

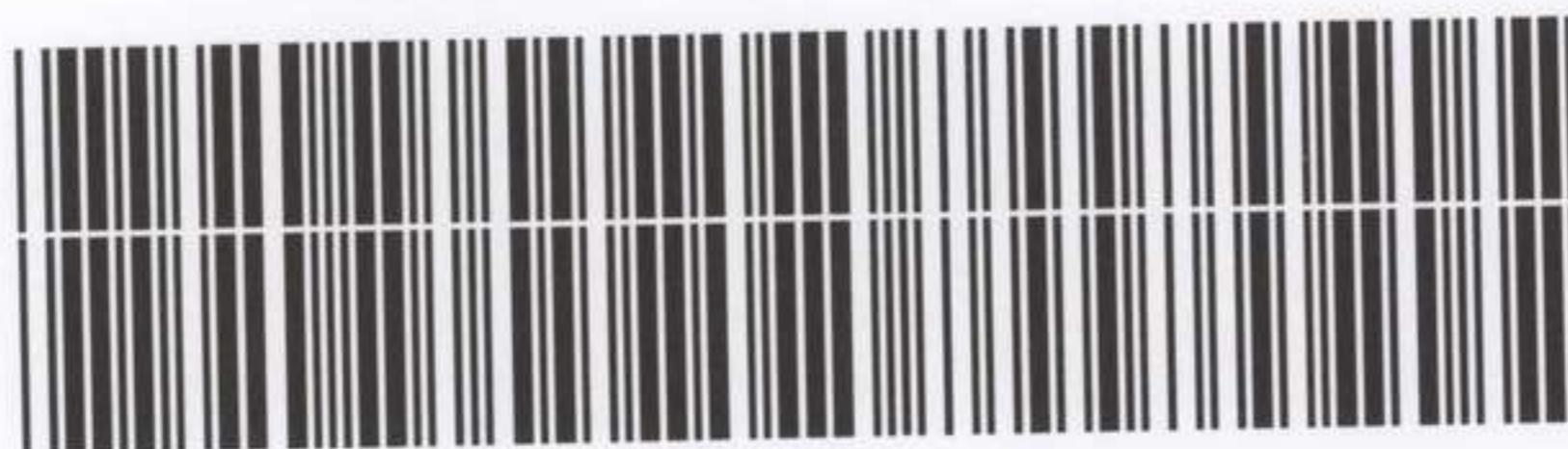
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERNAFAY QUARRY	1/2/17		Specialist training at FRICOURT CAMP continues - PT & TBF hand & rifle bombing and h.q. work as well as two Raiding parties - for 29 & 30 Bus.	
	2/2/17		Ditto. 8th Bde. Mining Coy. started work on ANVC dugouts & div. Hdqrs. Dugouts under the direction of CRE. Mining Coy. moved from FRICOURT to E Camp BERNAFAY yesterday. O&C 8th Bde. MG Coy. & THM 1st reported at 10am yesterday & GOC 14th Inf Bde. for instructions regarding their part in the 14th Bde's impending operations.	
	3/2/17		B.M. visited 15th Inf Bde. Hdqrs and NEEDLE LINE. Training at FRICOURT continues.	
	4/2/17		14th Inf Bde. occupied FINCH TRENCH without opposition. OC 8th Aust. MG Coy with 8 guns went forward to support 14th Inf Bde in case of possible counter attack tonight.	
	5/2/17		Lt. Col. CHAMBERLAIN attended demonstration of French Battalion in the attack. Gen. TUNNEY went on leave. The formation of a Brigade School of Instruction is well in hand at FRICOURT CAMP.	
	6/2/17		The Bde. Miners Coy. are making very good progress at deep dugouts in vicinity of div. Hdqrs.	
			The Bde. Mining Coy. & Bde School connected to Bde. Hdqrs. by phone. Training at FRICOURT continues. 5th Div. advise that we will not relieve 15th Bde. until about 16th inst. Action this, the 29 & 30 Bus at FRICOURT were ordered to relieve the 31st & 32nd on works and fatigue parties at MONTAUBAN & were detailed to School & accepted.	

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BERNARDY QUARRY	7/2/17		Bus at FRICOURT and now on bus changed over.	
"	8/2/17		Brigade School for Specialist Instruction is in process of formation at FRICOURT CAMP - Major GEDDES Commandant. Instructions for Bus reported last night & the first NCOs men for instruction reported tonight. CSM SWINVERSION (A.G.S.) is attached to School temporarily to oversee PT & P.F. Bde. School started - other training continues. All Bus. except the 32 <sup>nd</sup> now have raiding teams in training at FRICOURT. BM to 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde. line.	
"	9/2/17		Bde. Cmnr. Bde. Cmnr. & BM visited Bde. School at FRICOURT - CO 29 <sup>th</sup> Bn. to line in left sector.	
"	10/2/17		BM, OC 8 <sup>th</sup> Mining Coy, Bde. Intell. Off., CO 30 <sup>th</sup> Bn, OC 8 <sup>th</sup> Mining Coy to line during day & night.	
"	11/2/17		Lieut. Adams OC Bde. Mining Coy wounded by German aeroplane bomb & evacuated.	
"	12/2/17		Show commenced. Relief order n. 78 issued at 4pm. Arrangements made with CCF for Lieut. TURNER 15 <sup>th</sup> Fld. Coy. to be lent to the Bde to command the Mining Coy. temporarily. Works policy for new area about & forwarded to 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. for approval. Bde. Cmnr. visited Bde. ELLIOTT (15 <sup>th</sup> Bde.) at DELVILLE VALLEY.	
"	13/2/17		Notification re New Infantry Bn. Organisation received.	
"	14/2/17		Show during the day. Frost again after 4pm. Bde. Commander & BM to line. 15 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. raided enemy trenches opposite their left flank at 9pm. Successful.	
"	15/2/17		The Col. visited the Bde. in consequence visited FRICOURT CAMP & gave instructions to Raiding Teams & gave instructions to Raiding Teams	<p>McCarthy 15<sup>th</sup> Bde</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERNAFFY QUARRY	15/7/17		Bn visited 31 <sup>st</sup> Bn. in NEEDLE and 30 <sup>th</sup> Bn. in DELVILLE WOOD - also 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde. Preliminary arrangements for forthcoming operation in progress.	
DELVILLE VALLEY (S12 B6/B)	16/2/17		Command of the Left Bde Sector (5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div) passed to Col 8 <sup>th</sup> Luf Bde at 10am. The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. had some losses from Gas Shell fire last night on relief of 57 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Provisional order issued to 31 <sup>st</sup> Bn. 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. with regard to proposed operation on our front.	
"	7/2/17		2 off 8000's of the Radio parties of 30 <sup>th</sup> + 31 <sup>st</sup> Bns. came up from Fricourt and were sent forward with guides to examine the ground in front of the proposed objective. Notice was received from 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. of Lt. Col. DAVIES being transferred to 55 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Lt. Col. TOTT to assume command of 31 <sup>st</sup> Bn. - as from 19 <sup>th</sup> inst. The organisation of the large amount of work to be done on the front line & forward area has been taken in hand. Bn. visited front line & investigated the new position on the left. A heavy fog from 12 noon onwards enabled free movement in the front line area. A similar party of 2 off 8000's visited the line & examined no man's land. Gen. TNEY resumed command of the Bde. Lt. Col. CLARK returned to 30 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Lieut Goodland returned from Staff School at CAMBRIDGE & resumed duty as Bde. Intell. Officer. The Bn. visited Bde. HQs.	
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DELVILLE VALLEY (S12 B6/6)	18/2/17		Bde. amndr. + B.M. discussed for the coming operations with 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. Foggy day. Large working parties pushed up to front line to take advantage of soft ground and dull weather for energetic work. The whole Bde. is absorbed today on work in the forward area. A quiet day.	
"	19/2/17		Bde. Amndr. + B.M. to front line in morning. Forward dumps under Bde. arrangements are being made ahead of ROE TR. of both Amn <sup>ns</sup> + RE material. The thaw has resulted in a lot of mud in front line + C.I.'s. This is being dealt with. Lt. Col. TOLL returned to the Bde. to command 31 <sup>st</sup> Bn. vice Lt Col. DAVIES to command 55 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	
"	20/2/17		Thaw continues with rain; trenches rapidly becoming waterlogged. a quiet day. Lt. Col. CLARKE called at Bde. Hqs to discuss details of operation with C.O.C. + B.M. DELVILLE WOOD CAMP evacuated. 29 <sup>th</sup> Bn. going back to MONTAUCHEW + 32 <sup>nd</sup> to TROWES.	
"	21/2/17		12 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde. on our left bombed up streamy trench just 150 <sup>x</sup> + took 21 prisoners before dawn this morning. At 8.30 am rumoured concentration of enemy opposite our left flank. Artillery fired but nothing eventuated. C.O.C. to see Lt Col. TOLL at ROE TR. Major Greenway called at Bde. Hqs to arrange details of Engineer part in forthcoming operation. Increased artillery fire on our sector during today.	<p>Phil Carter Capt 12<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde</p>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DELVILLE VALLEY (S12B66)	22/1/17		<p>Divisional Commander + GSO, visited Bde. Hdqs. Foggy day till noon allowing work on the wire defences of NEEDLE TRENCH in daylight. The chalk spoil dumps at NEEDLE camouflaged with coconut netting today. ROSE dumps will be so treated tomorrow. The burying of cable forward from MILLERS SON started last night. Gen. Robertson (12<sup>th</sup> Bde) + Major Greenway (15<sup>th</sup> Coy) called during the day. The Brigade operation order (No 79) for the forthcoming operation was issued last night.</p>	
	23/1/17		<p>BM blue all day. Dull in morning, mist rising midday. Bns. were informed last night that forthcoming operation was temporarily postponed owing to weather conditions. CAMERON CENTRAL + BOMB TAPS were ordered to halt in their present advanced stages of advance completion and merely be maintained until no hours prior to the operation when they will be pushed through. At 4pm the enemy bombarded our front line, ETERNAL ALLEY, ROSE TRENCH and back areas - the shooting was prearranged and intense. Our counterbattery work appeared to have little effect. Work on the front line, ROSE + NEEDLE is progressing very satisfactorily. GOC visited Div. Hdqs.</p>	
	24/1/17		<p>GSO, visited Bde. Hdqs + discussed operation against SONRAY. A quiet day. At 5.30pm Div. Comdr. rang Bde. Comdr. + told him that the prevailing quietness on the whole front had given the impression that the Germans had retired. He advised Gen. H. to take SONRAY with a strong patrol tonight.</p>	<p>Alley Capt</p>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DELVILLE VALLEY	24/7/17		Bde Commander + POM. met Col. Clark who came up from ROSE, at NEEDLE and made the necessary arrangements verbally.	
	25/7/17		A strong patrol went over at 11 AM after a minutes intense bombardment with L.T.M's and occupied the trench without opposition. Pioneers (an off 35) were sent forward to finish BOMB SAP thro' to the new line. message came thro' for 30 <sup>th</sup> Bn at 12.45 am to say that about 500 yd of SUNRAY had been occupied without resistance. A strong patrol was ordered to approach ATOM TRENCH. The 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde on our left has occupied PORK TR. to its junction with BACON TR. & is sending out patrols north from STORMY in N21B. Phone message from Div. states that prisoners taken by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corps (left behind with trench feet) says they have gone back to the CAMBRAY line. The 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. have taken the MAZE + CHARD TR. without opposition.	
10/7/17			We now occupy SUNRAY TRENCH from the left to about N22 D46. Lieut Gaskell was killed last night & Lieut Craker wounded today. Two batteries have shelled SUNRAY fairly consistently during today & a gun fire behind ATOM has been annoying to head of ETERNAL. Last night 100 men under the Mining Coy. were put on to dig CAMERON'S SAP as a cut forward of SUNRAY TR - & succeeded in getting to within 120 yards yet - 200 yards dug. CENTRAL was completed. A very clear day. Colonel BUCKLEY (High Commissioners office London) & Capt. visited Bde during afternoon. POM to post his Bn. to arrange for trench to be dug across gap for MANSOON to MORTEN. Visited 30 <sup>th</sup> & 55 <sup>th</sup> Bns. Arrangements made for bombing attack up to BEAM LANE tonight.	N. Lally 1/13/17

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DELVILLE VALLEY S12P36/6.	27/2/17		<p>order issued (&amp; cancelled) for an operation to take place tonight on our front. a fighting patrol investigated moon ray etc. It is now definitely established that the enemy is pushing on some point about LE TRENCH and retiring on our left to the ATOM-ILL trench line. The lines on our front are held at practically normal strength and as they are strongly wired it is difficult to make any impression on them.</p>	
"	28/2/17		<p>A quiet day. We carried out a MORTAR "shoot" between 7 - 9.30 pm tonight - 12 round MORTAR and 100 round Stokes fired on the new BOOMERANG and SWAMP RIGHT trenches. Divisional Commander &amp; CEA visited Pde. 300 to front &amp; intermediate line Bus. &amp; MG Coy. We took over an additional 300* for the 15<sup>th</sup> Bde. on our left at midnight tonight 28/2/17. A gas alarm which proved to be a mistake was circulated about 11 pm.</p>	<p>McCauley after 8<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde.</p>



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COPY No. 11

8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Order No. 78

Reference Map - 57c S.W. 1/20,000

12th February 1917.

1. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade in the left sector of the Divisional front, on the nights of 14th/15th and 15th/16th in accordance with attached relief table.

Reliefs will be complete by 12 midnight on night of 15th/16th and command of the Brigade sector will pass to G.O.C. 8th Infantry Brigade at 10 a.m. on 16th instant.

2. Details of the relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.

3. Details of the relief of duties now found by this Brigade will be notified separately.

Units of 8th Infantry Brigade will come under command of G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade on entering TRONES "B" Camp.

4. All gumboots, trench stores, logbooks, dumps, tools, M.G. tripods, Stokes Mortars, Rifle grenade cups, Bde sector maps and local information will be taken over from units relieved and receipts given, copy of which will be forwarded to 8th Brigade Headquarters by noon on 16th instant.

5. Units, on moving into the forward area, will send a representative to 15th Brigade Headquarters (S12 b 8 8) to take over a copy of the 15th Infantry Brigade Defence Scheme.

6. GREAT CENTRAL WALK, skirting DELVILLE WOOD on the right, will be used for all traffic forward and ELLIOTT WALK, through DELVILLE WOOD, for all traffic back from the forward area.

7. No movement of troops will take place forward of SWITCH TRENCH before 5.30 p.m. each day, and then in parties of not more than 20 at 300 yards distance.

8. Relief table subsequent to 16th instant, forecasted in this office No.846 of 9th instant, is confirmed.

9. The 8th Brigade Mining Co. will cease work on A.M.C. and Division H.Q. dugouts at 6 p.m. on 14th instant, and will move under orders to be issued later, to the forward area on 15th instant.

Tracings showing the state of the work as left will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters for transmission to the C.R.E.

10. Brigade Headquarters will close at BERNAFAY QUARRY at 8 a.m. on 16th instant, and open at DELVILLE VALLEY (S12 b 6 6) at 10 a.m. on the same day.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

8TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No. 902	
Date 12-2-17	

*McLaney*

Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 8th Australian Inf. Bde.

Issued at 4 p.m.

- Copy No.1 5th Australian Division.
- 2 29th Battalion,
- 3 30th " "
- 4 31st " "
- 5 32nd " "
- 6 8th Machine Gun Co.
- 7 8th L.T.V. Battery
- 8 8th Bde Mining Co.
- 9 14th Inf. Bde
- 10 15th Inf. Bde.
- 11 Camp Comdt. FRICOURT.
- 12 " " MONTAUBAN
- 13 " " TRONES
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RELIEF TABLE to accompany 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 78, dated 12/2/17.

Date	PRECOURT	MONTMURAN	TRONES "B" Camp	DELVILLE WOOD Camp.	NEEDLE and SWITCH Line	FRONT Line	Remarks
Night 12/14	51st and 32nd B' line	29th and 30th Bns.	59th Bn.	58th Bn	57th Bn.	30th Bn	
Night 13/14	51st and 50th Bns.	29th and 30th Bns.	32nd Bn	58th Bn	50th Bn.	57th Bn	32nd Bn. not to enter TRONES "B" Camp before noon, 13th inst.
Night 14/15	58th and 50th Bns	29th and 30th Bns	60th Bn.	31st Bn.	52nd Bn.	57th Bn	31st Bn. not to enter DELVILLE WOOD Camp before 12 noon.
Night 15/16	58th and 59th Bns	29th and 30th Bns.	57th Bn.	30th Bn	31st Bn	58th Bn. 5th M.G & Coy. 8th LTMB.	30th Bn. ditto.
16th inst	58th and 59th Bns.	57th and 60th Bns.	29th Bn.	50th Bn.	31st Bn.	52nd Bn.	

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## 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Order No. 79

Reference  
Map 87c S.W. 1/20,000  
& special map attached, scale 1/2500.

21st February 1917.

1. At an hour and date to be notified later, parties from 30th and 31st Battalions (total 4 officers and 160 other ranks with 5 Lewis Guns) will attack and occupy the enemy's front line between N 22 c 8 6 and N 22 c 2 9, in conjunction with an attack to be made by the 4th Australian Division, who will attack and occupy enemy's line from N 22 c 2 9, through N 21 b 5 3 to N 21 a 7 8.

or our Left.

A machine gun diversion will be carried out by the 14th Infantry Brigade on our right, at the same hour, fire being directed South East of a line through FINCH Trench and the Sugar Factory.

2. The information gained by the 15th Infantry Brigade, who raided the enemy trench from N 22 c 3 9 to N 22 c 7 7 on night of 14th/15th, is being communicated separately to all concerned.

3. There will be no artillery preparation. An artillery box barrage will drop round the objective at zero, and, at the same time, Stokes Mortars will open fire as indicated in para. 14 and Vickers Guns according to M.G. instructions, which will be issued separately.

Artillery orders, covering the action of Field and Heavy artillery as well as M.T. Mortars will be issued separately.

As soon as it is ascertained that the objective is taken and the bombing blocks established, the O.C. Attack will inform the artillery by the code word "BAPAUME", on receipt of which our artillery will cease fire and stand by to deal with counter attacks.

In case of failure of signal communication, BLUE rocket signals will be fired from our present front line at N 22 c 5 5 to call on our artillery to cease fire.

The S.O.S. Signal will be a special rifle grenade fired vertically bursting into two RED and two GREEN lights.

A Brigade O.P. will be established (with telephone) prior to the attack in N. 23 a, from which details of light signals will be passed back to MILLER'S SON.

4. The operation will be carried out under the orders of the C.O. of the Battalion holding the front line at the time (who will occupy MILLER'S SON Dugout during the operation), who will issue the necessary orders.

The following troops will be put at his disposal :-

Raiding teams of 30th and 31st Bttns (4 Officers and 160  
Lewis Gun teams of 30th and 31st Bns other ranks)  
(5 guns)

One section of engineers.

One platoon of 5th Pioneer Bttn (not less than 35 all ranks)  
20 other ranks of 8th Bde Mining Co.

5. Five Lewis Guns will go forward with the attack and will at once move forward, with small infantry covering parties, into shell hole positions, about 50 yards in advance of the objective. These advanced posts will be consolidated and rapidly wired round by personnel of the Brigade Mining Co.

6. Double blocks, spaced not less than 40 yards apart will be established to the right of point N 22 c 8 6.

Connection will be made with 12th Infantry Brigade on the Left at point N 22 c 2 9.



7. The deep dugout, known to exist at about N 22 c 4 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  and the splinter proofs in the right portion of the objective, will be repaired by personnel of the Brigade Mining Co. if broken in.

8. CENTRAL Sap (from our line at about N 22 c 7 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) is being pushed forward as an open sap towards enemy line at N 22 c 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  6 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This will be used exclusively as the sap forward to the captured line.

BOMB Sap (from our line at N 22 c 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  5) is being pushed forward as an underground sap from the point N 22 c 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  6 $\frac{1}{2}$  towards the enemy's line at N 22 c 5 8. This will be used as a return communication to our present line.

The completion of the above-mentioned saps, forward to the captured line will be carried out immediately after the position is taken, by a detachment of the 5th Pioneer Battalion, acting under the orders of the Front line Battalion Commander.

9. At a time to be decided by the Battalion Commander, the attacking troops will be relieved by a fresh company who will take over the defence and thorough consolidation of the position, assisted by the section of engineers and the 20 men of the Brigade Mining Co.

The Battalion Commander will arrange for the necessary thinning of our front line in N 22 c, prior to the attack.

Tools and engineer material will be taken forward by the relieving troops, as well as by the rear wave of the attack, and by the technical troops employed.

10. The O.C. of the front line Battalion will arrange for the blocks in the trench, between N 22 c  $\frac{1}{2}$  6 $\frac{1}{2}$  and N 22 c 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  9 to be removed simultaneously with the attack, and this length of trench organised as a broad 2-way communication.

11. In order to protect the right flank of the objective, a strong point will be constructed at N 22 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  5 $\frac{1}{2}$  by the section of engineers allotted to the front line Battalion Commander for the operation.

The loose wire in front of the enemy's position close to this point will be moved and staked down to protect the work from the North and East. This point will be joined up with the new position at N 22 c 8 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  and will eventually be joined up through N 22 d 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , with CAMERON Sap, to form our new front line.

12. The Battalion Commander will arrange for a strong point to be constructed, with engineer assistance, in the vicinity of the trench junction at N 22 c 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  9, facing North.

13. The attack will be supported by the 8th Machine Gun Co. and 8th L.T.M. Battery, assisted by the following :-

- 4 Stokes Mortars of the 14th L.T.M.B.
- 8 Vickers Guns of the 15th M.G. Co.
- 4 " " " " 14th "

The action of the above Vickers Guns will be co-ordinated by the O.C. 8th M.G. Co. and that of the Stokes Guns by the O.C. 8th L.T.M.B. Machine Gun instructions will be issued separately to all concerned.

14. Stokes Mortar fire will be distributed as under :-

(a) 8 guns will traverse the objective from Zero to (0 + 1) minute, using the extreme rate of fire. At (0 + 1) minute, the fire of these 8 guns will creep forward beyond the objective at a rate of 100 yards per minute, and will cease fire at (0 + 2) minutes, depress to their extreme range and stand by to form a barrage from N 22 a 4 3 to N 22 central, under orders of the O.C. Attack.

(b) 1 gun will open at the medium rate of fire from Zero onwards, on enemy trench at N 22 d  $\frac{1}{2}$  7, searching 25 yards in front and rear of enemy trench in this vicinity.



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14 (c). The remaining guns will place a barrage on enemy trench between N 22 d 2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  and d 5 6, from Zero onwards.

Guns will be in position and ranged by 6 p.m. on 23rd inst. Occasional rounds from L.T.M.'s will be fired for a few days prior to the attack on enemy's trenches and wire between N 22 c 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  9 and N 22 d 6 5.

15. Wire in front of the objective will be cut by M.T. Mortar fire prior to the attack, under Brigade arrangements. The Front Line Battalion Commander will advise Brigade H.Q. daily as to the progress of the wire cutting and will ensure that the wire is not repaired by night.

16. Dumps forward of ROSE Trench will contain the following minimum by the evening of 21st instant.

Stokes shells	2000 rounds
Mills Grenades	5000 "
S.A.A.	250000 "

The location of Forward Brigade ammunition and engineer dumps will be notified.

17. Armoured cable will be laid from MILLERS SON, along ETERNAL ALLEY and NEW MONSIEUR Trench, to left Coy H.Q.s.

An attempt will be made under Brigade arrangements to bury an alternative armoured cable by an overland route between above points.

18. Watches will be synchronised from Brigade Headquarters at 12 noon on the 24th instant, and three hours before Zero hour.

19. Identifications will be wired to Brigade Headquarters at earliest. Prisoners and documents captured will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters without delay.

20. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. Casey*

Capt.  
A/Brigade Major 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 6.30 p.m.

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4	29th Battalion.
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11	15th Field Co. Engineers.
12	14th Infantry Brigade
13	15th Infantry Brigade
14	A.D.M.S.
15	C.R.E.
16	5th Pioneer Battalion.
17	Staff Capt.
18/23	Spare.
19	5th AUS. DIV.





