

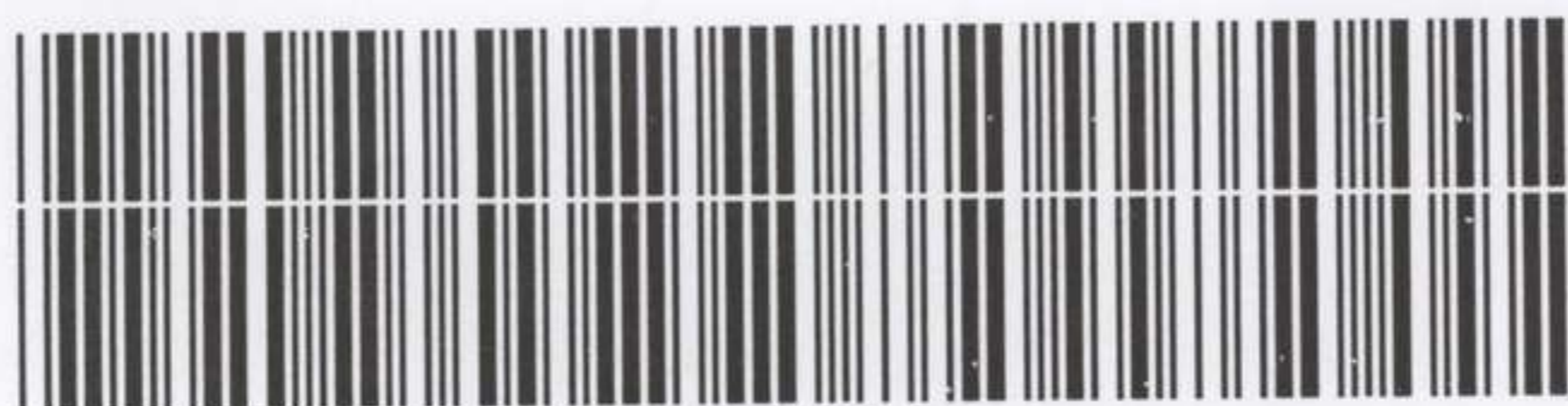
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OF

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAMON Sheet 62 ^D 1/40000	4/9/18		Cool + cloudy with some rain. During the morning the usual programme of training was carried out + the afternoon again devoted to sport. The Co. returned from leave this morning + Major Turner rejoined his Bty. Lt. N. Heley proceeded on leave to U.K. today. Lt. Willott rejoined ex hospital today + was posted to 41 st Bty.	
	2/9/18		Day fine + cool with strong westerly breeze. The co. inspected the Btys mounted this morning after which Btys. carried on with mounted Battery Drill. This afternoon sports were indulged in. A cricket match between 43 rd Bty + D.A.H.Q. was won by the latter.	

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CAMON Sheet 62 1/45,000	3/9/18		<p>Day broke warm & fine. The Brigade proceeded for a route march of about 8 miles, and was inspected by the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Div. Turnout was good. All blankets were disinfected by Foden Lorry. 8 OR rejoined ex hospital & 8 OR's were taken on strength. Afternoon was devoted to recreation. Cricket ect. Men are showing the benefit of their rest, but the horses are not looking as well as might be expected. Efforts are now being made to get them back to their former good conditions. 7 OR's proceed to UK on leave.</p>	
do.	4/9/18.		<p>Weather mild & cool. Bright sunshine. Batteries all practising manoeuvre. Lt W.W. Rose MC & Capt Purnell left for south of France on leave. Capt Hyett joined, relieving Capt Purnell. R.M.O. Sports were carried out during afternoon. The close proximity of the river has enabled the men to have plenty of swimming.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PROVART	7-9-18	4 pm	<p>Men & horses billeted in camp lately vacated by the enemy. Lts Harlock & Clark proceeded on leave to U.K. Strength of Bgde $\begin{matrix} \text{off} & \text{O/R's} & \text{Animals} \\ 34 & 811 & 585. \end{matrix}$</p>	
PROVART 62 D 1/40,000.	8/9/18		<p>Day fine & cool. Horses were grazed during whole day. Lt N. Quail reported from 111th Coy to BHQ as A/Orderly officer. Animals have stood the travelling well. Very few rubs & galls have been experienced.</p>	
do. FEVILLERES. 62 ^c 1/40,000	9-9-18		<p>Heavy rain fell during night. Day broke fine, but with heavy winds. 8.30 am. Bgde. moved en route for FEVILLERES. Bgde arrived at 12.30 am. Officers, men & horses billeted in vacated enemy camp. 12. L. D remounts received. 7 O/R's proceeded on leave to (Paris 2 & U.K. 5) Bgde canteen arrived and opened with a good stock.</p>	

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FEUILLEPES 62° 1/49,000.	10/9/18.		<p>Heavy rain & wind during night and continued at intervals during whole day. Horses were grazed during day. Lieut. G. McDonald of 43rd Bty was evacuated (sick) also 2 ranks suffering from influenza. Lt Quaril & one officer per Bty, proceeded ahead to 14th Aust. F. A. Bgde in the line. Orders received for move, tomorrow, into action, relieving the 14th Aust. F. A. Bgde. This Bgde will then become a sub-group of the Reserve Group. 17,00 francs were paid out of Bgde funds to 4th Aust. Div. Canteen officers. This money is an advance to help finance the Div. Canteen, who will supply this Bgde canteen. 4th 4th Aust. Div. Units are not allowed to purchase, wholesale from E.F.C. from this date onwards. 6 NCO's, 24 drivers & 12 gunners were exchanged with D.A.C for period of 2 months.</p>	

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FEUILLERES 62c 1/40000	11/19/18		<p>Heavy rain and wind during the night and continued throughout the day.</p> <p>At 9.30 am Brigade left FEUILLERES and took over battery positions occupied by 14th Brigade, ^{with 14th Bn HANCOURT} arriving at 2.30 pm. On arrival the Brigade became Advance Guard Brigade working in conjunction with 13th Inf Brigade. It was necessary to move the batteries forward and the B.O. and Battery Commanders reconnoitred the areas and positions were chosen for all batteries and B.H.Q. in front of FLECHIN; batteries occupied the positions chosen this night. B.H.Q. will move up tomorrow.</p> <p>The men were tired after a somewhat strenuous day but quite cheerful. There was no case of sickness. The horses had a very heavy day but stood it well.</p> <p>Lieut. Bott L.E. proceeded on leave to U.K. Lieut. R.J. Lomer and T.A. Hester returned from leave.</p> <p>Lieut. J.B. Diamond rejoined from R.B.A.A. 21.</p> <p>7 ORZ went on leave to U.K.</p>	
HANCOURT 62c 1/40000	12/19/18		<p>Rain fell during the night and continued intermittently throughout the day.</p> <p>Brigade Headquarters was constructed during the day and occupied at 5 pm. Only tactical work will be</p>	

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FLECHIN 62c 1/40000	12/9/18		<p>done here; administration being carried out at old position. Harassing fire was carried out during the night on Machine guns and woods and roads. Amm. Expenditure $\begin{matrix} A \times & B \times \\ 36 & 194 & - \end{matrix}$ There was very little aerial activity owing to bad weather. There was only slight area shoots by enemy. 6 of 2 proceeded on leave to U.K. N.</p>	
FLECHIN 62c 1/40000	12/9/18		<p>Weather continues to be wet. The infantry have been gradually working forward and from time to time we are called on to deal with machine guns and also personnel; the wood in L 33d and R 3 b receiving particular attention. At 8/15 pm and 8.0.8 rocket signal was observed and batteries fired on S.O.S. barrage line. The communication between Inf. Brigade and Battalions was cut and we were requested by Inf. to continue firing which was done. It was subsequently ascertained that we had had a post pushed back. During the night harassing fire was carried out on areas as requested by Infantry. The batteries have now dug in and made themselves fairly comfortable. Expenditure of Amm. $\begin{matrix} A \times & B \times \\ 1233 & 504 \end{matrix}$ There was only slight aerial activity during the day. Two or three enemy planes flew over our forward areas at different times during the day. N.</p>	

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<p>FLECHIN 62c 1/40000</p>	<p>14/9/18</p>		<p>The weather has improved and promises to be fine. During the morning the enemy artillery became much more active; carrying out several registrations. Later the area around Brigade Headquarters and the batteries was subjected to fairly heavy and continuous shelling by 5.9 and 4.2 hows. During the night the road in which B.H.Q. is situated received a considerable amount of attention from enemy 5.9's.</p> <p>One O.R. of 43rd Battery was killed today & 2 O.R. III. Squad.</p> <p>Our artillery carried out a number of shoots on Machine Guns and personnel on road and in woods. A shoot done by the 41st and 111th How Batteries on Machine Guns on R96. was reported by Infantry to be very effective. The 16. Guns have not since fired.</p> <p>During the night harassing fire was carried out by all batteries on approaches, Machine Guns, Woods, etc. The expenditure of ammunition for the 24 hours was:-</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>AX.</td> <td>BX.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>36</td> <td>141</td> <td>184</td> </tr> <tr> <td>293</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Lieuts Jacobs and Williams reported back from leave. W.O. Stewart and 7 O.R. left today for transport duty to Australia.</p> <p>This afternoon the C.O. and Battery Commanders visited the area R8C and R11a and chose new battery positions. 24 LD's & 8 Mules were received from Remount Depot today.</p>	A.	AX.	BX.	36	141	184	293			
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<p>FLECHIN 62e 1/40000</p>	<p>15/9/18</p>		<p>Weather fine and cool. The enemy has been doing a good deal of shelling and also bombing during the night. Movement on roads and in woods was engaged by our fire during the day and at night we harassed woods Machine guns and approaches. <i>Expenditure:-</i> During the day the enemy has been very persistent in shelling batteries and vicinity of H.Q. - as a result the 43rd Battery has moved to Q 24 a 7030. There were no casualties in any of the batteries. During the night batteries commenced carting up ammunition to the positions selected yesterday. The establishment is 600 rds per gun and 400 per how and this means a good deal for the horses; the establishment being completed by the night of 17th. 6 O.R. proceeded on leave today.</p>	

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<p>FLECHIN 62nd 140000</p>	<p>16 9 18.</p>		<p>The weather is continuing to be fine. During the day and night we have at odd intervals put down fire on the high ground in L 28 and L 25. and also on woods and strong points, the ammunition expenditure being 18 pounds 900 rds 4 5 Hows 160 The enemy is continuing to shell our positions and as a result the 111th Battery has moved to Q 186. Fortunately we have suffered no further casualties. The health of the men is good but the horses are having a rather heavy time. All the batteries now have the full establishment of 600 rds per gun and 400 per how at forward positions. Captain W. E. Cox and Lieut. N. Quail today received Military crosses for work on the 8/8/18. Lieut. E. A. Smith today proceeded on leave to UK. 2 of R. wounded 1 remaining on duty. 8 of R. proceeded on leave to UK.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>	<p>10</p>

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FLECHIN	17		Day broke fine but with high wind 5 OFR's rejoined from leave. 1 OFR transferred to Div. T.M's. 1 OFR evacuated sick to F. Amb.	
62 ^c	9		Much traffic on roads, heavy artillery and ammunition wagons. Hostile artillery fire much less than during last few days.	
1/40.000	18	10pm	At 10 pm own responsibility for covering 505 line ceased & all Btys and B.H.Q. moved forward into battle positions in vicinity of R14a. Ammunition to amount of 600 per 18 pdr gun & 400 per 4.5 how, having been taken forward the previous night. Enemy bombing planes were very active, but his artillery was quiet.	
R14a.			at 11 pm steady rain set in. Watches were synchronised at midnight.	
R14a.	17/9/18.		Heavy rain fell during the night and was still falling, when zero time (5.20 am) arrived. The barrage opened well and very little enemy retaliation was experienced. 1 OFR was wounded & evacuated.	
			at 9.10 am the 41 st Bty moved forward in support of the	

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<p>R14a Sheet 62c 1/40,000</p>	<p>18/9/18.</p>		<p>14th Battalion and BHP moved to R2035.15 to be in touch with 4th Inf Bde at 9.49 am 10 am & 10.10 am the 43rd, 111th & 42nd Blys moved forward into positions previously picked on the map. These were situated in vicinity of R4a. By this time our Infantry had advanced about 4000 yards & had captured the 2nd Objective. The 14th Bde on the left, supported by the 41st Bty, now went on and exploited the success. All our objectives were gained and 83 officers & 2400 O/R's. 20 guns 200 odd machine guns and other war material. The infantry stated the artillery fire was very effective & the barrage excellent. 2 officers were killed in action & 6 O/R. wounded. 5 O/R's proceeded on leave. 3 O/R evacuated sick to Hoop. Ammun. expended. 4050 A 2876 AX 126 A.S. 1572 BX 68 BS. At 11 pm the infantry again advanced our line under our barrage & captured 6 officers & 204 O/R's. Remainder of the night fine. <u>Enemy</u> bombing machines active.</p>	

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R2C35.15 Sheet 62° 1/40,000	19/9/18		<p>cool & showery. Enemy artillery less active 1/200 wounded & evacuated. Much enemy movement observed & fired on with good effect. Men all in good spirits and delighted with their success. Expected enemy counter attack did not develop; but a heavy counter preparation by our artillery was put down during early hours of darkness. Gas shelling & much bombing was experienced during night. Ammunition expended. 1672 A 1228 AX 1745 568 BX. Casualties were experienced with the animals, due to bombing.</p>	
R2C35.15.	20/9/18		<p>Day broke fine & cool. Enemy artillery activity normal. 1/200's proceeded on leave to U.K. Men do not appear to be tired after their strenuous time. Counter preparation was again put down in early morning & evening. Ammun. Expended 268 A 248 AX. 266 BX. The low expenditure was due to the Btys moving forward</p>	

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R. 4 a 00.80. 20/9/18.
Sheet 62^c
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to positions in vicinity of L 29 C.
B.H.P moved forward to position vacated by 42nd Bty at R 4 a 00.80.
W. N. Quail phd.C. proceeded on leave to U.K.

R. 4 a 00.80. 21/9/18.
62^c
1/40,000.
Sheet 62^B
1/40,000.

Day broke warm & fine.
The infantry were very active patrolling during night and pushed forward their line about 300 yards. They now have the whole of the high ground in G 95, which affords a view of the famous Hindenburg Line & St Quentin.
Our guns were kept going all night covering the infantry & harassing the enemy.
Weather turning cold & windy, signalling the approach of winter.
Men all in good health and horses in fair condition. The work of the last few days has told on the horses.
Strength of Brigade. 35 Officers 799 O/R.S.
625 animals.
Mun. Expended 359A. 438AX 348BX.

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R4a 00-80 Sheet 62 ^e 1/40,000.	20/9/18	10pm	11 th Bde moved out from line to wagon lines. 41 st Bty expended in addition, 273 rds of enemy 77 ammunition with two 77 enemy guns at L 29d 2.7.	
Q1a 88. Sheet 62 ^e 1/40,000.	22/9/18		Today cold & cloudy. Brigade waiting move orders & in the meantime inspecting harness, horses & equipment preparatory to going into the line again. Some of the Batteries suffered heavily in loss of horses, due to shell fire & gas, but expect remnants from. Depot in a day or two to replace casualties.	
			Rain commenced 4pm. Has every appearance of continuing.	
			Lt. Hester and 24 O.R. reported to DIV. WING en route to the embark for Australia on six months leave. This party embarked from Australia 1914	
			Considerable number of tanks passed through HANCOURT tonight apparently making towards ST. QUENTIN front.	

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Q1288. Sheet 62 ^e 1/40.000	23 / 9 / 18	9.30 Am.	<p>Weather continues cold, windy & cloudy with occasional rain squalls.</p> <p>Orders received from 4th D.A. that DIV. ARTY will move into line in a NORTHERN SECTOR on the night of the 24/25th Sept.</p>	
		4pm - 11pm	<p>Weather conditions much improved, sky cleared & sun clear & cold. Enemy planes over bombing during the night.</p> <p>No. 2874 7th Lt Quantock D.M. 43rd Bty Congratulated by the Corps Commander on his gallant services rendered during the recent operations.</p>	
Q1288 Sheet 62 ^e 1.40.000.	24 / 9 / 18	2 AM 10 AM	<p>Orders received from DA.H.Q. that DARTS will relieve 18th Div. tomorrow ^{tonight} at Lieramont.</p> <p>Beautiful weather. Hun planes fairly active.</p> <p>Remounts received by Brig. today 35 LD & 9 mule</p>	

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<p>R12 R128.8. Sheet 62^e 1.40,000</p>	<p>24 / 9 /</p>	<p>7 pm</p>	<p>Brigade moved to new area tonight and relieved 82nd Brigade 18th Div. R.F.A. Arrived in new area E 16 b 10 pm. Weather continues to keep fine & chilly.</p>	
<p>F26 b 4.7. 62^e 1.40,000.</p>	<p>25 / 9 /</p>	<p>11 pm 10 AM</p>	<p>Moved forward to B.H.Q. in F26 b 47. & take over responsibility from 82nd Brig. 10 AM 25/9/18 Weather cold & cloudy with rain squalls. Brigade & Batteries taken over from 82nd Brig. and he relieved, moved out at that hour. Considerable hostile shelling in F26 & 27 from midday till 6 pm. Weather cleared at noon & during the afternoon enemy aircraft was active apparently registering shoots.</p>	

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F 26 b 4.7.	25 9		Capt K. Parnell M.O. and Lt W.W. Rose ^{MC} returned from leave One O.R. killed & one wounded evacuated	
Sheet 62 ^e	18			
1/40,000.	26 9 18	9 AM 5 PM	Weather fine & warm. Enemy Artillery and aircraft fairly active. E.A. succeeded in burning two balloons at 4.45 pm. H.Q. busy preparing for the forthcoming stunt. 4 O.R. proceeded on leave to U.K. Throughout the night a special gas bombardment was carried out as a preliminary to the forthcoming operation. 18 PM. Gas shell was used for the first time by us & consisted of a new chemical used for the first time & believed to be	

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F 36647 Sheet 62 ^c 140000	26/9/18		<p>very effective. + known as "BB". Some retaliation by evening with gas + 4.2's followed this bombardment. At 4.15 pm. 111th How. Bty. fired 30 Ras. on hostile battery in A20b in reply to N.F. call. Lt. J. P. Clarke M.C. reported back from leave to U.K. tonight.</p> <p>Gas casualties - 1 OR wounded + remaining on duty. Ammunition expended 215 A, 193 Ax, 100 Bx received.</p>	
	27/9/18		<p>Some rain during the night but day broke fine with light westerly breeze. Visibility good. Gas bombardment was continued throughout the hours of darkness. At 5.30 am. this Brigade cooperated in creeping Barrage in support of preliminary attack by 27th American Division, remaining on start line for 3 minutes then advancing in lifts of 100 yds. every 3 mins. + remaining on Protective Barrage line for 30 minutes. During the morning Bty. Commanders</p>	

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Field F26647 Sheet 62 ^c 1/40000	27/9/18	(Contd)	<p>reconnaitred new Bty. positions forward in Fog. At 11.45 am. an S.O.S. call was received + this was repeated at 12.15 pm. Some retaliation from enemy in vicinity of Bty. positions. during which 1 O.R. was wounded + evacuated. At 10.20 am. N.F. call A4d21 was answered by 111th How. Bty. At 10.45 am. Protective Barrage was put down by all Btys. for 5 mins. 11.10 am. 111th How. Bty. replied to N.F. call A4a 8152. At 2.5 pm. a creeping Barrage was put down by all Btys. as a counter preparation. + at irregular intervals throughout the night all Btys. swept + searched communication trenches East of battle line. Hostile artillery has been active throughout the day on forward areas + in vicinity of RONSSOY. + heavy concentrations at intervals throughout the night on roads in vicinity of Bty. positions with casualties to men + horses. - Some gas was also used. Planes have been active on both sides. + several enemy observation balloons up all day.</p>	

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<p>2ued F16647 Sheet 62c 140000</p>	<p>28/9/18</p>	<p>(Cont)</p>	<p>Throughout the night harassing fire was carried out on main roads + approaches, trench systems + likely places of activity. 111th How. Bty. using gas. 1 section per Bty was moved up to forward positions in F17d. + a quantity of ammunition. Considerable artillery + machine gun fire was experienced + some casualties to personnel + animals inflicted. Casualties 7 OR. wounded + evacuated. Animals. 2 Killed.</p> <p>Ammo. expended 1489 A 1437 Ax 306 A.S. 1248 B.B. Ammo. received 620 Bx 170 BS W.W.R.</p> <p>Some rain during the night but day broke fine + visibility fair to good. A programme of constant harassing fire on trench systems, roads + likely places of assembly + activity has been carried out throughout the day. in addition to which the 111th How. Bty. cut wire. The attack by the 27th American Division appears to have</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>Quail F 56647 Sheet 62^c 1/40000</p>	<p>29/9/18</p>	<p>(Contd)</p>	<p>been only partially successful + great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining any definite information as to the actual situation, which is a great handicap to the Artillery. Lt. E. Clark M.C. of 41st Bty + Lt. J.P. Clarke M.C. of 42nd Bty. are doing liaison with the 105th Am. Regiment. Hostile artillery has again been active throughout the day. + shelling has been general + scattered. Enemy machine guns also very active on forward areas + roads. The remaining sections of Btys have been moved up to forward positions tonight + ammunition carting completed + final preparations made for the second attack by the Americans + 3rd + 5th Aust. Divisions in the morning. Casualties 7 O.Rs. wounded + evacuated. Animals 7 killed. Ammo. expended 1383 A, 952 Ax 17 A.S. 909 Bx. Strength. 32 Officers, 758 O.Rs. - Animals 408 Horses 165 Mules. Animals are showing effect of constant hard work.</p>	<p>W.W.R.</p>

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<p>Field RONSSOY. F22C1590 Sheet 62^c 1/40000</p>	<p>29/9/18</p>		<p>Bty moved up to F22C1590. Some rain fell during the night but day broke fine with light ground mist. At 5.50 am. Creeping Barrage in support of American attacked opened remaining on start line for 3 mins. then advancing in lifts of 100 yds every 3 mins. for the first 6 lifts then in lifts of 100 yds every 4 mins. till zero plus 200. Retaliation from enemy was heavy for the first half hour on forward areas + Bty. positions + much machine gun fire was experienced at Bty. positions. + was accountable for many of the casualties sustained. Our artillery has been active throughout the day. At 9.35 am. 4th Bty fired on trenches in S27b + at 10 am. the same Bty engaged trenches in S21d. At 11.35 am. 41st, 43rd + 111th Btys swept + searched trench systems in S21d at a slow rate of fire for 15 mins. At 12.30 pm. 4th Bty. fired on S27b + d at 200 yds. per gun per min. for 20 mins. At 2.55 pm. 41st Bty. engaged trench junction in A1b Central + 43rd Bty JAGERTRENCH in</p>	

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<p><i>Dield</i> RONSSOY F22c 1540 Sheet 62^c 1/40000</p>	<p>29/9/18</p>	<p>(Contd)</p>	<p>A2a at rate of 2 rds. per gun per min. for 10 mins. At 2.57pm 111th How. Bty. fired 40 Rds. Bx on Sunden Road in A27. at 3.15pm 42nd Bty. engaged same target for 15 mins. at 2 rds. per gun per min. At 4 pm. 111th How. Bty. effectively engaged hostile Bty. at A11C0030 (70 Rds Bx.) The same difficulty has been experienced today in obtaining definite information as to the actual situation at the front. The day has been another strenuous one for all ranks of the Brigade all of whom have acquitted themselves excellently & special mention might be made of the drivers who despite heavy shell & machine gun fire kept the guns supplied with ammunition throughout.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 officer killed in action, 1 off. wounded & evacuated 6 O.Rs killed in action 25 O.Rs. wounded & evacuated. 1 O.R. gassed & evacuated. Animals. 17 killed. Guns - 4 guns out of action & sent to I.O.M. Ammo expended 3553 A, 3482 Ax, 380 AS, 1574 Bx.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p><i>Field</i> RONSSOX F2201590 Sheet 62^c 1/40000</p>	<p>30/9/18</p>		<p>Some rain during the night but day broke fine + cloudy with slight wind from the S.W. - Visibility fair. Things have quietened down considerably on both sides. Intermittent hostile shelling of S17d + S22 + S23 during day + night. At 5.30 pm. all Btys. fired 50 Rds on road in S28a where transport was seen with good effect. Some hostile shelling of roads tonight + casualties inflicted. Marked absence of enemy planes during the day, the only one that ventured over being shot down by our M. Co. Our planes active throughout the day. Casualties 6 O.Rs wounded + evacuated, 1 O.R. gassed + evacuated. Animals. 4 Killed. Ammunition Expended. 150 18 Pdr. 50 Bx.</p>	
			<p>W. W. Rose Lt 11th Aust. I. A. Bde</p>	<p>Regent Spring Lieutenant Commanding 11th A. I. A. B.</p>

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			<p><u>Review of Month of September 1918.</u></p> <p>After 14 days out at rest at Camon the Brigade again moved up to the line proceeding to Proyant en route on the 7th. On the 9th the Brigade moved up to Fenvilleres & Btys came into action near Hancock on the 12th. On the 18th this Brigade cooperated in supporting Infantry attack on Leverquier & Hindenburg Line. The 41st Bty. going forward with the Infantry & gaining their unstinted praise for the work they did. On the 21st the Brigade pulled out to Wagon Lines near Tendelles. On 24th the Brigade moved to new area at Ronssoy relieving 82nd Bde R. 9A. On 27th Bde. Cooperated in attack by 27th American Div. on Hindenburg Line. All ranks have acquitted themselves creditably in all operations & especially on the 29th when the Btys. were subjected to heavy shell & machine gun fire & all those recommended for awards well deserved them.</p>	

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WAR DIARY

OF

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

FOR

SEPTEMBER, 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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| 1. | - Inspection of Batteries (Mounted) by C.O. |
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| 12. | - Operation Order No.1. 25th. Sept., 1918. |
| 13. | - COPY of 4th. Aust. Div Arty Order No.202., 26th Sept.. |
| 14. | - COPY of 4th. Aust. D.A. Instruction No.3. 26th. Sept., 1918. |
| 15. | - Administrative Instruction, 26th. Sept., 1918. |
| 16. | - 11th. A. F. Brigade Instruction No. 2. 26th. Sept.,1918. |
| 17. | - 11th. A.F.A. Brigade Operation Order No.2. 26th. Sept. |
| 18. | - 11th. A.F.A. Brigade Operation Order No.3. 27th. Sept. |
| 19. | - 11th. A.F.A. Brigade Operation Order No.4. 27th. Sept. |
| 20. | - 11th. A.F.A. Brigade Operation Order No.5. 27th. Sept. |
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11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE	
No.	3478
Date	

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
1st. September, 1918.

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ALL BATTERIES.

INSPECTION PARADE.

The C.O. will inspect Batteries (mounted) to-morrow morning at the following times :- *(2nd ind)*

41st. Battery	-	9 a.m.
42nd. Battery	-	9.30. a.m.
43rd. Battery	-	10 a.m.
11th. Battery	-	10.30 a.m.

DRESS - Drill Order.

Dismounted personnel will fall in on right of Batteries.

Batteries will form up in "Line Formation" at Full Interval, on or near present Football Ground facing the road and ready for inspection at the above times.

W.W. Rose
for Captain
and Adin

For C.O., 11th. Australian Field Artillery

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

11TH
AUSTRALIAN
F.A. BRIGADE.
No. B3486
Date.....

Headquarters,
2nd. September, 1918.

ALL BATTERIES.

Reference our B.3459.

Order of march will be :-

Brigade Headquarters.
41st. Battery.
42nd. Battery.
43rd. Battery.
11th. Battery.

W. J. Sanderson

Captain
and Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

11th
AUSTRALIAN
F. A. BRIGADE
No. <u>B3468</u>
Date

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

HEADQUARTERS,
1st Sept. 1918.

- 41st Battery.
- 42nd Battery.
- 43rd Battery.
- 11th Battery.
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1. INSPECTION :- The G.O.C., 4th Aust. Division will inspect Units of the 4th Aust. Div. Artillery on Tuesday, 3rd September, 1918.
2. FORMATION :- All Units will march past the Inspecting Officer in column of Route.
3. COMPLIMENTS :- When passing the Inspection Point all Officers will salute; compliments will be paid by other ranks on the order of Section Commanders of Brigades and Signal Section, sub-Section Commanders of the D.A.C., and Battery Commanders of the M.T.M. Batteries.
4. MARCH TABLE :- The instructions contained in MARCH TABLE hereunder will be strictly adhered to.

Unit	Starting Point	Inspection Point	Time at S.P.	Time at I.P.	Route
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.	M 16 d 6.9 (16)	M 5 d 1 7	9.15 a.m.	10.40 a.m.	Starting Point - M 3 c 8.9 - M 2 c 2.8 LA MOTTE - Wagon Lines.

5. DRESS :- Full marching order. Hats turned up. Officers will wear hats.
6. VEHICLES :- Water Cart will parade. No 2nd Line Transport.
7. HALTS :- No avoidable halts will be made between the Starting Point and the Inspection Point.
8. MARCH DISCIPLINE :- Attention is directed to S.S. 724. especially para. 19.
9. DISTANCES :- 25 yards between each Section (6 vehicles) will be maintained.
10. SYNCHRONISATION :- An Officer from each Battery will report to Adjutant at 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade Headquarters for Official time at 8.15 a.m. on the 3rd September, 1918.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Further Orders later.

Ray Turner

Major.

a/C.O., 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Copies to :-

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11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE

No. B.3495/2

Date.....

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS,
4th September, 1918.

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

TRAINING for 5th Sept. 1918.

Training for the 5th inst. will be the same as for 4th inst. (vide our B.3495 dated 3rd inst.) with the exception of:-

41st Battery :- Inspection of Battery (DISMOUNTED) by C.O.,
at 9.30 a.m.

42nd Battery :- Inspection of Battery (DISMOUNTED) by C.O.,
at 10.45 a.m.

W. Sanderson
for
Lieut-Colonel.

COMMANDING.
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE

No. B.3495/2

Date.....

HEADQUARTERS,
3rd Sept. 1918.

41st Battery.

TRAINING FOR 4-9-1918.

Reference this office B.3495 of even date.

Inspection by C.O., of 41st Battery at 10 a.m. is cancelled.

You will carry out training as laid down ^{therein} for the 42nd, 43rd, and 11th Batteries.

W. Sanderson
for
Lieut-Colonel.

COMMANDING.
11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE
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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
3rd. September, 1918.

ALL BATTERIES.

TRAINING FOR 4.9.18.

41st. Battery. - Inspection of Battery (Dismounted) by C.O.
at 10.a.m.

42nd. Battery.)
43rd. Battery.) - Section Commanders will take their Sections
11th. Battery.) in the following :-

9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. - Section Gun Drill.

10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. - Section Manoeuvre (Mounted),
Quarter of an hour saluting by Drivers,
advancing into action and ~~retreating~~ ^{retreating} or
advancing. Laying on indicated
targets will be practised over open
sights. Battery Commanders will
supervise.

Battery Commanders will ensure that Section Commanders
give proper supervision to grooming during the early morning
and midday stables. The following routine is substituted
for that laid down in Order "Syllabus of Training" dated
28.8.18. :-

- Early Morning Stables - 6.30 a.m. to 7.30.a.m.
- Midday Stables - 11.45 a.m. to 12.45.p.m.
- Evening Stables - 4.p.m. to 4.30.p.m.

Battery Commanders will detail an officer to instruct
Battery Staff in the use of Range Finder, 9 a.m. to 10.a.m.
Director Work, 10 a.m. to 11.a.m. - Flag Signalling,
11.a.m. to 11.45.a.m.

CAS
L.H.C.
Captain
and Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERS
28th August, 1918

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

DATE	TIME	GUNNERS	DRIVERS	SPECIALISTS
29/8/18	9.am to 10.15.am.	Standing Gun Drill.	Harness Cleaning	Buzzer practise
	10.15to 10.45.am.	Lecture Fuze indicator	Lecture Harnes fitting	Lecture Faults in telephones
	10.45.am to 11.45.am.	Rifle Drill	Saluting Drill. Exercise	Flag Signalling
30/8/18	9.am.to 10.15.am.	Rifle Exercises	Harness Cleaning	Lucas Lamp Signalling
	10.15.am.to 10.45.am.	Lecture- Duties of Guards and Picquets	Lecture- Horse-mastership	Lecture Telephone Lines.
	10.45.am.to 11.45.am.	Standing Gun Drill & Fuze setting	Hiding Drill Exercise.	Director Work
31/8/18	9.am. to 10.15.am.	Packing of Stores & Wagons	Harness Cleaning	Flag Signalling
	10.15.am.to 10.45.am	Lecture Discipline and its relation to War	Lecture	Lecture)
	10.45.am.to 11.45.am.	Demonstration of Breebh Mechanism	Saluting Drill Exercise	Buzzer Practise
1/9/18	9.am.to 10.15.am	Standing Gun Drill.Moving Targets open Sights	Harness Cleaning	Lecture Duties of Battery Staff
	10.15.am.to 10.45.am.	Demonstration and Lecture. The Recuperator Buffer.	Lecture -minor Ailments of the Horse.	Establishing of Lines of Communication (Practical)
	10.45.am.to 11.45.am.	do	Exersise and Stable Management.	do
2/9/18	9.am.to 10.15.am.	Rifle Drill	Harness Cleaning	Flag Signalling
	10.15.am.to 10.45.am.	Demonstrations and Lecture- Machine Guns	Lecture- March Discipline.	Lectures- Principles of Telephony.
	10.45.am.to 11.45.am	do	Exercise and Saluting Drill	Buzzer Practise.
3/9/18	9.am.to 12.noon.	Battery Drill- Place Field adjoining Wagon Lines		

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In addition to Syllabus of Training, four mounted Orderlies per Battery will be specially trained in Map reading, practical lessons being given.

Routine

Reveille.....6.am.

Stables.....6.30.am. to 7.³⁰am.

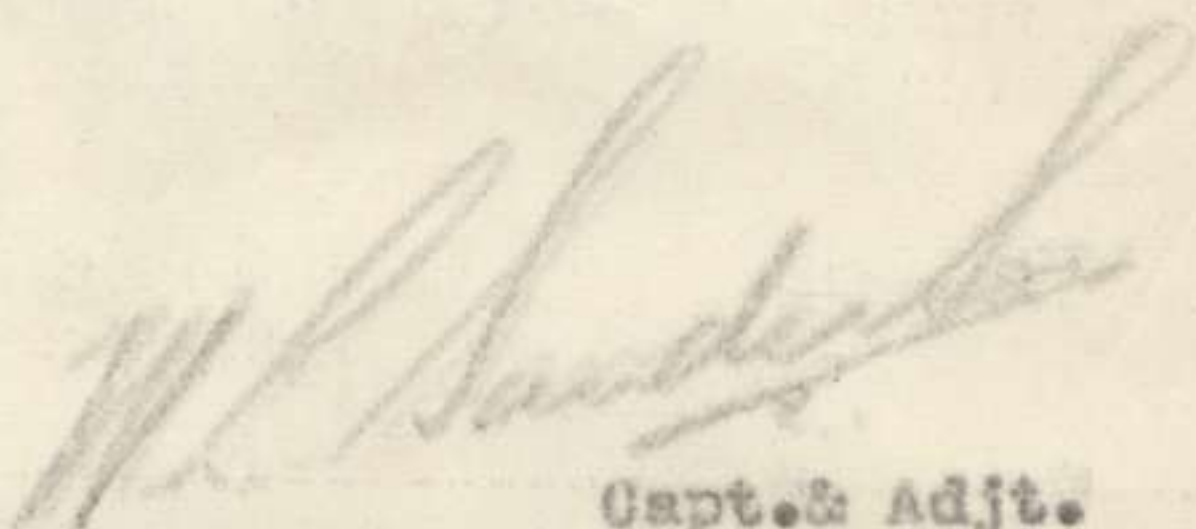
Parade.....9.am.

Training

Stables.....11.45.am. to 12.45.p.m.

Recreation

Stables.....4.⁴³⁰pm. to 5.p.m.



Capt. & Adjt.

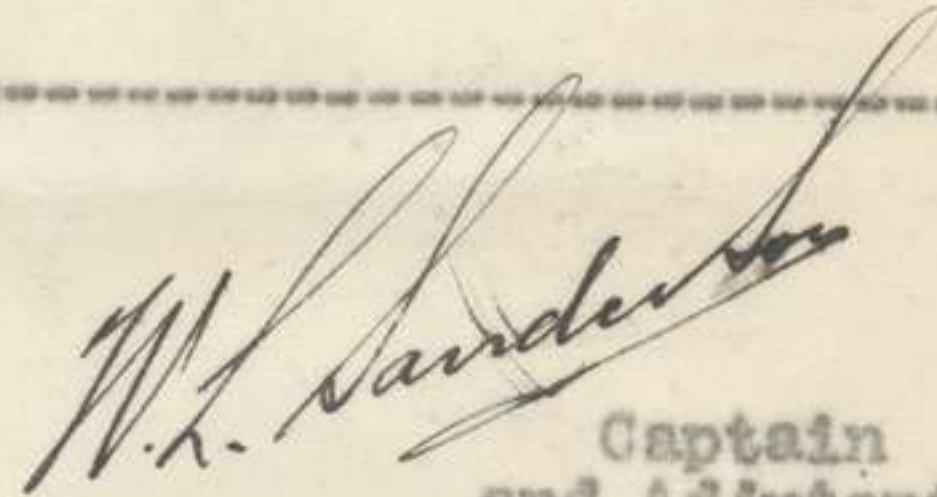
For C.O. 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.MOVE ORDERHeadquarters,
6th. Sept., 1918.Reference sheet, 52d., 1/10,000, and,
4th. Aust. Div. Artillery Order No. 186.

1. Order of March :-

Headquarters.
43rd. Battery.
111th. Battery.
41st. Battery.
42nd. Battery.2. Battery Commanders will each detail ^{one} Mounted Orderly to report to
C.O. at starting point at 8.55.a.m.

3. Acknowledge by return runner.


Captain
and Adjutant.
For C.O., 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.Distribution.

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

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

APPENDIX 5

WARNING

ORDER

Headquarters,
9th. Sept., 1918.

1. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery in the line on the nights 10th/11th. and 11th/12th. September, 1918.
2. 4th. Australian Div. Arty. Headquarters will open at 2.p.m., 9.9.18. at Q 8 d 8.8. (Sheet 62c. - 1/40,000).
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution:

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

W. L. Sanderson

Captain.
and Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F.A. Brigade.

W.D.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

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Headquarters,
10th. Sept., 1918.

- 41st. Battery.
- 42nd. Battery.
- 43rd. Battery.
- 111th. Battery.

Reference attached.
Order of March will be :-

- Brigade Headquarters.
- 41st. Battery.
 - 42nd. Battery.
 - 43rd. Battery.
 - 111th. Battery.

W. L. Sanderson

Captain.
and Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

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5RELIEF ORDERHeadquarters,
10th. Sept., 1918.

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

1. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery (Less 4th. Aust. M.T.N. Batteries) will relieve the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery in the line on the night 11th/12th. September, 1918.
2. The 10th. and 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigades will constitute the Reserve Group, under the command of Lieut-Colonel T.I.C. WILLIAMS "DSO" and will relieve the present Reserve Group under the command of Lt-Colonel H.O. CADDY "DSO".
3. Advance Parties in the proportion of 1 Officer and 2 O.R's. per Brigade Headquarters, and Battery, will be despatched on receipt of this order to report to the Waggon Lines of the unit which their own unit will relieve. Locations are as under :-

RELIEVING UNIT	UNIT	WAGON LINE LOCATION.
11th. Aust. F.A.Bde. H.Q.	14th. Aust. F.A.Bde. H.Q.	Q 1 a 3.3.
41st. Battery.	53rd. Battery.	P 12 a 15.90.
42nd. Battery.	54th. Battery.	P 4 d 1.3.
43rd. Battery.	55th. Battery.	P 3 d 10.15.
111th. Battery.	114th. Battery.	J 36 c 25.25.

4. The remainder of the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery will move on the 11th. Instant, in accordance with instructions contained in March Order to be issued later.
5. Headquarters 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery closed at HANCOURT Q 8 d 8.8., at 11.a.m. 10th. Instant and will re-open at 2.p.m. on same date at CATELET P.8 b central.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution.

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

W. Paul
For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

Captain.
and Adjutant.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

11TH AUSTRALIAN F. A. BRIGADE.
No. <i>3591</i>
Date

Headquarters,
13th. Sept., 1918.

4th. Aust. Div. Arty.
4th. Aust. D.A.D.V.S.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

		<u>Forward Position</u>	<u>Waggon Lines</u>
Brigade Headquarters	-	Q 17 d 4.4.	Q 1 a 8.8.
41st. Battery.	-	Q 18 c 03.45.	J 36 b 3.0.
42nd. Battery.	-	Q 18 c 22.75.	Q 1 a 1.0.
43rd. Battery.	-	Q 18 c 10.00.	K 31 c 40.30.
11th. Battery.	-	Q 17, d 40.33.	J 36 c central.
Brigade O.P.	-	R 13 a 40.70.	

*W. A. Sanderson
Capt. R.A.M.*

COMMANDING. *for* Lieut-Colonel.
11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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SecretOrder No. 1.

APPENDIX

Headquarters.
14th Sept 1918

Ref. Map. 62° 1/40,000.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Sector will be altered on the night 14th/15th September. New Boundaries shown on attached tracing.
2. ~~The Artillery~~ The 11th Aust. F. A. Bgde will cover the new sector from 12 midnight the 14th/15th September.
3. From 12 midnight 14th/15th Sept. the S.O.S line will run as follows:-
R10c 75.35 - R10a 5.0 - L33d 5.0 - L33a 3.9 - L27a 90^v
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4. Bty Zones are as follows.
43rd Bty. From R10c 75.35 - R3d 90.90
41st " R3d 90.90 - L33d 5.0 - L33a 70.25
42nd " L33a 70.25 - L33a 3.9 - L27a 90.25.
111th How. Bty on Woods, roads + approaches East of whole Bgde S.O.S line. Points to be selected by the B.C.
5. Acknowledge by wire.

W. W. Sanderson
Capt + Adj.

for Lieut. Col.
Commanding 11th Aust. F. A. Bgde.

Dist.

1. File
2. 41st Bty
3. 42nd
4. 43rd
5. 111th How. Bty.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYSECRET.

ORDER NO. 194.

HEADQUARTERS
14th September 1918.REFERENCE MAP 620 1/40,000.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Sector will be altered on the night 14th/15th September.

New boundaries are shown on attached tracing.

2. The Artillery under the command of C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division will cover the new sector from 12 mid-night 14th/15th September.

3. From 12 mid-night 14th/15th September the S.O.S. line will run as follows :-

R 10 c 7535 - R 10 a 5 0 - L 33 d 5 0 -
L 33 a 3 9 - L 27 a 9025.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Tomkinson, Major,
a/Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION -

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|------|---------------------------|-----|------------|
| * 1 | 10th Aust. F.A. Bde | | |
| * 2 | 11th Aust. F.A. Bde | 13. | C.R.A., |
| * 3) | Reserve Artillery | 14. | B.M., |
| * 4) | Group. | 15. | S.C., |
| * 5 | 4th Aust. D.T.M.O. | 16. | R.O., |
| * 6 | 4th Aust. D.A.C. | 17. | R.A., Sig. |
| * 7 | 9th Brigade R.G.A. | 18. | File. |
| 8 | 1st Div. Arty. (British). | 19) | |
| 9 | 1st Aust. D.A. | 20) | War Diary. |
| 10 | 4th Aust. Div. 'G'. | 21. | Spare. |
| 11 | R.A., Aust. Corps. | | |
| 12 | 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. | | |

* Tracing attached.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYSECRET.ORDER NO. 195.
*****Headquarters
14th September 1918.

1. In view of operations which are likely to be carried out in a few days' time, a reconnaissance for new forward positions is to be made forthwith by Brigade Commanders.
2. ^{the} The approximate areas suggested for battery positions for respective Brigades are as shown on the tracing issued with Order No. 194.
3. The PURPLE line indicates the boundary WEST of which no battery must be sited.
4. The operations will include a barrage, and the initial barrage line is represented by the BLUE line on the above mentioned tracing.
5. In the selection of positions due regard must be paid to crest clearance &c., and as a guide it may be assumed that the minimum range required will be that to the initial barrage line (shown BLUE).
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. *W.P.M.*

W.P.M. Kinson, Major,
a/Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION -

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|----|---|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | - | 2 | Reserve Artillery Group. |
| | | 3 | 10th Aust. F.A. Bde. |
| | | 4 | 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. |
| | | 5 | 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| | | 6 | 4th Aust. Div. 'G'. |
| | | 7 | C.R.A., |
| | | 8 | B.M., |
| | | 9 | S.C., |
| | | 10 | R.O., |
| | | 11 | File. |
| 12 | - | 14 | War Diary. |
| | | 15 | Spare. |

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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to Sunken Road in R11 Co.
 200 rounds per 18 pdr Bty
 160 " " 4.5 How Bty
 will be expended each 24 hours.
 Rates. Short bursts of fire at
 odd times during day & night.
 The above programming will
 be adhered to until further
 notice.
 Btys may be ~~used~~ in addition
 ordered to fire on other targets
 as
 acknowledge by wire

From	W. J. Sanderson
Place	Capt & Pdy
Time	

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The following targets will
 be kept under fire both
 day and night. Particular
 attention being given during
 night.
 1. Trench being worked on at
 R50 15.55 - R11 Co 4060.
 2. Trench ditto at R11 Co 6040 -
 R12 Co 4080
 3. Junction of sunken road at
 R4 Co 50.95.
 4. "Bob" post at L34 Co 90.15 &
 vicinity
 5. MGs at R4 Co 80.25

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11th Aust. F.A. Bgde.

Adqrs

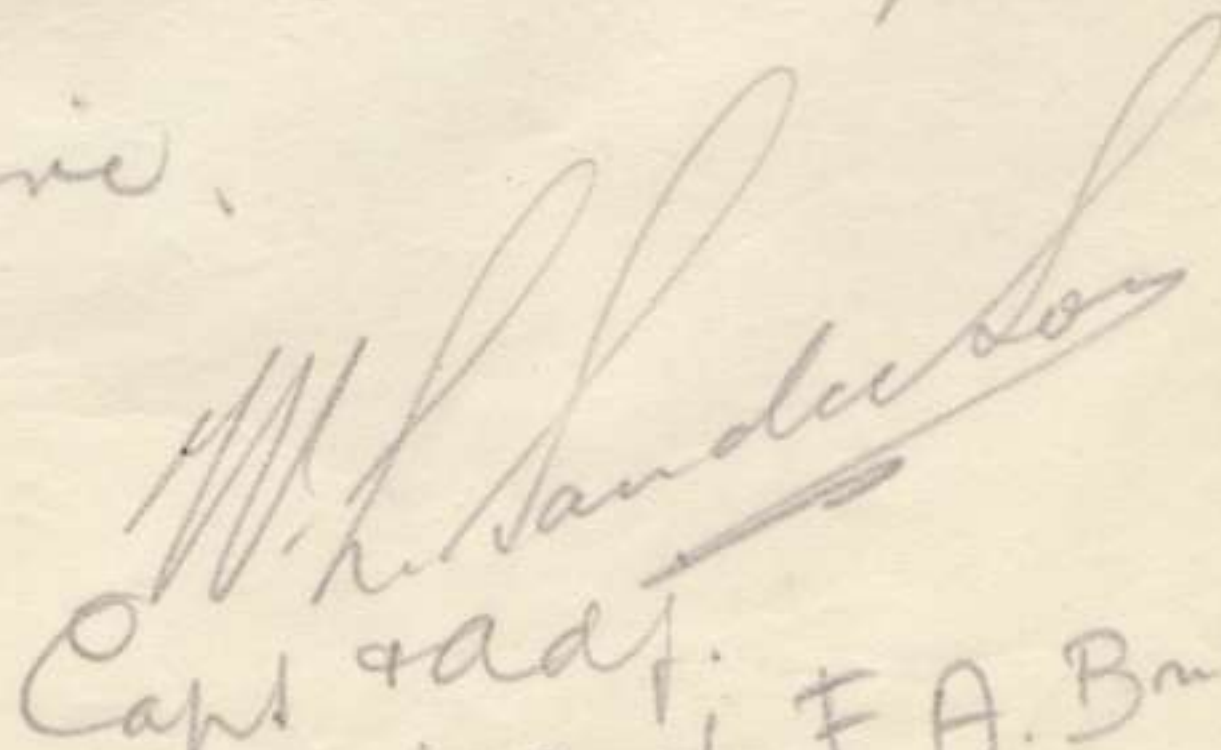
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MOVEMENT ORDER.
NO. 1.

1. The 11th Aust. F.A. Bgde, will move forward to new positions, selected by B.C's on night of 20/21st September 1918.
2. The following times will be adhered to, and B.C's will arrange to have teams up in time for moves to take place as under:-

<u>Bty.</u>	<u>MOVE.</u>	<u>RELIED ON S.O.S</u>
'A' (41 st)	NIL	NIL
'B' (42 nd)	8.30 pm.	10 pm.
'C' (43 rd)	10 pm.	11.30 pm.
'D' (111 th)	2 sections 9 pm.	11 pm.

3. S.O.S will be covered during move by Batteries as under:-
From 8.30 pm to 10 pm by 'A', 'C', and 1 sect. 'D' Bty.
" 10 pm. - 11.30 pm - 'A', 'B' + 'D' Bty's
4. Btys. covering S.O.S not on the move will take half each of the S.O.S line of the Bty moving:-
'A' Bty. taking Nth half + 'C' South half during 1st MOVE
'A' " " Nth half + 'B' South half during 2nd MOVE.
5. At 11.30 PM. original lines will again be taken.
Completion of move + original S.O.S lines ^{covered} will be reported by wire and order to B.H.Q (R4 2 0080) by code word "SANDBAGS".
6. All ammunition to be taken to new positions.
7. Acknowledge by wire.


 Capt + adjt.
 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADEWARNING ORDERHEADQUARTERS,
21st. Sept., 1918.

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1. The Fourth Australian Divisional Artillery, less D.A.H.Q., will be withdrawn to Waggon Lines and pass into Corps reserve on night 21st/22nd. September, under G.O.C., R.A.
 2. On night 22nd/23rd. instant, 5th. Army R.P.A. Brigade will relieve the 6th. Army, A.P.A. Brigade, which will be withdrawn to Waggon Lines in Corps reserve.
 3. 12th. Army, Australian F.A. Brigade will withdraw to Waggon Lines 22nd/23rd. September, in Corps reserve.
 4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.
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Captain &
Adjutant.For G.O.C., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.
-----Distribution.

1. File.
 2. 41st. Battery.
 3. 42nd. Battery.
 4. 43rd. Battery.
 5. 11th. Battery.
 6. 12th. Army, P.A. Brigade.
 7. War Diary.
 8. Spare.
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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

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WARNING ORDER

HEADQUARTERS,
23rd. September, 1918.

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1. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery will, on the 24th. September, proceed by route march in accordance with orders to be issued later, and will move into the line in a Northern Sector on the night of 24th/25th., September.
 2. 4th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. will take over in the New Sector on the 25th. instant.
 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.
-

Distribution

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

Captain &
Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

APPENDIX 10

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADEADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONHEADQUARTERS,
25th. Sept., 1918.Reference Sheet - 62c., - 1/20,000....

1. Until further orders ammunition for the Artillery covering the 27th. American Divisional Sector will be drawn as follows :-

SOUTHERN A.R.P. - E 28 a 5.3. - 10th. Aust.F.A.Bde.)
 11th. Aust.F.A.Bde.) 4th Aust D.A.C.
 110th. Bde. R.F.A.
 86th. Bde. R.F.A. & B.A.C.
 104th. Bde. R.F.A. & B.A.C.

Ammunition will only be issued to Brigades from the A.R.P. to which they are allotted.

2. The following is a list of return required by this office :-
- (I). Wire by 10.a.m. daily showing amount of ammunition expended during previous 24 hours.
- (II). Wire by 10.a.m. daily showing -
- (a) Number of 18-Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. in action.
- (b) Number of 18-Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. destroyed by enemy action during previous 24 hours.
- (c) Number of 18-Pdrs, and 4.5" Hows. at I.O.M.
- (d) Number of 18-Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. temporarily out of action, stating whether at position or Waggon Lines.
- (III). Ammunition Statement as at 10.a.m. , showing all receipts, expenditure and remaining on hand at guns.
- (IV). Wire by 10.a.m. daily reporting all casualties during previous 24 hours. Names and dates to be stated in the case of Officers

3. ACKNOWLEDGE

4 Ammunition Statement, including Echelon figures, required to reach this office by 10 am

W. H. Sanders
 For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

Captain &
 Adjutant.

Distribution.

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

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

APPENDIX 17

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.HEADQUARTERS,
25th. Sept., 1918.

Reference Map - Sheet 62c. N.E., 1/20,000.

1. GROUP ZONES - Left Group

Southern Boundary :- EAST and WEST Grid Lines through F 17 d 00.10.
as far ~~NE~~ EAST as F 17 b 35.10. thence NORTH-EAST through,
A 6 c 00.60.

NORTHERN BOUNDARY :- EAST and WEST Grid Line between F 5 and F 11,
as far EAST as F 6 c 05.00. thence NORTH-EAST through A 3 a 00.30.

2. S.O.S. LINES -

41st. Battery from F 18 a 30.60. to F 18 a 77.20.

42nd. Battery from F 18 a 77.20. to A 13 b 00.00. to A 13 d 00.70.

43rd. Battery superimposed over F 18 a 30.60. - A 13 b 00.00. to
A 13 d 00.70.

11th. Battery distributed over ROADS, APPROACHES and Enemy TRENCHES,
approximately 200 yards EAST of Brigade S.O.S. Line

Batteries will lay on above S.O.S.Lines at 9.p.m. to-night, 25.9.18.

3. HARASSING FIRE - Locations of enemy Areas to be harassed will be notified later.

Until further orders the following will be the daily expenditure approximately one third by day, and two thirds by night. :-

18-Pdrs. - 200 rounds per Battery.
4.5" Hows. - 150 " " "

This allotment will include the amount expended in C.P. ~~shakd~~ should such be ordered.

4. AMMUNITION - Echelons will be kept filled and in addition the following dumps of ammunition will be maintained at gun pits :-

18-Pdrs. - 400 rounds per Gun.
4.5" Hows. - 300 " " How.
and 300 rounds (BCG or BNC) per 4.5" How. Battery.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE.Distribution.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

W. J. Sanderson
Captain &
Adjutant.

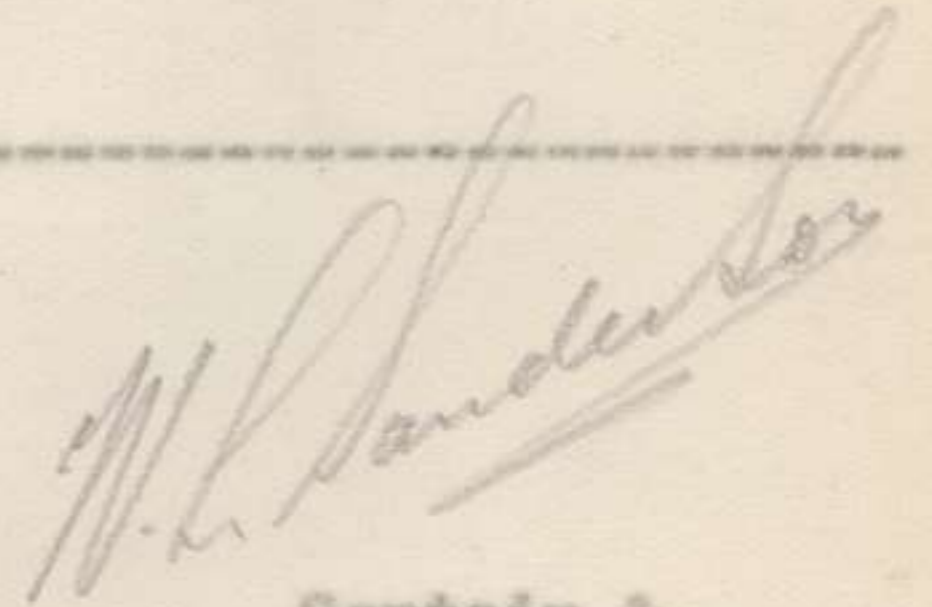
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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES O S. LINES.Headquarters,
25th. September, 1918.

1. Reference Operation Order No.1., cancel Para. 2 and substitute,

41st. Battery from F 12 c 28.26 to F 18 a 30.75.42nd. Battery from F 18 a 30.75 to F 18 a 30.60. to
F 18 a 55.40.43rd. Battery superimposed over whole line from F 12 c 28.26.
to F 18 a 30.60. to F 18 a 55.40.11th. Battery distributed on TRENCH and ROAD approximately
200 yards EAST of Brigade S O S Line2. ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE.Captain S.
Adjutant.Distribution

For Lt-Col., C.O., 11th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

As for Operation
Order No.1.

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APPENDIX

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADEHEADQUARTERS,
26th. Sept., 1918.

COPY OF 4th. D.A.H.Q. ORDER NO.202.

REFERENCE MAPS, 57c N.W. and S.W.) 1/20,000, Tracing "A", 1/20,000.
62b N.E. and S.E.)

1. INFORMATION - At times and dates to be notified later the Australian Corps with the 2nd. American Corps affiliated is to attack the HINDENBURG LINE in the Sector NAUROY - GUOY. The attack will take the form of two definite operations.
- (a). the preliminary attack to capture positions far enough forward to enable the advance to the GREEN LINE to be carried out under a creeping barrage, and
- (b). the main attack to capture the GREEN LINE.
2. INTENTION - The Field Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 4th. AUST. Division will co-operate by means of ,
- (a) Special gas ("BB") bombardment.
- (b) Creeping barrage and protective barrage during the preliminary attack.
- (c) Counter Battery Work.
- (d) Harassing Fire.
- (e) Wirecutting.
- (f) Bombardment of selected strong points and localities.
- (g) Creeping barrage and protective barrage during the main attack.
- (h) Exploitation to the left flank after the main attack.
3. DETAIL OF ARTILLERY BRIGADES - The following Field Artillery Brigades will be at the disposal of the C.R.A. 4th. AUST Division for the operation :-
- (a) FOR PRELIMINARY ATTACK. --
- | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| 10th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. |) | |
| 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. |) | |
| 110th. Bde. R.F.A. |) | |
| 112th. Bde. R.F.A. |) | |
| 290th. Bde. R.F.A. |) | "LEFT DIVISION
CREEPING BARRAGE
BRIGADES" |
| 291st. Bde. R.F.A. |) | |
| 36th. Army Brigade R.F.A. |) | |
| 104th. Army Brigade R.F.A. |) | |
| 108th. Army Brigade R.F.A. |) | |
- (b) FOR MAIN ATTACK --
- | | | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|
| As in (a) with the |) | "LEFT FLANK
BARRAGE BRIGADES" |
| addition of 3rd. Army Bde.
Australian F. A. |) | |
- (c) FOR EXPLOITATION NORTHWARDS TO RED LINE ---
- | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| 10th. Aust. F. A. Brigade |) | "NORTHERN
EXPLOITATION
BRIGADES" |
| 11th. Aust. F. A. Brigade |) | |
| 108th. Army Brigade R.F.A. |) | |

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4. PRELIMINARY ATTACK :- The Preliminary Attack will take place under a creeping barrage on a front of about 3000 yards extending from the Northern boundary of the Corps towards the South. This operation will be carried out 48 hours before the main attack and will synchronise with the hour set out for the commencement of the bombardment mentioned later. On the successful conclusion of the operation, Brigades will be pushed forward into Areas (to be indicated to Group Commanders later) from which the barrage for the main attack will be carried out.

5. MAIN ATTACK :- The operation will differ somewhat from those previously carried out on this front, the chief differences being due to the fact that there are many more strong points and trenches prepared for defence and considerably more wire than has been met with hitherto. Definite instructions as to trench bombardment and wire cutting prior to the day of the main attack, will be issued to Group Commanders from this office. The Main Attack is divided into two phases :-

(a) 1st. Phase - The 27th. American Division with the 30th. AMERICAN Division on their right attack under a creeping barrage, accompanied with Tanks, and have as their objective the GREEN LINE.

(b) 2nd. Phase - After the capture of the Green Line, the 3rd. Aust. Division and the 5th. Aust. Division, pass through the 27th. and 30th. AMERICAN Divisions respectively in order to exploit towards and capture the RED LINE. At the same time troops specially allotted from the 27th. and 30th. American Divisions exploit Northwards and Southwards respectively, EAST of the Tunnel with a view to broadening the salient.

(c) The Field Artillery allotted to the 27th. AMERICAN Divisional front will be employed as follows :-

The 9 Brigades detailed in Para 3 sub-para (a) will from their advanced positions carry out a creeping barrage up to the protector on the Final Objective (GREEN LINE)

The 3rd. Army Brigade Aust. F.A. will be employed in such a way as to put down an effective enfilade barrage on the left Flank of the area attacked. Assistance in this ~~xxxx~~ barrage will be rendered by a 4.5" How. Battery, of the LEFT GROUP.

On completion of the flank barrage the 3rd. Army Brigade Aust. F.A. will draw out and stand by ready to accompany the supporting Infantry Brigade of the 3rd. Aust. Division

The 10.th. and 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 108th. Army Brigade R.F.A. will on completion of the barrage be attached to the Regiment of the 27th. American Division forming the protective flank, and will under the orders of the C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Division move forward to assist in exploitation to the Northern flank.

The remainder of the barrage Artillery Brigades will remain in their positions under Corps orders and await further instructions.

6. BOMBARDMENTS - Bombardments except as specified in para 7. prior to the main attack, will commence 48 hours before ZERO hour. The programme will include -
- Special Gas ("BB") bombardment.
 - Vigorous Counter-Battery Work.
 - Intense Harassing Fire.
 - Cutting lanes in hostile wire defences.
 - Bombardment of selected strong points and localities.
7. SPECIAL GAS ("BB") BOMBARDMENT - The bombardment will be carried out by 18-Pdrs. firing "BB" gas shell combined with H.E., during intermittent periods between ZERO minus 56 hours and ZERO minus 48 hours. Objectives will be shown on tracing to be issued later. Subsequent to ZERO minus 48 hours no "BB" gas shell will be fired.
8. VIGOROUS COUNTER-BATTERY WORK - Counter-Battery work will be chiefly the duty of the Heavy Artillery, but the 4.5" Hows. will co-operate where possible by firing "C.G." and "N.C." gas shell. It will commence at ZERO minus 48 hours.
9. INTENSE HARASSING FIRE - This will commence at ZERO minus 48 hours immediately after the cessation of the Special Gas "BB" bombardment. A Scheme for harassing fire will be issued to Group Commanders from D.A.H.Q. In this connection the Divisional Front is to be exploited for O.P's. so that the area in which unobserved harassing fire will have to be maintained by day may be reduced to a minimum. Areas over which no observation is possible must receive special attention. The Field Artillery Zone for harassing fire will extend Eastward to a distance of 2500 yards from our front line. In shelling roads H.E. with delay action fuzes in HOT to be employed. Use is to be made of gas shell ("C.G." and "N.C.")
10. CUTTING LANES IN HOSTILE WIRE DEFENCES - Wire cutting will commence at ZERO minus 48 hours, and will be carried out with 4.5" Hows. Group Commanders will arrange with Infantry Commanders to keep lanes open with rifle and H.G. fire once they have been cut.
11. BOMBARDMENT OF SELECTED STRONG POINTS AND LOCALITIES - The bombardment will commence at ZERO minus 48 hours and will be continued until ZERO hour with a view not only to the destruction of defences but also to the demoralisation of the defenders. 4.5" Hows will make use of C.G. and N.C. On the day of Battle entrances and exits to the TUNNEL will receive attention. O.P's. should be engaged towards the latter end of the bombardment. Blocks in communication trenches will be created where possible.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE

Captain S.
Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian P. A. Brigade.

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APPENDIX 14

COPY of 4th. AUST. DIV. ARTY. INSTRUCTION, No. 3.
ISSUED UNDER 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 202.

HEADQUARTERS,
26th. Sept., 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, - 1/20,000 { 62b. N.W., - 62c. N.E.,
(57c. S.E., - 57b. S.W.,

1. INFORMATION - On the 27th. September, 1918, at a ZERO hour to be notified later and to be known as "B" ZERO hour, the preliminary attack referred to in 4th. Aust. Divisional Artillery ORDER NO. 202, para 1, is to be carried out by the 27th. AMERICAN Division with the object of gaining the Infantry forming up line for the main operation (shown on tracing "A" issued with that Order).
TANKS will be used.
The 30th. AMERICAN Division on the RIGHT is to co-operate with the object of gaining such portions of the Infantry forming up line on its front as are not already occupied. The 111 Corps is to co-operate in the advance by forming a defensive flank to the NORTH of the 27th. AMERICAN Division.

2. INTENTION - The Field Artillery Under the command of the C.R.A., 4th. Australian Division (less the 3rd. Army Brigade Aust. F.A.) will carry out a creeping barrage during the attack and a protective barrage during consolidation.

3. BARRAGE -
(a) Lifts and distances are as shown on the accompanying barrage map.
(b) At ZERO hour the 18-Pdr. barrage will open on the Artillery Start Line which is 200 yards EAST of the Infantry Forming Up Line.
At ZERO plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes and will continue at this rate until it arrives at the "PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE" which is 400 yards EAST of the OBJECTIVE LINE.
On arrival on the "PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE" the barrage will halt, and fire on this line will be continued for a period of 30 minutes, after which time all barrage fire will cease.
(c) The 4.5" How. barrage will conform to the lifts of the 18-Pdr barrage but will move 200 yards EAST of it.
(d) Rates of Fire will be as under :-

Throughout creeping barrage and during the first 10 minutes on "PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE" --

<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	-	3 rounds per gun per minute.
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	-	2 " " How. " "

On "PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE" during the last 20 minutes --

<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	-	1 round per gun per minute.
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	-	1/2 " " How. " "

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3. BARRAGE - (Continued)(e) AMMUNITION --

18-Pdr. - 40% H.E. non delay.
 - 50% Shrapnel.
 - 10% Smoke.

4.5" Hows. - H.E. (106 Fuze)

4. From ZERO hour onwards at least one battery from each Group will be detailed to answer Zone Calls. The ~~fire~~ fire of the Batteries so detailed must be superimposed during the barrage in order that no gap may be caused should it be necessary to divert their fire for this purpose.
5. A Scheme for S.O.S. and Counter-Preparation, to be put into force when the final objective is captured, will be issued from this office.
6. After the operation a reconnaissance will be made for forward positions, and batteries will be dribbled up to the following general line :-

F 29 d 75.00. - F 17 d 75.20. - F 5 c 00.00.

At least one Section per Battery will be left at the rear position until the night 28th/29th. September.

Batteries are to be emplaced as close as is practicable to the above-mentioned line and for the ~~max~~ purpose the following approximate Areas are allotted to Groups :-

<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>	--	F 29 b,	F 29 d,	F 30 a,	F 30 c,
<u>CENTRE GROUP</u>	--	F 23 b,	F 23 d,	F 17 d,	
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>	--	F 17 a,	F 11 d,	F 10 b,	

7. ACKNOWLEDGE

W. H. Sanders

Captain &
Adjutant.

For G.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

HEADQUARTERS,
26th. Sept., 1918.

No. 56

1. The following ammunition will be held by Field Artillery covering the 27th. American Div. Sector at Zero hour on the day of operation. :-

At Guns (per 18-Pdr.)	-	550 rounds.
At Guns (per 4.5" How.)	-	450 rounds.
At A.R.P. (per 18-Pdr.)	-	50 rounds.
At A.R.P. (per 4.5" How.)	-	50 rounds.

Echelons, 18-Pdr. and 4.5" How. Filled.

2. Ammunition will be held in the following proportions :-

18-Pdr. at Guns. - 20% AS if available (if not available, to be replaced with 'A'.)

40% 'A'
40% AX.

In Echelons & A.R.P. - 60% 'A'
- 40% AX

4.5" How. at Hows 20% BS, if available.
80% BX.

In Echelons & A.R.P. - BX.

3. A certain amount of "BB" (18-Pdr. gas) is being made available but will only be issued to certain Batteries. Further instructions re this will be issued later.
4. A forward A.R.P. is being selected for use after ZERO hour. Units will be notified the location of same as soon as possible.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE, by WIRE.

W. Sander

Captain &
Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

Copy of 4th Report. O.A.

INSTRUCTION NO.2.

HEADQUARTERS,
26th. Sept., 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, 1/20,000. (57c. S.E., 57b.S.W.,
(62c. N.E., 62b.N.W., Tracing "B", 1/20,000.

1. GAS BOMBARDMENT :- On the night of the 26th/27th. September at a ZERO hour to be notified later, the RIGHT, CENTRE and LEFT Groups, will in conjunction with the Heavy Artillery, carry out a special gas ("BB") bombardment prior to the main attack on the HINDENBURG LINE.
The ZERO hour for this bombardment will be known as "A" ZERO hour.

2. PERIODS :- The periods of bombardment and rest for the Field Artillery will be as follows :-

- Bombard - ZERO to ZERO plus 15 minutes.
- Rest - ZERO plus 15 minutes to ZERO plus 2 hours 15 minutes.
- Bombard - ZERO plus 2 hours 15 minutes to ZERO plus 2 hours 30 minutes.
- Rest - ZERO plus 2 hours 30 minutes to ZERO plus 4 hours 30 minutes.
- Bombard - ZERO plus 4 hours 30 minutes to ZERO plus 4 hours 45 minutes.
- Rest - ZERO plus 4 hours 45 minutes to ZERO plus 6 hours 45 minutes.
- Bombard - ZERO plus 6 hours 45 minutes to ZERO plus 7 hours.

3. RATES OF FIRE :- 18-Pdrs. - 3 rounds per gun per minute.

4. OBJECTIVES FOR BOMBARDMENT :- The Areas for Bombardment and the rounds to be expended are shown on the attached tracing marked "B" and in the following table respectively :-

Area as per tracing --

	<u>Area</u>	<u>18-Pdr. "BB"</u>	<u>H.E. 18-Pd or 4.5" Hc</u>
LEFT GROUP	A	1250	400.
	L	1000	300.
	K	500	200.
CENTRE GROUP	F	1000	300.
	K ¹	1000	300.
	A ¹	500	200.
RIGHT GROUP	H	500	200.
	I	750	250.
	J	1000	300.

5. "BB" gas shells only will be employed and H.E. will be mixed in all cases in the proportion of approximately three gas shell to one H.E.
6. Gas shell other than "BB" are not being mixed owing to the fact that "BB" affords the enemy very little indication of its presence.
The mixture of other gas shell would at once appraise the enemy of the presence of gas in the area and would cause him to adjust his mask more readily and thus lessen the effect of "BB"
7. H.E. in being mixed with "BB" in order to disguise as much as possible the smaller burst of the gas shell and in order to lead the enemy to believe he is under a H.E. bombardment only.
8. 9 Areas have been selected for the Divisional Front and sufficient shell allowed to impregnate each one.
9. Our troops are safe from a cloud passed from this shell at about one mile if the wind is blowing directly towards them. The best effect is gained in wind from 10 miles per hour and under, but it can be used with effect in a wind up to 15 miles per hour.
10. The bombardment will take effect whatever the weather conditions, at the time set down for it to commence.
11. Watches will be synchronised at "A" ZERO minus 4 hours and "A" ZERO minus 1 hour, an Officer is being sent to D.A.H.Q. for the first synchronisation, by each Group.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE

Distribution

- 1 File.
 - 2 41st. Battery.
 - 3 42nd. Battery.
 - 4 43rd. Battery.
 - 5 111th. Battery.
 - 6 War Diary.
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For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

Captain S.
Adjutant.

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APPENDIX 17

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.

HEADQUARTERS,
26th. Sept., 1918.

Reference 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. INSTRUCTION

NO.3. attached.

- 1. Para. 4. -- 11th. How. Battery will answer all Zone Calls.
- 2. Para. 6 -- Area allotted to 11th. Aust. F. A. Brigade for positions for main attack will be -

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Locations will be sent to this office as soon as they are selected.

- 3. Para 3. -- 11th. Aust. F. A. Brigade Zone as marked on barrage map will be divided into two equal halves,
 - 41st. Battery will take Northern or Left half.
 - 42nd. Battery " " Southern or Right half.
 - 43rd. Battery " be superimposed over whole Zone.
 - 11th. Battery over whole Zone as per sub-para (c)

- 4. ACKNOWLEDGE - by WIRE.

Captain &
Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

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APPENDIX 18

ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No.3.

HEADQUARTERS,
27th. Sept., 1918.

Reference 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. INSTRUCTION No.7.

Para.1. - The terms of this para will be complied with by Battery Commanders within their own boundaries.
Especially attention is drawn to sub-paras. (d) and (e).

Para.2. - LANE 5 will be engaged by the 11th. How. Battery between the following times daily -

2.30.p.m. - 6.30.p.m.

Progress reports will be made to this office at the completion of each days task.

Para.2 (c) - Areas 6, 7, and 9 will be bombarded by Batteries of the 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.
Approximately one half of daily ammunition expenditure except in case of 11th. How. Battery, who will use a considerable amount on wire-cutting, being used.

ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE

W. L. Sanderson

Captain &
Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

Distribution

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 4. 43rd. Battery.
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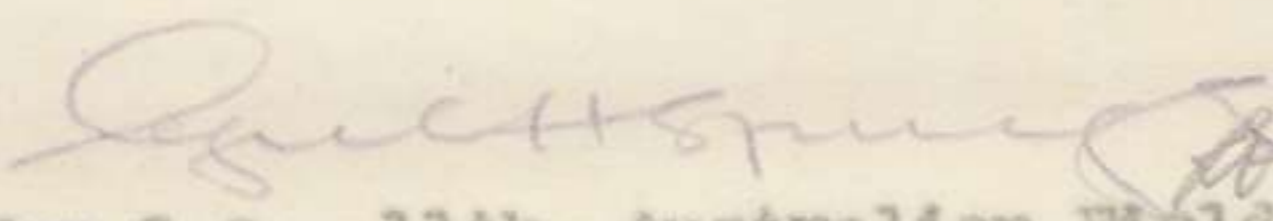
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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER NO.4.

HEADQUARTERS,
27th. Sept., 1918.

1. In accordance with 4th. Aust. Divisional Artillery Instruction No.3., para. 6, Battery Commanders will arrange to move forward one Section per Battery, before daylight on 28th. September, to positions, as selected by them to-day.
2. Locations of new positions will be sent back to this office by return orderly.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE


 Captain &
 Adjutant.
 For C.O., 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

HEADQUARTERS,
27th. Sept., 1918.

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1. Battery Commanders will comply with 11th. Aust. F. A. Brigade, Operation Order No.3.
 2. Amount of ammunition to be expended being 240 rounds per Battery.
 3. ACKNOWLEDGE
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W. Lander

Captain &
Adjutant.

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER No.6.

HEADQUARTERS,
28th. Sept., 1918.

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1. 43rd. and 42nd. Batteries will each detail one runner to report to these Headquarters on receipt of this order.
They will do duty with Infantry Liaison Officer detailed from 41st. Battery.
 2. All Battery O.P's. will be manned and information gained, sent to Brigade Headquarters at once.
Negative information will be sent.
 3. Battery Commanders will make arrangements to have their teams within reach, should they be required to move forward.
 4. ACKNOWLEDGE

W. A. Chandler

Distribution

1. File.
 2. 41st. Battery.
 3. 42nd. Battery.
 4. 43rd. Battery.
 5. 11th. Battery.
 6. War Diary.
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For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

Captain &
Adjutant.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADEOPERATION ORDER NO.7.HEADQUARTERS,
28th. Sept., 1918.

1. Batteries will move forward in the following order :-

111th. Battery - 1 Section at 10.p.m.
 1 Section at 11.p.m.
 1 Section at 12 mid-night.

42nd. Battery - 1 Section at 11.30.p.m.
 1 Section at 12 mid-night.
 1 Section at 12.30.a.m.

43rd. Battery - 1 Section at 1.a.m.
 1 Section at 1.30.a.m.

41st. Battery - 1 Section at 2.a.m.
 1 Section at 2.30.a.m.

2. Sections not on the move will arrange to cover the S.O.S. Line. S.O.S. after all guns are at forward positions will be ordered from Group.
3. Batteries will report completion of move by code word -
 " WATERCARTS"
4. ACKNOWLEDGE

Distribution

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

For C.O., 11th. Australian F. A. Brigade.

W. Handcock
 Captain &
 Adjutant.