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Artillery Brigade

March 1918



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WD. 5
Reference 7th Aust.F.A.Bde. Operation Order No.3.

NOTE. Synchronisation arrangements will be notified later together with Zero Day and Zero Hour.

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Copy No.
8-3-1918.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 3.

Reference Maps :- 28 S.W.4, 28 S.E.3, 36 N.W.2, 36 N.E.1.
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1. INTENTION.

A LIVENS Projector Gas Attack will be carried out by "L" Special Company, R.E., at a time and date to be notified later. The Right Group Artillery will co-operate in accordance with Task-Table attached, with the object of neutralising hostile T.M.s. and causing casualties to enemy personnel attempting to escape from the area affected by Attack.

2. POSITIONS AND TARGETS.

The Projectors are installed in 3 Groups as below:-

<u>Group.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>No. of Projectiles.</u>
A	G.9.d.30.00 to G.9.d.30.15.	FRELLINGHAM SQUARE. (G.11.c.70.70)	235
B	G.10.a.80.32 to G.10.a.80.40.	DUGOUTS AT C.11.d.50.60	215
C	G.4.c.57.02 to G.4.c.55.20.	DURIEZ FARM C.5.d.20.95.	24

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Bombs will not be projected unless the Wind is Westerly, between N.W. by N. and S.W. by S. Final decision as to whether Operation will be proceeded with rests with O.C. "L" Special Company, R.E.

4. PRECAUTIONS.

The attached Tracing shows Danger Area shaded in red. All troops will be clear of this danger area by Zero minus 20 mins. and will not commence to reoccupy this Area until Zero minus 30 minutes. All troops within 200 yards of boundaries of danger area will wear Small Box Respirators from Zero minus 10 minutes until Zero plus 30 minutes. Dugouts in the danger area will be inspected for Gas before reoccupation.

The above applies to Liaison Officers and telephonists who may be in the forward area at the time of the Attack.

5. Please ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten Signature]

Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

- DISTRIBUTION:-
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| No.1. 26th Battery | No.5 3rd Aust.D.A.H.C. |
| 2 107th Battery. | 6 5th A.I.Brigade. |
| 3 Left Group. | 7, 8, 9 WAR DIARY. |
| 4 Left Gp., 38th D.A. | 10 FILE. |

TASK-TABLE - Reference 7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No.3 - 8-3-18.

Reference Maps - 28 S.W.4, 20 S.E.3, 36 N.W.2, 36 N.E.1. 1/10000.

Battery	Time	Targets.	Ammunition.	Rate of Fire.	
26th Battery.	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 15.	CRETTY DRIVE - D.12.e.05.45 to C.12.e.65.25	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 4 - 100% A. Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 15 - 75% A, 25% AX.	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 4 3 rds. per gun per minute. Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 15 1 rd. per gun per min.	
		CIRCLE LAKE - C.11.d.35.05 to C.12.e.65.25.			
107th Battery	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 15.	CRETTY AVENUE - C.12.e.35.92 to D.7.c.08.75.	100% BX.	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 4 3 rds. per How. per min. Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 15 1 rd. per How. per minute.	
		CLASSIFIED SUPPORT - C.6.e.05.55 to C.12.d.60.00.			
		(Allotment of Guns to Tasks at discretion of Bty. Commander)			
		1 How. Trench C.11.d.70.56 to C.12.e.05.45.			
		1 How. Trench C.11.b.35.00 to C.12.e.35.92.			
		1 How. - C.5.d.75.58 to C.5.e.05.54.			
		1 How. - L.W. at SURRENDER FARM (C.5.b.40.30). H.W. at LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE.			
1 How. - C.5.e.75.20					
1 How. - C.5.e.70.55.					

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Right Group Artillery.
7th March, 1918.

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To:-
Battery Commanders,

"S.O.S." SIGNAL - also - "LENGTHEN BARRAGE " Signal.

1. Beginning at mid-day March 9th, the S.O.S. Signal throughout the Army will be a rifle grenade signal bursting into colored stars GREEN over RED over GREEN.
2. Commencing at the same time and date, the "Lengthen Barrage" Signal throughout the Army will be a rifle grenade signal changing from WHITE to GREEN

AVKNOWLEDGE by wire.

C. S. Shields.

Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

Headquarters

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

To Groups.

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The Division on our right intend raiding enemy trenches at C.29.a.4.2. at 3 a.m. to-morrow 11th. inst.

H. Hayfair

Major.

for Brigade Major. R.A.
3rd. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
10.3.1918.

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Secret.8
7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
11th March, 1918.

To:-

Battery Commanders,

On nights 11th/12th and 13th/14th March, 1918, the 5th Aust. Division intends raiding enemy trenches.

A diversion will be created by ~~several~~ Batteries of the Left Group, opposite our trenches in U.11.d. and U.17.b. at Zero Hour on both nights.

G. Greenhills.Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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XXII Corps.
No.G.122/2/218.
9th March, 1918.

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1. The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery is placed at disposal of the XXII Corps on arrival in the BAILLEUL Area and will be prepared to go into action at short notice in accordance with the following instructions.

2. One Brigade will be placed under the tactical Command of the G.O.C., 37th Division, and one under the tactical Command of the G.O.C., 49th Division.

3. Positions for the Brigade covering the Right (37th) Division will be reconnoitred and prepared and must be capable of covering the front from the Corps Southern Boundary to the SCHERRIABEEK with two 18-pdr Batteries, one 18-pdr Battery covering the front from the SCHERRIABEEK to the inter-Divisional boundary.

The 4.5" Howitzer Battery must be capable of covering the whole of the Right Division front.

For this purpose the 49th Division will hand over the positions of No.2. Reserve Brigade to the 37th Division for use if required. Planchette boards and copies of forms showing details about these positions should be handed over.

4. Positions for the Brigade covering the Left (49th) Division will be reconnoitred and prepared and must be capable of covering the front from BERRY COTTS (J.27.a.3.4.) to NOORDENDHOEK (J.6.d.0.8.) with all Batteries at a range of about 4,000 yards.

5. Artillery bridges and small elephant shelters are available and will be supplied on demand by the C.R.Es. 49th and 37th Divisions, if required.

6. Two hundred rounds per gun of boxed ammunition will be placed near each position, arrangements being made for weatherproof cover. This ammunition will be placed in position forthwith.

7. Wagon Lines for these Brigades, when they are ordered to move into the Corps Area, will be as under:-

Brigade Reinforcing Right Division (H.Q. - H.23.c.5.4.)

18-pdr Battery.

18-pdr "

18-pdr "

5.4" How. Bty.

1 Section D.A.C.

H.27.b.9.1
G.14.d.0.5.

Brigade Reinforcing Left Division. (H.Q. - H.23.c.5.4.)

18-pdr Battery.

18-pdr "

18-pdr "

4.5" How Bty.

1 Section D.A.C.

LAUNDRY (I.13.a.5.5.).

H.23.c.5.4.

H.33.b.5.5.)

H.33.b.5.5.)

G.15.d.4.3.

No horse standings.

These Brigades will not move into action without orders from Corps Headquarters.

8. The route from BAILLEUL to the Wagon Lines above-mentioned will be via LOCRE -- LA CLYTTTE.

Captain for
(SGD) P.H.HANSEN./ B.G., G.S.
XXII Corps.

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To: A.F.A Bde
7th & 8th A. F. A. Bdes.

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For your information.

P.H. Hansen

Headquarters.
10.3.1918

Major.
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To
7th and 8th A.F.A. Bdes.
S/C. R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

The following arrangements have been made with the O.C., "D" Company, 3rd Aust. Pioneer Btn, in connection with the administration of the personnel attached to 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery while in the MERRIS Area.:-

D. Company, 3rd Aust. Pioneer Btn. is at LURGAM CAME, near DRANOURE.

Lieut. BARNDEN, the O i/c Party, is proceeding on leave on the 13th instant and will not accompany the Artillery out of the line. He will not be replaced.

Leave is shortly due to several other ranks of the party. Dates of such leave will be notified to this office and Movement Orders, etc., will be sent to 3rd Aust. Div. Art Staff Captain and men will proceed on leave under the same arrangement as the Artillery personnel.

Mails will be sent to Div. Art. for distribution.

Pay and Acquittance Rolls will be brought by a Sergeant to Battery Lines and Pioneer personnel will be paid by Battery Officers.

Headquarters,
12.3.1918.

(Sgd) T.A. PLAYFAIR, Major,
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
13th March, 1918.

To
Battery Commanders,

The above is forwarded for your information.

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
9th March 1918.

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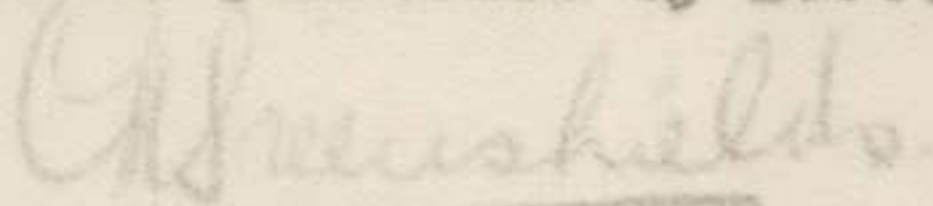
Battery Commanders.

Arrangements have been made for 5 Pioneers to be attached to each Battery, while the Divisional Artillery is in the Rest Area, to assist in improving Billets, Standings etc. and to give advice where needed.

Lieut. BARNDEN Officer i/c Pioneer party will supervise their work, and will be attached to 7th A.F.A.Bde. Headquarters.

Pioneer personnel will report at Battery Wagon Lines on 11th instant.

AS the procedure of attaching Pioneers to Divl. Artillery when out of the line, is unusual, every effort should be put forth to make the personnel comfortable and contented, and they should not be used for work that can well be performed by Battery personnel.



Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade. Captain.

T/3/424.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
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To. 7th & 8th A.F.A.Bdes.S.4/63/1. 10

Attached, for your information, is copy of memorandum forwarded to Lieut. BARNDEN, O i/c Pioneer party assisting 3rd Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries in the line.

These personnel when attached to Batteries in rest will be used to assist in improving Billets, Standings, etc., and will give advice where needed.

As the procedure of attaching Pioneers to Div. Artillery, when out of the line, is unusual, every effort should be put forth to make the personnel comfortable and contented, and they should not be used for work that can well be performed by Battery personnel.

Headquarters.
8.3.1918.

W. H. Manning Major,
for Brigadier-General,
Cmdg 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To.

Lieut. BARNDEN.
3rd Pioneer Battalion,
C/- 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.

Arrangements have been made for your 40 Pioneers assisting the Div. Trench Mortar Batteries in the line to remain attached to 3rd Aust. Div. Art. when they go into rest. Each of the 3 Batteries will have Pioneers attached to them for assistance in improving their lines.

Please arrange for personnel to report to each Battery Wagon Line by mid-day on the 11th instant.

The Officer in charge of the Pioneers will be attached to 7th A. F. A. Bde Headquarters, and will supervise work and assist Brigade Commander with advice.

Location of Wagon Lines is as under:-

- 7th Bde H'qrs. - B.11.d.1.3.
- 25th Bty. - B.14.a.3.6.
- 26th " - B.14.c.8.8.
- 27th " - B.14.b.9.6.
- 107th " - B.8.e.00.50.
- 8th Bde H'qrs. - T.21.d.3.1.
- 29th Bty. - T.27.b.3.6.
- 30th " - T.28.e.2.8.
- 31st " - T.27.a.55.60.
- 108th " - T.27.e.7.2.

Headquarters.
7.3.1918.

R. H. ...

Major.
for Brigadier-General,
Cmdg 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To. ✓
 7th & 8th A. F. A. Bdes.
~~3rd Aust. D. A. G.~~
 S/c. RA - 3rd Division

The following arrangements have been made with the O.C., "D" Company, 3rd Australian Pioneer Btn, in connection with the administration of the personnel attached to 3rd Aust. Divsl Artillery while in the MERRIS Area:-

D. Company, 3rd Aust. Pioneer Btn, is at LURGAM CAMP, near DRANOUTRE.

Lieut. BARNDEN, the O i/c Party, is proceeding on leave on the 13th instant and will not accompany the Artillery out of the line. He will not be replaced.

Leave is shortly due to several other ranks of the party. Dates of such leave will be notified to this office and Movement Orders, etc., will be sent to 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Staff Captain and men will proceed on leave under the same arrangement as the Artillery personnel.

Mails will be sent to Div. Art. for distribution.

Pay and Acquittance Rolls will be brought by a Sergeant to Battery Lines and Pioneer personnel will be paid by Battery Officers. X

The following "Other Ranks" will not proceed with the Artillery to MERRIS Area, but will be sent back to their Company at LURGAM CAMP and 4 other men will be sent from there to take their places :-

BAYLISS.	-	8th F.A.Bde.
JAMES. W.	-	"
WARREN.	-	7th F.A.Bde.
MANNING.	-	"
GUMMERY. C.A.	-	"

Headquarters.
 12.3.1918.

Major.
 for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

btsp notified

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APPENDIX II

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code..... m	Words:	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		 Service.	Date.....
		At..... m.		11	From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { All 7th Bde. Batteries.

Sender's Number. * 7.140.	Day of Month. 12th	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Please report by wire to reach this office by 8 pm tonight.

Number of drums for Lewis Guns in your possession add with reference to ammunition for these it is not possible to obtain tracer and A.P. Bullets from the Dump at present but ordinary S.A.A. is available and all drums must be kept full with this

all B's repled (32)

From	AK 54
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) R. Johnston

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

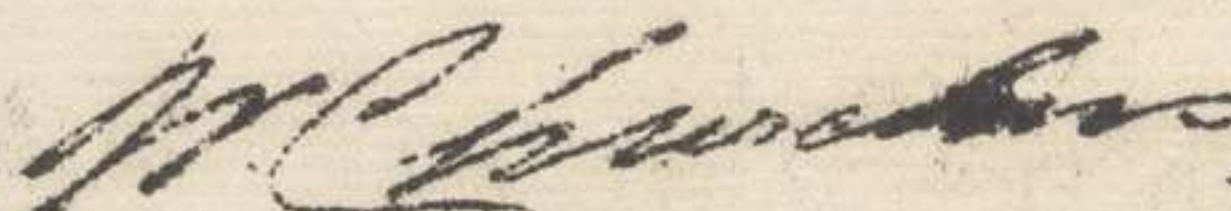
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6.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1197.)

7th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TRAINING PROGRAMME.

APPENDIX 12

1. While the Brigade is in the MERRIS Area, training will be carried out on the lines indicated by 3rd Aust. Divl. Arty. B.M. 442/5, a copy of which has been issued to each Battery.
2. Particular attention will be paid by Battery Commanders to the improvement of the interior economy of their commands. It is felt that this important matter suffers in some cases owing to lack of organisation.
3. It is intended to issue Weekly Training Programmes. A suggested Programme of Work for the period 14th to 20th March is attached hereto. Battery Commanders will prepare their own Programmes on similar lines to this, and forward copy to Brigade Headquarters by 12 noon. 13th March 1918.
4. A great deal of attention will be paid to the instruction of all personnel in Anti-Gas measures. It is to be expected that the enemy will make more extensive use of Gas than ever in the future. All Gunners are to be practised at laying with Gas Masks adjusted. This instruction will be carried out frequently and the period during which Gunners will work with respirators adjusted will be gradually increased. The proper methods to be adopted in making dugouts gas-proof should be made known. Lectures on Anti-Gas measures will be given by the Divisional Artillery Gas Officer, and Gas-Sergeant.
5. The following special classes will be maintained within Batteries for work which is in addition to that laid down in Weekly Training Programmes -
 - (a) Class for backward layers under a competent N.C.O.
 - (b) Class for members of the Battery Commander's Staff to be conducted by the Battery Commander or a specially selected Officer. It is felt that members of the Battery Commanders' Staffs must by now be urgently in need of a refresher course in mobile work. In some cases Battery Staffs are much depleted and a certain amount of training will have to be commenced afresh.
6. The standard of horsemastership should be improved. Driving and Riding Drill are to be practised. A certain number of Drivers have forgotten how to sit their horses correctly and are urgently in need of Riding Drill.
7. Lectures will be given on the different markings of shells and ammunition. The number of these markings has largely increased lately, especially in the case of the 4.5" How. Their meaning should be thoroughly known to Officers N.C.Os. and Gunners.
8. Kit Inspections are to be held by Section Commanders. Personnel are to be accustomed to these Inspections being made frequently. Battery Commanders should direct their attention to devising methods within their Batteries by which any waste or extravagance in regard to Kit or Equipment can be avoided.


Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION: → Battery Commanders, WAR DIARY and FILE.
3rd Aust. D.A.H.C. for information.

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 PROGRAMME OF TRAINING - - - - - 14th to 20th March 1918.

APPENDIX 12

- Thursday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Kit Inspection by Section Commanders. Lecture to
 Gunners on Laying.
AFTERNOON. Standing Gun Drill. Laying, and Fuze
 Setting.
- Friday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Standing Gun Drill, Laying, and Fuze Setting.
AFTERNOON. Section Gun Drill. Direct Laying with
 Telescope Sight. Lecture - The necessity of smart-
 ness of turnout - Need for care of Clothing, equip-
 ment and vehicles - Necessity for Economy. Saluting.
- Saturday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Instruction in packing of vehicles, by Section
 Commanders, (Battery Commanders to see uniformity is
 secured).
AFTERNOON. Half-Holiday.
- Sunday. MORNING. Church Parades.
AFTERNOON. Half-Holiday.
- Monday. MORNING. Lecture to N.C.Os. - Elementary Gunnery.
 Physical Training and Marching Drill. Section Gun
 Drill. Direct laying with Telescope and Dial
 Sight at moving Targets (vide this Office T/3/360
 of 21-2-18, "Anti-Gas Tank Defence" and F.A.T.
 Sections 222 and 224).
AFTERNOON. Marching Order Parade mounted. (Vehicles
 to be stripped and repacked, if not correct).
- Tuesday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Section Gun Drill. Battery Gun Drill. Direct
 Laying with Open Sights and with Telescope and Dial
 Sights, at moving Targets as before.
AFTERNOON. Laying and Fuze Setting. Lecture -
 Working of the Battery in Mobile Warfare.
- Wednesday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Lecture - Markings on Shell and Ammunition.
 Section Gun Drill and Laying.
AFTERNOON. Laying Tests. Battery Gun Drill.
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7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
13th March, 1918.To
Battery Commanders,

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The following copy of G.188/1462 of the 26th instant from Australian Corps, and G.H.Q. O.B./1831, on the subject of anti-tank defence, is forwarded for your information and necessary action:-

" 1. In/ order to be prepared to meet any attack made by hostile tanks, it is essential that arrangements be made to train the layers of all 18-pdr Batteries to lay over open sights on slowly moving targets.

The system for training for batteries in the rest or support area should comprise. -

- (a) Training layers in laying over open sights at slowly moving targets.
- (b) Training range takers in use of range Finders.
- (c) Judging distances.

Training should be carried out at first under the above separate headings, when the desired standard of efficiency has been obtained, collective training should begin.

2. In the final stage of this training the Brigade Commander should select positions, say for 3 guns, one from each 18-pdr Battery, from which a good field of view is obtained over the country up to a range of, say, 3000-4000 yards; such a position as would be selected for siting an anti-tank gun. Three wagons should be detailed to represent the tanks and move down the roads in the direction of the Battery, each gun being given its own target to engage. The range found by range finder, or estimated, as the case may be, should be checked from time to time with the aid of a map. Officers should be sent out also to these positions to study the ground with the aid of a map, and afterwards take on the moving targets, estimating the range to them from time to time.

3. As regards the Brigade in the line, training will have to be limited to individual training under the three headings given above, as it will be almost impossible to carry on collective training, but the personnel designated for anti-tank gun positions should be thoroughly conversant with the front, especially as regards the ranges to prominent features over which hostile tanks are likely to make their advance.

(Sgd) ERIC CONNELLY. Major,
for Lieut-Colonel G.S.

O.B./1831

In view of the possibility of the employment of tanks by the enemy, the best methods of rapidly engaging tanks with the

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artillery fire from covered as well as from positions requires close study.

In order to gain the fullest advantage from guns placed in forward positions for anti-tank defence, it is essential that the detachments manning them should be thoroughly trained in engaging slowly moving targets by direct laying over open sights.

This should be frequently practised both at Army Artillery Schools and also by Artillery Units at rest; special attention should be given to engaging a succession of such targets up to the closest ranges.

G.H.Q.
18.1.1918.

(Sgd) L.E. NIGGELL
Lieut-General
C.G.S.

Chambers

Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade. Captain.

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING - - - - - 21st to 27th March 1918.

Thursday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Section Gun Drill. Laying and Fuze Setting.
 Instruction to selected gunners in Lewis Gun work.
AFTERNOON. Battery Gun drill. Direct laying at moving
 targets (anti-tank defence). Lecture - Horseshoemanship
 Instruction to selected gunners in Lewis Gun work.

Friday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Instruction in Lewis Gun. Lecture to N.C.O's - Elemen-
 tary gunnery. Battery Gun drill and laying. Anti-tank
 defence - Training to be carried out in accordance with
 G.H.Q. OB/1831 i.e. with Range Takers and Map.
AFTERNOON Instruction in Lewis Gun. Lecture - Methods
 of occupying a position. Mounted Drill.

Saturday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching drill.
 Lecture to N.C.O's - Elementary gunnery. Battery Gun
 Drill. Laying and Fuze setting.
AFTERNOON. Half-holiday.

Sunday. MORNING. Church Parades.
AFTERNOON Half-Holiday.

Monday. MORNING. Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Section Gun drill. Laying and Fuze Setting.
 Instruction in Lewis Gun work.
AFTERNOON. Lecture - Driving. Mounted Drill.
 Instruction in Lewis Gun work.

Tuesday. MORNING.
 Physical Training and Marching Drill.
 Instruction in Lewis Gun work. Laying. Anti-tank
 defence in accordance with OB/1831
AFTERNOON. Lecture - Change of Position of a Battery
 in action F.A.T. Sections 228 and 229.
 Practical work in connection with above.
 Instruction in Lewis Gun work. Laying Tests.

WEDNESDAY MORNING. Physical Training and Marching drill.
 Instruction in Lewis Gun work. Lecture to N.C.O's -
 Elementary Gunnery. Battery Gun drill.
AFTERNOON. Instruction in Lewis Gun work. Mounted
 Drill. Lecture to N.C.O's and gunners - Calibration
 and Atmospheric Corrections - use of Range Tables and
 Correction Scales in connection with above. Laying
 and Fuze Setting.

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7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
18th March, 1918.

To
Battery Commanders,

The following has been received from 3rd D.A.H.Q., and is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

- "(i) There is reason to believe that the enemy is extending the use of light signalling in connection with his trench wireless stations.
- (ii) A case has been brought to notice where the topographical conditions have been such as to permit these light signal messages to be intercepted from our side of the line. The messages signalled were almost invariably followed by messages sent from a wireless station in the same area as that of the light signalling station. It seems probable that some of the light signal messages are being re-transmitted by wireless, a code different from the wireless code being used."
- (iii) Aeroplanes have also picked up light signalling messages."

When the Brigade again moves into the line, all observing Officers will be instructed to forward all intercepted light signalling messages to Brigade Headquarters without delay.

C. Churchill

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To.

- 7th & 8th A. F. A. Bdes.
- 3rd Aust. D. A. C.
- 3rd D. T. M. O.

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The following copy of Fourth Army No.G.S. (I), dated 8th instant, is forwarded for your information:-

" A deserter, who surrendered to the First Army North of LA BASSEE CANAL states that the big attacks will take place in ALSACE and South of the LA BASSE CANAL. Minor operations will be undertaken along the whole front. Artillery preparations commenced on the 10th March. Wooden tanks, to mislead our Flying Corps, have been seen by men of his Company in FOURNES. All correspondence, except post cards, has been stopped, has also leave.

With reference to the above, it is considered that our troops should be warned to be particularly alert from the 10th onwards. "

Forwarded for your information.

Headquarters.

12.3.1918.

copy notified

*Al Chouley
for Hunt*

Major,
for E.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

[Signature]

T/3/434

7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
13th March, 1918.To
Battery Commanders

13a

The following copy of Fourth Army No.G.S. (1), dated 8th instant, is forwarded for your information:-

" A deserter, who surrendered to the First Army North of LA BASSEE CANAL states that the big attacks will take place in ALSACE and South of the LA BASSEE CANAL. Minor operations will be undertaken along the whole front. Artillery preparations commenced on the 10th March. Wooden tanks, to mislead our Flying Corps, have been seen by men of his Company in FOURNES. All correspondence, except post cards, has been stopped, has also leave.

With reference to the above, it is considered that our troops should be warned to be particularly alert from the 10th onwards."

C. H. Newshields

Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
Captain,

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To Brigades. D.A.C.
D.T.M.O. R.A. Signals.
867th. Coy. A.S.C.

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The 3rd Australian Division will cease to be in
Corps Reserve, and will come into Army Reserve as from 22nd. March. 1918.
3rd Australian Division. less Artillery have
moved to the STEENVOORDE Area, with Headquarters at STEENVOORDE.

W. J. Nicholls

Headquarters,
23.3.1918.

Major R.A.
M.B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division.

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 7th FABde 8th FABde
3rd Aust DAC 3rd Aust DTMO
867 Coy ASC

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* SC 7	23		

Warning order a/c all units of this Div Artillery will move to MORBECQUE area to day 23rd inst and will be clear of MERRIS AREN by 6pm 23rd inst a/c units will harness up and await further orders a/c Billeting parties will proceed forthwith to area Commandant MORBECQUE a/c Issues will deliver rations to MORBECQUE on 24th inst a/c Acknowledge a/c Urgent

From	3rd
Place	3rd Aust D.A.
Time	

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TO { 7th 8th
DTMO 867th 8th Bdes DAC
ASC Coy

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* SC/8	23rd		

Continuation of SC/7 dated 23rd inst Head of Brigade BERQUIN at 7.15 pm VIEUX BERQUIN at 4.15 pm Head of Divisional Artillery DAC at 5.15 pm 867th VIEUX BERQUIN at 5.45 pm Headquarter will be at MORBECQUE AAA Reference Sheet 27SE 1/20,000 AAA Route

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* _____		_____		AAA	
Via	LA ₂	MOTTE	AU		
BOIS	(E 84. A)	AAA	all		
units	will	avoid	the		
Town	of	HAZEBROUSE	AAA		
Acknowledge	of	addressed	7th		
and	8th	AFA	13des		
3rd	DAC	DTA	876 867th		
Co	ASC	Repeated	DTMO.		
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7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.
23rd March, 1918.

URGENT.

To
Battery Commanders,

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MARCHING ORDER.

Batteries will have all arrangements made to march
to MORBEGNE area by 5 p.m. to-night.

Further orders will be issued later.

ACKNOWLEDGE by Bearer.

Chewshields.

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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SECRET.Copy No.
Date 23.3.1918.7th AUST FIELD ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 4.Reference Maps - Sheet 36a 1/40,000 14 C

1. The 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will move to MORBECQUE Area on 23rd instant in accordance with March Table attached.
2. All Stables and Billetts are to be left in a thoroughly clean condition. In the case of Billetts Clearance Certificates will be obtained.
3. 25th, 27th and 107th Batteries will send to Headquarters immediately for synchronised time. 26th Battery will obtain synchronised time from 27th Battery.

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

Issued at 3.15. p.m.

Distribution.

Copy No.1. 25th Battery
 2 26th Battery
 3 27th Battery
 4 107th Battery
 5 D.A.H.Q.
 6)
 7) WAR DIARY
 8)
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7th.AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

MARCH TABLE.

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Reference Map. Sheet 36a 1/40,000

STARTING POINT - 107th Battery W.L. E.13.a.8.8.

ROUTE - LA MOTTE - Au BOIS - FORRESTERS HOUSE

Unit	Date	Time to pass Starting point.	From	To
66666666666666				
H.Q.	23.3.1918	4.15 p.m.	Wagon Lines	Billets in MPRBECCQUE
107th Battery	do.	4.18 p.m.	do.	do.
25th Battery	do.	4.25 p.m.	do.	do.
27th Battery	do.	4.32 p.m.	do.	do.
26th Battery	do.	4.39 p.m.	do.	do.

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO ~~7th. 8th. A.F.A. Bde. 3rd Aust. D.A.C.~~
~~3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. 3rd D.A. Sigs. 867th Coy. A.S.C.~~

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* N/412	23		

~~The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will move by road tomorrow 24th instant, staging night 24th/25th instant at ISBERGUES AREA - 4 Kilos S.E. of AIRE and 3rd D.A.H.Q. and 3rd D.A. Sigs will pass Starting Point at 12.30 p.m. and 867th Coy. A.S.C. will pass Starting Point at 1 p.m. and 7th A.F.A. Bde. will pass Starting Point at 1.30 p.m. and 8th A.F.A. Bde will pass Starting Point at 2 p.m. and 3rd Aust. D.A.C. will pass Starting Point at 2.30 p.m. and STARTING POINT - T Roads 1 Kilo S.W. of MOYBECQUE and Advance Parties will report to the Area Commandant LAMBRES at 2 p.m. 24th instant and 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. will be located at ISBERGUES and Issued at 11.35 p.m. and ACKNOWLEDGE and Addressed all concerned.~~

From	3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.
Place	
Time	

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO ~~7th. 8th. A.F.A. Bde. 3rd Aust. D.A.C.~~
~~3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. 3rd D.A. Sigs. 867th Coy. A.S.C.~~

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* N/415.	24		

IN CONTINUATION OF MY N/412 issued 23.3.1918. ROUTE FOR TO-DAY'S MARCH VIA STEENBECQUE AND AIRE and ACKNOWLEDGE and Addressed all concerned.

From	3rd. AUST. D.A.H.Q.
Place	
Time	

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

TO { 7th. A.F.A. Bde. 8th. A.F.A. Bde.
 3rd Aust. D.A.C. 3rd Aust. D.A. Sigs.
 867th Coy. A.S.G.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * N/417. 24

Reference my No. N/412 of 23rd instant
 aaa 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. will be located at
 LAMBRES and not at ISBERGUES as therein
 stated aaa ACKNOWLEDGE aaa addressed all
 concerned.

From 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.
 Place
 Time

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 Major P.A.

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 m. Words. Charge.
 This message is on a/c of Recd. at m.
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 At m. Service. Date
 To From
 By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By

TO { 7th. A.F.A. Bde. 8th. A.F.A. Bde.
 3rd Aust. D.A.C. 3rd Aust. D.A. Sigs.
 867 Coy. A.S.G.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * SC. 12 23

Ref wire N/412 of 23/3/18
 units will send guides
 at 10 am 24th inst
 Church MOR. BICOQUE to
 collect baggage wagons
 aaa no other transport
 will be available aaa
 Refilling point for
 ration for 25th T Roads
 due north of S in
 ISBERGUES units will
 send guides and loaders
 1st 5pm 24th inst aaa
 3rd Div transport will
 remain at MOR BICOQUE
 until 25th inst and.

From
 Place
 Time

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 Date _____
 From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { _____

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and will not move
 by road with Div
 arty but will return
 on 25th under
 arrangements notified
 later. aaa
 DTMO will
 draw notes from HSC
 tomorrow 29th up to
 25th west aaa Ref
 maps HAZEBROUK 5A
 aaa acknowledge

From 2nd Aust DA
 Place
 Time

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 From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { _____
 7th FRASER HILLS

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * X71. 24.

Instruction ~~24~~ two 4.5
 How limbers and teams
 under an officer report
 3rd DIV. MORE BECAUSE
 instruction rationed up
 to 25th west aaa
 instructions will be
 given direct to this office
 re collecting two 4.5 hours
 from 2nd Div arty aaa
 Urgent.

From 2nd Aust DA
 Place
 Time

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Date 24.3.1918.

7TH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO.5.

Reference Map. HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100,000.

APPENDIX 14f

1. The 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will march by Road to-morrow, 24th instant, to ISBERGUES AREA, in accordance with March Table attached.
2. All Wagon Lines will be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition and Clearance Certificates will be obtained.
3. The following distances will be maintained. :-
 100 yards between Batteries.
 25 yards between every 6 vehicles.
4. Advance Parties, which will include one Officer per Battery, will meet the Brigade Orderly Officer at the Church, MORBECQUE, at 11 a.m. 24th instant.
5. Batteries will send guides to be at the Church, MORBECQUE, at 10 a.m. on 24th instant., to collect baggage wagons. No other transport will be available.
6. Refilling point for rations for 25th instant will be at "T" Roads, due North of secons S in ISBERGUES. Batteries will send Guides and Loaders to be at this point at 5 p.m. tomorrow, 24th instant.
7. Batteries will send orderlies to 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade Headquarters Office, Billet No.101, Rue St. George, MORBECQUE, at 10.30 a.m., 24th instant, to obtain synchronised time.
8. Authorised transport only, will travel with the column.
9. Acknowledge.

Whenshields

Captain.
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Bgde.

Distribution :- Issued at 7.15 a.m. by Runner.

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| 3 | 27th " |
| 4 | 107th " |
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| 6) | War Diary. |
| 7) | |
| 8 | D.A.H.Q. |
| 9 | F i l e. |

SECRET.7th AUST. F. A. BRIGADE - MARCH TABLE.Ref. HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000. ENDIX 145STARTING POINT :- " T " Roads, 1 kilo S.W. MORBECQUE.
(4. G. 08.25)

ROUTE :- STEENBECQUE. BOESEGHEM. AIRE.

Unit.	Time to Pass Starting Point.	From.	To.
H.Q.	1.30 p.m.	Wagon Lines	ISBERGUES AREA.
27th Bty.	1.33 p.m.	do	do
107th Bty.	1.40 p.m.	do	do
25th Bty.	1.47 p.m.	do	do
26th Bty.	1.54 p.m.	do	do

W. Saenushelto

Captain.

Adjutant, 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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

TO { 7th. A.F. Bde. 8th. A.F. Bde. 3rd. Aust. D.A.C. 867th Coy. A.S.C. }
 D.A.C. 3rd. Aust. D.A.C. Sigs. 867th Coy. A.S.C.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * N/416. 24

3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will continue the march to-morrow 25th instant staging night 25th/26th instant in VALHUON AREA aas Starting Point will be passed as follows aas 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. and 3rd. Aust. D.A.Sigs at 9 a.m. aas 867th Coy. A.S.C. 9.15 am. aas 8th. A.F. Bde. 9.30 am. aas 7th. A.F. Bde. 10 a.m. aas 3rd. Aust. D.A.C. 10.30 am. aas STARTING POINT X Roads 100 yds East of E of ST. HILAIRE aas Route via ST. HILAIRE - PERPAY - PERNES aas Advance Parties will report to Sub-area Commandant VALHUON at 2 p.m. 25th instant aas 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. will be located at VALHUON aas Reference Maps HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000 and LENS 11 1/100,000 aas Issued 5.30 p.m. aas AACKNOWLEDGE aas Addressed all concerned.

From 3rd AUST. D.A.H.Q.
 Place
 Time

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TO { 7th 8th Brigade 3rd D.A.C. 867th Coy. A.S.C. }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * S.C.20 24th

Reference this Office wire N/416 of 24th instant refilling point on 25th instant will be Church at VALHUON aas Units will send guides and loaders there at 4.30 p.m. 25th instant aas Reference Map LENS 11 1/100,000 aas ACKNOWLEDGE.

From 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.
 Place
 Time

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3rd
HERDN AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M/562.

To
Brigades.
D.A.C.

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The C.R.A. wishes the following orders to be complied with on all marches.-

1. No unauthorised transport is to be allowed, with the exception of 1 extra G.S.Wagon per battery and Brigade H.Q.
2. All transport will accompany the Brigades and batteries on the march, none being sent in advance, or left to bring up the rear.
3. All battery personnel will accompany the battery on the march.
4. Telephone wire will not be carried in G.S.Wagons, but on the vehicles and signalling personnel.

Headquarters,
24.3.1918.

W. D. Hills

Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Austl Division.

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Date 24.3.1918.

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO.6

Reference Maps. HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000.
LENS 11. 1/100,000. 141

1. The 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will continue march to-morrow to VALHOUN Area, in accordance with March Table attached.
2. All Wagon Lines will be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition, and Clearance Certificates will be obtained. Billeting Lists will be forwarded to the Area Commandant, LAMBRES. No rear parties will be left at Wagon Lines.
3. The following distances will be maintained.
100 yards between Batteries.
25 yards between every 6 vehicles.
4. Advance parties which will include 1 Officer per Battery will meet the Brigade Orderly Officer at the Starting Point at 9 a.m. 25th instant.
5. Refilling point on 25th instant will be Church at VALHOUN. Batteries will send guides and loaders to be at this place at 4.30 p.m. 25th instant.
6. Batteries will send Orderlies to 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters Office, WITTERNESS at 7 a.m. 25th instant, to obtain synchronised time.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. Braushields

Captain.

Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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| 3 | 27th Battery. |
| 4 | 107th Battery. |
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| 7) | |
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7th AUST. F. A. BRIGADE - MARCH TABLE.

Ref. HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000.
LENS 11 1/100,000.

STARTING POINT. :- Junction of Roads and Railway
near E in HALTE 5.E.73.47.

ROUTE. :- ST.HILAIRE. FERFAY. PERNES.

Unit.	Time to pass Starting point.	From.	To.
Headquarters.	9 a.m.	Wagon Lines	VANHOUN AREA.
27th Battery	9.3 a.m.	do	do
26th Battery	9.10 a.m.	do	do
25th Battery	9.17 a.m.	do	do
107th Battery	9.24 a.m.	do	do

Whenshields.

Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade. Captain.

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Copy No.....
Date. 25.3.1918.

7TH AUST. FIELDARTILLERY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO.7.

Reference Map:- LENS 11 1/100,000

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1. The 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will continue the march to-morrow the 26th instant to MONDICOURT in accordance with March table attached. It will rejoin the 3rd Aust. Division at MONDICOURT.
 2. Clearance Certificates will be obtained at Billetts at present in occupation, and Billeting lists will be forwarded to the sub-area Commandant VALHOUN, before proceeding on the march. No rear parties will be left at the Wagon Lines.
 3. The following distances will be maintained.
 - 500 yards between Batteries.
 - 25 " " every six vehicles.
- Batteries will keep in touch with Batteries in front by means of connecting files, and will be responsible that any orders passed down the Column reach the Battery in their rear.
4. Advance parties which will include 1 Officer per Battery, will meet the Brigade Orderly Officer at Brigade Headquarters Wagon Lines in time to move off at 7.15 a.m. 26th instant.
 5. Refilling point on 26th instant will be Church at MONDICOURT. Batteries will send guides and loaders to be at this place at 5 p.m. 26th instant.
 6. Batteries will send Orderlies to 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters Office VALHOUN at 7.30 a.m. the 26th instant to obtain synchronised time.
 7. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

Sgd. G.J.GREENSHIELDS, Captain
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

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SECRET.7th AUST. F. A. BRIGADE - MARCH TABLE.Reference Map :- LENS 11 1/100,000

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Starting Point. Cross Roads 1.E.40.02 (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles from present
Wagon Lines on VALHOUN- STPOL Road.)

Route St.POL, FREVENT, DOULLENS, MONDICOURT.

Unit.	Time to pass Starting Point.	From	To
Headquarters.	9.45 a.m.	Wagon Lines	MONDICOURT
107th Battery	9.48 a.m.	do	do
26th Battery	9.59 a.m.	do	do
27th Battery	10.10 a.m.	do	do
25th Battery	10.21 a.m.	do.	do

Sgd. G.J.GREENSHIELDS Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade,

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

TO { 7th Brigade 867th Co ASC
 8th " 3rd DAC. 3rd DA SIGS.
 RO. RA SC RA

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
 * N/425 26th AAA

Location of units as follows aaa Divn to be in
 Chateau at COUVERELLE aaa Divn to be in
 Chateau at HUMBERCOURT aaa 7th A.F.A. Brigade
 COULLE MONT aaa 8th A.F.A. Brigade and D.A.C.
 HUMBERCOURT aaa Pioneer Bn at
 WANIN COURT aaa 9th Bde. at HENU and
 BAYENCOURT aaa 10th Bde THIEVRES and
 AUTHIE aaa 11th Bde. ST. LEGER and
 COIGNEUX aaa Units must be ready to move
 at immediate notice aaa Lances will be kept
 behind the horses and billets must not be
 scattered aaa All ranks must be warned
 not to take any orders particularly at to
 moving back from anyone (no matter what
 rank) whom they do not know aaa Persons spreading
 alarmist reports to be arrested at once aaa
 The situation forward is quite satisfactory

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { (2)

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
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our troops hold roughly the line of the
 ANCRE northwards from ALBERT towards
 BUCQUOY aaa The N.Z. divn is now
 disposed around HEDAUVILLE while the
 4th Aust Divn is on our left with H.Q.
 at BASSEUX aaa The 5th Aust Divn is
 following immediately behind us aaa

From 3 Aust. D.A.
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	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		
TO	7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes. 3rd Aust. D.A.C.			
	867th Coy. A.S.C. 3rd D.A. Sigs.			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
* N/426 A	26			
<p>Following received from 3rd Aust. Divn. repeated for your information aaa begins aaa Division moves South of CONTAY to-night and to-morrow aaa 11th Bde. leaves by bus to-night others follow aaa Division will then come under 7th Corps aaa no instructions yet for Divisional Artillery aaa ends aaa addressed all concerned aaa acknowledge.</p>				
From	3rd. AUST. D.A.H.2.			
Place				
Time	Issued 10.15 pm. <i>[Signature]</i>			
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7th Aust.F.A. Brigade H.Q.,
26th March, 1918.

Battery Commanders :-

The following communication from D.A.H.Q., is forwarded for your information :-

"Location of Units as follows aas Divisional Headquarters in Chateau at COUTERELLE aas Div., Arty H.Q., in Chateau at HUMBERCOURT aas 7th A. F.A. Brigade COULLEMONT aas 8th A.F.A. Brigade and D.A.C. HUMBERCOURT aas Pioneer Battalion at WANINCOURT aas 9th Bde at HENW and BAYENCOURT aas 10th Bde THIEVRES and AUTHEIE aas 11th Bde St. LEGER and COIGNEUX aas Units must be ready to move at immediate notice aas Harness will be kept behind the horses and billets must not be scattered aas All ranks must be warned not to take any orders particularly as to moving back from anyone (no matter what rank) whom they do not know aas Persons spreading alarmist reports to be arrested at once aas The situation forward is quite satisfactory. Our troops hold roughly the line of the ANCRE Northwards from ALBERT towards BUCQUOY aas The N.Z. Division is now disposed around HEDAUVILLE while the 4th Aust. Division is on our left with H.Q., at BASSEUX aas The 5th Aust. Division is following immediately behind us aas

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W. Shields

Adjutant, 7th Aus.F.A. Brigade. Captain.

Memo

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TO	7 th Div	AFA Brigades	3 rd D.A.C
	3 rd RA Bde	SCRA	PCRA

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 11/426	26		

Personnel attached to Brigades will be sent back tomorrow 27th March to rejoin their units. Divisional Artillery Troop matters will be attached to the DAC on arrival in this area. Commanding Officers of Brigades and DAC will arrange traffic control posts in the areas which will have orders to collect stragglers. The roads are at present very congested. The GOC division desires that all ranks should know that things are well in hand and not get "windy" owing to the appearance of the roads. All ranks are to get as much rest as possible. All officers will study the maps & become acquainted with locations of all units here.

From	3 rd Div	DA HQ	
Place			
Time			

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				By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO	7th A.F.A. Brigade	8th A.F.A. Brigade
	3rd Aust. D.A.C.	867th Coy. A.S.C.
	3rd D.A.Sigs.	S.O.R.A. R.O.R.A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
* N/427	27th	AAA

In continuation of No. N/426a dated 26th inst. 9th & 10th Infantry Brigades will de-bus at FRANVILLERS aaa 3rd Div. Arty. will move to BEHENCOURT to-day 27th March via MARIEUX-PUCHEVILLERS-HERISSART aaa Units will pass starting point as follows aaa 867th Coy. A.S.C. 9 a.m. 3rd D.A. Sigs. and 3rd D.A.H.Q. 9.45 a.m. 8th A.F. Brigade 10 a.m. 7th F.A. Brigade 10.30 a.m. 3rd D.A.C. 11 a.m. aaa Starting Point Cross Roads 1 kilo. South of first "O" of MONDICOURT aaa Advance Parties will report at Church BEHENCOURT at 1 p.m. aaa Next location of Divisional Headquarters not yet known aaa 7th Corps Headquarters are at MONTIGNY aaa ACKNOWLEDGE.

From	3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery.
Place	<i>4 Apr</i>
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *W.A.H. Major*

Major

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SECRET.Copy No.....
Date 27.3.1918.7th. AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE. OPERATION ORDER No. 8Reference Map, LENS 1/100,000

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1. The 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade will march to BEHENCOURT this day 27.3.1918, in accordance with March Table attached.
2. Distances:- 100 yards between Batteries
25 yards between every 6 vehicles
3. Advance parties, to include 1 Officer per Battery, will meet 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade Orderly Officer at this Office in time to move off at 7 a.m., 27.3.1918.
4. Refilling point for rations on 27th instant, will be notified later.
5. Batteries will send Orderlies to 7th F.A. Brigade Headquarters Office (Billet No.17) at 7.30 a.m. 27.3.1918, to obtain synchronised time.

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

Issued at 6 a.m. by Runner

Distribution :-

Copy No.1	25th Battery
2	26th Battery
3 2	27th Battery
4	107th Battery
5.	D.A.H.Q.
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27/3/1918.

7th AUS. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE - MARCH TABLE.
 (To accompany Operation Order No. 8.)

Route :- MARIEUX, BOCHEVILLERS, HERRISSANT.

Starting Point:- Fork Roads, 1 kilo North of T in
 Le Gros Tison (4.F. 37.29)

Battery.	Time to Pass Starting Point.	From	To
H. Q.,	10 a.m.	Wagon Lines	BEHENCOURT
25th	10.03 a.m.	do.	do.
26th	10.10 a.m.	do.	do.
27th	10.17 a.m.	do.	do.
107th	10.24 a.m.	do.	do.

Gibbins Shields.

Captain.

Adjutant, 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S./5/2.

To

Brigades,
3rd. D.A.C.
D.A. Signals.

The following letter S.G.401/1/2 from 3rd Aust.Divn. is repeated for your information :-

" The situation demands that the line of the Third Army be maintained at all costs. There must be NO withdrawal; if breaks occur the line must be linked up again on the general line of our present position with the aid of such troops as can be made available and which are now beginning to arrive.

Any local withdrawal owing to enemy interruption will be in the general direction East to West and NOT NorthWest, and must be temporary only pending restoration of the line.

VII Corps must ensure that its right is firmly maintained on the SOMME. The position at BRAY is to be maintained with the utmost determination.

New boundaries between Corps will be issued as early as possible. These will run generally East and West from the present points of junction." (Sgd.) C.H. JESS Lieut-Col.
General Staff.

Headquarters,
27.3.1918.

L. W. Nicholls

Major. R.A.
B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Division.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.5/7⁸

To
 7th. A.F.A. Brigade. ✓
 8th. A.F.A. Brigade.
 189th. Brigade R.F.A.
 27th. H.A.

Should any retirement be forced upon us the retirement will be from East due Westwards.

Brigade and Battery Commanders will reconnoitre positions to the rear which they may have to occupy; the positions selected to be occupied in a retirement will be forwarded to D.A.H.Q. as soon as possible.

The 27th. Heavy Artillery will choose positions between the line BEHENCOURT and BUSSY le DOURAS.

L. D. Nichols

Headquarters,
 28.3.1918.

Major R.A.
 B.M., R.A. 3rd. Australian Division.

7th Aus. F.A. Brigade H.Q.,
28th March, 1918.

Battery Commanders,
7th Aus. F.A. Brigade.

The following memorandum from 7th Corps is forwarded for your information and action :-

Battery Commanders must give the closest support to the Infantry who are hard-pressed, and will on no account withdraw to a fresh position a moment sooner than is necessary. Positions close behind the crest must be occupied where possible, so the Battery can be fought by the direct order of an Officer who can see the Country in front of him and deal effectively with the attacking troops. In the present situation Artillery fire can only be opportune and effective if Battery Commanders who have immediate control of the guns can see what is going on.

C. W. Marshall

Captain.
Adjutant, 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade.

R.A. VII Corps A/23.

To
3rd. Aust. Divsl. Artillery.

Please impress on your Brigade and Battery Commanders that they must give the closest support to the Infantry who are hard-pressed, and batteries must on no account withdraw to a fresh position a moment sooner than is necessary. Positions close behind the crest must be occupied where possible, so that the battery can be fought by the direct order of an Officer who can see the country in front of him and deal effectively with the attacking troops. In the present situation Artillery fire can only be opportune and effective, if Brigade and Battery Commanders who have immediate control of the guns can see what is going on.

On no account is any battery to be withdrawn from the line.

27th. March.1918.

Sgd. O.M. Lanyon
Major G.S.
R.A., VIIth Corps.

S.S./S.⁶

To
7th. F.A. Brigade. ✓
8th. F.A. Brigade.
27th. Heavy Artillery.
189th. Bde. R.F.A.

The above is forwarded for information and necessary action.

Headquarters,
28.3.1918.

R. M. Lanyon Major R.A.
B.M., R.A. 3rd. Australian Div.

7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade,
28th March 1918.

To:-
Battery Commanders.

10th Brigade reports enemy trench line runs
K.1.d.5.9., K.7.central, K.13.a.8.0., K.19.Central.,.
No Artillery fire will be directed west of the
above line. Our line now runs J.6.Central to J.12.Central
and is still advancing.

C. Newshields.

Adjutant, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade. Captain.

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TO { ~~7th P.A. Bde 5th P.A. Bde.~~
~~27th P.A. Bde 10th P.A. Bde.~~

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

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The following received from 3rd. Australian Division at 6 p.m. begins as front line now runs J.35.a.0.0. J.35.a.5.2. J.35.a.8.6. J.29.d.1.0. J.29.b.5.0. J.23.d.6.0. J.23.b.8.0. J.23.b.6.6. J.17.d.4.0. J.17.d.2.4. with patrol line 400 yds in advance and 18 pounders and 4.5" hows firing from north of the ANCRE are shooting short of this line and ends as repeated all concerned. and

Mr. Ryan make

From *3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.*

Place

Time

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To

7th. Corps R.A.
 189th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
 27th. Heavy Artillery.
 35th. Divisional Artillery.
 3rd. Division "G"
 7th. R.F.A. Brigade. ✓
 8th. A.F.A. Brigade.
 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
 10th. " " "
 11th. " " "

The artillery covering the front of the 3rd. Australian Division is now situated as follows.

8th. Artillery Brigade Group - Headquarters I.10.d.5.0.
 consisting of 2 18 pounders and one 4.5" How battery in the BONHAY area with advanced sections forward covering the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade (Headquarters BONHAY) holding the line on the River SOMME from AUBIGNY to BOURENCOURT (J.34.d.)

7th. Artillery Brigade Group - Headquarters FRANVILLERS.
 consisting of four 18 pounder batteries and one 4.5" How Battery in BRILLY area with advanced sections covering the front of the 11th and 10th Infantry Brigades from SAILLY le SEC to RIBEMONT.

189th. Army Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters D.21.e.9.3.
 consisting of ten 18 pounder guns and three 4.5" Hows. are in action in Squares D.21.b. and d. and D.20.d. These are also covering the last mentioned front by enfilade fire.

27th. Heavy Artillery
 consisting of two 6 inch How batteries of four guns each and one battery 60 pounder (5 guns) are attached to the Divisional Artillery.

W. H. H. H.

Headquarters,
 28.3.1918.

Major R.A.
 B.M., R.A. 3rd. Australian Divn.

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TO { 7th. F.A. Brigade. 18

Sender's Number * N/459	Day of Month 28	In reply to Number AAA
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In view of the fact that our line has considerably advanced 7th. A.F.A. Brigade will arrange to move forward as soon as possible to positions between the River ANCRE and River SOMME aaa Lines of retreat will be reported to D.A.H.Q. who will arrange for routes to be picketed in case of a forced retirement. aaa

From 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.

Place

Time 7.37 p.m.

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Major R.A.

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S E C R E T.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.S.5/9.

To

Headquarters,
7th Aust. F. A. Brigade.
-----*batteries*

In confirmation of conversation with you tonight the 7th Aust. F. A. Brigade will move two 18-pdr. ~~guns~~, one taking up position about J.16.a., the other about J.15.a., and one How. Battery taking up position about J.9.d.

One Battery will take up a position of readiness between the road and railway in squares J.8. or J.13.

The role of the Mobile Battery will be to take on fleeting opportunities should and attach develop, and, failing an attack will take up the best available position as soon after daylight as possible.

The front to be covered by the 7th Aust. F. A. Brigade will be North of the CORBIE-BRAY road, but the enemy will be engaged wherever seen.

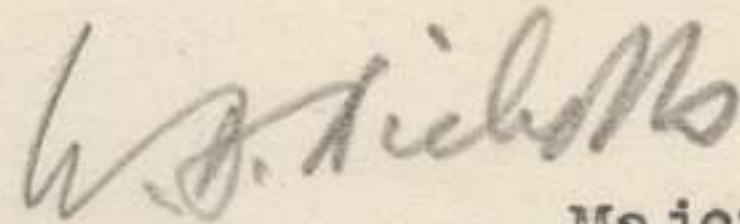
76 rounds per gun will be dumped at the gun positions, and forward wagon lines of only gun limbers kept within close proximity of the guns in action.

Rear wagon lines will be chosen by Battery Commanders West and North of the River ANCRE.

O.C., 7th Aust. F. A. Brigade will take up his Headquarters with O.C. 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

All moves are to be completed before dawn. 29/3/18

Should the Batteries have to retire, the normal route of retirement will be through HEILLY, alternative routes via BONNAY or LANEUVILLE.



Major, R.A.
B.M.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division.

Headquarters,
28-3-18.

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TO *Battery Commanders*

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

* *973 28*

Confirming telephone messages to Battery Commanders as attack is expected at dawn from direction of MORIANDCOURT batteries will move to following approx positions and be ready to open fire at dawn

25th BTY J 10C 83
26th BTY J 15a 4.2
10th BTY J 9d 52
20th BTY will occupy position of readiness about J 8C 32 clear of road and be in this position just after dawn

From Place Time

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30th BTY will remain in present positions until further orders but will be ready to open fire at dawn also Brigade Commander will be at Heilly with 90C 10th Inf Bde at dawn
Immediately batteries arrive in new positions they will send a mounted orderly to report to Bde Commander at Heilly
Toward Wagon lines of only gun limbers will be established within close proximity of

From Place Time

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* Guns in action are Rear wagon lines will be chosen by Battery Commanders west and North of river ANCRE are In case of retirement route would be over bridges at HEILLY BONNAY or LANEUVILLE are Acknowledge				
From	of the 1st Div T. A. Bde			
Place	11.50 pm			
Time				
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

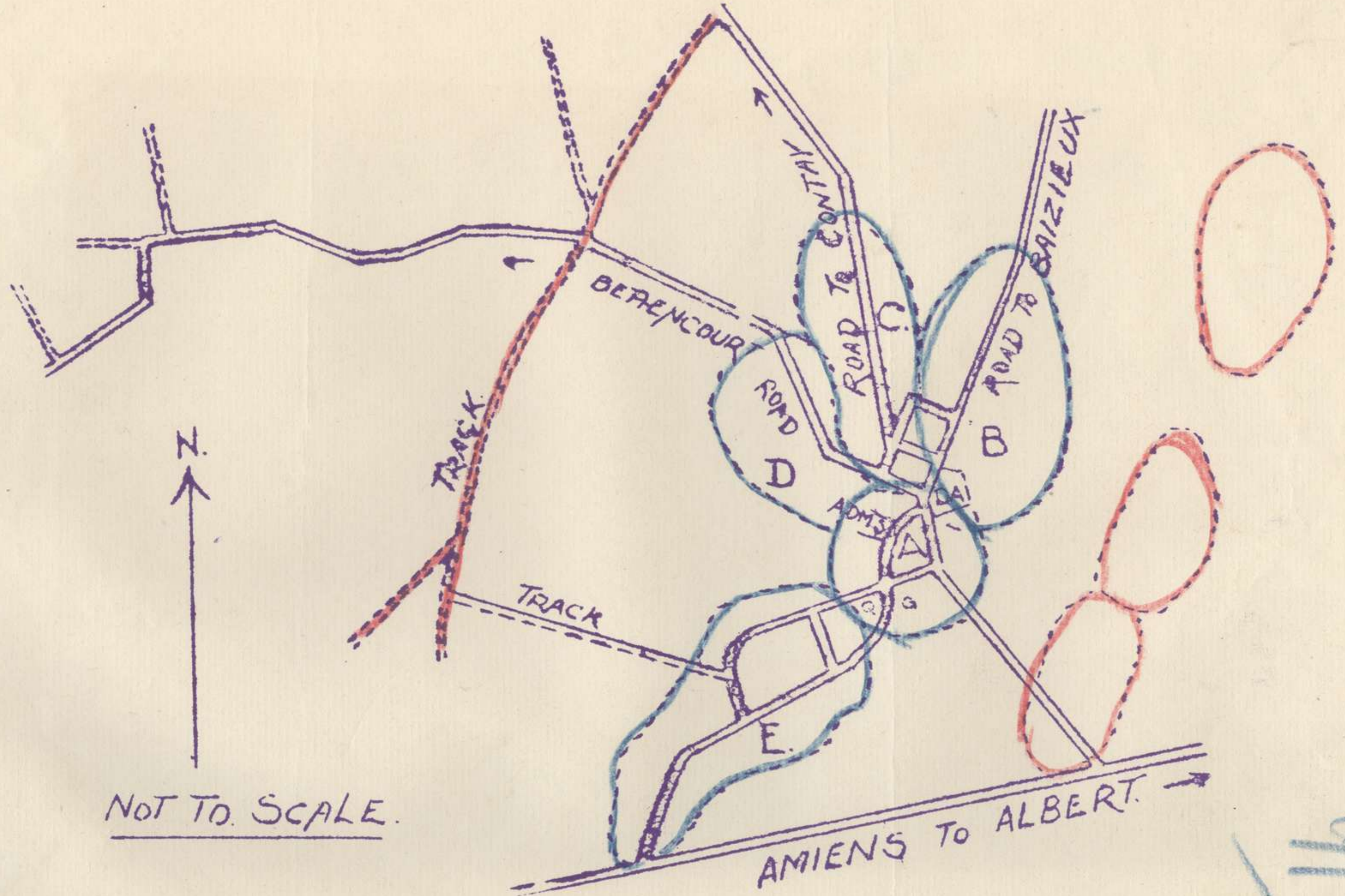
Divisional Headquarters,
28th. March, 1918.

1. In the event of emergency or heavy shelling of the Town of FRANVILLERS, all units which are situated in the sub-areas of the Town, namely "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E", will fall in with equipment in the street and move as formed bodies by shortest route to localities shown in RLD on attached map.
2. Each Sub-area will be under the command of senior officer who resides in that area.
3. The C.O., Pioneer Bn. will be responsible for the sounding of the alarm. He will receive his instructions from "C" Office, 3rd. Australian Division. Warning will be first given by runner to C.Os., and Staff Officers. If necessary, a bugle may be used.
4. No other bugle call is to be sounded in Town.
5. On the sounding of the alarm, all those living in each sub-area, less small collecting party, will fall in and proceed to RED Line. Collecting party will collect all necessary material. WEST
6. Machine Gun Company will proceed to RLD Line locality, east of Town, and take up position.
7. Transport will proceed by BLUE dotted lines to side roads about one mile North-west of Town.
8. Should the Pioneer Bn. previously be utilised elsewhere, they will leave a Bugler attached to Camp Commandant, 3rd. Aust. Division.

Aubrey Moss Capt.
Camp Commandant,
3rd. Aust. Division

Distribution

All C.Os. of Units in Town.



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TO Battery Commanders, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 10th Batteries.

Sender's Number. * 758	Day of Month. 20th	In reply to Number.	AAA
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In case of retirement Batteries will take up positions last vacated by them north of the line.

Battery Commanders will arrange to reconnoitre to-morrow positions which could be occupied in case of an advance, and also alternative positions for occupation if present positions are held.

Batteries will arrange to move one gun forward to-morrow for unifying and engaging a certain target. Location of this gun will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters immediately if in position. Direct laying would be used and targets south of main line be engaged as well as on our front, the southern boundary of which is the Cable - RAY Road.

From 7th Ann. Bde. Brigade.		
Place		
Time		

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.5/12.

To
7th. F.A. Brigade.
8th. F.A. Brigade.

Brigade Commanders will encourage the use of single sniping guns, moving forward from battery positions and taking on opportunity targets wherever possible on our front as well as the front South of the SOMME.

Not more than one gun per battery should be allowed out at a time during this operation.

Please report action taken.

Headquarters,
29.3.1918.

R. H. Hammy
B.M., R.A. (3rd. Aust. Division. Major R.A.)

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TO } 25th, 26th, 27th ~~and 28th Batteries.~~

Sender's Number. * T/3/473.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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At 9 p.m. the Infantry intend to advance their line. The 7th Aust. P.A. Brigade will put down a creeping barrage as follows:-

25th Bty.	Starting Line	X.7.8.00.00 to	
		X.13.8.00.70	
26th Bty.	"	X.13.8.00.70 to	
		Y.13.8.00.80	
27th Bty.	"	X.13.8.00.80 to	
		X.19.8.00.30	

Zero hour will be 9.00 p.m. and Batteries will open fire at zero plus 5 minutes.

Batteries will lift 100 yards at the end of each minute. ceasing fire at 9.10 p.m.

Rate of fire 2 rounds per gun per minute.

Ammunition 75% Shrap. 25% H.E.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

War Henry
War V

From	7th Aust. P.A. Brigade.
Place	
Time	

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7th Aust. F.A. Brigade H.Q.,
30th March, 1918.Battery Commanders,
7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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Instructions re S.O.S.

1. The front of the 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade, which is covered by the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade, extends from an East and West Line through K and E Squares on the North and the BRAY-SUR-SOMME - CORBIE Road on the South.
2. Frontages for S.O.S. are allotted to Batteries along North and South Line as follows :-
 - 27th Bty. ... K.13.d.00.20 to K.7.d.00.00
 - 26th Bty. ... K.7.d.00.00 to E.2.e.00.00
 - 25th Bty. ... E.2.e.00.00 to K.26.e.00.00
 - 107th Bty. ... Superimposed over 18 pounder S.O.S. Line and search back 300 yards.
3. Rate of fire 3 rounds per gun per minute for the first five minutes, 2 rounds per gun per minute for the next five minutes, 1 round per gun per minute until ordered to cease firing.
4. Ammunition - 75% Shrap. 25% H.E.
5. In the event of any Battery becoming disconnected it will immediately get into touch by Runner with the nearest Battery whose communications are still through and ring up Brigade H.Q.
6. Batteries will ensure that lines to Batteries on their flanks are laid and kept in good order.
7. Visual communication from Brigade to Batteries is being arranged.



Captain.
Adjutant, 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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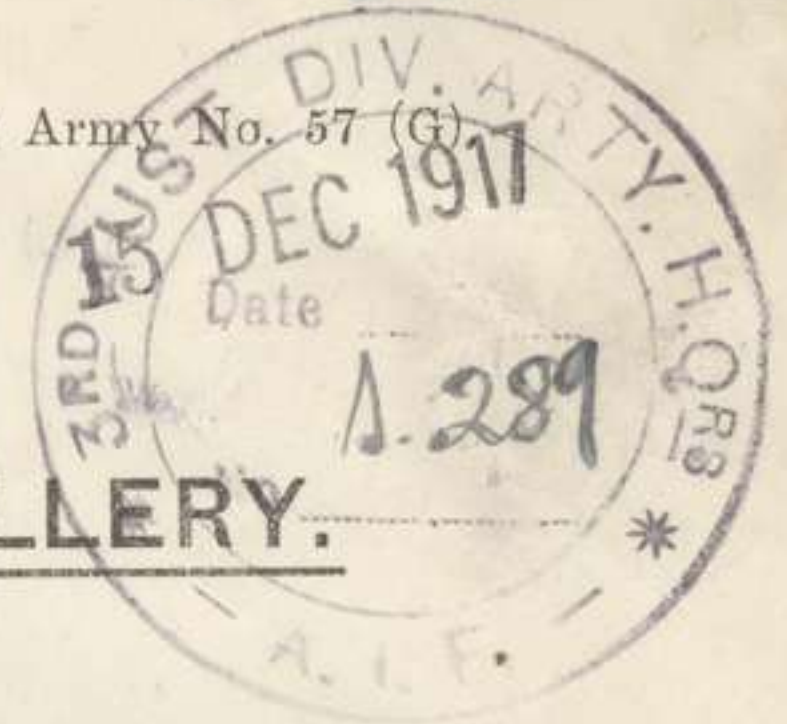
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Second Army No. 57 (G)

SECOND ARMY,

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ARTILLERY.

1.—Policy.

The general artillery policy to be pursued will consist of :—

- (a) Artillery co-operation in connection with the special offensive operations and defensive measures detailed in Second Army No. 57 (G), of 18th November.
- (b) Vigorous counter-battery work.
- (c) Artillery attacks with the object of inflicting losses on and demoralising the enemy.
- (d) The development of trench mortar fire to the fullest extent possible.

Generally speaking, this policy involves methodical shoots for the destruction of material, and sudden concentrations of fire, both by day and night, for the destruction of personnel. A sharp look-out must be maintained by day in order to seize any favourable opportunities of inflicting losses on the enemy.

All plans for artillery attacks should be based on information collected from all available sources and should be varied frequently.

Artillery retaliation, as such, is to be discountenanced. It must be the aim and object of our artillery to punish the enemy in every way, thus completely dominating any efforts which he may make in the way of retaliation. The initiative must rest with us.

2.—Organisation and Tasks of the Artillery in the Line.

The organisation of the artillery in the line during the winter must be such that it can be developed readily to meet the requirements of operations on a large scale.

- (a) Corps will maintain such field artillery in the line as is considered necessary to meet the requirements of the policy outlined in para. 1.

Brigades will be grouped according to the number of divisions holding the line. In order to facilitate training, divisional artilleries, whether in or out of the line, will be under their own G.Os.C., R.A.

A Sub-group Commander will be in close touch with each Infantry Brigadier in the line. Corps will detail such 18-pounder and 4.5" howitzer batteries for counter-battery work as may be considered necessary.

- (b) Heavy and siege artillery units will be divided into the following groups :—
 - (i.) Bombardment Groups.
 - (ii.) Counter-battery Groups.
 - (iii.) Reinforcing Groups.
 - (iv.) Long-range Gun Groups.

The composition of these groups will conform to the new brigade organisations when introduced.

Subject to this, the principles on which they will be organised are as under :—

- (i.) *Bombardment Groups.*

A group will be affiliated to each division in the line. These groups will remain under the orders of the B.G., H.A. of the Corps, but their individual commanders will be in close touch with the divisions to which they are affiliated.

The main duty of these groups is the bombardment of the hostile defensive system on their respective divisional fronts.

- (ii.) *Counter-battery Groups.*

The tasks of these groups are :—

The methodical destruction of the hostile artillery by observed fire, switching from a datum point, or sound ranging. Observation may be carried out from aeroplanes, balloons, or observation posts.

The destruction of hostile artillery personnel by sudden concentrations of fire of short duration. These should be based on previous registration on the battery, or on a neighbouring datum point.

The neutralization of hostile fire.

Counter-battery zones will be allotted to Corps by the Army from time to time as circumstances may require.

- (iii.) *Reinforcing Groups.*

The duties of these groups are :—

To reinforce the Bombardment Groups or Counter-battery Groups.

To carry out special bombardments or tasks.

The units should be sited with special attention to a wide field of fire.

(iv.) *Long-range Gun Groups.*

A group may be formed by a Corps if considered necessary.

The duties of this group are :—

Special tasks demanding long-range fire.

The reinforcement of bombardment groups or counter-battery groups for special tasks.

Long-range guns should be employed systematically against railheads, dumps, etc., and for harassing the enemy at distances outside the effective range of guns of smaller calibre. Full use should be made of enfilade fire. They will normally deal with back areas in their respective Corps counter-battery zones, but in order to utilize their range to the best advantage, targets outside the Corps counter-battery zones may be allotted by the Army.

The preceding paragraphs must not be considered as limiting the action of groups to the duties and tasks referred to therein.

Bombardment groups may be required for counter-battery work, and counter-battery groups for bombardment, while all natures of groups will be required to take part in artillery attacks.

3.—Positions.

(a) Artillery positions should be selected with a view to carrying out the above offensive policy. Due regard must be paid at the same time to the defence of the localities referred to in Second Army No. 57 (G), para. 8.

(b) Great importance is to be attached to the attainment of enfilade and concentration of fire on various points of the hostile defensive system.

(c) If circumstances render it inadvisable to retain units in advanced positions, recourse must be had to the employment of single guns or sections.

(d) The order of importance of the work to be carried out in the construction of positions is—

(i.) Concealment.

(ii.) Bomb-proof cover for officers and men.

(iii.) Protection of ammunition against shell fire and weather.

(iv.) Subject to concealment, overhead cover for the protection of the detachments when in action and for the equipment.

4.—Observation.(a) *General.*

The hostile country should be kept under observation by day and night.

In directing artillery fire, the general principle that direct observation on the objective, either from ground or air, is requisite must be observed. The results of fire should be checked by photography whenever feasible.

Field and Garrison Artillery are to be encouraged to co-operate as much as possible in the use of observing stations and telephone systems.

Battery Commanders are responsible, if they do not observe themselves for any particular shoot, that the officer employed as observing officer is competent to carry out his duties as such.

(b) *Observing Stations.*

Observing stations are of two kinds—

Brigade and battery observing stations.

Corps observing stations.

(i.) *Brigade and Battery Observing Stations.*

The best available observing stations must be selected.

As regards these—

Concealment is of paramount importance.

Secure bomb-proof cover must be provided close at hand.

So far as concealment permits, the observing station itself must be rendered splinter and bullet-proof.

(ii.) *Corps Observing Stations.*

Corps will establish on their fronts a system of Corps artillery observing stations analogous to those already established by the Field Survey Company.

The functions of this system are—

To increase the accuracy of fire by cross-observations.

To carry out accurately observed shoots when aeroplane ranging is impossible.

To range batteries accurately on datum points for calibration or other purposes.

Three or four observing stations will be required on each Corps fronts connected by a separate telephone system to a headquarters where the observations can be rapidly compiled and the result communicated to the units firing.

Posts will be manned by artillery personnel found from batteries in the Corps, and will be equipped with Mark V. directors and telephones. It will be found that two or three men per observation post will be sufficient, with an officer and about six other ranks at the headquarters.

The 2nd Field Survey Company is prepared to locate the posts accurately and to train the officers, observers and compilers. After a sufficient number have been trained to start the system, a reserve of 50% should be maintained to replace casualties.

This system of Corps observation stations should increase the number of accurately observed shoots carried out on Corps fronts.

5.—Arrangements in Case of Attack.

(a) An artillery officer will be present at night at the headquarters of each battalion in the line, and the artillery officer responsible for covering the front of an infantry brigade must be in close touch with the Brigadier. See para. 24(a)

(b) The line of forward posts occupied by the infantry should be marked by boards, etc., so as to render them easily recognisable from the artillery observation posts.

(c) The "SOS" signal means that the enemy is advancing from his trenches and that a barrage of fire is required in front of the infantry to repel an attack.

(d) All batteries should be provided with boards and pointers to indicate whether the "SOS" rocket signal has been sent up from their zone or from some other.

(e) On receipt of the "SOS" signal, both field and heavy artillery will open fire on their barrage lines.

(f) The "SOS" rocket signal should be confirmed by telephone, and the officer responsible for giving the alarm should keep the artillery informed of the situation.

It is incumbent on all artillery officers to ascertain as soon as possible whether a continuance of fire is required and of what intensity.

(g) Corps will issue orders as regards the nature and intensity of fire to be employed on the "SOS" signal being received.

(h) A gas alarm will be accompanied by the "SOS" signal if barrage fire is required; otherwise, the procedure will be as laid down in S.S. 193, *Standing Orders for Defence Against Gas*.

(i) In the event of the enemy commencing a bombardment of such an extent or intensity as to warrant the assumption that an attack is intended, "Counter-preparation" will be ordered.

"Counter-preparation" schemes will be drawn up by Corps. They will legislate for all artillery specially detailed to deal with the hostile artillery developing full activity, and for a destructive fire being brought to bear on the enemy's forward defensive system, on probable positions of assembly, and on communications.

"Counter-preparation" tasks for units should be so arranged that the exchange to "SOS" lines can be rapidly carried out.

6.—Rear Line Defences.

Schemes for the occupation of the rear lines of defence referred to in Second Army 57 (G) must be drawn up, and command posts, observing stations and battery positions reconnoitred and determined.

The positions themselves will not be prepared pending further instructions and until the front defensive system has been thoroughly consolidated.

These schemes will be based on the assumption that the strength of the artillery available is double that maintained in line by Corps during the winter.

7.—Shooting in Proximity to our own Infantry.

When artillery is called upon to shoot on ground in close proximity to our own troops, the infantry should be asked to withdraw. If this cannot be done, the risks incurred must be made clear to the infantry, and an artillery officer placed in close touch with them.

Every precaution should be taken to ensure accuracy of fire, and the mean point of impact must be on the objective.

8.—Counter-Battery Conferences.

(a) Counter-battery conferences will be held fortnightly on the first and third Mondays of each month.

(b) These conferences will be attended by the Counter-battery Staff Officers of the Corps concerned, a representative from the Field Survey Company, a representative from the Corps Wing, R.F.C., a representative from the Balloon Wing and a representative from Army R.A. Headquarters. Owing to the number of the Corps in the line, it will be necessary to deal with "A," "B," and "C" Corps at one meeting and "D," "E," and "F" Corps at another meeting. Corps and other units concerned will be informed by Army Headquarters of the times and places of meetings.

(c) The objects of these conferences are:—

- (i.) The discussion of counter-battery methods.
- (ii.) The co-ordination of the counter-battery work on the Army front.
- (iii.) Co-operation between the R.F.C., Balloon Sections, Survey Posts and Sound Ranging Sections.
- (iv.) The allotment of zone calls to batteries.
- (v.) The discussion of points of interests affecting counter-battery work.

(d) These conferences are held in order to facilitate the interchange of opinions and experiences. No action will be taken on any conclusions arrived at before they have been submitted to the responsible authority.

9.—Anti-aircraft Artillery.

Units of the anti-aircraft artillery are allotted to Corps for tactical and administrative purposes. The work of these units on the Army front is co-ordinated by the Army and alterations affecting the general scheme of defence are not to be made without reference to Army H.Q.

10.—Survey and Sound Ranging Sections.

(a) The duty of the Survey Observation Section is co-ordinated observation along the Army front, with a view to the exact location of targets for the artillery.

(b) For this purpose, Observation Groups and Sound Ranging Sections are installed along the front, and will normally be allotted to Corps on the scale of one group and one Sound Ranging Section to each Corps front.

(c) They will be administered by the O.C., 2nd Field Survey Company, who will be responsible for their technical efficiency and methods of work. Their tactical employment will be directed by the G.O.C., R.A., of the Corps to which they are allotted.

(d) The principal targets located by Groups and Sound Ranging Sections are enemy batteries and they must, therefore, work in closest co-operation with the Corps Counter-Battery Office, to whom all batteries located will immediately be reported.

(e) Alterations in siting of survey posts or sound ranging bases, or Headquarters of Groups or Sections, which affect the general scheme of observation will not be made without reference to the Army.

(f) Both Observation Groups and Sound Ranging Sections can carry out ranging of our own guns, but such work is liable to interfere with their normal work of location of hostile artillery. They should, therefore, only be called upon to range our own artillery when it does not interfere with "location," or when exceptional circumstances in the tactical situation require it.

(g) Artillery boards for heavy and siege batteries are supplied by the 2nd Field Survey Company, Advanced Section, at present situated at Reninghelst. Applications for such boards should be addressed "Maps, Reninghelst."

Artillery boards for field batteries are supplied by Corps Topographical Sections.

11.—Kite Balloons.

An Artillery Kite Balloon Section will be allotted to each Corps in the line for tactical and administrative purposes.

These balloon sections must be in direct communication with Corps Counter-Battery Headquarters, and should work in close co-operation with them and with Survey Groups and Sound Ranging Sections.

12.—Instruction in Combined Artillery and Aeroplane Work.

Corps will afford their Royal Flying Corps Squadrons special facilities for training observers in the observation of artillery fire. Guns or howitzers as required are to be detailed specially for this purpose.

The Royal Flying Corps will afford Corps and Divisions special facilities for training artillery officers in the principles of co-operation between aircraft and artillery.

13.—Artillery out of the Line.

(a) Artillery is taken out of the line for—

- (i.) Rest.
- (ii.) Training.
- (iii.) Overhaul of equipment.

(b) The training of units out of the line will be carried out under the supervision of the G.O.C., R.A. of the Corps in whose area they are resting. Programmes of training should be drawn up and arrangements made for small tactical exercises, lectures, and courses of instruction.

Special attention being paid to—

- (i.) The training of a large number of telephonists and signallers, stress being laid on lamp signalling.
 - (ii.) The development of a higher standard of knowledge of equipment and ammunition in all ranks both of batteries and ammunition columns.
 - (iii.) The training of young officers and selected non-commissioned officers in the direction of fire generally and in making corrections for the various factors affecting the accuracy of fire in particular.
- (ii.) and (iii.) must be regarded as essentially the work of Brigade and Battery Commanders.

14.—Expenditure and Maintenance of Ammunition.

Corps will be kept informed by Army Headquarters of the situation as regards ammunition, and will be required to base their expenditure accordingly.

The total amount of ammunition to be maintained per gun, howitzer, and trench mortar in front, or independently, of Army Depôts is:—

(a) *At or near the gun.*

18-pdr.	...	...	450	60-pdr. gun	...	...	200
4.5" how.	...	...	350	6" gun	...	...	100
6" how.	...	...	250	9.2" gun	...	...	70
8" how.	...	...	150	12" gun	...	...	70
9.2" how.	...	...	150	2" T.M.	...	...	90
12" how.	...	...	70	6" T.M.	...	...	150
15" how.	...	...	50	9.45" T.M.	...	...	40

(b) The full echelon establishment of ammunition for all guns and howitzers on their charge.

With regard to (a) the total amount to be held by Corps will be calculated on the basis of the number of guns and howitzers in the line.

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15.—Reports.

(a) A daily telegraphic report is required from each Corps R.A. which should reach the G.O.C., R.A., Second Army, not later than 9.30 p.m.

The report should deal with the period from 6 p.m. on the day previous to despatch to 6 p.m. on the day of despatch, and should include information as to the progress of the policy laid down in para. 1.

The information should be given in sequence as under :—

The paragraph number and sub-paragraph letter should precede the information.

- (i.) Any special artillery operations carried out.
- (ii.) Counter-battery.
 - (a) Zone numbers or map co-ordinates of batteries on which observed destructive shoots have been carried out, *i.e.*, by observed fire, switching from a datum point, or sound-ranging.
 - (b) Number of pits observed hit, explosions and fires caused.
 - (c) Number of batteries neutralised.
 - (d) Number of zone calls answered.
- (iii.) Any special artillery attacks carried out.
- (iv.) Hostile activity.
 - (a) Action of hostile artillery generally.
 - (b) Number of our batteries on which destructive shoots have been carried out and damage caused.
 - (c) Principal areas shelled by the enemy.

(b) A daily written report is required from each Corps Heavy Artillery, which should reach the G.O.C., R.A., Second Army, by 12 noon. This report should deal with the same period and should be drawn up under the same headings as the telegraphic report, but should give the information required in detail.

(c) A weekly written report is required from each Corps R.A., which should reach the G.O.C., R.A., Second Army, as early as possible on Thursday morning. This report should cover the period from 6 p.m. Wednesday to 6 p.m. Wednesday, and should summarize the action of the hostile artillery under the following headings :—

- (i.) Activity (including general direction of fire).
- (ii.) Increase or decrease in number of guns (stating number of guns believed to be in counter-battery area).
- (iii.) Changes in groupings of artillery.
- (iv.) Matters of general interest.

28th November, 1917.

A.A.M.

C A S U A L T Y L I S T .

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE A.I.F. 24

KILLED IN ACTION.

OFFICERS.--

Major G.H.PATTERSON	14-4-17.
Lieut. H.F.RUTLEDGE	9-10-17.

OTHER RANKS.

21264 Bdr. Pember R.M.	1-2-17	23112 Gnr. Welch E.F.	1-2-17
18458 Gnr. Gentle C.G.	5-6-17	18944 Gnr. Stimson L.N.	6-6-17
19109 Sgt. Ladd B.	6-6-17	20885 Gnr. Whitecross F.T.	7-6-17
18505 Sgt. Mounter A.W.T.	18-6-17	19132 A/Bdr. Richards W.E.	24-6-17
19051 Cpl. Cade J.F.	8-7-17	19039 Gnr. Biggar J.	8-7-17
21430 Dvr. Tompkins W.E.	23-7-17	22789 Gnr. Cormack J.A.	23-7-17
21073 Gnr. Hill W.H.	21-7-17	22052 Gnr. Knox L.J.	30-7-17
633 Dvr. Jackson H.	10-8-17	18744 Gnr. Seale F.L.	11-9-17
21346 Gnr. Gibbs R.E.	10-8-17	22439 Gnr. Roff T.	10-8-17
2317 Gnr. Ryan O.J.	11-9-17	24398 S/Sm Barblett C.C.	11-9-17
19357 Dvr. Shipway C.	11-9-17	18858 Bdr. Dowling F.G.	11-9-17
28799 Gnr. Smith E.G.	11-9-17	18554 Sgt. Willis H.R.	16-9-17
18530 Cpl. Richards C.S.	16-9-17	18529 Gnr. Redman A.	16-9-17
18436 Sgt. Cherrie W.	17-9-17	19299 Gnr. Hewitson G.	24-9-17
29604 A/Bdr. Jones G.A.	22-9-17	19340 Dvr. Pettit F.J.	23-9-17
33718 Gnr. Robinson D.	24-9-17	15993 Gnr. Brown E.M.	26-9-17
33742 Gnr. Woodgate S.G.	28-9-17	18641 Gnr. Barber R.S.	3-10-17
22301 Gnr. Gale J.W.	28-9-17	18840 Gnr. Bullen A.W.	8-10-17
19291 Gnr. Hiatt N. E.	8-10-17	19318 Gnr. Lewington R.	8-10-17
22254 A/Bdr. Farrant O.C.H.	9-10-17	22007 Gnr. Drennan G.L.	16-10-17
20217 Sgt. Ranson C.G.	16-10-17	21493 Gnr. McColgan W.	15-10-17
22919 Gnr. Bisset A.E.L.	20-10-17	22442 A.Bdr. Rogers A.	22-10-17
21961 Dvr. Gardiner P.	9-11-17	22505 Gnr. Cowie G.G.	9-11-17

7th.AUST.FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE, A.I.F.DIED OF WOUNDS.OFFICERS.

Lieut. W.S. COOPER 22-9-17

OTHER RANKS.

22369	Gnr	Cameron G.G.	23-1-17	22262	Sgt	Newman R.A.	11-3-17
22543	Gnr	Talbot A.E.	11-3-17	18752	Gnr	Tindale J.E.W.	23-5-17
19138	Dvr	Smith F.W.	6-6-17	22359	Bdr	Moss W.	8-6-17
18449	Gnr	Doughty G.	19-6-17	29333	Gnr	payne R.S.	25-6-17
21256	Dvr	McPherson D.	23-7-17	26460	Dvr	Alford M.	13-9-17
24382	Dvr	Nethercott H.G.	11-9-17	18658	Dvr	Ferris E.R.	12-9-17
18651	Dvr	Dale S.G.	11-9-17	18891	A/Bdr	Leplastrier	CV30-9-17
21945	Dvr	Capper J.H.V.	26-9-17	19327	Gnr	McRobert J.W.	20-9-17
25398	Gnr	Flower E.M.	29-9-17	18450	T/Cpl	Drury W.	9-10-17
18693	Gnr	Luck E.J.	9-10-17	18628	T/Bdr	Andrew H.G.	7-10-17
22244	Ftr/Sgt	Meatchem H.	6-10-17	18754	Gnr	Uther F.	18-10-17
20814	Dvr	Kendall H.	20-10-17	23080	Gnr	Morley F.W.	19-10-17
18828	Cpl	Allen E.A.	19-10-17	18485	Gnr	Jones F.M.	19-10-17

DIED OF GAS POISONING.

Captain J.R. TILLET 2-10-17

DIED OF DISEASE.

19039 A/Bdr Love C.H. 14-8-17 (Appendicitis).

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.WOUNDED IN ACTION.OFFICERS.

2/Lt J.J.GRAHAM	23-1-17	2/Lt F.A.SHELLEY-JONES	16-2-17
2/Lt F.A.SHELLEY-JONES (2nd occasion)	8-4-17	Lieut H.B.CARROLL	3-6-17
Lieut W.R.JOHNSTON	18-6-17	Capt SAMSON C.M. (R.M.O.)	4-6-17
2/Lt K.C.RADFORD	22-9-17	Lieut C.W.WATT	11-9-17
Lieut W.S.COOPER (Died of Wounds)	20-9-17	Major H.B.TAYLOR	26-9-17
Lieut.K.D.WATSON	16-9-17	2/Lt W.S.EALES	26-9-17
		Lieut R.V.FRAZER	5-10-17

OTHER RANKS.

22369 Gnr Cameron C.G. (Died of wounds)	23-1-17	18662 Gnr Fowler R.M.	21-1-17
19377 Gnr Whealey S.H.	26-1-17	22002 Gnr Mitchell J.A.	23-1-17
26811 Gnr Stewart H.T.	1-2-17	21244 Gnr Lawrence J.	1-2-17
2909 Sgt Tilbury E.	1-2-17	21198 Gnr Clunes G.	1-2-17
19072 Gnr Fahey W.C.B.	23-2-17	18637 Gnr Bleach H.B.	30-1-17
22262 Sgt Newman R.A. (Died of wounds)	11-3-17	Gnr O'Neill T.F.	1-3-17
22302 Gnr Hodgeons D.E?	4-3-17	22543 Gnr Talbot A.E. (Died of wounds)	11-3-17
23106 Gnr Pickles F.	8-4-17	18720 Bdr Patterson G.V.	8-4-17
26472 Gnr Croft F.J.	30-4-17	23081 Gnr McGregor J.	8-4-17
19307 Sgt Kille J.	21-5-17	18858 Bdr Dowling F.G.	21-5-17
18732 Gnr Ross C.	22-5-17	18470 Gnr Harding E.	22-5-17
19303 Gnr Jacobson R.E.	26-5-17	18624 T/Cpl Ainsworth G.M.	22-5-17
18076 Gnr Gibb H.McI.	29-5-17	18752 Gnr Tindale J.E.W. (Died of wounds)	23-5-17
1853L A/Bdr Ryder W.C.	30-5-17	27192 Gnr Hill C.F.	30-5-17
18493 Gnr Laverack F.S.	3-6-17	18864 Bdr Fitzgerald T.H.	6-6-17
18461 Fit/Sgt Gibson J.	31-5-17	22782 Gnr Anderson W.S.	5-6-17
18858 Bdr Dowling F.G. (2nd occasion)	5-6-17	18874 Sgt Hogarth W.W.B.	5-6-17
22280 Gnr Linnane M. (2nd occasion)	6-6-17	19138 Gnr Smith F.E. (Died of wounds)	6-6-17
21280 Gnr Smales T.V.A.	6-6-17	19113 Bdr Murray C.C.D.	4-6-17
21194 Gnr Chapman E.G?	6-6-17	19053 Gnr Clayton W.B.	6-6-17
18652 Bdr DeDear L.G.	6-6-17	22261 Gnr Macan P?C. (2nd occasion)	7-6-17
18884 Gnr Kay A.T.	6-6-17	21918 Gnr Bennett G.R.	7-6-17
22359 Bdr Moss W. (Died of wounds)	6-6-17	19103 Gnr Kernahan V.W.	10-6-17
29604 A/Bdr Jones G.A.	5-6-17	19159 Gnr Woodward H.	17-6-17
3565 Gnr Holland G.L.	24-6-17	18449 Gnr Doughty C. (Died of Wounds)	19-6-17
19125 Gnr Parkinson H.W.	24-6-17		

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE, A.I.F.

WOUNDED IN ACTION. (CONTINUED)OTHER RANKS.

29333 Gnr Payne R.S. (Died of wounds)	25-6-17	21960 Dvr Gall R.V.	26-6-17
18645 A/Bdr Cogle J.K.	9-6-17	18631 Gnr Astill A.H.	9-6-17
18307 Sgt Kille J. (2nd occasion)	21-5-17	18727 A/Bdr Quigley G.M.	9-6-17
18898 Dvr Lynch C.	15-7-17	21964 Dvr Pennhall uriack	26-6-17
18466 Gnr Grear H.	24-7-17	21966 Dvr Sexton J.J.	26-6-17
19111 Cpl Morris G.F.	21-7-17	18899 Dvr Marlin W.J.	15-7-17
21231 Dvr Hoy W.	19-7-17	18518 Gnr Norton L.W.	23-7-17
22509 Gnr Eddy J.C.	21-7-17	19137 Sgt Stitt H.H.	21-7-17
21256 Dvr McPherson D. (Died of wounds)	23-7-17	22323 T/Bdr Bourke M.T.	22-7-17
22306 Sgt Chappell C.L.	31-7-17	22800 Gnr Goddard F.G.	21-7-17
18925 Gnr Rhall S.M.	11-7-17	19374 Gnr Wilkes J.	11-7-17
22277 Dvr Hardy L.S.	31-7-17	21967 Dvr Baldwin H.	30-7-17
20987 Gnr McWilliams J.	5-8-17	Gnr Neale H.B.	30-7-17
27006 Gnr Greaterix J.	2-8-17	25454 Gnr Fincken G.T.	29-7-17
18919 Gnr Quirk T.L.	9-8-17	3123 Gnr John H.D.	4-8-17
22324 Gnr Robinson F.	10-8-17	22372 Gnr Busby J.	2-8-17
18896 Bdr Living C.J.	17-8-17	22971 Gnr Richards H.	4-8-17
18675 Sgt Harrison C.E.	26-8-17	18547 Gnr Tyerman F.M.	10-8-17
18631 Gnr Astill A.H. (2nd occasion)	26-8-17	21172 Gnr Armstrong P.H.	19-8-17
18956 Fr/Sgt Armstrong RH	11-9-17	23102 Gnr Williams C.H. (2nd occasion)	19-8-17
31123 Gnr Deane S.G.	11-9-17	19279 Gnr Glazier S.R.	26-8-17
18708 Dvr McCarthy L.L.	11-9-17	20746 Gnr Lyons P.C.	20-7-17
18658 Dvr Ferris E.R. (Died of wounds)	11-9-17	18936 A/Bdr Silverton P.G.	11-9-17
26460 Dvr Alford M. (Died of wounds)	11-9-17	1534 Gnr Gallagher M.V.	11-9-17
18916 Gnr Parnell R.V.	11-9-17	24382 Dvr Nethercott H.G. (Died of wounds)	11-9-17
18731 Dvr Randall D.	11-9-17	18651 Dvr Dale S.G. (Died of wounds)	11-9-17
18684 Dvr Jarrett E.L.	11-9-17	22806 Gnr Green H.	11-9-17
12066 Gnr Smith W.G.C.	11-9-17	22836 Dvr Sanders A.E.	11-9-17
18664 Dvr French J.R.	11-9-17	19330 Gnr Nelson H.	11-9-17
18624 Cpl Ainsworth G.M. (2nd occasion)	11-9-17	18845 Gnr Callaghan P.C.	11-9-17
18690 Dvr Knight S.H.	11-9-17	19350 Dvr Stagg F.A.L.	11-9-17
18940 Dvr Smith J.C.	11-9-17	18470 A/Bdr Harding (2nd occasion)	11-9-17
22799 Gnr Farrington T.	11-9-17	18873 Gnr Harvey P.U.	11-9-17
22823 Dvr Mason W.D.	11-9-17	18712 T/Bdr Noble G.E.	11-9-17
18463 Sgt Gourlay J.J.D.	11-9-17	18664 Gnr Clark A.J.	11-9-17
18441 Gnr Cooper C.C.	11-9-17	18894 Dvr Liddell S.R.	11-9-17
18558 Gnr Deacon A.E.	13-9-17	26421 Dvr Shearston J.S.	11-9-17
		30461 Gnr Dumbrell A.J.	11-9-17
		19052 Sgt Capel R.	15-9-17
		18526 T/Cpl Philp E.L.	15-9-17

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Major W.A.R. PEART joined the 11th Battery, 2nd Australian Division, and served in FRANCE in the ARMENTIERES Sector until promoted Captain and appointed Adjutant of the 23rd Aus. Field Artillery Brigade in July 1916, and later D.T.M.O., 3rd Australian Division. This Division was at that time training in ENGLAND. In November 1916 he was appointed to command the 36th Battery, 23rd Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd Australian Division. This Battery he brought to FRANCE with the Divisional Artillery in December 1916. In January 1917, a re-organisation of the Divisional Artillery took place, and in the re-distribution, Captain PEART was appointed to command the 27th Battery, 7th Australian Field Artillery Brigade. This Battery Captain PEART commanded in the ARMENTIERES Sector until March 1917 when he became Battery Captain under Major H.B. TAYLOR, and Officer transferred from the 1st Australian Division.

Captain PEART remained with this Battery whilst in action at PLOEGSTEERT in April, and again at the same place in May and June 1917, which latter included the very trying operations leading up to and including the capture of MESSINES.

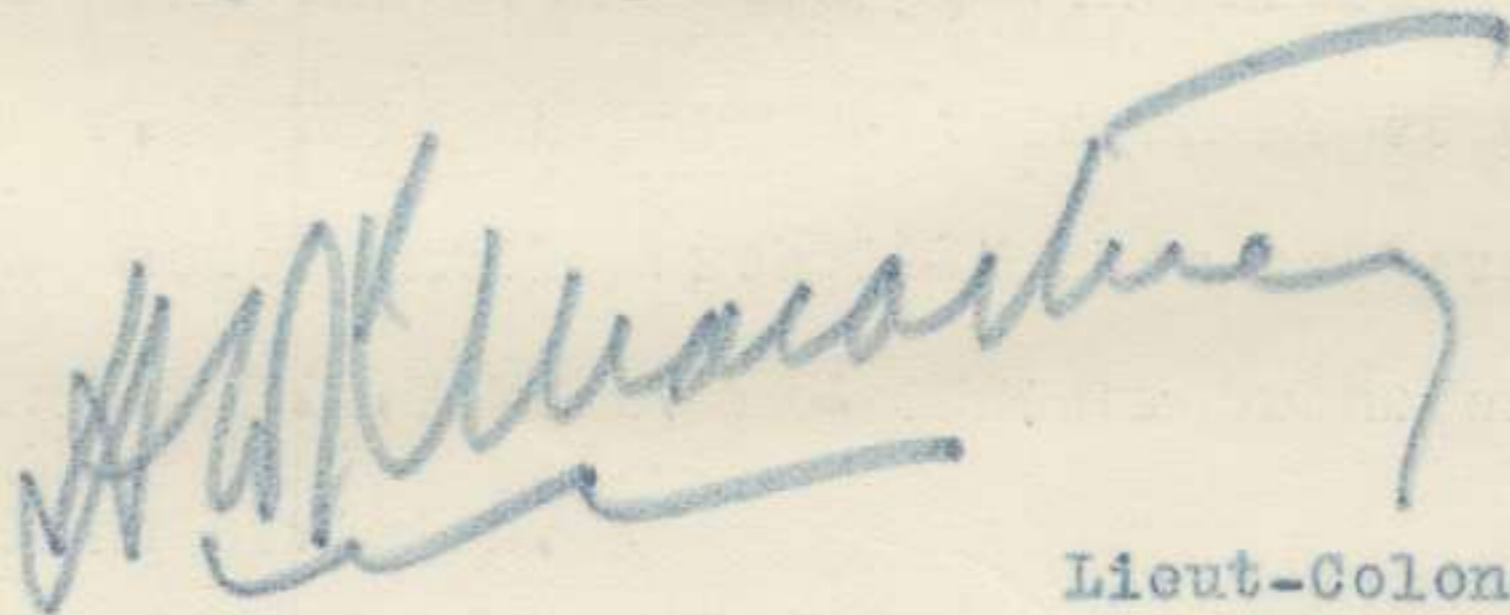
Later the Battery went into action in the MESSINES Area and from here Captain PEART was recommended for appointment to the Staff, and as a preliminary measure, he was attached to the Headquarters of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade under Brigadier-General CANNAN C.B. He performed the duties of Staff Captain to this Brigade during the Operations commencing on 31st July 1917 and resulting in the capture of a series of Posts along the WARNETON LINE, and intended as a demonstration for the main Operations taking place East of YPRES. During these later Operations the Australian Divisional Artilleries suffered very heavy casualties in Officers, which fact necessitated the withdrawal of all available Artillery Officers from Staff Training. Captain PEART was therefore appointed to command the 4th Battery of the 2nd Australian Field Artillery Brigade and received promotion to Major.

He took part in the Operations leading up to the capture of GLENCORSE and POLYGON WOODS, and later the capture of ZONNEBEKE and PASSCHENDAELE.

He suffered from the effects of a Gas Shell and died from Gas poisoning on the 3rd November 1917.

Major PEART had shown marked ability and would probably have made a most successful Staff Officer. He was markedly courageous and, under many difficult, trying and highly dangerous circumstances, had set a fine example to the men under his command.

He was a valuable Officer with a really good technical knowledge of his profession.



Lieut-Colonel,

Commanding 7th Aus. Field Artillery Brigade.

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Regl.No. Rank and Name.	CRIME.	AWARD.
20758 Gnr Walker T.B.	Whilst on Active Service neglecting to obey an order. 26-1-17.	10 days F.P. No. 2 by Lt-Col.H.D.K.Macartney. 27-1-17.
26912 Gnr O'Brien J.P.) 25571 Gnr Wilson A.H.)	When on Active Service contravention of Traffic Regulations in that he at Croic-du-Bac at about 2-30 P.M.on 28-2-17 cantered on the Bac St. Maur Road.	10 days F.P. No.2 by Lt-Col.H.D.K.Macartney. 2-3-17.
18897 Dvr Long E.W.	Making an improper reply to an N.C.O. 8-4-17.	15 days F.P.No.2 by Major T.B.W.James. 12-4-17.
18841 Dvr Burgess S.M.	Field General Court Martial held at Armentieres, 15-4-17. CHARGE. A.A.Sec.19. When on Active Service - Drunkenness. 8-4-17. FINDING -- Guilty.	<u>SENTENCE</u> - 21 days F.P. No.2. Confirmed by Brig-Genl. W.Ramsey McNicoll. GOC 10th Infty.Brigade 16-4-17.
19365 Dvr Talbot J.G.	When on Active Service Drunk in Town. 28-4-17.	28 days F.P. No. 2 by Lt-Col.H.D.K.Macartney. 4-5-17.
24398 S/S Barblett C.C.	Making an improper reply to a comrade. 24-4-17.	5 days F.P. No.2 by Lt-Col.H.D.K.Macartney. 27-4-17.
21193 Dvr Brady A.P.	In the field. 20-4-17. Absent without leave while on Active Service from 9 AM to 2 PM 20-4-17, also absent without leave while in open arrest from 10 PM to 6-30 AM 20/21st-4-17.	21 days F.P.No.2 by Major T.B.W.James. 8-5-17.
21207 Dvr Davis G.	ditto .	ditto.
10047 Gnr Hill L.G.	LONDON. Absent without leave from 7-30 AM 15-8-17 till 6-30 AM 17-8-17.	Forfeits 7 days pay by Lt.Col.S.Bruggy, AAG, A.I.F. LONDON.17-8-17.
18841 Dvr Burgess S.M.	HAVRE. 22-8-17. 1. Drunkenness. 2. Being in Havre without a pass.	21 days F.P. No. 2 by C.O. A.G.B.D. 24-8-17.
18520 Gnr O'Brien J.H.	ROUELLES. 30-8-17. Creating a disturbance in the lines.	14 days F.P. No. 2 by CO. A.G.B.D. 1-9-17.

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18502	Dvr Miller G.K.	LE TREPORT.24-8-17. Being in Le Treport without a pass.	Forfeits 4 days Pay and 7 days C.B. by CO. A.G.B.D.28-8-17.
27192	Gnr Hill C.F.	ROUELEES. 30-8-17. 1. Absent from 9 AM parade. 2. Out of Bounds during Parade Hours.	Forfeits 7 days Pay and 7 days C.B. by CO.AGBD. 31-8-17.
887	Gnr Sanders C.	ENGLAND. 10-7-17. Overstaying Marriage Leave from 6-30 AM 10-7-17 till apprehended by Police in Birmingham 10-45 AM.12-7-17.	72 hours detention by Lt-Col.F.O'Mahony 18-7-17.
30804	Dvr Chick C.A.	ENGLAND. 22-8-17. Overstaying leave from 12 noon 22-8-17 till 12 noon 23-8-17.	Admonished by Lt-Col G.H.M. KING.
32724	Gnr Grounds H.F.	ENGLAND. 21-7-17. Overstaying leave from 9 AM 21-7-17 till 8-30 AM 8-8-17	19 days DETENTION by Major C.H.Spurge 8-8-17.
21918	Gnr Bennett G.R.	ENGLAND. 1-8-17. 1. Breaking out of Guard Room whilst under close arrest. 1-8-17. 2. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline viz; Bribing a hospital orderly.	28 days F.P. No. 2 by Major T.H.Steele 11-9-17.
18522	Dvr O'Keefe T.	TROUVILLE. 29-10-17. When on Active Service - Drunkenness.	14 days F.P. No. 2 by Lt-Col .RV.Cowey D.S.O..
27509	Dvr Elder R.G.	ENGLAND. 9-9-17. Leaving place of parade without permission.	2 days F.P.No.2 by Lt-Col.G.H.M.KING. 10-9-17.
33842	Gnr O'Neill T.F.	ENGLAND .8-9-17. Being found out of bounds beyond the limits fixed by Depot Orders of 22-6-17, without leave.	1 days F.P. No.2 by Lt-Col.G.H.M.KING. 10-9-17.
14590	Dvr Vernon C.	ENGLAND. 13-9-17. Absent without leave from 8-30 A.M.13-9-17 to 8-30 AM 18-9-17.	9 days F.P. No. 2 by Lt-Col.G.H.M.KING. 18-9-17.
34062	Gnr Rainey R.L.	ENGLAND. 9-9-17. Overstaying leave from 6 AM 9-9-17 till 6 AM.13-9-17.	8 days F.P. No. 2 by Lt-Col.G.H.M.KING. 14-9-17.
33283	Gnr Sellwood F.S.	ENGLAND 9-9-17. Overstaying leave from 6 AM 9-9-17 to 11-30 PM.9-9-17.	2 days FP.No.2 by Lt-Col.H.H.M.KING. 10-9-17.

No. Rank and Name.	CRIME.	AWARD.
27509 Dvr Elder R.G.	ENGLAND. 23-9-17. ABSENT from stable parade.	1 days F.P.No.2 by Lt-Col.G.H.M.KING. 24-9-17.
32961 Gnr Saunderson R.	ENGLAND. 8-9-17. Overstaying leave from 6 AM 8-9-17 till 2 AM.10-9-17.	6 days F.P.No.2 by Lt.Col.G.H.M.KING. 10-9-17.
19284 Dvr Holmes J.F.	In the field, B.E.F. 6-11-17. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he appeared on parade untidy and dirty.	28 days F.P.No.2 by Major T.A.J. Playfair D.S.O. 12-11-1917.
20860 Gnr Porter J.B.	LE HAVRE. 3-11-17. Neglecting to obey Base Standing Order 24.	7 days C.B. and forfeit 2 days pay by Lt.J.T. Foord.3-11-17
2102 Dvr Bansemer W.	District Court Martial held at Larkhill.18-7-17. Charge. Absent without leave from 16-6-17 when under orders for embarkation for Active Service, until 18-6-17.	Finding. GUILTY. To undergo detention for a period of 21 days. 18-7-17. Confirmed by Hon. Maj.Gen.McKay CB.VD. GOC.AIF.Depots in UK. Time awaiting trial 29 days.
24433 Dvr Russell J.R.A.	Etaples. France. 24-11-17. When on Active Service. 1. Absent from 8-30 PM 24-11-17 until apprehended by Military Police about 10-20 PM 25-11-17. 2. Being in Paris Plage without a pass.	7 days F.P. No.1 by C.O. No.6 Convalescent depot.27-11-17.
22298 Gnr Lumberg J.	Whilst on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 6-30 AM 9-12-17 to 4 PM 9-12-17.	14 days FP.No.2 by Major T.A.J.Playfair DSO. 12-12-17.
24469 Bdr Bartleman H.C. (Whilst a member of 3rd D.A.C).	F.G.C.M. held on 12-2-17. Charges. At or near Steenwerck between a date on or about the middle of December 1916 and the 13th January 1917. 1. Sec.40 A.A. When on Active Service neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. 2. Committing an offence of a fraudulent nature. Sec.18 A.A.	Finding. GUILTY. Sentence. Reduced to the ranks and 28 days F.P.No.2 12-2-17. Confirmed by Brig. Gen.H.W.Grimwade C.R.A. 3rd A.D.A. 12-2-17. Time awaiting trial. 14-1-17 to 11-2-17.
24513 Dvr Knee S.H.	Passing No.47 front line examining post at 9-50 PM 12-12-17 and being unable to produce a pass.	5 days F.P.No.2 by Lt.Col.H.D.K. Macartney. 27-12-17.

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Regl.No.	Rank and Name.	CRIME.	AWARD.
22800	Gnr Goddard F.G.	HAVRE. 10-12-17. 1. Drunkenness. 2. A.W.L. from 9-15 P.M. until apprehended by Military Police at 9-30 P.M. 10-12-17. 3. In possession of a Comrade's Pass.	28 days F.P.No.2 by C.O. A.G.S.D. 12-12-17.
30443	Dvr Williams R.A.	ENGLAND. A.W.L. from Tattoo 30-9-17 till 9 A.M. 1-10-17.	2 days FP.No.2 by Lt.Col.G.H.M. King. 1-10-17.
14587	Dvr Grant J.	ENGLAND. 15-11-17. Overstaying leave from 6 AM to 10-50 P.M. 15-11-17.	2 days FP.No.2 by Lt.Col.G.H.M. King. 16-11-17.
2325	Gnr Penrose R.D.	ENGLAND. 7-11-17. Overstaying leave from 6 AM 7-11-17 to 6 AM.8-11-17.	2 days FP.No. 2 by Lt.Col.G.H.M. KING. 8-11-17.
18864	Gnr Fitzgerald T.H.)	In the field.22-12-17.	28 days FP.No. 2 by Lt.Col.H.D.K. Macartney DSO. 27-12-17.
28153	Gnr Phillips W.A.)	Whilst on Active Service Drunkenness.	
14587	Dvr Grant J.	HALIFAX. 20-9-17. Absent without leave from 2-30 PM 20-9-17 to 11-55PM 20-9-17.	Forfeits 1 day's Pay by C.H.Riatt 22-9-17.
21192	Gnr Brown F.W.	In the field. 22-11-17. 1. Disobedience of AIF Orders not wearing an Identity Disc. 2. Stating falsehood to Mil- itary Police.	6 days F.P.No.2 by Lt.Col H.D.K. Macartney DSO. 27-12-17.
34296	Dvr Gray W.J.	ENGLAND. 13-10-17. When in Camp being found beyond the limits fixed by AIF.Depots in the U.K. Orders in when in camp at Larkhill was found at Salisbury 13-10-17.without a pass.	2 days F.P.No.2 by Lt.Col.G.H.M. King. 17-10-17.

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Month	Killed in Action.	Died of Wounds.	Died of Gas Poisoning	Died of Disease	TOTAL DEATHS	Wounded in Action.	Wounded (Gas)	TOTAL WOUNDED	TOTAL CASUALTIES	Invald. &c. to ENGLAND.
JANUARY	-	1	-	-	1	6	-	6	7	5
FEBRUARY	2	-	-	-	2	6	7	13	15	15
MARCH	-	2	-	-	2	4	-	4	6	10
APRIL	1	-	-	-	1	5	1	6	7	9
MAY	-	1	-	-	1	12	-	12	13	7
JUNE	6	4	-	-	10	32	40	72	82	28
JULY	6	1	-	-	7	20	6	26	33	21
AUGUST	3	-	-	1	4	14	-	14	18	34
SEPTEMBER	17	9	-	-	26	127	11	138	164	58
OCTOBER	12	9	1	-	22	49	6	55	97 77	77
NOVEMBER	2	-	-	1	3	4	7	11	14	34
DECEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	6	11
TOTALS.	49	27	1	2	79	285	78	363	442	309

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82	Brigade Headquarters.		Captain George Jerrard GREENSHIELDS.		<i>M. Ch... ..</i> Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Bde.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	

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	27th Battery		Captain Henry Gordon ROURKE.	<p>Captain H.G. ROURKE commanded the 27th Battery of this Brigade during the operations of the 4th, 9th and 12th October 1917, leading up to the capture of the PASSCHENDAELE Ridge. While his Battery was in action near ZONNEBEKE for the two latter operations, he showed ability in the handling of his command and the utmost cheerfulness under the most trying circumstances. During the whole period, his Battery was subjected to very heavy shell-fire from enemy Guns of all calibres. As a consequence, nearly all the shelters which had been built for the personnel of the Battery were destroyed and men were often compelled to live without any cover at all for several days. It was largely owing to the Battery Commander's personal example and devotion to duty that this Battery kept its Guns in action throughout the whole operations, never failing on any occasion to carry out completely the tasks allotted to it.</p>	<p><i>H. G. Rourke</i> Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.</p>	<p>Lieut-Colonel, Field Artillery Brigade. MILITARY CROSS.</p>	

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	26th Battery	18713	Gunner (A/Bdr.) John NEAL.		<i>McChurch</i> Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Bde.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	

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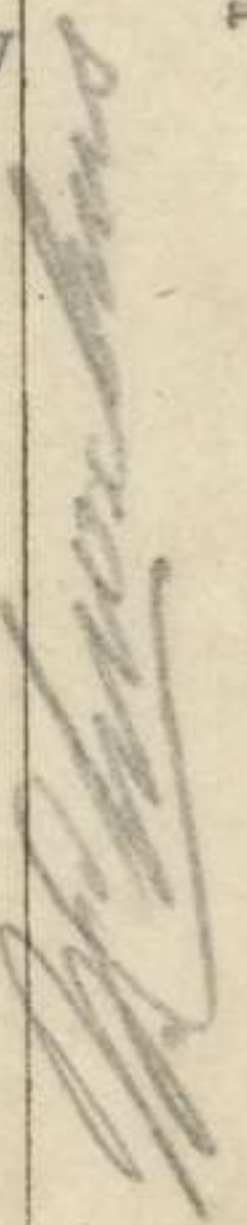
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	107th How. Battery	19159	Gunner Hayward WOODWARD.	<p>Gunner WOODWARD has acted as permanent linesman in his Battery since January 1917, and has been present with his Battery during every Operation in which it has been engaged. During minor operations at ARMENTIERES and major operations at MESSINES and PASSCHENDAELE he rendered most gallant and devoted service in maintaining the communications of his Battery, often under the most difficult circumstances and under heavy shell fire. He was a member of the Forward Observing parties, both at the Battle of MESSINES on the 7th June 1917, and during the operation of the 9th October 1917 against the PASSCHENDAELE Ridge. On the latter occasion, when the Officer in charge of his party had been killed, he helped to maintain communication by lamp with Group Headquarters until another Officer arrived to take over command. He continued to do fine work until the conclusion of the Operation. During the whole period of his service in FRANCE, Gunner WOODWARD has, by reason of his intelligence, cheerfulness, and devotion to duty proved invaluable to his Officers, and has set a splendid example to all ranks.</p>	<p><i>M. J. ...</i> Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.</p>	<p>MEDAILLE MILITAIRE.</p>	

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	26th Battery		Lieutenant Alex. Stratford NIVISON.	At YPRES, during the operations of the 4th, 9th and 12th October 1917, Lieut. A.S. NIVISON was continually with the Guns of his Battery. He showed on all occasions the utmost gallantry and devotion to duty, setting a splendid example to his men. On several occasions, when detachments were very much reduced owing to casualties, Lieutenant NIVISON himself helped to man the Guns. He assisted materially in maintaining the morale of his Battery which carried out its tasks completely on all occasions. Lieutenant NIVISON has previously done very good work.	 Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS.	

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	Brigade Headquarters, (Attached from A.A.M.C)		Captain Cedric Murray SAMSON.	Near ZONNEBEKE, during the Operations of the 4th, 9th and 12th October 1917, leading up to the capture of the PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, Captain C.M. SAMSON (R.M.O. attached to this Brigade) showed the greatest devotion to duty and courage under very heavy shell-fire. He established a forward Aid Post in a central position between the Batteries, which owing to its forward position was heavily shelled daily. Notwithstanding this fact, Captain SAMSON not only dressed the wounds of Gunners evacuated from the Batteries, but in addition attended to a large number of our wounded Infantry who were carried to his Aid Post by Regimental Stretcher-Bearers. On one occasion he attended upwards of 200 cases within the space of 48-hours, and during this period he remained continuously at his post. The great personal danger involved owing to shell-fire, in no way hindered Captain SAMSON in the execution of his duty, and he showed a complete disregard for his own personal safety. The large number of Infantry wounded which Captain SAMSON attended during the above operations, would otherwise probably remained exposed to the weather with their wounds undressed, for several hours; with a consequent big loss of life. These cases would not, in the ordinary way, have come under his care. Captain SAMSON has, on a large number of other occasions, showed splendid courage while dressing wounded under shell-fire, and his courage ability and example have proved invaluable.	<i>W.C. ...</i> Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS.	

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	107th Battery	19047	Gunner (A/Bdr.) Arthur Nelham phonists BURTON.	At ZONNEBEKE, during the Battle of the 12th October, A/Bdr. BURTON was one of the telephonists who accompanied the Forward Observing Officer sent forward by Group Headquarters. He showed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty although he was subjected to extremely heavy shell-fire throughout the whole of the period. When his Officer was killed, he carried on in his stead maintaining, throughout this period, his communication with Group Headquarters by lamp, until relieved by another Officer. From that time also to the completion of the operations, he did splendid work; his courage and example materially assisting others in the work of maintaining communications. This N.C.O. also did invaluable work as a member of the Battery Staff in maintaining communications between the Battery and its observation posts, Group Headquarters, and the Batteries on the flanks, during the Operations in October. He has accompanied Forward Observing Officers on several previous occasions and has invariably done very good work.	<i>M. Church</i>	Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

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	25th Battery	18945	Gunner Harry STUART.	<p>This Gunner has been the Cook at the Battery Position since the 22nd September 1917, and has carried out these duties without once being relieved. He was cooking at the Battery position during the operations, 4th, 12th and 20th October when his Battery was in action near ZONNEBEKE. Gunner STUART has at all times carried out his work although he has on a large number of occasions been subjected to extremely heavy shell-fire. During the above period he never missed serving the men with a hot meal, thus materially helping to maintain the good spirits and efficiency of the men of his Battery.</p>	<p><i>W. J. H. ...</i> Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.</p>	<p>MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.</p>	

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