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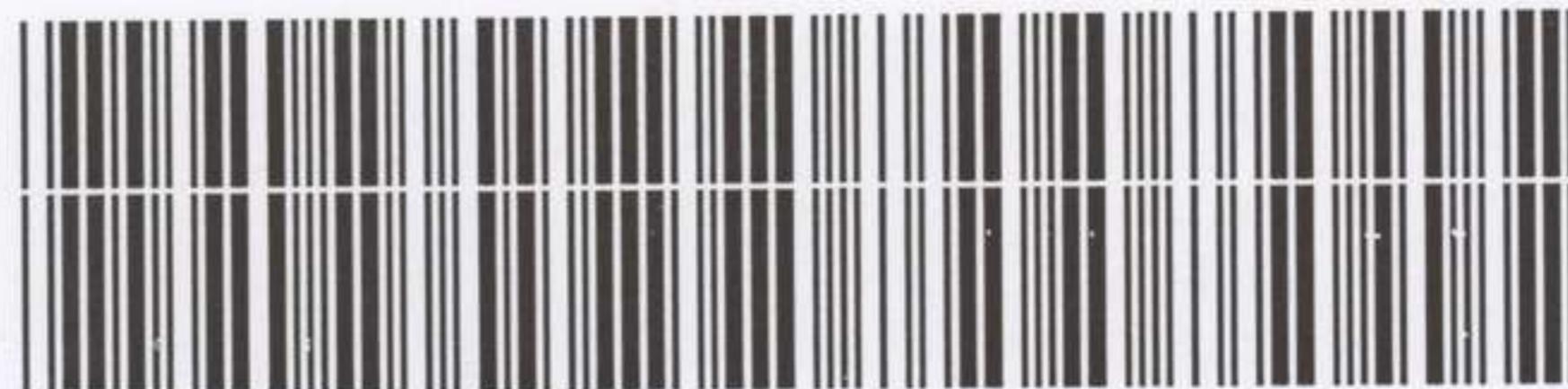
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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| 1st. October 18. | Batteries owing to the infantry not being able to advance remained in support. Batteries were to have moved forward over the canal but owing to the congestion of traffic the move was postponed 24 hours. | | |
| 2.10.18. | 10 a.m. Batteries remained in positions of support in L5 throughout the night Guards for S.O.S. signal and a tactical O.P. was as usual maintained throughout the night. 11a.m. C.O. and Adj. visited 2nd. D.A.H.Q. who assumed command of the artillery in the 2nd. Divl. area at 9a.m. and enquired as to the likelyhood of the movements of the Brigade. Orders were received that all Batteries would move forward and occupy positions in H1c. and H7 Sheet 62BN.W. Brigade H.Q. moved forward to G17a4.2. And batteries reported their locations by 9p.m. They were as follows | 13th. battery H1c6.7. 14th. " H7d0.7. 15th. " G12b 85.85 105th. " H1c5.0. | |
| | The 13th battery connected up by phoneto the forward exchange of the 4th. A.F.A. Brigade who moved forward on the night of the 1st. inst. The Brigade signal subsection had great difficulty in locating the batteries by 10p.m.. they had connected the 13th. & 105th. bties to this H.Q. but although 12 searches were made throughout the night the 14th. & 15th. bties could not be found | | |
| 10.18 | At 1a.m. orders were received for the brigade to operate in a creeping barrage in order to capture ESIREES & JONCOURT. The situation was extremely difficult as the locations of the 14th & 15th. bties were unknown although we estimated their positions within a 1000 yards. However our two gallant determined runners whose work has always been thoroughly reliable and sagacious set out and succeeded in locating all batteries in time to take part in the operation Their performance was commendable for apart from lack of correct locations the night was pitch black and the whole area wherein were the batteries was kept under continuous gas shelling by the enemy. | | Summary of Events and Information |
| 4.10.18 | The operation developed successfully. Capt L.R. Blakemore was seriously wounded and evacuated. The weather continues fine and helps our operations considerably. The infantry intend to develop their recent gains and the better to cover our Australian infantry who are taking over a sector to the right of present Batteries moved to the following locations Sheets 57c&b 62b&c. 13th Bty. at H10d4.2. 14th. Bty at H10d5.5. 15th. " b H10d7.5. 105th " " H10a4.8. | | |
| 5.10.18. | The infantry attacked at 5.15.a.m. and after severe fighting secured approximately their objectives. The artillery work was straight out creeping barrage with harrassing fire on machine gun emplacements afterwards to help the infantry. The weather continues fine which as well as being helpful to the infantry is a great advantage to the artillery in the tremendous task of ammunition supply. At 6p.m. 8th. A.F.A. Brigade became Left Group comprising 4th. 5th. & 12th. Bdes. To these Brigades will be added the 7th & 8th. for a special operation to be carried out by the 30th Americas Division at an early date. Batteries will have to move forward again for it and positions were reconnoitred and marked during the afternoon. The enemy's artillery fire has become very slack compared to trench war days but at night his bombing planes are very active over our forward wagon lines. So far we have not suffered any casualties. | | |
| 6th 10.18. | 7th & 8th Bdes. joined our group and selected and occupied positions. B.H.Q. moved to near JONCOURT at H8d10.50. Sheet WIANCOURT. We harassed the enemy's strong points during day and night. | | |
| 7.10.18. | At 5.15 a.m. we operated in a minor operation to help the Infantry straighten out their line, for jumping off purposes between MONT BREHAIN and PONCHAUX. The weather shows signs of breaking. At 7 p.m. a slight rain began to fall. All batteries have moved | | |

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7.10.18 continued - forward to battle positions preparatory to the big advance on PREMONT to be made by 3rd. American Division on the morrow. Their locations were as follows:-

13th. Battery - B.4.b.9.4. 14th. Battery - B.4.b.8.
15th. " - B.4.d.2.8. 105th. " - B.4.b.6.

8.10.18. The night fined up and beautiful weather prevailed. The attack all along the line was entirely successful and our troops advanced after an initial fight with considerable ease. The English on the right were particularly successful. As the advance is to continue our Batteries had to move forward and keep in touch with Infantry, though we were not actually the exploiting Brigade for the day. For the night, positions were taken up by the Batteries near Chateau VAUX-le-PRETRÉ, B.H.Q. going to PONCHAUX.

9.10.18. At 2.30 a.m. orders were received at B.H.Q. to take part in a creeping barrage at 6 a.m. It was close running but the communications held, and the Batteries were able to function. We were the exploiting brigade and the 14th. battery moved forward in close touch with the infantry company. Commanders and dealt with machine gun nests as they appeared. The advance was again a big one and little opposition was met with by the infantry. The 14th. Battery were of great assistance in shelling machine gun nests supporting the enemy's rearguards. The enemy's artillery fire was light being confined to long range guns which shelled towns and woods intermittently. Officers patrols as usual kept in close touch with the infantry's movements and at nightfall acting on their reconnaissance the CO. was able to detail o the group a protective barrage S.O. S. for the hours of darkness. The advance being good on both sides our flanks were fully protected. B.H.Q. billeted for the night in one of the eastern outskir of PREMONT. The batteries kept in close commanding touch with the infantry outposts and were distributed as follows for the night Sheet 57b.

13th. Bty. at V26c5.5. 14th. at V26c5.5.

15th. V26b3.7. 105 h. V8d7.4.

The hours were undisturbed by hostile actions though our guns were able to harass known strongholds such as PROYART WOOD

10.10.18. At dawn the infantry supported by our light barrage moved forward and cleared the country as far forward as the river Selle between ST. BENIN and ST. SOUPLET. Here strong opposition was met. The enemy evidently meant to make a stand along here. The river guarded as it is on the east by a big railway embankment. Had this railway been rushed immediately on arrival of the infantry our position in this sector would have been strong but unfortunately the infantry orders were definite. The River Selle being given as the objective and as nightfall we found ourselves in an unsatisfactory position. As no orders to the contrary had been received it was necessary for the batteries to come into action in such a position as to give the Infantry the fullest advantage of range in a creeping barrage should one be needed to secure the River La SELLE and the high ground East of it. The Infantry reported the river was held also the villages of ST. BENIN, ST. SOUPLET and MOLAIN. The Brigade was located as follows:-

B.H.Q. - V.5.d.15.00.)

13th. Battery - P.36.d.70.20.) Sheet FRANCE.

14th. " - V.6.b.80.30.)

15th. " - W.1.a.40.80.)

105th. " - W.1.a.10.40.)

57b 1/40,000.

Had the situation been as represented by the Infantry all would have gone well, but a reconnaissance by a F.O.O. showed that the German Infantry had penetrated our Line on the N.E. to within 2000 yards of the guns and on the S.E. to within 1500 yards, holding the Village of LA HAIE ME NERESSE.

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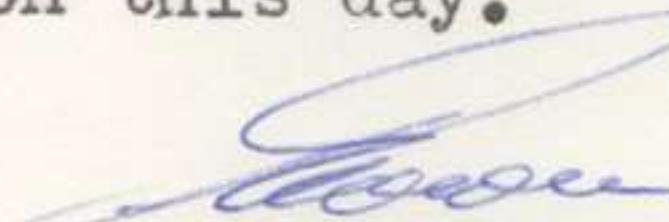
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5 Artillery Brigade - entry for 12 October 1918

A visitor to the Memorial and an ex-member of 13 Battery stated that the reference to 10 horses killed and 9 wounded from 15p Battery should possibly read "13 Battery". The visitor, Mr Frank Evans was a member of 13 Battery and was wounded on this day.


(G.P. McKeown)

Keeper of Written Records

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- 11.10.18. Fortunately the 36th. Division American Infantry restored the line on the morning. We harassed the Railway and High Ground East of it during the night and day. The enemy does not appear to be in force, but is well supplied with Machine Guns which he used to considerable advantage against our Infantry. It is evident that the whole of the line is being held up here and we will not be continuing the advance for some days. The enemy's shell fire has not been heavy, though his light shelling has been consistent over all areas. His guns are well back especially those of heavy calibre. The lightness of his shelling is merciful as it permits the civilians in the village of the battle area to be evacuated. The civilians are wonderful in the brave show they made in the face of so many and so great dangers. A little gas in the village of ESCAUFORT during the night while it caused no casualties to our men, inflicted a few of the French with excruciatingly painful eyes and throats.
- 12.10.18. The situation is unchanged. We harassed the enemy as usual but the Infantry have been unable to improve their position. The enemy's shelling increased during the period of 24 hours. The 15th Battery had 10 horses killed and 9 wounded by long range shells. A noticeable feature at present is that the enemy's bombing planes have been inactive absolutely during the night. The artillery personnel have been doing fine work in volunteering to assist the French civilians to get out of the shell zone with their few remaining belongings.
- 13.10.18. The weather remains fine. We maintained the usual harassing fire. The enemy's shell fire daily increases; during the night the village of ESCAUFORT was severely drenched with Mustard Gas from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. No casualties have been reported. Owing to the enemy's long range gun activity all the wagon lines are moving back except the 14th. Battery and are located as follows:-
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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 13th. Battery - V.7.a.20.80.) | |
| 14th. " - V.10.d.10.80.) | Sheet FRANCE |
| 15th. " - P.27.c.5.5.) | 57b 1/40,000. |
| 105th. " - V.7.d.25.80.) | |
- 15.10.18. An attack is being arranged for the near future and the Batteries have to get up 600 rounds per gun to the pits. The 15th. Battery being fitted with spring buffers has to move forward slightly in order to cover the protective barrage line, which will approximately be the road in Q.23. and 30. Positions selected is as follows:- W.1.b.35.85. The 105th. How. Battery is moving also to Q.32.c.0.2. The trouble at present is the ammunition supply which is rendered difficult owing to the rail head being so far behind the line.
- 16.10.18. The enemy's gas shelling was again severe in Village areas especially ESCAUFORT. The 105th. Battery had 5 other ranks evacuated gassed. Our observers and Liaison Officers were kept very busy with the American Infantry and rendered much assistance to them not only in spelling as required but in correctly locating and recording and co-ordinating their out posts. The weather continued fine.
- 17.10.18. The weather though very misty in the morning was very favourable to an attacking force. Our ammunition was delivered and the 15th. and 105th. Batteries moved forward without casualties.
- 18.10.18. The enemy's shell fire which on the 17th. had slackened was again severe from 1a.m. to 5 a.m. and the village of ESCAUFORT was once more heavily drenched with gas. At 0530 the Barrage commenced to cover the attack by the 27th. American Division. The attack on our immediate front was very successful but the troops on the left had an extremely difficult

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| | | | | High |
| 18.10.18 | continued..- and arduous task, and after heavy fighting just managed to form up in advance of the river SELLE. The American Infantry conformed to their movements. Fortunately the high ground East of the River SELLE was secured. The weather was fine. | | | |
| 19.10.18. | At 0530 the attack was again renewed and the advance was continued beyond the range of our Brigade's guns. Our orders were to remain in position although the guns were not in a position to cover the Infantry. This was a great help to the much fatigued men who sorely needed sleep and rest. Towards night our Batteries were withdrawn to wagon lines. | | | |
| 20.10.18. | As per 5th. F.A.B. Order No. 1 the Brigade was ordered to march to a rest area. The night 20th/21st. September October was spent at TEMPLEUX-le-GEURARD. The weather during the day was wet and cold. But fortunately cover was found for the men during the night at the ruins of TEMPLEUX. | | | |
| 21.10.18. | The Brigade moved to BUIRE. The whole of the Batteries stand H.Q. with a little work will be exceptionally comfortable in the billets allotted and all horses will be under cover. The weather has cleared. | | | |
| 22.10.18. | The whole day was employed by the Batteries in making themselves as comfortable as possible. Fine cold weather prevailed. | | | |
| 23.10.18. | D.A.H.Q.'s scheme for the rest is that the men shall be allowed as much rest as possible before the 28th. instant when training will commence. Showery weather prevails. The surrounding country though very beautiful is hardly suitable for a rest area as the civilians have not yet returned and the desolation provides little real mental recreation for men who are probably more tired in mind than in body. | | | |
| 24.10.18. | Inter-Battery football matches were played during the afternoon. There is no canteen stuff available owing to the present system at present in vogue and as it is not possible for a few days to obtain sporting material even sport is practically denied the men who at present have only in the Brigade about two sets of football outfits, however every opportunity is allowed them to rest and when we are able to take up sport everyone will be recuperated. | | | |
| 25-26.10.18. | Showery weather still prevails. There are symptoms of influenza breaking out amongst the men and several have been laid up by the R.M.O. | | | |
| 27.10.18. | The weather has changed and sunshine takes the place of cold wind and rain. Three other ranks were evacuated with influenza. Church service was held at 10 a.m. The C.O., went on English Leave and Major O.F. DIXON, D.S.O. will be in command during his absence. | | | |
| 28.10.18. | The Brigade received orders to move into the Australian Corps area and on night 29th/30th. stayed at BRAY. | | | |
| 29.10.18. | ALLONVILLE has been allotted to the 5th. Brigade as a billeting area and the Batteries arrived at nightfall. All men and horses are comfortably quartered and fine weather prevailed for the march. | | | |
| 30.10.18. | The day was spent in arranging billets for the comfort of the men and mending stables which when slightly patched up will be great protection for the horses. This is an excellent training area and as well the men will have the added zest of being amongst civilians to their sporting recreation. | | | |
| 31.10.18. | | | | |

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Appendix A/1

1. (a) 65th Army Bde. R.F.A. will arrive at Wagon Line in BUIRE area on night 23rd/24th September and will move up and go into the Line on night 24th/25th September in vicinity of positions vacated by 5th Army Bde. R.F.A.
(b) 1st Area Commandant PERONNE will allot accommodation at BUIRE for night 23rd/24th September.
ii billeting party will meet Staff Captain at 10 a.m. on 24th September at J.18.C.6.2 who will point out Wagon Lines to them.
(c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Lt. Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO at L.10.A.2.5 at 10 a.m. on 24th September
2. (a) The 12th Army Aust. F.A. Brigade will relieve the 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade in the line on the night 23rd/24th September.
(b) Billeting party will meet an Officer (to be detailed by C.O. 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade), at 10 a.m. on 23rd September at K.20.B.4.5, who will show them Wagon Lines of batteries they are relieving. 12th Army Aust. F.A. Brigade will pick positions for wagon line in proximity to those of Batteries they are relieving.
(c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Lt. Col. STEVENSON CMG at L.10.A.2.5 at 10 a.m. on 23rd September.
(d) 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade, on relief will withdraw to Wagon Lines and pass to Corps Reserve.
3. (a) The 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. will march from HALLE at 8 p.m. on night 23rd/24th September via FEULLAUCOURT - HAUT - ALLAINES and BUSSU to Wagon Lines in HERVILLY area and will relieve the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade in the line on the night 24th/25th September.
(b) Billeting parties will meet an Officer, (to be detailed by C.O. 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade), at 10 a.m. on 23rd September at K.23.D.5.2, who will show them Wagon Lines of Batteries they are relieving. 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. will pick positions for Wagon Lines in proximity to those of Batteries they are relieving.
(c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Lt. Col. G.H.H. KING CMG DSO at L.20.D.5.4 at 10 a.m. on 24th September.
(d) 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade on relief will withdraw to Wagon Lines and will come under orders of C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division.
4. (a) There will be no movement of troops by day.
(b) Wagon Lines will be selected as far as possible to ensure concealment from the air.
(c) Until further orders Artillery horses are not to be grazed in the 1st Australian Divisional Area.
5. COMMAND.
On relief of 3rd Army Aust. F.A. Brigade the Command of the Left Group Artillery will pass to Lt. Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade who will take over headquarters at present occupied by Lt. Col. G.I. STEVENSON CMG at L.10.A.2.5.

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6. On completion of above reliefs, Field Artillery will be grouped as follows :-

RIGHT GROUP. - Covering Right Infantry Brigade.

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| 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade. | } | Lt. Col. E.T. DEAN DSO |
| 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade. | } | Commanding Right Group. |

Right Sub-Group :-

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| 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade. (To be relieved by 150th Bde. R.F.A. on arrival.) | } | Lt. Col. G.H.M. KING GMG DSO |
| 84th Army Bde. R.F.A. | } | Commanding Sub-Group. |

LEFT GROUP. - Covering Left Infantry Brigade.

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|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade. | } | Lt. Col. H.W. RIGGALL DSO |
| 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade. | } | Commanding Left Group. |

Left Sub-Group :-

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| 12th Army Aust. F.A. Brigade. th Army Brigade R.F.A. | } | Commander to be detailed later. |
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- (a) The 150th Army Bde R.F.A. will arrive in MARQUAIX area on night 23rd/24th September and will move up and relieve the 8th Aust. F.A. Bde in the line on night 24th/25th September.
- (b) Battering Parties will meet an Officer, (to be detailed by C.O. 8th Aust. F.A. Bde) at 10 am. on 24th September at H.23.D.5.2 who will show them Wagon Lines of Batteries they are relieving. 150th Army Bde. R.F.A. will pick positions for Wagon Lines in proximity to those of Batteries they are relieving.
- (c) Brigade and Battery Commanders will report to Major S.G. ROWE D.S.O. at L.21.B.65.75 at 10 am. on 24th September.
- (d) 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade on relief will withdraw to Wagon Lines and will come under orders of C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div.
2. 3rd Aust. Div. Arty (less H.Q.) will move from present Wagon lines on night 25th/26th September under orders to be issued by C.R.A., 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
3. (a) Relieved units will move with full echelons. All other ammunition will be handed over to relieving units.
- (b) All maps, photographs and documents relating to this sector will be handed over.
- (c) Batteries will relieve by sections, not more than 1 section of any battery to be out of action at one time.
- (d) Completion of reliefs will be notified to this Office.
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INSTRUCTION NO. 2.
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1. INFORMATION.

30th American Division (less Artillery) arrives in Aust. Corps area b, b's on night 22/23rd and 23/24th September and will be accommodated in the TINGOURT Area prior to taking over the sector now held by 1st Aust. Division.

Advance D.H.Q., 30th American Division will be established with 1st. Australian Divisional Headquarters.

2. RELIEF.

1st. Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by 30th American Division (less Artillery) in the line on 23rd and night 23rd/24th inst.

Relief will be completed and command will pass to G.O.C. 30th American Division at 10 am. on 24th September.

3. BOUNDARIES.

(i) A new Divisional Boundary and area is attached.

(ii) The boundary between Aust. Corps and IXth Corps came into force at 10 am. on 22nd.

(iii) The boundaries between Aust. Corps and 3rd Corps will come into force at 10 am. 25th September.

4. HEADQUARTERS AND DISPOSITIONS 30TH AMERICAN DIVISION.

On completion of relief of the 30th American Division will be disposed as under :-

59th Brigade. In LINE brigade H. Qrs. L.26.A.4.7

1 Rgt. } 2 Bns in line.
in line } 1 Bn in support (Area L.11. & 17.)
Regt H. Qrs. L.10.A.2.4

1 Regt } 1 Bn. Area L.3.8.&.9
in bde } 3 Bns. 1 Bn. " L.15.D.
Reserve } 1 Bn. " L.16.C. L.21.
1 Bn. " L.14.D. L.20
L.26
Regt H. Qrs. K.19.D.3.0.

60th Brigade. in Divisional Reserve H. Qrs. K.27.A.6.8

2 Regts. in ROISEL - 1 Regt. N of line E.&W.
through K.17. & 18. Central.
MENVILLE. Area. 1 Regt. South thereof.

H.Qrs 'A' Regt. K.30.A.5.2.
H.Qrs 'B' Regt. Quarry. K.11.0.

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| 1st Aust. D.A.O. | 17 |
| D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div. | 18 |
| S.S.O. 1st Aust. Div. | 19 |
| No.1 Coy. 1st Div. Train. | 20 |
| C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div. | 21 |
| Staff Captain. | 22 |
| Signal Officer. | 23 |
| Record. Officer. | 24 |
| File. | 25 |
| War Diary. | 26/28 |
| Spare. | 29/31 |

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

23/9/1918.

INSTRUCTION NO. 3.
Series 6.Reference map FRANCE
sheet 620 1/40 000

1. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of 1st. Aus. D.A. Instructions No, 1, series 6 are cancelled and following substituted.

COMMAND. On relief of 3rd Aust. Army F.A. Bde. the command of Left Group Artillery will pass to Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O., 12th Aust. Army F.A. bdo. with Headquarters at L.10.A. 2.5

3. On completion of above reliefs, Field Artillery will be grouped as follows :-

Right Group. - covering Right Bn., 59th American Inf. Brigade.

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st. Aus. F.A. Bde.) | Lt-Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O. |
| 2nd. " " ") | commanding Right Group. |

Right Sub Group.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 150th Army Bde. R.F.A.) | (To be detailed later.) |
| 84th " " ") | Commanding Right Sub Group. |

Left Group. - covering Left Bn. 59th American Inf. Brigade.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 12th Aust. Army F.A. Bde.) | Lt-Col. H.W. LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O. |
| 85th Army Bde. R.F.A.) | commanding Left Group. |

Left Sub Group.

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4th Aus. F.A. Bde.) | Lt-Col. H.W. RIGGALL D.S.O. |
| 5th " " ") | commanding Left Sub Group. |

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution .

All recipients of 1st. A.D.A.
Instructions No, 2, series 6.
plus 150th Army Bde R.F.A.

A/ *K.W. White* Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

Major.

Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 4.
Series C.

23/9/1918.

1. On completion of relief detailed in 1st. Aus. Div. Arty Instruction No, 2, series 6 , liaison will be as follows :-

(a) Right Group.

With 59th American I.f. Brigade H.Q. L.26.O.4.7.
With Right Line Bn. (3rd Bn. of 118th Regt).
H.Q. G.7.D.3.7

(b) Left group.

With 118th American Inf. Regt. H.Q. L.10.A.2.4.
With Left Line Bn. (1st Bn. of 118th Regt).
H.Q. L.5.D.6.6.

2. COMMUNICATION.

- (a) A direct line will be maintained between H.Q. of Right and left Groups.
- (b) Right and Loft Groups will maintain a line to the H.Q. of Battalion they are covering in the line.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Recd. Major.
A/ brigade major. 1st Aus. Div. Arty.

Distribution .

To all recipients

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Right Group Arty. | 1 |
| Loft Group Arty. | 2 |
| 65th Army Brigade R.F.A. | 3 |
| 84th " " " | 4 |
| 12th Aust. Army F.A. brigade. | 5 |
| 150th Army Brigade R.F.A. | 6 |
| 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade. | 7 |
| 4th " " " | 8 |
| 5th " " " | 9 |
| 7th " " " | 10 |
| 8th " " " | 11 |
| 18th Brigade R.G.A. | 12 |
| R.A. Aust. Corps. | 13 |
| L.A. " " | 14 |
| 1st Aust. Div. | 15 |
| 74th Div. Arty. | 16 |
| 4th Aust Div. Arty. | 17 |
| 1st Aust. D.A.C. | 18 |
| M.T.M.O., 1st Aust. Div. | 19 |
| C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div. | 20 |
| Staff Captain. | 21 |
| Signal Officer. | 22 |
| Recomm. Officer. | 23 |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Instruction No. 5
Series 6.

24/9/1918.

Reference Map FRANCE
Sheet 62 C 1/40,000.

1. Reference 1st Aus. Div. Arty. Instruction No. 3, series 6, paragraph 2.

Right Sub Group Commander will be Lieut-Colonel F.A. DIXON D.S.O.
150th Army Brigade R.F.A.

2. (a) The 6th Aust. Army F.A. Brigade will march from present Wagon Lines to Wagon Lines in J.29.C. & D. on the night 25th/26th instant.
- (b) Location of Headquarters 6th Aust. Army F.A. Brigade will be sent to this H.Q. (J.16.A.8.3) on arrival.

3. 5th Aust. Div. Arty (less H.Q.) will move from present Wagon Lines to Wagon Lines in J.35.B - J.36.A and D and Q.1.A on night 26th/27th instant under orders to be issued by H.Q., 5th Aust Div. Arty.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. C. G.

by major.
brigade major. 1st Aus. Div. Arty.

Distribution.

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Right Group Arty. | 1. |
| Left Group Arty. | 2. |
| 6th Army Brigade R.F.A. | 3. |
| 84th " " " | 4. |
| 150th " " " | 5. |
| 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade. | 6. |
| 4th " " " | 7. |
| 5th " " " | 8. |
| 7th " " " | 9. |
| 8th " " " | 10. |
| 68th Brigade R.G.A. | 11. |
| R.A. Aust Corps. | 12. |
| H.A. Aust. Corps. | 13. |
| 30th American Division. | 14. |
| 74th Div. Arty. | 15. |
| 4th Aust. Div. Arty. | 16. |
| 1st Aust. D.A.C. | 17. |
| D.T.M.O., 1st Aus. Div. | 18. |
| C.R.A. 1st Aus. Div. | 19. |
| Staff Capt. | 20. |
| Signal Officer. | 21. |
| Recon. Officer. | 22. |
| File. | 23. |
| War Diary. | 24/26. |
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5th Aust. Div. Arty 81.

0th Army R.R. Artillery 32

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Headquarters,
October 2nd 1918.ORDER No. 156.Map :-
Sets 62B and 62C 1/40,000

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division is taking over at 0900 on October 2nd that portion of the 5th Aust.Div.front between the following boundaries : -
Southern : - H.5.central - H.15.central - G.24.central.
Northern : - B.15.a.0.5. - B.19.c.1.4. - A.29.d.9.7. - G.3.central.
- (b) On completion of relief the 5th A.I.Ede. (H.Q. G.16.a.8.6.) is to be in the line, with the 6th and 7th A.I. Bdes. in support.
2. The following Field Artillery will come under the command of the C.R. A. 2nd Aust.Div. at 0900 October 2nd and will be grouped as shown : -
- (a) RIGHT GROUP - Under O.C. 84th Army Bde.R.F.A. (H.Q., G.16.d.7.1.)
- (i) 84th Army Bde.R.F.A.
1st Aust.F.A.Bde.
 - (ii) Right Sub-Group - Under O.C. 65th Army Ede.R.F.A.
55th Army Bde.R.F.A.
2nd A.F.A.Bde.
 - (iii) Right Superimposed Bde. - 150th Army Bde.R.F.A.
- LEFT GROUP - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. (H.Q., G.16.a.8.6.)
- (i) 12th Army Bde.A.F.A.
104th Army Bde.R.F.A.
 - (ii) Left Sub-Group - Under O.C. 5th A.F.A.Bde.
4th A.F.A.Bde.
5th A.F.A.Bde.
 - (iii) Left Superimposed Bde. - 108th Army Bde.R.F.A.
3. (a) In confirmation of verbal orders issued on October 1st the above Brigades will be emplaced in positions suitable for carrying out a barrage to a depth of 3500 yards from the BEAUREVOIR line within the Divisional boundaries.
- (b) Positions will be occupied in the valley about H.7, H.13, H.14, and H.19.
- (c) All Brigades will be in action by 0300 on the night October 2nd/3rd; 2 Brigades per Group will be in action by the night October 1st/2nd.
- The inter-Group boundary will be the road H.1.d.3.0 - B.23.a.0.4. (inclusive to Left Group).

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ORDER No. 156 (Continued)

S E C T I O N

5. (a) The Right and Left Groups will both maintain liaison with the G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde. and will supply any necessary Battalion Liaison Officers.
- (b) "S.O.S." Lines will be arranged by Group Commanders direct with the Infantry Brigadier and notified to D.A.H.Q.
6. (a) Dumps at all gun positions will be as follows, the required amounts to be at the pits by 0400 October 3rd :-
18-pdrs. :- 200 rounds per gun (45% A; 45% AX;
 10% AS, where supplies permit).
4.5" hows. :- 200 rounds per how. (90% EX; 10% BS,
 where supplies permit).
- (b) Divisional A.R.P. is at L.10.a.6.7.
7. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. is at F.27.c.8.8.
8. Acknowledge.

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

Issued at 6 a.m.

Distribution :-

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| Left Group | " | 7 - 12 | 4th Aust.D.A. | " 25 |
| 1st Aust.D.A.C. | | 13 | 5th Aust.D.A. | " 26 |
| 2nd Aust.D.A.C. | | 14 | 2nd D.A. | " 27 |
| 2nd Aust.D.T.M.O. | | 15 | 20th Coy A.A.S.C. | " 28 |
| 2nd Aust.Div. | | 16 | S.O. 2nd A.I. Troops | " 29 |
| 5th A.I.Bde. | | 17 | File | " 30 |
| 6th A.I.Bde. | | 18 | War Diary | " 31-33 |
| 7th A.I.Bde. | | 19 | Spares | " 34-39 |
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| H.A.Aust.Corps | " | 21 - 22 | | |
| 1st Aust.D.A. | | 23 | | |

APPENDIX 2

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 15.

Appendix A.L

1. Left Group Artillery will support the Infantry in a minor operation this morning.
2. The task for 5th.A.F.A.Brigade is as follows:-

| | <u>START LINE</u> | <u>PROTECTIVE LINE</u> |
|-----------|--|------------------------------|
| 14th.Bty. | A.29.a.6.4. - A.29.c.90.85 | A.23.d.8.6. - A.24.c.30.22. |
| 15th. " | A.29.c.90.85 - A.29.d.15.32 | A.24.c.30.22 - A.30.a.70.90. |
| 13th. " | A.29.d.15.32 - G.5.b.40.80 | A.30.a.70.90 - A.30.b.10.55. |
| 105th." | Superimposed 200 yards EAST of 18-Pounders. | |

3. Batteries will fire on START Line from Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes, lift at the rate of 100 yards every 3 minutes until Protective Barrage Line is reached

4. RATES OF FIRE:- 18-Pdrs. 4 Rounds per Gun per minute during Creeping Barrage, 2 Rds. per Gun per minute for first 15 minutes after arrival on Protective Barrage Line, then 1 Round per Gun per minute for 15 minutes on Protective Barrage Line --then stop--. 4.5 Hows. Half 18-Pounder Rates.

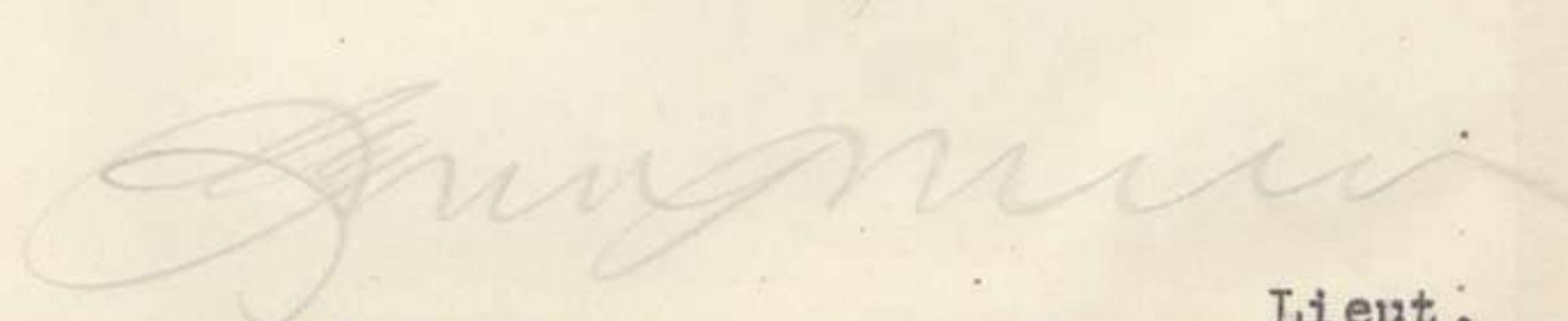
5. AMMUNITION.

18-Pounders 40% A, 50% AX, 10% AS.
4.5 Hows. 100% BX.

NOTE. Smoke shells will be fired spread over the whole of the operation.

6. Watches will be synchronised by Bearer.
7. ZERO HOUR is 6 a.m. 1st.October 1918.
8. Acknowledge by Wire.

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

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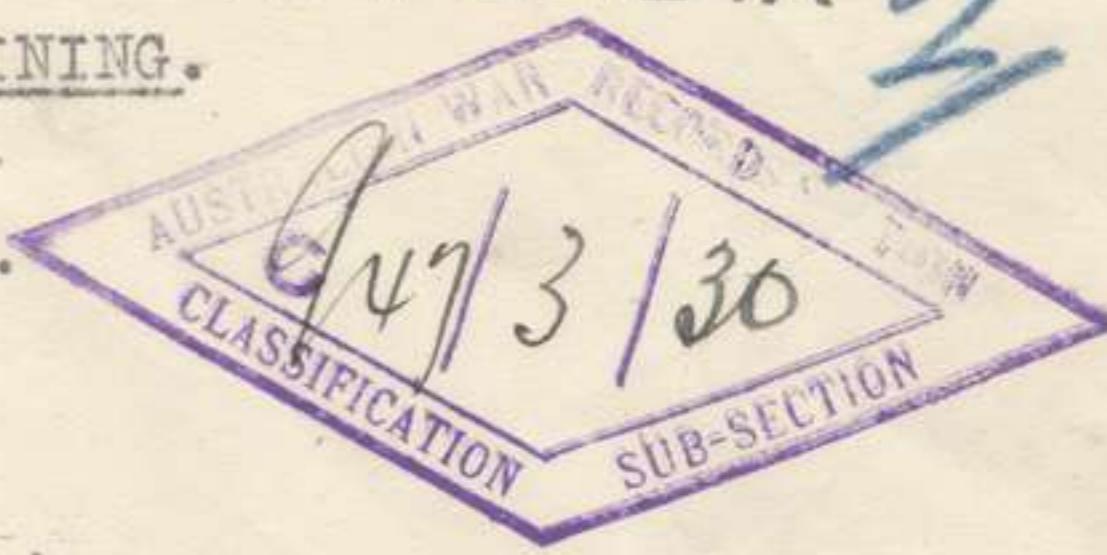
Fifth Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters,
1st.October 1918.

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.



0615 - Reveille.

0630 }
to } - Stables.
0730 }

0800 - Breakfast.

0900 - Inspection Parade (Strictly Regimental.)

DRIVERS:- Grooming (under supervision), Grazing, Exercise and Harness Cleaning.

GUNNERS:- Gun Drill.

1000)
to } - Lecture.
1030)

1030)
to } - Smoke oh.
1045)

1045)
to } - Laying and Fuze Setting.
1200)

1245 - Dinner.

1400 - Recreational Training for ALL ranks.

1600)
to } - Stables.
1700)

MOUNTINGS:- Guards will mount at 0900 daily, (Each member of Guard to carry 50 rounds S.A.A. in bandolier.)

PICQUETS:- 1700 to 0730.

STABLEMEN:- 0730 to 1700.

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From 28.10.18 - 4.11.18. (Both inclusive.)

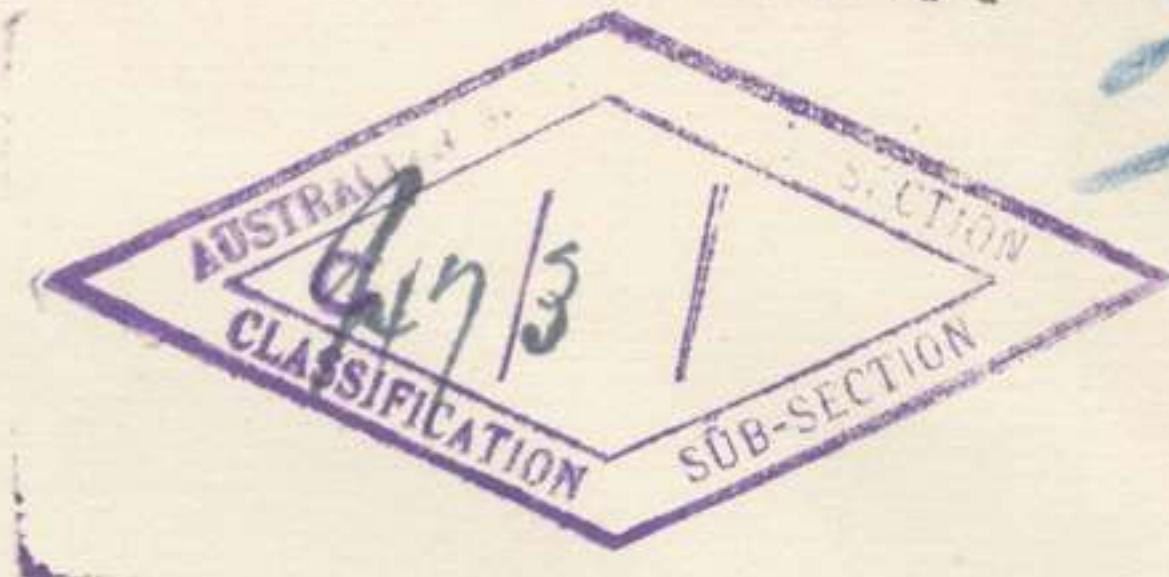
*Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.*

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13th. Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
105th. "
2nd. D.A.H.Q. (For information).
File.

Fifth Aust. Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters,
26th. October 1918.

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters;
26th. October 1918.

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

Reference 2nd.Aust.Div.Arty. Training Instructions No. 10.

1. Batteries will comply with above Instructions.
2. Reference Para. 5. Material will be provided by Batteries as shewn :-

Small Flags. D III Telephones. Lucas Lamps.

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| 13th. Battery - | 3 | 2 | - |
| 14th. " - | 3 | 2 | - |
| 15th. " - | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 105th. " - | 3 | 1 | 1 |

105th. Battery will supply one Camp Kettle.

3. Reference Para. 6. Batteries will submit Nominal Roll to this Office by 1800 27.10.18.

Bruunier Lieut.
Adjutant, 5tj. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

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4th A.F.A. Brigade,
5th "

No. 40
2nd AUSTRALIAN
DIVL. ARTILLERY

A.3/1/73.

Headquarters,

6th F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F. 27th 1918.

No. 24/50.

HEADQUARTERS

The following copy of Aust. Corps Letter No.G.13/524, dated 14:6:18, is forwarded for your information, guidance and necessary action:-

"All Field Artillery in Corps Mobile Reserve will carry out training in Fire Discipline and Gun Drill - special attention being directed to the following:-

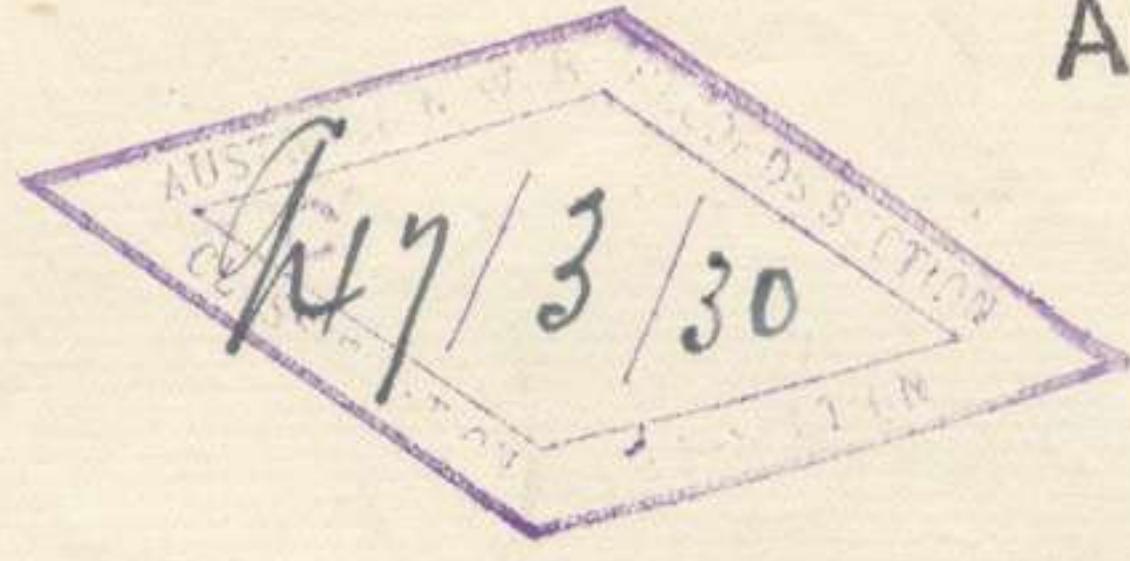
- (a). Coming into action in the open,
- (b). Engaging standing and moving targets under the command of the B.C. himself.
- (c). Rapid limbering up.
- (d). Practising by all officers of the battery of "Barrack Room Ranging" on all natures of targets.
- (e). Range finding and estimation of ranges.

The Brigade Commanders will make a point, when inspecting these batteries, of testing the Officers as regards their capabilities of ranging on various targets - not merely by asking the Officer what he would do in certain cases - but giving him a target and seeing him carry out a drill series on that target."

Elliott

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

APPENDIX 2

FIFTY AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.PROGRAMME OF RECREATIONAL TRAINING.LIST OF EVENTS.FIRST DAY - 28th. October 1918.

| | |
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| <u>FOOTBALL</u> - No. 1 Ground - | R't Sect. 13th Bty. v R't Sect. 14th Bty. Cen. Sect. 13th. " v Cen. " " |
| No. 2 Ground - | R't Sect. 15th Bty. v R't Sect. 105th Bty. Cen. " " " v Cen. " " " |
| <u>WRESTLING</u> - No. 1 Ground - | L't. Sect. 13th Bty. v L't. Sect. 14th Bty. " " " " v " 105th Bty. " " " " v " 15th. Bty. " " 14th. " v " " " " " " " v " 105th. " " " 15th. " v " " " |
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SECOND DAY - 29th. October 1918.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <u>FOOTBALL</u> - No. 1 Ground - | Cen. Sect. 13th Bty. v Cen. Sect. 15th Bty. L't. " " " v " " |
| No. 2 Ground - | Cen. Sect. 14th Bty. v Cen. Sect. 105th Bty. L't. " " " v L't. 105th. " |
| <u>WRESTLING</u> - No. 2 Ground - | R't. Sect. 13th Bty. v L't. Sect. 14th Bty. " " " " v " 105th Bty. " " " " v " 15th. " " " 14th. " v " " " " " 15th. " v " 105th. " " " 14th. " v " " " |
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Change of Teams allowed.

8 men per team.

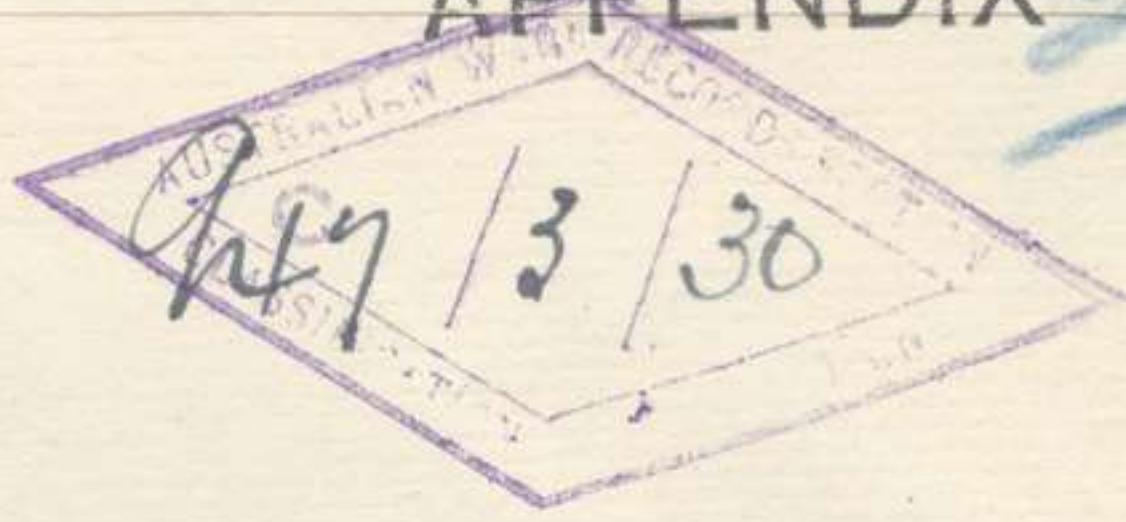
Tug-of-war (foot) - 10 men per team.

THIRD DAY - 1st. November 1918.

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| <u>FOOTBALL</u> - No. 1 Ground - | R't. Sect. 14th Bty. v R't. Sect. 15th Bty. L't. " " " v L't. " " " |
| No. 2 Ground - | R't. Sect. 13th Bty. v L't. Sect. 105th Bty. L't. " " " v L't. " |
| <u>WRESTLING</u> - No. 1 Ground - | Cen. Sect. 13th Bty. v Cen. Sect. 14th Bty. " " " " v " 105th. " " " " " v " 15th. " " " 14th. " v " " " " " " " v " 105th. " " " 15th. " v " " " |

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Programme of Recreational Training continued :-

Winner of each bout will score 2 points for his Section.

A looser, who has boxed full 3 rounds, or withdrawn by referee will be awarded one point.

Competitor who has a walkover or bye will score 2 points.

An extra plucky looser will be awarded 1 point extra.

Competitor who is disqualified will forfeit any marks he may have gained prior to his disqualification.

Medals to be given to each winner and runner up.

Points for championship will be determined later.

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Copy No....

Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.

ORDER NO.158.

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

1. INTENTION.

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

2. SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

Artillery as under will support the operation -

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

13th Aust.F.A.Bde.

14th " " "

10th " " "

11th " " "

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

12th Army Bde. A.F.A.

4th Aust.F.A. "

5th " " "

6th Army " A.F.A.

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

3. F.A. BARRAGE.

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

(a) 18-pdrs.

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

(b). 4.5" Hows.

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

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

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~~GENERAL DAY ATK. ORDER 188 (continued).~~

- (d). Two Brigades will be used by the Loft Group for the Creeping Barrage. The remaining Brigades will be held ~~ready~~, selected by the Group Commander, outside the area of the Creeping Barrage.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

| From | To. | Rounds per gun per min. 18-pdrs. 4.5" Hows. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Zero. | To arrival on Objective Line. | 2. |
| Arrival on Objective Line. | Zero plus 90. | 1. |
| plus 90. | Plus 12D | ½. |

5. AMMUNITION.

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

6. LIAISON.

Left Group will supply a Liaison Officer to the 6th A.I.Brigade.

Each Group will supply Battalion Liaison Officers to the Battalions they are covering.

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

(a). All normal O.P's. will be manned from Zero Hour onwards.

(b). Each Group Commander will arrange for one F.O.O. to move forward in touch with the Infantry.

8. LIGHT SIGNALS.

Light Signals are to be employed as follows:-

(a). S.O.S. Signal- No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.

(b). Success Signal-No. 32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.

(c). "Advanced troops of Cavalry are here"-WHITE Star bursting into a RED on a parachute fired from 1½" Very pistol.

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ORDER No.158 (Continued).

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9. GF and LL CALLS.

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

10. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

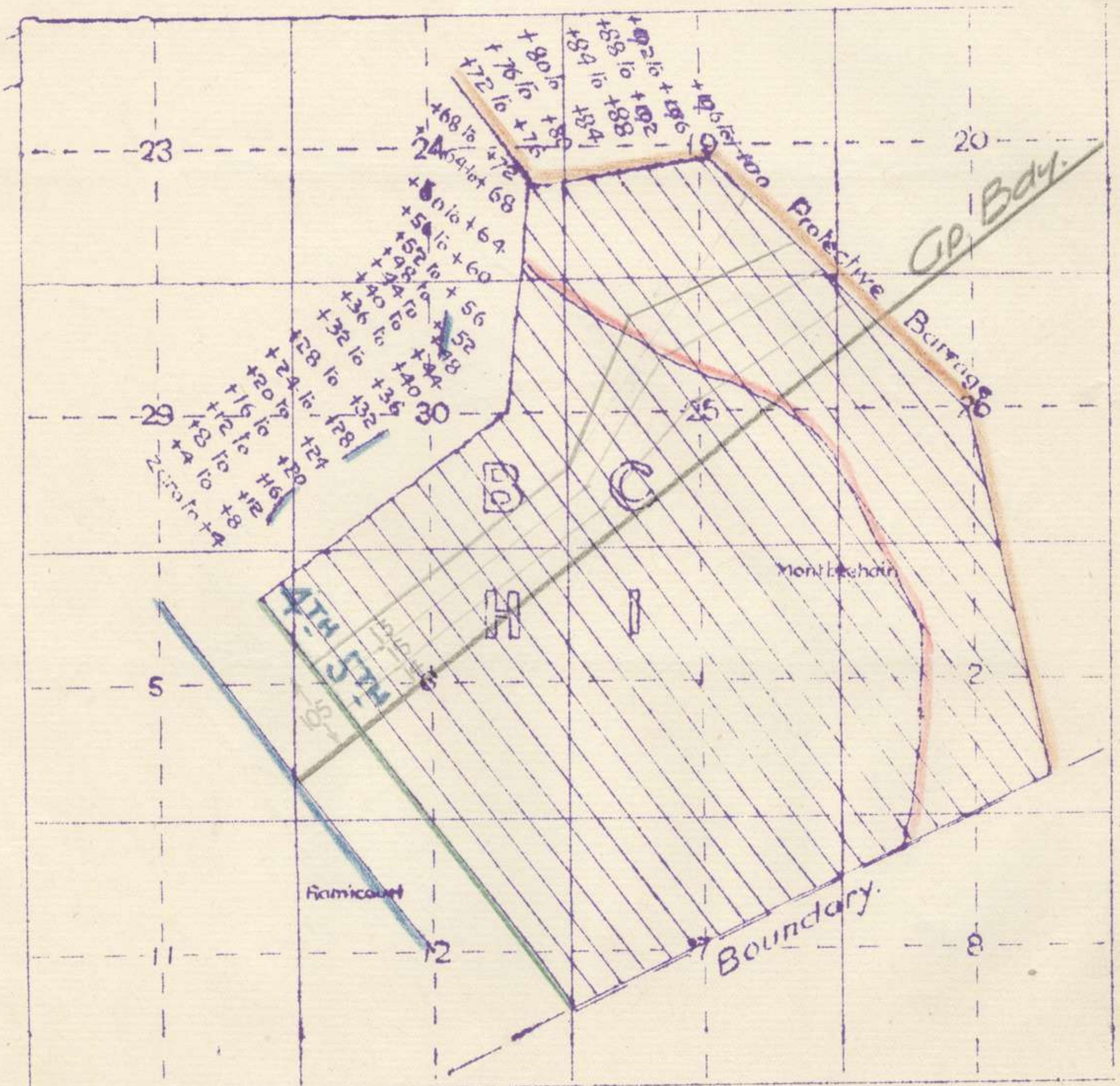
E. J. McIlroy
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

Issued at 1900 to :-

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| Left Group | " | 25 - 48 | " " " |
| 2nd Aust.D.A.C. | | 49 | |
| 4th Aust.D.A.C. | | 50 | |
| 5th Aust.D.A.C. | | 51 | |
| 2nd Aust.D.T.M.O. | | 52 | |
| 2nd Aust.Div. | | 53 | |
| 5th A.I.Bde. | | 54 | |
| 6th A.I.Bde. | | 55 | |
| 7th A.I.Bde. | | 56 | |
| R.A.Aust.Corps. | | 57 | |
| H.A.Aust.Corps. | | 58 - 59 | |
| 9th Bde.R.G.A. | | 60 | by Special D.R. |
| 1st Aust.D.A. | | 61 | |
| 3rd " " | | 62 | |
| 4th " " | | 63 | |
| 5th " " | | 64 | |
| 25th Div.Arty. | | 65 | |
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BARRAGE *Diagram*
 (To accompany 2nd Aust. D.A. ORDER NO. 158.)
LEGEND.

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

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

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Headquarters,
October 2nd 1918.

ORDER No. 157.

Reference Maps

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

Barrage Map herewith.

INTENTION.

1. (a) The Aust. Corps in conjunction with the IX Corps on the right and the XIII Corps on the left is to attack the enemy's defences on the morning of October 3rd 1918.
- (b) The 2nd Aust. Div. with the assistance of tanks is to attack within the boundaries shown on attached map, which shows also the Divisional objective. (GREEN Line).
- (c) 5th A.I.Bde. is to be on the Right, 7th A.I.Bde. on the Left, with the 6th A.I.Bde. in reserve. Headquarters as follows : -
5th A.I.Bde. - G.16.a.7.7.
6th A.I.Bde. - G.17.b.55.65.
7th A.I.Bde. - G.3.c.9.3.
- (d) If circumstances permit exploitation is to be carried out beyond the GREEN Line after 1100 October 3rd.

SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY.

2. Field Artillery as under will support the 2nd Australian Div. operation and will be grouped as follows : -
 - (a) RIGHT GROUP - Under O.C. 84th Army Bde.R.F.A. (in liaison with 5th A.I.Bde.)
 - (i) 84th Army Bde.R.F.A.
1st Aust.F.A.Bde.
 - (ii) Right Sub-Group - Under O.C. 65th Army Bde.R.F.A.
65th Army Bde.R.F.A.
2nd A.F.A.Bde.
 - (iii) Right Superimposed Bde. - 150th Army Bde.R.F.A.
 - (b) LEFT GROUP - Under O.C. 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. (in liaison with 7th A.I.Bde.)
 - (i) 12th Army Bde.A.F.A.
104th Army Bde.R.F.A.
 - (ii) Left Sub-Group - Under O.C. 5th A.F.A.Bde.
4th A.F.A.Bde.
5th A.F.A.Bde.
 - (iii) Left Superimposed Bde. - 108th Army Bde.R.F.A.
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FIELD ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

3. The 2nd Aust. Div. operation will be supported by a creeping barrage in accordance with Barrage Map herewith, and also covered by a smoke barrage as laid down in para 4. Procedure for Creeping Barrage will be as follows:-

(a). 18-pdrs.:-

Open at Zero on Start Line, remain there till Zero plus 6 mins., then lift and move forward at a uniform rate of 100 yards per four minutes. After batteries lift off the RED line shown on Barrage Map they will engage selected localities(@), always moving forward according to the times and lifts shown on the Barrage Map. All batteries will cease firing as they reach the Objective (GREEN Line).

(@). Note. Left Group will particularly concentrate on the BEAUREVOIR System.

(b). 4.5" Hows.

4.5" Hows. will open on the front line of the BEAUREVOIR System remaining there till the 18-pdr. barrage is within 200 yards of that line. They then lift on to the rear line of the BEAUREVOIR System, again lifting when the 18-pdr. barrage is within 200 yards. They will then be used to engage selected localities within Group zones, always moving 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdr. barrage. All batteries cease firing as they reach the Objective (GREEN Line).

SMOKE BARRAGE.

4. Left Group will arrange for a smoke barrage to be placed as follows:-

From Zero plus 70 mins. to Zero plus 138 mins.-
the line B.10.d.9.6. - B.10.a.0.5.

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ORDER No. 157 (Continued)5. Move of F.A. on completion of the Barrage.

On completion of the barrage F.A. Brigades will move forward to cover any exploitation, as follows :-

4th A.F.A.Bde. with 5th A.I.Bde. (d)

5th A.F.A.Bde. with 7th A.I.Bde. (e)

Brigade Commanders will keep close touch with the respective Infantry Brigadiers throughout the barrage.

6. RATES OF FIRE.

Rates of Fire will be as follows :-

| From | To | Per gun per minute. |
|---|---|---------------------|
| Zero | Time of lifting from BEAUREVOIR System. | 18-pdrs. 4.5" hows. |
| Time of lifting from BEAUREVOIR System. | Completion of barrage | 3 1 2 1 |

7. AMMUNITION.

Ammunition will be used as follows :-

(a) 18-pdrs. * - 45% A, 45% AX, 10% AS (as available) to RED line on barrage map, thereafter 50% A; 50% AX.

(b) 4.5" hows. * - 90% BX, 10% BS (as available).

* Except for Smoke barrage (vide para 4).

8. HEAVY ARTILLERY.

(a) The Heavy Artillery are co-operating with fire on selected localities and with Counter Battery work.

(b) 9th Bde.R.G.A. is affiliated to the 2nd Aust. Division.

9. LIAISON.

Group Commanders will supply Battalion Liaison Officers as required by respective Infantry Brigadiers.

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10. O.P's and F.O.O's.

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

11. LIGHT SIGNALS.

Light Signals to be employed are as follows:-

- (a) S.O.S. Signal - No.32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three RED lights.
- (b) Success Signal - No.32 Rifle Grenade bursting into three WHITE lights.
- (c) "Advanced troops of Cavalry are here" - WHITE star bursting in a RED on a parachute fired from $1\frac{1}{2}$ " very pistol.

12. GF and LL CALLS.

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

13. 2nd Aust.D.A.H.Q. will remain at F.27, c.8.8.

14. S.O.S. will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 minutes to Zero Hour.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.*C. A. Clavino*

Major,

Brigade Major,

2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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BARRAGE MAP

| | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|---|----------------|---------|
| Right Group | 1 - 31 | 5 | 9th Bde.R.G.A. | 73 |
| Left Group | 32 - 62 | 5 | 1st Aust.D.A. | 74 |
| 1st Aust.DAC. | 63 | | 3rd Aust.D.A. | 75 |
| 2nd Aust DAC. | 64 | | 4th Aust.D.A. | 76 |
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| 7th A.I.Bde. | 69 | 1 | | |
| R.A.Aust.Corps. | 70 | 1 | | |
| H.A.Aust.Corps. | 71 - 72 | 1 | | |

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APPENDIX

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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*** ORDER No. 159. ***

Headquarters,
October 6th 1918.

Ref. Map .-

Sheet 62B NW 1/20,000.

Barrage Diagram.

In continuation of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Warning Order All/167
of October 5th.

1. INTENTION.

- (a). The operation set out in para 2 of All/167 is to be carried out on October 8th.
- (b). On the morning of October 7th the 117th American Regiment are advancing their line North of MONTBREHAIN with Artillery support with the object of securing a Jumping Off Line for the operation of October 8th.

Zero Hour for this operation will be 0515 Oct. 7th.
(S-15a.m.)

2. FIELD ARTILLERY ACTION FOR OPERATION OF OCTOBER 7th.

- (a). The Field Artillery Support for the operation detailed in para 1(b) above will consist of a Creeping Barrage with three F.A. Brigades and the harassing of selected localities on the flanks of the barrage.

- (b). Details of the Creeping Barrage are as follows:-
Right Group with one, Left Group with two, F.A. Brigades will open on the START LINE at Zero Hour, the barrage resting there for two minutes then lifting and advancing at the rate of 100 yards per 2 mins. till the Protective Line is reached. Fire will be maintained on the Protective Line till Zero plus 52 mins. when all fire will cease. 18-pdrs. will conform to Barrage Diagram herewith, 4-5" Hows. moving 200 yards in advance of the 18-pdrs. The Jumping Off Line and Inter-Group Boundary are shown on the Diagram.

- (c). In addition to the above barrage:-
(i). Right Group will detail one F.A. Brigade to engage by bursts of fire selected targets on the Group Front from Zero to Zero plus 52 mins.

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2.(c) (ii) Left Group will detail one Brigade to operate as follows :-
18-pdrs. open on the line B.24.b.0.7. - B.18.c.2.8.; 4.5" hows. 200 yards in advance, rest there till Zero plus 7 minutes, then engage by bursts selected targets in the northern half of the Group zone, ceasing at Zero plus 52 minutes.

(d) Rates of fire will be :-

| | Rds. per gun per minute. | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| | 18-pdrs. 4.5" hows. | |
| (i) In creeping barrage. | | |
| To Protective Line | 2 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| On Protective Line | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| (ii) For para 2 (c) (1) (average rate) | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| (iii) For para 2 (c) (ii) (average rate) | | |
| Zero to plus 7 minutes | 2 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Plus 7 mins. to plus 52 mins. | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

(e) AMMUNITION.

IN BARRAGE - 18-pdrs. 50% A, AX, 5% AS.
4.5" hows. 5% BS, otherwise no restrictions.

In other tasks - 18-pdrs. 50% A, 50% AX.
4.5" hows. No restrictions.

(f) Left Group will detail a Liaison Officer not below the rank of Captain for duty at 117th American Regt. H.Q. at B.27.c.8.6. and also supply Liaison Officers for battalions as required.

(g) Watches will be synchronized from D.A.H.Q. by telephone at 2200 October 6th.

OPERATION OF OCTOBER 8th.

3. In connection with the main operation of October

8th :-

(a) Under the orders of the Group Commander, the 13th and 14th A.F.A.Bdes. will move to forward positions on the night October 6th/7th and remain silent till required by Group Commander for defence of the line.

(b) The remaining F.A.Bdes. will be moved forward in succession on October 7th so as to be in position ready for the main operation.

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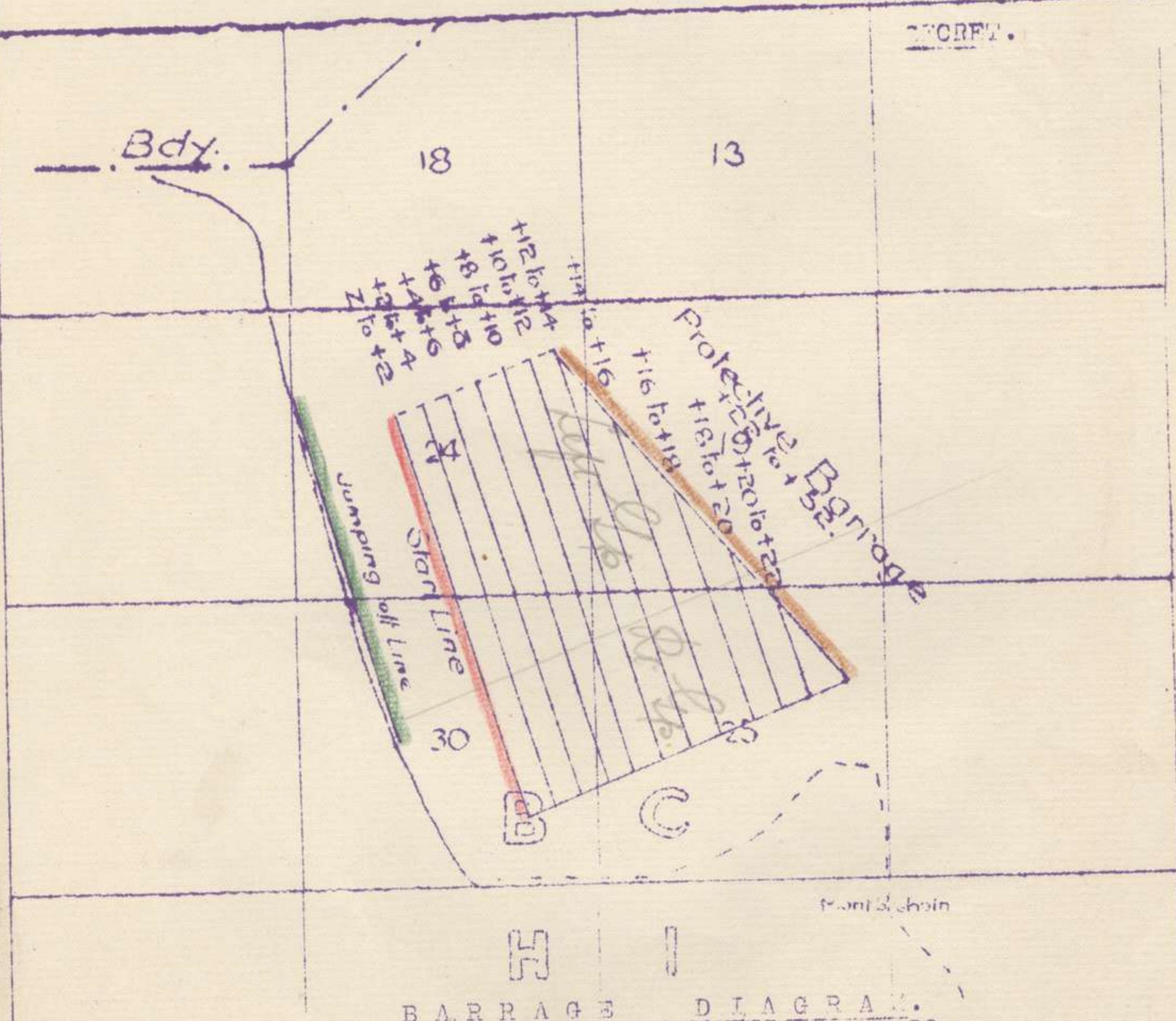
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*C. A. Cleone*Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.Issued at 1900 to -DIAGRAMS.

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|--|--------|----|---|----|----|
| Right Group | Copies | 1 | - | 15 | 15 |
| Left Group | " | 16 | - | 35 | 20 |
| 7th A.F.A.Bde. | | | | 36 | 1 |
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| 14th " | " | | | 39 | 1 |
| 2nd Aust.D.A.C. | | | | 40 | |
| 3rd " | " | | | 41 | |
| 4th " | " | | | 42 | |
| 5th " | " | | | 43 | |
| 30th American Div. | | | | 44 | 1 |
| 3rd Aust.D.A. | | | | 45 | |
| 4th " | " | | | 46 | |
| 5th <i>59</i> " " | | | | 47 | |
| * American Bde. | | | | 48 | 1 |
| * 117th " Regt. | | | | 49 | 1 |
| * 118th " " | | | | 50 | 1 |
| R.A. | | | | | |
| 2nd American Corps | | | | 51 | 1 |
| H.A. | | | | | |
| 2nd American Corps | | | | 52 | 1 |
| 9th Bde.R.G.A. | | | | 53 | 1 |
| R.A.Aust.Corps. | | | | 54 | |
| * G.S. 2nd Aust.Div. (attached 30th American Div) | | | | 55 | 1 |
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BARRAGE DIAGRAM

To accompany 2nd Aust Div Arty ORDER NO. 159.

L E G E N D.

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

Infantry Jumping Off Line

Artillery Start Line

Protective Barrage (22 to 52) .

GREEN.

RED.

~~BROWN~~

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Urgent Operation.
PRIORITY.

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

To Right Group ✓ 30th American Division
Left Group ✓ R.A. 2nd American Corps.

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APPENDIX 16

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on left
118th Regt. on right 119th Regt. ~~line~~ are attacking with high ground beyond River SELLE as objective at 0530 on October 11th AAA Infantry are forming up on grid line running N. & S. through V.3X0. and V.18. *central* and are moving due East AAA Artillery start line W.26.a.0.8. - W.14.a.0.4. - Q.34.d.5.0. thence northwards 300 yards East of River SELLE AAA Field Artillery opens on Start Line *at first* AAA Artillery on Start Line between W.26.a.0.8. and W.14.a.0.4. ~~and~~ at a slow rate remains there 20 minutes. then lifts due East to selected targets moving at rate of 100 yards per 3 minutes AAA Remaining Artillery will remain on Start Line or selected targets in close vicinity until Southern portion of barrage comes up in line AAA It will then move due East at same rate AAA Left Group will keep fire at slow rate on high ground in close vicinity East of River until Right Group fire has crossed River AAA It will then advance to selected targets at same rate AAA Rates of fire as ammunition permits AAA One brigade per Group will be detailed for close support of Infantry AAA Flank divisions are extending the attack to the North and South AAA Acknowledge AAA Addsd Right and Left Groups Reptd. 30th American Div. and R.A. 2nd American Corps.

From 2nd Aust.Div. Arty.

Time 0230

G.J. Miford
Major,
Act. Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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ORDER NO. 3.

Appendix 7

1. The line of River SELLE from MOLAIN to ST. DENIN both inclusive has been ordered 36th. American Division as further objective.
2. Northern Divisional Boundary - V.15.central - Railway Q.15.c.50.50 - Q.16.a.20.80.
Southern Divisional Boundary - D.10.b.00.20 - D.6.a.20.00 - W.20.c.50.00 along Railway - W.21.b.50.40 - W.16.c.40.10.
Inter-Group Boundary - V.18.c.00.00. - Q.34.c.00.00.
3. 8th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will support the exploitation and will keep close touch with the Infantry - Left Regiment.
4. Locations are to be forwarded at earliest to this Headquarters.
5. Lieut. R.A. ULCOQ, 105th. Battery and 4 other ranks will move forward at dawn 10th. instant as a mounted patrol and will obtain all possible information with regard to the disposition of the Infantry etc. and will report result of same to this Headquarters at the very earliest.
6. LOCATIONS:-
 Forward A.R.P. - B.28.a.50.70. (62b).
 Left Group
 5th. A.F.A. Brigade H.Q. - Established at Billet 51 PREMONT about U.29.d.3.7.
 12th.(Army) Brigade H.Q. - U.29.d.3.9.
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DISTRIBUTION:-

13th. Battery
 14th. "
 15th. "
 105th. "
 4th. A.F.A. Bde.
 12th. (Army) "
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Lieut.
 Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

Left Group Artillery Headquarters,
 9th. October 1918.

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~~APPENDIX~~
18.

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

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From 3 p.m. 13.10.18 to 2 p.m. 14.10.18.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:-

Hostile artillery was generally inactive, though certain areas were subjected at intermittent periods to heavy harassing.

The Villages of ESCAUFORT and ST. SOUPLET were shelled irregularly by 15 cm. Hows. and 77 mm. From 2 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. ESCAUFORT was shelled by 77mm. and 4.2 (H.E. and Yellow Cross Gas Mixed) Approximately 300 rounds fell in that period. The morning was quiet.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

During the 24 hours 150 rounds were expended under observation on movement. Dugouts and farms occupied by the enemy were frequently hit and the dispersing enemy fired upon.

BANDIVAL Farm, dugouts, Q.23.c.5.0, house and road Q.23.b.10.80 ADVANTAGE Farm, GABLE Farm, Q.24.a.20.70, were the centres we kept particularly under observation and fired upon whenever movement was noticed.

From 12 midnight to 6 a.m. 225 rounds 18-pounder and 75 rounds 4.5 Hows. were expended in harassing the cutting in Q.16, Trenches Q.16.d, Trench Q.22.b, Hedges Q.17.c, Farm Q.17.c, Cutting Q.22.a.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

(1). Gun Flashes. Flashes were observed in the scrub in Q.24.a also from behind the crest in X.1.d.

(2). New Work. New earth was seen on top of the bank running from Q.22.d to Q.29.a; from movement in this vicinity it seems certain that dugouts are being constructed along these banks.

A trench is being dug close to the Railway Line and on the Western side of it in Q.22 and Q.28, movement was observed here and at the Millt in Q.28.c.

(3) Aerial Activity. During the afternoon 2 of our planes continually flew over and machine-gunned the enemy from a very low altitude in Q.24, Q.23 and Q.29.

Enemy aeroplanes were over our lines at 3 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. flying low.

H. D. M. Bassett
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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75 SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 2 p.m. 14.9.18 to 2 p.m. 15.10.18.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

During the afternoon hostile Artillery was practically inoperative. W.1.a and d were occasionally shelled with a few rounds of 10.5 cm. and at 7 p.m. the Road running N.E. in P.36.d. was shelled by an 10.5 H.V. Gun for a few minutes.

The earlier part of the night was exceptionally quiet, occasional light shelling of the Villages of ST. SCUPLET, ESCAUFOURT and LA VERT DOUJON by long range Guns being the enemy's sole activity.

At 2.15 a.m. a heavy gas bombardment opened on ESCAUFOURT by 10.5 cm and 77 mm. It is impossible to approx. the number of shells. The fire ceased at 5 a.m. but the road in Q.31nd was spasmodically shelled during the morning.

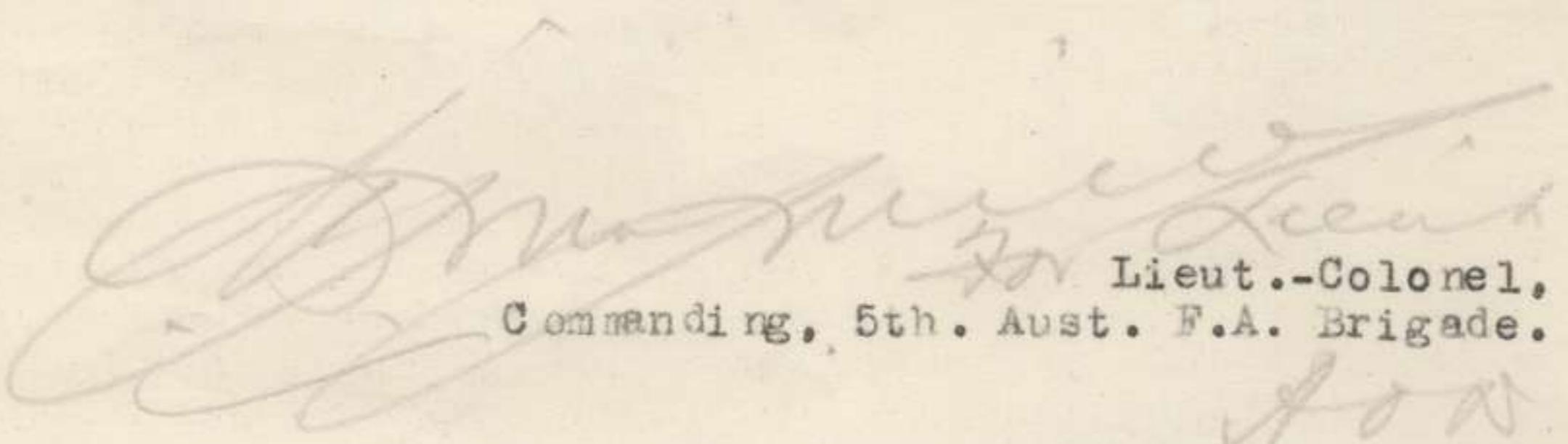
OUR ARTILLERY:-

There was little movement to fire on. At 2.15 p.m. a hostile Battery was reported in Q.18.c.4.3. and 32 rounds 18-pounder were expended in silencing it. At 3.15 p.m. 50 rounds were fired under observation on suspected Machine Gun emplacements. Direct hits were obtained. At 4 p.m. 440 rounds were expended in maintaining a flank barrage. From 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. 200 rounds 18-pounder were fired in harassing Farm Q.25.b., Cross Roads, R.31.d.1.4., Road X.1.c., Hedges R.31.a and c.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Two enemy balloons ascended at 6.5 a.m. at grid bearings of 13 $^{\circ}$ 132 $^{\circ}$ and 153 $^{\circ}$ from V.6.d.17.65 and remained up till 7.45 p.m.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
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From 2 p.m. 15.10.18 to 2 p.m. 16.10.18.

1. ENEMY ARTILLERY. Hostile artillery was inactive until hours of darkness when the village of ESCAUFOURT was subjected to intermittent fire. From 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. a heavy concentration of 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. Yellow and Blue Cross gas was put down on ESCAUFOURT. It is not possible to approximate the number of rounds. No casualties so far have been reported.

OUR ARTILLERY. Owing to the very low visibility no movement was observed. At 1915, 1950, 2020 concentration shoots were put down on areas, Q.34.d.15.52., Q.34.d.90.85., Q.34.b.80.10., Q.34.a.10.85., Q.29.c.6.4., Q.29.c.9.4., Q.29.a.82.15., Q.29.a.55.15., Q.29.b.15.65., Q.29.b.45.65., Q.23.d.40.10., Q.23.d.15.10.

In all 960 Rounds of 18-Pounder and 108 Rounds of 4.5 How. were expended. From 1900 to 2000 harassing fire was carried out in Q.35. and 36. During the morning 2nd. A.D.H. A 11/168/18 was carried out as ordered.

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

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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HMR
 Headquarters,
 October 16th 1918.

A.11/168/18.

4th A.F.A.Bde. *ø*
 5th A.F.A.Bde. *ø*
 7th A.F.A.Bde. *ø*
 14th A.F.A.Bde. *ø*
 4th Aust.D.A.

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



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

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

2. Watches will be synchronized from this office by telephone.

3. Acknowledge.

Note : *ø* By Special D.R.

L. F. Willford
 Major,
 Act. Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

13. Q 34a 5690 - Q 34a 5827
 14. Q 34a 5827 - Q 34c 6060
 15. Q 34c 6095 - Q 34c 6700

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 18.APPENDIX 35
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Reference 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. Instructions No. 1 (issued herewith)
 Order No. 211 and Barrage Map (already issued).

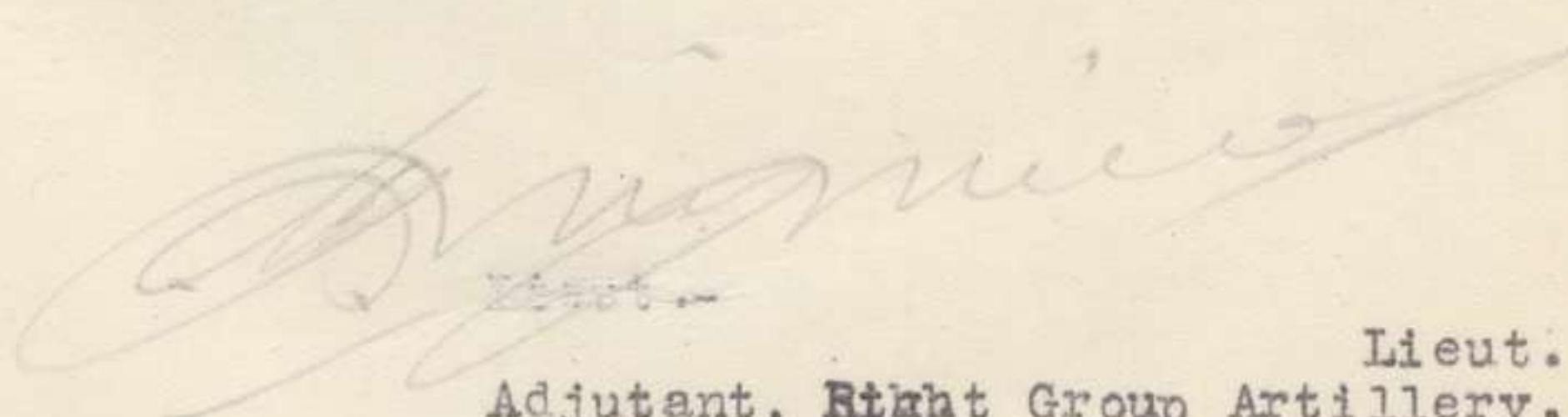
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1. Batteries will comply with above orders.
 2. Reference Instruction No. 1 Para. 4 - 1st. and 3rd. sub-paras - As the Barrage Map has already been issued shewing each Battery Task, the alternate guns of each Battery will search and sweep over their respective Battery front to a depth of 500 yards.
 3. Reference Instruction No. 1 Para. 8. Liaison Duties are detailed as follows :-
- with 108th. American Inf. Rgt. - Lieut. R.S.T. MATTHEWS - 15th. Bty.
 " 105th. " " " - Lieut. J.S. MEHAN MC. 13th. "
 " 1st. Battalion (Attack Battalion) - Lieut. H.B. FARLIE CUNINGHAM - 4th. FAB.
4. OBSERVING OFFICERS. Each Brigade will maintain its Tactical O.P. manned by one officer.-

5th. A.F.A. Brigade O.P. - Lieut. I.J. WHITTY - 14th. Bty.

 5. Zero hour will be notified later.
 6. Watches will be synchronized by runner.

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 Lieut.
 Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.
DISTRIBUTION:-

13th. Battery.
 14th. "
 15th. "
 105th. "
 4th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
 Liaison Officer.
 File.

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
 16th. October 1918.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. COPY NO....

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INSTRUCTION NO. 2

HEADQUARTERS,
17th Oct. 1918.issued under 4th Aust. D.A. ORDER
No. 211~~REFERENCE MAP :-~~

1. INFORMATION :-

On the 18th instant at an hour to be notified, the advance will be resumed by the 27th AMERICAN Division in conjunction with the 50th BRITISH Division on the Left and the 30th AMERICAN Division on the Right.

2. INTENTION :-

The advance will be covered by a creeping barrage up to extreme range of guns and thereafter in open warfare formation, supported by the Advance Guard Artillery (11th Aust. F.A. Brigade) as detailed in 4th Australian Divisional Artillery ORDER No. 211. The objective is the CANAL DE SAMBRE A L'OEISE..

3. THE CREEPING BARRAGE :-

The barrage will start at ZERO HOUR on the START LINE :-

Q 24° 0' 4 S - Q 30 a 4055 along road to Q 56 b 7 L - Q 36 d 8570,

and remain on this line for 3 minutes (Howitzers starting 200 yards East of this line); the barrage will then lift and move forward 100 yards in 3 minutes to extreme range. Each gun will cease firing on arrival at extreme range. For this reason, longer range Batteries will, wherever possible, be superimposed over the barrage. so that the barrage will be uniformly thinned only, and no gaps created when the longer range guns cease firing.

There will be no halts or pauses in this barrage but all guns will continue to lift at the rate laid down, up to their extreme range.

Boundaries will remain as shown on SPECIAL BARRAGE MAP issued with INSTRUCTION No. 1.

Rates

Rates of fire :-

18-prs.

4.5" Hows.

Rds. per gun or How. per minute -- 3 2

except that the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will continue firing in the barrage for as long as possible but retaining full echelons, and the 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade with 78 rounds per gun and 48 rounds per How..

Ammunition :-

18-prs. 50% Shrap. }
44% H.E. }
6% Smoke }

4.5" Hows. ---(H.E.

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4. Directly the Batteries of the 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. cease firing they will advance - followed by the 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade - as detailed in INSTRUCTION No. 1 to ORDER No. 211.

5. SYNCHRONISATION :-

Synchronisation will be by telephone.

6. ZERO HOUR :-

ZERO HOUR will be notified by the following CODE MESSAGE :-

"CRATER AT CROSS ROADS WILL BE PASSABLE AT (Zero hour)

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. G. Stiffair
Major,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYS E C R E T.

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Headquarters,
October 20th 1918.ORDER No. 161.

Reference Maps:-

Sheet 57B: 62B: 62C.
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1. The 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery and 12th Army Brigade, A.F.A. will move on October 20th and 21st from the BUSIGNY Area to the PERONNE Area in accordance with March Table herewith, coming under command of R.A., IX Corps on arrival.
2. 2nd Aust.Div.Trench Mortar Brigade will move direct to PERONNE Area on 21st instant under arrangements to be notified by Staff Captain.
3. Separate instructions re transport, billeting parties and other details are being issued by Staff Captain.
4. The following distances will be maintained whilst on the march:-

| | |
|---|------------|
| Between Brigades and D.A.C. | 500 yards, |
| Between Batteries or Sections of D.A.C. | 100 yards, |
| Between Sections of Batteries | 50 yards. |
5. Attention is drawn to Fourth Army Standing Orders on March Discipline.
6. D.A.C. and first line wagons of Brigades will march out empty.
7. 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. will move with 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery.
8. 2nd D.A.H.Q. closes at present location at 0800 on October 21st, reopening on arrival in PERONNE Area. Location will be notified later.
9. Acknowledge.

Issued at 0300 to:-*L.J. Clifford*Major,
Act. Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

| 4th A.F.A. Brigade | Copies | No. | 1 - 5 | X |
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| 5th " | " | 6 - 10 | | X |
| 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. | " | 11 - 16 | | X |
| 2nd Aust. D.A.C. | " | 17 - 20 | | X |
| D.T.M.C. | " | 21 | | X |
| 2nd Aust.Division | " | 22 | | |
| 3rd Aust. D.A. | " | 23 | | |
| 4th " | " | 24 | | |
| 5th " | " | 25 | | |
| R.A., II American Corps | " | 26 | | |
| H.A., " " " | " | 27 | | |
| Area Commandant, PERONNE | " | 28 | | |
| 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. | " | 29 | X | |
| S.O. 2nd Aust Div.Troops | " | 30 | | |
| R.A. IX Corps | " | 31 | | |
| D.A.D.P.S. II American Corps | " | 32 | | |
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MARCH TABLE ACCOMPANYING 2nd AUST.DIV.ARTY.ORDER NO.151 OF 20th OCTOBER 1918.

| SERIAL NO. | DATE | UNIT. | FROM | TO | ROUTE. | STARTING POINT. | STARTING TIME. |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 1 | 20/10/ 1918. | 4th A.F.A. Bde. | BUSIGNY | VILLERET | MARETZ - ESTREES - BELLICOURT. | X-roads U.21.d.6.9. (Sheet 57B). | 1030 |
| 2 | do. | 5th A.F.A. Bde. | do. | TEMPLEUX- -LE- -GUERARD. | do. | do. | 1110 |
| 3 | do. | 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. & B.A.C. | do. | HARGICOURT | do. | do. | 1150 |
| 4 | do. | 2nd Aust. D.A.C. | do. | HARGICOURT | do. | do. | 1240 |
| 5 | 21/10/ 1918. | 5th A.F.A. Bde. | TEMPLEUX- -LE- -GUERARD. | PERONNE Area: | ROISEL - TINCOURT- DOINGT. | X-roads K.12.d.2.4. (Sheet 620). | 0930 |
| 6 | do. | 12th Army Bde.A.F.A. & B.A.C. | HARGICOURT | do. | do. | do. | 1010 |
| 7 | do. | 2nd Aust. D.A.C. | HARGICOURT | do. | do. | do. | 1100 |
| 8 | do. | 4th A.F.A. Bde. | VILLERET. | do. | do. | do. | 1140 |

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FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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ORDER NO. 1.

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Reference 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 161 and Administrative
Memorandum No. 54.

1. BILLETTING. Lieut. S.L. ROBERTS MC, 5th. A.F.A. Bde. R.Q. will report to Staff Captain 2nd. D.A.H.Q. at 0.900, 20th. instant, and will proceed to staging area as Billeting Officer.

Batteries will each detail one N.C.O. and one O.R. to report to Lieut. ROBERTS, at TEMPLEUX-LE-CERARD on arrival. These N.C.O's will assemble at Road and Railway Crossings, V.Q.C.I.7. (Sheet 57b) at 0.945, 20th. inst. These other ranks will also report on 21st. instant in accordance with instructions to be given them by Lieut. ROBERTS.

2. Batteries will report their arrival in new areas on completion of each days march to this Brigade Headquarters.

3. Batteries will move off in the following order and head of each Battery column will pass starting point at times shewn:-

| | | |
|---------------|---|-------------------|
| 13th. Battery | - | 1110, 20th/10/18. |
| 14th. " | - | 1116, |
| 15th. " | - | 1122, |
| 105th. " | - | 1128, |

4. Watches will be synchronised by bearer.

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

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

Fifth Aust. Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters,
issued at 0.900 0540, 20th. Oct. 1918.

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Appendix 16

S E C R E T,

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
October 20th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No.54.

The 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery and 12th Army Brigade A.F.A. are moving to the Western portion of the BELLICOURT Area on 20th inst. and to PERONNE Area on 21st instant, in accordance with 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order No.161.

BILLETING.

An Officer from each Brigade and D.A.C. will proceed direct to ELLICOURT Area and arrange billets in Areas with Staff Captain 2nd D.A. as laid down in 2nd D.A. Order No.161. Units will arrange billeting parties to proceed in advance to meet their Billeting Officer and guide units into their lines.

RATIONS.

Rations will be drawn on 20th instant at 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. lines on arrival at BELLICOURT Area. Billeting Officers will arrange for guide to direct ration wagons to Unit wagon lines.

TRANSPORT.

2nd Aust. D.A.C. will detail one G.S. wagon to report to each Brigade H.Q. and Battery of 2nd Div.Arty. at times as under:-

4th Brigade 0730 . . 20th instant,
5th " 0800 20th instant.

These wagons will remain with units until move is completed.

TRENCH MORTARS.

2nd D.A.C. will supply 4 pairs of mules to draw 4 limbered G.S. wagons with Mobile Trench Mortars. These teams will report to 2nd D.T.M.O., V.1.0.30.60. (MAROTZ), at 0900^{on 20th} with 48 hours rations for men and animals.

J Stanley Smith
Lieut.,
Act. Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

To all recipients

2nd Aust.D.A. Order No.161.

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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|---|-----------|----|-----------------------------------|----------|--|------------------------|
| Prefix..... | Code..... | m. | Words | Charge. | This message is on a/c of : <i>Major B.M.</i> | Recd. at.....m. |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions | | | Sent | At | Service. | Date..... <i>17</i> |
| | | | To | By | From | |
| | | | (Signature of "Franking Officer") | | | Bv..... |

TO { 4th A.F.A. Bde. 12th ARMY Bde.
 5th A.F.A. Bde. 11th A.F.A. Bde..
 10th A.F.A. Bde. 41st Bde. R.G.A..

| | | |
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| Sender's Number. A/521 | Day of Month. 17/10. | In reply to Number AAA |
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CRATER AT CROSS ROADS WILL BE PASSABLE

AT 0530 on 18th October 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

From _____
Place **4th Aust. D.A..**
Time _____

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Major B.M.*

Censor _____ Signature of Addressee or person authorised to act in his name
B.M. _____

* This line should be erased if not required.

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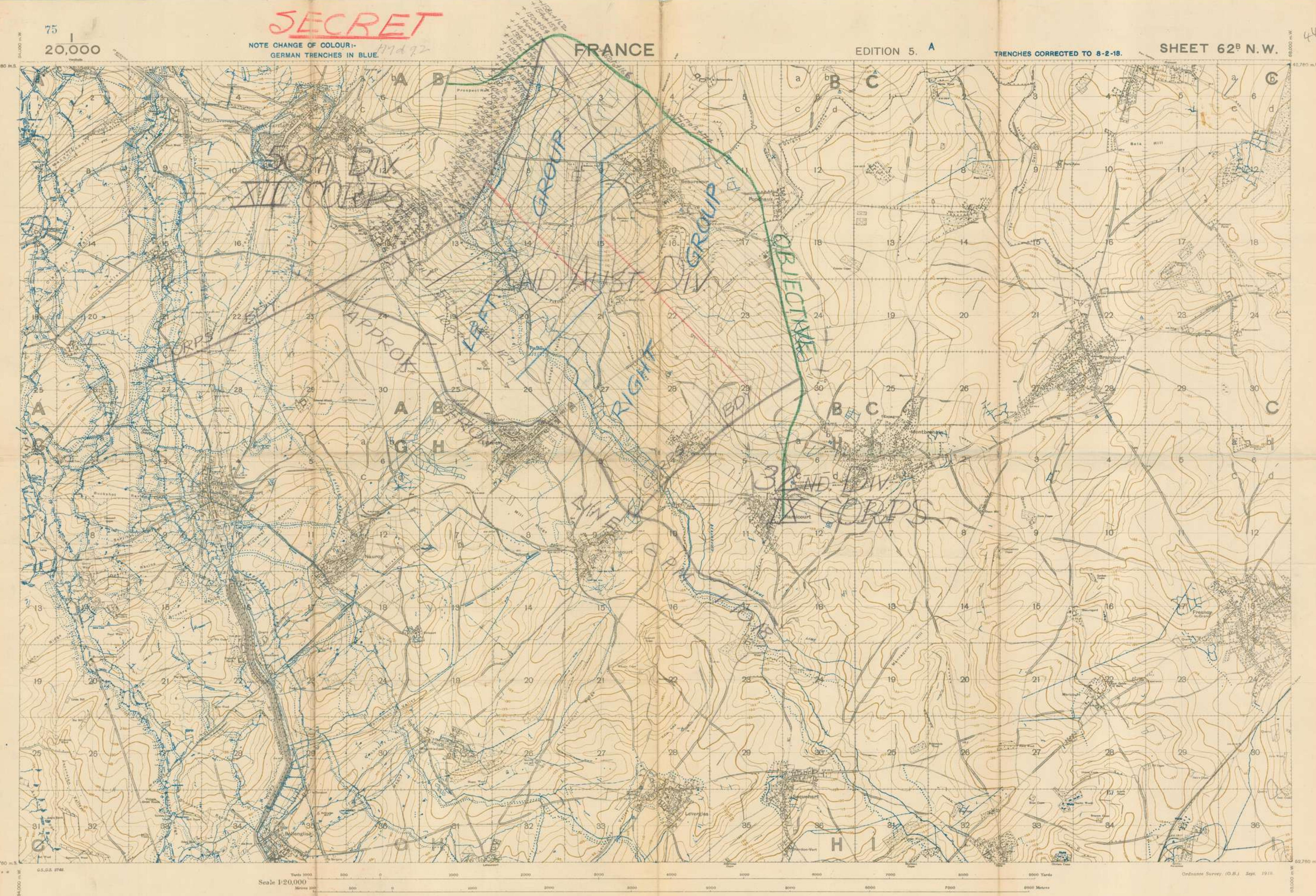
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EDITION 5. A

TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 8-2-18.

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EDITION 1. A

Barrage Map "A".

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2nd AUSTRALIAN
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