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Artillery

Item number: 13/34/36 Part 3

Title: Headquarters, 6th Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

August 1918



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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO V.B. 1.

1. The 3rd Australian Division is advancing tonight along the North of the main WARFUSSE-LA FLAQUE Road to a line at about R.28.c.4.3.
The 5th Australian Infantry Brigade is advancing tomorrow morning to a line R.28.c.4.3 to R.35.c.0.0 to X.5.a.0.0 which is the objective.
The 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be operating on the right of the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. The jumping off line of the 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be R.26.d.8.3 to R.33.c.6.0 to X.3.b.1.0.
3. The Batteries of this Group will provide a Creeping Barrage to cover the operation. This barrage will commence 250 yards EAST of the jumping off line of the 5th A.I. Brigade except on the North as specified and will become a protective barrage on reaching a line 250 yards EAST of the objective
4. The 18 Pdr. Batteries of the Group will operate in lanes running due EAST from the commencing line but starting on a line at R.27.c.5.0: each Battery covering a frontage of 300 yards in the following order from the NORTH
 - 18th Battery A.F.A.
 - 17th Battery A.F.A.
 - 16th Battery A.F.A.
 - 107 Battery R.F.A.
 - 108 Battery R.F.A.
5. Rate of fire. 3 rounds per gun per minute till the protective line is reached and then one round per gun per minute until Zero plus 75 minutes when all fire will cease.
Batteries will lift in their respective lanes 100 yards every 3 minutes until the protective line is reached.
Ammunition. 50% "A" and 50% "AX" No number 106 fuzes to be used.
6. From Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes the 106th Battery A.F.A. and 107 Battery R.F.A. will fire on RAINCOURT on a line from R.33.b.7.2 to R.35.d.7.3. They will then search back along the trench system and buildings and roads in R.34.c. and d. 100 yards every 2 minutes, lifting at ZERO plus 30 minutes to the trench system and Valley in R.35.b. and R.35.d. EAST of a line from 5.0 to 9.0.
Rate of fire 3 rounds per how per minute for 30 minutes and then one round per how per minute for 45 minutes. No number 106 fuzes to be used within 400 yards of our own troops.
7. No fire must be brought in the vicinity of LA FLAQUE-WARFUSSE Road on which posts of the 3rd Division will be resting: the barrage being confined to the East and West Grid Line dividing R.27 and R.28 from R.33 and R.34.
8. ZERO hour will be 4 a.m. August 11th, 1918.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 7 p.m. 10/8/18

[Signature]
Adjutant, LEFT ARTILLERY GROUP

Lieut

Copies 1/4 to 23rd Army Bde. R.F.A.

5	16th Battery	10 to 106th Battery
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1st Aust Divn has is completing capture of BLUE LINE Tomorrow 11th inst AAA Attack will be made in conjunc with tanks AAA ZERO hour will be 4 am AAA Recon add both groups			
FROM	2nd Aust Divn		
PLACE & TIME	11-55		

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TO { Right Group
Left Group

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* DM 26	10/8	—	

2nd Aust. Div. is to attack on the morning of Aug. 11th. AAA Group Commanders will obtain all information and arrange all details with respective Inf. Brigadiers

From	2nd Aust Div. Arty.
Place	
Time	8.15 pm.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.2.

Headquarters,
19th August 1918.

Reference Sheet 62.D. S.R. & 62.C S.W. 1/20,000.

1. It is intended, in co-operation with the Division on our left to advance the 2nd Aust. Front to a line from X.11.c.0.0. to R.35.c.0.0. to CROSS ROADS at R.28.c. 50.45.
2. ZERO HOUR will be 4- \equiv am. on the 11th August 1918.
3. On the Right of the Divisional front the 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades are withdrawing to a line approximately North and South through X 10. central, this will be the Infantry jumping off line.
4. The Operation will be supported by Artillery, as follows:-

Right Group "C" Divisional Artillery and the 5th Aust. P.A. Brigades covering the 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade plus 1 Battalion 6th Inf. Bde.

5. Task Table is as follows :-

51st Battery and 53rd Battery	-	START LINE X 16.b.80.90. to X.10.b.80.50.
52th Battery and 54th Battery	-	X 10.b. 80. 50. to X 4.b.80.10.
49th Battery and 55th Battery	-	X 10.b. 80.90. to X 4.b.80.10.
113th Battery	-	X 11.a.40.50. to X 5.a.40.00.
114th Battery	-	X 11.c.40.00. to X 11.c.40.50.

6. Batteries will fire on the above lines for 2 minutes, They will then lift 100 yards where they will remain for 13 minutes. At ZERO plus 21 minutes All Batteries will left at the rate of 100 yards each 3 minutes until they reach a North and South line through X 11.central and X 5 central. Hows. will then be 200 yards further East.

All Batteries will remain on this PROTECTIVE BARBED WIRE until ZERO plus 75 minutes, when all fire will stop.

The 5th Aust. P.A. Bde. commencing on the line X.11. central to X.5. central will search and sweep for a distance of 1500 yards further East as follows :-

- 13th Battery - X 11.d. X.12.c. and S.7.c.
- 14th Battery - X.11.b. X.12.a. and S.7.a.
- 15th Battery - X.5.d. X.6.c. and S.1.c.

10th How. Battery will search and sweep the whole of the above areas.

Batteries of the 5th Aust. P.A. Brigade will commence on the line S.2.a. 00.00. to S.3.c.00.00. dropping 100 yards each minute to the line X 11 central and X.5. central, they will then search Eastwards and Westwards over this area until ZERO plus 75 minutes.

7. RATES OF FIRE.

13th and 14th Aust. P.A. Brigades

ZERO to ZERO plus 5.	4 rounds per gun per min.
ZERO plus 5 to ZERO plus 21.	2 " " " " "
" " 21 to " " 40	3 " " " " "
" " 40 to " " 60	2 " " " " "
" " 60 to " " 75	1 " " " " "

4.5 Hows.- ZERO to ZERO plus 5	3 rounds per how per min.
ZERO plus 5 to 21 plus 21.	2 " " " " "
" " 21 to 40.	3 " " " " "
" " 40 to 75	1 " " " " "

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5th Aust. P.A. Brigade

18-pdrs.	ZERO to 2 plus 10	3 rounds per gun per min
"	plus 10 to 2 plus 10	2 " " " "
"	plus 10 to 2 plus 60	2 " " " "
"	60 to 2	75.1 " " " "

4.5" Hows.-- ZERO to ZERO plus 30. 2 rounds per how. per min.
plus 30 to ZERO plus 75. 1

8. Should Smoke Shell be available, Batteries will fire 3 rounds Gun fire on reaching the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE Line at ZERO plus 30 minutes 100 Puses will not be fired within 400 yards of our Infantry or when firing on the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE.

9. On conclusion of the above Operation Batteries will adopt the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE as their S.O.S. Lines.

In the event of a S.O.S. call being made, Batteries will fire at the following rate:-

First 5 minutes	-	4 rounds per gun or how per min.
Next 3 minutes	-	2 " " " " " "
Next 2	-	1 " " " " " "

Should the call be repeated the maximum rate of fire will be resumed.

10. The 4th Aust. P.A. Bde. will assist the Operation by firing
1- 18pdr Battery and 1 Section of 4.5" Howitzers as follows:-

1- 18-pdr Battery ZERO to ZERO plus 20. ROAD from X.16.b. 75.90. to X.10.d.40. 40.

1. Sec. 4.5" Hows. from ZERO to ZERO plus 75. From X.5.d. 30.65 to X 5 b.70.00.

Rates of Fire 18pdrs. as for 13th & 14 th Aust. P.A. Bdes.

4.5" Hows. as for 5th Aust. P.A. Bde.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution:-

1. 2nd D.A.
2. 5th D.A.
3. 4th Aust. P.A. Bde.
- 4 - 5. 5th Aust. P.A. Bde.
- 8-12. 14th Aust. P.A. Bde.
13. 40th Coy.
14. 50th "
15. 51st "
16. 113th "
17. 7th Inf. Bde.
- 18-19. 20. per Diary.
- 21-22. Files.
- 23 6 ARMY BRIGADE PFA. ✓

Miller

Lieut & Adj. Right Group Arty.

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<u>Locations are</u>	<u>NUDI</u>	<u>W1161580</u>		
<u>NUBI</u>	<u>W628010</u>	<u>NWFI</u>	<u>W561585</u>	
<u>NWTI</u>	<u>Q28d1506</u>	<u>NUGI</u>	<u>W564090</u>	
<u>108</u>	<u>XIC</u>	<u>45.50</u>		
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TO Sept Group

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Line <u>on left</u>	as <u>follows</u>	mins <u>add R26D5'4</u>
<u>- R20 00.0 -</u>	<u>R20 00.4 - R13 cent</u>	
<u>- R7d 00.0 -</u>	<u>Q12 00.2 - Q12 00.2</u>	
<u>aaa</u>	<u>thence</u>	<u>along RSD</u>
<u>line</u>	<u>to R24 cent. -</u>	<u>R18d</u>
<u>and</u>	<u>h.</u>	

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Copy No.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 187.

Ref: HARBONNIERES, 1/40,000.

12th August, 1918.

1. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will move tomorrow, 13th inst., to positions which will be indicated.
- (b) One Officer from each Battalion will meet the Brigade Major at Brigade Headquarters at 6 a.m. tomorrow to proceed to forward areas.
2. Units will move in accordance with the following table:

Unit	Starting Point		Route.
	Place	Pass.	
58th Bn.	Road Junction O.8.C.9-5.	5.15 a.m.	O.14.B.2-3. - O.20.B.5-4. - Railway in O.27.D. - thence follow along Railway or suit- able tracks immediately South to GILLAUCOURT.
57th Bn.	Cross Roads O.13.D.3-8.	-do-	O.19.B.9-5. - Join VILLERS- BRETONNEUX ROAD in O.26.C. or D. - Follow Road to O.28.C.5-4. thence by suitable roads or track tracks keeping approx. 1000 yards SOUTH of Railway.
59th Bn.	Road Junction O.8.C.9-5.	6.15 a.m.	As for 58th Battalion.
60th Bn.	Cross Roads O.13.D.3-8.	-do-	As for 57th Battalion.
15th ALTB.	-do-	-	To follow 60th Battalion.
15th A.I. Bde. H.Q.	Cross Roads O.13.D.3-8.	9 a.m.	O.19.B.9-5. - Join VILLERS- BRETONNEUX Road in O.26.C. or D. - Follow Road to where Railway Crosses - thence as for 58th Battalion.

3. First Line Transport will move as follows:

Units (in order of march)	Starting Point		Route.
	Place	Pass	
59th Bn.	Railway Bridge O.7.B.3-9.	8 a.m.	W.14 - FOUILLOY - Cross Roads O.10.D.6-8. - O.18.D.1-4.
Bde. H.Q.		8.15 a.m.	- P.25.B.2-8. - V.2.B.7-9. -
58th Bn.		8.45 a.m.	thence by track just NORTH of
57th Bn.		9.15 a.m.	Railway to W.14.
60th Bn.		9.45 a.m.	
15th ALTB.		9.50 a.m.	

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- 4. (a) All moves will be by Platoons at double distances.
- (b) Transport will move in Sections of Six Vehicles at distances of 100 yards; 300 yards between Units.
- (c) There will be no movement of troops North of the Railway.
- (d) There will be no movement of any description during daylight EAST of the N. and S. Grid Line between W.22. and 23.

5. (a) Destinations of Units will probably be:

- 57th Battalion } W.22.
- 58th Battalion }
- 59th Battalion } W.28.
- 60th Battalion }
- 15th A.L.T.H.B. }

1st Line Transport W.8.D.

(b) Advance Officers will meet Units at GILLAUCOURT and guide to bivouac areas.

6. Troops will move in fighting order. All surplus baggage will be dumped on the Brigade Dump under orders already issued by the Staff Captain. Battalion Bands will rejoin the Brigade Nucleus as C.O.'s. may direct leaving present areas before 12 noon. They will march out carrying the unexpired portion and 24 hours rations.

7. Each Unit will detail a mounted Officer to report Brigade Major at 5 p.m. to reconnoitre forward assembly positions.

8. Brigade Headquarters will close at VECQUEMONT at 9 a.m. and will reopen at W.22.D.1-5. on arrival.

9. Acknowledge.

[Handwritten signature]

Captain,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 2 a.m. by Special Despatch Rider to:

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- 57th Battalion 1.
- 58th Battalion 2.
- 59th Battalion 3.
- 60th Battalion 4.
- 15th A.L.T.H.B. 5.
- Copies to:
- G.O.C. 15th A.I. Brigade 6.
- Staff Captain 7.
- No. 4 Signal Section 8.
- 29th A.A.S.C. 9.
- 5th Aust. Division "G" 10.
- 5th Aust. Division "A. & Q" 11.
- 8th A.I. Brigade 12.
- 14th A.I. Brigade 13.
- 5th Aust. H.G. Battalion 14.
- A.D.S. 5th Aust. Division 15.
- C.R.E. 5th Aust. Division 16.
- 6th Army F.A. Brigade 17.
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- War Diary 19-21.

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TO		Lt Col. C. H. New CMG DSO		50 10 th Ave BHP		
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* BM 51		12 th				
<p>Please come to the H.R. at 8 within our Adjutant at 8 am tomorrow AM your Bds will be ready to receive at your - probable destination W 25 AM Acknowledge</p>						
From		J. H. M. O. L. O. N. C. A.				
Place						
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TO } C.O. 6th Armm Bde 7a
 14th Bde 7a

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

A conference will be held at 12 noon tomorrow 14th at Chateau GUILLAUCOURT. The C.R.A. will probably be present & would like you to attend.

From J. T. Mellon
 Place
 Time

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 5.

Headquarters,
13th. August 1918.

VETERINARY AND SALVAGE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. The 5th. Aust. Mobile Vet. Section is located as follows :-

- 5th. Aust. M.V.S. N. 13. d. 6. 9. (62. D.).
(Moving to a location to be notified later).
- 5th. Aust. M.V.S. Advanced Post. - O. 29. c. 5. 7. (62. D.).

The 1st. Aust. V.E.S. is at POULAINVILLE, O. 2. c. 8. 1. (62. D.), and will receive there on 13th. inst, and will open at CORBIE (location to be notified later) on 15th. inst. On the 14th. inst., horses are being held at M.V. Sections.

2. Commencing 13th. August, a daily Veterinary Casualty Return will be rendered on the following pro-forma by Brigades and D.A.C's.
The 13th. Aust. F.A. Bde and 14th. Aust. F.A. Bde and 5th. Aust. D.A.C. will render the report to this office. 3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery and Army Brigades A.F.A. will render the report through customary channels to A.D.V.S. Corps.

Horses.		Mules.		H O R S E S			M U L E S		
Admitted	Admitted	Killed	Destroyed	Missing	Killed	Destroyed	Miss	-ing.	
Wounded	Wounded.								

A return for the period 8/11th. inst. will be rendered by 6.p.m. 15th. inst.

3. Fourth Army are taking over the clearing of all Salvage as far East as a line I. 29. d. 8. 0. - CORBIE - FOUILLOY - VILLERS BRETTONEUX, all exclusive.

The Australian Corps are responsible for an Area bounded on the West by the above line, and on the North and South by the SOMME and the VILLERS BRETTONEUX - CHAULNES Railway.

Salvage as collected is being dumped on main traffic routes. General Salvage will be picked up and conveyed to Railhead by any empty transport moving in that direction. All transport is to be given orders to that effect.

Ammunition Empties will be taken to the nearest A.R.P's by any transport moving in that direction - O.'s C. A.R.P's will ensure that these empties are not dumped in such a manner as to disclose the location of the dump. All M.T. Drivers, running empty, have been instructed to return any ammunition empties dumped at A.R.P's to the Ammunition Railhead. (at present VECQUEMONT).

Edgar H. Brook
Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Issued to all Recipients of 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Administrative Instruction No. 3.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYSECRETCopy No.....¹⁰ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.6.Headquarters,
13th. August 1918.

Reference Map - ROSIERES 1:40,000.

Reference 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Instruction No.1 Series C.

SUPPLIES AND STORES

1. From 15th. inst., Units of the 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery will draw from P.32.a.5.5.
2. D.A.D.O.S. 5th.Aust.Divn. have established ~~and~~ an advanced Dump at W.14.a.5.3.
3. No.53 Ordnance Mobile Workshop (Light) is at VILLERS BRETONEUX (O.29.d.8.6.).
4. Drinking Water is available at the following points :-

P.29.c.0.4.	Water Tanks.
Q.32.d.3.9.	Windlass and Bucket.
Q.32.d.3.7.	do.
W.2.b.4.3.	do.
Q.26.c.8.3.	do.
Q.32.c.5.8.3	do.
Q.35.a.7.9.	Power Pump.

ANIMALS :- W.7.d.6.6. and W.9.c.2.1.

No water from captured wells is to be used until it has been tested and marked safe.

Every effort will be made to conserve the water supply.

All Horse watering should be by bucket, pending the erection of troughs.

5. Technical Store Wagons of D.A.C's and B.A.C's will be stationed at A.R.P. and Units will indent on them for replacement of stores. Unserviceable stores will be returned with indent.

E. H. Booth
Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Issued to all recipients of 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Administrative Instruction No.3.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 1.

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Headquarters,
4th. August 1918.

Issued in conjunction with 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Instruction No.1.

- 1. AMMUNITION PACKS. All Ammunition Packs will be made ready for immediate use.
- 2. SUPPLIES. From 4th. instant, Units of the 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery will draw from H.7.d., North of Cemetery.
Oxo, Pea Soup, and solidified alcohol will be issued by S.S.O.
Chloride of lime may be drawn at Advanced Divisional Dump which will be established at O.28.c.4.3.
- 3. IRON RATIONS. All ranks taking part in the operation will carry two iron rations in addition to unexpended portion of days rations. These will be drawn under arrangements to be notified.
- 4. WATER BOTTLES. Every effort must be made to prevent wastage of drinking water. All water bottles must be filled and kept filled.
- 5. WATER POINTS. will be established in the Forward Area :-
 - (a) (i) O.7.b.9.5. Dixie Filler and Horse Trough.
 - (ii) O.15.b.8.0. Stand Pipe and Dixie Filler with sub-line to O.17.a.1.9. Bottles and Dixie Filler.
 - (iii) O.29.b.5.0. 8000 gallon tank at end of pipe line.
 - (b) No water from captured wells is to be used until it has been tested and marked safe.
 - (c) All horse watering should be by bucket, pending the erection of troughs.
- 6. GAS STORES. All Gas Suits on issue to 13th. and 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigades will be carried forward and used.
- 7. LEWIS GUNS. A post for the replacement of Lewis Guns will be established by A.D.O.S. of Corps at LA MOTTE BREBIERE.
- 8. D.A.D.O.S. will establish an advanced post in the vicinity of GLISY at a location to be detailed.
- 9. TRENCH BRIDGES. One Trench Bridge per Battery of the undermentioned Units will be drawn at a time and place to be notified by the Staff Captain, 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

- 4th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
- 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
- 6th. (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
- 13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
- 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
- 14th. Brigade R.F.A.
- 71st. Heavy Battery R.G.A.

10. SANDBAGS, FASINES, and PETROL TINS. have been demanded and will be available at a time and place to be notified by Staff Captain, 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

P.T.O.

4th. August 1918.

Admin. Instruction No. 1.

11. ROADS AND TRACKS. All Roads to be used by M.T. and H.T. will have Notice Boards (1ft. square) on them as follows.

For use of M.T.

M. T.

For use of H.T.

H. T.

Letters will be in BLACK on WHITE ground.

12. BAGGAGE DUMP. A Dump will be established by C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A. Column, to which all surplus kits and baggage will be sent by Units of the 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

13. DETAIL. D.T.M.O. will arrange for necessary personnel to report to O.C. Supply Tanks at Tank Refilling Post at O.13.a.2.8. by 8.a.m. on 5.8.18. Two iron rations and unexpended portion of days rations to be carried.

C.O. 5th. Aust. D.A. Column will arrange accommodation at rear wagon lines for the following detail :-

DENTAL UNIT - Y.M.C.A. - TAILORS AND BOOTMAKERS SHOP.

Captain J.H. COPPOCK, Horsmaster, 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery, will remain with this detail.

14. VETERINARY. The Mobile Veterinary Section will be at BLANGY-TRONVILLE, where all Units will evacuate. Conducting parties will return to Units after handing over.

15. SANITATION. In view of the prevalence of dysentery, the greatest care must be exercised regarding sanitation of area taken over, particularly as regards latrines and protection of food from flies.

16. CROPS. On no account are animals to be allowed to feed on wheat crops.

Captain,
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 1.

SERIES "C"

Headquarters,
13th August, 1918.

Ref. Map HARBONNIERES 1-40,000.

1. The 5th Australian Division will attack the enemy on the 16 5th August, 1918. Zero hour will be notified later.
2. Maps showing the approximate Start line, and the Divisional boundaries have been issued to those concerned.
There are 3 objectives, called -
The Halt line (Brown line)
The 1st objective (Green line)
The Exploitation line (Red line)
As shown on the barrage maps to be issued later.
3. The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will attack on the Left.
The 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade will attack on the Right.
The 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be in Reserve.
4. The 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade, 4th Australian Division, is attacking on the Left of the 5th Australian Division.
The 2nd Canadian Division is attacking on the Right of the 5th Australian Division.
5. Inter-brigade boundary between the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade:- An E and W line along the grid line through A.8.central.
6. Field Artillery is allotted as follows:-
Right Group, covering the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O.
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade
7th Aust. F.A. Brigade
8th Aust. F.A. Brigade
Left Group, covering the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.
6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
3rd (Army) Brigade, Aust. F.A.
15th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
The 8th Brigade, R.G.A., is affiliated for this operation to the 5th Australian Division - Headquarters E.8.b.3.6.
7. The attack on the Halt line will be carried out with a creeping barrage, in accordance with the barrage map.
The attack on the 1st objective and Exploitation lines will be carried out by mobile warfare methods.
8. The Infantry tape line will be as follows:-
A.14.c.5.0 - A.8.b.4.0 - A.2.b.9.0 - S.26.d.9.0 -
S.26.b.6.0 - S.20.c.3.0 - X.24.a.0.5 - X.17.b.0.0 -
X.11.c.5.0 - X.11.a.0.1 - X.5.b.0.0.

P.T.O.

At Zero hour the Field Artillery barrage will open on a line 200 yards in advance of the Infantry taped line. At Zero hour plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes, for 3 lifts. From the 4th lift, inclusive, the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes up to the Brown line. The barrage will halt on the Brown line for 15 minutes and will then advance, as far as range permits, at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes as shown on barrage map.

Field Artillery barrage fire will then cease and the success will be exploited by the Infantry, Cavalry and Tanks, up to the limits laid down above.

The attention of all officers will be called to the fact that some of the Tanks employed will be Whippets.

9. The attack on the Green line and Exploitation line will be carried out as follows:-

(a) At Zero plus 90 minutes, the C.O.'s 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., and the 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade will send forward one section of 18 pdrs to closely support each battalion making the attack on their respective fronts. These sections will work in the closest liaison with the battalions which they cover.

(b) At Zero plus 140 minutes, the 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade and the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A. (less sections detailed in sub-para (a)) and the 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade (less sections detailed in sub-para (a)) will advance and support the Infantry by fire with direct observation

For this purpose the 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A. and the 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade, less 1-18 pdr battery and 1-4.5" How. battery, will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade. The 14th Aust.F.A. Brigade and 1-18 pdr and 1-4.5" How battery from the 13th Aust.F.A. Brigade, will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

On completing their barrage tasks the 3rd (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A., and the 7th and 8th Aust.F.A. Brigades will remain in their positions, become Corps Reserve, and pass to the command of the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division.

10. On gaining the Exploitation line objective, the sections detailed in para. 9 sub-para (a) will revert to their respective batteries, and the Artillery will be grouped as follows:-

Right Group, covering the front of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DERRILL, D.S.O.
14th Aust.F.A. Brigade
1-18 pdr and 1-4.5" How battery from 13th Aust.F.A. Bde.

Left Group, covering the front of the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, under the command of Lieut-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.
6th (Army) Brigade, Aust.F.A.
13th Aust.F.A. Brigade (less 1-18 pdr and 1-4.5 How bty).

Group commanders will at once make all arrangements for defending their respective fronts.

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11. Group commanders will make arrangements to keep in touch with Artillery Group and Brigade commanders on either flank and between themselves.
12. Ammunition will be dumped at gun pits as follows forthwith:-
- | | |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 18 pdrs | - 500 rounds per gun. |
| 4.5" Hows. | + 450 rounds per How. |
- For the creeping barrage 18 pdr ammunition will be fired as follows:- 15% Smoke, 35% H.E. delay action, 50% Shrapnel.
- 4.5" How. ammunition:- 85% H.E. with 106 faze, 15% Smoke.
- At Zero hour all echelons will be full.
- For 18 pdrs "A" and "AX" in equal proportions. 5 rounds of Smoke will be carried on each gun limber and 10 rounds of Smoke will be carried in each of the firing battery and first line wagons.
- For 4.5" Hows. H.E. and a proportion of Smoke if available.
13. For this operation -
- No.1 Section 5th Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 13th Aust.F.A.Bde
 No.2 Section 5th Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 14th Aust.F.A.Bde
 No.1 Section 3rd Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 7th Aust.F.A.Bde
 No.2 Section 3rd Aust.D.A.C. is allotted to 8th Aust.F.A.Bde
 6th Army B.A.C., A.F.A., is allotted to the 6th Army Bde, A.F.A.
 3rd Army B.A.C., A.F.A., is allotted to the 3rd Army Bde, A.F.A.
14. The 7th and 8th Aust.F.A.Briganades and the 3rd Aust.Divl Ammunition Column will march forthwith to square V.25 under orders of their respective C.O's.
- The 13th Aust.F.A.Briganade will march forthwith to square V.28 under orders of the C.O. 13th Aust.F.A.Briganade.
- The 14th Aust.F.A.Briganade will march forthwith to square V.29 under orders of the C.O. 14th Aust.F.A.Briganade.
- The 6th (Army) Briganade, Aust.F.A., will march forthwith to square V.22 under orders of the C.O. 6th (Army) Briganade, Aust.F.A.
- The 5th Aust.D.A.C., will march forthwith to square W.26 under orders of the C.O. 5th Aust.D.A.C.
15. Briganade commanders will reconnoitre positions for their batteries forthwith to carry out tasks as laid out in these instructions and move their batteries into action.
- Group and Briganade Headquarters and selected battery position locations will be forwarded to this Office as early as possible.
16. Watches will be synchronised with Group Headquarters under arrangements made by this Office.
17. Responsibility for the defence of the front passes to the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division at 12 midnight 14th August, 1918. Group commanders will arrange "S.O.S" lines with Infantry Brigadiers concerned from that hour and will send copies of these lines to this Office.

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18. Trench Mortars: One battery of the 3rd Aust. Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will move to about E.9.b.9.5 - the guns will be parked in this vicinity.

One battery of the 5th Aust. Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigade will move to about E.3.b.9.2 - the guns will be parked in this vicinity.

The personnel of these batteries will be employed under a party of Pioneers to improve the forward communications and roads for the advance of the Field Artillery on the Right and Left Group fronts, respectively.

The remaining batteries of the 3rd and 5th Australian Divl Medium Trench Mortar Brigades will remain at FOUILLOY.

19. Messages may be despatched from the following positions:-

W.14.b.0.3
W.8.d.9.2.
W.24.b.central
X.28.b. cross roads
2nd Divl Signal Office in BAYONVILLERS about W.32.c.7.3
Canadian Officer in E.18.b.9.3.

20. Each Brigade, D.A.C. & B.A.C., will each detail two Orderlies to report to Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, at 3 p.m., 14/8/18.

21. Battle Headquarters for the 14th and 15th Aust. Infantry Brigades, from noon 14th August, will be at F.6.c.5.0.

22. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, will remain at G.25.a.9.6

23. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. Miller
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Divl Artillery.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 188.

Ref: HARBONNIERES
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13.8.18

- Following on the approach march today the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will tomorrow (14th inst.) march to positions of Assembly EAST of ROSIERES.
- All moves will be made in accordance with the following table:

UNIT	Move		Starting Point		Route.
	From	To	Place	Pass	
57th Bn.	W.22.D.	F.5.	W.23.A.4-6	2 a.m.	ROUTE No. 1: Track running S.W. immediately N. of Railway Line to X.26. where guides will meet.
58th Bn.	W.22.A.	F.4.A. & B. - X.28. G. & B.	-do-	To follow 57th Bn.	
59th Bn.	W.23.	F.11.	E.4.A.9-4.	2 a.m.	ROUTE No. 2: Road Junction E.6.C.3-5. - X Roads F.1.C.9-4. - X Roads F.3.C.1-6. where guides will meet.
60th Bn.	W.23.	F.10.	-do-	To follow 59th Bn.	

- Advance officers have already gone forward and will allot accommodation and guide Units to Areas.
- (a) Light Horse, Machine Gun and Trench Mortar Personnel will move with the Battalions to which they are attached.
(b) Two Sections 15th Field Company A.E. will move and report one section to each the C.O's. 58th and 60th Battalions respectively before 4 p.m. on the 14th inst. Units will move in such manner as to ensure the utmost precaution against casualties from hostile shelling or bombing. All Ranks must be settled before 4.15 a.m. There will be a minimum of movement during the hours of daylight and special Officers will be detailed to observe.
- No transport of any description will approach the assembly areas in daylight.
- Locations of Headquarters will be notified to Brigade Headquarters as soon as settled.
- Brigade Headquarters will close at the CHATEAU, GILLAUCOURT at 11 a.m. and reopen at the QUARRY, F.6.C.8-1. at the same hour.
- Acknowledge.

Wollan
 Wollan
 Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

P.T.O.

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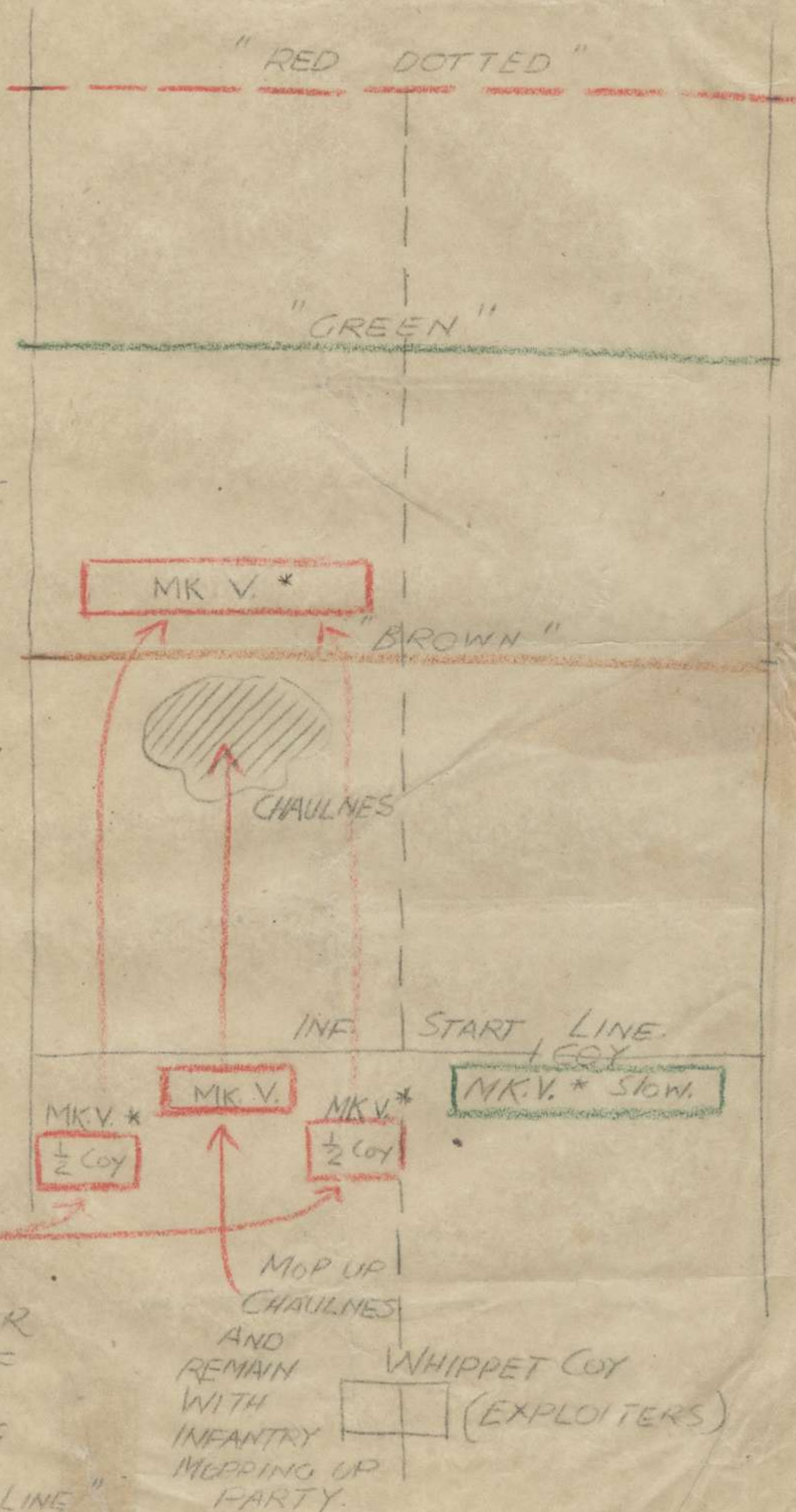
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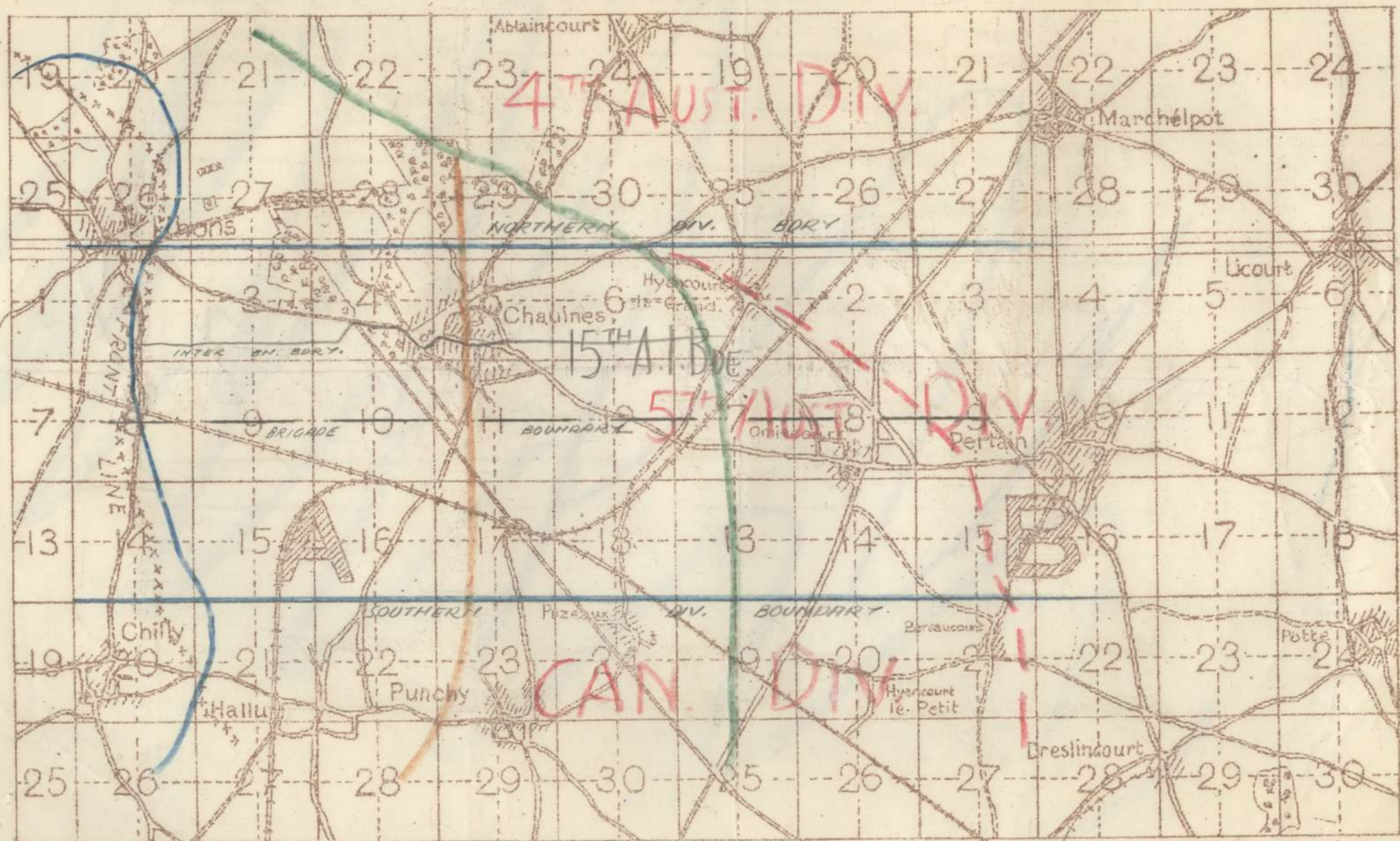
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LEGEND

APPROX. BRITISH FRONT LINE
APPROX. LINE OF 1ST HALT.
GENERAL LINE OF 1ST OBJECTIVE
GENERAL LINE TO BE REACHED BY EXPLOITATION

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B", No. 3.

"Plan of Attack".

13th August, 1918.

Further to Brigade Preliminary Instructions, Series "B" No. 2, the following is issued:

1. (a) The role of the 5th Australian Division is to penetrate the enemy's position and exploit the success as far as the line OMIECOURT - HYENCOURT - LEGRAND.
 - (b) Objectives (as shown on map previously issued) have been altered and will now be as shown on map issued herewith.
 2. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will consist of:
 - 15th A.I. Brigade Headquarters.
 - 4 Infantry Battalions.
 - 15th A.L.T.M.B. Troop Light Horse.
 - 6th Aust. (Army) F.A. Brigade (when barrage task completed)
 - 2 Sections 15th Field Coy. Engineers.
 - 8th Machine Gun Company.
 - Tanks (to be detailed)
 - Detachment Field Ambulance Bearers.
 - 3 Carrying Tanks.
 - (b) One squadron of the 3rd Cavalry Brigade and one Company of Whippet Tanks will co-operate. Their role will be to exploit the success as far as the general line OMIECOURT - HYENCOURT - LEGRAND.
 3. The Brigade Group will be disposed as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57th Battalion 1 Sect. (Aust) Army Brigade 1 Section 8th M.G. Coy. 1 Section 15th A.L.T.M.B. 1 Section Light Horse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 58th Battalion. 1 Section 8th (Aust) Army Brigade. 1 Section 8th M.G. Coy. 1 Section 15th A.L.T.M.B. 1 Section Light Horse.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 59th Battalion 1 Sect. 8th M.G. Coy. 1 Sect. 15th Field Coy. A.E. 1 Sect. 15th A.L.T.M.B. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60th Battalion 1 Sect. 8th M.G. Coy. 1 Sect. 15th Field Coy. A.E. 1 Sect. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
- 15th A.I. Brigade H.Qrs.
6th (Aust) Army Field Artillery Brigade.
(The dispositions of Tanks will be notified)
4. (a) At Zero hour the Field Artillery barrage will open on a line 200 yards in advance of the Infantry Taps line.
 - (b) At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 5 minutes for three lifts.
 - (c) From the 4th lift inclusive the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes up to the BROWN LINE.
 - (d) The barrage will halt on the BROWN LINE for 15 minutes and will then advance as far as range permits at the rate of 100 yards in four minutes.
 - (e) Field Artillery barrage will then cease and the success will be exploited by the Infantry, Cavalry and Tanks.
 - (f) The Barrage fire will include approx. 15% Smoke Shells.
 5. Acknowledge.

G.P. Allan
Captain,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "B" No. 4.

"Assembly".

13th August, 1918.

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1. (a) Units will arrange for a thorough reconnaissance of the Forward Area on the 14th inst.
 - (b) The greatest care will be taken not to make known to the enemy the presence of the troops in the forward area and Officers and men will be especially careful not to expose themselves on the front.
 - (c) All reconnoitring parties will report at the Headquarters 3rd Aust. Inf. Battalion, F.6.C.8-1., before going forward. The Battalion Staff have promised to give every assistance.
2. Arrangements for taping out the "Start Line" will be as follows:
 - (a) Units will reconnoitre as far as possible during daylight the general "lie position".
 - (b) C.O. 15th Field Coy. A.E. will detail sufficient personnel for taping duties in charge of an Officer to report to C.O's. 57th and 59th Battalions before noon on 14th inst.
 - (c) Captain D.B. DOYLE, Brigade Intelligence Officer will supervise the taping of the line in consultation with Battalion I.O's.
 - (d) Taping will be completed after nightfall Y/Z night.
3. Owing to the broken nature of the country routes to the assembly positions will be previously reconnoitred and suitably marked. Every precaution will be taken to prevent straggling.
4. The Brigade will relieve the 3rd Australian Infantry Battalion in the front line as early as possible on the night 15th/16th inst. as follows:
 - (a) 60th Battalion with one Company will relieve that portion of the 3rd Australian Infantry Battalion holding the line from the Railway A.8.B.1-1. on the South to A.2.C.1-4 on the North.
 - (b) 58th Battalion with one Company will relieve that portion of the 3rd Aust. Infantry Battalion holding the line from A.2.C.1-4. on the South to A.2.B.1-8. on the North.
 - (c) All details of relief will be arranged by Battalion Commanders concerned.
5. The Companies of the 58th and 60th Battalions holding the line will rally after the 57th and 59th Battalions have passed through and will operate with their Battalion in the Special role allotted them.
6. (a) Tanks are to be assembled in concealed positions in the forward area under orders of the 5th Tank Brigade prior to the night 15th/16th inst.
 - (b) On the night 15th/16th inst. Tanks allotted to troops attacking the first objective will commence to move forward at 9.30 p.m. to the Tanks Start Line.
 - (c) They will move to a line not nearer to the Tank Start Line than 3,000 yards under full engines. From there they will continue the movement to the Tank Start Line moving slowly and as quietly as possible.

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- (d) The Tank Start Line will be approximately 1,000 yards in rear of the Infantry Taped Line.
- (e) Tanks will leave the Tank Start Line at such times as will allow them to catch up to the Infantry as the barrage lifts at Zero plus 3 minutes.
- (f) To conceal the noise of the engines during the advance of the Tanks the 5th Brigade R.A.F. will arrange to have aeroplanes flying continuously over the Corps area from 9.30 p.m. until midnight on the night 15th/16th inst., and from Zero minus 1 hour onwards to Zero.
- (g) A diagram showing the action of Tanks co-operating with the 5th Australian Division is attached.

Captain,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.3.

Headquarters,
13th. August 1918.

Reference Sheet - ROSIERES 1:40,000.

Reference 5th.Aust.Div.Art. Instruction No.1 Series C.

AMMUNITION.

- (a) Main A.R.P. for this Artillery Group have been established at E.9.b.9.5. (no.1.) and E.3.b.8.2. (No.2.) These are manned by personnel of the 5th. Aust. M.T.M. Batteries.
(b) Right Group Artillery will normally draw from No.1 Dump, Left Group Artillery from No.2 Dump.

- (a) The ammunition establishment required as laid down in above order amounts to the following per Battery :-

<u>18.pdr.</u>			<u>4.5" How.</u>		
At Gun Positions	A.	1800	At Gun Positions	BX	2700
" " "	AX.	1260	" " "	BS	300
" " "	AS.	540			
Battery Echelons	A.	528	Battery Echelons	BX	573
" " "	AX	453	" " "	BS	75
" " "	AS	75			
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Total per Battery		4656	Total per Battery		3648
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(b) Ammunition will be conveyed direct from No.1 and No.2 A.R.P's to Gun Pits by Brigades, D.A.C's and B.A.C.'s concerned.

D.A.C. Sections and B.A.C's are allotted to Brigades as in 5th. Aust. Div.Art. Instruction No.1. Series C.

B.A.C. Commanders and Section Commanders, D.A.C., are responsible for keeping in touch with the Brigade Commanders to whom they are allotted.

- Ammunition returns required are sent out in memo, issued to Units responsible for furnishing them. (5th.Aust.Div.Artillery No.A.8/82 of 10.8.1918).
- All ammunition packs will be hold ready for use.
- S.O.S. Rockets are available at No.1. and No.2. A.R.P's and may be drawn, six per Brigade.

E. H. Scott

Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,

5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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6th Army Brigade A.F.A.
August 13th 1918

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O.C. 16th Battery
O.C. 17th Battery
O.C. 18th Battery
O.C. 19th Battery
O.C. 6th B. A. C.

1. All Units of the Brigade will be prepared to march in fighting order at 8 a.m. on 13th August arranging revivelle, water and breakfast sufficiently early for this purpose by Unit arrangement.
2. Probable destination W.25.
3. Personnel over establishment and the following officers and all stores and equipment not required will be dumped forthwith at Deep Dugouts at 18th Battery where the nucleus will be temporarily established. The following officers will be left behind:

Capt. A.S. Macdonald	6th B.A.C. in charge
Lieut. Mills W. T.	18th Battery
" Meagher L. C.	17th Battery
" Tall F. S. M.C.	19th Battery
4. Route O.18.b. WARPUSSE-ABANCOURT - LA MOTTE en SANTIENNE - W.25. WEINCOURT to W.25.
5. Each Battery and B.A.C. will detail one guide to report to Lt. Fleming to bring ration wagons to their new destination.
6. 6th B.A.C. will draw trench bridges from TRANSIT DUMP forth with and will hold them at the disposal of the Brigade

Headquarters

[Signature]
Adjutant 6th Army Bde A.F.A. Lieut

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A.

TO.O.C. 7th BATTERY W.L.
8th " "
9th " "
103 rd " "
B.A.C.
WAR DIARY
LEFT GROUP 5th D.A.
FILE.

HEADQUARTERS,
G/328,
14-8-1918.

- (1) 5th Aust D.A. Instructions NO.1 and 2 and Administrative Instructions 3, 5 and 6 have been issued to all units.
- (2) Reference Instruction NO.1. para.12
At Zero Hour all echelons will be Full. Batteries and B.A.C. of 3rd Army Brigade will carry 50%A, 50%AX and 100%BX and as many 106 Fuzes as possible.
If available 10 rounds Smoke per gun will be carried and amount of H.B. reduced accordingly.
- (3) Reference Administrative Instructions NO.3.
3rd B.A.C. will normally draw from A.R.P. at E.3.B.8.2.
- (4) The amount of ammunition required at Gun positions by daylight on 15th August is as under :-

Per 18 Pdr.....500 Rds.
Per 4.5" How.....450 Rds.
As near as possible in proportion laid down in this Office G/325.
- (5) Reference Administrative Instruction NO.5.
5th.M.V.S. is located at N.13.D.6.9.
Advanced PostO.29.4.5.7. SHEET 62D
- (6) Corps Camouflage Dump is now located at P.13.C.9.7. South East of CORBIE.

Alldunphy CAPT.F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS Series "B" No. 5.

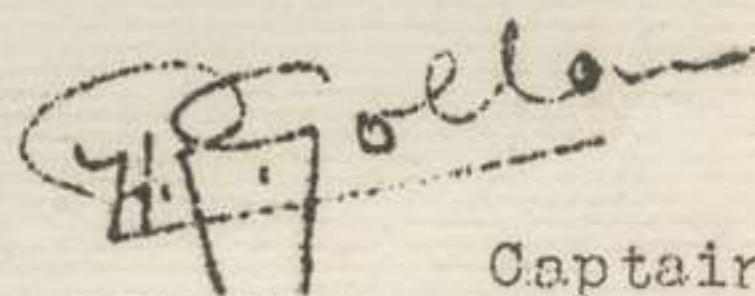
"Liaison"

14th August 1918

1. The following officers have been detailed for duty as liaison officers with flank Brigades and will report before 12 noon on the 15th inst. to the Headquarters of units as shown:

Officer	Unit	Report to	Location
Major T.KERR, M.C.	30th Bn.	H.Q. 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	Right Brigade F.6.C.5-0.
Major H.D.G. FERRES, M.C.	58th Bn.	H.Q. 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	Left Brigade (position to be notified)

2. Major Ferres will be supplied by 58th Battalion with two runners with bicycles. As 14th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters will be located together Major Kerr will not require runners.
3. Attention is directed to Preliminary Instructions No.7 in relation to liaison between Battalions and the notification of change of Headquarters.
4. Acknowledge.



Captain.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 11.30 a.m. through Signals to
all recipients Preliminary Instructions No.3

SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO C.1.

1. The following detail of duties and arrangements in respect of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No 1 are published for information and action:
- (a) Reference para 6. The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will cover the Left half of the Left Group Front; the 13th A.F.A. Brigade will cover the right half of the Left Group Front. The 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will be super-imposed over the whole Left Group front in the following order from the North:
- 18th Battery
 - 16th Battery
 - 17th Battery
- (b) Reference para 9 (a) The mobile section to support the Infantry will be detailed one from the 16th Battery under Lieut. E. G. S. HAGGART and one from the 16th Battery under Lieut. C. A. REID. These officers will report forthwith to the C.O. 59th and 57th Battalions respectively and establish Liaison.
- (c) Reference para 9 (b) The order of the advance of Batteries at Zero plus 140 minutes will be 16th Battery, 17th Battery, 16th Battery, 2 Batteries of 13th A.F.A. Brigade 16th Battery.
- (d) At Zero plus one hour Lieut. R. T. BROCKLEBANK, 17th Battery will report to Group Headquarters mounted with a view to proceeding forward to reconnoitre and reporting to the Group the best road forward for Batteries to follow. This Officer will acquaint himself forthwith with roads forward on the Left Group Sector to our Front Line.
- (e) Reference para 11. Batteries of 6th Army Brigade and Sub-group will report by 4 p.m. today to the CHATEAU at GUILLACOURT, the ammunition now at Pits by nature. Return to be made by Batteries.
- (f) Batteries of 6th Army Brigade and Sub-group will report by 4 p.m. today to the CHATEAU, GUILLACOURT, the exact pin point of Battery positions and of Sub-group Headquarters and of all Wagon Lines.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9.30 a.m.
August 14th 1918.

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

Distribution:

Copy No 1	to 13th A.F.A. Bde.
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4	16th Battery
5	16th Battery
6	15th Aust. Infy. Brigade
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	15th A.L.T.M.B. 15th Field Coy. A.E.							
	8th M.G. Company. Staff Captain,							
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYS E C R E T

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 7.

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Headquarters,
14th. August 1918.

Reference 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Memo No. G.16/1/392.

1. No further ammunition will be drawn from A.R.P's.
2. All ammunition at Gun Pits will be protected from the weather, and count taken of the quantity by classes.
Return showing location and quantity of this ammunition will be forwarded to 5th. Aust. D. A.H.Q. as soon as possible.
3. Echelons will be kept full.
4. Ammunition at A.R.P's will be checked and covered.
5. All supplies and stores which have been issued specially for this operation will at present be held at wagon lines.

*E. H. Booth*Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.Issued to all recipients of 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Administrative
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HEADQUARTERS.
5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
No. 716/1/392
Date.....

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

- C.O. 1st Aust. P.A. Brigade
- C.O. 2nd Aust. P.A. Brigade
- C.O. 7th Aust. P.A. Brigade
- C.O. 8th Aust. P.A. Brigade
- C.O. 3rd (Army) Brigade, Aust. P.A.
- C.O. 6th (Army) Brigade, Aust. P.A.
- C.O. 3rd Aust. D.A.C.
- C.O. 5th Aust. D.A.C.
- C.O. 3rd A.P.A., D.A.C.
- C.O. 6th A.P.A., D.A.C.
- B.T.H.O. 3rd Aust. Division
- B.T.H.O. 5th Aust. Division

Headquarters,
14th August, 1918.

The operations alluded to in 5th Australian
Divisional Artillery Instructions Nos. 1 and 2, Series "C" are
CANCELLED.

You will stand fast pending further instructions.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

Chick of Ritz
St. Hubert

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

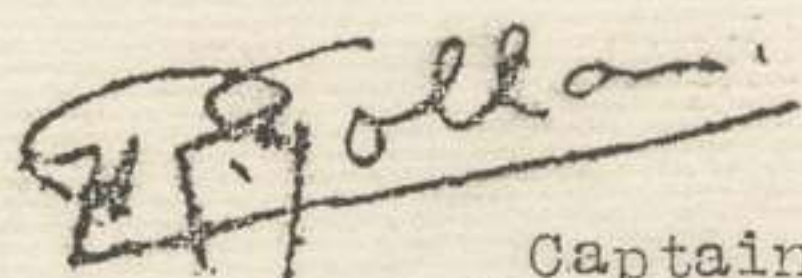
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS Series "B" No. 6.

14th August 1918

1. Reference Brigade Order No.188. 57th and 59th Battalions will move at 10 p.m. tonight(14th inst) being followed by 58th and 60th Battalions respectively. Attached Sections of the 15th A.L.T.M.B. will report to Battalions in the new area before 12 noon tomorrow.
2. Completion of moves will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by the despatch of the word "ROSE" from 3rd Battalion Headquarters F.6.C.8-1.
3. Brigade Headquarters will close at the CHATEAU, GILLAUCOURT, at 12 noon and will re-open at the QUARRY, F.6.C.8-1. at the same hour.
4. See Preliminary Instructions No.3 Para 3. Transpose 58th and 59th Battalions. One Section of 18 pdrs. will be allotted to each the 58th and 60th Battalions.
5. Each Unit will send an officer to Brigade Headquarters at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on "Y" Day for the synchronisation of Watches.
6. The loads to be carried on the man will be the same as laid down in Preliminary Instructions No.20 previously issued.
7. The Infantry Forming up line will be as shown on Field Artillery Barrage Map previously issued.
8. The O.C.15th Machine Gun Company is detailing eight guns to protect the Northern Flank of the Brigade if necessary. These guns will be located at SEVEN TREES (F.11.A.7-5) and will act under the orders of the Brigadier. The O.C.15th Machine Gun Company will be located at Brigade Headquarters. These guns are additional to those already allotted to Battalions.
9. Acknowledge.


Captain.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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ADDENDUM No.1 TO ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.6.

Headquarters,
14th. August 1918.

1. To para 4 add the following water points :-

Reference Map - ROZIERES, Combined Sheet.

- X.28.b.2.7. Well, 40' to water, 10' water, 2000 galls. Has windlass, water good taste, no smell.
- V.9.d.3.4. Water towers filled from well at V.9.d.3.4. 50' deep, 5' diameter, depth of water 15'
- V.4.c.9.0. Well at rear of Cafe near Bridge.
- V.10.a.8.8. Underground tank near road junction.
- X.26.d.5.5. Pumping plant complete, Boiler and Worthington Steam Pump complete, Present supply is in tanks, about 20,000 galls. Water is good. Plant being put in order.
- X.27.c.0.4. Well 50' to water, 14' water, 700 galls., has windlass, Water good.
- W.11.c.1.5. Well. Good Water. One measure bleaching powder.
- W.11.d.3.7. Well do. do.
- W.11.c.7.7. Well do. Three measures bleaching powder.
- W.11.b.1.9. Well, 60' to water. 6' to 8' of water, 600 galls. Has Windlass. Water Good. One measure bleaching powder.
- W.11.d.0.5. Well 30' to water. 10' water., 500 galls. Has windlass, good approach water cart.
- W.11.c.5.7. Well 50' to water, 12' water, 400 galls. Has windlass, in need of repair.
- W.11.c.6.6. Well. 50' to water, 11' water, 700 galls. Has windlass.
- W.11.c.9.4. Well. 55' to water, 10' water, 600 galls. Has windlass.
- W.2.a.8.7. Well. To be repaired and power pump fixed.
- A.18.b.4.9. Bore hole. 40' to water.
- B.7.d.5.5. Bore hole. 44.5 feet to water.
- E.12.c.0.0. Pumping plant. Good water and troughs. 2-40' troughs
- VRELY Stn. 4-1,000 gall tanks.
- E.11.a.0.0. Well. L and F. pump and one trough.
- GUILLIAUCOURT Tank, canvas and pump.
- F.9.b.2.0.) Well, good windlass.
- Sugar Factly)
- MEHARICOURT Windlasses being fitted to all wells.
- ROSIERES) Railway Pumping Stn. Good plant and supply, horse troughs
- X.26.d.4.5.) and water cart points X.26.d.4.5. and X.26.d.9.0.
- W.26.d.1.9. Spring. Pump being fixed. To fill water lorries on road.
- X.14.a.0.4. Water drawn by rope and bucket.
- X.14.a.0.6. do. do.
- X.13.b.9.6. do. do.
- X.15.d.1.9. Pump. Trough attached 9' x 3' x 2'6".
- X.14.a.5.7. Pump.
- X.14.a.6.6. Windlass.
- X.25.b.6.2. 40' to water. Windlass. Good water.
- F.3.a.0.8. Pump.
- W.18.d.8.7. Deep bucket pump. Good supply presumably from bore.
- X.20.b.7.3. 36' to water. Windlass. Well 3' diameter. Partly bricked.
- X.21.d.0.4. Two pumps. Presumably bores. 1 pump in working order and produces a good supply.

Ly H Brock Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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AMENDMENT No. 1.

- to -

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 3.

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Headquarters,
14th. August 1918.

1. Ammunition establishment required as detailed in para 2 (a) is amended as follows :-

<u>18.pdr.</u>		<u>4.5" How.</u>	
At Gun Positions	A. 1500 AX. 1050 AS. 450	At Gun Positions	BX 2295 BS 405
Battery Echelons	A. 528 AX 453 AS 75	Battery Echelons	BX 600 BS 48

H. Burt

Lieut.
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION No. 2.

Headquarters,
14th August, 1918.

Reference Map HARBONNIERES
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1. Para. 8 of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 1 Series "C" is CANCELLED and the following substituted:-

"8. The Infantry tape line will be as follows:-

A.14.c.5.0 - A.8.b.4.0 - A.2.b.9.0 - S.26.d.9.0 -
S.26.b.6.0 - S.20.c.3.0 - X.24.a.0.5 - X.17.b.0.0 -
X.11.c.5.0 - X.11.a.0.1 - X.5.a.0.0.

BARRAGE.

(a) The 18 pdr barrage will open at Zero on a line 200 yards East of the "Infantry forming up line".

At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift and move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes for 3 lifts.

The rate of lifts will then decrease to 100 yards in 4 minutes until the "Infantry halt line protective barrage line" (400 yards East of the "Infantry halt line") is reached.

Fire will be maintained on this line for a period of 15 minutes, when fire will cease.

As each Brigade arrives on the "Flank protective barrage line" 50% of the guns will be used on this line, the other 50% searching for a distance of 1000 yards beyond. This fire will cease 30 minutes after each Battery arrives on this line.

The "Flank protective barrage line" may be taken to extend from North to South as far as a point in line with the "Infantry halt line". Beyond this point the line is known as "Infantry Halt Line Protective Barrage Line".

(b) The 4.5" Howitzer barrage will conform to the lifts and times of the 18 pdr barrage, but will move 200 yards in advance of it.

Each gun will fire 3 rounds of Smoke on the "Artillery Start Line"; and subsequently 15% of Smoke will be used throughout the barrage.

(c) Smoke Barrage.

The C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division will arrange for a Smoke barrage to be placed from Zero to Zero plus 60 along the line S.8.central to S.16, and from Zero plus 60 to Zero plus 140 along the line from S.16 to S.24

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(d) Rates of fire.

18 pdrs. Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes . 4 rounds p.g.p.m.

Zero plus 3 minutes to arrival
at Protective Barrage line. 3 rounds p.g.p.m.

Whilst on Protective Barrage
lines. 1 round p.g.p.m.

4.5" Hows. Throughout barrage 2 rounds p.h.p.m.

On protective barrage 1 round p.h.p.m.

Heavy Artillery. . . Is being arranged by B.G.H.A.

When Field Artillery barrage fire ceases the success will be exploited by the Infantry, Cavalry and Tanks, up to the limits laid down above.

The attention of all officers will be called to the fact that some of the Tanks employed will be Whippets.

2. Delete from para. 17, 5th Aust. Divl Artillery Instruction No. 1 Series "C", the words "14th August, 1918" and insert in lieu "15th/16th August, 1918".

3. Delete from line 5 para. 12, 5th Aust. Divl Artillery Instruction No. 1 Series "C" the words "delay action".

4. AMMUNITION. 18 pdr. In the shorter ranges in which H.E. is used, delay fuzes; and in the longer ranges non delay fuzes are to be used as far as possible.

5. Group commanders are responsible for the emplacement of the Artillery in their Groups so that the batteries in their Groups can carry out the tasks required by these Instructions.

H. Sturton
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at 11 a.m. to all recipients of 5th Australian Divl Artillery Instruction No. 1 Series "C".

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO C.I.

1. The following detail of duties and arrangements in respect of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No 1 are published for information and action:
 - (a) Reference para 6. The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will cover the left half of the Left Group Front; the 13th A.F.A. Brigade will cover the right half of the Left Group Front. The 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will be super-imposed over the whole Left Group front in the following order from the North:
 - 15th Battery
 - 16th Battery
 - 17th Battery
 - (b) Reference para 9 (a). The mobile sections to support the Infantry will be detailed one from 16th Battery under Lieut. E.G.S. HAGGART and one from the 16th Battery under Lieut. C.A. REID. These officers will report forthwith to the C.O. 69th and 67th Battalions respectively and establish Liaison.
 - (c) Reference para 9 (b). The order of the advance of Batteries at Zero plus 140 minutes will be 16th Battery, 17th Battery, 15th Battery, 2 Batteries of 13th A.F.A. Brigade, 16th Battery.
 - (d) At Zero plus one hour Lieut. R. T. BROCKLERANK, 17th Battery will report to Group Headquarters mounted with a view to proceeding forward to reconnoitre and reporting to the Group the best road forward for Batteries to follow. This officer will acquaint himself forthwith the roads forward on the Left Group sector to our Front Line.
 - (e) Reference para 11. Batteries of 6th Army Brigade and Sub-group will report by 4 p.m. today to the CHATEAU at GUILLACOURT the ammunition now at Pits by nature. Return to be made by Batteries.
 - (f) Batteries of 6th Army Brigade and Sub-group will report by 4 p.m. today to the CHATEAU, GUILLACOURT, the exact pin point of Battery positions and of Sub-group Headquarters and of all Wagon Lines.

2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Issued at 8.30 a.m.
August 14th 1918.

T. Holdsworth
for

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

Distribution:

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- 4 15th Battery
- 5 16th Battery
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- 7 5th Aust. Div. Artillery
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AMENDMENT NO 1. to

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INSTRUCTIONS. NO 16.
S E R I E S. 3.

15-8-18.

1. Owing to the 6th. Aust Army F.A. Brigade being unable to move into positions from which it can cover the Lane allotted to it until after dark, the 2nd. Aust F.A. Brigade will arrange to cover this lane from 8 p.m. 15th. August until relieved by 6th. Aust Army F.A. Brigade.
2. 6th. Aust Army F.A. Brigade will occupy positions of 2nd. Aust F.A. Brigade.
3. On relief 2nd. Aust F.A. Brigade will withdraw to Wagon Lines.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE. (6th and 2nd. F.A. Bdes and 4th. D.A.)

Alec M. Forbes

Major.
Brigade Major., 1st. Aust Div Arty.

Distribution.

To all recipients of 1st. Aust D.A. Instruction No 16.

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4th A.A. 1st Aust Div
2nd A.I. Bde. 4th A.I. Bde

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INSTRUCTIONS NO 16.

15-8-18

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1. (a) The 4th. Australian Division is relieving the 1st. Australian Division in the "A" Sector of the Corps Front.
 - (b) On the night 15th/16th. August
 - (i) The 12th. Aust Infantry Brigade is relieving the troops of the 1st. Aust Infantry Brigade. as far North as S.E. end of AUGER WOOD. - S.26.A.
 - (ii) The 4th. Aust Infantry Brigade is relieving the remaining troops of the 1st. Aust Infantry Brigade and troops of the 3rd. Aust Infantry Brigade.
 - (c) Command of the Divisional Sector passes at 10 a.m. 16th. August.
2. (a) The Field Artillery covering "A" Sector will be as follows:-
 - 4th. Divisional Artillery.
 - 298th. Army Brigade., R.F.A.
 - 3rd. Army Brigade., Aust F.A.
 - 6th. Army Brigade., Aust F.A.
 - 189th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
 - (b) Command of the Field Artillery covering "A" Sector will pass from C.R.A., 1st. Aust Division to C.R.A., 4th. Aust Division at 10 a.m. 16th. August.
 - (c) 3rd. and 6th. Army Brigades Aust F.A. came under the Command of C.R.A., 1st. Aust Division at 10 a.m. 15th. August.
3. (a) Field Artillery covering "A" Sector will be grouped as follows.
 - "A" Group under Lieut-Col COHEN., (6th. Aust Army F.A.Bdo)
 - 3rd. Aust Army F.A. Brigade.
 - 6th. Aust Army F.A. Brigade.
 - 10th. Aust F.A. Brigade.
 - "E" Group under Lieut-Col SPURGE (11th. Aust F.A. Bde)
 - 11th. Aust F.A. Brigade.
 - 189th. Army Brigade., R.F.A.
 - 298th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
 - (b) C.O. "A" Group will act as Liaison Officer with Right Infantry Brigade.
 - C.O. "B" Group will act as Liaison Officer with Left Infantry Brigade.
4. (a) Boundaries of Brigade Lanes are allotted as follows:-

<u>6th. Aust Army F.A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>South Boundary.</u>	VILLERS BRETONNEUX-CHAULINES Railway. (Southern Divisional Boundary.)
<u>North.</u>	East and West Line through A.3.C.0.4
<u>3rd. Aust Army F.A. Bdo.</u>	Line
<u>South.</u>	East and West/through Line A.3.C.0.4
<u>North.</u>	East and West Line through A.3.A.0.4
<u>10th. Aust F.A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>South.</u>	East and West Line through A.3.A.0.4
<u>North.</u>	East and West Line through S.27.C.0.6.
<u>11th. Aust F.A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>South.</u>	East and West line through S.27.C.0.6.
<u>North.</u>	East and West line through S.21.C.0.1.

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189th. Army Brigade R.F.A.South.East and West line through
S.21.C.O.1.North.East and West line through
S.21.A.O.2.298th. Army Brigade R.F.A.South.East and West line through
S.21.A.O.2.North.East and West line through
S.15.A.O.O. (Northern Divisional
Boundary).

5. Grouping and allotment of Lanes detailed in paras. 3 and 4 above will come into force at 8 p.m. to-day, 15th. August.
6. All Brigades that have Batteries at present in forward positions from which they can only fire on S.O.S. will withdraw these Batteries to-night, 15th/16th. August, to working positions.
7. (a) The 1st. and 2nd. F.A. Brigades will withdraw complete to wagon lines as soon after dusk as possible, to-night 15th. August.
(b) From 6 p.m. until they withdraw Batteries will be prepared to be superimposed on any portion of the Divisional front that may be ordered.
(c) Ammunition left at Battery Positions will be handed over to representatives of 4th. Div Arty and copies of transfer certificates forwarded to this office.
8. (a) 1st. Aust Div Arty (less S.A.A. Section D.A.C) will march to FOUILLOY area, tomorrow 16th. August and will come into Corps Reserve.
(b) 1st. F.A. Bde will be clear of Wagon Lines by 5 a.m.
2nd. F.A. Brigade will be clear of Wagon Lines by 5-30 a.m.
D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) will be clear of Wagon Lines by 6 a.m.
9. After completion of relief 1st. Aust Div Arty H.Q. will be located in CORBIE.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec W. Forbes
Major.
Brigade Major., 1st. Aust Div Arty.

DISTRIBUTION. Attached.

2nd Brigade is being relieved by 6th
Army Bde - to night - time will be given later

DISTRIBUTION.1st Aust Div Art Instruction N^o 16

Case III

	Copy No 1	
1st. Aust F.A. Brigade.	"	1.
2nd. Aust F.A. Brigade.	"	2.
1st. Aust D. A. C.	"	3.
D.T.M.O., 1st. Aust Div.	"	4.
3rd. Aust Army F.A. Bde.	"	5.
6th. Aust Army F.A. Bde.	"	6.
10th. Aust F.A. Brigade.	"	7.
11th. Aust F.A. Brigade.	"	8.
169th. Army Brigade. R.F.A.	"	9.
298th. Army Brigade., R.F.A.	"	10.
2nd. Aust Div Arty.	"	11.
4th. Aust Div Arty.	"	12.
1st. Australian Division.	"	13.
R.A., Aust Corps.	"	14.
H.A., Aust Corps.	"	15.
14th. Brigade., R.G.A.	"	16.
1st. Aust Infantry Brigade.	"	17.
3rd. Aust Infantry Brigade.	"	18.
S.S.G., 1st. Aust Div.	"	19.
D.A.D.O.S., 1st. Aust Divsn.	"	20.
C.R.A.,	"	21.
Staff Captain.	"	22.
Signal Officer.	"	23.
Reconnaissance Officer.	"	24.
File.	"	25.
War Diary.	"	26 to 28.
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APPENDIX

LA 214
COPY NO 9

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO R.1.

1. The Right Group of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery consists of the 3rd and 6th Army Brigades Australian Field Artillery having super-imposed the Right Superimposed Group 10th A.F.A. Brigade. The Left Group of such Divisional Artillery consists of 11th A.F.A. Brigade and 28th Army Brigade R.F.A. and the Left Super-imposed Group 18th Army Brigade R.F.A.
 2. (a) S.O.S. Line covering the Divisional Front at present is:
A.9.c.0.9 to A.3.c.0.8 to A.3.a.4.7 to S.27.a.2.0 to S.27.a.0.6 to S.20.d.4.5 to S.19.b.5.8 to S.13.b.6.0. the boundary being an East and West Line through South East of AUGER WOOD (S.26.a.4.6)
 - (b) The Right Group S.O.S. Line is allotted as follows:
3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. S.27.a.0.6 to S.27.a.2.0 to A.3.a.4.7 to Road at A.3.a.20.15
16th Battery A.3.a.20.15 to A.9.a.0.0
17th Battery A.9.a.0.0 to A.9.c.0.9
18th Battery Superimposed from A.3.a.20.15 to A.9.c.0.9.
Howitzer Batteries On their Brigade front 200 yards East of the 16 Pounder S.O.S. Line.
- Batteries will be prepared to bring fire on to any portion of the Group Front.
3. (a) Orders regarding Liaison with the Right (13th A.I.B.) Infantry Brigade will be issued later.
(b) The Brigade has two Battalions in the line. 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will find a Subaltern Officer as Liaison with the Left Battalion. 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will find a subaltern officer as Liaison with Right Battalion.
 4. As soon as a Group O.P. has been established a roster will be established. In the meantime each Brigade will man Battery O.Ps. by day and one O.P. at night.
 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1 p.m.
August 16th 1918.

A. R. Plunk
Adjutant, RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY Lieut.

Distribution:

- Copy No 1 to 16th Battery
- 2 17th Battery
- 3 18th Battery
- 4 106th Battery
- 5 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
- 6 13th Aust. Infy. Brigade
- 7 4th Aust. Div. Artillery
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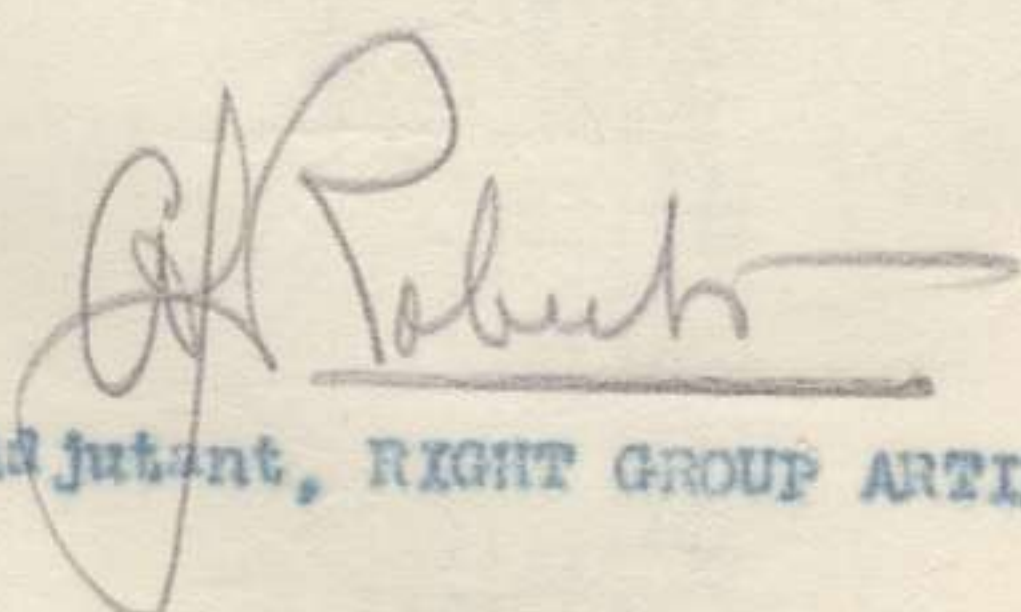
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COPY NO 9RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO AF. 1.

1. In the event of it being necessary for the Australian Corps to conform to movement on our right in following up an enemy withdrawal prompt action and close liaison with the Infantry covered by the Group will be required.
2. The following steps will be taken at once by all Units with a view to expediting forward movement as rapidly as possible when called on:
 - (a) As far as possible consistent with their service all guns will be kept packed with stores ready for movement.
 - (b) All limbers and Wagons will be kept packed ready for immediate movement, harness ready for use and nosebags filled.
 - (c) Personnel will be definitely told off for all duties with equipment prepared and available.
 - (d) Specialists stores and necessary cable for telephonists will be prepared for movement.
 - (e) Steps will be taken to ensure that iron rations are in hand and are carried by personnel. Water bottles will be kept filled.
 - (f) Each Battery will have a mounted orderly close handy to its gun position under shelter ready for despatch to the Wagon Line at short notice.
 - (g) In each Brigade two mobile sections ^{will be} specially detailed for here immediate advance and close liaison with the Infantry under named subalterns. Trenches Bridges will be carried on Firing Battery Wagons. In the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. these Sections will be detailed from the 16th and 18th Batteries under Lieut. E.G.S. HAGGART and Lieut. C.A. REID respectively.
 - (h) O.C. Battery Wagon Lines and 6th B.A.C. will ensure that all echelons are maintained full with a proportion of smoke shell if available.
 - (i) O.C. 6th B.A.C. will maintain a mounted orderly at Brigade Headquarters.
3. Brigades will keep in close touch with their respective Liaison Officers and will immediately report for the information of Divisional Artillery all intelligence in respect of the Group Front.
4. In the event of an immediate advance being necessary C.O. 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will work direct with Left Battalion conforming to the necessary movement in respect of the whole front and keeping Group or Divisional Artillery as may be practicable advised of his actions and of any movement undertaken.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9.30 p.m.
August 16th 1918.


Adjutant, RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY Lieut

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 2 16th Battery
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 6 6th Army B.A.C.
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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO R.1.1

1. Para 2 (a) Cancel first three lines and substitute:
 A.9.c.0.8 to A.3.c.0.8 to A.3.a.4.7 to S.27.a.2.0 to
 S.27.a.0.8 to S.20.a.3.8 to S.20.a.5.9 to S.13.a.8.2
 to S.13.b.4.9.

Para 2 (b) Cancel S.O.S. Lines of 16th, 17th and 18th Batteries
 and substitute:

16th Battery A.3.a.20.15 to A.3.c.0.0

17th Battery A.3.c.0.0 to A.9.c.00.60

18th Battery Superimposed from A.3.a.20.15 to A.9.c.00.60

2. ACKNOWLEDGE

Addressed to all Recipients
 of Operation Order No R.1.1

Col Roberts
 Adjutant, RIGHT ARTILLERY GROUP

Lieut

SECRET.AMENDMENT NO 2 TO RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO R.1.

1. Amendment No 1 is cancelled and the following substituted:
 S.O.S. Line covering the Divisional Front at present is:
 A.9.c.0.8 to A.9.a.30.00 to A.3.c.0.8 to A.3.a.40.70 to
 S.27.a.20.00 to S.27.a.00.60 to S.30.d.30.80 to S.30.a.50.00
 to S.13.d.60.20 to S.13.b.40.00
 Para 2 (b)
 16th Battery A.3.a.20.15 to A.3.c.00.80 to A.3.c.00.00
 17th Battery A.3.c.00.00 to A.9.a.30.00 to A.9.c.00.80
 18th Battery Superimposed from A.3.a.20.15 along S.O.S.
 line to A.9.c.00.80.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE

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 Adjutant, RIGHT ARTILLERY GROUP

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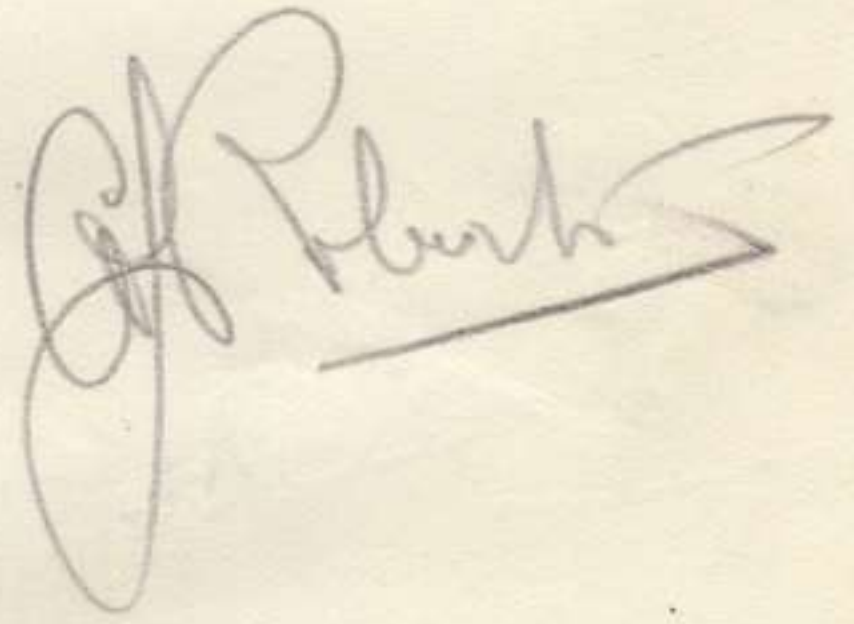
Headquarters,
 August 17th 1918.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME NO 1.NIGHT AUGUST 18TH/19TH 1918.

Time	Bty	Targets	Remarks
p.m. 9 to 11.30	18th	Selected Roads, Tracks and Trenches East of N. & S. Grid Line between A.3.d. & A.4.c. and A.9.b. & A.10.a. during the day. All to limits of range. Enfilade fire to be employed whenever possible	Expenditure 200 rds less amount fired during the day. All fire to be in short quick bursts.
11.30 p.m. to 1.30 am	16th	do do do	do do
1.30 to 3.45 a.m.	17th	do do do	do do
9 p.m. to -4-a.m.	106th	Selected Traffic Junction in above area Chateau A.4.d.4.4	do do

Battery Commanders will forward list of selected Targets by 7 p.m. today

Headquarters
August 18th 1918.



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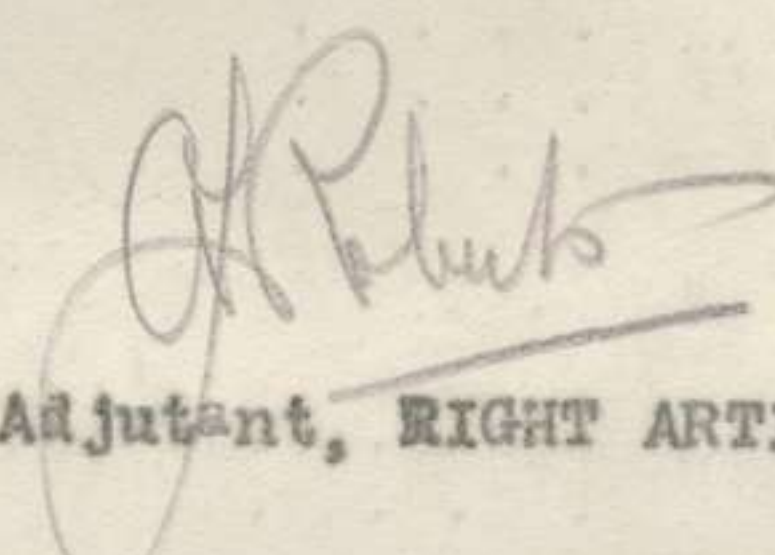
SECRET.AMENDMENT NO 3 TO RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER R.1.

1. Amendment No 2 is cancelled and the following substituted:
 S.O.S. Line covering the Divisional Front at present is:
 A.9.c.40.80 to A.3.c.00.80 to A.3.a.40.70 to S.27.a.20.00
 to S.27.a.00.60 to S.20.d.60.30 to S.20.b.85.35 to S.14.a.10.00
- 16th Battery A.3.a.20.15 to A.3.c.00.80 to A.3.c.20.00
 17th Battery A.3.a.20.00 to A.9.c.40.80
 18th Battery Superimposed from A.3.a.20.15 along S.O.S. line
 to A.9.c.40.80.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued to all Recipients of
 Operation Order No R.1.

Headquarters
 August 18th 1918


 Adjutant, RIGHT ARTILLERY GROUP
 Lieut

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6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME NO 2.

Times	Bty	Targets	Remarks
9-11.30 p.m.	16th	1. Track A.10.a.50.75 to A.10.a.65.85 2. Road A.11.a.40.00-A.11.a.50.50 3. Road A.4.d.70.05 to A.10.b.60.00 4. Road A.5.c.10.35 to A.5.d.10.20 5. Suspected Headquarters at A.11.a.50.20 6. Road A.4.c.00.70 to A.4.d.40.45	Each 18 Pdr. Battery will fire two bursts on each target at irregular intervals during its period on duty. Expenditure 200 rds less amount expended during the day.
11.30 p.m to 1.30 am	17th	7. Repeat Target No 3 8. Repeat Target No 4 9. Repeat Target No 2 10. Road A.5.c.70.90 11. Repeat Target No 6 12. Repeat Target No 10	do do
1.30 am to 4 a.m.	16th	13. Repeat Target No 1 14. Road A.6.d.00.60 to A.6.d.50.80 15. MING WOOD 16. Repeat Target No 10 17. Repeat Target No 4 18. Repeat Target No 6.	do do
9 p.m. to 4 a.m.	16th	1. Poplar Avenue A.10.b. and A.11.a. 2. Suspected Headquarters at A.11.a.50.20 3. Road Junction A.4.d.90.40 4. do A.4.d.70.15 5. do A.4.b.10.00 6. do A.5.c.90.55	Each target will be engaged 3 times during the night at irregular intervals. Nos 3 and 4 Targets will be engaged simultaneously on each occasion. Expenditure 200 rds less amount expended during the day.

Headquarters
August 16th 1916.

J. Plumb
Adjutant, 6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. Lieut.

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SECRETRIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY

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The Line on this Group Front now runs:

A.S.b.70.00 to A.S.b.55.35 to A.S.b.60.60 to A.S.b.40.75 to
 A.S.b.50.95 to A.S.d.50.00 to A.S.d.45.40 to A.S.d.60.70 to
 A.S.b.70.00 to A.S.b.65.35 to A.S.b.40.55 to A.S.b.45.80 to
 S.26.d.40.65 to S.26.b.25.00 to S.26.b.25.35 to S.26.b.09.50
 to S.20.c.95.60

Headquarters
 August 20th 1918

J. Roberts
 Adjutant, RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY Lieut.

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3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
 16th Battery
 17th Battery
 18th Battery
 106th Battery
 4th Aust. Div. Artillery
 10th A.F.A. Brigade
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SECRET.AMENDMENT NO 4 TO RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER R.1.

1. Amendment No 3 is cancelled and the following substituted:
 S.O.S. Line covering the Divisional Front at present is:
 A.9.c.40.80 to A.3.a.20.00 to A.3.a.40.70 to S.27.a.30.00
 to S.27.a.00.60 to S.29.d.60.30 to S.20.b.85.35 to
 S.14.a.10.00

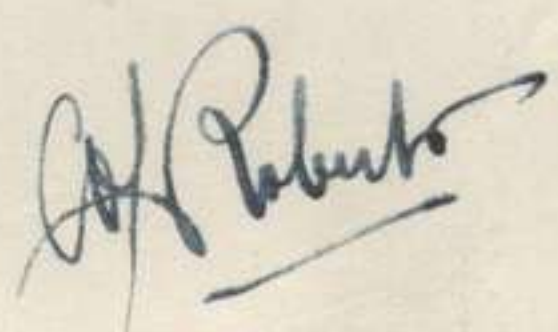
16th Battery A.3.a.25.15 to A.3.a.20.00 to A.3.c.30.00

17th Battery A.3.c.30.00 to A.9.c.40.80

18th Battery A.3.a.25.15 along S.O.S. line to A.9.c.40.80

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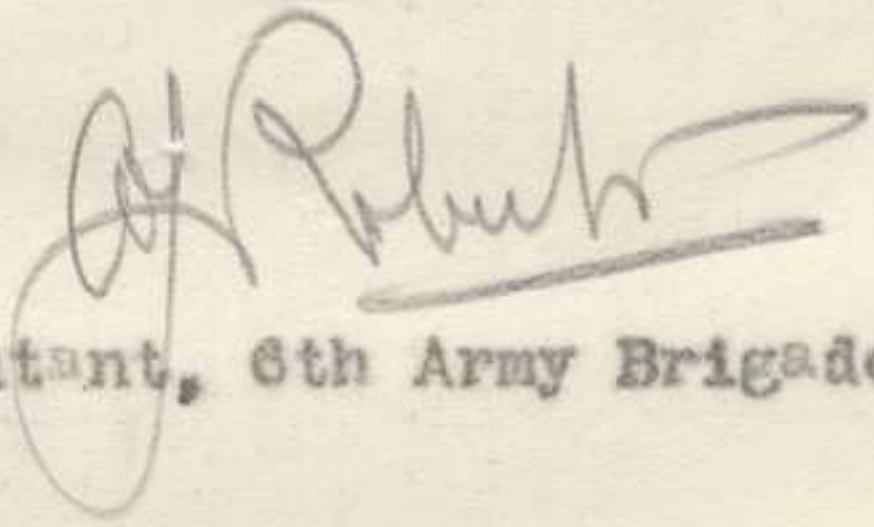

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 Adjutant, RIGHT ARTILLERY GROUP

Headquarters
 August 20th 1918.

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME NO 3.

Time	Bty	Targets	Remarks
p.m. 9 to 11.30	17th	1. M.G. at A.3.a.5.5 2. MINE WOOD 3. Track A.10.a.50.75 to A.10.a.62.25 4. M.G. A.9.c.5.6 5. Road A.5.c.10.35 to A.5.d.10.20 6. Road A.11.a.60.50 to A.11.a.00.90	Each 18 per Battery will fire 3 bursts on each target at irregular intervals during its period of duty. Expenditure 200 rds less amount expended during day.
11.30 pm- 1.30 a.m.	18th	7. Track A.10.a.50.75-A.10.a.65.25 8. Repeat Target No 1 9. Suspected H.Q. A.11.a.50.20 10. Road A.6.d.00.60-A.6.d.50.80 11. M.W. A.3.d.40.80 12. Road A.4.c.00.70-A.4.d.40.45	
1.30 to 4 a.m.	16th.	13. Repeat Target No 3 14. Repeat Target No 11 15. Area A.4.d.70.15 16. Repeat Target No 12 17. Road Junction A.4.b.10.00 18. Repeat Target No 2.	
9 p.m. to 106th 4 a.m.		1. Suspected H.Q. A.11.a.50.20 2. Cross Roads A.5.c.95.65 3. Cross Roads A.5.d.10.15 4. Cross Roads A.4.d.60.40 5. Cross Roads A.4.d.80.50 6. Cross Roads A.5.a.70.20	Each Target will be engaged 3 times during night at irregular intervals. Nos 4 & 5 will be engaged simultaneously. Expenditure 200 rounds less amount expended during the day.

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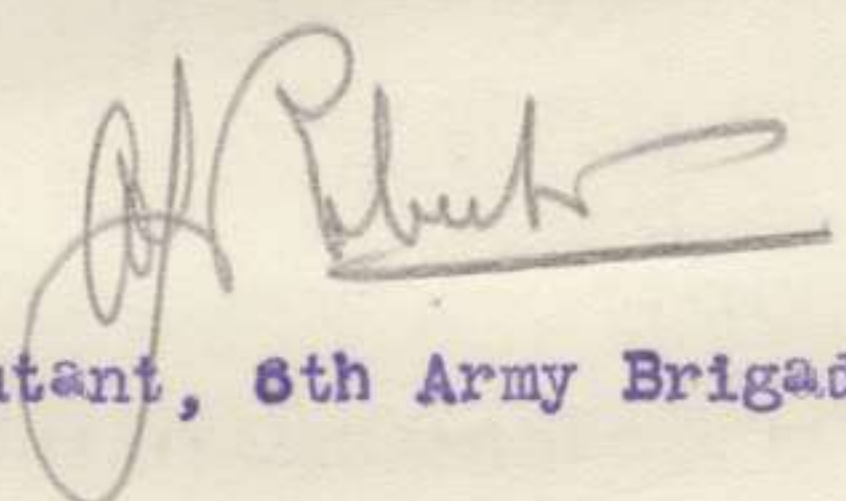

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME NO 4.FOR NIGHT 21ST/22ND AUGUST, 1918.

Time	Bty	Targets	Remarks.
p.m. 9 to 11.30	16th	1. Road A.3.d.50.70-A.3.d.40.50 2. MIEG WOOD 3. Road A.5.c.00.40-A.5.d.10.20 4. Battery A.5.a.50.25 5. Road A.11.c.20.50 to A.11.b.6.5 6. Road A.5.a.90.15-A.5.b.50.20	Each 16 pdr Bty. will engage each target twice at irregular intervals during its tour of duty Expenditure: 200 rds. less amount expended during the day.
11.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m.	16th	7. Battery A.10.b.85.55 8. Repeat Target No 1 9. Track A.10.a.60.40 to A.10.a.50.70 10. Repeat Target No 2 11. Road A.4.b.10.00-A.4.d.45.50 12. Cross Roads A.4.d.70.15	
1.30 to 4 a.m.	17th	13. Repeat Target No 7 14. Repeat Target No 8 15. Repeat Target No 3 16. Repeat Target No 1 17. Battery A.5.c.50.50 18. Road A.11.a.00.90-A.11.a.60.50	
9 p.m. to 4 a.m.	106th	1. Poplar Avenue A.10.b. and A.11.a. 2. Area A.4.d.65.35 3. Cross Rds A.4.d.95.40 4. do A.4.b.10.00 5. do A.5.c.60.30 6. Battery A.10.b.85=55.	106th Bty. will fire on each target 3 times during the night at irregular intervals. Nos 2 & 3 targets simultaneously. Expenditure 200 rounds less amount expended during the day.

Headquarters
August 21st 1918


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

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SECRET.SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME No 5.FOR NIGHT AUGUST 22ND/23RD 1918.

Time	Bty	Targets	Remarks
p.m. 9 to 11	16th	1. Tracks A.11.a.60.80 2. Tracks A.11.a.75.75 3. Road A.5.c.00.40-A.5.d.00.45 4. MINE WOOD 5. Road A.3.d.50.70-A.4.c.40.50 6. Road A.5.c.70.90	Each 16 Par. Bt. will engage each target twice at irregular intervals during its period on duty. Expenditure 200 rds less amount expended during the day.
a.m. 12.30 to 2	17th	7. Repeat Target No 3 8. Tracks A.11.b.25.85 9. Road A.11.a.00.90-A.11.a.60.50 10. Repeat Target No 2 11. Minewerfer A.3.d.40.80 12. Repeat Target No 1	
4 to 4.15	18th	13. Repeat Target No 5 14. Repeat Target No 9 15. Repeat Target No 8 16. Repeat Target No 1 17. Repeat Target No 6 18. Repeat Target No 3	
10 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.	106th	19. Repeat Target No 1 20. Road Junction A.5.a.70.15 21. Repeat Target No 3 22. Road Junction A.11.c.20.50 23. Repeat Target No 8 24. Cross Roads A.5.c.00.40	106th Bty. will engage each target 3 times during the night. Expenditure 400 rds less amount expended during the day

Headquarters
August 22nd 1918.

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

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COPY NO 9

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO A.F.2.Reference Map: HATTENCOURT 1/20,000.

1. The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. and the Batteries of the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. have already been issued with 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No 183 and Instruction No 1 issued with the above order. Instruction No 1 sets out the Start Line for 18 Pdr. Batteries: subsequent lifts and final barrage Line: rates of fire for all Batteries together with the percentages of ammunition to be used.
2. (a) Batteries of 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will operate under orders to be issued by C.O. 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. 18 Pounder Batteries of 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will open fire on the Start Line and in the same order as they are at present allotted S.O.S. Lines. They will then lift due East and operate as laid down in Para 3 of Instruction No 1 until the final barrage line is reached.
 (b) One Howitzer will commence on each point on the road and Communication Trenches enumerated hereunder and will creep in an Easterly direction along this road and Communication Trenches at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes until they are 200 yards East of the 19 Pounder Final Barrage Line. There they will remain until Zero plus 60 minutes:
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| 106th Bty. | 1 How | on Road | A.3.c.60.92 |
| | 1 " | on C.T. | A.3.c.65.80 |
| | 1 " | on C.Ts. | A.3.c.65.55 |
| | | | A.3.c.65.45 |
| | 1 " | on C.T. | A.9.a.70.78 |
| | 1 " | on C.T. | A.9.a.78.32 |
| | 1 " | on C.T. | A.9.a.80.80 |
- (c) At Zero plus 60 minutes all Batteries will cease fire. 18 Pdr. Batteries will then be relaid on their original Start Line which will be their S.O.S. Line and the 106th Battery will have one Howitzer laid on each of the undermentioned Trench Junctions
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|-----------------|-------------|
| Trench Junction | A.3.b.15.00 |
| " | A.3.d.00.70 |
| " | A.3.c.95.40 |
| " | A.9.b.30.78 |
| " | A.9.b.18.25 |
| " | A.9.d.10.70 |
3. An Officer from 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. Headquarters will be at the 16th Battery at 10 p.m. on night 22nd/3rd August and an Officer from each Battery of the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will report at 16th Battery at the above mentioned time to synchronize watches. This officer will then proceed to the 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. Headquarters where he will arrive at 10.30 p.m. and synchronize with an Officer of 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 7 p.m. 22/8/18

[Signature]
 Adjutant, RIGHT ARTILLERY GROUP
 Lieut

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery
 2 17th Battery
 3 18th Battery
 4 106th Battery
 5 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
 6 12th Aust. Infy. Bde.
 7 4th Aust Div. Artillery
 8 File
 9 War Diary

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INSTRUCTION No. 1
issued under ORDER No. 183.

1. Reference Para. 1, line 6 ORDER No. 183, for "CHUIGNES" read "CHUIGNOLLES".

2. The 4th Aust. Div. co-operation.

The LEFT Infantry Brigade will conform to the movement of the RIGHT Infantry Brigade of the Division on our LEFT and occupy the old British trench -

S 20 b 3520 - S 20 b 0085 - S 14 a 000

3. "A" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY :-

At ZERO HOUR the 13-prs. of "A" Divisional Artillery will open fire on the following START LINE -

A 9 c 4080 - A 3 a 200 - A 3 a 4070 - S 27 a 2000 -
S 20 d 63 - S 20 b 8535 - S 14 a 5510

and will remain on this line for 3 minutes.

At ZERO plus 3 minutes the barrage will lift at the rate of 100 yards in three minutes until the ZERO plus 15 minutes line is reached.

The barrage will then remain on this line until ZERO plus 30 minutes.

From ZERO plus 30 minutes to ZERO plus 60 minutes 50% of guns will continue on this line and 50% of guns will search Eastward, searching all communication trenches.

4.5" Hows. and 6" NEWTON Trench Mortars will be distributed over selected communication trenches and Trench junctions 200 yards East of the final S.O.S. line.

From ZERO plus 60 minutes the S.O.S. line covering "A" Div. front will be the START LINE as shown above from RIGHT to LEFT to S 20 b 8535; from this point the S.O.S. line will run to S 14 a 6510.

4. RATES OF FIRE PER MINUTE :-

	18-pr. per gun	4.5 Hows. per How.	6" T.M. per M.
ZERO to ZERO plus 3 min.	4	2	
ZERO to ZERO plus 5 min.			1
ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 15	3	2	
ZERO plus 5 to ZERO plus 15			$\frac{1}{2}$
ZERO plus 15 to ZERO plus 60	1	1	STOP
ZERO plus 60	STOP	STOP	

5. AMMUNITION :-

	A	AX	A Smoke	B X
18-pr. 4.5" H. 6" T.M.	45%	45%	10%	

100% (106 fuzes) A.X. with delay fuzes up to 4000; non-delay above 4000 yds.

The following

The following amounts of ammunition will be in gun pits at ZERO HOUR :-

300 rounds per 18-pr. gun
250 " " 4.5" How..

6. COUNTER PREPARATION :-

LANES will be bounded by E. and W. grid lines and numbered from RIGHT to LEFT as follows :-

<u>No. 1 LANE</u>	bounded by grid lines through	A 9 Cent. and A 3 d 0 0
<u>No. 2 LANE</u>	" " " " " "	A 3 d 0 0 and A 3 Central.
<u>No. 3 LANE</u>	" " " " " "	S 15 d 0 0 and S 15 Central.

7. SYNCHRONISATION :-

An Officer from each Group Headquarters will report to 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. at 9 p.m. on 22nd instant.

8. ZERO HOUR will be 4.45 a.m. on 23rd instant.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. P. Stewart
H. J. Sharpe
Major,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

1 - 6 3rd ARMY Bde. A.F.A..
7 - 12 6th " " "
13 - 17 10th Aust. F.A. Bde..
18 - 22 11th " " "
23 - 25 D.T.M.O..
26 D.A.C..

for inf. :-

27 R.A. Aust. Corps.
28 H.A. " "
29 4th Aust. Div. "G"
30 14th R.G.A..
31 4th CAN. D.A..
32 52nd D.A..
33 4th A.I. Bde..
34 12th " "
35 13th " "

36 C.R.A..
37 B.M..
38 G.C..
39 R.O..

40 File.
41 sig. Officer.

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43 D.L.C.

Issued to Signals
at 2.45 p.m..

SECRET. ORDER NO. 183.

HEADQUARTERS,
21st August 1918.

1. The AUSTRALIAN CORPS will attack the enemy positions on the front extending from the Northern Corps Boundary to approximately an East and West Line through X 12 Central on a date and at a ZERO HOUR to be notified.

The objective South of the SOMME is approximately
CHUIGNES - HARLEVILLE.

2. ARTILLERY :-

The attack will be under a creeping barrage.

"A" Divisional Artillery will co-operate by extending the barrage to the Southern Boundary of "A" Division and conforming to the times and lifts of the barrage laid down for the Artillery covering the attacking Infantry of "B", "C" and "D" Divisions.

Separate instructions will be issued later.

3. AMMUNITION :-

Ammunition will be maintained as at present.

4. OBSERVATION :-

The LEFT GROUP will establish an O.P. immediately, affording observation of ground S 7, S 1, and M 31.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

[Handwritten signatures]
Major,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

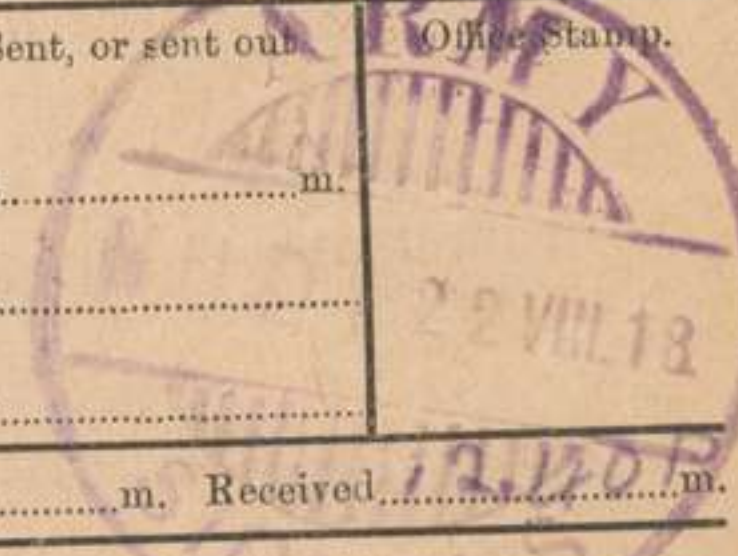
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Issued to Signals at 12 mid-night.

- 1 - 8 3rd ARMY Bde. A.F.A..)RIGHT
- 9 - 12 6th ARMY Bde. A.F.A.)GROUP.
- 13 - 17 10th Aust. F.A. Bde. (LEFT
- 18 - 22 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. (GROUP.
- 23 D.T.M.O..
- 24 - 26 D.A.C..
- For inf :-
- 27 R.A. Aust. Corps.
- 28 H.A. Aust. Corps.
- 29 4th Aust. Div. "G".
- 30 14th R.G.A..
- 31 32nd D.A..
- 32 4th CAN. D.A..
- 33 4th A.I. Bde..
- 34 12th " "
- 35 13th " "
- 38 C.R.A.. 40 File.
- 37 B.M.. 41 43 Diary.

"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

Army Form C. 2123.
(In books of 100.)

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Service Instructions.	By <i>TSJ</i>	To.....	
<i>TURIE</i>		By.....	Received <i>12 12 0 13</i> m.
Handed in at.....	Office.....	m.	

TO *6th Bde at Y.A.*

*Sender's Number <i>SC60</i>	Day of Month <i>22</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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Instructions 18 rds blys draw
100 rds A P aad
4.5 blys 70 B P per bly to be
at par tonight

FROM *TURIE*
 PLACE & TIME

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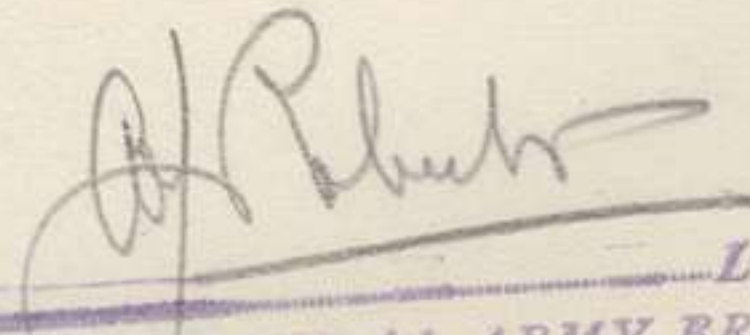
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AUST. F. A. BRIGADE	
2540/18	
Date	22.8.18

O.C. 16th Battery
 O.C. 17th Battery
 O.C. 18th Battery
 O.C. 106th Battery

Reference Instruction No 1 issued under 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No 183 immediate steps are to be taken to have the amount of ammunition at Gun Pits as laid down under para 5 of this Order by 12 midnight tonight. Allowance is also to be made for the expenditure on the ordinary harassing fire programme.

Each 18 Pdr. Battery is to draw 100 rounds A.S. from the A.R.P. and the 106th Battery is to draw 70 rounds "BS" from the same source.

Headquarters.


 Lieut.
 ADJUTANT 6th ARMY BRIGADE
 AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

SECRET

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C.O.
3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.

537/18
8.18

1. Reference Para 3 of Instruction No 1 of Order No 183. The 18 Pounders of your Sub Group will be distributed over a barrage over the Sub-group area in accordance with your own arrangements.
2. Reference Para 3 of Instruction No 1 before mentioned. Please allot in the sub-group zone the selected Communication Trenches and Trench Junctions for your 4.5" Ho. Battery.
From Zero to Zero plus 60 Howitzers will search 200 yards East of the 18 Pounders on selected targets and will be distributed over selected targets from Zero plus 60 minutes 200 yards East of the final S.O.S. Line.
3. Reference Para 7 of Instruction No 1 before mentioned. An Officer from your Sub-group will report here at 11 p.m. tonight to synchronize.

Headquarters.

AC

3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A.

 OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 2.
 * *****
 BY LIEUT-COL G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. COMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS,
 22-8-1918.

Reference 4th Aust D.A. Order No. 183 Instruction No. 1. para 3 issued to Units :-

The START LINE for 3rd Army Brigade Batteries coincides with present S.O.S. Line and Batteries will open fire accordingly. All lifts being due East from this line.

From ZERO to ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES fire will be delivered as per para 3 of the above ~~*****~~ Order.

From ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES to ZERO PLUS 60 MINUTES 50% of guns will remain on line reached at ZERO PLUS 30.

Remainder of Guns will search Communication Trenches as under :-

7th Battery	Trench from	S.27.D.20.10	to	S.27.D.60.30
	"	"	"	S.27.D.10.55 to S.27.D.60.60
8th Battery	Trench from	A.3.B.15.10	to	A.3.B.50.00
	"	"	"	A.3.B.20.65 to A.3.B.70.60
9th Battery	Trench from	S.27.B.00.20	to	S.27.B.45.20
	"	"	"	S.27.B.00.45 to S.27.B.45.55

From ZERO to ZERO PLUS 60.

103rd How Battery will fire on the following points:-

3 Hows on	S.27.D.60.65
1 How	" S.27.D.95.05
1 "	" A.4.A.30.80
1 "	" A.3.B.35.30
1 "	" A.4.B.10.05.

Rates of Fire and proportion of ammunition as detailed in paras. 4 and 5 respectively of 4th D.A. Order No. 183 Instruction No. 1. Para 3 of the above order to be specially noted.

DISTRIBUTION:-

7th 8th 9th 103rd Batteries
 B.A.C. for (information)
 Right Group
 Liaison Officer
 War Diary (4)
 File.

Althump
 CAPT. F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

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Hq. 6th (A) F. A. B Rosieres Rly. Str.

J. H. Wardrope
Aug. 1918

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. HARASSING FIRE PROGRAMME NO 6.

Time	Bty	Targets	Remarks
P.m. 9.30 to 11.30	17th	1. Tracks A.10.a.60.40 to A.10.a.40.70 2. Sus.H.Q.A.11.a.50.20 3. Rd. A.5.c.40.70 to A.5.c.70.90 4. Tracks A.11.a.80.20 5. Road A.11.c.20.50 to A.11.a.60.50 6. Tracks A.11.a.60.80	Each 18 Pdr. Bty. will engage each target twice during its tour of duty Expenditure 800 rds less amount expended during the day
11.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.	18th	7. Repeat Target No 4 8. Road A.3.d.50.70-A.4.c.40.50 9. Repeat Target No 1 10. Repeat Target No 3 11. Road A.4.d.60.00-A.11.a.60.50 12. Repeat Target No 6	
2 to 4.30 am	16th	13. Repeat Target No 11 14. Repeat Target No 8 15. Repeat Target No 5 16. Repeat Target No 2 17. Repeat Target No 8 18. Tracks A.11.b.25.65	
10 p.m. to 4 a.m.	106th	1. Cross Rds A.5.d.10.15 2. Cross Rds A.11.a.60.50 3. Rd. Junction A.4.b.10.00 4. Road A.5.c.70.90 5. Cross Rds A.4.d.70.15 6. Cross Rds A.5.c.00.40	106th Bty will fire 3 times on each target during the night. Nos 2 & 3 simultaneously. Expenditure 200 rds less amount expended during the day.

Headquarters
August 28rd 1918

C. J. Roberts
Lieut
Adjutant 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

Copies to

16th Battery
17th Battery
18th Battery
106th Battery
4th Aust. Div. Artillery
L.O. 14th Aust. Infy. Bde.
L.O. Right Battalion
File
War Diary

REFERENCE MAPS, HARBONNIERES 1/40,000 and AMIENS 17, 1/100,000.

THE DIVISIONAL RELIEF :-

1. Reference 4th Aust. Div. ORDER No. 147 (copies to 4th Aust. Div. Artillery Brigades and D.A.C. only) and 4th Aust. Div. Artillery WARNING ORDER No. 6,

The relief of the 4th Australian Division and covering Artillery by the 34th FRENCH Division will be completed during the night 24/25th August 1918.

EXTENSION OF GROUP FRONT :-

2. At 4 p.m. on 24th instant, the LEFT Group 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery will become responsible for covering the S.O.S. line along the whole Divisional front, i.e. from

Div. Southern Boundary -- E. & W. line through A 8 Central to
Div. Northern Boundary -- E. & W. line through S 20 Central

3. ARTILLERY RELIEF :-

The RIGHT GROUP

On the night 24th/25th August 1918, the 34th FRENCH Div. Artillery will complete the relief of the RIGHT Group 4th Aust. Div. Artillery, command of the Group passing to the Officer Commanding 23rd FRENCH Artillery Regiment on completion of the relief.

The Officer Commanding the 6th ARMY Brigade ADJUT. F.A., will detail an Officer to remain at RIGHT Group Headquarters with the Headquarters 23rd Regiment FRENCH Artillery until 8 a.m., 25th instant, for the purpose of passing orders etc. from D.A.H.Q. to Group Headquarters.

On completion of the relief the 3rd and 6th ARMY Brigades Aust. F.A., will withdraw to wagon lines and become Divisional Artillery Reserve until 8 a.m., 25th instant, when they will pass to Corps Reserve and come under the direct orders of Headquarters R.A. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

The LEFT GROUP --

The LEFT Group will withdraw from the line on the 25th instant as follows :-

8 a.m.	to	8 a.m.	--	110th and 111th How. Batteries.
8 a.m.	"	9 a.m.	--	39th and 45rd Batteries.
9 a.m.	"	10 a.m.	--	38th and 42nd Batteries.
10 a.m.	"	11 a.m.	--	37th and 41st Batteries.
		11 a.m.	--	Brigade Headquarters report to D.A.H.Q. and withdraw.

All Batteries will be withdrawn to wagon lines by Sections, with 15 minutes interval between Sections.

AMMUNITION --

Ammunition will be reduced to 82 rounds per gun and 36 rounds per How. during night 24th/25th instant, the remaining 69 rounds per gun and 36 rounds per How. will be withdrawn with the Battery.

6" M.T.M. BATTERIES :-

The 7th M.T.M. Battery will be withdrawn from the line to X 25 a 3 7 with mortars complete at 3 p.m. on 24th instant.

ORDER NO. 185 (Continued):-

4th AUST. D.A.C. :-

The 4th Aust. D.A.C. will be relieved by the 32nd BRITISH D.A.C. at 8 a.m., 25th instant.

4. COMMAND :-

Command of the Artillery covering the Divisional Sector will pass from C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division to C.R.A. 34th FRENCH Division at 8 a.m. on 25th instant.

5. MARCH :-

On the afternoon of the 25th and 26th August the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery will march in accordance with MARCH TABLE attached.

Attention is drawn to S.S. 724 "MARCH DISCIPLINE and TRAFFIC CONTROL"

Distances will be maintained between Units on the march as follows

<u>Between Brigades and Brigades and D.A.C.</u>	--	500 yards.
<u>Between Batteries and Sections D.A.C.</u>	--	100 "

and in addition a gap of 50 yards will be left between each Section of 12 vehicles.

6. HEADQUARTERS :-

The 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery Headquarters will close at W 18 c 8045 at 11 a.m. and re-open on arrival at CAMON.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Arthur R. Hunt
W. J. ...
Major,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION :-

ISSUED TO SIGNALS AT 2.30 p.m..

1 - 6	3rd ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A..	*	
7 - 12	6th " " " "	*	
13 - 17	10th Aust. F.A. Bde.		
18 - 22	11th " " "		
23 - 24	D.T.M.O..	40	C.R.A..
25 - 27	D.A.C..	41	E.M..
(28)	Div. "G"	42	S.C..
(29)	R.A. Aust. Corps.	43	R.O..
(30)	H.A. " " *		
(31)	32nd British D.A..	44	File,
for (32)	34th FRENCH D.A..		
iff (33)	23rd FRENCH Reg. c/o RIGHT Group.		
(34)	S.S.C. 4th Aust. Div.	45	
(35)	4th Aust. Div. Train	46	Diary.
(36)	14th Coy. A.A.S.C..	47	
(37)	D.A.D.V.S..		
(38)	A.D.M.S..		
(39)	A.P.M..		

* No march table.

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO A.F. 3.

1. Herewith 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery Order No 185.
2. The following matters dependent upon such order are set out for necessary action:
 - (a) Reference Para 3. Batteries will withdraw to Wagon Lines by Sections on the night 24th/25th August 1918 as the Sections of the French Batteries relieving them are emplaced. Arrangement will be made mutually between the Battery Commanders concerned. Guns are not to be withdrawn before dusk. Completion of the relief in each Battery will be telephoned to this office by the code word "ACHTUNG" ^{out}. 106th Battery will withdraw independently so soon as it is dark enough in the opinion of the Battery Commander.
 - (b) Batteries will arrange to empty their echelon at Wagon Lines. Ammunition Wagons will then be sent up empty after dusk on the night 24th/25th August and the ammunition at the Battery Positions now occupied will be removed to and handed over to the A.R.P. at Wg 15.a.5.5 and a receipt obtained. Ammunition Wagons will then return to their Lines and refill with the ammunition left there for the purpose. Batteries will report in writing to Brigade Rear H.Q. at Wg 22.a.6.5 when this has been done, enclosing the receipts.
 - (c) The B.A.C. will continue in the ordinary way the carting from the Forward positions to the A.R.P. of ammunition tonight 24th/25th inst sending return to Rear Brigade H.Q. at Wg 22.a.6.5.
 - (d) The mounted orderly who reports to Rear Brigade H.Q. with the Ammunition Statement will remain there as a Mounted Orderly until 9 a.m. on 25th inst.
 - (e) O.P. Officers and Liaison Officers on duty with their Staffs will continue at their Posts until they have been relieved by the French Officers taking over these duties. In the case of Battalion Liaison the Officer on duty will remain there until the withdrawal of the Australian Battalion when he will report to his Battery Wagon Line. Batteries are responsible that their officers on duty are given the necessary orders.
 - (f) An Officer of this Brigade will remain at F.3.a.00.80 until 9 a.m. on 25th inst. but Brigade Headquarters will be at Wg 22.a.6.5 from 10 p.m. on 24th inst.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters
August 24th 1918.

C. R. Roberts
Lieut.
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

Distribution
16th Battery
17th Battery
18th Battery
106th Battery
4th Aust. Div. Artillery
23rd French Regiment
6th B.A.C.
File
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 69. 25/8/18.

- (a). The operations of the Australian Corps are to be continued.
- (b). The 1st Aust. Division. is to be relieved on night 26/27th August by 2nd and 5th Aust. Divs., 5th Aust Div. being on the Right, and 2nd Aust Div. on the Left.
- (c). The boundary between the 5th and 2nd Aust. Divs., will be the East and West Grid between M.8. and M.14.
2. Field Artillery is allotted as under:-
- 5th Aust. Div.
Under command of Brig. Gen. BESSELL-BROWNE., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
1st Aust Div. Arty. (less H.Q. and T.M. Btys).
5th Aust Div. Arty.
12th Aust. Army F.A. Bde.
23rd Army Bde. R.F.A.
- 2nd Aust. Div.
Under command of Brig. Gen. PHILLIPS., D.S.O.
5th Army Bde. R.H.A.
10th Army Bde. R.H.A.
6th Aust Army F.A. Bde.
14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
189th Army Bde. R.F.A.
298th Army Bde. R.F.A.
3. (a). All Brigades already in action on the Divisional Front will reconnoitre positions to ensure that, as soon after dusk as possible on 26th August, all batteries are East of the North and South Grid between R.14. and R.15. and as many batteries as possible are moved into the area East of N. and S. Grid between R.15. and R.16.
- (b). All incoming Brigades will reconnoitre positions East of the North and South Grid between R.15 and R.16.
- (c). Batteries of 13th and 14th Aust F.A. Bdes will all be East of the North and South Grid between R.16 and R.17. They will be given priority of selection of positions.
C.O's. 13th and 14th F.A. Bdes will meet C.O's Right and Centre Groups at Right Group H.Q. (R.24.A.38.18) at 10 a.m. to-morrow 26th inst. when details of reconnaissance. will be mutually arranged. the N. and S. Grid between R. 15 and R.16.
- (d). Batteries of Left Group have already been moved East of
- (e). The question of clearing the crest for positions selected in R.17.23 and 29 must be considered in connection with the position of the front line at the commencement of the reconnaissance and the possibility of having to place a barrage close in front of that line.
4. All moves detailed above will be completed in time to enable batteries to open fire at daylight on 27th August.
5. All incoming Brigades will remain silent unless the tactical situation demands that they open fire.
6. All Brigades already in action on the front will have 300 rounds per 18-pdr. and 200 rounds per 4.5" How dumped at battle positions.
All incoming Brigades will dump 176 rounds per 18-pdr and 108 rounds per 4.5" How. at positions. In addition all Echelons of all Brigades will be full.

P.T.O.

- 7. Orders re time that command passes from C.R.A., 1st Aust Div., to C.R.A.'s 2nd and 5th Aust. Divs will be notified later.
- 8. 5th Aust. D.A.C. will move to-morrow morning, 28th August to Q.22.C. and D., and Q.28.A.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec M. Forbes
Major.
Brigade Major 1st Aust Div. Art.

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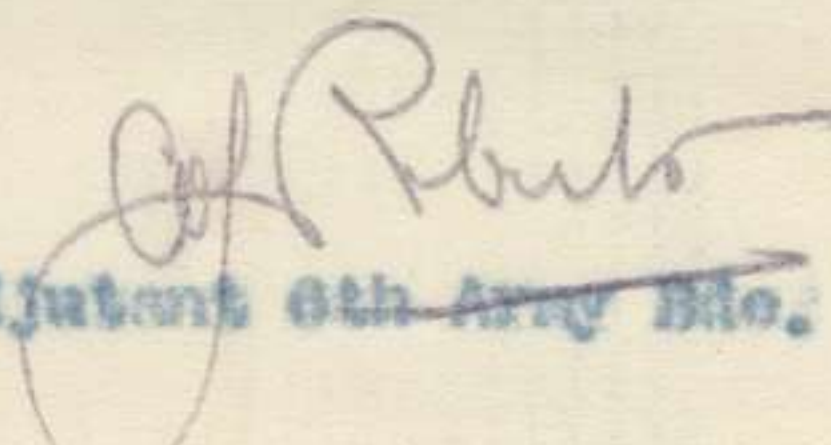
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2nd " "	6-10.
13th Aust F.A.Bde.	11-15.
14th " "	16-20.
12th (A) Bde A.F.A.	21-25.
23rd Bde. R.F.A.	26-30.
5th Bde. R.H.A.	31-35.
16th Bde. R.H.A.	36-40.
6th A.F.A. Bde.	41-45.
14th Bde. R.F.A.	46-50.
189th Bde. R.F.A.	51-55.
298th Bde. R.F.A.	56-60.
2nd Div. Art.	61.
5th Div. Art.	62.
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Signal Officer.	81.

Issued. 1 a.m. 26/8/18.

6th ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F.A. 4

1. The Brigade is to move into action immediately for an operation to be carried out at dawn on the morning of 27th inst. Battery positions will be in R.6 and Battery Wagen Lines in R. 2, and 3.
2. (a) Batteries will immediately march independently to ~~selected~~ squares R.2 and 3 where Wagen Lines will be ~~selected~~. Further orders will be issued at these points by Unit Commanders with regard to the occupation of Battery positions. Immediately on selection of the positions for each Battery Wagen Line the Battery Captain will ~~detail~~ a guide to proceed to the Cross Roads at R.8.a.8.9 to guide the Battery Commander to his site.
(b) 6th B.A.C. will move to the vicinity of 2nd Divisional A.R.P. the location of which is at present unknown. 2nd D.A.H.Q. is at present at P.13.c.80.80 or at MORGOURT. O.C. 6th B.A.C. will ascertain from the above mentioned H.Q. the location of their A.R.P. Immediately the location of Wagen Lines the O.C. 6th B.A.C. will also send an orderly to the Cross Roads at R.8.a.8.9 where the orderly from B.H.Q. will meet him. O.C. 6th B.A.C. will give this orderly the locations of his Lines and also of 2nd Divisional A.R.P.
(c) Headquarters 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will be established in the vicinity of R.10.a.
3. B.A.C. will arrange to draw 18 sets of Camouflage from the Corps Camouflage Dump. Indent for this is attached. This camouflage will be distributed equally to the 16th, 17th and 18th Batteries as soon as possible.
4. Route. The most direct cross country route to the new lines will be taken avoiding as much as possible the village of HARBANIERRES and main roads.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE TO BRARER.

Headquarters
August 26th 1918


Adjutant 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. Lieut

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery
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5 6th B. A. C.
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TO *6th Army Bde AAA*
via Para Report

*Sender's Number. <i>R 19</i>	Day of Month. <i>26</i>	In reply to Number. <i>AAA</i>
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<i>Your</i>	<i>brigade</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>go</i>
<i>into</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>28th</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>under</i>	<i>32nd</i>
<i>Div</i>	<i>arty</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>Report</i>
<i>for</i>	<i>order</i>	<i>32nd</i>	<i>Div</i>
<i>arty</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>acknowledge</i>	<i>as</i>
<i>3 ddsd</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Army Bde reptd 32nd Div arty</i>			
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32nd DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY
OPERATION ORDER No:77.

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1. (a). The 2nd Australian Div: Artillery (Less H.Q.) will be relieved in "A" (32nd) Div'l Sector by the 3rd and 6th Army Brigades F.A. on the night August 27th/28th.
2. Reliefs will be effected as follows:-
 - (a). 4th Brigade A.F.A. by 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will not go into action for the present but will remain in Div'l Reserve in Wagon Lines in the vicinity of HARBONNIERES.
 - (b). 5th A.F.A. Brigade by 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
 - (c). 2nd Australian D.A.C. by 3rd and 6th A.F.A. Brigade Amm: Columns.
 - (d). 2nd Australian M.T.M. Brigade will not be relieved and will come under orders of 2nd Australian Div: Artillery from August 27th inclusive.
 - (e). Relief to be complete by 11.p.m. Aug:27th.
3. (a). The Grouping of the F.A. Brigades of "A" (32nd) Division from 11.p.m. August 27th will be as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP. (Covering RIGHT Infantry Brigade).

161st Brigade R. F. A.

LEFT GROUP. (Covering LEFT Infantry Brigade) under O.C., 168th Bde:RFA.

163th Brigade R.F.A. and 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.

- (b). The Inter Group Boundary will remain as at present; viz - An E.&W. Line through X.11.central. Distribution of S.O.S. Lines and C.P. Lanes will remain as at present.
- (c). The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will normally be superimposed on the Left Group front and will be "silent", only opening fire on receipt of S.O.S. or for Counter-Preparation.
- (d). O's.C. Groups will carry out the necessary liaison work personally with the respective Infantry Brigade Commanders. The necessary Batt'n Liaison Officers will be provided by Groups as required.
4. (a). 5th A.F.A. Brigade on relief will withdraw to its present Wagon Lines.
- (b). 4th A.F.A. Brigade will withdraw to present Wagon Lines at 9.0.p.m. August 27th.
- (c). 2nd Aust: D.A.C. will remain at present location.
5. 2nd Aust: Div'l Artillery (less H.Q. and M.T.M. Bde) will on relief pass to Corps Reserve.
6. Guns complete will be retained by all Units.
7. (a). Ammunition of 5th A.F.A. Brigade in Battery positions will be taken over by 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.
- (b). Ammunition in Battery positions of 4th A.F.A. Brigade will be taken on charge of 161st Brigade R.F.A.
- (c). 2nd Aust: Div'l Artillery will maintain full echelons.
8. Brigade and Battery Commanders will arrive at Headquarters of respective Brigades being relieved about 11.am. August 27th.
9. All fighting maps, aerial photos and correspondence dealing with the defence of the Div'l front will be handed over.

27.8.18.

C. James Major,
a/Brigade Major, 32nd Divisional Artillery.

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- DISTRIBUTION: -

RIGHT GROUP (161st Brigade R.F.A).

LEFT GROUP (188th Brigade R.F.A)

4th A.F.A. Brigade

5th A.F.A. Brigade

2nd Aust. D.A.C.

3rd Army Brigade A.F.A.

6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

32nd D.A.C.

D. T. M. O., 2nd Aust. Div.

D. T. M. O., 32nd Div'n.

H.Q., 32nd Division 'G'.

H.Q., 96th Inf. Brigade.

H.Q., 14th Infantry Bde.

H.Q., R.A., Australian Corps.

H.Q., H.A., Australian Corps.

14th Brigade R.F.A.

34th French D.A.

5th Aust. D.A.

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(Over the right infantry brigade)

(Over the left infantry brigade)

The group boundary will remain as at present; viz

and distribution will remain as at present.

(The 2nd Army Brigade R.F.A. will normally be supported

on the left group front and will be relieved only on the

receipt of a.D.A. or for counter-preparation.

(The 3rd Army Brigade will carry out the necessary liaison work

generally with the respective infantry brigade commanders. The

necessary liaison officers will be provided by groups as required.

(The 4th A.F.A. Brigade on relief will withdraw to the present

position.

(The 5th A.F.A. Brigade will withdraw to present position.

(The 6th Army Brigade will remain at present location.

(The 34th French D.A. will remain at present location.

(The 5th Aust. D.A. will remain at present location.

(The 14th Brigade R.F.A. will remain at present location.

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Major

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COPY NO 8

SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 5.

1. On the night 27th/28th August the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will relieve a Brigade of the 32nd Divisional Artillery in the line in the 32nd Divisional area. Consequent on this relief Battery Commanders together with one Subaltern and horse holders will immediately report to the G.O. at the Cross Roads at R.S.a.S.S.
2. Batteries will immediately march under the command of the respective Battery Captains by the shortest and most covered route to the Valley in Q.35.b and d. where they will await further orders from the respective Battery Commanders. Headquarters will march to W.22.a.S.S. Further orders will be issued regarding any moves that may be necessary for the 6th Army B.A.C.
3. Arrangements are being made for Supply Wagons to deliver rations to Batteries at Q.35.b and d. Supply Wagons on delivering rations will immediately return to their lines at WEINCOURT.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE TO BEARER.

Issued at 14.10 a.m.
August 27th 1918.

J. P. Flint
Adjutant, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. Lieut.

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3 18th Battery
4 106th Battery
5 6th B. A. C.
6 Lieut. C.P. Fleming
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TO	02 3 rd Bde AFA
	02 6 th Bde AFA

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Situation tonight approximated as follows NOK
 Our Infantry hold the general line N 33
 Central where they are in touch with the
 5th Aviation Division to T 11 central
 Thence SW along line of railway
 to southern limit Boundary where they are
 in touch with 2nd AAA Patrols will
 move forward in early morning to reoccupy
 trench running through Uga and
 T 18 when opposition is expected AAA General
 advance will not commence until 8 am
 AAA It is the intention of the Divisional
 Commander to obtain observation over the
 SOMME valley tomorrow but not to attempt
 to cross the river. AAA It may be
 necessary to move the 3rd & 6th Bde AFA
 up also tomorrow if trench on T 18 is

From strongly held NOK for this purpose
 Place 6th Bde AFA is being moved early on
 Time the 29th to the vicinity of FRAMERVALE

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* Under arms already issued AAA 2 nd			AAA
Bde AFA will be in support to Right			
Bde and 6 th Bde AFA to left Bde			
AAA 2 nd trench which had been left			
SOMME on our right report strong			
opposition on the Eastern Bank			
22 nd B.A			

From	
Place	11-55 pm
Time	

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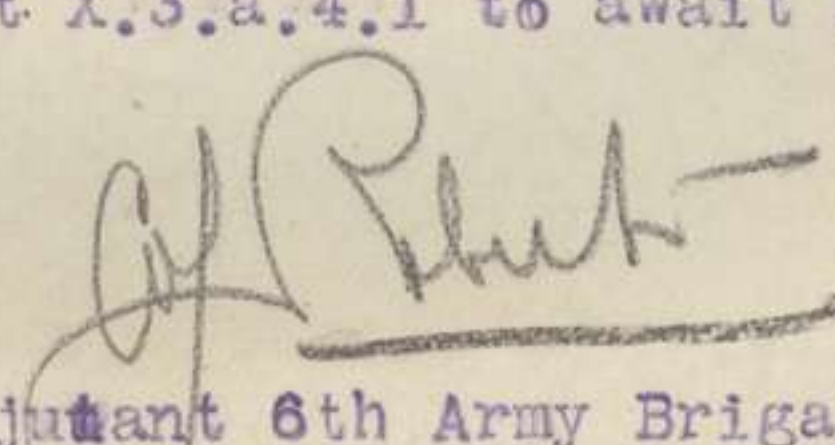
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6th ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 6.

1. The Brigade will move this morning to the vicinity of FRAMERVILLE: the move to be completed by 11 a.m. Battery Commanders will immediately send forward an Officer to select Wagon Lines. These will be reconnoitred in X.3.b and d. and X.3. As soon as the position of Wagon Lines is known they will be sent by mounted orderly to the Cross Roads at X.3.a.4.1 where an Orderly from Brigade Headquarters will meet Battery Orderlies.
2. The work of carrying out the dumping of kit as laid down in this office 2711/18 and of salving wire will be proceeded with.
3. Orders respecting the moving of the B.A.C. will be issued subsequently. They will be prepared to move at short notice to the same area. O.C. 6th B.A.C. will detail a guide to report at the Cross Roads at X.3.a.4.1 to await orders.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 7:15 a.m.
August 29th 1918


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

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"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2124
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TO { ~~X to Aust Ia Bde~~
~~32 Dac~~

Sender's Number. * 5C 11	Day of Month. 31	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Please detail all available weapons of your Bde including G. weapons to assist 32 Dac carting ammo from dumps at 52 central 315 c 8-2 M 36 c 3 5 ans 518 c 5 6 to N 26 6 5 2 ans 126 6 7 8 aaa all particulars from 32 Dac HQ Billet No 63 VAUVILLERS add 6 Aust Ia Bde 71 Ptd 32 Dac aan Dac will continue carting from original positions till clear

From 32 Dac
Place
Time

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