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September 1918



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

Copy No. 2...

Headquarters,
August 31st 1918.

Reference Map:
Sheet 62C 1/40,000

ORDER No. 152.

1. INFORMATION.

The 5th A.I.Bde. is now holding the Divisional front on the general line I.21.central - I.16.a.central - I.10.c.central - FEUILLACOURT (inclusive).

The 5th Aust.Div. is crossing the river at FEUILLERES and moving round North of PERONNE with the object of taking the high ground about I.19. and I.25. The 3rd Aust.Div. has reached the general line of the PERONNE - BAPAUME road, North of FEUILLACOURT and is moving in a North-Easterly direction to reach the high ground about C.18. and C.22.

2. INTENTION.

The 6th A.I.Bde. is to move to a position of support in I.14. and I.20. and mop up the ground in I.14, I.20., and I.26, afterwards passing through the 5th A.I.Bde. in its battle position and advancing in a North-Easterly direction within the Divisional boundaries with the general line D.19.central - D.26.c.O.O.- J.8.central as objective.

3. ARTILLERY PLAN.

(a) The Artillery to support the advance of the 6th A.I.Bde. will be the 4th A.F.A.Bde. and 16th Army Bde.R.H.A. under the O.C. 4th A.F.A.Bde.

(b) These F.A.Bdes. will move in succession, 16th Army Bde.R.H.A. first, into forward positions East of CLERY, in order to be able to give close support to the 6th A.I.Bde. when the advance commences.

(c) 5th A.F.A.Bde., 5th Army Bde. R.H.A., and 298th Army Bde.R.F.A. will, until the 6th A.I.Bde. advance commences remain covering the 5th A.I.Bde. battle position.

When the 6th A.I.Bde. passes through, these F.A.Bdes. will become Divisional Reserve, remaining in present positions.

4. HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters 6th A.I.Bde. will be in Quarry at H.15.o.3.3.

2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. remains at G.25.d.3.4.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 1.30 p.m to			
4th A.F.A.Bde.	1.	2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.	8
5th " "	2	2nd Aust.Div.	9
5th Army Bde.RHA.	3	5th A.I.Bde.	10
16th " " "	4	6th A.I.Bde.	11
298th Army Bde.RFA.	5	7th A.I.Bde.	12
9th Bde.R.G.A.	6	R.A.Aust.Corps.	13
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	7		
		H.A.Aust.Corps	14-15
		5th Aust.D.A.	16
		3rd Aust.D.A.	17
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TO 5th A.F.A.

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6th A1 Bdr is moving to support positions in I14 and I20 after clearing ground in I14 I20 and I26 They are to pass through 5th A.F.A. Bdr in Bdr position and advance North East with the line D19 Central D26 C00 D18 Central as objective a a a 6th A1 Bdr will be supported by 4th A.F.A. and 16th RHA Bdr as 4th A.F.A. Bdr group 16th RHA Bdr will proceed river and take up position

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TO
5th Div

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3rd & Aust. Corps are to continue the attack on 3rd Div AAA Objective of 3rd Corps is the high ground running NE from AIZEBOU-RT-LE-HAUT to NURLU 7th AI Bde is to form a defensive flank to this advance facing SE along the line I 16a 2.2 KOROS ALLEY - RUPRECHT TRENCH the ST DENIS - AIZEBOURT - LE-HAUT ROAD to AIZEBOURT-LE-HAUT (inclusive) AAA Zero hour for above 5.30 am AAA AM 6 am 5th Div is to attack with

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high ground T23 & T24 as objective AAA 5th Div advance 7th AI Bde will conform by evening RT flank AAA Southern Divnl Boundary E & W Line thro' I 16 C 00 AAA Northern Divnl Boundary & Inter-corps Boundary E & W Line thro' C 28 Cent. 7th AI Bde attack will be supported by 8th Bde RFA plus H H AAA Action of F.H will be in accordance verbal instructions issued at Conference Barrage will open on Start line

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TO 3

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rest there for 10 mins then
 Left on ~~left~~ selected
 points at following average
 rates AAA 100 yds per 3 mins
 298 Bde RMFA and Southern
 Bde 4th Bde Group AAA 100
 yds per 4 mins Northern
 Bde 4th FA Bde Group AAA
 100 yds per 5 mins 3rd Army
 Bde 14th Army Bde 5th Bde
 RHFA & 3rd ADA AAA 4th
 Bde Group will effect
 Liaison with 7th H Bde AAA
 5th HFA Bde will supply
 two sections 1 to work each
 of centre & Left Bns for
 close support Remainder

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of Bde & 4th HFA Bde Group
 will move forward on com-
 pletion of Passage in accord-
 ance with orders already
 issued. AAA Acknowledged
 HFA added 4th HFA Bde
 Group 5th Army Bde RHFA
 298 Bde RFA 3rd AFMA
 Bde 3rd ADA 3rd HFA
 Bde Group Reptd. 2nd Aus
 Div & 6th H Bde

FROM 2nd Aus Div
 PLACE & TIME 4 15 am

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TO NUM1

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
BM 77	4/9	—	

Reference 2nd Aus D.A.
order 152 para 4 (b)
all moves will be
made by road N of
river Somme otherwise
no restraint. Addressed
all units 2nd Aus N. A.
Repeated 2nd Aus Niv.

FROM	2 nd Aus W. A.
PLACE & TIME	3.50 pm

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Appendix 153

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

Copy No. 7...

Headquarters,
September 4th 1918.

Reference Map:
Sheet 62C 1/40,000

ORDER No. 153.

1. (a) The following re-adjustments of the Aust. Corps front will be made to-night September 4th/5th 1918 :-
 - (i) The III Corps is to take over the Corps front as far South as the E. and W. grid line through I.12. central.
 - (ii) The 5th Aust. Div. is to take over the front as far North as above grid line.
- (b) The 2nd Australian Division is to withdraw on September 4th to the CAPPY Area and will be in Corps Reserve.

2. The following Field Artillery Brigades will pass to 5th Aust. Division at 6 p.m. September 4th :-
 - 5th Army Bde. R.H.A.
 - 16th Army Bde. R.H.A.
 - 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.
 - 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.

3. (a) The Field Artillery of the 5th Aust. Div. will from 6 p.m. September 4th be grouped as follows :-

GROUP	COMPOSITION.	UNDER	COVERING FRONT FROM E. & W. GRID LINE THROUGH.
Right (H.Q.N.16.d.2.2)	5th Army Bde. R.H.A. 13th A.F.A. Bde. 14th A.F.A. Bde.	O.C. 13th A.F.A. Bde.	As detailed by O.C. Group.
Left (H.Q.I.1.a.6.0.)	3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. 14th Army Bde. R.F.A. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.	O.C. 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A.	I.24. central to I.12. central
16th Army Bde. R.H.A. (H.Q.H.12.b.7.3)	16th Army Bde. R.H.A.	O.C. 16th Army Bde. R.H.A.	do. (Superimposed).
- (b) The H.Q. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. will take over the present H.Q. of the 5th A.F.A. Bde. at H.12. central by 6 p.m. to-day also the positions at present occupied by the 11th, 13th, 15th and 105th Batteries, occupation of positions to be complete by 10 p.m. September 4th.
- (c) The H.Q. 5th Army Bde. R.H.A. will move by 6 p.m. to the present H.Q. of the 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. at H.34.d.6.4. and report at once for instructions to O.C. 13th A.F.A. Bde.
- (d) Telephone lines from 5th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q. and 298th Army Bde. R.F.A. H.Q. will be left intact.
- (e) The 16th Army Bde. R.H.A. will be prepared to move at short notice.

4. (a) Moves of the 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. to the vicinity of BRAY will be carried out as follows :-
 - (i) 4th A.F.A. Bde. (less 11th Battery) and 14th Battery will withdraw from action at 7 p.m. September 4th.
 - (ii) 5th A.F.A. Bde. (less 14th Bty.) and 11th Bty. will withdraw from action when their positions have been taken over by the 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.
 - (iii) 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will move at 6 p.m.

P.T.O. / 4 (b).

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4. (b) Details regarding billeting areas and routes to be taken will be issued later.
- (c) Distances as laid down in SS. 724 will be maintained.
- (d) Completions of all moves will be reported.
- (e) Full echelons will be carried.
5. Ammunition in pits will be taken over as follows :-
 - (a) 298th Army Bde.R.F.A. (less D/298) by 5th Army Bde.R.H.A.
 - (b) 5th A.F.A.Bde.(less 14th Bty) and 11th Bty. by 298th Army Bde.R.F.A.
 - (c) 4th A.F.A.Bde. (less 11th Bty), 14th Battery, and D/298, under arrangements to be made by 5th Aust.Div.Arty.
6. (a) 5th Aust.D.A.H.Q. is at N.9.d.5.0.
- (b) 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will remain at G.25.d.3.4.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 2.30 p.m to

	Copy No.	
4th A.F.A.Bde.	"	1 - 5
5th A.F.A.Bde.	"	6 -10
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	"	11 -14
Right Super.Group	"	15 -16
Left Super.Group	"	17 -18
16th Army Bde.R.H.A.	"	19
2nd Aust.D.T.M.O.	"	20
2nd Aust.Div.	"	21
5th A.I.Bde.	"	22
6th A.I.Bde.	"	23
7th A.I.Bde.	"	24
R.A.Aust.Corps.	"	25
H.A.Aust.Corps.	"	26 -27
51st Bde.R.G.A.	"	28
S.O.2nd Aust.Div.Troops.	"	29
20th Coy.A.A.S.O.	"	30
5th Aust.D.A.	"	31
74th Div.Arty.	"	32
File	"	33
War Diary.	"	34 -36
Spares.	"	37 -42

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Map
Sheet 62C, 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
11th September 1918.

ORDER No. 154.

1. (a). The 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) will move on September 11th and 12th into the 1st Aust. Divisional (Northern) Area of the Australian Corps.
(b). On arrival the above units will come under the command of the C.R.A. with the 1st Aust. Division and become Divisional Mobile Reserve. officiating
(c). Command of the Field Artillery covering the 1st Aust. Division passes at 10am. September 12th from C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division to C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division.
2. The move will be carried out in accordance with attached March Table.
3. Distances on the march will be maintained as laid down in S.S. 724.
4. Full echelons will be carried out by all units.
5. Units will report their arrival in the 1st Aust. Divisional Area to the officiating D.A.H.Q., repeating by wire to 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q.
6. Acknowledge.
Ø H.Q. at I 36.b.3 O.

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

Issued at 6 am. to:-

4th A.F.A. Bde.	Copy No.	1 *	R.A. Aust. Corps	Copy No.	11
5th " "	" "	2 *	H.A. " "	" "	12
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	" "	3 *	1st Aust. D.A.	" "	13 *
" " D.T.M.O.	" "	4	3rd " "	" "	14 *
" " Div.	" "	5	4th " "	" "	15
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	" "	6	5th " "	" "	16
6th " " "	" "	7	File	" "	17
7th " " "	" "	8	War Diary	" "	18 - 20
20th Coy. A.A.S.C.	" "	9	Spares	" "	21 - 25
S.O., 2nd Aust. Div. Troops	" "	10			

P.T.O.

* By Special D.R.

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MARCH TABLE (issued with 2nd D.A. Order No.154 of 11:9:18).

SERIAL No.	UNIT.	DATE.	FROM.	TO	STARTING TIME.	POINT.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
1	5th A.F.A. Brigade.	Sept. 11th	BRAY - CAPPY Area.	Wagon Lines as follows:- H.Q. J.25.b.5.7. 13th Bty -J.33.b.1.2. 14th " J.31.b.9.4. 15th " J.31.d.1.4. 105th " J.25.a.0.0. (Sheet 62C.).	At discretion of O.C., Brigade.		At discretion of O.C., Brigade.	(a) Arrive by 4 pm. (b) Taking over wagon lines of 16th Army Bde. R.H.A. (c) Advanced parties to arrive at respective wagon lines by 12 Noon Sep.11th.
2	4th A.F.A. Brigade.	Sept. 12th.	do.	COURCELLES - TINCOURT.	8am.	Road Junction at L.24.c.3.0. (Sheet 62D)	CAPPY - HERBECOURT-BIACHES - Bridge at I.33.b.4.0.- PERONNE - DOINCT.	(a) Wagon Lines to be allotted by 1st D.A. (b) Advanced parties to report at 1st Aust.D.A.H.Q., I.36.b.3.0. (Sheet 62C) at 9am.Sep.12th.
3.	2nd Aust. D.A.C. (loss S.A.A. Section).	do.	do.	do.	8-45am.	do.	do.	do.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No.

Headquarters,
September 28th 1918.ORDER No. 155.

1. (a). The 2nd Aust. Div. T.M. Bde. will move by lorry on Sept. 28th from present location at BRAY to ROISEL.
(b). Transport arrangements will be notified by the Staff Captain, 2nd A.D.A.
2. H.Q., 2nd Aust. D.A. will close at 6 pm. Sept. 28th at CAPPY, re-opening at ~~I.36.b. (DOING)~~ on arrival.
J/ba 85.
3. Copies 1 - 4 to be acknowledged by wire.

C.A. Clowe
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Art.

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4th A.F.A. Bde.	1
5th " "	2
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	3
" " D.T.M.O.	4
12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	5
2nd Aust. Div.	6
R.A. Aust. Corps	7
H.A. " "	8
5th A.I. Bde.	9
6th " "	10
7th " "	11
16th Coy. A.A.S.C.	12
20th " "	13
S.S.C. 2nd Aust. Div.	14
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Spares	19-25.

BY
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYCopy No. *2**AMZ*
Headquarters,
20th September 1918.AMENDMENT TO SECOND AUST. D.A. ORDER No. 155.

1. Para 2, for " I.36.b. (DOINGT) "
read " J.16.a.8.5. "
2. Copies 1 to 4 to be acknowledged. *✓*

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

Issued at 8 p.m. to

All recipients

Order 155.*5th Aza Bde*

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Appendix 1918

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,
26th. September, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 228.

Issued with General Staff Order No. 219 of 26/9/1918.

AREA STORES. All tents and shelters on issue to units will be returned to Area Commandant CAPPY and receipts obtained.

PACKS. Will be carried on the man.

BLANKETS. Lorries have been detailed for conveying blankets to report to Church, CAPPY, to pick up unit guides at 4 p.m. to-morrow. Guides will report to Captain GALLASCH at the above location and time and will guide vehicles to unit lines and from there to new area.

The following vehicles have been detailed :-

5th. A.I. Brigade Group	...	5 Lorries
6th. A.I. Brigade Group	...	5 "
7th. A.I. Brigade Group	...	5 "
2nd. Pioneer Bn.	...	1 Lorry
2nd. A. M. G. Bn.	...	1 "

NUCLEUS PERSONNEL. All Nucleus Personnel and rear parties not accompanying units into the line will report to O.C. 2nd. Aust. Divn. Wing, Corps Reinforcement Camp LA CHAPELETTE on the evening of the 27th. instant. A nominal roll will be sent with details.

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LEAVE PERSONNEL. Will not be taken into the forward area but will be included with the Nucleus Personnel. A separate nominal roll will be forwarded with the details.

AMMUNITION. All ammunition issued as an emergency to Brigades and not required by units will be dumped in Brigade Dumps alongside lorry roads. Locations of Dumps will be wired immediately to D.H.Q.

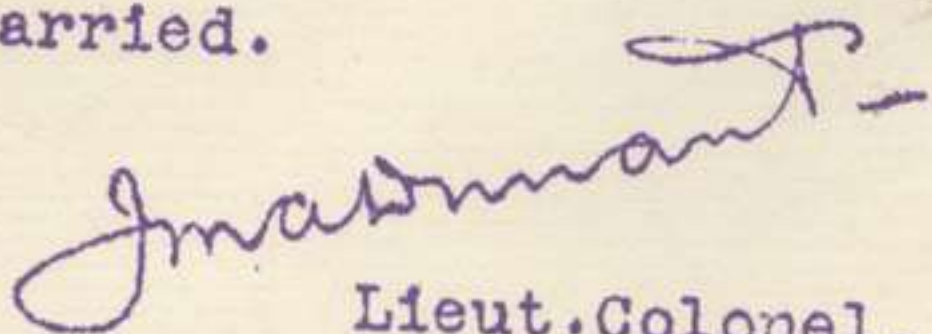
BILLETING. Units will arrange for billeting parties to be sent in advance to take over camps from the out-going units.
2nd. Aust. Divn. Train will take over from 3rd. Aust. Divn. Train, DOINGT.
S.A.A. Section 2nd. D.A.C. will take over from 3rd. D.A.C. at HALLE.

SUPPLIES Railhead - CARTIGNY commencing 28th. instant.
Supplies will be drawn by Horse Transport.

CANTEEN. Will move to DOINGT on the 27th. instant.

MOB. VET. SECTION. Moves to BUIRE in the PERONNE area on the evening of the 27th. instant.

MOBILE ECHELON. Full Echelon will be carried.


Lieut. Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

Copy No.

Headquarters,
September 6th 1918.Reference Map:
Sheet 620 1/40,000INSTRUCTIONS No. 21.1. INFORMATION.

The enemy is retiring on the front of the Aust. Corps and is being pressed by our advanced guards. We have taken BUSSU, DOINGT, le MESNIL-BRUNTEL, MONS-en-CHAUSSEE and ATHIES.

2. REORGANISATION OF FRONT.

The Corps front has been reorganised and the 32nd Division is now on the Right, 5th Aust. Division in the Centre, and 3rd Aust. Division on the Left.

3. INTENTION.

The advance is being continued by the divisions now in the line. Divisional boundaries are shown on the attached map.

4. METHOD OF ADVANCE.

(a) Each Division is being covered by an advanced guard consisting of a Brigade Group with a proportion of Artillery attached.

(b) The advance is being made in a series of bounds, the successive objectives being shown on the attached map. (*).

5. SUBSEQUENT MOVES.

At a later date the 1st Aust., 4th Aust. and 6th Divisions are passing through the 3rd Aust., 5th Aust. and 32nd Divisions respectively and continuing the advance.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major,

Brigade Major,

2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at 8 p.m. to

4th A.F.A. Bde. Copy No. 1 *

2nd Aust. D.T.M.O.

4 * File

5th A.F.A. Bde. " 2 *

2nd Aust. Division.

5 War Diary 8/11

2nd Aust. D.A.C. " 3 *

R.A. Aust. Corps.

6 Spares. 11/15

(*) Map to units of 2nd Aust. D.A. only.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No. 2

Ref. Map. Sheet 62C.,
1/40,000.

Headquarters,
Sept. 28th 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS No. 22.

1. (a) "Creeping Barrage Brigades" of Field Arty., as in para. 1(b) will, when their services are no longer required by the 1st and 4th Aust. Div. Artilleries, pass to Corps Reserve and be under the Command of the C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Div.
- (b). 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
12th Army Bde., A.F.A.,
65th " " R.F.A.,
84th " " " (less B /34).
25th Div. Arty.,
58th " "
86th Army Bde., R.F.A.,
104th " "
2. (a). It is anticipated that the 2nd Aust. Division may be used for exploitation purposes at a later stage in the operations. In this eventuality the Artillery supporting the 2nd Aust. Div. will be under the command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. and will be constituted as follows:-
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
12th Army Bde., A.F.A.
- (b). The above units will hold themselves in readiness to move at very short notice.
- (c). Map "A" herewith (to 2nd Aust. D.A. Units and 12th Army Bde. A.F.A. only) shows the four main roads which are to be prepared for traffic. They are colored BLACK, RED, YELLOW and BLUE and will be marked on the ground by sign-boards painted in the respective colors; of these the RED and YELLOW roads will probably be developed into M.T. roads

P.T.O.

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3. 2nd Aust. D.A.H.Q. will from 6 pm. Sept. 28th be at J.18.a.8.5.

4. Acknowledge.

C.A. Clowe

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

Issued at 8-15pm. to:-

Copy No.

4th A.F.A. Brigade	1	@
5th "	2	@
12th Army Bde.A.F.A.	3	@
"A" Bde.25th Div.Arty.	4	@
"B" " " " "	5	@
"A" Bde.58th " "	6	@
"B" " " " "	7	@
65th Army Bde.R.F.A.	8	@
84th " " " "	9	@
36th " " " "	10	@
104th " " " "	11	@
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	12	@
25th D.A.C.	13	@
58th " " " "	14	@
2nd Aust. Div.	15	@
5th Aust.Inf.Bde.	16	@
6th " " " "	17	@
7th " " " "	18	@
R.A. Aust. Corps	19	@
H.A. " " " "	20	@
1st Aust. D.A.	21	@
4th " " " "	22	@
25th Div. Arty.	23	@
58th " " " "	24	@
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3rd Aust. D.A.	37	
5th " " " "	38	

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Ref. Map - 62^C. 1/40,000.

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Location of Units as at 6 p.m., 28.9.18.

<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u>	- DOINGT.	I.36.b.3.3.
<u>2nd Aust. Div. Arty. H.Q.</u>	- DOINGT.	I.36.b.3.3.
<u>C.R.E.</u>	- DOINGT.	I.36.b.3.3.
5th Aust. Field Coy.	- J.25.b.5.4.	
6th do.	- P.15.c.0.0.	
7th do.	- J.33.a.4.6.	
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	- J.33.b.50.90.	
<u>5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	- I.24.a.5.5.	
17th Battalion.	- J.14.central.	
18th do.	- J.20.a.3.3.	
19th do.	- BUSSU.	
20th do.	- I.10.c.1.3.	
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	- I.10.c.1.3.	
<u>6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	- O.4.b.4.2.	
21st Battalion.	- I.36.c.7.7.	
22nd do.	- O.5.a.3.2.	
23rd do.	- P.7.a.4.8.	
24th do.	- P.7.c.6.9.	
6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	- O.4.b.4.2.	
<u>7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	- J.19.c.4.5.	
25th Battalion.	- I.30.b.5.6.	
26th do.	- I.36.b.1.5.	
27th do.	- J.32.a.0.1.	
28th do.	- I.36.b.0.4.	
7th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	I.36.b.0.5.
<u>2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.</u>	- BUIRE.	J.27.d.
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	- DOINGT.	I.36.b.3.3.
5th Aust. Field Amb.	- I.16.c.8.4.	
6th do.	- P.21.a.3.6.	
7th do.	- I.24.d.3.2.	
<u>2nd Aust. Div. Train.</u>	- DOINGT.	
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.	- J.22.c.9.8.	
16th do.	- J.32.a.5.8.	
17th do.	- J.31.c.8.8.	
20th do.	- J.22.c.9.2.	
<u>Miscellaneous.</u>		
D.A.P.M. D.A.D.V.S.)		
D.G.O. Paymaster.	- DOINGT.	I.36.b.3.3.
French Mission.	- DOINGT.	
D.A.D.O.S.	- DOINGT.	
2nd Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	- J.24.b.5.8.	

2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,
27th September, 1918.

[Signature]
Lient-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters.
29th September 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 111. COMMUNICATIONS.

The following routes are available for M.T. and H.T.:-

Peronne, Doingt, Tincourt, Roisel. Two-way M.T.

Peronne, Bussu, Longavesnes, Villers
Faucou. - do -Peronne, Nurlu, Lieramont, Villers
Faucou. - do -

Tincourt, Templeux la Fosse, Moislans - do -

Roisel - Templeux la Guerard - Hargicourt - Ronnsoy -
Villers Faucon. One way circuit to be completed- East
from Roisel, West from Hargicourt.

Roisel - Hervilly - Hargicourt. - H.T.

XRoads, L.15.a. - Villeret forward - H.T.

Templeux le Guerard - Ronnsoy - H.T.

Tincourt - Longavesnes - Villers
Faucou (North road) thence E.18.d. - H.T.Horse Transport will wherever possible use fair weather
tracks.2. AMMUNITION.

Railhead TINCOURT.

Corps Reserve Dump. - Sheet 62c. P.9.c.

2nd Div. Dump. " E.22.b.0.7.

3rd do. " E.22.b.0.7.

5th do. " K.23.c.8.7.

The Div. Bomb Officer with the S.A.A. Sec 2nd D.A.C. will
move forward in conformity with the Division. Location of Dump
will be notified Units by wire.3rd and 5th Aust. Divns. are also pushing forward their
dumps which will be available for this Division's use if required.
Brigades will arrange for necessary chain of guides to work the
Ammunition vehicles forward.3. WATER.The following Water Points have been opened up in the
forward area :-

			Stand Pipe	Dixie & Btl. Flr.	Horse Troughing
ROISEL	Sheet 62C	K.22.a.5.9.	2	1	100 feet.
"	"	K.11.c.2.4.	2	1	36 "

Additional Vehicles for carriage of reserve water have
been allotted as follows :-5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

1 G.S. Waggon with 300 Gallon Tank

2 G.S. Water Carts

WATER (Contd.)

6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

1 G.S. Wagon with 300 gallon tank.
1 G.S. Water Cart.
1 Motor Water Lorry (30 cwt.)

7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

2 G.S. Wagons with 300 gallon tank.
1 G.S. Water Cart.

A supply of petrol tins to replace wastage will be maintained at the Divisional Bomb Dump.

One Motor Water Tank Lorry will be held in Divisional reserve.

The C.R.E. can draw windlasses complete from BRAY TOMBIERE R.E. Dump and, if required, Horse Troughs are also available at Dump.

Arrangements have been made with the 230 A.T. Coy, R.E., for two 9000 gallon tanks and 4 Lift and force pumps to be erected as soon as the position admits.

Water will be pumped from the Canal into the tanks and sterilizing lorries will be moved forward and water delivered into carts direct if the situation permits.

Small GI tanks may be drawn if required for storage forward.

To provide for the exploitation of wells in the captured territory a party of tunnellers will be detailed to each forward area. Units will proceed with the testing and marking of wells as far as possible in the customary manner.

The C.R.E. will arrange for a party from each of the Field Coys, to supplement the exploitation and marking of wells, to be attached to their respective Bdes.

4. SUPPLIES.

One issue of rum is being held available for immediate issue on the Divisional Commander's authority.

One issue of pea soup is available for issue if required as a supplement to the Assault Ration.

5. ORDNANCE.

D.A.D.O.S. is located Sheet 62c. I.36.a. central.

The following Divisional allotment of Battle Stores is held by D.A.D.O.S. :-

50 pack saddles.
50 Carriers, water tin, pack saddle.
50 Wirecutters.
100 Hot Food Containers.

4500 Water Bottles have been delivered to Brigades to equip assaulting units to 2 bottles per man.

6. R.E. STORES.

To meet immediate demands the C.R.E. has been allotted 3 Pack Lorries loaded with R.E. Stores considered most likely to be needed. Supplies will be regulated through Field Coys.

7. VETERINARY.

Veterinary Evacuation Station TINCOURT - Sheet 62c.

J.29.c.5.5. M.V.S. located Sheet 62c. J.27.d.6.6.

Units will evacuate to M.V.S. Conducting parties will

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7. VETERINARY (Contd.)

hand over to M.V.S. and will then rejoin their units.

8. DIV. TRAIN.

Train Headquarters located Sheet 62c. I.24.c.6.4.

9. REMOUNTS.

Units urgently requiring animals to replace casualties will wire "Q" Branch the number and type required, together with particulars of casualties, viz., Killed, wounded and evacuated and evacuated for other reasons.

9. PRISONERS OF WAR.

The D.A.P.M. has been instructed to detail today 4 M.M.P. for attachment to Brigade H.Q. to take over P. of W. Arrangements will be made to supplement this personnel with a detachment of Light Horse or Cyclists when the necessity arises.

10. REINFORCEMENTS AND NUCLEUS.

Railhead - La CHAPELLETTE.

Reinforcements will be held at the Reinforcement Camp pending application from Units.

11. SALVAGE.

The Divisional Salvage Coy will continue working under Corps and will be located at TINCOURT Railhead. Units will as far as possible gather salvage into Dumps alongside roads.

12. CAPTURED TROPHIES.

No captured trophies will be removed from their captured positions but will be marked by Units responsible for capture.

A supply of labels for this purpose can be obtained from the Officer in Charge, Aust. War Records Section.

13. SANITATION.

Sanitary appliances will be held in and issued from all R.E. Dumps.

J. Madman

Lieut-Colonel.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Second Australian Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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APPENDIX

OPERATION ORDER No.104. -----

1. 1st & 2nd Aust. F.A.Bdes will move into action forthwith to positions already reconnoitred, to cover 1st A. I. Bde.

2. On arrival of 1st & 2nd A.F.A.Bdes into action, Brigades will be grouped as follows:-

RIGHT GROUP. - (covering 2nd Battalion, 1st A.I.Bde.)

Under Lt-Col GIBBINS, D.S.O. (14th Army Bde R.F.A.)

14th Army Bde, R.F.A.
2nd Aust. F.A.Bde.

LEFT GROUP. - (covering 4th Battalion, 1st A.I.Bde).

Under Lt-Col STEVENSON, C.M.G. (3rd Army Bde, AFA).

3rd Army Bde, A.F.A.
1st Aust. F.A.Bde.

3. Liaison with Battalions will be established under Group arrangements.

Both Group Commanders will maintain close liaison with G.O.C., 1st A.I.Bde. - H. Qrs - K.27.a.4.8.

4. Approximately 100 rounds per gun and how will be dumped at Battery positions.

5. Locations of Battery positions of 1st & 2nd A.F.A.Bdes will be wired to this office as early as possible.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Headquarters.

11.9.1918.

McNeill. Major.
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

To. R.A. & H.A. Aust Corps - 1st Aust Div. G. - 1st Aust D.Art.
5th Aust D. Art. - 74th Div. Art. - 1st & 2nd A.F.A.Bdes.
3rd Army Bde, AFA. - 14th Army Bde, RFA. - 5th A.F.A.Bde -
1st Aust. Inf. Bde - 1st Aust D.A.C. - B.M., S.C., R.O., R.
R.A.Sig. Ofcr. - War Diary - File.

From 3 p.m. 14/9/18 to 6 a.m. 15/9/18.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- (a) The enemy's artillery was considerably more active than during the previous 24 hours.

- Morning - (b) Intermittent shelling of HESBECOURT with 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. K.10.d also received special attention, and there was slight but frequent shelling of back Areas.
- Afternoon - Back Areas sprinkled with shrapnel and H.E.
- Night. - K.17, K.22 and K.23 was heavily shelled between 11 p.m. and midnight by 77 mm. and 15 cm. and between 12.30 a.m. and 1.20 a.m. those areas were subjected to Gas and H.E. The Gas seemed to be principally 77 mm. being BLUE and YELLOW Cross. Approximately 400 rounds were fired.
- (c) See para. (b) Night.
- (e) K.25, K.26, K.31, J.36, and J.35 were among the areas shelled by Long Range Guns. Not more than half a dozen rounds were fired on the same area at the same time. The gun was a 10.5cm (not H.V.) and had a very long range.

OUR ARTILLERY :-

Time.	No. of rds.		Target.	Co-ordinate.	Remarks.
	18-pdr.	4.5 How.			
5 p.m.	9	7	Trench	L.3.b.6.4.	Movement observed
5.15 p.m.		9	Farm	L.16.c.8.7.	do
10 p.m. to 6 a.m.	600	150	{ COK WOOD & Banks Valleys FERVAQUE FARM Road & Trench	{ L.10.c. L.9.a. L.16.c. L.16.d.2.4 to L.16.d.3.8.	{ Harassing fire

BALLOONS:- Enemy Balloons were up at Grid Bearing of 30° 38' 110° from K.23 .a.40.95.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 15/9/18 to 6 a.m. 16/9/18.

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Appendix ~~1812~~HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

- (1) (a) The enemy's fire was again strong and was a little heavier in forward areas than during the previous 24 hours but much lighter in back areas.
- (b) Afternoon.- K.23.a & c, K.29.a., b, and d were intermittently shelled by 10.5 cm and 15 cm. Hows. At 5 p.m. 50 rounds 15 cm. fell in HERVILLE. From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. a constant fire by 15 cm. How. was maintained on K.22 and K.23. about 300 rounds.

Night.- Shelling much lighter. ROISEL was frequently harassed.

- (c) 6 rounds of Gas - BLUE CROSS was reported at 9 p.m. in K.26.a.

N.B. The following Grid Sound Bearings were noted.-
From L.19.d.30.35. -

10.5 cm.	-	58°	43°	80°
15 cm.	-	60°	81°	

From K.18.c.75.50 -

77 mm.	-	54°	
10.5 cm.	-	94°	
15 cm.	-	50°	90°

OUR ARTILLERY:-

- (2) The was no enemy movement observed and the Infantry did not request any fire during the 24 hours. Registrations were carried out.
- (3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:-
Enemy balloons maintained steady observation all day. At 6.30 a.m. 6 ascended at grid bearings of 10° 13° 32° 51° 81° 102° from L.19.d.30.35. These were lowered frequently but reappeared from time to time.

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Ch R. B. B.
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 16/9/18 to 6 a.m. 17/9/18.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

- (1) (a) The enemy's fire was not quite so heavy as in the previous 24 hours.
(b) HERVILLY was frequently shelled during the afternoon by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm.

Afternoon.- K.17, K.22.b. K.23.a were subjected to bursts of fire by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. Hows..

Night.- Same areas occasionally shelled as during afternoon. 11 p.m. - 2 a.m. 150 rounds of 77 mm. fell in K.17 and K.16..

OUR ARTILLERY.

- (2) There was no movement to deal with and the Infantry did not request fire.
During the night 600 Rds. 18 Pdr., and 200 Rds. 4.5 How. were expended in harassing fire. FERRAQUE FARM L.16.a. QUARRIES in L.10.a., CHATEAU L.23.a. 40.10. Cross Roads L.16.a. were all continuously harassed.
- (3) AERIAL ACTIVITY.- The enemy's aerial activity was very limited. One or two planes only attempted to cross our lines, and his Balloons were only up from 1.45 p.m. to 3 p.m..

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St R. W. L. L. L.
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 21/9/18 to 6 a.m. 22/9/18.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

1. (a) In our immediate sector the enemy's shell fire was not noticeably heavy. During the night forward areas on either flanks were occasionally subjected to heavy bombardments.
- (b) F.29, 30, L.5. and 6. were shelled steadily during the whole day by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm.. The former was firing from a grid Sound Bearing of 61° from L.4.a.75.80. and the latter 97°. Approximately 800 shells fell up to 5 p.m. when it ceased.
- (c) 2 p.m. 35 rounds 10.5 (H.V.) cm. fell in ROISEL.

OUR ARTILLERY.

2. (a) 8.45 a.m. 250 18-Pdr. and 40 rds. 4.5 How. were expended harassing the trench system from A.26.d.75.50. to A.26.d.60.20.
In our sector little movement was observed. The smoke and dust from the constant harassing fire maintained, obscured the landscape and in any case prevented movement.
1 a.m. to 4 a.m. 600 rounds 18-Pdr. and 100 rounds 4.5 How. were expended in harassing trenches in G.3.d., G.9.b., G.9.a. and b., G.4.c. and A.27.c.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

3. The enemy showed much increased activity in the air. He constantly patrolled the front, several times attempted to cross our lines. His bombing planes were constantly active from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Between 5 and 6 a.m. two of his observing planes flew well over our lines and remained at least half an hour.

MISCELLANEOUS. Considerable transport movement was observed (and reported to Heavy gunners O.P.) about 8000 yards EAST of the front line. Two enemy Balloons were up at 5 p.m. for a few minutes. They rose at bearings of 87° and 114° from L.4.a.75.80.

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Stewart
 Lieut.-Colonel,
 Commanding, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 22.9.18 to 6 a.m. 23.9.18.

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1.(a) HOSTILE ARTILLERY. The enemy's shelling in our sector was lighter than during the previous 24 hours.

(b) No outstanding shoots were put down. L.4.c. a and b, L.6.a., L.11.c. L.5.c., L.9.b. VILLEMET and HARGICOURT were all intermittently shelled during the 24 hours. At 3.32 p.m. an area shoot was put down on L.4.a. and L.5.c.

(c) No GAS was recorded.

(d) No long range gun activity noted.

2. OUR ARTILLERY. 6.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. } 300 Rounds 18-Pdr. and 50 rds.
4.5 How. were expended in harassing MALAKOTT WOOD.

11 p.m. to 1 a.m. 600 rds. 18-Pdr. and 100 rds
4.5 How. were expended in harassing trenches in G.9.a. and b. the Sunken Road in G.46., banks and dugouts in G.10., MALAKOTT WOOD and trenches in G.3.b. and d..

3. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were very active during the morning. 3 E.A. crossed front line at 7.30 a.m., 2 at 7.50 a.m., 1 at 8.45 a.m., 1 at 11 a.m., 6 at 11.20 a.m., 3 at 11.45 a.m.. On each occasion planes were flying very low.

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for
Lieut. Col
Commanding, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 23.9.18 to 6 a.m. 24.9.18.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

1. (a) Scattered shelling only reported and in comparison to yesterday the past 24 hours showed no change in the shelling.
- (b) 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 150 rounds 4.2 and 5.9 fell in L.4.a., L.3.b. 5 p.m. 30 rounds 15 cm. gun on cross roads L.3.c.7.7.
7 p.m. 200 rounds 77 mm. and 4.2 (H.E. with a little Blue Cross mixed) on L.3.c. L.3.c. was shelled at intervals during the night -- approximately 400 rounds in all--.
The remainder of his shelling consisted of a few rounds scattered over all forward areas.

2. OUR ARTILLERY.

- (a) There was little movement observed within 18-Pounder range. Stray movement along the sunken Road in G.4.d. was from time to time fired upon. We carried out harassing fire from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. in the following areas:-
Sunken Roads A.27.d., G.9.a. and b., G.3.a., Roads in G.10.b., approaches to BELLICOURT and trenches C.3.b. a. and c.. 600 rounds 18-Pdr. and 100 rds. 4.5 How. were expended.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (a) Hostile aerial activity showed a very big decrease on the previous 24 hours.
- (b) During the night the enemy was using a number of double and triple Red Flares. The latter were easily distinguishable from our S.O.S.

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L. Roberts
Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

APPENDIX

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.
SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 24.9.18 to 6 a.m. 25.9.18.
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HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

- 1. (a) In comparison to the previous 24 hours the enemy's Artillery fire showed a marked increase.
- (b) L.4 and L.5 were especially subjected to heavy shelling by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. from dawn to dusk. Approximately 1500 rounds are estimated as having fallen during the day on this area. Only light shelling over scattered areas is reported, other than above, principally by 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. F.28,, L.3.a.b. and d., L.11., L.7. were all occasionally shelled with from 20 to 40 rounds.
- (c) A 15 c.m. H.V. Gun shelled the Railway near ROISEL during the morning.

OUR ARTILLERY.

- 2. (a) During the night 600 rounds 18-Pdr. and 100 rds. #.5 How. harassing fire were expended and from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following areas were kept under continuous fire. Trenches in G.3.b. and d. approaches to BELLICOURT, Roads and tracks in G.4., G.9. At 5.18 a.m. Batteries answered an S.O.S. Fire still continues. Our front is reported quite safe, but apparently the enemy is raiding on the right.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The enemy's aerial activity showed a consistent increase and made many reconnaissances over our front.

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St R. Russell

Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding, 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
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75 FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 25/9/18 to 6 a.m. 26/9/18.

1. (a) HOSTILE ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery was slightly less active than during the previous 24 hours.

(b) Except in forward areas which at times were heavily shelled, a few rounds scattered near roads and tracks at infrequent intervals seemed to be the enemy's policy.

The following heavy shellings are reported:-

<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Locality Shelled</u>
10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	300	10.5 cm. 15 cm. 8 inch.	HARGICOURT
1 p.m.	60	10.5 cm. 15 cm.	L.10. and 11.
2 p.m.	50	77 mm.	F.8.
3.45 p.m.	100	77 mm., 10.5 cm.	L.5.
5.50 p.m.	100	15 cm.	F.27.a. and c.

2. OUR ARTILLERY.

During the day Battery Commanders kept in close touch with Infantry Coy's, but no requests for particular shoots were made.

From 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. 600 rounds 18-Pdr. and 200 rounds 4.5 How. were expended in harassing fire, attention being given to the following:- Approaches to BELLICOURT, sunken road in A.27.d. and G.4.a., trenches and communications in G.3.b. and d., A.27.d., sunken roads in G.4.b. and d.

MISCELLANEOUS. The enemy showed no aircraft activity during the day, but from 9 p.m. his bombing planes continuously bombed all areas.

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Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORTS.

From 3 p.m. 26.9.18 to 6 a.m. 27.9.18.

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(1) HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

(a) Average activity maintained during the past 24 hours. It was noticeable that special attention was paid to roads.

(b) 9 a.m. to 9.10 a.m. The enemy heavily shelled our front system with 15 cm. and 10.5 cm.

Time.	No. of rds.	Calibre.	Area shelled.	Direction from.
11 a.m.	200	10.5 cm. 15 cm.	G.7 and 13. L.6.	T.B. 55° from L.16.b.65.78.
12 noon	300	do	Front system.	
12.10 p.m.	30	77 mm.	L.11.b.	T.B. 52° " do
12.45 p.m.	40	15 cm.	(L.5.d. (L.11.b.	T.B. 62° " do
1.40 p.m.	40	10.5 cm.	L.5.a & b.	T.B. 55° " do
7 p.m.	60	10.5 cm.	TEMPLEUX.	

There was intermittent shelling over scattered areas all day including L.2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 16 and 17, F.28, 24, G.7.
At 11.40 p.m. 30 rounds 4.2 YELLOW CROSS gas fell in L.10.a

(2) OUR ARTILLERY:-

Our artillery was inactive during the day, but at 9.30 p.m. 11.45 p.m., 2 a.m., 4.15 a.m., bombardments as per D.A.H.Q. Instruction were carried out with B.B. shell.

At 5.30 a.m. the special harassing fire programme was commenced; 18-pounders shelling trenches and trench junctions in G.3.a and b. This continues.

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Enemy planes crossed our lines at the following times - number of planes in brackets - 9.45 a.m. (1), 10.45 a.m. (2), 11.30 a.m. (1), 11.50 a.m. (1), 2.30 p.m. (5), 3 p.m. (5), 5 p.m. (1), 5.30 p.m. (5). At 5 p.m. two of his planes destroyed two of our balloons.

His balloons were numerous and were observed to arise from the following bearings: L.16.b.65.78. - 74°, 88° 35° 33° 102° 111° and 106°.

Our planes brought an E.A. down at 5 p.m. His bombing planes were less active during the night than usual.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 3 p.m. 27/9/18 to 6 a.m. 28/9/18.

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1. (a) HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Hostile Artillery fire in the period under review was perceptibly less than during the previous 24 hours.
- (b) The feature of the shelling was isolated rounds over scattered areas. The following areas were shelled at irregular intervals:- L.16.a., L.10.d., L.17.c., L.16.b., F.28, L.11.a., F.29.d., L.10.c. and the village of HARGICOURT. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. approximately 70 8 inch shells fell in L.10.d..
- (c) ROISEL area was shelled during the afternoon by 4.2 H.V. gun.

2. OUR ARTILLERY.

18-Pounders carried out the Intense Harassing fire programme laid down, 1800 rounds being expended.

The sunken Roads G.3.b., trenches in G.4.a., low ground G.4.d., were all heavily shelled.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Enemy aircraft were inactive.

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S. L. Roberts

Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding, 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.

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1. An Operation will be carried out by 2nd. Divisional Infantry this morning; 5th. A.F.A. Brigade Batteries will support Operation as per trace attached.
2. RATES OF FIRE:-
18-pdrs.- 2 rounds per gun per min. throughout.
4.5 Hows.- 1 round per How. per min. throughout.
3. AMMUNITION:-
18-pdrs.- 50% A, 50% AX (as far as possible).
4.5 Hows.- BX.
4. Zero hour will be 6 a.m. 1st. September 1918.
5. Watches will be synchronised with bearer.
6. Each Battery will establish an O.P. as far forward as possible, (to cross the River if necessary) to observe and engage movement.
7. The final objective line is - I.3.d.8.8 - I.10.central - I.17.a.central - I.17.c.6.0 - I.23.central - I.29.b.5.0 - I.29.d.5.0 - I.35.b.3.0 - I.35.d.0.0 - 0.5.a.
8. Acknowledge by phone.

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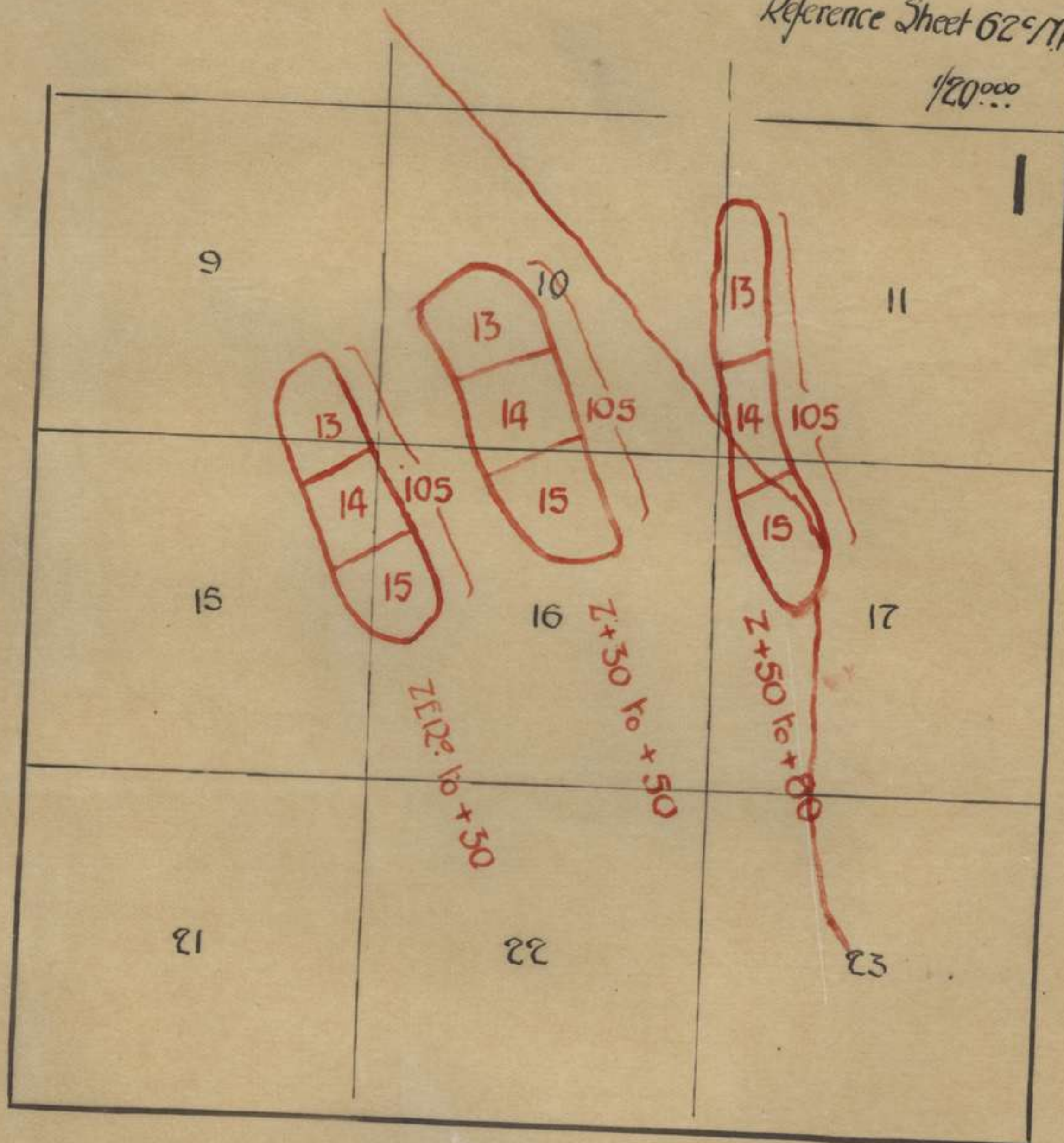
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5TH A.F. BRIGADE.

Reference Sheet 62°/11W.

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

Reference Maps.- 62c N.E., 62b N.W., 1/20,000 and Barrage Map issued with 1st. Div. Arty. Instructions No.7; and 1st. Div. Arty. Instructions Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 already issued.

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1. (a) Barrage Map shows zones to be covered by Batteries.
 (b) As the 104th. Battery has been detailed to answer Zone Calls the 105th. How. Battery will cover the 4th. and 5th. F.A. Brigades' Fronts as shewn on Barrage Map issued to 105th. How. Battery (only).
2. The 15th. Battery will move forward to a new position at zero plus 120 minutes and will not fire the protective barrage on Brown (or Halt) Line.
 This Battery must be in its new position and in action by zero plus 190 minutes and will then cover the whole of 5th. F.A. Brigade Front to the final protective barrage.
3. The following Batteries will fire the Brown Line Protective Barrage :-

13th. Battery	-	L.11.d.60.95	-	L.11.b.60.40.
14th. "	-	L.11.b.60.40	-	L.11.b.60.95.
105th. "	-	L.12.a.00.00.	-	L.5.d.95.55.
4. Exploitation. The 7th. and 9th. Batteries have been detailed as exploitation Batteries.
5. (a) Liaison. Lieut. R.J.R. HURST, 13th. Battery, will be Liaison Officer with Left Battalion Headquarters.
 (b) This Officer will continue on with the Battalion moving forward to capture the second objective, and will take care to join up with them as they pass through the Battalion which captured the first objective.
 (c) Company Liaison and F.O.O. Lieut. R.A. ULCOQ, 105th. Battery, is detailed as Left Sub-group F.O.O.; he will also act as Company Liaison Officer with Right Company of Left Battalion.
 (d) Both Liaison Officers will take with them one mile of single wire, one DIII Telephone, 1 Lucas Lamp and will be accompanied by not more than four men to act in the capacity of telephonists, linesmen and runners.
 (e) Company Liaison Officer and F.O.O., will report personally to O.C., Right Company (Left Battalion) at least four (4) hours prior to zero hour and will remain with the Front Line Company and not necessarily the Company Commander to whom he first reports.
 (f) Liaison Parties will carry 24 hours rations.
6. (a) Communications. Left Group Headquarters is responsible for communication from Group to Battalion Headquarters.
 (b) F.O.O. will keep in touch with Battalion Liaison Officer and use him to pass any information through to this Headquarters.
 (c) F.O.O. will obtain assistance from Battalion Liaison Officer with regard to wire and men if required.

6. (d) As much information as possible should be passed through to this office (and when this office cannot be reached; report direct to Group Headquarters, 3rd. (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.).

(e) Remember! Negative information is as useful as positive information.

(f) Code Calls:-

3rd. (Army) Brigade A.F.A.	-	NUME
5th. F.A.Bde., Headquarters	-	PIDO
1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade	-	SUDE
1st. " " Battalion	-	PISO
2nd. " " Battalion	-	PIZI
3rd. " " Battalion	-	PIVA
4th. " " Battalion	-	PIGU

7. Reconnaissance of Positions. Batteries of 4th. and 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigades will select positions in L.2.c. and L.8.a. and c but not West of Grid Line between L.7 and L.8.

Owing to a large number of Batteries operating on a limited front, Battery Commanders are expected to make the best and most economical use of the space available.

8. Watches will be synchronised by runner from this office before midnight 17th/18th. September 1918.

9. Fifth F.A. Brigade Headquarters will move from present location to the positions to be vacated by 14th. Battery at K.17.c.30.90 during the operation. Batteries will be advised of such move by phone. Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be in touch with Batteries before this office disconnects.

10. Liaison Parties will be supplied as under:

Lieut. R.J.R. HURST'S party -

Linesman 2 Telephonists - 13th. Battery,

~~1 Linesman~~ and 1 Runner - 15th. Battery.

Lieut. R.A. ULCOQ'S party -

2 Telephonists - 105th. Battery,

1 Linesman and 1 Runner - 14th. Battery.

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

1. Div. A.R.P. is to be established forward. Location is not yet available but will probably be in vicinity of MARQUAIX.
2. As soon after ZERO as possible the 2nd. Aust. D.A.C. will move to the approximate locality K.15.a.
3. Liaison Officers detailed in O.O. No. 3 will report at Left Group Headquarters at 11 p.m. tonight the 17th. instant to get the location of Battalion and Company Headquarters.

They will then be prepared to join their respective Battalion and Company Commanders with their parties.

Left Group Headquarters is now located at K.12.d.30.00.

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1. 1st.Aust.Infantry Brigade in conjunction with 74th.Division on their left will attack on morning of 21/9/18 as explained in 1st.D.A.H.Q. Instructions No.12, Series 5 attached.

2. It is the intention to establish a line from G.2.a.0.4. - G.2.b.0.0. - G.2.b.0.7. - A.25.d.75.90.

3. The start line for the 18-Pounder Barrage is as follows:- G.8.a.8.0. - G.2.c.0.4. - A.25.d.7.0. - A.25.d.4.5.

4. The protective Barrage Line is as follows:-
G.8.a.8.0. - G.2.b.6.0. - A.26.d.6.0. - A.26.a.2.4.

5. Boundary between 74th. Division and 1st.Aust.Divn. for Barrage purposes is:- A.25.d.0.0. - A.20.c.85.15.

6. Batteries are allotted Zones as follows:-

Bty.	Start Line Boundary.	Protective Line Boundary.
13th.	G.1.b.75.75 - G.1.b.81.50	A.26.c.80.80 - A.26.c.95.65.
14th.	G.1.b.81.50 - G.1.b.85.25	A.26.c.95.65 - A.26.d.14.49
15th.	G.1.b.85.25 - G.1.b.90.00	A.26.d.14.49 - A.26.d.25.35

7. Programme of fire (18-Pounders) Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes; remain on Start Line, then lift at the rate of 100 yards every 3 (three) minutes until the Protective Barrage Line is reached. Protective Barrage Line will be maintained until Zero plus 63 minutes.

8. AMMUNITION. 18-Pounder Creeping Barrage - 50% A, 50%AX
Protective Barrage - 20% AS, 40% A, 40%AX.
50% A to burst on graze.

9. 105th.How.Bty. (Special Task).

From Zero to Zero plus 40 minutes - Trench system and MALAKOFF WOOD, in A.26.a., b. and d. - 80% BX, 20% BS.

Zero plus 40 to Zero plus 60 minutes - High ground in A.27.a. and c. - 80% BS. and 20% BX. - 1 Round per How. per minute.

10. RATES OF FIRE. Creeping Barrage - 3 Rounds per Gun per minute. Protective Barrage - 1 Round per Gun per minute.

11. Watches will be synchronised by Runner.

12. ZERO HOUR will be notified later and will be wired to Batteries by B.A.B. Trench Code No. 4, with the latest correction i.e. (D - 7).

13. As the 13th. Battery has no B.A.B. Trench Code, a wire giving the number of minutes before or after 5 a.m. will be sent, and that number subtracted from or added to 5 a.m. will be the Zero hour.

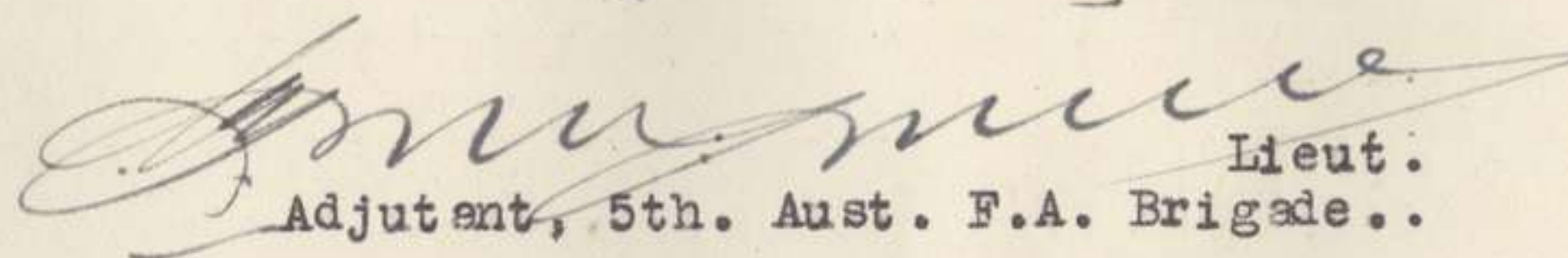
The wire will be worded as follows:-

"ABRUPT minus 17 minutes" = (Zero hour 4.43 a.m.).

or

"ABRUPT plus 25 minutes" = (Zero hour 5.25 a.m.).

14. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.


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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER No. 6.

Appendix 1218

1. "Z" Special Coy., R.E. has been placed at the disposal of 1st. Australian Division for projector GAS operations.
2. This Coy, is operating on the front of the 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
Targets will be the sunken roads S.W. of BELLICOURT.
Probable date of operation will be on the first favourable night after 22nd./23rd. instant, (inclusive).
3. Emplacement of Projectors is taking place during nights 21st./22nd. and 22nd./23rd. instant.
4. Following message will be sent to notify time and date of operation.
"Engineers will issue material at(time)
on.....date".

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OPERATION ORDER No. 7.Reference 1st.Aust.Div. Arty Instructions No.7 Series 6.

1. Batteries will carry out a Gas Bombardment as instructed in 1st.Aust.Div.Arty Instructions No.7 Series 6 Addendum and Tracing issued herewith.
2. Reference para.4.- Areas as shown on trace are allotted as follows:-

"M"	-	4th.A.F.A.Bde.	-	1020 A.B.B.	-	330 AX.
"N"	-	13th.Battery	-	340 A.B.B.	-	110 AX
		15th.	"	90 A.B.B.	-	30 AX
"Q"	-	14th.	"	340 A.B.B.	-	110 AX
"P"	-	15th.	"	250 A.B.B.	-	100 AX
3. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

15th.Battery will send an Officer to Left Group Headquarters L.10.a.3.5. to synchronise time on receipt of phone message "GO GROUP" from this office, the 13th. and 14th.Batteries will be synchronised by phone.
4. The ammunition available is insufficient to fire at "Rapid" rate for 15 minutes. "Rapid" rates however will be observed irrespective of time.

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26th.September 1918.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 8.

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Reference 1st Div. Arty. Instructions 8, 9 and 10, Series 6.

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1. (a) At a time and date to be notified later the 30th. American Division on the Right with the 27th. American Division on the Left will attack the enemy on the Aust. Corps Front.
- (b) A Map shewing objectives and Jumping Off Line is issued herewith to the 13th. Battery who will note the information. The Map will then be passed on to each other Battery with as little delay as possible.
2. Intense harassing fire will be carried out by all Artillery. For this purpose Field Artillery will take a zone up to 2,500 yards EAST of our front line. In shelling roads, H.E. with delay action is NOT to be employed.
3. (a) The Lanes allotted for 18-pounders to Left Group Artillery for the bombardment of selected points and harassing fire are as follows :-
 Lane No. Bounded by an East and West Line through :-
 1. A.27.central and A.27.d.00.00.
 2. A.27.d.00.00 and G.3.central.
 3. G.3.central and G.3.d.00.00.
 4. G.3.d.00.00 and G.9.central.
- (b) Lane No. 2 is allotted to 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
- (c) Trenches, roads and tracks will be engaged in addition to Targets set out in 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 10 series 6 para. 1 (e).
- (d) All fire by 18-pounders of 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will be confined to Lane No. 2 unless otherwise ordered.
- (e) Orders will be issued later with regard to wire cutting by 4.5 Hows.
4. The zero hour for the bombardment of points and harassing fire as set out above will be 5.30 a.m. 27th. September 1918.
5. Each Battery will expend the total of ammunition for 6 guns irrespective of the number of guns in action.
6. Times allotted to Batteries for bombarding and harassing Lane 2 daily are as follows :-
 13th. Battery - 5.30a.m. to 9.30a.m. and 5.30p.m. to 9.30p.m.
 14th. " - 9.30a.m. to 1.30p.m. and 9.30p.m. to 1.30a.m.
 15th. " - 1.30p.m. to 5.30p.m. and 1.30a.m. to 5.30a.m.
7. All fire quoted in this order will be carried out from present positions.

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 9.

Reference 1st. Aust.Div.Arty. Instruction No. 10, Series 6, para. 2.

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1. (a) Battle Positions will be occupied as under :- 3 Guns from each the 13th., 14th., and 15th. Batteries will move forward on the night 27th/28th. September 1918 and the remaining 3 guns of each Battery will move forward on the night 28th/29th. September 1918.
 (b) The 105th. Battery will move all Hows. forward on the night 28th/29th. September 1918 by sections, only one section being out of action at any time.
2. Batteries in battle positions whose flashes can be seen will not be used for harassing fire. These Batteries will only fire on receipt of S.O.S.
3. Every endeavour is to be made to camouflage guns and ammunition. Movement in daylight is to be avoided as much as possible.
4. Only sufficient other ranks to man the guns in the event of S.O.S. are to be kept at forward positions.
5. The positions selected by Batteries were resorted to day and the exact locations are :-

10th. Battery	-	L.5.a.36.40.
11th. "	-	L.5.a.63.64.
12th. "	-	L.5.a.37.54.
104th. "	-	L.5.b.40.30.
13th. "	-	L.5.d.60.75.
14th. "	-	L.5.a.48.98.
15th. "	-	L.5.a.55.80.
105th. "	-	L.5.b.32.50.
6. On completion of moves on night 27th/28th. September Batteries will report by wiring the Code Word "HALF" to this office and on the night 28th/29th. September the Code Word "SETTLED" will be wired.

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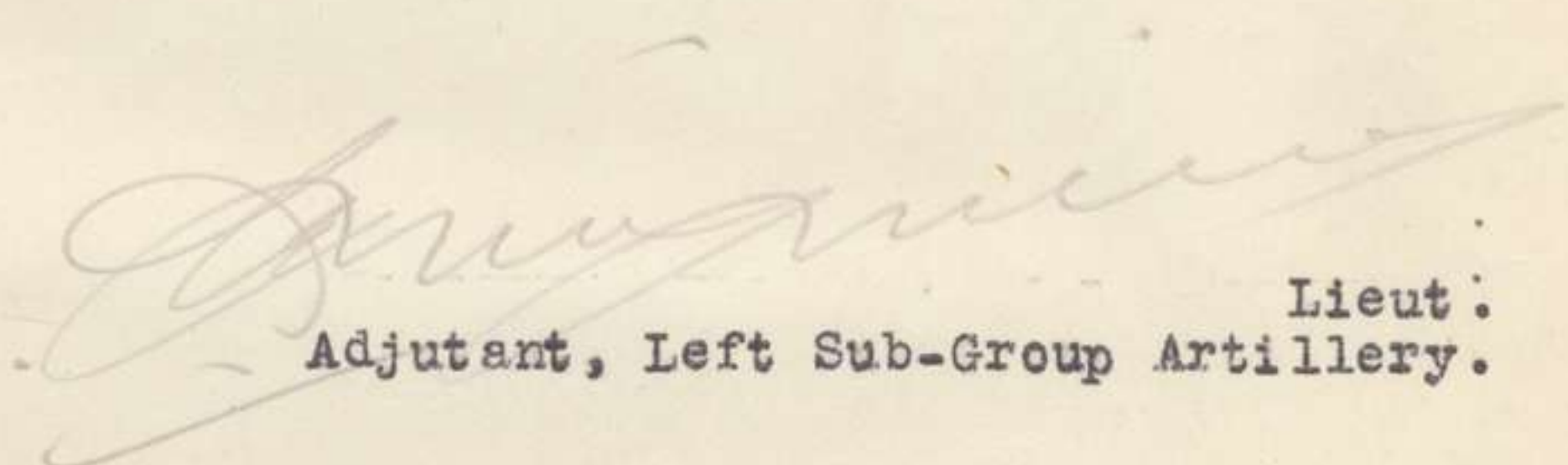
OPERATION ORDER NO. 10.WIRE CUTTING.

Reference 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 13, Series 6.

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1. Wire cutting will commence at once and will continue throughout the 27th/ and 28th. September.
2. (a) The Lanes allotted to 104th. How. Battery are the first five co-ordinates of Left Group, i.e., A.27.c.10.62 - G.3.a.63.35 (both inclusive) in Lanes 1 and 2.
(b) The Lanes allotted to 105th. How. Battery are the second five co-ordinates in Lanes 2 and 3 of Left Group, i.e., G.3.b.33.46 - G.3.b.34.07 (both inclusive).

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.Appendix ~~No 34~~LIAISON.

Reference 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 11, Series 6.

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1. Para.3 (a) Lieut. J.W. SALMON, 13th. Battery will be Liaison Officer with Left Battalion of 119th. American Infantry Regiment.

(b) This Officer's party will consist of - 6 Telephonists, 2-D III Telephones, 2 Lucas Lamps, wire, tape etc.

(c) Batteries will supply the following :-

13th. Battery	-	2	Telephonists.
14th. "	-	2	"
15th. "	-	1	Telephonist.
105th. "	-	1	"

Lieut. SALMON will arrange direct with Batteries regarding these Telephonists.

Material will be supplied by O.C., Signal Sub-section.

2. One Officer for F.O.O. duty will be supplied by 4th. A.F.A. Brigade. Instructions regarding this Officer's duties are set out in Left Group Artillery Order No. 6 of 27.9.18.
3. Officers going forward as Battalion Liaison and F.O.O. will meet at Left Group H.Q., L.10.a.2.5. at 11 a.m. on 28th. instant for the purpose of conferring regarding communications and the general scheme of their respective duties.
4. Attention is drawn to paras. 3 and 4, sub-paras (c) of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 11, Series 6.
5. Acknowledge by wire.

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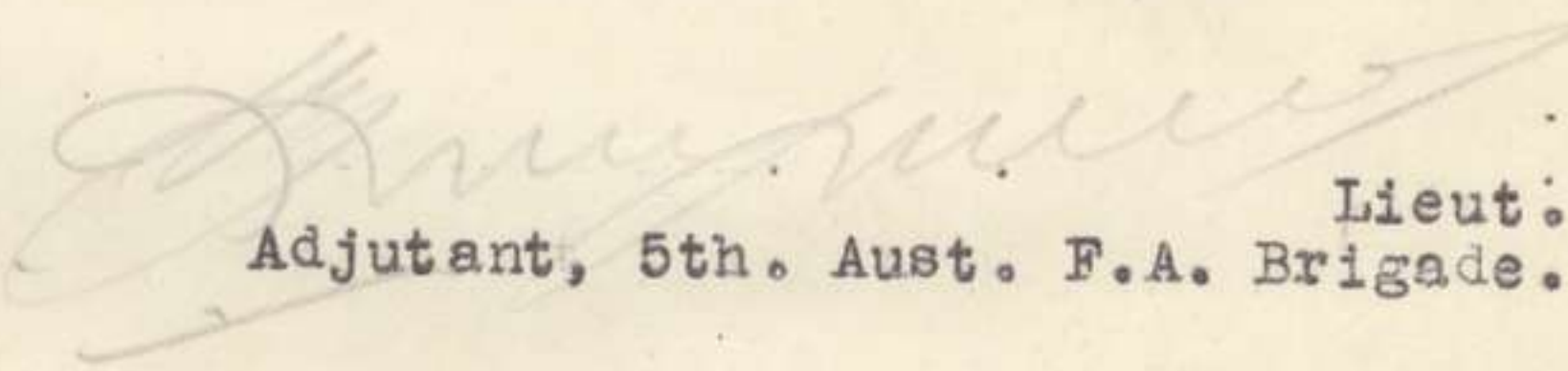
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27th. September 1918.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 12.SMOKE SHELL.

1. In each 18-pounder Battery there will be maintained on wheels after zero hour seventy six rounds of A Smoke Shell.
4.5 Hows. will maintain fifty rounds B.S. in the same manner
2. Within Batteries this will be carried by one section only. This special shell is being carried for use in the event of a rapid advance in exploitation of a success and will therefore not be fired in the barrage laid down in 1st. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 8 Series 6.
3. This ammunition will be available on 28th. instant after 12 noon.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 13.Reference 5th.Aust. F.A. Brigade Operation Order No.8 Para. 6.

1. Times allotted to Batteries for bombarding and harassing Lane 2 from 5.30 p.m. 28.9.18 to 5.30 a.m. 29.9.18 will be amended to read as follows:-

15th.Bty.	will expend	300 Rds.	between	5.30 p.m.	and	9 p.m.
14th. "	"	"	300 "	"	9 p.m.	and Midnight
13th. "	"	"	300 "	"	8 p.m.	and 10 p.m.
2. O.C. 14th.Battery may, if he thinks desirable, expend the majority of his rounds at the commencement of his shoot; then taking 2 guns forward leaving 1 in position to fire the remainder of his quota up till Midnight.
3. 105th. How.Battery will move to new position to-night reporting "SETTLED" to this Office at 2 a.m. 29.9.18.

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.ORDER No. I.Appendix ~~1915~~Ref. Map 62C., 1/40000.

1. The 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will move into Mobile Reserve on 11th. instant and will occupy Wagon Lines to be vacated by 16th. Brigade R.H.A..
2. On arrival in the new area the Brigade will be located as follows:-

5th. F.A. Bde. H.Q.	J.25.b.5.7.
13th. Battery	J.33.b.1.2.
14th. "	J.31.b.9.4.
15th. "	J.31.d.1.4.
105th. "	J.25.a.0.0.
3. The distances to be maintained on the March are:-

Between Batteries	100 Yards
Between every 6 vehicles	25 "
4. Starting point will be G.28.b.4.4.
5. Batteries will move in the following order and head of each Battery will pass starting point at time stated.

13th. Battery	9 a.m.
14th. "	9.6 a.m.
15th. "	9.12 a.m.
105th. "	9.18 a.m.
6. Only 2 men per axle will ride on vehicles, the remainder of other ranks will be marched in Fours at the head of each Battery under the supervision of an Officer.
7. The C.O. 5th. Aust. F.A. Bde. will take the salute at a point 500 yards beyond the starting point.
8. ROUTE. Via CAPPY and HERBECOURT.
9. Watches will be synchronised with bearer.
10. The Brigade will be halted for 10 minutes each hour.


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

DISTRIBUTION:-

13th. Battery
 14th. "
 15th. "
 105th. "
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5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade Headquarters,

10th. September 1918.

Secret.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 92

1. During the night 29th/30th September, 1918, the following artillery passed to the command of the C.R.A. 5th Australian Division:-
 - 2nd Aust. Divl Artillery
 - 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.
 - 84th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
 - 65th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
2. Consequent upon the above the artillery covering the 5th Australian Division will be re-grouped as follows:-
 - (a) Right Group under command of Lieut-Col. H. CORNES, D.S.O., (Headquarters at L.20.d.5.4) consisting of -
 - 84th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
 - 65th Army Brigade, R.F.A.
 - Left Group under command of Lieut-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., DSO. (Headquarters at L.10.a.2.5) consisting of -
 - 12th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A.
 - 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade
 - 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade
 - (b) 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade under command of Lieut-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O. (Headquarters at G.7.d.4.2) in support of 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
 - 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade under command of Lieut-Col. F.P. DERHAM, D.S.O. (Headquarters at G.3.e.5.2) in support of 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
 - 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., under command of Lieut-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Headquarters at L.3.a.8.4) in support of 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
3. Left Group and Right Group will be responsible for the defence of the front and S.O.S. lines are allotted as follows:-
 - Left Group: Original GREEN line from Divisional Northern boundary to H.7.e.6.8.
 - Right Group: Original GREEN line from H.7.o.6.8 to H.13.b.cenl.
4. Barrage from H.13.b.central to Southern Divl boundary will be arranged by C.O. 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade in conference with G.O.C. 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
5. The 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 6th (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., will be superimposed on S.O.S. lines as decided by G.O's C. Infantry Brigades which they are covering.
6. Headquarters, 5th Australian Divl Artillery, will remain at K.23.d.6.6.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Russell
 Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 5th Australian Divl Artillery.

Issued at K.23.d.6.6 at 2 p.m. 30/9/18.
 For distribution P.T.O.

APPENDIX

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R.A. Aust. Corps
C.B.S.O. Aust. Corps
13th Aust. F.A. Bde
14th Aust. F.A. Bde
6th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.
5th Aust. D.A.C.
12th (Army) Bde, A.F.A.
4th Aust. F.A. Bde
5th Aust. F.A. Bde

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84th Army Bde, R.F.A.
65th Army Bde, R.F.A.
D.T.M.O. 5th Aust. Divn
Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.
32nd Divl Artillery
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LEFT GROUP 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 15.

BY LIEUT - COL G. I. STEVENSON C.M.G. COMMANDING.

HEAD QUARTERS,
16.9.1918.

1. LIAISON. (a) Liaison with the G.O.C. 1st Infantry Brigade will be established personally by the Group Commander at Left Infantry Bde Headquarters at K.12.d.3.0. which will also be the location of Group Headquarters for the operation.
- (b) BATTALIONS. C.O. 5th Aust F.A. Bde will detail a Liaison Officer for duty with the Left Battalion Commander.
- (c) C.O. 5th Army Brigade R.F.A. will detail a Liaison Officer for duty with the Right Battalion Commander.
- (d) COMPANY LIAISON AND F.O.Os.
One Officer will be detailed by each of the 4 Artillery Brigades to act as Liaison Officers with the Front Line Companies and they will also carry out the duties of F.O.O. for their respective Brigades.
- (e) Each Liaison Officer will take with him one mile of Single wire, one Dili Telephone and Lucas Lamp, and will be accompanied by not more than four (4) men to act in the capacity of telephonists, messengers and Runners.
- (f) Company Liaison Officers and F.O.Os. are detailed as follows:-
- | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Provided by | 4th Bde A.F.A. | Left Company of Left Battalion. |
| " | 5th Bde A.F.A. | Right Company of Left Battalion. |
| " | 5th Army Bde R.F.A. | Left Company of Right Battalion. |
| " | 3rd Army Bde A.F.A. | Right Company of Right Battalion. |
- These Officers will remain with FRONT LINE COMPANIES and not necessarily with the Company Commander to whom they first report.
- (g) All Liaison Officers will report personally to the Officers to whom they are detailed, at least 4 hours before ZERO HOUR fixed for the attack. Liaison parties will carry 24 hours rations and may be relieved at the discretion of the Brigade Commander who details the party.
- (h) Brigades detailing Liaison Officers are responsible for maintaining communication with them, and will furnish their respective names to Group Headquarters as soon as possible.

2. SIGNAL COMMUNICATION

- (a) A GROUP FORWARD EXCHANGE will be established as soon as circumstances permit, and before ZERO HOUR if possible in the vicinity of L.8.c.8.3..
- (b) Immediately the advance commences all Liaison Officers will run their lines through this Exchange and establish communication with Group Headquarters.
- (c) Brigades will continue communication with their Liaison Officers independent of this Exchange.
- (d) Brigades will also establish direct communication with Group Headquarters at K.12.d.3.0. and with their respective Batteries.

3. BATTERIES MOVING FORWARD.

The following Batteries of the Group will move forward to new positions at ZERO HOUR PLUS 120 MINUTES and will not fire the Protective Barrage on BROWN (or Halt) LINE.

7th Battery A.F.A.	10th Battery A.F.A.
8th " A.F.A.	15th " " "
9th " A.F.A.	81st Battery R.F.A.
103rd How Battery	D/5 " "

These Batteries must be in their new positions and in action by ZERO PLUS 190 MINUTES.

4. BROWN LINE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE.

The following Batteries will fire the BROWN LINE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE.

11th Battery A.F.A.	L.5.A.90.35 - L.5.A.55.80
12th " "	L.5.B.25.00 - L.5.A.90.35
104th " "	L.5.D.95.55 - L.5.B.00.90
13th " "	L.11.D.60.95 - L.11.B.60.40
14th " "	L.11.B.60.40 - L.11.B.60.95

2.

BROWN LINE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE contd.

10th Battery A.F.A.	L. 12.A. 0.0 - L. 5.D. 95.55
64th " R.F.A.	L. 11.B. 60.95 - L. 5.D. 50.50
73rd " R.F.A.	L. 5.D. 50.50 - L. 5.B. 25.00.

The above Batteries will cease fire when ordered and will move into forward positions.

5. RECONNAISSANCE OF NEW POSITIONS.

The Reconnaissance of forward positions will be undertaken by Brigade and Battery Commanders as soon as possible after the attack is launched. Immediately the position is selected it will be clearly marked and ammunition will be dumped, care being taken that reliable guides are provided, for ammunition wagons coming forward.

Batteries of 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. and 5th Army Brigade R.F.A. will select positions in L. 14.A. & C. or ~~East~~ that vicinity but not West of Grid Line between L. 13 and L. 14.

Batteries of 4th and 5th Brigades A.F.A. will select positions in L. 2.C and L. 8.A & C but not West of Grid Line between L. 7 and L. 8.

Owing to the large number of Batteries operating on a limited front Brigade and Battery Commanders are expected to make the best and most economical use of the space available.

6. EXPLOITATION. BATTERIES.

At a time to be notified later one Battery will be attached to each of the two Battalions in the line for purposes of exploitation. The Battery Commander will take his orders from and work in close liaison with the Battalion Commander to whom he is attached.

7th Battery A.F.A. is detailed for duty with Left Battalion.

9th Battery A.F.A. is detailed for duty with Right Battalion.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.DISTRIBUTION.

7th 8th 9th 103rd Batteries

3rd B.A.C.

5th Army Bde R.F.A.

5th Bde A.F.A.

1st AUST D.A.

1st A.I. BDE

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ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

CAPT. F.A.

AUST. F.A.

103rd Bde 1944

Alldumphy

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LEFT GROUP 1ST AUST DIV ARTY

OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 16

BY LIEUT COL. G. I. STEVENSON. C.M.G. COMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS,
17-9-1918

Reference 1st D.A. Instructions No. 7 Series 5 and Barrage Map issued herewith -

Barrage Start Line for Left Group Artillery is as follows -

L.14.D.13.60 - L.3.G.10.00

This Frontage is allotted as under -

4th Brigade Aust F.A.	L.2.G.10.00 - L.8.A.35.15
5th Brigade Aust F.A.	L.8.A.35.15 - L.8.G.62.30
5th Army Bde R.F.A.	L.8.G.62.30 - L.14.A.90.45
3rd Army Bde Aust F.A.	L.14.A.90.45 - L.14.D.13.67

and will be divided by respective Sub-Group and Brigade among their Batteries.

Batteries of 3rd Army Bde Aust F.A are allotted Barrage Start Lines as under -

8th Bty...L.14.D.13.67 = L.14.D.05.95
 9th Bty...L.14.D.05.95 - L.14.A.95.20
 7th Bty...L.14.A.95.20 - L.14.A.90.45
 103rd Bty On whole Brigade Front on Start Line.
 L.14.D.55.75 - L.14.B.30.55

Albumpsey CAP T.F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST F.A.
 LEFT GROUP 1ST AUST D.A.

Distribution -

7th
 8th
 6th
 103rd Btys
 B.A.C.
 4th Bde Aust F.A.
 5th Bde Aust F.A.

5th Army Bde R.F.A.
 2nd Aust Infy Bde
 1st Aust D.A.
 War Diary
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L2c + L8a etc.
 1000 W of guideline
 between L7 + L8.

OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 17.

BY LIEUT - COL G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G. COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
20-9-1918.

The 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade in conjunction with 74th Division on their left will attack the enemy positions in A.25.D and G.1.B. & D on the morning of 21st September 1918, and will be supported by the Left Group Artillery plus 2 Batteries Right Group Artillery. ZERO HOUR will be notified later.

The attack will be carried out by 1st and 2nd Battalions. 1st Battalion operating on right, and 2nd Battalion operating on left of the front attacked.

It is the intention to establish a line from G.2.A.0.4 to G.2.B.0.0 to G.2.B.0.7 to A.25.D.75.90.

The START LINE for the 18 Pdr Artillery Barrage is as follows :-

G.8.A.8.0 - G.2.C.0.4 - A.25.D.7.0 - A.25.D.40.50.

The Protective Barrage Line is as follows :

G.8.A.8.0 - G.2.B.6.0 - A.26.D.6.0 - A.26.A.2.4.

Boundary between 74th Division and 1st Aust Division for Barrage purposes is : A.25.D.0.0 to A.20.C.85.15.

Artillery Brigades are allotted Rectangles between the above-mentioned Barrage Lines the Boundaries of which are as under -

	START LINE BOUNDARY	PROTECTIVE LINE BOUNDARY
4th Bde Aust F.A.	G.1.B.75.75- A.25.D.70.00- A.25.D.40.50	A.26.C.80.80 to A.26.A.20.40.
5th Bde Aust F.A.	G.1.B.90.00 to G.1.B.75.75	A.26.D.25.35 to } A.26.C.80.80 }
3rd Army Bde Aust F.A. (8th & 9th Btys only).	G.2.C.00.40 to G.1.B.90.00	A.26.D.60.00 to A.26.D.25.35
5th Army Bde R.F.A.	G.8.A.40.70 to G.2.C.00.40	G.2.B.60.00 to A.26.D.60.00
5th Battery Aust F.A.	G.8.A.80.00 to G.8.A.60.35	G.8.A.80.00 to G.2.D.00.00
6th Battery Aust F.A.	G.8.A.60.35 to G.8.A.40.70	G.2.D.00.00 to G.2.B.60.00

PROGRAMME OF FIRE.

ZERP to ZERO PLUS 3 MINUTES remain on START LINE then lift at the rate of 100 yards every three (3) minutes until the PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE is reached.

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE will be maintained until ZERO PLUS 63 MINUTES.

AMMUNITION -

CREeping BARRAGE - 50% A and 50% AX

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE - 20% AS 40% A 40% AX

Good proportion of "A" Bursts to be on graze.

RATE OF FIRE.-

CREeping BARRAGE 3rds per gun per minute.

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE 1 round per gun pr minute.

SPECIAL TASKS-

7TH BATTERY AUST F.A.

From ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 63 MINUTES Search and sweep MALAKOFF WOOD in A.26.B. and D 50% A 50% AX.

Rate of fire 2 rounds per gun per minute.

104th BATTERY AUST.F.A.

From ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 63 MINUTES Search and sweep MALAKOFF WOOD with 2 Sections. Sweep MALAKOFF WOOD with 1 Section. Rate of Fire 1 round per How. per minute. 100% BX.

103RD HOW BATTERY.

from ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES 20% BX and 80% BS on TRENCH SYSTEM in A.26.A, B, and D.

From ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES TO ZERO PLUS 63 MINUTES 100% BX on Searching and Sweeping MALAKOFF WOOD

RATE OF FIRE 1 round per ~~gun~~ per minute.

105TH HOW BATTERY.

FROM ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES.

80% BX and 20% BS on TRENCH SYSTEM and MALAKOFF WOOD in A.26.A, B, and D.

FROM ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES TO ZERO PLUS 63 MINUTES

80% BS and 20% BX on high ground in A.27.A and C.

D/S BATTERY.

FROM ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 63 MINUTES Searching and sweeping in BUCKSHOT RAVINE in G.2.D. and in G.3.C. and D.

100% BX.

1 round per How per minute.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

Bn gades will send an Officer to Group Headquarters at 12 Midnight to synchronise watches.

A. Humphrey
 ADJUTANT ~~3RD~~ LEFT GROUP ~~1ST~~ DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

CAPT. F. A.

DISTRIBUTION.

7th

8th

9th

103rd Batteries

3rd B.A.C.

LEFT SUB-GROUP (2)

5th ARMY BDE R.F.A.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY (3)

1st A.I. Bde

1st AUST. D.A.

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LEFT GROUP 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIV ARTY

HEADQUARTERS,
G/189
20-9-1918

Reference Left Group Operation Order Number 17.

(1) Rates of fire for 4.5" Hows stated therein are cancelled, and the following substituted.

FROM ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 40 MINUTES - 2 Rounds per How per Minute.
FROM ZERO PLUS 40 TO ZERO PLUS 63 MINUTES - $1\frac{1}{2}$ Rounds per How per minute.
FROM ZERO PLUS 63 TO ZERO PLUS 133 MINUTES - 1 Round per How per minute.

(2) To conform with operation being carried out by the Division on the Left the following Batteries will continue to fire on MALAKOFF WOOD until ZERO PLUS 133 MINUTES.

7TH BATTERY AUST F.A
103RD BATTERY AUST F.A
104TH BATTERY AUST.F.A

(3) ACKNOWLEDGE ~~ON ENVELOPE~~. *by wire*

Alldumphy
CAPT.F.A
ADJUTANT LEFT GROUP 1ST AUST.D.A

Distribution = 7th 8th 9th 103rd Btys and 3rd B.A.G
5th Army Bde R.F.A
Right Group Arty (3)
Left Sub Group (2)
1st Aust Infy Bde
1st Aust D.A
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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY 1ST AUST.D.A.

WMR

HEADQUARTERS,
G/168/1.
20.9.1918

AMENDMENT TO G.O. NO.17.
FOR " It is the intention to establish a line from G.2.A.O.4
READ " G.2.C.O.4. "

DISTRIBUTION.

7th 8th 9th 103rd Btys.
3RD B.A.G.
LEFT SUB GROUP (2)
5TH ARMY H.Q.R.F.A.
RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY (3)
1ST A.I.H.Q.
1ST AUST D.A.
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ADJUTANT LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY 1ST AUST.D.A.

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TO { 11th Aust Fd Brigade.
5th " "
5th Army Bde. R.F.A.

Sender's Number.

* 93

Day of Month.

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In reply to Number.

AAA

Protective Barrage for second objective (Red line)
is allotted to Brigades as under.

11 th Aust Fd Bde.	42 A 25.20 - A 26 6 10.00
5 th " "	42 6 20.45 - 42 A 25.20
5 th Army Bde. R.F.A.	48 A 05.70 - 42 6 20.45
3 rd " " AFA	47 B 95.00 - 48 A 05.70

On resumption of Creeping Barrage after Zero
+190 Brigades will carry on in the same
lanes as allotted to them on the Barrage
Start Line i.e. the Boundary Lines of the lanes
allotted will run parallel to the Northern
Divisional or Corps Boundary Line.

Acknowledge by Phone

From Left Group Artillery
Place Forward H.Q.
Time 11.15 P.M. by Runner

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) *Mevenson, Lt Col*

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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1st AUSTRALIAN
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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No. 5/128/131
Date 17/9/18

17th Sept. 1918.

Left Group.

Special Smoke Task - Left Group.

One 4.5" How. battery will put a smoke screen over the area L.4.A. and C.

South Westerly conditions are forecasted for the period of the operation.

Attached Barrage Map shows M.P's.I. of smoke shell for wind directions.

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W.

N.W.

N.

(Note). Should easterly conditions prevail, similar M.P.s. I. will be selected east of the area.

The Battery frontage in each case is 500 yards and will be covered by sweeping with 4 salvoes with parrallel lines of fire.

The whole 500 yards will then be swept at Battery fire 10 secs.

The formation of the smoke screen will cease 8 minutes before the 18-pdr Barrages reaches the M.P.I. of smoke, and the Battery will then take its place in the creeping barrage.

Attention is called to S.S.175 - "Notes on the use of Smoke" - particularly pages 5 (top) and page 11.

L. J. L. L.
Major .
Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

4th Fa. Bde.

*Please detail the 10th
Bty for the above task*

B. L. L.
Barrage map & notes enclosed.

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may now be drawn from H.R.P. ROISEL to bring total gun to 70 ads. Including amount already on hand at gun positions and echelons. Batteries will check amounts held by them before drawing as supplies are limited. Acknowledge.

FROM Left Group

PLACE & TIME

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LEFT GROUP, 1st. AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY.

ORDER No. 7.

Group Headquarters,
28.9.18.

Reference 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Series 6.

1. ZERO HOUR will be 5.50 a.m. on 29th. September 1918.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE by Wire.

F. Mounthion
Lieut.
A/Adjutant, Left Group; 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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1508 TO Left Sub Group.

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<u>1184</u>	<u>25</u>		

AS is available and will be drawn today as follows 1. Bide 700 rds 5 bide 1500 rds 65 1500 rds 7777 BS available and to be drawn 150 rds per bty addressed Left Sub Group and 65 Army Bde

~~Received 5-25/18~~

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A.

TO. O. C. 7th

8th

9th

103rd Btys

B.A.O

Sig Officer

5th Bde Aust F.A

4th Bde Aust F.A

5th Army Bde R.F.A

2nd Aust D.A.O

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HEADQUARTERS.

G/180

17-9-1918

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING OPERATION

1. Div A.R.P is to be established forward. Location is not yet available but will probably be in vicinity of MARQUAIX.
2. As soon after ZERO as possible the (3rd B.A.O and) 2nd Aust D.A.O will move to the approximate locality K.15.A. (Location to be advised to this H.Q.)
3. The 3rd Army Brigade Aust F.A and 5th Army Brigade R.F.A will each detail 2 runners to report at this H.Q at K.12.D.3.0 one hour after ZERO HOUR. They will carry 24 Hours rations.
4. (5th Brigade Aust F.A and 5th Army Bde R.F.A will each send an officer to synchronize watches at Left Group H.Q at K.12.D.3.0 at 9 p.m to-night 17th instant. *3rd Army Bde Btys*
5. 7th, 8th and 103rd Batteries will each detail one specialist to report to the Right Company ~~1st~~ Battalion Liaison Officer (Lieut H.G.O'Bryan) at this H.Q at 11 p.m to-night the 17th instant.
Signal Officer 3rd Army Brigade will supply wire and D.111 phone.
6. (All) Liaison Officers detailed in O.O.15 will report at Left Group H.Q at 11 p.m to-night the 17th instant to get the location of Battalion and Company H.Q.
They will then be prepared to join their respective Battn and Company Commanders with their parties.
7. Lieut O'Bryan will take forward a G.W. Wireless Set and personnel available at Group H.Q.

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CAPT. F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

1 Left Group H.Q. K 12 d 30

REPORT ON THE ST. QUENTIN CANAL.1. SOURCES OF SUPPLY. -

This Canal was built to connect the canalised river ESCAUT with the SOMME Canal, which it joins at ST. SIMON. It then continues south to meet the SAMBRE - OISE Canal at FAIGNIER (west of LA PERE), and the OISE - AISNE Canal south-west of CHAUNY.

In its upper reaches north of ST. QUENTIN the Canal is supplied with water from three sources.

- (a) The ESCAUT river at LE BOSQUET. North of this point the Canal merges into the ESCAUT Canal.

(NOTE on the ESCAUT. - This river rises at 62.B., A.18.d. and flows past GOUY and LE CATELET to near VENDHUILLE and thence north alongside the Canal till it is itself canalised at LE BOSQUET. East of the "Sources de l'ESCAUT" there is the so-called Canal des TORRENS, shown running through an artificial cutting from east of BEAUREVOIR. It is not navigable, and the cutting seems intended to contain one of the "ricks" or torrents common in the CAMBRAI area in wet weather. The banks are solid and strengthened by masonry at points. It is reported to be 2 to 3 metres wide and 2 metres deep when full. Soft ground must be looked for along the ESCAUT near LE CATELET. See photos 205.V. 3496, 3484, 3658. 35.AE.C.417).

- (b) The sources du Scuterrain or springs issuing from the Canal bottom in the BELLICOURT - VENDHUILLE Tunnel.

- (c) A Canal feeder which enters the Canal at LESDINS and supplies it with water from the OISE river, and from the NOIRIEU stream (above LESQUELLES). The feeder siphons under the OISE Canal and is regulated by a dam at VAPENCOURT. It is also known as the RIGOLE DE L'OISE (or DU NOIRIEU). For 14 kilometres of its course from the OISE to LESDINS it runs underground. At LESDINS it is 10 metres wide and 2.2 metres deep. At other points it is from 6 to 8 metres wide, and from 1.2 to 1.8 metres deep. These measurements do not include the sloping banks.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE CANAL. -

The flow of water is from north to south. The difference in water level, amounting to 9 metres, between BELLICOURT and the ST. QUENTIN bridge, is allowed for by five locks (all below LESDINS).

South of BELLICOURT the Canal emerges at RIQUEVAL from the long tunnel into a cutting, which gradually decreases in depth on approaching RIQUEVAL Farm bridge at G.22.d.

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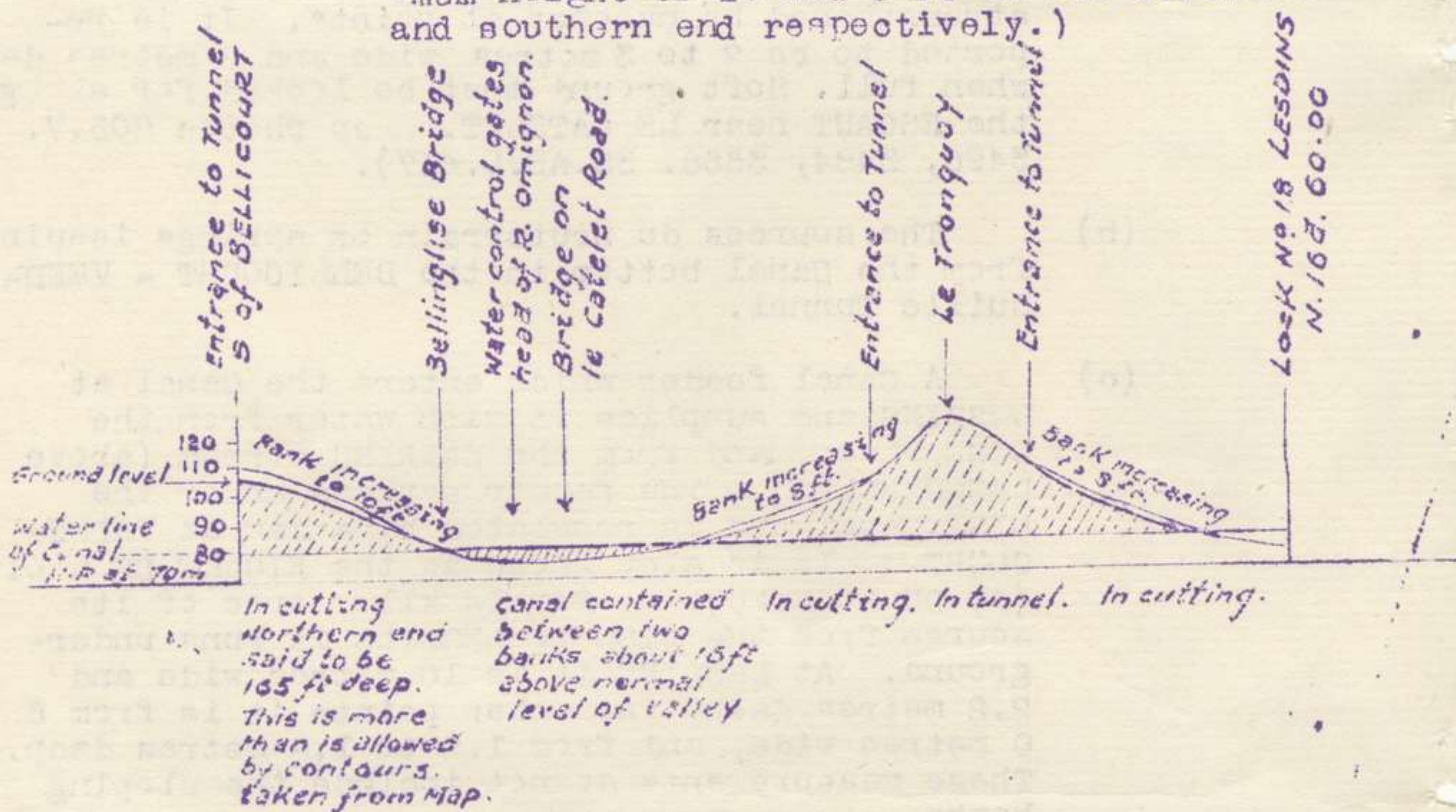
(NOTE. - Along both sides of the Canal a bank has been thrown up to a height of about 10 feet at the Tunnel entrance decreasing towards RIQUEVAL Farm bridge).

Thence onwards the Canal is contained between banks as far as the LEHAUCOURT bridge. At BELLENGLISE these banks are 16 to 17 ft. above the normal water level of the area. The maximum height is at the control gate by which water is let through a sluice into the OMIGNON Valley. (See oblique photos A3.AE.O.349, 346, 343, 354).

Southwards from the LEHAUCOURT bridge the Canal enters an ever-deepening cutting till it disappears into a tunnel under the LE TRONQUOY ridge. The canal re-emerges in a cutting which gradually decreases in depth till it reaches N.16.a.5.9.* Thence southwards past the LESDINS bridge as far as N.22.d. the water is practically flush with the adjacent country. Towards the OMISSY bridge the Canal is slightly banked up, i.e. it runs between dykes as it approaches each lock. It is above the level especially of the SOMME marshes on its Eastern side.

An ideal longitudinal section of the Canal is given in Sketch I.

*(NOTE. - At both ends of the tunnel banks have been thrown up along the sides of the canal to maximum height of 10 and 8 ft at the northern and southern end respectively.)



3. DIMENSIONS OF THE CANAL. -

Average width at surface 59 feet.
" " at bottom 32 ft. 10"
Depth $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

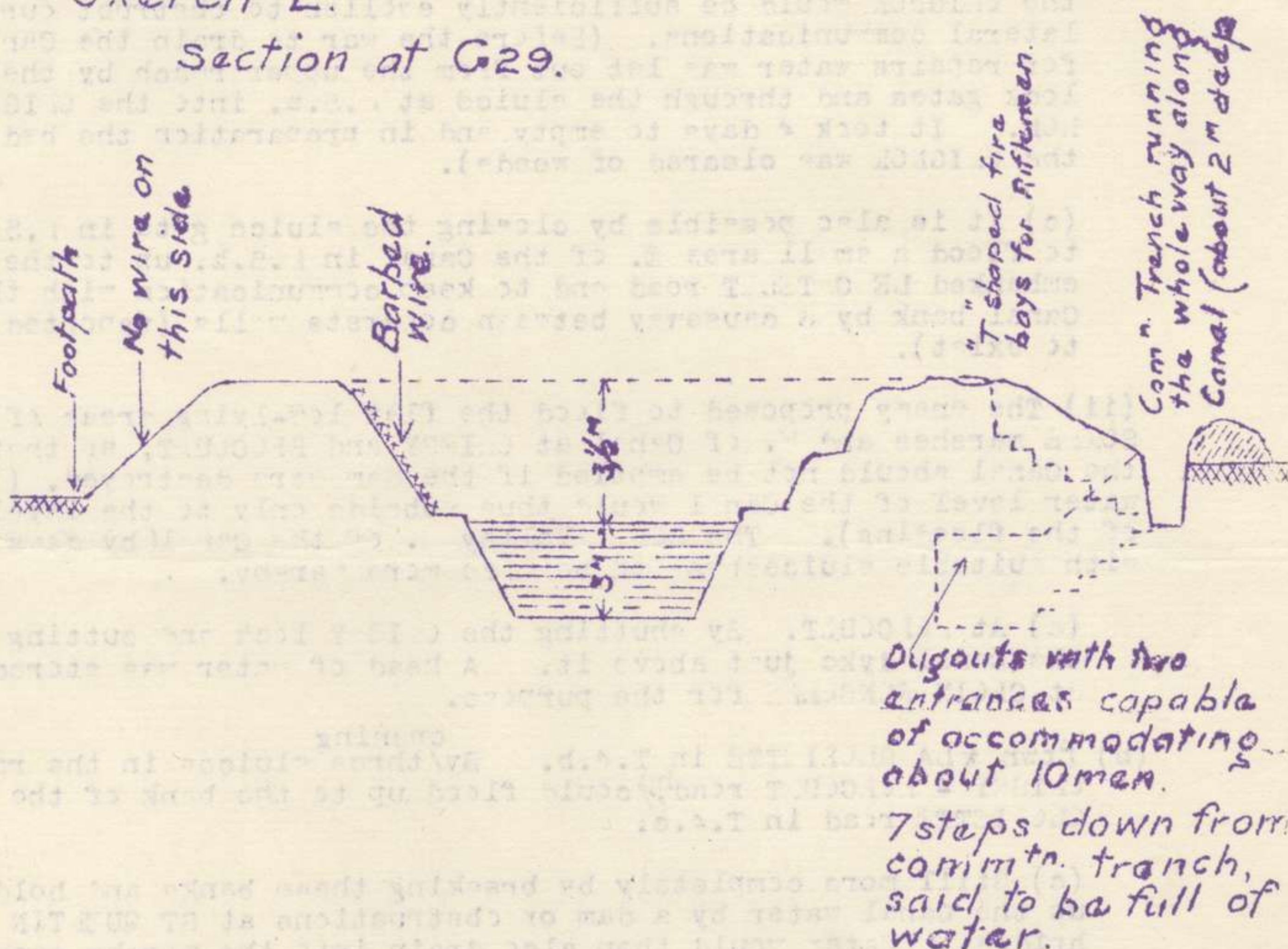
There is a towpath on both banks in the cuttings and on one side at least in the tunnels.

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The locks can hold barges 35 m. long by 5 m. wide. A latitudinal section of the Canal cutting at G.29, north of BELLENGLISE seems to be as given in Sketch 2. This should be studied with oblique photos. A3.AE.C.356, 348, 343, 355, and with verticals 205.V.3489, 3487.

Sketch 2.

Section at G29.

4. POSSIBILITIES OF FLOODING. -

To preserve the Canal as a front line obstacle, the enemy proposed, according to a captured scheme of defence, to carry out the following work (since executed).

(1) The locks at MORCUIT and LESDINS were blocked up with cement and sacks full of sand. Further obstructions were provided for by sinking barges loaded with sand and cement, e.g. at the entrances of the tunnel. In each tunnel two dams were to be built and others on each side of BELLENGLISE to prevent the whole Canal being emptied, should the banks be destroyed at BELLENGLISE.

(a) Note.- The enemy made three cuts closed by coffer dams in the W. bank near BELLENGLISE (according to a captured map at M.5.a.17, L.5.a.35 and G.34.d.5.7.). At M.5.a. the 80 metre contour touches the Canal, the normal water level of which is 83.72 metres. But by these cuts only a local flooding in G.34.d., L.4.b.5.a. is possible, as the 85 metre contour closely approaches the Canal. The

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enemy recognises that this local flooding on W. side of the Canal soon drains away and cannot be regarded as a permanent obstacle. (Note.- The area so flooded nearly coincides with the thin belt of wire of the Canal).

(b) The enemy also built a dam across the CHIGNON at A.4.b. If this dam and the coffer dam at BILLICOURT were destroyed the upper reach of the Canal would drain into the already marshy CHIGNON Valley. As the breach would be large it would take only half a day to empty and the CHIGNON would be sufficiently swollen to obstruct our lateral communications. (Before the war to drain the Canal for repairs water was let out from the upper reach by the lock gates and through the sluice at A.5.a. into the CHIGNON. It took 4 days to empty and in preparation the bed of the CHIGNON was cleared of weeds).

(c) It is also possible by closing the sluice gate in A.5.a. to flood a small area E. of the Canal in A.5.b. up to the embanked LE CATELET road and to keep communication with the Canal bank by a causeway between concrete walls (reported to exist).

(ii) The enemy proposed to flood the flat low-lying areas of the SOLEA marshes and W. of Canal at CHISY and BLOCQUET, so that the Canal should not be emptied if the dam were destroyed. (The water level of the Canal would thus subside only to the level of the flooding). The SOLEA Valley E. of the Canal (by dams with suitable sluices) was to be made more marshy.

(a) At BLOCQUET. By shutting the CHISY lock and cutting the Canal dyke just above it. A head of water was stored at CHISY BONSOLLE for the purpose.

(b) Down LA GLOUETTE in T.4.b. By ^{opening} three sluices in the raised CHISY - BLOCQUET road, could flood up to the bank of the LA GLOUETTE road in T.4.c.

(c) Still more completely by breaking these banks and holding up the Canal water by a dam or obstructions at ST QUENTIN bridge. Water would then also drain into the marshy ground E. of ST QUENTIN.

(iii) In addition swampy ground (produced by enemy dams with sluices) may be anticipated between VERDHUILLE and BLOCQUET, and the valley of the ESCAUT, in which the Canal runs, can also probably be flooded (to the extent of increasing the area of soft ground) with no more difficulty than further south. The soft ground west of the Canal between CS US Wood and Canal Wood is also defended by thin belts of wire. There are 5 or 6 sluices at VERDHUILLE filled up with concrete.

5. THE TUNNELS. -

As originally designed in 1769 the Canal was to run by a direct underground tunnel over 13 kilometres long from LE TRONQUAY to VERDHUILLE. A million francs were spent on making a gallery from LE TRONQUAY to NAUCY, but this scheme was abandoned in 1802 and work was carried on as now with only two isolated tunnels at LE TRONQUAY and BILLICOURT. Napoleon visited the BIQUEVAL section in 1810.

NOTE. - When abandoned this original tunnel was 4 m. broad by 12 m. high. Signs of a few ventilating shafts are reported to remain about MAGNY and BILLICOURT, and a staircase down to water level near NAUCY in G.12.c.; the enemy made efforts to find it, but failed. A recent report however by the deputy of ST. QUENTIN gives/

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gives the line of an old souterrain BELLICOURT - NAURCY - ETRICOURT - MAGNY - LEHAUCOURT - LE THONQUY, with an entrance near BELLICOURT Square. This souterrain, 40 m. deep, was discovered in 1880, when the wells of NAURCY Sucrierie were being dug. From these wells the BELLICOURT exit and the vicinity of LESDINS Sucrierie can be reached. The deputy thinks it is likely the enemy found it and cleared it for use, as it forms a shelter 7 km. long and 3 metres high and broad. He says the LE THONQUY part was much worked on by thousands of Russian and Rumanian prisoners. (This last probably refers to the known southern tunnel at LE THONQUY.).

The BELLICOURT Tunnel runs for 5.7 kilometres at a depth underground varying from 15 to 50 metres. It is 10 m. wide at the top by 18 metres at water level, and strongly built of masonry. A towpath runs all along the eastern side and another along at least part of the tunnel on the west side. There are reported to be air holes every 300 metres, and also chambers cut in the walls.

Early in 1918 there were 25 barges in the tunnel north of the BELLICOURT Lock in G.16.a. used for billets: according to recent prisoners these barges are now broken up or sunk. There are footbridges across the water bed.

Prisoners in 1917 stated that there were four or five approach galleries about 30 metres apart with entrances (30 or 40 steps down) on the W. side of the road about G.10.c.6.5. The location of these lateral galleries is fixed by captured German maps (see information reproduced on special 1/20,000 and 1/10,000 maps), which show a gallery from G.10.c.7.6. to exit at G.10.c.1.6 and other entrances at G.10.c.75.45, G.16.a.80.85, G.10.a.70.25 and G.10.a.84.53, of galleries leading down to the tunnel. Some of these are discernible on photographs, e.g. 205.V.3611. The German map also shows three galleries into the Canal cutting just south of RIQUEVAL - exits at G.16.b.1.3, G.16.b.18.23, and G.16.d.22.88 (All references to 10,000 map). (In addition a prisoner reports another exit in the cellar of a villa at G.10.a.30.55, and that the shaft at G.10.c.45.60 has an exit on the BELLICOURT road).

These galleries are confirmed by maps and by a prisoner of an Electric Power Company whose engine room was in one of the chambers cut in the E. wall of the tunnel at BELLICOURT.

No German map is available for the main length of the tunnel north of BELLICOURT to near VE DHUILLE. According to prisoners' statements in 1917 there were 15 underground galleries leading from the GOUY - BELLICOURT road into the tunnel. These would enable troops to enter or leave the tunnel unobserved. As far as can be gathered from a recent prisoner, he emerged from one of these lateral galleries close to the GOUY - BELLICOURT road at G.22.c. There is little trace of such exits on photographs as they are camouflaged with brushwood (P.S. op. photos 205.V.3444, 3493, 3495). According to a prisoner there are about nine such galleries from the tunnel between BELLICOURT and BONY.

Apart from the air shafts shown along the tunnel, there is a series of dugouts cut into the East bank of the long spoil heap which runs above ground over the line of the tunnel. It does not seem likely that these dugouts lead down into the tunnel, as the latter is 15 to 50 metres below (op. photographs 205.V.3491, 3492, 3160, 3657).

It is possible that there are also galleries leading west from the tunnel to exits in the dugouts shown along the HILDEMBURG support line.

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(NOTE. - In case of an attack by our troops across the GOUY - BELLICOURT Tunnel, it would be of the most extreme importance, (a) for the HINDENBURG support line to be garrisoned throughout the length running from A.2.d. - 15 b. and d. - 21 b. and d. - 27 b. and d. - G.3.7b. and d. - 9b. and 10.c.; (b) for the dugouts along the top of the tunnel to be mopped up; (c) for entrances along the GOUY - BELLICOURT road to be searched for and guarded. These measures would be necessary in order to prevent the enemy from emerging from the tunnel in rear of our men and cutting them off.).

There is a block ("Spundwand") at each entrance of the tunnel. These blocks are described by a prisoner as thick ferro-concrete, containing an upper chamber over the waterway with a platform. The blocks are provided with slits for two machine guns to command the entrance to the tunnel; also with a ventilating shaft containing an electric fan. The centre block in G.4.c. under BELLICOURT appears to be similar, but with no machine gun openings. The blocks fill the entire tunnel from the water level to the roof, and are passed by means of a door on the tow path (see Sketch below). There is a large concrete machine gun nest at S. entry to tunnel at N.W. corner of the cutting (G.16.a.7.f), and there are other M.G. emplacements here to enfilade the open canal.

For BELLICOURT and the RIQUEVAL tunnel, see photographs 205.V.3160, 3657, 3182 (best for entrances), 3488, 3611, 3637, 3658. Obliques 35 AE 0.413, 416. A3.AE 0 350, 352, 347 (the last three very close views).

II. The LE TROQUOY Tunnel. -

This tunnel runs for 1.1 km. at LE TROQUOY under Hill 127. On the ground above the tunnel passes the LEHAUCOURT - LESDIERS road on an embankment gradually dwindling towards each end of the tunnel. There are reported to be 30 chambers cut in the walls of the tunnel at regular intervals and connected by a passage. Barges here also are said to have been used for billets and ammunition.

A captured German map (1/5,000) gives accurately the lateral galleries to this tunnel (reproduced on special GRICOURT East Sheet 1/10,000). Entrances are marked at N.2.d.05.30, N.2.d.35.15, N.9.a.03.58 and N.9.a.3.3 of four short galleries leading into the tunnel. These entrances coincide with holes or dugouts clearly visible on photographs 205.V.3642. No tracks lead up to these, and it is probable they are only used as emergency exits. In addition map shows a long lateral gallery with entrance (from a dugout known to exist) in FLECHE Wood, N.3.c.4.7 and leading to the tunnel at N.8.b.6.6. and further W. exit in a trench dugout at N.8.b.7.3 near THANCHEE Wood.

This map confirms previous prisoners' statements describing the tunnel as having 6 lateral galleries branching east at intervals of 200 yards. There is also apparently a communication from above by shafts 20 feet by 10 feet.

For the TROQUOY Tunnel see photographs 205.V.3477, 3432, 3642.

III. The BELLENGLISE Galleries. -

(a) MAGNY Tunnel. -

A captured German map shows a tunnel running from the eastern edge of the wood in G.36.a. to the northern outskirts of BELLENGLISE at G.35.c.25.85., with another entry from the BELLICOURT road at G.35.b.10.13.

The prisoner of the Electric Power Company mentioned above described/

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described this tunnel in Feb., 1918 as $1\frac{1}{2}$ metres broad and 2 metres high, with four additional exits in BELLENGLISE close to Church at G.34.d.9085, G.35.o.0853, G.35.o.1075 and G.35.o.1472. These galleries enter the main tunnel at about G.35.e.2585. A prisoner could also locate one at G.35.a.10.33, which led to the Starkstrom Kommando Station supplying electric light to the tunnel. This last named location is doubtful.

It is certain that the tunnel goes further east than the point marked on the map (G.35.b.), and that it emerges near MAGNY. Prisoner in February, 1918 could not definitely locate it, but it was near the cross roads at H.25.a.30.25. A Pioneer prisoner states that in September 18th, 1918 his company and an infantry regiment used this tunnel from MAGNY. The entrance is apparently about H.31.a.6.8 (where photographs show a dugout in a trench, op. A3.AE.B.315), and the tunnel, which is not quite straight, runs for over 2 kilometres via BELLENGLISE to about 100 yards of the Canal. It is revetted with wood, and there are a series of 16 dugouts, as well as a trench tramway, inside the tunnel. Traffic is facilitated by switch tunnels, which are also provided with dugouts.

Prisoner in February, 1918 stated that the tunnel contained a dressing station, canteen and kitchens. One battalion was quartered here in reserve and at least another could be put in. There were several airshafts and electric fans.

(b) In addition, a previous prisoner stated that there were at BELLENGLISE two straight approach galleries to the Canal about 35 m. apart with entrances in W. side of road at G.34.d.95.90. The galleries were 40 m. long, 1.8 m. high, and 1.2 broad, revetted with wooden frames.

6. QUARRIES. -

The Quarry in G.16.d. contains important accommodation for troops, including, in the Northern face, a gallery capable of holding at least a battalion. This gallery has three entrance shafts and three large rooms. There are also two dugouts in the Western face side by side, and several in the Eastern face, probably capable of holding a large number of men. There used to be two A.A. machine guns emplaced near the dugouts in the Western face. The north-eastern corner contained a large dugout, then used as Regimental Battle H.Q. There was a Battalion H.Q. in the dugouts shown on the 1/10,000 map at G.22.b.5585.

(NOTE. - This quarry is of great tactical importance. (b) Its garrison is undoubtedly intended to attack our troops in flank should they succeed in crossing the Canal tunnel south of BELLICOURT. Its importance is referred to in the HINDENBURG defence scheme.).

7. BRIDGES. -

Bridges exist as indicated on the maps and fully described in topographical reports. In addition, there are many footbridges at short intervals along the Canal.

The bridges occur at harrowings of the Canal, and are raised about 3 to 4 metres above the water-level. They are nearly all fixed iron bridges on stone foundations, many as at BELLENGLISE and LEHAUCOURT having two spans (20 metres long). The PORT de RIQUEVAL at G.22.d., however, is of solid masonry, and so is the ST. QUENTIN bridge (double-arched, with stone pier in centre of Canal).

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In addition there are bridges over the river ~~SOMME E.~~ of the Canal at ST. QUENTIN, MOICOURT, and ECUVROY.

8. PRESENT CONDITION OF CANAL. -

The Canal is now practically empty between the locks in HONNECOURT and from the lock in S.13.d. to the Northern end of the tunnel near LE CATELET. South of the lock, in S.13.d. to VENDHUILLE the water consists mainly of small pools. The bottom appears very muddy. The existence of bridges over the channel E. of the Canal N. of VENDHUILLE without corresponding bridges over the Canal itself would indicate that the bed is passable for foot traffic at certain points.

For Canal from HONNECOURT to VENDHUILLE see especially 205.V.3445, 3656, 3446. Close views 3479, 3480, 3481, 3482.

For BELLENGLISE section 205.V.3640, 3641, 3167. Oblique 9 AE 0109. Close views 205.V.3207, 3473, 3476.

For Southern sector LESDINS - ST. QUENTIN, 205.V.3457, 3667, 3578, 3672, 3162.

9. TRENCHES: The SIEGFRIED Stellung. -

The enemy chose the line of the Canal to take advantage of the latter as a natural obstacle. But there is much evidence that from BELLICOURT to ST. QUENTIN the original scheme was not quite maintained. He at first chose the E. bank itself as his main line of resistance, and proceeded to sink shafts at frequent intervals from the top of the E. bank to connect with dugouts, which would again connect with a circulating trench running under the lee of the bank. A support line was planned 150 yards behind this on the higher ground. Then, perhaps because the dugouts filled with water draining from the Canal, he abandoned the bank itself as his main line: the shafts were replaced by small fire bays at intervals, connected with the circulating trench. (In recent photographs these fire-bays appear neglected). He was now obliged to draw back his line to higher ground, in order to command ground otherwise dead.

This probably explains the series of holes, apparently purposeless, visible in some parts (e.g. in G.29.a. and in M.6.b., M.5.b.) between the E. bank and the present main HINDENBURG Line. They represent the dugouts of a projected line not carried out. (Work was on the usual SIEGFRIED Line principle starting first on the dugouts).

Captured German secret maps of Feb., 1917 show in detail the HINDENBURG Line as projected on that date, and as since executed. This information (dugouts, trenches, machine gun emplacements, and wire) is reproduced on the special 10,000 and 20,000 sheets recently issued.

The Canal obstacle was enhanced by wiring the inner side of the W. bank and by felling the trees and leaving the stumps interlaced with wire. The bridges are already mined and the approaches defended by machine guns.

The HINDENBURG Line, as projected in 1917, was based on principles of defence since obsolete. It was executed on these principles even up to March, 1918, perhaps because the enemy felt reliance on its unusual strength and that it could not be attacked. The front line was provided with concrete dugouts at 40 to 60 yards interval: the captured maps show all the machine guns in the front and support lines, and the artillery not disposed in depth.

Modifications/

Modifications must now be expected in these directions. But even for the HINDENBURG Line the enemy was careful to keep a series of forward positions to deny observation and in 1918 did much work on outpost lines. These were strongly elaborated between PONTRUET and the bastion of the HINDENBURG Line enclosing the city of ST. QUENTIN.

Where the natural obstacle of the Canal is lacking, i.e. at the long tunnel between VENDHUILLE and BELLICOURT and the shorter LE TIONQUY tunnel, the enemy organized particularly strong and well wired trenches in the form of a slight salient. The wire is particularly strong, the forward belt being in the form of triangles characteristic also of the DROCOURT - QUEANT Line.

E. of VENDHUILLE the HINDENBURG line is drawn well back from the Canal and goes north past LA TERRIERE to re-join the Canal at BANTOUZELLE. In this sector, also, the wire is of similarly strong character. At BANTOUZELLE the system crosses the Canal & runs N.W. to MCEUVRES and QUEANT - now in our hands.

Work before March, 1918. -

From Jan., 1918 a considerable amount of work was noticed on outpost lines, e.g. much wiring and work on trenches was done near OSSUS Wood and in the PONTRUET - THORIGNY - ST. QUENTIN area. In the latter area there appeared a considerable number of wired-round strong points.

There was much activity on the repair of roads, the making of new military roads, especially at ITANCOURT and to the Canal bridges. New tramways were built and the enemy increased his footbridges and causeways and made several bridges for heavy traffic.

Recent work. -

Since we again approached the HINDENBURG Line work on that system has not been so conspicuous as might be expected. On the 15th Sept. photographs showed various new lengths of trench: across the ridge E. of BELLENGLISE from G.29.c. to G.36.c.; across Knobkerry Ridge from G.24.c. to G.30.b.; from NAUROY at G.11.d. across the RIQUEVAL ravine and BELLICOURT ridge to the tunnel at A.28.g. (with some gaps); in A.22.c.d.; along the LE CATELET - BELLICOURT road in A.11.e.16.b.; and along the Canal north of VENDHUILLE (520.C.26.a.) (The last two a mere trace). Since then no new trenches have appeared but activity and work on trenches is visible, especially at BONY and BELLENGLISE. The work done has been noticeably slight in the LEHAUCOURT - LESDINS - ST. QUENTIN area. In general, however, the HINDENBURG Line was ready before and remained in good condition: the wire is excellent.

Little or no work has been recently done on back lines behind the HINDENBURG Line, e.g., the LE CATELET - NAUROY - MAGNY line, a single trench with dugouts, not very heavily wired, and on the MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR line, which is more heavily wired and consists of front and support trenches. Behind this is the WALINCOURT - AUDIGNY line, mostly merely traced.

On the other hand, the enemy evidently does not wish us to approach too close to the HINDENBURG line, and he did a good deal of work on various cut post lines, e.g., GILLEMONT Farm - QUENNECOURT Farm. In particular the FLESNY - FAYET ridge was strongly organized with new trenches and considerable belts of wire.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.SECRET.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 10.

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Headquarters,
4th. September 1918.

Reference Map - Sheet 62.C. 1:40,000.

Reference 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery Order No. 81.

1. AMMUNITION.

A.R.P.'s are established as under :-

- (a) No. 1. - N. 14. a. Central. (Controlled by 5th. Aust. D. A. C.)
 No. 2. - H. 3. d. 9. 5. (Controlled by 3rd. (Army) Bde. A. F. A.).

The Right Group will draw from No. 1. Dump.

The Left Group will draw from No. 2. Dump.

- (b) The following ammunition will be maintained at Gun positions :-

18. pdr. - 300 rounds per gun.

4.5" How. - 250 rounds per How.

Superimposed Brigade will maintain Echelons full only.

- (c) Ammunition left in vacated pits of 12th. (Army) Bde. Aust. F. A. and 23rd. (Army) Bde. R. F. A. will be taken over by 13th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

C.O.'s 12th. and 23rd. Army Brigades will repeat wire to 13th. Aust. F. A. Brigade shewing amounts remaining in pits.

2. RETURNS.

All Ammunition, Gun and Casualty Returns after noon today will be furnished direct to this office in accordance with instructions contained in 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery No. A. 8/82 of 10.8.1918.

14.8.1918.

Captain,
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Distribution.

	Copy No.
3rd. (Army) Brigade A. F. A.	1
5th. (Army) Brigade R. F. A.	2
13th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.	3
14th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.	4
14th. (Army) Bde. R. F. A.	5.
16th. (Army) Bde. R. H. A.	6
12th. (Army) Bde. A. F. A.	7
23rd. (Army) Bde. R. F. A.	8
5th. Aust. D. A. Column.	9
D. T. M. O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	10
298th. (Army) Bde. R. F. A.	11
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ADDENDUM No.1.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No.10.

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Headquarters,
4th. September 1918.

AMMUNITION.

Ammunition left in vacated pits of 4th. and 5th. Brigades Aust.F.A. will be taken over by 3rd.(Army) Brigade Aust.F.A. C.O's 4th. and 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigades will wire C.O. 3rd. (Army) Brigade A.F.A. shewing amounts remaining in pits.

WAGON LINES.

C.O's Units will arrange to select Wagon Lines in a position within easy access to water.

W. B. O'Connell
Captain,
A/Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Issued to all recipients of 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Administrative Instruction No.10.

APPENDIX.

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