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WAR DIARY.

1st. Australian Division -General Staff - AUGUST 1916.

OPERATIONS

1. 1st. Australian Division.
2. 4th. Army.
3. 2nd. Corps.

20/8/16 to 22/8/16
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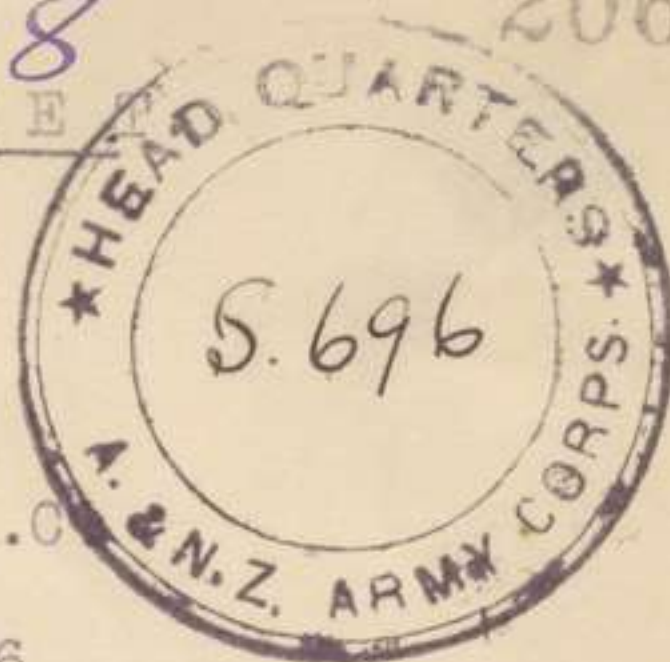
OPERATIONSFIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.From 20/8/16 to 22/8/16.orders only.

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1st. A.&N.Z.A.C.

19-8-16



1st. Australian Division.

In continuation of this office memo. S/671 of 15th instant and 1st. Anzac Order No. 29 of 17th instant, the following points are placed before you for consideration:-

1. Operation A.

(i). It is too early yet to determine the actual causes of failure but there is no doubt that a contributing cause was indefiniteness as to our exact position and our objective on the right, i.e. front of 3rd Bn.

(ii) The O.C. 51st Bn. asserts that he built the two pieces of work in 28.c. which show on recent photographs - and this seems very probable. Apparently the more easterly of these is in your possession. It is essential that our whole position on this flank should be cleared up beyond doubt; patrols should be pushed forward tonight towards the other piece of trench which should be occupied if possible.

(iii) Points 01 and 91 are said by the 1st. Brigade to be strongly held and wired. Aeroplane photographs do not confirm this. The latest photographs show them as practically obliterated. Is it probable that your troops got further than they thought last night and that the centres of resistance were points 03 and 73.?

(iv) There appears to be a "loop" trench running from point 91 to about point 55.

The Corps Commander considers that having regard to your reduced strength and the nature of the operations contemplated by the II Corps your next advance might be limited to the occupation of a line running from your present right through points 22, 01, 91, to point 55. You should be prepared to effect this on the 20th or 21st instant; the choice of date and time being left to you.

If you have an alternative to this proposal the Corps Commander will be glad to discuss it with you.

The disadvantages of occupying the named line are the amount of digging necessary and its close proximity to the enemy. You may however be able to make further advance and this should be prepared for. In this connection I am to say, however, that the occupation of the line 95 to 36 would need for its retention the capture at least of 03, 73, 42 and 59.

2. Operation B.

The situation on this flank should be cleared up tonight. A special reconnaissance should be made as soon as it is dark to determine our present position and the location of the missing company of the 7th Bn. If the 6th and 7th Bns. remain firmly in their present position it should be possible to gain the whole of the enemy's works between R.35.d.35 and the head of

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MUNSTER ALLEY. Special arrangements should be made to this end tonight and a carefully organised bombing party should be given to the 7th Bn. for the purpose.

3. The G.O.C;R.A. will see you tomorrow regarding the necessary plans for artillery co-operation. *in your next operation.*

C.B. White

Brigadier-General.
General Staff

1st.A.&.N.Z.A.CORPS.

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1st. A. & N.Z.A.C.

19th. August, 1916.

My dear General,

I hope that our letter about your next operation is satisfactory to you. I confess that I do not altogether like it, because it is rather a half-hearted measure. There is no doubt in my mind that the step that we should take next is the capture of 95. 36. 03. 73. 42. 59. 48. 27. 77. 54. This is out of the question for you by reason of your numerical weakness. There are however a number of alternatives available. The guiding principle in the selection of any of them is the retention of the high ground. We cannot very well retain the high ground without pushing out a salient, and that is why I think the big salient is the safer plan. One thing is clear, and that is that we cannot take say 95. 36. 03. 91., because that does put out a little salient to which there will be two avenues of approach still open to the enemy. The question for consideration then is whether one can take on from 03. to 73. to 59. to 48., thence to 55. and 81. That is a useful alternative, for we can safely discard the 27. 77. 54. piece of trench which is dipping down into the hollow, - and to my mind now that the ^{2nd.} Corps is pressing on down below, the intermediate piece of the hollow between say 27. and 32.d.23. is not of first rate importance. Even then this reduced objective, although it is safer from the salient point of view, is probably beyond the power of your forces while they are of diminished strength. By a process of deduction therefore, there does not seem to be any operation open to you and within your power except the minor one which our official letter has suggested. The great advantage of it is that it would
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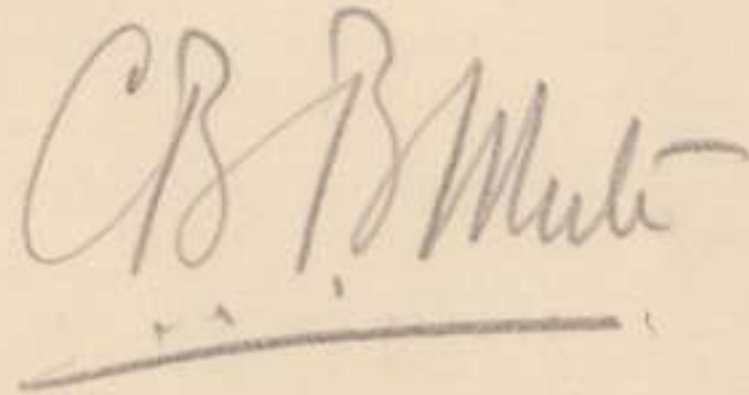
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form a very nice jumping-off place for the troops who are to do the main job, although it has disadvantages in the way of taking and by reason of close proximity to the enemy.

I will try to come and see you in the morning, and we will then talk it over.

yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C.B. Muller', with a horizontal line underneath.

Major-General H.B. Walker, C.B., D.S.O.,

Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Lt-General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O.,
Commanding 1st Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Headquarters,
19/8/16

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282. VETERINARY.

A.D.V.S of Divisions will always report by wire to Army Corps Headquarters any cases of infectious disease, stating the place where the animal affected is quartered. Steps should at once be taken to disinfect the watering troughs used by any horses under suspicion. Should the unit be on the move recent halting places should also be reported in order that measures may at once be taken to prevent the spread of disease through trough contamination.

283. AREA COMMANDANT.

An area officer with Headquarters in W.27 a 38 has been appointed to supervise camping grounds in T area between SENLIS and the BRICKFIELDS (both inclusive). When any unit is ordered into the area the Area Commandant will be warned, and the strength of the unit and time of arrival intimated. When possible an officer should go forward to consult him and make arrangements. Units will occupy the Camp or site allotted to them by the Commandant.

Q.

284. TECHNICAL ARTILLERY STORES.

A supply of spare gun parts and technical artillery stores is carried by Divisional Ammunition Columns.

Batteries should not indent direct on Bases for such stores but should obtain them through the Ammunition Columns, who should put forward indents through Ordnance Officers with formations to replace any articles issued to or required to complete equipments of Batteries.

J.G. McCONAGHY Major
D.A.A & Q.M.G.
1st Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.



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1st. A. & N.Z.A.C. ORDER No. 32

By

Lieut.-General Sir W. BIRDWOOD, K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O.

20-8-1916.

1. The 1st. Aust. Div. will attack the line R.28.c.95., 66., 36., 05.35. (01.) 05.10., R.27.d.9.1., to R.33.b.55. on the 21st. instant.

Strong blocks will be established at 95., 03. 01. and 91., and special provision will be made for this purpose.

Zero time will be determined by G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Div. and communicated to Reserve Army, 1st. ANZAC, 3rd. Corps, 2nd. Corps and 7th. Sqn., R.F.C.

2. Programme of preliminary bombardments and time table of barrages will be issued separately by the G.O.C., R.A.

3. The attack will be supported by all trench mortars whose fire can be brought to bear on the objective.

Machine guns will be specially told off to fire on and barrage enemy avenues of approach.

No. 2 Co., 5th. Bn., Special Bde. R.E. is placed at disposal of G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Div. for the provision of any required smoke barrages.

4. 7th. Sqn., R.F.C. will have contact patrols in the air at 7.30 p.m. on 21st. instant, and 7. a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on 22nd. instant, at which hours flares will be displayed in captured positions.

5. Acknowledge by wire.

Clunk Kennedy Capt
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
1st. A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

Issued by D.R. at 7.30. p.m.

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6.	2nd. Corps.	16.	B.G., H.A.
7.	3rd. Corps.	17.	C.E.
8.	2nd. Aust. Div.	18.	A.D.A.S.
9.	4th. Aust. Div.	19.	D.D.M.S.
10.	7th. Sqn., R.F.C.	20.	O.O. File.
11.	13th. Kite Balloon Sec.	21.	Corres. File.
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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18th Anzac

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Copy No.....

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 51.Headquarters.
20th. August 1916.1. Action of 3rd. Inf. Brigade.

The 3rd. Inf. Brigade will attack the enemy position R.28.C.9.5.- 6.6.- 3.6.- 0.3.- 0.1.- R.27.D.9.1.- R.33.B.5.7.- 5.5. at 6 p.m. on 21st. inst.

2. Artillery Action.

(a) An artillery barrage will be formed at zero hour along the line R.28.C.9.5. along German forward trench to G.2.2.- R.27.D.9.1.- R.33.B.5.7.- R.33.A.7.3.

At zero plus two minutes the barrage will lift to the line of the objective.

At zero plus five minutes the barrage will lift to a line in advance of the objective.

(b) The objective will be submitted to a series of special bombardments on 20th. and 21st. inst.

(c) Medium Trench Mortars will deal with the hostile strong points at R.34.A.0.8½., R.27.D.9.1., R.28.C.0.1., under cover of the special bombardments.

3. The Infantry Advance.

Under cover of the artillery barrage the infantry will press close up to the hostile position and rush it as soon as the barrage lifts. Arrangements will be made to support the advance by Machine Gun fire on the left flank.

4. Consolidation.

Strong points will be constructed at:-

- (i) R.28.C.9.5.
- (ii) R.28.C.3.6.
- (iii) R.28.C.0.3.
- (iv) R.28.C.0.1.
- (v) R.27.D.9.1.
- (vi) R.33.B.5.7.

Parties to construct the strong points will be detailed by C.R.E. and will move forward when directed by G.O.C., 3rd. Inf. Bde.

Patrols and Posts with Lewis Guns will be pushed out into shell holes in advance of the line when established.

Where there are enemy trenches leading from the captured position, strong blocks will be constructed as far forward as possible.

For this work special parties will be detailed beforehand and will be provided with the necessary stores. Bombers will be detailed for the protection of these blocks.

Special measures will be taken to protect the right flank. Arrangements will be made to join up point R.28.C.9.5. by a trench with the present right at about R.28.C.8.2.

Routes for communication trenches to the new line will be selected by G.O.C., 3rd. Inf. Bde. in conjunction with C.R.E. beforehand.

C.R.E. will arrange with 1st. Pioneer Bn. for parties to construct these.

(D.O.No.51.)

5. Aircraft.

Contact aeroplanes will fly over the line at 7-30 p.m. on 20th. inst. and 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 22nd. inst. Flares will be lit on each occasion.

6. Watches will be synchronised with Divn. Signal Company's time at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. O.C., Divn. Signal Coy. will check time with 1st. ANZAC Signal Company fifteen minutes before these hours.

7. Carrying Parties.

G.O.C., 2nd. Inf. Brigade will place a party of 200 all ranks at the disposal of G.O.C., 3rd. Inf. Brigade at 3 p.m. on 21st. inst for carrying duties.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.A. Blamey
Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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13	Div Sig Co	"	"
14	1st. Inf. Bde	"	"
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19	D.A.D. S.	"	"
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27	4th. Aust. Divn.	"	"
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28	48th. Division	"	"
30	Salvage Coy	"	"
31	Corps Park	"	"
32	Reserve Army	"	"
33	C?Comdt. D.H.Q.	"	Orderly
34 - 39	Lahore Arty.	"	B.R.
40 - 45	Anzac Heavy Art	"	"
46	7th. Squad. R.F.C.	"	"

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"A" Form.				Army Form C. 2121.	
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Headquarters.

21st. August 1916.

Divn. Engineers.

The following preliminary work is required on
night of 20th.

1. Improvement of trench 34.A. $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6.5. to 3.4.
2. Improvement of Park Road 34.A.4.3.- 1.2. to 33.D.7.8.
to be widened and deepened.
3. To dig a new line in 34.A.1.9. to 3.8. to 3.5.

(Sgd) J. A. Blaney

Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.

1st. Australian Division.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 29.

Date 21/8/16 Headquarters,
21st. August 1916

Reference PERME DU MOUQUET SHEET 1/5,000 and Sheet 57D-SE 1-20,000

- INFORMATION. 1. Information as per situation reports as issued from time to time.
- INTENTION. 2. The 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade will attack the hostile positions R.22.C.2.5-3303.3-3.03-CO1-R27D2.1-R3335.7-34.3 at zero hour on 21st. instant.
- INTELLIGENCE ACTION. 3. (As per Divn Order No. 31 dated 20/8/16).
- ACTION OF INFANTRY. 4. The infantry will be disposed as under 30 minutes before zero hour ready to attack in four waves:-
- (i) 10th. Battalion.
In trenches, R3303.0 to R34A2.9 (east edge of cutting exclusive) R34A2.3 to R34A5.5 (inclusive). Right Defensive Flank party in trenches East and South of Point R33C-3.0
- 11th. Battalion. (less 2 Companies, Battalion Bombers and Lewis Guns) In trenches, R34A2.9 to R34A22 R34A1.3 (cutting and strong point inclusive) and R34A55 (exclusive) to R34A54 (inclusive). Remainder of Battalion (Brigade Reserve) ~~will remain in~~ WIRE TRENCH.
- 12th. Battalion.
In trenches R34A1.3 to R3335.5 (strong point inclusive) and R34A4.3 to R33D7.3
- 9th. Battalion.
Remain in present positions and cover left flank of the attack but will hold one Company in a position of readiness in R33D
- 1st. Battalion.
Will remain in present positions.
- (ii) Method of Advance.
Under cover of the artillery barrage the infantry will press close up to the hostile positions and rush them as soon as the barrage lifts. It is essential to do this at once to prevent enemy manning his parapets, especially where there are two lines to be rushed as in Square R23C. Clearing parties to be arranged to follow with second wave jumping off trench to be manned by 3rd. wave simultaneous with advance of first wave.
- ACTION OF I.G.COY. 5. 3rd. Machine Gun Coy. will arrange for indirect barrage on hostile lines of approach and in case of counter attack. Special arrangement being made to protect the flanks of the attack. Special instructions as to disposition have been issued to O.C. Brigade reserve 4 guns at X13A3.2. Position of O.C. Machine Gun Coy at GIBRALTAR where O.C. Battalions will communicate requirements direct. The O.C. Machine Gun Coy informing the Brigade
- ACTION OF LIGHT T.M.B. 6. 2 mortars at about each of the following points R23C7.1- R34A2.3-R3335.5 to assist in destroying hostile strong posts and machine gun positions and to cover flanks in case of hostile counter attack. 2 mortars at R34A5.5. S.G. 3rd. A.L.T.M.B. at R34A2.1.
- THIS GUNS 7. 2 guns and crews of 1st. Pioneer Battalion will report at
1st. Pioneer Bn. Headquarters of each of following units by 3 p.m. 21st. August
Viz.,
1st. Battalion. at R34D3.5
10th. " " R34A2.1
9th. Battalion " R34C2.0
12th. " " X4A5.3

(8)

CONSOLIDATION. 8. Positions captured are to be consolidated as soon as possible.

(a) Strong points to be constructed at:-

- (i) R2809.8
- (ii) R2803.6
- (iii) R2800.5
- (iv) R2800.1
- (v) R2709.1
- (vi) R3535.7

Parties of engineers will be detailed to move forward and report to C.O.'s concerned as early as possible after the attack.

(b) Patrols and posts

Patrols and Posts with Lewis Guns will be pushed out into shell holes in advance of the line when established.

(c) Blocks.

Where there are enemy trenches leading from the captured position, strong blocks will be constructed as far forward as possible. For this work special parties will be detailed beforehand and will be provided with the necessary stores. Bombers will be detailed for the protection of these blocks. Special measures will be taken to protect the right flank.

(d) Right Flank.

C.O. 10th. Battalion will take special measures and detail special unit to protect the right flank. Arrangements will be made to join up point R2809.8 by a trench with the present right at about R2803.2

(e) Communication Trenches.

- (i) From R2803.2 to 09.8
- (ii) " R2803.1 to 06.6
- (iii) " R34A2.9 to A0.1
- (iv) " R34A2.7 to 2709.1
- (v) " R3535.8 to 24.8

Parties to construct these are to be detailed by C.O. 1st. Pioneer Bn.

As far as possible CENTRE WAY will be kept for evacuating wounded.

9. Attention is called to standing orders.

10. Contact aeroplanes will fly over the line at 7.30 p.m. on 20th. instant and 8 a.m. and 11a.m. on 22nd. instant. Flares will be lit on each occasion.

11. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Signal Section at 0915 and 1615.

12. Reports to Brigade H.Q. at X1504.8.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Immed at 0130

Lt Mennell

.....Captain.
Brigade Major, 3rd. Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

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| 1 | 1st. Battalion. | 8 | 11th. Battalion. |
| 2 | Pioneer Bn. | 9 | 12th. Battalion. |
| 3 | Engr. Liaison Offr. | 10 | 3rd. M.G. Coy. |
| 4 | 14th. Brigade | 11 | 3rd. A.L.T.M. Battery |
| 5 | 2nd. Inf. Bde. | 12-13 | Retained. |
| 6 | 9th. Battalion | 14 | 1st. Australian Division |
| 7 | 10th. Battalion | 15-16 | Spare |

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"A" Form.				Army Form C. 2121	
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message	
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Appendix No. 8



SECRET.

G.

1st. A. & N. Z. A. C.

... 21st ... August, 1916.

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.....^{1st} Australian Division.

Forwarded herewith is the artillery
programme for today

2. Your C.R.A. has been informed direct by
the Corps B.G.R.A.

Clackson
Brigadier-General.
General Staff.
1st. A & N. Z. A. C.

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OPERATION ORDER No.8

by
G.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC.



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Copy No. 3

21st August 1918.

1. The 1st Australian Division is attacking the line R.28.c.95, 36, 05.35, 05.10, R.27.d.91, R.33.b.48 to R.33.a.81 on the 21st instant.
2. The time of assault will be zero hour which will be 6.0 p.m.
3. The whole of those trenches, as well as the new trench along the road in R.28.c., the farm and the strong points, are being consistently bombarded by heavy howitzers on the 20th and 21st instant.
4. Special bombardments are being carried out at various hours of the night and day, concerning which separate orders are issued, so as to mislead the enemy as to the attack.
5. Table of bombardments and barrages is attached.
6. In addition, the II Corps will barrage the trench R.33.a.27 to R.33.b.07 for one hour after zero.
7. II Corps will also undertake counter battery work, firing on all known battery positions from zero hour onwards.
8. Flares will be sent up at 7.50 p.m. on the 21st instant, and at 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. on the 22nd instant, in the positions occupied by our Infantry.
9. Acknowledge by wire please.

R. A. Sayers

Captain R.A.

Issued as under :-

Staff Officer R.A. 1st Anzac.

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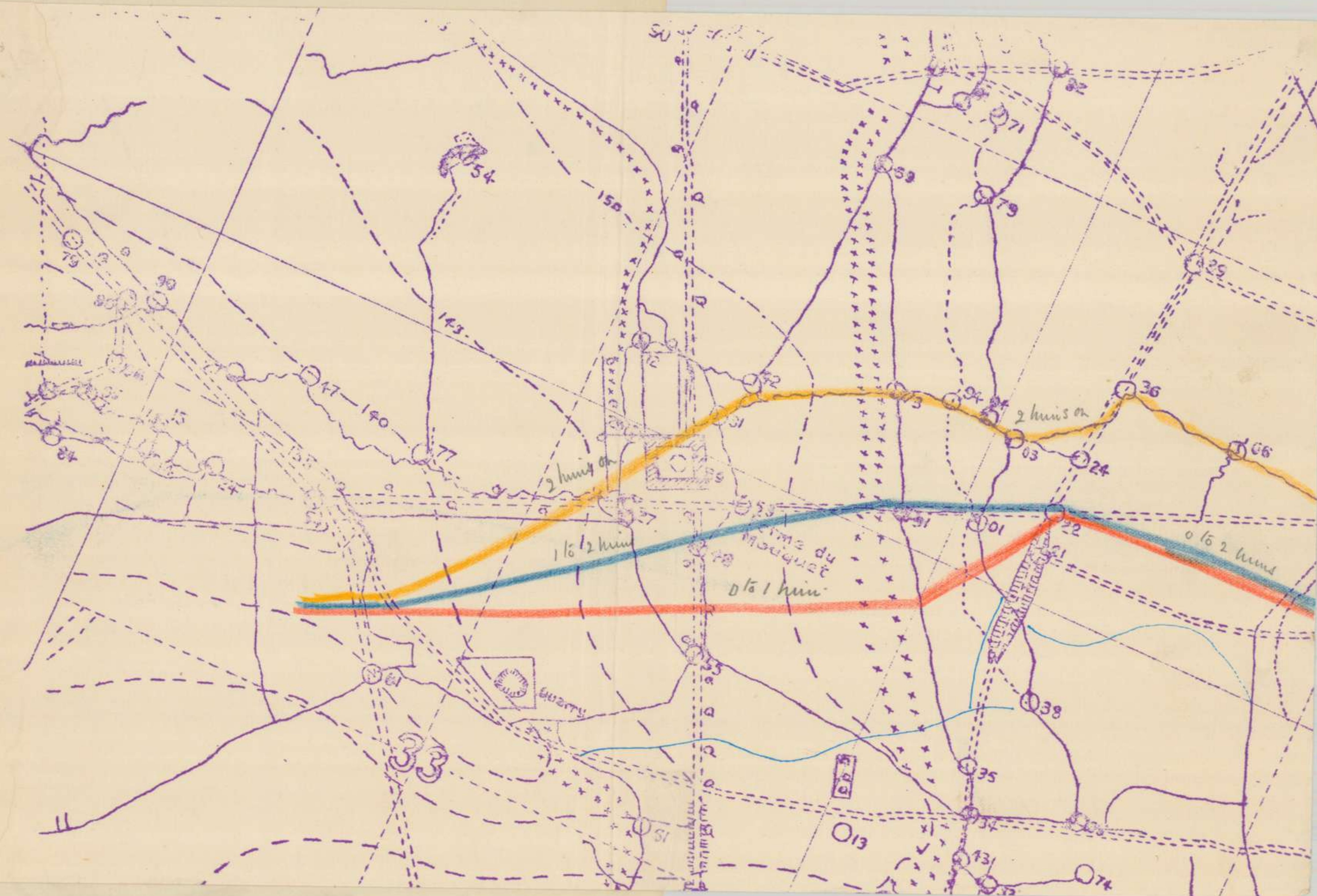
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22		R.A.Reserve Army.
23		7th Sqdn.R.F.C.
24		13th K.E.Section.

TIME TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 21-8-1916.

Appendix No. 8

	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.	Remarks.
(a) 18-prs.	0. to 0.2	Intense fire on the line R.28.d.40.75 to R.28.c.95 along the new trench to 22 to R.27.d.91 to R.33.b.2.8 to R.33.a.86	Quickest rate possible.	RED Line.
	0.2 to 0.5	Intense fire on the line R.28.d.40.75 along the trench to R.28.c.95 to 36 to 03 to R.27.d.73 to R.33.a.86.	do.	BLUE Line.
	0.5 to 0.7	Intense fire on the line R.28.d.40.75 to R.28.c.15.75 to R.27.d.73 to R.33.a.86.	do.	YELLOW Line.
	0.7 to 0.15	Intense fire on the line R.28.d.40.95 to R.28.c.39 to R.33.a.86.	do.	GREEN Line.
	0.15 to 0.30	On the same line.	2 rounds per gun per min.	
	0.30 to 1 hr.	On the same line.	1 round per gun per min.	
	1 hour on	On the same line.	Usual nightly rate.	
(f) 18-prs.	0. to 1 hour and on	Flank barrage from R.28.d.40.95 south along the trench to R.28.d.40.	0. to 0.15 at quickest rate possible, reducing as above after that time.	
(c) 4.5" Hws.	0. to 1 hour.	On points R.28.c.39 R.28.d.40.75, on the railway line for 100 yards on each side of 28 Central, on the trench from R.28.d.40 to R.34.b.80.65	2 rounds per gun per minute 1st half hour, then 1 round.	
(d) Heavy & MED. Hws.	0. to 0.2 0.3 to 0.2	On the trench from R.28.c.95 to 36 to 03, R.27.d.73 to 42 to 12.	Quickest rate possible.	
	0.2 to 1 hr.	On points 79, 89, R.27.c.90.63 and R.33.a.77, R.33.a.54.	20 rounds on each point.	
(e) 80-prs.	0. to 1 hour.	On the approaches from COURCELETTE and the North.	100 rounds altogether.	

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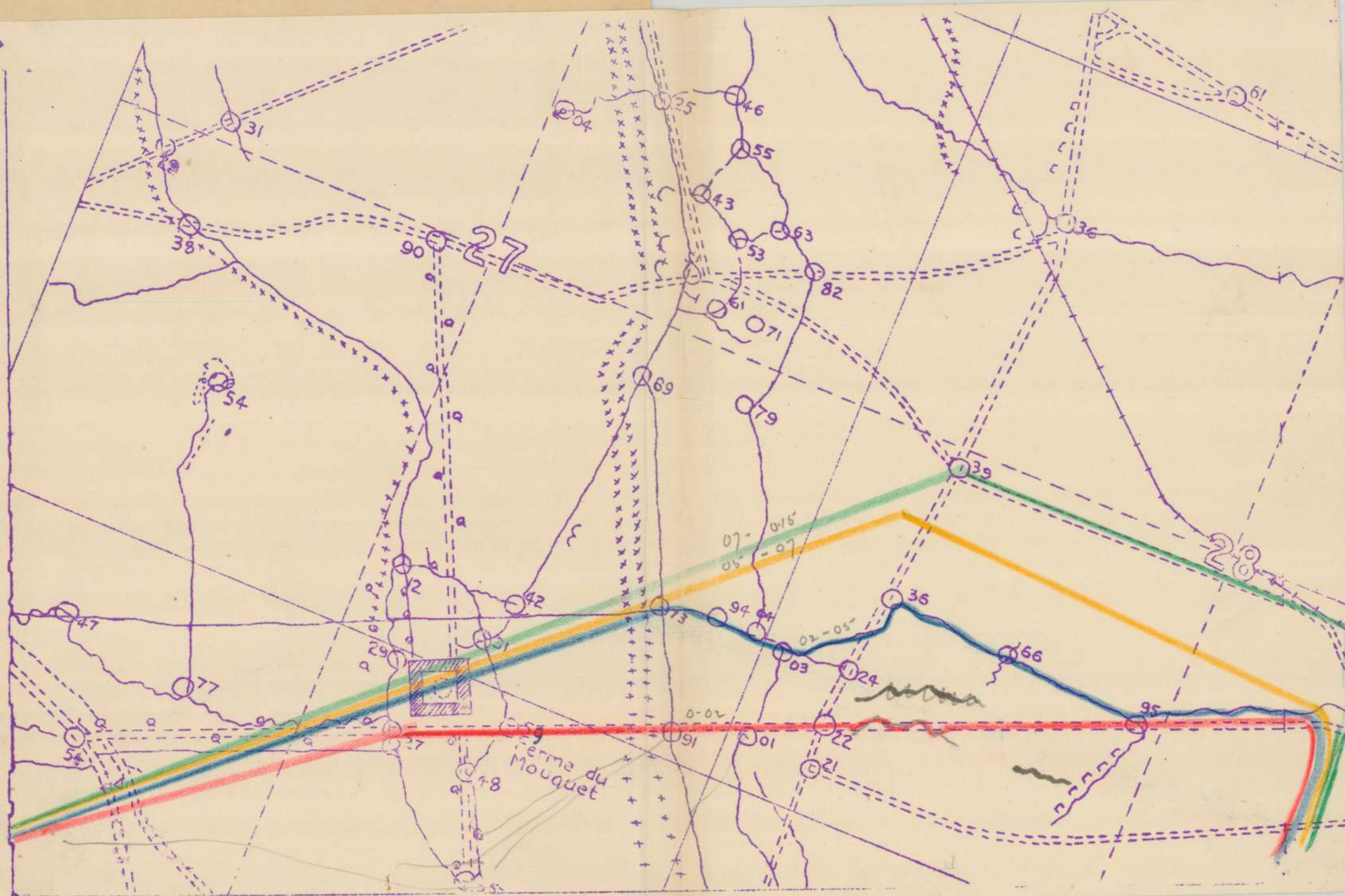


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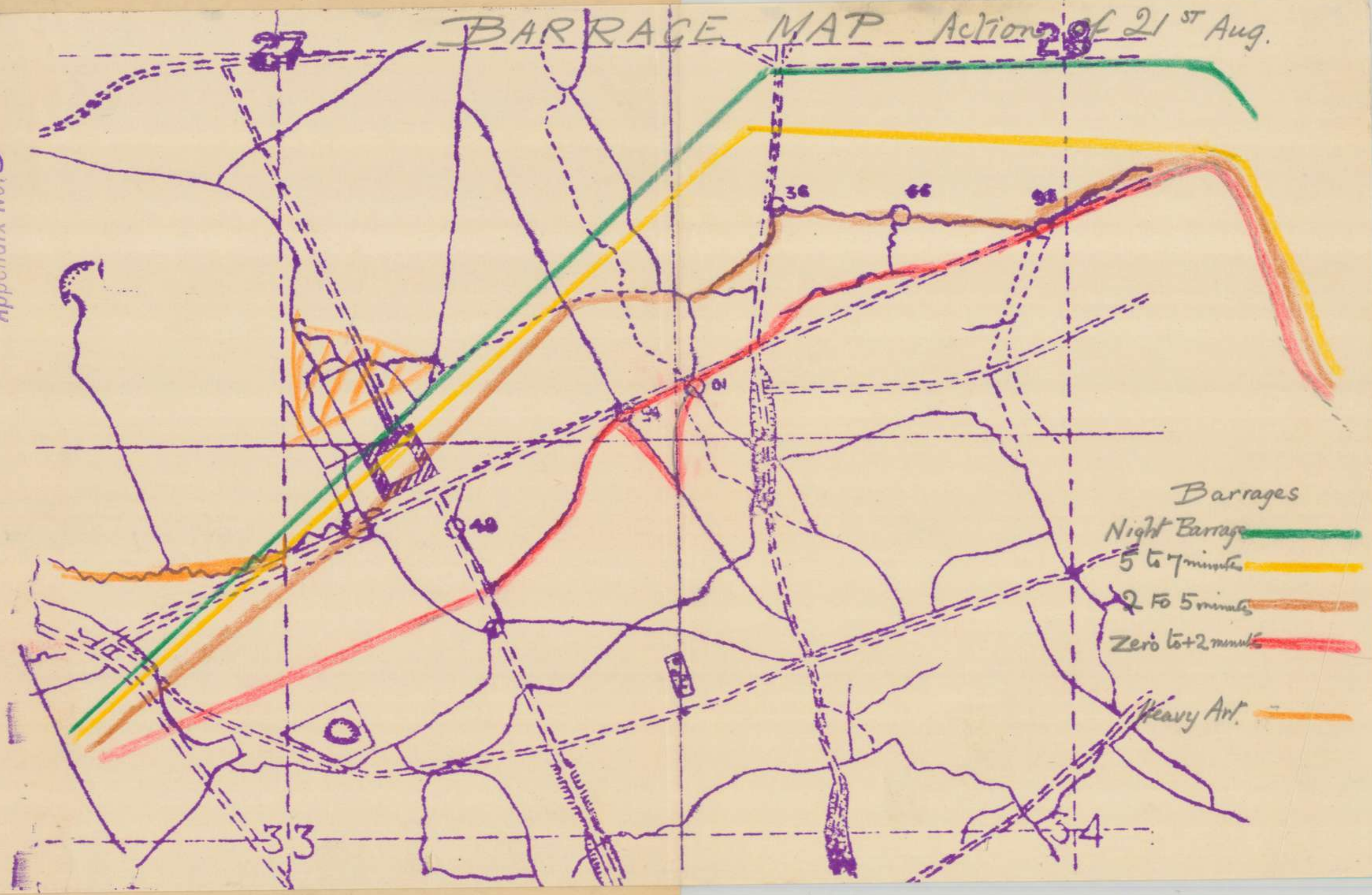


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BARRAGE MAP Action of 21st Aug.



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Appendix No. 8 1st Anzac H.A.
No. 9/72.

21st August, 1916.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 9

by
Brigadier General L.D. Fraser, C.M.G.

Commanding 1st Anzac Heavy Artillery.



Reference:-

1
20,000 AREA of MARTINPUICH.
1
5,000 FERME DU MOUQUET.

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1. The 1st Australian Division is attacking the line R.28c.95, 36, 05.35, 05.10, R.27d.91, R.33b.48 to R.33a.81 on the 21st instant.
2. The time of assault will be zero hour which will be 6.0 p.m.
3. Watches will be synchronised with this Headquarters at 5 p.m.
4. The whole of these trenches, as well as the new trench along the road in R.28c., the farm and the strong points, have been consistently bombarded by heavy howitzers during the 20th and 21st instant.
5. From -0.3 to 0.2 all Howitzer Batteries of the 45th H.A. Group will bombard the trench line -
R.28c.9.5 - 3.6 - 0.3 - R.27d.7.3 - 4.2 - 1.2.
6. Fire during this period will be at the quickest rate possible.
7. From 0.2 to 1 hour the howitzers of the 45th H.A. Group will bombard points -
R.27d.7.9
R.27d.6.9
R.27c.90.63
R.33a.7.7
R.33a.5.4
8. 20 rounds will be fired at each of these points during this period.
9. From 0 to 1 hour the 60-pounder guns of the 55th H.A. Group will bombard the approaches from COURCELETTE and the North as under:-
One Battery. Road from R.29d.7½.5½ to R.35b.4.6.
One Battery. The tracks West of COURCELETTE in R.29c.
One Battery. The street junction at R.30a.2.3 to search N.W. to R.23c.8.3 and R.23c.2.0.
One Battery. Road from R.23c.2.0 to R.22c.2.1.
10. A total of 100 rounds will be fired in the proportion of H.E. to Shrapnel 2 to 1.
11. In addition, the II Corps will barrage the trench R.33a.27 to R.33b.07 for one hour after zero.
12. II Corps will also undertake counter-battery work, firing on all known battery positions from zero hour onwards.
13. Flares will be sent up at 7.30 p.m. on the 21st instant, and at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the 22nd instant, in the positions occupied by our Infantry.
14. Please acknowledge.

Issued at 2.40 p.m.

W. W. W.
Captain, R.A.
Brigade Major, 1st Anzac H.A.

Copy No. 1 to B.G.R.A. 1st ANZAC.
2 to 45th H.A. Group.
3 to 55th H.A. Group.

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LAHORE ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 90.

21st August 1913.

1. The 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade will attack the enemy position R.28.c.9.5. - 6.6. - 5.6. - 0.5. - 0.1. - R.27.d.9.1. - R.33.b.5.7. - 5.5. at 3.00 p.m. on 21st instant.
2. The action of the Lahore Artillery will be as laid down in accompanying Task Tables and Barrage Maps.
Zero hour will be 3.00 p.m.
3. The objective will be submitted to a series of special bombardments on the 21st instant, so as to mislead the enemy as to the attack.
4. Medium Trench Mortars will bombard the strong point R.34.a. 0.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. and the new trench from this point to R.28.c.0.1., under cover of the special bombardments.
5. Under cover of the Artillery barrage the Infantry will press close up to the hostile position and rush it as soon as the barrage lifts. Arrangements will be made to support the advance by machine gun fire on the left flank.
6. Strong points will be constructed at:-
 - (i) R.28.c.9.5.
 - (ii) R.28.c.3.6.
 - (iii) R.28.c.0.3.
 - (iv) R.28.c.0.1.
 - (v) R.27.d.9.1.
 - (vi) R.33.b.5.7.
- Patrols and posts with Lewis guns will be pushed out into shell holes in advance of the line when established.
7. The II Corps are barraging the trench R.33.a.2.7. to R.33.b. 0.7. for one hour after Zero.
8. Contact aeroplanes will fly over the line at 7.30 p.m. on 21st inst. and 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 22nd inst.
Flares will be lit on each occasion.
9. Watches will be synchronised from this office at 5 p.m. 21st inst.
10. Acknowledge.

Issued at 2.30 p.m.

G. B. St Clair
Captain, R.A.,
Brigade Major, Lahore Artillery.

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| 1 | to | R.A. 1st Anzac. |
| 2 | | 1st Aus. Div. |
| 3 | | 1st Aus. Div. Art. |
| 4 | | 25th Div. Art. |
| 5 | | 48th " " |
| 6 | | Anzac H.A. |
| 7 | | L.D.A.C. |
| 8 | | D.T.H.O. |
| 9-13 | | 5th Bde. R.F.A. |
| 14-18 | | 11th " " |
| 19-23 | | 18th " " |
| 24-28 | | 5th Bde. A.F.A. |
| 29-33 | | 6th " " |

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34 3rd Aus Inf Bn

TASK TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 21st AUGUST.

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<u>Gun.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>	<u>Rate of fire.</u>
18-prs.	0 to 0.2.	5th Bde.R.F.A.	R.28.d.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. to R.28.c.9.5. along new trench to 2.2.	Red Line.	Quickest rate possible.
"	0.2 to 0.5.	"	R.28.d.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. - R.28.c.9.5. - 6.6. - 3.6. - 2.4.	Blue Line.	-Do.-
"	0.5 to 0.7.	"	R.28.d.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. - R.28.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	Yellow Line.	-Do.-
"	0.7 to 0.15.	"	R.28.d.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. - R.28.c.3.9. - R.28.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.8.	Green Line.	-Do.-
"	0.15 to 0.30.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	2 rounds a gun a minute.
"	0.30 to 1 hour.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	1 round a gun a minute.
"	1 hour onwards.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	Usual nightly rate.
4.5" Hows.	0 to 1 hour.	"	Points R.28.d.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. and R.28.c.3.9.	-	2 rounds a gun a minute for first half hour, then 1 round a gun a minute.

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TASK TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 21st AUGUST, 1916.

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Gun.	Timo.	Unit.	Objective.	Remarks.	Rate of fire.
18-prs.	0 to 0.2.	1 st Bde. R.F.A.	R.28.c.2.2.-0.1.-R.27.d.9.1. thence along new trench to R.33.b.5.6. also 1 section on new trench R.28.c.0.1. - R.34.a.0.9.	Red Line.	Quickest rate possible.
"	0.2 to 0.5.	"	R.28.c.2.4.-0.3.-R.27.d.7.3. - R.33.b.5.9.- 2.7.	Blue Line.	-Do.-
"	0.5 to 0.7.	"	R.28.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.- R.33.b.2.9.	Yellow Line.	-Do.-
"	0.7 to 0.15.	"	R.28.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. - R.33.b.2.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	Green Line.	-Do.-
"	0.15 to 0.30.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	2 rounds a gun a minute.
"	0.30 to 1 hour.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	1 round a gun a minute.
"	1 hour onwards.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	Usual nightly rate.
4.5" Hows.	0 to 1 hour.	"	Railway Line R.28.central to R.28.d.2.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	-	2 rounds a gun a minute first half hour, then 1 round a gun a minute.

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TASK TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 21st AUGUST, 1916.

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Gun.	Time.	Unit.	Objective.	Remarks.	Rate of fire.
18-prs.	0 to 0.15.	5th Bde.	Along German trench from R.28.d.	1st Aus.Div.Art. will	3 rds. a gun a min.
"	0.15 to 0.30.	A.F.A.	4.5. - R.28.d.5.0.	undertake the barrage	2 rds. a gun a min.
"	0.30 to 1 hour.	"	Same Line.	S.of road at R.34.b.	1 rd. a gun a min.
"	1 hour onwards.	"	Same Line.	8.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. till further	Usual nightly rate.
				orders are given.	
				(Flank barrage).	
4.5"	0 to 1 hour.	"	On German trench from R.34.b.6.8.	-Do.-	2 rounds a gun a
Hows.			to R.34.b.8.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.		minute for first
					half hour; after
					that 1 rd. a gun a
					minute till 1 hour
					past Zero.

18-prs.	0 to 0.15.	6th Bde.	R.28.d.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. thence South along	Flank-barrage.	5 rds. a gun a minute.
"	0.15 to 0.30.	A.F.A.	German trench to R.28.d.4.5.	-Do.-	2 rds. a gun a minute.
"	0.30 to 1 hour.	"	Same Line.	-Do.-	1 rd. a gun a minute.
"	1 hour onwards.	"	Same Line.	-Do.-	Usual nightly rate.
4.5"	0 to 1 hour.	"	On German trench from R.28.d.5.0.	-Do.-	Two rounds a gun a min-
Hows.			to R.34.b.6.8.		ute for first half hour;
					after that one round a
					gun a minute till 1 hour
					past Zero.

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TASK TABLE FOR ATTACK ON 21st AUGUST, 1916.

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<u>Gun.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>	<u>Rate of fire.</u>
18-prs.	0 to 0.2.	18th Bde. R.F.A.	R.33.b.5.6. - R.35.a.7.3.	Red Line.	Quickest rate possible. Barrage to be thickest on right.
"	0.2 to 0.5.	"	R.33.b.2.7. - R.33.a.7.3.	Blue Line.	-Do.-
"	0.5 to 0.7.	"	R.33.b.2.9. - R.33.a.7.3.	Yellow Line.	-Do.-
"	0.7 to 0.15.	"	R.35.b.2.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. - R.35.a.7.3.	Green Line.	-Do.-
"	0.15 to 0.30.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	2 rounds a gun a minute.
"	0.30 to 1 hour.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	1 round a gun a minute.
"	1 hour onwards.	"	Same Line.	Green Line.	Usual nightly rate.
4.5" Hows.	0 to 1 hour.	"	Railway Line from R.28.central to R.28.a.8. $\frac{1}{2}$.	-	2 rounds a gun a minute for first half hour, then 1 round a gun a minute.

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III CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO.113.

20-8-1916.

1. In order to help the operations of the 14th Corps
the 15th Division will liberate smoke along their front
at 4.25 p.m. on the 21st provided the wind is South or
South-West. The smoke will be continued for 15 minutes.
2. Acknowledge on attached slip.

(SGD.) C.F. ROMER?.

Brigadier-General.
General Staff.
III Corps.

Issued by D.R. at 12.30 pm.

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1st A.Div.
B.G.H.A.

For information.

20-8-16.

S.S. Butcher
Brigadier-General.
General Staff.
1st A. & N.Z.A.C.

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Headquarters.

21st. August 1916.

2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
1st. Aust. Divn. Artillery.
Lehore Artillery.



The following has been received from III Corps,
and is forwarded for information:-

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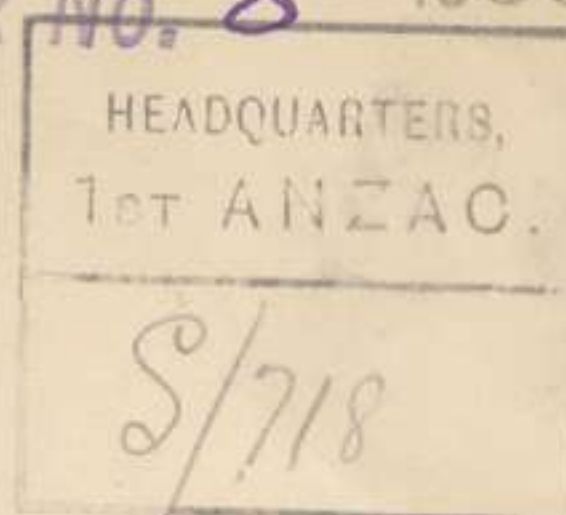
R. W. Smythe Major

for Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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Reserve Army.
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RESERVE ARMY OPERATION ORDER No. 21.

21st August, 1916.

Reference :- 1/20,000 map.

1. The Fourth Army is attacking the Western portion of GUILLEMONT today and discharging smoke at other places on the front.
2. The Reserve Army will attack today as follows :-
 - (a) I A. & N.Z.A. Corps The line R.28.c.9.5., 6.6., 3.6., 0.3., 0.1., R.27.d.9.1. to R.33.b.5.5.
 - (b) II Corps.
 - (i) X.2.a.7.9., R.32.c.3.1, X.2.a.1.9., if not already captured.
 - (ii) R.31.d.8.1., 6.2., 3.0., X.1.b.1.9., R.31.c.9.0., X.1.a.6.8.
3. Programme of artillery bombardments will be issued by Corps concerned.
4. Zero hour for above attacks is issued herewith to those concerned.
5. I A. & N.Z.A. Corps and II Corps will arrange for flares to be shown as usual.
6. O.C. 15th Wing, R.F.C. will arrange to protect the assembly ~~from~~ of troops from the view of hostile aircraft.
7. Acknowledge by wire.

(SGD.) C.N. MACMULLEN. Lt.Col.
for M.G.G.S.
Reserve Army.

Issued at 10.10 a.m.

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1st Australian Division.

For information.

21-8-16.

S. S. Bullock
Brigadier-General.
General Staff.
1st A. & N.Z.A.C.

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(1st ANZAC S.718).

Reserve Army.

S.G. 21/0/18 .

1st ANZAC Corps.

1. - Reference Reserve Army Operation Order No. 21 of 21st instant :-

Zero for 4th Army will be at 4.30 p.m. today.

Zero for II & I Anzac Corps will be at 6 p.m. today.

2. - These times will only be communicated to those whom they directly concern. The telephone will not be used for this purpose.

3. - Acknowledge by wire.

Headquarters,
Reserve Army.
21-8-1916.

(SGD.) E. BEDDINGTON. Major.
for M.G.G.S.

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48th DIVISION ORDER NO. 109.

20th AUGUST, 1916.

1. The 144th Inf: Bde. will relieve the 143rd Inf: Bde. to-day.
2. The 7th and 8th Battalions, R. Warwick: Regt., will remain at the disposal of the 144th Inf: Bde.
3. The 143rd Machine Gun Company and 143rd Trench Mortar Battery will not be relieved at present.
4. Four guns No. 4 Motor Machine Gun Battery and 6 Hotchkiss guns Yorkshire Dragoons, now attached to 143rd Inf: Bde., will be taken over by the 144th Inf: Bde.
5. On relief, the 143rd Inf: Bde. will move into bivouacs and billets at BOUZINCOURT.
6. Further details of Relief to be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.
7. Acknowledge.

C. M. H. May
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff.

Issued at 10.30 a.m.

48th DIVISION No. F.24 - 20/8/16.
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The Offensive will be continued by the Division.

1. 20th. 144th Brigade relieve 143rd Brigade, (less 7th R. Warwick Regt., which continue to hold the Left Section 'till 22nd or 23rd; and 8th R. Warwick Regt., which will be available as 144th Brigade Reserve or to take over a portion of the front on Right)

At 7 p.m. till dark the area X.2.a.19 - 29 - 79 - R.32.c.31 will be shelled by heavy artillery, also R.32.c.91 and R.32.d.03.

The minor enterprises to reach Line X.2.a.19 - R.32.c.31 - 91 will be continued.

2. 21st. If the line is not gained to-night, the 144th Brigade will, after a renewal of Heavy Artillery on morning of 21st., capture X.2.a.19 - 29 by a day-light assault.

Zero will be given later, but it will be about noon.

Zero to +5: Heavy Shrapnel barrage on Line X.2.a.19-79., under which Infantry will get out and enter the trenches close up to the barrage. Points N. and N.W. and N.E. will be kept under Heavy Artillery and Field Gun fire.

At +5 Barrage lifts.

Machine Guns and Stokes Mortars assist in keeping down German fire.

Smoke will be prepared but will only be let off by orders from Divnl. Hdqrs., should the occasion require it, from N. of the NAB.

3. 22nd. Day attack to capture German front and support trench (or 5pm. R.32.c.15 - R.31.d.81 - X.1.b.28 - X.1.a.98 - R.31.c.90 - 21st) R.31.d.30 - 62 - 84.

(a) Left Attack: Front from top of bank X.1.b.59 - X.1.a.9.8., and support trench in rear, starting from NAB Trench. Strength: 1 Battalion in all, including Carrying Parties, and Local Reserves, to renew attack or confirm success.

(b) Right Attack against R.31.d.81 (approximately) and support trench in rear. Strength: About 2 Companies, including Local Reserves, to renew the Attack or confirm success.

These attacks will be made in several waves, the first wave capturing front trench, consolidating it, and there reforming; the second wave passing through the first and capturing the support trenches.

(c) Artillery Time Table. - Zero will be notified.

Zero to +5: Intense bombardment of front line, during which Infantry will get out and enter the German trenches close up to the Barrage.

At +5 : Barrage lifts to Support Line.

At +10 : Barrage lifts off Support Line.

At +15 : Rate of fire decreases.

The fire on selected places outside the area attacked by Heavy and Field Guns will be intense to +15 and will then decrease. and conform to the situation.

From +5 onwards, 2 Batteries will be at the disposal of G.O.C. 144th Brigade, to fire on any special target he wishes.

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(d) Machine Gun covering fire and snipers fire will assist the Infantry's advance from positions in our own line and get on to any Germans who show.

(e) Smoke will be ready for use from R.33.02, to protect the attack from N.E. if wind is favourable.

(f) C.R.E. will assist the 144th Brigade by working parties in consolidating the objectives won with R.E. and 5th Royal Sussex. *5/Sussex*

The Lewis Gun Detachments will assist in covering these working parties.

4. The future objective in exploiting success gained will be the clearing of the enemy East and North of the Line R.32.d.12 - R.32.c.38 - 15 - R.31.d.74-26.

The 144th Brigade will have its own Reserves ready for this object, and remainder of the Division will be ready to move at short notice.

Drumming.
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff.

Issued at 6 p.m.

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21/8/16.

Outline of Plan of Attack afternoon21st August.1. At midday

48th Division attack points X.2.a.79, R.32.c.31 and if successful establish blocks towards points R.32.c.91 and 33.

2. At 6 p.m.48th Division attack with

- (a) one company (6th Gloucesters) from about X.2.a.19 Northwest across the Valley with their right directed, roughly, on point R.31.d.81. Mission to occupy German front and support lines from about 81 - 73 (trench junction) Westwards and to join up with battalion on their left (4th Gloucesters) : to block all trenches leading N.E. but to secure, if possible, a footing in the German 2nd Line (Hindenberg) trench by capturing point 74.

Second company (6th Gloucesters) ready to reinforce: or to exploit success towards R.32.c.15, the further line R.32.c.15 - 33 - 31 being opened later.

Note: Special artillery precautions essential against points whence enfilade fire may be brought from N.E. against these companies in their attack.

- (b) Two companies (4th Gloucesters), starting from right on Mersoy Street left on Lime Street, to occupy German front and support lines from, roughly, X.1.b.59 - 62 to X.1.a.98 (exclusive), R.31.c.90 (exclusive).

Block to be established along trench leading N. towards R.31.d.64.

Remainder of battalion in reserve, ready to carry, consolidate, reinforce or exploit success.

25th Division attack with

- (a) about two companies (7th Infantry Brigade) from Leipzig Salient to seize points R.31.c.90 and X.1.a.98, join up with 48th Division along German front and support trenches and establish block in trench leading N. from point 90.
- (b) Smoke demonstration opposite Thiepval, launched at 6.2 p.m. and to last for 20 minutes.

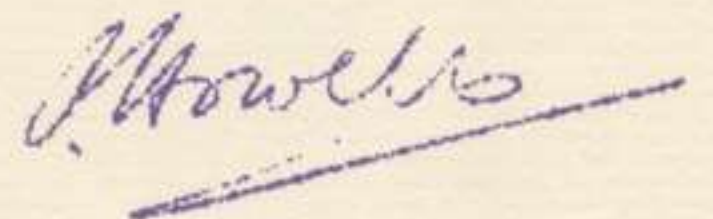
3. Liaison to be closely maintained between 48th Division and 25th Division by cross transfer of one officer and several men between flank companies actually attacking.

4. Consolidation

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4. Consolidation of urgent importance in view of possible counter-attack from Thiepval.
5. 48th Division
to dig to-night communication trench to connect present front line, North of Authuille Wood, to newly captured German line.
6. Artillery Plan
issued separately.

Issued at 2/45 p.m.

B. G. G. S.

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