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5th Aust. Divul. Trench Mortar Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	31/8/17		Parties from V.5.A. H.T.M. and X.5.A. M.T.M. Btys transporting H.T.M. ammunition to gun position.	Well
Belgium (Sheet 28)			Y.5.A. M.T.M. Bty working on STANLEY DUMP. E. of VLAVENTINGHE	
G.I.D. 96	1/9/17		Z.5.A. M.T.M. Bty at 5th Army Trench Mortar School VALHEUREUX.	Well
	2/9/17		As above.	Well
			As above.	
			Capt. W.D. WALLIS. D.T.M.O. returns from 10 days leave and resumes administrative command vice Capt. W.H. HIND who resumes command of V.5.A. H.T.M. Bty.	
	3/9/17	12.05 p.m. to 12.45 p.m.	1 mortar of V.5.A. H.T.M. Bty engaged BERRY FARM very successfully. 20 bombs were fired with excellent results 10 direct hits being scored. Previous to firing great difficulty was experienced in getting the mortar & bed ready. The traversing arc had been buckled by a shell on the previous day & the shock had also loosened the bed which had to be moved into	Well

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In the Field Belgium SHEET 28 G.H.D. 9.6.	3/9/17 Cont. 5/9/17	10 am to 10-15 am	<p> a new position. In spite of an extremely severe hostile shell fire which at one time ignited charges in the pit & drove the gun crew out, the men in charge of 5036 Cpl. E. C. Goodacre got the gun into position & carried out the shoot successfully. X.5 A.M.T.M. Bty in camp & Y.5 A.M.T.M. Bty working on Stanley Dump. 1 mortar of V.5 A. H.T.M. Bty registered on strong point at D.25 b.15 and Borty Farm in preparation for support of Infantry attack next day. 5 rounds were fired & registration was successful. Detonation heavy but did not commence for 10 minutes. Parties from V.5 A. H.T.M. & X.5 A. M.T.M. Btys carrying ^{H.T.M.} amm. to position in early morning, when returning to camp. 3 men were killed & 4 severely wounded by a shell. Y.5 A. M.T.M. Bty working on Stanley Dump. Z.5 A. M.T.M. Bty returned from 14 days course on 6" Newton mortar at 5th Army T.M. School. </p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field. Belgium Sheet 28 G.11d.96	4/9/17	8.5 am to 8.45 am	<p>1 mortar of Y.5 A.M.T.M. Bty engaged BORTY FARM successfully, firing 12 rounds, 3 direct hits on buildings were observed. Retaliation very heavy, consisting of 4.2, 5.9, & a few 8" H.E. shrapnel. Casualties Nil. Fuse Time Range 1100⁴⁰⁰ (approx)</p> <p>Y.5 A.M.T.M. Bty working on STANLEY DUMP E. of VLAAMTINGHE</p> <p>Z.5 A.M.T.M. Bty at 5th Army Trench Mortar School</p> <p>X.5 A.M.T.M. Bty working in camp at G.11d.96</p>	<p>lllllll</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>Top the Field Belgium Sheet 28 S. 11 d. 96.</p>	<p>6/9/17</p>	<p>ZERO -15 to ZERO +5</p>	<p>ZERO hour 7.30 a.m. 1 mortar V.S.A.H.T.M. Bty. engaged strong point at D.25 b.1.5 for 15 minutes & BERRY FARM for 5 minutes firing 18 rounds in support of Infantry attack. Shooting observed to be very effective. Retaliation very heavy, a barrage being placed along FREZENBERG Ridge covering gun & O.P. Casualties Nil. Particularly good work has been done through the whole programme of shoots for the YPRES OFFENSIVE (period 16/7/17 - 6/9/17) by the two wireless men & telephonist 26237 Sgt C.H. NELSON & 1346 Sgt B.H. RANGER who have kept communication open between gun & O.P. under very trying & difficult circumstance & heavy shell fire thus enabling the shoots to be carried out so successfully. The strong points engaged have been too massive to be completely demolished but the severe strafing that they have received has undoubtedly caused a great lessening in the M.G. fire from them & thereby saved many casualties.</p>	<p>Wood</p>

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5th Aust. Div. Trench Mortar Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field Belgium. Sheet 28 G.11d.9.6	6/9/17 Cont.		<p>7.5 A.M. T.M. Bty, relieved at STANLEY Dump by 59th T.M.s, moved to camp at G.11d.9.6 where all T.M. Bde are now camped.</p> <p>7.5 A.M. T.M. Bty detailed for next course at 5th Army T.M. School which commences about 8th inst.</p> <p>5th D.T.M. Bde received orders of their relief by 59th Div. T.M.s. on 7th inst. 1.9.45" H.T.M. in action to be handed over. On relief they are to proceed to 2nd Army rest area, via STEENVORDE, on 8th inst. Very heavy thunderstorm in early morning, but weather clear during day, though a slight ground haze rose late in afternoon.</p>	Wheeler
	7/9/17		<p>7.5 A.M. T.M. Battery proceeded to 5th Army Trench Mortar School for 14 days course on 6" NEWTON mortar.</p> <p>7.5 A.M. H.T.M. Bty + X.5 A. + 2.5 A. M.T.M. Btys in camp at G.11d.9.6 packing up and preparing for move on 8th inst.</p> <p>1.9.45" H.T.M. in action handed over to 59th Div. Trench Mortars at C.30 d. 7.6. (Sheet 28).</p>	Wheeler

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field Belgium. Sheet 28 G.11.d.9.6.	8/9/17		<p>T.M. Camp at G.11.d.9.6. handed over to 59th Div Trench Mortars together with 5 C.S.L. tents + 14 trench shelters.</p> <p>5th Div. T. Ms. proceeded to St Mommelin ^{4 Kilometres} N of St OMER. where billets were allotted them at farm houses 900 yards N of N of St Mommelin village.</p> <p>Transport provided 8 three ton motor lorries to transport H.T.M. Bty (no guns or gun stores) 3 M.T.M. Bty guns + stores + Q.M. stores + rations, tents, tarpaulins etc. etc. Total personnel carried 108 all tanks. Transport provided was just enough, without causing undue crowding. Proceeded via Poperinghe - Abeele - Steenvorde - Cassel, starting at 10.45 a.m. + arriving at destination at 5 p.m. Heavy ground mist + haze all day, thus preventing hostile observation by plane or balloon of the move.</p> <p>Outgoing + incoming traffic abnormal, especially heavy + field Artillery, as far as Steenvorde. 5th Aust. Div Artillery + 1st Aust. Div Artillery moving out of line.</p>	lllllll
France St Mommelin.	9/9/17		<p>D.T.M.O + 2nd returned to 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. at The Chateau, St Mommelin.</p> <p>T.M. Batteries in ^{new} billets 900 yards N of N. of St Mommelin.</p>	lllllll

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field France. St MOME LIN	10/9/17		26 th proceeded on 10 days leave of absence to England via Boulogne. Remaining personnel resting in billets 900 yds N of N of St MOME LIN. Two parades per day. 20% granted leave to St OMER daily. Remainder playing cricket etc etc.	Ullell
4 km. N of St OMER	11/9/17		T.M. personnel clearing guns stores etc. preparatory to commencing training on 12 th inst. 20% granted leave to St OMER.	Ullell
	12/9/17		Y.S.A. M.T.M. Bty at 5 th Army Trench Mortar School. Batteries on Medium & Heavy T.M. Gun drill etc. 20% granted leave to St OMER.	Ullell
	13/9/17		As above. As above.	Ullell
	14/9/17		Capt. W. H. HIND, Lieut. H. J. FILSHIE proceeded on today's leave to England. T.M. Batteries carrying out syllabus of training on M. H. T.M. drill.	Ullell
	15/9/17		Lt. E. J. FERGUSON M.C. & Lt. N. SCOTT attended Artillery lecture at BLARINGHEM. T.M. Batteries carrying out syllabus of training. 20% granted leave to St OMER.	Ullell

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field. France 4 km. N. of St-Omer.	16/9/17.		<p>I. No. Batteries carrying out syllabus of training.</p> <p>20% granted leave to St. OMER.</p> <p>One H.T.M. complete taken over from 1st Aust. Div.</p> <p>20. Two with M.T.M. G.S. Beds returned to Ordnance 12 NEWTON. 2" beds and 4 sub-beds for 6". Newton mortar received.</p> <p>Presentation of medals & ribbons by Lieut. Gen Birdwood G.O.C. A.I.F. to 2846 Sgt. C. F. Arnold, 500 Corp. F. PARSONS, 3262 Corp. R. E. Street, other members of the Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>In the afternoon all personnel were bathed & clothing, blankets disinfected.</p>	llllllll
	17.9.17.		<p>I. No. Batteries carrying out syllabus of training.</p> <p>20% granted leave to St. OMER.</p>	llllllll
	18.9.17.		As on preceding day.	llllllll
	19/9/17.		do.	llllllll
	20/9/17.		do.	llllllll
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5th Aust Divul Trench Mortar Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field France	22.9.17		T.M. Batteries carrying out syllabus of training. 20% granted leave to St OMER	lllllll
	23/9/17		As on preceding day.	lllllll
St Mommelin 4 km N of St OMER.	24/9/17		D.T.M.O + Staff and 1 officer + 15 th Z.S.A.M.T.M. Bty, with 4 guns + stores complete, proceeded in two 3ton motor lorries from T.M. billets to Dickebusch (H.27.B.7.7, Sheet 28) where they took over hub. Remaining personnel of Z.S.A. Bty proceeding by train on following day.	lllllll
H.27.B.7.7 (Sheet 28)	25/9/17		Remaining T.M. Batteries carrying out syllabus of training Lt R E Forrest + 15 th Z.S.A.M.T.M. Bty, with 100 2" M.T.M. bombs + two 2" M.T.M's complete, in G.S. wagons, proceeded to HOOGE CRATER where same were dumped in ^{the} close vicinity. Remaining personnel of Z.S.A. Bty arrived by train at 8pm. Remaining T.M. Batteries, including Z.S.A.M.T.M. Bty who arrived from 5 th Army T.M. School, at St Mommelin.	lllllll
	26/9/17		Z.S.A.M.T.M. Bty transported 30 bombs from HOOGE CRATER to Eastern	lllllll

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In the Field Belgium. H27. b. 7. 7 Sheet 28.	26/9/17	Cont.	edge of GLENCORSE Wood (S. 14. b. 8. 8). Considerable hostile shell and M.G. fire was encountered, as this was ZERO day for the second phase of operations, and the enemy was particularly active. No casualties, however, were incurred and all 30 bombs were carried to their destination.	Well
	27.9.17		Remaining personnel of T.M. Batteries at St MOTTIELIN. Capt W.H. Hind & Lt H.J. Fishie returned from leave. 2.5 A.M. T.M. Bty proceeded to Westhoek to make a road for artillery moving forward. T.M. Bty at St MOTTIELIN preparing to move to Dickebusch on following day.	Well
	28.9.17.		2.5 A.M. T.M. Battery working on the artillery road at Westhoek 50% from T.M. Bty, with all guns and stores etc, arrived from St MOTTIELIN in 5. Three ton motor lorries. The remainder of the personnel travelling with 5 th D.A. Col.	Well
	29.9.17.		Remaining personnel arrived from St MOTTIELIN. Lt A.G. MacAllister, proceeded on ^{10 days} leave to England.	Well

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5th Aust. Divul trench Mortar Bde

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In the Field Belgium. H 27.6.7.7 (Sheet 28)	29/9/17	Cont.	<p>Lt. O.J. Taylor & 10th Co proceeded to 2nd army T.M. School at Leulingham.</p> <p>Six 9.45" H.T.M's, two 6" NEWTON'S and twelve 2" M.T.M's, more or less complete with stores, taken over from 3rd Aust. Div T.M. Bde.</p> <p>19th Co detached to Cordova Dump (G.24.d.7.6) for working same.</p> <p>Pit dug at J.10.A.5540 for 6" NEWTON and mortar & bed carried up close to position. D.T.M.O reconnoitering positions for M.T.M's & 6" NEWTONS.</p> <p>Two 2" M.T.M's & beds complete taken to HOOGE CRATER making 4 there all old.</p> <p>100 rounds 6" T.M. bombs taken by ^{motor} wagon from CORDOVA DUMP and unloaded at HOOGE CRATER. Enemy aircraft very active, bombing roads & camps at night.</p> <p>25 A.M.T.M. Bty returned from WESTHOEK, after having completed the artillery road in record time.</p>	Well
				<p>Well</p> <p>Walsh</p> <p>Captain</p> <p>D.T.M.O.</p> <p>5th Aust. Division</p>

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42nd Divisional Artillery

ORDER No. 25.

Reference Map 1/10,000. 28 N.W.2. and 28 N.E.1.
Reference Map 1/40,000. Sheets 27 and 28.

1. The 13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be relieved by the 38th Army Field Artillery Brigade and the 14th Australian Field Artillery Brigade by the 86th Army Field Artillery Brigade as follows :-

RELIEVING UNIT	UNIT RELIEVED	GUN POSITION.
H.Q., 38th A.F.A.Bde	H.Q., 13th Aus F.A.Bde	I.8.d.1.9.
A/38th Battery	49th Aus. Battery	I.5.d.60.70.
24th Battery	50th Aus Battery	I.5.b.55.25.
72nd Battery	51st Aus. Battery	I.5.b.40.30.
D/38th Battery	113th Aus. Battery	I.10.b.60.35.
H.Q., 86th A.F.A.Bde	H.Q., 14th Aus F.A.Bde	I.8.d.1.9.
A/86 Battery	53rd Aus. Battery	I.10.d.35.75.
B/86th Battery	54th Aus. Battery	I.11.a.80.20.
C/86th Battery	55th Aus. Battery	I.10.d.40.60.
D/86th Battery	114th Aus. Battery	I.5.b.11.11.

2. Guns will not be exchanged.
All aeroplanes and panorama photographs, log books, maps, telephone lines and other information to be handed over on relief.
3. On relief, personnel and guns will withdraw to their wagon lines. The method of withdrawal of guns is laid down in 42nd Divisional Artillery Order No.21.
Guns of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will not be withdrawn from action on ~~the~~ ^{either} night until they are relieved.
4. the 5th Australian Divisional Trench Mortar Batteries will be relieved by those of the 59th Divisional Artillery on the 7th September 1917, under arrangements to be made by the D.T.M.Os concerned. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will hand over to the 59th Divisional Artillery one 9.45" H.T.M. in action.
5. Moves of the sections of Batteries of the 38th and 86th Army Field Artillery Brigades will be arranged each night by Lieut-Colonel RAINSFORD HANNAY, D.S.O. On the night 7/8th September ~~no~~ ^{no} move of the two remaining sections per battery will take place before 7 p.m. The sections of 59th Divisional Artillery moving into action on the night 8/7th September will come under the Command of the G.O. Right Sub-Group.
6. The 59th Divisional Artillery will take over the Headquarters in the RAMPARTS at I.14.b.1.6. at 7 p.m. on 7th September and take over Command of the Right Sub-Group front from that hour from Lieut-Colonel RAINSFORD HANNAY, D.S.O. 59th Divisional Artillery will notify this office of the name of the Sub-Group Commander.

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- 7. Sub-Group areas will remain as at present. On completion of moves Right Sub-Group will be composed of the 59th. Divisional Artillery. Liaison duties will be carried out as at present.
- 8. All reliefs will be complete by 6 a.m. September 8th. 1917.
- 9. March Table for 59th. Divisional Artillery to move into action is shown in Appendix A.
- 10. The 59th. Divisional Artillery will fill up their gun positions to the complement of 600 rounds per 18 pr. and 400 rounds per 4.5" how as soon as possible.
- 11. All other Details will be arranged between Brigade and Sub-Group Commanders concerned.
- 12. Completion of each portion of the relief and move into action will be reported by wire to this office each night.
Code word :- "HEATHER".
- 13. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. Hudson

Major, R. A.,
for Brigade Major,
42nd. Divisional Artillery.

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APPENDIX A
 To accompany 42nd. Divisional Artillery Order No. 23.

DATE.	Units in order of March.	From	To.	Route.	Starting Time. Point.	Remarks.	
6/9/17.	½ Section per Battery of 295th. Bde. R. F. A.	staging Area.	Gun position.	YPRES Main road.	Cross Roads H. 17.0. 3.5.	6 p.m.	300 yds will be maintained between Sections.
6/9/17.	1 Section per Battery of 296th. Bde. R. F. A.	do.	do.	do.	do.	6.45 p.m.	
7/9/17.	2 Sections per Battery of 295th. Bde. R. F. A.	do.	do.	do.	do.	6 p.m.	
7/9/17.	2 Sections per Battery of 296th. Bde. R. F. A.	do.	do.	do.	do.	7.15 p.m.	

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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.ORDER No. 141.Headquarters,
5th. September. 1917.Reference Map 1/40,000. Sheets 27 and 28.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will, on relief, march to the Second Army Area.
2. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will march to the **MARCH. STERENVOORDE** Area in accordance with attached March Table on 8th. September 1917.
3. **AMMN.** Vehicles will march full of ammunition ; 75 % A., 25 % H.E.
4. Headquarters, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will close at F.29. Central at 9 a.m. on the 8th. September 1917 and re-open on arrival in the STERENVOORDE Area.
5. The 5th. Australian Divisional Trench Mortar Brigade will move under arrangements made by the Staff Captain.
6. **ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.**

*J. Stultson*Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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14th. Aust. F. ABde	6 to 10.
5th. Aust. D. A. Cbl.	11 to 14.
D. T. M. O. 5th. A. Divn.	15.
Signals, 5th. Aust. D. A.	16.
H. Q. 5th. Aust. Divn.	17.
"Q" 5th. " "	18.
Staff Captain.	19.
10th. A. A. S. C.	20.
A. D. M. S. 5th. Aust. Divn.	21.
D. A. D. V. S. 5th. Aust. Divn.	22.
A. P. M. 5th. Aust. Divn.	23.
D. A. D. O. S. 5th. Aust. Divn.	24.
Area Commandant, STERENVOORDE	25.
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MARCH TABLE TO COMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 141.

UNIT	STARTING POINT.	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT.	R O U T E. DESTINATION.		REMARKS.
13th. Aust. F. A. Bde.	Road junction G.17.e. 60.90.	7 a.m.	Busseboom- Cross Roads E.15.b.1.6 Road junction G20.a.central. Cross Roads L17.b.0.3. and Abcele.	STERNVOORDE Area.	Distances of 500 yards to be kept between Sections and Sub-Sections of the D. A. B.
14th. Aust. F. A. Bde.	do.	8 a.m.	do.	do.	do
5th. Aust. D. A. B.	do.	9 a.m.	do.	do.	do.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
6th. September. 1917.

AMENDMENT TO 5th. AUST. DIVL. ARTILLERY ORDER No. 141.

REFERENCE MARCH TABLE.

For 13th. Aust. F. A. Brigade read 5th. Aust. D. A. Column
and vice versa.

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Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No.12.
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Headquarters,
6th. September 1917.

Reference 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Order No. 141.

Map Reference 1:40,000 (Sheets 27 & 28)

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will proceed to STEENVORDE on 8th. inst.
2. All Wagon Lines are to be left in a clean and sanitary condition, latrines filled in, rubbish burnt and all dry dung and manure stacked.
3. A rear party of 1 Officer and 5 men per Battery and D.A.C. will remain behind and will not proceed to join their Units till the above instructions are complied with.
4. All tents and trench shelters will be handed over to relieving Units as below, and certificates will be rendered to D.A.H.Q. by noon on 8th. inst., that all have been handed over.

UNIT HANDING OVER	UNIT TAKING OVER	No. of TENTS ON CHARGE	No. of TRENCH SHELTERS ON CHARGE
5th. Aust. D. A. H. Q.	59th. D. A. H. Q.	6	2
13th. Aust. F. A. Bde.	295th. Bde. R. F. A.	12	77
14th. Aust. F. A. Bde.	296th. Bde. R. F. A.	11	85
5th. Aust. D. A. C.	59th. D. A. C.	10	100
5th. Div. T. M. Bde.	59th. Div. T. M. Bde.	5	14

5. The mobile establishment of canvas pack ammunition carriers will be taken out.
6. All Units will move out with full Echelons of 18-pdr., and 4.5" Q.F. Ammunition and Grenades and with "A" Echelon D.A.C. complete in S.A.A.
7. Batteries and D.A.C. will give and take receipts for all ammunition stores and equipment drawn and handed over.
8. Marching out statements of guns and ammunition will be forwarded to reach D.A.H.Q. by noon on 8th. inst.
9. Baggage wagons of Divisional Train will report to Units by 3.p.m. on 7th. inst. Supply wagons will march with the Divisional Train.
10. To assist Units with the transport of equipment consequent on shortage of horses, the following G.S. Wagons will be detailed by 5th. D.A.C. They will report to wagon lines concerned by noon tomorrow 7th. inst., and they will report back to 5th. D.A.C. immediately on conclusion of the march.

To each F. A. Brigade Headquarters - 2 G.S. Wagons.
To each Battery - 1 G.S. Wagon.

11. Attention is directed to 2nd. Army Routine Order No. 735 and to 2nd. Army Q.O. /73/24/B. issued to Brigades herewith re overhaul of Ordnance. Further instructions follow.

5th. A.D.A.A.O.No.12.

6th. September 1917.

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12. For the transport of the Divisional Trench Mortar Brigade, 7 motor lorries will report to D.T.M.O. at the water point G.12.c.5.0. at 10.a.m. on 8th. inst. These lorries will convey all personnel guns, and equipment of the Trench Mortar Brigade to St.MOMELIN where billets will be allotted to them by the Area Commandant.
13. One Officer from each Brigade and D.A.C. will report to Staff Captain at AREA COMMANDANT'S office STEENWORDE at 12 noon on 7th. inst.
Billeting parties of 1 Officer from each Battery will report to Brigade Billeting Officers at the same place at 8.a.m. on 8th. inst.
14. Supplies will be delivered to wagon lines on arrival at STEENWORDE.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. B. Dickinson
Captain,
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Div. Artillery.

Issued at 7.p.m. to -

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13th. Aust. M. A. Brigade.	1.
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.	2.
5th. Aust. D. A. Column.	3.
D. T. M. O. 5th. Aust. Div.	4.
10th. A. A. S. C.	5.
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XIX Corps.	6.
R. A. XIX Corps.	7.
42nd. Division.	8.
R. A. 42nd. Division.	9.
D. A. D. O. S. 42nd. Division.	10.
R. A. 59th. Division.	11.
R. A. 1st. ANZAC.	12.
5th. Australian Division.	13.
D. A. D. O. S. 5th. Aust. Division.	14.
I. O. M. 29th. Light Ord. Workshops.	15.
Area Commandant STEENWORDE.	16.
Area Commandant St. MOMELIN.	17.
Area Commandant BEANDHOEK.	18.
C. R. A.	19.
Brigade Major.	20.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
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ORDER No. 142.
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Headquarters,
8th. September. 1917.

Reference HAZEBROUCK 5 A 1/100,000 Map.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will continue the march on September 9th. 1917. to the ST.MOMELIN Area in accordance with attached March Table.
2. Headquarters, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will close at F.29. Central at 9 a.m. on the 8th. September 1917, and re-open on arrival in ST.MOMELIN Area at the CHATEAU on 8th. September 1917, and not as stated in 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 141, para 4 dated 5/9/17.
3. One Officer from each F.A. Brigade and D.A.C. with Interpreters will report to AREA COMMANDANT, ST.MOMELIN by 5 p.m. on 8th. September 1917, where detailed billeting lists await them.
Battery Billeting Officers will report to Brigade Billeting Officers before 8 a.m. on 9th. September 1917.
Billets for all billeting parties are available at ST.MOMELIN.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

A. Stulten
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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13th. F.A. Brigade.	1.
14th. F.A. Brigade.	2.
5th. Aust. D.A.C.	3.
D.T.M.O.	4.
Signals, 5th. D.A.	5.
H.Q. 5th. Aust. Divn.	6.
"Q" 5th. Aust. Divn.	7.
Staff Captain.	8.
10th. A.A.S.C.	9.
A.D.M.S. 5th. A.D.	10.
D.A.D.V.S. 5th. A.D.	11.
A.P.M. 5th. A.D.	12.
D.A.D.O.S. 5th. A.D.	13.
Area Commandant, ST.MOMELIN.	14.

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R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	15.
"Q" 1st. ANZAC.	16.
War Diary.	17. to 19.
File.	20.
Spare.	21.

MARCH TABLE.

To accompany 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 142.

UNIT.	STARTING POINT.	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT.	R O U T E.	DESTINATION	REMARKS.
14th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	Cross Roads 700 yards south of N of STEENVOORDE	7 a.m.	OXELAERE- ZUYTPEENE- NOORDPEENE- BUYSSCHEURE.	ST. MOMELIN. Area.	200 yards to be kept between Sections and Sub-Sections of the D.A.C.
13th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	do.	8 a.m.	do.	do.	
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	do	9 a.m.	do	do	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 1.

Headquarters,
24th. September. 1917.

BARRAGES FOR "J" DAY.

- Bombardment Barrages for "J" Day will be as follows per attached diagrams.
A = An Army Bombardment Barrage.
B = A Corps Bombardment Barrage.
- Times of commencement:-
A in the early morning at a time to be notified later.
B 60 minutes after the completion of A.
- The starting line will be 150 yards east of the Infantry jumping-off line for Attack Day (2) as per attached tracing.
In the event of our Infantry occupying posts in advance of or too close to the jumping-line, Group Commanders will ensure that the barrages are put down at a safe distance from them.
- 106 Tubes will not be used by 4.5" Howitzers within 450 yards of the jumping-off line.
- Estimate of ammunition and rates of fire per gun per minute.

Barrage A.	18-pr.	4.5" How.
Zero to Zero + 45'	2.	1.
Zero + 45' to Zero + 60'	1.	1.
Ammunition.	105.	60.
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Barrage B		
Zero to Zero + 18'	2.	1.
Ammunition.	30.	15.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th, Australian Divisional Artillery.

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3rd. D.A.C.	3.
5th. Aust. Divn.	4.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	5.
D.T.M.O.	6.
4th. Asut. D.A.	7.
3rd. Aust. D.A.	8.
25rd. D.A.	9.
7th. Aust. F.A. Brigade	10.
12th (Army) Aust. F.A. Bde.	11.
3rd. (Army) Aust. F.A. Bde.	12.
C.R.A.	13.
R.O.	14.
S.O., 5th D.A.H.Q.	15.
Right Double Bom. Group.	16.
File.	17.
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W. H. H.

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Group Copy No. 43

Fifth Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 2

Headquarters
24th. September 1917.

1. The 5th. Australian Division in co-operation with other troops will continue the attack on a day to be notified.

1a. The Division will attack on the right of the 1st. ANZAC Corps. The 33rd. Division will be on our right, and the 4th. Australian Division on our left.

1b. The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade will attack on the Right Sector and the 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade will attack on the Left Sector.

The 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade will be in reserve.

2c. Headquarters will be as follows:-

5th. Australian Division.	WALKER CAMP.	H.27.b.7.7.
5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery H.Q.		H.27.b.7.7.
8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.	HALFWAY HOUSE.	
14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.	HOOGE	I.18.b.2.6.
15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.	HOOGE.	I.18.b.2.6.

2. The object will be to attack and establish the Division on the line J.10.d.3.0.- JOIST FINE - JETTY TRENCH - JUBILEE TRENCH - J.4.d.3.6. (The Blue Line).

3(a) The operation will be effected in two stages.

(b) The first stage will be the occupation of the RED LINE, J.10.e.2.0.- J.10.c.55.55.- J.10.a.8.8.- J.4.c.6.3.

(c) One battalion of each Brigade will be employed for the capture of the Red Line and two battalions of each Brigade for the capture of the Blue Line. One Battalion of each Brigade will be held in Brigade Reserve.

4. The dividing lines between Brigades and Groups will be a straight line drawn from J.9.d.25.85. to J.10.b.35.30.

5.(a) The dividing line for Infantry Brigades on the south will be the LENCORSE WOOD - BLACK WATCH CORNER - REUTER ROAD (inclusive to 33rd. Division)

(b) The point of junction with the 33rd. Division on the final objective will be J.10.d.3.0.

(c) The dividing line on the north for Infantry Brigades will be as at present up to J.9.b.25.60. whence it will run due north to 100 yards and thence parallel to POLYGON VELD ROAD at a distance of 100 yards.

(d) The point of junction with the 4th. Australian Division on the final objective will be J.4.d.3.6.

6. The following Liaison Officers will take up their duties from 10 a.m. on 25th. inst:-

"A" Group with 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. Lt-Col G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G.

"B" Group with 14th. Australian Inf. Bde. Lt-Col H.D.K. MacCARTNEY,

These Officers will take with them the necessary signal personnel from their own Brigades. They will remain as Liaison Officers with their respective Infantry Brigades for the forthcoming operation.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. Stilton

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery

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3rd. Aust. D. A. Column.	3.
5th. Aust. Divn.	4 - 7.
R.A. 1st. ANZAC.	8.
4th. Aust. D. A.	9.
R.A. 33rd. Division.	10.
Lt-Col. G. I. STEVENSON,	11.
Lt-Col. H. D. K. MacCartney,	12.
H.A., 1st. ANZAC.	13.
Right D-Bom. Group.	14.
Staff Captain.	15.
R. O.	16.
SIGNALS, 5th. Aust. D. A.	17.
File.	18.
War Diary.	19- 21.
D.T.M.O. 3rd. Aust. Divn.	22.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. D. A.	23.
3rd. Aust. D. A.	24.
12th. Aust (Army) F. A. Ede.	25.

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