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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62.B. G.2.c.5.5.	1918 Oct. 1		<p>Visibility good. At various times during the morning Batteries put down bursts of fire on Jack Jill and Paul Copse. At an early hour one section from each Battery moved forward in close support of Battalions of 15th Inf. Brigade. and engaged targets with direct observation. Remainder of Batteries shifted forward and took up positions nearer BELLICOURT. Batteries in afternoon bombarded BEUREVOIR line and engaged various targets, enemy movement etc. Fresh. S.O.S. lines laid down for night. CASUALTIES. 2 other ranks wounded, 4 horses killed. AMMUNITION. Expended A. 983 Ax 762 Bx. 570. GUNS. 16-18pdrs and 3 Hows. in action. 2 18-pdrs and 3 hows. at Workshops. Intelligence Summary attached. (Appendix 1)</p>	
	Oct. 2		<p>Visibility good. At 6.a.m. Batteries took part in a creeping barrage in support of advance of 14th Inf. Brigade as per O.O. 2 and 5th D.A. O.O. 93 attached (appendixes 2 and 3) Infantry captured ESTREES. During the day many targets were engaged with direct observation. During the night 5th Div. Infantry were relieved by 2nd Div. Inf. Summary of operations from 29th Sept. to 2nd Oct. attached (appendix 3) Casualties Nil, AMMUNITION Expended A.675 - ax. 542 Bx. 350 Guns - no change.</p>	
	Oct. 3		<p>Brigade in reserve - relieved by 2nd Div. Artillery. Casualties 5 other ranks wounded by bomb.</p>	
	4		<p>During the afternoon Brigade moved up into line near JOHNCOURT. Headquarters took up position in railway cutting - H.16.d.6.8.- and Batteries came into action in immediate vicinity. S.O.S. lines laid out. CASUALTIES. 1 other rank wounded by shell fire.</p>	
	5		<p>At 6.a.m. Batteries took part in a creeping barrage in support of advance of 2nd Aust. Div. Infantry as per orders attached (appendix 4) During the day Batteries also engaged various targets. Casualties 4 other ranks wounded. 2 horses killed. AMMUNITION Expended A.685 ax. 650 Bx. 180. GUNS - no change.</p>	
	6		<p>Brigade in reserve and Batteries did not fire all day. During the afternoon all Batteries moved forward and came into action near RAMICOURT. New S.O.S. lines laid out. Guns. 17 -18pdrs. and 3 Hows. in action 1-18 pdr and 3 hows at Workshops. Casualties Nil.</p>	
	7		<p>Brigade in reserve.</p>	

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Sheet 62.E. G.2.c.5.5.	1918 Oct 8		At 6.a.m. Batteries took part in a creeping barrage in support of advance of American troops as per orders attached (Appendix 5) During day Batteries also engaged various targets, enemy movement etc. Casualties 2 other ranks wounded. AMMUNITION Expended A.1250 Ax. 1300 As.98 Bx 870. Guns 16 18 pdrs and 6 Hows in action. 2 18pdrs at workshops.	
RAMICOURT		9	During afternoon Headquarters shifted up to RAMICOURT. Brigade in reserve.	
	10, 11 & 12.		Brigade in reserve. Report on operations from 3rd to 12th inst attached (appendix 5.A)	
		13	At 11.a.m. Brigade marched from RAMICOURT through MARETZ to BUSINGY where Headquarters were established at V.10.P.3.8. Batteries moved into positions near villiage of ESCAUFORTH. S.O.S lines laid out. Casualties. 5 other ranks wounded by bomb.	
BUSINGY		14	Visibility good. Batteries in position but not in action.	
		15	Visibility bad owing to rain. No action during day. At night harrassing fire carried out as per Operation Order no. 16 (Appendix 6) Operation Order No. 17 also issued to Batteries (appendix 7) AMMUNITION Expended A.250 ax. 280 Bx. 160. Guns in action. 16. 18.pdrs and 6 Hows. 2 guns at Workshops.	
		16	Visibility bad Harrassing fire carried out at intervals during day and night as per 2nd. D.A. A.11/168/18 (Appendix 8) GUNS. No. change. Casualties 1 other rank wounded. AMMUNITION. Expended. A.218 Ax. 258 Bx. 210.	
		17	Visibility bad owing to heavy fog. At 5.20 a.m. Batteries xxx participated in a creeping barrage in support of advance of infantry of 30th American Division. Infantry advanced some distance but did not gain all their objectives. Orders for attack attached (appendix 9) During day Batteries engaged enemy movement etc at different points, from direct observation. CASUALTIES 2 other ranks evacuated gassed. AMMUNITION. Expended A.1978 Ax 1920 As132 Bx 1119 Bs 127. GUNS In action 15 18 pdrs and 5 Hows.	

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Sheet 57.B. V.16.d.3.8 (BUSINESSY)	1918 Oct 18		<p>At 5.30 a.m. 30th American Division launched a further attack. Batteries of Brigade did not take part in creeping barrage but stood by ready to follow in close support of infantry detailed for exploitation. 2 Sections of Batteries were pushed forward across River SELLE for purposes of covering 120th American Regiment 14th and 7th F.A. Brigades were formed into Left Group under Lieut. Col. F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O. The C.O. established a forward control station with Headquarters, 120th American Regiment. Infantry did not reach their first objective owing to Division on the right not attacking until 11 a.m. At 11.30 a.m. by arrangement with Artillery Group and the C.O. 120th Regiment, a creeping barrage was put down under which infantry advanced their line some distance. Infantry Commander having decided to advance his line to MAZINGHIEM at 5.45 p.m. the approaches and exits of that village were kept under fire by Batteries from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. when fire was lifted and likely field artillery and machine gun positions in rear of village were kept under fire for 15 min. Infantry at this time further advanced their line but MAZINGHIEM was not reached. Group Operation No. 2 (appendix 10) Casualties nil. Ammunition Expended A.250 ax. 235 Ex. 135. Visibility bad.</p> <p>During morning Headquarters moved forward to La HAIE MENNERESSE. Batteries also moved further forward. At 5.30 a.m. Infantry continued their attack and Batteries put down bursts of fire for one hour to cover advance. Infantry advanced their line but did not reach the desired objective.</p> <p>C.O.'s Summary of operations. During the 3 days, 17th, 18th and 19th forward sections of Batteries engaged many targets at request of Battalion Commander or as result of direct observation, for instance La HAIE TONNOILE Farm in R.28 central and surrounding fields and orchards appeared to be heavily manned with machine guns and this place was constantly kept under fire.</p> <p>In no instance during the 3 days did American infantry reach objective aimed at in spite of adequate artillery covering fire. On each occasion the reasons appeared to be the inexperience of the individual infantry man, the absence of the officers and N.C.O.s with which they were accustomed to work, and general disorganization in the front line. Insufficient co-ordination with units on each flank - Disinclination to follow closely the Artillery barrage.</p> <p>During the afternoon Batteries moved across the river SELLE.</p> <p>At night American infantry were relieved in the line by 1st English Division. Brigade now covering 2nd English Brigade.</p> <p>AMMUNITION. Expended A 335 Ax 302 Ex. 405 GUNS 15 18-pdr and 6 Howitzers in action</p>	
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Sheet 57. B W.8.a.4.7	1918 Oct 20th		During morning Headquarters moved up to St Martins . Batteries in action near L'Arbe de GUISE At 2.p.m. Brigade relieved from responsibility of covering sector, At night orders were received for Batteries to come into action in squares 12 and 18 to cover 71st Brigade Infantry by noon on 21st. CASUALTIES. 3 other ranks wounded. GUNS 16 18-pdrs and 6 Hows. in action. Report on operations from 13th to 20th inst attached (Appendix 10.a.)	
ST MARTIN	21		During morning Brigade shifted further North Headquarters to LE CATEAU, Q.4.d.4.4. and Batteries came into action further forward. New S.O.S. lines laid out. CASUALTIES 2 other ranks wounded. Operation Order 1a. issued to Batteries (Appendix 11)	
LE CATEAU	22		Visibility bad. Batteries engaged on registration of targets, checking zero lines etc. Guns. No change. AMMUNITION. Expended A. 150 Ax. 132. Ex. 80.	
	23		Visibility good, except for foggy morning. At 1.30.a.m. English infantry attacked Batteries putting down a creeping barrage in support. At 2.16. Batteries ceased fire and moved forward taking up new positions. Batteries went into action again at 3.30,a.m. and resumed fire on the creeping barrage as per Operation Order no? 18. (Appendix 12) CASUALTIES Lieut. J. I. R. PUNCH and Lieut. L.R. Turner evacuated wounded. 2 other ranks killed and 12 other ranks evacuated wounded by shell fire. AMMUNITION. Expended A. 2536 Ax. 3505 Ex. 2300. Guns 15 18 pdrs and 6 Hows. in action. 3 18.pdrs at Workshops. Summary of operations from 20th to 23rd inst attached (Appendix 13) During the evening Brigade relieved in the line by 24th Brigade R.F.A. and guns and personnel withdrawn to Wagon lines as per Instructions No. 12 (Appendix 14)	
	24		At Wagon Lines. Warning order issued to Batteries (Appendix 15)	
BRANCOURT	25		Brigade marched out of LE CATEAU area and proceeded by road to BRANCOURT Area as per March Order no. 19. (Appendix 16)	
BELLINGLISE	26		Brigade marched from BRANCOURT Area to BELLINGLISE as per March Order No. 20 (Appendix 17)	

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BELLINGLISE	Oct 27		Brigade marched from BELLINGLISE to TINCOURT as per March Order No. 21 (Appendix 18)	
TINCOURT Sheet 62 D.	28		Brigade marched from TINCOURT to BRAY sur SOMME as per March Order No 22. (Appendix 19).	
BRAY	29		Brigade marched from BRAY to final destination CAMON as per March Order No, 23 (Appendix 20) No casualties on trip and horses and men finished journey in good condition.	
CAMON	30) 31)		Brigade at rest.	
<p><i>Frank S. Berham Lt Col</i> <i>Co 14 2nd Bde</i></p>				

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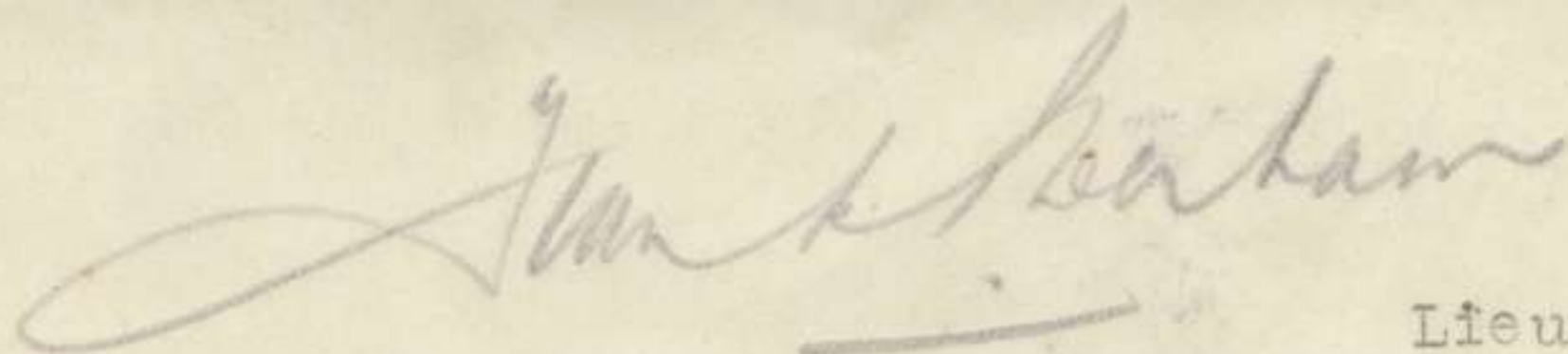
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C.O. 14th Aust. F.A.Brigade.

Appendix 1 -
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Intelligence Summary from
3pm 1/10/18

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Coast Action At 6.40 am 9.10 am

At 11.5 am bursts of fire of
about 100 rds each were put
into Jack copse till copse
& Fall copse. At 1 pm about
100 rds were fired into the
Bauvevoir line between B27A40
& B14C50. This shoot was
repeated at 3 pm by all
batteries searched back to
limits of range.

Hostile Action G2 & G8 were
lightly shelled at intervals
during the morning by 5.9
Howo & 4.2 H.V. At 10 am &
2.10 pm G36 was put under
short bursts of fire by 5.9 Howo.
The forward areas were
heavily shelled continuously
during the morning by 4.2
& 5.9 Howo.

Visibility Good

Movement at 2.30 pm small
parties of enemy moved up
into the Bauvevoir line at
approx B27A. A good
deal of hostile transport was
observed going East thro
Wianacourt, between 1 pm &
3 pm.

Aircraft Hostile nil - ours
normal.

General nil.

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1/10/18

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14th FA B

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Appendix I

14th Aust FA Brigade
Operation Order No 2

Headquarters

14 Oct 1918

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1 14th Aust Inf Bde will continue attack at dawn on the morning of 2nd Oct 1918 supported by a creeping barrage.

2 The start line of creeping barrage for 14th Aust FA Bde will be as follows:

53th G 12 B 7.4 to G 12 B 75 15

53rd G 12 B 75 15 to H 7 C 20.35

54th H 7 C 20 35 to H 7 C 40.60

114th will distribute over the whole Brigade front 200 yards beyond 18 Pdr barrage.

3 Infantry objective is in a line H 22 central to H 15 central.

4 Protective barrage line for 14th Aust FA Bde will be:-

55th H 1 B 84 to H 2 A 10.17

53rd H 2 A 10.17 to H 2 C 40.95

54th H 2 C 40.95 to H 2 C 67 70

114th Distribute over Brigade front 200 yds past of 18 Pdr line

5 Barrage will move in a North easterly direction

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will stand for 3 minutes on the start line and will then left 100 yards each 3 minutes until it reaches protective barrage line.

6 Rates of fire:- 18 Pdr 4 Rds per gun per min up to protective barrage line and then 2 Rds per gun per min for 15 min then one round per gun per min for a further 15 min. Total time on protective barrage line 30 minutes.

4.5 Hows:- Half of the above rates for same times

7 Ammunition:-

For creeping barrage 18 Pdr 10% As 40% H and 50% Bx.

4.5 Hows Bx.

For protective barrage 50% As 25% H and 25% Bx. 4.5 Hows. Bx.

8 Acknowledge

W. Allen

Captain

Adjutant, 14th Aust FA Bde

Issued at 3.15 am to
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.93

1/10/18

1. INFORMATION.

The 32nd Division have taken JONCOURT.

2. INTENTION.

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

3. MOVES.

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

4. TANKS.

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

3th Aust. Inf. Brigade 2
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade 8

5. OBJECTIVES.

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

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

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

6. INFANTRY FORMING UP LINE.

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

7. ARTILLERY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Headquarters,
 7th. Sept. 1918

REPORT ON OPERATIONS 29th. Sept. 1918 - 2nd. Octbr. 1918.

The Brigade did not take part in the bombardment and barrage for the initial stages of the operations, but moved from their rest billets in the vicinity of BRUSLE on the morning of the attack (29th. inst.) at 3 a.m., with 10 minutes interval between Batteries, to a position of assembly immediately in rear of TEMPLEUX-les-GERARD. Brigade H.Q. moved up to L.3.a.8.3 at the H.Q. of the 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, with whom they were to operate, at dusk on the 28th. inst. During the afternoon of the 28th. inst. Section Commanders in charge of sections operating with and under the Command of each line Battalion, together with Liaison Officers, reported to C.Os. Battalions from whom they received instructions and completed all preliminary details.

The position of assembly was reached on time and without mishap, although a delay which might possibly have been serious was caused by a supply train remaining stationary at a level crossing for over 1½ hours.

Battalions moved forward, accompanied by forward sections, promptly at 7 a.m., the remainder of the Brigade following with officers well forward for the purpose of receiving first hand information regarding the situation.

The route to the Brown Line (Start line) was via the Red Road through HARGICOURT and here again considerable delay was experienced through tanks remaining stationary on the road between HARGICOURT and BELLICOURT. Heavy enfilade fire from the left flank was encountered from HARGICOURT onwards, and it was not discovered until the forward sections were in BELLICOURT and the remainder of the Brigade on the Western outskirts of that village that the assault had failed to obtain the first objective. The Battalions of the 15th. Brigade dug in on the Western side of the HINDENBERG CANAL and the forward Sections were ordered to retire by the Battalion Commanders. It was with the utmost difficulty that the Sections were extricated from a difficult situation, and it was due solely to the energy and courage of the officers in charge. Brigade Headquarters at 9 a.m. moved with the H.Q. of the 15th. Inf. Brigade to G.2.c.5.4 and Batteries withdrew slightly and came into action at the following locations:-

53rd. Battery - G.9.a.3.9
 54th. " - G.9.a.2.4
 55th. " - G.2.d.8.1
 114th. " - G.6.a.5.3

where they fired on enemy infantry and guns in action, and replied to aeroplane calls until dusk.

At 3 p.m. on the 29th. inst. a creeping barrage was placed on the LE CATELET - NAUROU Line between G.5.a.8.6 & A.28.b.5.7, and moved forward in lifts of 100 yards each 3 minutes until the Green Line was reached. At 6 a.m. on the 30th. inst. the Brigade again participated in a barrage in support of an attack by the 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade whose objective was Railway Ridge and trench running North to LE CATELET. "S.O.S." Lines on the 30th inst. were as follows :- from G.6.c.9.0 to A.29.b.0.5, with the Howitzers 200 yards East.

All day long on the 30th. Batteries were actively engaged and many targets were successfully fired on. A Brigade O.P. was established at G.4.b.7.5 with a line to the 58th. Battalion at G.4.b.5.7. Our infantry began to improve their positions which entailed frequent alterations of the "S.O.S." lines :-

4 p.m. 30/9/18 - 55th. Battery - A.23.b.9.2 - A.30.a.3.2
 53rd. " - A.30.a.3.2 - A.30.c.5.0
 54th. " - A.30.c.50.50 - G.6.b.10.50
 114th. " - H.7.a.95.95
 Trenches in G.6.b. and
 H.1.a. & c.
 5 p.m. 30/9/18 - A.23.c.1.5 - A.29.b.3.3 - A.30.c.0.0 -
 G.6.a.5.1 - G.6.d.30.

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9 p.m. 30/9/18 - 55th. Battery - A.23.c.1.5 - A.29.b.3.3
53rd. " - A.29.b.3.3. - A.30.c.0.0 -
G.6.a.25.55
54th. " - G.6.a.25.55 - G.6.a.5.1 -
G.6.d.3.0
114th. " - 1 How. CABARET Copse A.29.d.
1 " Trenches G.6.b.
1 " Lamp Sig. Stn. G.6.d.

Early on the morning of the 1st. Oct. Sections were again pushed out in close support and were in action at the following locations at 11 a.m. :-

55th. Battery - G.11.b.80.40
54th. " - G.2.c.5.4
53rd. " - G.10.b.75.40

The Brigade was also moved up and came into action at -

55th. Battery - G.9.d.4.7.28
54th. " - G.9.d.70.15
53rd. " - G.9.a.30.90
114th. " - G.9.b.05.90

Communication with O.P. was successfully maintained during the whole of the 1st. inst. and some 2,000 rounds were expended on various targets with observation. In two instances hostile 77 Batteries were silenced and enemy concentrations broken up.

At 6 a.m. on the 2nd. Oct. the Brigade took part in a creeping barrage in support of a further attack by the 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, who had as their objective a line from A.22.central to H.15.central.

Many targets were again engaged on the 2nd. inst. with direct observation, much valuable work being done by Lieut. THORNE of the 55th. Battery, who reported and observed from Inf. Bde. H.Q. at the Lamp Signal Station on the LE CATELET - NAUROI Line.

Conclusions deducted from the operations as follows :-

Communication forward of Brigade H.Q. was again found to be the greatest difficulty to be overcome, and telephone communication was well nigh impossible owing to the heavy shell fire. Runners were extensively used as a forward link.

It is deduced - That in big operations where roads are limited, it is practically a necessity to obtain a point in the advance necessitating the withdrawal of the enemy guns before mobile artillery can be used. Where the country is free of wire, shelled areas and tracks can be more or less avoided, but where large bodies of artillery are confined to one road, faced by undiminished hostile shell fire, there is a great danger of rendering an artillery unit immobile, owing to heavy casualties in personnel and horses, for the rest of the operations.

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

Headquarters,
4th October 1918.

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

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade will attack and establish a line EAST of MONTREUILLAIN on the 5th October 1918.
2. ZERO HOUR will be 06.05.
3. Attention is directed to 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery Order No. 158 of even date and barrage diagram attached.
4. The operation will be supported by a Creeping Barrage as shown in the barrage diagram accompanying the Order referred to in para. 3. above.
5. ZONES are allotted as shown in the diagram.
13th 10, and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades will each superimpose one 18-pdr Battery on their Brigade zones.
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade will be superimposed on the Group's front.
4.5" Hows. will be 200 yards EAST of 18-pdr barrage.
6. Details regarding Rates of fire, ammunition to be expended and Light Signals are contained in Order referred to in para. 3. above.
7. The superimposed Battery of the 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade and the 49th Battery will answer G.F. and L.L. calls.
8. A F.O.O. will be detailed by C.O. 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade who will maintain communication with a Forward Battery. Every effort is to be made to forward any information from this Officer to Group H.Q.s as quickly as possible.
9. At least one G.P. per Brigade will be continuously manned.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature] Lieut. & Adjt.
Right Group Artillery.

Distribution.

- Nos. 1-4. O's Batteries, 14th Aust. F.A. Bde.
5. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
6. 10th Do.
7. 11th Do.
8. 2nd D.I.A.
- 9-11. War Diary.
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Appendix 4

14TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.
No.
Date

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.

ORDER No.158.

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

1. INTENTION.

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

2. SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

Artillery as under will support the operation -

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

13th Aust.F.A.Bde.

14th " "

10th " "

11th " "

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

12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

4th Aust.F.A. " "

5th " "

6th " Army " A.F.A.

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

3. F.A. BARRAGE.

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

(a) 18-pdrs.

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

(b) 4.5" Hows.

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

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

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

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

4. RATES OF FIRE.

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

5. AMMUNITION.

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

6. LIAISON.

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

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

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

8. LIGHT SIGNALS.

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

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ORDER No.158 (Continued).S E C R E T.9. GF and LL CALLS.

Each Group will detail two batteries to answer any GF and LL Calls during the barrage.

10.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

E. J. Milford
for Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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Left Group	"	25 - 48	" " "
2nd Aust.D.A.C.		49	
4th Aust.D.A.C.		50	
5th Aust.D.A.C.		51	
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.		52	
2nd Aust.Div.		53	
5th A.I.Bde.		54	
6th A.I.Bde.		55	
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Appendix 4

APPENDIX 4

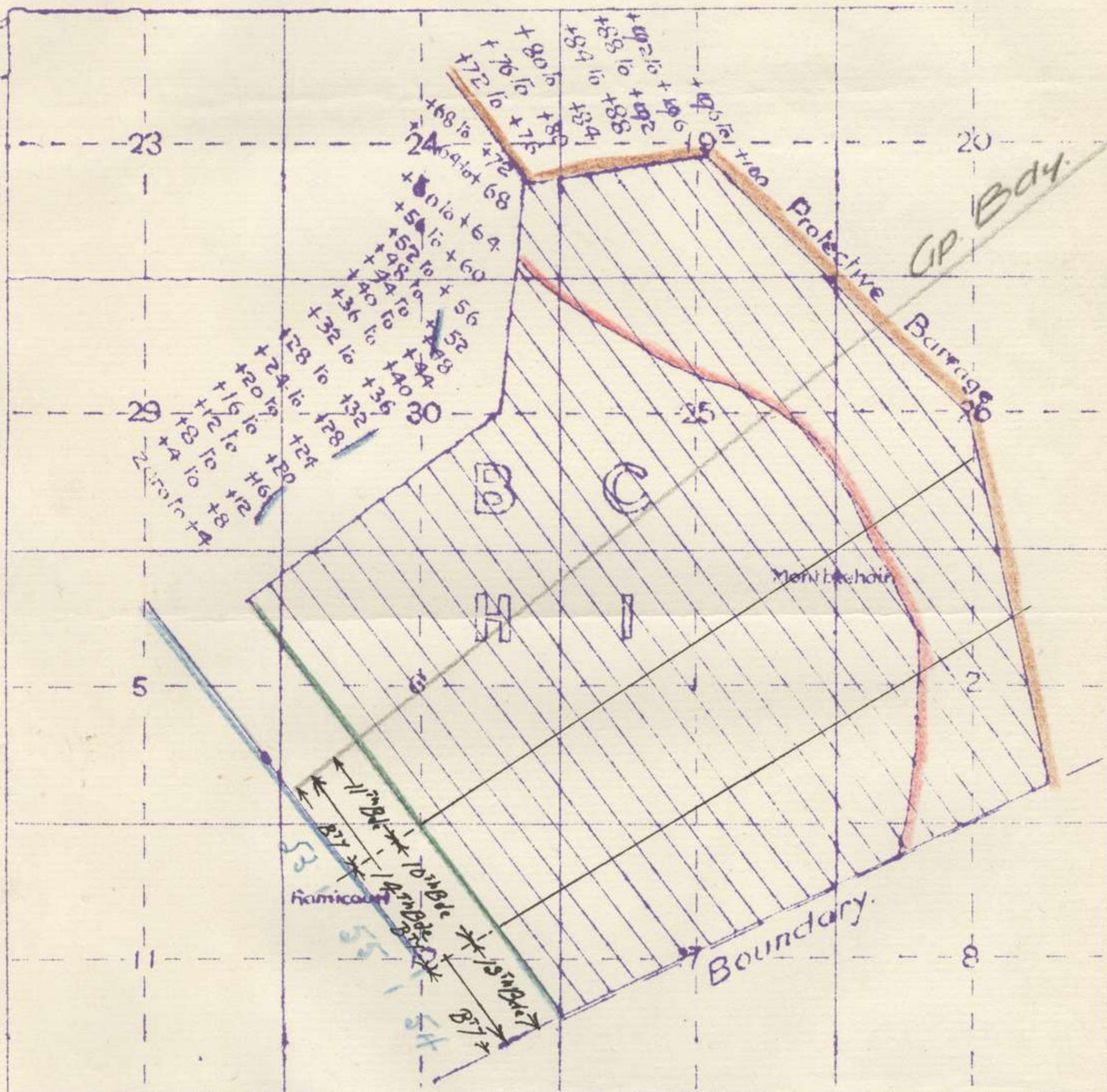
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BARRAGE

(To accompany 2nd Aust. D.A. ORDER No. 158.)

LEGEND.

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

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

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Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.

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

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

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

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APPENDIX 5

14th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

14th. AUST. F. A. BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 14

Headquarters,
7th. Sept. 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62b NW, 1/20,000.
Barrage Map herewith.

1. An attack having as its objective the general line C.29.a. 0.0 - C.2.c.5.0 and subsequently a line of exploitation PREMONT - BRANCOURT (both inclusive) will be carried out by the 30th. American Division in conjunction with Divisions on either Flank on the morning of the 8th. October 1918.

2. The attack will be covered and supported by Field Artillery under C.R.A., 2nd. Aust. Division grouped as follows :-

RIGHT GROUP - H.Q. 6th. Army Bde A.F.A. (Under C.O. 6th. Army Bde A.F.A.)

6th. Army Bde. A.F.A.

10th. A.F.A. Bde.

11th. do.

13th. do.

14th. do.

LEFT GROUP - H.Q. 5th. A.F.A. Bde. (Under C.O. 5th. A.F.A. Bde.)

5th. A.F.A. Bde.

4th. do.

7th. do.

8th. do.

12th. Army Bde. A.F.A.

3. Artillery detailed for support of the exploitation line is as follows :-

with 117th. American Regiment - 12th. Army Bde. A.F.A.

" 118th. " " - 6th. " " "

4. Liaison -

The 114th. Battery will detail one subaltern as Battalion Liaison Officer with Right attacking Battalion.

This Officers party will consist of

1 telephonist with telephone to be supplied by 114th. Battery

1 linesman with $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of wire do. 53rd. "

1 " " " " do. 54th. "

2 runners (not specialists) do. 53rd. "

The party will carry 24 hours rations, and will report to O.C. 114th. Battery at 1800 on 7th. October 1918.

5. An O.P. from which the operation on the Group front can be observed will be manned from Zero hour onwards by 55th. Battery, who will be responsible for communication, and all information will be sent direct to B.H.Q.

6. During the barrage 4.5" Howitzers will conform to 18-pr. Barrage line, but will move 200 yards farther East.

7. Ammunition -

Throughout the operation Ammunition, as far as possible, will be expended in the following proportions :-

18-prs. 50% "A" 45% "AX" and 5% "AS"

4.5" Hows. 95% "EX" and 5% "BS"

8. ZERO hour will be notified later.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. on 7th. Oct. 1918

Adjutant,
Captain,
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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APPENDIX 5

14th. Aust. F. A. BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 15

14TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADEHeadquarters,
7th. Octr. 1918.

Reference 14th. Aust. F. A. Ede Operation Order No. 14
Sheet 62b N.W. & N.E., 1/20,000
Barrage Map already issued to Batteries.

1. The attack by the 30th. American Infantry Division will be carried out as follows :-

ON THE LEFT - 117th. American Infantry Regt. with 1 Bn. in front line, 1 in support and 1 in Reserve
ON THE RIGHT - 118th. American Infantry Regt. with 2 Bns. in front line and 1 Bn. in Support.

2. BOUNDARIES -

Right Divisional - H.12.central - I.2.central - BRANCOURT STATION (inclusive) - G.24.c.3.4.

LEFT DIVISIONAL - B.17.central - B.2.central - U.22.central.

INTER-REGIMENTAL - B.24.d.7.8 - G.14.b.6.6 - G.9.c.3.0 -
G.9.d.7.7 - G.10.a.4.0 - G.10.b.9.9 -
G.5.d.7.7.

3. FIELD ARTILLERY -

The Field Artillery barrage will be in accordance with the barrage map already issued, as follows :-

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

(ii) 4.5" hows. will take part in the barrage, moving 200 yards in advance of 18-pdrs. throughout.

The times on the Barrage Map are times of lifting.

4. RATES OF FIRE -

		Rounds per gun per min.	
		18-pdrs.	4.5" hows.
In Creeping Barrage	3	2
On Protective Line	1	1

5. AMMUNITION -

Ammunition will be used as follows :-

18-pdrs. 50% "A", 44% "AX" with delay or 106 fuzes

6% "AS"

4.5" hows. "BX" with 106 fuzes as far as supplies allow, then no restriction.

6. S.O.S. ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO ZERO HOUR -

S.O.S. arrangements will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 minutes to Zero hour.

7. ZERO HOUR will be at 0510 on the 8 October 1918.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

B. Anderson

Captain,

Adjutant.
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade

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" 3 55th. "
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.
October 7th 1918.

ORDER No.160.

Reference Maps.

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

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

INTENTION.

1.(a) The 30th American Division intends to attack on "Z" Day with the assistance of tanks and under an Artillery Barrage. "Z" Day and Zero hour will be communicated later.

(b) The 6th Division (IX Corps) on the right and the 25th Division (XIII Corps) on the left are attacking in conjunction, the former's action being in the nature of a conforming movement to the 30th American Division advance.

(c) The attack by the 30th American Infantry Div. is to be carried out as follows :-

117th American Regt. with one battalion in
On the Left :- the front line one in support and one in Bde. reserve.

118th American Infantry Regt. with two
On the Right:- battalions in the front line and one battalion in support.

(d) Objectives are as follows :-

(1) First Objective (RED LINE) :- The general line
C.28.b.8.2. - C.22.d.6.0. - C.15.central-
C.9.c.0.3. - C.2.central.

(11) Second Objective (GREEN LINE) :- The general line
C.24.c.6.4. - C.12.c.4.0. - C.5.d.9.0.-
C.5.b.5.5. -PREMONT (inclusive) -
U.22.c.7.9.

(e) BOUNDARIES :-

Right Divisional :- H.12.central - I.2.central - BRANCOURT
STATION (inclusive) - C.24.c.3.4.

Left Divisional :- B.17.central - B.2.central- U.22.central.

Inter-Regimental :- B.24.d.7.8. - C.14.b.6.6. - C.9.c.3.0.-
C.9.d.7.7. - C.10.a.4.0. - C.10.b.9.9. -
C.5.d.7.7.

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2. The Field Artillery covering the 30th American Div. operation will be under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div. and will be grouped as follows :-
Right Group - (under C.R.A.4th Aust.Div.relieving O.C.

6th Army Bde.A.F.A.on October 7th,
H.Q., G.23.b.2.8.).
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.
10th A.F.A.Bde.
11th " "
13th " "
14th " "

Left Group -

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

3. FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

For Capture of the RED LINE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3(c). Rates of fire.Rounds per gun per min.
18-pdrs. 4.5" Hows.

In Creeping Barrage.....	3.....	2.....
On Protective Line	1.....	$\frac{1}{2}$

(d). Ammunition.

Ammunition will be used as follows:-

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

4. ACTION OF FIELD ARTILLERY DURING EXPLOITATION.

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

Brigades will be detailed as follows:-

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

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

(b). O's.C. above F.A. Brigades will keep close touch with their respective Regimental Commanders during the barrage. Exploiting F.A. Brigades will move forward at plus 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 the Tanks or Infantry, and, particularly in the case of 4.5" Hows., to Counter-Battery work, by engaging all NF calls possible. The wireless masts of these Brigades will accompany the 4.5" How. Battery.

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

5. F.O.O's.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SECRET.SECOND AUST.D.A.ORDER No.160 (CONTINUED).12. ECHELONS.

All echelons will be full at Zero Hour.

13.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

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*4th " "				38
*5th " "				39
30th American Div.				40
3rd Aust.D.A.				41
4th " "				42
5th " "				43
*59th American Bde.				44
*117th American Regt.				45
*118th American Regt.				46
*R.A.2nd American Corps.				47
H.A.2nd " "				48
*9th Bde.R.G.A.				49
R.A.Aust.Corps.				50
G.S. 2nd Aust.Div.				
(attached 30th American Div)				51
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.				52
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* By Special D.R.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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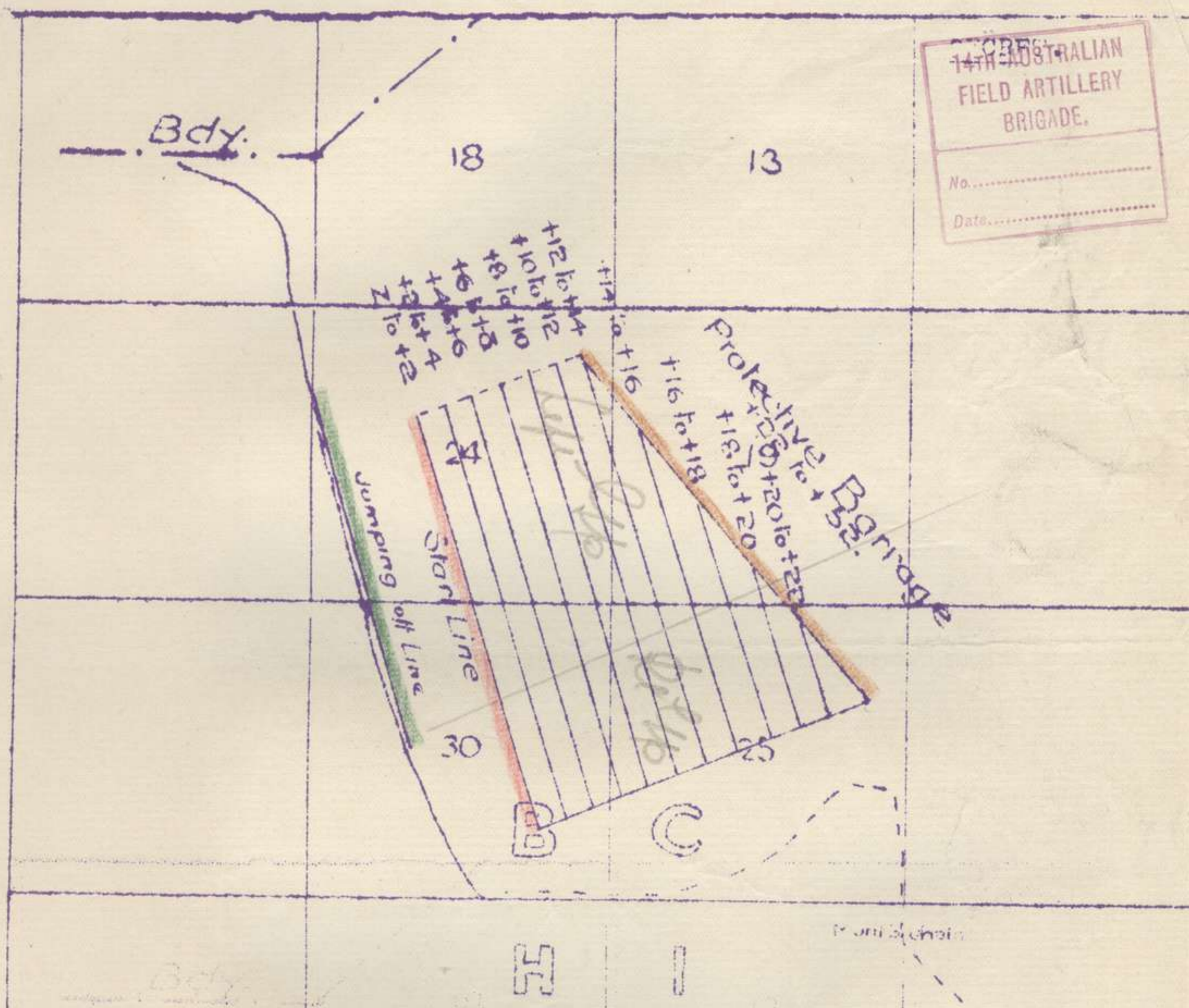
1. Para 3 (a) will be amended ^{to read} as follows :-
 " The Attack will be carried out under a Field Artillery Barrage in accordance with Barrage Map "A" as follows :-
- (1) 18-pdrs. will open on the START LINE, rest there for 3 minutes, then lift and move forward as per Barrage Map "A" in lifts of 100 yards per 3 minutes to the plus 38 line. Thence onwards the rate of advance will be 100 yards per 4 minutes until the Protective Line is reached. The barrage will then rest there till plus 174 minutes and then cease.
- (11) 4.5" hows. will take part in the barrage, moving 200 yards in advance of 18-pdrs. throughout, paying special attention to selected points.
- N.B. Times shown on Barrage Map "A" are times of lifting."
2. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

C. A. Clowe

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

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BARRAGE DIAGRAM.
To accompany 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. ORDER No. 159.
LEGEND.
Portion of Sheet 62B N.W. Scale 1/20,000.
Infantry Jumping Off Line GREEN.
Artillery Start Line RED.
Protective Barrage (# 22 to # 52) BROWN.

B.I.T.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
(RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY)

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ORDER NO. 203

HEADQUARTERS,
7th October 1918.14TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

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

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

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

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade	-- I 2 a - b.
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade	-- C 26 c - d.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade	-- C 20 a - c.
14th Aust. F.A. Brigade	-- C 14 c - d.

6th ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A.	-- After completion of exploitation with the Infantry, if suitably emplaced will remain in positions, but if not will occupy positions approx. in squares C 19 d and C 25 b.
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2. GROUPING OF BRIGADES TO COVER THE GREEN LINE :-

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

(RIGHT SUB-GROUP)
No. 1 SUB-GROUP

-- Commanded by Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..
Consisting of the 10th Aust. F.A. Bde. & the 11th Aust. F.A. Bde.

(LEFT SUB-GROUP)
No. 2 SUB-GROUP

-- Commanded by Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O..
Consisting of the 13th Aust. F.A. Bde. & the 14th Aust. F.A. Bde..

(SUPERIMP. GROUP)
No. 3 SUB-GROUP

--- Commanded by Lieut.-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O..
Consisting of the 6th ARMY Bde. A.F.A..

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ORDER NO. 203 (Continued)

3. BOUNDARIES BEYOND THE GREEN LINE :-

The RIGHT GROUP boundaries beyond the GREEN LINE will be

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

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

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

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

4. RIGHT GROUP FORWARD REPORT CENTRE :-

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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22 - 26 14th Aust. F.A. Bde..
27 - 4th Aust. D.A.C..
28 6th Aust. D.A.C..
For inf :-
29 LEFT GROUP.
30 R.A. Aust. Corps.
31 R.A. 2nd AMERICAN Corps.
32 4th Aust. Div..

33 2nd Aust. D.A..
34 6th Aust. D.A..
35 59th Inf. Bde. U.S.A..
36 118 Inf. Regt. U.S.A..
37 C.R.A..
38 B.M..
39 S.C..
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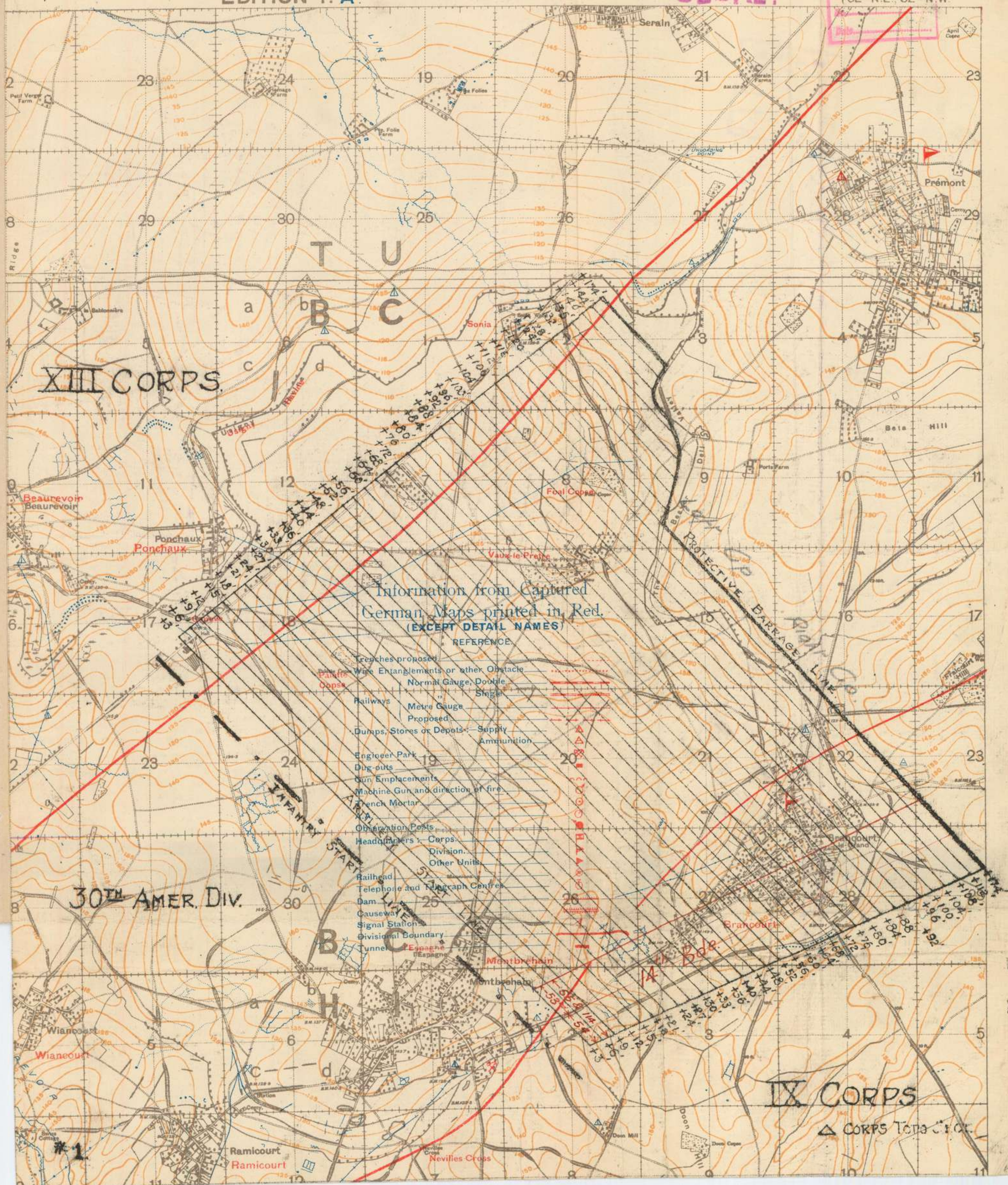
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FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.
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APPENDIX 5A

14th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

14th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
24th. Octr. 1918

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS 3rd. October - 12th. October 1918.

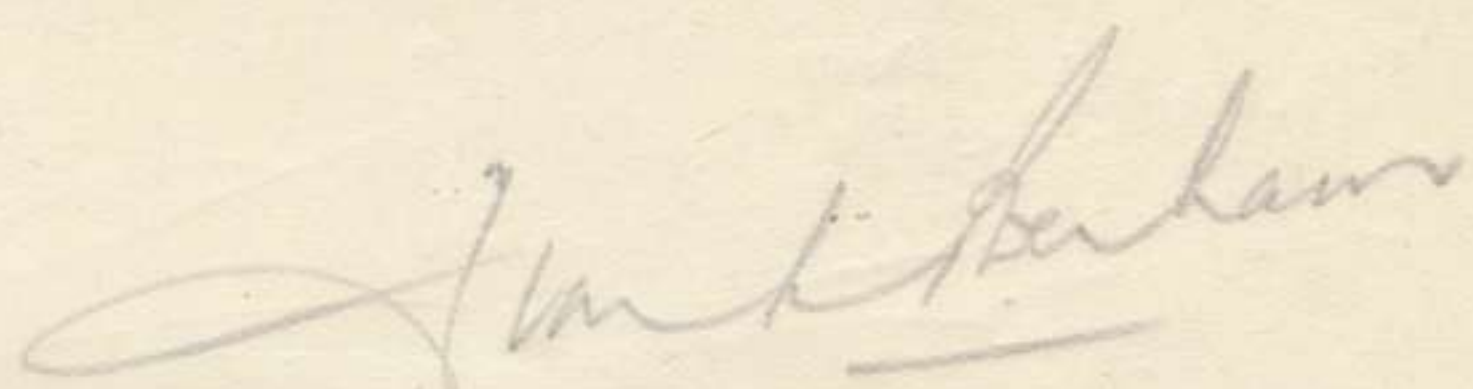
During the afternoon of the 4th. October Batteries moved up into positions near JONCOURT.

5th. Batteries took part in a Creeping Barrage in support of an attack by Infantry of 2nd. Aust. Division and various opportunity targets were engaged.

6th. Batteries moved forward and again came into action in vicinity of RAMICOURT.

8th. Batteries took part in a Creeping Barrage in support of advance of American Infantry and also engaged numerous opportunity targets.

10th., 11th. & 12th. Brigade in Reserve.



Lieut. Colonel,
C.O. 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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APPENDIX. 6

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14th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE

14th. AUST. F. A. BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 16,

Headquarters,
15th. Octr. 1918

Reference Sheet 57b S.E., 1/20,000.

1. Harrassing fire will be carried out on the night of 15th/16th.
inst. as follows :-

Battery	Time	Target
53rd. Battery	Midnight to 0300.	Search road in Q.34.d. & Q.35.c. & d. to limits of range.
54th. "	do.	Track leading from Q.28.d.3.0 to BADIVAL FARM.
55th. "	do.	Practice trenches in Q.34.d. & Q.35.c. & d.
114th. "	do.	Trenches both sides of Railway Line in Q.34.

No fire West of "S.O.S." Lines.

2. Batteries to expend 75 rounds each, in bursts. 25 rounds to be fired each hour.
3. Ammunition - On Roads only shrapnel or H.E. with 106 Fuzes will be used.
4. "Group Crashes" will be fired by all guns on the following targets at times set down :-
- Area Q.34.d.15.52 - Q.34.d.90.85 - Q.34.b.80.10 - Q.34.d.10.85
at 1915.
- Area Q.29.c.60.40 - Q.29.c.90.40 - Q.29.a.82.15 - Q.29.a.55.15
at 1950.
- Area Q.29.b.15.65 - Q.29.b.45.65 - Q.23.d.40.10 - Q.23.d.15.10
at 2020.
- Each "Crash" will consist of 3 rounds gun fire.
5. Watches will be synchronised by telephone from this H.Q.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain,
Adjutant,
14th.Aust.F.A.Brigade.

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14th. AUST. F. A. BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 17,

Headquarters,
15th. Octr. 1918

1. As from receipt of this order until Zero hour all Batteries will put frequent concentrations of fire on all machine gun posts, trench mortar emplacements, strong points and centres of activity in the Brigade Zone? Harrassing fire will also be maintained on these targets.
2. All observed movement will be at once engaged and advantage will be taken by Batteries in carrying out Para. 1 of this order to check calibrations of guns and howitzers.
3. Lanes will be cut through any wire that can be located. A belt of wire is reported to run from Q.34.d.00.65 to W.4.d.85.90 approximately
4. 100 rounds per Battery will be expended daily in harrassing fire, of which Batteries will fire at least 30 rounds each during daylight. The programme for night firing will be issued from this Office.
5. On roads only shrapnel or H.E. with 106 fuzes will be used.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Barney
Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

Issued at 8.30 p.m. 16.10.18 to -

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.Headquarters,
October 16th 1918.

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4th A.F.A.Bde. ☒
 5th A.F.A.Bde. ☒
 7th A.F.A.Bde. ☒
 14th A.F.A.Bde. ☒
 4th Aust.D.A. ☒

Reference Map:- Sheet 57D. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. In order to inflict casualties on the enemy and to destroy his morale bombardments by the Left Group will take place today October 16th 1918 as stated below :-

Time.	Brigades.	Target	Ammunition.	Rates of Fire.
0800 - 0803	4th and 5th.	Standing Barrage from Q.34.a.51.90.- Q.34.c.67.00. (100 yards E. of river).	100% AX.	2 rounds per gun per minute.
0805	4th, 7th and 14th.	Trench Q.28.d.5.0. - Q.35.a.0.0.	100% A.	5 rounds gun fire.
0815	5th, 7th and 14th.	BANDIVAL Farm. Q.29.c.6.6. and vicinity.	60% A. 40% AX.	2 rounds gun fire.
1100	7th and 14th.	LA ROUX FARM R.19.a.9.9. and vicinity.	50% A. 50% AX.	5 rounds gun fire.
1105	4th and 5th	JOIC DE MER FARM R.25.b.5.8.	50% A. 50% AX.	5 rounds gun fire.

2. Matches will be synchronized from this office by
 telephone.
3. Acknowledge.

L. H. Milford
 Major,
 Act. Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Note : ☒ By Special D.R.

LEFT GROUP (EXPLOITATION).
OPERATION ORDER No. 1Headquarters,
16th. Octr. 1918

Reference Sheet 57b, 1/40,000.

1. 4th. D.A. and 5th. D.A. Instructions and orders, together with Barrage Map have been issued down to Batteries. The attack will take place on the 17th. October. Zero hour will be notified later.
2. The operations are divided into two (2) Phases -
 - A - Capture of the RED Line
 - B - Exploitation.
 During both Phases LEFT GROUP will consist of 7th. and 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigades under the command of LIEUT. COLONEL P.P. DE RHAM, D.S.O. During Phase A LEFT Group will be under orders of C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Division, and during PHASE B Left Group will be under the orders of C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Division.
3. During Phase B the Left Group will support the attack of the 120th. American Regiment, 30th. Division U.S.A.
4. During Phase B the 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will precede the 7th. Aust. F.A. Brigade - one forward section of the 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade to be at the disposal of each attacking Battalion. On completion of the barrage Batteries of the 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will advance in the following order - 54th. Battery, 53th. Battery, 55th. Battery & 114th. Battery, due regard being paid to 5th. D.A.H.Q. instructions as to patrols and protection generally. An Engineer of B Company, 105th. Engineers will report to O.C. 54th. Battery at Zero plus 150 with 50 men and some bridging material to assist batteries in crossing the river. The 7th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will follow the 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade and come into action under orders from the Group Commander. The C.O. 7th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will, however, watch the flanks of the Group front.
5. Forward Sections will be furnished by -

Right Battalion	- 53rd. Battery	- Lieut. TURNER
Left	- 54th. "	- Lieut. PARSONS MM

 These sections will be pushed up in close support of their respective Battalions, but all possible precautions will be taken to avoid surprise. One (1) Lewis Gun and crew will accompany each Section.
6. LIAISON. CAPTAIN P.T. REDMOND, 54th. Battery, will act as Regimental Liaison Officer with the 120th. American Regiment and will be accompanied by -
 - 1 telephonist with telephone & $\frac{1}{2}$ mile cable
 - 3 runners.
 7th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will furnish a Battalion Liaison Officer to each of the Battalions in the line. Each Liaison Officer will be accompanied by -
 - 1 telephonist with telephone & $\frac{1}{2}$ mile cable
 - 2 runners (not signallers)
 All messages must bear time of despatch.
All Liaison Officers will report by 1800 16th. October 1918.
7. Report centre for Group and 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will be notified to Batteries later.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. De Rham
Captain,
Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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LEFT GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 2,

14TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
18th. Octr. 1918.

Reference Barrage Map issued to Batteries with Operation Order No. 1
Sheet 57b, 1/20,000.

1. The operations will be continued to-day, the 18th. inst., with the Canal as the final objective.
2. The 30th. American Division, in conjunction with the Divisions on either flank, will attack, with 119th. Regiment on the Right and 120th. Regiment on the Left.
3. The attack will be supported by a Field Artillery Creeping Barrage, the Artillery being grouped as follows :-
 LEFT GROUP (Lieut. Col. F. P. DERHAM, D.S.O.) -
 6th. Aust. (Army) F. A. BRIGADE
 7th. Aust. F. A. Brigade
 14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade
 RIGHT GROUP (Lieut. Col. H. O. CADDY, D.S.O.) -
 8th. Aust. F. A. Brigade
 13th. Aust. F. A. Brigade
4. The Artillery Start Line will be the Northern Divisional boundary at Q.36.d.85.70 to X.1.a.05.95 to Southern Boundary at W.18.b.30.95., and will remain on start line for 3 minutes and then lift at the rate of 100 yards each 3 minutes until limits of range and/or ammunition is reached. The 7th. A. F. A. Bde zone will be Northern quarter of Div. front from Q.36.d.85.70 Southwards.
5. Rates of fire - 3 rounds per gun per minute for first 5 lifts then 2 rounds per gun per minute after.
6. The 14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade will not participate in the Creeping Barrage, but is detailed for Exploitation on the whole Divisional front, and will push on officers' patrols and forward sections as soon as Barrage opens. As soon as possible and when situation permits the remainder of the Brigade will move up in close support of the infantry in the following order - 54th., 53rd., 55th. & 114th. Batteries. All possible precautions will be taken.
 Forward Sections will be detailed from -
 54th. Battery and 53rd. Battery.
 Officers in command of forward sections and P.O.O's will keep in close touch with Battalion Commanders and will send back all information gained by them.
 The 7th. Aust. F. A. Brigade will move on completion of barrage on orders from Group. Batteries will in all cases be preceded by an Officer's patrol.
7. Special attention will be paid to Canal Crossings, when infantry are approaching the final objective - "Canal".
8. Zero hour will be 0800 18th. October 1918.
9. C.O. Group will be at H.Q., 120th. American Inf. Regt. at W.14.b.80.90 from Zero plus 30 minutes.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. B. Anderson

Captain,

Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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14TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.14th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADEHeadquarters,
24th. Octr. 1918REPORT ON OPERATIONS from 13th. - 20th. October 1918.

Batteries moved into positions immediately North of village of ESCAUFORT.

On the 15th. & 16th. harrassing fire was carried out.

On 17th. at 5.20 a.m. Batteries participated in a creeping barrage in support of the advance of American Infantry. The Infantry did not gain all their objectives and during the day Batteries engaged enemy movement and other opportunity targets.

On 18th. at 5.30 a.m. the American Infantry launched a further attack. Batteries did not take part in the creeping barrage but stood by ready to follow in close support of Inf. detailed for exploitation. Two sections of Batteries were pushed forward across the River SELLE. For purposes of covering the 120th, American Regt. the 14th. and 7th. F.A. Brigades were formed into Left Group under Lieut. Col. F. P. DERHAM, D.S.O. The C.O. established a forward control station with H.Q. 120th. American Regiment. The Infantry did not reach their first objective owing to the Division on the right not attacking until 11.30 a.m. At 11.30 a.m. by arrangement with the Arty. Group and the 120th, Regt. a creeping barrage was put down under which the infantry advanced their line some distance. Infantry Commander having decided to advance his line to MAZINGHE HIEU at 5.45 p.m. the approaches and exits of that village were kept under fire by Batteries from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. when fire was lifted and likely field artillery and machine gun positions in rear of the village were kept under fire for 15 min. The Infantry at this time further advanced their line, but MAZINGHE was not reached.

On 19th. at 5.30 a.m. the Infantry continued their attack and Batteries put down bursts of fire for 1 hour to cover their advance. The Infantry advanced their line but did not reach their desired objective.

During the three days - 17th., 18th. and 19th. inst. forward sections of Batteries were pushed well forward and engaged many targets at the request of Battalion Commanders, and as the result of direct observation. These sections were commanded as follows :-

53rd. Battery	On 17th. inst.	Lieut. L. R. TURNER
	18th. "	" J. J. R. PUNCH, M.C.
	19th. "	" L. C. MCCARTHY
54th. "	17th. "	Lieut. F. PARSONS, M.M.
	18th. "	" F. PARSONS, M.M.
	19th. "	" C. A. MAYES.

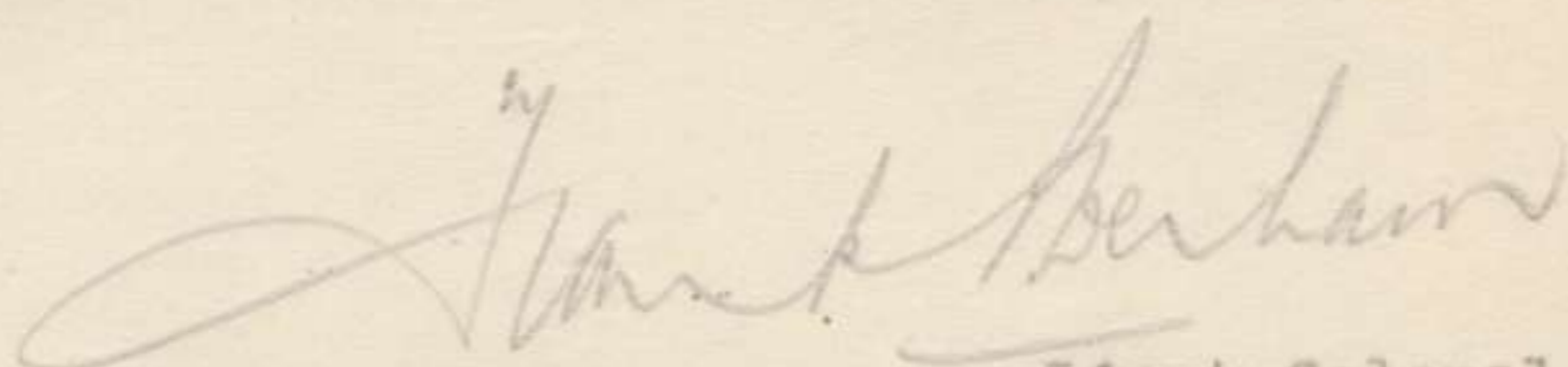
During the afternoon Batteries moved across the River SELLE and came into action near L'Arbe-de-GUISE.

20th. At 2 p.m. Brigade was relieved of responsibility for covering sector.

Conclusions - In no instance during the 3 days did American Infantry reach objective aimed at in spite of adequate artillery covering fire. On each occasion the reasons appeared to be the inexperience of the individual infantryman, the absence of the Officers and N.C.O's with which they were accustomed to work,

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and general disorganisation in the front line, insufficient co-ordination with unit on each flank, disinclination to follow closely the artillery barrage.



Lieut. Colonel,
C.O. 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade

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APPENDIX, II

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14th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

WARNING ORDER

No. 1a.

Headquarters,
20th. Octr. 1918

14th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

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1. At a date to be notified the LX Corps will continue the attack in co-operation with the XIII Corps on its Left.
2. The 5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery Group, under the orders of the C.R.A., 5th. Aust. Division, consisting of the 13th., 14th. and 8th. Aust. F. A. Brigades, will constitute the LEFT GROUP of the 6th. (British) Divl. Artillery.
The RIGHT GROUP will be commanded by the C.R.A., 4th. Aust. Division, and will consist of the 10th., 11th., 7th. Aust. F. A. Brigades and the 6th. (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.
Both LEFT and RIGHT Groups will be under the orders of the C.R.A. 6th. (British) Divisions.
3. The attack will be in a North East direction and approximate boundaries and objective are shown on the attached sketch issued to Batteries.
4. Positions will be reconnoitred to-day in area R.20 - 26 to cover the attack with a creeping barrage as far as the RED dotted line. It is anticipated these positions will be occupied on the 21st. October 1918, but no movement will take place till orders are issued from these Headquarters.
5. Locations of positions selected will be notified to B.H.Q. as soon as possible on the 20th. October 1918.
6. A halt will be made for three hours on the RED dotted line during which the batteries will reconnoitre and occupy positions in Area L.32, R.2. to cover the final objective.
7. 300 rounds per 18-pr. and 250 rounds per 4.5" how. will be dumped at positions in R.20-26. 10% of all ammunition will be Smoke and a proportion CG Gas will be used.
Ammunition for new positions will be carted from present position retaining only 100 rounds per gun at present positions. This also will be removed to new positions.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Barker

Major

Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

14th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 18

Headquarters,
22nd. Octr. 1918

Reference Barrage map issued herewith.

1. On the 23rd. inst. at 1.20 a.m. the 6th. British Division will re-new the attack on the enemy in conjunction with the 1st. British Division on its Right and the 25th. British Division on its Left.
2. The attack of the 6th. Division will be carried out by the 18th. Infantry Brigade on the Right and the 71st. Infantry Brigade on the Left (This front) The 16th. Infantry Brigade will be the Divisional reserve.
3. Barrage maps are issued down to Batteries; they are altered in Red and Battery Sectors are shown in Red.
53rd. & 114th. Btys. are superimposed over 54th. & 55th. Btys.
4. Lifts (a) from Zero to Zero plus 56 minutes lift 100 yards every 4 minutes.
(b) from Zero plus 180 onwards lift 100 yards every 6 minutes.
5. Rates of fire -

Zero to Zero plus 8 minutes	-	Rapid rate
Z plus 8 to Z plus 56	"	normal "
Z " 180 " Z " 342	"	" "
Z " 342 " Z " 348	"	slow "
Z " 348 " Z " 408	"	normal "

then search forward for 15 minutes to a depth of 1000 yards and/or limits of range then stop firing.
6. From Zero plus 56 minutes to Zero plus 180 minutes there will be a pause on the "RED" Line. During this pause batteries (except 53rd. Battery) will occupy positions in R.7.b. and/or R.8.a. and will carry on the Barrage from Zero plus 180 minutes.
On arrival at new positions ammunition will be dumped and echelons sent back at once to vacated positions to refill and take second load forward to new positions.
7. 4.5" Howitzers will fire a creeping barrage 200 yards in advance of the 18-pr. barrage
(a) a proportion of C.G. shell 1 round in 10 will be used in 4.5" How. creeping barrage if the wind is favorable - orders as to this will be sent from this Office.
(b) If at the time of attack it is misty or foggy smoke will not be used, otherwise 10% of smoke will be used by all guns and howitzers.
(c) In the creeping barrage up to 4000 yards 18-pdrs. will use shrapnel after that H.E. with 106 fuzes.
4.5" hows. all through H.E. with 106 fuzes as far as available.
8. S.O.S. Line - The Protector line for the objective gained for the time being will, in all cases, be the S.O.S. Line.
S.O.S. Signal - Rifle grenade bursting into Red over Red over Red - no signal to denote that objectives have been gained will be used.
9. Aeroplane calls will be answered by the 53rd. Battery on orders from this Office.
10. Watches will be synchronised by arrangement from this office.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Beasley

Lieut.,

A/Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

100th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

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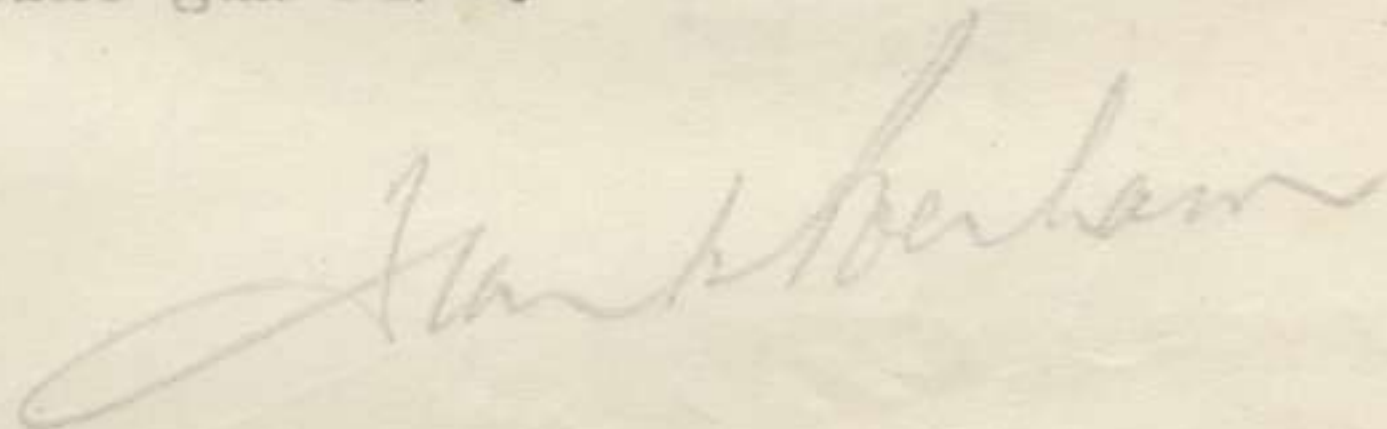
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24th. Octr. 1918REPORT ON OPERATIONS 20th. - 23rd. October 1918

21st. Brigade H.Q. moved up to LE CATEAU and Batteries came into action in Q.12 to cover part of front of 71st. Inf. Brigade, 6th. English Division, this Brigade becoming Left Sub-Group of Left Group commanded by C.R.A., 5th. Aust. Division.

22nd. Positions immediately behind LA BAZUEL were reconnoitred and lines of fire were laid out for all Batteries except the 53rd. Battery, as the Brigade had orders to move forward during the forthcoming attack to continue firing a creeping barrage; owing to the 53rd. Battery having guns with air recuperators it was not necessary for it to move forward.

At 1.20 a.m. on the morning of the 23rd. inst the ~~XXXXXX~~ attack was launched. At Zero plus 56 minutes the 54th., 55th. and 114th. Batteries moved forward to the positions already selected and at Zero plus 180 minutes again opened fire on the Barrage according to plans.

The forward positions were close behind the Infantry start line and the Infantry not having advanced on the whole front, according to plan, the Batteries during the advance forward were under shell and machine gun fire.



Lieut. Colonel,
C.O. 14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

14th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

WARNING ORDER No 2A

Headquarters,
24th. Octr. 1918

1. 5th. Div. Artillery will probably march to the CAMON Area starting early on the 25th. inst.
2. The journey will be made by short stages - the first stage being to BRANCOURT.
3. D.A.H.Q. will close at present location and re-open to-day at Sheet 62b - C.6.d.5.0.
4. Brigade H.Q. at end of first stage will be at Farm in C.24.a.
5. Advance parties from Batteries consisting of 1 officer and 2 other ranks per Battery will report to the Staff Captain at C.6.d.5.0 at 9 a.m. on 25th. inst. and will arrange to meet their respective batteries en route and guide them to billets.
Day's rations will be carried by these parties.
6. March order^s will be issued later.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. G. Deasley
Lieut.,
A/Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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14TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

14th. AU T. F. A. BRIGADE MARCH ORDER No. 19

Headquarters,
24th. October 1918

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery (less H.Q. and T.M. Brigade) will march to BRANCOURT Area on 25th. October 1918 in accordance with March Table below.
2. Order of March - B.H.Q., 53rd., 54th., 55th. & 114th. Btys
3. Attention is called to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 re "March Discipline and Traffic Control." Every care will be taken to assist the Traffic Control to avoid congestion of traffic on roads.
4. Batteries will hand in to B.H.Q. on arrival at BRANCOURT certificates to the effect that Wagon Lines vacated were left in a clean and sanitary condition.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE by bearer.

MARCH TABLE.

<u>Route</u>	<u>Starting Point</u>	<u>Time B.H.Q. to pass Starting Pt.</u>
LA HAIE MENNERESSE - VAUX ANDIGNY - BOHAIN - BRANCOURT.	Church LA HAIE MENNERESSE.	0900.
		<u>Destination - BRANCOURT.</u>

H. G. Beasley
Lieut.,
A/Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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14th. AUST. F. A. BRIGADE MARCH ORDER No. 20

14th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
26th. Octr. 1918

1. The 14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade will march from present locations to BELLINGHESH Area on 26th. Octr. 1918. ~~in accordance with March Order No. 20~~
2. Order of March - B.H.Q., 54th., 55th., 114th. & 53rd. Btys.
3. Starting point - BRANCOURT Station.
4. Head of Column will pass the starting point at 10.25 a.m.
5. Route - FRESNOY-le-GRAND - SAUMUR - BELLINGHESH.
6. Wherever possible dry weather tracks will be used in order that the metalled roads may be left open for Motor transport. It is contemplated that the road between FONTAINE and FRESNOY will be very much used on morning of 26th. Inst.
7. Billeting parties will report as per 5th. D.A.H.Q. Administrative Order No. 40.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. G. Deasley

Lieut.,
A/Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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14th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

MARCH ORDER No. 21.

Headquarters,
26th. Octr. 1918

1. The 14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade will march from present locations to the TINCOURT Area on morning of 27th. Octr. 1918.
2. Order of March - 55th., 114th., 53rd. & 54th. Btys.
3. Starting point - Cross Roads at M.3.b.
4. Time - Head of Column will pass Starting Point at 10 a.m.
5. Route - BILLÉMOLESE, LE VERQUIER, JEANCOURT, MONTIGNY, BERNES, HANCOURT, TINCOURT.
6. Battery Commanders will ensure that the present Wagon Lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition.
7. The following information is to hand regarding TINCOURT Area -
Battery billets in J.23. Nissen huts and Iron shelters for 800 men.
Few covered horse standings - majority in open.
B.H.Q. by copse in J.22.a.
Water supply is as follows :-
Trough to take two Batteries at a time - J.24.a.0.8 to J.24.a.4.6.
Ample supply - good water.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. G. Beasley

Lieut.,
A/Adjutant,
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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14TH AUSTRALIAN
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Headquarters,
27th. Octr. 1918

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14th. AUST. F. A. BRIGADE MARCH ORDER No. 22

1. The 14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade will march from present locations to the BRAY Area on Octr. 28th. 1918.
2. Starting Point - Cross roads J.27.b.
3. Route - BUIRN, DOINGT, BIACHES, CAPPY.
4. Time - Head of Column will pass the Starting Point at 8.30 a.m.
5. Order of March - 114th., 53rd., 54th. & 55th. Btys.
6. Battery Commanders will ensure that present wagon lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition.
7. It is anticipated that the guns and howitzers of this Brigade will be calibrated on ~~morning~~ afternoon of 28th. inst. and morning of 29th. inst. Further orders will be issued later.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. G. Deasley

Lieut.,
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14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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14th. Aust. F. A. BRIGADE MARCH ORDER No. 23.

Headquarters,
28th. Octr. 1918

1. The 14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade will march from present locations to the CANON - LONGCHAU Area on the 29th. inst.
2. Starting Point - Cross Roads L.14.d. (Sheet 62d)
3. Time - Head of Column will pass the Starting Point at 8.45 am
4. Order of March - B.H.Q., 53rd., 54th., 55th. & 114th. Btys.
5. Attention is called to previous traffic instructions.
6. Route - East West Road K.18, 17, 16 to CORBIE - FOUILLOY, - AUDIGNY - VECQUEMONT - Cross Roads M.5.d. - CANON.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Beasley

Lieut.,
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