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Framerville	1/9/18		The day was spent in water lines at Framerville. In the afternoon the 16th & 17th Batteries played two games of football - one Australian rules & one Rugby game. The 17th Bty were victorious on each occasion. Major Stubb of the 18th Bty left for hospital as a result of his wound on the 15th August in which his ear was injured.	
Framerville	2/9/18.		At 2 Am. orders were received by despatch Rider from 32nd DA for Brigade & Battery Commanders to report at Divisional Artillery Headquarters at 9 Am. for the purpose of reconnoitring positions to be occupied by the Batteries of the Brigade at dusk & day. At Divisional Artillery orders were given that positions should be reconnoitred in the region of N 36 to cover a sector of the German trench system on the east bank of the River Somme. It was intended to effect a crossing of the River at dawn as the 3rd Div. The Brigade was to cover the K.O.Y.L.I. who were the assault infantry. Positions were selected for the Batteries as follows: - 16th, 17th & 18th Bties in N 36 C. Headquarters at the 16th Bty about N 35 D 80.80 & 80.60. At 4 pm. the B.O. at an interview with Lt-col. Carrington the acting G.C.A. was verbally given the details of the projected attack. The Germans first & second line trenches	32nd DA 6th Army 46th Bde. lines R 7 attached. 6th Army Bde RFA 0-0 AF 7 attached.

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			<p>systems on the east bank of the River Somme to a depth of about 200 yds. was to be captured &amp; held &amp; our infantry firmly established on the east side of the River. It was now considered desirable to hasten one gun per Battery into position before dusk in order to register the line though orders had been previously promulgated that no occupation of Battery positions was to begin until dusk.</p> <p>In accordance with this more arrangements were hastened &amp; from the Brigade which was now concentrated in waiting at the Cross Roads at Estrees in M 30 D one gun per Battery was hurried up to begin the registration before nightfall. In the meantime an order came from 32<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Artillery announcing that the operation had been cancelled &amp; that batteries, having come into action &amp; dumped ammunition, were to withdraw to wagon lines leaving only a guard on guns which were to be maintained in their battle positions.</p> <p>These orders were passed out and at 9 P.M. the Brigade withdrew to wagon lines in Trameville leaving the guns with guards in Battery positions. Just prior to the withdrawal of the Brigade the enemy shelled the vicinity of Battery positions &amp; the valley in which Headquarters was located with H. 25 &amp; 5. 93. No casualties were incurred. Later in the night the 18<sup>th</sup> Battery was wounded by a fragment of bomb near the 18<sup>th</sup> Bty position in N 36 C.</p>	<p>32<sup>nd</sup> Div. Art. with. BM 10 Attached. 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. AFA. 277/18. Attached.</p>

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Framerville	3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> September 1918		<p>These two days were spent in wagon lines at Framerville. On the 4<sup>th</sup> the 106<sup>th</sup> held an enjoyable sports meeting which included two jumping events for horses. One of these was won by Major Granger &amp; the other by Lieut Matthews. There is nothing else of interest to report.</p>	
Benny.	September 5 <sup>th</sup> 1918.		<p>At 11 am. news came by wire from 32<sup>nd</sup> DA. of the possibility of a move forward as our infantry had crossed the River Somme without opposition &amp; were holding the trench system on the East of the River. Accordingly a warning order was issued to Batteries to be prepared to move at short notice. At 3 pm. the Brigade moved &amp; assembled in wagon lines in the vicinity of Benny-en-Santerre in T 2 &amp; T 3. From this time onward the Brigade is attached to 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade which is the Reserve Brigade of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division &amp; will move forward in close association with it. A few enemy guns were firing at infrequent intervals at long ranges on the Somme bridges.</p>	<p>32<sup>nd</sup> DA. wires attached BM 12 &amp; BM 14 Also 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. Co. AF. 8. 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde 50 AF 9 attached.</p>

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<p>Ennemain</p>	<p>6/9/18.</p>		<p>At 1 am. 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade order n° 479 was received at Brigade Headquarters - telling of the advance of our Infantry east of the Somme &amp; of the intention of the 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Group to cross the River to-day. Reveille was at 4.30 am. Brigade was ready to move at 7 am &amp; took its place in the rear of the advancing column. The Somme River was crossed at St Christ on improvised bridges &amp; camping out Infantry Brigade order n° 479 concentrated in wagon lines in the vicinity of the village of Ennemain. During the passage of the Brigade across the River a flight of enemy aeroplanes approached &amp; momentarily it seemed as though their intention was to bomb the bridges during the crossing of the troops. Our anti-aircraft fire however was successful in turning these planes who flew east again over their own lines. Brigade bivouacked here for the night</p>	<p>96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde order n° 479 attached also 96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. wire BM 314.</p>
<p>Beauvois Copse Mouchy Lagache</p>	<p>9/9/18</p>		<p>The move east from Ennemain to the Mouchy Lagache area took place at 8 am this morning in accordance with 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bde order n° 480. Batteries were assembled in wagon lines in vicinity of Mouchy Lagache with Bde Headquarters at Beauvois Copse in W 3. B. The OAB remained at Ennemain.</p>	<p>96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde order n° 480 attached 96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. wire T 337</p>



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Blainois Copse Mouchy la Roche.	7/9/18	(continued)	<p>During the day the slopes in V18 B &amp; W3A were lightly shelled by the enemy with guns at extreme ranges &amp; by one of these shells, N<sup>o</sup> 4008A cpl. Bowell J. S. G. was wounded &amp; subsequently evacuated. During the day our infantry reached an approximate line north &amp; south of the village of Villébègue. The Brigade bivouacked for the night in this area.</p>	
Caulaincourt.	8/9/18		<p>at 11.15am orders came from 32<sup>nd</sup> AA. that the Brigade was to go into action - Batteries in W5 &amp; W6 to shoot on St Quentin &amp; Holwood woods. Positions were reconnoitred selected &amp; occupied quickly as follows - 18 pdr Batteries in W6A in line &amp; 106<sup>th</sup> How Bty in W5B. Headquarters were selected at Q33 C 9.2. Batteries were registered &amp; ready for action before dusk. A close liaison was able to be maintained by Batteries with the Company Commander of the company in the line as the Batteries were only a few hundred yards behind the existing front line.</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> Bty. gun location. W6 a 65.70 - 17<sup>th</sup> Bty W6 a 45.50. - 18<sup>th</sup> W6 a 40.25 Wagon lines 16<sup>th</sup> Q33 d 3.6 - 17<sup>th</sup> W4 a 9.6 - 18<sup>th</sup> W36 0.8. - 106<sup>th</sup> W4 c 2.8 Boc Q31 central.</p>	<p>32<sup>nd</sup> AA. OO N<sup>o</sup> 78 32<sup>nd</sup> AA with BM 18 attached.</p>



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Caulaincourt	9. 9. 18		Our artillery were not called upon for support during the day. Posts were established by the BORDERS at S.W. corner of Copse in R31 b and R31 d & 5 (old trench), to link up with outposts of the K.O.Y.L.I. who held posts in JEAN DEVAUX WOODS nos 1 + 2. During afternoon & evening enemy shelled R26 d + R32 a intermittently with 5.9. O.P. (established on high ground in W66.) report two 42 guns firing from approx. R3503167. Two of our planes at 4.12 pm over ATILLY for 5 minutes were not engaged by enemy in any way. The vicinity of O.P. shelled with 42 at intervals during night.	
	10. 9. 18		The operation mentioned in AF10 (our artillery did not cooperate) was stopped by MG fire. One gun of 18th Bty under Lt. C.A. Reid moved forward to X 1 d 5.1 in support of infantry. At 2 pm a barrage was put down in support of advance by the K.O.Y.L.I. in accordance with O.O. No. AF11. This operation by the infantry was held up by MG fire. At 6 pm the enemy counter attacked in an endeavour to regain high ground west of HOLNOR WOOD and a barrage was put down by 18 pdrs on line from X 10 d 00 to X 16 d 00 with 4.5 Hows 300' East of this line. At 7 pm batteries ceased fire. The enemy attack having failed. HQ moved from Q33c92 & were established at W5 a 2.5. Throughout the night enemy shelled CAULAINCOURT & vicinity intermittently. The gun of the 18th Bty was withdrawn from its forward position. Total expenditure for the day 1509 A 224 Ax 691 Bx	AF10 attached. AF11 attached
	11. 9. 18		This brigade did not fire during the day - During the afternoon the infantry advanced without arty support and at 7.20 pm were established on a line R26 d 09 to R26 d 57 southern end of lake to railway R27c56 along railway to R33c75 to X3a16 to No1 DEAD WOOD to suspension road X3c60 to X9 central. The infantry again pushed out during the night meeting little opposition & obtained	2

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Caulaincourt	11.9.18		all objectives mentioned in OO AF12 without artillery support and in addition the whole of St QUENTIN WOOD + the major portion of HOLNON WOOD. At 6.20 pm 30 rds 4.2 fell in sunken road X 2d 4.2 - 6.30 to 7 pm 35 rds 4.2 in Wood. At 6d 5.5 + at 7.30 pm 50 rds 4.2 again fell on sunken Rd X 2d 4.2. From 10 pm to 4 am 350 rds 4.2 fired on valley from R26d central to X 2b central. 11.15 pm 20 rds 4.2 gas shell fell in vicinity Q 36 d 1.2.	AF12 attached.
	12.9.18		The batteries were relieved by the 168 <sup>th</sup> Bde RFA and withdrawn to their respective wagon lines at abt 4 pm. Orders received to relieve the 298 <sup>th</sup> Bde RFA on 13 <sup>th</sup> inst, relief to be completed by 11 am.	
VRAIGNES	13.9.18		In accordance with 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 191, 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO Nos AF13 + 14 this brigade relieved the 298 <sup>th</sup> Bde RFA. became a brigade of Reserve Group Army under command of Lt Col. H.E. Cohen CMG - DSO. - HQ were established at Q 26 d 22. Batteries occupied positions as follows. 16 <sup>th</sup> Q 22 c 87 - 17 <sup>th</sup> Q 22 d 06 18 <sup>th</sup> Q 27 b 53. - 106 <sup>th</sup> Q 27 b 80 85 with wagon lines at (16 <sup>th</sup> ) Q 26 c 80 (17 <sup>th</sup> ) Q 26 b central (18 <sup>th</sup> ) Q 20 a 8.3 (106) Q 21 c 7.8 B.A. P16 central. At 6.55 pm 10 rds 5.9 fell in vicinity 106 <sup>th</sup> wagon line bounding two men slightly + caused few casualties to horses. Enemy planes very active early part of night bombing. One E.A. brought down in flames abt 9.20 pm + another at 9.50 pm by AA.	4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 190 1/2/3 OO Nos AF13 + 14 attached
	14.9.18		Divisional boundaries altered in accordance with O.O. No AF15 + new S.O.P. set out + a reconnaissance carried out in accordance with OO No AF16. Our artillery inactive during the day. Hostile artillery 3.15 to 5 pm 15 cm battery fired 8 rds HE airbursts over Q 16 d. 11.50 pm 10 rds 5.9 on Q 22 b. During night scattered shelling of valleys in vicinity of Q 26 by H.V. gun. Miscellaneous: Enemy aircraft displayed some activity during afternoon but driven off by AA fire. No activity during night. Two balloons up early part of morning but descended on our planes flying towards them.	OO No AF15 + 16 attached

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VRAIGNES	15.9.18		<p>Our artillery still in reserve + did not fire. Hostile Artillery 10 am 5 rds 15 cm on Q 16 d repeated at 10.30 + 11 am. - 11.40 to 12.40 pm 15 rds 15 cm shrapnel on Q 17 - 4.25 pm 105 cm HV gun shells Q 15 central 15 rds NE + 2 rds at 4.40 pm. 7 pm 105 cm gun shells Q 216 12 rds NE. - Enemy balloons, were up at 5.30 6.10 + 7.20. G.B. from Q 22 during day. - Enemy planes displayed some activity but were driven off by AA fire. Bombs dropped in vicinity Q 276 early part of night.</p>	
	16.9.18		<p>Our artillery line. Hostile Artillery 9.25 to 10.50 am 150 rds 4.2 times shrapnel + HE on Q 17 - 11.30 am 8 in airburst on Q 23 + Q 17 - 7 pm 24 rds 4.2 on Q 28 9.30 pm 50 rds HE + blue cross on Q 17 + at 10.30 pm 30 rds + 3.45 am (17<sup>th</sup>) 15 rds in same locality. Few gun shells fell in Q 226 at odd intervals during the night. Miscellaneous. Enemy planes showed but little activity, those over during day flying very high. No night bombing in this vicinity.</p>	
	17.9.18		<p>Our artillery. Hostile artillery scattered light shelling of harassing nature. Miscellaneous. Hostile planes very active bombing forward + back area. One EA brought down by one of our planes at 9.50 pm. General. HQ moved up to R 7 d 515. Guns of 16<sup>th</sup> Bty + RSC 2003 17<sup>th</sup> RSC 1074 18<sup>th</sup> R 7 d 2090 16<sup>th</sup> RSC 2243 in readiness for attack on 18<sup>th</sup> in accordance with OO. No AF 17, etc. Duster No 1 under OO No AF 17 used.</p>	<p>OO. No AF 17 attached. Duster No 1 attached</p>
	18.9.18		<p>At 5.30 am this brigade in accordance with 4<sup>th</sup> Aada. Order No 196 + Duster No 1, 2 + 3 took part in barrage in support of attack by infantry. - 3336 A 2146 AX 406 AS 1835 Bx + 271 B.S. <del>was</del> expended on the barrage. Enemy retaliation was not severe + infantry did not meet with much opposition. In accordance with instructions HQ W.P. + Bty wagon lines moved up + occupied position at HQ R 7 d 515 16<sup>th</sup> R 15028 17<sup>th</sup> R 8035. 18<sup>th</sup> R 7 d 16 16<sup>th</sup> R 20670 Guns after the barrage moved up to position at 16<sup>th</sup> R 4076 17<sup>th</sup> R 4057 18<sup>th</sup> R 4065 16<sup>th</sup> R 4095. - Forward area were actively engaged by</p>	<p>1956 Duster No 1 1507 attached</p>

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VENDELLES	18.9.18		<p>enemy artillery in the afternoon shrapnel HE, + gas being used. Enemy planes were active in the afternoon + balloons were up all along the line. EA brought down one our balloons in flames at 3.40pm near VENDELLES. - At 11pm in support of an attack by the infantry (object to gain balance of his forward trench system) the brigade took part in a barrage for 20 minutes expenditure 58 rd per gun. This attack was entirely successful (though accompanied by heavy rain) + over 300 prisoners taken. Enemy planes were active bombing up to 11pm when it became overcast with heavy rain. The P.O. moved up to Q 5 at 3</p>	<p>Right Group 10th AFA Bde order not 6th Army Bde OO HQ AF 19 + AF 12 (contd) attached</p>
	19. 9.18		<p>Our Artillery: 10.45 am 50 rds Bx in movement in Sunkin Rd G 28 e - 1.50pm 20 rds Bx on MGs at G 34 c - 4.20 pm to 5.30pm 78 rds 18 pds expended on road movement G 336 07 to G 27 c 8.2 - 5.50pm 18 rds Bx on G 22 68.2 - 11pm to 5 am 100 rds 18 pds harassing fire on Canal Bank R 34 b</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: 9 am 9 rds 42 on R 4 c - 10 am 22 rds 5.9 in valley R 4 c - 11 to 11.15 am 50 rds 42 on R 5 - 1pm 42 rds edge wood R 4 c + R 9 b 5.7 repeated at 5.30 - 7.3 pm 5.9 How firing from direction JONCOVRT shells O.P. at G 336 07 one round every 3 minutes for an hour - 5pm abt 20 rds 42 on le Verguero - 5.40pm 5.9 How shells vicinity O.P. G 336 05</p> <p>Unscellaneous: A great deal enemy movement noticed during day mostly in back area. A large body men noticed marching down from high ground in H 266. via ventrains in H 26 d. Transport also observed with this body. During afternoon smaller bodies of troops in tens and twelves were seen moving towards front line. These were evidently to replace troops captured by us previously. 2.30pm Red Cross horse drawn wagon going south along Canal road in G 22 - 3pm abandoned M.T. observed in road in G 29 a. 3.5pm throughout afternoon men observed signalling from high ground in G 28 a - 5pm H.T. + small bodies of men observed moving north along road in H 31 b.</p>	

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VENDELLES	19.9.18		<p>5.10 pm Two Hum Officers walking south along road in G 226 also cyclists on road                      5.15 pm 2 German guns observed abandoned in G 28C - 4.30 pm Gun flash seen from Sunken Rd in H 316; bearing 95° quad from G 33 6 00 80                      3.10 pm Four E.A. shot down one our plane which fell in flames in BELLENGLISE                      E.A. fairly active in afternoon Bombers not active - The German POS. during attack of 9th Corps today was two red. Visibility good.</p>	
le VERGUIER	20.9.18		<p>Our Artillery: In support of main operation by 12th A.B. the Howitzers fired 246 rds Bx in accordance with Right Group Order No 5 + 6th A. Bde OO No AF 20                      at 5.15 + 5.35 am 94 rds 18 pdr + 24 Bx expended on counter preparation in area G 34d as ordered. 9 am 15 rds Bx fired in M 36 98 in response to wireless MF call - 10.25 am 10 rds 18 pdr fired on morning party at G 35 d 00 - 10.30 am 10 rds expended on movement on canal bank G 226. - 11.45 am 14 rds fired on morning party of infantry at G 29 d 9000 -                      Hostile Artillery: 8 am 4 rds 42 on R 4 C 4.9 - 6.57 am front line was shelled by 59 42 + 97 - 2 pm 50 rds 5.9 on road in R 11 a - 3.30 pm woods in L 33 d shelled with gas about 50 rds - 4 pm 20 rds 42 in L 34 b. 8 pm 20 rds 5.9 on LE VERGUIER - 8.30 pm 50 rds 42 on R 4 b + d - 9 pm 40 rds 42 on R 4 a 8.1                      Miscellaneous: Enemy balloons up at 61° + 40° G B from G 23 b 00 80 + 113° 103° 37° 53° 83° 97° at different times during the day. A few E.A. flew over forward areas towards late afternoon. At 6.40 pm two E.A. at low altitude over R 4 + R 5. Enemy bombers active during night - At 8.00 am several G.S. Wagons seen at cross roads G 18 a 20 20 galloping in direction VAUROY - 9 am stretch bearers + Motor Ambulance seen on road G 35 d. Large number of wounded being attended to. - 10 am Infantry transport in valley G 17 towards Canal. Quite a number of G.S. Wagon seen in this valley during the day                      Throughout the day there was a continual flow of horse transport along road H 15 a 40 60 to H 19 d 20 80 - At 1.50 pm a small ammunition dump was observed burning in H 19 C 50 50 - At 7.45 am Patrol soldier with escort was arrested along road in G 18 a 20 20                      Visibility good                      General HQ moved to L 34 C 7.6</p>	<p>Order No 5 AF 20 attached                      10/10</p>

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	21-9-18		<p>Our Artillery: 3.30 am to 5 am 100 rds 18 pdr expended on selected targets in area G35a &amp; d. - 5.40 am + 6 am in support of attack by 1st Div on our left a barrage was put down on our front in accordance with Right Group 10<sup>th</sup> a 70 Bde Order No 6 &amp; this brigade Order No AF21. 18 pdr expended 600 rds 45 Hows 240 rds 9.45 am 24 rds 18 pdr fired on movement at G36a 27 - 10 am 15 rds Bx on movement in G35a - 11.45 am 20 rds 18 pdr on movement in G29a 22 - 1 pm 30 rds Bx fired on G29d - 3.15 pm 30 Bx fired on wireless call NF G34b 5.2 + 3.35 pm 30 Bx on NF G35d 39 - 3.55 pm 20 rds Bx fired on movement in G35a - 8 am to 7 pm movement on Canal bank from M6.a to M5b. fired on 68 rds 18 pdr expended 6.30 pm 20 rds fired on 77 Bty in action at M6a 33 - During night roads &amp; trenches in G36. G35 G29 were engaged 540 rds 18 pdr expended + 80 Bx. The 16<sup>th</sup> Bty fired 22 rds from 77 long field gun (1916 pattern) captured by 14<sup>th</sup> Bty.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: 5.45 am scattered HE + gas on Le VERGUIER - 6 to 11 am 59 + 42 shelled areas G31 + G32 from S.B 46 from G33b 0080 - 10 am + at intervals throughout day 42 shelled R4C - 3.30 pm 6 rds 59 on reentrant L34C repeated at 4 pm - 4 pm 12 rds 42 on R4a 8.3 - Traffic on road L33d fired on at intervals during afternoon + scattered rounds at odd intervals on L33 + L34 - 6 to 6.30 pm enemy good valley in G27 + 26 with 77 + 42. The 77 Bty engaged in this was fired on + good registration obtained. About 7 pm enemy barrages on right flank some few thousand yards + in Hill in G31. At intervals during night enemy VENDELLES shelled with 59 + 42 gun.</p> <p>Miscellaneous Much movement of enemy in small parties observed during morning. Good shooting done however + movement decreased in afternoon. Movement on Canal bank at M6a + also road in G26a + C fired on with effect. Balloon up at G.B of 43 67 98 from G33b 0080. EA active toward late afternoon + bombers very active during night. Visibility Good.</p> <p>General 17<sup>th</sup> Bty moves to R6a or 70. 106<sup>th</sup> R5b 3097 + HQ to R2C 3025. Col. G. D. S. taking over command of Right Group + 10 pm in accordance with order No 197 + this brigade order No AF22.</p>	<p>Order M6b + No AF21 attached.</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> AF22 Order No 197 + AF22 attached</p>

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	22.9.18		Our Artillery at 5.30 + 5.50 am 18 pdrs expended 300 rds on trench in G346 G280 + 6 pdrs East as Counter preparation General: The brigade was relieved in the line by 6th Army Bde RFA in accordance with O.O. No AF24 + return to positions occupied by them on 13th inst HQ at Q26d 21.	
	23.9.18		General. Remained in 10 Lines with orders to be prepared to move at 3 hours notice	
	24.9.18		General: Remained in 10 Lines awaiting orders	
TINCOURT	25.9.18		General. Brigade moves to vicinity BOUCLY. Head Quarters at J30 6 22 in accordance with O.O. No AF 24 + 1st ADA. Instr No 5 (series 6) + Instr No 6	AF 24 attached. Instr No 5 + 6 attached
	26.9.18		General. Positions selected for batteries + HQ in accordance with Instr No 6 HQ L22d 9580 16th L23d 6873, 17th L23d 6853, 18th L24C 2284, 106th L23d 3364 Instr No 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 of series 6 1st ADA receives + 5th ADA Order No 88 + administrative order No 38. Instruction Series E No 1 received	Instr Nos 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 attached Order No 88 No 38, Instr Series E No 1 attached
	27.9.18		General: 1st ADA Instr No 14 amendment to No 14. Instr No 15, addendum to Instr No 15 Instr No 17, 16 series 6. - 5th ADA. Instr series E No 2 arty Order No 89, Administrative Instr No 12 + amendment No 1, No 13, Instr series E No 3 No 4, 5 + 6 received	all attached
VILLERET	28.9.18		General. HQ moves to L22d 9580 + batteries to selected positions of 26th inst. 1st ADA Instr No 18 2nd amendment to Instr No 14 + amendment to Instr No 15 5th ADA. Amendment No 12th Admin Instr No 12 amendment No 1 to Admin Instr No 13 Instr Series E No 7, Amendment No 1 to No 6, 7. Instr No 8, 9, 10, 11 Order No 90. 14th A.I.B. Battle Instr Series E No 6, 7. 6th Army Bde Battle Instr No AF 1. Admin Instr No AF 1 + 2 issued. Forst ADA O.O. No 71	all attached

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VILLERET	29	9.18	This Brigade fired in accordance with orders in barrage opening at 5.50 am all smoke being used. Very heavy mist which interfered with operations to some extent all objectives not being gained, especially on left flank. Wagon line moved to vicinity of VILLERET. The brigade covered the 14 <sup>th</sup> A.I.B. The situation was not clear until late afternoon resistance being met with especially strong in vicinity GOUY.	
	30	9.18	HQ. + batteries moved to positions as stated in 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde CO No AF3. at 7.30 pm our infantry called for fire on troops massing on line A22 a 1.8 to A22 b 4.9. 50 rd. 18 plr exploded + enemy dispersed. Scattered enemy shelling all day + night HE + gas being used. particular attention being paid by enemy to roads + crossings. Enemy aircraft throughout operations were not active. - 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 92 issued	AF3 attached.  No 92 attached

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			Fighting strength 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1918. 44 Officers 962 ORs	
			" " 30 September " 42 " 938 "	
			Officers marched in. Lt. R.R. Richard 9.9.18 from Hospital	
			" A.B. Carroll 9.9.18 " RBAA	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jaj. Morris 11.9.18 " OTC	
			attached Chap. III. Class Edwards 14.9.18 from 12 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde.	
			Officers marched out: Major F.W. Hebb 4.9.18 to Hospital result wound.	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. L.B. Dean 3.9.18 wounded	
			" Jaj. Morris 18.9.18 "	
			Lt. G.S. Baker 14.9.18 leave to Australia	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. A. Duke 23.9.18 " " "	
			attached. Cptn J.M. Bowland to 21 <sup>st</sup> Siege Coy RGA	
			Casualties. Killed 3 ORs	
			Wounded 7 ORs (3 officers as above)	
			" gassed 11 ORs	
			" remaining on duty 1 OR	
			Reinforcements from base 3 ORs Sig Subsection 15.9.18.	
			Casualties Horses: Killed by shell fire 5 LD	
			Destroyed 1 "	
			Wounded 1 R	
			Died 2 LD	
			Wounded 8 LD	
			Evac sick 7 LD 2 Mules	

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			<p>Horses drawn from Imperial Authorities 10 LD 14.9.18</p> <p>ammunition on hand. 31.8.18 2901 A 2095 Ax 1382 Bx</p> <p>30.9.18 2708 A 1805 Ax 39 AS 1752 Bx</p> <p>Expenditure for month 6463 A 4783 Ax 3730 AS 3854 Bx 1360 BS.</p>	

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## WAR DIARY

APPENDIX.

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OF

6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde AFA

FOR

September 1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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- | No. | Subject.  |
|-----|---|
| 1.  | 32 <sup>nd</sup> DA wire BM 7   |
| 2.  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde wire R 7   |
| 3.  | " " " " OO No AF 7  |
| 4.  | 32 DA wire BM 10 + 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde 2777/18   |
| 5.  | " " " " BM 12 + BM 14   |
| 6.  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No AF 8   |
| 7.  | " " " " " AF 9  |
| 8.  | 96 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde. Order No 479  |
| 9.  | " " " " wires BM 314 + 4663.  |
| 10. | " " " " Order No 480  |
| 11. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde wire T 337   |
| 12. | 32 <sup>nd</sup> DA wire BM 18 + OO No 78   |
| 13. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No AF 10  |
| 14. | " " " " " AF 11   |
| 15. | " " " " " AF 12   |
| 16. | 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order Nos 190-3. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No AF 13<br>administrative instr wires, instr orders + trace   |
| 17. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No AF 14  |
| 18. | " " " " OO No AF 15   |
| 19. | " " " " " AF 16   |
| 20. | " " " " " AF 17, wire, + operations<br>instruction No 1 under OO AF 17  |
| 21. | 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Orders Nos 195/6 + instr Nos 1 to 7 maps wires etc  |
| 22. | Right Group 10 <sup>th</sup> AFA Bde Order Nos 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO<br>No AF 19 + AF 18  |
| 23. | Right Group Order No 5. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No AF 20  |
| 24. | " " " " " " " AF 21   |
| 25. | 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 197. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No AF 22, 23, 24  |
| 26. | 1 <sup>st</sup> ADA Instr No 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. OO No 71  |
| 27. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde. Battle Instr No AF 1 administrative instr<br>No AF 1. Operation instr No AF 2, OO No AF 3, 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA. Orders Nos<br>88, 89, 90. administrative order No 38, administrative instr<br>No 12, 13 + amendments. Instructions series E Nos 1 to 11<br>14 AF B Battle Instr series E Nos 6 + 7. wires barrage maps<br>etc |
| 28. | 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 92.  |



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TO 12 Australian Bde.

Sender's Number. \*BM 7 Day of Month. 2nd In reply to Number. AAA

report here M34C92 9AM  
2nd Sept to reconnoitre positions  
to be occupied night of 2/3rd  
for operation early morning 3rd  
positions cannot be occupied  
until dusk. Army Posts  
etc should be brought.  
200 Rds per gun should be  
arranged for.

P. Lamm to St Col  
a/CRA 32nd DA

From \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Time 12.5 AM

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		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By
TO	D.C. 16. 17. 18. 106		Rtys	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
* R 7	7			
<p>Jan will report to this HQ  at 7.45 am this  morning and will be accomp.  by me subaltern and horse  and position are to be  occupied at dusk tonight for  operation on the morning of  3rd Jan and bring necessary  material for laying out  line of fire as positions  cannot be occupied in  daylight and 200 lbs  per gun will be  required</p>				
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COPY NO 7

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 7.

Reference Map: Sheet 62.C. 1/40,000.

- (a) On the night 2nd/3rd September 1918 the Brigade will move into action to cover portion of the Divisional Sector which is at present being reconnoitred. Batteries will march according to the undermentioned time table to N.25 where they will await orders as to the occupation of positions. Route FRAMERVILLE, RAINECOURT, R.28.c.50,50 and ESTREES.
 

17th Battery	2.15 p.m.
16th Battery	2.30 p.m.
18th Battery	2.45 p.m.
10th Battery	3.00 p.m.

(b) Strict march discipline and distances will be maintained during the march

- Owing to the scarcity of water 3 teams per Battery will be kept forward. The remaining teams will return to FRAMERVILLE on the completion of the replacing of guns and the carting of ammunition tonight. The three teams being kept forward will have to return to FRAMERVILLE daily for water. All gun limbers and ammunition wagons will be kept forward. Allowance of ammunition per gun is to be dumped at the selected Battery positions on the night 2nd/3rd September. To make up this ammunition Batteries will dump their whole echelon at the position and the O.C. 6th B.A.C. will make up the deficiency: 150 rounds per 18 Pdr. Battery and 552 rounds BX. B.A.C. Wagons will march to N.25 so as to arrive there at 5 p.m. today. Each Battery will detail a guide to guide these Wagons from N.25 to their respective Battery positions. All Wagons will refill at the A.R.P. at N.26.b.5.3 before they return to their lines.
- Sufficiency personnel to fight the Batteries and to look after the 3 Gun Teams and officers horses will be taken forward. The remaining personnel will remain at FRAMERVILLE pending further orders. No more baggage is to be taken forward than is absolutely necessary. One supply wagon will be detailed to take rations forward for each Unit. These Wagons will return and report to the O.C. Train Section immediately rations are delivered.
- As soon as each Battery is formed up in N.25 a guide will be sent to the Cross Roads at N.25.c. to report to the Adjutant for further orders.
- Locations of new Wagon Lines are to be forwarded to Head quarters as soon as they are known

6. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 10.30 a.m.  
September 2nd 1918

*[Signature]*

Adjutant 6th Army Bde A.F.A.

Lieut

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
 2 17th Battery  
 3 18th Battery

No 5 to 6th B. A. C.  
 6 32nd Div. Arty.  
 7 File & War Diary



"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { 6. Ans: 161 DA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 10	2		

Summons operation is cancelled.  
 Batteries should come into action,  
 dump ammunition, cover up, and  
 have a guard over guns. ~~etc~~  
 personnel can withdraw to wagon lines.  
 H.Q. can also withdraw, but the  
 line to 161 DA should be  
 left intact.  
 This is in order to avoid having to  
 run the guns up again at short  
 notice in the near future, which  
 would otherwise probably have  
 to be the case.

From 32 DA  
 Place  
 Time 5.45 pm

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APPENDIX, 4  
6th Army Brigade A.F.A.  
September 2nd 1918.

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B.M.R.A.  
32nd Divisional Artillery

Reference your B.M. 10.

- (1) Batteries will be emplaced and 200 rounds per gun dumped and the personnel and all Wagons withdrawn to Wagon Lines at FRAMERVILLE early tomorrow morning.
- (2) Headquarters will withdraw to FRAMERVILLE tomorrow morning after the Batteries have cleared.
- (3) Communication is already complete:
  - (a) To you
  - (b) To Battalion at T.12.a.8.2
  - (c) To O.P. at CRAB COPSE
  - (d) To all Batteries

These lines will be left down

Will you please advise me on the following points:

- (1) Will the B.A.C. continue to cart to the dump in rear the ammunition close to the Battery positions and which would be available when the guns are emplaced.
- (2) Is it desired to register these guns as opportunity offers during tomorrow?

Headquarters.

Lt. Col.  
Commanding 6th Army Bde A.F.A.



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.....			By.....		
TO <del>18</del> 6 Aus. AFA					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
BM 12		5		AAA	
<p>Our infantry are crossing the R. SOMME N. of BRIE &amp; have reached the trenches in 022 without opposition - In the case of a general advance 6<sup>th</sup> AFA will be affiliated to 96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde whose location is N33c48, from whom you will receive orders with reference to the advance - You should get into touch with 96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde at once, &amp; keep an orderly with them etc - It will be necessary to retain your orderly at this H.Q. for the present, in case the advance does not materialise.</p>					
From 32 DA					
Place					
Time 10.15am					
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.....			By.....		
TO 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde AFA					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
*BM 14		5		AAA	
<p>Reference my BM 12 you will <del>know</del> come under the orders of 96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde: from receipt of this - Please acknowledge</p>					
From 32 DA					
Place					
Time 2pm					
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APPENDIX

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COPY NO 9

8TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO. A.F.A. 8.

1. Our infantry are crossing the SOMME North of HRIE. They have reached the trenches in O.22 without opposition.
2. In the case of a general advance this Brigade will be affiliated with the 10th Infantry Brigade whose Headquarters is at present at N.33.c.4.S.
3. Batteries will immediately prepare to move forward to the existing gun positions on receiving half-an-hour notice.
4. The B.A.C. will send a mounted orderly to remain at Headquarters for instructions.
5. All surplus baggage and nucleus will be immediately disposed at 10th Battery Billet with one man as a guard.
6. Lieut. C. J. PATTERSON, 10th Battery, will act as Liaison officer with the Infantry and will report forthwith.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11 a.m.  
September 6th 1918.

*L. Badenheffer* Lieut.  
Adjutant 8th Army Bde A.F.A.

Distribution  
Copy No 1 to 10th Battery  
2 17th Battery  
3 18th Battery  
4 10th Battery  
5 8th Army B.A.C.  
6 5th Div. Artillery for information  
7 10th Infantry Brigade do  
8 File  
9 War Diary



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COPY NO 9

ADDENDUM TO 6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER A.F. 9.

1. Batteries will be prepared to march by 3 p.m. Guns Limbers Firing Battery and First Line Wagons will march with the Battery. 2nd Line Transport will form up at 17th Battery Wagon Line and will march in a separate column in rear of the Brigade. Batteries will march in the following order
  - 17th Battery
  - 18th Battery
  - 108th Battery
  - 18th Battery
 Route. FRAMERVILLE, RAINECOURT, HERIENVILLE, R.39.c.8.3 to present Battery positions.
2. On arrival at the present gun positions Batteries will wait further orders. The Wagon Lines will be reconnoitred convenient to the Battery positions.
3. Brigade Headquarters will be with the 26th Infantry Brigade at present at N.33.c.4.6.
4. Each Battery will detail mounted orderly to march with Brigade Headquarters. This man must know the present Battery positions.
5. One supply wagon will accompany each Unit as far as present Gun Positions. They will then return and report to O.C. Train Section. Only one surplus wagon will march with each Battery. Stores and kits which cannot be placed on this wagon will be dumped at 108th line. Men left in charge of these kits will be rationed for two days by the Batteries concerned. Arrangements for future rationing are being made with the Area Commandant, FRAMERVILLE
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

I issued at 1.49 p.m.  
September-5th 1918.

*W. R. Robb*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant 6th Army Bde A.F.A.

Copy No 1 to 18th Battery  
2 17th Battery  
3 18th Battery  
4 108th Battery  
5 5th B. A. C.  
6 32nd Div. Artillery  
7 26th Infantry Brigade  
8 File  
9 War Diary



SECRET

Ref: Sheet 62 C. 1/40,000

Copy No. 17

26th Infantry Brigade Order No. 479

Sept. 5th 1918

1. The 14th Infantry Brigade has crossed the SOME River and is advancing Eastward.  
27th Infantry Brigade is still opposed S. of ST CHRIST.

It is the intention of the G.O.C., Division to occupy the line MONS EN CHAUSSEE - DEVISE (inclusive) CENTAUR COUSE (V.15.d), to-night.

As soon as possible 5th Australian Brigade will relieve 14th Brigade in the left Brigade sector and the Division will then advance on a one Brigade frontage - 27th Brigade in front, 14th Brigade moving in reserve North of OMIGNON River, 26th Brigade South of OMIGNON River. Northern Divisional boundary will then be line BRIE - MONS EN CHAUSSEE - VERMAND, all exclusive.

2. Advance will be resumed to-morrow, 6th, with the object of gaining general line BOUVINCOURT - ESTREES - MONTECOURT - FLEZ.

3. 26th Infantry Brigade Group will cross the SOME River at ST CHRIST and South of it, to-morrow morning at an hour to be notified later, and concentrate in area in neighbourhood of ENNEMAIN.

4. For the purpose of the move 26th Infantry Brigade Group will consist of -

26th Infantry Brigade  
21st Field Coy. R.E.  
21st Field Amb.  
6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

5. Brigade Group will pass Starting Point SUGAR FACTORY, T.C.C. 2.5., in following order -

15th Lincs. Fus.  
16th Lincs. Fus.  
Brigade H.Q.  
2nd Manchester Regt.  
26th T.A. Bty.  
6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

Route FRESNES - MISERY - Cross Rds. T.12.d.5.3. - ST CHRIST - ENNEMAIN.

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6. Lewis Gun limbers and pack animals will march with Companies. Battalion transport will move in rear of Battalions. Intervals to be observed on the march -

- 100 yds. between Coys. and similar units
- 50 yds. between each group of 12 vehicles.
- 500 yds. between Battalions.

7. In future, billeting parties of 1 Officer and 2 O.R. per unit with horses or bicycles will march on ahead of leading unit of Brigade Group. When Brigade is finding the Advanced Guard, these billeting parties will march immediately in rear of the Main Guard.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 10 pm.

*J. H. White*

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
96th Infantry Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 & 2.
- 1. War Diary
  - 2. File
  - 3. G.O.C.
  - 4. Staff Captain
  - 5. 15th Lincs. Fus.
  - 6. 16th Lincs. Fus.
  - 7. 2nd Manchr. Regt.
  - 8. 96th T.A. Bty.
  - 9. Bde. Signal Offr.
  - 10. 32nd Division
  - 11. 14th Inf. Bde.
  - 12. 27th Inf. Bde.
  - 13. 21st Field Co. R.E.
  - 14. 21st Field Amb.
  - 15. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

Addendum.

Ref. para. 5 - 15th Lincs. Fus. will pass the Starting Point at 6.30 am.; to cross SOMME River at 8 am. Units are responsible they arrive at Starting point in time to follow at correct intervals.



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TO } 6<sup>th</sup> Australian A.F.I.

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Brigade Group will be prepared to move early 6<sup>th</sup> inst probably 4 am.

*Stewart*

From *Luko*

Place *96<sup>th</sup> Bde Major*

Time *96<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde*

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TO } 96<sup>th</sup> Brigade Group.

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The 96<sup>th</sup> Brigade Group will be ready to move at 2 hours notice after receipt of this order VAAA Composition of Brigade Group as follows :-

- 96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Australian F.A. Bde.
- 218<sup>th</sup> Field Coy R.C.
- 91<sup>st</sup> Field AmB

ACKNOWLEDGE *WR*

From *96<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde*

Place *96<sup>th</sup> Bde Major*

Time

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96th Infantry Brigade Order No. 430

Sept. 6th 1918

1. 96th Brigade Group will move to MONCHY LAGACHE Area to-morrow, 7th. Route FOURQUES - DEVISE - Road South of DEVISE WOOD to V.17. central.
2. Order of march will be as follows :-  
 16th Lincs. Fus.  
 15th Lincs. Fus.  
 Brigade H.Q.  
 96th T.M.Bty.  
 2nd Manchester Regt.  
 "B" Coy., 32nd Bn. M.G. Corps  
 Bearer Section, 91st Field Amb.  
 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.  
 Intervals to be observed on the march -  
 100 yds. between Coys. and similar units.  
 50 yds. between each group of 12 vehicles.  
 500 yds. between Battalions.  
 Lewis Gun limbers and pack animals will march with Companies.  
 Battalion transport will move in rear of Battalions.
3. 16th Lincs. Fus. will pass Starting Point <sup>Road junction</sup> - U.17.b.3.1. - at 7 am. Units of Brigade Group are responsible that they pass this point in correct order at correct intervals.  
 6th Army A.F.A. will join column after it has passed their billets.  
 Brigade Group will be clear of ENNEMAIN by 9 am.
4. Billeting parties will proceed direct to MONCHY Area and report to Brigade Staff Officer at road junction V.17.a.4.2.
5. Orders as to move of 213th Field Coy. R.E. will be issued later.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 8 pm.

*W. Wake*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
96th Infantry Brigade.

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Copy No. 1 & 2. War Diary | 10. Bde. Signal Offr.    |
| 3. File                   | 11 & 12 32nd Division    |
| 4. G.O.C.                 | 13. 14th Inf. Bde.       |
| 5. Staff Capt.            | 14. 97th Inf. Bde.       |
| 6. 15th Lincs. Fus.       | 15. 213th Field Co. R.E. |
| 7. 16th Lincs. Fus.       | 16. 91st Field Amb.      |
| 8. 2nd Man. Regt.         | 17. 6th Army A.F.A.      |
| 9. 96th T.M.B.            | 18. "B" Coy. M.G. Bn.    |



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TO { 16, 17, 18, 106 Btys

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1337	6		

You are to have your battery hooked in and ready to march at 5 am on 7th last. Also Batteries will march in this order 17th, 18th, 16th, 106th. Do not move from your lines until ordered.

From NUT  
 Place 2.45  
 Time 2.45

The above may be forwarded



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TO 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) Bde AFA.

Sender's Number. BM 18	Day of Month. 8	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Phase take up positions today as far as possible in squares W5 b, c, d, W6c, to shoot on S<sup>1</sup> QUENTIN HOLNOR woods. Batteries should be in action & registered by nightfall. You will form part of the 97<sup>th</sup> Inf. Brigade Group, the Artillery Group commander of which is Col. H. Hutton D.S.O. with H.Q. at W8a 85, to whom it would be a good thing to report on your way up to select positions. 32<sup>nd</sup> Div. are informing 96<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. Further orders will follow shortly. I am sending this off at once in order to give you as much notice as possible. Phase acknowledge

From 32 D.A.	Place	Time 10.15 am	(Z)
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. A. B. C.	

\* This line should be erased if not required.

(4715) Wt. W3253/P511 1,113,336 Shts. 2/18 C. & Co. (L.S.4)



SECRET.

No 12

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32nd DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY  
OPERATION ORDER NO: 78.

1. The Artillery of the 97th Infantry Brigade Group will be reinforced by the 8th (Army) Brigade Aust: P.A., which will form a Sub-group under the command of Lieut: Colonel H. E. COHEN, C.M.S., D.S.O.
2. Batteries of the 8th (Army) Brigade Aust: P.A. will occupy positions in Squares W.S.b.c.d. and W.S.c.
3. Batteries will be in action and registered before dusk to-night.
4. H.Q., 8th (Army) Brigade A.P.A. should be established as near as possible to Artillery Group Headquarters which are at W.S.a.S.S.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE. (161st and 8th Aust: A.P.A. Bde only).

*A. B. Burt*

Major, RMA.,

Brigade Major, 32nd Div'l Artillery.

8th Sept: 1918.

Issued at \_\_\_\_\_

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 4. H.Q., 96th Inf: Brigade.  
 5. H.Q., 97th Inf: Brigade.  
 6 - 7. War Diary.  
 8. Retained.



9. 9. 18.

~~NOV 1~~

The BORDERS have established a pass at the S.W. corner of Copse R. 31 b also a pass in trenches in R. 31 d. H. S.

These two passes were established to join up line of outposts of the KOYLI with those of A.I.F.

Main battle line same as of this afternoon

KOYLI information must be had from other sources since BORDER informs that ~~the~~ JEAN DEVAUX WOODS. Nos 1 & 2. are occupied by KOYLI.

Front normal.

This group being relieved tomorrow - Please advise where I shall report to.  
Almaacornald.

8.55 pm.

Capt.

Secret

M8/18  
9.9.18

O.C. 16, 17, 18, 106 Bdeys

1. The Border Regt have established posts at SW corner of Copse in R 31 b and trenches in R 31 d 45 connecting with Australians
2. KOYLI occupy posts in JEAN DEVAUX WOODS Nos 1 and 2
3. The operation already outlined in respect of Marterville will take place tomorrow morning. All orders will see Order A.F. 10 already issued to 5th Bdeys.
4. The Light Horse should seize the high ground in X 16 this evening. It is intended to exploit the operation in (3) in this direction if possible.
5. If a white over white over white rocket is fired 16 and 17 Bdeys will barrage a line X 16 central to X 16 d 00 for five minutes 8.00 pm till 18. If a red over red over

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- red is fired 16 and 17 will  
 fire all SOS rockets for 15 minutes  
 on this line. If all green rockets  
 green rocket green is direct this  
 will entail action by 161  
 Bde RFA only. The operation  
 will commence about 5:30 am
- 6 Lt 16 Bde will arrange to  
 man D.75 from 4.45 am  
 by an officer of rank to put  
 Battery Band take charge of  
 barrage operation
- 7 All information will be  
 promptly passed to this  
 Hd Qrs.
- 8 Acknowledge

A. R. Smith  
 Lt Col  
 RFA



SECRET.

*No 13*

COPY NO *H*

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 19.

Reference Map: 62.C. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. At about 5 a.m. on 10th September 1918 a Patrol of the 13th Australian Light Horse with Machine Guns and a Company of Infantry is to attack the area MARTEVILLE to DEAD WOOD finishing on a line running approximately from R.32.d.95.60 to R.33.c.4.3 to R.33.c.8.9 to X.3.b.20.45 to X.3.c.85.40 to X.9.c.45.65.
2. With a view to dealing with opportunity targets which may be troubling the Infantry's advance one gun of the 18th Battery under Lieut. C. A. REID will be emplaced before daylight with Firing Battery Wagon in the neighbourhood of R.31.b or d. Communication will be conserved with the Infantry Company Commander in charge of the attack and targets engaged as he may require and opportunity offers. The gun will be withdrawn to the 18th Battery position when the task is completed at the discretion of Lieut. REID in accordance with the facilities for concealed retirement. O.C. 18th Battery will arrange the reconnaissance of the route and position to be occupied and for Lieut. REID to confer through Battalion situated at FERN COPSE with the Company Commander situated approximately at W.11.b.9.1
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 6.15 p.m.  
September 9th 1918.

*J. R. Reub*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

- Cop~~y~~ No 1 to 161st Brigade R.F.A.  
 2 7th Infantry Brigade  
 3 18th Battery A.F.A.  
 4 File  
 5 War Diary

*18th Bty gun at mid 5.1 on 10th*



NOTE

The line is practically as previously.  
The following will check your previous  
coordinates:-

1. R. 32 central. ✓
2. X 2 C. 45 55 ✓ (on Road).
3. X 2 C. 52 15 ✓ (blue trench).
4. X 9 a. 95 95 ✓ (heap Wood).
5. X 8 b. 20 25 ✓ (No 1. Wood)
6. X 9 a. 05 10 ✓ (No 2 Wood)
7. X 2 d 90 10 ✓ (No 3 Wood).

The question of shoring short occurred  
near X. 2 C. 66. - at least one officer  
was killed. A fuller report will follow  
as soon as details are available.

At times to pacify infantry a  
report that we are not responsible,  
giving reasons, would be appreciated.  
Were our batteries 'registered'?

10. 9. 18.

5 pm

A. Shumway

Capt



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X *ad* *...*  
X *ad* *...*  
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COPY NO *68*

5th ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 11.

1. Our line runs Post R.31.b.5.3, BOCQUET COPSE to X.2.central to X.2.d.7.2 to X.8.b.9.2, a Post in ATTILLY, X.9.d.7.7 to X.10.c.4.0 to X.22.a.4.9.
2. At 2 p.m. the K.O.Y.L.I. will advance. Objectives R.32 central R.33.c.0.6 to R.33.c.0.0 to X.3 central to X.10.a.0.0 -
3. This Brigade will fire a barrage as part of the 161st Brigade R.F.A. Group as follows:
  - (a) Start Line X.3.c.0.5 to X.9.b.0.8. Finishing line ~~X.2.b.0.2~~ to X.10.a.2.9
  - (b) The 16th, 17th and 18th Batteries will fire in lanes on this Start Line in that order from North to South in equal thirds.
  - (c) The 106th Battery will fire 200 yards East of the 16 Pounder Barrage.
  - (d) Zero hour is 2 p.m. Batteries will fire on the Start line for 15 minutes. They will then creep forward 100 yards in 3 minutes to the finishing line remaining on that line till Zero plus 45 minutes when they will cease fire.
  - (e) Ammunition. 16 Pounders all "A" 106th Battery No number 106 fuses.
4. *(f) Rate - 2 rpg pm throughout*  
ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 12 Noon  
September 10th 1918

*J. Roberts*  
Lieut  
Adjutant 5th Army Bde. A.F.A.

- Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
 2 17th Battery  
 3 18th Battery  
 4 106th Battery  
 5 161st Brigade R.F.A.  
 6 97th Infantry Brigade  
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 8 War Diary



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6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER A.F. 12.Reference Map: 62.G. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 6th Infantry Brigade is attacking tomorrow the trenches shown Blue in X.3.b, X.4.a and c, and the high ground in R.33 and intends to establish itself on the South East up to St. QUENTIN Wood.
  2. The barrage for the attack will be provided by the 161st and 168th Brigades R.F.A., 23rd Army Brigade R.F.A. and this Brigade.
  3. The following are details of the Barrage:
 

The Barrage Start Line for the operation is from R.33.c.90.65 to X.4.b.35.20. The Barrage Finishing Line is from X.5.a.5.0 to X.10.b.6.1. The 168th Brigade and 23rd Army Brigade R.F.A. open on this line. The 161st Brigade R.F.A. and this Brigade 16 Pdr. Batteries open on a line 200 yards beyond this line. The Dividing Line between this Brigade and the 161st Brigade R.F.A. is from R.33.c.45.00 to X.5.c.0.0. The Barrage Line of this Brigade will be taken by 16th, 17th and 18th Batteries from the North in that order and in equal thirds.

168th How Battery will commence firing 200 yards beyond the 16 Pdr. Batteries of the Brigade and will cease fire on a line 200 yards beyond the Finishing Line.

(b) Time of Lifts. Barrage will open at Zero hour remaining on the Start Line for 2½ minutes and then lifting 100 yards in 2½ minutes until it reaches the finishing line where it will remain for 10 minutes and then cease.

(c) Rate of fire:

16 Pdr.	Zero to zero plus 45 mins	3 rds. p.g.p.m.
	Zero plus 45 to Cease fire	2 rds. p.g.p.m.
4.5 How		2 rounds p.h.p.m. throughout.

(d) Ammunition.

5% "AS" if available and as near to 60% "A" and 40% "AX" as is available in each 16 Pdr Battery

4.5" Hows. 5% "BS" remainder "BX"
  4. Lieut. A. B. CURRIE, 17th Battery, will go forward with the Infantry as F.O.O. taking with him a party of Signallers with wire Lucas Lamps and Flags to be detailed by the Signal Officer and will establish communication with the Brigade O.P. which will be manned by the Battery on duty with Flags and Lucas Lamps in addition to telephone
  5. If subsequently to the completion of the barrage more fire is required by the Infantry on the finishing line they will send up a number of White Very Lights when fire at 2 rounds p.g.p.m. will be opened on its Finishing Line by each Battery for 10 minutes.
- After completion of the Barrage the 168th How. Battery will expend 100 rounds "BX" with 100 Fuzes in short bursts in X.5.d. and X.11.b



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7. If owing to the penetration of our infantry during the day it becomes necessary to advance the Start Line beyond its present position this will be taken forward in hundreds of yards by the Code "A.F. 12 up One" meaning the Start Line will be 100 yards beyond that laid down and so on
8. Zero hour is 5.15 a.m. on 12th September 1918. Any alteration will be given in minutes by the following Code "A.F. 12 Z.H. Plus Ten" meaning that Zero Hour is 5.25 a.m. and so on
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 7.10 p.m.  
September-11th, 1918

*A. P. Roberts*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

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2	17th Battery
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5	26th Infantry Brigade
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7	161st Brigade R.F.A.
8	File
9	War Diary

27/9/18  
The Infantry advanced during the hours of darkness & all objectives were obtained without artillery support. The barrage in this order was not therefore required.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
10th September, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D" No. 4.

Ref. Map 620. 1/20,000.

1. INFORMATION.  
The 4th Aust. Division advanced its line today to following position -

R. 26.A., R. 26.B., R. 20.D. thence along Railway Line to R. 8. Central, R. 8.B. 2, 3. thence along BROWN LINE to Boundary. Touch has been gained with both flank Divisions. This covers the advance referred to in Instruction No. 3. of even date.

2. INTENTION.  
The advance will be continued by means of vigorous patrol action, the Advance Guard Commander co-operating with flank Brigades.

3. MOVES.  
C.O. 4th Aust. M.G. Bn. will move 24th Aust. M.G. Coy. to forward Area and hand it over to Advance Guard Commander on night 11th/12th September. This Company will be disposed in depth behind 13th A.I. Brigade for defensive purposes.

13th A.I. Brigade will complete move referred to in Instruction No. 3, tonight 11th/12th<sup>Sept</sup> and establish a nucleus garrison, on best line of defence, approximately between Q. 10. and Q. 20. The role of this Brigade Group will be :-

- (a) Defence of above line.
- (b) To make counter-attack.
- or (c) To reinforce Advance Guard, on receipt of orders from Divisional Headquarters.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Major.  
General Staff.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 6.30. pm.

Distribution as for Instruction No. 3.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,  
11th September, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "D", No. 5.

1. INFORMATION:  
Information at present available indicates that the enemy resistance continues by means of Rear Guards.  
A Tracing is attached showing positions of enemy M.G.'s, which have been located.  
A few hostile guns or howitzers are in position in ST. QUENTIN WOOD.
2. RESUMPTION OF THE ADVANCE:  
The 13th A.I. Bde. Group with the 11th Bde. A.F.A. attached will form the Advance Guard and continue the advance tomorrow morning, 12th instant, at an early hour to be selected by the G.O.C. 13th Bde.  
The operation will be carried out by vigorous patrol action against enemy points of resistance along the whole front. The objective will be approximately along the spurs from R. 26. to R. 14. and thence along BROWN LINE.  
Touch will be maintained with flank Divisions during advance.
3. LIGHT HORSE & CYCLIST PLATOON.  
One Squadron Light Horse and one Platoon Cyclists will remain under command of G.O.C. Advance Guard.
4. INTENTION.  
It is desired to carry our line as far forward as possible towards the HINDENBURG LINE before committing the Corps to an organised general attack.  
As the advance progresses the G.O.C. 13th A.I. Bde. and 4th A.I. Bde. Groups will move their respective commands forward to positions indicated on tracing already issued to those concerned. This will be carried out by dribbling forward in small parties commencing on 12th instant.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*No tracing att'd*

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
General Staff.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 8.30 p.m.  
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- 31 } 3rd Aust. Division.
- 32 } 1st Division.
- 33 } 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- 34 } 12th " " A.F.A.
- 35 } 9th Brigade R.G.A.
- 36 } 5th Aust. Div. Artillery.



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TO *6th Army Bde a 7a*

*Sender's Number <i>BM 221</i>	Day of Month <i>11</i>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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*After dark on the night of 12/13 of Sept your brigade will pull out of action & return to wagon lines. Brigade Commander should report at 4 Q 208 Army Bde R 7a (Q 26 D 22) by 9 am Sept 13th from whom he will take over 477th Batteries to relieve Batteries of 208 Bde in the line 477th. Relief to be completed by noon 13/9.*

FROM	<i>3rd DA</i>
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 190  
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REFERENCE MAP 62C 1/40,000.

HEADQUARTERS  
11th September 1918.

1. GROUPING. - Para. 3 of Order No. 189 is amended to read as follows :-

On completion of the relief of the 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades by the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades, respectively, the Grouping of the artillery covering the 4th Australian Divisional Sector will be as follows :-

ADVANCED GUARD ARTILLERY -

11th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Lieut.-Col. C.H. SPURGE.  
SUPPORT BRIGADE -

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..

RESERVE GROUP. -

5th ARMY Brigade R.H.A. ) - Lieut.-Col. A.D.H. WEST,  
298th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. ) D.S.O..

2. BATTERY POSITIONS. -

The 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades will not take over Battery positions vacated by 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades, but will be emplaced at locations to be communicated to the Brigade Commanders on their arrival at CATELET on the 11th Sept.

3. LIAISON. -

During the night of the 11th/12th September, liaison arrangements as under will be effected :-

11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will supply two officers for liaison with the two battalions in the line in addition to a Brigade liaison officer.

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade will provide an officer for liaison with the support battalion.

The RESERVE Group will withdraw battalion liaison officers on relief by those of the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades.

4. ZONES. -

Para. 7 of Order No. 189 is cancelled.

16th W 602550  
17th W  
18th W  
16th W



(2).

5. COMMAND.- Command of the artillery covering the 4th Aust. Div. Sector will pass to the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division at 10 p.m. on the 11/9/18.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.  
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*W. G. Wilson* Major,  
a/Bde-Major,  
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION -  
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|---------|----------------------------|
| 1 - 5   | 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade    |
| 6 - 10  | 11th " " "                 |
| 11 - 13 | 4th Aust. D.T.M.O.         |
| 14 - 17 | 4th Aust. D.A.C.           |
| 18      | 4th Aust. Div. 'G'.        |
| 19      | R.A., Australian Corps.    |
| 20      | H.A. Australian Corps.     |
| 21      | C.B.S.O. Aust. Corps.      |
| 22      | 5th Aust. Div. Arty.       |
| 23      | 1st Aust. Div. Arty.       |
| 24      | 32nd Div. Artillery.       |
| 25      | 298th ARMY Bde R.F.A.      |
| 26      | 5th ARMY Bde R.H.A.        |
| 27      | 6th (ARMY) Aust. F.A. Bde. |
| 28      | 12th " " " "               |
| 29      | 9th Brigade R.G.A.         |
| 30      | 4th Aust. Infantry Bde.    |
| 31      | 12th " " " "               |
| 32      | 13th " " " "               |
| 33      | 3rd Squad. R.F.C.          |
| 34      | C.R.A.,                    |
| 35      | B.M.,                      |
| 36      | S.C.,                      |
| 37      | R.O.,                      |
| 38      | File.                      |
| 39      | R.A., Sigs.                |
| 40      | Spare.                     |
| 41 - 43 | War Diary.                 |



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## RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY ORDER NO. 191.

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Relieving Unit	Unit	Location	Wagon Lines
RESERVE Group H.Q. (Lt.-Col. H.E. COHEN C.M.G., D.S.O.)	RESERVE Group H.Q. (Lt.-Col. A.D.H. WEST, D.S.O.)	Q 14 d 7 3.	
12th ARMY Bde A.F.A. Headquarters	5th ARMY Bde R.H.A. Headquarters	Q 14 d 7 3	Q 20 d cent.
45th Battery A.F.A.	'G' Battery	Q 15 c cent.	Q 25 d cent.
46th Battery A.F.A.	'N' Battery 4 guns	Q 15 a 9 6	P 4 c
47th Battery A.F.A.	2 guns	Q 15 a 8 0.	
112th How.Bty A.F.A.	'O' Battery	Q 14 b 6 1	P 3 d 7 6
		To be selected by the Brigade Commander.	
6th ARMY Bde A.F.A. / Headquarters	298th ARMY Bde RFA. Headquarters	Q 26 d 2 2	Q 26 d 2 2
16th Battery A.F.A.	'A' Battery	Q 26 d 4 6	Q 26 d.
17th Battery A.F.A.	'B' Battery	Q 27 a 3 5	Q 26 c 6 3
18th Battery A.F.A.	'C' Battery	Q 31 d 8 5	Q 28 c 7 0
106th How.Bty A.F.A.	'D' Battery	Q 27 a 0 1	Q 21 a.



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SECRET.ORDER No. 191.  
\*\*\*\*\*Headquarters  
11th Sept. 1918.REFERENCE MAP -- 620 1/40,000.

1. CHANGE OF COMMAND. - The IX Corps is to take over portion of the Corps area SOUTH of and including road running EAST and WEST through Q.30.c and d at noon on the 11th instant.  
The AUSTRALIAN Corps front will then be held by 4th Australian Division on the RIGHT and 1st Aust. Division on the LEFT.
2. ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARIES. - Boundaries of 4th Australian Division Sector are as shown on the attached tracing.  
The 32nd Division will relieve the 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade of that portion of the present Sector SOUTH of and including the road running EAST and WEST through Q.30.c and d on the night 11th/12th September.
3. UNITS TRANSFERRED. - The following artillery brigades will be transferred from 4th Australian Division to the IX Corps :-  
5th ARMY Brigade R.H.A.  
298th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.
4. MOVES & RELIEFS. - Consequent on the above transfers the following moves and reliefs will be effected :-
  - (a). The 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A., which is being relieved in the 32nd Div. Sector on the 12th September under IX Corps orders will on completion of relief march to wagon lines in the 4th Aust. Division area. Arrangements for the march and advance parties will be made by the Brigade Commander.  
The 6th ARMY Bde Aust. F.A. will, on the night 12th/13th September relieve the 298th ARMY Bde R.F.A. in the line in accordance with the accompanying relief table.  
Battery positions vacated by 298th ARMY Bde R.F.A. will not be occupied by 6th ARMY Bde Aust. F.A. battery areas will be allotted by C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division.



(2) Continued.

On completion of the relief the 298th ARMY Bde R.F.A. will withdraw to wagon lines and pass to the command of the IX Corps.

(b). The 12th ARMY Bde Aust. F.A. will move to wagon lines in the BOUVINCOURT area on the 12th inst. Arrangements for the march and advance parties will be made by the Brigade Commanders.

On the night 12th/13th September the 12th ARMY Bde Aust. F.A. will relieve the 5th ARMY Bde R.H.A. in the line in accordance with the accompanying relief table.

On completion of the relief the 5th ARMY Bde R.H.A. will withdraw to wagon lines and pass to the command of the IX Corps.

5. GROUPING. - The grouping of the artillery covering the 4th Australian Division Sector from the termination of the above reliefs will be as follows :-

ADVANCED GUARD ARTILLERY

11th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Lieut.-Col. C.H. SPURGE,

SUPPORT BRIGADE

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade - Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, DSO.

RESERVE GROUP.

8th ARMY Bde Aust. F.A. } Lieut.-Col. H.E. COHEN, OMC, DSO,  
12th ARMY Bde Aust. F.A. }

6. GROUP COMMAND. - Command of the RESERVE Group will pass on completion of the relief.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.  
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*W. Parkinson*, Major,  
a/Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 48  
(Sheet 2)

Map. 62 C. 1 - 40000

STERILIZING  
FORMS.

Located

DOINGT -- J.36.A.4-3-  
CARTIGINY J.36.C.8.2.

8. A.P.M.

Located

P.29.D.76.

9. REINFORCEMENT  
WING

Located

O.8.

10. CAMOUFLAGE  
PARK.

Located

P.23.A.9.4.

11.

CEMETERIES.

Units will, as far as possible utilize existing British cemeteries. Isolated burials should be avoided.

12. I.O.H.

R.27.C.1.8.

(Sheet 62 D.)  
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13. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

Captain.  
Staff Captain.

4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - 5 10th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 6 - 10 11th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 11 - 13 D.T.H.C.
- 14 - 17 D.A.C.
- 18 - 23 6th Army Bde 3do Aust. F.A.
- 24 - 29 15th " " " "
- 30 " " " " " "



## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 43.

HEADQUARTERS,  
11th September 1918  
Map 62 C 1 - 40000

1. SUPPLIES .  
Refilling Point P.15.A.
2. ORDNANCE.  
D.A.D.O.S. located H.25.D.
3. VETERINARY  
Mobile Vet. Section O.20.A.0.0.
4. BATHS.  
Will be notified as soon as possible.
5. CLOTHING EXCHANGE  
At D.H.Q., CATELET. Socks can be exchanged.
6. WATER.  
Water points located as follows :-

P.26.d.1.5.	Requires 1 Scoop of B.P. per Water Cart..
P.21.c.3.1.	" 1 " " "
P.26.c.7.7.	" 2 " " "
P.18.c.6.1.	
P.12.c.3.4.	
P.29.d.3.5.	
P.29.d.8.5.	
P.18.a.3.4.	
P.21.c.1.0.	- Well, fitted with hand pump, fair working order, brick, 4'6" diameter, depth 150', Water 60'.
Q.14.b.30.95.	Hancourt, 2 concrete storage cisterns, capacity 5,000 gallons, picqueter by a sapper and issued only for drinking purposes.
Windlasses are being fitted on wells in VRAIGNES, HANCOURT, and Sugar Factory at Q.4.a.2.2.	
P.18.a.3.4.	Tube well with pump in good condition, requires engine.
P.26.d.1.3.	Engine and Pump, and one 7000 gallon tank with 2" outlet.
P.27.c.2.6.	Unfit.
Q.13.d.8.6.	Boet Factory, good concreted well, water passed as fit for drinking, being fitted with windlass.
Q.19.a.7.5.	Brick, 4' diameter, depth 95', water 5', pump destroyed, water looks poor, sample sent back.
Q.20.c.0.6.	Brick 4' diameter, depth 100' water 12' top of blown in, water looks good, sample sent back.
Q.20.c.1.1.	Brick 2' diameter, depth 20', water 5', pump destroyed, water looks good, sample sent back.
Q.19.c.9.9.	Brick 4' diameter depth 100' water 2'5" top of well blown in and windlass destroyed, water look good, sample sent back.
Q.19.c.7.1.	Brick 8' by 8' depth 15', water 3', pump destroyed, water looks poor, sample sent back.
O.3.c.3.8.	LA CHAPELLETTE.
M.30.d.3.3.	ESTREES. Water trough for horses also.

Horse Watering Points.

P.26.a.9.9.

P.26.c.6.6.



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Prefix .....		Office of Origin .....		Charge .....		This message is on a/c of: .....		Recd. at ..... m.	
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Office of Origin .....		To .....		By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By .....	
TO		6 Army		Lt A. J. A.					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA			
* a 233		11 <sup>th</sup>							
<p>H Aust DA is located at P2 d 91 Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> / 40000</p>									
From		H Aust DA							
Place									
Time									
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) G. J. ...					
Censor.				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.					





FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

ORDER NO. 192.

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HEADQUARTERS  
11th Sept. 1918.

REFERENCE MAP 62C 1/40,000.

1. INFORMATION. - Information at present available indicates that the enemy resistance continues by means of Rear Guards. A tracing is attached shewing positions of enemy M.Gs which have been located. A few hostile guns or howitzers are in position in ST. QUENTIN WOOD.
2. RESUMPTION OF THE ADVANCE. - The 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group with the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade attached, will form the Advanced Guard and continue the advance to-morrow morning, the 12th instant, at an early hour to be selected by the G.O.C., 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. The operation will be carried out by vigorous patrol action against enemy points of resistance along the whole front. The objective will be approximately along the spurs from R 26 to R 14 and thence along the BROWN line shown on tracing issued with order No. 191.
3. INTENTION. - It is desired to carry our line as far forward as possible towards the HINDENBURG line before committing the Corps to an organised general attack.
4. ARTILLERY SUPPORT. - The action of the Advanced Guard Artillery and the Support artillery Brigade during the operation will be regulated by the general instructions already issued to Brigade Commanders. The closest liaison with the infantry will be maintained and support given in accordance with the requirements of the situation.
5. FRONT LINE. - The front line on the 4th Aust. Div. front runs approximately as follows :- Starting from the NORTH Divisional Boundary along the BROWN line shewn on tracing issued with Order No. 191, to R 8 d 3 0, thence along the railway line to the SOUTHERN boundary.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. J. Kinson*

Major,  
a/Ede-Major,

Distribution overleaf. 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.



DISTRIBUTION -

1	-	5	10th Aust. F.A. Bde.
6	-	10	11th Aust. F.A. Bde.
11	-	13	4th Aust. D.A.C.
14	-	16	4th Aust. D.T.M.O.
17	-	21	5th ARMY Bde R.H.A.
22	-	26	298th ARMY Bde R.F.A.
27	-	31	6th Aust. (ARMY) F.A. Bde.
32	-	36	12th Aust. (ARMY) F.A. Bde.
		37	5th Aust. D.A.
		38	1st Aust. D.A.
		39	32nd Div. Artillery.
		40	9th Bde R.G.A.
		41	4th Aust. Div. 'G'.
		42	R.A. Australian Corps.
		43	H.A. Australian Corps.
		44	4th Aust. Infantry Brigade
		45	12th Aust. Infantry Brigade
		46	13th Aust. Infantry Brigade
		47	C.R.A.,
		48	B.M.
		49	S.C.
		50	R.O.
		51	R.A., Signals.
		52	File.
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APPENDIX

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY COPY NO. 27

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ORDER NO. 193.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
11th September 1918.

REFERENCE MAP 620 1/20,000.

1. INFORMATION. - The 4th Australian Division advanced its line to-day to the following position :-

R 26 a, R 26 b, R 20 d, thence along Railway Line to R 8 central, R 8 b 2 5, thence along BROWN LINE to boundary.

Touch has been gained with both flank Divisions. This covers the advance referred to in Order No. 192.

2. INTENTION. - The advance will be continued by means of vigorous patrol action in co-operation with flank brigades.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

APR

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

DISTRIBUTION.  
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As for Order No. 192.

Issued at 10.45 p.m.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY.	
No.	C. 5/98.
Date	

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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Headquarters  
11th September 1918.

- 32nd Div. Artillery.
  - 6th Aust. (ARMY) F.A. Bde.
  - 298th ARMY Bde R.F.A.
  - 5th ARMY Bde R.H.A.
  - R.A., Aust. Corps.
  - 4th Aust. Div. 'G'.
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REFERENCE MAP 620 1/20,000.

- MOVE. - Reference para. 4, sub-para. (a), Order No. 191, the 298th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. on completion of relief by 6th ARMY Bde Aust. F.A., will proceed to wagon lines in the IX Corps area, between ATHIES and MERAUCOURT.  
The move will be made under orders to be issued by the Brigade Commander, exact locations having been ascertained by advance parties.
- ADVANCE PARTIES. - Advance parties will report to the Staff Captain, 32nd D.A. at V 9 a 9 2 at 2 p.m. on the 12th instant.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

*W. P. Wilkinson*, Major,  
a/Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11.15 p.m.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 50.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
12th Sept. 1918.

1. AMMUNITION TO BE KEPT AT GUNS :-

- per 18-pdr. - 300 rounds.
  - per 4.5" How. - 250 rounds.
- Echelons filled.

2. SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION TO BATTERIES will be :-

Railhead to A.R.P. by motor lorry - from A.R.P. forward by horse transport.

Owing to wagon lines being close to guns in some cases it would be unfair on Divisional and Brigade Ammunition Columns to lay down that the normal procedure of supply would be carried out.

In view of this, Brigade and D.A.C. Commanders will arrange mutually the amount of carrying to be done by each from A.R.P. forward.

In the case of Army Brigades, ammunition supply will be arranged by C.Os concerned.

3. In the event of Batteries moving forward, any ammunition left behind will be collected by them as far as possible and taken forward to new positions.

When it becomes necessary to abandon any ammunition, the location and amount will be wired this office to enable arrangements being made to salve same.

4. (a) Brigades will wire ammunition expenditure from noon to noon daily, to reach this Office by 12.30 p.m. A consolidated return will follow by first afternoon despatch as per pro forma attached.

(b) Casualties will be wired by noon daily, ( names to be stated in the case of Officers ). Army Brigades will wire this information direct to Australian Corps, repeating to this Office for information.

(c) a gur/.....



Administrative Instruction No. 50 continued (2).

4. (c) A gun wire will be rendered to reach this Office by 12.30 p.m. daily, showing :-

- i. Guns in action.
- ii. Totally destroyed since last return.
- iii. At I.O.M.
- iv. Temporarily out of action at position.

5. A.R.P. for use of "B" Divisional Artillery is situated at P 8 central, in charge of Lieut. J.S.V. MEIN. The 6th and 12th Aust. (ARMY) F.A. Brigades will each detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 O.Rs to report there at 9 a.m., Friday 13th instant, as a dump party. They will be rationed by Units to which they belong.

6. I.O.M. for all guns is No. 17 O.M.W. (Light) at R 27 c 1 8. (Sheet 62D 1/40,000.)

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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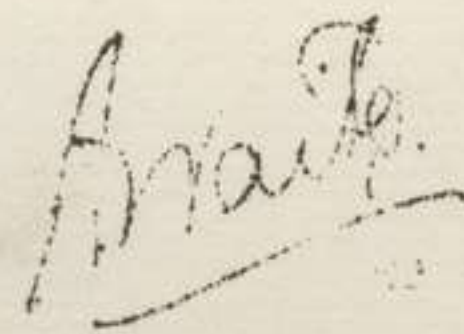
AMENDMENT NO. 1

to ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 50.

Headquarters  
12th Sept. 1918.

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Reference Para. 5 - for "B" Divisional Artillery  
read Artillery in 4th Australian Divisional Sector.

ACKNOWLEDGE.  
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Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET.  
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AMENDMENT AND ADDENDA TO

LOCATION STATEMENT OF THE 12th SEPT. '18.  
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Headquarters  
12th September 1918.  
Time 3.30 p.m.

11th Aust. F.A. Brigade -

43rd Battery should read - Q 17 d 8535.  
11th Battery should read - Q 17 d 5 8.

4th Australian D.A.C. -

No. 1 section should read - P 2 c 4 0.

9th Brigade R.G.A. -

128th Heavy Battery - 4 guns - Q 15 d 7 8.  
(60-pounder).  
153rd Siege Battery - 4 guns - Q 10 a 6 6.  
(6" How.)  
260th Siege Battery - 4 guns - Q 15 b 1 9.  
(6" How.)

*C.H. Rowan*  
Lieutenant,  
Reconn. Officer,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET  
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LOCATION STATEMENT  
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as at noon 12/9/18.

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62C 1/40,000.

Wagon Lines

4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.

P 2 d 9 1

CATELET.

SUPPORT ARTILLERY BRIGADE

10th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.

(Lt.-Col., T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O.)

- 37th Battery
- 38th Battery
- 39th Battery
- 110th Battery

- (Q 20 a 1 9
- Q 22 c 8 7
- Q 22 c 5 1
- Q 27 b 5 3
- Q 27 b 8065

- V 6 c 2 5.
- V 4 central
- V 6 d 8 8.
- V 6 d 3 5.
- V 4 c cent.

ADVANCED GUARD ARTILLERY

11th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q.

(Lt.-Col. C.H. SPURGE.)

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

- (Q 15 c 4 8
- Q 18 a 7 4 )
- Q 18 b cent. )
- Q 17 d 5 3 35 )
- Q 17 d 4 80 )

J 36 c.

RESERVE ARTILLERY GROUP.

Lt.-Col. A.D.H. WEST, D.S.O.

5th ARMY Bde R.H.A., H.Q.

- 'G' Battery
- 'N' Battery
- 'O' Battery

- Q 14 d 7 3
- Q 15ba cent.
- Q 15 a 9 8
- Q 12 d 0 0

- Q 20 d cent.
- Q 25 d cent.
- P 4 c.
- P 3 d 7 6.

298th ARMY Bde R.F.A., H.Q.

Lt.-Col. De SATGE, D.S.O.

- 'A' Battery
- 'B' Battery
- 'C' Battery
- 'D' Battery

- Q 26 d 2 2
- Q 26 d 5 5
- Q 24 a 6 3
- Q 34 b 3 9
- Q 24 c 4550

- Q 26 d 2 2.
- Q 26 d.
- Q 26 c 3 3.
- Q 28 c 7 0.
- Q 21 a.

P.T.O..



LOCATION STATEMENT continued (2).

<u>9th Brigade R.G.A.</u>	Lt.-Col. OWEN.	128 HB (60 Pdr) 4 guns	Q15878
Headquarters	P 23 a 9 0	153 SB 4 guns	
<u>4th Aust. D.T.M.O.</u>	P 3 c 4085.	(6 in How)	Q10a66
7th M.T.M. Bty.	ST. CREN.	260 SB (4)	
8th M.T.M. Bty.	CARTIGNY.	6 in How	Q15819
<u>4th Aust. D.A.C.</u>			
Headquarters	P 14 c 3 4.		
No. 1 Section	<del>O 16 b 9 9</del> P2 c 40.		
2 Section	P 20 b 2 0.		
5th ARMY Bde B.A.C.	O 6 b.		
298th ARMY Bde B.A.C.	MONS en CHAUSEE.		
A.R.P.	P 8 central.		

*C. P. Row* Lieutenant,  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.



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APPENDIX 16 60

"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Charge.....	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Service.
At.....m.		To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....	

TO { 6 (Amg) | Adm AFA.

Sender's Number. *BM 23	Day of Month. 12	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Reference my BM 22, if you can manage to complete the relief as early as possible before 12 noon it will assist 298 Ade, as they have to relieve 168 Ade in action as soon after noon as possible

From 32 DA  
Place  
Time 5 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Atkinson*  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.



SECRET.

H.Q., 32nd Divisional Artillery.  
 H.Q., 96th Inf. Brigade.  
 O.C., 5th (Army) Aust. Bde. F.A. ✓  
 O.C., A/161st Bde. R.F.A.  
 O.C., B/161st Bde. R.F.A.  
 O.C., C/161st Bde. R.F.A.  
 O.C., D/161st Bde. R.F.A.



161st (YORKS.) BRIGADE R.F.A. OPERATION ORDER No. 11.

1. The 23rd A.F.A. Brigade is taking over the front at present covered by the 161st Brigade R.F.A., today.
2. Batteries of 161st Brigade R.F.A. will withdraw to their Wagon Lines as soon as the Batteries of the 23rd A.F.A. Bde. are in position.  
 Hdqrs., 23rd A.F.A. Brigade from 5.0 p.m. - W.11.a.7.6.
3. All ammunition surplus to Echelon will be left at Battery positions and should be protected from damp as far as possible.
4. Hdqrs., 161st Brigade R.F.A. will close at W.11.a.7.6. at 5.0 p.m. and open at position to be notified, later, at ~~W.11.a.7.6.~~ the same hour.
5. A CKNOWLEDGE.

*W. S. Hamilton Capt*  
 for Lieut-Colonel,  
 Commanding 161st (Yorks.) Brigade R. F. A.

12th Sept. 1918.

Issued at p.m.



SECRET.Copy No:..... *13*

52nd DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY  
OPERATION ORDER No.81.  
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1. In continuation of 52nd D.A., O.O.80 and consequent upon it, the following Artillery reliefs take place:-

- (a). At 4.0 pm. to-day, 23rd (Army) Brigade R.F.A. relieve 161st Brigade R.F.A. in action and cover Right Battalion.  
168th Brigade R.F.A. relieve 6th (Army) Australian Brigade F.A. and cover Left Batt'n, and 3rd Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.

Lt:Col: H.M. BALLINGALL, D.S.O., assumes command of the 96th Brigade Artillery Group.  
161st and 6th (Army) Aust: Brigade F.A. return to wagon Lines when relieved.

- (b). At 12 Noon 13th September, 6th (Army) Aust: Brigade F.A. relieve 298th (Army) Brigade RFA. in action.

- (c). At 3 pm. 13th September, 298th Brigade R.F.A. relieve 168th Brigade in action. 168th Brigade R.F.A. then return to their Wagon Lines.

2. O.C., 16th (Army) Brigade R.H.A. will reconnoitre positions covering 1st Divisional front and will be prepared to occupy them at short notice.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Major, R.A.,

Brigade Major, 52nd Div'l Artillery.

12th Sept'r, 1918.

Issued at \_\_\_\_\_

-: DISTRIBUTION :-

161st Brigade RFA.	168th Brigade RFA.
23rd Brigade RFA.	16th Brigade RHA.
6th Brigade AFA.	298th Brigade RFA.
5th Brigade RHA.	21st Brigade RGA.
96th Inf: Brigade.	3rd Inf: Bde: (1st Div'n).
52nd Div: 'G'.	1st D.A.
4th Aust: D.A.	War Diary. (2).

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SECRET

COPY NO 6

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 13.

1. Herewith copy of 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No 1st Relief Table to accompany same and Administrative Instruction No 46
2. The Brigade will not relieve the 29th Brigade R.F.A. on the night 14th/15th September as laid down in Para 4 but will relieve it on the morning of 15th inst. Relief to be completed by 11.30 a.m. Each Battery will detail one Officer to report to the Adjutant at this Headquarters at 2 p.m. today in order that the new Battery positions, Wagon Lines and Routes may be reconnoitred.
3. Batteries will not withdraw from their present positions until receipt of further orders from this office.
4. Ammunition to be taken over by 16th Brigade R.F.A.. It will be stacked by the road side adjacent to the Battery positions and made weather proof. Statement of the amount of ammunition in each Battery Dump will be forwarded to this office by 1 p.m. today.
5. In the event of it being necessary for the B.A.C. to move orders for the move will be issued separately.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11.15 a.m.  
September 14th, 1918.

*G. P. Rank*  
Adjutant 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

Lieut

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
2 17th Battery  
3 18th Battery  
4 19th Battery  
5 6th B. A. C.  
6 File



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Prefix <u>SM</u> Code <u>KIAM</u> Words..... £ s. d.	Received From <u>DA</u> By <u>DA</u>	Sent, or sent out At <u>11-35a</u> m. To <u>160 Bde</u> By <u>AS</u>	Office Stamp. <u>NVD 1</u> <u>12-9-18</u>
Charges to collect	Service Instructions. <u>ETA</u>		
Handed in at..... Office..... m.		Received <u>11-50</u> m.	
TO	<u>Garry Bde</u>		
*Sender's Number <u>SM 168</u>	Day of Month <u>12</u>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
<p>All ammunition on charge of Brigades being relieved will be handed over to relieving Brigades. AA amount handed over amount taken over will be wired to his office on completion of relief. AAA. Map location of all ammunition handed over will be given to relieving Bde.</p>			
FROM	<u>32 Dwarti</u>		
PLACE & TIME			

\* This line should be completed



Secret.

H.Q., 32nd Divisional Artillery.  
 H.Q., 96th Inf. Bde. R.F.A.  
 O.C., 6th (Army) Aust. Bde. F.A. ✓  
 O.C., A/161st Bde. R.F.A.  
 O.C., B/161st Bde. R.F.A.  
 O.C., C/161st Bde. R.F.A.  
 O.C., D/161st Bde. R.F.A.

161st (YORKS.) BRIGADE R.F.A. OPERATION ORDER No. 10.

1. On the night of the 12th/13th September, the 2nd Infantry Brigade, 1st Division, will take over the front now held by the 32nd Division from an E. and W. line running through X.10.a.0.3. to the Northern Corps Boundary.
2. At noon on 13th September, G.O.C., 1st Division, will take over command of the front held by the 3rd Infantry Brigade.  
Map shewing Corps and Divisional Boundaries is attached (To Batteries of 161 Bde. only).
3. On the night of the 12th/13th September, 6th (Army) Aust. Brigade F.A. will render returns to Australian Corps.
4. Between the night of 12th/13th and noon 13th September, ~~Divisional Artillery~~ <sup>artillery under command</sup> ~~CRA 32 Div~~ will continue to cover the front held by the 1st Division, under arrangements to be made later.
5. To conform with the above change of Boundary, B/161 will cover the lane Northern Boundary E. & W. line through X.10.a.0.3. Southern Boundary as before.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire  
12th September 1918.

Issued at *noon* .....

*W. Gordon Capt*  
 for Lieut-Colonel,  
 Commanding 161st (Yorks.) Brigade R.F.A.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET.

LOCATION STATEMENT  
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as at 6 a.m. 12/9/18.

REFERENCE SHEET 620

4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.	P 2 d 9 1 ( CATELET ).
SUPPORT ARTILLERY BRIGADE	Lt.-Col. T.I.G. WILLIAMS D.S.O.
10th Aust. F.A. Bde H.Q.	Q 20 a 1090.
57th Battery	Q 22 c and d ( Valley ).
58th Battery	
59th Battery	
110th Battery	
ADVANCED GUARD ARTILLERY	Lt.-Col. C.H. SPURGE.
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade H.Q.	Q 1 a 8 6.
41st Battery	Q 18 a ) Q 17 d ) area. Q 12 c )
42nd Battery	
43rd Battery	
111th Battery	
RESERVE ARTILLERY GROUP H.Q.	Lt.-Col. A.D.H. WEST D.S.O.
5th ARMY Bde R.H.A.	Q 14 d 7 3.
3 Batteries	Q 14 d
1 Battery	Q 18 a.
298th ARMY Bde R.F.A. H.Q.	Lt.-Col. H.V. De SATGE D.S.O.
1 Battery	Q 28 d.
1 Battery	Q 34 b.
2 Batteries	Q 23 d.
4th Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries.	
7th Battery	ST. OREN.
8th Battery	CARTIGNY.
4th Aust. D.A.C., H.Q.	P 14 c 7 0.
No. 1 Section	O 16 b 9 9.
2 Section	O 11 c 1 9.
5th ARMY Bde R.H.A., B.A.C.	O 6 b.
298th ARMY Bde R.F.A. B.A.C.	MONS en CHAUSEE.
A.R.P.	P 8 central.

Headquarters  
11th September 1918.

*H. Rowley* Lieutenant  
Reconn. Officer  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 52.

Headquarters  
16th Sept. 1918.

REFERENCE SHEET 62C. 1/40,000Q

1. WATER - The following additional water points have been located :-

- Q 20 c 0 6 - Brick well 4' diam. - Fitted with windlass and trough.
- Q 30 d 9 8 - Well 100' deep, 5' water. - do do.
- R 26 d 8 5 - Well. - One scoop per water cart.
- Q 26 a 2 7 - Dam 20' x 60' - Pump and trough.
- Q 32 a. - do do.

2. MEDICAL -

	R.A.P's.	Relay Post.	M.L.Posts.	A.D.S. & W.W.D.S.
Right	R 8 d 4 2		Q 17 c 8 7. (Horse Wgn also.)	
Left	R 2 c 4 3	R 7 d 3 7	Q 12 c 3 5.	Q 8 b 3 4.
Support	Q 23 b 8 8			

Casualty Clearing Stations.

- No. 53. )
- No. 12. ) LA CHAPELLETTE.
- No. 5. )
- No. 41. ) PROYART.

3. CEMETARIES - A British Military Cemetary will be established at R 13 c 2 5.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Answer*

Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

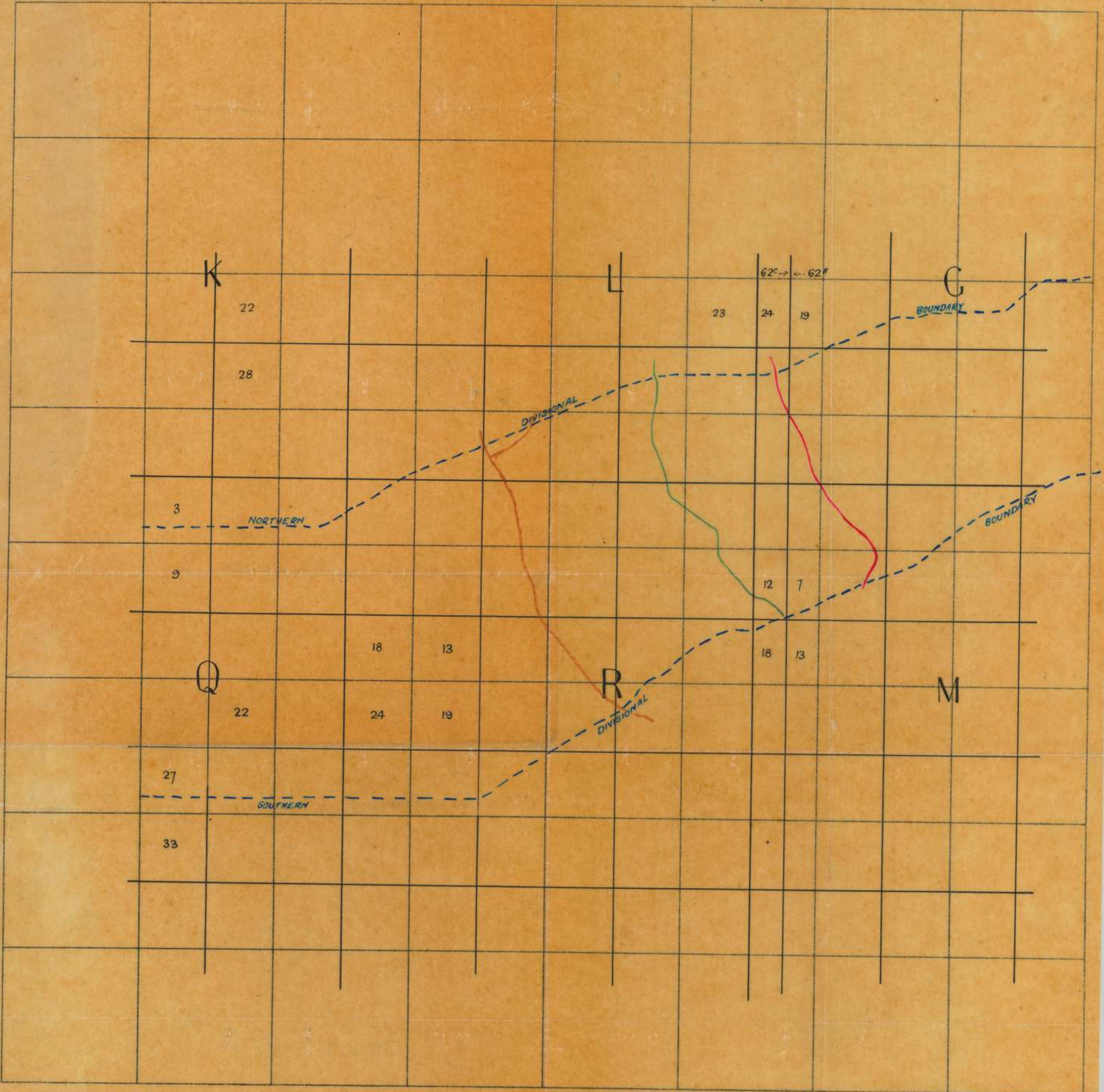
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- 1 10th Aust. F.A.Bde
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- 3 - 4 6th ARMY Bde Aust.F.A. & B.A.C.
- 5 - 6 12th " " " "
- 7 13th Aust. F.A.Bde.
- 8 14th Aust. F.A.Bde.
- 9 - 10 232nd ARMY Bde R.F.A. & B.A.C.
- 11 4th Aust. D.A.C.,
- 12 5th Aust. D.A.C.
- 13. C.R.A.,
- 14. B.M.,
- 15. S.C.,
- 16. R.O.,
- 17) War
- 19) Diary.
- 20. File.
- 21. Spare.

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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



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

G.S.G.S. 3025.

Tracing taken from Sheet 62<sup>C</sup> & 62<sup>B</sup> (1/40,000).

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Signature..... Date.....



SECRET

COPY NO

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6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER A.F. 14

1. The Brigade will relieve the 29th Brigade R.F.A. under 4th Australian Divisional Artillery on 13th September 1918.
2. Batteries have already been issued with Map showing Front Line, Divisional Boundaries and Bordering Divisions of the 4th Australian Division and with 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Location Statements for 12th September, Order No 192 and Administrative Instruction No 59. Units will occupy positions as shown below marching independently to their new locations at the times prescribed. Batteries are to be in action by 11 a.m. and to report readiness forthwith to Group Headquarters as shown in the Statement

<u>Units</u>	<u>Battle Positions</u>	<u>Wagon Lines</u>	<u>Start Times</u>
Headquarters	Q.26.d.2.2	Q.26.a.2.2	9 a.m.
16th Battery	Q.22.c.8.7	Q.26.a.3.5	8.15 a.m.
17th Battery	Q.22.c.5.1	To be selected	8.45 a.m.
18th Battery	Q.22.b.5.3	"	8.30 a.m.
106th Battery	Q.27.b.30.65	Q.26.b.9.6	9 a.m.
B.A. Column		Area of BOUVINCOURT to be selected by O.C	12 noon

3. The Brigade on going into action will form a Brigade of the Reserve Group Artillery in support of 13th Australian Infantry Brigade in the line. O.C. 16th Battery will send an Officer to Headquarters 10th A.F.A. Brigade (Q.20.a.1.9) to ascertain O.P. and arrange for immediate observation for fire. Captain J.W. TURNER, 106th Battery, will report with mounted orderly to the same location ascertain the tactical position and then report to 13th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters to act as Liaison Officer till further instructed. He will send back periodical reports on the situation and take over liaison line of the 29th Brigade R.F.A.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 9 p.m.  
September 12th 1918

*J.H. Roberts*  
Lieut  
Adjutant, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

- Copy No
- 1 to 16th Battery
  - 2 17th Battery
  - 3 18th Battery
  - 4 106th Battery
  - 5 6th B. A. C.
  - 6 32nd Divisional Artillery
  - 7 4th Aust. Div. Arty
  - 8 29th Brigade R.F.A.
  - 9 File
  - 10 War Diary



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COPY NO 706

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 15.

1. On the night 14th/15th September the 4th Australian Divisional boundaries are being altered as follows:

Northern Boundary L.31.c.00.50 to L.26.d.00.30 to  
L.23.c.15.00 to G.20.b.10.05 thence EAST  
Southern Boundary R.15.a.10.20 to R.6.c.30.20 to  
G.34.c.00.30

2. From 12 midnight 14th/15th September the S.O.S. Line will run as follows:

R.10.c.75.35 to R.09.a.5.0 to L.33.d.5.0 to L.33.a.3.0  
to L.27.a.90.25

14th Army Brigade A.F.A. will cover the above line from  
L.27.a.90.25 to L.33.d.65.00.

6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will cover from L.33.d.65.00 to  
R.10.c.75.35

- This line is re-allotted to Batteries of 6th Army Brigade  
A.F.A. as set out hereunder:

16th Battery L.33.d.65.00 to R.4.c.15.30  
17th Battery R.4.c.15.30 to R.10.c.75.35

## 3. ACKNOWLEDGE

Headquarters  
September 14th 1918.

*J. Robert*  
Adjutant 6th Army Bde A.F.A. Lieut

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
2 17th Battery  
3 16th Battery  
4 16th Battery  
5 4th Aust. Div Artillery  
6 14th Army Bde A.F.A.  
7 File  
8 War Diary



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COPY NO 8

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 10.

1. A reconnaissance of Battery positions in area as set out hereunder will immediately be carried out by 6th and 12th Army Brigades A.F.A. 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. has already been issued 4th 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No 185 and troops accompanying same. The area allotted to Batteries of the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. is R.7.b.40.10 to R.8.c.40.25 to R.8.b.40.55 to R.8.b.40.45
2. In selecting positions no Battery position is to be selected in rear of a line L.31.c.00.40 to R.14.d.20.00.  
Due regard must also be paid to Crest Clearance. The probable opening barrage line will be L.27.c.55.85 to R.19.c.45.35
3. Battery positions once selected will be resected and are to be marked with Notice Boards. Co-ordinates of positions are to be immediately forwarded to this office.

Issued at 5 p.m.  
September 14th 1919.

*[Signature]*

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

- Copy No 1 to 16th Battery
- 2 17th Battery
- 3 18th Battery
- 4 10th Battery
- 5 4th Aust. Div. Artillery
- 6 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- 7 File
- 8 War Diary



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APPENDIX

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COPY NO 11

6TH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 17.Reference: Artillery Barrage Map 1/30,000.

1. Herewith 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Nos 1, 2 and 3 and Barrage Map referred to in Instruction No 2.
2. The following matters arising out of Order No 198 and such Instructions are set out for compliance:
  - (a) The Batteries of 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. will be distributed as shown on the Barrage Map. The 16th Battery is detailed to answer Zone Calls. Batteries of 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. will be distributed in the area shown to that Brigade by the Brigade Commander. No Battery need be super-imposed.
  - (b) This Group Headquarters will be established at R.7.d.55.65 at 7 p.m. on 18th September. Sub-group Headquarters is to be established at the same hour at R.1.a.8.5
  - (c) Battery Wagon Lines will remain in their present locations. Horses will be hooked in in limbers, Firing Battery Wagons and First Line Wagons prepared to move forward at Zero plus 3½ hours. Brigades must make a definite arrangement for communication by Runner to Batteries concerned of orders to move vehicles forward as required.
  - (d) Batteries of 6th Army Brigade and 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. Sub-group will report immediately on completion of the barrage the ammunition in hand by nature.
  - (e) A definite sequence in which Batteries in Brigades are to move forward within range of the BLUE LINE and the F.O.O. and Signal parties to work in conjunction with these Units are to be detailed and known to all concerned before the operation. In the 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. the 16th Battery will move first, the 17th Battery second and the remainder as required. O.C. 16th Battery will detail the F.O.O. and make necessary arrangements with the Signal Officer for equipment for accompanying Specialists.
  - (f) Suggested area for occupation and routes thereto will be discussed with Battery Commanders concerned.
  - (g) 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. R.A.P. will be at Battle Headquarters
  - (h) All water bottles will be filled before going to Battle positions. Battery Commanders will arrange to carry a proportion of tins for water strapped to the Guard Irons of Battery Wagons.
  - (i) Brigade Ammunition Columns will keep in touch with their respective Batteries Wagon Lines both during the operation and moving forward
3. Signal Officer will arrange for communication in conjunction with the Signal Officer of 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. with 4th Infantry Brigade, Sub-group and Batteries and for auxiliary signalling by lamp and flag. Arrangements to be complete by 7 p.m. on 18th September.



4. Captain R. L. DITCHAM, 16th Battery, is detailed as Liaison Officer with 4th Australian Infantry Brigade at R.2.c.40.00 and will report for instructions to Group Battle Headquarters at 7 p.m. on 18th September. ~~XXXX~~
5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wiring the Code Word "DOCK"

Issued at 11 p.m.  
September 16th 1918

*Col. Platts*  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. Lieut

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
2 17th Battery  
3 18th Battery  
4 106th Battery  
5 6th Army B. A. C.  
6 12th Army Brigade Sub-group  
7 4th Aust. Div. Artillery  
8 4th Aust. Infy. Brigade  
9 Signal Officer  
10 Captain R. L. Ditcham  
11 File  
12 War Diary



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COPY NO 7

6th ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 1 UNDER  
OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 17.

1. After Zero plus 360 minutes Batteries are to move forward into the area shown in trace held by D.C. 16th Battery in R.4 c & d. Lieut. G. J. PATTERSON will move forward as soon as practicable and reconnoitre Battery positions in this area returning to bring his Battery on at Zero plus 360 minutes.
2. Reconnaissance parties of other Batteries will be in readiness within call of Battery positions at Zero plus 300 minutes to reconnoitre as required.
3. After Zero plus 360 minutes Batteries will be prepared to move forward on orders from this Headquarters in the following order
  - 16th Battery
  - 17th Battery
  - 18th Battery
  - 100th Battery

On occupation of positions in the Forward area Batteries will lay on a Protective Line 1000 yards East of the BLUE Line until further orders and will not open fire until the infantry position is known to the D.C. The Brigade Front will be taken as a quarter of the Divisional Front corresponding to the Barrage Lane covered by the Group.

4. Battery Limbers, Fixing Battery Wagons and First Line Wagons will commence to move to Forward Mobile Wagon Line to be reconnoitred in the vicinity of the Valley in Q.16.a at Zero plus 180 minutes proceeding in the same order as that in which Batteries are to move forward. Wagon Line Officers will establish their own communication with Batteries.
5. When Batteries have come into action and it becomes necessary for Wagons to refill they will first refill from Surplus ammunition in the positions occupied in R.7.d. and R.8.a. and subsequently from the positions in Q.22 and Q.27. The B.A.C. will ~~always~~ keep in touch with individual Batteries for supply as required and will be prepared to move forward at Zero plus 180 minutes.
6. Lieut. N. W. LONCH, 17th Battery, will act as F.O.C. from a position approximately in R.3.a and will establish visual communication with Group. He will take with him lamp and flag signallers and two runners.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.  
September 17th 1918

*G. J. Robert*  
Lieut  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.



SECRET.ADDENDUM NO I TO OPERATION ORDER NO A.F. 17.

1. Zero Day will be 18th September 1918
2. Zero Hour will be 5.30 a.m.
3. Each Battery will detail an Officer to report to Brigade Head quarters at 11 p.m. for the purposes of synchronization
4. ACKNOWLEDGE to bearer.

Issued at 9.30 p.m.  
September-17th 1918

Copies to 16th Battery  
17th Battery  
18th Battery  
198th Battery  
6th B. A. C.  
File  
War Diary

*G. P. [Signature]*  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. Lieut

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APPENDIX 20.

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(in pads of 100).

No. of Message.....

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

TO } All Recipients of O.O. No A.F. 17.

Sender's Number. * 2892/18	Day of Month. 17	In reply to Number.	AAA
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In	Operation	Order	No A.F. 17
paras	three	and	four
for	"18th	September"	read
"17th	September"		

From	6th Army Brigade A.F.A.
Place	
Time	11.40 a.m.
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
(Z)	<i>[Signature]</i>
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\*This line should be erased if not required.  
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