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Left Group
25th F.A.B. de
15th Aus Div

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices				
"Fleurbaey"	1/11/16	6 AM	General Routine — Bar Reading — Ther Reading — Wind — Corrector —					
		8 AM	Observation — Sun 29.80 — 158° — Moderate W. — 128 —					
		10 AM	59 th Bty error of the day 3 rounds					
		2 PM	All batteries carried out PHASE I of Minn operation Order No 15 all batteries report effective shooting on their respective targets — billets — cross roads, and C.T.s were engaged					
		2.50	Enemy retaliated feebly with T-Mortars and at request of infantry the 50 th Bty fired 7 rounds on its Night Lines					
		3.30	60 th Bty retaliated at request of infantry 4 rounds					
		3.45	57 th " Registered for Left Group Refuel Scheme 3 rounds					
		4.20	59 th " " " " 15 rounds					
		8 PM	all batteries carried out PHASE II of Minn operation Order No 15 there is nothing to report owing to visibility impossible all round (16) Para Bty were seen to attack well					
		9 PM	The 3 rd & last PHASE of M.O.O No 15 was carried out 16 rounds per 10 th Bty					
			24 for 115 th How Bty darkness prevented observation					
		11.42	59 th Bty received a Test SAS at 11.42 6 seconds later shot falling at 01A 55.55					
			Enemy retaliation from action was feeble throughout — at 3.20 he opened with 5.9 on approx N.6.17 30 rounds					
			A small amount of new work was observed behind enemy line what appears to be a Gun shield at 014.19 3.6					
			<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ammunition Expended</td> <td>A. 17X - Bx</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Casualties</td> <td>96 - 146 - 98</td> </tr> </table>	Ammunition Expended	A. 17X - Bx	Casualties	96 - 146 - 98	
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Casualties	96 - 146 - 98							
			Total 340					

W. Taylor
Lt Colonel
25th F.A.B. de
C/o Left Group

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15th Aus Div

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
"Fleurbaix"	2/11/16	6 AM	General Routine Bar Reading Therm Reading Wind Corrector	
		7.0	Observations <u>Therm Showing 29.85</u> — <u>58°</u> — <u>Light N.W.</u> — <u>126</u> —	
		8.30	52 nd Retaliated on Nightlines at Request of infantry 12 rounds	
		11.25	59 th Ascertained the error of the day 3 rounds	
		12.0	" Retaliated at request of infantry 11 rounds	
		2.0	All batteries carried out PHASE I of Min. operation order No 16 effect appeared to be very good shells detonated very well throughout	
		3.35	115 th Bty registered by aeroplane 013 AF 5 11 rounds	
		4.0	The Second PHASE of Min. operation order No 16 was carried out with good effect Batteries firing 16 rounds each Enemy retaliation was feeble	
		7.0	PHASE III of Min. operation order No 16 20 shells - to land to observed effect enemy retaliation Nil	
			Enemy fired 12 rounds 177 th Min. Sharpshooters 029.085.8	
			Ammunition Expended A. A. X. B. X. 113 - 171 - 111	
			Casualties Nil Total 395	

1st Day in total
CW. 25th FABde
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5th Aus Div

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices		
"Fleurbaix"	3/11/16	6 AM	General Routine	Bar Reading	Ther Reading	Wind	Corrector		
		8 AM	Observation FAIR	29.45	55°	light S.W.	130		
		9.50	52 nd Bty	reliabed at request of infantry 12 rounds					
		10.30	59 th	ascertained the error of the day					
		11.0	all batteries	conducted PHASE I of Minn operation with No 17 observation was had at this period and result could not be obtained enemy reliabed with 77mm on N6B and N6A 60 byo rounds					
		12.40 PM	52 nd Bty	engaged enemy working party with T.S. 10 rounds dispersed.					
		1.29	"	received Test SOS shot was fired 10 seconds after receipt of message					
		2.30	115 th Bty	large enemy dugout at 01825.7 securing 17 Minst Lits					
		3.33 to 3.43	52 nd Bty	reliabed at request of infantry Night Lines 12 rounds					
		4.27	59 th Bty	received Test SOS 9 seconds on receipt of message					
		3.0	52 nd	cooperation with M.T.N7 on N10B 5.95 to N11A 95.9 18 rounds					
		5.23	56 th Bty	received Test SOS shot was fired 30 seconds on receipt of message					
					Ammunition Expended				
					A. Ax. Bx				
					39.74.50				
			Casualties Nil						
			Total 1163						

W. J. Taylor, Lt Col
CO Left Group
Aug 25th F.A. Bde

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Fleurbaix	4/12/6	6 AM	General Routine Bar Reading Ther Reading	Wind Corrector		
		8	Observation - Fair - Raining. 29.50 57°	Moderate W. 128		
		8.46	60th Bty received Test SOS 1 round			
		10	59" " Retaliation at request of infantry 8 rounds			
		11.5	52" " Test SOS 1 round			
		1.36	59" " Retaliation at request of infantry 7 rounds			
		3.4	56" " Test SOS 1 round			
		3.11	" " Retaliation at request of infantry 5 rounds Night-Lines			
		4.0	all batteries carried out main operation with very good results on enemy front line and support line 15th Battalion firing 50 rounds each 115 How 100 rounds shot fired			
		4.16	60th Bty received Test SOS 1 round 255 seconds from receipt of message			
8.0	Very quiet all along the line Some shelling very quiet only 11 rounds of 77mm falling in the sector during the day					
Ammunition Expended						
Casualties Nil						
Total 381						
			H. C. Sawyer Lt Colonel C/o Left Group Command 25th FABde			

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Fleurbaey	5/11/16	6AM	General Routine Observation. Bad. Rainy	Bar Reading 29.50 Therm-Reading 52° Wind Strong SW. Corrector 124	
		9AM	57 th Bty Received Test SOS. 20 rounds fired 27" after receipt of message		
		10.0	59 th Bty sum of the day 071795.6 20 rounds		
		1035	57 " Received Test SOS 20 rounds fired 20 seconds on receipt of message		
		10.40	56 " Retaliation at request of infantry 4 rounds 0 N6022-15 N604 1/2 4		
		1052	59 " Test SOS 11 rounds 01955.95 6 sec on receipt of message		
		12.15 PM	56 th Bty Retaliation at request of infantry 16 rounds N603.7 to N603.7.2		
		1.0	57 " Gunn operation with No 13 in cooperation with N.T.M. Bty 18 rounds		
			56 " Retaliation at request of infantry 4 rounds N607 1/2 4 1/2 to N60 1/2 5 1/2		
		2.25	52 " " " " 16 " N11A3.5 1/2 N11A6.7 1/2		
		4.30	52 " " " " 9 " N10B9 1/2 4 1/2 N11A3.5 1/2		
		4.47	56 " Test SOS shot-fired at 48 seconds on receipt of message N604 1/2 4		
					Inemy artillery was more active than usual from 2.30 PM to 12.5 PM. He fired 320 of 5.9 in the vicinity of N6A. N60 doing little damage
					Ammunition Expended
					Casualties Nil A.A.X. BX Lt Colonel
			29.47 C/o Left group		
			Comb. 25th F.A.Bde		
			Total 76		

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"Fleurbaey"	6/10/16 11	6 AM	General Routine	Bar Reading 29.20 Therm Reading 50° Wind Strong SW (gale) Corrector 124		
		8 AM	Observation Fair - Showery			
		10 AM	59th Cannon of the Day	07A 95.6 3 rounds		
			115th Registration on	N6D 4.95 to N6B 5.65 20 rounds		
		2 PM to 4 PM	Left group Gunn operation Order N° 19 was carried out in cooperation with N.T.M. Bty who carried out schemes on enemy front-line prospect. all left groups 18 th Bty * 100 rounds each 115th How Bty 200 rounds. The fire appeared to be very effective throughout the whole scheme. Enemy retaliated freely on our front line and supports with 5.9 and 77mm Calibre shells doing little damage (200 rounds)			
		7.49	59th Bty	retaliated at request of infantry	01A 35-70 8 rounds	
		9-10	68th Bty	"	"	N6D 3.7 to N6D 5.85 5 rounds
		2.23 AM	56th	"	"	N6E 2.2 to N6E 4 1/2 4 18 rounds
		3.32	"	"	"	N6E 7 1/2 4 1/2 to N6D 1/2 3 1/2 12 rounds
		3.50	"	"	"	N6E 2.2 to N6E 4 1/2 4 15 rounds
			Ammunition Expended A.A. x B.x Casualties Nil 215 350 220 Total 785	<p>W. J. Taylor Lt Colonel C/o Left Group 25th FABde</p>		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices						
Fleurbaix	7/11/16	6 AM	General Routine							
		8 AM	Observation difficult owing to heavy rain							
		10.4 AM	57th Bty Test SOS shot fired 10 seconds in receipt of message 06-245.20							
		10.15	59th " from of day 3 rounds 07A94.6							
		NOON to 8.0	no activity - by both sides							
		8.55	60th Bty Retribution at request of infantry 5 rounds							
			<p>The taking over of the group by 3rd NZ F.A.B. was commenced early in the day. I Section Pen Bty took over gun pits at 6 PM. Landing over to be completed by 6 PM 7/11/16 everything going satisfactorily. all ^{NZ} Battery Commanders base taken up their position over at Bty positions. C/o 25th F.A.B. and C/o NZ Bty inspected Battery position at 4 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ammunition Expended</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">A. A. X. B. X.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Casualties Nil</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9 - 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Total <u>21</u></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <i>W. Taylor Lt Colonel</i> <i>comd 25th F.A.B. de</i> <i>C/o Left group</i> </p>		A. A. X. B. X.	Casualties Nil	9 - 12		Total <u>21</u>	
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	Total <u>21</u>									

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Fleurbaey	8/11/16	6 AM	<p>Half of each Battery of the group is now under command of 3rd Brigade N.Z. Artillery who have taken tactical command. Infantry are now informed of the change. Left group H.Q. will complete handing over by 6 PM tonight when C/O 25th F.A.Bd will march out to billets which have been evacuated by Brigade taking over Left group. Billets are at MERRIS.</p>	
		6 PM	<p>Horse Lines are being handed over today to incoming batteries. Handing over to 3rd N.Z.F.A. complete. all batteries and B.H.Q. packed to Merris where billets were handed over by outgoing batteries of N.Z.F.A. the shift was greatly hampered by heavy rain roads were bad & a great many units with everything was complete down by 12 midnight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casualties Nil</p>	

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Lieut Colonel
Comd 25th F.A.Bd

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bosnes	9/11/16	6AM	<p>- <u>Weather</u> - <u>Very Good</u> -</p> <p>Orders received to move out at 7 AM. a good start was made & strict time table adhered to. The order of march was as follows 25th F.A.B. COY. 116th Bty 60th Bty 56th Bty 52nd Bty this order maintained with 200 yds ^{interval} between each battery</p> <p>9.0 1st Halt was VIEUX BERQUIN where 14th F.A.B. was passing, March was resumed 9.15 to 10.30 when a 2nd halt was made between NEUF BERQUIN and MERVILLE. Co landed out temporarily to Major Lister 52nd Bty. March resumed 10.40 passing through MERVILLE in form of march post. G.O.C. 2nd Army Corps all Brigade Commanders assembled at MERVILLE Church where G.O.C. delivered a short speech and farewell to all</p> <p>11.30 The 3rd halt was made at ROBECQ for a quarter of an hour</p> <p>11.45 March was again resumed when BOSNES was reached at 1.15</p> <p>1.15 Good arrangements being made for billeting and all was complete by 2.15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casualties Nil</p>	
			<p>H. W. Taylor Lieut Colonel Comd 25th F.A.B. Coy 5th AUS DIV</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Valbuon	10/11/16	6 AM	<p>Orders were received to move to <u>TANGRY</u> the point of assembly was <u>BUSNES</u> Church. and passing point <u>Lillers</u> Church with was passed at 9-10 AM. a short halt was made between <u>Barbure</u> and <u>Lillers</u> horses were fed and watered, harness adjusted, etc 2 Btys were temporarily held up at <u>Lillers</u>. Railway crossing & the leading half of the column were held for 15 mins <u>Flaringhem</u> was passed about and destination <u>Valbuon</u> at Roads were in excellent condition and horses appeared in slightly better condition than previous day. weather was excellent - bright sunshine day. Bullets are not quite so good as previously, in most cases news bullets are not good. Brigade is stabled in batteries on a very convenient position ground is very much better than previous horse lines. Men appear to be suffering slightly with with feet trouble owing to the ground being so wet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casualties Nil</p>	
				<p>H. D. Taylor. Lt. Colonel 5th Aus Div cont. 25th F.A.B. de 5th Aus Div</p>

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REBREUVE	11/10/16	6 AM	<p>Brigade continued its march making the starting point at cross roads on <u>St Pol</u> main road 1 mile south of <u>VALHOUN</u>. The head of A column moved off at 7.30 A.M. in following sequence B.H.Q. 56th Bty 60th Bty 115th Bty 52nd Bty an excellent start was made but weather was very dull a heavy fog hung over the country. <u>St. Pol</u> was passed at 8.30 without incident. Good material was observed by all battalions between <u>St. Pol</u> and <u>HERLIN-le-Sec</u> a short halt was made - horses fed and rested. <u>HERLIN-le-Sec</u> was passed at 9.45 <u>NUNCO</u> at 10.50 another short halt was made between <u>NUNCO</u> and horses were fed & rested. The gunners who were walking to detachments in rear of their respective wagons suffered slightly from sore feet, were mounted on wagons for short periods. Column passed <u>FREVENT</u> at 11.30 en route to its destination <u>REBREUVE</u> ^(ARRIVED 12.30) where arrangements had been made for good billets which were occupied by B.H.Q. and all battalions & completed by 1.30. Horses were showing signs of fatigue at the end of march.</p>	
Casualties			A.V.C. Spt Faulkner D	
			N ^o 0538 (Broken Rib)	
			Bomb FAY FREY AT	
			N ^o 1131 (Bad Eye)	
			wounded &	
			Hospital	
			<p>Mr. Daynes, Lieut Colonel Comd. 25th F.A.B^{de}</p>	

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REBREUVE	12/11/16	6AM	<p>Halted for the day.</p> <p>Full opportunity taken of the halt to overhaul all equipment - Vehicles, harness & other material</p> <p>Shoeing of horses & mules brought up to date</p> <p>Medicinal inspection of all men complaining of sore feet</p> <p>Thorough inspection of horses & mules</p> <p>Vehicles washed down and axles greased,</p> <p>all bicycles overhauled & repaired</p> <p>Stores checked & surplus stuff dumped</p> <p>Total horses evacuated to date (5)</p> <p>Casualties Nil</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. Taylor Lieut. Colonel Comd. 25th F.A.Bde</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Talmes	13/11/16	6 AM	<p>On start was made at 8.30 en-route for Talmes. - Rebreuve was cleared by 9 o'clock. Brigade starting point was selected at roads junction ARBRES 3 miles south of REBREUVE. ^{Head of Brigade} moved off at 10 AM passing Divisional starting point ^{ROUCEMAISOT} at 11.35 a short halt was made between Doullens and ARBRES where horses were fed & watered, Doullens was passed at 12.30 BEAUVAIL at 2.30 arriving at TALMAS at 4.15. Batteries occupied a large green paddock most suitable for artillery. Horses were watered under supervision of Brigade orderly officer at Talmes. Horses fed and camp complete by 5.30. B.H.P. bullets are very satisfactory. Horses & Men seem to have benefited by the rest of 12/11/16.</p> <p>Horses Exercised Nil, Casualties Nil</p> <p>Heavy bombardment to the Eastward could be heard throughout the day.</p>	<p>H. J. Taylor. Lieut Colonel Comd 25th F.A.B^{de}</p>

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BUSSY - Les-DAOURS	14/10/16	6AM	<p>Renville was ordered for 4:30 and Brigade moved off at 6AM clearing TALMOS by 6:30 passing Amosval. starting point at 8:10 Villers-Bocage (Maire's House) Strict time was observed throughout the route to BUSSEY-LES-DAOURS which was reached at 12:30 a 10 miles track, good ground for horse-lines was obtained on the brow of a hill horses will benefit considerably with good standings after the continuous mud of previous horse lines Halts were made throughout the march & men & horses were fed Horses appeared in very much better condition than previous marches during journey Good billets are obtained for all Batteries. Much better results for the new night to be obtained than in previous billets Horses evacuated Nil Casualties Nil</p>	
			<p><i>[Signature]</i> Lieut. Colonel Comd. 25th F.A.B^d</p>	

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BUSSY - LEB-DAOURS	15/11/16	6 AM	<p>Reveille was ordered for 6 a.m. First Parade - - Stable 6-30 a.m. Second Parade 9.30 to 12 noon Opportunity was taken of cleaning harness and carrying out stable fatigues etc as required by Battery Commander. Third Parade - 2 P.M - 4 P.M. As for Second Parade. Animals appear to have benefited considerably by the good conditions of standings CASUALTIES NIL</p>	

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 Comdng 25th S. A. B.
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BUSSY -LES-DAOURS	16/11/16		<p>Weather conditions continued very good and permitted the work of Harness cleaning, etc to be carried out as on previous day. Men's equipment and gear was also cleared and put in order in readiness for the continuation of the journey. The following Guns & Howitzers were handed over. - 56th Battery - 4 QF 18 pdr. to 148th Bde R.F.A. 60th Batty 1 QF 18 pdr to 148th Bde R.F.A. and 3 QF 18 pdr. to 149th Bde R.F.A. 115th Batty 4 QF 4.5 Howitzers to 150th Bde R.F.A. These Guns & Howitzers were stripped except for Dial Sights Carriers Sight Clinometers & Telescopic Sights but 115th Batty retained 2 Dial Sights Carriers. - 6 Draught Horses were transferred from 56th Battery to 60th Batty and 3 Draught Horses from 56th Battery to 52nd Batty.</p> <p>CASUALTIES - NIL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. Day</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lieut Colonel Commandy 25th F.A. Bde Aust Div.</p>	

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CAMP (K2b-K3a -E27c)	17/11/16	6 AM.	<p>Orders were received to continue the march. Reveille was sounded at 4.30 A.M. and the column moved off from the starting point at the road junction from DAOURS to LA NEUVILLE at 7.30 AM passing through BONNAY, Cross Roads (BONNAY - CORBIE and CORBIE - MERICOURT) and MERICOURT - VILLE. A half hour halt was made outside the village of Corbie and men and horses were fed and rested. At 11.30 A.M. the camping site K2b - K3a - E27c was reached. The camp was situated on hard sloping ground close to the roadway on the environs of the village of Mericourt - Ville at a distance of about a mile to the Eastward. Casualties - Admitted to 38⁺ Casualty Clearing Station, 1 man from B.H.Q and 2 men from 56⁺ Battery</p>	

H. J. [Signature]
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 Commandy 25⁺ F. A. Bde
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MAMETZ F5C9-3	18/11/16	6 AM	<p>Reveille was sounded at 12.30 a.m. Brigade continued its march, leaving Artillery Camp. Area (K26-K32-E27C) at 1.30 p.m. A severe frost had set in rendering the ground very hard and easy for the passage of vehicles. The Brigade passed through the villages of Heaulte and Freucourt and on towards the allotted Wagon Lines near Mametz. On arrival at Mametz it was discovered that the appointed area for wagon lines was not in the Australian Area so ground had to be reconnoitred and a fresh site selected. The most suitable position to be had was in a small wood near cross roads at Mametz (F5C9-3). Light snow was falling as the Brigade came into position at this point at 4.30 a.m.</p>	

H. C. Taylor

Lieut - Colonel
Commandg 25th F. S. Bde
Aust Div

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MAMETZ WOOD F5C 9-3	19-11-16	6 AM	<p>Despite the inclement weather conditions prevailing, work was rapidly carried out in establishing horse lines and accommodation for men. Good wagon line positions were secured for Batteries and in the mean time the Battery detachments had joined up with their advance parties at their respective Battery positions all being in position by 8 a.m. During the day cupolas, timber, and other building material was obtained from the C.R.E and the construction of huts was commenced</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casualties</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td>Personnel</td><td>Nil</td></tr> <tr><td>Horses</td><td>Nil</td></tr> <tr><td>Mules</td><td>Nil</td></tr> <tr><td>Material</td><td>Nil</td></tr> </table>	Personnel	Nil	Horses	Nil	Mules	Nil	Material	Nil	
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				<p>H. H. [Signature] Colonel Comd'g. 25th F. A. Bde Aust. Div.</p>								

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MAMETZ WOOD F5C9-3	20-11-16	6 AM	<p>Reveille was sounded at 6.30 am and Stables at 7 am. Orders were received for the withdrawal of the 5th Aust. Div. Artillery from the line to the wagons lines during nights of 21st, 22nd and 23rd Nov. The guns of the 52nd Battery had already ^{been} handed over to 1st Div. Artillery at the Wagons Lines of the 25th F. & Bde. The guns of the remaining Batteries to be withdrawn as follows — On 21st inst 3 guns per Battery were to remain in each Batty position, 22nd inst 2 guns per Battery and on 23rd inst <u>all</u> guns were to be withdrawn.</p> <p>Two Casualties occurred during the day. — No 1950 Gnr. Shannon R.E. Killed by Shell. " 2076 " Sharnbrook B.E. Wounded by Shell and sent to Hospital.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. J. Taylor Lieut. Colonel Comdgy 25th F. & Bde Aust. Div</p>	

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MAMETZ (F5C 9-3)	21/11/16	6 A.M.	<p>Reveille was at 6.30 a.m. The day was foggy and did not clear until early afternoon. The work of withdrawing Guns was carried out in accordance with orders although the extremely bad condition of the ground in the vicinity of the Gun Positions made the task very difficult. One casualty occurred during these operations.</p> <p>Casualties: — Personnel No 1843 Pdr. Bourke & W. Wounded by Shell. Sent to Hospital Horses Nil Mules Nil Material Nil</p> <p>H. C. Rayton Lieut Colonel Commandg 25th F. A. Brigade Aust Div</p>	

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MAMETZ F5C9-3	22.11.16	6 AM.	<p>The morning was again foggy but cleared early and the day continued fine. Reveille was sounded at 6.30 and work was carried on in improving the house standings. Guns were removed from Battery Positions during the day according to orders, two (2) Guns per Battery remaining in position. Visited Battery Positions at front line.</p> <p>Casualties:- Personnel Nil Horses Two destroyed (Stuck in Shell Hole and Shot) Mules Nil Material Nil</p> <p>H. D. Taylor Lieut - Colonel Commandy 25th F. A. Brigade Aust. Div.</p>	

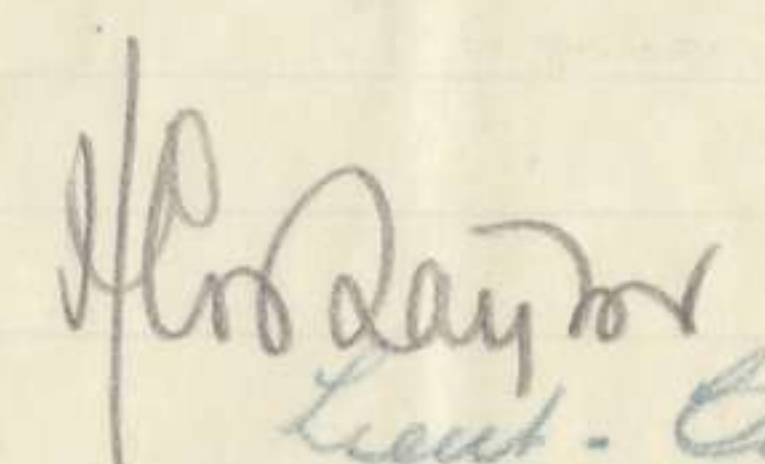
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MAMETZ F5C93	23-11-18	6 AM.	<p>Reveille was at 6-30 a.m. The weather during the day was clear and fine and allowed Camp improvements to be carried on. Bricks and broken masonry were obtained from remains of shattered houses and deposited in horse lines making excellent horse standings. The remaining guns in the various Battery positions were withdrawn according to orders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Casualties</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td>Personnel</td><td>Nil</td></tr> <tr><td>Horses</td><td>Nil</td></tr> <tr><td>Mules</td><td>Nil</td></tr> <tr><td>Material</td><td>Nil</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">  Lieut. Colonel Comd'g 25th F. A. Brigade Aust. Div </p>	Personnel	Nil	Horses	Nil	Mules	Nil	Material	Nil	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ F5C9-3	24/11/16	6 AM	<p>Rain fell during the afternoon and evening. Reveille was at 6-30 AM and work of laying down horse standings was continued during the day. The 5th Aust. Div. Artillery went into position at 8 a.m. this morning and with 2nd Div. Art. formed the <u>Right Division</u> of Artillery covering 1st Anzac Corps and was sub-divided as follows:- Right Group "Q" under Command of Lieut-Col J.W.S. LUCAS 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th (less 1 Section) and 115th Batteries Left Group "M" under Command of Lieut-Col O.F. PHILLIPS 52nd 53rd 54th 55th 60th (less 1 Section) and 114th Batteries Both 2nd and 5th Div. Art. are less 1 Brigade and both are under the tactical control of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div.</p>	

Casualties:-
 Personnel Nil
 Horses Nil
 Mules Nil
 Material Nil

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MAMETZ F5C9-3	25/11/16	6 AM	<p>Reveille was at 6-30 a.m. The weather was fine during the day but rained during the evening. The work of laying down horse standings and the construction of huts was continued.</p>	
			<p>CASUALTIES:— Personnel Nil Horses Nil Mules Nil Material Nil</p>	<p>J. H. Dwyer Lieut Colonel 25th S. A. Brigade Aust Div.</p>

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MAMETZ	26/11/16	6am	<p>Rain fell during the early part of the day but cleared late in the afternoon. Reveille was at 6-30am. The condition of horse lines and approaches show a vast improvement owing to the horse standings laid down and animals appear to have benefited considerably. Visited the wagons lines (Batteries) during the day. Otherwise the day was uneventful.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>Casualties:</i> Personnel Nil Horses Nil Mules Nil Material Nil </p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <i>H. P. Taylor</i> Lieut - Colonel 25th S. A. Brigade Aust Div </p>

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MAMETZ F5C9:3	27/11/16	6.A.M.	<p>Reveille was at 6-30 a.m. Steady rain fell during the morning but cleared later in the day.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for O's C. Batteries to collect from Ordnance and from 14th S. A. Brigade, shelters and tents to be solely used for Gun Positions</p>	
			<p>Casualties -</p> <p>Personnel Nil</p> <p>Horses Nil</p> <p>Mules Nil</p> <p>Material Nil</p>	<p>H. S. Anderson Lieut - Colonel Commdg 25th S. A. Brigade Aust. Div.</p>

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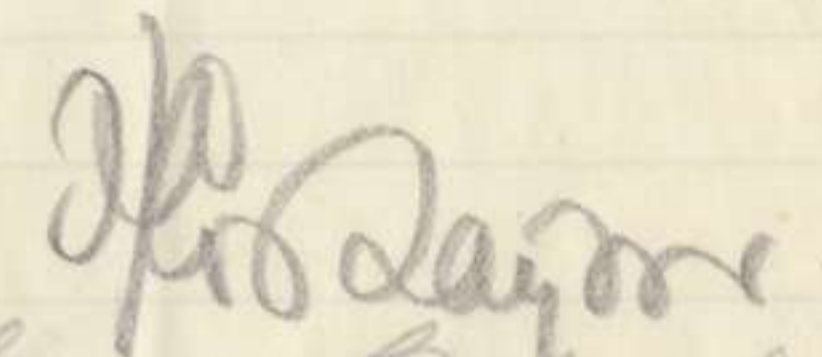
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ (F5C 9-3)	28/11/16	6 AM	<p>The weather conditions remained good and horse lines and standings show a marked improvement throughout the Brigade. Reveille was at 6-30 a.m. as usual. The day was uneventful.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Casualties:— Personnel nil Horses nil Mules nil Material nil</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">  Lieut - Colonel Comd'g 25th F. A. Brigade Aust. Div. </p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ F5C9-3	29/11/16	6 AM.	<p>The day was fine but very cold with heavy fog during the morning. Reveille at 6-30 a.m. General routine was carried out and the day passed without incident.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> Casualties Personnel Nil Horses Nil Mules Nil Material Nil </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> J. P. Dayson Lieut - Colonel Comdgy 25th L. A. Brigade Aust. Div </p>	

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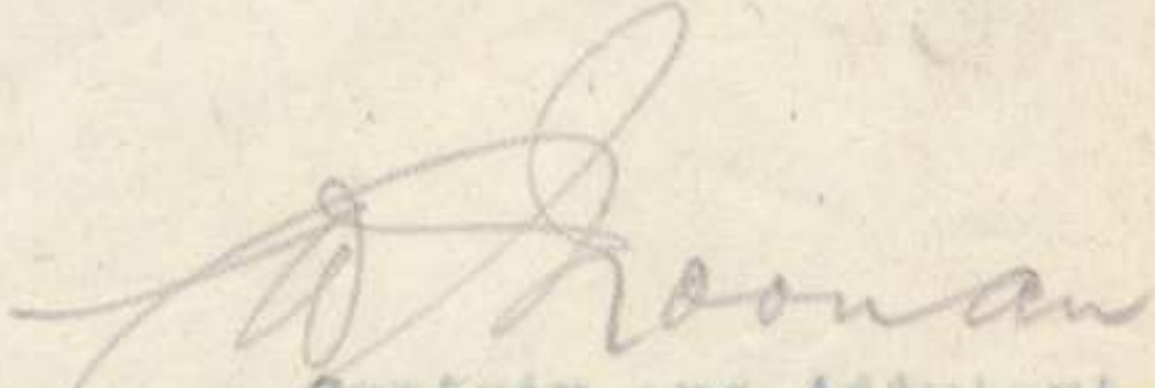
LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY
MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 15

1/11/36.

REFERENCE SHEET 36, 1/10,000.

1. Bombardments will be carried out on enemy's vulnerable points as laid down in TASK TABLE herewith on the 1st. November 1916.
2. Watches will be synchronized at LEFT GROUP HEAD-QUARTERS thirty (30) minutes before each ZERO hour.
3. Reports on each PHASE to be at Left Group Headquarters as soon as possible after completion.

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.E.	T.S.	
P H A S E I.					
2 p.m.	115th. -	1 Section BERNIER FME.	25		Gun fire 4 rds. per gun per minute. do. do. do. do.
		1 Section N 18 d 45.0	25		
	57th.	N 24 a 1.8	10	6	
	60th.	BERNIER FME.	10	6	
	56th.	N 18 d 45.1	10	6	
	52nd.	N 24 b 1.7	10	6	
	59th.	O 13 d 1.8	10	6	
P H A S E II.					
3 p.m.	59th.	N 6 c 35.1	10	6	Gun fire 4 rds. per gun per minute. do. do. do. do.
		N 12 a 7.4	10	6	
	60th.	N 12 a 8.2	10	6	
	52nd.	N 12 d 2.5	10	6	
	56th.	O 7 c 05.1	10	6	
	115th. -	1 Section N 12 a 4.1	12		
		1 Section N 12 a 8.5	12		
P H A S E III.					
4 p.m.	115th. -	1 Section N 17 b 35.7	12		Gun fire 4 rds. per gun per minute. do. do. do. do.
		1 Section N 11 d 5.8	12		
	52nd.	N 17 b 35.7	10	6	
	57th.	N 11 a 5.8	10	6	
	60th.	N 11 a 8.3	10	6	
	56th.	N 11 b 8.1	10	6	
	59th.	N 12 a 9.5	10	6	


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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY
MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 16.

3/11/16.

REFERENCE SHEET 36, 1/10,000.

1. Minor Operations will be carried out on ~~unusually front~~ line parapet as laid down in TASK TABLE herewith on November 2nd, 1916.
2. Watches will be synchronised at Left Group Headquarters thirty (30) minutes before each ZERO hour.
3. Reports on each PHASE to be at Left Group Headquarters as soon as possible after completion.

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.E.	T.S.	

P H A S E I.					
2 P.M.	52nd.	CONCENTRATE 6. (Vide	10	6	Qty. Fire 5
	56th.	APPENDIX "E" of DEFENCE	10	6	secs.
	57th.	SCHEME.)	10	6	do.
	60th.	do.	10	6	do.
	59th.	do.	10	6	do.
	115th.	do.	33		do.

P H A S E II.					
4 P.M.	57th.	CONCENTRATE 7. (Vide	10	6	do.
	52nd.	APPENDIX "E" of DEFENCE	10	6	do.
	56th.	SCHEME.)	10	6	do.
	60th.	do.	10	6	do.
	59th.	do.	10	6	do.
	115th.	do.	33		do.

P H A S E III.					
7 P.M.	52nd.)	CONCENTRATE 8. (Vide	10	6	do.
	57th.)	APPENDIX "E" of DEFENCE	10	6	do.
	56th.)	SCHEME.)	10	6	do.
	115th.)	do.	34		do.
	60th.)	CONCENTRATE 9. (Vide	10	6	do.
	59th.)	APPENDIX "E" of DEFENCE	10	6	do.
		SCHEME.)			

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 Captain and Adjutant,
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER 70.

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Head-Quarters,

November 9th 1916.

- 1.- The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will continue their march moving to MARES - BOURS - VALHUON - TANGRAY - SAINS - LES PEPNES - SACHIN area tomorrow the 10th November.
- 2.- March Tables are attached.
- 3.- All Units will pass the starting point CHURCH IN LILLERS at hours as stated in March Tables.
- 4.- Billeting parties as for to day will report to the Staff Captain at the Church at TANGRAY at 8am, 10th November.
- 5.- Refilling Point - TANGRAY. CHURCH. Supply wagons to be at this point at 3pm.
- 6.- Supply Railhead - LILLERS.
- 7.- Reports prior to 11am to PORTECO, after that hour to TANGRAY. (Exact location will be notified later by wire)

[Handwritten Signature]
Major.

for B.M. R.A. 5th Aust Division.

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UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE FOLLOWED	TIME TO PASS STARTING POINT.	REMARKS.
14th F.A.B.	L'ECHENE area.	PERNES area.	L'ECHENE - LILLERS - BURBURE - FLORINGHEM - PERNES.	8 30am	
25th F.A.B.	LA MIQUELLERIE area.	PERNES area.	LA MIQUELLERIE - BUSNES - LILLERS - BURBURE - FLORINGHEM - PERNES.	9 10am	
15th F.A.B.	Fme DE LA BIETTE area.	PERNES area.	Fme DE LA BIETTE - BUSNES - LILLERS - BURBURE - FLORINGHEM - PERNES.	9 50am	
13th F.A.B.	LA PIERRIERE	PERNES area.	LA PIERRIERE - BUSNES - LILLERS - BURBURE - FLORINGHEM - PERNES.	10 20am	
10th Coy. A.A.S.C.	ROBECQ area.	PERNES area.	ROBECQ - BUSNES - LILLERS BURBURE - FLORINGHEM - PERNES.	11am.	
5th D.A.C.	Mt BERNECHON area	PERNES area.	Mt BERNECHON - L'ECHEME - LILLERS - BURBURE - FLORINGHEM - PERNES.	11 10am.	

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25th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 71.
=====Headquarters,
10/11/16.

REFERENCE LENS II, 1/10,000.

1. 25th. F. A. Brigade will continue its march moving to ~~ETREE~~ WAMIN via VALHUON - TROISVOUX - ST. POL - HERLIN---~~LE~~ - ~~SEC~~ - NUNCQ - ~~ERRE~~ FREVENT - REBREUVE, tomorrow the 11th. inst.
2. Starting point at the Cross Roads one mile south of VALHUON on the ST. POL main road at 7.30 a.m. Batteries will march in the following sequence:- 56th., 60th., 115th., 52nd.
3. Billeting parties as for to-day will report to the Adjutant at B.H.Q. VALHUON at 5 a.m. on the 11th. inst.
4. Re-filling point at the Church ~~REVERSH~~ REBREUVIETTE. Supplies will be ready for issue at 2.45 p.m.
5. Reports prior to 7 a.m. to B.H.Q. VALHUON, after that at Head of Brigade during march, and then B.H.Q. on arrival at destination. exact location will be notified by memo on arrival.
6. With regard to men riding on vehicles at the starting point, no man except those in possession of medical certificates and drivers of wagons and carts are to be permitted to ride but will march in detachments behind their respective vehicles. During the march one or two men at a time may be permitted to ride at the discretion of Battery Commanders.
7. Greater attention is required in connection with the wearing of clothing and equipment during the march.
8. Nose bags (filled) are to be carried on saddles.
9. During each short halt nose bags are to be at once put on horses. A careful inspection also will be made as to the fitting and adjusting of harness and inspection of horses feet.
10. Nos. 1 will report to section Commanders, who in turn will report to their Battery Commanders as to whether all is correct or otherwise.
11. All men who complain of sore feet are to report immediately on arrival at destination for medical inspection, which will be carried out in billets one hour after arrival.

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(Signed)

W. J. NOONAN,
Captain and Adjutant.

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25th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 72.

Headquarters,
11th. November 1916.

- 1. The 25th. F. A. Brigade will not continue its march until the 13th. inst.
- 2. Re-filling point for to-morrow will be the same as for to-day.
- 3. Battery Commanders will take the fullest opportunity of this interval to adjust all matters pertaining to their command.
- 4. A Medical inspection of all men complaining of bad feet will be made to-morrow at times to be arranged by Battery Commanders with Medical Officer.
- 5. No billeting party will be required to-morrow.
- 6. Acknowledge.

(Signed)

W. J. NOONAN,
Captain and Adjutant.

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25th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 73

Headquarters,
12th. November 1916.

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1. 25th. F.A. Brigade will continue its march to REBREUVE - BOUCHEMAISON - DOULLENS - BEAUVAL & TALMAS, to-morrow the 13th. inst.
2. The Head of the Brigade will pass the starting point at ARBRES - 3 Miles South of REBREUVE - at 10 a.m. on November the 13th. Batteries will march in the following sequence - 60th., 115th., 52nd. and 56th.
3. Billeting parties will report to the Adjutant at TALMAS at 8 a.m. on 13th. inst.
4. Re-filling point Church VILLERS BOGAGE. Rations will be ready for issue at 3.30 p.m.
5. Batteries will water on arrival according to Brigade Time Table under supervision of Brigade Orderly Officer.
6. Brigade Orderly Officer for the day, to-morrow, Lieut. RUSSELL, who will report to the Adjutant on arrival at TALMAS.
7. Reports prior to 8.30 a.m. to REBREUVE, after that Head of Column, and after that Brigade Headquarters at TALMAS upon arrival there.
8. Acknowledge.

(Signed)

W. J. NOONAN,
Captain and Adjutant.

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25th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 75,

Headquarters,
16th. Novr. 1916.

REFERENCE SHEET AMIENS 17 1/100,000.
ALBERT 1/40,000.

1. The 25th. F. A. Brigade will continue its March to-morrow, 17th. inst. to Artillery Area via BUSSY-LES-DAOURS - LA NEUVILLE - BONNAY - Cross Roads (BONNAY - CORBIE and CORBIE - MERICOURT) - MERICOURT - VILLE (K 2b - K 3a - E 27c Camp).
2. STARTING POINT Road junction from DAOURS to LA NEUVILLE at 7.30a.m. Batteries will march in the following sequence - 52nd., 56th., 60th., and 115th.
3. Billeting parties will report to the Adjutant at B.H.Q. BUSSY-LES-DAOURS at 5 a.m. on 17th. inst.
4. Re-filling points for the 17th. and 18th. insts. will be as follows :-
 17th. inst. Artillery Area (E 26 c 9.1) at 1.30 p.m.
 18th. " POMMIERE REDOUBT (time will be notified later)
 Rations and forage will be ready for issue at the above places & times.
5. Guns and Howitzers will be handed over stripped (except Dial Sights, Carriers, Sight Clinometers, Telescopic Sights) prior to leaving BUSSY-LES-DAOURS, as follows :-
 56th. Battery 4 Q.F. 18 pdrs. to 148th. Bde., R.F.A.
 60th. " (1 do. " 148th. Bde. "
 (3 do. " 149th. Bde. "
 115th. " 4 Q.F. 4.5" Hows." 150th. Bde. "
 The 52nd. Battery guns will be taken up to the line, and will be handed over to Units of the 1st. Divisional Artillery at the Wagon Lines of the 25th. F. A. Brigade.
 Two Dial Sights and Carriers will be retained by the 115th. Bty.
6. Batteries will water on arrival under the supervision of the Brigade Orderly Officer .
7. Brigade Orderly Officer of the day for to-morrow will be Lieut. A. D. NEWMARCH, 60th. Battery.
8. Reports prior to 6 a.m. to B.H.Q. at BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.
9. Acknowledge.

(Signed)

W. J. NOONAN,
Captain and Adjutant.

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25th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 76.

Headquarters,
16th. November 1916.REFERENCE SHEET AMIENS 17 1/100,000.
ALBERT 1/40,000.

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1. The 25th. F. A. Brigade will continue its march on the 18th. inst. to the 21st. F. A. Brigade Wagon Lines at A I d 5.0 via MEAULTE to FERICOURT and thence to MAMETZ.
 2. STARTING POINT 6- nearest point of road at 1.30 a.m. which will be marked later. Batteries will march in the following sequence :- 56th., 60th., 115th., and 52nd.
 3. Guides will be provided by 1st. Div. Artillery at the Junction of the MEAULTE - FERICOURT and ALBERT - FERICOURT roads at 3.30 a.m.
 4. Times of relief of detachments and personnel in the line will be arranged by the Left Group Commander. All reliefs must be completed by noon on the 18th. inst. Reliefs to be made from Wagon Lines to Battery Positions in numbers of not more than 5 or 6 and at intervals of 200 to 300 yards between parties.
 5. Batteries will move from the Wagon Lines to Battery Positions of 1st. Div. Artillery on 18th. inst at 8 a.m. as follows :-

52nd. Battery	to	22nd. Battery Position	at	T 7 c 2.8
56th. Battery	to	23rd.	do.	" T 7 c 1.9
60th.	"	" 24th.	" do.	" (N 32 c 6.4
				(N 32 c 7.6
115th.	"	" 102nd.	do.	" S 4 d 5.15.

 Guides will be provided by 1st. Divisional Artillery.
 6. All Maps, Photographs, Ammunition and Documents in the Battery's Sector will be taken over and receipts given.
 7. The position of 5th. Div. Artillery Headquarters on and after 8 a.m. on 18th. inst. will be at E II Central.
 8. Other details will be notified later.
 9. Acknowledge.

(Signed)

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