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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bout	1/8/16		<p>An Artillery programme was commenced at 2 pm and continued to 5.45 pm. Our French mortar Battery co-operated (See Appendix 16).</p> <p>Both ourselves and the Germans are doing a lot of work on the front line & in communication trenches ^{also} on works and posts in rear. We are also burying telephone wires near the front.</p> <p>Up to date we have recovered from NO MANS LAND 12 of our Lewis Guns, 3 Lewis Guns and one Vickers gun of the 14th Brigade and over 3000 rifles.</p> <p>Our casualties were - 1 O.R. K and 3 O.R. W.</p>	Appendix 16
do-	2/8/16		<p>The G.O.C. and B.M. attended a Defence Conference at Div. H.Q. A policy was laid down.</p> <p>The B.M. 4 Officers and 2 N.C.O.s attended a demonstration of French mortar fire and Consolidation of trenches at BERGEM.</p> <p>The usual mutual artillery action took place - no damage to our works. Casualties nil.</p>	
do-	3/8/16		<p>There was a little more hostile shelling than usual - One shell landed in a signal dug-out and caused 6 casualties. There was little else of interest. The weather continues to be fine but early in the morning the mist makes observation difficult.</p> <p>So far on our front the wind has been unfavourable for hostile gas action.</p> <p>Casualties - 2 O.R. K 12 O.R. W. Enemy lobbed a salvo of 4 shells on road at 7.30 pm - 1 killed.</p>	
do-	4/8/16		<p>Our Artillery was fairly active but there was practically no hostile retaliation. Nothing of interest occurred. The weather has turned much cooler and the wind is growing stronger.</p> <p>Steps were taken to stop all telephone communication in advance of Brigade's Head Qrs. owing to the danger of information being given to enemy listening apparatus posts.</p> <p>Casualties - 2 O.R. W.</p>	

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Rouge-de-Bout	5/8/16		<p>Very quiet day. One of our aeroplanes was damaged by shell fire but was able to land inside our lines. The pilot was unhurt and although the machine was heavily shelled after it landed, no further damage was done, and was quite demolished.</p> <p>The 57th Bn raiding party went into billets near SAILLY and commenced training.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. W.</p>	
do -	6/8/16		<p>Again very quiet. Weather cool and dull. Our aeroplanes blew up 4 of the enemy's observation balloons.</p> <p>The trenches and communications generally are now in good order. A large amount of labour has been expended but it is obvious that winter conditions will be improved.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. K. 3 O.R. W.</p>	
do -	7/8/16		<p>The day was quiet. At 4 pm our artillery opened fire to cover the Light Trench Mortar Battery's action. The latter was directed to deal with portions of the enemy's line where he had put up very strong head-covers. Bde Order N° 26 was issued. A copy of the report on the enterprise is attached. Appendices 17 and 17A.</p> <p>Active training of the 57th Bn Raid party commenced; the men, about 60 in number were brought back from the firing line and put into billets near SAILLY. Physical training with plenty of baths was the thing done. Tomorrow the piece of trench to be picked will be reconstructed at the Divisional School and the men trained thereon.</p> <p>Casualties - 2 O.R. K. 5 O.R. W.</p>	<p>Appendix 17 - do 17A</p>
do -	8/8/16		<p>The Army Corps Commander visited our Brigade Area front and expressed his pleasure with all he saw. The day was quiet except for aeroplane activity on both sides.</p> <p>At night our artillery were active and provoked a deal of retaliation. Two men who crawled out in front of one of our listening posts were killed by our own Lewis gun fire yesterday.</p> <p>Casualties - 3 O.R. W.</p>	<p>AW</p>

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Rouge-de-Bout	9/8/16		<p>Major Drickey arrived from England - he is attached to the 58th Bn. Much mutual Artillery action. The billet of the H.Q. 15th A.L.T.M. was destroyed. We initiated the duel. There was great aeroplane activity and machines of both sides were heavily shelled - One German plane was driven down in flames.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. R and 5 O.R. W. Brigade Order No. 27 issued (Appendix 18)</p> <p>Light rain falling (the first since our occupation of the trenches). The morning was very quiet. The Brigade on our left bombarded points in their front but did not provoke retaliation on our front.</p> <p>At 10.30 pm we commenced scheme as in Bde Order No. 27. Results were as in Appendix 18 a.</p> <p>The night was first clear but became very misty later.</p> <p>Casualties - 2 O.R. W.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Removed to R.I.A. 95-4 Air action</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appendix 18</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Appendix 18a</p>
do-	10/8/16		<p>Brigade Order No. 28 issued. The morning was very misty and prevented observation. The day was very quiet. One of our planes came down in our lines with a bullet hole in the petrol tank.</p> <p>At night our patrols were very active - 100 rifles were brought in and a large number of our dead were buried. The weather is again fine.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. W.</p>	Appendix 19
do-	12/8/16		<p>The morning was again very misty, allowing a lot of work to be put in on our wire.</p> <p>The 15th M.G. Coy H.Q. removed to M/G. a. 3-5. Reinforcements of 94 other ranks arrived (these are men who have been at the ETAPLES Base and are not the proper reinforcements from Australia). More rifles, Lewis Gun magazines, and 2 M.G. shell filling machines were salvaged. Our wire was carefully examined and repaired in places.</p> <p>The thickening of the parapet is almost complete. We have erected a large number of good dug-outs in the front line. Since our occupation of the Section the defences have been greatly improved. Whilst salvaging rifles two men of the 57th Bn were apparently killed - a German M.G. opened fire on our party & these did not return to our parapet.</p> <p>Casualties = 2 O.R. Missing</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">AW</p>

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Rouge-de-Bout	13/8/16		<p>Fine but dull. Not so much mist as usual. Our Artillery fired intermittently all night and day. During the afternoon the enemy retaliated all along our line (V.C. Avenue got its usual complement) but only moderate damage was done.</p> <p>During the afternoon our light trench mortars registered on the enemy's wire, firing 30 rounds without causing retaliation. We wished to lead the enemy to believe we were trying to cut a gap for use without raising suspicion and this appears to have been achieved. A large breach was made in this wire.</p> <p>Casualties - 13 O.R. W. The G.O.C. Division called at B.H.Q.</p>	
do-	14/8/16		<p>Brigade Order N^o 29 was issued (Appendix 20). This deals entirely with the contemplated raid. Rain commenced to fall at about 12.30 pm. but cleared before night. We are now using about 500 men daily on repair works. The trenches were extremely bad when we took them over. The night was quiet. H.M. The King and the Prince of Wales saw our men at work at the Div. Bout School.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. K and 2 O.R. W.</p>	Appendix 20
do-	15/8/16		<p>The G.O.C. Division went round our front line during the morning. Slight Showers fell between 4pm and 6pm but the ground is still fairly dry.</p> <p>Brigade Order 30 Issued (Appendix 21). Report on Operation attached (Appendix 21A)</p> <p>The enemy retaliation to our fire was heavy but did not do a great deal of damage, much of this fire directed at our C.T.s fell clear.</p> <p>Our L.T.M.s did excellent work and one detachment stuck to their work after 3 shells had landed within 12 ft of them.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil Reinforcements = 88 (Including a number who were wounded on 19/7/16)</p>	Appendix 21 " 21A

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bois	16/8/16		A dull day. There was practically no artillery action on our front although occasional shots were fired. Casualties - 2 O.R.W.	
do-	17/8/16		Brigade Order N° 31 issued (Appendix 22) weather again fine in morning and showery later. At 3pm 10 men who were awarded the Military Medal for the action on 19th July were paraded the Div. Bomb School & presented with the ribbon for the medal - the G.O.C. Division made the presentation. At midnight fire was opened in accordance with Order 31. The programme was completed by 12.20 am. The L.T.M. Battery fired 80 rounds. Owing to the extreme quietness of the morning the damage done could not be estimated. The enemy's retaliation was just very heavy: he fired a number of 5.9" shells some of which landed in and blocked PINNEY'S AVENUE. Our Casualties were - 3 O.R.W.	Appendix 22
do-	18/8/16		Weather dull. During the evening our Artillery fired on enemy's trench. Retaliation against us caused loss. There was very little activity otherwise. Rain at night. Casualties = 3 O.R. K. 10 O.R. W. (One shell inflicted 12 casualties)	
do-	19/8/16		Raining in the morning. The shelter for the men in the trenches has been very inadequate. We have constructed a large number of good dug-outs in the front line but the present rainy weather shows the insufficiency of the present accommodation. A number of concrete shelters are in course of construction in the front 300 yds line but it will be some time before sufficient are available; meanwhile the men have to sleep on the fire step with just a flimsy screen to keep the rain off. It appears certain that the pick roll due to dampness etc. will be a large one in the near future. Zero time for tonight's raid is fixed for 10.30 pm, at which hour fire will open (just at moonrise)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bont	19/8/16		The raid took place as ordered. A Report is attached (Appendix 20 A.). The O.C. Raid (Capt F. HARRIS) was killed. Casualties - <u>Raid Party</u> - 2 Officers K 7 OR. K, 12 OR. W. <u>Carnison</u> 1 Off & 7 OR K, 16 OR W. Total 17/28 = 45.	Appendix 20 A with 2 sketches
do-	20/8/16		There was some shelling at base & one of the Avenues was breached. The weather was dull and stormy. Major Gen. Harrington of the HQ 2 nd Army went around our lines. The night was very quiet. All our men who were killed in the raid are now buried. Casualties - 1 O.R. W. Officer of R.F.C attached for instructions.	
do-	21/8/16		Fine day. Except at 6pm when our Artillery and 2" French mortars fired a scheme and the Germans retaliated the day was quiet. Action was taken to bring machine gun fire to bear on a position to from which a German gun enfiladed our line: this will be a daily scheme and the allowance of S.A.A is 2000 yds. We have commenced work on an experimental dug-out of a type estimated to hold 300 men. Casualties - 2 O.R. W.	
do-	22/8/16		Very quiet day - weather fine. Brigadier & B. W. to Div. H.Q. re conference as to Raid policy &c. Casualties - Nil.	
do-	23/8/16		Fine day. Quiet until 6pm. At 6pm our Light French mortar Battery cooperated with Artillery & M.T. Mortars: they fired 6 yds on an important part of the enemy's line; One German was blown up into the air and much timber & iron, &c. was dislodged. Enemy's retaliation with Shrapnel and H.E. was heavy but did no damage. He also fired some small mortars. During the night his retaliation on our lines was prolonged but not heavy & did no damage. CASUALTIES = 1 O.R. W.	AW

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bout	24/8/16		Fine day. Moderate Artillery activity on part of enemy. Our guns were very quiet owing to shortage of Ammunition. The day passed very quietly. The 58th Bn Raid party commenced training. Casualties - 2 O.R. W.	
do-	25/8/16		Showery. The G.O.C. visited the 2nd Army School at WISQUES. We commenced a fresh series of grenade training. 20 teams of grenades each have not been trained in our School. Operation Order N° 32 issued (Appendix 23) for relief in front line. Gas alert all day. Work commenced on Sally Ports with a view to constructing a new trench across the gap heads in NO MAN'S LAND. We buried our main telephone lines between 300 yds & front line - depth 6ft. Casualties - Nil.	Appendix 23
do-	26/8/16		Showery. The G.O.C. Div. went round our front. Very quiet day. 5th Div Order N° 46 received (App. 24) and Bde Order N° 33 issued (App. 24A). 5th Div Order N° 47 received (App. 25) and Bde Order N° 34 issued (App. 25A). The 59th Abn Bn relieved the 58th Bn in the trenches. 2 men wounded during relief. Very quiet night. Gas alert all day. Casualties - 2 O.R. W.	Appendix 24 " 24A " 25 " 25A
do-	27/8/16		Showery. Artillery operations postponed. Div. Order 49 & 50 received. (Appendix 26 & 27) The day was unusually quiet. During the night our Artillery was active - particularly the heavy guns; the German retaliation was vigorous but no material damage was done. Work was continued on the BOND ST Sap and on the new deep dug-outs. Gas Alert removed. Casualties - 2 O.R. K and 1 O.R. W.	Appendix 26 " 27
do-	28/8/16		Fine but windy and cold. Our artillery registered throughout the day. Several old battery positions were occupied to give the Germans the impression that we had been reinforced by fresh artillery instead of merely splitting batteries. One of our planes landed near B.H.Q. at 3 pm (engine trouble)	over <i>[Signature]</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Continued	28/8/16	4.0 pm 11.0 pm	<p>The bombardment (See Appendix 24A) Commenced. The enemy's parapet was badly breached by our L.T.M. in several places. The M.T.M. did a great deal of damage and in some places threw the entanglements back over the parapet. The 6" Howitzers were very effective on the SUGAR LOAF. The enemy retaliation was not as heavy as usual.</p> <p>The 8th Bde raid Commenced. Our action was in accordance with the programme laid down. Damage could not be observed. Enemy retaliated with 5.9" on our IMPERTINENCE Sap - this is the first time he has shelled this Sap. No doubt on this occasion he thought we were going to make an attack and our supports would be coming that way.</p> <p>The night was fine. Our L.T. Mortars fired 280 rounds during the day.</p> <p>Casualties - 2 O.R. W.</p>	
Rouge-de-Bout	29/8/16		<p>Rainy. Trenches very wet. Most of the dug-out are not so rain proof and the men are very uncomfortable. In the 200 yds line, where most of the garrison is kept, there are no dug-outs available so far and the conditions there are bad.</p> <p>There was absolutely no artillery fire on our part and practically none by the Germans. We used a number of rifle grenades. It is a curious ^{fact} that the German activity is practically nil on our Brigade front. It is possible that this condition has existed for over a week.</p> <p>Reinforcements arrived = 71 O.R. Our Officers (10) returned from the 2^d Army School at WISQUES, where they had been training for a month.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil</p>	
do.	30/8/16		<p>Very wet & stormy. BROMPTON & EXETER AVENUES are flooded. Parapets are collapsing in places. We fired over 40 rifle grenades but otherwise there was no activity on either side. Rain continued during the night and the men are wet through.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil</p>	<p>AW</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bout	31/8/16		<p>Day fine but cloudy. The weather has a tendency to become cold. Very quiet. Casualties = 4 O.R.W</p> <p>During the month we fired a large number of rounds of Stokes Gun Ammunition & grenades and threw many MILLS hand grenades and there were practically no "blinds" - the ammunition seems particularly reliable. Our field guns on one occasion fired 30 rds into our front trench & fired 14 rds similarly on a later date. This fire is said to have come from two specific guns 18 pr guns</p>	

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MAJOR
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Rouge-de-Bout	1/8/16	2 pm	<p>Artillery fire was opened on our front as per programme. The O.C. 115th A.L.T.M. Battery placed 4 mortars in position in Nq-3 and Nq-4, in anticipation of favourable opportunities for retaliation.</p> <p>Up to 3 pm. enemy's retaliation was not heavy - mainly Shrapnel - and was directed mainly on the 300 yds line, PINNEY'S and V.C. AVENUE.</p> <p>3.10 pm The mortar battery opened fire, registering on enemy's parapet between Nq.d. 1-1 and Nq.d. 5-2. Bursts of 20 rounds sub-section fire - 10 rounds continued until 4 pm. Total rounds 115 rounds. During this period a large flash was seen at the head of the sap constructed on 19th inst.</p> <p>5.0 pm Mortars fired a further series of 92 rounds distributed. Between the points mentioned above the parapet was obliterated in several places. Earth and a great deal of heavy timber was blown away and Over head cover at Nq.d. 1-1 badly damaged. During this period the enemy's retaliation was heavy but was not directed on front line as much as is usual but was directed more on V.C. AVENUE, PINNEY'S AVENUE and RUE PETILLON.</p> <p>The Artillery programme was adhered to so far as could be ascertained. The damage caused is as follows:-</p> <p>Damage was done to enemy parapet at Nq 3 1-1/2 to Nq 3 4 1/2 1 1/2. The wire standards have been broken and the wire is lying in a tangled mass just on our side of parapet.</p> <p>A great deal of work has been done here during the night and a lot of new timber has been put up during the night.</p> <p>Breaches have also been made in their parapet at Nq C 1-1, Nq C 2-1 and Nq C 2 2</p>	

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 26

AUGUST 6th 1916.

1. The Right Group Artillery and the 15th A.L.T. Mortar Battery will carry out a combined operation on 7th August 1916.
2. The Artillery action will commence at 4 p.m. and the fire will be distributed on the enemy's front line system from N.8.d to N.10.a, and any favourable target in rear of the area defined.
3. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will open fire at 4.30 p.m. on selected targets at N.10.c.20.25.
4. Unless it is necessary to outlast enemy's retaliation, fire will cease at 5.15 p.m.
5. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. J. Wicks

Major,
Brigade Major 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Reference - 15th Inf Bde Order N: 26

Appendix 17a

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bout	7/8/16	4 pm	<p>The Right Group Artillery opened fire as ordered. One section of the 15th A.L.T. m. Battery had previously taken up a position at N 10 c. 1-65</p> <p>4.30 pm The mortars registered with 4 rounds.</p> <p>4.50 pm The mortars commenced a series of 60 rounds. The enemy's parapet was breached in two places at N 10 c. 20.25 and a quantity of timber, iron & sandbags was dislodged. The enemy retaliated with about 30 HE & Shrapnel directed mainly on our 75 yds line and doing little damage.</p> <p>5.10 pm to 5.13 pm The mortars fired 62 rounds, demolishing the M.G. emplacement at N d 9-2 (shown on captured German map) and dislodging overhead cover in this vicinity.</p> <p>5.13 pm The enemy retaliated for about 3/4 hour, mainly on PINNEY'S AVE., His scheme appeared to be to first get a hit on the Avenue near the 300 yds line and then work towards the front trench. Only slight damage was done.</p> <p>5.15 pm The section retired and our action ceased.</p> <p>The man was wounded by Shrapnel whilst retiring to the 300 yds line - otherwise there were no casualties.</p> <p>Total rounds fired = 126.</p>	

Geo. J. Dwyer Major
for G.O.C. 15th Inf Brigade

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15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 27

August 9th 1916

1. The 15th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery and 15th M.G. Company will co-operate with the Right Group Artillery in an operation against the enemy's front line trenches on Aug. 10th 1916.

2. The Right Group Artillery will open fire at 10.15 p.m. on enemy's front line in N.9.c. and N.9.d. (See Appendix A.)

3. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will open fire at 10.30 p.m. on selected targets between N.9.c.9.1 and N.9.c.35.15. Fire to cease at 10.45 p.m.

4. The 15th M.G. Company, from positions in N.3.a, will open indirect fire at 10.30 p.m. on Communication Trenches joining at N.9.d.1.1 and N.9.d.2.1. Fire to cease at 10.45 p.m. and reopen at 11 p.m. for 10 minutes.

5. The C.O., 60th Battalion, will arrange for Lewis Gun fire to cover probable breaches in the enemy's parapet in order to cause loss to his working parties if employed on repair work later.

6. Watches will be synchronised with 15th Brigade H.Q. at 4 p.m.

7. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

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Major.
Brigade Major 15th Aust. Inf. Bgde.

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- " 11 184th Bgde.
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Appendix 'A'
Artillery Tasks



Phase I - Bombardment - 10.30 pm to 10.35 pm.

53 rd Battery and 1 Sect. 55th Bty	} Nqc q $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 to Nqd 2-1	} BYF	30 AX
54th Battery			Nqd 2-1 to Nqd 4-1

Phase II - Barrage - 10.35 pm to 10.40 pm.

Centre and left Section of 53rd to increase 100 yds
 Right Section of 54th to increase 100 yds
 Remainder as in Phase I
 Bty Fire - 10 Sections - 30 A per Battery

Phase III - 10.40 pm to 10.45 pm.

Targets as in Phase I
 Bty Fire - 10 Sections
 30 A per Battery.

Total Ammunition to be expended = 180 rds.

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Appendix 18a

Rouge-de-Bout

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
10/8/16	10.27 pm	An observer reported that a large working party was employed on the German parapet and wire at Rq d 1 1/2 - 1/2. This point was the objective for one of our L.T. Mortars.	
	10.30 pm	The Artillery opened fire on several points on the enemy's parapet	
	10.30 1/2 pm	The 15th M.G. Coy opened fire on the communication trenches running back from Rq d 1/4 - 1 and from Rq d 1 1/2 - 1	
	10.30 1/2 pm	At this moment a German M.G. opened from Rq d 1 - 1.	
	10.30 1/2 pm	The 15th L.T. M. Battery opened fire on enemy's trench at Rq d. 0-1, Rq d. 1 1/2 - 1/2 and Rq d. 4 1/2 - 2. The first shell fired landed at Rq d 1-1 (the German M.G. position already referred to) and it is believed, had good effect.	
	10.37 pm	The L.T. M. Battery completed its series of 70 rds. One subsection retired under fire near PINNEY'S AVE; the other subsection was forced to take cover in dug-outs which had been strengthened for such a purpose, and remained there until the retaliation ceased.	
	10.38 pm	The enemy's retaliation commenced. 5.9" and 77 mm shells fell about 40 yds in rear of the mortar positions - apparently it was thought that the mortars were well back instead of being close up to the parapet.	
	10.45 pm	The retaliation extended to V.C. Avenue which was blocked at one point.	
	10.45 pm	Our Artillery fire ceased but M.G. fire continued intermittently through the night.	
	10.58 pm	Retaliation ceased.	
	10.58 pm	Casualties - NIL	
		Damage to enemy's works - His parapet does not show much damage but the works ^{in rear} must have suffered because most of shells burst there: there is a ^{great} quantity of material ^{in front} no doubt thrown there by the bombardment. Several minor works near Rq d 1 1/2 - 1 were damaged.	J. H. ... 15th ... 11/8/16

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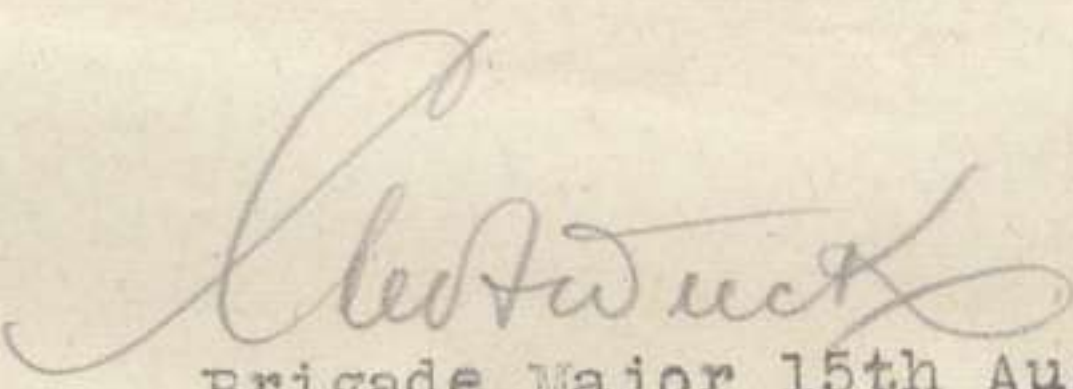
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15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 28

11th August 1916



1. During the night 12th/13th August the 58th Battalion will relieve the 59th and 60th Battalions of all duties in the front line.
2. Details of relief will be mutually arranged between the C.O.'s., 58th Battalion and 60th Battalion.
3. All maps, schemes, log books and stores will be carefully checked and taken over by the 58th Battalion.
4. Dispositions will be as follows:-
 - 58th Battalion - Headquarters at N.2.d.5.10
 - 59th Battalion - Headquarters at G.29.d.7.8.
Battalion billeted in Square G 29.29
 - 60th Battalion - Headquarters at G.36.b.0.5.
Battalion billeted in Square G 36.
5. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.


 Major.
 Brigade Major 15th Aust. Inf. Bgde.

Copy No.	1	War Diary.
"	2	5th Australian Division.
"	3	Right Group Artillery.
"	4	57th Battalion.
"	5	58th Battalion.
"	6	59th Battalion.
"	7	60th Battalion.
"	8	15th M.G. Company.
"	9	15th A.L.T.M.B.
"	10	8th Infantry Brigade.
"	11	184th Brigade.
"	12	8th Field Coy. Engineers.
"	13	Staff Captain.
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15th Australian Infantry Brigade - Order No. 29

12th August 1916

Reference - Trench Map Area "L".
Map of portion of German Front Line.

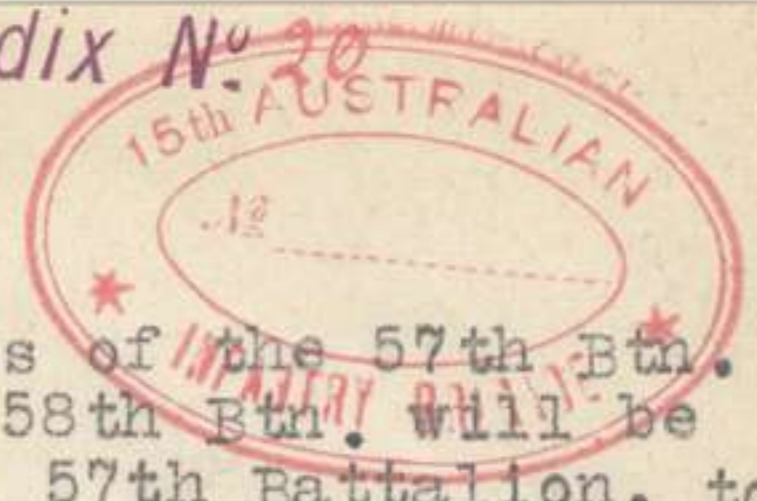
1. The 57th Battalion will carry out an enterprise against hostile trenches between N.9.d.45-15 and N.9.d.70-17 on 19th August 1916. The actual point of entry will be N.9.d.55-17.
2. The object of the enterprise is :
 - (a) To take prisoners.
 - (b) Secure identifications.
 - (c) Capture or destroy material.
 - (d) Destroy emplacements.
 - (e) Harass the enemy.
3. Orders for the operation will be issued by the C.O., 57th Battalion. The number to actually cross our parapet will be 3 officers and 51 other ranks.
In addition a senior officer, with the necessary personnel, will be detailed to co-ordinate action at our parapet and will be known as O.C. attack.
4. It has been arranged for the Right Group Artillery, assisted by Heavy Artillery, Medium and Light Trench Mortars to co-operate as under:-
 - (a) Action prior to date of enterprise:
 - I. Cut and destroy enemy's wire at various points to mislead the enemy.
 - II. To bombard the enemy's parapet at points selected for I.
 - (b) Action during enterprise:
 - I. At 0.00 bombardment for 10 minutes. Programme as in Appendix "A", Phase I.
 - II. At 0.10. Fire on barrage lines as detailed in Appendix "A", Phase II.
 - III. On receipt of Code Signal from O.C. attack, through liaison officer, fire on targets as detailed in Appendix "A", Phase III.
 - IV. Fire will cease on receipt of a code signal from O.C. attack, through liaison officer, that fire is no longer required.
5. Action by Vickers and Lewis Machine Guns:-

Direct Fire:

 - (a) 15th M.G. Company.
 - 0.00 to 0.30 - 2 guns from vicinity of BOND St. will enfilade enemy's parapet from N.8.d.7-2½ to N.9.c.5-1.
 - 2 guns from vicinity of N.9.c.4-8½ will search the enemy's parapet, and ground in front, from N.9.c.5-1 to N.9.d.1-1.
 - 3 guns from vicinity of N.10.c.1-6 will search enemy's parapet, and ground in front, from N.9.d.9-2 to N.10.c.9-6.

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(b) Lewis Guns - 3 Lewis Guns of the 57th Btn. and 3 Lewis Guns of the 58th Btn. will be at the disposal of C.O., 57th Battalion, to protect the flanks of the raiding party.

Indirect Fire:

(a) Vickers Guns - 4 Vickers Guns will use indirect fire on communication trenches in the vicinity of FME DELAPORTE (already indicated to O.C., 15th M.G. Company.)

6. Action of Posts and Lewis Guns in front line:

(a) Prior to Raid - Prevent enemy repairing gaps created in parapet and wire.

(b) During Raid - Engage hostile machine guns and rifles in positions well clear of the line of return of raiding party.

7. Code Words:

I. The code word for artillery to bring fire back to targets as in Phase III is "SHORTEN" and will be given by O.C. attack to the liaison officer who will be in direct telephonic communication with the Right Group Artillery Commander. If the telephone fails the liaison officer will make a rocket signal "2 green shower rockets fired together".

II. The code word for artillery fire to cease will be "SATISFIED", given under the same conditions as in I.

8. A liaison officer, provided by the Right Group Artillery, will report to the O.C. attack, 6 hours before zero time. The liaison officer will indicate to O.C. attack and O.C. raiding party the limits of the "Left" by having the flank guns fired prior to bombardment.

9. Prisoners and identifications will be taken over by the O.C. attack and ~~properly~~ forwarded to Advance Brigade Headquarters at RIFLE VILLA.

10. The Signal Officer, 57th Battalion, will arrange that a metallic circuit of wire (DI suggested) is taken forward by the party.

11. Watches will be synchronised at 15th Brigade Headquarters at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 19th August.

12. Zero time will be notified later.

13. Reports to Advanced Brigade H.Q. at RIFLE VILLA.

Geo J. Wright Major.
Brigade Major. 15th Aust. Infantry Bde.

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| " 2 | 5th Aust. Division | " 9 | 15th A.L.T.M.B. |
| " 3 | Right Group Artillery | " 10 | 8th Inf. Brigade. |
| " 4 | 57th Battalion | " 11 | 184th Brigade. |
| " 5 | 58th Battalion | " 12 | 15th Field Coy. Engrs. |
| " 6 | 59th Battalion | " 13 | Staff Captain. |
| " 7 | 60th Battalion | " 14 | Filed. |
| | | " 15 | 5th Aust. Division |
| | | " 16 | 75 trench mortar Battery |

A P P E N D I X "A"

Phase I - From 0-00 to 0-10

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Artillery Bombardment

Battery	Target	Rate of Fire	Ammunition		Remarks
			H.E.	Shrap.	
53rd Battery & 1 Sect. 55th Bty.	N.9.d.4½-1 ¼ to N.9.d.7-2	By F 5 secs.	120	-	5 minutes before zero, 53rd Battery to fire its flank guns to define limits.
58th Battery	N.9.d.2-½ to N.9.d.4-1	By F 5 secs.	120	-	
54th Battery	N.9.c.9-1 to N.9.d.1-¼	By F 5 secs.	120	-	
55th Battery less 1 Sect.	N.9.1 5.b.4½-8	X F 10 secs.	60	-	
114th How.Bty. { 1 Sect. 1 Sect.	N.15.b.4-9 N.9. a.9½-½ }	X F 15 secs.	80	-	
1-18 pr. Bty. Centre Group	N.9.d.7½-2 to N.9.d.9½-2½) By F 5 secs.	120	-	
1-18 pr. Bty. - do -	N.9.d.9½-2½ to N.10.c.1-3)	120	-

Note - Heavy Artillery Tasks will be specially allotted by C.R.A.

L.T.M. Bombardment

Mortars	Target	Rate of Fire	Remarks
1 Sub-section	Special Targets near N.9.d.50-17	10 secs.	Actual targets will be marked on map of O.C., A.L.T.M.Bty., by Brigade Major, 15th Infantry Brigade.
1 Sub-section	Special Targets near N.9.d.6-17	10 secs.	
1 Sub-section	Special Targets near N.9.d.9-2	10 secs.	

Medium Trench Mortar Bombardment

Mortars	Targets	Rate of Fire	Remarks
1 Battery	Wire cutting on a 20 yds. front opposite N.9.d.55-17.	Best Possible	This Battery will fire from 0.00 to 0.08 only.



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Phase II - From 0.10 to "signal"

Artillery Barrage

Battery	Ta rget	Rate of Fire	Ammunition		Remarks
			H.E.	Shrap.	
53rd Bty. plus 1 sect. 55th Bty.	N.15.b.5-9 to N.15.b.7-9½	X F 10 secs.	-	180	
58th Battery	Same as in Phase 1 but No. 4 gun to lengthen 50 yds.	BYF 5 secs.	-	120	
54th Battery	Same as Phase 1	BYF 5 secs.	-	120	
55th Battery <i>less 1 sect.</i>	- do -	X F 10 secs.	-	60	
114th Battery	- do -	X F 15 secs.	80	-	
1-18 pr. Bty. of Centre Group	Same as in Phase 1 but No. 1 gun to lengthen 50 yds.	} BYF 5 secs.	-	120	
1-18 pr. Bty. - do -	Same as in Phase 1.		-	120	

L.T.M. Battery

Mortars	Ta rget	Rate of Fire	Remarks
Right Sub-section	Search parapet to right.	10 seconds	Targets marked on map of O.C., 15th A.L.T.M.Bty., by Brigade Major, 15th 15th Inf. Bgde.
Centre Sub-section	Search parapet to left	10 seconds	
Left Sub-section	As in Phase 1.	10 seconds	



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Phase III - From "Signal" to stop.

Battery	Targets	Rate of Fire	Ammunition		Remarks
			H.E.	Shrap.	
53rd Bty. plus 1 Sect. 55 th Bty.	} As in Phase I	BYF 10 secs.	-	50	
58th Battery			-	50	
54th Battery			-	50	
1 Battery Centre Group			-	50	
1 Battery - do -			-	50	

Heavy Artillery Programme:-

1st Phase	} 32nd H.A. Group 52nd H.A. Group	} Sugarloaf.	N 8/a 24-100 to 20-12	10
			N 9/c 13-12	10
2nd Phase	} 32nd H.A. Group 52nd H.A. Group	} Ranger Bases & C.M.T. Belaport trenches	N 15/b 82-00 to 52-60	15
			N 15/a 80-60 to 15-68	15
			as before and N 8/d 73-17	20
			as before	30



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18.8.16 /
9.30 am

Re 15th Bde Order No 79



ZERO TIME will be
10.30 pm 19.8.1916

Geo L. Wright

MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

REPORT

Raid Conducted by 57th Battalion on 19th August 1916

PREPARATION
OF
PERSONNEL

1. Three weeks were occupied in the preparation. A selected platoon was put through a course of physical training, followed by grenade and bayonet fighting. A replica of the trench to be raided was constructed and the men were made familiar with all its details.

SCHEME

2. The plan of operations is detailed in 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 29.
The C.O., 57th Battalion, issued the detailed orders for the raiding party.

COMPOSITION
AND STRENGTH
OF PARTY

3. The party was constituted as follows:-

57th Btn.	- Capt. F.W.HARRIS	O.C. Assault
	2/Lt. C.C.D.PINNOCK	
	" R.DOUTREBAND	
	50 other ranks.	

15th Field Coy
Engrs. + 2 other ranks

15th M.G.Coy.- 1 other ranks.

Total= 3 Officers 53 other ranks = 56

In addition Major N. MARSHALL, 57th Battalion, acted as O.C. Attack.

THE ACTION

4. At 10.15 p.m. the raiding party left our trench by the Sally Port and reached a "lie up" position about 100 yards out.
At 10.28 p.m. this party was concentrated and sent back a telephone message "O.K."
At 10.30 p.m. the bombardment opened. The shells and bombs were falling on the desired targets.
At 10.31 p.m. one enemy M.G. opened fire but was at once put out of action.
At 10.31½ p.m. the enemy's artillery commenced to retaliate on our front trench and on communication trenches which were soon blocked. He also put a shrapnel barrage across NO MAN'S LAND.
At 10.41 p.m. a message was received from the raiding party saying they were in the enemy's trench and had, so far, 4 casualties. The party found the wire to be completely demolished. The trenches were badly damaged and searching was difficult.
A Maxim Gun was captured at N 9 d 55-17; the gunner was dead in the emplacement. One other gun was too badly damaged to be worth carrying away.
The party examined all dug-outs; bombs were thrown into those which were occupied and screams of pain were heard in each case. At one point a German was buried with only his feet protruding. It is estimated that 16 German dead were lying in the area searched. There was no resistance at all. As no prisoners could be secured without going beyond the prescribed area the party gathered a quantity of documents, clothing, arms and equipment and filed out through the wire.
At 10.47 p.m. all 3 telephone circuits between the front and 300 yards lines were severed by shell fire.

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At 10.50 p.m. the party reported "all clear". Some of the men returned to our trenches at once - others appeared to have waited for the enemy's barrage to be withdrawn.

The Artillery liaison officer ordered the emergency rocket signal to be sent. Just as the rockets were being fired a H.E. shell landed at the spot and blew up the firing apparatus and spare rockets but it was believed at the time that the signal was effective - it was not so however.

At 11.00 p.m. a few enemy's M.G.'s. opened fire but did no harm.

At 11.10 p.m. the artillery fire had not altered so a runner was despatched to D3 in RUE de BOIS. This man was killed on the way.

At 11.40 p.m. another runner was despatched. He was severely wounded and did not deliver the message.

At 12.10 a.m. a runner got through to D3 and a message was sent to the C.O., Right Group Artillery, via 15th Infantry Brigade H.Q.. Shortly after the artillery fire ceased.

At about this time all the raiding party except the dead were back inside our parapet.

At 2.45 a.m. the enemy was heard to be vigorously repairing his works. Our Lewis Guns were turned on to them.

CASUALTIES

5. Our casualties were;

Raiding Party - Killed	- Officers	2
	(Capt Harris)	
	(2/Lt Pinnock)	
	Other Ranks	
	(includes 1 M.G. Coy. 1 15th F. Coy. Engrs.)	7
Wounded	- Other Ranks	<u>12</u>
Garrison - Killed	- Officers	1
	(Lieut Watson)	
	Other Ranks	7
Wounded	- Other Ranks	<u>16</u>
Total - Killed		17
Wounded		<u>28</u>

All the casualties of the raiding party were sustained in NO MAN'S LAND, wholly from shell fire.

GENERAL

6. (a) The detailed orders issued were closely followed and found to be thoroughly satisfactory.
- (b) The effect of the artillery fire generally was good although some shells landed in our own trenches.
- (c) The Medium and Light Trench Mortars did excellent work - the wire cutting of the former could not have been better while both types smashed suspected M.G. emplacements.
- (d) Our lateral telephone lines were not damaged ~~by the enemy's retaliation, have been of great~~ by the enemy's retaliation.
- (e) Counter battery fire would have been of great service and probably would have saved loss. The enemy's bombardment was the most intense this sector has so far sustained.
- (f) The enemy's trenches were severely damaged by our fire. In places his parapet was levelled and the brushwood screen mentioned frequently in Intelligence Summaries was destroyed. All



suspected M.G. positions were destroyed.

REMARKS

7. The following conclusions have been arrived at:-

- I. Counter batteries are absolutely essential.
- II All telephone lines to our front trench must be buried; unburied wires have been cut on every occasion of operations so far.
- III The raiding party may be very small if the artillery and Trench Mortar fire is well organised as on this occasion; and this would diminish the number of casualties. But in such cases the party would of course have to have instructions to withdraw if apposed.
- IV The wounds of all the killed were on the head. As steel helmets were not worn it is worthy of consideration whether these should be ordered in the future as they may have possibly saved some lives.

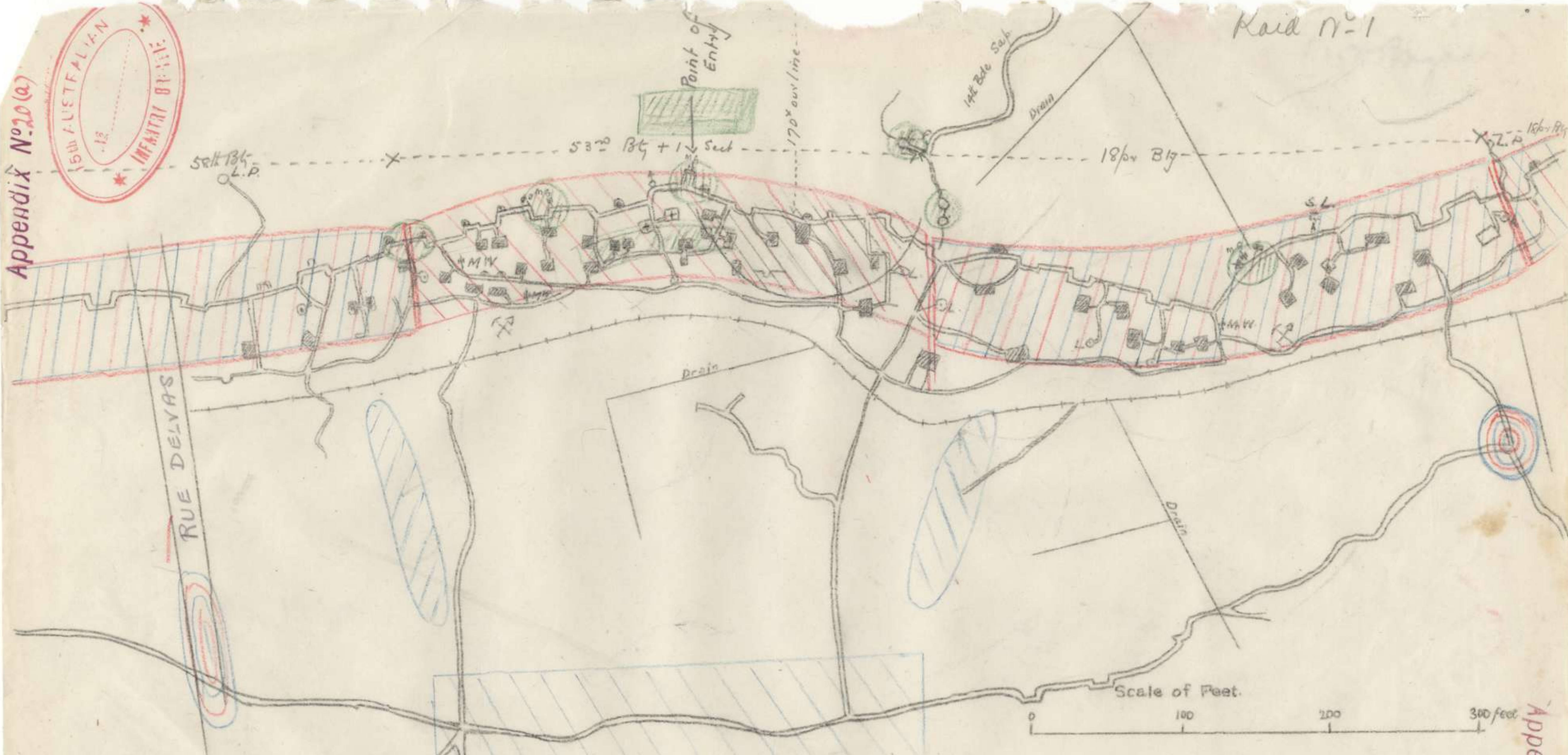
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Brig.-General.
G.O.C., 15th Aust. Infantry Bgde.

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Raid No 1



Scale of Feet. 0 100 200 300 feet

KEY = Red Colouring Shows gun fire in first phase
Blue Colouring Shows gun fire in second phase
Green Colouring Shows mortar targets

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51ST AUST. DIV. 3.6.16

RIGHT BRIGADE FRONT (1ST Brigade)

1 : 5000
Yds 100 100 200 300 400 Yds.

Machine Guns		Wire (strong)	xxxx
Trench Mortars	⊙	(normal)	xxxx
Dumps	△	(weak)	- - - - -
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15th Australian Infantry Brigade - Order No. 30

Reference - Trench Map "L" ¹10000.

15th August 1916.

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1. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery and 15th M.G. Company will co-operate with the Right Group Artillery, including Medium Trench Mortars, in a demonstration against the enemy's trenches in N.9.c. and N.9.d. on 15th August 1916.
 2. The Artillery programme is attached.
 3. The Medium Trench Mortars will engage special targets in the vicinity of N.9.d.6-2.
 4. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will open fire at 4 p.m. on trenches in the vicinity of N.9.c.8-2. Approximately 100 rounds to be expended.
 5. Two guns of the 15th M.G. Company will employ indirect fire on Communication Trenches N.9.c.95-1 to N.15.a.10-65 from 4 to 4.5 p.m. and 4.8 p.m. to 4.13 p.m.
 6. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. F. Wright

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Aust. Infantry Bde.

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"	6 60th Battalion.
"	7 15th M.G. Company.
"	8 15th A.L.T.M. Battery.
"	9 15th Field Coy. Engineers.
"	10 Right Group Artillery.
"	11 D.T.M.O.
"	12 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
"	13 184th Brigade.
"	14 Staff Captain.

Table of Artillery Tasks

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Phase 1	Time	Targets	Rounds.	Rate
53 rd Bty } 55th (less 1 Sec)	6-0.30	{ 119c. 51-0 15 119c 75-10	90	Bty fire 20"
54th Bty	"	{ 119c. 81. to 119d 00-05	90	do-
58th Bty less } 1 Gun }	"	119c 95-15 to 1156. 07-00	60 + 30	do-
55th Bty less } 1 sect }	"	115a. 50-85 to 115 a 70-85 115 a 75-90 115 a 95-95	40 + 80	XF 15"
1 Sec 114th Bty	"	115 a. 75-90	15	XF 2'
1 Sec 114th Bty	"	115 a 95-95	15	XF 2'
Y5A T.M.B	"	{ 119c 51-00 to 119d 00-05	50	

Phase 2

53 rd Bty & 1 Sec } 55th Bty }	{ 6.51, 7.14 7.43, 8.07 8.24, 8.58 9.38, 10.0	As for Phase 1	48	Salvo each how/starts
54th Bty	{ 6.58, 7.26 7.52, 8.15 8.40, 9.15 9.50, 10.32	do-	32	do-
55th Bty (less } 1 section) }	{ 7.04, 7.38 8.06, 8.32 9.03, 9.39 9.56, 10.22	do-	16	do-

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																					
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Appendix 21B

Geo. J. W. [Signature] Wagon
for G.O.C. 15th Inf Bde

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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bout	15/8/16	4 pm	<p>The artillery opened fire according to Table. The fire was accurate and so far as could be judged it was effective. Owing to the dispersion of fire there was no great damage at any point but the parapet showed signs of damage in many places.</p> <p>The French mortars opened fire. The M.T.M.s were very effective against the wire and clear lanes are observed near N.G.C. 5-1½. Bombs landing behind the parapet appeared to be effective but nothing definite could be ascertained. The L.T.M.s fired 40 yds sub-section fire at 10 seconds and 90 yds at 5 seconds. Their 2nd shot caused a large dense yellow cloud to rise behind enemy's parapet - it had a sulphurous appearance and after hanging in the air for 10 minutes lifted and disappeared. These mortars caused a great deal of damage: at N.G.C. 85-1 a large breach was about 15 yds wide and the parapet practically ceased to exist; the O.C. L.T.M. Bty arranged 5 fuzes at different timings and these, fired from the same mortar, exploded simultaneously causing a breach about 12 yds wide at N.G.C. 2-½. Other damage was also done to the parapet near these points, total rounds for L.T.M. = 130.</p> <p>It was confirmed that, given good observation, frontal fire for trench mortars is the best owing to the increased difficulty the enemy's has in determining the distance of the piece from the parapet.</p> <p>Retaliation in the form of H.E. & Shrapnel from 4.2" and 77mm commenced against the mortar positions and 5.9" against V.C. Avenue</p> <p>A detachment</p>	

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15th Australian Infantry Brigade - Order No. 31

16th August, 1916

Reference - Trench Map Area "L" 10000

1. The undermentioned will co-operate in an operation against the trenches between N.9.d.5-2½ and N.10.c.2-3 on night 17th/18th August, 1916:

Right Group Artillery.
 One Medium Trench Mortar Battery.
 15th Machine Gun Company.
 15th A.L.T.M. Battery.

2. The Artillery programme is attached.
3. The Medium Trench Mortar Battery will engage special targets in the vicinity of N.9.c.8-2. *50 rounds.*
4. The 15th Light Trench Mortar Battery will engage special targets in the vicinity of N.9.d.7-2 and N.9.d.9-25. *100 rds.*
5. The 15th M.G. Company with 2 Vickers Guns will engage communication trench N.15.b.4-8 to N.15.d.10-8.
6. Artillery and machine guns will open fire at 12, midnight, and the Trench Mortars at 12.5 a.m.
7. Watches will be synchronised by 15th Brigade Headquarters at 9 p.m.
8. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters at 1 a.m. and 9 a.m. on 18th August.

TABLE OF TASKS

Phase 1					
Bty.	Time	Task	Ammunition		Rate of Fire
			H.E.	Shrap.	
58th	0 to 0.5	N.9.d.7-2 to N.9.d.9-2½	60	-	XF 10 secs.
54th	do	N.9.d.9-2½ to N.10.c.1-3	60	-	XF 10 secs.
Phase 2					
58th	0.05 to 0.10	N.9.d.75-20 to N.15.b.70-95	-	30	ByF 10 secs.
54th	-do -	N.10.c.0-3 to N.10.c.2-1	-	30	ByF 10 secs.
53rd (1 sec)	- do -	N.15.b.70-95 to N.9.d.95-15	-	15	XF 20 secs.
53rd (1 sec)	- do -	N.9.d.95-05 to N.16.a.10-95	-	15	- do -
55th (1 sec)	- do -	N.16.a.10-95 to N.10.c.25-10	-	15	- do -
Phase 3					
58th	0.10 to 0.12) As for Phase 1 N.9.d.5-1 to N.9.d.7-2	-	24	XF 10 secs.
54th	- do -		-	24	- do -
53rd	- do -		-	24	- do -
58th	0.20 to 0.22) As for Phase 1	-	12	XF 20 secs.
54th	- do -		-	12	- do -
53rd	- do -		-	12	- do -
58th	0.30 to 0.31) As for Phase 1	-	12	- do -
54th	- do -		-	12	- do -
53rd	- do -		-	12	- do -

W. F. ... MAJOR
 BDE. MAJOR
 15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE



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- 15th Australian Infantry Brigade - Order No. 31
 15th Australian Division
 Reference - Trench Map Area "L" 10000
 1. The undermentioned will co-operate in the operation against the trenches between N.9.d.7-2 and N.9.d.7-3 on night 17th/18th August 1918.
 2. The Artillery programme is attached.
 3. The Medium Trench Mortar Battery will engage special targets in the vicinity of N.9.c.8-2.
 4. The 15th Light Trench Mortar Battery will engage special targets in the vicinity of N.9.d.7-2 and N.9.d.7-3.
 5. The 15th M.G. Company with 2 Vickers Guns will engage communication trench N.15.d.4-8 to N.15.d.10-8.
 6. Artillery and machine guns will open fire at 12.15 mid-night, and the Trench Mortars at 12.30 a.m.
 7. Watches will be synchronised by 15th Brigade Headquarters at 9 p.m.
 8. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters at 1 a.m. and 9 a.m. on 18th August.

TABLE OF TASKS

Phase 1

Rate of Fire	Ammunition	Task	Time	Bty.
XF 10 secs.	-	N.9.d.7-2 to N.9.d.9-2 1/2	0 to 0.5	53th
XF 10 secs.	-	N.9.d.9-2 1/2 to N.10.c.1-3	do	54th

Phase 2				
BVF 10 secs.	50	N.9.d.7-2 to N.15.d.7-2	0.05 to 0.10	53th
BVF 10 secs.	30	N.10.c.0-2 to N.10.c.2-1	do	54th
XF 20 secs.	15	N.15.d.7-2 to N.9.d.9-2 1/2	do	53rd (1 sec)
do	15	N.9.d.9-2 1/2 to N.15.d.10-2	do	53rd (1 sec)
do	15	N.15.d.10-2 to N.10.c.2-1	do	53th (1 sec)

Phase 3				
XF 10 secs.	24	As for Phase 1	0.10 to 0.15	53th
do	24		do	54th
do	24	N.9.d.5-1 to N.9.d.7-2	do	53rd
XF 20 secs.	12	As for Phase 1	0.20 to 0.25	53th
do	12		do	54th
do	12	N.9.d.3-1 to N.9.d.7-2	do	53rd
do	12	As for Phase 1	0.30 to 0.31	53th
do	12		do	54th
do	12	N.9.d.5-1 to N.9.d.7-2	do	53rd

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 32

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

24th August, 1916.

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1. The 59th Battalion and the 60th Battalion will relieve the 58th Battalion in the front line during the night of August 26th, 1916.
 2. During their occupation of the trenches the 59th and 60th Battalions will be tatically considered as one Battalion under Lt.-Col. H.McL. DUGAN, who will be solely responsible for the defence of the sector.
 3. The 58th Battalion, when relieved, will move into billets in the Area G 29 and G 36 with Headquarters at G 36 b 0-5.
 4. Brompton Road will be used for up traffic and Pinney's Avenue for down traffic during the relief.
 5. All working parties, fatigues and duties will be carefully taken over so that there will be no break in the work.
Trench log books, defence schemes, ammunition, trench stores, &c., will be checked, taken over, and receipts given.
 6. If the wind is favourable for enemy's gas, ingoing parties will observe "gas alert" immediately they move from their billets.
 7. The details of the relief will be ^{arranged} mutually between C.O.'s. concerned.
 8. Completion of relief to be reported by 58th Battalion to Brigade Headquarters.

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Aust. Infantry Bgde.

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"	3	57th Battalion
"	4	58th Battalion
"	5	59th Battalion
"	6	60th Battalion
"	7	15th M.G. Company
"	8	15th A.L.T.M. Battery
"	9	15th Field Coy. Engineers
"	10	Right Group Artillery
"	11	D.T.M.O.
"	12	8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
"	13	184th Brigade.
"	14	Staff Capt.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 46.

Headquarters,
26th August 1916.

1. A demonstration will be made with Artillery and Trench Mortars against works, strong points, and communication trenches in the enemy's lines on the front from the WICK SALIENT (N.13.d.2.7) to TURKS POINT (N.5.d.4.2) on 27th August 1916.
2. The following will take part:-
5th Australian Divisional Artillery under C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div.
8th, 14th, and 15th L.T.M.Batteries under D.T.M.O. " "

The following will also cooperate:-
117th, 87th, 119th Siege Batteries, and 147th and 155th Heavy Batteries, under G.O.C., H.A., 2nd Anzac.
Selected batteries of 61st Divisional Artillery, under C.R.A. 61st Division.
Aeroplanes of 16th Squadron R.F.C.

3. Objectives for Artillery, Heavy and Medium Trench Mortars have been allotted. Time Tables for 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will be made out by C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div. and will be issued by that officer to all concerned. Time Tables for Heavy Artillery and 61st Divisional Artillery are being made out by the respective Artillery Commanders.
4. Objectives for Light Trench Mortars, 5th Aust.Div. are as follows:-
200 rounds per battery are allowed, firing to take place only during bombardment period.
15th L.T.M.Batt. Selected points in N.9.d. to be pointed out by 15th Infantry Brigade.
8th L.T.M.Batt. Selected points in N.10.c. to be pointed out by 8th Infantry Brigade.
14th L.T.M.Batt. Selected points S.W. of WATER FORT, to be pointed out by 8th Infantry Brigade.
5. The general Time Table will be as follows:-
6.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. Registration by Artillery.
4.0 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Bombardment of all objectives.
6.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Check registrations.
6. Infantry Brigades will thin out their front lines, and at their discretion their 300 yards lines, and take necessary precautions especially during the bombardment, to avoid losses if the enemy artillery retaliates on the trenches. Heavy retaliation will be reported immediately to Divisional Headquarters for the information of the counter batteries.
7. If the operations have to be postponed to a later day owing to unsuitable weather conditions, the following message will be sent out by wire from 5th.Aust.Div. at 6 a.m. on 27th. August:-
"Major Williams cannot come round to-day".
8. Reports to Headquarters, 5th.Aust. Division, SAILLY.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lt.Colonel.
General Staff, 5th.Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 55

Headquarters,
5th Aust. Div.
28th August 1918

1. A demonstration will be made with Artillery and Trench Mortars against works, strong points, and communication trenches in the enemy's line on the front from the WIG SALIENT (N.13.5.V) to TURN POINT (N.8.4.2.) on 27th August 1918.

Issued at 9.30 a.m. to:-

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| 15th. Inf. Brigade. | | 4. |
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2. The General Time Table will be as follows:-
 8.0 a.m. to 8.0 p.m. Registration by Artillery.
 8.0 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Bombardment of all objectives.
 8.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Check registrations.

3. Infantry Brigades will thin out their front lines, and at their direction their 500 yards lines, and take necessary precautions especially during the bombardment, to avoid losses if the enemy artillery registers on the trenches. Heavy retaliation will be reported immediately to Divisional Headquarters for the information of the counter batteries.

4. If the operations have to be postponed to a later day owing to unsuitable weather conditions, the following message will be sent out by wire from 5th Aust. Div. at 8 a.m. on 27th August:-
 "Major Williams cannot come round today".

5. Reports to Headquarters, 5th Aust. Division, SALM.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lt. Colonel,
General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 33



26th August, 1916.

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

1. A demonstration will be made with Artillery and Trench Mortars against works, strong points, and communication trenches in the enemy's lines on the front from WICK SALIENT (N 13 d 2-7) to TURKS POINT (N 5 d 4-2) on 27th August, 1916.
The following will take part:-

5th Australian Divisional Artillery
 2 Medium Trench Mortar Batteries.
 3 Light Trench Mortar Batteries.

The following will co-operate:-

2nd ANZAC Heavy Artillery.
 Selected batteries of the 61st Division.

2. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery, with 2 sub-sections, will engage selected points in N 9 c at 4 p.m.

3. The general Time Table will be as follows:-

6.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. - Registration by Artillery
 4.0 p.m. to 4.45 pm. - Bombardment
 6.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. - Check registrations.

4. To avoid loss through enemy retaliation units in the trenches will thin out the garrisons of the front line and 300 yards line to the extent of one third. Troops withdrawn may be sent to the subsidiary line. Heavy retaliation will be reported immediately to Brigade Headquarters.

5. If the operations have to be postponed to a later day the following message will be sent:-

"Major Williams cannot come round to-day."

6. Positions of Brigade Headquarters unchanged.

Geo. J. Wright

Major.
Brigade Major., 15th Aust. Infantry Bde.

- Copy No. 1 War Diary
 " 2 5th Australian Division
 " 3 57th Battalion
 " 4 58th Battalion
 " 5 59th Battalion
 " 6 60th Battalion
 " 7 15th M.G. Company
 " 8 15th A.L.T.M. Battery
 " 9 15th Field Coy. Engineers
 " 10 Staff Captain.

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 47.

Headquarters,
26th. August, 1916.

1. A raid will be made during the night 28/29th. August on the enemy's line about the point N. 11. a. 40. 65 by the 30th. Battalion, 8th. Brigade A.I.F.
2. Brigadier General E. Tivey D.S.O. Commanding 8th. Infantry Brigade will direct the operation.
3. The following Artillery of the 5th. Australian Division will support the operation - Commander - Lt. Colonel Caddy A.I.F.
 Batteries of the Centre Group.
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Batteries Right Group.
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Batteries Left Group.
 2 Medium T.M. Batteries.
 C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division will issue detailed orders regarding the action of the Artillery.
4. The following Artillery of the 2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery are also cooperating under the direction of the G.O.C. H.A. 2nd. Anzac:-
 2 - 6 inch Howitzers.
 2 - 60 pdr. Guns.
5. The following Liaison Officers will be detailed:-
 From 5th. Division Artillery (1 with O.C. Attack.
 (1 with O.C. 30th. Battalion.
 (1 with G.O.C. 8th. Brigade.
 From Heavy Artillery - 1 with H.C. 8th. Brigade.
6. The G.O.C. 8th. Infantry Brigade will issue orders to all concerned. He will fix zero time and will notify zero time to all units and formations of the 5th. Division concerned.
 Zero time will be notified to other by 5th. Div. Headquarters.
7. The G.O.C. 8th. Infantry Brigade will arrange any cooperation required from 14th. and 15th. Infantry Brigades direct with the G.O.C. those Brigades, and from other Artillery with C.R.A.
8. The G.O.C. 8th. Infantry Brigade will arrange for buried cable communication (metallic circuit) between the following:-
 Brigade H.Q. to Battalion H.Q.
 Battalion H.Q. to O.C. Attack.
 Brigade H.Q. to Advanced Brigade H. . (if any).
 Brigade H. . to O.C. Artillery.
9. Reports to 5th. Division Headquarters SAILLY.

C. W. A. Staff

Lt. Colonel.
General Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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Lt. Colonel

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15th Aust. Infantry Bde Order n° 34

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Reference - French map area 'L'



26th Aug 1916

- 1 During the night 28/29th August the Battalion will raid the enemy's trenches at N 11 a 40-65.
The Right Group Artillery, 15th M. G. Company and the 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will assist the enterprise.
The 2nd ANZAC Heavy Artillery will also co-operate.
- 2 The action of the 15th M. G. Company & the 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will be as follows, viz:-

15th M.G. Company -

2 Guns - 00.10 to 00.12½ - Search trench N 11 a 1-5½ to N 11 a 7-8.

From rocket signal (3 successive green lights) which may be expected at about 00.25, this target will be engaged for a further 3 minutes.

2 Guns - 00.10 to 00.12½ - Search trench N 10 b 7-3¾ to N 11 a 2-4.

From rocket signal as above, this target will be engaged for a further 3 minutes.

2 Guns - 00.01 to 00.03
 00.10 to 00.12
 00.14 to 00.16
 00.20 to 00.22 } Fire on battery position at N 17 b 60-35.

15th A.L.T.M. Battery.

2 Subsections 0.10 to 00.15. Intensive bombardment of selected points between N 15 a 5-1 and N 15 b 6-2.

- 3 Zero time will be communicated to all concerned by the following message "SMITH IS DUE AT ----"
- 4 Watches will be synchronised with Bde H.Q. 2 hours before zero time.
- 5 Position of Brigade Headquarters unchanged.

- Copy n° 1 War Diary
 2 5th Aust Bde
 3 8th Inf Bde
 4 15th M.G. Coy
 5 15th A.L.T.M. B
 6 Staff Captain

Geo J. Direct Major
Bde Major, 15th Inf Bde

Appendix B

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Copy No. 4..

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 49

Headquarters,
27th August 1916.

1. The demonstration ordered in 5th Australian Division Order No. 46 was postponed today on account of unfavourable weather - (Telegram No. G22/407 of 27th.)
2. The demonstration will take place tomorrow 28th August, under the same arrangements as given in 5th Divisional Order No. 46.
3. If the operation has to be postponed again to a later day, the following message will be sent out by wire from 5th Australian Division at 6.0 a.m. on 28th August to the recipients of this order:-
"Inspection Major Williams again postponed".
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

William Marshall
Lieut-Colonel,

General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

Issued at 10.30 a.m. to:-

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 50.

Headquarters,
27th August 1916.



1. A discharge of gas covered by artillery fire will be made from our front line in Square N.6.b. at the first favourable opportunity.
2. Brig-General C.J.Hobkirk, D.S.O. commanding 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will direct the operation, and will issue the necessary instructions to all concerned.
3. O.C. "L" Co. R.E. is finding the necessary technical personnel. Brig-General Hobkirk will deal direct with that officer.
4. The supporting artillery will be the artillery of the left group, under command of Lieut-Colonel H.Cox-Taylor.
5. 8th Brigade will maintain "Gas Alort" at the time of the operation. 8th and 15th Brigades and artillery will be prepared for artillery retaliation by the enemy.
6. Warnings will be issued to the recipients of this order by the following code messages:-

"Accommodation arranged Captain Sinclair and ten others."	(Gas attack will be made tonight.
"Captain Sincliar is going out at m."	(Hour of discharge will be m.
"Expect Sinclair back at m."	Hour of discharge postponed till m.
"Sinclair not coming"	Operation postponed till further orders.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M.J. Roase
Capt
for Lieut-Colonel,

General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

Issued at 10.45 a.m. to:-

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Div. Sig. Co	5	"G" File	11-12
A. D. M. S.	6	"Q" File	13
		War Diary	14.