

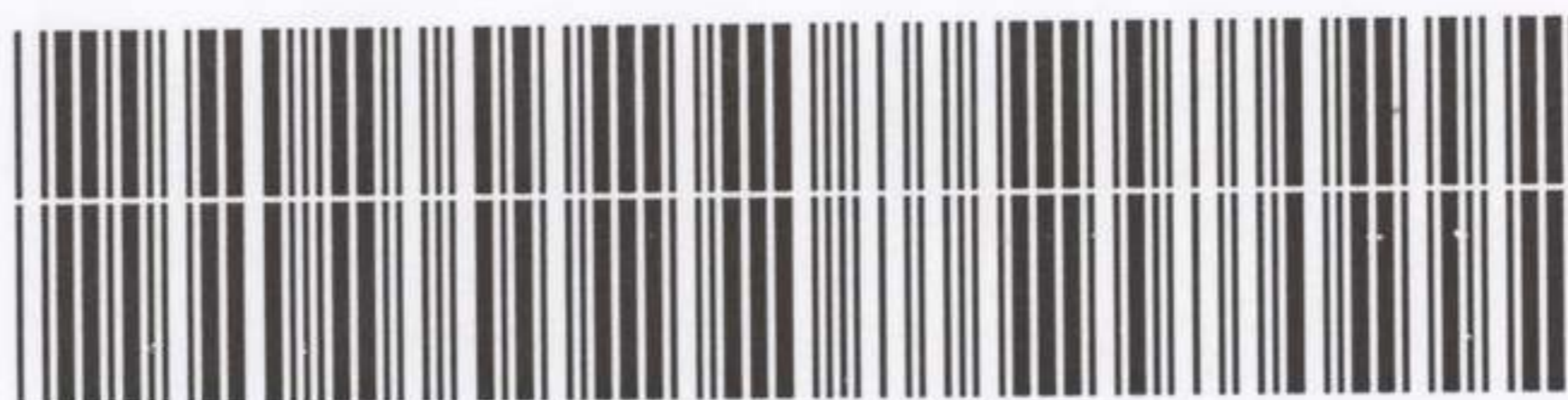
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

FOR

SEPTEMBER,

1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

*R. Smith*

Lieut.

A/Adjutant, 5th D.A.C.

Signature of Officer Commanding

*W. Smith*

MAJOR.

C.O. 5th D.A. COLUMN.

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| FAY.      | 1st.        |             | Uneventful day. Sections salving from back areas and carting same to new A. R. P. viz. A 1315 AX 1105 BX 243. The following ammunition was carted forward to Battery positions<br><table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.X.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>B.X.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>GRENADES.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1520</td> <td style="text-align: center;">684</td> <td style="text-align: center;">360</td> <td style="text-align: center;">338,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5,000</td> </tr> </table>        | <u>A.</u>                            | <u>A.X.</u>           | <u>B.X.</u> | <u>S.A.A.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | 1520                  | 684  | 360  | 338,000 | 5,000   | AB   |      |   |
| <u>A.</u> | <u>A.X.</u> | <u>B.X.</u> | <u>S.A.A.</u>  | <u>GRENADES.</u>                     |                       |             |               |                  |                       |      |      |         |         |      |      |   |
| 1520      | 684         | 360         | 338,000  | 5,000                                |                       |             |               |                  |                       |      |      |         |         |      |      |   |
| do.       | 2nd.        |             | Salving operations continued from back areas and carted to forward A. R. P. 514<br><table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.X.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>B.X.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>GRENADES.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2698</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1482</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1253</td> <td style="text-align: center;">135,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8800</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2160</td> </tr> </table> | <u>A.</u>                            | <u>A.X.</u>           | <u>B.X.</u> | <u>S.A.A.</u> | <u>GRENADES.</u> | <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u> | 2698 | 1482 | 1253    | 135,000 | 8800 | 2160 | B |
| <u>A.</u> | <u>A.X.</u> | <u>B.X.</u> | <u>S.A.A.</u>  | <u>GRENADES.</u>                     | <u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u> |             |               |                  |                       |      |      |         |         |      |      |   |
| 2698      | 1482        | 1253        | 135,000  | 8800                                 | 2160                  |             |               |                  |                       |      |      |         |         |      |      |   |
| do.       | 3rd.        |             | Salving continued. All rear positions cleaned up by both sections.<br>S.A.A. Section moved forward to H.20.b.3.2. (about 1000 yds. W. of HERBECOURT)<br>Ammunition salved from <del>bad</del> positions A 508 AX 532<br>Ammunition issued to Brigades A 988 AX 228 AS 100  | AB                                   |                       |             |               |                  |                       |      |      |         |         |      |      |   |
| do.       | 4th.        |             | 2/Lieuts. F. S. Stead, W. Hay and H. S. Humphries transferred to 13th Aust. F. A. Bde.<br>Lieut. G. H. Cooper transferred to 14th Aust. F. A. Bde.<br>Capt. J. Gray (R.M.O.) reported to the 15th Aust. Field Ambulance for duty.<br>Capt. J. L. Diggle attached from 15th Aust. Field Ambulance as R.M.O.<br>Orders received to move forward tomorrow to vicinity of FRIZE.<br>The following ammunition was issued to Brigades:- A 456, A.X. 836, B.X. 200<br>S.A.A. Section delivered 120,000 rds. S.A.A. and 1,900 Grenades.  | AB                                   |                       |             |               |                  |                       |      |      |         |         |      |      |   |
| do.       | 5th.        |             | Column moved at 10 a.m. to H.30.c. (62 C) on HERBECOURT CAPPY Road and pulled in at 12 noon.<br>Received word of German evacuation along whole front. Orders to stand by to move tonight or tomorrow morning across River SOMME. Parties sent ahead in the afternoon to reconnoitre positions for H.Q., Sections and Dump.<br>Two teams detached indefinitely to T.M. Brigade for transport of 2-6" Newton Mortars<br>Issued by S.A.A. Section:- S.A.A. 53,500, GRENADES 1,600   | AB                                   |                       |             |               |                  |                       |      |      |         |         |      |      |   |

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| HERBECOURT.   | 6th. |      | Orders received at noon to move to Valley "0" 13-14 (62C) near BARLEUX. Reconnaissance made and Column moved, arriving at 4 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections carted Echelons to newly formed dump across River and continued salving operations from rear Battery positions and dumped same at Forward A. R.P. viz. A 2240 AX 1579, B.X. 1674. 180 Stokes Bombs issued by S.A.A. Sect.  |                                      |
| BARLEUX.  | 7th. |      | Orders received to move tomorrow to CARTIGNY area. Reconnaissance made. A.R.P. removed to P.O.a. on main road. Salving continued from old Battery positions and carted the following forward to A.R.P.:- A 5966, AX 2742, AS 17, B.X. 2062. Ammn. delivered to Batteries:- A 1482, AX 836, AS 252, BX 626<br>Lieut. C. J. Hebblethwaite seconded as Staff Trainee, attached Headquarters Australian Corps.  |                                      |
| do.   | 8th. |      | Moved forward at 10 a.m. to LE MESNIL area. Headquarters at CATELET near CARTIGNY, Nos. 1 and 2 Sections near LE MESNIL. Salving operations continued. All remaining ammunition continued cleared from ASSEVILERS Dump to new Forward Dump, also all old Battery positions cleared. Boisterous weather, strong winds and intermittent heavy showers of rain. Ammunition salved:- A 3321, AX 1023, BX 1255.<br>2/Lieut. J. M. Burke taken on strength ex R.A. Cadet School, St. John's Wood.<br>Casualties etc., for W.E.<br>8 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital sick.<br>16 O/Rks. transferred to 13th Aust. F.A. Bde. and 16 to 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.<br>2 O/Rks. retaken on strength ex Hospital & A.G.B.D.<br>29 reinforcements taken on strength ex A.G.B.D. & 5th Div. Reinforcement Wing.<br>Strength:- 17 Officers, 604 O/Rks. |                                      |
| do.   | 9th. |      | During the early hours of the morning (2 to 3 a.m.) great Enemy Aircraft activity and large quantities of bombs dropped in area, fortunately no casualties sustained by unit. At one time two planes held by Beams of our searchlights, five beams on to each plane. The salvage of ammunition from vacated positions continued and result most satisfactory.<br>Salved:- A 3096, A.X. 1464, B.X. 484<br>Issued by S.A.A. Section:- S.A.A. 240,000, Grenades 1,500  |                                      |
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| <u>CATELET.</u> | 10th. |      | Order received notifying that 5th D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) would be relieved on the 11th by 4th D.A.C. Salvage operations continued throughout day, large quantities of ammunition delivered to A.R.P. viz. A 1152, AX 1128 AS 76, B.X. 608<br>Delivered by S.A.A. Section 300,000 S.A.A. and 4000 grenades.<br>Weather. Heavy winds still prevailing and intermittent rain squalls.  | AB                                   |
| do.             | 11th. |      | Reconnoitring parties sent out in connection with move to Rest Area; in the meantime salvage of ammunition from back areas was proceeded with and completed.<br>Amendment to No.1. to Order 23 issued at 12 noon, cancelling paras. 3 and 4. Nea area BIACHES <del>FEUILLERES</del> , bounded on the East by grid line between H.30 and I.25; on the South the grid line between H.22 and H.28; on the North by the River SOMME, on the West by grid line running through H.20. central. Unit relieved and starting point passed at 1 p.m. Route:-<br>Fme. LAMIRE - BARLEUX - FLAUCOURT - Cross Roads H.34.a.0.3. - Area selected. Marched in to Rest Camp at 4 p.m.<br>A.R.P. handed over to Officer from 4th D.A.C. at 4.30 p.m.<br><u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy wind and frequent rainsqualls.<br>Ammunition salvaged A228, AX. 114, AS 76, B.X. 400. | AB                                   |
| FEUILLERES.     | 12th. |      | 5th D.A.C. Instructions No.5 issued to Sections, laying down procedure to be observed during stay in Rest Area. Day occupied in settling down, making animals and personnel comfortable, establishing Dental Unit, Tailors & Bootmakers etc.,<br><u>WEATHER.</u> Very unsettled.<br>Chaplain P.S. Moore departed on 14 days furlough to ITALY.  | AB                                   |
| do.             | 13th. |      | Day devoted to improvement of camp, and start made with work of overhauling equipment etc., after the recent operations.<br>Major F. Thornthwaite, M.C. proceeded on fourteen days furlough to United Kingdom.<br><u>WEATHER.</u> Still unsettled.  | AB                                   |
| do.             | 14th  |      | Work as laid down in Instruction No.5. proceeded with.<br>Lieut. L.A. Baker and three Other Ranks departed from unit on return to Australia on leave.<br>Received verbal notification that unit would return to line next day. Written instructions received later that move would not take place until 16th and that orders would be issued on 15th<br><u>WEATHER.</u> More settled.   | AB                                   |

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| FEUILLERES. | 14th. |      | <p>Capt. B.R. Law rejoined ex furlough in United Kingdom.</p> <p>Casualties etc., for Week:-<br/>                     1 O/Rk. accidentally injured and evacuated to Hospital.<br/>                     1 O/Rk. transferred to 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.<br/>                     3 O/Rks. retaken on strength ex Hospital &amp; A.G.B.D.<br/>                     15 Reinforcements taken on strength ex A.G.B.D. &amp; 5th Div. Reinforcement Wing.<br/>                     1 O/Rk. taken on strength on transfer from 5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.<br/>                     1 O/Rk. do. do. 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.<br/>                     1 O/Rk. do. do. 13th do.</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 18 Officers, 623 Other Ranks.</p>  |                                      |
| do.         | 15th. |      | <p>Preparations made for move to line on the morrow.<br/>                     In the afternoon, all preparations being completed, a football match (AUSTRALIAN RULES) took place between a combined D.A.C. team and a team from the 13th F.A. Bde. the latter team securing victory by a comfortable margin.<br/>                     Orders were received in connection with move:- Area allotted Q.1 (sheet 620)<br/>                     During the night Enemy Aircraft were fairly active, one was brought down in flames.<br/> <u>WEATHER.</u> Cloudy.</p>  |                                      |
| do.         | 16th. |      | <p>Reconnoitring parties left unit lines at 8.45 a.m. to proceed to new area of operations. Column moved at 10 a.m. Route followed:- HERBECOURT - FLAUCOURT - BARLEUX - across bridge at FME. LAMIRE - LE MESNIL - CATELET - CARTIGNY - area selected. Arrived in area 1.20 p.m. Area very crowded, practically all good positions occupied by other artillery units. The best available positions for H.Q. and sections were selected, and all ranks turning to with a will everyone had some description of shelter by night-fall. Section Commanders communicated with their respective Brigades and agreed to transport and deliver to Battery positions one-third of the ammunition required for the first phase of the operations. The ammunition so delivered was:- A 2028, AX 1466, B.X. 900.<br/>                     Exceptionally heavy rain fell during the early hours of the morning and most of the camps were flooded out.<br/>                     Lieut. E. Dunlop. rejoined ex furlough in United Kingdom.</p> |                                      |

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| <u>CARTIGNY.</u> | 17th. |      | <p>Lines improved and supply of ammunition continued to Batteries. Enemy Aircraft again active between the hours dusk and midnight.</p> <p>Ammunition delivered to Batteries:- A 1822, AX 1480, AS 495, BX 560.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, but threatening rain.</p>  | 246<br>AB                            |
| do.              | 18th. |      | <p>Batteries moved forward and supply of ammunition to new positions proceeded with. The ammunition remaining in vacated positions was transported forward, and remainder required to complete establishment drawn from A.R.P. and delivered to Batteries. This work filled in the hours of daylight and was completed after nightfall.</p> <p>During the afternoon new positions for unit were reconnoitred forward.</p> <p>Ammunition issued to Brigades:- A 1400, AX 978, BX 600</p> <p>" " by S.A.A. Section:- S.A.A. 20,000, Grenades 1900.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Cloudy, but fine generally.</p> <p>Capt. H. Goldsmith departed on 14 days furlough to United Kingdom.</p> | AB                                   |
| do.              | 19th. |      | <p>Uneventful day. Ammunition delivered to Brigades A228, B.X. 300</p> <p>" " by S.A.A. Sect. S.A.A. 30,000, GRENADES 560.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Cloudy, no rain, much cooler.</p>   | AB                                   |
| do.              | 20th. |      | <p>Uneventful day. Ammunition delivered to Brigades, A456, AX, 456.</p> <p>" " by S.A.A. Sect. S.A.A. 30,000, Grenades 2300.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Generally fine, two slight showers, cool.</p>   | AB                                   |
| do.              | 21st. |      | <p>Day occupied cleaning harness, wagons and equipment generally. Towards evening following ammunition delivered to Batteries:-</p> <p>A1312, AX 1224, BOX. 608.</p> <p>Delivered by S.A.A. Sect. 48,500 S.A.A.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, with winds high.</p> <p>Casualties etc., for Week.</p> <p>3 O/Rks. taken on strength ex Hospital.</p> <p>1 O/Rk. accidentally injured and evac. to Hospital.</p> <p>3 O/Rks. returned to Aust. on six months leave.</p> <p>2 O/Rks. proceeded to R.A. Cadet School, England.</p>   | AB                                   |

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| CARTIGNY. | 21st. |      | 1 O/Rk. transferred to 13th Aust. F. A. Bde.<br>1 O/Rk. taken on strength on transfer from 8th Aust. F. A. Bde.<br>3 O/Rks. retaken on strength ex Hosp. & A. G. B. D.   | AB                                   |
| do.       | 22nd. |      | Quiet day. Heavy showers morning and late afternoon.<br>About 8.30 p.m. received instructions to take over dump (A. R. P.) at VENDEILLES by 9 p.m. from 4th Australian Divisional Artillery. Officer proceeded to take over as soon as possible after receipt of order.<br>Ammunition carted to Batteries A656, AX 454.  | AB                                   |
| do.       | 23rd. |      | Command passed from C. R. A. 4th Australian Division to C. R. A. 46th Division at 8 a.m.<br>Routine work carried on during day.<br>Units drawing from A. R. P.:- 5th Aust. Div. Arty. 232nd Army Brigade, R. F. A. and 5th Army Brigade, R. H. A. (18 pdr.)<br>WEATHER. Fine, with cool winds.<br>Issued by S. A. A. Section:- S. A. A. 40,000 , GRENADES 2,000.   | AB                                   |
| do.       | 25th. |      | 46th Divisional Artillery moved into line, A. R. P. handed over to Officer from 46th D. A. C. at 2 p.m. Dump personnel relieved and returned to respective Sections.<br>Batteries pulled out of positions during night and back to Wagon Lines.<br>Clear moonlight night, good deal of Enemy Aircraft activity, but no bombs near unit lines.<br>Issued by S. A. A. Section:- S. A. A. 75,000, GRENADES 338. | AB                                   |
| do.       | 24th. |      | Uneventful day. Weather fine and cool. Bright night and enemy aircraft active early, later cloudy. Issued to Brigades A 328, AX 404<br>Issued by S. A. A. Section:- S. A. A. 31,000, PISTOLWEBLEY 2160.  | AB                                   |
| do.       | 26th. |      | Quiet day, ordinary routine work.<br>WEATHER. Fine.<br>Batteries pulled out of forward wagon lines during night and back to vicinity of area occupied by D. A. C.<br>Lieut. G. R. Barrow sent down to the Base for Medical Examination.  | AB                                   |

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| <u>CARTIGNY.</u> | 27th. |      | <p>Day occupied cleaning harness, wagons etc.,<br/>                     S.A.A. Section delivered GRENADES 7,000, PISTOL WEBLEY 2160.<br/>                     Rain during early hours of the morning, weather afterwards improving into fine bright day, cloudy towards evening.</p>   |                                      |
| do.              | 28th. |      | <p>S.A.A. Section moved to new camp at K.23.d.4.4. (62 C)<br/>                     Rained practically the whole day, clearing up at nightfall. Enemy aircraft were fairly active during the night. The day was occupied in filling up echelons with required ammunition and general preparations for operations on 29th.</p>   |                                      |
| do.              | 29th. |      | <p>Day fine, with a fairly thick ground mist in the morning, wind and rain in evening. Operations commenced at daylight with heavy bombardment. No.1. Section was detached to 13th F.A. Bde. and No.2. to 14th Aust. F.A. Bde. and worked under the orders of Brigade Commanders. A Forward Dump was established on the HARGICOURT - VILLERET Road, H.Q. was moved at 9.30 a.m. to F.26.c.2.0. Sections took up wagon lines in L.13.d. and L.16.d.<br/>                     A.R.P. moved up to L.4.c.5.0. under Lieut. Gates. Heavy enemy shelling of vicinity of camps but no casualties.<br/>                     The following ammunition was issued to Batteries:-<br/>                     A2286, AX 2148, AS 126, BX 1552<br/>                     S.A.A. Section also issued 30,000 rds. of S.A.A.</p> <p>Casualties etc., for week:-<br/>                     1 O/Rk. evacuated to Hospital sick.<br/>                     1 O/Rk. transferred to 6th Army Brigade.<br/>                     1 O/Rk. accidentally killed.<br/>                     14 Other Ranks returned to Australia on six months leave.<br/>                     6 O/Rks. retaken on strength ex Hospital &amp; A.G.B.D.</p> <p><u>Strength.</u><br/>                     15 Officers, 610 Other Ranks.</p> |                                      |
| <u>TEMPELUX.</u> | 30th. |      | <p>Weather very cold and dull with occasional showers. Ammunition supply maintained during the day to Batteries for continuation of operations which were in the main successful. No enemy aircraft activity. Ammn. salvaged from old Battery positions A900, AX680, AS 76, BX 92<br/>                     Ammn. delivered to Batteries A1744, AX 2106, AX 200, BX 1137</p>  |                                      |

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|       |      |      | <p>COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 30.9.18.</p> <p>=====</p>   |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p>The work of the unit during the month has remained very heavy and difficult, but all ranks have worked throughout with a will, with the result that all demands made on the unit have been completed with the utmost willingness and despatch. In the main it has been a constant succession of moves from position to positions, constant carting of ammunition to batteries, and constant salving of ammunition from vacated battery positions. The short rest the unit had at FEUILLEHES was invaluable, and enabled men and horses to have a much needed rest, and to be re-equipped and cleaned up.</p> <p>During the latter part of the month Nos. 1 and 2 Sections were detached to the 13th and 14th Aust. F. A. Brigades respectively, and worked with them solely, assisting them in the supply and transport of ammunition, and in the replacement of casualties to personnel, horses and vehicles. All sections have performed their work most excellently.</p> <p>The salvage figures speak highly of the energy with which sections have worked at this most uninteresting side of the unit's duties.</p> <p>Dumps have been established at all positions occupied, and vast quantities of ammunition have been received and issued.</p> |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p><u>HEALTH.</u></p>   |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p>(a) The health of the men has remained most remarkably good, and the evacuation figures have been very light indeed. Casualties have been slight.</p> <p>(b) The health of the animals has remained good, although they are now showing loss of condition caused by the heavy work they have been asked to perform. They are still in good hard working condition, but the evacuation figures have been heavier this month than last</p>   |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p><u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u></p>   |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p>Reinforcements have all been arriving steadily and have all been of excellent standard and good physique.</p>  |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p><u>MORALE.</u></p>   |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p>The morale of the men has remained of the very highest order, and they have faced all hardships and all difficulties with the utmost cheerfulness.</p>   |                                      |
|       |      |      | <p><u>P. T. O.</u></p>  |                                      |
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APPENDIX 11  
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ORDER No. 20.

Headquarters,  
4th September 1918.

REFERENCE SHEETS 62 C. 1/40,000

1. The Fifth Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S. A. A. Section) will move tomorrow, 5th September 1918, to the FRISE Area.
2. Units will move in accordance with March Table hereunder.
3. Attention is drawn to S. S. 724 re March Discipline.
4. Headquarters, 5th Australian D. A. C. will be at G.30.c.8.9.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Brown*  
.....Lieut.  
Adjutant, 5th D. A. COLUMN.

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MARCH TABLE

| Unit. | Time to pass Starting Point. | Starting Point.         | Route.                                 | Destination. |
|-------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| No.2. | 10, a.m.                     | Cross Roads M.16.a.1.5. | M.16.a.1.5. to DOMPIERRE - Cross Roads | G.29.b.1.9.  |
| 1     | 10.15 a.m.                   | do.                     | M.5.b.0.2. - Cross Roads               | G.30.c.8.7.  |
| H.Q.  | 10.30 a.m.                   | do.                     | G.30.a.1.0.                            | G.30.c.8.9.  |

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ORDER No. 21.

Headquarters,  
5th September 1918.

REFERENCE. SHEET 620, 1/40,000

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S. A. A. Section) will march to BARLEUX Area today, 6th September 1918.
2. Units will move in accordance with March Table appended.
3. Forward A. R. P. has been established at O.22c.2.4.
4. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections will dump their echelons on wheels at the A. R. P. immediately on arrival in the new area, will fill up from vacated battery positions and dump at A. R. P. and will fill up again and stand by for further orders.  
Two echelons on wheels must be dumped at the forward A. R. P. today.
5. Bridge at O.26.d.2.4. is the only bridge at present available for horse transport in the area.
6. Attention is drawn to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Administrative Instruction No. 11 of 5.9.18.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
.....Lieut.  
Adjutant, 5th D.A. COLUMN.

MARCH TABLE

| UNIT.       | Time to pass Starting pt. | Starting Point.            | Route.   | Remarks. |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------|
| No. 1. Sec. | 2 p.m.                    | Cross Roads<br>G.30.c.8.9. | G.30.c.8.9. -<br>HERBECOURT -<br>FLAUCOURT -<br>BARLEUX. |          |
| 2 "         | 2.12 p.m.                 |                            |  |          |
| H. Q.       | 2.25 p.m.                 | do.                        |  |          |

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ORDER No.22.

Headquarters,  
7th September 1918.

Reference Sheet 62C. 1/40,000

1. The Fifth Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S. A. A. Section) will move to the LE HESNIL Area tomorrow, 8th September 1918.
2. The move will take place in accordance with March Table as under:
3. Attention is directed to S.S.724 re March Discipline.
4. Salvage of Ammunition from vacated Battery positions will be continued. All salvaged ammunition will be dumped at A.R.P. at P.9.0.9.1. Salvage Returns will be rendered to D. A. C. H. Q. as at present.
5. H. Q. 5th Aust. D. A. C. will be at P.8.0.5.8.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Davidson*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant, 5th D. A. COLUMN.

MARCH TABLE

| UNIT.     | STARTING POINT.           | TIME TO PASS STARTING POINT. | ROUTE.                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| No.2.Sec. | Cross Roads<br>O.8.4.6.2. | 9 a.m.                       | O.8.4.6.2. - Bridge at<br>HAM. LAIRIE. |
| 1 "       | "                         | 9.15 a.m.                    | "                                      |
| H.Q.      | "                         | 10 a.m.                      | "                                      |

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APPENDIX

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ORDER No. 23

Headquarters,  
10th September 1918.

REFERENCE, Sheet 62 C. 1/40,000

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) will be relieved by the 4th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) on the 11th September 1918.
2. Completion of relief will be notified immediately to this Headquarters
3. On relief the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will move to the Divisional Artillery Area as shown in map already issued to Sections.
4. The 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will be situated in the area West of the SOMME and North of a line, N.24. O.19, 20 (less N.18.b.)
5. Os/C. Sections will arrange to reconnoitre this area tomorrow, 11.9.18. Areas selected will be notified to this office immediately.
6. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery A.R.P. at P.8.d.6.8. will be handed over to the 4th Australian D.A.C. 5th Australian D.A.C. personnel will be withdrawn and returned to their respective sections on relief.  
Attached personnel at Dump will be handed over to the 4th Aust. Divnl. Amn. Column.  
Handing Over Certificates will be obtained and forwarded to this office on completion of relief.
7. Units will march in accordance with March Table attached.
8. Attention is drawn to S.S.724 re March Discipline.
9. The usual handing-over certificates will be taken, duplicate copies will be forwarded to this office immediately on relief.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
.....Lieut.  
Adjutant, 5th D. A. COLUMN.

MARCH TABLE

| UNIT.     | TIME TO PASS<br>STARTING POINT. | STARTING POINT.                      | ROUTE.                     |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| No.1.Sec. | 1 p.m.                          | Bridge over SOMME<br>at FME. LAMIRE. | LIE MESSNIL - FME. LAMIRE. |
| 2 "       | 1.20 p.m.                       | do.                                  | do.                        |
| H.Q.      | 2.30 p.m.                       | do.                                  | do.                        |

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APPENDIX

AMENDMENT No.1. to ORDER 23.

Headquarters,  
11th Septbr.

1. Paras. 3 and 4 of Order No.23 are cancelled.
2. Fifth Australian D. A. C. will march to the area BIACHES FUIL bounded on the East by the grid line between H.30. and I.25, the South on the grid line between H.22 and H.23; on the North by the River SOMME; on the West by the grid line running through H.20 Central.
3. Officers Commanding Sections will arrange to reconnoitre this area immediately.  
Area Commandant's Office is at HERBECOURT.  
Positions selected will be notified to this office as soon as possible.
4. March Table issued with Order No.23 is amended to read as follows:  
ROUTE - FMS. LAMIRE - BARLEUX - PLAUCOURT - CROSS ROADS H.34.  
Area selected.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten signature]*

..... Lieut.  
Adjutant, 5th D. A. COLUMN.

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Headquarters,  
15th September, 1918.

ORDER No. 24.

Reference Map - Sheet 62C

1. The Fifth Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) will march to Wagon Lines in HANGCOURT Area tomorrow 16th inst, in accordance with March Table as under.
2. Area allotted to 5th Aust. D.A.C. - Q.1.
3. All surplus baggage to be left with Nucleus party at FEUILLEHES.
4. Advance parties consisting of 1 officer and 1 N.C.O., from each Section, will leave unit at 8.45 a.m. to reconnoitre positions.
5. Attention is directed to Fourth Army Raxxing Routine Order No. 2039 and S.S. 724 re March Discipline.
6. It is pointed out that as Bridges over the SOMME are frequently congested and sometimes impassable, it is necessary that reconnoitring parties report back to the Column as soon as possible.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

.....Lieut.  
Adjutant 5th D.A. COLUMN.

| Section.  | Starting Point.  | Time to Pass Starting Pt. | Route.  |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Headq'rs. | Present position | 10 a.m.                   | HANGCOURT- FLAUCOURT- BARLEUX- Bridge FWH LAHIRE- LA HENRIE- CATELST- Road P.10.11.&12. |
| No.1.Sec. | do               | 10.2 a.m.                 | do.   |
| No.2.Sec. | do               | 10.15 a.m.                | do.   |

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Headquarters,  
28th Septbr. 1918.

ORDER NO. 25

Reference Map

Sheet 62C, 1/40,000.

1. During the forthcoming operations No.1. Section is allotted for duty with 13th Aust. V.A.Bde. No.2. Section with 14th Aust. V.A.Bde. The closest liaison between Sections and their respective Brigades must at all times be maintained.
2. The 5th Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) will take up new Wagen Lines in F.28 or 29, tomorrow morning 29th inst., Section Commanders will report locations to D.A.C.H.Q. immediately on arrival. It is anticipated that D.A.C.H.Q. will be at F.29.c.8.5. by 12 noon.
3. Captain J.H. Gospeck, Tailors & Bootmakers, Divisional Artillery Dump and No. 101 Aust. Dental Unit will remain at G.1.c.9.9. O.C. No.1. Section will detail one half 2422-Baw G.S. Lieber for supply of rations to this party.
4. Attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No.2039 and S.S. 724 re March Discipline. All traffic control orders for the operation must be strictly adhered to.
5. Special attention is directed to instructions issued re enemy mines and Booby Traps. Section Commanders will warn all ranks of the danger in exploring enemy territory.
6. No water must be used, either for watering of horses, or personnel, until it has been passed as fit for use by Sanitary Sections. The conservation of water is essential.
7. Section Commanders will take steps to ensure that strict sanitary discipline is maintained. Indents for material required will be submitted direct to the nearest R.H. Dump.
8. Certificates will be obtained on vacation of present lines from Area Commandant, TINCOPUNT.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Beinel Hobbs Law*  
 ..... Captain,  
 A/C.O. 5th D.A. COLUMN.

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 8

Headquarters,  
12th Sept. 1918.

1. During the period the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column remains in the Rest Area, every endeavour will be made to rest men and horses as far as possible, and in addition to clean up the unit in every particular.

2. ORGANIZATION.

The organization of each unit must be thoroughly enquired into, and considered.

The suitability of N.C.Os. for their respective positions, of all ranks down to Acting Bombardiers, the suitability of drivers for their positions, in fact the suitability of all ranks for their positions must be considered in light of the experience gained during the recent operations, and changes made as found necessary.

All recommendations for appointments and reversions that may be required will be submitted to this office for approval.

The organization of Section Offices must be gone into; surplus material and old files either destroyed or returned to the Base Records Section, checked and brought up to date.

3. DISCIPLINE.

The high standard of discipline attained by the unit has deteriorated to a small extent during the recent operations.

Section Commanders will take this matter up at once, and will insist on the strictest regimental discipline in their units.

Saluting and correct order of dress are two points that require attention, and must be improved immediately.

4. PARADE HOURS.

Parade Hours will be as laid down in D.A.C. Standing Orders, and will be strictly adhered to.

5. PERSONNEL.

(a) Personnel will be given as many facilities as possible for recreation. Sports are to be encouraged and arranged. The 5th Australian Divisional Concert Party will be available, and may be obtained on application being made to this office.

(b) The men's clothing must be given attention to and cleaned up and repaired.

The Tailors & Bootmakers' Shop are at FROILLERIES, and are prepared to cope with all necessary work.

(c) Hot baths must be obtained for every man in the unit, and assurance made that a clean change of underclothing is obtained.

(d) The question of the preparation of the men's food must be given special attention. Section Commanders must frequently inspect their ~~Cookhouse~~ Kitchens, and ensure that the best value is obtained from the food issued, and that frequent changes are made in the diet sheets.

(e) No. 101 Australian Dental Unit is at Headquarters, 5th B.A. COLUMN

6. ANIMALS.

(a) Every opportunity should be taken to give all animals as much grazing as is possible. All animals must be grazed for at least one hour daily.

(b) Troughs will be erected for watering. All watering parties must be under charge of an Officer who will ensure that every animal drinks his fill.

Correct drill and discipline at watering points must be ensured.

(c) Animals must be rested as far as is possible, and every effort made to regain the condition they have lost during the recent heavy work.

Recommendations for extra forage required for weak animals must be made direct to the Veterinary Officer.

F.T.O.

