery and the 58th Divisional Artillery are co-operating by dummy bombardments on their respective fronts from Zero to Zero plus 15 and Zero plus 54 to Zero plus 70.

The Australian Corps Heavy Artillery are co-operating by bombardment and Counter Battery work throughout the operation.

9. From Zero plus 100, for protective barrage purposes, dividing line between Groups will be K.20.d.14.63.

At Zero plus 4 hours a barrage will be put down on protective barrage line for 10 minutes - rate of fire - 1 round per gun per minute.

10. ZERO HOUR will be notified later.

11. Watches will be synchronised under arrangements made by this Office.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*J. H. H. H.*

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

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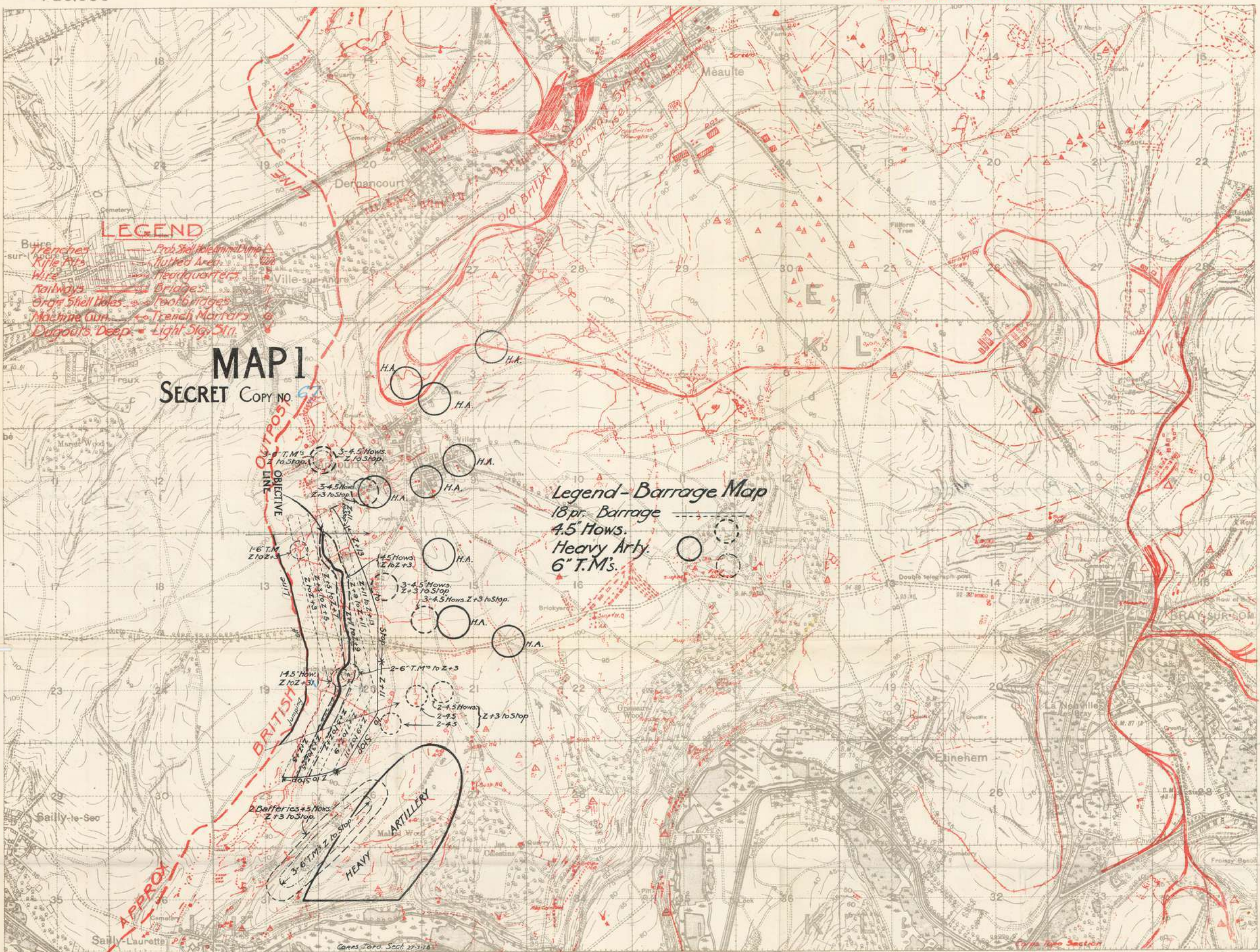
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## LEGEND

- Trenches
- Rifle Pits
- Wire
- Railways
- Org. Shell Holes
- Machine Gun
- Dugouts Deep
- Prob. Shell Hole (min. Dump)
- Fluted Area
- Headquarters
- Bridges
- Footbridges
- Trench Mortars
- Light Sign. Stn.

## MAP I

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### Legend - Barrage Map

- 18 pr. Barrage
- 4.5" Hows.
- Heavy Arty.
- 6" T.M's.

OUTPOST LINE

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HEAVY ARTILLERY

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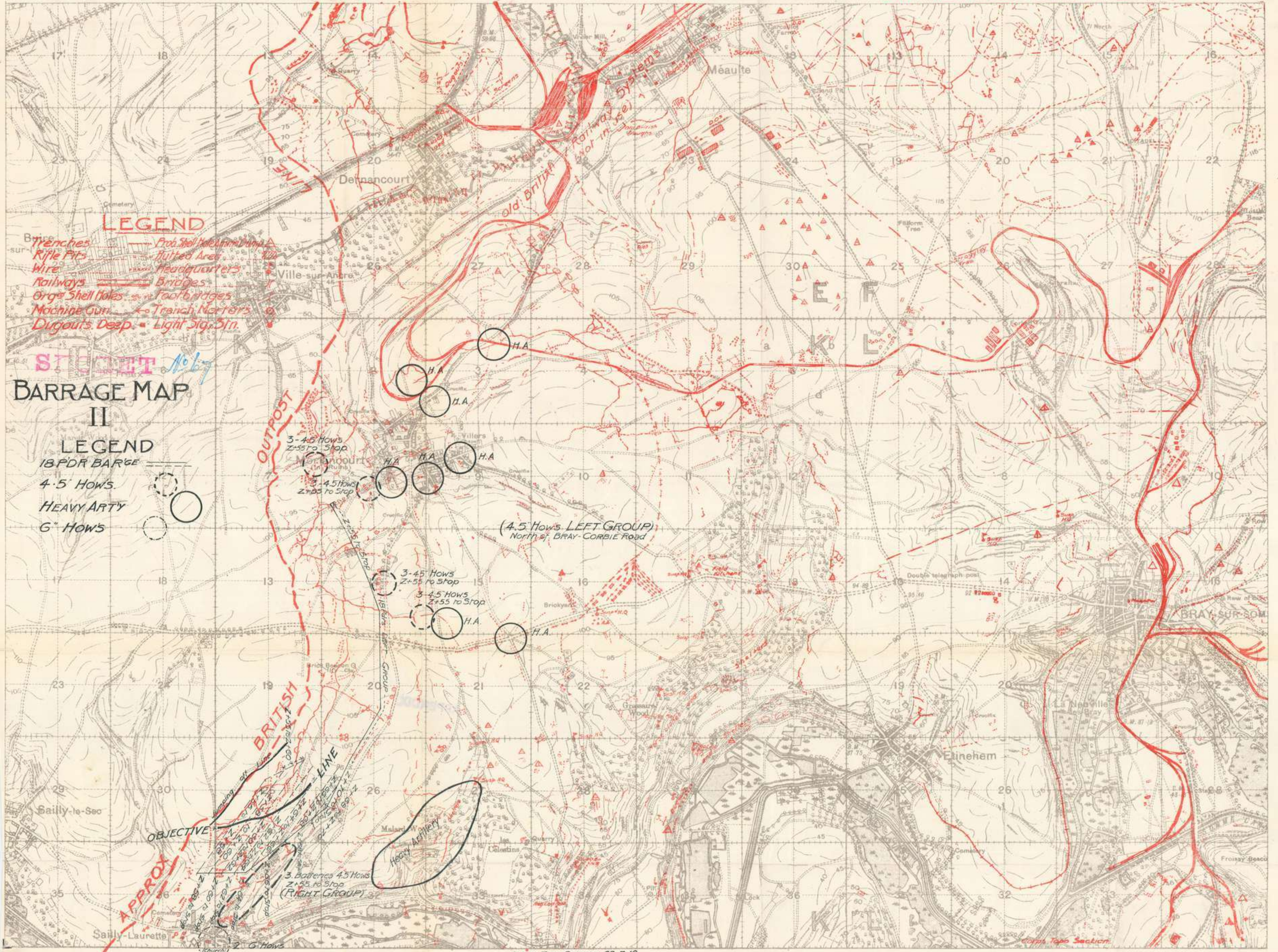
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## LEGEND

- Trenches
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- Light Sig. S/n

**STREET No 67**  
**BARRAGE MAP II**

## LEGEND

- 18 PDR BARGE
- 4.5 HOWS
- HEAVY ARTY
- 6" HOWS



**OBJECTIVE**  
**APPROX**

**BRITISH LINE**

(4.5 Hows LEFT GROUP)  
 North of BRAY-CORBIE Road

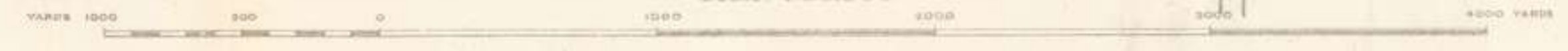
3 Batteries 4.5 Hows  
 2+55 to Stop  
**(RIGHT GROUP)**

Heavy Artillery

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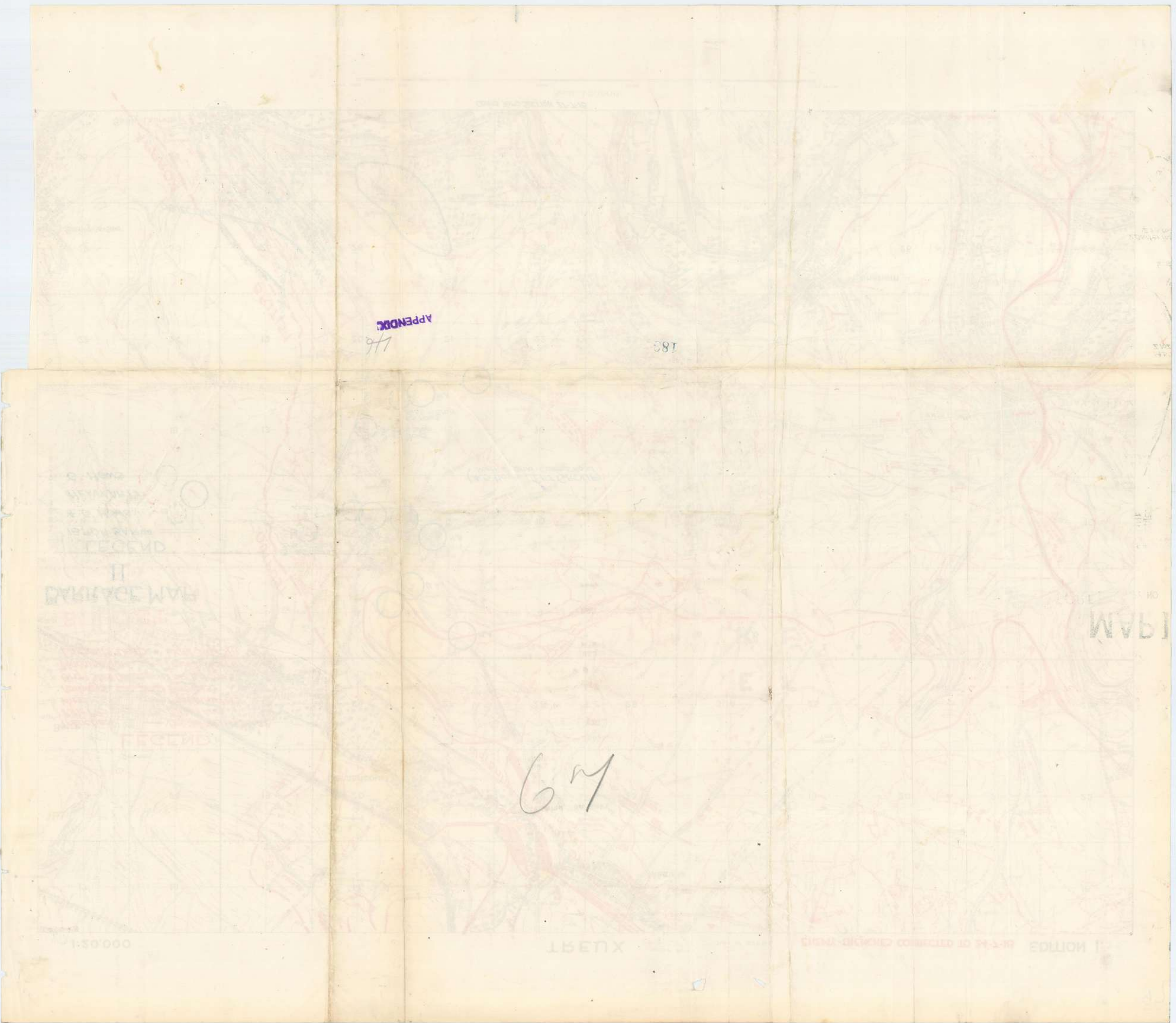
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EDITION I

LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

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ORDER NO.4.Headquarters,  
27th. July, 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62d.N.E., 1/20000.

1. AMENDMENT. - Para 4 of Order No.1. of 26th. July, 1918 is cancelled.
2. S.O.S. LINES. - From 10 a.m. to-morrow (28th. Inst) the S.O.S. Lines of Left Group Front will be as follows :-
- 43rd. Battery, - K 2 c 00.50 - K 7 b 60.00
- 42nd. Battery, - K 7 b 60.00 - K 7 d 50.78 - K 13 b 80.40.
- 41st. Battery, - K 15 b 80.40. - K 14 c 20.00.
- 50th. Battery, Superimposed over the above line.
- 11th. Howitzer Battery
- |        |          |        |
|--------|----------|--------|
| 1 How. | - K 14 c | 50.00. |
| 1 How. | - K 14 c | 55.65. |
| 1 How. | - K 14 a | 21.36. |
| 1 How. | - K 8 c  | 00.30  |
| 1 How. | - K 8 a  | 00.40  |
| 1 How. | - K 2 c  | 45.05. |

Battery Commanders will register above S.O.S. Lines and arrange mutually to link up, reporting to this office on completion.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (By wire)

*W. H. Rose*  
Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.

Left Group Australian Field Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File.
2. 5th. D.A.
3. 41st. Battery.
4. 42nd. Battery.
5. 43rd. Battery.
6. 50th. Battery.
7. 11th. Battery.
8. 15th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
9. War Diary.

Issued at 8.30 p.m. 27th. July, 1918.

LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

Headquarters,  
27th. July, 19181. LIASON DUTIES. - Liason Duties with the Infantry Brigades and Battalions will be as follows -(a) Brigade Liason. - An officer not below the rank of Captain will perform the duties of Liason Officer with the 6th. Australian Infantry Brigade at J 1 c 45.05.

Tour of duty will be seven (7) days and reliefs will take place at 10 a.m. on the day of relief. -

The following roster will be adhered to :-

28th. July - 3rd. Aug.	.	.	42nd. Battery (Lt Jacobs.H.L.)
3rd. Aug. - 10th. Aug.	.	.	43rd. Battery.
10th. Aug. - 17th. Aug.	.	.	11th. Battery.
17th. Aug. - 24th. Aug.	.	.	50th. Battery.
24th. Aug. - 31st. Aug.	.	.	41st. Battery.

and so on in rotation.

(b). Battalion Liason. - The Left Group will do Liason with the Left Battalion (28th.) of the 6th. Infantry Brigade at J 11 a 6.8. Tour of duty will be three days and reliefs will take place at 10 a.m. on day of relief. Officers doing duty at Battalion will be accompanied by two telephonists with telephone. Completion of relief will be reported through to Group by 'phone. Following roster will be adhered to :-

28th/31st. July.	-	50th. Battery.
31st. July/3rd. Aug.	-	41st. Battery.
3rd. Aug/ 6th. Aug.	-	42nd. Battery.
6th. Aug/ 9th. Aug.	-	43rd. Battery.
9th. Aug/ 12th. Aug.	-	11th. Battery.

and so on in rotation.

2. O.P. DUTIES. - Group O.P. at J 17 a 30.50. will be manned and continuously day and night by an officer and three telephonists. Tour of duty will be 24 hours and reliefs will take place at 10 am daily. completion of relief will be reported through to Group by 'phone. The following roster will be adhered to:-

28th. July,	-	-	43rd. Battery.
29th. July,	-	-	11th. Battery.
30th. July,	-	-	50th. Battery.
31st. July,	-	-	41st. Battery.
1st. Aug.	-	-	42nd. Battery.

and so on in rotation.

In addition each Battery will man its own O.P. during the hours of daylight.

3. RELIEFS. - Officers 11th. Aust.F.A. Brigade now doing duty at Left and Tactical O.P.s. will be relieved by officers from Right Group at 10 a.m. to-morrow 28th. Inst. and will report back to their Units.4. ACKNOWLEDGE. (By wire).*W.W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJT. Left Group Aust. Field Artillery

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File.
2. 5th. D.A.
3. 41st. Battery.
4. 42nd. Battery.
5. 43rd. Battery.
6. 50th. Battery.
7. 111th. Battery.
8. War Diary.
9. Spare.

Issued at 8 p.m. 27/7/18.

(a) 1st. Battalion - An order will be issued to the Battalion Commander to issue the books of the Battalion to the various companies of the Battalion. The books will be issued to the companies as follows: -

1st. Coy. - 10 copies  
 2nd. Coy. - 10 copies  
 3rd. Coy. - 10 copies  
 4th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 5th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 6th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 7th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 8th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 9th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 10th. Coy. - 10 copies

(b) 2nd. Battalion - The 2nd. Battalion will be issued with the following books: -

1st. Coy. - 10 copies  
 2nd. Coy. - 10 copies  
 3rd. Coy. - 10 copies  
 4th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 5th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 6th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 7th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 8th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 9th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 10th. Coy. - 10 copies

(c) 3rd. Battalion - Group 3.1. of 1st. W. & 2nd. W. will be issued with the following books: -

1st. Coy. - 10 copies  
 2nd. Coy. - 10 copies  
 3rd. Coy. - 10 copies  
 4th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 5th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 6th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 7th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 8th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 9th. Coy. - 10 copies  
 10th. Coy. - 10 copies

(d) 4th. Battalion - In addition to the books issued to the companies of the Battalion, the Battalion Commander will be issued with the following books: -

1. War Diary  
 2. Spare  
 3. 111th. Battery  
 4. 50th. Battery  
 5. 43rd. Battery  
 6. 42nd. Battery  
 7. 41st. Battery  
 8. 5th. D.A.



LEFT GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

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ORDER NO. 5

Headquarters,  
28th. July, 1918.

1. The following shoots will be carried on night of 28th/29th, July, 1918. :-

List of Targets.

1. T.M. & H.G. Positions at K 14 b 2.1.
2. Road Junction at K 8 b 70.55.
3. Road from K 9 b 50.00 - K 10 a 70.00.
4. H.G. & Dugouts at K 8 c 95.55.
5. Road at K 14 b 20.00
6. Centre of Activity K 15 d Central.
7. Center of Activity K 9 d 90.40.
8. Ammunition Dump at K 10 d 20.95.
9. X Roads at K 10 b 10.50.
10. Road from K 9 b 20.00 - K 10. c 80.00.

Roster of Firing.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Target.</u>
9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.	{ 41st. - - 42nd. - -	Nos. 1 - 5 (Inclusive) Nos. 6 - 10 "
10.30 p.m. to 12 Midnight.	{ 43rd. - - 50th. - -	Nos. 1 - 5 (Inclusive) Nos. 6 - 10 "
9 p.m. to 12 Mid.	{ 11th. How. - -	Nos. 1, 2, 4, 8, & 9.

Ammunition.

100 Rounds per Battery in bursts of twenty (20) rounds at irregular intervals.

18-Pdrs. - 60% A. - 40% AX.

4.5. Hows. - B.X.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire)

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 5th. D.A.
3. 41st. Battery.
4. 42nd. Battery.
5. 43rd. Battery.
6. 50th. Battery.
7. 11th. Battery.
8. 13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.
9. War Diary.

Left Group A/ADJUTANT.  
Australian Field Artillery.

*W.W. Rose*  
Licut.

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(2080) Wt. W2941/P429. 12/17. 50,000 Pads. A.P.Ltd. (2325)

Army Form C2122  
(In parts of 150)

"B" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	At 6:48 a.m.	At	FUG 123/1108 TELEGRAPHS
Words	From Group	To	
	By Dawson	By	

TO

11 Aust. F. A Bde
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Sender's Number. * 5164	Day of Month 29 <sup>th</sup>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Following message received from  
Right Attacking Bn. daa  
All ranks enthusiastic  
over artillery barrage. Please  
convey thanks to all  
ranked artillery.

Repeat all this  
work

Left Group

From	Right Group
Place	6:40am
Time	

\* This line (except AAA) should be erased if not required.

RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERYORDER NO. 1.Headquarters,  
31st. July, 1918.

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1. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery (less 4th. Australian M.T.M. Batteries) will be relieved and withdrawn to Waggon Lines under Orders to be issued by the C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Division.
  2. On completion of relief the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery (less, M.T.M. Batteries) will come under command of the C.R.A., 4th. Australian Division.
  3. On the night 3rd/4th. August, 1918, the 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade (during the hours of darkness) will move to Waggon Lines in "B" Divisional Sector. Orders for move will be issued later.  
On arrival in "B" Divisional Sector, 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade, will become a Mobile Reserve Brigade, under the orders of the C.R.A., 3rd. Australian Division.  
Advance parties consisting of Lieut. N. Quail, B.H.Q., and one Officer per Battery, will report to 3rd. Aust. Divisional Artillery Headquarters, at 2.p.m., on 2nd. August, for location of Waggon Lines etc. This party will leave 41st. Battery Waggon Lines at 12.30p.m. on 2nd. August, and will be under orders of Lieut. N. Quail, B.H.Q.  
When Waggon Lines have been reconnoitred, Batteries will send advance parties to have everything in readiness for arrival of Batteries on night 3rd/4th. August.
  4. ACKNOWLEDGE (by wire)
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*W. W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.

Right Sub-Group, Australian Field Artillery.  
-----Distribution.

1. File.
  2. 41st. Battery.
  3. 42nd. Battery.
  4. 43rd. Battery.
  5. 11th. Battery.
  6. Right Group.
  7. War Diary. ✓
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RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 2.

Headquarters,  
31st. July, 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62d. = 1/40,000.

1. 11th. Australian F.A. Brigade will be relieved on the 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. August, 1918, by 251st. Brigade R.F.A., in accordance with attached table. - Completion of relief to be reported to this office each night by code word "WAGON"
2. Guns will not be handed over but will be withdrawn to Waggon Lines complete.
3. All ammunition in Battery positions will be handed over in "situ".
4. Defence Scheme, Fighting Maps, Aeroplanes photographs, Information regarding rear positions, and all other papers and information affecting this front will be handed over on relief.
5. All AREA STORES, including TENTS and TRENCH SHELTERS, and all GAS STORES, will be handed over to incoming units.
6. Batteries of the 251st. Brigade R.F.A. will double bank in Waggon Lines of 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade, on the nights of 1st/2nd, and 2nd/3rd. August, 1918. Batteries will make necessary arrangements for accommodation.
7. Batteries will move out with all Echelons full.
8. Command of the Artillery covering the "C" Divisional Sector, will pass to the C.R.A., 18th. Division, at 10 a.m. 1st. August, 1918. Headquarters of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will close at St. GRATIEN at 10 a.m., 1st. August, 1918, and reopen on arrival in the St. SAUVEUR area.
9. The Counter Battery dividing line between the Australian, and III Corps, will be the grid line running EAST and WEST between "K" and "Q" squares, from 10 a.m. 1st. August, 1918.
10. Certificates in duplicate will be obtained and forwarded to this office on completion of relief of each Battery, regarding the Sanitation and Cleanliness of Gun Lines and Waggon Lines Handed over.
11. Receipts for all AMMUNITION, TRENCH STORES, DEFENCE SCHEME, MAPS, &c. will be forwarded in duplicate to this office not later than 9 a.m. 3rd. August, 1918.
12. On moving from "C" Divisional Area Waggon Lines, "B" Divisional Batteries will forward certificates that no equipment, stores &c. have been left behind.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 4th. D.A.
3. 41st. Battery.
4. 42nd. Battery.
5. 43rd. Battery.
6. 11th. Battery.
7. War Diary.
8. Spare.

*W.W. Rose*

Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.

Right Sub-Group, Aust. Field Artillery.

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RELIEF TABLE.

UNITS HANDING OVER.	POSITIONS.		UNIT TAKING OVER.	DATE & HOUR BY WHICH RELIEF IS TO BE COMPLETE.
	Guns.	Waggon Lines.		
		(1) Forward. (2) Rear.		
11th. Aust. F.A. Bde H.Q. 41st. Battery. 42nd. Battery. 43rd. Battery. 111th. Battery.	J 8 b 15.55. J 4 c 02.50.) J 4 c 20.00.) J 4 d 10.80.) J 4 b 17.20 )	(2) FRANVILLERS.  Position of assembly road running through J 2 c., J 2 d., J 2 b., & J 3 a.  <u>Rear Waggon Lines.</u> 41st. Battery. FRANVILLERS. 42nd. Bty- C 21 c 50.50. 43rd. Bty- C 26 b 00.65. 111th. Bty- C 21 c 00.00.	251st. Bde. R.F.A. H.Q. A/251. Battery. B/251. Battery. C/251. Battery. D/251. Battery.	2 a.m. August, 3rd. 1 section per battery 1st/2nd. August. 2 sections per battery 2nd/3rd Aug. No movement before 9. pm. each night. Relief complete 2 a.m. each night.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.
No. B3169
Date

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53RIGHT SUB-GROUP AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.BATTALION LIAISON & O.P. ROSTER.Headquarters,  
31st. July, 1918.All previous ROSTERS are CANCELLED.

The Right Infantry Brigade has now two Battalions in the line with Headquarters situated at -

RIGHT - J 22 c 8 2. LEFT - J 22 d 2 4.

Three O.P.'s will be manned as follows -

RIGHT O.P. - situated at J 30 c 25.70 by 38th. and 39th. Batteries.  
LEFT O.P. - situated at K 25 a 80.95 by 37th. and 11th. Bde. Btys.  
TACTICAL O.P. - situated at J 17 a 30.50. by 110th. & 11th. Bde. Btys.

The TACTICAL O.P. will be manned by day and night and will also be an S.O.S. Repeating Station.

The two forward O.P.'s. will be manned during the Hours of daylight. - At night forward O.P. Officers will do Liaison with Company Headquarters, which is close by.

Three telephonists will be taken for all duties, and in the case of O.P.'s., an N.C.O. will also accompany the party.

In all cases the tour of duty will be for threedays - reliefs taking place by 10 A.M.

Communications have been arranged by Signal Officer.

All O.P. Officers will be available for ranging any Battery of the Group.

Intelligence of an unusual nature, and grid bearings to active Batteries will be notified to GROUP immediately.

Intelligence Reports will be forwarded as usual. - Morning written reports will be forwarded to Battalion Liaison Officers by 6.a.m. daily, who will be responsible for getting them, with their own reports to Group by 7.a.m. each morning.

The following Roster will come into force at 10a.m. 31st. July:-

DATES.	RIGHT O.P.	LEFT O.P.	TACTICAL O.P.	RT. Bt. L.	Lt. Bt. L.
28th/31st. July.	39th.	42nd.	110th.	41st.	38th.
31st. July/3rd. Aug.	110th.	43rd.	111th.	37th.	42nd.
3rd/6th. August.	38th.	41st.	111th.	39th.	37th.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 41st. Battery.
3. 42nd. Battery.
4. 43rd. Battery.
5. 11th. Battery.
6. Right Group.
6. War Diary.

*W. W. Rose*  
Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT.  
Right Sub-Group, Australian Field Artillery.