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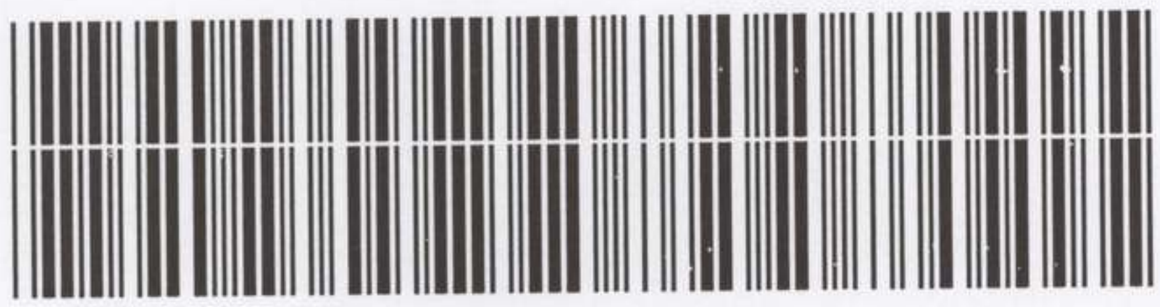

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WAR DIARY

OF

5th A.F.A. BRIGADE.

FOR

MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling ..... Lieut.
Adjutant 5th F.A. Brigade

Signature of Officer Commanding .....
Cp 5th A.F.A. Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Oosthove Farm	1.4.18	9.30am	The CO & Adjutant of 11th (Army) B'de R.F.A. called at B'de HQ. & obtained general information of the sector and situation.	
Armentieres	2.4.18	9am	The CO & Adjutant, 11th Army Bde & full complement of HQ & took over command of Right Group Artillery at 4 pm. from CO 5th Brigade. Lt Col. H.W. Riggall DSO. (CO) & Lt N.I. Kingsmill (Adj.) remained the night to assist if so required. All other officers & personnel moved to S26c 2.3. (sheet 28) in the Merris area where comfortable billets were occupied. Move Order No 4	Appendix No 1
Merris Area	3.4.18	9am.	Batteries were clear of Wagon Lines & on main Bailleul Road. The CO & Adjutant arrived from HQ. in the line having completed the handover The Brigade was inspected by the C.O. on the march. The general turnout was good. The trek occupied about an hour. Batteries were allotted billets as under :- 13th Bty A3c 2.8. 14th Bty A2d 8.8. 15th Bty A2c 9.7. 105th Bty F12a 8.2. Move Order No 5	" No 2
	4.4.18		Batteries were training in gunnery and preparing for an early move south. at 6.30 pm Bty commanders visited HQ & dined with CO during the evening matters relating to their individual commands were discussed.	
	5.4.18	6.30pm	The programme of yesterday was repeated Battery Captains dined at HQ.	
	6.4.18	10.15am	The CO & Adj. visited and inspected Batteries. Turnout was good. Steelwork of harness was good but leatherwork requires attention. 1 Bty had dirty wagons Orders were received to entrain at CAESTRE. on 7th & 8th Inst. Bde HQ & 2nd Section DAC go on first train leaving at 4.18 pm. 13th Bty train leaves at 7.18 pm 14th Bty at 10.18 pm 15th Bty at 1.18 am 8.4.18. & 105th Bty at 4.18 am.	
	7.4.18	9am	HQ moved out and proceeded to CAESTRE where it entrained with 2nd DAC. for St Roche station AMIENS. Lt S.I. Roberts MC with a guide from each battery also proceeded in the first train to act as billeting party.	
	8.4.18	3.30	The first train arrived at ST ROCH after an uneventful journey and was met by Brigade Major with instructions to proceed to BEHENCOURT Horses were watered just prior to their being trucked and were not again watered until arrival at PONT NOVELLES at 11 am. They were none the worse for the trip. It rained incessantly all day and the trek was distinctly uncomfortable. Fortunately the roads were excellent. Good billets were allotted and cover for a few riding horses found Wagon Lines were however placed in an open field adjoining Behencourt Chateau. Most of the inhabitants of the village had departed and the majority of the remainder were making hurried preparations to evacuate. the enemy having lightly shelled in the close vicinity during the previous night. Batteries entrained according to programme & were piloted to their respective quarters, the last, the 105th Bty reported arrival at 6 pm.	
	9.4.18		Batteries were busy cleaning up. Harness and vehicles being very dirty after wet journey.	
		8.30am	The CO & Adj. visited CRA at BEAUCOURT and at 9.30am with B/Cs each accompanied by a Section commander and Telephonists & they went forward to LAVIEVILLE and inspected the guns positions being taken over from the 150th Bde R.F.A. The weather continued wet.	
		11am	One section from each Bty went forward and releived one section of each Bty of 150th Bde. R.F.A. Order No 6	" No 3.
	10.4.18	3pm	The two remaining sections of Batteries and Head Quarters proceeded to the line and completed relief. Their respective locations being:- HQ D10b 7.2., 13th Bty D10d 21.78, 14th Bty D10c 39.66, 15th Bty D10a 28.28, 105th Bty D10c 17.84. Sheet No 62D/NE. Intelligence	" No 4
			The 4th AFA Bde relieved the 95th B'de, and this with the 5th AFA Bde & the 65th Bde R.F.A. constituted the Right Group Artillery which was placed under the command of Lt Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O. Strength return of 5th AFA Bde at date is Personnel 36 Officers & 788 other ranks Horses 136 Rides 420 Draughts & 92 Mules. B: Locations	" No 4
	11.4.18	4.30am	Operation Order No 7 carried out.	Appendix No 5

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SOMME	11.4.18	10.30am	The CRA Brig.Gen W.H.Burgess D.S.O with his Brig Major and R.O. were met by the CO & OO and the batteries were visited All were busy preparing positions Gun platforms, Pits & Dugouts, the most primitive arrangements having apparently satisfied the former occupents.	Intelligence Appendix 6
			The CRA considered Bde HQ were not satisfactorily situated and ordered its removal nearer to Infantry Bde HQ. to permit of closer association with the Brigadier. A move was therefore effected at 4.30 to temporary premises at D1b 95.40	
		7 pm	A forward signal control station was established at D9d.8.7. where visual signalling can be effected with Batteries Much movement was reported in Quarry at E14 c.3.7. suggestable of an assembly area or Head Quarters. The locality was engaged by portion of the Group field guns & Heavy	
	12.4.18	11am.	Artillery Operation Order No8 B.C's checked registration of guns.	Appendix No 7
			Control of C Division Artillery passed from Brig Gen. W.H. Burgess D.S.O. to Brig Gen. O.F. Phillips D.S.O	Intelligence " " 8
		1pm.	B.C's of 14th & 105th Bties called at HQ and discussed matters appertaining to their command with CO Situation quiet.	New S.O.S. Lines " " 9
		4pm	Brig Gen. O.F. Phillips D.S.O. CRA. with his RO called & the CO accompanied them on a visit to the Infantry Brigadier & 49th & 66th Brigade Commanders	
	13.4.18	9.30am	CO & OO reconnoitred a new HQ. position also positions for Brigades and batteries should a retirement be ordered to LAVIEVILLE. LINE. CO visited Battery positions. Enemy artillery slightly more active. Gotha 'planes bombed back areas during the night. Little or no damage reported.	
			The positions selected for the LAVIEVILLE LINE are HQ. DEHERCOURT 13th Bty C18d 95.27. 14th Bty C 18d 80.42. 15th Bty C18d 70.31. 105th Bty C18d 50.60.	Intelligence " " 10
	14.4.18	4.am	It was arranged that an officer & 40 men of 7th Inf Bde should raid sunken road at E15d.8.8. to E15b 95.05. and Right Group Artillery to co operate See Operation Order No10	App No 11
			The Infantry missed the starting point and enemy fire was opened upon them. The party immediately scattered and by the time they were collected, the Artillery barrage had opened and the raid had to be abandoned	Intelligence " " 12
		11am.	CRA. and Staff Captain visited the CO. and discussed the general situation at 2pm. The CO visited battery positions and selected a rear OP at D17a 00.45 (portion of damaged aerodrome) to be manned at night instead of Bde OP which will only be manned from 7am to 7pm.	
	15.4.18	9am	A gale blew throughout the day and night and visibility was very poor. Hostile artillery very quiet. CO and BCs visited positions selected for the LAVIEVILLE LINE. Posts were ordered to be planted marking respective Battery positions. Also a post to be planted on ridge at rear and carefully resected. Thus an aiming point was provided which would also be available for night firing by hanging a lamp on it. CO & CRA visited battery positions. Enemy Artillery shewed rather more activity, their fire being scattered over areas, in periodical short quick bursts.	Intelligence " " 13
	16.4.18	4.45am	We operated on the "LANES" (Operation Order No) firing 4700 rds which shortly afterwards drew enemy retaliation on the villages of LAVIEVILLE & DIESLE roads woods & back areas with 4.2" and 5.9", the forward areas were lightly shelled with guns of like calibre.	Intelligence " " 14
		9am	B C's calibrated guns and check corrector firing 550 rds. (1100 rds were expended on various targets in Enemy lines throughout the day).	
		2pm.	The C.O. and O.O. visited batteries and selected a new Bde O.P at D16b 3.4. and arranged a working party for its construction. It was a dugout on the forward slope of a hill with a good field of view. at 3.30pm HQ moved to a dugout in a trench at D7d.4.7 accommodation for personnel was provided in adjacent dugouts in the same trench.	O.P's " " 15
			Hostile fire increasing - principally area shoots with occasional bursts on roads.	Scheme of Evacuation " " 16 Instructions Defensive " " 17 "New S.O.S. Lines" " " 18

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SOMME	17.4.18		Battery commanders visited C.O. and generally discussed matters affecting the situation. Circular No 6 Ammunition	Appendix No 20
			When not firing or working in gun pits, all personnel were actively employed constructing dugouts and shelters Intelligence	" " 21
	18.4.18		Hostile fire increasing, principally area shoots and roadways with 5.9" 4.2" & 18 pdrs captured from British. Visibility poor.	
			Batteries busy improving positions & shelters. Hostile fire very close to 13th & 15th Battery with 4.2 principally.	" " 22
	19.4.18	7 pm	The 65th Div R.F.A. moved out being withdrawn from the group to form Mobile Reserve. Snow fell during the day. Circular No 8 No 9	" " 23
			Hail and snow showers at intervals and very cold wind. Major H.A. Morris wounded slightly in the thigh returning from O.P. His command	" " 24
	20.4.18		of 13th Battery temporarily passing to Major O.F. Dixon D.S.O. of 15th Div. Capt Symnott assuming control of 15th Div. Intelligence	" " 25
			Dugouts at H.Q. completed Enemy planes and balloons very actively engaged patrolling & observing. The hostile fire from 5.9 & 4.2 was directed	
			notably against roads in D11, 17 and 20 also on main Amiens Albert thoroughfare. Counter preparation and Lane shoots	
	21.4.18		carried out by our artillery about 10 000 rds. being fired. There was no retaliation by the Hun. Intelligence	" " 26
			13th Div position shelled by 5.9". Ammunition destroyed and No 7 Dial sight shield and buffer slightly damaged. No casualties	
			resulted. Personnel being withdrawn to cover of cellars in LAVIEVILLE adjoining position. Intelligence	" " 27
	22.4.18	9.30am	The 15th Div position was also subjected to about 50 rds. 4.2". No damage resulting. S.O.S. Lines Circular No 13	" " 28
			C.O. & O.C. visited batteries. Inspected guns of 13th Div and the O.C. reconnoitred a position in approximately D9 d 8.8. The LAVIEVILLE LINE	
			positions were also visited by the C.O. and O.C. 15th Div Circular No 14	" " 29
	23.4.18		Enemy Aircraft very active. Our planes doing excellent work and appear to have their opponents well in hand. Shelling of roads, approaches and Intelligence	" " 30
			activity centres continued by our batteries throughout the period. Hostile fire principally area shoots in short periodical bursts.	" " 31
	24.4.18	3.40am	Intense enemy bombardment with 4.2" & 5.9" Green & Yellow cross gas shells on D9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, LAVIEVILLE & BRESLE. resulted in loss of some Harassing fire	" " 32
			ammunition and 8 casualities 4 killed & 4 wounded through direct hits on dugouts. All communication wires were cut in many places &	33
			the C.M. Wireless failed to act, the instruments being affected by damp & the thick mist obscured the flashes of the Lucas Lamp. We were consequently	
			out of touch for about 30 minutes pending repair of the lines. The bombardment continued in intensity until 5am. when it slackened off, but it	
			did not cease until 10.30am. Intelligence	" " 34
		11 am	The C.R.A. called & discussed the situation with the C.O. The sector was fairly quiet for the remainder of the day. The Adjutant	
			visited Batteries and arranged for runners in the event of future breakdown in lines of communications.	
	25.4.18		C.O. visited Batteries. O.C. visited O.P.s of Batteries at E.13.c.8.8. and T.O.P. at D.16.b.3.4. Hostile fire was unusually quite over the	
			period. Two O.P.s are established in the front Infantry trench and are manned by an officer during hours of daylight. The T.O.P. to	
			manned for 24 hours by an officer from each Battery in turn. Intelligence	" " 35
	26.4.18	2.30am	Operation Order No 11 carried out at 5pm. C.O. visited the forward areas to select a positions for an Anti Tank Gun. Situation very quiet App No	36
	27.4.18	3pm	C.O. & O.C. 13th Battery made a reconnaisance of Right Group Sector for a suitable position for an Anti-tank Gun. D.23.a 80.18. was	" " 37
			selected and the 13th Battery moved one of their guns into the position at Midnight 27/28/4/18. Intelligence	" " 38
	28.4.18		26 Reinforcements reported to the Brigade They consisted chiefly of old gunners who had been wounded and evacuated.	
			Intelligence	" " 39

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S°/MME	29.4.18		Front quiet. All batteries have their dugouts almost completed.	
D7B740.70.	30.4.18	2 am.	Operation Order /No 13 carried out. This was reported by infantry to be most satisfactory, no movement has since been seen in the locality and no machine guns have been fired by the enemy from the spot.	
			For the first few days on this portion of the front it was thought the enemy would attack and try to get AMIENS. However it was been exceptionally quiet and the infantry have done a great deal of defence work, the front line trenches are now complete. The high ground held by the Australians is rather a formidable fortress and all are quite confident that if the enemy attacked he would be easily repulsed with heavy losses.	
		9 pm	Our infantry were relieved by the 55th Bde 18th British Division	
			The casualties in the Brigade have been very light & now with re inforcements who arrived ~~today~~ during the last week all batteries are practically up to war establishment strength.	

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MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

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Left Group
Centre Group
Right Group
D.T.M.O

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY
Headquarters,
31st March 1918.

AUST. DIVISION
A30/48

5 A.F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.
SECRET No. EF/3789

Reference 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 88

1. In 1 (b) (II) "April 4th" should read "April 3rd".

2. In Table "B" add Serial 4 as follows :-

"2nd Aust. D.A.C. to move from present location to MERRIS Area on April 3rd clearing present Lines by 12 noon. Route as for Serial 1."

3. Acknowledge.

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

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ADDENDUM No 1 TO

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 88

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H.Q.,2nd Aust.D.A.,
1st April,'18.

1. Arrangements for taking over Anti-Tank Guns are as follows:-
(a) Left Group (3): To be taken over by the batteries of 19th D.A. relieving those from which personnel is drawn at present.

(b) Centre Group:(4) Present D.A.C. detachments to be relieved by detachments from the 6th(Army) A.F.A.Bde. The D.A.C. personnel will after relief be attached to 4th A.F.A.Bde. until arrival in the MERRIS Area, when they will rejoin their units.

2. Reference Para. 8 and Table "A", Serials 1 & 4:-
All M.T.M. Bties, on leaving this area, will now take their establishment of 6" NEWTON Mortars with them. The following instructions therefore cancel those to the contrary in para.8 and Serial 1:-
(a) D.T.M.O.,2nd Aust.Div., will hand over to 9th M.T.M.Bty. Five 6" NEWTON T.M's on April 2nd in place of those taken over in the line.
(b) 4th and 5th A.M.T.M. Bties., when relieved by the T.M.Bties of the 25th Div. Arty., will move from the line with twelve 6" NEWTON T.M's. complete.
(c) Reference sub-para.2(a) above, Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust.D.A., will notify transport arrangements.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.A.Clowes
Major,
Brigade- Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

To all recipients of
2nd Aust.D.A.ORDER 88.

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Appendix No.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE MOVE ORDER NO. 4.

Reference Maps.- Sheet 28 S.W. and S.E.(Parts of)
Edition 3A (1/20,000.).

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1. The 5th. A.F.A. Brigade will be relieved by the 11th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., in accordance with Table "A", attached.

2. Moves of Wagon Lines will be carried out in accordance with Table "B", attached.

3. In all cases where guns and howitzers are exchanged, they will be handed over stripped of all sights and stores, except aiming posts.

4. All Maps, aeroplane photographs, O.P. Log-Book, Defence Schemes and documents relating to the Sectors batteries are covering, will be handed over and receipts obtained.

5. On all marches, distances will be 500 yards between Brigades and D.A.C., 100 yards between Batteries, and 50 yards between Sections of Batteries. For Brigaded Transport - 25 Yards between every sixth and seventh vehicle.

6. Battery Transport will proceed with its respective Battery for the move into MERRIS Area, and will remain with Batteries on all marches unless advised to the contrary.

7. Circular white discs will be carried on every sixth wagon or vehicle.

8. Further orders will be issued with regard to the number of Howitzers to be taken over by 105th. How. Battery.

9. DRESS - OTHER RANKS.- Marching Order, hats turned up (to be turned down if raining).
- OFFICERS.- Caps, Haversacks, water-bottles, small box respirators, glasses and prismatic compass.

10. Each Battery will carry one machine-gun with Battery, and one with with Battery transport.

11. No more than two men per pair of wheels to ride on wagons &c., Dismounted men with portion of N.C.O's to march in rear of Battery under the supervision of an officer. Men will be changed at halts.

12. Further Orders will be issued, giving Billeting Area &c., on receipt from 2nd. D.A.H.Q.

Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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Appendix 1

ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO 88.

Copy No. 5

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
2nd April 1918.

Reference para 8 and Table "A" Serial 5 (with attached note).

1.(a). 4th Aust. M.T.M. Battery on relief by T.M. Battery of 19th Div. Arty. will concentrate at billets, 3rd Aust.M. T.M. Battery continuing to man all T.M's. on the front to be held by 25th Division.

(b). D.T.M.O. 25th Div. and T.M. Batteries of the 25th Div. present) Arty. will take over all T.M's. on the
2nd Aust) front from D.T.M.O. 2nd Aust. Div. and 3rd Aust. M.T.M.
Division) Battery, details of relief to be arranged between D.T.M.O's. concerned and to be complete by 10 am April 4th..

(c). Reference sub-para (b) above, the M.T.M. Batteries 2nd Aust. Div. will move from this area each with 6 6" Newtom T.M's. complete. D.T.M.O's. may arrange to exchange T.M's. with equipment as required.

(d). Previous orders contrary to the above are/now cancelled.

2. The D.T.M.O. and 3rd and 4th Aust.M.T.M. Batteries will move from billets in the line back to the MERRIS Area on the afternoon of April 4th. Administrative arrangements will be notified by the Staff Captain.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.A. Clowes
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Divnl. Arty..

Issued at 3 p.m. to-

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY SECRET

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Headquarters,
31st March, 1918

Ref. Map: Sheet 28 SW & SE(Parts of)
Edition 3A.(1/20,000).

1. (a) The 2nd Aust.Division (less Artillery) is being relieved in the Right Div'l. Sector and Area of the Corps front by the 19th and 25th Divisions, (both less Artillery) between March 31st and April 3rd.

(b) Commands pass as follows:-
(i) Present Left Bde.Sector of 2nd Aust.Div. front: from G.O.C. 2nd Aust.Div. to G.O.C., 19th Div. at 10 am, April 2nd.

(ii) Present Right & Centre Bde.Sectors: from G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. to G.O.C., 25th Div. at 10am on April 4th.

(c) On completion of reliefs, Div. H.Q's. will be as follows:-
19th Division - DRANOUTRE,
25th Division - RAVELSBERG.

(d) The Inter-Div'l. Boundary between 19th and 25th Divs. will be the line of the R. DOUVE Westwards to T.12.a.2.8., thence along the inter-area boundary between the PLOEGSTEERT area and the NEUVE EGLISE area and the KORTEPYP area and the NEUVE EGLISE area.

2. Reliefs of Artillery covering the present Right Div'l.Sector of the Corps front will be carried out in accordance with attached TABLE "A".

3. (a) The 13th A.F.A.Bde will withdraw from the line to Wagon Lines at 6 pm, April 1st. and will entrain with 9th A.M.T.M.Bty. on April 3rd.

(b) In place of the 13th A.F.A.Bde., one Bde.,19th Div.Arty. will come into the line to cover the (then) 19th Div'l. front on the night April 3rd/4th; batteries to be in action and registered by 6 pm, April 4th.
The positions to be occupied are:-
18-Pdr batteries: U.1.d.38.38.*; U.13.a.8.8.*; O.31.c.7.7.
4.5" Howr.battery: U.7.d.09.70.*.
(* Positions evacuated by 13th A.F.A.Bde.)

4. In view of the withdrawal of the 13th A.F.A.Bde. unrelieved, the Centre Group, 2nd A.D.A., will from 6 pm, April 1st, place two 18-pdr batteries under the orders of the Left Group, 2nd A.D.A. These will continue under the command of the R.F.A.Bde. relieving the 6th (Army) A.F.A.Bde., until 6 pm, April 4th. Necessary arrangements will be made between Group Commanders direct.

5. Moves of Wagon Lines will be carried out in accordance with TABLE "B" attached.

6. In all cases where guns are exchanged, they will be handed over stripped of all sights and stores, except aiming posts.

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7. All Maps, Aeroplane photographs, Defence Schemes and documents relating to the various Sectors will be handed over and receipts obtained.
Those relating to the positions evacuated by 13th A.F.A.Bde. on the night April 1st/2nd, will be collected and forwarded to 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. by 12 noon, April 2nd.

8. T.M. Batteries on relief will hand over all T.M's. to relieving units and will move from this area less T.M's. After relief of 4th M. T.M.Bty.on Apr.3rd, 3rd & 4th M.T.M.Btics will man TM's on 25 Div.front

9. On all marches, distances as laid down in Fourth Army No 100(G), (Standing Orders G.S.), will be adhered to.

10. Command of the Artillery covering the (then) 19th Div'l. front will pass to C.R.A., 19th Division, at 10 am on April 4th.
The C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Div., will continue in command of the Artillery covering the (then) 25th Div'l. front until relieved by the C.R.A., 25th Division.

11. Separate administrative orders are being issued by the Staff-Captain.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.A. Clove
Major,
Brigade- Major,
2nd Aust. Div.Arty.

Issued at 9 pm to:

Right Group	1/2		
Centre "	3/4		
Left "	5/6	Area Cmdt.BAILLEUL,	45
D.T.M.O.	7/8	" " MERRIS,	46
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	23/26 *	S.S.O.,2nd Aust.Div.	47
2nd Aust.Div.	27/28	20th Coy.A.A.S.C.	48
R.A.,Aust.Corps	29	S.O. 2nd A.D.Troops	49
Aust.Corps	30	3rd Squad.A.F.C.	50
13th A.F.A.Bde.	31/32	Staff-Capt.2nd A.D.A	51
19th Div.Arty.	33/35	Signals Officer	52
25th " "	36/38	R.O.	53
11th(Army)Bde R.F.A.	39	File	54
1st Aust.D.A.	40	War Diary,	55/57
34th Div.Arty.	41	Spares	58/60
H.A. Aust.Corps	42/43		
36th Bde.R.G.A.	44		

*NOTE: Copies No.9-26 cancelled.

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TABLE "A". (TO ACCOMPANY 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER Nº 88 of 31/3/18.) SECRET

Serial No.	RELIEF OF	RELIEF BY	SECTOR OF PRESENT 2nd DIV. Front.	SECTIONS PER BATTERY.	DATE	RELIEF TO BE COMPLETED BY	DISPOSAL OF GUNS, ETC., IN RELIEF.	ACTION OF UNITS ON RELIEF	COMPLETION OF RELIEF to be notified (2nd D.A.H.Q.) by wiring Code W'd
1.	9th A.M. T.M.Bty.	4th A.M.T.M. Bty.	Left	3	April 1st	6 pm	Taken over "in situ". 9th Bty. takes over no Mtrs. from 4th	Concentrate at Billets	SEYMOUR
2.	5th A.F.A. Bde.(2nd A.D.A.).	11th (Army) Bde.R.F.A.	Right	3	April 2nd	4 pm	Taken over "in situ" in exch'ge for those taken over in W.L. of relieving units	Concentrate at Wagon Lines	ORANGE
3.	6th (Army) A.F.A.Bde.	One Brigade 19th Div. Arty.	Left	3	April 3rd.	6 pm	do.	Move to Bty. pos'ns of 4th AFA.Bde. to be taken over on April 4(Serial 6)	YARRA
4.	2nd Aust. D.A.C.	19th D.A.C.	-	-	April 3rd	12 noon	-	Move to MERRIS Area	NEWTOWN
5.*	4th A.M. T.M.Bty.	1 M.T.M.Bty 19th Div.	Left	3	April 3rd	10 am	-	Take over Mtrs on present Centre Sector 2nd Aust.Div.front.	SYDNEY
6.	4th A.F.A. Bde(2nd A.D.A.)	6th (Army) A.F.A.Bde.	Centre	3	April 4th	10 am	Taken over "in situ". In exchange 6th Bde will hand over guns taken over from Bde.of 19th D.A.	Concentrate at Wagon Lines	ALBURY

* 3rd & 4th Aust.M.T.M.Btics remain in line on 25th Div'l Front until relieved by M.T.M.Bties. of 25th Div., under orders to be issued later.

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TABLE "B" (TO ACCOMPANY 2nd AUST.DIV.ARTY. ORDER 88 of 31/3/1918)

SERIAL No.	UNIT	FROM	TO	DATE OF MOVE	TO CLEAR PRESENT LINES BY	REMARKS
1.	5th A.F.A Brigade	Present Wagon Lines	MERRIS AREA	April 3rd	9 a.m	Route - via Railway Crossing at S.27 Central; not to pass through BAILLEUL.
2.	13th A.F.A. Bde. & 9th A.M.T.M Bty	Present Wagon Lines	Entraining Station	April 3rd	--	Further details to be notified.
3.	4th A.F.A. Brigade	Present Wagon Lines	MERRIS AREA	April 4th	3 p.m	Route - As in Serial 1.
4	2nd DAC	Do.	Do.	April 3rd	12 noon.	Do.

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T A B L E "A".

(TO ACCOMPANY 5th.A.F.A.Brigade Move Order No.4.).

RELIEF OF	BY	SECTIONS PER BATTERY.	DATE.
5th. A.F.A. Bde. (2nd. A.D.A.)	11th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.	3	April 2nd.

RELIEF TO BE COMPLETED BY.	DISPOSAL OF GUNS, etc., IN RELIEF.	ACTION OF UNITS ON RELIEF.	COMPLETION ON RELIEF to be notified B.H.Q. by wiring code w'd -
4.0 p.m.	Taken over "in situ" in exchange for those taken over in W.L. of relieving units.	Concentrate at Wagon Lines.	ORANGE.

T A B L E "B".

(TO ACCOMPANY 5th.AF.A.Brigade Move Order No,4.).

UNIT	FROM	TO	DATE OF MOVE.	TO CLEAR PRESENT LINES BY.	REMARKS.
5th,A.F.A. Brigade.	Present Wagon Lines.	MERRIS Area.	April 3rd.	9 a.m.	Route - via Railway Crossing at S.27 Central; not to pass through BAILLEUL.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE MOVE ORDER No.4.

TABLE "C"

Batteries will move out on the morning of the 3rd instant and pass the starting point B.8.a.7.7. in the following order and at times stated.
Route as in Table "B"

15th Battery	8.30 a.m.
14th "	8.37 a.m.
13th "	8.44 a.m.
105th "	8.51 a.m.

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 5th A.F.A.Brigade.

1st April, 1918.

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Headquarters,
1st April, 1918.

13th. Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
105th. "

Batteries will be relieved by 11th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., Batteries, as under:-

14th. Battery	by	83rd Battery
105th. "	by	D/11 Battery
13th. "	by	84th Battery
15th. "	by	85th Battery.

ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of - 5th. A.F.A. Brigade Move Order No. 4, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade Admin. Memo. No. 1, and this communication, by wire by the Code Word "JUPITER".

Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th. A.F.A. Bde.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO. NO. 1.

Headquarters,
1st April, 1918.

Ref. Maps: B. & F. 27 & 36 } 1/40,000.
FRANCE 36A }

Reference 5th. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade Move Order No. 4, Para. 12.

1. The 5th. A.F.A. Brigade will be relieved and move to MERRIS Area in accordance with Move Order No. 4 and Tables "A" and "B".

2. BILLETING.- The 5th. A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters and Batteries will occupy Billets in MERRIS Area as follows:-

5th. A.F.A. Brigade	Headquarters	S.26.c.2.3.
13th. Battery		A.3.c.2.8.
14th. "		A.2.d.8.8.
15th. "		A.2.c.9.7.
105th. "		F.12.a.8.2.

Lieut. J.M.C. RANKIN, 14th. Battery, will report to Area Commandant, MERRIS, at 10 a.m. on 2nd instant.
Each Battery will detail one N.C.O. to report to Lieut. J.M.C. RANKIN at 14th. Battery Wagon Lines at 7.30 a.m. on 2nd instant. N.C.O's will accompany Billeting Officer.

3. TRANSPORT.- Forage and Baggage Wagons from Divisional Train will report to Units on afternoon of 2nd instant.

4. BILLETS.- All Billets, Horse-Lines, Cook-Houses etc., must be left in a clean and sanitary condition and all latrines filled in.

5. AREA STORES.- All Area Stores will be handed over and receipts obtained.

6. ORDNANCE.- Units will ensure that available stores etc., indented for are cleared from Ordnance before leaving this Area.

7. SUPPLIES.- Train Wagons will deliver to Units on their arrival in MERRIS Area.
Refilling Point while in MERRIS Area will be MERRIS Church, at 11 a.m.

Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (S E C R E T)

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No. 45.

Ref. Maps: B.& F.27 & 36) 1/40,000
FRANCE 36A)

Headquarters,
1st April, 1918.

The 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery and the 20th Company A.S.C. will move to MERRIS Area in accordance with 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery ORDER No. 88.

BILLETING

Units will occupy the following Billets and Horse lines in MERRIS Area.

4th A.F.A.Bde.	Headquarters	E.8.d.C.8	(SEC BOIS)
10th Battery		(E.2.c.6.1	
		(E.2.d.5.5	
11th Battery		E.11.c.	DUMPS
12th Battery		E.9.d.1.1	
104th Battery		E.7.c.7.2.	
5th A.F.A.Bde.	Headquarters	S.26.c.2.3	
13th Battery		A.3.c.2.8	
14th Battery		A.2.d.8.8	
15th Battery		A.2.c.9.7	
105th Battery		F.12.a.8.2.	
2nd Aust.D.A.C	Headquarters	OUTTERSTEENE	
1st Section		do	
2nd Section		F.9.b.7.7.	
D.T.M	SEC BOIS	"SHRINE BILLETS"	
20th Coy.A.S.C		E.17.b.5.5	

A Billeting Officer from ~~4th &~~ 5th A.F.A.Brigade + 2nd Aus DAC will report to Area Commandant MERRIS at 10 a.m 2nd instant, and an Officer from 4th Brigade and an N.C.O. from 20th A.S.C. will report to Area Commandant MERRIS at 10 a.m on 3rd instant to arrange Billets.

TRANSPORT : Forage & Baggage wagons from Divisional Train will report to Units on the afternoon prior to move.

BILLETS :- Billets, Horse lines, Cook houses etc., must be left in a clean and sanitary condition and all latrines filled in.

AREA STORES :- Area Stores will be handed over and receipts obtained.

ORDNANCE :- Units will ensure that available Stores etc., indented for are cleared from Ordnance before leaving this Area.

SUPPLIES :- Train Wagons will deliver to Units on their arrival in MERRIS Area.

Refilling point while in MERRIS Area, will be MERRIS CHURCH at 11 a.m.

G. Stanley Smith
Lieut.
A/Staff Captain
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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CENTRE GROUP ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
April 1st.1918.

ORDER No.14.

Reference map: Sheet 28, 1/40,000

1. The 2nd.Australian Divisional Artillery is being relieved in this Sector between 1st. and 4th.of April.1918.

2. The 4th. .F.A.Brigade will be relieved by Batteries of the 6th. rwy Brigade ust.F.A. as follows :-

10th.Battery will be relieved by 16th.Battery
11th. " " " " " 17th. "
12th. " " " " " 18th. "
104th. " " " " " 106th. "

The 16th.Battery will take over the section of 15-pounder Anti-tank guns at U.15.d.30.65.

The 18th.Battery will take over the section of 15-pounder Anti-tank guns at U.2. .50.75.

3. Relief will be carried out on night of 3rd/4th. April and will be complete by 10.a.m. on 4th. April.
Completion of relief to be advised by the code-words "JOSEPH".

4. Guns will be handed over "in situ" stripped of all sights and stores except aiming posts.

5. All maps, aeroplane photographs, Defence schemes and documents relating to the various sectors will be handed over and receipts obtained.

6. The guns taken over by the 6th.A.F.A.Brigade will be those of the 19th.Divisional Artillery and will be at 6th.A.F.A.Brigade wagon lines.

7. Wagon line officers will inspect these guns the day previous and inform this office of any shortages in sights or aiming posts.

8. Officers of the 6th.A.F.A.Brigade are instructed to proceed to 4th. .F.A. Brigade Batteries at once and get in hand the work of taking over their new front.

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CENTRE GROUP ARTILLERY - ORDER No.14. 1.4.1918.

9. From 6.p.m. 1st.April until relieved, the 11th. and 12th. Batteries will pass to the command of the Left Group Artillery.

The 15th.Battery will arrange to cover S.O.S. lines of 11th and 12th.Batteries from 6.p.m. 1st.April to 10.a.m. 4th.April.

10. Moves from wagon lines will be carried out as follows:-

4th. A.F.A.Brigade will move from their present wagon lines to MERRIS Area at 3.p.m. on 4th.April.

Starting point - 104th.Battery wagon lines, T.27.a.7.2.

Route- Corner at B.1.central to crossing at B.27.central - not to pas through BAILEUL.

11. Batteries will pass the starting point in the following order -

104th.Battery
11th.Battery
10th.Battery
12th.Battery.

12. Brigade Routine Orders of 7th. and 8th.March re "March Discipline" and "Turn out" will be strictly adhered to.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

D.D.Bowler Captain,
Adjutant, Centre Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:
Copy No.1. 10th.Battery
2. 11th.Battery
3. 12th.Battery
4. 104th.Battery
5. 15th.Battery
6. Left Group Artillery
7. Bde-Major, 2nd.Aust.D.A.
8. War Diary
9. File
10. Spare.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (S E C R E T)

Copy No. 4

ORDER No. 89

Headquarters,
2nd April, 1918.

Ref. Maps Sheets 27 & 28
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1. The remainder of the S.A.A Section 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will move from this Area on April 3rd as under :-

2. (a) 1/3rd S.A.A. Section will form part of the 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group, the remaining 1/3rd part of the 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group.

(b) On April 3rd the portion accompanying 6th A.I.Bde. will move by March Route to Staging Area at CODE; the portion accompanying 7th A.Infantry Brigade by March Route to Staging Area at METEREN.

(c) No restrictions as to times or routes.

3. On April 4th entrainment will be carried out under Orders to be issued separately.
Detraining Stations :- HANGEST-SUR-SOMME and St.ROCH.
Approximate time of entrainment in both cases is 12 noon April 4th.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Clarke Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 7 p.m to :-

2nd Aust.D.A.C	1/2
4th A.F.A Brigade	3
5th A.F.A.Brigade	4
D.T.M.O	5
2nd Aust. Div	6
R.A.Aust.Corps	7
6th A.I.Brigade	8
7th A.I.Brigade	9
S.S.O 2nd Aust.Div	10
20th Coy.A. A.S.C.	11
S.O.2nd Aus.D.Troops	12
Staff Captain	13
Signal Officer	14
R.O.	15
File	16
War Diary	17/19
Spares	20/23.

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9th F.A. Brigade, Australia
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY SECRET

ORDER No 90

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Headquarters,
3rd April, 1918.

In continuation of 2nd Aust.D.A. ORDER No 88 of March 31st:-

1. The 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery (less S.A.A. Section 2nd Aust. D.A.C.) will shortly be transferred from Second Army to Third Army.

2. The transfer will be effected by rail. Orders for entrainment and move from MERRIS Area to entraining stations will be issued by the Staff-Captain, 2nd Aust. D.A.

3. Entraining Stations will probably be STRAZEELE, CAESTRE and GODEWAERSVELDE.

4. Each train will have two Lewis guns with crews detailed for use if necessary against hostile aircraft.

5.(a) The last three lines of para.10 of above Order are cancelled and the following substituted:-
"Command of the Field Artillery covering the 25th Div. front (in addition to that covering the 19th Div.front) will also pass at 10 am, April 4th, from C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division to C.R.A. 19th Division.

(b) 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will close at 11am, April 4th, at RAVELSBERG, reopening at MERRIS on arrival."

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.C. Stevens Capt
for
Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust. Div.Arty.

Issued at 7 pm to:-

4th A.F.A.Bde.,
5th A.F.A.Bde.
2nd Aust.D.A.C.
D.T.M.O.
2nd Aust.Div.
Aust. Corps,
R.A., Aust. Corps
IX Corps,
IX Corps R.A.
19th Div.Arty.
19th Div.
25th Div.
25th Div.Arty.

Copy 1,
2 1st Aust.D.A. 14
3 34th Div.Arty. 15
4 H.A. Aust.Corps 16
5 Town Major BAILLEUL 17
6 Area Cmdt.MERRIS 18
7 20th Coy.A.A.S.C. 19
8 S.S.O.,2nd A.D. 20
9 D.A.D.O.S. 21
10 S.O. 2nd A.D.Troops 22
11 3rd Squad.A.F.C. 23 File 27
12 Sig. Officer 24 War Diary 28/30
13 Staff-Captain 25 Spares 31/34
R.O. 26

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE MOVE ORDER NO, 5.

1. Batteries will comply with 2nd. A.D.A. Administrative Memo. No, 46.

2. Reference Para, 3:- Batteries will move off independently - in time to arrive at CAESTRE 3 hours prior to scheduled time of departure of train.

3. Reference Para, 5:- Captain B. MINTER, M.C., 105th. How. Battery will be in charge of the entraining of 5th. A.F.A. Bde.

4. Lieut. S.L. ROBERTS, M.C., 13th. Battery, will be Billeting Officer. Each Battery will detail one N.C.O. to report to Lieut. S.L. ROBERTS, M.C., at 5th. A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters at 10.15 a.m. on 7th instant. This party will carry unexpired portion of the day's rations and forage; and 24 hours in addition, and will travel with Brigade Headquarters.

Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

5th. A.F.A. Bde. H'Qrs.,
6th April 1918.

Issued at 4.0 p.m. to:-

13th. Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
105th. "

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APPENDIX. J.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (~~SECRET~~)

AMENDMENT No. 1 TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No.46

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Headquarters,
6th April,1918

SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS :- Cancel paragraph 7 of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty Memo. No.46 of 6th inst. and substitute following :-

There will be no issue of rations on 7th or 8th instants. 2 Days rations are being issued to-day 6th inst. Time of 2nd Refilling MERRIS 3.30 p.m.

A.C.Osborne. Captain.
Staff Captain.
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 1 p.m to :

	Copies			
4th A.F.A.Bde.		1/5	IX Corps	18
5th A.F.A.Bde		6/10	1st Aust. D.A	19
2nd Aust. D.A.C		11/13	S.S.O.2nd Aust.Div	20
D.T.M.O		14	S.O.2nd Aus.Div.Troops	21
20th Coy.A.A.S.C		15	Sig.Officer	22
2nd Aust. Div		16	B.M	23
Aust. Corps		17	R.O	24.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (SECRET)

AMENDMENT No.2 TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No.46

Headquarters,
6th April,1918.

Scheduled times of departure of trains shown in Appendix "A" to Memorandum No. 46 are cancelled.

Following will be times of departure of trains :-

4th Brigade Group From STRAZEELE		5th Brigade Group From CAESTRE	
Train No.	Time	Train No.	Time
1.	16.18	1.	15.25
2.	19.18	2.	18.25
3.	22.18	3.	21.25
4.	1.18	4.	0.25
5.	4.18	5.	3.25
6.	7.18		

ACKNOWLEDGE.

T.O'Osborne.
Captain
Staff Captain.
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

To all recipients of Admin. Memo. No. 46.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY SECRET

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No 46

----------oOo---------- Headquarters,
6th March, 1918.

1. The Second Australian Divisional Artillery less S.A.A.Section 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will entrain from STRAZELLE and CAESTRE/, detraining at St ROCH for 4th Army Area. (on 7th & 8th insts)

2. For the purposes of the move, Brigade Groups will comprise the following:-

4th A.F.A.Bde.Group entraining at STRAZELLE	5th A.F.A.Bde.Group entraining at CAESTRE
2nd Aust.D.A.H.C.& Sig.Subsectn.; H.Q.,4th AFA.Bde.& Sig.Subsectn.; 20th Coy. A.A.S.C.; 10th, 11th, 12th & 104th Batteries; 1st Sectn., 2nd Aust.D.A.C. and 3rd Aust. Med. Trench Mortar Battery & HQ. 2nd D.A.C.	H.Q..5th AFA.Bde.& Sig.Sub. Sectn; 13th, 14th, 15th & 105th Batteries: 2nd Section 2nd Aust.D.A.C.and 4th Aust.M.T.M.Bty.

3. Units will march from present area in sufficient time to arrive at entraining stations three hours before schedule time for departure of each train. No restrictions as to route.

On all marches distances as laid down in 4th Army No.100(G.), (Standing Orders G.S.) will be adhered to.

Particulars of trains by which units will travel are contained in Appendix "A"attached. The times therein stated are the schedule times for the departure of each train.

4 Four G.S. Wagons and 16 Limbered Amm. Wagons from 1st and 2nd Sections of 2nd Aust.D.A.C. will travel with trains allotted to Batteries of 4th and 5th Brigades. 1 G.S. Wagon & 4 Limbered Amm.Wagons travelling by each train. These vehicles will report to their respective batteries by 10 am on 7th inst. and will remain with them until arrival in Fourth Army staging or other billeting area.

5. RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

4th and 5th A.F.A.Bdes. will detail a Captain to be in charge of the entraining for each Brigade Group. These officers will report to the R.T.O at CAESTRE and STRAZELLE respectively by noon, 7th inst.and will leave by the last train for their Groups.

No troops or transport will be permitted to enter the Station yard
6. until permission is obtained from the R.T.O. No personnel or stores will be allowed in the brake van at either end of the train.

Units must be at the entraining station three hours before the schedule time for the departure of their train. Entrainment of all units will be completed half an hour before schedule time of departure of trains. Breast ropes for horse trucks must be provided by units themselves.

Units will move with full echelons. Supply and Baggage wagons will accompany units. All watercarts will entrain full and horses will be watered prior to entraining.

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6. BILLETING:
Units will have billeting parties in readiness to move off on arrival at detraining station.

7. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS: Refilling point, 7th inst., MERRIS CHURCH at 10 am. Rations drawn on this date will remain loaded on Supply wagons, entraining with units. There will be no issue on 8th inst. Refilling point and time for 9th inst. will be notified on detraining.

8. Further orders as to billeting will be issued on arrival at St ROCH.

9. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will close at MERRIS at noon on 7th inst. and reopen at BERTANGLES (AMIENS 1.D.) on arrival.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

T.B.Osborne Captain,
Staff-Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 9 am to:-

4th A.F.A.Bde.	Copies 1/5	R.T.O. STRAZELE	30
5th A.F.A.Bde.	6/10	" CAESTRE	31
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	11/13	Traffic, HAZEBROUCK	32
D.T.M.O.	14	File	33
20th Coy.A.A.S C.	15	War Diary	34/36
2nd Aust.Div.	16	Spares	37/40
Aust. Corps	17		
R.A., Aust. Corps	18		
IX Corps	19		
IX Corps A.A.	20		
1st Aust.D.A.	21		
Area Cmdt. MERRIS	22		
S.S.O. 2nd Aust.Div	23		
D.A.D.O.S.	24		
S.O. 2nd Aust.Div.Troops	25		
Sig Officer	26		
D.A.D.P.S.	27		
B-M.	28		
R.O.	29		

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MOVE OF SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY & 20th COY. A.A.S.C.
(LESS S.A.A. SECTION, 2nd AUST.D.A.C.)

APPENDIX "A"

FROM STRAZELLE TO ST. ROCH				FROM CAESTRE TO ST. ROCH			
TRAIN NO	DATE	TIME	UNIT	TRAIN NO	DATE	TIME	UNIT
1	April 7th	15.25	2nd D.A.H.Q. & Signal Sub-Sectn H.Q., 2nd D.A.C.; 20th Co.AASC.	1	April 7th	16.18	H.Q., 5th AFA.Bde.& Sig.Sub-Sctn 2nd Sectn.D.A.C.less 4 G.S.Wgns. & 16 Lmbd.Ammn.Wagons & Teams; 4th Aust.M.T.M.Bty.
2	7th	18.25	H.Q.4th AFA Bde.& Sig.Sub-Sectn. 1st Sectn.D.A.C.less 4 G.S.Wgns & 16 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns.& Teams; 3rd Aust.M.T.M.Bty.	2	7th	19.18.	13th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn.& 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns.of 2nd Sectn. 2nd D.A.C.(& Teams)
3	7th	21.25	10th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn.& 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns & Teams of 1st Section, 2nd D.A.C.	3	7th	22.18	14th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn. & 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns & Teams of 2nd Section 2nd D.A.C.
4	8th	0.25	11th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn & 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns & Teams of 1st Section, 2nd D.A.C.	4	8th	1.18	15th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn. & 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns.& Teams of 2nd Section, 2nd D.A.C.
5	8th	3.25	12th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn.& 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns. & Teams of 1st Section, 2nd D.A.C.	5	8th	4.18	105th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn.& 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns. & Teams of 2nd Section, 2nd D.A.C.
6	8th	6.25	104th Battery plus 1 G.S.Wgn. & 4 Lmbd.Ammn.Wgns.& Teams of 1st Section, 2nd D.A.C.				

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Appendix No. 3.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

ORDER NO. 6.

Headquarters,
9th April, 1918.

Reference Maps : 62.D. - 1/40,000.

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1. The following reliefs will be carried out by 5th. A.F.A. Brigade:-

5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q. will relieve H.Q.,150th.(Army)Bde.R.F.A. at D.10.b.70.10.

13th. Battery " " "A" Bty, 150th(Army)Bde.R.F.A. at D.10.d.30.90.

14th. Battery " " "B" Bty, 150th(Army)Bde.R.F.A. at D.10.c.60.50.

15th. Battery " " "C" Bty, 150th(Army)Bde.R.F.A. at D.10.a.30.25.

105th.Battery " " "D" Bty, 150th(Army)Bde.R.F.A. at D.10.c.50.80.

2. Reliefs will be effected as follows:-

(a) One Section on night 9th/10th instant,
Remaining Sections 10th/11th instant.

(b) Advanced parties will accompany Section on night 9th/10th.

(c) Commands will pass on completion of relief, which will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by wiring Code Word "COMPLEX".

(d) Guns will be taken into position and not exchanged.

3. All other details of reliefs will be arranged between Battery Commanders concerned.

4. (a) 13th. Battery will details an Officer to relieve Liaison Officer at Battalion Headquarters on afternoon of 10th instant.
(b) 14th. Battery will detail an Officer to relieve the Brigade O.P. Officer on afternoon of 10th instant.

5. Wagon Lines of 5th. A.F.A. Brigade will remain at BEHENCOURT.

6. C.O., 5th. A.F.A. Brigade will command Right Group, "C" Divisional Artillery, which consists of:-

65th Brigade, R.F.A.,
5th. A.F.A. Brigade,
and 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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5th. A.F.A. Brigade Order No. 6.

7. Battalion Liaison duties will be manned as follows:-
Tour of duty 24 hours commencing 6 p.m. 10.4.1918 -
13th. Battery, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade - 6pm 10.4.18 to 6pm 11.4.18.
4th. A.F.A. Brigade - 6pm 11.4.18 to 6pm 12.4.18.
65th Brigade R.F.A., - 6pm 12.4.18 to 6pm 13.4.18.
14th. Battery, 5th. A.F.A. Bde. - 6pm 13.4.18 to 6pm 14.4.18.
and so on.

8. Group O.P. reliefs will be notified later.

9. All Signal reliefs will be arranged by Brigade Signal Officer.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

O R D E R No 91

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Headquarters,
9th April,1918

Ref. Map:
57.D & 62D, 1/40,000.

1. The following reliefs will be carried out by the 2nd Aust,Div. Arty. in the Right Group, "C" Divisional Artillery(2nd Aust.Div. Front):-

(a) 95th Brigade R.F.A.(21st D.A.) by 4th A.F.A.Bde.
(b) 150th(Army) Bde.R.F.A. by 5th A.F.A.Bde.,
(c) One Section 21st D.A.C. and 150th B.A.C. by 2nd Aust,D.A.C.

2. Reliefs in1(a) and (b) will be effected as follows:
(a) One Section on the night April 9th/10th; remaining two sections on the night April 10th/ 11th.
(b) Advanced parties of relieving batteries will accompany the section relieving on night 10th/11th.
(c) Commands will pass on completion of relief which will be reported by wiring code word "COMPLEX" to 4th D.A.H.Q. and repeating same to 2nd D.A.H.Q..
(Locations of units have been communicated to all concerned.)
(d) Guns will be taken into position and not exchanged.

3. Relief in 1 (c) will be completed by 10am, April 10th.

4. All other details of reliefs will be arranged between units concerned.

5. 4th A.F.A.Bde. will detail a senior officer as Liaison Officer with 7th A.I.Bde. at D.7.d.4.9., to relieve present L.O. at 6 pm April 10th.

6. Wagon Lines will be as follows:-
(a) 5th A.F.A.Bde. at BEHENCOURT.
(b) 4th A.F.A.Bde. temporarily, at a location to be notified later, to occupy those of the 95th Bde.R.F.A. when latter evacuate them on the night April 11th/12th.
(c) 2nd Aust.D.A.C., temporarily, at BEHENCOURT. When 21st D.A.C. evacuate their present lines at BAVELINCOURT on the night April 11th/ 12th, these will be occupied.

7. A.R.P. is at CONTAY.

8. C.R.A., 4th Aust.Div. is remaining for the present in command of the Artillery covering "C" Divisional Front; H'qrs.at BEAUCOURT CHATEAU.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Clowes Major,
Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust.Div. Arty.

Issued at 1.30pm to
4th A.F.A.Bde.,
5th A.F.A.Bde.,
2nd Aust.D.A.C.,
D.T.M.O.
Sig. Officer, 2nd D.A.,
Staff-Capt., "
R.O., "
4th Aust.D.A.
Aust. Corps,
R.A., Aust.Corps,
2nd Aust.Div.,
21st Div.Arty.,
H.A., Aust.Corps,
3rd Aust D.A.
12th Division.
8th Squad., R.A.F.
S.O.2nd A.D.Troops,
20th Coy. A.A.S.C.,
File
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 56	9/4	—	

Ref my Order 91 para 2(b)
AAA for 10⁵⁵/11⁵⁵ read
9⁵⁵/10⁵⁵ AAA Acknowledge
AAA Added 4⁵⁵ 4⁵⁵ = A.F.A.
Bdes & all Concerned

From	2nd Aust	D.A.	
Place			
Time	9p		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Censor.

(Z) A Clowes
.....
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

Major

* This line should be erased if not required.

(11160.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* BM 54	8/4	—	3

1 The 2nd Aust. D.A. will relieve units in the line as follows :-
5th Bde. — 150th (Army) Bde RFA.
4th Bde. — 95th Bde. RFA.
2nd D.A.C. — One section 21st DAC & 150th Bde. A.C.

2 Bdes. will relieve: one section night April 9/10, two sections night April 10/11.

3 When in the line the 2nd Div. Arty. will be covering the Right Bde. Sector of the 2nd Div. front.

4 Bde., D.A.C. & Bty. Commanders will report at 2nd D.A.H.Q. B12C5.8 (BEAUCOURT) at 9 a.m. April 9th, prepared to proceed forward.

5 Further orders re relief follow

6 Acknowledge

From
Place
Time 2nd Aust. D.A. 6 p.m.

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

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

Cacloves Major
B.M. 2 A.D.A.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(11160.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* SM 35	8		3

Please forward by 1 pm DR on 9th inst location of ~~each~~ BHQ and each Battery.

AAA Enclosed is one copy of Sheet 62D 1/40,000

From 2nd Aust Div Arty
Place
Time

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

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

Lt.
2nd A.D.A.

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

O R D E R No 91

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Ref. Map:
57.D & 62D, 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
9th April, 1918

1. The following reliefs will be carried out by the 2nd Aust,Div. Arty. in the Right Group, "C" Divisional Artillery(2nd Aust.Div. Front):-

(a) 95th Brigade R.F.A.(21st D.A.) by 4th A.F.A.Bde.
(b) 150th(Army) Bde.R.F.A. by 5th A.F.A.Bde.,
(c) One Section 21st D.A.C. and 150th B.A.C. by 2nd Aust,D.A.C.

2. Reliefs in1(a) and (b) will be effected as follows:
(a) One Section on the night April 9th/10th; remaining two sections on the night April 10th/ 11th.
(b) Advanced parties of relieving batteries will accompany the section relieving on night ~~10th/11th.~~ 9/10th.
(c) Commands will pass on completion of relief which will be reported by wiring code word "COMPLEX" to 4th D.A.H.Q. and repeating same to 2nd D.A.H.Q..
(Locations of units have been communicated to all concerned.)
(d) Guns will be taken into position and not exchanged.

3. Relief in 1 (c) will be completed by 10am, April 10th.

4. All other details of reliefs will be arranged between units concerned.

5. 4th A.F.A.Bde. will detail a senior officer as Liaison Officer with 7th A.I.Bde. at D.7.d.4.8., to relieve present L.O. at 6 pm April 10th.

6. Wagon Lines will be as follows:-
(a) 5th A.F.A.Bde. at BEHENCOURT.
(b) 4th A.F.A.Bde. temporarily, at a location to be notified later; to occupy those of the 95th Bde.R.F.A. when latter evacuate them on the night April 11th/12th.
(c) 2nd Aust.D.A.C., temporarily, at BEHENCOURT. When 21st D.A.C. evacuate their present lines at BAVELINCOURT on the night April 11th/ 12th, these will be occupied.

7. A.R.P. is at CONTAY.

8. C.R.A., 4th Aust.Div. is remaining for the present in command of the Artillery covering "C" Divisional Front; H'qrs.at BEAUCOURT CHATEAU.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Clowes Major,
Brigade-Major,
2nd Aust.Div. Arty.

Issued at 1.30pm to
4th A.F.A.Bde.,
5th A.F.A.Bde.,
2nd Aust.D.A.C.,
D.T.M.O.
Sig. Officer, 2nd D.A.,
Staff-Capt., "
R.O., "
4th Aust.D.A.
Aust. Corps,
R.A., Aust.Corps,
2nd Aust.Div.,
21st Div.Arty.,
R.A., Aust.Corps,
3rd Aust D.A.
12th Division.
8th Squad., R.A.F.
S.O.2nd A.D.Troops,
20th Coy. A.A.S.C.,
File
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ORDER NO. 126.

HEADQUARTERS,
9th April 1918.

1. RELIEF — The Artillery reliefs will be carried out as per 4th Aust. Div. Artillery WARNING ORDER NO. 2 and RELIEF TABLE attached.

2. COMMAND. — Command of the RIGHT Group will pass on completion of reliefs.

3. — R.E. Stores, orders and maps at present at Battery positions will be handed over to incoming Batteries.

4. AMMUNITION — Ammunition at present at Battery positions will be handed over to incoming Batteries.
200 rounds per gun will be maintained at positions.

5. RE-GROUPING — On completion of reliefs the Artillery covering the 2nd Australian Divisional front will be Grouped as follows :-

RIGHT Group -- Commander, Lieut.-Col. RIGGALL, D.S.O.
5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
4th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
@5th Army Brigade R.F.A.

LEFT Group -- Commander, Lieut.-Col. T.L.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O.
10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

SUPERIMPOSED Group - Commander, Lieut.-Col. DIXON, D.S.O.

@50th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.

6. S.O.S. LINE & GROUP ZONES. — S.O.S. line runs as follows :-

E 25 c 4070 - E 23 a 05 - E 14 c 06 - E 8 b 80 - E 2 b 80.

The Dividing Line between RIGHT and LEFT Groups is an East and West Line through E 14 a 75.

The SUPERIMPOSED Group will be prepared to bring fire to bear on either Group zones.

7. DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES — Divisional Boundaries :-

NORTH -- East and West line through E 2 Central.
SOUTH -- BUIRE - HALT inclusive.- D 17 a 0 0 - D 21 a 0 0 - A 24 Central
WEST -- D 1 a 50 - A 24 Central

8. HARASSING FIRE — Harassing fire as at present must be continued on all roads and approaches up to extreme range within Group Zones using 100 rounds per Battery per night and observed shoots will be carried out by day.

9. COMMUNICATIONS — RIGHT and LEFT Group communications are already arranged. The R.A. Signal Officer will arrange communication between SUPERIMPOSED Group and D.A.H.Q..
Communications to wagon lines will be by mounted orderly under Group arrangement.

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ORDER NO. 126 (Continued)

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10. LIAISON. The RIGHT Group will provide

(1) A Field Officer to relieve Major P.J. ROSS, M.C. at present acting as Liaison Officer with the Right Infantry Brigade (D 7 c 4 9). On relief Major ROSS will return to his Battery.

(2) and continue to provide Subaltern Officers to act as Liaison with each Battalion of the RIGHT Infantry Brigade in the line.

The LEFT Group will continue to provide Liaison with the Left Infantry Brigade and Battalions.

11. O.Ps.. RIGHT and LEFT Groups will man one O.P. per Brigade during day and night and one O.P. per Battery during day. Log books will be kept at each O.P. in which the Officer on duty will enter date, time, enemy movement seen, targets engaged, any unusual occurrence or points of interest and observer's name, and a duplicate copy will be included in the Intelligence Return.

12. SUPERIMPOSED GROUP. The SUPERIMPOSED Group will not open fire without orders from D.A.H.Q..

13. FORWARD WAGON LINES. Gun teams and limbers will be manitained within 2000 yards of Battery positions.

WAGON LINES 14. The 150th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. and Ammunition Column will remain in present wagon lines.
The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will remain in present wagon lines.
The 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will move when wagon lines are vacated by 95th Brigade R.F.A. and 21st D.A.C..
Detailed orders will be issued later.

AMMUNITION REFILLING POINT --- CONTAY.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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

Distribution
Overleaf.

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Appendix "B".

DISTRIBUTION.

1 - 5 RIGHT Group.
6 - 7 LEFT Group.
8 4th Aust. D.A.C..
9 21st D.A.C..

for inf..
(10 2nd Aust. D.A..
(11 2nd Div. "G"
(12 4th Div. "G"
(13 3rd Div. Arty..
(14 10th Div. Arty..
(15 AUST Corps R.A..
(16 AUST. Corps H.A..
17
17 File.
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(19 Diary.
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21 J.R.A..
22 B.M..
23 S.C..
24 R.O..

25 Spare.

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R E L I E F T A B L E

(To accompany 4th Aust. D.A. ORDER No. 125)

Unit Relieved	Location	Relieved by	Time	On relief withdrawn to
Lieut.-Col. DIXON, D.S.O. Cmdg. RIGHT Group and 150th Bde., R.F.A.. Headquarters	D 10 b 7010	Lieut.-Col. RIGGALL, D.S.O. Cmdg.. 5th Aust. F.A. Bde. H.Q..	on completion of relief.	Command of SUPERIOR Group.
A/150 Battery	D 10 d 5090	13th Bty. A.F.A..	1 sect. 9/10th 2 " 10/11th	SUPERIOR Group positions.
B/150 Battery	D 10 c 6050	14th " "	do.	do.
C/150 Battery	D 10 a 5025	15th " "	do.	do.
D/150 Battery	D 10 c 5080	105th How. Bty. "	do.	do.
Lieut.-Col. PHILLIPS, D.S.O. 95th Bde. R.F.A. H'qrs.	D 9 b 5070	Lieut.-Col. CALLAGHAN, D.S.O. 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade Cmdg. Headquarters	On completion of relief.	Wagon lines.
A/95 Battery	D 10 c 4070	10th Bty. A.F.A.	1 sec. 9/10th 2 " 10/11th	do.
B/95 Battery	D 15 b 7095	11th " "	do.	do.
C/95 Battery	D 15 b 3080	12th " "	do.	do.
D/95 Battery	D 10 c 1080	104th How. Bty. "	do.	do.
1 Section 21st D.A.C.	BAVELINCOURT	2nd Aust. D.A.C.	10 a.m., 10th instant.	Remain at W.L. BAVELINCOURT.

Advanced parties of incoming Batteries will accompany Section on 9th April.

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Appendix No 4

5TH F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F. No 1 Ell/1 HEADQUARTERS

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

Intelligence and Operation Report. from 6pm. 10/4/18 to 6am 11/4/18

Our Artillery . at 4.50 a.m. Counter preparation Order No.1. was carried out - No retaliation resulted.
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Roads tracks &c. were subjected to harassing fire.

Enemy Artillery. Very little activity reported

Aerial Activity . Nil.

Miscellaneous. The change of command of the Right Group Artillery was effected by 7pm. The situation was remarkably quiet over the period under review .

Visibility. Poor.

Lt.Col.
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

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Appendix No 4a

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 7.

BATTERY POSITIONS.

The following are positions as reported by Australian Corps Survey Section.

65th Brigade, R.F.A.

63rd Battery	B.9.d.66.34.	No. 1 Gun
64th "	B.21.d.24.76	" 4 "
80th "	B.15.b.41.76	" 2 "
80th "	B.9.d.44.27.	" 1 "

4th. A.F.A. Brigade.

10th Battery	B.10.c.22.61	No. 1 Gun
11th "	B.15.b.47.93	" 1 "
12th "	B.16.c.22.76	" 3 "
	B.15.d.67.61	" 1 "
108th How.Bty.	B.10.c.04.52	" 1 "

5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

13th Battery	B.10.d.21.78	No. 1 Gun
14th "	B.10.c.39.66	" 1 "
15th "	B.10.c.28.28	" 1 "
106th How.Bty.	B.10.c.17.84.	" 1 "

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:- 10th Bty. 13th Bty.
11th " 14th "
12th " 15th "
61st A.F.A.Bde. 104th " 106th " 5th. A.F.A. Bde. File.

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Appendix No. 5.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 7.

Headquarters,
10th April, 1918.

1. Herewith Diagram showing Target Areas.

2. Batteries will engage Targets as marked from -

Zero to Z plus 2
13th. Battery A 3 . 13
14th. " A 3 . 14
15th. " A 3 . 15

Zero plus 3 to Z plus 5
13th. Battery } 13
14th. " } 14
15th. " } B 3 . 15
105th. " } 105

Zero plus 6 to Z plus 10
18-pdr "S.O.S" Lines for 1 minute, then lift 200 yards per minute.
4.5"Hows. on Targets "C" West portion marked 105th.

RATES OF FIRE.

18-pdr.- 3 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5"How.- 2 rounds per How.per minute.

4.5" Howitzers will fire gas on targets for which weather conditions are favourable.

3. In the event of the S.O.S. being received,, Batteries will immediately switch on to S.O.S. Lines.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

13th.Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
105th. "
Spares - 3.

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Appendix, 5.

(1086) Wt.W16552/M1615 250,000 Pads. 21/3/17. J.R.&C. E 685 Forms/C2122/6.

"B" Form. Army Form C2122
(In pads of 150)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

No. of Message.....

Prefix.. .....Code.....m.	Received	Sent	Office Stamp
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. / Words	At 1.20 m.	At .....m.	10/4/17
	From DA	To	
	By TR	By	

TO			
	VR	G	5

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
X 58	10		

PLUS AREAS zero hour

4.50 am 11th inst. synchronisation by phone was effected Groups 2nd Aus. Div G. 3rd Aus. DH Aus. Corps HQ 4th Aus. Corps. HA 6th Aus. Inf Bde 7th Aus. Inf Bde RE Liaison Off. 2nd Aus DA

From	A Aus. DA
Place	
Time	

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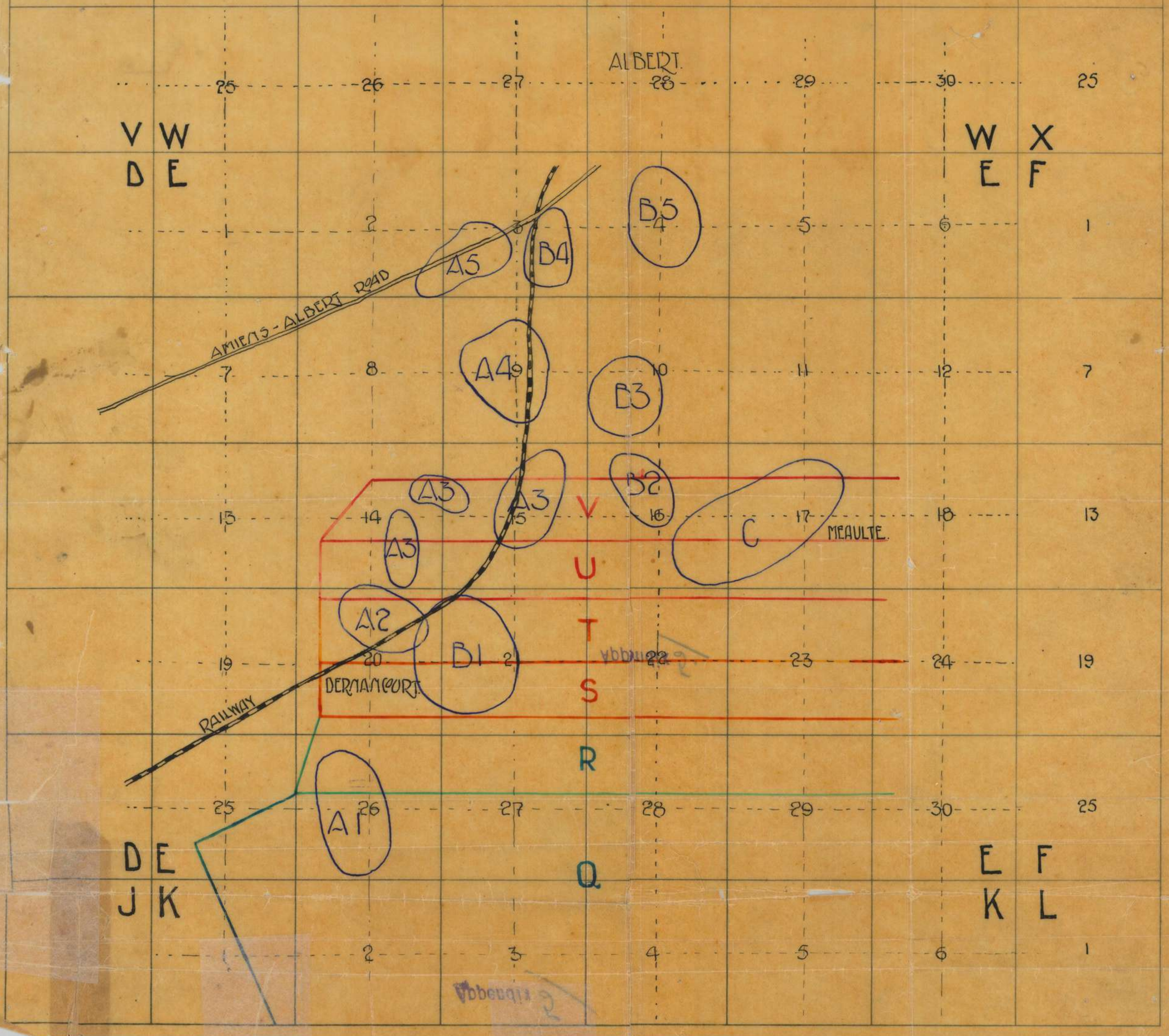
RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

COUNTER PREPARATION ORDER No. 1. 13.4.18.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. COPY NO. 1....

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HEADQUARTERS,
10th April 1918.

COULTER PREPARATION ORDER NO. 1.

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1. Herewith diagram showing target areas.

2. On receipt of the order "PLUG AREAS ZERO HOUR....." Groups will engage targets at the time stated as follows :-

	Zero to +2	+3 to +5	+6 to +10.
65th ARMY Bde.RFA	A 1	B 1	18-pdr.S.O.S.lines
4th Aust.F.A. Bde.	A 2	B 2	for 1 min. then
5th Aust. F.A. Bde.	A 3	B 3	lift 200 yds.
10th Aust. F.A. Bde.	A 4	B 4	per min.
11th Aust. F.A. Bde.	A 5	B 5	Hows. on Target C
			RIGHT Group W. half
			LEFT Group E. half.

Rate of fire :- 18-pr. 8 rds. per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows.2 " " Hows. " "

4.5" Hows. will fire gas on targets for which weather conditions are favourable.

3. If any particular target is required, the order will be "PLUG AREA .... ZERO HOUR .....", on receipt of which Groups will engage the target named for 2 minutes at above rates.

4. In the event of the S.O.S. being received, Batteries will immediately switch onto S.O.S. Lines.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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

DISTRIBUTION.

1 - 5 RIGHT Group.
6 - 10 LEFT Group.
(11 2nd Aust. Div. "G"
(12 2nd Aust. D.A..
(13 3rd Aust. D.A..
for(14 18th Div. R.A..
fnf(15 4th Aust. Div. "G"
(16 AUST. Corps R.A..
(17 AUST. Corps H.A..
(18 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
(19 7th " " "
(20 RIGHT Liaison Off.
21 SUPERIMPOSED Group.
22 C.R.A..
23 B.M..
24 S.C..
25 R.O..
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RIGHT GROUP ARTY

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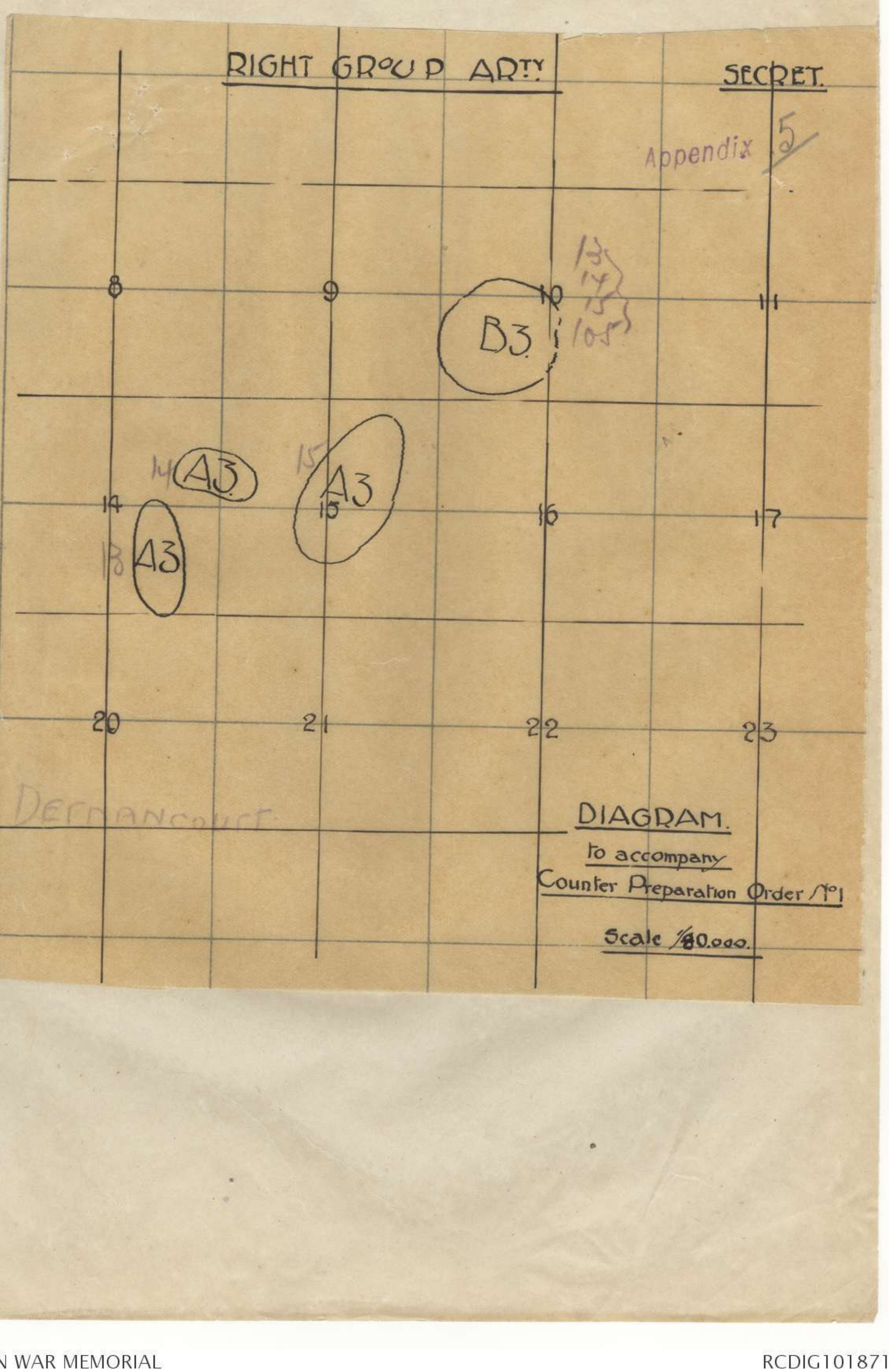

DIAGRAM.

to accompany

Counter Preparation Order No 1

Scale 1/40.000.

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Appendix No 6

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.
From 6 a.m. 11.4.18 to 6 a.m. 12.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP CO-ORDINATE.	RESULT.
3pm to 6pm		84	Zero Point	E.21.b.10.00.	Registration.
4pm		20	Hostile Battery	E.15.c.80.40.	
4.30pm	96	48	Harassing fire	E.14.c. & E.14.a.60.00.	
Throughout the night.	1000	200	"	"	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. / Dernancourt.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Resulting damage.
10.15am	10	77mm	E.20.a. & E.19.b.	100°T.B.(sound)	from D.24.-b.6.9.
7.30pm	30	10.5cm	E.20.a.	130°T.B.(")	
8pm to 8.10pm	20	10.5cm	E.20.a.	130°T.B.(")	

AERIAL ACTIVITY.-

Enemy Balloons.- One reported opposite our sector T.B.123° from D.24.b.6.9.

Enemy Planes.- Active during the afternoon. Several flying low crossed our lines.

At 6.30pm one fast enemy plane attacked one of our observing machines. The former was shot down by our plane. Our fighters appeared shortly afterwards and encounters were noticed over enemy lines.

Our Planes.- Active throughout the day.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Considerable movement was noticed about the banks of the Quarry E.14.c. to E.14.a.6.0. This was reported by Infantry Liaison officer, and appeared to be an assembly area. 96 rounds 18-pdr and 48 rounds by 4.5"Hows. were fired by our Group over the area as directed in our Operation Order No. 8. Heavy Artillery also co-operated.

NEW WORK.- Reconstructing of Gun positions, platforms, pits &c., are now practically completed. Forward control station being completed. O.P. at D.24.b.6.9. deepened and improved to accommodate three men.

MISCELLANEOUS.-

Visibility.- Low during forenoon, improving gradually during the afternoon.

The situation was quiet over the period.
Artillery Group Headquarters removed to brick house at D.1.b.9.4. temporarily, pending selection of permanent site.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 8.

1. A minor Operation will be carried out by Right Group Artillery on Assembly Area.

2. TASKS.- Zero to Z plus 2,
Pause for 1 minute,
Zero plus 3 to Z plus 5.

15th. Battery - On bank from Quarry in E.14.c. to E.14.a.60.00.

14th. Battery - 3 Guns on road from Quarry in E.14.c. to E.14.c.80.30.
3 Guns on road from E.14.a.60.00 to E.14.c.80.30.

104th.How. Bty.- 3 Hows. on Quarry at E.14.c.20.70.

3 Hows. on junction at E.14.a.60.00.

3. AMMUNITION.- 18-pdr. - 50% A and 50% AX
4.5"How. - BX - 50% 106 Fuzes and 50% 101 Fuzes.

4. RATES OF FIRE.-

18-pdrs - 2 rounds per gun per minute,
4.5"Hows - 2 rounds per How per minute.

5. ZERO Hour will be 4.30 p.m. this day, (11th instant).

6. Watches will be synchronised by 'phone to 14th. Battery, 15th. Battery, and 4th. A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters at 3.45 p.m.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

E Bryce
Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
11th April, 1918.

DISTRIBUTION :-

Copy No. 1 to 14th. Battery.
2 " 15th. "
3 " 104th. "
4 " 4th. A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters,
5 - 6 - 7 -- File.

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Appendix No 8.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.
From 6 a.m. 12.4.18 to 6 a.m. 13.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP COORDINATE.	RESULT.
8am	10		Cross Roads.	K.3.b.	
2.30pm		17	Church Tower.	E.21.b.10.00.	Registration.
2.40pm and 11.5pm	40		Working Party	K.2.b.9.3.	Dispersed.
4.0pm		19	Church Tower.	E.21.b.10.00	Calibration
5.0pm	39		Zero Point.	K.8.b.30.40.	Registration.
7.30pm	24		" "	E.28.a.70.35.	"
4.30/5pm		100	" "	K.2.a.85.35.	"
7.45pm	12		" "	E.21.a.10.00	Corrector shot
8.0pm	26		" "	E.26.a.30.47.	Registration.
Throughout the night.	1000	200	Harassing Fire.	-	-

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
7.50 to 8.10am	15	10.5cm	E.10.c.	Central.	
8.30am	15	18-pdr(Apparently).	E.10.c.		
8.5am	20	10.5cm	D.10.c.		
11am	2	10.5cm	D.16.b.		MEAULTE.
10am to 12noon.	100	15cm	D.13.d.		
10am to 5pm	100	15cm	D.16.a.		
4pm to 6pm	100	15cm	D.13.d.		
9.0pm	6	15cm	D.15.		

AERIAL ACTIVITY.-

Enemy Balloons. 15 were observed in the air along the front.

Enemy 'Planes.- Enemy planes were observed during the morning over their own lines. At 11a.m. one Gotha, flying low, crossed our lines and flew over 5th. A.F.A. BDE. Battery positions. At 2.0pm, 2.35pm, 3.12pm, 4.5pm, 4.15pm, 5.30pm and 7.0pm, their planes crossed our lines and were engaged by A.A. Fire.

During the night their Gothas flew over our back areas bombing.

OUR Planes.- Were active throughout the period.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- 2 or 3 men at a time were seen at intervals moving about the high ground in rear of DERNANCOURT and VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.

2 horsemen were seen about 800 yds. South of DERNANCOURT. 2 Lorries proceeded along road between F.25.b.7.7. and L.1.a.6.3. also occasional small parties of men.

NEW WORK.- The building of dug-outs for personnel and completion of ammunition recesses and gun pits being rapidly proceeded with.

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MISCELLANEOUS.-

Visibility.- Very high.

At 12.45 pm our shelling caused a fire on the Easter side of VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.

At 8.48pm an enemy plane dropped a white light which remained in the air for about 3 minutes, shortly afterwards 4 white and 2 red lights were dropped by the same plane.

The situation generally was quiet, although enemy artillery activity was greater as compared with the former period.

A Sergeant and Gunner of 14th. Battery, and a Gunner of 15th. Battery were slightly wounded by 10.5cm fire at their respective gun positions about 8am.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

S.O.S. BARRAGE LINES.

12.4.18.

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SCALE 1/20.000

65TH R.F.A BDE — 4TH A.F.A BDE — 5TH BDE — 18 Pdrs — Hows — (Centre of circle)

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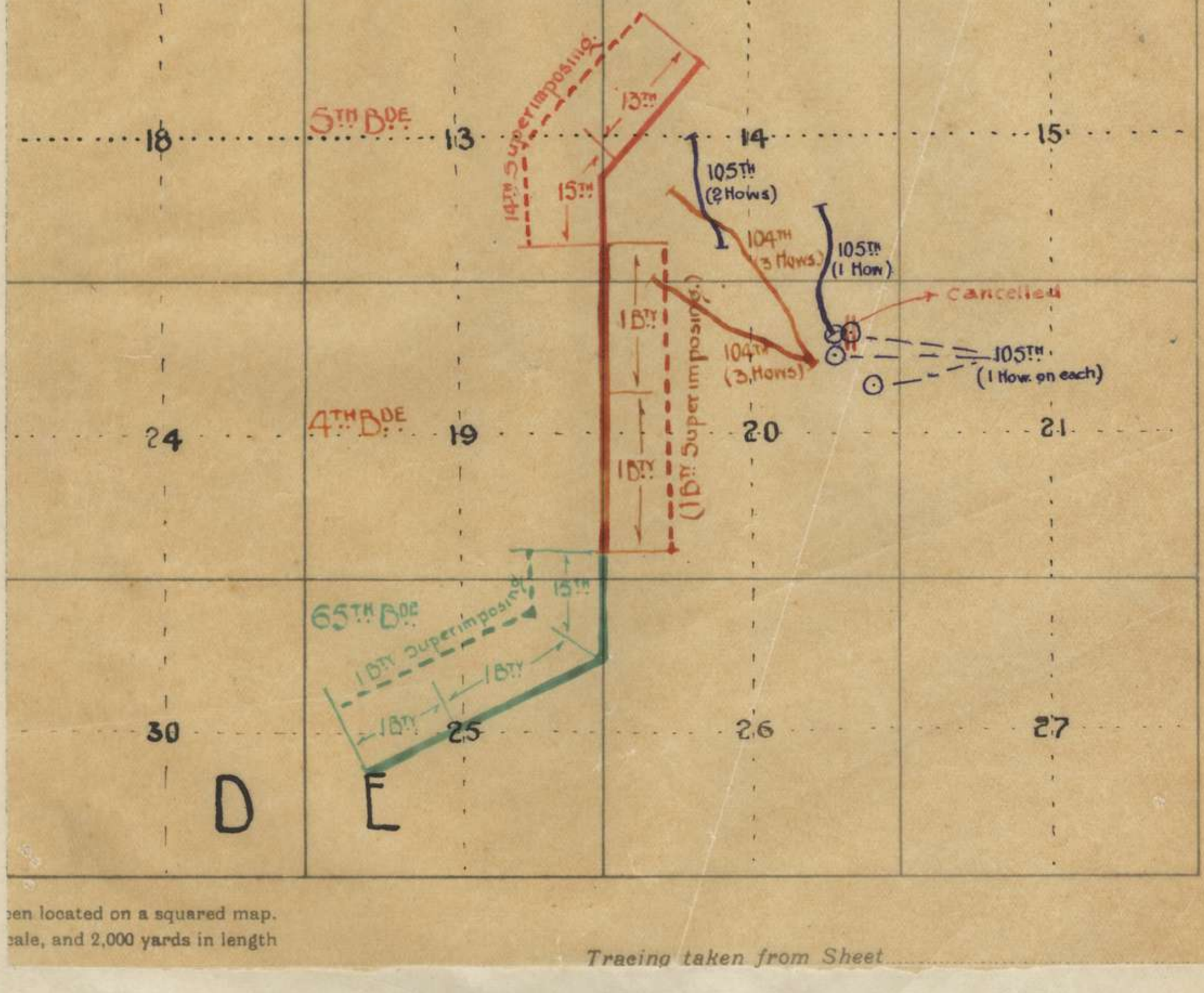

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

Headquarters.
12th April, 1918.

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65th Brigade, R.F.A..
4th. A.F.A. Brigade.
13th. Battery.
14gh. "
15th. "
105th. "

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S.O.S. LINES.

From time of receipt of this communication, S.O.S. lines for Right Group Artillery will be as follows:-

E.25.c.40.70 - E.26.a.00.50 - E.14.c.00.70 - E.14.a.70.50.

6th.Brigade, R.F.A.

One Battery from E.25.c.40.70 - E.25.Central.
" " " E.25.Central - E.26.a.00.50.
" " " E.26.a.00.50 - E.20.c.00.20.
" " superimposed over Brigade front from :-
E.25.c.40.70 - E.26.a.00.50 - E.20.c.00.20.

4th. A.F.A. Brigade.

One 18-pdr.Battery from E.20.c.00.20 - E.20.a.00.30.
" " " " " E.20.a.00.30 - E.14.c.00.30.
" " " " superimposed over Brigade front :-
E.20.c.00.20 - E.14.c.00.30.
104th.How. Battery - 3 Hows on road E.14.c.45.60 /- E.20.b.35.45.
- 3 " " " E.14.c.30.00 /- E.20.b.35.45.

5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

15th. Battery from E.14.c.00.30 - E.14.c.00.70 - E.14.c.10.80.
13th. " " E.14.c.10.80 - E.14.a.70.50., superimposed
by 14th. " " E.14.c.00.30 - E.14.c.00.70 - E.14.a.70.50.
105th. " - 2 Hows. along road from :-
E.14.a.62.00 - E.14.c.80.20.
- 1 How. " " " E.14.d.45.50 - E.20.b.55.65.
- 1 How. on - - E.20.b.55.65.
- 1 How. on - - E.20.b.80.30.
- 1 How. on - - E.20.b.55.50.

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ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery..

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Appendix No. 10

RIGHT GROUP ARTILIERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 13.4.18 to 6 a.m. 14.4.18.

OUR ARTILIERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP CO-ORDINATE.	REMARKS.
1 - 2pm	106		Datum Point	E.26.a.25.55.	Registration.
2.10pm	23		Road O.P.	E.20.a.10.05.	
4.0pm		32	Building	E.26.a.30.60.	do.
7.5pm	15		CrossRoads	K.3.c.70.40.	
7.50pm	36		Main Roads, DERNANCOURT.)	E.20.d.97.10 to E.21.a.40.65.	
8.0pm	24		Cross Roads.	K.3.c.70.40.	
8.15pm	56		Bridge	E.21.c.	
8.35pm	36	36	Bdgs. & Roads. DERNANCOURT.)	E.20.d.97.10 to E.21.a.40.65.	
8.50pm		36	Bridges	E.21.c.45.30.	
11pm/2am	60		Roads	E.21.c. & d.	
11pm	30		Road	E.28.a.10.15.	
4.0am	1000	200	Operation Order No. 10. carried out.		
5.45am	50		Bridge & Road.	E.21.d.15.80 - E.21.d.35.80	
			" " "	E.21.c.46.30 - E.21.c.90.45.	

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of Rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
11.30am	20	77mm.	BRESLE	MORLANCOURT.	
12noon	15	77mm.	Road D.23.d.	"	
3pm	10 3.0pm-	77mm.	Road D.23.d.	"	
10.30pm	40	10.5cm	D.10.c.		No damage.
8pm/2am	Intermittent.	10.5cm	D.10.		
11pm	12	10.5cm	D.10.c.17.82		
9pm/1am	50	77mm.	D.9.		No damage.
3am/5am	30	10.5cm.	D.10.c.		" "

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Planes.- 7.30am 5 enemy planes flew low over Battery positions but were driven off by A.A. and M.G.fire.
Our Planes.- Were active during the morning.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- 4 p.m. A number of men observed moving about in K.2.b. and d.: dispersed by our heavy Artillery.

NEW WORK.- Platforms for Guns and Howitzers and ammunition recesses have been built. Slinter-proof walls and cover for personnel are being proceeded with as rapidly as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS.- Visibility.- Very poor.

GENERAL.

At 4 a.m. a party from 7th Infnatry Brigade raided SUNKEN ROAD (E.13.d.80.80 - E.13.b.95.05.) Artillery of the Right Group co-operated as under (Operation Order No. 10).

The 18-pdrs of 4th. and 5th. A.F.A. Brigades put down a Box Barrage and Howitzers of 4th. and 5th. A.F.A. Bdes. fired on the Quarry (E.14.c.25.65) and Railway Line (E.21.a.0.3 - E.20.c.00.72) respectively, one How. of latter engaging M.G. (E.20.b.53.60). The 65th. Brigade R.F.A., created a diversion by firing on VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

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URGENT

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY

Appendix No 11

COPY No. 17.

Headquarters,
13th April, 1918.

OPERATION ORDER No. 10.

1. A party from 7th Aust.Infantry Brigade will raid SUNKEN ROAD E.13.d.80.80 - E.13.b.95.05 during the night 13/14th instant in cooperation with Right Group Artillery.

2. A small diversion will be carried out by 65th Brigade R.F.A.

3. Infantry will jump off from E.13.d.22.78.

4. Zero hour will be 4 a.m.

5. Watches will be synchronised by 'phone from Right Group Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters, thence to Batteries at 3 a.m.

6. Task table attached.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Lieutenant,
Adjutant Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:

7th Aust.Inf.Brigade	1
Inf.Bde.Liaison Officer	2
4th A.F.A.Brigade	3.
65th Brigade R.F.A.	4
10th Battery	5
11th "	6
12th "	7
104th "	8
13th "	9
14th "	10
15th "	11
105th "	12
465th "	13
466th "	14
504th "	15
505th "	16
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY

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OPERATION ORDER No.10 TASK TABLE

Zero to Z plus 3 — 13th, 14th, 15th Batteries will concentrate on line from E.13.d.80.80 - E.13.b.95.65.
Ammunition 50% A and 50% AX (No 106 fuzes to be used)
Zero to Z plus 3 — 104th How. Battery on quarry at E.14.c.25.65
Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 18 - BOX BARRAGE
13th Battery E.14.a.26.30 - E.14.a.~~45.18~~ 10.45
14th Battery E.14.a.~~45.18~~ 10.45 - E.14.c.57.92
15th Battery E.14.c.57.92 - E.14.c.36.67
11th Battery E.14.c.36.67 - E.14.c.15.48
10th Battery E.14.c.15.48 - E.13.d.92.24
12th Battery E.13.d.92.24 - E.13.d.61.42
Ammunition 75% A and 25% AX (no 106 fuzes to be used)
104th Battery along railway from E.15.a.88.00 - E.21.a.00.80
105th Battery along railway from E.21.a.00.80 - E.20.c.00.72. (One Howitzer to engage Machine Gun at E.20.b.53.60)

DIVERSION

Zero to Zero plus 8.
465th Bty.R.F.A.)
466th " ") on the twon of
504th " ") VILLE-SUR-ANCRE
505th " ")
Ammunition 50% 106 fuzes.
Z plus 8 to Z plus 18 504th and 505th Batteries on road from E.14.c.00.15 - E.20.b.35.45
465th and 466th Batteries on road from E.14.c.65.75 - E.20.b.25.65.

RATES OF FIRE

Zero to Z plus 13.
Howitzers - 2 rds. per How. per min.
Z plus 13 to Z plus 18
1 rd. per How. per min.
Zero to Z plus 3
18-pdrs. 4 rds. per gun per min.
Z plus3to Z plus 13
3 rds. per gun per min.
Z plus 13 to Z plus 18
1 rd. per gun. per min.

Lieutenant,
Adjutant Right Group Artillery.

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The 26 Bn will raid the enemy line at Sunken road from E 13 d 8·8 to cross roads at E 13 b 95·05 aaa Strength of raiding party 1 platoon + 1 extra Lewis Gun aaa Zero hour 4 am 14/4/18 aaa

Artillery programme 3 18 pdr Btys Zero to zero plus 3 minutes E 14 a 26·30 to E 13 d 61·42 Two Bte Btys Hows on Quarry E 14 C 3·7 + roads

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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DIVERSION
Zero to zero + 8 minutes
2 18 pdr. btys on VILLE - SUR ANCRE
one 18 pdr bty on roads
Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 13 slowing down to Zero plus 18 minutes 6 18 pdr btys
Box barrage
E 14 a 26·30 to E 14 c 57·92 to E 13 d 92·24 to E 13 d 61·42

Zero plus 3 minutes to zero + 18 min 2 How Btys on Railway synchronize watches with Bde HQ at 3 am

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Time 2 am

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Appendix No 42

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 14.4.18 to 6 a.m. 15.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP CO-ORDINATE.	REMARKS.	
5am to 7.30am	120		Roads & approaches to	DERNANCOURT.	Harassing fire.	
7am to 11.50 pm	210		" " " & bridges to " and	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.	do	do.
11.10 to 11.15 pm	300		Roads &c.	E.25.d.7.3. K.2., E.25.d.3.4. -	do	do.
12 midn't to 2.30am	100		Approaches to	DERNANCOURT.	do	do.
4.50pm to 5am		165	do	do	do	do.
9.30pm to 11pm	60		Roads	E.21.c. & d.	do	do.
10pm/11.30pm	50		DERNANCOURT	E.8.a.10.15.	do	do.
11pm) 2am) 5am)		100	Supposed Bn H.Q.	(K.3.c.47.05. (E.2.c.2.9. (E.14.c.2.7.		
4am/6am	100		Bridge & Roads	E.21.c. & d.	do	do.
4am/5am	40		M.G. emplacement	E.20.a.95.25.		
4am/5.30am	50		Rds & tracks.	E.21.c. & d.	do	do.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
Throughout the night.	100	Apparently 18-pdr.	D.10.a.30.20.		Intermittent.
10.30pm to 1.30am	70	10.5cm	D.10.c.	W. of ALBERT.	
10pm to 1.30am	70	10.5cm & 15cm Hows.	D.10.d.		
9.30 pm & 4.0am	40	10.5cm & 77mm.	D.9.d.		
8.55pm	16	10.5cm	D.16.d.		
9.0pm	12	77mm.	D.15.d.	101° Grid	from D.16.c.25.65
11.40pm to 3am	20	10.5cm	D.10.d., a., c., D.9.b, d.	MORLANCOURT.	

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Nil. - A gale blowing throughout the period and visibility very poor.

NEW WORK.- Ours.- Rear O.P. being now manned by night has been selected at D.17.a.00.45. Work for requisite accommodation progressing. Gun-pits and platforms completed. Dugouts for personnel in course of construction. New wires laid.etc.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Nothing observed.

VISIBILITY.- Very poor.

MISCELLANEOUS.- Situation again very quiet.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT

From 6 a.m. 15.4.18 to 6 a.m. 16.4.18.

TIME	No. of rounds 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATE	RESULT.
6.45/7.30am		100	Roads and approaches to DERNANCOURT.		
7.30am	22		Working party	DERNANCOURT	
10.10am	40		do	do E.26.c. - E.20.b.	Dispersed.
9.30am		15	Bridge	E.16.a.7.2.	
10.30/ 11.30am	50		Transport	E.16.a. & c.	Good results.
11.30am	90		Movement	K.3.b.	
9.0am	36		Bridge & Xroads	E.21.d.13.75.	
2.45pm		20	Movement	E.20.a.95.50.	
1.45pm/ 2.45pm	60		Road	E.25.d.	
2.45pm	25	25	Machine Gun	E.20.c.50.90.	
7.0pm	44		M.G.Emplacement	E.14.a.2.3.	
7.0pm		20	do	do	
7.30pm	43		do	do	
7.30pm		20	do	E.13.d.9.9.	
8.35pm	30		Road	E.28.a.60.85 - E.23.d.95.70	
8.50pm	36		Bridge	E.21.c.45.30.	Enemy replied with 10.5cm on Area.
9.30pm		100	Railway Embankment	E.15.c.	
9.30pm to 12midn't.130	XXX		Roads and approaches to	DERNANCOURT.	Harassing fire.
9.45pm to 5.0am	148		Bridges and Road	E.21.c. & d.	do do
10.30pm/ midn't.	150		Roads and tracks		do do
12.30am/ 12.45am	40		Bridges and Cross Roads.	E.21.c.45.30 - E.22.a.30.50.	do do
1.5am/1.25am	40		do	E.14.c.Central - E.14.d.Central.	do do
1.30am	15		Cross Roads.	E.21.c.23.82.	do do
2.0am	20		do do	E.21.a.96.95	do do
2.30am	15		do do	E.20.b.85.35.	do do
3.0am	15		do do	E.21.c.85.82.	do do
2.10/3.10am	30		Road Junction	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.	do do
2.30/5am	100		Roads & tracks	E.21.c.	do do
1.30am	70		do do		do do
4.45am	3984	636	Lanes as in Group Order		----------

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
10am	5	10.5cm	C.10.c.	W. of ALBERT.	
11am/12n.	4	77mm	D.15.d.		
2.30pm	6	10.5cm	D.15.d.		
4.45pm to 7.0pm	1000	10.5cm, 15cm & 18-pdr	D.10.(LAVIEVILLE &c)	DERNANCOURT.	2 Killed 2 W.
9pm to (9.30) pm	100	do	do do	do	
6.0pm	20	10.5cm	BRESLE & Approaches		

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ENEMY ARTILLERY.- (Continued.)

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks
6.15pm	100	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE		
6.0pm	25	10.5cm	D.15.b.		
6.45pm	20	10.5cm	AERODROME.		
8.0pm.	30	do	~~ALBERT~~.C.10.c.		
4.0am	20	do	D.10.c.		

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy.- Nothing observed.
Ours.- Fairly active over the period.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Was noticed on roads. E.26.c. to E.20.b. Small party of men on foot, K.15., E.29.d. and E.24.c. - Vehicle K.21 and K.16 - Odd men walking.

NEW WORK.- Dug-outs for Group Headquarters and Battery personnel progressing.

VISIBILITY.- Verying - Generally fair.

MISCELLANEOUS.- M.G. Positions are reported at 505th Battery position D.9.d.67.35.

Scattered Hostile fire, over areas in the sector is reported, showing increased activity.

The enemy replied to Group Lanes Shoot by shelling back areas Lavieville Bresle, roads & tracks in short bursts with 4.2" & 5.9" The forward area was lightly shelled with similar calibre guns.

W.J.K.

Lieut.Col,
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 16.4.18 to 6 a.m. 17.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	No. of rounds 18-pdr.	4.5" How.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATE	RESULT.
11.15 am	134		Zero Pt.		Calibration.
11.15 am	60		Roads	E.17.c. & E.23.a.	
11.45 am	40		Road Jn.	E.17.c.Central	Not known.
9 am to 1 pm	170			E.26.a.28.49	Calibration
12.20 pm	12		Zero Pt.		Verifying Corrector.
2 to 3 pm	103		Datum "A" X Rds.	E.27.c.25.60	Checking lines
2 to 5 p.m.		67	House	E.26.a.35.55	Calibration.
3 to 5 p.m.		100	Registration and Calibration.		
4 to 5 p.m.	40		Cross Roads	E.27.c.70.25.	do
6.35pm	30		Railway	E.17.c.40.30.	Corrector shoot.
7.30pm	48		Bridges & roads	E.20.c., E.21.c. and E.21.	Harassing fire.
8pm -11.30pm	194	100	Railway,tracks and X roads	E.16.c.,E.26.a., E.21.c. E.14.c. E.21.d. E.20.b.	do
9pm - 11pm	96		X roads	E.26.a.7.1.	
9.30pm	120	200	Roads & approaches	DERNANCOURT.	do.
5.15pm	28		Zero Point	do	For line.
10.30pm to midn't		100	Roads & approaches	do	Harassing fire.
12.30am - 4.30am	96		Roads		do do
9 - 11pm & 4 - 5am	90		Roads	K.2.b.95.20.	do do
1.15 - 1.30am	20		XRoads	E.26.c.70.10	do do
1.35am to 1.50am	50		XRoads & Valley &	K.12.c. & d.	do do
2am-2.15am	30		Road junction	E.21.a.83.90	do do
3am	25		"TENDER SPOT"	A.3.	do do
3.30am	25		do	do do	do do
4.0am	25		do	do B.2.Vivienmill	do do
4.30am	25		do	do B.2.	do do
5am to 7.30am	100		Roads	E.15.Central	do do

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
12.30pm - 5.0pm	50	(10.5cm (15cm	D.24.b. & d. E.19.a. & b.		
1.30-2pm	30	15cm	D.9.a. & b.		
12noon to 1.15pm	25	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE	MEAULTE.	(Damage - (Very little
2pm - 2.10pm	12	do	do	do	do
2.20pm	10	do	D.29.b.		Ammunition dump blown up.
3pm/3.30pm	40	77mm	D.23.d.,D.29.b.	MORLANCOURT.	
4.15/4.45pm	100	15cm	D.24.b. & d.		
5.30pm	10	10.5cm	D.10.c. & d.		
9pm/9.30pm	48	77mm	D.15.d., D.16.c.	MORLANCOURT.	
9.30pm to 3.0am	40	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE		

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AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- 3 Observed at grid bearings of 91°, 118°, and 143°. from D 23 a 15.20.
Enemy Planes.- None observed.
Our Planes.- Fairly active over the period.

NEW WORK.- OUR Dug-outs at Headquarters and gun-positions progressing.
ENEMY wiring in front of post E.19.d.80.90. This wire runs as far as Railway Line.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Considerable transport on road E.24.a. and E.23.a.
4 men carrying tin into Trench at E.29.a.
Several parties of Infantry with full packs were observed in 'No Man's Land' opposite our sector. A party of about 20 wandered into one of our Listening Posts and was dispersed by bombs. Casualties not known.
Constant movement about Dug-out in E.14.a.6.0.
Horse transport along road E.24.a., E.24.d., proceeding to and from MEAULTE.
M.G. observed in house E.26.a.3.5.
10.5cm How.Battery - T.B.126°30') from E.19.a.10.90.
15cm " " - T.B. 66°30')

VISIBILITY.- Poor until 12 noon thence gradually improving to Fair.

Miscellaneous. Group. H.Q. removed to approximately D. 7.d. 4.7.

Lt for Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery. A.O.D.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

CIRCULAR NO. 6.

SUBJECT :- O. P's.

M.T. 464 is cancelled.

The Brigade O.P. is now situated at B.17.a. A rifle from 14th. Battery will be handed over to each relief. Three S.O.S. Rockets are installed.

Party :- One Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 2 Signallers.

ROSTER.

7.0 p.m.	17.4.18	-	13th. Battery.
" "	18.4.18	-	14th. "
" "	19.4.18	-	15th. "
" "	20.4.18	-	105th. "
" "	21.4.18	-	13th. "
" "	22.4.18	-	14th. "
" "	23.4.18	-	15th. "
" "	24.4.18	-	105th. "
" "	25.4.18	-	13th. "
" "	26.4.18	-	14th. "

and so on.

Lieut.
Adjut nt, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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14th. "
15th. "
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5th. A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters.
17 : 4 : 1918.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
15th April, 1918.

13th Battery
14th "
15th "
105th "

REFERENCE BRIGADE O.P's.

From 7 p.m. 14th instant a rear O.P. will be manned as well as the forward O.P., during the times and dates as stated below.

Party for forward O.P. 1 Officer and 2 signallers.
Party for rear O.P., 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 2 signallers.

Night	Day.	Battery.
14/15		14th
	15	15th
15/16		105th
	16	13th.
16/17		15th
	17	14th
17/18		13th
	18	105th
18/19		14th
	19	15th
19/20		105th
	20	13th
20/21		15th
	21	14th
21/22		13th
	22	105th
22/23		14th
	23	15th
23/24		105th
	24	13th
24/25		15th
	25	14th
25/26		13th
	26	105th
26/27		14th
	27	15th
27/28		105th
	28	13th.

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The Officer on night O.P. duty will not leave his post until the Officer at Brigade O.P. reports his arrival by telephone and vice versa.

The Forward O.P. will be known as the Brigade O.P. and the rear O.P. will be known as the "Night O.P."

Lieutenant,
Adjutant 5th A.F.A.Brigade.

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M.A.3909. S E C R E T.

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SCHEME OF EVACUATION : SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Reference Maps - Sheets 57 D and 62 D 1/40,000.

Line.	R. A. P's.	Amb. Relay Posts.	Motor and Wagon Post.	Advanced Dressing Station.	Main Dressing Station.	Divisional Collecting Station.
Left Bgde.	D.12.b.3.2.) D.12.d.2.8.) V.29.d.6.2.)		MILLENCOURT) V.29.d.6.1.)		BEAUCOURT.	
				HENENCOURT CHATEAU. V.27.d.	VADENCOURT CHATEAU. U.27.b.5.8.	
Right Bgde.	D.10.b.2.4. D.24.a.1.8. 2 Front R.A.P's.	D.17.b.4.6.	LAVIEVILLE D.10.b.3.8.			
	D.21.c.5.4. Support.		D.27.b.3.1. (3rd.A.Div.)	HONNAY (3rd.A.Div.)	QUERRIEU (3rd.A.Div.)	
	D.19.b.Cent.		BAIZIEUX Billet 50 York St.	HENENCOURT Chateau V.27.d.	VADENCOURT Chateau U.27.b.5.8.	
	D.9.b.6.7. (Artillery)					

EVACUATION.

Front Line. Hand or wheeled Stretcher to Motor Posts, thence by Car and Horse Wagon to A.D.S.
A.D.S. TO M.D.S. by Divisional Motor Ambulance Transport.
M.D.S.to C.C.S. by 3rd M.A.C.

DISTRIBUTION.

5th. Aust. Field Amb. (less two bearer sub-divisions) M.D.S. for stretcher and walking wounded VADENCOURT with holding party at BEAUCOURT.

6th.Aust. Field Amb.- (less one tent sub-division) Chateau HENENCOURT, H.Q. WARLOY. Evacuation line to M.D.S. VADENCOURT.

7th. Aust. Field Amb. Detached with 5th. A.I.Bde.

Adv. Depot Med. Stores. No. 13 HAMPS, No. 18 LONGPRE, No. 14 PICQUIGNY.

M.A.C. No. 3.

Aust.Branch British Red X. FREVANT.
Infectious Cases. Nearest C.C.S.
Eye Cases, N.Y.D.N., N.Y.D. Gassed. to No. 12 C.C.S. LONGPRE.
C.C.S.'s VIGNACOURT No. 20. PEARCIS (when open). LONGPRE Nos.12 & 55.

Headquarters,
15th April,1918.

Distribution as per A.A.M.C. Order No. 15.

(SGD) Colonel,
A.D.M.S., 2nd. Australian Division.

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LEFT DIV. ARTY. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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INSTRUCTION FOR THE DEFENSIVE
No. 2.
ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A WITHDRAWAL. Headquarters,
2nd.Aust.Div.Arty.,
15th April,1918.

(Cancelling Sections 5 & 7 of "C" Div. Arty. Defence Scheme, dated April 11th.).

1. Traces have been issued showing the "Forward Zone", "Corps(or Second) Zone" and "Army (or 3rd) Zone" of defence.
The Divisional policy is to fight to a finish in the "Forward Zone". If however it becomes apparent that the Forward Zone cannot any longer be successfully defended a definite and complete with - drawal to the "Second Zone" may be ordered by Divisional Headquarters.

2. (a) The attached Table "A" shows the various positions selected for the various systems of defence.

(b) Batteries will withdraw in succession in co-operation with the Infantry withdrawal and under orders issued by the Group Commanders. At all stages the utmost support is to be given to the Infantry.

(c) Group Commanders will issue a definite scheme, detailing routes to Batteries. Although it may not be always be possible to hold strictly to any pre-arranged plan, as a general principle, orders should be issued which provide for a withdrawal in echelon of batteries. The Superimposed Group will not withdraw until the other Groups have withdrawn.

(d) Group Commanders will, during the withdrawal, keep in close touch with the Infantry Brigadiers, and act in conjunction with them, varying their dispositions as occasion demands.

(e) All Officers will be required to know the location of their respective D.A.C's and B.A.C's, and all D.A.C. and B.A.C. Officers, the location of Refilling Points for the Rear Lines. The latter will be notified later.

(f) Locations of H.Q's., D.A.C's and B.A.C.'s will be notified later.

3. MOBILE BRIGADE :- The Brigade kept as Mobile Reserve at the disposal of the Division will be used as the occasion demands under orders from the C.R.A. It's role will probably be to deal with any break in the line or to watch the flanks. All officers are to make a thorough reconnaissance of the Divisional Area so that Batteries may be brought into action at any point without delay. These units must act boldly, risks can be taken and ground can be manoeuvred over, which would be impossible in the face of an enemy who has had his guns emplaced for long periods with excellent O.P's and communications. Officers of these units must remember that they will have to act quickly and will have to find targets by their own reconnaissance.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) C.A. CLOWES, Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.

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TABLE "A" To accompany LEFT DIV. ARTY..

AUST., CORPS INSTR'S for DEFENSIVE No.2 - 15/4/18.

	FORWARD (or DIV'L) ZONE.	
GROUP	Present Pos'ns. cover'g. FORWARD SYSTEMS.	RETIRED Pos'ns. cover'g. LAVIEVILLE & BIRSLE SYSTEMS.
RIGHT.	Y.	Y.R.
	A. D.5.a.33.87.	A. D.1.a.6.5.
	B. V.29.a.05.38.	B. C.6.b.9.5.
	C. D.4.a.00.00.	C. C.6.d.9.6.
	D. D.5.a.72.53.	D. C.6.b.5.6.
LEFT.	Z.	Z.R.
	A. V.29.c.34.80.	A. V.25.b.25.40.
	B. D.4.c.3.2.	B. V.26.c.5.5.
	C. D.5.d.41.15.	C. V.25.d.55.00.
	D. D.5.d.34.08.	D. V.26.d.3.6.
SUPER-IMPOSED.	S.	S.R.
	A. V.26.d.9.3.	A. C.24.b.4.8.
	B. V.26.d.70.15.	B. to
	C. V.26.d.30.00.	C.
	D. D.3.b.45.80.	D. C.18.d.3.4.

SECOND (OR CORPS) ZONE.

GROUP.	Front Positions cover'g. BAILLEUL SYSTEM.	Intermediate Posns. Cover'g. FRANVILLERS SYSTEM.	Covering NOUVOYS SYSTEM.
RIGHT.	Y.2.	Y.2.I.	Y.2.R.
	A. C.14.d.6.9.	A. Same	A. T.28.d.2.8.
	B. C. 14.d.6.7.	B. as for	B. T.28.b.5.1.
	C. C.14.d.6.3.	C. Y.2.	C. T.28.b.3.4.
	D. C.14.d.0.2.	D.	D. B.4.b.4.6.
LEFT.	Z.2.	Z.2.I.	Z.2.R.
	A. C.15.b.5.9.	A. C.14.a.0.5.	A. B.5.b.2.7.
	B. C.14.b.5.3.	B. C.14.b.5.3.	B. T.29.d.9.5.
	C. C.14.b.4.7.	C. C.14.b.4.7.	C. T.30.c.2.9.
	D. C.15.b.3.7.	D. C.8.c.6.1.	D. T.29.d.9.4.
SUPER-IMPOSED.	S.2.	S.2.I.	S.2.R
	A. C.20.c.0.7.	A. As for	A. B.11.a.6.5.
	B. C.20.a.0.0.	B.	B. B.11.a.8.8.
	C. C.13.d.8.0.	C. S.2.	C. B.4.d.0.0.
	D. C.13.d.8.5.	D.	D. B.4.d.5.2.

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TABLE "A" Continued.

THIRD (OR ARMY) ZONE.

GROUP	Retired Positions covering QUESNOY Defences.
RIGHT.	W.3. A. Squares B. B.19., B.20. C. B.28. D.
	X.3. A. B.7.c. B. B.14.d.4.7. C. B.15.c.0.4. D. B.15.c.4.7.
LEFT.	Y.3. A. B.7.d.4.5. B. B.7.d.8.4. C. B.8.c.5.4. D. B.8.d.8.2.
	Z.3. A. B.1.d.7.3. B. B.2.c.3.5. C. B.8.a.3.3. D. B.8.b.3.0.
SUPER-IMPOSED.	S.3. A. Squares B. A.6., B.1.d., C. A.12.B. & D. B.7.a.

NOTES:- (1) Brigade positions for the various lines are shown by the index letters "W", "X", etc. Battery in position "W.A.", for example, retires to "W.B.A.", thence to "W.C.A.", etc.

(2) Above locations are only approximate (except for Present Positions). "A","B" & "C" Positions are for 18 pdr. Batteries; "D" Positions for 4.5" Hows. Where a Brigade is composed of four 18-pdr. Batteries the "D" Position will be also an 18-pdr. Battery position.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 11.

(Copy of 2nd. D.A.H.Q.' A.18/84 of 18.4.18.)

With reference to "C" Div. Arty. Instructions for the Defensive No. 2 of April 15th:

1. If a withdrawal to the 2nd Zone is ordered, H.Q's will be established as follows:-

DIVISIONAL and D.A.	-	VILLERS BOCAGE.
Right Group (also "W" & "X" F.A. Bde & Rt.Inf.Bde.)	-	BERNECOURT.
Left Group (Also "Y", "Z" & "S" F.A.Bdes & Left Inf. Bde.)	-	HAVERINCOURT

2. (a) O.P's for the HAISIEUX System have been reconnoitred and are allotted as follows:-

Right Group:	"W"	Bde.	(D.19.d.15.85.
			(D.19.b.75.10.
	"X"	"	D.7.d.8.3.
Left Group:	"Y"	Bde.	D.1.c.80.15.
	"Z"	"	(D.7.a.9.5.
			(D.1.c.45.65.

(b) The Superimposed Group will reconnoitre at once for O.P's on the HAISIEUX Ridge with a general view of the ground in rear of the HAISIEUX System. A report on the reconnaissance will be forwarded to this H.Q. by 1st D.A. on April 20th.

3. Please ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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4th. A.F.A. Brigade.
13th. Battery.
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LIST NO. 1 of AMENDMENTS TO DEFENCE SCHEME

"C" DIV. ARTY. & AUST. CORPS.

1. Page 1, para 2, line 12 from bottom of page:-
For "E" in all cases read "D".

2. Section 3 (Mutual Support) :-
The assistance shown in the column "Support Given" as given by "C" Divisional Artillery to the Div. Arty. on our Left is cancelled.
The following will be substituted:-

LEFT GROUP "C" DIV. ARTY. :-
One Brigade barrages "S.O.S." lines of Left Brigade Front.
One Brigade:- 18-pdrs.barrage the line E.3.a.3.0. - E.3.a.2.4. - W.27.c.2.3. - W.27.c.6.8.
4.5"Hows.engage the following Road, etc. junctions:-
E.3.b.30.15 (2)., W.27.d.0.6., W.27.d.40.65, W.27.d.83.85., W.28.c.3.2..

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) C.A. CLOWES, Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd.Aust.Div.Arty..

To all recipients
"C" Div. Arty. Defence Scheme.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

"C" DIVISION.

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REFERENCE MAPS:- 1/20,000 Sheets 57 D S.E., 62 D N.E.
1/40,000 Sheet 57 D and 62 D
1/100,000 Sheets LENS 11., AMIENS 17.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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DEFENCE SCHEME.

"C" DIVISION, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS,
10th April, 1918.

1. The Divisional Boundaries are as follows:-

On the SOUTH -- D.30.b.0.2. due West to D.26.a.8.2. (RIBEMONT - BUIRE Road inclusive to "B" Division) - D.19.d.0.0. - D.19.a.5.0. - A.24.Central.

ON the NORTH -- EAST and WEST Line through E.2.Central.

ON the WEST -- B.1.a.5.0. - A.24.Central.

2. The Front is held by two (2) Infantry Brigades, each with two Battalions in the line and two Battalions in support.

The INTER Brigade Boundary is as follows:-

E.14.a.0.0. along road to E.8.c.9.3. - E.7.c.4.0. thence West to A.12.d.5.0.

LOCATIONS -

RIGHT Brigade Headquarters - D.7.b.2.2.
RIGHT Battalion)
LEFT Battalion) - D.24.a.2.8.

LEFT Brigade Headquarters - HENENCOURT CHATEAU.
RIGHT Battalion))
LEFT Battalion)) - D.12.b.6.5.

The front line at present runs approximately from SOUTH to NORTH.

BUIRE HALT - E.19.d.2.3. - E.19.b.1.8. - E.13.d.8.3. - E.8.a.55.35 - E.8.a.4.8. - E.2.Central.

A rear line of posts under construction runs aproximately - D.17.b. and d. - D.11.a. - D.12.a. - D.6.b.

The following are rear lines of defence :-

RIBEMONT - BAIZIEUX - VADENCOURT
BEAQUESNE - J.17.Central - D.27.Central -
D.25.a.Central - D.7.b.Central - D.1.c.Central
C.6.Central - C.5.b.Central - U.16.d.00.
U.16.a.Central - U.1.c. - T.10.b.

QUERRIEU defences and Bridge HEAD Line -

H.34.Central - H.10.Central - B.23.a. - B.11.d. -
U.26.c. - U.16.c.
Bridge HEAD - I.19.Central - I.14.a.00. - I.8.Central
I.2.Central - C.26.c. - C.25.b. - D.30.Central.

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3. The Field Artillery covering the front is divided into two (2) Groups and one SUPERIMPOSED Group, the latter for S.O.S. purposes only.

4. The INTER GROUP Boundary is a due East line from E.14.a.7.5.

The SOUTHERN and NORTHERN boundaries of the RIGHT and LEFT Group respectively are -

RIGHT GROUP. - A line running through E.25.c.4.7. and K.2.d.0.0.

LEFT GROUP. - A line running due East through E.2.Central.

5. The 85th. Brigade R.G.A. is affiliated to the Division for bombardment purposes.
Headquarters at BAIZIEUX.

6. The Division on the Right is "B" Division, Australian Corps. The Division on the Left is the Right Div. Vth. Corps.

7. The following Sections give detailed information and orders on the following points:-

SECTION 1. - S.O?S? arrangements, Signals and repeating Station.
Action to be taken on S.O?S.
Action to be taken in the event of gas either following or not by S.O.S.
Pointers at Battery positions and S.O.S. Sentries.

SECTION 2. Liaison arrangements.

SECTION 3. Liaison barrages between Groups and flanking Divisions.
Calls for assistance to H. A.

SECTION 4. List of O.P's.

SECTION 5. Location of positions for covering Artillery for present line and third lines.
Position of Group Headquarters for present line.

SECTION 6. Counter Preparation measures.

SECTION 7. Orders in the event of a withdrawal being necessary.

SECTION 8. Communications.

SECTION 9. Aeroplane co-operation and Wireless daily calls.

SECTION 10. Ammunition Supply.

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SECTION 1.

D E F E N C E S C H E M E.

1. The S.O.S. line covering the Divisional front is as follows:-

E.25.c.4.7. - E.26.a.0.5. - E.14.c.0.7. - E.14.a.7.5. } covered by RIGHT GROUP.

E.14.a.7.5. - E.8.b.8.0. - E.2.b.8½0.) covered by LEFT GROUP.

Howitzer objectives are asfollows:-

RIGHT GROUP - 4th.A.F.A.Bde. 3 Hows Road E.14.c.45.60 -E.20.b.35.45

" " " 3 Hows. Road E.14.c.30.00 -E.20.b.35.45

-5th.A.F.A.Bde.2 Hows Road E.14.a.62.00 - E.14.c.80.20

" " " 1 How. Road E.14.d.45.50 - E.20.b.55.65

" " " 1 How. on E.2o.b.55.65.

" " " 1 How. on E.20.b.80.30.

" " " 1 How. on E.20.b.55.50.

LEFT GROUP.- 2 Hows. E.14.b.45.00 - E.14.b.3.6.

2 Hows. E.15.c.8.8. - E.15.b.0.2.

2 Hows. E.9.b.2.0. - E.9.b.2.6.

2 Hows. Road 200 yards EAST of above.

4 Hows. E.3.d.

Superimposed Group will be prepared to bear on any portion of S.O.S. line but will be normally laid down for S.O.S. as follows:-

1 Battery 18-pdr. -- W. of Railway line E.20.b. and a.
1 " -- 200 yards W. of Railway in E.15.
1 " -- 200 yards EAST of S.O.S. line in E.3.c.

6 Hows. on DERNANCOURT.

2. The S.O.S. is a coloured rocket or rifle grenade, The colour being varied periodically.

3. - Repeating stations are as follows:-

Brigade O.P's.

4. All batteries will maintain an S.O.S. sentry, whose duty it will be to watch for signals from the vicinity of battery position.

5. Pointers showing Divisional and INTER Group boundaries at their intersection with the front line will be provided at each Battery.

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6. On receipt of an S.O.S. Signal or message, fire will be opened at once at the following rates on the S.O.S. Barrage lines and Howitzer objectives :-

First five (5) minutes -- 3 rounds per gun or How. per minute.

Next five (5) minutes -- 2 " " " " " " "

Next five (5) minutes -- 1 " " " " " " "

Ammunition 18-pdr. 75% A, 25% A.X.
4.5 How. 106 fuze when available.

Fire will cease after 15 minutes unless the S.O.S. Signal is repeated when the programme will be at once started afresh as for the first 5 minutes.

The above provisions are not to be taken in limiting either Group or Battery Commander from developing the full fire power of their Batteries in the event of their knowledge of the situation demanding it.

7. If an S.O.S. call is received by Signal it will be confirmed by wire as soon as possible.
If a Signal is seen or a S.O.S. message received, all Units from Batteries upwards will inform the corresponding Unit on each flank and then their immediate superior.

8. All Officers must clearly understand that it is their duty to obtain immediate information as to the situation and to forward timed reports as to the situation to their superior ;
e.g., Batteries to Groups, and Groups to D.A.H.Q.
It is only by this means that the necessary concentration of artillery can be procured.

9. In the event of G A S being received the ordinary warnings will be sent, precautions taken and Howitzers turned on to trenches or points whence the gas is being sent.
If S.O.S. is sent later the ordinary S.O.S. procedure will take place.

10. All 18-pdrs.Batteries must be prepared to cover any portion of the S.O.S. lines.

11. Superimposed Group will not open fire on S.O.S. unless ordered to do so from D.A. Headquarters.
On receipt of an S.O.S. all Batteries of this Group will stand to and be ready to open fire at once.

12. In foggy weather when there is a doubt of the possiblity of an S.O.S. Signals being seen, a heavy hostile bombardment of the front will be treated as an S.O.S. Signal and fire will be opened, opposite the front affected, by the Group Commanders' orders.

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SECTION 2.

LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE INFANTRY.

With Infantry Brigades:-

A Senior Liaison Officer is provided by the RIGHT Group to act as Liaison Officer with RIGHT Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

The LEFT Group Headquarters is in immediate vicinity of Left Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

With Infantry Battalions -

An Officer from the Group concerned will sleep at each Battalion Headquarters.
By day these Officers may perform the duties of Observing Officer for their Batteries.
These Officers must be provided with a map showing the Zones of all Batteries in their Group and the Battery next on their Group's flank in the case of Batteries of this Division.
Their duties will be to advise the Battalion Commander of the possibilities of Artillery action and to keep the Group informed of the situation and the Infantry's requirements.

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DEFENCE SCHEME.

S E C T I O N 3.

(MUTUAL SUPPORT).

MUTUAL SUPPORT between Groups will be given by engaging specific targets as requested.

MUTUAL SUPPORT between Divisions will be as follows:-

Unit requiring support	Calls up	Code call	Support given
"C" D. A.	"B" D. A.	"HELP C"	One Brigade F. A. enfilades E.20.a. and b. and E.15.c. and a.
"C" D. A.	Div. on our left.	"HELP AUSTRAL"	Barrages F.2.b.
"B" D.A.	"C" D. A.	"HELP B"	LEFT Group with one Bde.A.F.A. enfilades K.1.b. and d.
Division on our LEFT	"C" D. A.	"HELP ALBERT"	LEFT Group barrages E.2.d.

In all cases support will only be given or received in the event of the Unit called upon being unengaged.

Rates of fire and procedure will be as for S.O.S.

For assistance from Heavy Artillery the call "S.O.S. 'C' DIVISION" gives a heavy barrage covering the Divisional front.

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SECTION 4.

(LIST OF O.P's).

RIGHT GROUP
D.16.a.
D.23.c.40.90 (4th. A.F.A. Brigade - Day)
D.23.a.90.10 (65th.Brigade, R.F.A.)
D.24.b.50.80
J.10.b.80.20 Communications to be arranged.

LEFT GROUP
D.5.b.20.30
D.5.b.50.70
V.29.d.50.20.

RIGHT and LEFT GROUPS will man one O.P. per Brigade during day and night and one O.P. per Battery during day.

Log Book will be kept at each O.P. in which the Officer on duty will enter date, time, enemy movement seen, targets engaged, any unusual occurrence or points of interest and observer's name, and a duplicate copy will be included in the Intelligence Return.

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SECTION 6.

(COUNTER PREPARATION MEASURES).

1. Counter preparation Measures as laid down in 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery "COUNTER PREPARATION ORDER" No. 1 of 10th April, 1918.

2. On receipt of the Order "PHASE 1 " "C" Divisional Artillery will co-operate with Counter-Batteries, Aust. Corps as follows :-

LEFT GROUP - 1 How. Battery fires on AREA 2.
(E.17.a.9.5. - E.17.b.5.6. - E.17.b.5.0. - E.17.c.8.8.).

using gas if weather permits.

Rate of fire - 1 round per How perminute.

SECTION 7.

(ORDERS IN THE EVENT OF A WITHDRAWAL BEING NECESSARY).

Orders in the case of a withdrawal, if premeditated, would be issued from D.A.H.Q., but if this is not possible the responsibilities would fall on Brigade Commanders, in which case Group would cease to exist.

Brigades will be under the Tactical Control of Brigade Commanders with a specific task, namely, to delay the enemy to the last possible moment, afford maximum assistance to our Infantry and withdraw Batteries to come into action in successive until positions until, if necessary, finally occupying positions covering the Third Lines.

In the case of a withdrawal (1) one Section per Battery will cover the withdrawal of the remaining Sections, (2) two each Brigade will keep in touch with the G.O.C., Infantry Brigade, through the respective Liaison Officers, sending two orderlies per Brigade to report to Liaison Officers.

Reports will be sent to D.A.H.Q. at BEAUCOURT.

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SECTION 8.

(COMMUNICATIONS.).

The STRAIGHT Line Diagram (attached) shows all Signal Communications of the "C" Divisional Artillery.

SECTION 9.

(CO-OPERATION WITH AEROPLANES.).

1. A Wireless Mast is erected in each Brigade.

N.F. and G.F. Calls will be answered by one Battery of each Brigade inside its own Zone.

L.L. Calls will be answered by all Batteries which can be trained on the Target regardless of ZONE.

If Batteries are engaged on important work such as a Barrage, one Section per Battery will be used.

2. All Officers must be thoroughly acquainted with S.S. 131 "CO-OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT WITH ARTILLERY".

3. Ammunition expenditure on calls will be as follows:-

N.F. :- 2 Salvoes.
If call is repeated salvos will be repeated.

G.F. :- 2 rounds Gun fire.

L.L. :- 3 rounds Gun fire.

S.O.S. :- As for S.O.S. Signal.

4. SUPERIMPOSED Group will not answer aeroplane calls unless they are already in action.

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SECTION 10.

(AMMUNITION SUPPLY).

The A.R.P. for the Artillery covering the 2nd. Australian Division front is situated at CONTAY.

All 18-pdr and 4.5"How. ammunition will be drawn from there.

To ensure the horseflesh of Brigades and D.A.C's getting a fair proportion of long distance carrying, as far as the Divisional Artillery Brigades and their respective D.A.C. Sections are concerned the ammunition Wagons will be pooled for the carriage of ammunition to Gun positions.

The D.A.C. will carry 1/3 of the Battery requirements and the Battery 2/3.

Brigade Commanders will arrange direct with their D.A.C. Commanders the most suitable method of demanding ammunition to ensure a quick and reliable service to the guns.

Batteries are responsible for the replenishment of their own echelons from A.R.P. direct.

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S E C R E T.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 1.

S. O. S. LINES.

The S.O.S. Lines for Right Group Artillery are as follows:-

E.25.c.40.70 - E.26.a.00.50 - E.20.c.00.65 - E.13.d.50.55 - E.13.b.95.10 - E.14.a.20.50.

65th.Brigade, R.F.A.

One Battery from - E.25.c.40.70 - E.25.Central.
" " " - E.25.Central - E.26.a.00.50.
" " " - E.26.a.00.50 - E.20.c.00.20.
" " superimposed over Brigade front from - E.25.c.40.70- E.26.a.00.50 - E.20.c.00.20.

4th. A.F.A. Brigade.

12th Battery from- E.20.c.00.20 - E.20.c.00.65 - E.19.b.87.20.
10th " " - E.19.b.87.20 - E.13.d.58.28.
11th " superimposed over Brigade Front from - E.20.c.00.20 - E.20.c.00.65 - E.13.d.58.28.

5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

15th Battery from - E.13.d.58.28 - E.13.d.50.55 - E.13.d.78.90.
13th Battery " - E.13.d.78.90 - E.13.b.95.10 - E.14.a.20.50.
14th Battery superimposed over Brigade front from - E.13.d.58.28 - E.13.d.50.55 - E.13.b.95.10 - - E.14.a.20.50.

The 10th and 12th Batteries will overlap the Brigade on their Left and Right respectively by 25 Yards.

HOWITZER objectives are as follows:-

104th How. Battery - 3 Hows on road E.14.c.45.60 - E.20.b.35.45.
- 3 Hows on road E.14.c.30.00 - E.20.b.35.45.
105th How. Battery - 2 Hows on road E.14.a.62.00 - E.14.c.80.20.
- 1 How. on road E.14.d.45.50 - E.20.b.55.65.
- 1 How. on E.20.b.55.65.
- 1 How. on E.20.b.80.30.
- 1 How. on E.20.b.55.50.

ACKNOWLEDGE. by wire.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Right Group Art'y H'Qrs.,
65th Brigade, R.F.A., Issued at 12.30am, 16. 4. 1918.
4th. A.F.A. Brigade,
2nd. D.A.H.Q. (For information)..
10th Battery.
11th "
12th "
104th "
13th Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
105th. "
War Diary, (2).
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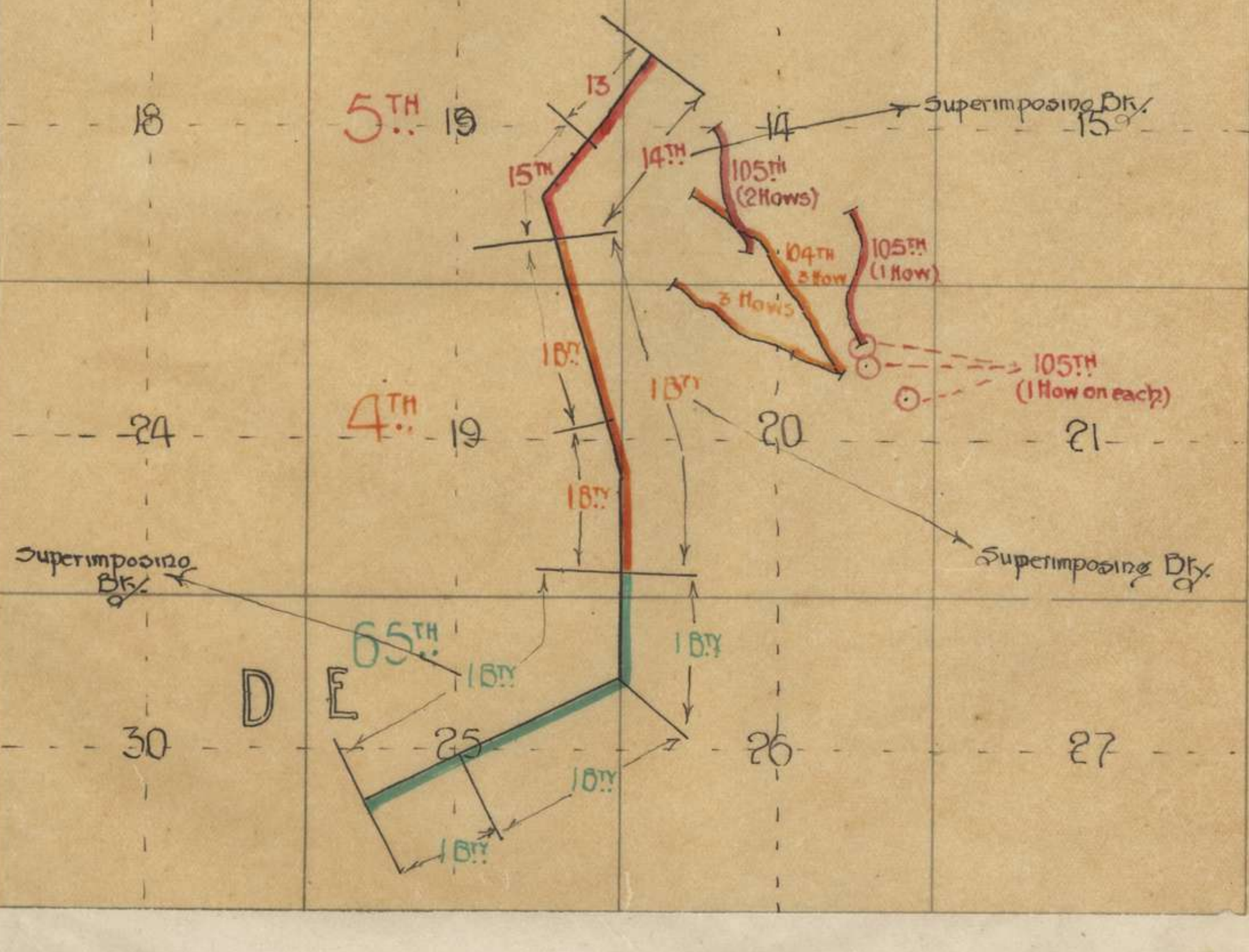
RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

S.O.S. BARRAGE LINES.

Corrected to 16.4.18. 65TH BDE. — 4TH BDE. — 5TH BDE. 18 Pdrs — Hows — & ⊙



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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 6

AMMUNITION - 18-PDR.

In future all 18-pdr ammunition will, except where laid down to the contrary in Instructions for the Defensive No 1, Appendix "A", Section 2(e), be used in the following proportions:-

A. - 75%
A.X. - 25%

The proportion of A used may be increased if desired.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-
6Sth Brigade, N.Z.A.,
4th. A.F.A. Brigade,
13th. Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
War Diary.
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Right Group Art'y H'Qrs.,
16 : 4 : 1918.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 17.4.1918 to 6 a.m. 18.4.1918.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP CO-ORDINATE.	REMARKS.
9.30am	36		Road	E.16.a. & E.15.d.	
10.20am	30		Road between	E.21.a. & E.16.a.	
11.30pm	80		Zero Points		Registration.
12.30pm/2pm	121		CrossRoads	E.27.c.	Calibrations.
3pm/4.30pm		68	Church Building	E.21.a.10.00.) E.26.a.30.50.)	Registration.
4.30pm	96		Roads	E.21.c. & d.	
7.15pm	12		Zero Point		Testing line.
10.30pm		100	Tracks. DERNANCOURT	E.14.a.55.00.	Harassing fire
				E.21.c.20.70.	do do
9.30pm/mdn't.	100		Roads	E.15.	do do
8.30pm to 4.30am	372			K.2.b.95.20 E.26.a.3.6.	do do
10.30pm to midn't.	50		Roads, Bridge and Cross Roads in	DERNANCOURT E.21.c. & d.	do do
11pm/5am	130		Roads	E.26.d. & E.21.c.	do do
12midn't to 2.30am		100	Bridges, and Road Junction	E.21.c.45.30, E.20.d.7.5.) E.21.c.40.50 E.21.c.2.8.)	do do
3.30am	30		Cross Roads	K.1.b.1.4.	Harassing fire.
3.45am	24		do do	E.21.a.85.90.	do do
4.10am to 4.30am	46		Valley	K.2.c.	do do
4am/5am	50		Roads etc.	DERNANCOURT, E.21.c.& d.	do do
5.30am/6.50am	160		do do	do do	do do

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
9/9.30am	60	15cm	D.16.b.8.8. D.17.a.	T.B.125°	from D.16.a.50.60.
11.55am	8	10.5cm	D.22.h.3.4.	MEAULTE.	
12.45pm	30	77mm	D.22.d.	do.	
2.15pm	20	15cm	D.16.c.9.9., D16.d.		
3.30pm	30	77mm	D.10.c. & D.4.a.	do.	
7.15pm	30	10.5cm,15cm	BRESLE		
7.45pm	100	10.5cm	D.10.c.		from D.10.c.4.7.
8.20pm	50	10.5cm	D.10.a.	100°T.B.	Tel. Pit .damaged
8.0pm	50	10.5cm	D.10.c.2.8.	Grid 80°	one manwounded.
8.15pm	72	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE.		from D.10.c.28. MORLANCOURT.
Intermittent	235	10.5cm	do	do	
3.55pm	10	10.5cm (Gas)	D.10.c.	Grid 100° (Sound)	from D.10.c.47.
8.25 & 10.45	40	10.5cm	D.10.c.	do do ( )	
8pm/11.30pm	50	77mm	D.15.d.2.8.		One man wounded.
8.5pm	15	15cm	D.20.b.60.25.)	Grid 134° from	
11.30am/1pm	300	15cm	D.23.a.	D.23.a.5.2.	2 horses K.
					from 1 K. 1 w'd.
8.30pm	110	77mm&10.5cm	D.10.c.	MEAULTE.	
10.pm	20	10.5cm	D.9.d.		

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AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.-) None were observed.
Enemy Planes.-)

Our Planes.- Active throughout the day. One plane observed to drop bombs on enemy front system.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- At 9 a.m. several Motor Lorries observed on road K.16.c. to K.17.Central.

NEW WORK.- Dug-outs for personnel at Headquarters and Gun positions being improved.

VISIBILITY.- Very low in forenoon, improving slightly at intervals in afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS.- Enemy shelling showed increased activity as compared with former period on this front.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.
From 6 a.m. 18.4.18 to 6 a.m. 19.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP CO-ORDINATE.	REMARKS.
5am/7.30am	100		Roads etc.	E.14.c.	Harassing fire.
8.15pm to 12.15am	100		Roads etc.	E.26.c.2.1., E.21.c., E.25.d.3.4.	do do
9.45/10.15pm		100	Bridges, roads.	E.20.d., E.21.c., K.11.b.	do do
11pm	100		Roads & dump	E.25.d.,/.21.c.	dodo
9.45pm to 11.45pm	245		Roads & approaches to	MEAULTE & DERNANCOURT.	do do
9.30pm		96	do do	do do	do do
12midn't to 2.30am	100		do do	do do	do do
2.30am to 5.0am		100	do do	do do	do do
2am/4am		200	DERNANCOURT	E.21.a.0.6. - E.9.d.0.0.	do do

9 am. HOSTILE BTY. E 21 d 87.00 Unobserved

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
9am/6.20pm	60	77mm & 10.5cm	D.23.a.15.20.	MORLANCOURT.	
12noon	20	10.5cm	D.23.d.3.7.	90° Grid. from D.24.b.00.63.	
1.0pm	40	10.5cm	E.13.a.		
3.30pm	4	10.5 cm	D.30.a.8.2.	MEAULTE.	
4.30pm	12	10.5cm	D.10.c.		
5.10pm	30	77mm or 18-pdr		73° Grid. from D.16.b.25.05.	
8pm/11.30pm	50	77mm	D.15.d.2.8.	MEAULTE.	
8.5pm	15	15cm	D.26.b.60.25		2 horses killed, 1 Gnr. wounded.
8.15pm	40	10.5cm	D.10.		
8.50pm	20	77mm	Roads in D.10.d.		
8.55pm	40	77mm.	D.10.a. & c.		Area shoot.
	30	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
9.0pm	25	10.5cm	D.10.c.		
10pm & 12.30 am		10.5cm	D.10.b.		

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- Nil.
Enemy Planes.- At 7.20pm, 4 machines appeared just West of DERNANCOURT but were driven back by our A.A.Fire.
Our Planes.- Were moderately active during the afternoon. Active throughout the night.

NEW WORK.- Enemy - New earth, probably trenches in J.12.a. and K.7.a. and b.
Ours.- Dug-outs for personnel being improved. O.P. constructed at D.16.b. 3.4.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- 9.0 - 10.30am: Small parties of 2/6 men proceeding along road at K.8.a.50.80 to MORLANCOURT. A few men observed at X Roads in K.21.b. At 4.15pm, an officer and man were seen to walk from E.27.c. Central to ridge in E.28. They were noticed to return 2 hours later. At road E.27.d., 2 other men were seen to leave, going in opposite direction.

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VISIBILITY.- Low during the forenoon, gradually improving to fair towards late afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS.- Numerous ~~ed~~ colored flares were sent up from a considerable distance behind enemy lines during the night. Principally white, green and golden clusters.
Grid bearing 120° from E.19.a.25.85.
Hostile fire, during the day shewed increased activity. This however was quiet throughout the night.

Harold Rogers

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 8.

1. Circulars No. 1 and 2 are cancelled.

2. From 7.0 p.m. 18th instant, Right Group Artillery will consist of 4th. A.F.A. Brigade and 5th. A.F.A. Brigade. The 65th Brigade, R.F.A. will, for the present, form Mobile Reserve.

3. From above time the Boundary Line between Groups will be as follows:-

C.8.c.00.50 due East to D.8.c.00.50 ~~D.15b.0.0~~ due East to ~~D~~ E.14.a.00.00. - ~~E~~ D.14.c.40.65 - thence due East.

The Inter Group Boundary and S.O.S. Lines as shown respectively in "C" Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme, para, 4 (Page 2), and this office memo. E.A. 3887 of 15.4.1918, will be amended accordingly.

4. Reference Appendix "A" to "C" Div. Arty. Instructions for Defensive No. 1 of April 13th.-

(a) Para. 1(a) - "C" Area is allotted for harassing purposes to Left Group, from 7.0 p.m. 18th instant.

(b) Para. 2(b) - Lanes are allotted from 7.0 p.m. 18th instant as follows:-

4th. A.F.A. Brigade.	-	Lanes - Q, R, S.
5th. A.F.A. Brigade.	-	Lanes - T, U.

5th. A.F.A. Brigade lanes will be covered as follows:-
An East and West line through E.15.c.00.20.
An " " " " " E.21.a.00.40.

In each lane the 15th. Battery is allotted the NORTHERN portion and the 13th Battery the SOUTHERN portion.

The 14th. and 105th. Batteries will each superimpose the 13th. and 15th. Batteries over the whole of each lane.

If annihilating fire is ordered on all three lanes allotted to 4th. A.F.A. Brigade, S and R will be dealt with as already laid down: Q will then be fired on in the usual way.

5. Harassing fire areas are allotted as under:-

4th. A.F.A. Brigade	-	A.1.	A.2.	B.1.	
5th. A.F.A. Brigade	-	A.3.	A.3.	A.3.	B.2.

6. For S.O.S. Lines, see Circular No. 9.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

4th. A.F.A. Brigade.
10th Battery.
11th "
12th "
104th ""
13th "
14th "
15th "
105th "
2nd. D.A.H.Q. (For information).
War Diary (3).
File.

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
18th April, 1918.

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4th. AUST. F.A.BRIGADE.

ORDER No.7.

H.Q.,
4TH AUSTRALIAN
F. A. BRIGADE.
No.....
Date.....

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Headquarters,
April 18th.1918.

Reference Map: 1/20,000, 62D.N.E.

1. Reference this office Warning Order No.6.. Attention is drawn to Right Group Artillery Circulars -
No.7. re positions;
8. para.3. re boundaries
4. " lanes allotted for Brigade for annihilating fire.
5. "Plug Areas" allotted.
9. S.O.S.Lines

2. A tracing is issued herewith showing S.O.S.Lines, "Start line" for annihilating fire, and Lanes allotted.

3. Southern and Northern Boundaries of lanes are as follows:

Lane "Q"	Southern - a line through K.25.c.6.5. and K.1.a.9.9.	
	Nothern - An East and West line through K.26 .a.0.2.	
Lane "R"	K.26.a.0.2.	and K.20.c.3.2.
Lane "S"	K.20.c.3.2.	and K.20.a.3.0.
Lane "T"	K.20.a.3.0.	etc.

4. Reference para.4. of Warning Order No.6. -
(a) The 12th.Battery will occupy the position now occupied by 466 Battery of 65th.Brigade, taking over all ammunition, map-boards, etc. and moving the four guns at present at D.16.C.2.8. to the new position as soon as 466 Battery vacate same, move to be completed by 10.a.m. 19th.April 1918.
(b) The 10th.Battery will take over from 505 Battery all ammunition, map boards, etc. for both their positions, but will not move until further orders are issued.

5. As soon as these positions have been taken over, Batteries will report same to this office.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Captain,
Adjutant, 4th.Aust.F.A.Brigade

Issued at 5.p.m.
C.C..10th.Battery
11th.Battery
12th.Battery
104th.Battery
Right Group Artly (For information)

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 9.

S.O.S. LINES.

1. Right Group Artillery S.O.S. Lines from 6.0 p.m. 18th April, 1918, are as follows:-

12th Battery	-	E.25.c.40.70 - E.26.a.00.50.
10th "	-	E.26.a.00.50 - E.20.c.00.65.
11th "	-	Will superimpose Brigade Front from E.25.c.40.70 - E.26.a.00.50 - E.20.c.00.65.
104th How.Bty.	-	3 Hows on road E.14.c.45.60 - E.20.b.35.45.
		3 " " " E.14.c.30.00 - E.20.b.35.45.
13th Battery	-	E.20.c.00.65 - E.13.d.63.00.
15th "	-	E.13.d.63.00 - E.13.d.50.55 - E.13.b.95.10.
14th "	-	Will superimpose Brigade front from E.20.c.00.65 - E.13.d.50.55 - E.13.b.95.10.
105th How.Bty.	-	2 Hows on road E.14.a.62.00 - E.14.c.80.20.
	-	1 How. on road E.14.d.45.50 - E.20.b.55.65.
	-	1 How. on - E.20.b.55.65.
	-	1 How. on - E.20.b.80.30.
	-	1 How. on - E.20.b.55.50.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

4th. A.F.A. Brigade.
10th Battery.
11th "
12th "
104th "
13th "
14th "
15th "
105th "
War Diary (3).
File.
2nd. D.A.H.Q. (For information.).

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
18th April, 1918.

Ammunition 75% H, 25% AX - Hows 106 Fuze when available
Also see Section 1. "C" Divl. Arty Defence Scheme

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 19.4.18 to 6 a.m. 20.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Time.	No.of Rds. 18-pdr.	Hows.	Target.	Map Coordinate	Remarks.
9.20 a.m.		40	Hostile Bty.	E.15.d.87.00	Not known.
10.35 am		20	N.F.	K.1.a.87.00	do.
7 a.m.11 am) 2.15 pm)	80		X Road & Support Coy.	K.3.b. & E.27.c.6.2.	Harassing Fire.
3/6 pm	106		Zero Points	E.23.b.3.5.	Registration.
5.15/6 pm	60			E.20 a & b.	Calibration.
6.30,pm	38		House	E.26.a.3.6.	Registration.
7 p.m.	36				Checking lines
8.30/12 MN	63		Rds. & Bridges	E.26.c.,E.21.d. E.20.d.2.3.	Harassing fire.
8.30 p.m.	121		MEAULTE	E.16 and 17	Unobserved
9.20/9.35 PM	171			E.20.b.6.4.) E.2[illegible].a.1.7.) E.21.a.8.9.)	Harassing Fire.
9.30/12mdnt.	100		A.3.	E.14.c.	
10/11p.m.		100		E.14.c.10.70.) E.14.c.35.75.) E.14.c.75.75.)	Harassing Fire.
12.30.a.m.	20		Cross Roads	E.21.a.80.85.	
12.30.a.m.	20		VIVIER MILL.	E.16.a.	
1 a.m.	30		Road	E.20.b.6.4.) E.20.b.9.3.)	Harassing Fire
1.30 a.m.	60		Activity Centre	E.14.b. & E.15.a.	do. do.
2.30/5.a.m.	100		Harassing Fire on Targets ordered.		
11p.m./5.a.m.	100		Roads.	E.27.c., E.26.d. E.20.d.	Harassing Fire
5.30/6p.m.		25	Activity Centre	A.3.	do. do

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
6am to 2.30pm	40	10.5cm	D.23.c. & d.		
8.30am	50	77mm	D.12.	S.B.31°from D.23.a.15.20.	
9.0am	28	15cm	BRESLE		
9.30am	20	77mm	D.10.d.		
9.35am	36	10.5cm	D.4.d.		
2/2.15pm	40	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE		
4.0pm	30	10.5cm	D.10.c.		
4.15pm	20	77mm	D.9., D.15., D.21.		
4.30pm	40	10.5cm	D.10.a.	DERNANCOURT	Area Shoot.
5.0pm	3	10.5cm	D.9.d.	do	
6.0pm	40	10.5cm & 18-pdr.	D.10.c.		
6.30/ 6.40	15	15cm	LAVIEVILLE		
9.59.30pm	40	10.5cm ~~& 18-pdr~~	BRESLE.		
9.15/9.20pm	30	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE.		
10.30pm	10	77mm	D.10.c.		
10.45pm	2	77mm	D.10.c.		
3.30am	20	10.5cm	D.10.c.		
4.0am	20	15cm	D.10.c. & d.		
4.30am	15	10.5cm	D.10.b. & d.		
4.45am	45	77mm	D.10.a.		
5.30am	15	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE.		

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AERIAL ACTIVITY.-
Enemy Balloons.- 3 observed inthe air - Grid bearings of 121°, 97°, and 84° from D.23.a.15.20.
Enemy Planes.- Active throughout the night, bombing. Twice during the day two machines crossed our lines flying low apparently regardless of our A.A. Fire.
Our Planes.- Active day and night.

NEW WORK.- Work of dug-outs at H.Qrs. and Gun positions nearing completion.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Odd men noticed on sky line East of DERNANCOURT and on road in K.2.c. and K.3.b. & c.
Train observed - Grid bearing 127° from E.13.c.80.10.

VISIBILITY.- Fair, excepting at odd intervals when hail and show showers obscured the view.

MISCELLANEOUS.- Hostile Artillery was again active throughout the day, BRESLE being intermittently shelled ove r the period with approximately 150 rounds of 10.5cm and 77mm.
Hostile Batteries were observed firing from K.3.c.5.7. and J.10.b.3.3.
Our Heavy Artillery at 11 a.m. shelled MORLANCOURT. Considerable quantities of bricks &c., were seen to go up.
Major H.N. MORRIS whilst at the 13th. Battery O.P. last evening received a slight splinter wound in the thigh.
Temporary Command of the 13th. Battery has been, in consequence, given to Major O.F. DIXON, D.S.O., of 15th. Battery, who assumed charge last night.
The 15th. Battery will meantime be under the Command of Captain R. SYNNOT.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery..

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 20.4.18 to 6 a.m. 21 .4.1918.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATE.	REMARKS.
10.35am	6		Movement	K.2.a.8.8.	Effective.
12.45pm	12		Road	E.20.b.6.4. - E.20.b.9.3.	
12.45pm	48		Zero Line and checking lines of fire.		
3.0pm	30		Road	E.14.c.2.7. - E.14.c.8.3.	
4.15pm	11		Zero Point	E.21.a.10.00	Checking line.
4.25pm	53		DERNANCOURT	E.21.a., b., c., & d.	
3.0/3.20pm	30	42	Bank. Quarry.	E.14.c. & E.14.c.3.6.	
6.0pm	24		M.G.Position	E.21.a.50.65.	Registration
		50	do do	E.14.d.8.0.	At intervals
8.0/8.30pm)			Counter Preparation Schemem		
3am/3.30am)	7567	2020	Lanes of fire.		
5.30am/6am)					
10pm	24		A.3.	E.14.b.85.70.	Harassing fire
10.15pm	20		Road	E.20.b.25.30.	do do
12/2am	100		A.3.	E.14.c.,E.15.Cent., E.16.Central.	do do
9.30pm/midnt		300 BNC	Buildings, Gullys etc.,		

ENEMY ARTILLERY.)

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
9am/11am	24	77mm	D.23.a.		MORLANCOURT.
9am/1/pm	100	77mm	D.16.c. & d.	D.22.a. & b.	do.
11.30am	10	77mm	D.16.a.		
12noon	20	10.5cm	ST. LAWRENCE FARM		
4.15/6pm	70	10.5cm77mm	D.23.Central		MORLANCOURT.
4.50pm	30	10.5cm	D.23.a. & c.		
5.15pm	40	77mm	D.23.c.		MEAULTE.
8.35pm	5	15cm	BRESLE		
4.am	20	77mm	D.16.a.		
Intermittent throughout day & night		77mm & 10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE.		

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy Balloons, were observed in the air at Grid bearings from D.16.d.5.0. of 84°, 95°, 121°, 145°, 151°, 169°.

Enemy Planes showed increased activity. These crossed our lines at 6.40am. 10am. 12.45pm. and 6.5pm., but were turned back by our A. A. Fire. They also came over during the night. On one of the planes it was noticed that the circles had been lightly painted over and the German Cross superimposed.

Our Planes were active over the period.

NEW WORK.

Ours. Dug Outs at Group Headquarters completed. Those at Battery positions nearing completion.

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ENEMY MOVEMENT.

At 10.30am. two men were observed to leave K.3b.5.8. and proceed to K.3.a.9.9., E.27.c.10. and K.2.b.9.9.(possibly posts) and to return to starting point.
Smoke observed at K.2.d.8.2.

VISIBILITY. Medium.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the day Enemy Fire was notably in short bursts at a rapid rate of 5.9" and 4.2", directed principally on roads in D.11.17. and 20. and the main ALBERT - AMIENS thoroughfare.
No retaliation was made to our Counter Preparation,.or Lanes Shoots.

Edward Norman Bagnall

Lieut.-Colonel.,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 21.4.18 to 6 a.m. 22.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP CO-ORDINATE.	REMARKS.
11.50am		15	New Work	E.14.a.7.3.	
12.15pm	15		Working Party	E.14.a.7.3.	
12.20pm	20			E.14.d.20.80.	
8.0pm	72		Harassing fire on roads.		
12.30pm	20	15	Working Party	E.14.c.5.5.	
2.50pm		48	Hostile Battery	E.15.d.88.00.	
6.50pm		25	do do	do	
9pm & 11.30pm		62	do do	do	
9.40pm	60		Dug-outs	E.14.b.00.15	
9.30pm -) midn't)		66	Road Junctions & Roads & approaches	DERNANCOURT VILLE-sur-ANCRE	Harassing fire.
10.30pm -) midn't .)	90		Harassing fire on roads.		
11.pm		100	Dug-outs tracks	E.14.c.4.7.	
Midn't) 2.30am)	100			E.21.a.	Harassing
2.30am -) 5.0am)	150		"A.3." Roads & approaches etc.	E.14.c. DERNANCOURT	fire. do
5.0am -) 7.30am)	100		do do	E.15.Central	do

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
3.0pm	75	10.5cm	D.8.c.		
4.0pm	20	10.5 cm	D.11.d.		
5.0pm	10	10.5cm	D.10.c.		
6.0pm	200	15cm	U.12.b.	MORLANCOURT.	
6.45pm /7.45	250	15cm	D.10.b. & d.	95°M.B.from D.16.b.3.4.	
7.0pm	50	10.5cm	U.10.c.		
4.25pm/8.50	350	10.5cm ,15cm	LAVIEVILLE.		
6.55pm/mdnt	100	10.5&15cm	D.10.a.		
8.15pm/9.45	60	15cm	D.10.c.		
10.30pm	15	10.5cm	D.9.b.		
12.15am	40	10.5cm	D.14.c.5.8.		

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- Eight were observed in the air at 11 a.m. and an additional one at .2.30pm

Enemy 'Planes.- Shewed considerable activity during the afternoon. 12 planes crossed our lines at midday, and at intervals, later, in flights of 3/5 they patrolled the front system and penetrated over our front system.territory. In each instance they were turned by our A.A. Fire.

OUR PLANES.- Active throughout the period. One of our planes is reported to have dropped 8 bombs in E.25.b.

NEW WORK.- Enemy. - Considerable movement and work near road junction in K.3.b. (Suspected New Battery Position).

Ours. - Dug-outs at Gun positions nearing completion. Bridge built over trench at approximately D.7.a.3.3.

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MOVEMENT.- Working party at K.3.b. (see New Work).
" " " K.3.a.8.5. Earth Work.(Suspected new Battery Position).

VISIBILITY.- Medium during morning, increasing to good in afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS. - Liaison Officer reported in connection with counter preparation at 8pm. 20th. inst. as under :-

" The enemy immediately sent up a Red rocket followed by a Green bursting into two and then another, an Orange color bursting a spray. This Orange spray was repeated back to rear lines and a barrage was put down in E13. and harassing fire was directed on D.18.23. and 24."

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 13.

AMENDMENT TO

"C" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME and

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 1.

Reference Map :- Sheet 62.D. N.E. 1/20,000.

The following changes will take effect from 6 a.m. 23/4/1918:-

1. Right Group 18-pdr. S.O.S. Lines on the Divisional Front will run as follows:-

E.20.c.00.65 - E.13.d.50.55 - E.14.a.00.00 - E.14.a.20.50 - E.8.c.50.00 - - E.8.c.60.60.

The above S.O.S. Lines replace those given in this Office Circular No. 9 of 18th April, 1918.

The "START LINE" in 'Instructions for the Defensive No. 1', will be altered to conform.

2. Battery S.O.S. Lines will be as follows:-

12th. Battery - E.20.c.00.65 - E.19.b.75.65.
10th. " - E.19.b.75.65 - E.13.d.50.55.
11th. " - will superimpose 4th. A.F.A. Brigade front from - E.20.c.00.65 - E.13.d.50.55.
104th.How.Bty. - 3 Hows on road E.14.c.45.60 - E.20.b.35.45.
- 3 Hows on road E.14.c.30.00 - E.20.b.35.45.

13th. Battery - E.13.d.50.55 - E.14.a.00.00 - E.14.a.20.50.
15th. " - E.14.a.20.50 - E.8.c.50.00 - E.8.c.60.60.
14th. " - will superimpose 5th. A.F.A. Brigade front from - E.13.d.50.55 - E.14.a.00.00 - E.14.a.20.50 - E.8.c.50.00 - E.8.c.60.60.
105th.How.Bty. - 2 Hows on road E.14.a.62.00 - E.14.c.80.20.
- 1 How on road E.14.d.45.50 - E.20.b.55.65.
- 1 How on - E.20.b.55.65.
- 1 How on - E.20.b.80.30.
- 1 How on - E.20.b.55.50.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Issued at 2.30pm, 21st April, 1918.
Right Group Artillery Headquarters.

Copy No	To
1	4th. A.F.A. Brigade.
2	10th. Battery.
3	11th. "
4	12th. "
5	104th.How.Bty.
6	13th. Battery.
7	14th. "
8	15th. "
9	105th. How.Bty.
10	2nd. D.A.H.Q.(For information).
11	3rd(ARMY) A.F.A. Brigade(For information).
12	Left Group (For information).
13-14-15	War Diary.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 14.

ANNIHILATING FIRE.

From 6 a.m. 23rd April, 191[illegible], the following changes will take effect:-

1. This office Circular No. 8 is cancelled, with the exception of Para. 2.

2. Lanes T and U are allotted to 4th. A.F.A. Brigade and
Lanes V and W are allotted to 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

The SOUTHERN and NORTHERN Boundaries of Lanes are as follows:-

EAST and WEST Lines through:-

LANE T - X.20.a.30.00 and X.20.a.00.85.
U - X.20.a.00.85 and X.13.d.90.65.
V - X.13.d.90.65 and X.14.a.55.50.
W - X.14.a.55.50 and X.8.c.90.42..

Each Lane will then be divided by an East and West Line through:-

LANE T - X.20.a.00.45.
U - X.14.c.00.24.
V - X.14.a.25.10.
W - X.8.c.75.00..

3.(a) The NORTHERN portions of Lanes T and U will be covered by 10th. Battery.
The SOUTHERN portions of Lanes T and U will be covered by 12th. Battery.

Both the 11th. and 104th. Batteries will superimpose the 10th. and 12th. Batteries on the whole of each Lane.

(b) The NORTHERN portions of Lanes V and W will be covered by 15th. Battery.
The SOUTHERN portions of Lanes V and W will be covered by 13th. Battery.

Both the 14th. and 105th. Batteries will superimpose the 15th. and 13th. Batteries on the whole of each Lane.

4. Lanes are to be bounded on the West by a line to be known as the 'START LINE', 150 Yards East of 18-pdr. S.O.S. Lines, and on the East by a line 750 Yards East of 18-pdr S.O.S. Lines.

5. At Zero Hour to be notified by wire from this Headquarters as follows:-

"Prepare Lanes.....at.....(time) once (or more)".
Brigades will fire on their NORTHERN Lanesfirst and then on the remaining one. Procedure will be as follows:-

AT ZERO HOUR:- Open on 'START LINE' of respective NORTHERN Lanes creep at the rate of 100 Yards per 2 minutes to the Eastern limits, ceasing at Zero plus 14 minutes.

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AT ZERO PLUS 16 Minutes.- Open on 'START LINE' of respective SOUTHERN Lanes, creep at same rate to Eastern Limits.

AT ZERO PLUS 30 Minutes.- All fire will cease unless operation is to be repeated, when same procedure will obtain.

6. RATES OF FIRE.- 18-pdrs - 3 Rounds per Gun per minute.
4.5"Hows.- 2 Rounds per How per minute.

AMMUNITION to be used.- 18-pdrs. - 75% A, 25% A.X.
4.5"Hows. - H.E.with 106 Fuzes.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.-

Lieut.
Adjutent, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

To all recipients of Right Group Artilley Circular No. 13.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. Right Group Artillery Headquarters.

21st April, 1918.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

From 6am. 22/4/18 to 6am. 23/4/18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

Time	No. of rds. 18-pdr.	How.	Target.	Map Co-ordinate.	Remarks.
10am		50	Hostile Bty. in action.	E.15.c.50.50.	Silenced.
10.15am.		26	Hostile Bty.	E.15.d.82.60.	Silenced.
11am.	35		Zero Point.	E.21.a.10.00.	Calibration.
12noon.	10	10	Hostile Bty.	E.15.d.88.00.	Unknown.
2.15pm		90	Quarry	E.14.c.3.7.	Registration
3.30pm	37		Zero Point	E.21.a.10.00.	Calibration.
4.0pm		7	Hostile Bty.	E.15.d.88.00.	
4.25pm	20		Quarry	E.14.c.2.7.	Registration.
5.0pm	30		Zero Point	E.22.a.70.40.	Calibration.
6.0pm		30	M.G.	E.20.a.95.20.	
7.30pm		24	Hostile Battery	E.15.d.88.00.	
"		12	M.G.	E.20.a.95.20.	
8.10/8.20pm	48		Roads & tracks	E.26.c. & d.,E.20.d.	Harassing fire
9.30pm	100		do do	do do	do
9.30pm - midn't.	100		Roads "A.3."	E.15.	do
10.10pm	60		do	E.15.b.	do
10.20pm	60		Railway "A.3"	E.15.b. & c.	do
10.30pm	90		Bridges	E.21.c. & d.	do
11.40pm	50		Dump	E.16.c. & E.22.a.	
11.0pm	50		do	do do	
12 mdn't	130		Roads & M.G.	E.22.a.,E.20.a.95.20.	do
12mdn't - 2.30am		96	Railway & Road Junctions	E.16.a. & b., E.14.b. and E.15.c.	do
2.5am	20		Rds.,approaches	DERNANCOURT	do
4.0am & 2.30am	50	120	Enemy Dumps	E.16.c., E.22.a.	
2.30am/5am	100		A.3.	DERNANCOURT.	do
4.15am	30		Rds.,approaches	E.16.b.	do
	100		Enemy dumps	E.16.c., E.22.a.	
4.30am		80	Roads etc.,	DERNANCOURT	do
5.15am.	30		VIVIER MILL	E.16.a.	
"	20		Road Juct.	E.16.a.95.65.	do
5.30am.	10		Bridge	E.16.a.70.20.	
5.30am.	10		Road Junt.	E.21.a.80.90.	do.
6am.	30		Road.	E.16.a.40.10. - E.16.a.70.20.	Harassing Fire

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds..	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
8.30am	100	10.5cm,77mm	E.10.c. & d.	Grid bg.100°	from D.16.d.50.00.
9.30am/10am	60	10.5cm	D.17.a.2.5.	Grid 90°	from D.23.a.2.2.
10.45/11.30am	300	15cm	D.10.d.		
11.45am/5pm	132	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
4.30/10pm	100	10.5cm & 15cm	LAVIEVILLE	ALBERT.	
6.0pm	30	10.5cm	D.10.a. & c.		
7.15/7.45pm	75	10.5cm	D.10.a. & c.		
8.15/8.45pm	50	10.5cm(Gas)	D.10.a.		
8.0pm	40	15cm	D.10.a.		
9.45pm	30	10.5cm(Gas)	D.10.b.		
11.45pm	20	15cm	D.10.b.		
12midn't	50	77mm	D.9.d.8.8.		

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AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- One only observed. This was up for about 10 minutes.

Enemy Planes.- At 11.15am, 2 crossed out lines from Direction of DERNANCOURT. One plane was brought down out of control in the direction of CORBIE.

Our Planes.- Very active all day, and dropped bombs on enemy targets.

NEW WORK.- Our Dug-outs at Gun positions progressing.
Enemy, that appear to be Dumps, are being built at K.2.c.2.6.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- A sniper was located in a trench at E.20.a.
Increased movement noticed in K.2.a., b. and c., also K.1.b.0.6.

VISIBILITY.- Low to 10 a.m., then Fair to noon, thence Good.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding. Right Group Artillery

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BOUNDARIES.

1. The Boundary between 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Division is from - S.19.Central Westward along the Grid Line to D.19.a.50.00 - A.24.Central.

The 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade is taking over from the 7th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, that portion of the Front between the old Boundary Line and S.19.Central, on the night April 22/23rd.

2. The C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division, will take over the Artillery Defence of that portion of the line at 6.0 a.m. 23rd April.

3. From 6.0 a.m. 23rd April, the amended Boundaries will be as follows:-

(a) INTER GROUP:- A line due East - D.8.c.00.50 - S.7.c.00.50 - R.8.c.00.40 thence due East.

(b) SOUTHERN BOUNDARY, RIGHT GROUP:-

A .24.Central to D.19.a.50.00 to R.19.Central, thence Eastwards along Grid Line.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

4th. A.F.A. Brigade. H.Q.
13th. Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
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Right Group Artillery Headquarters.
22nd April, 1918.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 23.4.18 to 6 a.m. 24.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	TARGET.	MAP REFERENCE.	REMARKS.
8.35am	30		Aerodrome	K.3.b.Central	
9.30am	11		do	do	
9.45am		20	Dug-outs	E.20.d.1.8.	Direct hits.
10.am	50		Movement	K.2.d.1.7.	
1.15p.m.		12	Dug-out	E.21.a.32.95.	do
2.5pm		35	Quarry	E.14.c.3.7.	do
2.30pm	34		Movement	E.20.d.3.2.	
4.30pm	146		Zero Point	E.26.a.25.50.	Calibration
4.45pm		22	House	E.20.b.o.7.	Registration
5.0pm		8	Chimney	E.22.a.6.4.	do
	20		Zero Point	E.26.a.3.5.	do & checking corrector
5.50pm		14	Dug-outs	E.21.a.32.95.	
6.40pm	20		Movement	K.2.c.1.7.	
7.40pm	48		Roads	E.21.a. & c.	Harassing fire
9.20pm	20		House	E.21.a.10.55.	
9.30pm	18		Rds.junction	E.21.a.80.88.	do do
	30		"A.3."	E.14.d.	do do
9.45/10.30pm	100		Lanes & dumps	E.22.a.5.8.	do do
10.pm	60	150	A.3. & roads	E.14.b.,c. E.15.a.	do do
	30		Dump	E.21.c.05.30.	
11.30pm	30		A.2. roads	E.16.	do do
11.45pm	50		B.1. roads	E.16	do do
12mdn't	90		Dump	E.22.a.	
12mdt/2.30am	100		A.3.	E.15.	do do
12.15am/12.20	50		Road & R'way.A.3.	E.15.b.	do do
2.30/5am		75	E.16.a Roads	E.16.a., E.15.b.	do do
4.0am	30		DERNANCOURT	E.20.b.,E.21.a.	do do
4.30am to) 5.45am)	600		S.O.S. Lines	Enemy put down barrage, no signal was seen.	
5.0am	20		Dump	E.21.c.05.30.	
6.0am		25	Dug-outs	E.15.c.8.8.	

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
9.30am/1pm	250	15cm	LAVIEVILLE	GIBRALTAR F.26.d.	
10am/12noon	10	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
12noon	50	10.5cm	D.10.b.	ALBERT.	
2.0pm	10	10.5cm	D.11.d.	do	
3.17pm	15	10.5cm	D.16.a.60.50.	do	
4/4.30pm	40	10.5cm	D.10.a. & b.	do	
345 to(am) 5.0am	*	(10.5cm, (15cm H.E. (and GAS.	D.9., D.10., D.15., D.16. principally.		Bombardment at rate of 25 rds per minute.

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AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- One observed in the air at Grid Bearing of 70° from D.16.d.25.05.

Enemy Planes.- Shewed considerably increased activity. 6 to 9 machines patrolling together. Several attempts made to cross our lines were frustrated by our A.A. Fire. One plane succeeded in crossing and flew very low over BAIZIEUX and forward positions. On one of these planes a circle was discerned painted around the cross.

OUR PLANES.- Were also active over enemy lines and frequently engaged hostile machines, three of which were observed to descend under control but apparently damaged. One of our planes was observed to drop bombs in BUIRE, and another which was observed firing machine gun on Infantry trenches in front of DERNANCOURT also dropped bombs on the enemy and silenced their A.A. guns in that vicinity.

NEW WORK.- Ours.- Dug-outs at Gun positions being improved.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Much greater activity reported, particularly on the CORBIE-BRAY-ALBERT Roads. Considerable numbers of Motor Lorries and Wagons as well Infantry with full packs being observed.

4.5" Hows. fired on Railway Embankment at E.21.a. 32.95. Smoke being observed to issue from that point. Direct hits were obtained.

MISCELLANEOUS.- From 3.45 to 5.am. an intense enemy bombardment over the whole of our sector and especially from LAVIEVILLE to BRESLE, searching and sweeping fire was opened with 15cm, 10.5cm and Gas shells. The rate of fire has ince slackened but still continues.

3 men reported killed and 11 wounded - 4 of latter from 4th. A.F.A. Brigade.

B.Lt. for
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery. AQD.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

CIRCULAR NO. 17.

Reference 'INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEN OFFENSIVE NO. 1, Appendix "A".'

HARASSING FIRE.

1. Right Group has been allotted the following areas for Harassing Fire:- A.2., A.3., B.1., B.2.

2. These areas are reallotted as follows:-

4th. A.F.A. Brigade - B.1., A.2.

5th. A.F.A. Brigade - B.2., A.3.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

4th. A.F.A. Bde.H.Q..
13th. Battery.
14th "
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 24.4.18 to 6 a.m. 25.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How	Target.	Map reference.	Remarks.
5am/7.30am 8.45pm & mdn't)	100		Roads & Rd.junctions	A.1., A.3., DERNANCOURT	Harassing fire.
to 5am	) 100		Roads &Railway	E.22.	do
9/10.30pm		96	Bridge & Square	E.20.b.,E.21.c.	do
9.40pm & 5am	100		Bridge & Roads	K.3.	do
9.30pm/mdn't	100		"A.3."	E.14.c.	do
9.35pm	48		Dump	E.22.a.	
9½45pm	54		Activity Centre	E.14.c.	do
9.55pm	48		do do	E.15.a. & b.	do
12.45am	30		VIVIER MILL	E.16.a.	do
1.15am	30		Activity Centre	E.14.c.	do
1.20am	30		Activity Centre	E.15.a.	do
1.35am	40		Dump	E.22.a.	do
1.40am	30		VIVIER MILL	E.16.a.	do
10.30/11.30pm	100		Roads &c.	DERNANCOURT	do
2am/5am	100		A.3. Roads &c.	do do E.15.	do

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds	Nature of Gun or How	Locality shelled.	Direction of Fire.	Remarks.
6am/7.30am till 10.30am	3000	10.5cm & Gas	D.10.s.		(Continuation of (bombardment 3.45
9am/2pm	Slow barrage	77mm & 10.5cm	Roads in D.16.,D.17. and E.7.	MEAULTE	
3.40pm	25	15cm	E.19., and E.24.d.	135°	from D.24.b.3.6.
8pm/11.30pm	(40	15cm			
	(60	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE.		
11.30/12.30am	40	10.5cm & 15cm	do	do	
2.30am &	10				
3.20am	10	10.5cm	do	do	
4.10am	20	77mm Gas	D.10.		
4.15am	10	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE.		
5am/6am	20	15cm & 10.5cm	do	do	

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- Nil.
Enemy Planes.- One crossed our lines and flew over
BRESLE. Our Planes.- Active during afternoon and night.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- ~~10 a.m. Several men noticed in Dug-out in embankment at K.2.c.1.7.~~
~~2.0pm Working party of 12 observed building bridge at E.20.d.3.2. Dispersed by 18-pdrs.~~ Movement noticed at end of Trench at E.20.a.00.10. where deep dugout appears to be.

NEW WORK.- Ours.- Dug-outs at Gun positions being improved.
Enemy.- Nothing observed.

VISIBILITY.- Low.

MISCELLANEOUS.- From 9.30am, the situation has been unusually quiet.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery..

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 25.4.18 to 6 a.m. 26.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds. 18-pdrs.	4.5"Hows.	Target.	Map reference.	Remarks.
3pm/4.30pm	30		Zero Point	E.26.a.30.47.	Registration.
4/5.30pm		92	Bridge	E.20.b.5.5.	Direct hits.
5.30pm		31	Dump	E.22.a.0.6.	
4/6pm		75	House & Quarry	E.26.a. & E.14.d.	Calibration
10.10pm	60		XRoads MEAULTE.	(E.17.b.6.2., E.17.c.2.7., (and E.16.d.5.5.	
10.25pm	53		Dump	E.22.a.	
10.30/11pm & 4am/5am	100		Roads, Tracks & Bridge	K.2. , K.3., and E.22.	Harassing fire.
10pm/11pm		96	Bty.position & rds.	E.15.a.2.2. & E.15.c.45.10.	
11pm/mdn't & 4am/5am	100		Areas A.2. and B.1.		Harassingfire
10.30/mdn't		100	Areas A.3. and B.2.	E.14., 15., 16.,	do do
mdn't/6am	100		Road. DERNANCOURT &	E.25. & K.2.	do do
mdn't to 2.30am	100		A.3.	E.14.c.	do do
2.30/2.36am	72		(Minor operation)	E.14.c.	
3.30/3.35am	60		do do	E.14.c.	
2.30am	72		Road	E.13.d.50.62. to E.13.b.90.00.	Minor) Operation.
3.0am/3.10am	40		Road	E.14.d.	
3.30am	60		Road E.13.d.50.62 -	E.13.b.90.00.	do do
4.0am	60		Embankment E.14.b.9.4. -	E.15.a.3.3.	
			do	E.15.a.0.1. -	E.15.a.3.1.
2.30/3.35am	132		Road E.13.d.50.62. -	E.13.b.90.00.	do do
5.30am/7am	100		A.3.	E.15.	Harassing
2.30am		95 6"Newtons	Mortars	E.14.c.20.80.	fire.

(Operation Order No. 11)

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

TIME.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun Or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
145/2.15pm	30	77mm	D.23.c.	MEAULTE.	
2pm/6pm	60	77mm	D.13. and D.19.		
4.15pm	10	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
4.10pm/4.35pm	25	10.5 cm	BUIRE D.29.	MORLANCOURT.	
4.45/5.10pm	20	10.5cm	J.5.		
6pm	3	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
7.45pm	5	10.5cm	D.9.b.		
8.15pm	48	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
9.20pm	20	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
9.45pm	20	10.5cm & Gas	D.10.a.		1 Dugout hit
10.30pm	5	10.5cm Gas	D.10.a.		

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- None observed.
Enemy Planes.- 12.30pm, only one seen for a few minutes. This was over our front line.
Our Planes.- Moderately active during the day, patrolling over enemy front line. Enemy rifle and M.G. fire was directed against these from the Quarry.

NEW WORK.- Ours.- Deepending of dug-outs at Gun positions, strengthening shelters &c., being proceeded with.
Enemy.- Nothing observed.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Nothing observed.

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VISIBILITY.- Nil to 9.30 a.m. Low to medium for remainder of the day.

MISCELLANEOUS.- At 2.30 a.m. a Minor Operation was carried out by Trench and Stokes Mortars with covering fire from our Artillery. The object was to destroy enemy dug-outs and strong-points. Result is not yet known.

A number of 18-pounder Fuze caps have been found in and around shell holes created by the enemy bombardment of 24th instant.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

1. A Minor Operation will be carried out by Trench and Stokes Mortars in conjunction with Right Group Artillery.

2. The policy is to destroy dug-outs and strong-points by Trench Mortars under cover of Artillery Fire.

3. Task Table attached.

4. Zero Hour is 2.30 a.m. 26th instant.

5. Watches will be Synchronised by 'Phone at 9.0 p.m. from Right Group Artillery Headquarters.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Issued at 7.30 p.m. 25th April, 1918.
Right Group Artillery Headquarters.

Copy No	1	to	File.
	2		13th. Battery.
	3		14th. "
	4		15th. "
	5		3rd Battery, 6" Newton Mortars.
	6.		7th L.T.M. Battery.
	7		Right Infantry Brigade.
	8		Brigade Liaison Officer.

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TASK TABLE.

(TO ACCOMPANY RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION)
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Zero to Zero plus 6	-	L.T.M.Battery and 6" Newton Mortars on Road - E.13.d.50.62 - E.13.b.90.00. 13th. Battery will search and sweep all roads, tracks and Banks in E.14.c. 14th. Battery on road E.13.d.50.62 - E.13.b.90.00.
Zero to Zero plus 2	-	15th. Battery on road E.13.d.50.62 - E.13.b.90.00.
Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 6.	-	15th. Battery will search back 100 Yards each minute.
Zero plus 6 to Zero plus 60.	-	All Fire will cease.
Zero plus 60 to Zero plus 65.	-	The above programme will be repeated as for the FIRST Five minutes.
RATES OF FIRE.	-	7th L.T.M. Battery - Zero to Zero plus 6 - 3 rounds per mortar per minute. Z plus 60 - Z plus 65 - 4 rds
per Mortar per min. throughout.	-	6" Newton Mortars - 3 rounds per mortar per minute
throughout.		18-pdrs.Batteries - 2 rounds per gun per minute
AMMUNITION.-		18-pdrs. - 50% "A" and 50% "AX". 106 Fuzes to be used.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS - REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 26.4.18 to 6 a.m. 27.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

Time.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	Target.	Map reference .	Remarks.
12.30pm/2pm	250			E.20.a.99.30.	Calibration
3pm	26		Movement	E.19.d.70.70.	
4/5.30pm	85		Roads & Bridge	E.20.d.,E.26.a.	Haras'g fe
4pm		10	E.20.a.95.30.	Checking registration.	
4.5pm	36		E.20.b.0[illegible].35.	Reg. & Checking corrector	
4.30pm	XX	20	Trench	E.19.b.75.30.	
	5		BECOURT	F.7.c.55.80.	Pits
4.45 and 8pm	30		Cross Roads	E.11.a.	specially
5pm	10		SandPits	E.18.d.	prepared.
	XX	30	Bridge	E.20.b.5.5.	
6pm to 11.30pm		165	Suspected Headquarters and tracks	E.15.d.75.50) E.18.c.	Harass--ing fire.
8.15pm	30		Tender Spot	E.15.b.30.82 -E.9.d.10.10	) Located on
8.25pm	30		Track	E.15.b.0.2. - E.15.b.5.3.	) Air Photo
8.30pm	30		Dump	E.22.a.	
8.35pm	30		Cross Roads	E.16.d.5.5.	
9.30pm/mdn't	100		A.8.	E.15.Central.	H'g fire.
mdn't to 2.30am		120	E.8.b. & d.,E.9.a.&b.,	E.15.a. & b.	do do
2.30/5am	100		A.8.	E.14.c.	
5am/5.15am	60		VIVIER MILL & Road	E.16.a.	do do
5.45/6am	40		Roads A.3.	E.15.b.	do do

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

Time.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
12.15pm	150	10.5cm	D.18.	120°	G.B.from D.23.a.o3
7.30pm	20	10.5cm	D.11.a. and c.		ALBERT
8.35 & 10.40pm	22	10.5cm	D.9.b.		ALBERT
9.30pm	6	10.5cm	D.9.b.		
10.30 & 11.45pm	12	10.5cm	D.9.d.		
9pm/10pm	50	10.5cm	D.10.a.		
11.55pm/3am	28	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE.		ALBERT.
12.15am	8	77mm	D.10.c.		
3.0am	9	77mm	D.10.b.		
3.15am	10	10.5cm	D.10.a.		

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.-) Nothing observed.
Enemy Planes.-)

Our Planes.- At 5pm, one was seen patrolling front lines.

NEW WORK.- Enemy.- Trench at E.13.d.90.95.
Ours.- Deep dug-outs at gun positions progressing

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- Slight movement noticed at E.19.d.

VISIBILITY.- Low during forenoon, improving to medium during afternoon.

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Commanding, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 27.4.18 to 6 a.m. 28.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

Time.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How	Target.	Map reference.	Remarks.
9.40am	20		Working Party	E.15.d.1.3.	
11/11.30am		80	House	E.26.a.	Calibration.
1.0pm		20	Machine Gun	E.21.a.15.85.	Good effect.
2.0/4.0pm		80	Quarry & DERNANCOURT Ch:	E.14.c.,/E.21.c.	do
3.0pm	100		House	E.20.a.95.28	Regist'n.
3.20pm	80		Cross Roads	E.20.b.85.30.	
4.0pm		30	Trench & Dugout	E.13.d.5.6.	Good effect
5.0pm		12	Trench & movement	E.20.b.15.60.	do
9.30pm		48	Suspected H.Q.	E.15.d.75.50.	
10.30pm		48	Trench	E.20.b.15.60.	
11pm/mdn't	100		Area A.3.		
10.40pm	45		Battery	E.13.d.2.7.	(Taken from (Air Photo'
11.10pm	45		Activity Centre	E.15.b.,/E.9.d.	Harassing
11.35pm	45		do do	E.9.b.	do. fire.
Mdn't	45		Bridge	E.10.c.75.60.	Air Photo'
	100		A.5.	E.9.	Harassing fire.
2.30/5am		100	A.5. and A.6.	E.8., E.9.	do do
3.0am	20			E.19.d.70.73.	
8.30pm, 4.30am and 5.30am	100		A.3.		do do

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

Time.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
9am/11am	100	15cm	D.11.		No damage
9.45am	10	15cm	D.8.b.	DERNANCOURT	
11.15am	25	15cm	D.16.a. & b.	MORLANCOURT	
noon	50	15cm	D.8.b.	DERNANCOURT	
2.15pm	15	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE	MORLANCOURT	
3/3.30pm	20	15cm	do	ALBERT.	
4/5pm	20	15cm	D.10.a.	MORLANCOURT	
5.30pm	20	15cm	D.8.b.	DERNANCOURT	
8.0/11pm	200	10.5cm	LAVIEVILLE	ALBERT	
4.0/5.0am	30	10.5cm	do	DERNANCOURT	

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Our observation planes very active all day.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.- A small party of enemy were observed at E.15.d.1.3. and were fired on and dispersed. Forward gun of 11th Battery fired on forage wagons: nodirecti hits were obtained, but traffic ceased

NEW WORK.- Enemy.- New earth and two new foot bridges at E.22.a.3.5.

Ours.- 14th, 15th, and 105th Batteries are progressing with underground dug-outs, enlarging same and putting bunks in. A party of men under D.A. Engineer Officer are cutting necessary timber from forest in vicinity of BAIZIEUX.

VISIBILITY.- High - Slight rain during afternoon..

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE & OPERATIONS REPORT.
From 6 a.m. 28.4.18 to 6 a.m. 29.4.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

Time.	No. of rounds. 18-pdr.	4.5"How.	Target.	Map reference.	Remarks.
5.30am/9.30am	64		Transport.	E.15.d.	2 direct hits & stoppage of
8.30am	30		Working Party	E.15.c.6.8.	Dispersed (t'port
8.40am	30		4 Gun Battery	E.10.d.2.7.	From Air Photo
9.10am	24		Movement & C'house	E.20.a.85.90.	2 direct hits.
10.40am	27		M.G.Emplacement	E.20.a.30.60.	
12moon	31		House	E.20.b.95.30.	Calibration.
2.35pm	54		Calibration		Obs. good.
4.0pm	56	80	Trench, E.20.b.15.60 & E.13.d.4.4.		Effective
4.30pm	74		Checking Calibration.		(results on trench
5.40pm	12		Corrector shoot.		Cor. 152.
5.50pm	16		Machine Gun	E.21.a.22.9.3.	(Harassing fire)
11.0pm	~~100~~	100	Machine Gun	E.20.b.9.3.	/ /
11pm/mdn't	100		Roads	E.21.a.8.8.	do do
12.30am	20		Railway Embankment	E.9.d.28.15.	do do
12.45am	20		Bridge	E.16.a.60.48.	do do
1.15/1.30am	40		R'way & Cross Rds.,	E.15.c.80.55 and E.9.d.20.88.	do do
2.15am	20		Bridge & Roads	E.10.c.80.68.	do do
3.45/4.30am		150	Machine G.Emplacement,	DERMANCOURT	do do
5.0/7.30am	100		Area A.3.		

ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

Time.	No. of rounds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
10am to 12noon	Intermittent firing.40	10.5 cm	LAVIEVILLE	MEAULTE.	
3.0pm	20	10.5cm	do	105° G.B.	from D.10.d.2.4.
4.30pm	18	15cm	D.24.b.Central	119° G.B.	from D.24.b.4.7.
8.0pm	10	15cm	LAVIEVILLE	95° G.B.	from D.10.d.2.4.
5.20am	30	77mm	D.9.b.	-	-

AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Enemy Balloons.- Nil.
Enemy Planes.- Nil.
Our Planes.- 1 observed in afternoon.

MOVEMENT.- Enemy.- Considerable movement in E.9.c.26.
Two men, apparently snipers, observed at E.13.d.4.4.
Two wagons carting hay in E.15.d.

NEW WORK.- Ours.- Extension of dug-outs continued.
Enemy.- Continuation of Trench in E.20.a.30.10.

VISIBILITY.- Very Low.

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