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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Quarry Wood VILLERET	1.10.18		<p>Our Artillery: - at 6 am in support of Infantry advance this brigade took part in barrage in accordance with 5<sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 93 + addendum No 1. An NF target at A12 d 77 was fired on at 3.10 pm + movement at B15638 at 3.30 pm from an O.P. at G4671.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: Scattered hostile shelling throughout the period. At 4.25 pm a heavy hostile barrage was put down East of ESTREES. This barrage decreased + appears to recede about 4.45 pm + then ceases. BELLICOURT shelled at intervals with HV guns.</p> <p>General: 5<sup>th</sup> ADA. Instructions series E No 12 issued + received</p>	<p>Order No 93 + addendum attached</p> <p>No 12 attached</p>
	2.10.18		<p>Our Artillery: At 9.20 am NF call A5642 + at 10.10 am A5d 11 fired on. During the afternoon the forward section at G12 a 65 and A27d 72 fired 74 rounds on movement in B226 + B23a.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery: has been fairly active harassing support lines on SU<sup>6</sup> Btn front + has intermittently shelled BELLICOURT all day with HV gun + 5.9 at extreme range. The front line system from Art central to A24 d 60 was fairly heavily shelled by 4.2 + 5.9 at about 6.30 pm.</p> <p>General: Fifth ADA order No 94 received + Right Group Artillery OO No BN 1 issued + 5<sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 95</p> <p>Miscellaneous: Enemy movement on the front has been compared to ones + two excepting movement between 1.45 pm + 2.20 pm of about 500 men into PONCHAU. This is thought to be the same party as were fired on by 14<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde. Two hostile planes high over Right front at 10.30 am.</p>	<p>No 94 + 95 OO No BN 1 attached</p>
	3.10.18		<p>Brigade remained in reserve + did not fire</p>	
JONCOURT	4.10.18		<p>General: HQ moved to H15 a 8.2 and Batteries to rearm H16.</p> <p>Miscellaneous: Enemy planes very active bombing during night</p>	

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JONCOURT	5.10.18		Our Artillery: The brigade took part in operation at 6.5 am in accordance with 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA order No 158 Left Group Order No 8 + 9 and Brigade was P34.	No 158 order No 8 + 9 attached P34 attached
	6.10.18		General: The brigade passed to Rt group. Lt Col Cohen CMC D.S.O. becoming Group Cdr in accordance with 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA order No 185 + appendices tracing wire BM 110 + Rt group 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA order No 193 received. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde warning order No 167 received + 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde warning order No 167 issued. 59 <sup>th</sup> J.B. (American) Field Order No 26 received + 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA order No 159. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde Battle Instr No 1 under order No 159 issued with barrage map. Our Artillery: Amun expended 723 A 806 Ax 27 AS 1310 Bx	BM 109 attached order No 185 + 193 + attached A11/167. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde warning order 167 order No 26 No 159 + Battle Instr No 159 + map attached
	7.10.18		General: Right group arty Battle Instr No 1 under Divl. A 11/167 issued. 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 203. 115 <sup>th</sup> J.B. (American) Field Order No 26. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA order No 160. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA A 11/167/1. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde Operation Instr No 1 under order 160. Barrage map for attack taking place on 8 <sup>th</sup> inst at 05:10 issued + attached.	
MONTBREHAIN	8.10.18		Our Artillery: In support of attack according to orders issued on 7 <sup>th</sup> inst at 5:30 am our brigade expended on barrage 3200 A 2168 Ax 10 AS 1175 Bx. At 10:30 30 rds expended on guns in support of Rtd C24 61060 at 11:00 40 rds on enemy movement observed at C24 61060. 11:30 to 13:30 120 rds on MGs at C24 C35 35 + 200 rds on guns in action. 60 rds on enemy movement in Wood + Sunken Rd in C24 C. 12:15 to 12:40 75 rds on guns in action C24 636 + 1240 to 13:40 on guns in action + enemy in the open. 88 rds were expended. Further exploitation by 30 <sup>th</sup> American division ordered in accordance with BM 28 (4 ADA) supported by this brigade. Reports on situation obtained by officers of this brigade received + attached herewith.	BM 28 + reports attached
	9.10.18		This brigade in accordance with order No 204 (4 <sup>th</sup> ADA) + wire Prog remained as superimposed over whole group front.	Wire Prog attached

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BUSIGNY	10.10.18		In support of further advance by our Infantry the brigade fired in barrage in accordance with 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 204. The first objective was reached but later the Infantry fell back some distance owing to right flank not advancing any distance. 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 205 received.	P119+204 attached 205 attached
	11.10.18		In support of further attack the brigade participated in barrage in accordance with 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 206. This attack met with partial success, the right side being held up. 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 206 re Infantry relief received.	A457 attached No 206 attached
	12.10.18		The Command of Right Group Arty passed to Col H E Cohen C.M.G. D.S.O. at 10 am in accordance with 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 206 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Pde OO No 102 issued re Brigade control. Throughout night our artillery fired 370 rds at irregular intervals on trench W20 d 87 to W20 d 60, 20 rds on	No 102 attached.
	<del>13.10.18</del>		smashed rd W15C - 50 Bx on trenches from W26 BELLEVUE FARM to W20 d 80 to W20 b 80 to W14 d 85. Hostile artillery intermittently shelled BUSIGNY throughout night with 42 + 59. Intermittent shelling W7 by 42 HE + gas from GSB 135	
	13.10.18		Our Artillery. 2 to 2.30 visibility low. 3.30 to 6 pm 75 rds expended on Farm Q296 29. 4 pm 10 rds fired on movements W5 d 34.	
			Hostile Arty 3 pm 200 rds 59 on W7 9.10 to 9.30 pm 30 rds 42 in W11C - Intermittent fire on LA HAIE MEDNERESSE + BUSIGNY. General. 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 97, 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 207 208 issued - Right Group P.O.S. lines issued.	No 97 No 207 208 + S.O.S. line attached
	14.10.18		Our Artillery: 11.30 pm 15 to 4.30 am 100 rds harassing fire on road junction H5C road Q35 d - 11.18 am 20 rds on W5C 56. During night 16 Bx + 30A on railway cutting W116 - 16 Bx + 30A on cutting W22 a 16 - 15 Bx 20 Ax on road junction W28 a 39. 40 rds Bx on MGS at W10 c 19. Hostile Artillery: Harassing fire over the period on road + tracks and	C

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	14.10.18		the village of BUSIGNY, including some gas. Unsuccessful. Enemy movement restricted. EAs active this morning at great height & again at 4 pm visibility good. General. This brigade at 10 pm ceased to be part of group in line and became mobile Reserve. Batteries withdrawing to wagon lines. - Pt group	Rt group Order No 1 attached
	15.10.18		* our artillery. On support of road by Infantry barrage fired in accordance with 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA wire A 486 + this brigade wire P 197. The raid was successful 2 officers 27 ORs being captured, our infantry only had two slight casualties	A 486 P 197 attached
	15.10.18		Brigade remained as mobile Reserve in accordance with Order No 98. 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA. Instrs Series F No 3 Liaison + appendix 1 to Battle Instr No 3. Administrative Instr No 15 + 16 issued. 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 210 issued	No 98. Instr Series F No 3, Appendix 1 Instr No 15 + 16 Order No 210 attached
	16.10.18		5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Instr Series F No 2 + 4 Order for attack on 17 <sup>th</sup> line with barrage. map received. This brigade to occupy battle position to take part in barrage by dawn 17 <sup>th</sup> line - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No 103 + addendum issued	Series F No 2 + 4 OO No 103. + addendum Instr No 17
	17.10.18		The brigade took part in barrage opening at 5.30 am in support of attack by 30 <sup>th</sup> American division. After being held up by MG fire at St Martin River the first objective was eventually gained + the brigade moved up to vicinity No 3 d + g b. to cover further advance. A heavy barrage was encountered on the way to positions. The infantry did not make much more progress during the day.	
	18.10.18		The attack was resumed on 18 <sup>th</sup> barrage opening at 5.30 am in accordance with the brigade order 104 b. The infantry met with MG opposition + did not advance any distance. Later in the day without a barrage the infantry made an advance for some distance the enemy having retired with the exception of few outposts.	

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BUSIGNY	19.10.18		In accordance with 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 99 this brigade transferred to Corps Reserve but remained in action in present positions two officers and 12 ORs per bty remained at bty positions remainder withdrawn to wagon lines as per wire P272. Later in the day as guns were out of range owing to infantry advance all were withdrawn to W/L.	Order No 99 wire P272 attached
	20.10.18		4 <sup>th</sup> ADA order No 213 received & issued to batteries with instructions to select bty positions next morning	Order No 213 attached
	21.10.18		Bty positions selected in accordance with above order but on representation by Co. that horses were totally unfit for further work without a rest the brigade was left in Corps Reserve as per amendment No 1 to Order 213. Instruction No 1 under order No 213 received.	Amendment No 1 to Order 213 + Instr No 1 attached
	22.10.18		Brigade remained in Corps Reserve, arrangements made for bath for men 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA. Instr No 2 under order No 213 received.	Instr No 2 under order 213 attached
	23.10.18		Brigade remained in Corps Reserve. <del>5<sup>th</sup> ADA order No 102 received.</del>	5 <sup>th</sup> ADA 102 attached
	24.10.18		Brigade remained in Corps Reserve 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 102 received.	
	25.10.18		In accordance with 9 <sup>th</sup> Corps wire G16 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 103 + administrative order No 40. this brigade Order No 105 issued.	Wire G16 Order 103 Adm. Order 40 + Order 105 attached
	26.10.18		In accordance with above orders the brigade marched to BELLENGLISE area via BOHAIN-FRESNOY-LE-GRAND-SEQUEHART. Notification from 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA where mail was available received also that ambulance car attached to 13 <sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade for use of cases for evacuation during march to CAMON area	JMS

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BELLENGLISE	27.10.18		In accordance with 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 104 + the brigade order No 106, the march was continued. Starting at 0930 marched via BELLICOURT - HARGICOURT - TEMPLEUX - HAMELET. The BAC continued to BOUCLY. Weather conditions + roads were excellent + brigade was settled in billets at about 1200.	5 <sup>th</sup> ADA 104 + 6 <sup>th</sup> Army AFA 106 attached
HAMELET	28.10.18		The march was continued at 0910 to CAPPY (BRAY area) via TINCOURT - BUIRE-DOINGT - BIACHES in accordance with 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 105 and 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No 107	5 <sup>th</sup> ADA 105 6 <sup>th</sup> Army 107 attached
CAPPY	29.10.18		In accordance with 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 106 + this brigade order No 108 the brigade moved at 8.15 to CAMON area via CORBIE - FOUILLOY - AUBIGNY - VECQUEMONT. The guns were left to proceed to the calibration range + rejoin after calibration. The brigade arrived at rest area about 1400 the HQ being situated at LAMOTTE BREBIERE + batteries between there + CAMON.	5 <sup>th</sup> ADA 106 6 <sup>th</sup> Army 108 attached
LAMOTTE CAMON.	30.10.18		Brigade in rest. The guns of 16 <sup>th</sup> Bty arrived from Calibration range.	
	31.10.18		Brigade in rest. The guns of 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> + 106 <sup>a</sup> arrived back from the Calibration range.	

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	Oct 18		<p>Fighting strength 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1918 42 Officers 938 ORs                      31 Oct 1918 37 " 815 "</p> <p>Officers marched in 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt H. S. MacGeorge 9.10.18 from OTC                      " G. Anderson " " "                      " H. J. Watson " " "</p> <p>Officers marched out: Lt. H. R. Robinson 3.10.18 leave to Australia                      " R. F. Whittington 15.10.18 to Hospital                      " H. W. Lynch 16.10.18 wounded gassed                      " R. R. Richards 18.10.18 " "                      " J. P. Broughan DSO 19.10.18 " "                      " C. F. Kemp Brown 19.10.18 " "                      " attached Cpt Reynolds J. S. AAVC to Hospital. 20.10.18 to 4<sup>th</sup> Div Art. with temp rank Major.</p> <p>Casualties 1 OR Killed 9.10.18 1 OR wounded gassed 6.10.18                      4 " " 17.10.18 1 " " " 17.10.18                      1 " died wounds 17.10.18 42 " " " 18.10.18                      3 " wounded 4.10.18 3 " " " 19.10.18                      2 " " 5.10.18 5 " " " 20.10.18                      2 " " 6.10.18 2 " " " 21.10.18                      1 " " 8.10.18 1 " " " 22.10.18                      7 " " 9.10.18                      1 " " 11.10.18                      20 " " 17.10.18                      1 " " 18.10.18</p>	

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	Oct 18		Reinforcements from base 1st OR 14/10/18 26 " 21/10/18	
			Casualties horses 40 killed by shell fire 27 dead & destroyed 78 Evacuated sick	
			Horses drawn from Imperial authorities 2 LDs	
			Ammunition on hand 30.9.18 2708 A 1805 Ax 39 AS 1752 Bx 31.10.18 3020 A 2002 Ax 1332 Bx	
			Expenditure for month 15669 A 8532 Ax 349 AS 4813 Bx 80 BS.	

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			<p>Honors &amp; awards: Major F. W. Webb awarded <i>La Croix de Guerre avec Etoiles de vermeil</i> (authority Austn Corps 9/10 - 22/10/18) for bravery, leadership great enterprise &amp; initiative during operations Morlaucourt Villers Bretonneux Harboumieres &amp; Rosiers. On 10 Aug 18 whilst in command of Mobile Section in close support of infantry though wounded he continued his task under fire &amp; his personal &amp; excellent reconnaissance reports were of the highest value.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 1963 Pbr Nelson W. J. 15<sup>th</sup> Bty (authority GOC RA &amp; Army 25/13) for bravery &amp; delivering despatches through exceptionally heavy barrage H.E. &amp; gas on 8 Oct 1918 at BRANCOURT.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 12041 Gnr Hishop W. J. 17<sup>th</sup> Bty (authority RA Austn Corps 9/14) for continuous good work as a runner over a long period under exceptional difficulties at all times of day &amp; night.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 8183 Gnr (T/Bdr) Chapman A. F. and No 35593 Gnr Chandler W. A. 17<sup>th</sup> Bty (authority GOC RA &amp; Army 25/13) for determination &amp; bravery in laying wires on 8 Oct 18 to forward O.P. through BRANCOURT under heavy &amp; continuous shell fire &amp; keeping line in repair regardless of personal safety, enabling information of highest value to be transmitted.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 31098 Gnr Finlayson K. J. 16<sup>th</sup> Bty (authority GOC RA &amp; Army 25/13) for bravery &amp; determination on 8 Oct 18 in delivering information of greatest value on two occasions through heavy hostile shelling &amp; M.G. fire in vicinity Brancourt.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 20873 Gnr Martin A. H. 16<sup>th</sup> Bty (authority RA Austn Corps 9/15) for bravery &amp; devotion to duty on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 18 at IMBERFAYT FARM in bringing in several wounded infantrymen &amp; dressing their wounds under heavy fire.</p>	

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			<p>Honors + Awards.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 3133 Dvr Davis A.D. 17<sup>th</sup> Bty (Authority RA and Corps 9/14) for bravery + determination on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1918 near LE VERGUIER in bringing lumber out from heavy shell fire returning through it four times regardless of personal risk.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 3191 Dvr Hall P.T. 17<sup>th</sup> Bty (Authority RA and Corps 9/14) for bravery + determination on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 18 near LE VERGUIER in bringing a lumber from heavily shelled area though suffering from a bad fall + through casualties to his horse he returned 3 times through gas + completed his task.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 10267 Pte Opl. Corbett W.M.A. (Authority RA and Corps 9/14) for great coolness + bravery on 18 Sep 18 at VENDELLES. He repaired one gun unaided whilst it was under heavy fire + whilst battery was subjected to bursts of shelling during the day continued to keep the guns in order + thus enable them to fire in the barrage.</p> <p>Bar to Military Medal awarded No 2906 Linc Baker W.M.A. (Authority RA and Corps 9/14) for bravery + determination on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 18. LEVERGUIER. He took charge of party of line-men + signallers from all batteries + maintained a line from HQ to Batteries over a very exposed + heavily shelled area enabling orders in connection with an important operation to be given to batteries.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 5875 Cnr Holman Lt 106<sup>th</sup> Bty (Authority and Corps 9/5 of 18/18) for bravery + devotion to duty on 8 Aug 18 at VILLERS BRETTONEUX. His battery whilst firing in the opening barrage of attack came under hostile counter preparation. The gun on which he was serving was heavily shelled the remainder of detachment becoming casualties were carried by him to safety, still after which he returned + continued firing in the barrage single handed for some considerable time.</p> <p>Military Medal awarded No 32706 Cnr Aitken W.S. (Authority and Corps 9/5 of 18/18) for bravery + coolness whilst acting as driver carting ammunition on night 25/26 Aug near LIMONS. He took charge of team which bolted owing to heavy shell fire + collapse of the driver + brought it back through heavy fire + encouraged the driver who had temporarily lost his nerve to continue.</p>	

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			<p>Honors &amp; awards            Base to Military Medal awarded <sup>No 10789</sup> Sgt Walker H.F. 16<sup>th</sup> Bty (anti-aircraft, Austn (corp 9/14))            for great bravery on 18 Sep 18 near LE VERQUIER. A heavy bombardment            of the + ga was put down near the battery position. The shells falling on            some RFA wagons. Four horses of one team were wounded or killed &amp; the            driver pinned underneath. He was extricated by Walker whilst the            shelling continued &amp; the <del>horse</del> remaining horse released.</p>	

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| 2.  | " " Instrs Series E No 12   |
| 3.  | " " Order No 94, 95. wires + Right Group Arty Order No. BN. 1.  |
| 4.  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> " " No 158. Right Group Order No 8, 9. maps + 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA. A 11/165, 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde wire P 34   |
| 5.  | Wire 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA BM 109   |
| 6.  | " " " BM 110  |
| 7.  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Inftry Bde Order No 185 appendic map + Right Group. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA Order No A3  |
| 8.  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA Order No 159. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde Battle Instr No 1. 59 <sup>th</sup> American Inf Bde Order No 26. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA warning order A 11/167 - A 11/167 1/2. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde warning order AF 167   |
| 9.  | Rt Group Arty Battle Instr No 1 under A 11/167 - 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 203 - 115 <sup>th</sup> JB (American) No 26. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA Order No 160 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADA A 11/167/1 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde Operative Instr No 1 under order No 160 - + barrage map +   |
| 10. | 4 ADA wire BM. 28. + reports.   |
| 11. | 4 ADA Order No 204. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde wire P 109   |
| 12. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde wire P 119   |
| 13. | 4 ADA Order No 205  |
| 14. | 4 ADA wires A 457 + A 459   |
| 15. | " " Order No 206  |
| 16. | 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde Order No 102 + Liaison report + Location   |
| 17. | 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 97 - 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 207, 208. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde No 3000/18. P.O.S. lines. Rt Group Order No 1.  |
| 18. | 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA wire A 456. - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde wire P 197   |
| 19. | 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 98 Instr Series F Nos 2, 3, 4. appendic 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde Instr No 3. Admin Instr No 15, 16, 17. 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 210. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No 103 + addendum + maps. <b>report C 57/14</b>   |
| 20. | 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 99. 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde wire P 72. <b>of 122</b>  |
| 21. | 4 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 213. + wire A/546  |
| 22. | Amendment No 1 to Order No 213 + Instr No 1, 2  |
| 23. | 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 102 - 9 <sup>th</sup> Corps wire G 16. 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA administrative Order No 40 - Order No 103 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No 105 - 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No 106. 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 105 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army OO No 107 - 5 <sup>th</sup> ADA Order No 106 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde OO No 108. Sunday wire in order. |

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INFORMATION

The 32nd Division have taken JONCOURT.

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INTENTION

On the 1st October the 5th Australian Division will straighten its front to the general line H.15.central - A.22.central.

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MOVES

On the night 30th Sept/1st Oct. the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade, less two battalions, will take over from the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade that portion of the latter's front between WATLING STREET (exclusive) and post at G.6.c.4.2 (inclusive).

4.

TANKS

10 Mark V Tanks will co-operate. These have been allotted as follows:-

8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	2
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	8

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OBJECTIVES

8th Australian Infantry Brigade. The SUGAR FACTORY and the NAUROY-JONCOURT railway.

14th Australian Infantry Brigade. The LAMP SIGNAL STATION and trenches in trench system to the N.E. in G.6.b and H.1.a & c.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade. CABARET WOOD FARM and junction with 14th Australian Infantry Brigade in G.6.a. Exploitation beyond the above objectives will be carried out as circumstances permit.

6.

INFANTRY FORMING UP LINE

The Infantry will form up on lines which have been marked on maps of Brigades concerned.

7.

ARTILLERY

An Artillery barrage will cover the advance. Zones are allotted to Groups and Brigades as follows:-

Left Artillery Group: Artillery Start line A.22.a.2.0 - to A.29.c.7.7 to G.6.c.2.5.

Right Artillery Group: Artillery Start line G.6.c.2.5 to G.12.b.2.8 to G.12.b.7.4.

14th Aust. I.A. Brigade: Artillery Start line G.12.b.7.4 to H.7.c.4.6.

6th (Army) Bde. A.F. Bde.: Artillery Start Line H.7.c.4.6 to H.7.d.0.0.

13th Aust. F.A. Brigade: Artillery Start line H.7.d.0.0 to H.13.b.4.5 to H.14.c.5.5.

All lifts will be North East. The barrage will rest on the Start line for three minutes and will then advance in

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a North Easterly direction at the rate of 100 yards in three minutes to the Protective Barrage line and will remain on the Protective Barrage line for 30 minutes.

AMMUNITION.

10% "AS", 40% "A", 50% "AX"  
10% "BS", 90% "BX".

50% Smoke will be fired by 14th Aust. F.A. Bde, 6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A., 84th Army Bde, R.F.A., 65th Army Bde, R.F.A., and Right Bde of Left Group while on the Protective Barrage line.

Rates of fire: Four rounds per gun per minute up to the Protective Barrage line and then 2 rounds per gun per minute for 15 minutes and then 1 round per gun per minute for 15 minutes - then stop.  
4.5" Hows will fire at  $\frac{1}{2}$  above rates.

4.5" Hows will be distributed over Brigade front 200 yards beyond 18 pdr barrage.

8. Protective Barrage line will be A.23.a.5.7 to H.2.d.5.0 thence South to H.8.d.5.0,

JONCOURT is held by us and care must be taken that no fire is directed East of a line running N and S through H.8.d.5.0. The Right flank of the Artillery Barrage will be on a N and S line passing through H.8.d.5.0.

9. H. A. Aust. Corps have been asked to co-operate.

10. SMOKE SCREEN.  
The air service will provide a smoke screen along the line of BEAUREVOIR TRENCH from PROSPECT HILL to ESTREES SPUR (both points inclusive).

11. ZERO.  
Zero will be 6 a.m.

12. TOOLS.  
An Engineer dump of tools is situated at L.4.c.5.5.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*J. R. Walker.*

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at K.23.d.6.6 at 0245 to:-

	Copy No.		Copy No.
Right Group	1-10	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	50
Left Group	11-25	32nd Divl Arty	51
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	26-30	14th A.I. Bde	52
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	31-35	15th A.I. Bde	53
6th (Army) Bde, AFA	36-40	8th A.I. Bde	54
1st Aust. Divl Arty	41	Staff Captain	55
2nd Aust. Divl Arty	42	C.R.A.	56
3rd Aust. Divl Arty	43	Brigade Major	57
5th Aust. Divn	44	Reconnaissance Officer	58
H. A. Aust. Corps	45	War Diary	59 - 61
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ADDENDUM No. 1 to FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 93

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1. Add the following paragraph to 5th Aust. Div 1 Artillery Order No. 93 -

"13. On completion of the Protective Barrage referred to in para. 7, the 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., will return to the affiliated Infantry Brigades".

*J. M. M. M.*

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at K.23.d.6.6 at 1030 1/10/18 to all recipients of 5th Australian Divl Artillery Order No. 93.

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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

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To Accompany 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Arty Order N<sup>o</sup> 93

Reference Sheet 62<sup>B</sup> NW 1/20,000



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.

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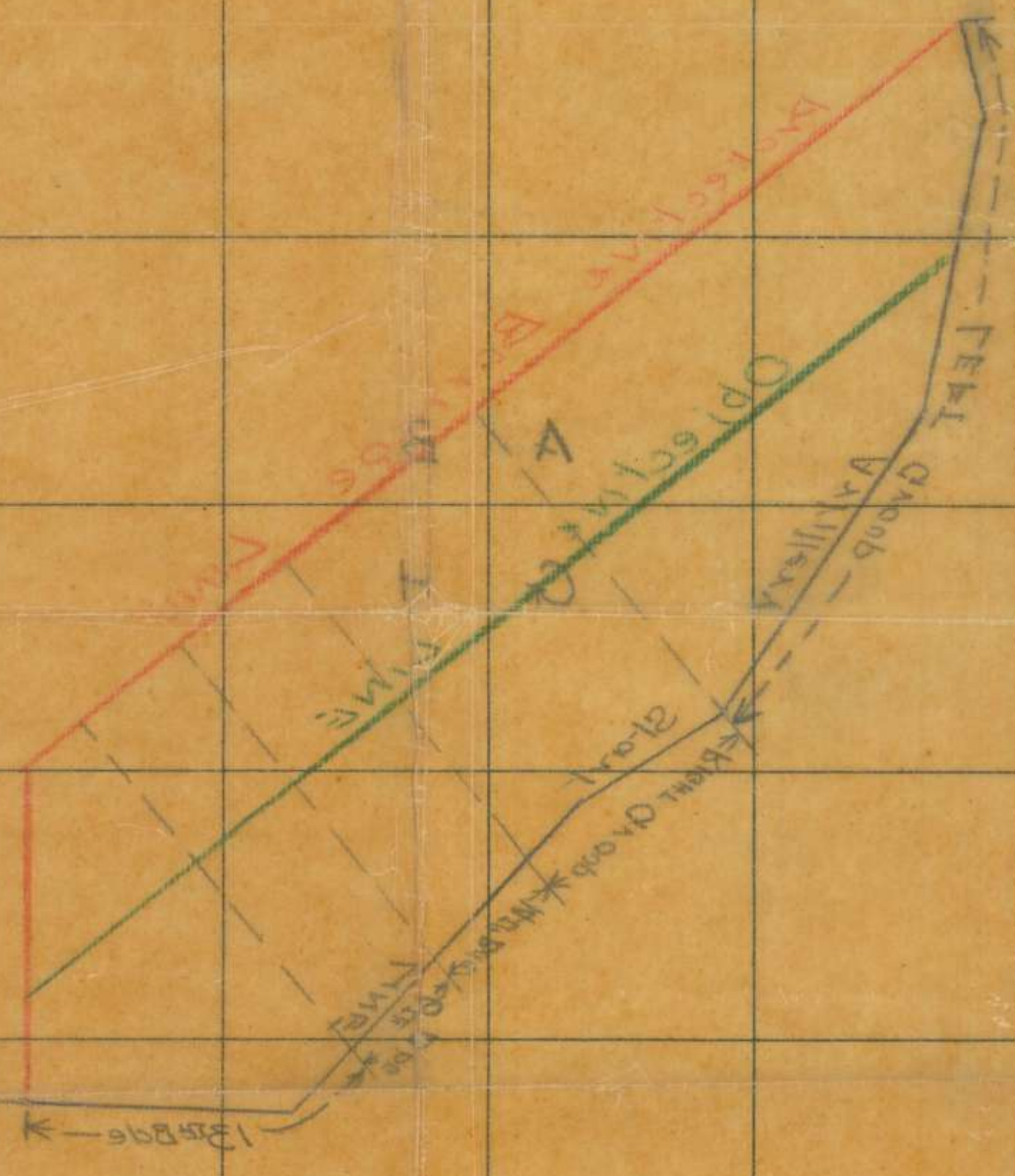
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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

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Reference Sheet 62BNW 15000  
The Appendix 27th Aust Div Artillery Order No 33



NOTE—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a standard map.  
 (2). The squares on this trace are 800 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.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTIONS, SERIES "E", No. 12

1. The exploiting objective for today (1st October, 1918) will be the following line:-  
 BEAUREVOIR line from JONCOURT HILL to TORRENS CANAL - thence line of TORRENS CANAL to LE CATELET Trench, at present left of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. The above line will be consolidated and occupied as follows:-
  - 8th A.I. Brigade - JONCOURT HILL (exclusive) to ESTRINES-BEAUREVOIR Road in ASSEGAI Valley (inclusive).
  - 15th A.I. Brigade - From 8th A.I. Brigade left to N. and S. grid A.23.central - A.29.central.
  - 14th A.I. Brigade - From 15th A.I. Brigade left to present left.
 Two battalions of the 14th A.I. Brigade will occupy area G.6.b and H.1.a as Divisional Reserve.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*LC Beavis*  
*Major*  
for Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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13th Aust. F.A. Bde	1-5	R.A. Aust. Corps	50
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	6-10	H.A. Aust. Corps	51
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	11-15	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	52
84th (Army) Bde, R.F.A.	16-20	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	53
65th (Army) Bde, R.F.A.	21-25	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	54
12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	26-30	C.R.A.	55
4th Aust. F.A. Bde	31-35	Brigade Major	56
5th Aust. F.A. Bde	36-40	Signals, 5th D.A.M.Q.	57
41st Brigade, R.G.A.	41	Staff Captain	58
68th Brigade, R.G.A.	42	Reconnaissance Officer	59
5th Aust. D.A.C.	43 - 43	War Diary	60
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 94

Reference Map WIANCOURT 1/20,000  
62B and C 1/40,000

1. During the night 1st/2nd October, 1918, the 5th Australian Division area will be re-adjusted as follows:-

Northern boundary: Point of junction of front line troops of 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions (A.16. central) - A.20. central - thence due West along grid line.

Southern boundary: MINT CORPSE B.19.c.0.3 - CABARET CORPSE A.29.d.9.7 - G.3. central - G.1. central - thence due West.

2. The following reliefs and moves will take place accordingly:-

Night 1st/2nd October.

(a) 14th A.I. Brigade will take over whole of new Divisional front relieving any line troops of 15th A.I. Brigade in that area.

(b) 5th A.I. Brigade, 2nd Australian Division, will relieve 8th A.I. Brigade, part of 14th A.I. Brigade and 15th A.I. Brigade in the area between the new divisional Southern boundary and the line JONCOURT - WIANCOURT inclusive.

On relief, the 8th and 15th A.I. Brigades will move into support and reserve positions respectively, as follows:-

8th A.I. Brigade: Sq. F.30.a.2.5, a.26, approx.

15th A.I. Brigade: Sq. F.19, 20, 25, and 26.

15th A.I. Brigade will stage at the HINDENBURG Line.

(c) Any troops of the 8th A.I. Brigade south of the line JONCOURT - WIANCOURT will be relieved by 32nd Division.

Details of relief will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.

3. The following Headquarters will be handed over to relieving units as shown:

Headquarters 8th A.I. Brigade L.3.a.8.3 to H.Q. 2nd Aust. Divn.

L.16.a (TUNNEL) to H.Q. 5th A.I. Bde

" " 15th A.I. Brigade G.4.b.4.6 to H.Q. 7th A.I. Bde.

4. Reliefs of Engineer and Medical personnel will be arranged by C's.R.E. and A.D's.M.S. respectively.

5. Machine Gun Companies will revert to command of 5th Machine Gun Battalion, who will arrange details of reliefs and moves with 2nd Machine Gun Battalion and Infantry Brigadiers of 5th Australian Division concerned.

6. Normal distances will be maintained throughout moves, and full precautions taken to avoid enemy air or ground observation.

7. (a) Command of Brigade Sectors will pass to relieving Brigadiers on completion of brigade reliefs.

(b) Command of area taken over by troops of 2nd Australian Division will pass to G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division at

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0900 2nd October, 1918.

8. The following Artillery will pass to the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division at 0900 2nd October, 1918.

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
86th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

9. Consequent upon the above relief the Artillery covering the 5th Australian Divl front will be at 0900 on 2nd October, 1918, re-grouped, under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division, as follows:-

Right Group: Under command of Lieut-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G.,  
D.S.O. (Headquarters at G.8.c.7.3)  
6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.  
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade

Left Group: Under command of Lieut-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS,  
D.S.O., (Headquarters at G.4.a.5.0)  
10th Aust. F.A. Brigade,  
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
86th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

Brigades of Left Group will reconnoitre and occupy by 0900 2nd October, 1918, positions in areas A.27 - 28, G3, 4, 5.

10. The following Artillery will pass to the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division at 0900 2nd October, 1918:-

12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.  
4th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
5th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
84th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
65th Army Brigade, R.F.A.

11. Groups will be responsible for the defence of the Divisional front. Inter-Group boundary line A.23.c.0.0 to A.18.c.0.0 and thence N.E.

12. For S.O.S. one battery will be superimposed on each Group front.

13. Close Liaison will be maintained with the Infantry Brigadier and Battalion Commanders.

14. 5th Australian Divl Artillery Forward Report Centre is at G3.c.3.3.

15. Headquarters, 9th Australian Divl Artillery, will remain at K.23.d.6.6.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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I Russell.  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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Distribution.

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10th Aust. F. A. Bde	1	5th Aust. Division	18
11th Aust. F. A. Bde	2	H. A. Aust. Corps	19
86th Army Bde, R. F. A.	3	R. A. Aust. Corps	20
6th (Army) Bde, A. F. A.	4	C. B. S. O. Aust. Corps	21
13th Aust. F. A. Bde	5	5th Aust. D. A. C.	22
14th Aust. F. A. Bde	6	D. T. M. O. 5th Aust. Divn	23
12th (Army) Bde, A. F. A.	7	Signals, 5th D. A. H. Q.	24
4th Aust. F. A. Bde	8	14th Aust. Inf. Brigade	25
5th Aust. F. A. Bde	9	15th Aust. Inf. Brigade	26
84th Army Bde, R. F. A.	10	8th Aust. Inf. Brigade	27
65th Army Bde, R. F. A.	11	Staff Captain	28
32nd Divl Artillery	12	C. R. A.	29
2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	13	Brigade Major	30
3rd Aust. Divl Artillery	14	Reconnaissance Officer	31
51st Brigade, R. G. A.	15	War Diary	32 - 34
1st Aust. Divl Artillery	16	File	35

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.95.

1. BOUNDARIES.

On completion of relief on night 1st/2nd October, 1918, the Corps front will be held by the 2nd Australian Division on the right, the 5th Australian Division in the centre, and the 3rd Australian Division on the left.

- (a) The boundary between IX Corps and Australian Corps is as follows:- JONCOURT (inclusive to Australian Corps) thence H.14.central - G.24.central - thence due West as before.
- (b) The boundary between Australian Corps and XIII Corps is as follows:- MACQUINCOURT FARM (A.3.d.3.6) to A.1.o.0.0 thence due West as before.
- (c) The boundary between 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions will be as follows from 0900 2nd October, 1918:- MUSHROOM QUARRY - MINT COPSE - CABARET COPSE - G.3.central - thence due West.
- (d) The boundary between 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions will be as under:-  
From present junction in front line at A.16.central to A.20.central, thence due West.
- (e) The Western boundary of forward Divisional areas will be as follows:- The road from L.23.b.3.0 Northward to VILLERET (inclusive to forward division) thence to HARGICOURT (inclusive to forward division) thence to TEMPLEUX-le-GUERARD (exclusive to forward division) thence to track junction at F.26.a.0.0 - road junction F.19.a.2.6, thence Northern boundary at F.26.c.0.0.

2. INFORMATION.

- (a) On the 3rd instant, the advance is to be continued on the Australian Corps front by the 2nd Australian Division, who will complete the capture of the BEAUREVOIR LINE on the Corps front and capture BEAUREVOIR HILL and gain a footing on PROSPECT HILL.
- (b) The 32nd Division on the South is conforming to the advance of the 2nd Australian Division and will occupy the ridge running N.W. from MONTBREHAIN. The 50th Division will also conform on the North by capturing LE CATELET and GOUY.

3. RELIEF.

The 5th Australian Division will be relieved during the night 2nd/3rd October, as follows:-

- (a) The 50th Division will take over the Divisional front as far South as general line A.23.d.0.9 to B.1.a.8.3. Troops of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade at present holding this portion of the front will be relieved by the 15th Brigade.
- (b) The 2nd Australian Division will take over the divisional front South of line A.23.d.0.9 to B.1.a.8.3. Troops of the 14th A.I. Brigade holding this portion of the line will be relieved by the 7th A.I. Brigade.

Details of these reliefs will be arranged by Brigadiers concerned. Command of Brigade sectors will pass on completion of Brigade reliefs.

- (c) Reliefs of machine gun, engineer, and medical personnel will be arranged by O.C. 5th A.M.G. Battalion, C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. with their opposite numbers.

4. PASSING OF COMMAND.

Command of 5th Australian Divisional Sector will pass to G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division and 50th Division on completion of

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relief of portions of the 14th A.I. Brigade by 7th A.I. Brigade and 15th Brigade respectively.

**5. MOVES.**

The 5th Australian Division on relief will be disposed as shown on attached map except Field Artillery which will remain at present wagon lines.

**6. ARTILLERY.**

At 1800 2nd October, 1918, the C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division will take over responsibility for the defence of the 5th Australian Divisional front as far South as general line A.23.d.0.9 to B.1.a.8.3 and at the same time the C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division will take over responsibility for the defence of the 5th Australian Divisional front from general line A.23.d.0.9 to B.1.a.8.3 Southwards.

The personnel of the Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will be withdrawn to wagon lines on night 2nd/3rd October, 1918. Guns will be left 'in situ' under a guard with an N.C.O. i/c of each battery guard.

Location of battery wagon lines and brigade headquarters will be wired to 5th D.A.H.Q. before withdrawal to wagon lines.

Ammunition in excess of echelons will be dumped at forward A.R.P. G.3.d.1.1 and returns showing number of rounds dumped will be forwarded to 5th D.A.H.Q.

On withdrawal to wagon line the Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will become Australian Corps Reserve Artillery.

Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, will remain at HERVILLY K.23.d.6.6.

**12. ACKNOWLEDGE.**

*J. Russell*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
5th Australian Divl Artillery.

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11th Aust. F.A. Bde	2	Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	15
86th Army Bde, R.F.A.	3	14th A.I. Bde	16
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.	4	15th A.I. Bde	17
13th Aust. F.A. Bde	5	8th A.I. Bde	18
14th Aust. F.A. Bde	6	Staff Captain	19
2nd Aust. Divl Artillery	7	C.R.A.	20
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5th Aust. D.A.C.	13		

Maps to: 5th Aust. D.A.C. 13th Aust. F.A. Bde  
14th Aust. F.A. Bde 6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.  
10th Aust. F.A. Bde 11th Aust. F.A. Bde  
86th Army Bde, R.F.A.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO *6 Army Bde (AFL)*

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*All Ammunition surplus  
to echelon to be  
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62 C. This cancels BM 179  
and addresses all Brigade.*

*Refracted to 13th AFM  
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FROM *5 Aust Div Art*  
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and ack*

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* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		A A A	
<i>P 34</i>		<i>5th</i>					
<i>Reference Order 15 is herewith.</i> <i>This Order is a Bde order</i> <i>Para 3 rd and will bombard</i> <i>the area in the attached</i> <i>tracing. 17th Bty will bombard</i> <i>position in C 26d and C 26e.</i> <i>I 26. 16th and 18th Btys</i> <i>will bombard area in C 27.</i> <i>106 Bty will bombard area</i> <i>in C 21. From to 2 hrs</i> <i>plus 60 minutes 2 to 9 p.m.</i> <i>plus 60 to plus 90</i> <i>minutes 1 to 9 p.m. plus</i> <i>70 to plus 120 1/2 to 9 p.m.</i> <i>106 Bty half above order.</i> <i>ammunition to be fired in</i> <i>units. Btys will bring up</i>							
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO B.N. 1.

1. The Right Group, 6th Divisional Artillery, consists of
  - (a) 6th Army Brigade AFA with Group Headquarters at G.8.d.3.6
  - (b) 13th AFA Brigade with Headquarters at G.11.b.5.5
  - (c) 14th AFA Brigade with Headquarters at G.2.c.5.4.
2. The Group covers the Right Battalion of 14th Australian Infantry Brigade. The Front Line runs from A.16.central to A.17.a.4.2 to A.23 central to A.24 central to MINT COPSE. The Battalions in the line are 54th Battalion with Headquarters at G.6.d.4.6 and 53rd Battalion with Headquarters at G.4.a.4.2
3. The Artillery dispositions will be as follow:
  - 14th AFA Brigade will cover from A.23 central to A.24 central with one Battery super-imposed. The frontages to be arranged by the Brigade Commander.
  - 13th AFA Brigade will cover from A.24 central to MINT COPSE with one Battery super-imposed. The frontages to be arranged by the Brigade Commander.
  - 6th Army Brigade AFA will be super-imposed over the Group front with two Mobile Sections at the disposal of the Infantry as may be requisite.
4. The 13th AFA Brigade will provide liaison with the 54th Battalion and the 6th Army Brigade will provide liaison with 53rd Battalion.
5. Batteries will maintain a full echelon at the guns.
6. Each Brigade will establish a Group O.P. commanding its portion of the front and will engage movement and provide fire as may be requisite in conjunction with the Battalion in the line.
7. Signal Officers of the Brigades will arrange communication to Group and through it to 14th Australian Infantry Brigade through Report Centre at G.2.c.5.4 by arrangements with the Signal Officer, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.
8. Intelligence Summaries will be rendered to this office daily at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by telephone.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 11.45 a.m.  
October 2nd 1918

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

Copy No 1 to 13th AFA Brigade  
 2 14th AFA Brigade  
 3 16th Battery  
 4 17th Battery  
 5 18th Battery  
 6 106th Battery  
 7 14th Aust. Infantry Bde.  
 8 5th Aust. Div. Artillery  
 9 54th Battalion  
 10 File  
 11 War Diary

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { 6.0 6th Army Bde A.S.A.

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Location statement about 4pm 14-18.

Batteries	Wagon Lines
13th Bty G. 11.6.5.5	G. 7. d. 40.20.
49th Bty G. 11.6.15.00	G. 13.6.20.95.
50th Bty H. 7. d. 3.4	G. 8. d. 80.20.
81st Bty G. 12. d. 60.85.	G. 8. c. 40.20.
113th Bty G. 11.6.91.85.	G. 9. c. 90.10.

Water Point - St Quentin  
Canal in G. 16. a.  
8.30 am  
P. Muller A.S.A.

From  
Place 13th Aust Fd Bde.  
Time

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No. 407

Headquarters,  
October 4th 1918.

ORDER No. 158.

Reference Map :  
Sheet 82B N.W. 1/20,000.

1. INTENTION.

The 6th A.I. Bde. with the assistance of tanks is to attack and establish a line EAST of MONTBREHAIN as shown on the attached diagram in (GREEN).

2. SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

Artillery as under will support the operation -

(a) Right Group - Under O.C. 13th Aust. F.A. Bde.

- 13th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 14th " " "
- 10th " " "
- 11th " " "

(b) Left Group - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

- 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- 4th Aust. F.A. "
- 5th " " "
- 6th Army " A.F.A.

Group boundaries for the operation will be as shown on the Barrage diagram.

3. F.A. BARRAGE.

The operation will be supported by a creeping barrage in accordance with Barrage diagram herewith.

(a) 18-pdrs.

Open at Zero on START LINE, remain there till Zero plus 4 mins. then lift and move forward at a uniform rate of 100 yards per 4 mins. On arriving on the Protective Line fire will be kept on this line until Zero plus 120 minutes.

(b) 4.5" Hows.

4.5" Hows. will conform to the 18-pdr. barrage moving 200 yards East of it. Their fire will be confined to the limits of MONTBREHAIN.

(c) 18-pdrs. will fire one round of Smoke on each of the first six lifts. On the Protective Line 10% Smoke will be used as available.

P.T.O.

2.  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order 158 (Continued).

(d). Two Brigades will be used by the Left Group for the Creeping Barrage. The remaining Brigades will bombard areas, selected by the Group Commander, outside the area of the Creeping Barrage.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

From	To.	Rounds per gun per min.	
		18-pdrs.	4.5" Hows.
Zero.	To arrival on Objective Line.	2.	1.
Arrival on Objective Line.	Zero plus 90.	1.	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
plus 90.	Plus 120	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	$\frac{1}{2}$ .

5. AMMUNITION.

18-pdrs. - 'AS' as in para 3(o), 'AX' through the village. Remainder 50% 'A', 50% 'AX'.  
4.5" Hows. - No restrictions.

6. LIAISON.

Left Group will supply a Liaison Officer to the 6th A.I. Brigade.  
Each Group will supply Battalion Liaison Officers to the Battalions they are covering.

7. O.P's. and F.O.O's.

- (a). All normal O.P's. will be manned from Zero Hour onwards.
- (b). Each Group Commander will arrange for one F.O.O. to move forward in touch with the Infantry.

8. LIGHT SIGNALS.

- Light Signals are to be employed as follows:-
- (a). S.O.S. Signal- No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.
- (b). Success Signal- No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.
- (c). "Advanced troops of Cavalry are here"- WHITE Star bursting into a RED on a parachute fired from  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Very pistol.

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- 9. GF and LL CALLS.  
Each Group will detail two batteries to answer any GF and LL Calls during the barrage.
- 10. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*E. J. ...*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Issued at 1900 to :-

Right Group	Copies	1 - 24	by Special D.R.
Left Group	"	25 - 48	" " "
2nd Aust.D.A.C.		49	
4th Aust.D.A.C.		50	
5th Aust.D.A.C.		51	
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.		52	
2nd Aust.Div.		53	
5th A.I.Bde.		54	
6th A.I.Bde.		55	
7th A.I.Bde.		56	
R.A.Aust.Corps.		57	
H.A.Aust.Corps.		58 - 59	
9th Bde.R.G.A.		60	by Special D.R.
1st Aust.D.A.		61	
3rd " "		62	
4th " "		63	
5th " "		64	
25th Div.Arty.		65	
46th " "		66	
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Spares	"	71 - 80	



LEFT GROUP, 2nd. AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.  
ORDER NO. 8.

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4.10.18.

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1. At 1800 4th. Inst., Left Group, 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. will consist of the following :-  
6th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A.  
4th. Brigade Aust. F. A.  
5th. Brigade Aust. F. A.  
12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A.
  2. At time above stated 104th. Army Brigade R. F. A. and 108th. Army Brigade R. F. A. pass to C.R.A., 25th. Div. Artillery.
  3. Divisional Boundaries will be as follows:-  
Northern Boundary - B.18.a.00.00 - C.7.a.7.4 - C.4.Central.  
Southern Boundary - H.17. Central - I.3. Central.
  4. Subsequent re-grouping on the Divisional Front will include 4th. and 5th. Div. Artillery.
  5. Until 4th. and 5th. Div. Artillery are prepared to take over a portion of the Sector; Left Group as in Para. 1 will be required to cover the whole Divisional Sector.
  6. An S.O.S. Line for this purpose will be detailed when information regarding the front is available.
  7. ACKNOWLEDGE by Wire.

*Falouty*  
Lieut. & A/Adj  
for Lieut. Col.  
Commanding, Left Group, 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.

## Distribution :-

Copy No.	1	to	2nd. Aust. D. A.
	2		6th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A.
	3		4th. Brigade Aust. F. A.
	4		5th. Brigade Aust. F. A.
	5		104th. Army Brigade R. F. A.
	6		108th. Army Brigade R. F. A.
	7		Infantry Brigade.
	8.		File .

LEFT GROUP, 2nd. AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.  
ADDENDUM No. 1. to ORDER No. 8. 4.10.18.

1. Paras. 5 & 6 of above order are cancelled.
2. 4th. and 5th. Bdes. Aust. F. A. and 12th. Army Bde. A. F.A. are to move at 1800 into positions being reconnoitred in vicinity of H.10.
3. C.R.A. 2nd. Aust. Div. is making arrangements ~~from~~ for the defence of the sector from that time onwards.

*Falouty*  
Lieut. & A/Adj  
for Lieut. Col.  
Commanding, Left Group, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP, 2nd. AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

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ORDER NO. 9.

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4.10.18.

Reference 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No.158. and Barrage Diagram issued therewith  
Reference Map 62 B N.W. 1/20,000.

1. Para. 3 (d).

Two Brigades of the Left Group to be used for the Creeping Barrage will be :-

- 4th. Brigade Aust. F. A.
- 5th. Brigade Aust. F. A.

The 6th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A. will be required to bombard selected targets in Areas indicated on Barrage Diagram issued with this order.

The 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A. is also bombarding other selected Areas.

2. Para 6.

- (a) Lieut. Col. C.A. CALLAGHAN D.S.O. is acting as Liaison Officer with 6th. A.I. Brigade.
- (b) An Officer to be detailed from 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A. will act as Liaison Officer with Battalion Headquarters at B.27.c.8.4.

3. Para 7.

F.O.O. Party will be detailed by C.O., 4th. Brigade Aust. F. A.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*Fulbourn*

Lieut. & Adj. for Lieut. Col.

Commanding, ~~xxxxxxx~~ Brigade ~~xxxxxxx~~  
LEFT GROUP, 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.

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- 3 4th. Brigade Aust. F. A.
- 4 5th. Brigade Aust. F. A.
- 5 File.

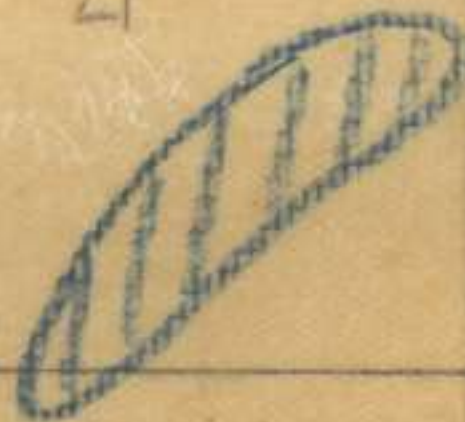
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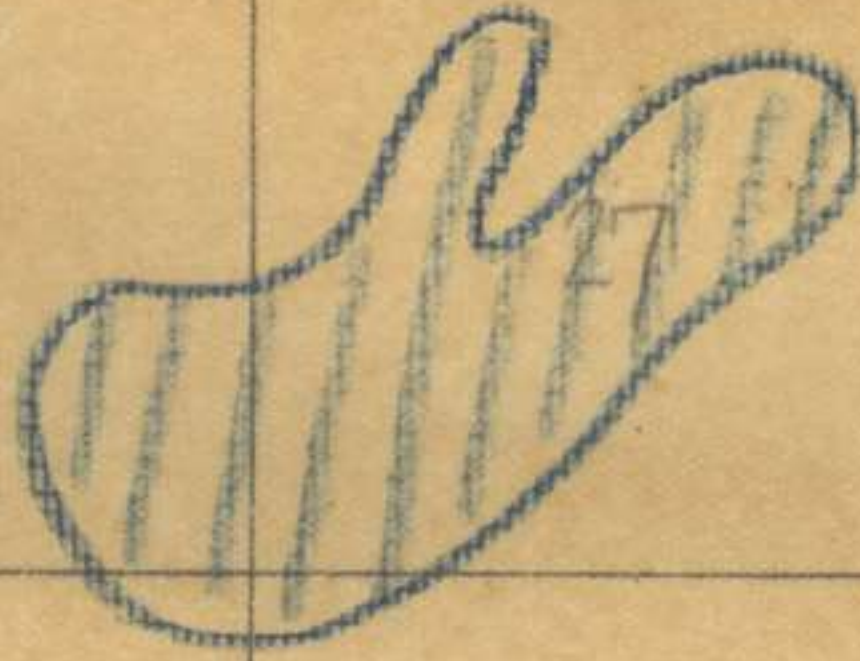
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LEFT GROUP 2nd. AUST. DIV. ARTY.

6th. Army Bde. Aust. F. A. ✓  
All Bys., 12th. Army Bde. A.F.A.  
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Barrage Diagrams are forwarded for  
information only.

*F. Mounby*

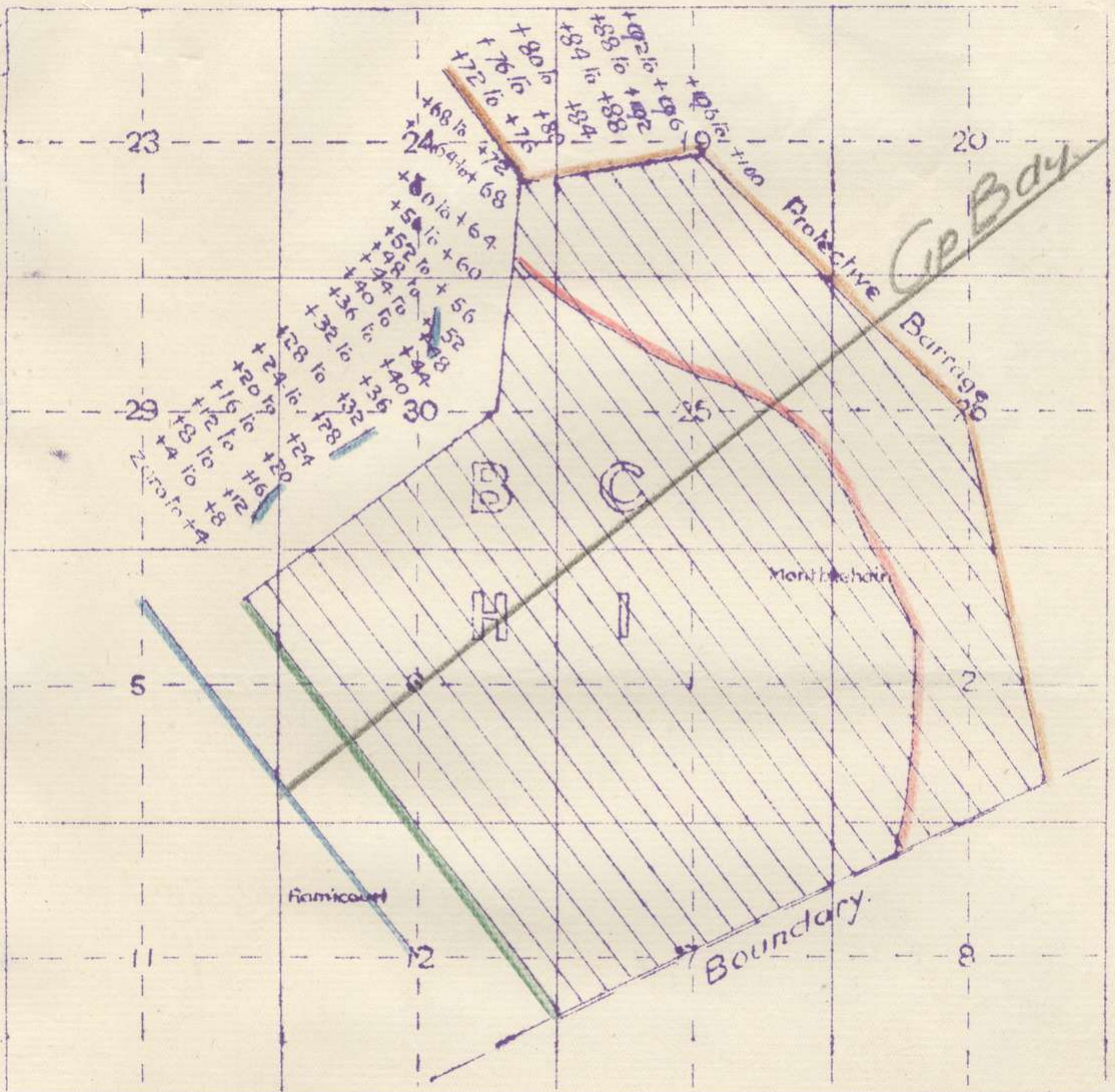
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A/Adjt.

For C.O. Left Group, 2nd., Aust. D. A.

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**BARRAGE** *beginning*  
 (To accompany 2nd Aust. D.A. ORDER No. 158.)  
**LEGEND.**

Portion of Sheet 62B N.W.    Scale 1/20,000.

Infantry Jumping Off Line in	...	BLUE
Artillery Start Line	...	GREEN
Objective	...	RED
Protective Barrage	...	BROWN

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,  
October 4th 1918.

TO ALL RECIPIENTS 2nd AUST.DIV.ARTY.ORDER No.158.

Reference 2nd Aust.D.A. ORDER No.158 ZERO HOUR  
will be 0605 October 5th 1918.  
Acknowledge by wire.

*E. J. Lilford*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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Handed in at..... Office..... m.		Received... 4 pm.	
TO	6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A.		
* Sender's Number. BM109	Day of Month. 5	In reply to Number.	AAA
<p>At 1800 today 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup>          A.F.A. Bdes will withdraw to          wagon lines coming under 5<sup>th</sup>          Aust. D.A. from that hour a.a.          6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A. will pass to          Rt. Group O.C. becoming group          commander. &amp; Rt. Group then          consisting of 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bdes          a.a. Left Group will consist of          4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bdes under O.C.          5<sup>th</sup> from 1800 today a.a. each          group will maintain senior          officer at H.Q. 6<sup>th</sup> A.F. Bde for          liaison a.a. group boundaries          remain as at present a.a. add          Rt. &amp; Left Groups 6<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde. 5<sup>th</sup> A.F.A.          Bde. report 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div 6<sup>th</sup> A.F. Bde</p>			
FROM	5 <sup>th</sup> A. DA.		
PLACE & TIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. D.A. 1455		



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By.....				

TO: Right Group (6<sup>th</sup>) ~~7<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde~~  
~~Left Group (5<sup>th</sup>)~~ ~~8<sup>th</sup>~~ ~~13<sup>th</sup>~~ ~~14<sup>th</sup>~~

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BM 110	5/10		

30<sup>th</sup> American Division is relieving  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div. in the line AAA 118<sup>th</sup>  
 Am. Regt. is taking over to-night  
 from 6<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde with HQ ~~at~~  
 at G 17655.65 AAA Front will be  
 covered by Field Art. as at present  
 AAA Acknowledge AAA Hqs  
 Rt and Left Groups repto. 13<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>  
 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> AFA Bdes

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RIGHT GROUP (2nd Aust. Div) ARTILLERY ORDER No. A.3.

Headquarters,  
5th October 1918.

Reference Map FRANCE Sheet 62. B. N.W. 1/20,000.

1. S.O.S.LINES.

S.O.S.Lines are allotted as follows:-

- 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade - From I.7.d.70.50. to I.2.d.65.30.
- 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade -
- 5th Battery - I.2.d.65.30. to I.2.d.45.90.
- 51st Battery - I.2.d.45.90. to I.2.b.30.60.
- 49th Battery - Superimposed I.2.d.65.30. to I.2.b.30.60.
- 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade - I.2.b.30.60. to G.26.d.00.80.
- 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade - G.26.d.00.80. to G.25.a.95.00. to G.25.a.25.75.
- 4.5" Hows - In all cases will be 200 yards further EAST of 18-pdrs.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Peccolli* Lieut & Adjt.  
Right Group Artillery.

Distribution.

- Nos 1-4. O's C.Btys. 13th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 5. 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 6. 10th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 7. 11th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- 8. 2nd D.A.
- 9-11 War Diary.
- 12. File.

WARNING ORDER.

Information has been received that Batteries of the 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades will withdraw to Wagon Lines to-night 5th inst. Orders will be issued later.

*Peccolli*

Lieut & Adjt.  
Right Group Arty.

RIGHT GROUP (2nd Aust. Div. )ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT 6 pm. 4th October 1918.

13th Aust. F.A.Bde. H.Q.

- 49th Battery
- 50th Battery
- 51st Battery
- 113th Battery

Battery Position  
H.15.a.85.70.

- H.17.e.00.40.
- H.16.c.30.60.
- H.16. central
- H.16.e.55.35.

14th Aust. F.A.Bde. H.Q.

- 53rd Battery
- 54th Battery
- 55th Battery
- 114th Battery

- H.16.a.50.00.
- I.5.a.90.10.
- H.16.c.80.85.
- H.16.c.25.68
- H.16.c.30.30.

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

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

- H.9.c. 50.40.
- H.10.b. 10.50.
- H.10.b. 30.20.
- H.10.d. 20.90.
- H.10.b. 10.10.

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

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

- H.21. central
- H.22.a.10.35.
- H.17.b. 47.05.
- H.16.d. central
- H.17.c.80.60.

Officer Commanding.  
Lieut-Col. H.O.CADDY D.S.O.

- Capt. C.M.CHASE M.C.
- Lieut A.TAYLOR
- Capt. H.K.PRIOR.
- Major A.R.LESCHEN

Lieut-Col. F.E. DERHAM D.S.O.  
Major H.L.HELBY

- Capt. H.S.COATES
- Major. B.MORRIS

Lieut-Col. T.I.C.WILLIAMS D.S.O.

- Capt. W.McNAUGHT M.C.
- Capt. T.McADAM
- Major WEBBER
- Lieut R.J.FOGARTY.

Lieut-Col. C.H.SPURGE

- Major D.O.L.KITTO M.C.
- Lieut H.J. KEIGHTELY
- Major C.R.TURNER
- Lieut D.A.F.GRAY

*W. J. ...*

Lieut & Adj. Right Group Artillery.

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TO

CO. 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde.

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

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\* 17669.

5<sup>th</sup>

Tracings herewith showing  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div & Inter-Group  
Artillery Boundaries -

Also lining of Div on own  
right as well as is known

From

1830

Place

Time

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 185

Ref: Map Sheet WIANCOURT Edition 1.A. 1/20,000 5th Oct., 1918.

1. The 6th A.I.Bde. Group will be relieved in the line on the night of the 5th/6th inst. by the 59th American Brigade of the 30th American Division in accordance with the attached table.
2. All details of Relief not covered by this order will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
3. The boundary between the 118th and 117th Inf. Regiments will be a line from B.30.c.7.9. through Centre of WIANCOURT to present Bde. H.Q's at G.17.b.5.6.
4. All marked maps, S.O.S. Rockets, Trench stores etc. will be carefully handed over to incoming units.
5. Command of the Sector will pass to the G.O.C. 59th American Brigade on completion of relief.
6. Completion of Relief will be wired by priority wire to Bde. Hdqrs.

A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued through Signals at 19.00

Distribution.-

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2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 6th M.G.Coy.
7. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
8. 27th Battalion
9. 28th "
10. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
11. 6th Fld. Amb.
12. 3rd Aust. Divn.
13. 2nd M.G.Bn.
14. 30th American Divn.
15. 117 Inf. Regtz
16. 118th Inf. Bde. Regt.
17. 5th M.G.Coy.
18. 7th " "
19. 22nd " "
20. Right Flank Brigade
21. Left " "
22. Right Group Artillery
23. Left " "
24. 114th American M.G.Bn.
25. G.O.C.
26. Bde. Major
27. Staff Captain
28. Bde. Bomb Offr.
29. " Transport Offr.
- 30.- 32. War Diary
33. File
34. - 37. Spares.

*Hedmund Sabat*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BDE. ORDER No. 185

Date	Unit.-	Location.-	To be relieved by.-	With H.Q's at.-	
Night 5th/6th	2nd Pioneer Bn.	Defensive Flank	Portion of 3rd Bn. 118th Inf. Regt.	H.10.a.2.3.	Trenches in G.23.a. & G.22.b. East of Canal.
-do-	21st Battalion	Line Right	Portion of 2nd & 3rd Bns. 118th Inf. Regt.	-do-	Trench in G.18.c. and H.17.b.
-do-	24th Battalion	Line Right Centre	Portion of 3rd Bn. 118th Inf. Regt.	-do-	Trenches in G.16.b. & d. East of Canal.
-do-	23rd Battalion	Line Left Centre	Portion of 3rd Bn. 117th Inf. Regt.	H.9.b.4.6.	Trenches in H.13.a. & c.
-do-	22nd Battalion	Line Left.	Portion of 3rd Bn. 117th Inf. Regt.	B.27.c.7.4.	Trenches G.24.a. and H.23.b.
-do-	18th Battalion				Trenches in H.14.a.
-do-	27th Battalion				Report to 7th A.I. Bde. H.Q. at L.10.a.5.5.
-do-	28th Battalion	Support Left			-do- -do-
-do-	6th M.G. Coy. plus 4 Guns 7th M.G. Coy. 5th M.G. Coy. & 4 Guns 22nd M.G. Coy. 4 Guns 22nd M.G. Coy. 22nd M.G. Bn. and Coy. H.Q's Reserve		"B" Coy. 114th M.G. Bn. "C" Coy. 114th M.G. Bn. "D" Coy. 114th M.G. Bn. "A" Coy. 114th M.G. Bn.		G.16.b.4.4. To present rear H.Q's To present Rear H.Q's. To present Rear H.Q's To present Rear H.Q's

NOTE:- Sections of 6th A.L.F.M. Bty. will move out with units to whom they are at present attached and concentrate at location of present Battery H.Q's.

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Appendix

A P P E N D I X

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To accompany 6th A.I.Bde. Order No.185

1. The 30th American Division is holding the line with two Regiments disposed as under.

LINE RIGHT 118th Inf. Regt. with the 3rd Bn. on the Right and 2nd Bn. on the Left and 1st Bn. in Support in trenches in H..a.b.&d.

LINE LEFT 117th Inf. Regt. with the 3rd Bn. in the Front Line, 2nd Bn. in Support in Valley B.21.d. and B.28.a. The 1st Bn. will be in Reserve in trenches astride Main Road in B.27.a. and c.

H.Q's 59th American Inf. Bde. H.Q's is to be at present location of 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q's G.17.b.5.6.

X — 118th Inf. Regt. H.10.a.2.3.  
 117th " " B.27.c.5.6.

M.G.Bn. 114th M.G.Bn. less guns in forward area will be located in trenches H.3.b. and H.4.c.

One Battalion Commander from each 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. is being attached to 118th Inf. Regt. for a few days.

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Front line posts have been established  
as follows.

18a 05	}	10
12c 75		
12a 73		
12a 34		
12a 16		
18a 5095		
C 25d 98		

~~B 29d 29~~  
~~B 30d 45~~  
~~C 26c 00~~  
~~12a 48~~  
~~18a 03~~

~~B 30d 45~~  
~~B 30d 82~~  
~~C 26c 00~~  
~~12a 48~~  
~~12a 04~~  
~~12a cm~~

B 29d 29  
 B 30d 04  
 B 30d 45  
 B 30d 82  
 C 26c 00  
 12a 48  
 12a 04  
 12a cm  
18a 03





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Northern Div. Boundary  
continues to  
C7a 6040 to  
C4 Central

Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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\*\*\* ORDER No. 159. \*\*\*

Headquarters,  
October 6th 1918.Ref. Map .-  
Sheet 62B NW 1/20,000.  
Barrage Diagram.In continuation of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Warning Order A11/167  
of October 5th.1. INTENTION.

(a). The operation set out in para 2 of A11/167 is to be carried out on October 8th.

(b). On the morning of October 7th the 117th American Regiment are advancing their line North of MONTBREHAIN with Artillery support with the object of securing a Jumping Off Line for the operation of October 8th.  
Zero Hour for this operation will be 0515 Oct. 7th.  
(5.15am)2. FIELD ARTILLERY ACTION FOR OPERATION OF OCTOBER 7th.

(a). The Field Artillery Support for the operation detailed in para 1(b) above will consist of a Creeping Barrage with three F.A. Brigades and the harassing of selected localities on the flanks of the barrage.

(b). Details of the Creeping Barrage are as follows:-

Right Group with one, Left Group with two, F.A. Brigades will open on the START LINE at Zero Hour, the barrage resting there for two minutes then lifting and advancing at the rate of 100 yards per 2 mins. till the Protective Line is reached. Fire will be maintained on the Protective Line till Zero plus 52 mins. when all fire will cease. 18-pdrs. will conform to Barrage Diagram herewith, 4-5" Hows. moving 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdrs. The Jumping Off Line and Inter-Group Boundary are shown on the Diagram.

(c). In addition to the above barrage:-

(i). Right Group will detail one F.A. Brigade to engage by bursts of fire selected targets on the Group Front from Zero to Zero plus 52 mins. P.P.O.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 159 (Cont'd).

2.(c) (ii) Left Group will detail one Brigade to operate as follows :-  
18-pdrs. open on the line B.24.b.0.7. - B.18.c.2.8.;  
4.5" hows. 200 yards in advance, rest there till Zero plus 7 minutes, then engage by bursts selected targets in the northern half of the Group zone, ceasing at Zero plus 52 minutes.

(d) Rates of fire will be :-

		Rds. per gun per minute.	
		18-pdrs.	4.5" hows.
(i)	In creeping barrage.		
	To Protective Line	2	1
	On Protective Line	1	1/2
(ii)	For para 2 (c) (i) (average rate)	1	1/2
(iii)	For para 2 (c) (ii) (average rate)		
	Zero to plus 7 minutes	2	1
	Plus 7 mins. to plus 52 mins.	1	1/2

(e) AMMUNITION.

45%

IN BARRAGE - 18-pdrs. 50% A, AX, 5% AS.  
4.5" hows. 5% BS, otherwise no restrictions.

In other tasks - 18-pdrs. 50% A, 50% AX.  
4.5" hows. No restrictions.

(f) Left Group will detail a Liaison Officer not below the rank of Captain for duty at 117th American Regt. H.Q. at B.27.c.8.6. and also supply Liaison Officers for battalions as required.

(g) Watches will be synchronized from D.A.H.Q. by telephone at 2200 October 6th.

OPERATION OF OCTOBER 8th.

3. In connection with the main operation of October 8th :-

(a) Under the orders of the Group Commander, the 13th and 14th A.F.A.Bdes. will move to forward positions on the night October 6th/7th and remain silent till required by Group Commander for defence of the line.

(b) The remaining F.A.Bdes. will be moved forward in succession on October 7th so as to be in position ready for the main operation.

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SECOND AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 159 (Continued).

4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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*C.A. Clome*

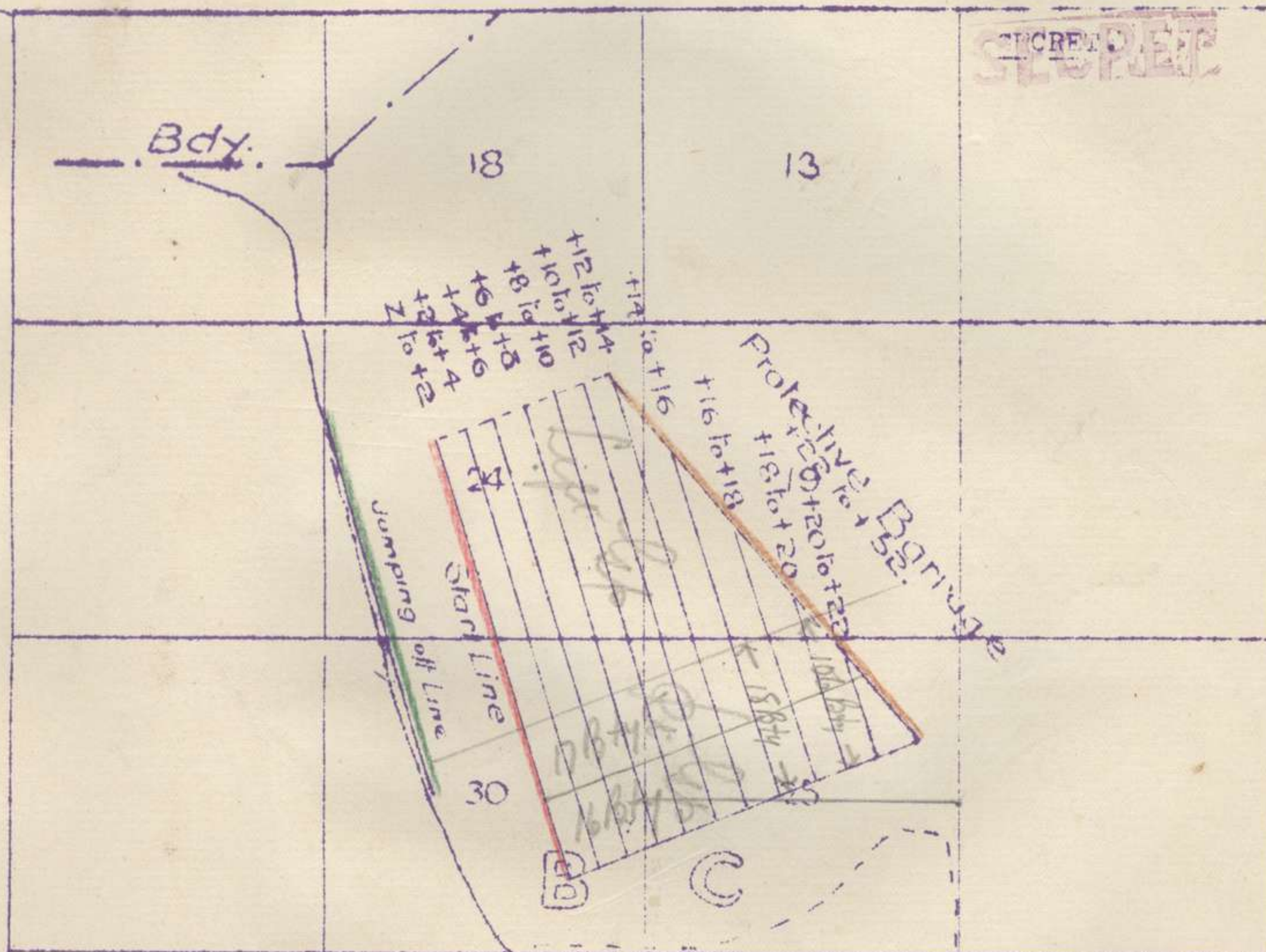
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Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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					<u>DIAGRAMS.</u>
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7th A.F.A. Bde.				36	1
8th " "				37	1
13th " "				38	1
14th " "				39	1
2nd Aust. D.A.C.				40	
3rd " "				41	
4th " "				42	
5th " "				43	
30th American Div.				44	1
3rd Aust. D.A.				45	
4th " "				46	
5th " "				47	
* <sup>59x</sup> American Bde.				48	1
* 117th " Regt.				49	1
* 118th " "				50	1
R.A.					
2nd American Corps				51	1
H.A.					
2nd American Corps				52	1
9th Bde. R.G.A.				53	1
R.A. Aust. Corps.				54	
* G.S. 2nd Aust. Div. (attached 30th American Div)				55	1
File				56	
War Diary	Copies	57	-	59	
Spare		60	-	70	

\* A.11/167 not issued.

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BARRAGE DIAGRAM.

To accompany 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. ORDER No. 159.

LEGEND.

Portion of Sheet 62B N.W. Scale 1/20,000.

- Infantry Jumping Off Line ..... GREEN.
- Artillery Start Line ..... RED.
- Protective Barrage (# 22 to # 52). ..... BROWN.

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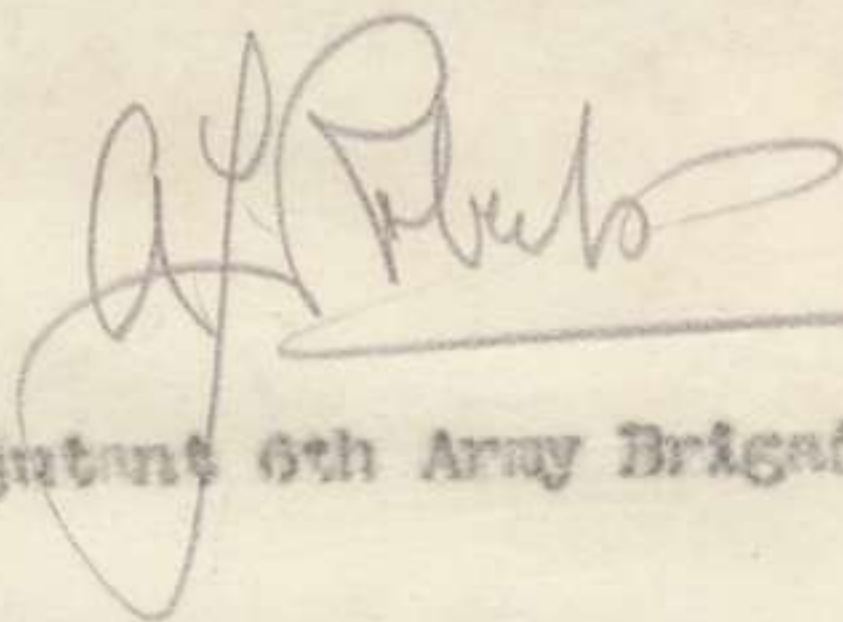
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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS NO 1 UNDER ORDER NO 159.

1. Herewith Order No 159 and Barrage Map. The following matters in relation thereto will be given effect to:
  - (a) The Creeping Barrage under para 2 (b) will be provided by 6th Army Brigade AFA as indicated on the copies of Barrage Map issued to its Batteries.
  - (b) The bursts of fire set out in para 2 (b) (1) will be provided by 11th AFA Brigade which will engage targets on the Right flank of the Creeping Barrage but not further SOUTH than the Centre East and West Grid Line through I.3 and I.4. In particular the Valley in G.28.H, G.27.C, and I.2.B, will be harassed with 16 Pounders and the Valley in E.21.B, with 4.5" Howitzers. Other targets will be at the discretion of the Brigade Commander within the limit prescribed.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2340  
October 6th 1918.

  
 Lieut  
 Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

- Copy No 1 to 10th AFA Brigade  
 2 11th AFA Brigade  
 3 16th Battery  
 4 17th Battery  
 5 18th Battery  
 6 19th Battery  
 7 File

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HEADQUARTERS 59TH INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
American Expeditionary Forces, France, Oct. 6, 1918.  
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FIELD ORDER) REFERENCE MAP SHEETS: 62-B, N.W., 1/20,000.  
NO. 26. )

1. The 59th Brigade will attack and capture the objective indicated by the RED LINE on maps already issued at zero hour already announced on 7th October, 1918.
2. The boundary between the Regiments will be a line drawn from present boundary where it crosses from line to G.25.a.9.8.
3. The attack will be carried out by one Battalion of the 117th Regiment on the left and two platoons of the 118th Regiment on the right.
4. At zero an artillery barrage, according to barrage map already issued, will be placed down 300 yards ahead of present front line, and will creep forward at rate of 100 yards every 2 minutes. On reaching the protective barrage line it will remain for 30 minutes, during which time the objective will be consolidated and held at all costs by a series of half platoon posts. Consolidation must be covered by special parties of men with Lewis Guns.
5. All troops will be formed up on the jumping-off line, which is indicated by BLUE LINE on map issued by zero minus one hour. All troops must be withdrawn from the trench system at B.24.c and B.30.a by zero minus 15 minutes.
6. The formation to be adopted will be a wave in extended order leading, followed by specially detailed mopping-up parties in lines of sections in file. Carrying parties for water, rations, and other stores will also be on lines of section in file.
7. Two M.G.'s will accompany the attack, and will establish positions in vicinity of C.25.a or b to assist in the consolidation and holding the line.
8. Trench Mortars as necessary will move forward after the objective has been gained, and will take up previously selected positions.
9. 300 picks and shovels will be taken forward. The supply of these has been arranged by the Engineer Officer.
10. Fighting order will be adopted. Each man must carry two bombs and 200 rounds S.A.A. Each Company Commander will carry two S.O.S. Rockets. Ground flares will be carried. These will be shown when contact aeroplane calls for them on Klaxon horn to show the front line.
11. Plans for aid stations and evacuations will be arranged for by Regimental Commanders and medical personnel of regiments.
12. Communication will be maintained by all available means; special attention being paid to telephone and visual.
13. Watches will be carefully synchronized under Regimental arrangements.
14. Acknowledge.

DISTRIBUTION:

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TYSON,

- 30th Division (G-1)
- Division Surgeon.
- Right Flank Regiment (6th British Brigade)
- 7th British Division
- Right Group Artillery.
- Left Group Artillery.
- 117th Regiment.
- 118th Regiment.
- 114th M. G. Bn.
- War Diary.
- File.
- 2 spare.

T. J. Wyrick  
Major, A.G., Adjutant.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
Copy No.....

A.11/167.

WARNING ORDER.

Reference Map:  
Sheet 62B N.W. 1/20,000

1. (a) The 30th American Division is taking over on October 6th, the front and area held by the 2nd Aust.Div., the 118th American Regt. relieving the 6th A.I.Bde. in the line to-night October 5th/6th.

(b) BEAUREVOIR and MANNEQUIN HILL (I.13.d.) are at present held by the enemy. To-night the 25th Division is carrying out a further operation with a view to the capture of BEAUREVOIR.

2. The 30th American Div. in conjunction with Divisions on the flank intend to carry out on the morning of October 7th an operation with the object of capturing the general line C.29.a.0.0. - C.2.c.5.0. and subsequently exploiting to the line PREMONT - BRANCAUCOURT (both inclusive).

3. (a) For the operation the 30th American Division will be covered by the Field Artillery at present covering the 2nd Aust.Div. under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.

Grouping will be :-

- RIGHT GROUP - H.Q. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A. (Under O.C. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.).
- 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
- 10th A.F.A. Bde.
- 11th " "
- 13th " "
- 14th " "

- LEFT GROUP - H.Q. 5th A.F.A. Bde. (Under O.C. 5th A.F.A. Bde.)
- 5th A.F.A. Bde.
- 4th A.F.A. Bde.
- 7th A.F.A. Bde.
- 8th A.F.A. Bde.
- 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

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2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. WARNING ORDER (Continued).

3. (b) (1) Positions will be selected and reselected early on the morning of October 6th suitable, should the capture to-night of the high ground in the vicinity of BEAUREVOIR permit, for shooting on the line C.29.b.0.0. - C.2.d.5.0. at a range not exceeding 6000 yards.

(ii) The above proviso will in most cases necessitate the positions to be occupied being in the valley North, East and South-East of WIANCOURT. Should this not be possible positions will be selected as far forward as the tactical situation will permit.

(iii) It will be necessary to occupy these forward positions either during daylight on October 6th or early in the night October 6th/7th.

(c) It is anticipated that ammunition at the guns for the operation will be required as follows:-

- 18-pdrs. - 500 rounds (5% AS).
- 4.5" hows. - 300 rounds (5% BS).

Should it not be possible to transport ammunition to forward positions during daylight, ammunition will be dumped at present positions ready to be moved forward at dusk, 7th and 8th A.F.A.Bdes. dumping in selected localities well forward.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J.P. Hunt*  
*C.A. Clowes*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 2130 to

* Right Group	1 - 4	* R.A. VII Corps. (Affiliated to 2nd American Corps)	19
* Left Group	5 - 8	H.A. VII Corps (Affiliated to 2nd American Corps)	20
* 7th A.F.A.Bde.	9	R.A. Aust. Corps.	21
* 8th " "	10	9th Bde. R.G.A.	22
* 13th " "	11	2nd Aust. Div.	23
* 14th " "	12	File	24
* 2nd Aust. D.A.C.	13	War Diary	25 - 27
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4th Aust. D.A.	16		
5th " "	17		
30th American Div.	18		

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2ND AUSTRALIAN  
DIVL. ARTILLERY  
No. A.11/167/2  
Dtd. ....

Headquarters,  
October 7th 1918.

Right Group  
Left Group

Reference ORDER 159 para 3.

Herewith 30 copies of Barrage Map "A" for Operation  
on October 8th 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. WARNING ORDER NO A.F. 167.

- (a) Our Front is now held by 118th American Regiment
- (b) 25th Division has captured BEAUREVOIR but it is believed that the enemy holds MANNEQUIN HILL.
- (c) 30th American Division in conjunction with other Divisions intends to carry out an operation with the object of capturing a general line C.29.a.0.0 to C.2.c.5.0 and subsequently exploit to the line PREMONT-BRANCAUCOURT
- (d) 30th American Division will be covered by 10 Brigades of Field Artillery of which this Brigade and the 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th AFA Brigades form the RIGHT GROUP.
- (e) Positions will be selected and reconnoitred on the morning of October 6th for shooting on the line C.29.b.00.00 to C.2.d.5.0 at a range not exceeding 6000 yards and in the area indicated at Conference. It will be necessary to occupy these positions during daylight or early in the night, October 6th.
- (f) Anticipated Ammunition 18 Pounders 500 rounds 5% "AS"  
4.5" Hows. 300 rounds 5% "BS"  
B.A.C. has placed one sub-section under orders of each Battery reporting to its Wagon Line. All boxed ammunition in B.A.C. Wagons will be delivered to Battery Wagon Lines.
- (g) ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 0900  
October 6th 1918

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Lieut  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

- Copy No 1 to 16th Battery
- 2 17th Battery
- 3 18th Battery
- 4 106th Battery
- 5 6th B. A. C.
- 6 File
- 7 War Diary





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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. Appendix 9Headquarters,  
October 6th 1918.Right Group  
Left Group

- With reference to para 2 of 2nd Aust D.A. WARNING ORDER A.11/167 of October 5th -
1. (a) The attack is to be carried out by the 118th American Regiment on the right and the 117th American Regiment on the left.
  - (b) The exploitation is to be carried out by a battalion from each of the above Regiments.
2. (a) To support the exploitation F.A. Brigades will be detailed as follows :-  
With the 118th American Regt. - 10th A.F.A. Bde.  
With the 117th American Regt. - 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.
  - (b) The O's.C. above F.A. Brigades will get into touch with their respective Regiments on October 7th to discuss details. Headquarters of Regiments are at :-  
118th American Regt. - H.10.a.1.4.  
117th American Regt. - B.27.c.8.6. *exploiting*
  - (c) One section per F.A. Brigade will be detailed to operate in close support of the Infantry during exploitation.
  - (d) F.A. Brigades covering the exploitation will pay particular attention to the engagement of guns which are holding up the infantry and Whippets.
3. LIAISON.  
For Liaison duty with the Infantry, Officers will be detailed as follows :-  
(i) With 59th American Brigade (H.Q. G.17.b.55.65.) - ~~the~~ a senior officer from Left Group.  
(ii) With each of the 118th American Regt. and 117th American Regt. - an officer not below the rank of Captain from the Right and Left Groups respectively.  
(iii) With each attacking battalion - an officer from the Group concerned.  
~~(iv)~~
4. F.O.O's.  
(a) Each Group will detail two F.O.O's for the operation, not to be from either the 10th A.F.A. Bde. or the 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.  
(b) Each F.A. Bde. supporting the exploitation will arrange for at least one F.O.O. In addition these Brigades will make provision for officers' patrols in order to be in close touch with the situation prior to a move forward being ordered.  
(c) F.O.O's. will keep particularly close touch with the Infantry situation and make every effort to send frequent information.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ca Ames*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Headquarters, 118th Infantry,  
American Expeditionary Forces,  
October 6th, 1918.

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FIELD ORDER)  
NO. - 26)

57 B. 1/20,000  
Ref. 62 B. N.W. 1/20,000

1. The 30th Division will attack on ZED day, Zero hour. The 6th British Division will attack on our right and the 25th British Division on our left.

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	C 9 c 25.00	-	C 15 central.
Objectives.	C 22 d 6.0.	-	C 28 B 8.2.
	C 5 d 7.7.	-	C 5 d 9.0.
Contigent.	C 12 c 4.0.	-	C 24 c 6.4.

3. Boundaries. Northern boundary of Regiment B 24 d.7.8.  
C 14 b.6.6. (South of VAUX-LE-PRETRE CHATEAU) - C 9.c.3.0.-  
C 9.d.7.7. (South of Farm.) - C 10 a.4.0. - C 10.b.9.9. - C 5 d.7.7.

Southern Boundary of Regiment H 12 central

I,2 Central - BRANCOURT STATION (inclusive) C 24 c.3.4. - ~~XXXXXXXXXX-XXXXXXXXXX~~.

Boundaries between Battalions - C 25 d.3.9.-

C 22 a.5.6. - C 18 a.7.7.

Troops of the 3rd Battalion, south of railway will be withdrawn north of same at one-half hour before Zero and the railroad will mark the right of their advance. One platoon, however, advance along the southern side of railway and close to it. The barrage of the 6th Division on our right is in rear of our barrage, but will be of sufficient depth to reach a line in prolongation of our first ~~name~~ to protect the right flank. A gap of 300 yards south of our boundary will not be fired on by the 6th Division Artillery, but will be covered by our barrage.

4. The attack will be made with the 2nd Battalion on the left with two companies in the front line and two in support. The 3rd Battalion will attack on the right, with two companies in front, one company to mop-up BRANCOURT-LE-GRAND, and one company in reserve. The 1st Battalion will be in support, and will leave their present station at Zero plus 30 minutes, regulating their march so as to arrive at normal objective, RED LINE, at Zero plus 174 minutes. After the normal objective, or RED LINE, is taken by the front line troops advancing under barrage, the barrage will halt for 1 hour 200 yards beyond the objective, after which the 1st Battalion will advance and exploit to the GREEN LINE or contingent objective. Troops will consolidate their respective objectives.

5. Tanks. - Ten (10) heavy tanks will advance with the front line. A company of Whippets will assist in exploitation to contingent objective. One will not go beyond. CCO's of Tank companies will arrange with the Regimental Commander all details concerning the time and place of starting.

Signals as follows: TANK SIGNALS. - Flags on tank-

Green and white - "Infantry Come One."  
Red and Yellow - "Broken down, don't wait."  
Red, white and blue - "Withdrawing from action."

INFANTRY TO TANK:

Helmet held up on rifle means, "Tank, come help us."

6. Artillery. - The light artillery 18 pounder barrage will come down at Zero hour 200 yards in front of the Infantry start line as shown on map Barrage Table. The 4.5 barrage will come down



200 yards in front of the light artillery barrage. The 18 pounder barrage will fall on the line designated as the objective of the attack of October 7th.

The light artillery will remain stationary 3 minutes after Zero hour and will advance for 12 lifts at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes and there after at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes to the normal objective and will halt 200 yards beyond same for one-half hour.

The heavy artillery will fire on selected points during the barrage and thereafter as long as the safety of advancing troops will permit.

Light artillery will be moved up within one-half hour after cessation of barrage and will be available for fire on selected points. Definite artillery units will be assigned attacking battalions for use when progressing from the normal objective to the contingent objective.

7. Liaison.- As prescribed in 2nd Corps Liaison Order.

8. M. G. - One platoon of Co. "P", 114th M. G. Battalion will report to C. O. 2nd Battalion. One platoon to C.O. 3rd Battalion and one platoon to Regimental Reserve at RAMICOURT.

( ) Two platoons of M.G. Co. 118th Infantry will report to C.O. 1st Battalion and remaining platoon to RAMICOURT. These units will report during night of Z-1.

9. Trench Mortars. One gun each will be at disposal of front line battalion Commander and will report night of Z-1. Others at transport lines.

10. The Regimental Surgeon will provide adequate facilities for taking care of wounded.

11. Ammunition. - Dumps of 10,000 rounds of S.A.A. and 20 boxes hand grenades each will be located at CROSS ROADS G 25 d.5.8. Road junction I 2 a.1.1.

After normal objective is passed dump will be located at G 22 a.9.7.

12. Report centers. Vicinity of MML, G 27 c.2.1. and after RED LINE is passed at G 22 a.9.7.

13. Equipment: Battle equipment. Overcoats and surplus clothing will be left in present locations under a guard. One cooked ration and two Iron Rations. Canteen full of water and extra water bottles will be carried. 200 rounds of S.A.A. and 2 hand grenades.

14. Aeroplane Signals: On call from contact 'planes line will be shown by means of ground flares. Ground panels will be carried, and used for communication with 'planes.

15. Prisoners will be taken to rear under escort - proportion of 10 guards to 100 prisoners. Route will be main road BRANCOURT- MONTBREHAIN- RAMICOURT-JONCOURT.

16. The Regimental P.C. at present located at H 10 a.1.3 will on passing of RED LINE be moved to H 11 b.5.7.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL WOLFE:

F. J. BEATTY,  
Captain, Infantry,  
Operations Officer.

DISTRIBUTION:

30th Division.	Hqrs. Co.	Signal Officer.
59th Brigade.	M.G. Co.	Ammunition Officer.
1st Bn.	Intelligence Officer.	War Diary
2nd Bn.	Regimental Surgeon.	File.
3rd Bn.	Supply Officer.	Extra.

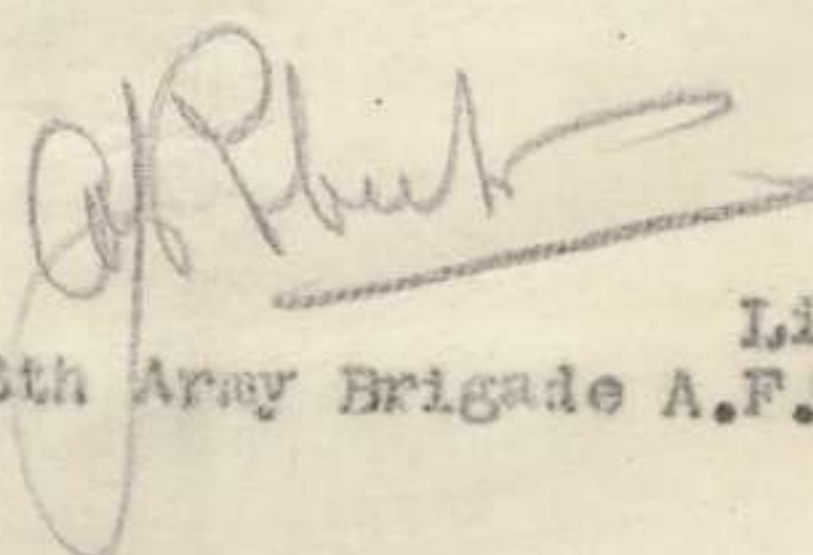
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9RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY BATTLE INSTRUCTION NO 1 UNDER  
DIVISIONAL A.11/187.

1. INFORMATION. The attack referred to in A.11/187 will be carried out by 118th American Regiment on the Right and 117th American Regiment on the Left. Exploitation will be carried out by a Battalion from each Regiment.
2. ARTILLERY SUPPORT. To support exploitation artillery will be detailed as follows:  
 With 117th American Regiment 12th Army Brigade AFA  
 With 118th American Regiment 6th Army Brigade AFA  
 The covering artillery Brigades will pay particular attention to the engagement of guns holding up infantry and whippets  
 The Batteries of 6th Army Brigade AFA will receive separate written instructions as to their use and movement in exploitation and the allotment of a section for close support.
3. LIAISON. Liaison duties are detailed as follows:  
 (a) With 9th American Brigade H.Q. G.17.b.55.85. Lieut-Col. C. H. CALLAGHAN, DSO.  
 (b) With 118th American Regiment H.10.a.1.4. Captain B. H. LEWISMAN, 6th Army Brigade AFA  
 (c) With Right Attacking Battalion an Officer to be detailed by 14th AFA Brigade. With Left Attacking Battalion an Officer to be detailed by 11th AFA Brigade.
4. F.O.Os. For the operation F.O.Os. will be detailed to man their existing O.Ps. by the following Brigades  
 10th AFA Brigade O.P. Right  
 13th AFA Brigade O.P. Left
5. EXPLOITATION. The 6th Army Brigade AFA will detail the following special duties:  
 16th Battery will detail an F.O.O.  
 17th & 19th Batteries will detail Officers and mounted patrols to keep in close touch with the situation prior to the move.
6. It is essential that Liaison Officers and F.O.Os. should keep particularly close touch with the Infantry situation and make every effort to send through information.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1939  
October 7th 1918

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

Copy No 1 to 6th Army Brigade AFA  
 2 10th AFA Brigade  
 3 11th AFA Brigade  
 4 13th AFA Brigade  
 5 14th AFA Brigade  
 6 118th American Regiment  
 7 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery  
 8 File  
 9 War Diary

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
(RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY)

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 203

HEADQUARTERS,  
7th October 1918.

REFERENCE MAP, Sheet 62B, N.E. & N.W., 1/20,000.

1. THE ADVANCE OF THE REMAINING F.A. BRIGADES :-

After the capture and consolidation of the GREEN LINE, the code message "ASCOT" will be sent from RIGHT Group Headquarters; on receipt of this message, the remaining four F.A. Brigades will advance, by Batteries, under Brigade orders to positions covering the GREEN LINE, approximately in the following areas :-

- 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade -- I 2 a - b.
- 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade -- C 26 c - d.
- 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade -- C 20 a - c.
- 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade -- C 14 c - d.
- 6th ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A. -- After completion of exploitation with the Infantry, if suitably employed will remain in positions, but if not will occupy positions approx. in squares C 19 d and C 25 b.

2. GROUPING OF BRIGADES TO COVER THE GREEN LINE :-

On arrival in advanced positions covering the GREEN LINE, the F.A. Brigades of the RIGHT Group will be divided into sub-Groups as follows :-

- (RIGHT SUB-GROUP)  
No. 1 SUB-GROUP -- Commanded by Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..  
Consisting of the 10th Aust. F.A. Bde. & the 11th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- (LEFT SUB-GROUP)  
No. 2 SUB-GROUP -- Commanded by Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O..  
Consisting of the 13th Aust. F.A. Bde. & the 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.
- (SUPERIMP. GROUP)  
No. 3 SUB-GROUP -- Commanded by Lieut.-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O..  
Consisting of the 6th ARMY Bde. A.F.A.

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3. BOUNDARIES BEYOND THE GREEN LINE :-

The RIGHT GROUP boundaries beyond the GREEN LINE will be -

On the North -- a prolongation of the line  
C 25 a 4085 - C 15 c 0 0.

On the South -- A prolongation of the RIGHT Div.  
boundary stated in 2nd Aust. Div.  
Arty. ORDER No. 160, para. 1 E.

INTER SUB GROUP -- The boundary between Nos. 1 and 2  
SUB GROUPS will be a prolongation  
of a line through C 25 d 7050 -  
C 22 b 2030.

No. 3 SUB GROUP -- will continue to be SUPERIMPOSED over  
the GROUP front.

4. RIGHT GROUP FORWARD REPORT CENTRE :-

The RIGHT Group Forward Report Centre is established at  
H 15 a 7 6 and will remain in this location until the code  
message referred to in para. 1 is sent to Brigades, at which  
time the 2nd Report Centre will be established in RAMICOURT  
at H 11 b 5570.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. J. Harpau*  
Major

Brigade-Major,  
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 - 6 6th ARMY Bde. A.F.A..
- 7 - 11 10th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 12 - 16 11th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 17 - 21 13th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 22 - 26 14th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 27 - 4th Aust. D.A.C..
- 28 6th Aust. D.A.C..
- For inf :-
- 29 LEFT GROUP.
- 30 R.A. Aust. Corps.
- 31 R.A. 2nd AMERICAN Corps.
- 32 4th Aust. Div..

Issued to Signals at  
12 midnight.

- 33 2nd Aust. D.A..
- 34 6th Aust. D.A..
- 35 59th Inf. Bde. U.S.A..
- 36 118 Inf. Regt. U.S.A..
- 37 C.R.A..
- 38 B.M..
- 39 S.C.. 42
- 40 R.O..
- 41 Sig. Off.
- 41 File.
- 44 Diary.
- 45 Spare.



SECRET.SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.  
October 7th 1918.ORDER No. 160.Reference Maps

Sheets 62B N.W., 62B N.E.

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Barrage Map "A" (already issued to Groups).

INTENTION.

- 1.(a) The 30th American Division intends to attack on "Z" Day with the assistance of tanks and under an Artillery Barrage. "Z" Day and Zero hour will be communicated later.
- (b) The 8th Division (IX Corps) on the right and the 25th Division (XIII Corps) on the left are attacking in conjunction, the former's action being in the nature of a conforming movement to the 30th American Division advance.
- (c) The attack by the 30th American Infantry Div. is to be carried out as follows :-  
On the Left :- the front line one in support and one in Bde. reserve.  
 117th American Regt. with one battalion in support.  
On the Right :- 118th American Infantry Regt. with two battalions in the front line and one battalion in support.
- (d) Objectives are as follows :-  
 (i) First Objective (RED LINE) :- The general line  
 C.28.b.8.2. - C.22.d.6.0. - C.15.central-  
 C.9.c.0.3. - C.2.central.  
 (ii) Second Objective (GREEN LINE) :- The general line  
 C.24.c.6.4. - C.12.c.4.0. - C.5.d.9.0.-  
 C.5.b.5.5. -PREMONT (inclusive) -  
 U.22.c.7.9.
- (e) BOUNDARIES :-  
Right Divisional :- H,12.central - I.2.central - BRANCOURT STATION (inclusive) - C.24.c.3.4.  
Left Divisional :- B.17.central - B.2.central- U.22.central.  
Inter-Regimental :- B.24.d.7.8. - C.14.b.6.6. - C.9.c.3.0.-  
 C.9.d.7.7. - C.10.a.4.0. - C.10.b.9.9. -  
 C.5.d.7.7.

P.T.O.

SECOND AUST.D.A.ORDER No.160 (Continued).

2. The Field Artillery covering the 30th American Div. operation will be under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div. and will be grouped as follows :-

Right Group - (under C.R.A.4th Aust.Div.relieving C.C. 6th Army Bde.A.F.A.on October 7th, H.Q., G.23.b.2.8.)  
 6th Army Bde.A.F.A.  
 10th A.F.A.Bde.  
 11th " "  
 13th " "  
 14th " "

Left Group - (under C.C. 5th A.F.A.Bde., H.Q., H.8.d.1.5.)  
 5th A.F.A.Bde.  
 4th A.F.A.Bde.  
 7th A.F.A.Bde.  
 8th A.F.A.Bde.  
 12th Army Bde.A.F.A.

3. FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

For Capture of the RED LINE.

- (a) The attack will be carried out under a Field Artillery barrage in accordance with Barrage Map "A" *as follows:-* except where amended by the following :-

(i) 18-pdrs. will open on the ~~plus 9~~ <sup>START</sup> line, rest there till plus 9 minutes and then lift to the plus 12 line, the barrage then moving as per Barrage Map "A" in lifts of 100 yards per 3 minutes to the plus 36 line. Thence onwards the rate of advance will be 100 yards per 4 minutes until the Protective Line is reached. The barrage will rest there till plus 174 minutes and then cease.

(ii) 4.5" hows. will take part in the barrage, moving 200 yards in advance of 18-pdrs. throughout, paying special attention to selected points.

N.B. The ~~Infantry Jumping Off Line~~ is being modified accordingly.

Times shown on Barrage Map "A" are times of lifting.

- (b) Group Commanders will superimpose the fire of Exploiting Brigades (see para 4) in order to allow of their fire being taken off at plus 116 minutes.

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" 5."

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3(c). Rates of fire.

	Rounds per gun per min.	
	18-pdrs.	4.5" Hows.
In Creeping Barrage.....	3.....	2.....
On Protective Line .....	1.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ .....

(d). Ammunition.

Ammunition will be used as follows:-

<u>18-pdrs.</u>	50% "A"	
	44% "AX" with delay or 106 fuzes.	
	6% "AS"	
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	"BX" with 106 fuzes as far as supplies allow,	
	then no restriction.	

4. ACTION OF FIELD ARTILLERY DURING EXPLOITATION.

(a). To support the Exploitation to the GREEN LINE, F.A.

Brigades will be detailed as follows:-

With the 118th Am. Inf. Regt. 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.

With the 117th Am. Inf. Regt. 12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

Instructions have already been issued for O's.C. above F.A. Brigades to arrange necessary details with the respective Regiments.

(b). O's.C. above F.A. Brigades will keep close touch with their respective Regimental Commanders during the barrage. Exploiting F.A. Brigades will move forward at plus 118 minutes and support the further advance of the Infantry.

(c). Batteries of these F.A. Brigades will pay special attention to the engagement of enemy guns which are holding up the Tanks or Infantry, and, particularly in the case of 4.5" Hows., to Counter-Battery work, by engaging all NF calls possible. The wireless masts of these Brigades will accompany the 4.5" How. Battery.

(d) One section from each Exploiting F.A. Brigade will be detailed for close support of the Infantry during exploitation.

5. F.O.O's.

(a). Special stress is laid on the necessity for obtaining and reporting information. Full use will be made of every means of communication possible.

(b). F.O.O's. for the operation\* will be detailed as follows:-

(i). Each Group will detail two F.O.O's. for the operation, not to be from either the 8<sup>th</sup> or 12th Army Bdes. A.F.A. the exploitation

(ii). Each F.A. Brigade supporting will arrange for at least one F.O.O.. In addition these Brigades will make provision for Officers' patrols in order to be in close touch with the situation prior to a move forward being ordered.

\* (to move forward in close touch with the Infantry). P.T.O.

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5. F.O.O's. (Cont'd).  
 (iii) F.O.O's. will keep particularly close touch with the Infantry situation and make every effort to send frequent information.
6. (c). All normal O.P's. will be warned from Zero Hour onwards.  
LIAISON.  
 For Liaison duty with the Infantry Officers will be detailed as follows :-  
 (i) With 59th American Brigade (H.Q.,G.17.b.55.65.) - a senior officer from Left Group.  
 (ii) With each of the 118th American Regt. and 117th American Regt. - an officer not below the rank of Captain from the Right and Left Groups respectively.  
 (iii) With each attacking battalion - an officer from the Group concerned.
7. HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION.  
 The Corps H.A. are co-operating in the barrage and with counter-battery work.  
 The 9th Bde.R.G.A. is affiliated to the 30th American Division for exploitation purposes.
8. PRECAUTIONS FOR ENSURING ACCURACY OF FIRE.  
 The necessity for observing all the precautions laid down for previous operations for ensuring accuracy of fire is again to be impressed on all concerned.
9. HARASSING FIRE PRIOR TO ZERO HOUR.  
 Every effort will be made, by the selection of the most suitably placed F.A.Bdes., to maintain normal harassing fire up to Zero Hour.
10. S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO ZERO HOUR.  
 S.O.S. arrangements will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 minutes to Zero Hour.
11. MOVES OF F.A.BRIGADES.  
 Moves of F.A.Bdes. to their forward positions will be carried out in accordance with para 3 of 2nd Aust. D.A.ORDER No.159. All guns will be in action in forward positions by Zero minus 1 hour.

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SECOND AUST.D.A.ORDER NO.180 (CONTINUED).

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- 12. ECHELONS. All echelons will be full at Zero Hour.
- 13. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*C.A. Clowe* Major,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Issued at 1500 to :-

*Right Group	Copies	1	-	15	
*Left Group	"	16	-	35	
*2nd Aust.D.A.C.				36	
*3rd " "				37	
*4th " "				38	
*5th " "				39	
30th American Div.				40	
3rd Aust.D.A.				41	1.
4th " "				42	
5th " "				43	
*59th American Bde.				44	
*117th American Regt.				45	1
*118th American Regt.				46	1
*R.A.2nd American Corps.				47	1
H.A.2nd " "				48	1
*9th Bde.R.G.A.				49	1
R.A.Aust.Corps.				50	
G.S. 2nd Aust.Div.					
(attached 30th American Div)				51	1
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.				52	1
3rd " "				53	
4th " "				54	
5th " "				55	
File				56	
War Diary	Copies	57	-	59	
Spares	"	60	-	70	

BARRAGE MAPS  
(already issued)  
ditto.

\* By Special D.R.

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Appendix 9

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		message is on a/c of:	
Sent		Date	
At	m.	Service.	
To			From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By
TO	6 Army Bde AFA		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* A431	7	AAA	
Ref	2	Aust	DA
Wtdel	160	para	of
Qad	Command	of	Right
Group	passes	to	CORA
421	Aust	Dir	HQ
G23 64095	at	1830	today
From	4	Aust	Dir Arty
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
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\* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.  
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 Sent Date .....  
 At ..... m. Service.  
 To .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") From .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Adjutant. Light Group. Army.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
 \* 1/5 7

① The times of this Regiment are located as follows:-  
 Light Bn (3<sup>rd</sup>) H 1135.8.  
 Light " (2<sup>nd</sup>) I 1A65.65.  
 Reserve " (1<sup>st</sup>) H 10d 40.00.

② An Australian trader with the light Bn 117<sup>th</sup> Regt. reports the front line as follows:-  
 from C25A00.50 to C25A50.00, to C25d 00.90 to C25d 90.75. Hence as before.

③ The Regiment has not yet issued any orders they are waiting for further details from Brigade HQ. A copy will be sent you as soon as they are completed.

From .....  
 Place .....  
 Time .....  
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 Sent Date .....  
 At ..... m. Service.  
 To .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") From .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { Continued

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
 \* 1/5 7

④ Report continues. The report further from the first phase will be in the vicinity of Mill at C27C 2.1. And the second will be in C22 b. b. b. take to QUARRY on roads.

⑤ Copy of Barrage map received

M. M. M. Capt.  
 1/10/19. L.O. 118 A. Regt.

From .....  
 Place 2.15 PM  
 Time .....  
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					At	m.	Service.
					To	From	
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By	

TO { Lieut Holdsworth

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* P74	7		

move tomorrow morning in accordance with this order  
 Send up in advance to be here at 5.45 am, looks best, bable wagon, lumber wagon, horses, 160<sup>1/2</sup>, Pauls, Cpl Mayhew and my horses, also the two mounted orderlies.  
 All horses and personell to carry rations. Will endeavour to keep back with you. Our line of advance is through BRANDOURT

J. R. Holdsworth  
 Adj. G. A. B. S. L.

From	
Place	
Time	
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					At	m.	Service.
					To	From	
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By	

TO { Lieut Holdsworth

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* C97	8		

Hold Bns is being established in a house at C25d0000  
 Send ration there. Fleming's batman was marched out

J. R. Holdsworth

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Place	
Time	
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The Lumbered bag  
has been parked  
here for freight  
GRH

Holdsworth

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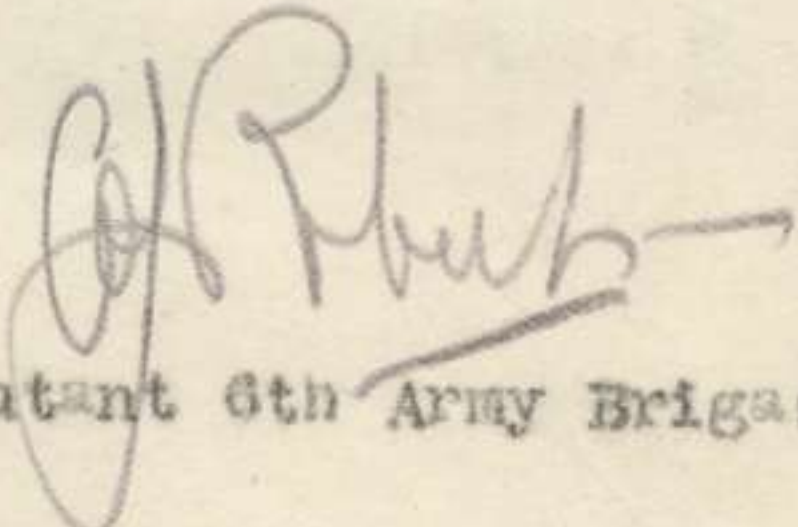
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9SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 1 UNDER  
ORDER NO 160.

1. BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS. The following Battle Instructions under such Order are set out for compliance:
- (a) Brigade Headquarters is at H.11.b.50.65
  - (b) The Brigade is the Exploiting Brigade under para 4 of such Order. Instructions to the Batteries to move forward will be issued before movement. One Section of 17th Battery under Lieut. L. C. MEAGHER will act in close support of the exploiting Battalion.
  - (c) 16th Battery will arrange to carry the Wireless Mast and Operators and erect same and to answer any calls that may be necessary.
  - (d) Gun Teams, Firing Battery Wagons and necessary Riding horses will accompany the Batteries. First Line Wagons will follow subsequently as may be required and keep touch. Vehicles will assemble in the Valley South of WIANCOURT in time to join their Batteries at Zero plus 115 minutes and report arrival to Batteries pending instructions.
  - (e) Instructions for F.O.O. and mounted patrols have already been issued. Lieut. C.J. PATTERSON, F.O.O., will take with him flags, lamps and telephone wire and will endeavor to pass back information.
  - (f) Report Centre for the First Phase is at C.27.c.2.1 and for the Second Phase at C.22.b.6.6
  - (g) The B.A.C. will move from its present location East of the Canal at Zero Hour and proceed to the vicinity of NAUROX keeping touch with the advance of the Batteries forward.
2. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.
- (a) Double feeds will be carried on all horses
  - (b) Each man will carry a days ration and Water Bottle filled
  - (c) Petrol tins filled with water will be carried strapped to the Guard Irons of Wagons.
  - (d) All echelons will be full before Zero hour in the proportion of 60% "A" and 40% "AX" for 18 Pounders.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1735  
October 7th 1918

  
Lieut  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA

Copy No 1 to 16th Battery  
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3 18th Battery  
4 16th Battery  
5 6th B. A. C.  
6 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery  
7 File  
8 War Diary

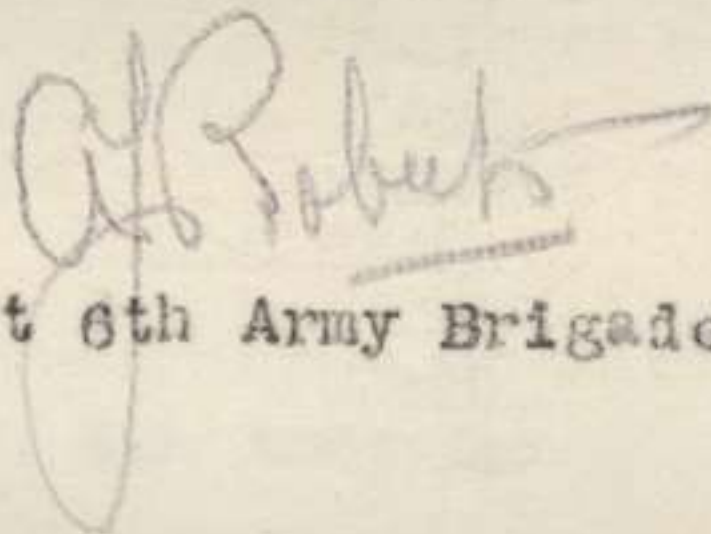
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ADDENDUM TO OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 1.

1. (a) Brigade Headquarters will remain at H.15.a.85.70 until Zero plus 116 minutes or otherwise notified.  
(b) Wireless Mast and Operators will join 106th Battery before movement.  
(c) Orders for Brassing Fire and S.O.S. for tonight are being issued by 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery  
(d) An Officer of 18th Battery will report at this Headquarters forthwith for purpose of learning Zero Hour and synchronizing time for all Batteries.  
(e) Only two Divisional Orders have been supplied. 16th and 17th Batteries and 18th and 106th Batteries respectively must share an order each between them.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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October 7th 1918

  
Adjutant 6th Army Brigade AFA      Lieut

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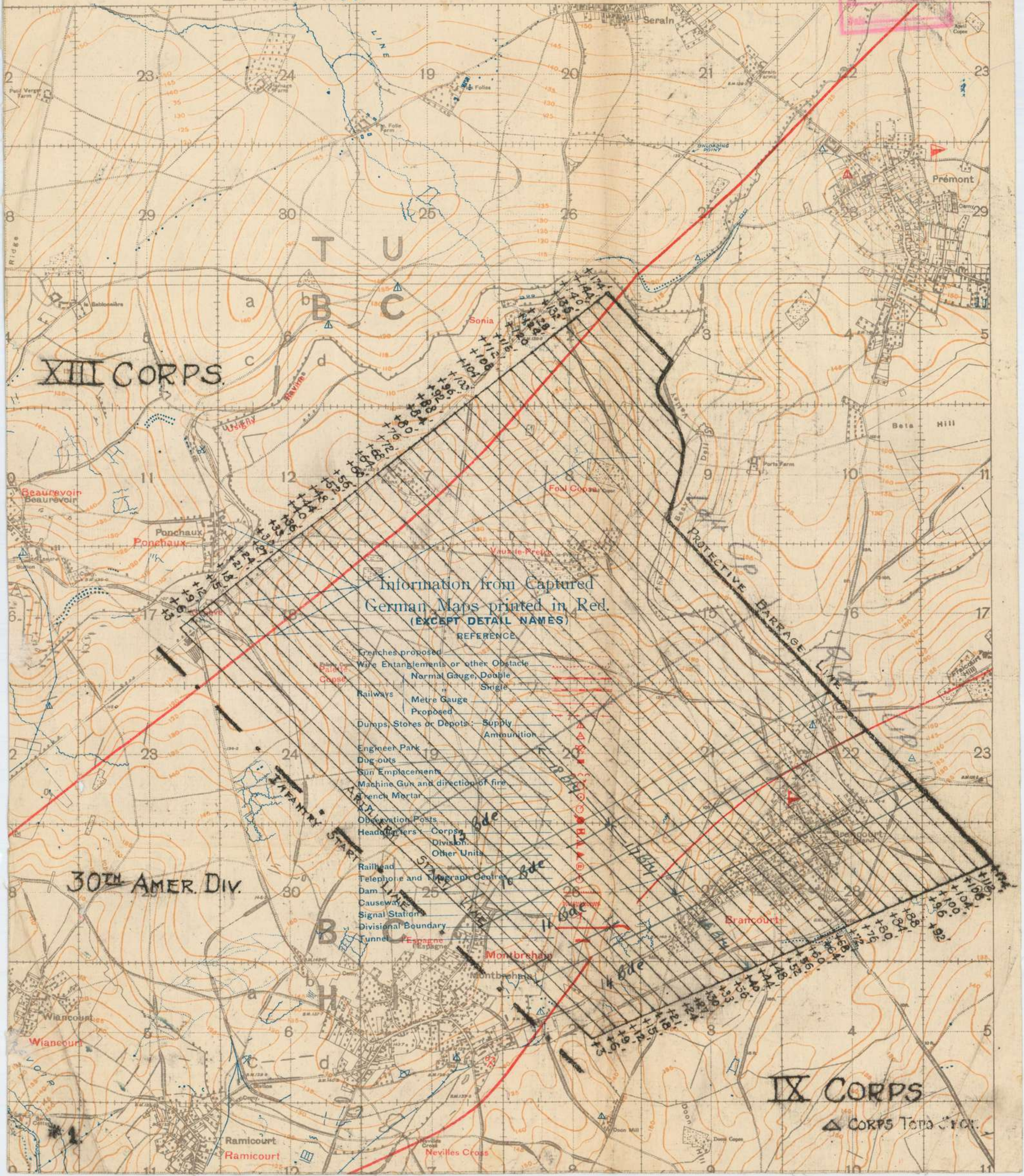
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Parts of 157° E. 57° S.W. 162° N.E. 62° N.W.

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EDITION 1. A.



XIII CORPS

Information from Captured German Maps printed in Red. (EXCEPT DETAIL NAMES)

REFERENCE

- Trenches proposed
- Wire Entanglements or other Obstacle
- Railways
- Dumps, Stores or Depots: Supply
- Engineer Park
- Dug-outs
- Gun Emplacements
- Machine Gun and direction of fire
- Trench Mortar
- Observation Posts
- Headquarters: Corps, Division, Other Units
- Railhead
- Telephone and Telegraph Centres
- Dam
- Causeway
- Signal Station
- Divisional Boundary
- Tunnel
- Normal Gauge, Double
- Single
- Metre Gauge
- Proposed
- Ammunition

30th AMER. DIV.

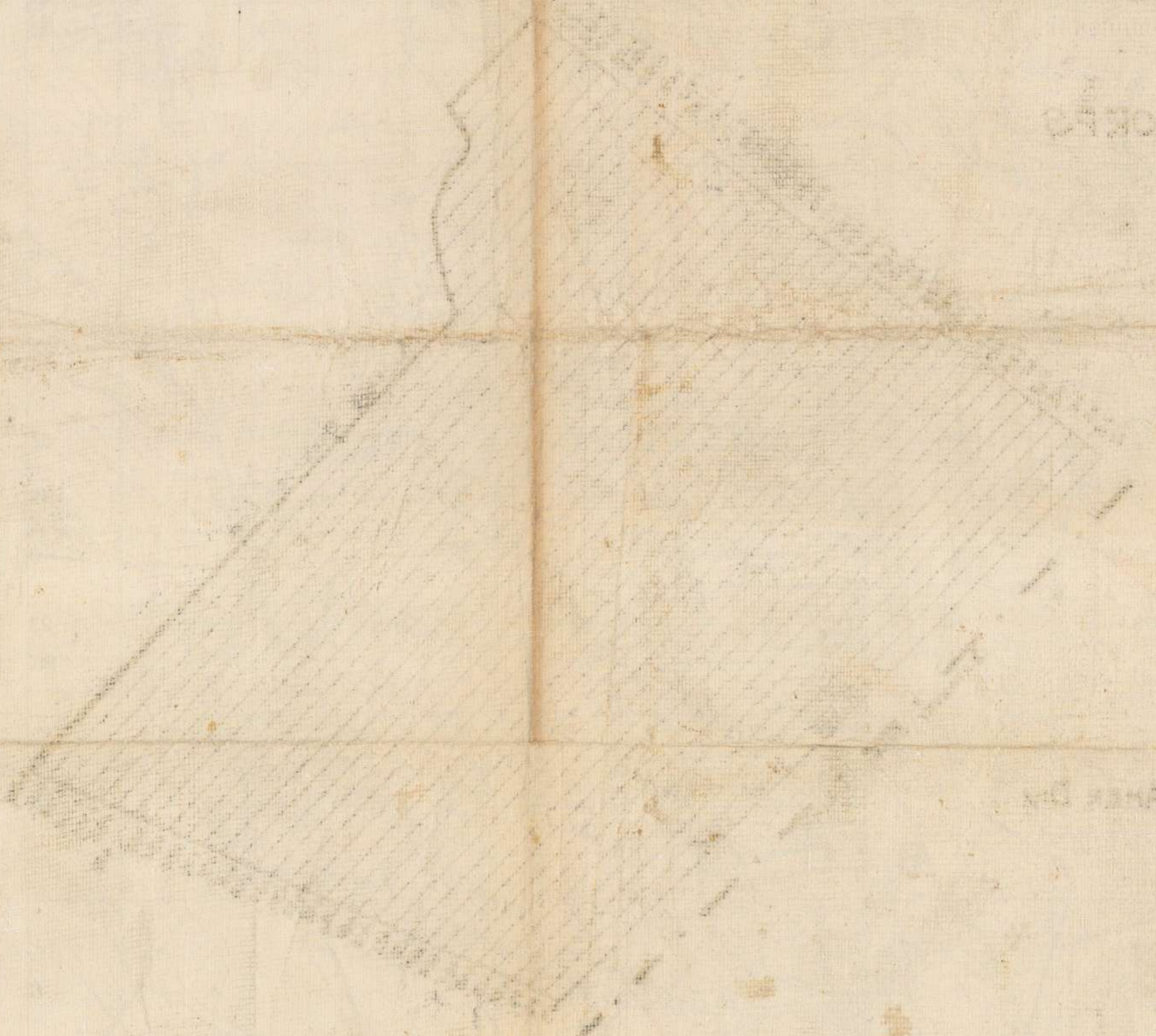
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IX CORPS

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message.....

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Service.....
		At.....m.			From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { 6th Aust. Div. D.A. }  
.....  
.....

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
B.M. 28	8th		

Further exploitation has been ordered 30th American Division to line U 24 a cent. - V 25 c cent. - D 1 cent. - D 13 cent. AAA 6th Army Bde will support further exploitation on Group front AAA 5th Aust. Div. Arty pass to Div. Reserve and remain in present positions until further orders from 2nd Aust. D.A. AAA Consequent upon above Order No. 203 para. 2 is amended to read No. 1 Sub Group 10th Bde only, No. 2 Sub. Group 11th Bde under Lt.-Col. SPURGE, No. 3 Sub. Group as before AAA Sub. Groups will advance to cover final objective AAA ACKNOWLEDGE.

From 4th Aust. D.A.  
Place  
Time  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W.O.  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

Thompson

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L.O.

Lt Patterson reports by runner  
" Ground in front of BRANCOURT  
doubtful.

118<sup>th</sup> Inf now mopping up.  
Explosives should have commenced  
at 0800 but has been delayed pending  
mopping up of BRANCOURT "

Bothy Point on Road C25669.  
but point is being shelled at present.  
~~at present~~

*[Signature]*  
OC 18th Bty

0827  
8/10/18

17<sup>th</sup> Bty. C. 25. B. 8.5.

~~OC 16 Bty.~~ C 27 a 37

Brancourt not yet  
mopped up. Infantry who  
were to have taken it  
have been rather badly  
cut up & appear to have  
lost contact with enemy.

Shelling heavy ~~at~~  
from Brancourt to  
Thontobain.

*[Signature]*  
C. J. Patterson

8/10/18

0830.

*[Signature]*  
Per General.

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*[Signature]*

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CO. 6<sup>th</sup> Arde.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of lined paper pasted onto the page]*

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*[Handwritten initials]*

CO.

W. M. point - C19 d 88 (approx)

Plenty of good positions in C19  
to and to - (b for preference)  
he is behind the shell road with  
banks.

Are just moving forward with  
telephone.

Could you run wire to Nth?

0905  
8/19/18

J. M. [unclear]  
08/16/18

Adjutant  
6<sup>th</sup> a.7.a.B.

Field  
8/10/18

Herewith 'phone report from  
Major Parker, to be transmitted  
to the C.O.

[Signature]

[Signature]

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C. Griffith

[Faded handwritten text on a separate piece of paper]

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At 10.15 am. together with Lt. Marr I went forward and interviewed the C.O. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. situated approximately in C22 C36. He could give no information but sent a runner along with us. We located a mixture of battalions on railway line in C22 a + c <sup>(from C22 a 738 southwards)</sup>. The O.C. of that party then informed me that they were the front line. Exploitation was being up owing to the personnel of the battalions having become mixed up. At about 10.25 a few men of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. began to advance very cautiously & advanced about 200 yards & then remained in shell holes. In order to see the situation we then went a little forward & were informed by some infantry that there were some enemy in a sunken road in C22 b. On investigation it proved to be one wounded German. The quarry in C22 a was also clear. After further conversations with the Coy. cmdrs. they began to move their troops forward.

at 10.45 we returned to O.P.

at about 9.30 the enemy were seen to withdraw 3 guns along the bank in C16b + C17a over the hill beyond Fraicourt farm. Apparently light field guns six horse teams. at that time he was shelling the vicinity of remnant in C21 c, d + b. with gas at present practically no shelling. Troops can be seen on the hills in square D (no map available); also in square C beyond the exploitation line. I am unable to identify whether our or hostile.

It appears to me that the enemy has gone. I can see no reason for moving the guns forward until situation is more clear.



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The mobile section is about to move forward to approx. C15C. I am now going forward to try & get further information.

I have seen four (4) guns captured from the enemy. Two of them are long 77 m. m. with sights complete, situated in C21b83 & 2 others which I believe to be of the same calibre in C20b. I have not examined these.

My coordinate C21a73

Time ~~1150~~ 1150.



O.C. 16 Bty. C 22 d 03

Our Infantry advancing  
without much opposition.  
Have almost reached  
their final objective.

Very little enemy  
movement.

Am in touch with front  
line Infantry by runners  
& observation.

My signallers, Gosforth  
& Martin have not  
returned to me.

1200

C. J. Patterson Lt.

8/10/18

Let runners to Regimental HQ

The Adjutant  
Lt (Army) Aust 7000

The battery is established  
still at C 26 a 50 b 0

On first morning after selecting  
position from one of at  
about C 31 a 0 b.

In some time the position was  
very indefinite - so went to  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> which at that time  
was consisted of the 1<sup>st</sup> objective.  
Exploiting infantry very slow  
to begin.

After returning to 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry  
changed several times to endeavor  
to capture Brancaconit & guns  
& position at about.

This battery <sup>has</sup> engaged guns in action  
at about , machine guns  
position in Brancaconit & woods,  
& Infantry in sunken road

Infantry have captured Brancaconit &  
apparently all green line & guns  
in action engage mines  
H. J. D. 10/18

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TO { Adjutant 6th AAFA Brigade

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 49.	8.	3061/18.	

According to reports received from those of his regiment the front line is coordinated for the tanks is incorrect.

The Regimental Commander is happy to have the aid of his Battalion Commander immediately as it is received here I will let you have it.

They maintain that the final objective has been reached.

From: [Signature]  
 Place: 6. Hope  
 Time: L.O. 118 Regt.

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106 Bty.

At present in heavy shelling in proposed battery area. Would not be advisable to bring guns on at present Infantry seem to be going well will send another report later.

Shealy Lt

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DA P/105

Infantry maintain green line  
has been reached. S.D.S.  
temporarily placed 300 yards  
beyond green line.  
across edge-

DC 106

*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes on a separate sheet of lined paper]*





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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
(RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY)

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ORDER NO. 204

HEADQUARTERS,  
8th October 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, 32 B N.W. & N.E. and 57 C, S.E.

1. INFORMATION :-

The 30th AMERICAN Division will continue the attack on the morning of the 9th October 1918, with the 118th Inf. Regt. U.S.A. on the RIGHT and the 117th Inf. Regt. U.S.A. on the LEFT. (118th Regt. Headquarters -- I 1 c 2 8). The attack will be accompanied by Tanks. The Infantry will halt for 30 minutes on first objective. ZERO HOUR will be 5.20 a.m..

The first Objective will be V 9 a 0 5 - V 15 Cent. -  
V 21 d 7570 thence along road  
V 27 b - D 9 Cent. - D 9 c 0 0 -  
D 14 d Cent..

The second Objective will be V 5 c 1 9 - V 11 Cent. - V 18 a 0 0  
- D 5 Cent. - thence D 5 c 5 0.

2. RIGHT GROUP CO-OPERATION :-

The RIGHT GROUP, with the 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade covering the RIGHT half, the 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. covering the LEFT half, and the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade (less 1 Section) superimposed, will barrage S.O.S. Line (i.e. 18-pra., a line 300 yards and 4.5" Hows. 500 yards East of the GREEN LINE Objective of operation carried out on 7th instant) from ZERO HOUR to ZERO plus 4 minutes; from ZERO plus 4 minutes onwards Brigades will search all woods, depressions and likely assembly areas within Brigade zones, at the rate of 100 yards per 4 minutes up to extreme range of guns when the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will advance to closely support the further advance of the Infantry with direct observation. 6th and 10th Brigades cease firing.

One Section of the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will advance at ZERO HOUR to support the Infantry advance throughout with direct observation.

The 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade and 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. will not advance until ordered by RIGHT Group Headquarters

RATE OF FIRE :- 3 rounds per gun per min.) during lifts providing  
2 " " How. " " ) ammn. estab. will permit

AMMUNITION :- 50% A, 45% AX, & .5% AS where available.

3. BOUNDARIES OF RIGHT GROUP :-

On the SOUTH -- C 24 b 0 6 - Road D 9 d 7 3 along road  
through D 10 c and D 10 b. 5 R of Molain 22 A 16

On the NORTH -- C 12 a 6065 - C 6 c 0 0 - V 26 Cent. -  
V 18 c 0 0. to Q 34 c 0 0 W. 16 c

Between 6th & 10th A.F.A. Bdes ) C 18 b 0065 - V 29 b 0 3. 1/5 W 10 c 5 0

4. D.A.C..

Sections of 4th Aust. D.A.C. will be affiliated to 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades and will move forward with full echelons at ZERO HOUR to MONTREHAIN.

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5. ORDERLIES :-

Two Orderlies per Brigade will report to Report Centre (H 11 b 7035) at ZERO plus 30 minutes.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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- 12 - 16 11th " " "
- 17 - 19 4th Aust. D.A.C..

For inf :-

- 20 2nd Aust. D.A..
- 21 118th Regt. U.S.A.. Inf..
- 22 59th Inf. Bde. U.S.A..
- 23 4th Aust. Div..
- 24 R.A. Aust. Corps.
- 25 R.A. 2nd AMERICAN Corps.
- 26 LEFT Group.
- 27 C.R.A..
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- 29 S.C..
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Charges to Collect			By <i>WMA</i>	To.....	<i>9/10/18</i>
Service Instructions			By.....		

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO *6th Army Bd APA*

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>RA 204</i>	<i>9</i>		

*Reference order 204 para 5.*  
*orderlies will report mounted*  
*with cycles*

FROM *Lt Col D A*  
PLACE & TIME

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To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	
* P109		9	
		In reply to Number.	
		AAA	
<p>Reference attached order  204 case Btys will open  on order from left to  right on equal thirds  as follows 16 Bty 17 Bty  18 Bty 19 Bty was the  whole front of the Brigade  zone as prescribed by  the order <del>from</del>  Lombard and firing Bty  wagons will be prepared  to move at 0530 if called  upon but will not be  hooked on as a acknowl</p>			
From		L1G0	
Place			
Time		0415	
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VC 16, 17, 18 106 Bty  $\frac{W}{V}$   
P119 10/10/18

The Bde Southern boundary runs  
V29 cent to W106-05 the northern  
Boundary is V24-019 to Q34C00  
At 0530 this morning batteries  
will barrage line in Bde zone 200  
yards East of Infy start line  
V18-0000 to D5 central. Batteries  
will be distributed along barrage  
line in equal thirds from the  
right. They will remain on  
barrage line for 3 minutes and  
then creep forward at rate of  
100 yards every 3 minutes  
searching all woods depressions  
and assembly areas within the  
Bde zone - <sup>to limits of range</sup> 106 & 107 start line  
will be 200 yards East of 18 pdr  
line.

Rates of fire 3 rds per gun per min  
for first 3 minutes then 2 rds  
per gun per min throughout  
106 & 107 half above rates.  
Batteries will complete filling of  
forming battery echelons when  
operation has been carried out  
The Infy final objective is  
LA SELLE RIVER.

L160  
03:50

Sgt Roberts Lt  
adj 6th Army Pk

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S E C R E T.

ORDER NO. 205

HEADQUARTERS,  
10th Oct. 1918.

1. THE ADVANCE GUARD BRIGADE FIELD ARTILLERY :-

At 5 a.m. to-morrow (the 11th instant) the 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade will form the Advanced Guard Artillery and will most closely follow, cover and support the Infantry in their further advance.

Battery and Section Commanders and F.O.Os. of the Advanced Guard Artillery will keep the advancing Infantry constantly under observation, with forward guns or Sections in immediate readiness to deal with any suspected localities or actual opposition.

These Officers will also transmit the actual position of our front line troops at every opportunity to their Brigade Headquarters.

This information is most necessary and valuable and will be transmitted by the Advanced Guard Artillery Commander to these Headquarters at every and the earliest opportunity.

2. SUPPORTING BRIGADES :-

The 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will follow the Advanced Guard Artillery with the special role of watching, reporting and protecting the RIGHT FLANK throughout the advance, and will be ready to assist the Advanced Guard Artillery if required.

The 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. will, while following the two preceding Brigades, keep the front and flanks under observation, moving its Batteries so that they are always within distant range of the front and within effective range of the RIGHT FLANK.

3. RIGHT GROUP HEADQUARTERS :-

4th Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters is located at C 6 d 5 0.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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15	2nd Aust. D.A..
16	R.A., 2nd AMERICAN Corps.
17	R.A., Aust. Corps.
18	4th Aust. Div. "G".
19	LEFT Group.
20	60th Brigade U.S.A. Inf..
21	120th Inf. Regt. U.S.A..
22	118th Inf. Regt. U.S.A..
23	C.R.A..
24	E.M..
25	S.C..
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TO: 6th ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A..  
 10th Aust. F.A. Bde.. 120th Inf. Regt.  
 11th Aust. F.A. Bde.. U.S.A..

Sender's Number. A/ 457	Day of Month. 11/10	In reply to Number. AAA
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The attack will continue on 11th inst. AAA  
 ZERO HOUR 0530 o'clock AAA Attacking Infantry  
 will form up on N. & S. grid line through V 30  
 and advance due East AAA Arty. start line will  
 be W 26 a 0 8 - W 14 a 0 4 - Q 34 d 5 0 AAA  
 The 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. will cover the RIGHT  
 Arty. Brigade front, the 10th Brigade will  
 superimpose over the Group front, the 6th ARMY  
 Bde. will continue to cover the LEFT Arty. Bde.  
 front AAA The present front line runs N.E.  
 across our front; it will be seen that the  
 attacking Infantry will leap frog at different  
 times AAA The Artillery barrage will conform  
 as follows AAA  
 The objective is the Hills East of River, i.e.  
 N. & S. grid line between Q 16 and Q 17 AAA  
 The 11th Brigade and Btys. of 10th Bde. superimp-  
 posed over this Brigade front will remain on  
 Start Line for 3 min. then lift at 100 yds. per  
 3 min. to a line 400 yds. E. of objective AAA  
 The 6th ARMY Bde. and remainder of 10th Bde.  
 will remain on Start Line until Right Brigade

From  
 Place  
 Time

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Brigade barrage has caught up to it when  
 each Battery in turn will join in the  
 barrage in lifts of 100 yards per 3 min  
 to a line 400 yards E. of Objective AAA

RATES OF FIRE  
 3 rds. per gun per min. whilst creeping  
 1 rd. per gun per min. whilst standing AAA

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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From  
 Place 4th Aust. D.A..  
 Time

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TO { 6th ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A..  
 10th Aust. F.A. Bde.. 120th Inf. Regt.  
 11th Aust. F.A. Bde.. U.S.A..

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
A/459.	11/10		

Reference A/457 AAA Confirming telephone amendment AAA Lines 17, 18 and 19 will be amended to read "The 11th Bde. and Btys. of 10th Bde. superimposed over this Brigade front will remain on Start Line for 20 minutes then lift etc." AAA

From  
 Place 4th Aust. D.A..  
 Time 1210

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ORDER NO. 206.

HEADQUARTERS,  
 11th Oct. 1918.

1. DIVISIONAL RELIEF :-

The 27th AMERICAN Division will relieve the 30th AMERICAN Division on night 11/12th October 1918. The 54th Inf. Brigade U.S.A. will relieve the 60th Inf. Brigade U.S.A. with the 107th Regiment on the Right and the 108th Regt. on the Left.

2. COMMAND OF FIELD ARTILLERY :-

Command of the Field Artillery covering the 27th AMERICAN Division will pass to C.R.A. 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery from C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery at 1000 on 12th October 1918.

3. GROUPING :-

The Grouping of the Field Artillery will remain as at present, viz. :-

The RIGHT GROUP consisting of The 6th ARMY Brigade, Aust. F.A.,  
 The 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade,  
 and The 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

The LEFT GROUP consisting of the 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade,  
 The 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade,  
 and ~~THE~~ 12th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A..

4. COMMAND OF GROUPS :-

Command of Groups will pass at 1000 on 12th instant as follows:-

Command of RIGHT GROUP from C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. Artillery  
 to C.O. 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A..  
 (New RIGHT Group H.Q. -- V 11 d 5060).

Command of LEFT GROUP from C.O. 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 to C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

5. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS :-

4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. will remain in present location, C 6 d 5000.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*AP Hunt*

*W. J. Harp*

Major,  
 Brigade-Major,

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4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.





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15	4th Aust. D.T.M.O..

For inf. :-

- 16 R.A. 2nd AMERICAN Corps.
- 17 R.A. AUST. Corps.
- 18 2nd Aust. D.A..
- 19 5th Aust. D.A..
- 20 4th Aust. Div..
- 21 LEFT Group AUSE. F.A..
- 22 H.A. 2nd AMERICAN Corps
- 23 27th AMERICAN Div..
- 24 30th " " "
- 25 53rd Inf. Bde. U.S.A..
- 26 54th " " "
- 27 108th " Regt. "
- 28 106th " " "
- 29 107th " " "
- 30 108th " " "
  
- 31 C.R.A..
- 32 B.M..
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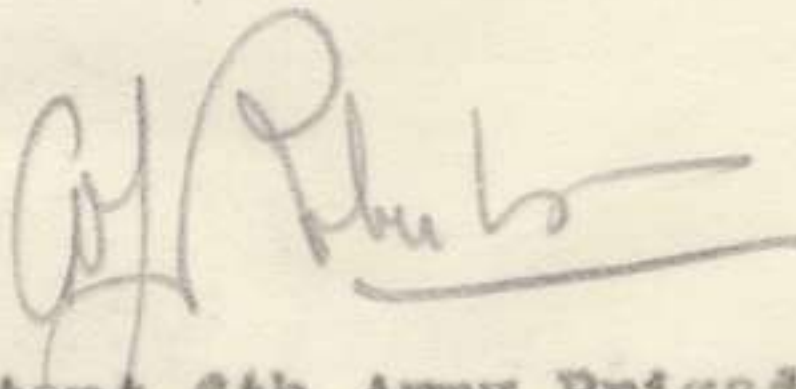
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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A. OPERATION ORDER NO 102.

1. Whilst the Right Group is commanded by the C.O. of this Brigade the Brigade will be controlled in the following manner:
  - (a) Administration will remain as at present. All returns will be sent to Brigade in the ordinary course at the prescribed time.
  - (b) For tactical purposes both in the field: on the move and during such periods as the Brigade may be stationary covering the line Batteries will be under the orders for tactical purposes of Major H. S. W. PARKER, 16th Battery, to whom all fighting orders will be transmitted. Lieut. L. C. MEAGHER, 17th Battery, will be affiliated with Major PARKER and will act as his Orderly Officer.
  - (c) To facilitate Signalling arrangements when the Brigade is at rest either during mobile warfare or in stationary position Major PARKER will establish himself at the Headquarters of which ever Battery for the time being is most convenient, notifying his location to Group Headquarters and thus enabling the telephonic instructions for the Brigade to be conveyed to him. The Signal Officer will carry out the necessary arrangements for this purpose.
  - (d) Orders for movement and barraging: the intimation of intelligence and other matters of a like nature will be manifolded at Group Headquarters as ordinarily in the administration of the Brigade and sent direct to Batteries: a copy being sent to Major PARKER simultaneously for his information. Where in the course of battle Major PARKER ascertains any information or takes any action he will deal direct with Batteries in respect of the same passing the information received or intimating the action taken forthwith to Group.
  - (e) Such runners as may be necessary for carrying out of this work will be furnished to Major PARKER by Batteries so far as the amount of personnel of the Brigade will permit.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1100  
October 12th 1918.

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

- Copy No 1 to Major H.S.W. Parker
- 2 16th Battery
  - 3 17th Battery
  - 4 18th Battery
  - 5 108th Battery
  - 6 6th B. A. C.
  - 7 4th Aust. Div. Artillery
  - 8 File
  - 9 War Diary

Liaison Report 13-10-18.

To The CO  
10<sup>th</sup> A.F. Brigade

The line held at present is as follows  
 W200 8.4 - W200 0.8 - along Road  
 way to W149 1.6 - W80 6.0 -  
 W90 5.5 (there being no change  
 since my report of the 12-10-18.)  
 Barrage set down on the Right of  
 Sector at 4.30 pm (12-10-18) was very  
 fine. American Machine Guns  
 setting up a heavy barrage from  
 the left. Enemy set down a heavy  
 Retaliation Barrage 4 minutes after  
 Zero hour. He also set a barrage  
 on Road leading past de Rond  
 Point to position held by 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S.  
 Batt.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Batt have had one man killed  
 and 10 wounded up to 7.30 am  
 mostly Shrap wounds.  
 Enemy Artillery was not active  
 between the hours of 5.58 pm till

7.32 pm 10 pm - 11.19 pm, 12.45 AM  
 - 2 am, especially the latter period  
 during which a number of shells  
 were sent across, 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt. H.O. at  
 de Rond Point receiving a lot of attention  
 5.9 Batteries were active from position  
 approx (by flash bearings taken) at  
 W300 58.30 W300 75.90  
 4.9 Batteries at W240 25.75 and  
 W240 Central.  
 7.7 Batteries at W170 80.50  
 Patriots sent out last night obtained  
 no information.  
 Enemy Machine Guns were very  
 inactive during the night. Very few  
 lights were sent up.  
 Continuous line of enemy trenches  
 and wire can be seen on ridge  
 immediately in front of W140 2.9  
 behind hedge in W140 2.6 and  
 in front of hedge at W140 0.2.  
 Escaped Civilians here last night  
 about midnight state enemy have  
 elaborate defence system on the

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Canal de la Sambre.  
Canal Locks at Le Cateau are  
mined also Railway Bridge over  
Creek at Q 15d. is mined at  
both ends.  
Mines are laid between Railway  
and River in front of St Souplet.  
All Bridges east of River in St  
Souplet Sector, Roadways are also  
mined. The Enemy tried to flood  
the Country on this Sector unsuccessfully  
by means of the Canal Locks and  
the River waters.  
I endeavored to get a direct line  
of Communication from here to  
Yan yesterday evening. The O.C.  
'37<sup>th</sup> Battery' would have assisted  
in every way if circumstances  
had permitted but he was short  
of wire. Capt Smith of the 39<sup>th</sup> Batty  
would do nothing for me. Stating  
he had no spare wire, although  
he had a line out from his  
Battery to here till yesterday

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morning when Mr Best, who had  
been doing Battery Taps, was  
withdrawn. To have complied  
with my request, would only have  
meant the re-laying of the wire.  
My Specialist states he saw an  
abundance of wire at the 39<sup>th</sup> Batty.  
I cannot understand why Capt  
Smith would not assist me in  
the performance of important duty  
there by permitting me carrying  
out the said duty satisfactorily  
under trying conditions.  
The People here are suffering severely  
from stress. and are requesting  
Retaliation by our Artillery on the  
slightest provocation.

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Time 10 A.M.  
Frog Lt  
Hanson 107-45.

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5pm Siam Report  
To C.O.

10<sup>th</sup> A.F. Brigade

American Intelligence officer reports that the line held by U.S.I. is now as follows.

Q 34 C.O.1 - W 40 1.5.

There occurs a big gap.

W 14 C. 25.80. along roadway to

W 13 D. 9.0. along road to W 19 B.

95.60 - W 20 C 00.50 - W 20 C.

90.65 - W 20 C 50 along road

to W 25 B 65.50.

The British Line on the night now runs from X Roads on W 25 B

65.50 (where they link up with the

U.S.I. on the left.) taking road

to W 25 D 65.70. then to W 25 D

30.15 this would lead me to

believe that the night flank of the

British did not advance as

far as expected in the attack

at 4.30 pm yesterday the 12<sup>th</sup>

instant.

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A 6 men Battery engaged a position at W 27 central this morning at 11.17 AM. believed to be occupied by Trench Motors.

Personnel were seen to leave the position hurriedly, and were dealt with effectively by U.S. Machine Guns

3.45 pm. 6" How Battery shelled suspected Battery positions of 4.2

and 77 cm Batteries, that I reported to Group this morning. I gave the Approx Sound Bearings. These Batteries having ranged on the

Building and then shelled all approached it and from here

~~returned~~ 10.16 AM and 11.49 AM.

The Sector in front has been normal during the day, there being very little activity roadways. Vaux

andigny, Bequigny and Baugny receiving attention in back areas.

12.16 pm to 1.9 pm 77 cm Battery shelled La Hai Messengers a

4.2 Batty was also active on or

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about V29 @ central  
 observation has been very bad  
 since 3.17 pm.  
 Shelling is now normal

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← E. Long street  
 D  
 Diagram 107-115.1

Time 5.25 pm

10-11-41  
A.I. Brigade  
Diary Report  
to 5.25 PM

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on the grid paper]*

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 1800 13/10/18.

	<u>Battery Positions</u>	<u>Wagon Lines</u>
Right Group (6th A.B.A.F.A) H.Q.	V.10.d.98.50	-
16th Battery	V.11.d.80.40	V.15.d.7.7
17th Battery	V.11.d.50.30	V.9.a.9.1
18th Battery	V.6.c.50.50	V.15.b.6.4
106th Battery	V.11.a.70.30	V.10.b.3.9
6th Army B. A. C.		V.21.c.80.20
10th AFA Brigade Headquarters	V.16.b.22.98	V.15.b.10.10
37th Battery	V.17.d.18.27	V.21.b.8.8
38th Battery	W.7.b.70.50	V.9.d.6.0
39th Battery	V.18.a.45.42	V.15.c.9.7
110th Battery	V.18.a.02.37	V.15.c.1.6
1 Section at	W.7.b.70.50	
11th AFA Brigade Headquarters	V.10.d.6.4	-
41st Battery	V.11.a.90.55	V.16.d.70.15
42nd Battery	V.11.b.90.65	V.14.d.70.00
43rd Battery	V.11.d.70.20	V.11.d.60.20
111th Battery	V.11.a.10.10	V.10.b.90.10
7th AFA Brigade Headquarters	V.21.a.15.60	
25th Battery	Concentrated at	V.27.b.80.60
26th Battery	Wagon Lines.	V.27.b.80.75
27th Battery		V.22.c.90.15
107th Battery		V.22.c.75.20
8th AFA Brigade Headquarters	V.10.d.60.52	
29th Battery	Concentrated at	V.27.a.5.3
30th Battery	Wagon Lines	V.27.a.4.1
31st Battery		V.27.a.2.4
108th Battery		V.26.b.5.5
3rd Aust. D.A.C.	Concentrated in the area V.15.d. and V.21.a.	
	Exact locations not yet ascertained.	

Headquarters  
October 13th 1918

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY