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MESSINES	1/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: 18 Bde Batteries fired 270 rounds on hostile H. Gs & mine-werfer positions & H. 5 How 150 rounds on enemy mine-werfer positions.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: at 6.5 am O 34 A & C shelled with 15. 44^{mm} and O 32 A & B with 40. H. 2 at 6.44 am. At 11.30 am U 4 A & B, O 34 C & D shelled with 50 H. 2. At 7.5 p.m. U 4 B had a burst of 15 gas shells put on it.</p> <p>General: enemy balloons up at 114°, 105°, 94° from O 33 A H. 5. 25. At 8.50 AM. train in COMINES moving north. At 10.30 am column black smoke observed 83° 30 from O 33 C 50. H. 5, heavies shelling at the time. Visibility to noon somewhat haze, afternoon fog.</p>	
	2/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: 18 Bde fired 180 rounds in checking registration & calibration and on enemy positions. H. 5 How 50 rounds on enemy works & 20 rounds on mine-werfer positions. Hostile Artillery: very light during day.</p> <p>at 7.15 p.m. O 32 C shelled with 30. 44^{mm} & H. 2. From 9.45 - 10.30 p.m. U 2 A & B shelled with 40. H. 2. At 7 p.m. road in U 1 B with 20. H. 2 universal.</p> <p>General: at 12.55 p.m. train leaving WERVICQ in S.E. direction. Visibility low till 11 am, good afterwards.</p>	
	3/4/18		<p>General: Brigade relieved by a Brigade of 19th Divisional Artillery at the gun pits & Headquarters. Batteries of H. G. still kept their own weapon lines.</p>	<p>Warfare orders attached</p>
	4/4/18.		<p>General: 6th Army Brigade Aust. F. A. relieved 4th Aust. F. A. Brigade as per O. O. M. S. 5.</p>	<p>O. O. M. S. 5 attached.</p>

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MESSINES.	4/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: 18 Pdrs fired 280 rounds on mineweppers during the night. + 4.5 Hows 150 rounds on same positions.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: At 3.45 p.m. 20 rounds H.2 on U10 D 1.5. From 4.15 - 5 p.m. 50 rounds 5.9 on U10 D 1.4. From 5 - 5.10, 20 rounds H.2 on U22 central. At 7.30 p.m. 20 rounds 5.9 on U21 B. General: Visibility bad.</p>	
	5/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: 18 Pdrs fired 210 rounds on minewepper positions and 4.5 Hows 20 rounds on same. Hostile Artillery: At 3.10 p.m. 14 H.2 on U14 B 9 D. At 3.45 p.m. 50 rounds 4.7 on U4 D. At 4.15 p.m. 50 rounds H.2 on U21 A + B. At 5 p.m. 20 rounds 4.7 on U4 A. At 10.30 A.M. 15 rounds H.2 on U23 central. General: Visibility very low.</p>	
	7/4/18.		<p>General: The Brigade relieved in the line by 2nd Army Brigade H.2. 7. a. and the guns landed over "in situ" as per O.O. L.G. 1. Brigade marched to STRAZEELE where it was billeted for the night.</p>	O.O. L.G. 1. attached.
	8/4/18.		<p>General: Brigade remained at STRAZEELE.</p>	
	9/4/18.		<p>General: at 1 AM the Brigade started to entrain at STRAZEELE as per O.O. L.G. 2. Brigade disentrained at AMIENS and marched to FRANVILLERS where the night was spent.</p>	O.O. L.G. 2. attached.
	10/4/18.		<p>General: Brigade remained at FRANVILLERS.</p>	
	11/4/18.		<p>General: The Brigade relieved Batteries of 15th F. Brigade as per O.O. L.G. 4. The Batteries are located at RIBEMONT & Headquarters established at HEILLY.</p>	O.O. L.G. 4. attached.

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RIBEMONT	13/4/18.		<p><u>Our Artillery:</u> 18 Pdrs fired 540 rounds on roads K1B, K2c, KYA, valley in KYB, K8A. H.5 How 300 rounds on road K3c, K9c in short bursts.</p> <p><u>Hostile Artillery:</u> 10 AM - noon 30 rounds 5.9 D21A66. At 1 p.m. 12 rounds H.2 on D26A95.10. <u>General:</u> Enemy aircraft active all day. Hostile plane brought down by ours N.E. of RIBEMONT at 4.20 p.m.</p>	
	13/4/18.		<p><u>Our Artillery:</u> 18 Pdrs fired 565 rounds in short bursts on road K1D00 to KYA81, cutting K6c & D, K3c / Valley K8A. 106th Battery fired 300 rounds on Roads K9A & B. 3 p.m. Salvo on MORLANCOURT, 3.15 + 3.35 p.m. two section salvo on defents K1B. At 5.30 pm seven salvo on party moving towards MORLANCOURT. At 5.35 p.m. 4 salvo on party with transport.</p> <p><u>Hostile Artillery:</u> at 12.15 p.m. 12 rounds 77mm on D30D38. At 12.15 p.m. 8 rounds 10 cm on DERNANCOURT. 12.30 - 12.45 p.m. 16 rounds 77mm on D29B central. 2.30 - 3 p.m. 30 rounds 77mm shrapnel on BUIRE. <u>General:</u> Aerial activity, 2 hostile planes over RIBEMONT driven off by M.G. fire at 8.30 p.m.</p>	
	14/4/18.		<p><u>Our Artillery:</u> 18 Pdrs fired in salvo during night 360 rounds on roads K8A & c, valleys KYA & B + K8A, cutting K1D, defent + track KYD. H.5 Hows fired 120 rounds on road K8B - K9A. <u>Hostile Artillery:</u> During night heavy shelling in direction of ALBERT. At 1.20 am intense M.G. fire from direction DERNANCOURT. 3 - 3.45 p.m. 50 rounds 77mm on BUIRE. <u>General:</u> Aerial activity NIL. Visibility very poor.</p>	
	15/4/18.		<p><u>Our Artillery:</u> 18 Pdrs fired 340 rounds during night on Roads K2D 75.30, to K3c 5.8, K8c & cross roads K8B 25.85, K8a c & D, Valley K8B to K9A. H.5 Hows fired 160 rounds on roads K2D 75.30 to K3A 00.40, K9A & K8B. At 8.30 am 20 rounds on party of men K9B, at 11.30 p.m. 20 rounds on active M.G. KYA 26.</p>	

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RIBEMONT.	15/4/18.		<p>Hostile Artillery; During day light intermittent shelling on RIBEMONT. at 6 p.m. 20 rounds 47mm D21C plus 9 mines 16TH Bty. at 10.40 p.m. 6 rounds 5.9 D21A58. at 10.45 p.m. 6 rounds H.2 J13A also at 11.45 p.m.</p> <p>General; Aircraft NIL. Visibility poor.</p>	
	16/4/18.		<p>Own Artillery; 18 Pdrs fired 500 rounds on roads K2D75.30 to K3C58, K8B9.4 to K9A05.00, K2C30.33 to K8B25.85, K8C48.70 to K8D28.25, Gross Rd to K8B25.85, K8D50.05, K8D70.35, recceant K9A, K8B, squares K8C, K14A, KYD, K13B. at noon 12 rounds on suspected M.C. Owen road KYA99. at 12.15 p.m. 10 rounds on occupied shell hole KYA65.90. H.2 Hows 200 rounds during night on road K2D75.30 to K3A80.40, Gross Roads K9A00.15, K8B25.85, road junction K8C4D, K14B.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery; Active during night on roads & tracks, support-line and D16A with 47mm & H.2 H.E. with few gas shells. General; at 2.50 p.m. two C.A.s. flew over our F.L.</p>	
	17/4/18.		<p>Own Artillery; During night 18 Pdrs fired 440 rounds & H.2 Hows 180 rounds on hostile assembly positions as counter preparation. Harassing fire 250 rds 18 Pdr on Gross Roads K8B24.40, K8B68.53, K8B25.85, UYB4D, U8D, U9C. at 8.15 p.m. concentration all Batteries on MORTAN COURT & approaches, 3 rounds p.g. per minute for 3 minutes. 106TH Battery fired 86 rounds on roads K3C0000 to K3C00.40 cross road K9A68.39, U8D, U9C.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery; Active thro' night, intermittent shelling of RIBEMONT, MERICOURT & JA. O.P. at D16D5020 shelled from 1-3 p.m.</p>	

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RIBEMONT.	18/4/18.		<p>Own Artillery: Harassing fire during night by 18 Pdrs. 180 rounds in short bursts on line from Ky D20.90 to K8C35, suspected. H.Q. at K2B92, road K8A79, at 6.15 am 25 rounds road cuttings in K8A4B. H.5 Hows fired 60 rounds on cross roads K8D70.30, K9C45.85. Hostile Artillery: Very quiet, only light shelling of MERICOURT, RIBEMONT & D20 central. Visibility very poor.</p>	
	19/4/18.		<p>Own Artillery: 18 Pdrs fired 180 rounds in short bursts on roads K8A79, Cross Rds K8A73, junction K8D70.65, Cross Rd K8B25.85, line from Ky D20.90 to K8C35. 106th Battery fired 90 rounds on Cross Rd K8B70.55, K2B90.20, Road K8C1540 to K8C50.50. At 8.10 am 42 rounds expended on NF. K8B16. Hostile Artillery: During night 100 rounds 4.2 in bursts on Cross Roads D20B, Roads D20A9D, Cross Rds D21A. 18 casualties to horses at 16th Battery W.L. Visibility poor. At 5.20 am enemy weapons off loading on road K15B10.10 reported to 27th Brigade R.G.A.</p>	
	20/4/18.		<p>Own Artillery: During night 18 Pdrs fired 180 rounds on roads & H.5 Hows 100 rounds on roads as previous night. At 7.20 am 18 Pdrs fired 41 rounds on approaches to MORLANCOURT. At 12.30 p.m. 106th Bty fired 50 rounds on machine guns at KYA1562 - KIA30.15 - KIA31.02. Hostile Artillery: At 10 am. 20 rounds 5.9, 4.2 on Cross Rds D27. At 10.25 am 20. 4.2 on RIBEMONT. At 11 pm 10, 4.2 on Heilly. At 5.45 am 25, 5.9 & 4.2 on RIBEMONT. General: Hostile planes active during night & day.</p>	<p>HC</p>

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RIBEMONT.	21/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: From 8-8:30 p.m. (30^m) counter preparation 496 rounds 18 Pdr & 180 rounds H.5 Hows. From 3-3:30 am & 5:30-6 am 2076 rounds 18 Pdr, 720 rounds H.5 Hows. Harassing fire by 18 Pdrs in short bursts on roads during night 150 rounds, H.5 Hows 90 rounds. at 2 am 10 rounds on KYA4C enemy movement reported by Infantry.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: Increased activity especially roads & vicinity BUIRE. at 9:15 p.m. 30.15 & 4:2 road D27 B. 9:40 p.m. 20 rounds H.2 D27 C, 4:30 am 20 rds H.2 Cross Rds D27 B & again at 5 am. General: Various flashes were observed & bearings taken. Enemy planes very active flying over F.L. & Ribemont continuously during morning.</p>	
	22/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: Harassing fire by 18 Pdrs in short bursts 520 rounds on roads E26 C 30.10 - E26 C 40.10, Cross Rds K2B 25.45, K2A 35. H.5 Hows fired 120 rounds on road K1D 10.30 to K1B 10.40, Road K3C 40.70. Hostile Artillery: From 7 p.m. - dusk increased activity in vicinity TREUX. At 7:30 & 8:30 p.m. for 2 minutes 44 barrage put down on line D24 C 50.10 to D14 A 50.30. During early hours of morning and again at daybreak 20 rounds H.2 in vicinity RIBEMONT CHURCH, cross Rds D27 B. 7-8 p.m. LAVIEVILLE shelled with H.5. General: Party 3 men near E24 A 49, late in afternoon movement of small parties at road junction in K3 B. Enemy aeroplanes very active, at 6 am plane driven down in our lines. At 12:55 p.m. R.E. plane with our markings to 16. dropped three bombs near TREUX also fired M.G. in vicinity D21 C.</p>	
	23/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: 18 Pdrs fired 180 rounds in short bursts on road E25 D 35.45 - E26 C 40.10. Reentrance in K2 C, Road E26 C 40.10 & K1B 50.55 - E26 C 40.10. H.5 Hows fired 100 rounds short bursts K2A 75.90 - K8 B 10.90. and 2. three minute gas bombardments at 3 AM & 3:30 am on KYB 75, KYB 83, K8A 39, K8A 36.</p>	

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RIBEMONT.	23/4/18.		<p>Hostile Artillery: During night light intermittent shelling on roads in D27B. & left edge MARRATT WOOD. At 12.45 p.m. 8 rounds H.2. in vicinity RIBEMONT CHURCH. At 1.30 p.m. 6 rounds H.2. MARRATT WOOD.</p>	
	24/4/18.		<p>Own Artillery: 18 Pds fired in short bursts harassing fire 260 rounds on roads E26C6010, Cross Rds K&B25.85, K2A80.40, road E26A40.40, K2C00.80 to K2C50.00, Cross Rds E26C25.90. H.5 Hows 130 rounds short bursts on roads E26C70.10, Square E21C20.90, road system K2D, Bridge E20D20.30. At midnight 108 rounds B.N.C. gas on reentrant K2D. From 3.45 - 9.30 am 3633 rounds 18 Pds & 800 rounds H.5 How fired in counter preparation as per Art. Inst. 1.</p>	Art. Inst. to 1. attached.
	25/4/18.		<p>Hostile Artillery: Light intermittent shelling till 3.45 am when enemy heavily shelled all roads & valleys in vicinity RIBEMONT, MERICOURT & HEILLY with H.E. & gas & kept up intensely till 6.15 am when gradually slowed down. From 9 - noon intermittent then increased in volume till 3 p.m. Several direct hits were obtained on Headquarters which moved & established itself on a hill overlooking HEILLY.</p> <p>Own Artillery: 18 Pds fired 380 rounds in short bursts on reentrant KYA, K&D, Line K2A40.60, K2C50.50, Cross Roads E26C70.10. H.5 Hows fired 170 rounds in short bursts on E21C20.90, Road E26C70.10 - E27A00.30, Cross Rds K&B25.85. At 6 p.m. (24th) 12 rounds 18 Pds on House E25C55.35 reported to be occupied, 20 direct hits obtained. 5 - 5.30 p.m. 30 rounds reentrant K2A to E26C. At 11 am 48 rounds 18 Pds & 12 rounds H.5 How on working party KYA H6. Infantry report effective. 50 rounds gas at 9.15 p.m. Road K2E70.80 - K2A50.10, & at 3.30 am 100 rounds gas on reentrant K2D.</p>	

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RIBEMONT.	25/4/18.		<p>Hostile Artillery: at 3.15 am light shelling F.L. east of MARRETT WOOD. at 5 am light shelling RIBEMONT LAVIENILLE Road. at 8.30 + 9 am HEILLY shelled with H.2 for 5 minutes. at 7.40 p.m. HEILLY heavily shelled with 5.9's for 10 minutes, from 8.12 - 9.15 p.m. HEILLY again shelled. from 7.30 to 8 p.m. 30 rds 5.9 + H.2 on J2C + J3A. at 10.30 p.m. 30 rounds 5.9 + H.2. RIBEMONT FACTORY + cross Rds. at 11.15 p.m. RIBEMONT heavily shelled for 20 minutes with H.2.</p>	
	26/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: During night 18 pds fired 500 rounds in short bursts on reentrant K4B, K8A roads E25D 20.40 - E26D 20.65, E26A 30.30 - E20D 20.20, K2A 30.30 - K12D 40.30, K1B 55.50 - K2C 50.00. H.5 Hows fired 160 rounds in short bursts on E21D 40.90 + cross Rds K9A 65.30. at 1.40 am. 36 rounds 18 pdr on enemy working party E25 D 25.50. at 2 p.m. 60 rounds 18 pdr in bursts on enemy movement K1A 40.30 + 10 rounds H.5 How, reported effective. at 11.30 am 100 rounds gas shell on K3D + again at 2.15 p.m. on K9A. at 30.20 p.m. 18 pdr fired 30 rounds on post K1A 25.30 at infantry request.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: at 5.30 am 50 rounds H.2 on D23A. at 2 am 10 rounds H.2 D23B, D24A. at 5.50 p.m. H rounds H.2 vicinity of J6 C + D.</p>	
	27/4/18.		<p>General: at 5 p.m. E.A. over our front line. Visibility very poor.</p> <p>Our Artillery: During night 18 pdr fired 550 rounds in short bursts on roads in E26 C + D, K2D, road E26 a 30.35 to E20D 25.25. H.5 Hows fired 50 rounds in short bursts in E21C 20.90. at 9 + 11 p.m. 100 rounds gas shell on reentrant K9D on each occasion. at 4.30 am medium T.M.s. 30 rounds sunken road K1C 30.80, seven direct hits obtained.</p>	<p>HC</p>

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RIBEMONT.	27/4/18.		<p>Hostile Artillery: From 6-9 p.m. J14 A, C, 9D, shelled in bursts with H.2 & 77mm at 7.30 p.m. RIBEMONT shelled for 10 minutes with H.2. At 10.30 p.m. 50 rounds 11.30 - 12.15 am 80 rounds H.2 & 5.9 on cross Rds N.E. end of RIBEMONT. At 4.45 to 5.15 am 50 rounds H.2 RIBEMONT & Day C. At 11 am 12 rounds H.2 J6 A</p> <p>General: Visibility poor.</p>	
	28/4/18.		<p>Our Artillery: Harassing fire 18 Rds 550 rounds in short bursts on roads in K2 A & C, reentrant K8 A, road system K3 C 00.40, Junction K9 A 00.00, Roads in K8 B. H.5 Hows 80 rounds harassing fire on sunken roads K3 C & K8 D 10.50. At 5.15 p.m. 12 rounds 18 fdu O.P. J6 B 90.25. At 5.20 p.m. 40 rounds 18 fdu H.E. on post & wire K4 A 50.90 with good effect. At 5.40 p.m. 22 rounds 18 fdu H.E. on post K1 D 27 with good result, 80% after bumping burst in air over road. At 10.30 am 30 rounds 18 fdu on movement K1 A 20.00. At 3.15 p.m. 154 rounds 18 fdu & 60 rds H.5 How concentration for 3 minutes on battery K3 D 10.75. At 3.50 p.m. 10 rounds H.5 How on A.A. battery K8 B 00.60. At 3.5 p.m. 24 rounds on post & wire K4 A 6.9, several direct hits obtained.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: 11.30 - 12.30 am 30 rounds H.2 & 5.9 on cross roads Day B. At 11.50 p.m. RIBEMONT heavily shelled for 5 minutes with H.2, house set on fire no damage to batteries. At 3.15 p.m. in reply to our concentrated shoot enemy shelled Day D 40.40 with 30 rds 5.9 & 10 gas shells. From 3.45 - 3.50 p.m. 30 rounds 77mm rear of RIBEMONT. From 8.45 - 10 p.m. about 1 rd per minute H.2 H.E & gas fell in J3 A, B, & C. At 9.45 p.m. about 50 gas shells in Day central. 9.45 - 10 p.m. Heavy concentration of H.2 on Day</p> <p>General: Visibility fair.</p>	<p>HC</p>

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RIBEMONT.	29/4/18.		<p><u>Own Artillery:</u> 18 Pds fired 1350 rounds harassing fire on roads & tracks K2 A+B, K3 A, special attention being given to road E26 C 50.10 - E26 C 70.10 roads & tracks K8 A+B, K9 A+B, and 200 yds south of these squares. Roads & tracks K2 C+D, K3 C+D, from 3.15 to 4.25 am 150 rounds road system K3 C00.40 junction K9 A0000, roads K8 B. 4.5 Hows fired 222 rounds on Sunken Rds K3 C, K8 D10.80, junction K2 B 60.05, K8 B. From 4.45 - 5.30 p.m. 30 rounds 18 pdr on enemy pots K4 A 50.90. At 1.30 p.m. 40 rounds 18 pdr on working party KIA.</p> <p><u>Hostile Artillery:</u> From 4.20 - 4.50 am D27 & D28 heavily shelled with H.2. RIBEMONT lightly shelled with H.2 during morning. At 5.20 p.m. 20 rds H.2 J11 central. At 10.15 p.m. F.L. shelled in D30 D+C & E19 C.</p> <p><u>General:</u> at 6.55 p.m. E.A. flew over HEILLY and was brought down in back area by our planes.</p>	
	30/4/18.		<p><u>Own Artillery:</u> 18 Pds fired 450 rounds & 4.5 Hows 90 rounds in box barrage in conjunction with infantry digging in. Harassing fire 400 rounds 18 pdr on K8 A+B, K9 A, K2 B+D, K8 B. At 9.30 am 4 rounds 18 pdr on small party K1 C. 4.5 Hows between 1.30 & 2 AM 150 rounds gas shell on MORLANCOURT. at 4.15 p.m. 10 rounds 4.5 Hows on K9 B65 in reply to N.F. call. From 4.45 - 5 pm</p> <p><u>Hostile Artillery:</u> 30 rounds on enemy movement straggle K1 C 60.70. 3-2.45 p.m. 50 rounds on M.W. emplacement K1 A44.</p> <p><u>Hostile Artillery:</u> From 7.30 - 9 p.m. about 100 rounds 4.5 Hows shells on RIBEMONT. Otherwise quiet.</p>	<p>HC</p>

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RIDE MONT.	30/4/18.		<p>Fighting strength 1st April 1918. 42 Officers 1028 O.Rs. " " 30th " " 45 " 1057 "</p>	
			<p>Officers marched in: Lieut C.A. Reid. 15/4/18 from Hospital. 2/Lieut R.E. Brown. " " O.T.C. " H.H. Lynch. 28/4/18 " " " A. Ashour " " " " L.P. Hopkins " " " " L.B. Dean " " Base.</p>	
			<p>Officers out: 2/Lieut R.M. Bell to hospital 2/4/18. Lieut O.J. Rowland " 3/4/18. Capt H.J. Glover D.S.O. to 2nd Aust. Div. arty</p>	
			<p>Casualties: 4 O.Rs. wounded passed.</p>	
			<p>Reinforcements from Base: 12 O.Rs. 2/4/18. 4 " 3/4/18. 11 " 14/4/18. 15 " 22/4/18.</p>	<p>HC</p>

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WAR DIARY

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT.	30/4/18.		<p><u>Casualties to Horses:</u> 9 Horses killed by shell fire } " " wounded " " } 18/4/18. 16th Battery.</p> <p><u>Ammunition:</u> On hand 1/4/18: 8296 A. 10440 AX 3181 BX. " 30/4/18: 6213 A. 4275 AX. 2906 BX. 356 Gas.</p> <p><u>Expenditure for month:</u> 13,990 rounds A. 18 Pdr. 4,400 " AX. " 6000 " BX. 4.5 How 840 " Gas. "</p> <p><u>Congratulations:</u> Corps Routine Order 118: The Corps commander congratulates to 12222 Corporal F. C. Stevens 106th Battery on his bravery & presence of mind: When two G. S. wagons had bolted he intercepted the teams & prevented a collision & then succeeded in stopping one wagon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lieut Colonel Cmdg 6th (Army) Aust. F. A. B. A.I.F.</p>	

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OF

6th Army Brigade Aust. F. a.

FOR

April 1918

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APPENDIX (1)
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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO MS 6.

Reference Maps. KORTWILDE and BAS WANNETON. 1-10,000.

1. In accordance with Para 4 of 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery Order No 88 the following will be S.O.S. lines of the LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY from 6 p.m. on 1st April to 6 p.m. on 4th April 1918.
 - 16th Battery. From WAN FARM O.23.d.95.30 to O.29.d.30.30 along line as laid down in Order No MS 1.
 - 17th Battery. From O.29.d.20.30 to O.35.b.60.10 along the line as laid down in Order No MS 1.
 - 18th Battery. From O.35.b.60.20 to U.6.a.50.20 along the line as laid down in Order MS 1.
 - 11th Battery. From O.36.c.50.00 along FLT to U.6.c.25.80.
 - 12th Battery. From U.6.c.25.20 to U.11.b.95.02.

16th, 17th, 18th and 12th Batteries will remain prepared for concentration Left, Centre or Right when called on as laid down in paras. 3 and 4 of Order MS 1.

2. Acknowledge by wire.

A. Roberts

Lieut.
Adjutant, LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

- Issued at 3:15 p.m. 1/4/18.
- Copy No 1 to 16th Battery
 - 2 17th Battery
 - 3 18th Battery
 - 4 12th Battery
 - 5 11th Battery
 - 6 12th Battery
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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO MS. 7.

Reference Maps. KORTWILDE and BAS-WARNETON. 1-10,000.

1. "Z" Special Company R.E. will carry out a Gas Projector Shoot on the night 3rd/4th April weather permitting.
200 Gas Projectors will be fired on vicinity of KIWI FARM O.36.c. and 150 Gas Projectors on DATUM HOUSE O.36.a.
2. ZERO hour will be notified by Code Message "Mail is due at-----"
The "all clear" message will be "Mail arrived".
3. No mention of Gas Projectors is to be made beyond Battalion Head Quarters.
4. A special Gas Alert will be maintained by all Units during the operation.
5. No Artillery personnel is to be forward of the Grid Line running between squares 4 a. and b. to squares 10.c. and d.
Tank Gun personnel are to be specially warned.
6. Special precautions will be taken to be on the alert in the event of any attempt by the enemy during or subsequent to the operation.
6. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 11 a.m. 3/4/18

Lieut.
Adjutant, LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

- Copy No
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| 1 | to | 16th Battery |
| 2 | | 17th " |
| 3 | | 18th " |
| 4 | | 10th " |
| 5 | | 57th Infantry Brigade |
| 6/a | | Spare |
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WARNING ORDER.

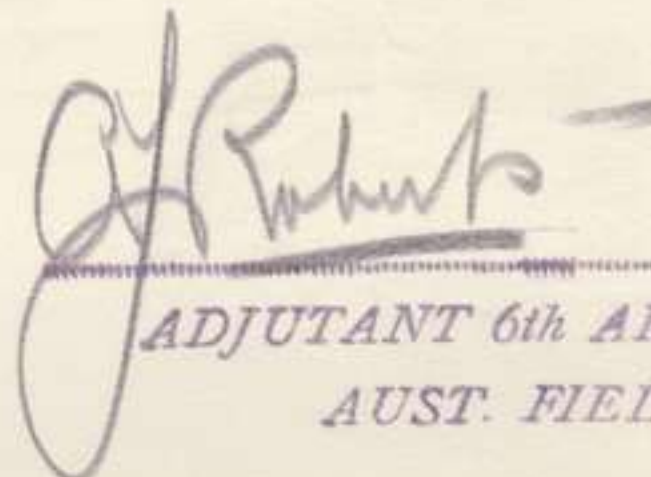
1. The Brigade will be relieved in its present positions on the night of 3rd April 1918 by a Brigade of 19th Divisional Artillery. Guns are being handed over "in situ".

On 4th April 1918 the Brigade will relieve the Batteries of the 4th Australian Field Artillery Brigade in the line taking over the guns of this Brigade "in situ".

Waggon Lines of the Brigade will not be changed. Headquarters will remove from its present location to the Headquarters at T.21.d.2.1 and upon completion of this relief the Brigade will be under the orders of 25th Division R.F.A.

2. Detailed instructions as to the operations will be issued later.
3. Acknowledge.

Headquarters.



Lieut.
 ADJUTANT 6th ARMY BRIGADE
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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. N.S. 5.

1. The 49th, 50th, 51st and 113th Batteries will withdraw to their Wagen Lines on the night 1st/2nd April 1918 with Guns and Stores complete. Batteries of the Sixth Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery will take over the ammunition of these Batteries as shown in the following table and leave two Caretakers in the respective Battery Positions pending their being taken over by the 19th Divisional Artillery:

51st Battery Position by 16th Battery					
49th	"	"	"	17th	"
50th	"	"	"	18th	"
113th	"	"	"	106th	"

Receipts for ammunition to be given and taken in the usual way and held for transfer to the incoming Division.

2. The Batteries of the Sixth Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery together with the Anti-tank 15 Pdr. B.L.C. Detachments will be relieved in the present positions on the night 3rd April 1918 by a Brigade of 19th Divisional Artillery. Guns to be handed over "in situ" stripped with sights and two Aiming Posts per Gun. Completion of this relief will be notified by each Battery to this Brigade Headquarters by the Code Word "CROW".

3. Batteries of the Sixth Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery will relieve Batteries of the 4th Australian Field Artillery Brigade as follows:

16th Battery will relieve 10th Battery.	4 Guns at U.14.b.08.62
17th " " " 11th "	3 Guns at U.14.b.52.75
18th " " " 12th "	4 Guns at U.7.a.95.20.
106th " " " 104th "	2 Guns at U.1.d.9.0.
	4 Guns at U.7.c.51.67
	2 Guns at U.1.d.63.14.
	3 Guns at U.14.c.5.1.
	2 Guns at U.20.a.05.45
	1 Gun at U.14.d.30.58

16th Battery will take over 15 Pdr. B.L.C. Anti-tank Gun at U.15.d.30.65.

18th Battery will take over 15 Pdr. B.L.C. Anti-tank Gun at U.2.d.59.75.

This relief is to be completed by 10 a.m. on the 4th April. Guns to be handed over "in situ" stripped with sights and two Aiming Posts per Gun. Batteries may make arrangements where such accourse will facilitate movement and transport arrangements to go direct to the new positions to be occupied. Receipts will be given and taken in the usual way.

On receipt Battery Commanders will get into touch with the Batteries to be relieved as soon as possible and put in hand the work or learning and taking over the new front through one of their Sub-alterns. The completion of this relief is to be notified by each Battery to the Brigade Headquarters taken over by this Brigade at T.21.d.40.44 by the Code Word "CACKLE"

4. Waggon Lines will remain in their present positions.

5. Acknowledge.

[Signature]
Lieut.
Adjutant, LEFT GROUP ARTY.

Issued at 6 p.m. 31/3/18
Copy No 1 to 16th Batttery

- 2 17th do
- 3 18th do
- 4 106th do
- 5 49th do
- 6 50th do
- 7 51st do
- 8 113th do

- Copy No 9 to 2nd A. D. Arty.
- 10 to 5th Aust. Infy. Bde.
- 11 4th A.F.A. Bde.
- 12 R.A. Aust. Corps.
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SIXTH ARMY AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERYOPERATION ORDER 103.Reference Map. HAZEBROUCK. 1/100,000.

1. The Brigade will be relieved in the line on the morning of 7th inst. by the 2nd Army Brigade New Zealand Field Artillery:
 - 16th Battery by 2nd Battery
 - 17th Battery by 5th Battery
 - 18th Battery by 9th Battery
 - 106th Battery by 6th Battery
 Guns will be handed over "in situ" stripped and the relieving Brigade will hand over in exchange at Waggon Lines a similar number of guns to that taken over in action. On completion of relief each Battery will wire from its Waggon Lines to Brigade Headquarters "BILL JIM".
2. Personnel will be conveyed from Gun Pits to Waggon Lines by Motor Transport. Baggage has already been removed by G.S. Waggon.
3. The Brigade will march to STRAZELLE in accordance with the attached March Table where it will take over Waggon Lines which have been arranged by the advance party commanded by Captain P. W. HEBB which reported to the Area Commandant there at 10 a.m. today.
4. Strict march discipline will be maintained. 25 yards interval will be left between Sections and 100 yards between Units. All G. S. Transport will leave the Column at the starting point and march separately in rear in charge of Lieut Fleming A.A.S.C.
5. Rations today and for ensuing period until entrainment will be drawn by the Supply Waggon of the Motor Park Section and dumped in Battery Waggon Lines.
6. The Park Section Supply and Ammunition Waggon will move independently under the orders of Lieut. Anderson and will report for instructions at STRAZELLE.
7. All Units will be prepared to entrain at CARSTRE and STRAZELLE as from midnight 6th/7th inst. Headquarters will close at its present location at 3 p.m. today and will re-open at STRAZELLE at 7 p.m.
8. Handed over receipts for ammunition and for Waggon Lines are to be sent to this office as soon as possible after completion.
9. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 1 p.m. 7/4/18

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery

- 2 17th Battery
- 3 18th Battery
- 4 106th Battery
- 5 6th B.A.C.
- 6 Lieut. Fleming
- 7 6th A.S.A.F.A. Park Section
- 8 10th Div. Artillery
- 9 IXth Corps
- 10 A.P.M. IXth Corps
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A. Roberts
 Adjutant, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

Lieut.

APPENDIX 5

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MARCH TABLE

STARTING POINT. 16th Battery Lines on the BAILLEUL-ARMENTIERES Road
S.30.c.6.6. Time Head of Column 4 p.m.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
H.Q.	Along Bailleul-Armentieres Road to S.27.a.98.10-VIEUX HERQUIN-STRAZELLE.	See Para 4. Every 6th vehicle is to carry a White Disc.
16th		
17th		
18th		
106th		
B.A.C.		

APPENDIX 5.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
This message is on file of... Recd. at... m.
Date... Service...
At... m.
To...
By... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By...

TO { 3rd Army Bde 7A
6 " " Bde 12A

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
* SC 14 6 AAA

Prepare to entertain commencing
midnight 8th/9th from CAB STRA
and STRAZELLE AAA
address 3rd and 6th
Aust Army Bde Bde

S30e66

From RA 9th Bde
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W. J. ...
Censor. Signature of Adressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.OPERATION ORDER NO 14 2.

1. The Brigade will entrain at STRAZERIE in accordance with the attached order from R.A. 1Xth Corps and the programme of entrainment therewith.
2. CAPTAIN J. W. TURNER 106th Battery, is detailed to supervise entrainment and will report to R.T.O. at 7 p.m. today. He will proceed to destination with his own Battery.
3. 4 Ammunition Limbered Waggon and one G.S. Waggon from the B.A.C. will join each of the Batteries of the Brigade not later than 4 p.m. today and will entrain with such Batteries respectively. They will remain under the orders of Unit Commanders until instructed by Headquarters to return to B.A.C.
4. Each Battery will detail one N.C.O. mounted to proceed by first train as Billeting Representative. This man to report to Brigade Headquarters at 9:30 p.m.
5. Park Section Motor Lorries will draw rations for 9th inst. and deliver same to Batteries. These are to be carried on the man. They will then draw rations for the consumption on 10th inst. These Lorries are proceeding empty to meet the Brigade at the disentraining Station. Unimportant articles may be loaded in them for transport under a guard of a man of the Unit.
6. The Medical Officer, Veterinary Officer and A.S.C. Officer will proceed with Headquarters by first train.
7. Attention is drawn to paras 4 and 5 of the attached Order of R.A. 1Xth Corps.
8. Os.C. Trains will arrange for mounting and manning the Lewis Machine Guns belonging to the Unit for employment against aircraft if necessary. They will detail a Guard who will be responsible the personnel do not leave the train except when ordered to do so. The rifles of the Unit will be specially detailed to personnel and definite orders given as to employment by the men so armed. An Officer is to be made responsible in each Unit.
9. Unit Commanders will consider and formulate such steps as may seem to them desirable for dealing with eventualities such as the bombing of or shelling of the trains en route.
10. Acknowledge.

Issued at 11 p.m. 8/4/18

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 2 17th Battery
 3 18th Battery
 4 106th Battery
 5 6th B.A.C.
 6 Lieut. Fleming
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CORRIGENDUM TO OPERATION ORDER NO LG 4.

It has now been arranged that the Supply Motor Lorries will deliver Supplies to the SQUARE in FRANVILLERS from whence they will be drawn by Supply Waggon attached to Batteries.

To all Recipients of
Operation Order LG 4

A.L. Roberts
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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER NO 104.

Reference Map Sheet 687 N.E. 1/20,000. Edition 2B.

1. Batteries will relieve Batteries of 157th Brigade as follows:
 16th Battery will relieve "A" Battery
 17th " " " "B" "
 18th " " " "C" "
 106th " " " "D" "
 Relief will be in accordance with G.R.O. 3202 i.e. Guns with Breech Blocks and Carriages stripped but no sights, tools or spare parts. Relief to be completed by 8 p.m. 11th April 1918 and to be signified to existing Brigade Headquarters by Code "ALANTRON".
2. Dumps at Guns will be handed over. Batteries are responsible that any Ammunition Dumps at vacated or existing Waggon Lines of relieved Batteries are accounted for and taken on charge. Ammunition transfer will be as from 11 a.m. on 11/4/18.
3. Relieved Batteries are leaving one Officer and two Signallers at Gun Pits till morning 12/4/18 to assist incoming Batteries.
4. This Brigade Headquarters will be established at J.L.C.C.6 and will be Group Headquarters as from 11 a.m. tomorrow.
5. Incoming Batteries will take over from relieved Units all C.T.S. Maps of any description: all 1/20,000 Sheets except 57D.S.E.; all 1/40,000 Maps except 57C and 57D. 1/100,000 Maps will be retained by Units.
6. Until further orders Supply will be by the Brigade Park Section, PONT NOXELLES and thence by G.S. Waggon to Units under the direction of Lieut. FLEMING, A.A.S.C.
7. Ammunition Supply will be by the B.A.C. to Battery Waggon Lines and thence by Batteries to Pits. All ammunition required will be indented for by Batteries to Group Headquarters which will be in telephone communication with the B.A.C. Guides will be provided from Battery Waggon Lines to meet B.A.C. at LA NOUSBOYE as required.
8. The Signal Officer will arrange communication from Group Headquarters to the Group Test Box at D.27.c.25.50 and for the relief of the personnel at such Test Box. The 3rd Divisional Artillery is manning the Station at FRANVILLERS now occupied by 35th Divisional Artillery.
9. Batteries will report on the sites occupied for their Waggon Lines forthwith and will send in a copy of the S.O.S. Lines taken over for checking by Group, to be at Headquarters at noon on 11/4/18.
10. Existing arrangements as to Intelligence Reports, Ammunition Returns, and Roster of Duties, except for Group Liason which will be undertaken by Headquarters, are to be continued by incoming Units.
11. Wireless Mast will be erected at "B" Battery position and operated from there. Necessary Orders to be given by Signal Officer.
12. Acknowledge.

AL Roberts

Issued at 4:50 p.m. 10/4/18

- Copy No 1 to 16th Battery
- 2 17th "
- 3 18th "
- 4 106th "
- 5 6th B.A.E.
- 6 35th Div. Arty
- 7 3rd Aust. Div. Arty
- 8

Lieut.
Adjutant, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

Copy No 8 to R.A. Aust. Corps.

- 9 157th Brigade R.F.A.
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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO 14 B.

Reference Map. Sheet No 68.D. 1/40,000.

This Order replaces 10/3 and 528/18.

1. In the event of it becoming necessary to withdraw Batteries of this Brigade to more retired positions Battery Commanders will withdraw on receipt of order from this Headquarters in accordance with the following instructions unless other orders are issued at the time of withdrawal.

2. Second Line Positions are allotted as under:

16th Battery	C.30.d.4.7.	Covering Centre
17th "	I.6.a.central	" Right
18th "	D.19.a.10.00	" Left
100th "	I.6.	

3. Batteries will withdraw as far as possible avoiding the main ALBERT and RICHMONT-HILLIX Roads. Attention is directed to the existing defences and wire which must not be interfered with. Routes are to be specially reconnoitred and selected with a view to avoiding these and employing existing openings.

4. Waggon Lines for the retired positions will be selected in C.25.a.a b. but the selection of these positions is not to entail the departure there of Gun Limbers and Ammunition Waggon which may be required in the actual operation and these are to be kept available a reasonable distance in rear of the position under such cover as offers until the situation is determined. Transport and empty Ammunition Waggon will however proceed

there to be parked orrefilled respectively. The B.A.C. will be prepared to move at short notice to the vicinity of ST. GRATIN and will keep in touch with Brigade Headquarters by telephone and mounted Orderlies. Brigade Park Section Motor Transport will keep in daily touch with the B.A.C. and be prepared to assist in ammunition supply and in the event of any withdrawal will remain at the Brigade's disposal.

5. On every occasion when it becomes evident from the heaviness of the firing it is necessary or on receipt of an order all vehicles will be hooked in and men will stand to. A mounted Orderly will proceed to Brigade Headquarters Waggon Line (Billet 32) FRANVILLERS for instructions. In the event of the situation requiring Gun Limbers will proceed to position about 1,000 yards from the guns and ammunition waggons will be moved up under cover for use if they be required. In so doing main routes are to be avoided whenever possible. The vehicles must in all cases be kept packed ready to move and Waggon Line Officers are personally responsible that the personnel is at hand and immediately available for duty.

6. All Officers, Senior N.C.Os. and a proportion of Drivers must know thoroughly the selected lines of approach from Waggon Lines to Batteries: the line of withdrawal of Batteries to retired Battery positions and the line from retired positions to retired Waggon Lines. ALL Officers must thoroughly acquaint themselves with the country in the Group Zone of operations so as to be able to act in any eventuality.

Issued at 9:30 p.m. 12/4/18

Copies 1/2 to 16th Battery

- 3/4 17th "
- 5/8 18th "
- 7/8 100th "
- 9 6th B.A.C.
- 10 6th A.B.A.E.A. Park Section
- 11 3rd Aust. Div. Arty.
- 12 B.H.C. Waggon Lines
- 13 10th Aust. Infy. Bde.
- 14 File
- 15 War Diary

Adjutant, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

Lieut.

SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATIONS ORDER NO 1.
By LIEUT. COL. H.E. COHN, C.I.G. D.S.O.

Reference Map: Sheet 68.D. 1/40,000.

1. In the event of it becoming necessary to withdraw Batteries to positions further in rear Battery Commanders on receipt of orders from Group Headquarters or Sub-Group Headquarters will act in accordance with the following instructions unless other orders are issued at the time of withdrawal.
2. The front is divided into a Forward Zone and a Second Zone of Defence. The Divisional policy is to fight to a finish in the Forward Zone. Should a withdrawal to the Second Zone become necessary for any reason Batteries will withdraw successively in co-operation with the Infantry withdrawal under Group Order.

The Second Zone Line is a line running through I.12.a. J.1.c.a. and b. D.4.

3. The positions for the Second Zone selected are allotted as under:

7th Battery	C.22.b.10.45	Covering CENTRE Battn. line
8th Battery	C.22.b.00.00	" LEFT " "
9th Battery	C.22.d.00.00	" RIGHT " "
103rd Battery	C.22.d.00.30	" " " "
16th Battery	C.22.a.30.00	Covering RIGHT Battn. zone
17th Battery	C.22.a.30.50	" CENTRE " "
18th Battery	C.22.a.10.00	" LEFT " "
106th Battery	C.22.a.01.00	" " " "

4. Waggon Lines for Second Zone positions will, when withdrawal is ordered, be temporarily established for 3rd Army Brigade A.P.A. in C.12.b. and d. and for 6th Army Brigade A.P.A. in C.25.a and b. 3rd and 6th Army Brigade Ammunition Columns will be prepared to move at short notice to the vicinity of ST. GRATIEN. Os.C. 3rd and 6th Army Brigade A.P.A. Park Sections will keep in close touch with Os.C. of their respective Ammunition Columns in the event of any withdrawal being necessary.

5. Group Headquarters will be established in the vicinity of the Wood in C.21.a. but the exact position is dependent on the movement of Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

6. Battery Commanders will reconnoitre and submit their route of withdrawal to their respective positions forthwith and a table of the proposed routes will be issued to all concerned. The main ALBERT-AMENS Road and the HELLIX-RIESENT Road must be avoided so far as is possible. It is to be clearly understood that the routes are not compulsory if the circumstances of the moment require different action.

Attention is directed to the existing defences and wire which must not be interfered with. There are existing gaps in the wire and others in course of preparation the location of which will be indicated when completed.

7. Should Batteries move to Second Zone Positions, Transport and empty Ammunition Waggon Lines will proceed to their Second Line Waggon Lines to be parked or refilled respectively but Gun Limbers and Ammunition Waggon Lines required in operations will be kept available in rear of the Positions under such cover as offers until the situation is determined.

8. Divisional A.R.Ps. will be established at C.24.D.6.7. and B.14.a.

9. Battery Commanders are responsible that all Officers and Senior N.C.Os. as well as a proportion of Junior N.C.Os. and Drivers are thoroughly acquainted with:
 - (a) The line of approach for teams and limbers to the Battery Position from the Waggon Lines.
 - (b) The line of withdrawal from the Battery Position to the Second Zone Battery Position.
 - (c) The approaches to Second Zone position from Second Line Waggon Line.

They will also ensure that all Officers are given an early opportunity of thoroughly reconnoitring the ground between the present Battery Positions and the Second Zone Positions.

10. Gun Teams and Limbers will be held ready to move the Battery Positions at very short notice at all times and Gun Teams will be hooked in at 6 a.m. every morning and will stand-to until 6 a.m. unless orders to the contrary are received.

If the Order "prepare to move" is sent to any Battery Waggon Line it will be understood that all vehicles are to be packed ready for removal to the Second Line Waggon Line Positions. Waggon Line Officers are responsible that the personnel's at hand and immediately available for duty. The 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. Headquarters Waggon Line (Billet 32 FRANKLINTS) is on the telephone and all Batteries must know its situation so that Orderlies may report there for instructions if necessary.

11. Whilst it is of the utmost importance that any withdrawal should be carried out in accordance with definite and pre-arranged Orders, Unit Commanders must understand that many matters will depend on the circumstances of the fight as it progresses and that they are to exercise their judgment within proper limits.

It is to be clearly understood that an Order issued to a particular Battery to withdraw to another position affects that particular Battery ONLY and must NOT to be taken as a general Order to all Batteries to withdraw.

12. Acknowledge.

Issued at 7:30 p.m.
April 16th, 1918.

C. J. Roberts
Adjutant, 6th Army } Lieut.
Brigade Group. }

Copies Nos	1/3	to 16th Battery
	3/4	17th "
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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 2.
BY LIEUT. COL. H.E. COHEN. C.M.G. D.S.O.

Reference Map. / 68.D. 1/40,000.

1. COUNTER PREPARATION.

(a) Counter Preparation is employed in close liason with the Infantry in order to deal with positions of assembly and formations of hostile troops believed to be forming for an attack. The general scheme of counter preparation is laid down in (b) but may be varied in either Sub-Group as the circumstances and intelligence of the moment require; the object being to bring sudden bursts of fire to bear effectively on hostile formations rather than to maintain a steady rate of fire over large area for a long time.

(b) Unless varied Counter Preparation is ordered the following action will be taken:

LEFT SUB-GROUP:

7th Battery. Sweep Valley from K.2.c.50.00 to E.26.c.50.10
8th Battery Sweep road from K.1.d.00.00 to K.1.b.10.40.
9th Battery Sweep trench from K.1.a.30.00 to K.1.a.5.6.
103rd Battery 2 Hows. on Road at K.1.a.65.75
2 Hows. on Road at E.25.d.00.35
1 How on Cross Roads K.1.b.10.35

RIGHT-SUB GROUP

16th Battery Search Road from K.7.a.6.0 to K.1.d.1.3.
17th Battery Search re-entrant in K.7.b. and K.8.a.
18th Battery Search ground astride road in K.7.d. and K.8.c.
106th Battery 2 Hows on Cutting and Road in K.8.c and d.
2 Hows on Roads converging in K.9.a.05.00
2 Hows. on Road and Cutting in K.2.d. and K.3.c.

(c) RATES OF FIRE.

18 Pounders. 4 rounds P.S.P.M. for 10 minutes, then
2 " P.S.P.M. for 10 minutes then
4 Series of 3 Salvoes per Battery at 3 minute intervals, then, CEASE FIRE.

4.5" Hows.

2 rounds per How p.m. for 10 minutes, then
1 round per How p.m. for 10 minutes, then
1/2 round per How p.m. for 10 minutes, then CEASE FIRE.

2. ANNIHILATING FIRE.

(a) Annihilating Fire will be ordered as such and is with a view to destroying the enemy when close to our S.O.S. Line preparing for an attack. Close liason with the Infantry will be maintained so as to ascertain whether there is any assembly of hostile troops between the commencing barrage line and our front line. If such information is obtained Sub-Groups will deal with the situation on the spot in conjunction with the Infantry.

(b) When Annihilating Fire is ordered each 18 Pdr. Battery will search back on the line of its S.O.S. Barrage in the form of a Creeping Barrage at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes, 600 yards eastwards: guns sweeping to cover the whole front. Howitzers will search with 106 Fuzes, if available 100 yards in advance of the 18. Pdrs: 2 guns in each Battery lane but may be diverted to any special target based on the intelligence at the time.

(c) RATES OF FIRE.

18 Pounders. 3 rounds P.G.P.M.
4.5" Hows. 2 rounds P.G.P.M.

(d) Commencing Time must be carefully arranged so that all Batteries in the Sub-Group synchronize.

3. Acknowledge.

Issued at 12 noon, 16/4/18

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery

2 17th "

3 18 "

4 106th "

5 3rd A.S. Sub-Group

6 10th Infy. Bde

7 3rd A. Group

Copy No 8 to Right Group and A.D. Art'y

9 3rd Div. Artillery

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 3.
BY LT. COL. H. E. COHEN, C.M.G. D.S.O.

1. This Order is supplementary to Group Operation Order No 2.
2. The attached tracing shows the Front divided into areas for the purpose of Counter Preparation. Areas "K" and "O" inclusive are allotted to this Group and within Group areas are allotted to Batteries as follow:
 - "K" to 9th Battery
 - "L" to 8th Battery
 - "M" to 16th Battery
 - "N" to 18th Battery
 - "O" to 17th Battery
 7th Battery is available for use as required.

All Batteries must, however, be prepared to turn on to any area ordered and whether within or without Group Zone with all Guns that can bear.

3. Counter Preparation is now divided into 3 Phases.
 - Phase 1 (a) which will mean the maximum of Counter Battery fire. Nothing is definitely laid down for this phase in the Group Zone at present since there are no counter battery targets known in that area.
 - Phase 1 (b) which will mean the maximum of Harassing Fire and which until further orders will mean the engaging of the Targets laid down in Para 1 of Group Order No 2.
 - Phase 2 which means the maximum of Annihilating Fire and which will involve the procedure laid down in Para 2 of Group Order No 2.

4. Paras 1 (c) and 2 (c) of Group Order No 2 are cancelled and the following is substituted therefor:
 - Rates of Fire, which will be ordered at the time the scheme is put into operation, are as follows:

Scheme 1 (b)	
Rate (a)	60 rounds per gun per hour
(b)	30 " " " " "
(c)	15 " " " " "
Scheme 2	
Rate (a)	3 rds. per gun per minute
(b)	2 " " " " "
(c)	1 " " " " "

The whole barrage being repeated as often as ordered. Where conditions are favorable a large proportion of Gas Shell will be fired.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

- Issued at 1 p.m. 19/4/18
- Copy 1 to 16th Battery
 - 2 17th Battery
 - 3 18th Battery
 - 4 106th Battery
 - 5 3rd Army Bde. Sub-Group
 - 6 10th Aust. Infy Bde. (No plan)
 - 7 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. do
 - 8 8th A.F.A. Bde. Group do
 - 9 Right Group 2nd D.A. do
 - 10 File
 - 11 War Diary

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 4.

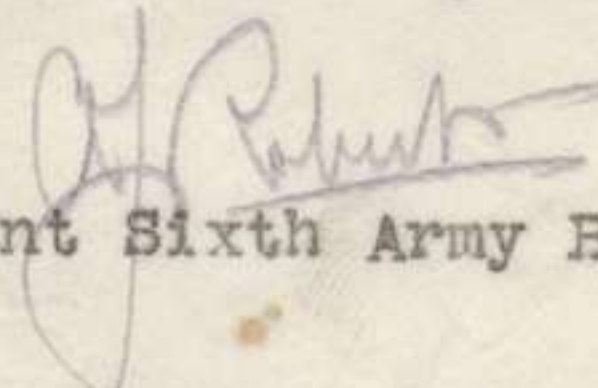
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Reference May. Sheet 62.D. 1/20,000. APPENDIX 12

1. From 9 a.m. on 21st inst. 108th Army Brigade R.F.A. is attached to Sixth Army Brigade Group.
2. Our Front Line trenches or Posts on the front to be covered by 108th Army Brigade R.F.A. are as follows:
 J.12.d.10.90 - J.12.d.05.38 - J.12.d.00.55 - J.12.c.00.80 -
 J.12.a.81.00 - J.12.a.58.65 - J.12.a.50.80 - J.6.c.60.50 -
 J.6.c.82.88 - J.6.a.80.30 - J.6.a.75.48 - J.6.a.40.34 -
 J.5.b.72.50 along RIVER ANCRE - D.30.d.55.68 - D.30.b.48.56 -
 D.24.d.70.00 - D.24.d.54.60.
3. The S.O.S. Lines for the Batteries of 108th Army Brigade R.F.A. will be as follows:

1 18 Pdr. Battery	E.25.c.40.70 - K.1.a.12.80
1 18 Pdr. Battery	K.1.a.15.87 - J.6.B.75.15
1 18 Pdr. Battery	J.6.b.80.20 - J.6.d.30.50.
4.5" Hows. 1 How	E.25.c.70.40
1 How	K.1.a.00.95
1 How	E.25.d.80.38 5
1 How	K.1.b.10.40
1 How	K.1.a.40.18
1 How	K.1.d.20.95
4. Infantry Battalion Headquarters which the Brigade covers is located at J.5.a.15.95 and a Liason Officer will be detailed for duty at this Battalion to take over at 9 a.m. on 21st inst.
5. The S.O.S. Signal in use is a Rifle Grenade "WHITE over WHITE over WHITE".
6. The Group O.P. is situated at D.21.d.80.75
7. 108th Army Brigade R.F.A. will intimate when all Batteries are registered. An Officer of 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will be available on application to explain the Front.
8. A list of Returns and Intelligence Reports will be furnished from this office later.
9. All Gun Teams will be hooked into limbers daily at 5 a.m. and will stand to until 6 a.m. unless otherwise ordered by Unit Commanders.
10. Acknowledge.

Issued at 11 p.m. 20/4/18


 Lieut.
 Adjutant Sixth Army Brigade Group

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6	3rd A.B.A.F.A.
7	3rd Aust. Div. Arty
8	10th Aust. Infy. Bde
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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 6.By LT. COL. H.E. COHEN C.M.G. D.S.O.Ref. Map. 63.D. 1/39,000.

1. From 6 a.m. on 23rd inst. this Group will cover the Front from J.12.central - E.19.central on the S.O.S. Lines detailed below.
2. The Group covers 10th Australian Infantry Brigade. "A" Battalion from J.12.central to D.30.c.5.1. "B" Battalion from D.30.c.5.1. to E.19.central. The Front Line and Posts are as detailed below:
 J.18.b.45.30 - J.18.B.4.6. - J.12.d.40.15 - J.12.d.38.43 -
 J.12.d.17.70 - J.12.c.90.80 - J.12.a.81.00 - J.12.a.58.65 -
 J.12.a.50.80 - J.6.c.60.50 - J.6.c.62.88 - J.6.a.80.30 -
 J.6.a.75.48 - J.6.a.40.34 - J.5.b.72.50 along RIVER ANCRE -
 D.30.d.55.68 - D.30.b.10.10 along Railway to E.19.d.55.45 -
 E.19.a.05.48.
3. The S.O.S. Lines for 18 Pounder Batteries are as follows:
 18th Battery E.20.a.00.05 - E.26.a.00.65
 17th Battery E.26.a.00.90 - E.26.a.00.45 - E.25.c.30.75
 16th Battery E.25.c.50.80 - J.6.b.82.28
 B/108th Battery J.6.b.88.32 - J.6.d.30.50
 C/108th Battery J.6.d.42.64 - J.12.b.09.72
 A/108th Battery J.12.b.10.80 - J.12.d.40.90.
 18th Battery will arrange to emplace one Section so as to cover the left of its Zone.
4. 4.5" Howitzer Targets are allotted as follow:
 106th Battery
 1 How E.25.c.30.40
 1 How E.25.b.00.40
 1 How K.1.b.05.40
 1 How E.25.c.75.42
 2 Hows E.20.c.50.95
 D/108th Battery
 1 How K.7.c.15.70
 1 How K.7.b.10.10
 1 How K.1.c.10.10
 1 How K.1.d.20.80
5. Batteries must be prepared to bring fire to bear on any other portion of the Group Front within the arc of their Guns. Zones for Counter Preparation and Instructions are separately issued.
6. 108th Army Brigade R.F.A. will be responsible for Right Battalion Liaison Headquarters at J.11.a.45.80 and for Group O.P. at J.16.d.20.20
 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will be responsible for Left Battalion Liaison at J.5.a.2.9 and for Left Group O.P. at point now being selected.
 Roster and times of mounting are issued separately.
7. The following are the S.O.S. Rates:
 18 Pounders For 5 minutes 4 rounds p.g.p.m.
 10 " 2 rounds p.g.p.m.
 4.5" Hows. 5 minutes 2 " p.h.p.m.
 10 " 1 round p.h.p.m.
 The S.O.S. will not be continued after the 15 minutes unless S.O.S. signal is repeated within the last 5 minutes.

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SA 10 The 6th Australian Medium Trench Mortar Battery is allotted to the Group. Two Six-inch NEWTON MORTARS are in position at J.5.d.80.55
 S.O.S. Points are allotted as under:
 1 6" Mortar on Cross Roads J.6.b.85.10
 1 6" Mortar on Cross Roads K.1.a.40.15
 Rates of Fire on S.O.S.
 2 rounds per Mortar per minute for 10 minutes
 1 round per Mortar per minute for 5 minutes
 If the S.O.S. Signal is repeated during the last 5 minutes the above programme will be repeated.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 12 noon, 22/4/18

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 2 17th Battery
 3 18th Battery
 4 106th Battery
 5/9 108th Army Bde. Sub-Group
 10 3rd Aust. Div. Arty
 11 2nd Aust. Div. Arty
 12 10th A.I.B.
 13 8th A.F.A. Bde. Group
 14 6th A.M.T.M. Battery
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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 7.

By Lt. Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G. D.S.O.

Ref. Map. 62.D. 1/20,000.

1. This Order replaces Group Operation Orders Nos 2 and 3.
2. COUNTER PREPARATION involves the delivery of a maximum of Counter Battery fire or Harassing Fire or both in one stage and the maximum of Annihilating Fire in another stage. It is divided into three Phases and will be put into operation on order referring to such phases, the period of fire being set out in the order.
3. The Phases for Counter Preparation are as follows:
 - Phase 1 (a). This will mean maximum Counter Battery Fire. At present there are no defined counter Battery targets known in the area allotted to the Group and these will be notified as ascertained.
 - Phase 1 (b) This will mean maximum of Harassing Fire and will consist of fire intended to deal with positions of assembly and formations of hostile troops believed to be forming for an attack. It will be carried out to within 1000 yards EAST of the S.O.S. Line. Normally each 18 Pounder Battery will operate in a lane hereinafter prescribed for it. The Howitzer Batteries will employ 2 Howitzers in each Battery Lane as prescribed, 200 yards in advance of the 18 Pounders or on specified targets.
Batteries have already received a tracing showing these portions of the allotted areas requiring attention.
 - Phase 2 (a) This will mean maximum of Annihilating Fire. This fire is intended to destroy the enemy when close to our S.O.S. Line preparing for an attack. Close Liaison with the Infantry is necessary in order to ascertain whether there are any assembly of hostile troops between the commencing Barrage line and our Front Line. If such information is obtained Sub-Groups will deal with the situation on the spot in conjunction with the Infantry.
 - Phase 2 (b) When Phase 2 is ordered each 18 Pounder Battery will search back on the S.O.S. line in its prescribed lane in the form of a Creeping Barrage over the whole area concerned at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes from the S.O.S. Line to 600 yards East; all guns sweeping to cover the whole front. Howitzers will search 200 yards in advance of the 18 Pounders. If 106 Fuses are employed they are not to be used within 600 yards of our own line at any point and should have a clearance of 600 yards laterally.

4. Lanes are prescribed for Batteries as follow:

Lane "H"	18th Battery and 106th Battery
" "J"	17th " " 106th "
" "K"	16th " " 106th "
" "L"	B/106th " " D/106th "
" "E"	A/106th " " D/106th "

C/106th Battery will be held available to thicken the Barrage where required..
Batteries have already received tracings showing Counter Preparation areas "K" to "X". Additional tracing showing from "F" to "K" accompanies.

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5. Rates of fire which will be ordered at the time the scheme is put into operation are as follows:

Scheme 1 (b)

Rate (a)	60 rounds per gun per hour
(b)	30 " " " " "
(c)	15 " " " " "

Scheme 2

Rate (a)	3 rounds per gun per minute
(b)	2 " " " " "
(c)	1 " " " " "

The whole Barrage being repeated as often as ordered.
Where the conditions are favorable a large proportion of Gas Shell will be fired.

6. The Commencing time must be carefully arranged so that all Batteries synchronize.
7. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 5 p.m. 22/4/18

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2	17th Battery
3	18th Battery
4	106th Battery
5/9	108th Brigade Sub-Group
10	3rd Aust. Div. Arty
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ADDENDUM TO SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 7.BY LT. COL. H. E. COHEN, C.M.G. D.S.O.

Lane "N" having now been allotted to this Group the following alteration in Paragraph 4 of Operation Order No 7 will take effect at once Lanes are prescribed for Batteries as follows:

Lane "M"	C/108th Battery and D/108th Battery
" " "N"	A/108th Battery and D/108th Battery

C/108th Battery will not now be available to thicken other Barrages.

Issued at 11:15 a.m.

23rd April 1918

To all Recipients of
Group Order No 7.

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO 1.
By LT. COL. H. E. COHEN, C.M.G. D.S.O.
Ref. Man. 62.D. 1/20,000.

1. COUNTER PREPARATION Phase 2 will be effected from 3:45 a.m. to 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. to 4:45 a.m. 24th April on Lanes "N" to "S" inclusive only. This Group is super-imposed on 8th Australian Field Artillery Brigade on Lanes "O" to "Q" inclusive.
2. The Front Line runs: J.18.d.5.0 - J.18.d.45.75 - J.18.b.45.30 - J.18.b.4.6 - J.12.d.40.15 - J.12.d.38.43 - J.12.d.17.70 - J.12.c.97.90 - J.12.a.7.0 - J.12.a.45.20 - J.12.a.50.76 - J.6.c.45.05.
3. The S.O.S. Lines are: J.18.d.9.0 - J.18.d.80.85 - J.18.b.8.0 - J.12.d.8.0 - J.12.d.73.47 - J.12.b.3.0 - J.12.b.0.7 - J.6.d.3.5.
4. Sectors are allotted as follows:
Sixth Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery: Lanes "N" and "O" in equal thirds from North to South:
16th Battery on North
18th Battery in Centre
17th Battery on South . 106th Battery over two Lanes.
108th Army Brigade R.F.A.: Lanes "P" and "Q" in equal thirds from North to South:
A/108th Battery on North
B/108th Battery in Centre
C/108th Battery on South
D/108th Battery over 2 Lanes.
5. Rate of Fire: (b) which is two rounds per gun per minute. No Gas Shell will be fired.
6. The first 12 minutes of each 15 minutes of fire will be employed in searching back the prescribed 600 yards. During the last 3 minutes fire will remain on the finishing line.
7. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 11:15 p.m.
April 23rd, 1918.

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April 23rd, 1918.

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Following received from 3rd Australian Division at 6:35 p.m. begins
 aaa Following from Australian Corps begins aaa Following from Corps
 on Right begins aaa Prisoner captured last night East BOIS SENEGAT
 belongs 3/13th I.R. 13th Division. his regiment relieved 160th I.R.
 15th Division night 22/23 aaa A deserter came over to our lines
 this morning opposite HANGARD. He is an Alsatian belonging to 7th
 Regiment Guards Field Arty. Guards Ersatz Division aaa He thinks an
 attack on a large scale is intended for today or tomorrow.
 Batteries have orders to stand to at dawn ready to limber up and
 move at a moments notice. The same order was given on March 20th
 aaa Large number of troops have been moved up out of their billets
 and are bivouaced close up near the Front Line. This was also done
 before offensive March 20th aaa Ends aaa Repeated all concerned"

Headquarters

April 23rd, 1918.

C. J. Roberts
 Lieut.
 ADJUTANT 6th ARMY BRIGADE
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LEFT ARTILLERY GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 8.

BY LT. COL. H. E. COHEN, C.M.G. D.S.O.

Ref. Map. 62.D. 1/20,000.

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1. From 6 a.m. on 27th inst. this Group will be constituted of 3rd and 6th Army Brigades Australian Field Artillery. The Group will cover the front from J.12.central to E.19.central on the S.O.S. lines detailed below.
 2. The Group covers 10th Australian Infantry Brigade. "A" Battalion from J.12.central to D.30.c.5.1. "B" Battalion from D.30.c.5.1. to E.19.central. The Front-Line and Posts are as detailed below:
 J.12.a.45.29 - J.12.a.50.76 - Listening Post J.6.c.75.00 -
 J.6.c.45.05 - J.6.c.60.17 - J.6.c.60.30 - J.6.c.62.43 - J.6.c.70.42
 to J.6.a.70.50 to D.30.c.30.15 - Listening Post at D.30.d.15.46 -
 D.30.c.70.56 - D.30.d.45.77 - E.25.a.02.25 - E.25.a.10.45 to
 E.25.a.40.65 - E.25.a.40.80 - E.19.d.55.45 to E.19.b.45.04.
 3. The S.O.S. Lines for 18 Pounder Batteries are as follows:
 From E.20.a.00.05 to E.25.c.18.18. 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery in accordance with orders to be issued by Lieut. Col. G. I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. Dependent on certain investigations being made by Patrols tonight it may be anticipated that these S.O.S. Lines will be brought closer to our Front Line by order issued tomorrow:
 16th Battery E.25.c.20.30 - J.6.b.68.00
 18th Battery J.6.b.78.15 - J.6.d.15.00.
 17th Battery J.6.d.20.10 - J.12.d.42.85.
 4. 5" Howitzer Targets are allotted as follow:
 103rd Battery 2 Hows E.20.c.50.95
 1 How E.25.c.75.42
 1 How E.25.c.30.40
 1 How E.25.d.32.45
 1 How E.25.d.20.72
 106th Battery 1 How K.1.b.10.40
 1 How K.1.c.10.10
 1 How K.7.b.10.10
 1 How K.1.d.20.80
 1 How K.1.a.90.95
 1 How K.1.b.50.55
- All Batteries will be prepared to switch at call on to any part of the Group Front.
4. Counter Preparation Lanes "H" to "N" are allotted to this Group. Counter Preparation orders are separately issued.
 5. 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery will be responsible for Left Battalion Liason Headquarters at J.5.a.2.9 and for the Group O.Ps. at D.23.a.8.5 and D.22.d.75.20 which are in telephonic and visual communication with Group Headquarters. One of these will always be manned.
 6th Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery will be responsible for Right Battalion Liason Headquarters at J.11.a.45.80 and for Group O.P. at D.21.d.8.8. The Liason Officer will man the O.P. at J.6.c.25.25 in the day time. Batteries will man their own O.P. to cover their own sectors in the ordinary way.

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6. The following are the S.O.S. Rates:

18 Pounders	For	5 minutes	4 rounds	p.g.p.m.
4.5" Hows.				

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

7. The 6th Australian Trench Mortar Battery has now fixed six NEWTON TRENCH MORTARS in the line. Four on Left Battalion Front and two on Right Battalion Front. Instructions in respect of these will be issued separately.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

Off Roberts
Adjutant, LEFT ARTILLERY GROUP. Lieut.

Issued at 9 p.m. 26/4/18

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2 10th Aust. Infy. Brigade
3 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery
4 Right Group
5 16th Battery
6 17th Battery
7 18th Battery
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XTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO F.1.

1. The Waggon Lines of the Brigade will move on 27th inst. to Waggon Lines at present occupied by 11th Field Artillery Brigade at FRECHENCOURT. These will be vacated by such Brigade by 2 p.m. Batteries will send an Officer forthwith to reconnoitre and arrange for the occupation of these lines.
2. The Gun Limbers, Teams and Coverers Horses for each Battery together with necessary Officers horses and two mounted orderlies per Battery will not move with the Unit but will be concentrated at the present Waggon Lines of 16th Battery (C.24.central). This Camp will be under the orders of CAPTAIN B. H. LEEDHAN.
3. The Lewis Gun of 16th Battery will be retained together with its crew at the Forward Camp. Unit Waggon Lines and the composite Lines forward will be formed so that not more than 20 horses are together and where necessary bombing blocks will be provided.
4. The Brigade re-filling Point will be removed to FRECHENCOURT and Lieut. FLEMING will arrange for the ration for personnel of the Forward Waggon Lines to be sent to such Waggon Lines by Motor Transport from the latter place.
5. Unit Quartermasters will furnish Lieut. FLEMING with the necessary information as to the proportion of personnel in rear and forward positions. One G.S.Waggon to be detailed by 16th Battery with team and Driver will be stationed at the Forward Waggon Line for use as may be required.
6. Horses at the Forward Waggon Lines will be watered at the River HALLU in the vicinity of FRECHENCOURT. Not more than half the teams are to be sent there at one time in order to retain mobility.
7. Batteries will make their own arrangements as to accommodation at Front and Rear Waggon Lines respectively and for reliefs. Either an Officer or Warrant Officer must be constantly at the Forward Lines.
8. State showing disposition of personnel will be furnished to this office by 9 a.m. on 28th inst.
9. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 8:30 a.m. 27/4/18

Cy Roberts
Lieut
Adjutant, 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

- Copy No 1 to Capt. Macgregor
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| 2 | 16th Battery |
| 3 | 17th Battery |
| 4 | 18th Battery |
| 5 | 106th Battery |
| 6 | Lieut. Fleming |
| 7 | 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery |
| 8 | Tom Major, Franvillers, |
| 9 | File |
| 10 | War Diary |