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OF

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Hour	Date	Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Oct. 1st.	SAULCOURT WOOD.	On return from leave to-day I assume command of D.A.C.. Capt. J Gleeson taking up Adjutant's duties. All Sections reported back to control from this Office, S.A.A. Sectn. from 27th. American Division and Nos. 1 & 2 Sections from 10th. & 11th. A.F.A.Bdes. respectively. Visited D.A.H.Q.. Weather fine. Strength :- 18 Officers, 582 o'ranks, surplus 3 Officers 17 o'ranks. Animals, :- shortage 2 Rides, 30 light Draught. Ammunition issued to 11th. Bde. :- 100 rds. On hand :- 2294A - 1078 AX - 1128 BX. Unit passed to control of 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery. 3 N.C.Os & 20 o'ranks reported to 5th. Aust. Div. A.R.P. HARGICOURT <del>at</del> 0730. Continental method of recording time came into force from midnight last night. This should be an improvement, as it proved very satisfactory when in EGYPT.	
	Oct. 2nd.	SAULCOURT WOOD.	Frosty morning. Fine all day until dusk, when light rain fell. Information received from 11th. A.F.A.Bde. of the following casualties to members of this Unit attached to that Bde. :- 30426 Gnr. Iles. J; 1352 Bdr. Weaver G L; 15689 Dvr. Ball J L; 30520 Dvr. Webster W H. (11th. F.A.B. B3693). Lieut. J S V Mein handed over RONSSOY Dump to 3rd. Aust. Division Strength :- 18 Officers, 583 o'ranks; surplus 3 Officers; 13 o'r Animals short :- 2 Rides, <del>xx</del> 30 LD. Ammunition issued to Bdes. :- To 11th. Bde. 212 A, 60 AX, On Hand :- 2234 A, 1150 AX, 1248 BX.	
	Oct. 3rd.	SAULCOURT WOOD.	Fine weather. Visited No. 1, 2 & S.A.A. Sections during the afternoon. Found animals in good condition, considering heavy work they have done lately. Great difficulty is experienced by all Sections in watering; each parade taking about 2 hours. Lieut. C Turner proceeded on ENGLISH leave. This morning No. 2 Section camp was shelled and ani,als had to be removed from lines. 3 N.C.Os. & 20 o'ranks at HARGICOURT A.R.P. returned to Sections. 4th. D.A.Hq. Order detaches D.A.C. with 2nd. D.A. from noon. Strength. :- 18 Officers, 572 o'ranks. 11 o'ranks struck off strength being in Field Amb. over 7 days. Surplus 3 Officers 2 o'ranks. Animals short :- 2 Rides, 30 LDs. Ammunition issued to 11th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 580 BX. Ammo. on hand :- 2234 A, 1150 AX, 1178 BX.	
	Oct. 4th.	SAULCOURT WOOD.	Fine weather. Capt. Calvert, Horsemaster, reports back from U.K. leave. Orders received for Lieut. F Dickinson to proceed to AUSTRALIA on 6 months furlough. Orders sent to Lieut. C E Jenour to report to S A A Section & take over from Lieut. F Dickinson. Received 2nd. D. A. Order No. 158 (Attached with appendices), also Locations of Dumps at HARGICOURT and <del>xxx</del> G 23 c 1050, (Sheet 62b). Advice received that No. 7509 Gr. James R H died of wounds, 1100, 29.9.18. previously reported wounded in action, night 28th/29th. Sept. Strength. :- 18 Officers, 572 o'ranks. Surplus 3 Officers, 2 o'ranks. Animals short 2 rides, 30 LDs. Ammunition issued to 11th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 150 BX, On hand :- 2234 A, 1150 AX, 1028 BX.	
	Oct. 5th.	SAULCOURT WOOD.	Weather fine. Cold. Lieut. F Dickinson proceeded to Aust. on 6 months furlough. Lieut. C E Jenour took over command of S A A Section. 4th. Aust. <del>xxxxxx</del> Div. Order A422 received; detailing S A A Section to report at 6 p.m. for duty with 27th. American Division at J 4 d 5 9 (Sheet 62c). I made reconnaissance of forward area with Adjutant and O.C. No. 1 Section in case of move forward. Have selected camping sites near HARGICOURT. It is not advisable to move forward of this Village owing to shortage of water for animals.	

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	Oct. 5th. (cont.)		2nd. D.A. Location Statement No. 57 received; also 2nd. D.A. Warning Order All/167. Strength. 17 Officers, 571 o'ranks. Surplus 2 Officers, 1 o'rank. (see Oct. 4th.) Animals short ; 2 rides, 30 LDs. Ammunition issued :- Nil. " On hand :- 2234 A, 1150 AX, 1028 BX.	
	Oct. 6th. SAULCOURT WOOD.		Weather fine. Issued Field Order No. 1. No. 1 Section march via VILLERS FANCON - TEMPLEUX le GERRARD - HARGICOURT to L 11 a 1 (Sheet 62b). Strength :- 17 Officers, 571 o'ranks; surplus 2 Officers, 1 o'rank. Animals short 3 rides (1 destroyed by shell fire), 30 LDs. Ammunition issued :- 10th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 836 A, 532 AX, 300 BX. 11th. " 260 A, 336 AX, 600 BX. " On hand :- 2342 A, 1042 AX, 973 BX.	
	Oct. 7th. SAULCOURT. WOOD.		Weather fine; rain at night. D.A.C. Hqtrs. marched via VILLERS FANCON - TEMPLEUX le GERRARD - to L 9 c 2 3 (Sheet 62c) No. 2 Section moved to G 21 b 9 7 (62b Sheet). 4th. D A Hq. moved to G 23 b 4 8 (Sheet 62b.). Issued Field Order No. 2. (Attached to appendices.) Warned No. 1 & 2 Sections each to supply one N.C.O. & 5 men for duty on 2nd. Division A.R.P. at G 23c 1 5. Capt. J Gleeson proceeded on U.K. Leave. 2/LT. G D Heathorn appointed A/Adjutant. Received 4th. D.A. Order No. 60 (attached to appendices). Issued Field Order No. 3. also attached. Strength :- 17 Officers, 571 o'ranks; surplus 2 Officers, 1 o'rank. Animals short 3 rides, 30 LDs. Ammunition issued :- Nil. On hand as yesterday.	
	Oct. 8th. Near HARGICOURT.		Weather fine. Issued Field Order No. 4. Issued orders to Nos. 1 & 2 Sections to draw 224 remounts from PERONNE at 1400 to-day. 5 reinforcements marched in from Base and were posted to Sections. Strength ;+ 17 Officers, 576 o'ranks; surplus 2 Officers, 6 o'ranks. On leave 5 Officers, 55 o'ranks. In Field Ambulance 3 Officers, 21 o'ranks. Animals short 3 rides & 30 LDs. Ammunition issued 10th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 912 A, 456 AX, 300 BX 11th. A F A Bde. :- 998 A, 810 AX, 300 BX " on hand :- 432 A, 673 BX.	
	Oct. 9th. Near HARGICOURT.		Party with remounts from PERONNE arrived back 2 a.m. Animals were taken to Section Wagon Lines for distribution to Batteries of 10th. & 11th. Bdes. Received D.A. Order No. 203 ordering No. 1 & 2 Sections to be affiliated with 10th. & 11th. Bdes., and move forward with first echelons at ZERO hour to MONTBREHAIN (Order attached to appendices.) Visited D.A.Hq., Nos. 1 & 2 Sections during afternoon. Made reconnaissance of forward area and selected camp for D.A.C. Hqtrs. at MONTBREHAIN. Received notification of 2nd. Div. A.R.P. at B 28 c 9 7 (Sheet 62b). S.A.A. Section moved to G 15 d 62. Strength :- 3 o'ranks taken on strength from base & 11 o'ranks struck off strength; i.e. 2 transferred to 11th. F A Bde. & 9 in Field Amb. over 7 days: 17 Officers, 578 o'ranks, surplus 2 Officers; understrength 2 o'ranks. Animals short 3 rides. Ammo. issued :- 10th. F A Bde. 1344 A 456 AX, 384 BX. To 11th. F A Bde. 289 BX. Ammunition on hand :- Nil	

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	Oct. 10th.	Near HARGICOURT. - MONTBREHAIN.	<p>Weather, rain till mid-day then fine. D A C Hqtrs. &amp; No. 1 Section moved at 9 a.m. via BELLICOURT - JONCOURT - RAMICOURT to MONTBREHAIN, arriving at 1300. Locations :-                      D A C Hqtrs. --- I 1 c 1 7) Sheet 62b                      No. 1 Sectn. --- H 6 b 9 3)</p> <p>No. 2 Section moved at 1000 via ESTREES - to B 22 c 1 9.                      S A A Section moved at 2400 to C 22 d 8 8. At 1600 No. 1 Sec. moved to C 4 b 5095 (Sheet 62b). Orders received at 2100 from 4th. D.A. for No. 2 Sectn. to move to PREMONT tomorrow. Strength :- 17 Officers, 566 o'ranks. Surplus 2 Officers &amp; short 4 o'ranks. Animals short 3 rides. Ammunition issued Nil. Ammo. on hand :- 1453 A, 1131 AX, 632 BX.</p>	
	Oct. 11th.	MONTBREHAIN. - BUSIGNY.	<p>Weather, showery. D A C Hqtrs. moved at 1000 via BRANCOURT - PREMONT + MARETZ to BUSIGNY. Location V 15 b 6 8 (Sheet 57b). Received 4th. D A Hq. Secret Order No. 205. No. 2 Section moved to U 23 c 8 2. Issued Field Order No. 6. Lieut. C R Cramp returned from U.K. leave. Strength, 17 Officers, 566 o'ranks, surplus 2 Officers, short 4 o'ranks. Animals short 3 rides. Ammo. issued to 10th. F A Bde. :- 304 A, 152 AX, 300 BX                      " " 11th. F A Bde. :- 304 A, 152 AX,                      " on hand :- 1397 A, 1055 AX, 542 BX.</p>	
	Oct. 12th.	MONTBREHAIN - BUSIGNY.	<p>Weather fine, rain at night. Lieut. J S V Mein proceeded on U K leave. No. 1 Section moved to V 15 a 9 1.; No. 2 Section moved to V 21 A 6 8. (Sheet 57b). Reinforcements taken on strength from Base :- 4 &amp; posted to sections to replace 4 o'ranks struck off strength in Field Amb. over 7 days. Animals short 3 rides. Ammo. issued :- to 10th. A F A Bde. :- 1044 A, 780 AX, To 11th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 801 A, 1131 AX, On hand :- 444A, 488 AX, 542 BX.</p>	
	Oct. 13th.	BUSIGNY.	<p>Weather fine. Enemy shell D.A C horse-lines and billets at 1400, wounding 7 horses and 5 mules. 1 horse was destroyed &amp; 1 evacuated, &amp; 2 mules evacuated. 19 reinforcements taken on strength from Base. S A A Section moved to location U 3 o d 5 2. S A A Dump established at U 30 b 0 9. On the night 12th./13th. enemy shelled No. 1 Section camp, wounding No. 27890 Dr. Ellis S T, evacuated to Field Amb. Strength :- 17 Officers, 585 o'ranks. Ammunition issued to 10th. Bde. :- 760 A, 608 AX, 400 BX.                      " " 11th. Bde. :- 596 A, 608 AX, 300 BX.                      " on hand :- 152 A, 412 AX, 842 BX.</p>	
	Oct. 14th.	BUSIGNY.	<p>Weather fine. Lieut. C E Jenour returned to No. 2 Section having handed over command to Lieut. C R Cramp of S A A Section. Lt.-Col. H V Vernon, D.S.O. having been previously shown as on 6 months furlough to AUSTRALIA is now struck off strength under instructions from D A Hq. 2/Lieut. Grylls also struck off strength to seconded list (A.I.F. List 386) Strength :- 15 Officers, 607 o'ranks; 22 reinforcements having reported from Base. Animals short 3 rides. Ammo. issued to 10th. Bde. :- 492 A, 684 AX, 40 AS, 250 BX.                      " " 11th. " 1584 A, 1368 AX, 300 BX.                      " on hand :- 984 A, 944 AX, 220 AS, 542 BX.</p>	
	Oct. 15th.	BUSIGNY.	<p>Weather fine. Night 14th./15th. enemy shelled Billets of D.A.C. Hqtrs. causing no damage to personnel or animals. Staff Sergt. McMahon B returned from leave to ITALY. 5 reinforcements arrived from Base. Notified Sections that BUSIGNY - MARETZ Road was open for traffic only one way.) Issued Field Order No. 7. going West )</p>	

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	Oct. 15th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Copy received of congratulatory letter received by the late O.C. S A A Section from 27th. American Division (attached to appendices). 37 o'ranks surplus to Establishment. / 3 Rides short. Ammunition issued to 10th. Bde. :- 630 BX, - to 11th. Bde :- 228 A, 228 AX, 300 BX.	
	Oct. 16th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather showery. Issued Field Order No. 8 & 9. Field Order No. 7 cancelled. Issued Instruction No. 1 for Field Order No. 9. Received 30th. American Division Secret Order 111. 5 reinforcements marched in from Base and 1 o'rank transferred to 11th. A F A Bde. 41 o'ranks surplus strength. Ammunition issued to 10th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 208 A, 208 AX, 100 AS, 170 BX., to 11th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 552 A, 868 AX, 100 BX,	
	Oct. 17th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. 2 reinforcements arrived from Base. & 20 other ranks were transferred to 10th. A.F.A.Bde. to replace casualties Decrease 18. 1 mule destroyed by shell fire of No. 1 Section 1 horse wounded on 13th. inst. evacuated from D.A.C.Hq. Strength. 15 Officers (2 in Field Amb. & 3 on Leave) 593 o'ranks, Surplus 23 o'ranks. Ammunition issued to 10th. Bde. :- 300 AS, 120 BS, - to 11th. Bde. 380 A, 532 AX, 420 BX,	
	Oct. 18th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. Issued Instruction No. 2 to Field Order No. 9. 1 o'rank taken on strength from Base making surplus strength 24. Ammunition issued to 11th. A.F.A.Bde. :- 456 A, 456 AX, 300 BX. Ammunition on hand :- 1490 A, 2302 AX, 300 BX.	
	Oct. 19th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. Lieut. C E Jenour proceeds on U K leave. "J" Sub-section, S A A Section moved to camp at V 12 a 8 8. 9 o'ranks in Field Amb. struck off strength. Present surplus 15 Distribution of all ranks of Unit :- Detached .....with 4th. Div. Train 4 " D.A.D.O.S. 1 " D T M Btys. 2 " D A Hqtrs 8 " Y M C A assistants 2 " 3rd. Echelon 1 " Aust Corps Dump 7 On leave 54 At Schools of Inst. 4 Absent W/O leave 2 In Field Amb. 12 Ammunition issued to 10th. A F A Bde. :- 152 A, 304 AX, " 11th. " 796 A, 1426 AX, 200 AS 600 BX, " on hand :- 770 A, 1712 AX, 300 BX.	
	Oct. 20th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather showery. Received 4th. D.A. G3/100 notifying promotion to Temp. Major of Capt. A S Ford. "J" Sub-section moved back to S A A Section owing to 27th. American Division being relieved. 2nd. Aust. Div. A.R.P. at P 36 d 8 0 taken over by Lieut. Godebye. 11 o'ranks from No. 1 Section and 5 o'ranks from No. 2 sent to Dump for duty making a total of 4th. D A C personnel on dump, 1 Officer & 32 o'ranks. Issued Field Order No. 10. Lt. N H Turner transferred from S A A Section to No. 2 Section. Strength 15 o'ranks surplus. Ammunition salvaged :- 6 A, 12 AX, 121 AS, " issued to 10th. Bde. :- 236 A, 228 AX, " " 11th. Bde. :- 240 A, 240 AX, " on hand :- 1304 A, 1804 AX, 121 AS, 600 BX.	
	Oct. 21st.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather showery. Issued Field Order No. 11 with Inst. No. 1.	

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	Oct. 22nd.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather - showery. No. 1 Section moved to Q 33 a 4 4 (Sh. 57b). Issued Instruction No. 2 to Field Order No. 11. 2 Reinforcements arrived from Base and were posted to Sections. Received state from <del>xxx</del> S A A Section showing ammunition carted to 27th. American Division from 11th. to 22nd. October inclusive (attached to appendices). Strength :- surplus 17 o'ranks. Animals 3 rides short. Ammunition, Issued to 10th. Bde. :- 152 A, 76 AX, 310 BX, 150 BS " " " 11th. " 752 AX, 50 BCG " On hand :- 1228 A, 1788 AX, 984 BX, <i>Net</i>	
	Oct. 23rd.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. No. 2 Section move to Q 33 c 3 9. I made a reconnaissance of area forward of St. SOUPLLET with view of moving forward. Visited No, 1 Sectn. during afternoon. A R P moved to Q 36 b 7 2. Strength :- As on 22nd. Ammunition salved :- 380 A, 532 AX, 200 BX, " issued 10th. Bde. 532 A, 380 AX, 300 BX, " " 11th. Bde. 988 A, 608 AX, 200 BX, " on hand 1076 A, 1940 AX, 984 BX, <i>Net</i>	
	Oct. 24th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. Sgt. Brockman, No. 2 Sectn. left for Cadet School, St. JOHN'S WOOD, ENGLAND. Lieut. Bell reported to D. A. C. attached as Dival. Artist to No, 2 Sectn. Strength :- 1 reinf. marched in making 18 o'ranks surplus. Animals as yesterday. Ammunition salved :- 1009 A, 1217 AX, 420 BX, " issued to 10th, Bde. 100 BX " " 11th. Bde. 228 A, " on hand "o85 A, 3157 AX, 1284 BX, <i>Net</i>	
	Oct. 25th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. During the night enemy shelled billets with 8" H V Gun causing no damage to personnel or animals. Received notification that No. 1943 Dvr. Brammel F J died of wounds 30.9.18 at 41st. C. C. S. On account of 10th. Bde. withdrawing to Wagon Lines, No. 1 Section comes under D. A. C. for orders. Strength :- 4 o'ranks struck off, over 7 days in F. Amb. 2 reinf. marched in. Surplus now 15. Animals deficient 4 rides now, 1 previously wounded having died. Ammo. salved :- 496 A, 904 AX, 1150 AS, Issued Nil. " on hand :- 2581 A, 4061 AX, 1150 AS, 1284 BX. <i>Net</i>	
	Oct. 26th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. One N.C.O., 12 o'ranks returned to No. 1 Sectn. from A R P. Dump will now be administered by No. 2 Sectn. It now comes under control of 6th. Div. R.F.A. Strength and Ammunition on hand, as yesterday. <i>Net</i>	
	Oct. 27th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. Orders issued to all Sections to prepare lists of N.C.Os. & men for transfer to Batteries for two months. Same number to be sent as previously. Strength & Ammunition on hand :- as 25th. inst. <i>Net</i>	
	Oct. 28th.		<u>BUSIGNY.</u> Weather fine. Advice received that O.C., No. 2 Sectn. Lieut. McKeown be promoted Tempy. Captn. Capt. Aikins & Lieut L M Maclean transferred to seconded list (A.I.F. List 400). Except for these two officers, strength remains the same. Ammunition :- as on 25th. inst. <i>Net</i>	

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Oct. 29th. BUSIGNY.  
 Weather fine. Capt, J Gleeson returned from U K leave and takes over duties as Adjutant. 2/Lieut. G D Heathorn appointed Asst. Adjutant. Visited S A A Section and inspected harness, animals, and Wagons. All were found to be in good condition, especially animals; as good opportunity has been taken to graze. Strength as on 25th. Ammunition issued to 11th. Bde. :- 300 BNG.

Oct. 30th. BUSIGNY.  
 Weather fine. Along with C.R.A. & Brigade Major I visited all Sections. C.R.A. expressed himself pleased with condition of animals. Since No. 1 Section became detached from 10th. Bde., good improvement has been made in cleaning wagons and harness. At 2100 enemy aircraft crossed our lines dropping a number of bombs. One plane was brought down in flames, presumably by fire from one of our planes. Lieut. J S V Mein returned from U K leave. 14 reinf's. reported from A.G.B.D. and were posted to Sections. Strength :- surplus 29 o'ranks, 2 officers deficient. Ammunition : no change.

Oct. 31st. BUSIGNY.  
 Weather fine to showery. Advice received that No. 15557 Bdr. Digby F D died of wounds. This Bombdr. was attached to this Unit from 10th, F A Bde. and was previously reported missing. 270 francs forwarded to Depot. ETAPLES, for purchase of sporting material for D A C Hq. Strength as yesterday. Ammunition on hand :- 2581 A, 4061 AX, 1150 AS. 1284 BX.

Monthly review of general condition of 4th. Australian Divisional Ammunition Column.

1. HEALTH. - Good.
2. Monthly Report of R.M.O. attached to appendices.
3. MORAL. - Good.
4. DISCIPLINE. - Good. During the month 5 cases came before me to be dealt with. 3 were dealt with by me and 2 remanded for F.G.C.M. I might mention that the 2 F.G.C.M. cases coming before me were Battery men, attached on 2 months transfer scheme.
5. ANIMALS. - The majority of animals are hard & in good condition. Good water has been plentiful since moving East of HINDENBERG LINE. Full opportunity has been taken to graze. 48 remounts were received; 46 from Remount Depot, and 2 lost animals recovered. 26 animals were evacuated sick; 9 were killed or destroyed through enemy shell fire.
6. CLOTHING. - Good supplies were obtained during the month with the exception of tunics and breeches. 40 pair of AMERICAN breeches were salvaged by one Section and are used by them whilst working in Stables. Clean underpants, shirts and socks were obtained from Baths. 130 pairs of socks were received from Unit Comforts Fund and distributed.
7. EQUIPMENT. - Column is practically up to strength as regards equipment, which is all in good order. Difficulty was experienced during the month in obtaining Mule shoes, but supplies are now coming to hand.
8. ORDNANCE. - Wagons are in good order with exception of L.G.S. Wagons of S A A Section. Most of these wagons have been in use since the Column arrived in FRANCE in June 1916. From time to time repairs have been effected but they are now beyond repair. Early opportunity will be taken to have these wagons condemned by Div. Wheeler Sgt. 5 G S Wagons & 1 L G S Wagon were received from D A D O S to replace others destroyed by enemy shell fire. Exchanges of Gun parts were more numerous than for previous months. O.M.Ws. not being able to supply quantities required created awkward situations at times, but guns were

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			<p>(Monthly review continued.) but guns were kept in action using defective parts. 11 No. 7 Dial Sights became defective and were exchanged.</p> <p>8. <u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u> - Column has been overstrength on the average, in personnel, with exception of Officers. Taking into account Officers on leave, each Section has been working with two officers, instead of four. Officers are expected shortly from Cadet School, St. JOHN'S WOOD. Should these not be required by Batteries, sections will be complete in Establishment.</p> <p><u>INWARD REINFORCEMENTS.</u> :-                      (a) New men -----42                      (b) Ex Hosp. through A G B D ---26 ) 68</p> <p><u>OUTWARD REINFORCEMENTS</u> :-                      (a) Struck off Strength (in Hosp. over 7 Days ).....40                      (b) Transferred to 10th. F A Bde.....20                      (c) " " 11th. " ..... 3                      (d) Killed in Action or Died of Wounds..... 4                      (e) Officers Seconded ..... 3</p> <p>9. <u>LEAVE.</u> - 73 leave passes were granted during the month, including 4 to Officers.</p> <p>10. <u>AMMUNITION.</u> - The following ammunition was delivered during the month :-                      To 10th. A F A Bde. 7608 A                      5448 AX                      773 AS                      3434 BX                      270 BS                      To 11th. A F A Bde. 9987 A                      9579 AX                      176 AS                      5819 BX                      300 BNC                      50 BCG</p> <p>Total rounds issued for month :- 43444 rounds.                      Average Daily issue 1448 rounds.</p> <p>On taking over Ammunition Dump from 2nd. Australian Division, the following ammo was in stock :-                      8462 A 7138 AX 7077 BX 7077 Chrgs                      1016 AS 1556 BS.</p> <p>Issued until handing over to IX Corps midnight 35th.                      8902 A, 7838 AX 3512 BX 4292 Chrgs.                      1144 AS 385 BS</p> <p>11. <u>TELEPHONE WIRE.</u> - 6 miles of D3 wire carried by this Unit, although not now on establishment, were handed over to Div. Arty. Signal Section for use of Brigades.                      Authority was also given to return 12 miles of enamelled wire to DADOS which was done.</p>	

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8	Monthly report of R.M.O.
9	Summary of Small Arms Ammunition issued to 27th. American Division.
10	Letter of appreciation from Asst. C. of S., 27th. American Division.
* 11	Monthly Review of general condition of 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

\* See entry after 31<sup>st</sup> and on page 617.

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1. S A A Section is detailed for duty with 27th. American Div. from 6pm. 5.10.18. (Sheet 62b. J 4 d 5 9)
2. No. 1. Section will move to new position to-day 6.10.18. Upon arrival, this office & 10th. FABde will be notified of location of new camp. Usual certificates to rendered to this office re cleaning of old camp etc. New position to-day L 11 a 1010.
3. 2nd. D A Warning Order. (Sheet 62B. N.W. 1/20,000.)
  - (a) The 30th. American Div is taking over on 6.10.18, the front and area held by the 2nd. Aust. Div. the 118th. American Div. relieving the 6th. A I Bde in the line to-night October 5th. 6th.
  - (b) BEAUREVOIR and MANNEQUIN HILL (1.13.d) are at present held by the enemy. To-night the 25th. Div. is carrying out a further operation with a view to the capture of BEAUREVOIR.
  - (c) The 30th. American Div. in conjunctions with the divs. on the flank intend to carry out on the morning of 7.10.18. an operation with the object of capturing the general line C.29.a.O.O. - C 2 c 5 0 and subsequently exploiting to the line PREMONT - BRANCAUCOURT (both inclusive)
  - (d) For the operation the 30th. Amer. Div. will be covered by the Field Arty. at present covering the 2nd. Aust Div. under the command of C R A 2nd. Aust Div.
 

Grouping will be:-

RIGHT GROUP. H Q 6th. Army Bde. A F A (under OC. 6th. Army Bde. AFA)  
6th. Army Bde A F A.  
10th. A F A Bde.  
11th. A F A Bde.  
13th. A F A Bde.  
14th. A F A Bde.

LEFT GROUP H Q 5th. AFA. Bde. (under O.C. 5th. A F A Bde)  
5th. A F A Bde.  
4th. A F A Bde.  
7th. A F A Bde.  
8th. A F A Bde.  
12th. Army Bde. A F A.
  - (e) Positions will be selected and resected early on the morning of October 6th. suitable, should ~~be~~ the capture to-night of the high ground in the vicinity of BEAUREVOIR permit, for shooting on the line. C 29 b 0 0 - C 2 d 5 0. at a range not exceeding 6000 yards.
  - (f) The above proviso will in most cases necessitate the positions to be occupied being in the valley North, east and South-East of WIANCOURT. Should this not be possible positions will be selected as far forward as the tactical situation will permit.
  - (g) It will be necessary to occupy these forward positions either during the daylight on 6.10.18 or early in the night 6/7.10.18.
  - (h) It is anticipated that ammunition at the guns for the operation will be required as follows:-
 

18-Prs. 500 rounds (5% AS)  
4.5. How. 300 rounds (5% BS)

Should it not be possible to transport ammunition forward to positions during daylight, ammunition will be dumped at present positions ready to be moved forward at dusk, 7th & 8th A F A Bdes dumping in selected localities well forward.
4. ALTERATION OF TIME All watches will be put back one hour on night of 5th. 6th. October 1918.
5. LOCATION STATEMENTS 2nd D A Location Statement No. 57 has been issued to sections.
6. 4th. Aust. D A C Hd Qtrs will move to camp site to be selected near HARGICOURT on 7.10.18. On arrival in new area sections will be notified of location.

*AS Ford*  
Capt.  
C.O. 4th. Aust. D.A. C.

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By Capt A S Ford. C/O.4th.Aust D A C.

## APPENDIX

1. 2nd.D A Order No.159.of 6.10.18.

Sheet 62B. NW 1/20,000.

INTENTION The operation set out in para 3 of 4th.DAC.Field Order No.1. is to be carried out on 8.10.18. On the morning of 7.10.18 the 117th. American Regiment are advancing their line North of MONTBREHAIN with Arty support with the object of securing a Jumping off line for the operation of 8.10.18. ZERO hour for this operation will be 0515(5.15am) on October 7th.

2. FIELD ARTY ACTION FOR OPERATION OF OCTOBER 7th

The Field Arty support for the operation detailed in para above will consist of a Creeping Barrage with 3 F A Bdes and the harassing of selected localities on the flanks of the barrage.

Details of the creeping barrage are as follows:-

Right Group with one, Left Group with two, F A Bdes will open on the Start Line at ZERO Hour, The barrage resting there for two minutes then lifting and advancing at the rate of 100 yards per 2 minutes till the protective Line is reached. Fire will be maintained on the Protective Line till ZERO plus 52 minutes when all fire will cease. 18 Pdrs will conform to Barrage Diagram ~~xxxxxxx~~ (which can be seen at KHQ) 4.5"-Hows moving 200 yards in advance of the 18 Pdrs. The Jumping Off Line and InterGroup Boundary are shown on the diagram.

In addition to the above Barrage:- Right Group will detail one F A Bde. to engage by bursts of fire selected targets on the Group Front from ZERO to ZERO plus 52 mins. Left Group will detail one Bde. to operate as follows :-

18 Pdrs open on the line B24 b 0 7 - B 18 c 2 8;  
4.5 How. 200 yards in advance, rest there till ZERO plus 7 mins then engage by bursts selected targets in the Northern half of the Group zone, ceasing at Zero plus 52 mins.  
Rates of fire will be :-

	Rds. per gun per minute.	
	18 Pdrs	4.5. How
(1) <u>In creeping Barrage.</u>		
To protective Line	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
On Protective Line	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
(2) For Right Group (average rate)	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
(3) For Left Group (average rate)		
Zero to plus 7mins.	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
Plus 7 mins to plus 52 mins.	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Ammunition</u>	<del>AX</del>	
In Barrage-18 Pdrs. 50%.A. 45% AX, 5% AS.		
4.5 How. 5% BS. otherwise no restrictions.		
In other tasks.-18 Pdrs. 50% A, 50% AX.		
4.5 How no restrictions.		

Left Group will detail a Liaison Officer not below the rank of Captain for duty at 117th American Regtl H Q at B 27 c 8 6 and also supply Liaison officers for Battalions as required. Watches will be synchronised from D A H Q by Telephone at 2200 October 6th.

Operation of October 8th.

In connection with the main operation of 8.10.18.

(a) Under the orders of the Group Commander the 13th. and 14th. A F A Bdes will move to forward positions on night October 6/7th and remain silent till required by Group Commander for defence of the line. The remaining F A Bdes will be moved forward in succession on Oct. 7th so as to be in position ready for the main operation.

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1. 2nd D A Order No. 160.

Sheets 62 B.N.W. 62 B N.E. 1/20,000

Intention (a) The 30th. American Div intends to attack on "Z" day with the assistance of tanks and under an Arty Barrage. "Z" day & Zero hour will be given later. (b) The 6th. Div (IX Corps) on the right and the 25th. Div. (XIII Corps) on the left are attacking in conjunction with the former's action being in the nature of a conforming movement to the 30th. American Div. (c) The attack by the 30th. Amer. Inf. Div. is to be carried out as follows on ( 117th. Amer. Regt. with one battalion in the front line one in the left ( support and one in Bde reserve.

On the (118th. Amer Inf Regt with two Battalions in the front line and one Right ( Battalion in support.

(d) Objectives are as follows:- (1) First Objective (RED LINE):- The general line C 23 b 8 2.- C 22 d 6 0.- C 15 central. C.9 c 0 3.- C 2 central.

(11) Second objective, (GREEN LINE) The General line. C 24 c 4 0.- C 12 c 4 0.- C 5 d 9 0.- C 3 b 5 5 - PROMONT (inclusive)- J 22 c 7 9

(e) Boundaries:- Right Divisional :- H 12 central - 1 2 central-BRANCOURT STATION (inclusive) - C 24 c 3 4. Left Divisional :- B 17 central - B 2 central- J 22 central. Inter Regimental B 24 d 7 8 - C 14 b 6 0 - C 9 c 3 0. C 9 d 7 7.- S 10 a 4 0 - C 10 b 9 0 C 5 d 7 7.

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

Right Group - (under C R A 4th. Aust Div. relieving C C 6th. Army Bde A F A on October 7th. H Q G 23 b 2 8) 6th. Army Bde A F A. 10th. A F A Bde. 11th. AFA Bde. 13th. Bde AFA. 14th. Bde AFA.

Left Group (Under C C 5th. AFA Bde. H Q R 8 d 1 5) 5th. AFA Bde. 4th. AFA Bde. 7th AFA Bde. 8th AFA Bde. 12th. Army Bde. AFA

3. Field Artillery Barrage For Capture of the Red Line (a) The attack will be carried out under a Field Artillery Barrage in accordance with Barrage Map "A" as follows:-

(1) 18- pdrs. will open on the Start Line, rest there for three minutes then lift and move forward as per Barrage Map "A" in lifts off 100 yds. per three minutes to the plus 36 line. Thence onwards the rate of advance will be 100yds. per four minutes until the protective line is reached. The barrage will then rest there till plus 174 minutes and then cease.

(2). 4.5 Hows. will take part in the barrage, moving 200 yds. in advance of 18-pdrs., throughout, paying special attention to selected points. N.B. Times shown on Barrage Map "A" are times of lifting.

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

(c). Rates of fire ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Rounds per Gun per Minute. 18-pdrs. 4.5 Hows. In Creeping Barrage ..... 3 ..... 2 . On Protective Barrage ..... 1 ..... 1 .

(d). Ammunition. Ammunition will be used as follows:- 18-pdrs. 50% "A" 44% "AX" with delay or 106 fuses. 6% "AS" 4.5 Hows. "BX" with 106 fuses as far as supplies will ~~xxxx~~ allow then no restriction.

4. Action of Field Artillery During Exploitation. (a) To support the Exploitation to the Green Line, F.A. Brigades will be detailed as follows:-

With the 118th. Am. Inf. Regt. 6th. Army Bde. A.F.A. " " 117th. Am. Inf. Regt. 12th. Army Bde. A.F.A.

Instructions have already been issued for C.C. above F.A. Brigades to arrange necessary details with the respective Regts.

(b). C's. C. above F.A. Brigades will keep close touch with their respective Regimental Commanders during the Barrage. Exploiting F.A. Brigades will move forward at plus 116 minutes and support the further advance of the Infantry. (c). Batteries of these F.A. Brigades will pay special attention to the engagement of enemy guns which are holding up Tanks or Infantry, and, particularly in the case of 4.5 Hows., to Counter-Battery work, by engaging all NF calls possible. The wireless masts of these Brigades will accompany the 4.5 Hows. Battery. (d). One Section of each Exploiting F.A. Brigade will be detailed for close support of the Infantry during the exploitation.

5. F.O.O's Special stress is laid on the necessity for obtaining and reporting information. Full use will be made of every means of communication possible. (b) F O O's for the operation will be detailed as follows :- (1) Each group will detail two F O O's for the operation not to be from either the 6th. or 12th. Army Bdes A F A. (2) Each F A Bde

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6. Liaison.

supporting the exploitation will arrange for at least one F.O.O. In addition these Bdes will make provision for Officers patrols in order to be in close touch with the situation prior to a move forward being ordered. (to move forward in close touch. (3) F.O.O's will keep particularly close touch with the Infantry situation and make every effort to send frequent information. (c) All normal O.P.s will be manned from Zero Hour onwards. For liaison duty with the Infantry Officers will be detailed as follows :- (1) With 59th. Amer. Bde (H Q G 17 b 55 65) a senior officer from Left Group. (2) With each of the 118th. Amer. Regt, and 117th. Amer. Regt. an officer not below the rank of Captain from the Right and Left Groups respectively. (3) With each attacking Battalion - an officer from the Group concerned.

7. Heavy Arty. Action.

The Corps H A are co-operating in the barrage and with counter battery work. The 9th. Bde R G A is affiliated to the 30th. Amer. Div. for exploitation work purposes.

8. Precautions for ensuring accuracy of fire:- The necessity for observing all the precautions laid down for previous operations for ensuring accuracy of fire is again to be impressed to all concerned.

9. Harassing fire prior to Zero hour. Every effort will be made by the selection of the most suitably placed F A Bdes. to maintain normal harassing fire up to Zero Hour.

10. S O S arrangements prior to Zero hour. S O S arrangements will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 mins ±

11. Moves of F A Bdes.

Moves of F A Bdes to their forward positions will be carried out in accordance with para 3 2 of 4th. DAC order No. 3. s.g. (Operation of October 8th) All guns will be in action in forward positions by Zero minus 1 hour.

12. Echelons. All Echelons will be full at Zero Hour.

13. Locations. K.H.Q. L.S.C. 2.3.  
I.E. L.II.A. 1010.  
S.K. G 21.c.9.7.

*Geo D. Hathorn*  
Lieut.  
A/Adjutant. 4th. A.D.A.C.

FIELD ORDER No. 4. By Capt A S Ford. C/O. 4th. A D A G.

1. GROUPING

Reference 2nd D A Order No. 160.

Command of RIGHT GROUP passes to C R A 4th. Aust. Div.  
G 26 b 45 55. at 1830 to-day.

Grouping of Bdes will be as follows :->

2.

(Right sub group) -- Commanded by Lt. Col. TIC Williams "DSO"  
No. 1. Sub group consisting of 10th. A F A Bde. & 11th. AFA Bde.

(Left sub group) -- Commanded by Lt. Col. H O Caddy "DSO" consisting  
No. 2. Sub group of 13th. & 14th. A F A Brigades.

(Superimp. Group) -- Commanded by Lt. Col. H Cohen. C. S. G., D. S. G.  
No. 3. Sub group consisting of 6th. Army Bde AFA.

2. RIGHT GROUP APPROXIMATE BOUNDARIES

10th. AFA. Bde. -- I 2 a-b.

11th. AFA. Bde. -- C 26 c-d.

13th. AFA. Bde. -- C 20 a-c.

14th. AFA. Bde. -- C 14 c-d.

6th. Army Bde Aust. F. A. -- After completion of exploitation with  
the infantry, if suitably emplaced will  
remain in positions, but if not will  
occupy positions approx in squares  
C 19 d and C 25 b.

3. BOUNDARIES BEYOND GREEN LINE

The RIGHT GROUP boundaries beyond the GREEN LINE will be -  
On the North -- a prolongation of the line C 25 a 4035 - C 15 0 0  
On the South -- A prolongation of the RIGHT Div. boundary stated  
in 2nd Div Arty Order No. 160.

INTER SUB GROUP -- The boundary between Nos. 1. and 2 SUB GROUPS  
will be a prolongation of a line through C 25 d  
7050. - C 22 b 2050.

No. 3. SUB GROUP -- will continue to be superimposed over the  
GROUP Front.

*See 2. Appendix  
4th Aust. A. G.*

RIGHT GROUP FORWARD REPORT CENTRE

The Right Group forward report Centre is  
established at H 15 a 7 6 and will remain in this location until  
the code message referred to is sent to Bdes at which time the  
2nd Report centre will be established in RANICOURT at H 11 b 55.  
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FIELD ORDER No. 5. by Capt A B Ford. C/O. 4th. A. D. A. C.1. LOCATIONS.

4th. Aust. DAC. H. Q.	I. 1. c. 1. 7.
No. 1. Section.	U. 23. d. 5. 0.
No. 2. Section.	B. 22. c. 1. 9.
S. A. A. Section.	C. 22. d. 8. 8.

4th. Aust. D A H Q.	C. 12. b. 6. 9.
10th. A F A Bde. H. Q.	I. 1. d. 3. 6.
11th. A F A Bde. H. Q.	H. 6. b. 8. 2.

2. AMMUNITION.

(Copy of RA)  
(VII. British)  
(Corps.)  
(Order  
5188/23)

Owing to the very large quantities of ammunition of all natures which have been dumped at the many positions occupied by Batteries over the zone of advance during the past month and left by them when they have moved forward, a serious shortage of ready supplies is threatened. This ammunition is so scattered and in many cases so far removed from traffic routes that considerable difficulty is being experienced in locating and collecting it with the small amount of transport that can be deflected for that purpose. In almost all cases it has been left dumped in the open, without any protection from the weather, and is liable to rapid deterioration. In order to ensure the conservation of supplies in so far as is possible and obviate deterioration from exposure, C. R. A's should impress on Brigades Commanders that it is essential that they should advise D A C's of all changes in Battery positions so that all ammunition from the vacated positions can be cleared and used up first before drawing more from A R P's and Railhead. ~~Brigade Commanders of Heavy and Siege Artillery should~~ All wagons and lorries returning empty should be loaded up with, and bring back to A R P's and Railheads ammunition boxes, cartridges cases of all natures, clips, containers, &c., as there is a very pressing demand from the Base for all these accessories.

3. COMMUNICATION. 4th. DAC. H. Q. is now connected by wire with 2nd. Aust. D. A. H. Q.

10.10.18.

*Ceo D. Heathon* 2/Lieut.  
A/Adjutant. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.



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1. LOCATIONS
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| 4th. Aust. D A C.H.Q. | V.15.b.6.6.  |
| No.1. Section.        | U.28.d.5.0.  |
| No.2. Section.        | V.23.c.8.2.  |
| 4th. P.A.H.Q.         | C.6.d.50.00. |
| 10th. AFA. Bde. H.Q.  | V.28.d.9.9.  |
| 11th. AFA. Bde. H.Q.  | V.16.d.2.6.  |
2. A.R.P. 2nd. Div. A.R.P. opens at 11am. 11.10.18. at C.10.a.30.40. Sheet 52.B.
3. DIVISIONAL RELIEF. The 27th. Amer. Div. will relieve the 30th. Amer. Div. on night 11/12th. October 1918. The 54th. Inf. Bde. U.S.A. will relieve the 60th. Inf. Bde. U.S.A. with the 107th. Regt. on the Right and the 108th. Regt. on the Left.
4. COMMAND OF FIELD ARTY. Command of the Field Arty covering the 27th. Amer. Div. will pass to C R A 4th. Aust. Div. from C R A 2nd. Div. (Aust) at 1000 on 12th. October 1918.
5. GROUPING The grouping of the Field Arty will remain as at present viz,  
 The RIGHT GROUP - 5th. Army Bde. A F A  
 - 10th. A F A Bde.  
 - 11th. A F A Bde,  
  
 The LEFT GROUP - 4th. A. F. A. Bde.  
 - 5th. A F A Bde.  
 - 12th. Army Bde. A F A
6. COMMAND OF GROUPE. Command of troops will pass at 1000 on 12th. inst as follows.  
 Command of Right Group. From CRA. 4th. Aust. Div.  
 To C O 5th. Army Bde A F A.  
  
 Command of Left Group. From C O 5th. A F A Bde.  
 To C R A 2nd. Aust Div. Arty.
7. DIVISIONAL ARTY Hd. Qtrs. 4th. DAHQ will remain in present location, C.6.d.50.00.
8. TANKS. The following is to be promulgated to all ranks.  
 Complaints have been received that fittings and stores in Tanks, which have been left on the Battlefield, have been looted in many cases by our troops. The amount of valuable stores thus removed from Tanks has assumed such high proportions that replacements are most difficult to procure and should the looting continue, the number of effective Tanks will be reduced seriously. It is essential that the practice complained of should cease and that the troops should be informed of the serious consequences which will result from actions which are only due to thoughtlessness and the desire for acquiring souvenirs.
9. SECRET ORDERS. Copies of 4th. D A Secret Orders No. 61. and 27th. American Div. Order No. 104. enclosed.
10. PEACE OFFENSIVE. The Army Commander directs that the accompanying copy of a Special Order relating to the German "Peace Offensive" be promulgated.

11.10.18.

Geo. D. Heathon 2/Lieut.  
 A/Adjutant. 4th. Aust. DAC.

SECRETFIELD ORDER No. 8 by Capt. A.S. Ford C/O 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

1. SECRET ORDER No. 7 to be destroyed
2. INFORMATION During the night 15/16th. October 1918, the 30th. Amer. Div. will take over the Southern portion of the front held by the 27th. Amer. Div.
3. Corps BOUNDARIES 11 American Corps and inter-divisional boundaries are as follows:- CORPS NORTHERN BOUNDARIES P.35. c. 90.50. - Q.28. d. 20.70. - R.9. Central. CORPS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY - W.19.a.80.65. - W.17.c.90.80. - X.8.b.00.30. - R.36.b.00.00. INTER-DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY W.9.b.10.70. - Cross-Roads W.6.b.70.00. - R.27. Cent..
4. GROUP ZONES At 8p.m. on the 15th. inst. the RIGHT and LEFT ARTILLERY GROUPS as at present organised will cover the 30th. Amer. Div. and 27th. Amer. Div, respectively, Group Zones being amended in accordance with Div. Boundaries stated in para, 3
5. Command of covering Artillery At 1000 16.10.18. the G.O.C. of the 30th. AMERICAN DIVISION takes over the above front, the command of the RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY will simultaneously pass to the C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Div. (BRIGADIER) GENERAL A.J. BESSELL-BROWNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O..) and at the same hour the LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY come directly under the C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Division

*E. S. Hutton* - Lieut.  
of Adjutant,  
4th. Aust. D.A.C.

16.10.18.

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1. LOCATIONS.	4th. Aust. D.A. HQ.	V.9.c.2.8.
	10th. F.A. Bde.	V.16.b.5.9.
	11th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	V.10.d.6.2.
	4th. Aust. D.A.C.	V.15.b.6.8.
	No. 1 Section	V.15.a.6.5.
	No. 2 Section	V.15.c.5.2.
	S.A.A. Section	U.30.5.2.
	A.R.P.	V.9.c.6.7.

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- 2.1. INFORMATION. At a time and date to be notified later, the advance will be assumed by the 11 American Corps with the 30th. American Div. on the RIGHT and the 27th. Amer. Div. on the LEFT. The advance will be made in conjunction with the 1Xth. BRITISH Corps on the RIGHT and the 50th. BRITISH Division XIII Corps on the LEFT. The attack will be in two phases:- 1st. Phase -- The capture of and consolidation of the GREEN LINE, approx. R.13. central. - R. 20.a.0.0. - X.2.a.0.0. - X.7.d.0.5. 2nd. Phase -- Exploitation to the CANAL DE LA SAMBRE A L'OISE. The 27th. Amer. Div. boundaries (provisional) are as follows:- On the North- P.35.c.90.50. Q.28.d.20.70. - R.9.cent.. On the South - W.9.b.10.70. - Cross-Roads W.6.b.70.90. - through R.27. Cent..
2. INTENTION (a). 1st. Phase of the advance by the 27th. Amer. Div. will be covered by a creeping barrage supported by the Field Artillery Brigades under the command of the C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Div. grouped as follows:- The RIGHT GROUP Commanded by Lieut. Col. H.W. RIGGALL, D.S.O. consisting of The 4th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. The 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. The LEFT GROUP Commanded by Lt. Col. E.P. DERHAM, D.S.O. consisting of The 14th. Aust. F.A. Bde. The 7th. Aust. F.A. Bde. BOUNDARY BETWEEN GROUPS (provisional) Q.34.0.5. - R.25.c.0.9. - ~~R.15.d.0.0.~~ The above grouping will come into operation at 10 a.m. on the 16th. inst. MOBILE RESERVE BRIGADE The 12th. Army Bde. Aust. F.A. will be ~~replaced~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ during the 16th. inst. to provide additional fire and barrage in depth on squares Q.34. and W.4. When the infantry are established east of the LA SELLE RIVER and at a time to be notified later, this Brigade with full echelons will <sup>move</sup> to positions immediately west of LA SELLE RIVER but well clear of all river crossings and approaches from which further covering fire can be provided up to extreme range approximately the S. MAURICE RIVER. This Bde. Will normally not be required to cross the LA SELLE RIVER. AFFILIATED R.G.A. Bde. The 41st. Bde. R.G.A. is affiliated to the 27th. Amer. Div. for preliminary bombardment and throughout the operation. When the Infantry have crossed the LA SELLE RIVER and on the completion of the creeping barrage, the LEFT GROUP (7th. Aust. F.A. Bde. & 14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.) will pass to the command of the C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Div. (Brigadier-General A.J. BESSELL-BROWNE C.B., C.M.G. D.S.O.) to support the exploitation of the 30th. Amer. Div. Simultaneously, the 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. and the 11th. Aust. F.A. Bde. will pass ~~to~~ ~~the~~ from the C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Div. to the C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Div.
- (b). The 2nd. Phase. The 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. Commanded by Lt. Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O. will act as the advance guard Artillery Bde and closely support the infantry of the 27th. Amer. Div. in their further advance and exploitation beyond the GREEN LINE (1st. Objective) and towards the CANAL (2nd. Objective) The 11th. Aust. F.A. Bde. will follow the 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. across the LA SELLE RIVER and will advance in readiness to support the Advanced Guard Artillery or to protect either flank. The 4th. Aust. F.A. Bde. and 5th. Aust. F.A. Bde. after the completion of the barrage will remain grouped as at present and will receive subsequent orders from 4th. Aust. D.A. regarding further advance ~~and~~ and action.
- (c). After completion of the Task detailed in para. 2 (a) the 12th Army Brigade Aust. F.A. will cease firing but remain in position until orders for the withdrawal and relief are issued.
3. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS Detailed ~~arrangements~~ Instructions as to barrage, times, liaison arrangements, etc. will be issued later as Instructions under this Order.

*W. J. Heathcote* Lieut.  
of Adjutant,  
4th. Aust. D.A.C.

16.10.18.

S E C R E T.

4th. AUST. D. A. C.

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ORDER No.10 of 20th. October, 1918

1. Lieut. Godebye takes over the Command A.R.P. from the 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.  
The Dump personnel consists of:-  
1 N.C.O. & 15 other ranks from No.1 Section and  
1 N.C.O. & 15 other ranks from No.2 Section.
2. Attention is called to G.R.O. No.239, para 5266.
3. RELIEF:- The 27th. American Division, 2nd. American Corps will be relieved on night of 20th/21st. October, 1918 by the 6th. British Division, 1Xth. British Corps.
4. COVERING ARTILLERY:- The following Field Artillery under the Command of C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Division will pass to the 6th. Division on the night of 20th/21st. October:-  
  
The 4th. Aust. Div. Arty..  
The 6th. Army Bde. Aust. F.A., and  
The 7th. Aust. F.A.Bde.

*[Signature]* Captain,

C.O. 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

Order No. 11 of 21st. October 1918

Reference Maps, 57a, & 57b, 1/40,000

1. Information :-

On completion of the relief of the 27th. American Division by the 6th. British Division on the night 20th/21st. October 1918, the Infantry Brigades in the Line will be :-

- the 18th. Infantry Bde. on the RIGHT, and
- the 71st. Infantry Bde. on the LEFT.

The C R A 6th. British Division will assume command of the Arty. covering the 27th. & 30th. American Divisions at the same hour on night 20th./21st. October as command passes from G.O.C., 27th. American Divn. to G.O.C., 6th. British Division.

At a time and Date to be notified the attack will be resumed by the 6th. British Division in a N.E. direction.

2. Intention,

The advance will be made under a creeping barrage. The Arty. covering the advance will be grouped as follows:-

Right Group -- Commanded by Brig.-Genl. W H L Burgess, C.M.G., DSO

- 6th. Army Bde, Aust. F. A.
- 7th. Aust. F A Bde.
- 10th. " "
- 11th. " "

Left Group -- Commanded by Brig.-Genl. A J Bessel-Brown, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

- 8th. Aust. F A Bde.
- 13th. " "
- 14th. " "

3. Group Provisional Boundaries :-

On the NORTH :- Northern Div. Boundary :- R 13 c 5 2 - St. Benin-Bazuel Road (exclusive) - R 8 b 0 6, - R 2 d 5 3, - R 2 b 7 0, L 28 d 3 8, - L 24 c 5 6.

On the SOUTH :- Southern Div. Boundary :- W 9 c 5 0 - W 6 c 0 0, R 23 a 9 9,

Between Groups :- Inter-Infantry Brigade Boundary :- Q 34 c 0 0 - Q 36 a 9 4 - R 20 c 0 0 - R 16 central.

4. Occupation of Positions :-

Positions will be occupied by 8 p.m. on 21st. inst. in squares approximately as follows :-

- 6th. Army Bde Aust. F.A. --- R 13 a
- 7th. Aust. F A Bde. --- R 7 c
- 10th. Aust. F A Bde. --- R 19 a
- 11th. Aust. F A Bde. --- R 13 c & d

Approximate start line of creeping Barrage is :-

R 27 b 3 0 - R 9 c 5598 - Railway Bridge R 2 d 7 3

5. Subdivision of Right Group :-

At 8 p.m. on 21st. Inst., the Right Group will be subdivided as follows :-

No. 1 Sub.-Group - Commanded by Lt.-Col. T I C Williams D.S.O.  
10th. Aust. F A Bde.  
11th. Aust. F A Bde.

No. 2 Sub.-Group.....

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No. 2 Sub-Group - Commanded by Lt. Col. H E Cohen, C M G? D.S.O.  
6th. Army Bde. Aust. F A  
7th. Aust. F A Bde.

Sub-Group Boundaries will be :-

On the North -- The Inter Group Boundary ) As stated in  
On the South -- The Southern Group Boundary) Para 3  
Between Sub-Groups -- R 27 a 0075 - through R 22 b 0080.

6. Responsibility for Front :-

The 11th. Aust. F A Bde will continue to cover the LEFT Group front until the arrival into action of the Brigades of the Left Group, which will be notified by code word 'BEAR', on receipt of which the 11th. Aust. F A Bde. will cover the S.O.S.line allotted by No. 1 Sub-Group Commander.

7. Ammunition.

The following amounts of ammunition will be dumped at Gun positions

- 18-pr. per Gun -- 300 rds. (50% A, 50% AX)
- 4.5" How. per Gun -- 250 rds. ( H.E., 106 fuzes as far as possible).
- 18-pr. per Battery -- 200rds. Smoke.
- 4.5" How. per Battery -- 150 rds. Smoke, 150 CG

8. Liaison :-

Liaison with the left Infantry Bde. will be continued until receipt of the code word mentioned in para. 6, after which all Officers on duty with the Left Brigade Headquarters and Battalions of the Left Brigade will be withdrawn.

Liaison with the Right Infantry Brigade will be maintained as at present until further orders are received.

9. Further Instructions :-

Instructions will be issued regarding the Objective, Barrage, Times, Liaison, etc.. as instructions under this Order.

*Sig D. H. Thon* Lieut.

A/Adjt., 4th. Aust. D. A. Col.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYS E C R E T.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 60.Headquarters  
6th October 1918.

1. The personnel of the 4th Aust. Div. Trench Mortars will be absorbed ( temporarily ) into the Brigades as under, dating from 7/10/'18 :-
- |                       |    |                      |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 7th Aust. M.T.M. Bty. | to | 10th Aust. F.A. Bde. |
| 8th Aust. M.T.M. Bty. | to | 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. |
- Personnel as absorbed will be shown on returns as temporarily attached.  
D.T.M.O. will forward Nominal Roll forthwith to Brigades, of Officers and Other Ranks proceeding.
2. With the exception of D.T.M.O., 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R. per Battery, to act as guard, the whole of the D.T.M. personnel will be absorbed.
3. O.C., 4th Aust. D.A.C. will supply transport on application from D.T.M.O., to carry kits.
4. Necessary alterations of ration indents will be arranged between D.T.M.O. and Brigade Commanders concerned.
5. D.T.M.O. and equipment will remain at VILLERS FAUCON.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Archie*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Distribution :-

Normal.

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SECRET.

TO FIELD ORDER No. 9. By Capt. A.S. Ford, C/O 4th. Aust. DAB

1. Amendment to Order No. 9.:- Para. 2. and para. 3.(b). -- For "GREEN LINE" read "RED LINE". Para. 3 (b). first sub para. -- For 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. commanded by Lt. Col. ~~W.H. SPURGE~~ T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O. read "11th. Aust. F.A. Bde. commanded by Lt. Col. C.H. SPURGE, D.S.O. 2nd. sub para.-- For 11th. Aust. F.A. Bde. will follow the 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. read " The 10th Aust. F.A. Bde. will follow the 11th. Aust. F.A. Bde.etc.
2. PREVIOUS TO ZERO HOUR (a) A SILENT PERIOD will be observed from Zero MINUS 1 Hour to Zero Hour. (b) The S.O.S. SIGNAL will be inoperative from Zero Minus 15 Minutes to Zero Hour.
3. THE CREEPING BARRAGE. ON the 17th. October at Zero Hour (to be notified later). the 18pr. barrage will be put down on a line @ 200 yds. in advance of the INFANTRY START LINE, and the 4.5" How. barrage 200 yds. East of the 18-pr. barrage. One 18-pr. Battery in each Brigade will be superimposed in the barrage. The barrage will open at Zero Hour on the ARTILLERY START LINE shown on SPECIAL BARRAGE MAP at Zero Hour Plus 3 Minutes the barrage will lift and move forward 100yds. in 5 minutes as far as the protector of the dotted ~~line~~ RED LINE where it ~~will~~ will remain till Zero Plus 132 Minutes. During the halt on the protector covering the Dotted ~~line~~ Red Line the superimposed 18-pr. Batteries will search and sweep over their Brigade front to a depth of 500 yds. special attention being paid to the ground R.31.c. At 2 Minutes before the barrage begins to move forward again (i.e. at Zero Plus 130 Minutes) fire will be increased to 3 rounds per gun per minute in order to signal to the Infantry that the barrage is about to move. At Zero Plus 132 Minutes the barrage will again move forward at the same rate as far as the protector to the RED LINE, where it will remain till Zero Plus 222 Minutes and then cease. SPECIAL NOTE In order to provide clearance for the 50th. Amer. Div. on the left to cross the river, one fire will be placed within the rectangle Q.34.a.0045. -- Q.34.a.7181. -- Q.28.c.7042. -- Q.28.c.0000. Batteries covering this area will commence on the line Zero Plus 15 Line shown on Barrage Map, at Zero Plus 15 Minutes.
4. RATES OF FIRE. During creeping barrage per gun and How. 18-pr. 3 rds. 4.5" 2rds. During the protective barrage per gun and How. 18-pr. 1 rd. 4.5 How.  $\frac{1}{2}$  rd.
5. AMMUNITION. 18-pr. 50% Shrapnel; 44% H.E., delay and 106 fuses ; 6% smoke 4.5 Hows. -- 106 fuses H.E.
6. LIASON ARRANGEMENTS. The Infantry attack will be carried out by the 53rd. Inf. Bde. U.S.A. on the RIGHT with the 105th. Inf. ~~Regt.~~ U.S.A. in the Line and the 54th. Inf. Bde. U.S.A. on the LEFT with ~~the~~ the 108th. Inf. Regt. U.S.A. in the Line. Each Group is attacking with the 1st. Battalion in the Line and the 2nd. Battalion passing through for exploitation, and the 3rd. Batt. mopping up.
6. THE EXPLOITATION. INFANTRY. The exploiting Battalions of Infantry supporting by 10 Tanks will advance through the RED LINE at ZERO PLUS 6 HOURS 12 MINUTES. This advance will be in open warfare formation. On arriving at the line approx. R.9. cent. -- R.16. Cent. X.10.d.5.7. a short halt will be made and a line of resistance dug, prior to exploiting the Final Objective. ARTILLERY. The advanced Guard Artillery Brigade (11th. Aust. F.A. Bde) will detail two 18-pr. Sections for the special task of dealing with enemy advance field and anti-tank guns. The supporting Artillery Brigade (10th. Aust. F.A. BDE.) will detail one 18-pr. Battery to assist the Div. Cavalry (20th. HUSSARS) if required
7. THE 4th. and 5th. Aust. F.A. BRIGADES. The S.O.S. Line during the period between the ~~cessation~~ cessation of fire on the first Objective (RED ~~line~~)



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7. (cont.) (RED LINE ) and the time for the Infantry advance for Exploitation (i.e. Zero Hour Plus 222 Minutes - Zero Plus 363 Minute will be the protective barrage of the S.O.S. LINE

16.1 0.18.

*9.15.18* Lieut. .  
Adjutant,  
4th. Aust. Div Amm. Col.

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FIELD ORDER No.9. By Capt. A.S. Ford. C/O 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

<u>LOCATIONS.</u>	4th. Aust. D.A. HQ.	V.9.c.2.8.
	10th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	W.1.a.6.8.
	11th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	W.1.a.8.5.
	4th. Aust. D.A.C.	V.15.b.6.8.
	No.1 Section	V.15.a.9.1.
	No. 2 Section	V.21.a.6.8.
	S.A.A. Section	U.30.d. 5.2.
	A.R.P.	V.9.c.6.7.
	14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	PREMONT.

INFORMATION. On the 18th. inst. at an hour to be notified later, the advance will be resumed by the 27th. Amer. Div. in conjunction with the 50th. British Div. on the Left and the 30th. Amer. Div. on the Right.

INTENTION. The advance will be covered by a creeping barrage up to extreme range of Guns and thereafter in open warfare formation, supported by the advance Guard Artillery (11th. Aust. F.A. Bde.) as detailed in 4th. Aust. D.A.C. Order No.9. The Objective is the CANAL DE SAMBRE A L'OISE.

CREEPING BARRAGE. The barrage will start at Zero hour on the Start Line Q.24.c.4.8. -- Q.30.a.4055. -- along road to Q.36.b.7.1. -- Q.36.d.8570. and remain on this line for 3 minutes (Howitzers starting 200 yds. East of this line); the barrage will then ~~xxx~~ lift and move forward 100 yds. in 3 minutes to extreme range. Each gun will cease firing on arrival at extreme range. For this reason, longer range Batteries will, wherever possible be, superimposed over the barrage. so that the barrage will be uniformly thinned only, and no gaps created when the longer range guns cease firing. There will be no halt or pauses in this barrage but all guns will continue to lift at the rate laid down, up to their extreme range. Boundaries will remain as shown on the SPECIAL BARRAGE MAP issued with INSTRUCTION No.1.

RATES OF FIRE. Rds. per gun or How. per minute -- 18-prs. 3. 4.5" Hows. 2. except that the 11th. Aust. F.A. Bde. will continue firing in the barrage for as long as possible but retaining full echelons, and the 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. with 76 rounds per gun and 48 rounds per How..

<u>AMMUNITION.</u>	18-prs. 50% Shrap.)	4.5" Hows. -- (H.E.
	44% H.E. )	(106
	6% Smoke )	(fuzes.

Directly the Batteries of the 11th. Aust. F.A. Bde. cease firing they will advance - followed by the 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. - as detailed in INSTRUCTION No.1 to ORDER No.9.

ZERO HOUR Zero Hour will be 0530.

*Geo D. Anthon* Lieut.  
Adjutant,  
4th. Aust. Div. Amm. Column

18.1.18.

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ORDERS :

No. 111 :

27th Division,  
16 Oct., 1918.PLAN of COMMUNICATION, SUPPLY and EVACUATION

In connection with Field Orders No. 66.

Reference Maps: 57D - 62B - 62C 1:40,000

I  
COMMUNICATIONS

1. Railroads, Broad Gauge, Supply  
Narrow Gauge, Supply  
Personnel ROISEL  
MONTREHAIN  
JONCOURT
2. Roads (A) Main Road for supply of the Division by M.F. (Two way Road)  
MONTREHAIN-DRANCOURT-BOHAIN-DUSIGNY.  
(B) Road DUSIGNY-MARETZ is a one way road in the direction of  
DUSIGNY-MARETZ.  
(C) Mine craters on important roads having been repaired, road  
conditions in the Corps Area are generally good and present no particular  
difficulties to traffic.
3. Traffic Control Responsibility for control of Traffic in the Divisional  
area rests with A.P.M. who will make suitable disposition of M.P. at his dis-  
posal to enforce observance of all traffic regulations.

II  
SUPPLY

1. Railroads Broad Gauge  
Narrow Gauge ROISEL  
MONTREHAIN
- Station Refilling Point --- 57B/V.22.a.4.9.  
Means of Transport --- By M.F. from Narrow Gauge Railhead to  
Refilling Point, by H.T. (G.S. Wagons of  
2nd Line Transport) from Refilling Point  
to units.
2. AMMUNITION --- 57B/U.30.b.9.9.
- (a). Div. S.A.A. & Grenade Dump  
(b). Ammunition Officer at Dump has telephonic communication.  
(c). The location of an Advance S.A.A. Dump for each of 53rd  
and 54th Brigs., and M. G. Units to which it is desired  
that S.A.A. & Grenades be delivered will be notified  
immediately to G-1.  
Guides who know the location of such Advance Dumps will  
report to Ammunition Officer at Div., S.A.A. Dump.  
(d). L.G.S. Wagons of 1st Line Transport will be kept  
loaded with complete mobile reserve of S.A.A., Grenades  
and tools.  
(e). S.A.A. Section of 4th Aust. D.A.C., will maintain  
full echelon - Ammunition Officer will make reconnaissance  
for the possible establishment of an Ammunition Refill-  
ing Point, will forward as conditions of operations  
may warrant.  
(f). The following will be carried into action by each man  
armed with a rifle:
- |                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| S.A.A.             | 200 rounds |
| #25 Mills Grenades | 3          |
- (g) S.A.A. and Grenades will be issued to Regts., at the Advance  
Brigade Dumps as follows in order to provide 200 rds extra per man  
and 3 grenades per man. - This to be in addition to S.A.A. carried  
by the man and that on Mobile Reserve of 1st Line Transport.

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	S.A.A. Ord.	Grenados, No. 23.	Grenados, No. 27
105th Inf.	200,000 rds	3000	400
106th Inf.	80,000 "	1200	150
107th Inf.	130,000 "	1250	250
108th Inf.	180,000 "	2100	350

(h) S.A.A. M.G. and Grenados for Machine Gunners will be dumped at a special forward dump -- to be selected under arrangements to be made by D.M.G.O. -- as follows:

S.A.A., M.G.	500,000 rds
Grenados, No. 23	1,000

3. Battle Stores

(a) Allotment of special stores will be made as follows:

	Water bottles	Water Tins	Hot food, Car-tainers	Wire	Outfitters
105th Inf.	950	150	20	Long.	50
106th Inf.	400	150	7		20
107th Inf.	550	150	13		35
108th Inf.	900	150	18		45
106th M.G. Bn.	nil	50	10		nil

(b) Div., Ord., Officer will arrange to meet deficiencies when additional stores demanded have been received and will also arrange for units now in possession of stores in excess of scale as above, to be turned over to units deficient.

(c) Div., Q.M. will arrange to provide special supplies as follows:

Solidified Alcohol  
Chloride of lime  
Assault Rations  
Pea Soup Rations

to each Inf., Regt. based on strength as below.

105th Inf.,	950
106th Inf.	400
107th Inf.	650
108th Inf.	900

Iron Rations, Assault Rations, Pea Soup Rations and Solidified

Alcohol will be carried by men of Inf., Regts.,

Chloride of lime will also be supplied to 106th M.G. Bn. as required.

(d) Div., Gas Officer will arrange for the maintenance at Div., S.A. & D.M.G.O. in charge of a Gas Officer, of the following supplies:

200 yds Blanket Cloth  
1000 lbs Chloride of Lime  
1000 Box Respirators

4. Engineer Material

Advance Dump -- BEQUIGNY (57B/V.22.4.7.4.)  
Rear Dump -- MONTBIRGAIN  
Bridge Material -- ESCAUFURT (57B/C.31.)

5. Remounts

Emergency demands for animals to replace casualties will be made by wire to Div., S.M. stating the number and classes of animals required. (Light Draft, Heavy Draft, Pack or Mules).

III  
EVACUATIONS

1. Medical Arrangements

Advance Dressing Station -- BUSIGNY  
Main Dressing Station -- PREMONT  
Car Posts, Polay & Visiting.  
T. 29.b.7.4.  
Q. 3.a.4.1.  
V. 1.c.2.3.  
V. 24.1.2.8.

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Detachment Aid Posts

105th Inf.,	57B/V.11.c.5.4.
106th Inf.,	V.5.b.2.2.
	V.11.s.8.1.
	V.11.b.2.8.
107th Inf.	V.24.a.8.1.
	W.7.c.9.4.
	W.19.d.8.1.
	V.10.c.7.1.
108th Inf.	Q.33.b.8.1.
	Q.31.a.4.1.
	W.7.c.2.1.

Entraining point for Walking Wounded, Narrow Gauge Ry. at MONTBREHAIN.

8. VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS

Advance Collecting Station O.27.central

(Western outskirts of BRANCOURT)

105th Mobile Veterinary Section At JONCOURT

Upon evacuation of animals to above station, conducting parties will rejoin their units.

9. Prisoners of War

Collecting Station ST. SOUPLLET Church.

(Q.33.d.cent.)

Divisional Cage V.27.b.7.9.

(Cross Roads 2000 yds south of BUSIGNY)

Corps Cage O.28.c.

(Northeast of BRANCOURT)

Escorts from Units upon turning over Prisoners of War to Military Police at Collecting Station, will rejoin their organizations.

A.P.M. will provide necessary escort for Prisoners of War from Collecting Station to Divisional Cage, where lists of prisoners will be made as provided by regulations.

Prisoners may be employed for carrying wounded toward the rear. Under no circumstances will they be sent on a return trip forward for any purpose.

A.P.M. will arrange for Prisoners of War rations as required.

4. Provost Arrangements

(a) A.P.M. will establish suitable Straggler Posts along the line BRANCOURT-7.d.5.2. to return stragglers to their units, direct walking wounded to Dressing Station, regulate Traffic and other usual functions of the A.P.M. on such duty.

(b) A Collecting Post of one squad of M.P. will be maintained at Advance Dressing Station. Under direction of C.O. Dressing Station, it will be the duty of this detachment to return stragglers to their organizations.

(c) A.P.M. will arrange for 2 detachments of 18 M.P. (one detachment with 2 days rations, will report 15th Oct., at 18 hours, to the Commanding Officers of 106th and 107th Inf., respectively for duty as mobile straggler posts in rear of those commands.

5. Burials

Div., Burial Officer at Advance Dressing Station, BUSIGNY (V.10.b.9.4.) Each organization will be responsible for clearing the battle field and conducting the burial of its own dead.

Regimental Chaplains will supervise details.

Each regiment will detail 2 sergeants and 6 squads, as burial party, with 2 days rations, report to Burial Officer, as may be later directed by Higher Hqs.

Officer of Graves Registration Service, will arrange for the establishment of cemeteries in suitable localities and in accordance with regulations.

Commanding Officers will be responsible for the burial of dead animals in the areas of operation of their respective organizations.

6. Red Cross & Y.M.C.A.

These units will establish canteens, and continue their activities at such locations as will be most convenient to organizations of the Division and for their several purposes.

# APPENDIX 5

Form No. 111.

Division Salvage Officer and Salvage Co. No. 13, will continue operations in the area, to the fullest extent possible with existing facilities as heretofore.

**B. Captured Trophies** Organizations making captures are responsible for the designation of their unit being marked on same and for their early return to Division Ordnance Dump for transmission to Base. It is essential that all such trophies of war be removed from forward areas as soon as possible.

**C. Anti-Gas Measures** Each man taking part in operations will be provided with two teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda which will be added to the water in his canteen.

This process should be carried out under the supervision of officers who will impress upon their men that the use of this substance in no way affects water for drinking or cooking purposes.

Bicarbonate of soda may be obtained from Battalion Aid Posts. The Division Surgeon is arranging for additional supplies of this above-named commodity as needed to meet requirements.

By Command of Major General O'Ryan

Stanley H. Ford,  
Colonel, G.S.  
Chief of Staff.

Forward to:

- 1 G-6
- 1 G-7
- 1 G-8
- 1 G-1
- 1 G-2
- 1 G-3
- 1 Adj.
- 1 Q.M.
- 1 Ord. Off.
- 1 Sig. Off.
- 1 Surg.
- 1 San. Insp.
- 1 Insp.
- 1 J.A.
- 1 Vet.
- 1 Gen. Off.
- 1 Salvage Off.
- 1 Postal Sgt.
- 1 Baths Off.
- 1 R.R. & C. Off.
- 1 Div. Billposting Off.
- 1 A.P.M.
- 1 Red. Cross
- 1 W.M.C.A.
- 3 Senior Chaplain
- 1 Comm. Off.
- 1 S.S.C. (Capt. Poppard)
- 1 M.T.C.
- 1 Div. Engineer

- 1 D.M.G.O.
- 1 French Mission
- 2 53rd Brig.
- 2 54th Brig.
- 8 105th Inf.
- 8 106th Inf.
- 8 107th Inf.
- 8 108th Inf.
- 6 104th M.G. Bn.
- 6 105th M.G. Bn.
- 6 106th M.G. Bn.
- 4 102nd M.G. Bn.
- 2 103rd M.G. Bn.
- 4 102nd Tns Hdqrs., & M.Ps
- 2 II Corps
- 2 G.R.A. 4th Aust. Div.
- 2 S.A. Sec. 4th Aust. Div.
- 2 105th M.V.S.
- 3 Director of T. Hosp.
- 3 Director of Amb. Cos.
- 2 133rd T. Amb.
- 1 Edgec., Troop
- 1 Bureau Officer
- 2 30th Div.
- 2 20th Div.

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1. Boundary between Infantry Brigades:-

From 2000 on the 21st. Oct. 1918 the boundary between Inftry. Bdes. in the Line will run as follows :-

Railway from L 35 c 5 3 - R 4 b 1010 - R 15 b 1 8 - JONG de MER FARM (Inclusive to RIGHT Bde.) - Road Junction Q 30 d 3 2.

2. GROUP Boundaries.

From 2000 on the 21st. Inst. the RIGHT Group, boundaries will be as follows :-

On the NORTH, Inter Inf. Bde. boundary stated in para 1.  
On the SOUTH, Southern Div. boundary W 9 c 5 0 - W 6 c 0 0  
R 23 a 9 9.

Between Nos. 1 & 2 Sub-Groups, R 26 c 3 7 - Canal & River Junction R 11 b 6045

3. Discrepancy in Co-ordinates :-

Attention is drawn to the discrepancy in co-ordinates readings between 1/20,000 and 1/40,000 maps.

AMENDMENT to Order 11

1. Para 2 -- For 6th. Army Bde Aust F.A. read 14th. Army Bde. R.F.A.
2. Para 4 -- Line 4 For 6th. Army Bde. Aust F.A. read 14th. Army Bde. RFA
3. Para 5(a)- Sub para. headed "No. 2 SUB)GROUP" will be amended to read  
" Commanded by Lt.-Col. Gibbon D.S.O.  
14th. Army Bde. R F A  
7th. Aust. F A Bde.
4. Para 5(b) is cancelled

L O C A T I O N S .

10th. Aust. F A Bde. H Q	--	RANDIVAL FARM (Q 29 c 8 6)
37th. Bty.	--	R 19 a 5 0 -- Wagon Lines - St SOUPLLET
38th. "	--	Q 24 b 7542
39th. "	--	R 19 c 2 6
110th. "	--	R 19 a 6 1
11th. Aust. F A Bde. H Q	--	Q 33 d 9 8
41st. Bty.	--	R 13 d 2 2
42nd. "	--	Q 18 c 5706 -- Wagon Lines Q 29
43rd. "	--	) Q 24 a 6 4
111th. "	--	R 13 c 8015
No. 1 Section	--	Q 26
No. 2 "	--	V 21 a 6 8
S A A "	--	V 25 d 1 2
A R P	--	P 36 d 8 0

*Geo D. Heathon* 2/Lieut.

A/Adjutant, 4th. Aust. D. A. Col.

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4th. Aust. Div. Ammun. Column.  
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1. GROUP BOUNDARIES :-

From receipt of this Order the boundaries will be amended as follows :-

NORTHERN -- R 9 c 1045 - G 26 a 5045  
SOUTHERN -- R 32 b 0015 - R 17 d 3 7  
Between Nos. 1 & 2 Sub-Groups -- R 21 a 9580 - R 6 c 0 0

2. The CREEPING BARRAGE :-(a) The 18-pr. Barrage will commence at ZERO HOUR on the Start Line.

The 14th. Army Bde. R F A will cover No. 2 Sub-Group Front with the 7th. Aust. F A Bde superimposed.

One 18-pr. Bty of each Bde. of No. 1 Sub-Group will be superimposed over the Bde. front.

4.5" How. Btys. of each Sub-Group will commence at ZERO HOUR 200 yards East of the 18-pr. Start Line. (except as ordered in para 3).

At ZERO PLUS 4 MINUTES the barrage will move forward in lifts of 100 yards every 4 minutes to the line marked on Barrage Map "FIRST PROTECTIVE BARRAGE", then remain on this line and search Area Eastward to a depth of 1000 yards for 15 minutes and stop firing.

AT ZERO PLUS 180 MINUTES the barrage will again move forward from 1st. Protective Barrage in lifts of 100 yards every 6 mins to limit of range &amp; stop firing.

(b) RATES OF FIRE :-

ZERO TO ZERO plus 8 minutes -- 3 rds p.g. & h. p.m.  
ZERO plus 8 min to stop firing - 2 " " " "

(c) AMMUNITION :-

18-prs. In Creeping Barrage to 4000 yards. (94% A  
( 6% AS  
over 4000 " (94% AX, 106 F  
( 6% AS.

4.5" Hows. 90% BX, 10% CG.

SMOKE will not be fired if morning of ATTACK DAY is misty.  
C G will only be fired if wind is blowing from the direction between N W & S W.

3. SPECIAL TASKS :-

(a) No. 1 SUB GROUP will smoke barrage the Village of ORS, using a 4.5" How. Bty from ZERO to ZERO plus 40 mins.

(b) No. 2 SUB GROUP at ZERO plus 64 mins. will take over the responsibility of the LEFT GROUP FIRST PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE (i.e. R 4 c 7560 - L 33 d 5530)

Whilst Left Group is advancing (from Zero plus 64 mins to Zero plus 180 mins) one Bde. will cover this PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE and ~~be~~ commencing at ZERO plus 64 mins. search forward to a depth of 1000 yards, then stop firing at Zero plus 79 mins.(c) Nos. 1 & 2 Sub Groups :-

From 0545 to 0630 on the 23rd. inst. a smoke screen will be placed along the Western Bank of the CANAL as follows :-

No. 1 Sub Group -- 1 4.5" How. Bty from CANAL Crossing  
R 5 b 3 4 - G 31 b 1 2No. 2 Sub Group -- 1 4.5" How. Bty. from G 31 b 1 2 -  
G 26 b 4 8RATES OF FIRE and AMMUNITION for Tasks (a) & (b) will be in accordance with para 2.

For Task (c).....



For Task (c) the first burst will be Battery Salvo and thereafter 4 rds. per Battery per min. using 100% Smoke.

4. S.O.S. LINE :-

The PROTECTOR LINE shown on BARRAGE MAP for the Objective gained will in all cases be the S.O.S. Line.

5. S.O.S. SIGNAL :-

Rifle Grenade bursting into RED over RED over RED.

6. G.F. & L.L. CALLS :-

G.F. Calls will be answered by the Superimposed Battys of No. 1 Sub Group and by Sections of How. Batteries of each Sub Group. L L Calls; When engaged in Creeping Barrage, as for G F Calls. When not engaged in Creeping Barrage L L calls will be answered by every Battery which can bring fire to bear. Rates of fire in all cases 5 minutes' intense.

7. ZERO HOUR ATTACK DAY will be notified later.

8. Watches will be synchronised at 11th. F A Bde. Hqtrs, Q 33 d 9 8 at 2000 on 22nd. inst.

LOCATIONS.

41st. Bty. W L	-----	Q 29 c 2020
42nd. " "	-----	Q 29 a 5 3
43rd. " "	-----	Q 33 a 4 8
11th. " "	-----	Q 29 a 5 5
D T M O	-----	VILLIERS FAUCON
14th. Coy A A S C	-----	Nr BUSIGNY
Nos. 17, 22, & 29 O.M.W.-(L)	-----	RANICOURT

*Geo D. Atherton*  
2/Lieut.

22.10.18 A/Adjutant, 4th. A. D. A. C

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C.O.

31st. October. 1918.4th. Aust. D. A. C.For your information.Number of Sick Parades during Month of October:-

No 1 Section.	85
No 2 Section.	34
S.A.A. Section.	60
Total.	<u>179</u>

Daily average 5.77  
 1.04% of daily average strength

Number of Evacuations:-

5 = 2.8 % Sick Parade  
 = .89 % of average strength.

Details.

Venereal	1
Pyrexia.	2
Injury to Shoulder.	1
Scabies.	1

The above figures only refer to men on Sick Parade . The total passing through R. A. P. inclusive of Sick Parades ~~is~~ is 394; daily average 12.7

During the month 77 men returned from Leave, about half of these reported for Prophylactic treatment , 10 showed symptoms of V.D. one of these was evacuated, the remainder were successfully treated. About 12 fresh cases of Influenza occurred during the month , 2 of the cases were evacuated.

General health of the men is good.

*W. L. L. L.* Capt.

R.M.O. 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

The following Ammunition was carted to 27th. American  
Division by this Section during the period 11th. to 22nd October 1918 :-

S A A	-----	1225000	Rounds
S A A M G	-----	1117376	"
Grenades No. 23	----	16104	"
" No. 36	----	1572	"
" No. 27	----	1584	"
S O S, R R R	----	192	"
Success Signals	---	132	"
Rockets M C	----	36	"
Stokes' 3"	-----	2632	"
V L D 1	-----	900	"
Ground Flares Red	--	768	"
37 MMCI	-----	165	"
37 M M A P	-----	165	"
Pistol Colt	-----	4000	"
Grenades "P"	-----	1236	"

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S A A Section,  
4th. Aust. D.A.C.

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A.P.O. 748 A.E.F.

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My dear Lieutenant Dickinson:-

On behalf of this Division I wish to thank personally- <sup>you</sup> and wish it might also be conveyed to the personnel of your section- for the faithful, tireless and entirely efficient service rendered by all of you in connection with our ammunition supply during the week 25th Sept to 1st Oct.

Their work was an exhibition of splendid energy intelligently applied and was proof that the reputation of the Australian fighting man as a finished performer in all branches of the game is well deserved.

It was a pleasure and an inspiration to serve with you people and we could always get on together as we thoroughly understand each other .

With personal regards.

Sincerely

Edward Olmstead

Lt. Col. Asst. C. of S. G-I. 27th. Div.

APPENDIX 10