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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON THE TELEPHONE.

Date 1st March 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	T I M E.	P U R P O R T.
1.	F.N. 27.	5th. D.A.	9.54 p.m.	S.O.S. on OOSTAVERNE Right and MESSINES Left.
2.	5th.D.A.	A.C.H.A.	9.54 9.55 p.m.	Informed S.O.S. OOSTAVERNE and S.O.S. MESSINES, also HOLLEREKE and ZANVOORDE.
3.	5th. D.A.	G. S.O. 1.	9.56 p.m.	Informed of situation.
4.	F.Q. 89. 5th. D.A.	5th. D.A.	9.59 p.m.	Corroborate 9.54 p.m. -Right Centre Battn.
5.	F.Q. 89. E.X. 103.	E.X. 103.	10 p.m.	Informed of situation. Nothing on Right Battn. Front.
6.	5th.D.A.	3rd. D. A.	10.1 p.m.	Informed of situation.
7.	5th.D.A.	R. A. Aust. Corps.	10.5 p.m.	Informed of situation. He reports Right of 4th.D.A. have an S.O.S.
8.	5th.D.A.	G.O.C. 5th.Divn.	10.7 p.m.	Informed by C.R.A. of situation.
9.	H.A., A.C.	5th.D.A.	10.12 p.m.	Says 4th. D.A. report S.O.S. on left and right. Want to know if they shall continue.
10.	F.Q. 89	5th D.A.	10.13 p.m.	No Infantry attack - Infantry Brigadier asks them to continue firing.
11.	E.X. 103	5th D.A.	10.11 p.m.	Nothing on his front. Has been asked for retaliation on THE GIANT and TWINS. He is not prepared to give it as he is standing by for S.O.S. He will give barrage if they want it.
12.	5th D.A.	A.C.H.A.	10.15 p.m.	Continue at slow rate. No Infantry attack has developed. Will let you know as soon as Infantry Brigadier is satisfied. Continuing at half rate on three - Group front.
13.	F.N. 27	5th D.A.	10.16 p.m.	No news yet and hostile shelling ceasing on Right Battn front, slower on Left. Nothing through from front yet. Firing at slower rate.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Date... 1st. March..... 1917.

DAILY DIARY NUMBER.	FROM	TO.	T I M E.	P U R P O R T.
14	5th D.A.	R.A. Aust. Corps.	10.20 p.m.	Giving them news to date.
15	5th D.A.	G.S.O.1	10.21 p.m.	Giving information as to Artillery activity and asking if the Heavys can stop. We will ask Infantry Brigade.
16.	5th D.A.	F.Q.89	10.24 p.m.	To see if Heavy Artillery can cease. Stop S.O.S. They are now being shelled by enemy on OOSTTAVERNE front from COMINES Group.
17.	5th D.A.	G.S.O.1	10.27 p.m.	Giving this information.
18.	5th D.A.	A.C.H.A.	10.30 p.m.	All quiet. Stop S.O.S. Want C.B. COMINES Group. They will give us C.B.
19.	5th D.A.	4th D.A.	10.31 p.m.	All now quiet with us. They ask for 4.5 fire on P.3.d. They are going to gas him later.
20.	F.N.27	5th D.A.	10.32 p.m.	Apparently no Infantry attack. Asking for news.
21.	5th D.A.	3rd D.A.	10.33 p.m.	Telling them all now quiet. If they did means to raid they never got across.
22.	F.Q.89	5th D.A.	10.36 p.m.	General Elliott very pleased with excellent and prompt result to S.O.S. <u>Opened up before the rocket hit the ground.</u> All firing to cease.
23.	G.S.O 1	5th D.A.	10.39 p.m.	Telling us news. We have been ceasing fire.
24.	5th D.A.	4th D.A.	10.40 p.m.	Sorry. Can't reach P.3.d. effectively.
25.	C.B.A.C.	5th D.A.	10.50 p.m.	They are going to stunt early in the morning against enemy batteries.
26.	5th D.A.	G.S.O 3	10.55 p.m.	Telling this re C.B. tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX.

SECRET.Divisional Headquarters,
24th. February, 1918.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 75.Reference Maps; Sheet 28, S.W. & S.E.
(parts of) Scale 1/20,000.
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1. On "Z" Day, at an hour to be arranged, the 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will raid the enemy trenches between the following points :-

U.18.a.28.55.	to	U.18.a.70.85.
U.12.c.50.25.	to	U.12.c.10.15.
2. The 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will also carry out an operation against the enemy on their front on the same day at an hour to be arranged.

Centre Division of the Australian Corps has also been asked to arrange a diversion on its front.
3. "Z" Day and selected hour will be notified later.
4. The objects of the raid are as follows:-
 - (i) To capture or kill as many enemy as possible.
 - (ii) To damage or destroy material and defences.
 - (iii) To obtain identifications, documents and other information.
5. The C.R.A. will make the necessary arrangements for wire cutting, bombardment, barrages, etc., with B.G.H.A. and C.R.A., 5th. Aust. Divn. He will also allot tasks to 9.45" and 6" mortars.
6. "Q" of Division will arrange for necessary issues of special clothing, equipment, weapons, etc., extra to that taken over from 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
7. The L. T. M. Batteries of the Division are placed at the disposal of G.O.C., 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. for the operation, and he will arrange with Brigades concerned as to their movement and employment.
8. 10th. Aust. M. G. Coy. will be placed at disposal of G.O.C., 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. for employment under arrangement with D.M.G.O.
9. O.C., Divisional Signal Coy. will arrange for power buzzer and necessary trained personnel as on occasion of raid on 10th. Feby. '18, in conjunction with G.O.C., 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
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11. Lieut. J. J. HERBERTSON (attached 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.) will assist in the interrogation of prisoners taken.

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12. The A.P.M., Third Australian Division, will arrange for necessary escorts to be available at 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Collecting Dago at Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

13. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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Lieut.-Colonel.
General Staff.

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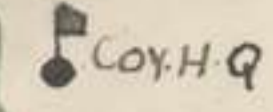
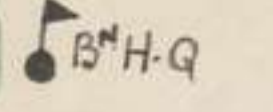
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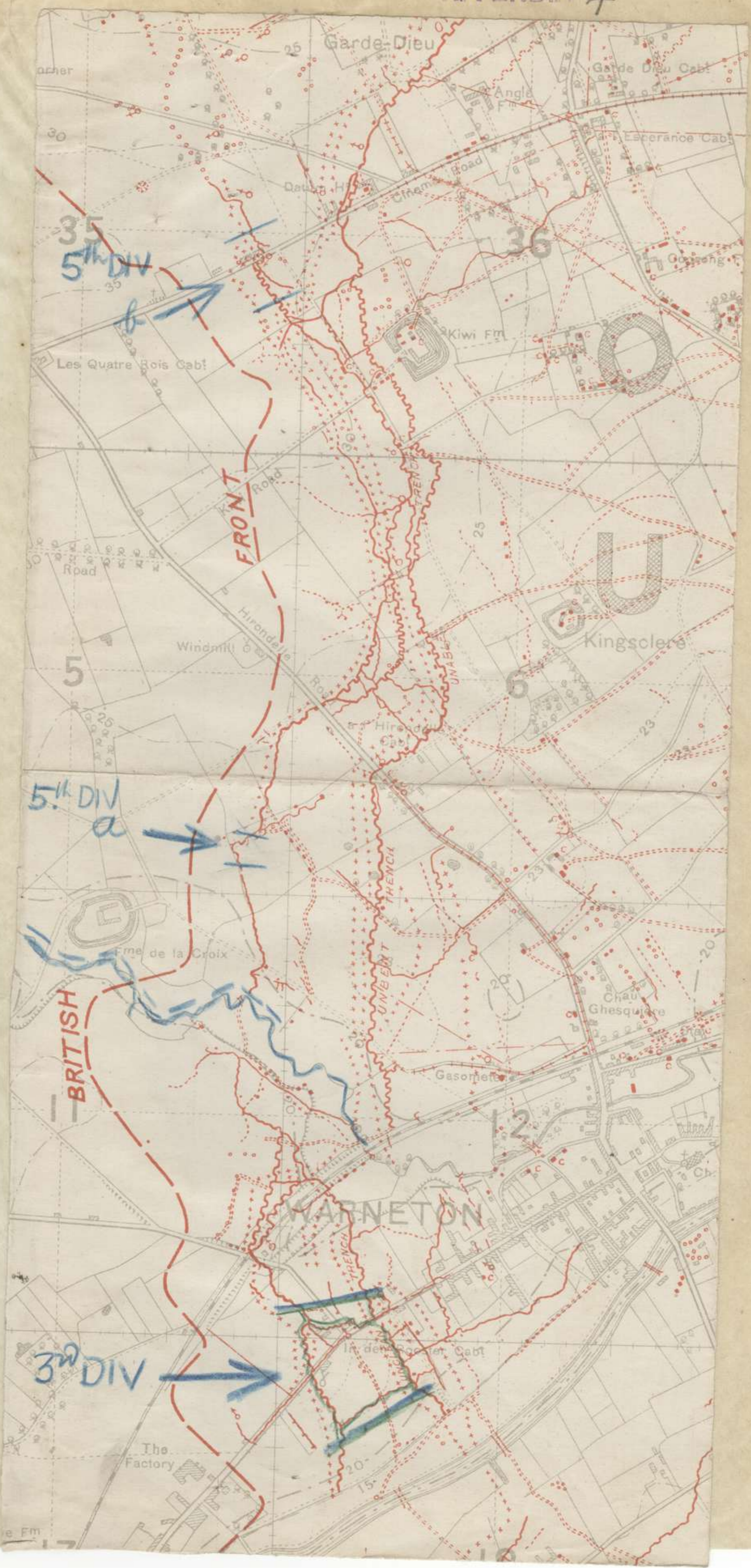
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,
24th. February, 1918.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 75.

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To Goc 15th Bde

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13. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓ *EM*

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Lieut.-Colonel.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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27th February, 1918.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 76.Reference Maps: Sheets 28 S.W. & S.E.
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In continuation of Third Aust. Division Order No. 75 dated 24-2-18.

1. On "Z" night, in conjunction with the Operation mentioned in the abovenamed order, the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. will carry out an Operation with projectors on trenches and dugouts in C.11.
2. The hour selected will be 10 minutes before the ZERO hour of 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. Operation.
3. The "L" Special Coy., R.E., has been placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 11th Aust. Inf. Bde., who will supply necessary labour for carrying, etc.
4. On "A" night, if considered desirable the Operations of 9th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will be repeated at a ZERO hour to be arranged. Detailed arrangements will be promulgated later.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. Copy No.

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Divisional Headquarters,
2nd March, 1918.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 78.

Reference Maps: Sheet 20 S.W. & S.E.
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In continuation of Third Australian Division Order No. 76 dated
27th February, 1918.

1. "Z" Day will be March 3rd, 1918.
2. ZERO Hour will be at 11.45 P.M.
3. The S.O.S. Signal will be inoperative over the Left Brigade Front
from ZERO minus 30 minutes till ZERO plus 60 minutes on March 3rd.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.

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~~FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 167.~~

Headquarters,
26th. Feby. 1918.

Reference Maps - 1-10,000 - KORTWILDE and EAS-WARNETON.

1. Raids will be carried out on a date to be notified later as under:-
 - (a) By 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
 - (i) Point of entry approximately U.5.d.70.23.
 - (ii) " " " " " " 0.35.d.8.8.
 - (b) By 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
 - (i) Point of entry approximately O.17.d.65.75.
 - (ii) Chinese attack about O.11.d.95.25.
2. C.O. MESSINES Group. will arrange the Field Artillery programme for (a), (i) and (ii) direct with the G.O.C. 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
 C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group will arrange the Field Artillery programme for (b), (i) and (ii) direct with the G.O.C. 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
 C.O.'s MESSINES and HOLLEBEKE Groups will forward their programmes to this office for approval by the C.R.A.
 C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group will arrange direct with the C.O. RIGHT GROUP "C" Divisional Artillery for the support he will require for (b) (ii).
 C.O. OOSTAVERNE Group will support C.O.'s MESSINES and HOLLEBEKE Groups with the guns and howitzers of his Group. For this purpose, 1 18-pr. Battery will be allotted to C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group - 2 18-pr. Batteries will be allotted to C.O. MESSINES Group. The 4.5" Howitzer Battery will support both the HOLLEBEKE and MESSINES Groups.
3. Counter Battery and Heavy Artillery support will be arranged by this office with the AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.
4. Times will be synchronised under arrangements made by this office.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major.,
Brigade Major.,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 9.15 p.m. to :-	Copy No.	Copy No.
C.O. MESSINES Group.	1.	R.O. 14.
C.O. OOSTAVERNE Group.	2.	G.O.C., 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde 15.
C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group.	3.	G.O.C., 15th. " " " 16.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	4.	4th. Aust. Div. Arty. 17.
Signals, 5th. D.A.H. Q.	5.	5rd. Aust. Div. Arty. 18.
R.A., Aust. Corps.	6.	File. 19.
H.A., Aust. Corps.	7.	War Diary. 20.-22.
"G", 5th. Aust. Divn.	8 & 9.	C.B.S.O. (through A.C.H.A) 23.
"Q", 5th. Aust. Divn.	10.	
C.O. 12th. H.A. Group.	11.	
Staff Captain.	12.	
C.O. 5th. D.A. Column.	13.	

Headquarters,
 AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
 14th Infantry Brigade)
 15th Infantry Brigade)
 Divisional Artillery)
 Divisional Engineers)
 A. G.) For information.
 D.A.D.O.S.)
 Headquarters,)
 3rd Australian Division)
 4th Australian Division)
 1st Australian Division.)

RAIDS.

1. Approval is requested to carry out a series of raids as detailed below on or about 2nd March 1918:-
 - (a) Raids by 15th Infantry Brigade:
 - (i) At U.5.d.70.23 approximately.
 - (ii) At O.35.d.8.8 approximately.
 - (b) Raid and Chinese attack by 14th Infantry Brigade:
 - (i) Raid at SHIZ FARM (O.17.d.65.75) or BANG FARM (O.17.b.95.32)
 - (ii) "Chinese attack" at THE TWINS (O.11.d.95.25).

"Z" day and selected hour will be fixed in consultation with the 3rd Australian Division.
2. The objects of the raids and "Chinese attacks" are:
 - (i) To capture or kill as many enemy as possible.
 - (ii) To damage or destroy material and defences.
 - (iii) To obtain identifications.
 - (iv) To create a diversion to assist the 3rd Australian Division.
3. The number of men employed in each raiding party will be from about 20 to 30 and the methods adopted will be similar to those successfully employed on the 19th instant. Detailed plans will be submitted later.

25th February 1918.

J. H. L. L. L.
 Major General,
 Commanding 5th Australian Division.
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message 92

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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Divisional Headquarters.
26th. February. 1918.

5th. Aust. Division.

Re your G.22/4339. of 25th Inst. Would you kindly inform this Headquarters of the dates selected as soon as possible.

H. B. W. A. M.

Major-General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

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Headquarters,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,
26th February, 1918.

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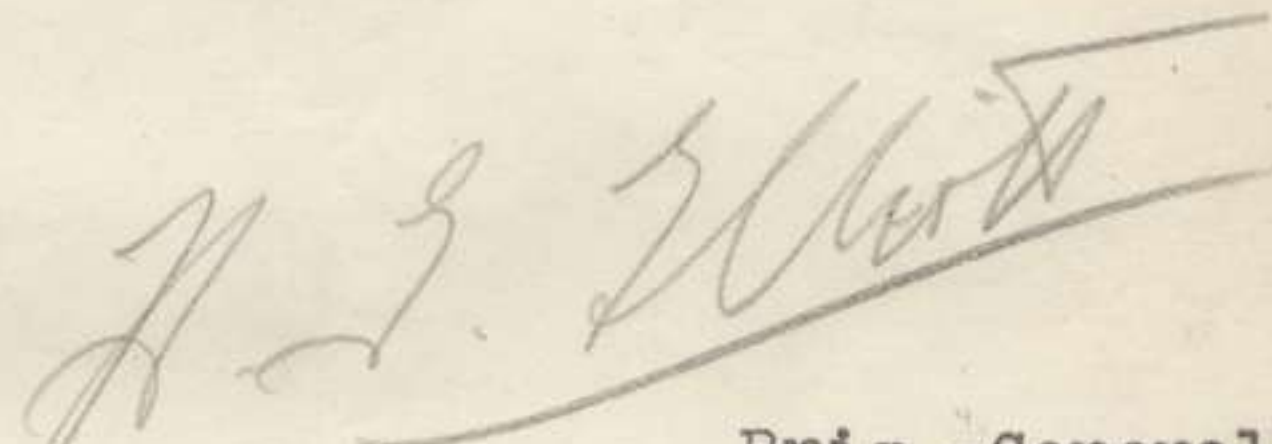
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5th Australian Division,

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Edition 1 B.



Reference 5th Australian Division Order No. 190, herewith please find outline of plan for raids a and b mentioned in para 1 (i).

1. Localities to be raided have been selected as under:
 - (a) U.5.D.77-12 - U.5.D.80-28.
 - (b) O.35.D.90-71 - O.35.B.79-00 (mop up the "Triangle").
2. The strengths of the parties have been provisionally fixed as (a) 1 Officer and 30 Other Ranks and (b) 1 Officer and 40 Other Ranks.
3. A box barrage will cover each raid from zero hour onwards and two minutes bombardment of 3" Stokes will be put down on the spots to be raided at zero time. At zero plus 2' the mortars will switch outwards and protect the flanks of the raiding party so far as an attack along the trench is concerned. The artillery box barrage will remain down until further orders.
 - The 4.5" Howitzers and the 6" Newton Mortars will be used for neutralizing known enemy S.P's - M.G's or minenwerfers. In the case of (a) raid the 4.5" Hows. will be specially directed against UNBENT TRENCH. In addition to the Artillery, arrangements will be made for a M.G. Barrage to be placed beyond the box barrage.
4. The Lewis Guns will be detailed to ensure protection of the flanks.
5. Wire will be cut by the Artillery at the points to be raided and at other points along the front from now onwards until Z day.
6. Detailed orders with artillery - M.G. & T.M. arrangements will be issued later.


Brig.-General,
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

SECRET

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Reference Maps 1,10,000 KORTWILDRX.
BAS WARNETON.

Raids are to be carried out by 57th and 58th Battalions at a time and date to be notified later.

Points to be raided are approximately as follows :-
57th Battalion. One raid at U.5.d.73.18 and U.5.d.73.23.
58th Battalion. One raid at 0.35.d.8.8.

Lanes in enemy's wire at above points are to be cut as described below.

This Group will be assisted by 2 18pdr Batteries ~~XXXX~~ and portion of 1 How Battery from OOSTTAVERNE Group and by Y5A T.M. Battery also.

Counter Battery and Heavy Artillery supports from Australian Corps Heavy Artillery are being arranged.

The following Officers are detailed as Liaison Officers to raiding parties and will keep in close touch with the Os.C. raids.

Lieut. M.G. CLARK 50th Battery. 57th Battalion.

" A.G. MANN. 51st Battery. 58th Battalion.

Both these Officers will be in the front systems during the raids.

Wire Cutting :-
February 28th.

113th Battery. Cut wire at U.5.d.73.18 and U.5.d.73.23.

51st Battery. Cut wire at 0.35.d.8.8.

March 1st & 2nd.

Y5A T.M. Battery will also cut wire at above points. Before doing so notification is to be sent to this Office so that the Infantry may be informed and covering fire arranged.

Expenditure of Ammunition will depend on the condition of the wire and effect. Lanes must be cut before the raid takes place.

During the above days our No. 3, 3a, and 4 posts on Right Battalion Front are being withdrawn.

C.O. 57th Battalion has detailed an Officer to indicate the above points to the Liaison Officer for Right Battalion raid on 28th inst.

This Officer must be in position in No. 3a post before daylight.

It will be necessary for him to run a telephone line (metallic) on 28th inst to Company H.Q. at U.5.d.20.75. This 57th Battalion Line may be used right through by the F.O.O. A telephonist must also be left at Right Battalion H.Q. to ensure that a clear line is obtained or to assist by transmitting.

51st Battery will observe from No. 7 post as formerly. All F.O.Os. must be in position before daylight on both Battalion fronts.

With the object of assisting in wire cutting 50th Battery will move one gun to U.3.c.75.15 with its establishment of 450 rounds but this will be all "AX" fuzed with 106 or 101E fuzes.

This gun will also participate in the operation and will take over its usual S.O.S. duties. It will be returned on conclusion of the Operation.

The tasks for each Battery during the operation are as shown on the Task Table attached. Batteries will register as soon as possible.

Every assistance will be given by 49th or 51st Batteries to 54th, 55th, and 114th Batteries as desired. 49th Battery O.P. at 0.33.a.4.2. is most suitable for these Batteries for purposes of registration, until front line registration becomes necessary.

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12.	Rates of fire - ZERO to ZERO plus 3.	4	rounds per	gun per	minute.
		3	"	"	How. " "
	ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 10.	3	"	"	gun. " "
		3	"	"	How. " "
	ZERO plus 10 to ZERO plus 20.	3	"	"	Gun. " "
		2	"	"	How. " "
	ZERO plus 20 plus 30.	1	"	"	Gun. " "
		1	"	"	How. " "

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Miller
 Lieut. and Adjt.
 MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

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| Copy No.1 | 49th Bty. | No.2 | 50th Bty. |
| 3 | 51st | 4 | 113th |
| 5 | File | 6 | 5th D.A. |
| 7 | 114th | 8 | OOSTAVERNE Group. |
| 9 | 54th | 10. | 55th |
| 11 | Inf.Bde. | 12 | Spare. |
| 13,14, and 15 War Diary. | | | |
| 16 | 3rd Aust.Divn. | 17 | 5th D.T.M.O. |
| 18 | Y5A T.M.Battery. | | |

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T A S K T A B L E

Right Raid by 57th Battalion.

(To accompany M.G.A.O.O.No.79)

TIME.	BATTERY	T A S K.
<u>BOMBARD ENEMY'S FRONT LINE FOR TWO MINUTES.</u>		
Phase 1. ZERO to ZERO plus 2 mins.	50th. 51st. 49th. 1 Section. 113th. Less one Section.) Y5A.	U.11b.85.80 to U.5.d.75.20 including M.G. at U.11.b.85.80. U.5.d.75.20 to U.5.d.88.50. U.5.d.88.50 to U.5.d.9.7. Sweep UNBENT TRENCH from U.12.a.4.3. to U.6.c.4.6. including T.M. Emplacement at U.6.c.41.45. 1 Mortar on Pill-box at U.6.c.central. 1 " " Front Line Trench at U.5.d.88.75. XXXXXXXXXXXX

BOX BARRAGE.

Phase 2. ZERO plus 2 until ordered cease.	50th. 51st. 49th. 1 Section. 113th. Y5A.	1 Gun M.G. Emplacement at U.11.b.8.8. 5 " U.11.b.80.25 to U.6.c.05.10. U.6.c.05.10 to U.5.d.85.40. U.5.d.85.40 to U.5.d.85.50. As for Phase 1. " " " 1.
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T A S K T A B L E

Left Raid by 58th Battalion.

(To accompany M.G.A.O.O. No.79)

TIME.	BATTERY.	T A S K.
Phase 1.	ZERO to Z plus 2 mins.	<u>BOMBARD ENEMY'S FRONT LINE FOR TWO MONTHS.</u>
	49th. Less 1 Section.	0.35.d.95.50 to 0.35.d.9.7.
	55th.	0.35.d.9.7. to 0.35.d.80.95.
	54th.	4 Guns on 0.35.d.80.95 to 0.35.b.6.2.
		1 Gun on Strong Post at 0.35.b.4.3.
		1 Gun on Crater. 0.35.b.2.6.
	113th.	1 How. on T.M. Emplacement at 0.36.c.6.6.
		1 " " DATUM HOUSE 0.36.a.3.2.
	114th.	1 " " ANGLE FME. 0.36.a.80.65.
		1 " " Sweep OTIRA TRENCH from 0.36.a.35.65 to 0.36.a.5.8.
	Y5A.	1 Mortar. KIWI FARM 0.36.c.55.
Phase 2.		<u>BOX BARRAGE.</u>
	49th. Less 1 Section.	0.35.d.95.50 to 0.36.c.20.75.
	55th.	0.36.c.20.75 to 0.36.a.1.1.
	54th.	0.36.a.1.1. to 0.35.b.60.15.
	113th.	As for Phase 1.
	114th.	" " " 1.
	Y5A.	" " " 1.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 80. Copy No. 6

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HEADQUARTERS,
28th February 1918

Reference Sheet WARNETON 1-10,000

1. Batteries of this Group will carry out the following tasks during the night 28th Feby. 1st March 1918.

- 49th Bty. Bursts of Fire on KIWI Fme. C. 36.c.5.5.
DATUM No. C. 36. a. 3.2.
ANGLE Fme. 0.36. a. 80.65.
- 50th Bty. Bursts of fire on UNBENT TRENCH from U.13 a.4.3.
to U. 6. c.4.6. at varying points.
- 51st Bty. Bursts of fire on Pill-Boxes at U.6. c. 5.5.
T.M. Emplacements at U.6. c. 41.45
- 113th Bty. Bursts of fire on UNBENT TRENCH from U.13.a.4.3.
to U.6. c.4.6.

2. Ammunition to be used - 50 rounds per Battery throughout the night except 113th Battery which will fire 90 rounds, using "BS" "BCBR" and "BX" in the proportion of 50%, 25% and 25% respectively. 30 rounds to be fired at each time of firing. 18pdr. ammunition to be expended in the proportion of 25% "A" and 75% "AX".

If the weather is unfavourable "BX" only will be fired by the 113th Battery. The direction of the wind must be observed immediately before firing.

3. Times of firing - At irregular intervals throughout the night at discretion of Battery Commanders

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut & Adjt.
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

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| 3. 51st. | 4. 113th |
| 5. File | 6. 5th D.A. |
| 7. Inf. Bde. | 8. Spare. |
| 9. 10 and 11. | War Diary. |

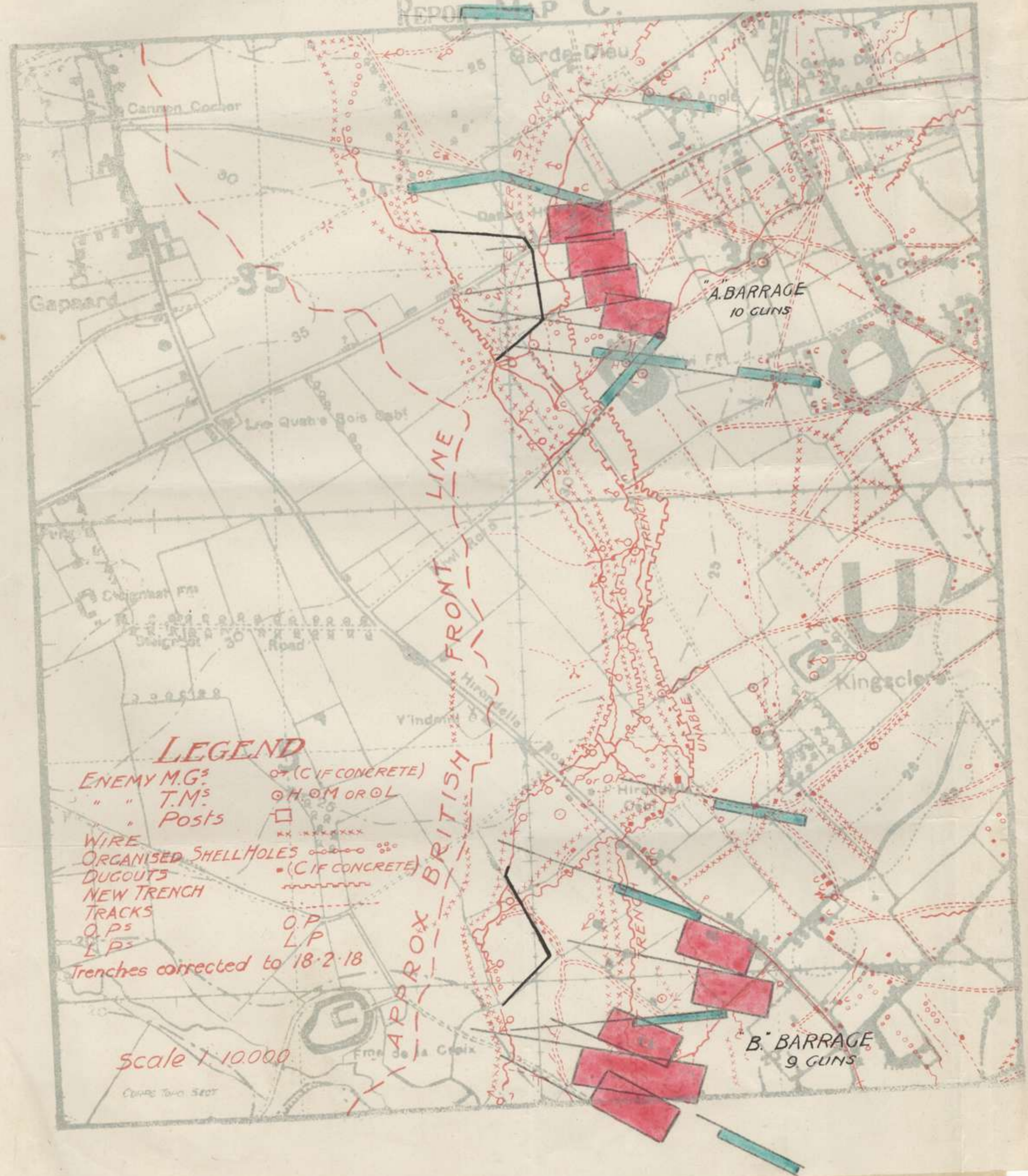
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UNIT.
 STRENGTH OF PARTY.
 NAME OF COMMANDER.
 TIME OF DEPARTURE.
 RETURN.
 DATE.

LEGEND.
 Artillery Barrage ----- }
 Machine Gun. ----- }
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 141.

Ref. Map: Sheet 28 S.W. 4 and S.E. 3
 (parts of) Edition 1 B.

28th February, 1918.

1. On Z day at an hour to be communicated later three raids are being carried out by the 5th Australian Division in conjunction with raids by the Divisions on either flank.
2. (i) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is to carry out raids as under:
 - (a) U.5.D.77-12 - U.5.D.80-28 by the 57th Battalion.
 - (b) O.35.D.90-71 - O.35.B.79-00 by the 53th Battalion.
 (ii) The objects of the raid are:
 - (a) To capture or kill as many of the enemy as possible.
 - (b) To damage or destroy material and defences.
 - (c) To obtain identifications, documents and other information.
3. All details for the raid will be arranged by Battalion Commanders concerned.
4. (i) Artillery, Trench Mortar and Machine Gun programmes have been issued to all concerned.
 (ii) Artillery box barrage and Machine Gun tasks are shown on attached map.
5. "Z" day and the selected hour will be notified later.
6. Reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters at MIDLAND FARM.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.



Robert
 Major,
 Brigade Major,
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

P.T.O.

*Robert
 then file
 J.M.P.*

Issued at 10.0 p.m.

To.	Copy No.
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Brig. Group Commander	3.
MESSINES Group Artillery	4.
Z5A T.M. Battery	5.
15th L.T.M.B.	6.

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8th Field Coy. A.E.	13.
5th Pioneer Battalion	14.
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Reference 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 141.

- 1. "Z" day will be the 3rd March and Zero hour 11.45 p.m.
- 2. The following code words for the reporting of prisoners & casualties will be used by both raiding parties:

Prisoners: GEORGE (i.e. 3 prisoners = 3 GEORGES

Casualties: HENRY. (our own)

- 3. Watches will be synchronised through the Brigade Signal Office every hour from 3.0 p.m. onwards on the 3rd March.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓ *620/Am 3.18*

W. Street
Major,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all recipients of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 141.

Michael
W. Street
W. Street

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Headquarters,
29th February 1918.
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Reference sheet WARNETON 1-10,000.

Batteries of this Group will carry out the following tasks during the night 1st/2nd March 1918.

- 49th.Bty. Bursts of fire on KIWI Fme. 0.36.c.5.5.
DATUM Ho. 0.36.a.3.2.
ANGLE Fme 0.36.a.80.65.
- 50th.Bty. Bursts of fire on UNBENT TRENCH from U.12.a.4.3. to
U.6.c.4.6. at varying points.
- 51st.Bty. Bursts of fire on Pill-boxes at U.6.c.5.5.
T.M.emplacements at U.6.c.41.45.
- 113th.Bty. Bursts of fire on KIWI Fme. 0.36.c.5.5 and trench from
0.36.c.60 to 0.36.c.25.60.

Ammunition to be used - 50 rounds per battery throughout the night except 113th.Battery which will fire 90 rounds, using "BS", "BCBR", and "BX" in the proportion of 50%, 25% and 25% respectively. 30 rounds to be fired at each time of firing. 18pdr.ammunition to be expended in the proportion of 25%"A" and 75%"AX".

If the weather is unfavourable, "BX" only will be fired by the 113th battery. The direction of the wind must be observed immediately before firing.

Times of firing - At irregular intervals throughout the night at the discretion of Battery Commanders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut & Adjt.m

MESSINES Group Artillery..

- No.1 49th.Bty
- 3 51st.
- 5 File
- 7 Inf.Bde
- 9, 10 and 11. War Diary.
- No.2 50th.Bty
- 4 113th
- 6 5th.D.A.
- 8 Spare

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HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER NO. 10

BY LIUT. COL. G. I. STEVENSON, C.M.C.

COMMANDING HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY

HEADQUARTERS,
1-3-1918

REFERENCE MAP ROUTIN 1/10,000

1. A Raid will be carried out by the 83th Battalion on the night of 2/3rd March, 1918, with the object of:-
 1. Capturing prisoners.
 2. Inflicting casualties on the enemy.
2. The Raid will be directed against WHEZ FARM at O. 17.d. 98.75
3. HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY, assisted by OBTAVENNE GROUP ARTILLERY will support the Raid in accordance with the TIME TABLE for RAID set out below, (Para. 9).
4. In conjunction with the above a "CHINESE ATTACK" will be carried out in the vicinity of THE TWINS O. 11.d. 98.25. The Artillery supporting this operation will be NIGHT GROUP "C" DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY in accordance with TIME TABLE for CHINESE ATTACK set out below (Para. 9).
5. ZERO HOUR will be notified later.
6. Watches will be synchronised with this HEADQUARTERS at 2-30 p.m and 5. ³⁰ p.m on 2nd March.
7. HEAVY ARTILLERY C.R.A. 5th DIVISION is arranging for Heavy Artillery to engage BOMB FARM and CENTRE FARM in support of RAID.
8. FRENCH MORTARS D.T.M.C. 5th DIVISION, is arranging for H.T.M's to deal with WHEZ FARM, BANG FARM, FLY MILLERS during 1st March and on early morning of 2nd March.

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TIME TABLE OF RAID

PHASE. 1

TIME	BATTING	TARGET	RATE OF FIRE P.C.P.M	NO OF ROUNDS		
				A	AX	BX
ZERO to ZERO PLUS 3 MINUTES	7TH	3 Sections C.17.b.77.15 to C.17.d.70.93 1 Section C.17.b.80.15 to C.17.b.81.00	5 ROUNDS	9	27	
DO	8TH	On Buildings at C.17.d.65.75 to C.17.d.70.80	5 ROUNDS	9	27	
DO	9TH	TRINCH from C.17.b.75.00 to C.17.d.80.00 and M.G at C.17.d.65.85	3 ROUNDS	9	27	
DO	5TH	FLY BUILDINGS. DUG-OUTS C.17.d.88.12 to C.22.b.88.92	5 ROUNDS	9	27	
DO	10TH HOWS	1 Section DUG-OUTS at C.17.d.88.97 1 Section M.G at C.17.d.88.49 1 Section HIGH FARM C.18.c.88.20	2 ROUNDS	-	-	24
DO	11TH HOWS	FLY BUILDINGS. DUG-OUTS at C.17.d.88.12 to C.22.b.88.92	2 ROUNDS	-	-	24

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TIME TABLE FOR RAID Continued-

PHASE 11

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NATURE OF FIRE P.O.P.M	NO OF ROUNDS		
				A	AX	BX
ZERO PLUS 2 TO SCRAMBLE FIRE (Approx 15 min)	721	1 Section BANG FARM 0.17.b.05.35 2 Sections sweeping from 0.17.b.05.35 to 0.18.c.10.00	3 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 2 ROUNDS UNTIL CHASE FIRE IS RECEIVED (Approx 10 min)	50	150	
10	821	1 Section BANG FARM 0.17.b.05.35 2 Sections sweeping from 0.18.c.10.00 to 0.18.c.20.00	3 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 2 ROUNDS UNTIL CHASE FIRE IS RECEIVED (Approx 10 min)	50	150	
10	021	2 Sections Sweeping From 0.18.c.20.00 to 0.18.c.40.00 1 Section HIGH FARM 0.18.c.25.00	3 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 2 ROUNDS UNTIL CHASE FIRE IS RECEIVED (Approx 10 min)	50	150	
10	831	AS IN PHASE 1	3 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 2 ROUNDS UNTIL CHASE FIRE IS RECEIVED (Approx 10 min)	50	150	
10	1051	4 Rows on HIGH FARM 0.18.c.25.00 2 Rows on M.G 0.18.c.07.00	2 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 1 ROUND TILL CHASE FIRE.	-	-	100
10	1151	AS IN PHASE 1.	3 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 1 ROUND TILL CHASE FIRE.	-	-	100

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TIME TABLE OF "CHINESE ATTACK"

PHASE I

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	RATE OF FIRE P.O.P.M	NO OF ROUNDS		
				A	AK	BR
ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES	C.10 (10TH BATTERY)	2 Guns on THE TWINS at 0.11.d.95.25 4 Guns sweeping from 0.11.d.93.25 to 0.11.d.90.00	3 ROUNDS	9	27	
DO	D.10 (110TH HOW BRG)	4 Guns on THE TWINS at 0.11.d.95.25 1 Gun on M.G at 0.12.c.25.00 1 Gun on M.G at 0.12.c.30.00	2 ROUNDS	-	-	24

PHASE II.

ZERO PLUS 2 TILL "GRASS FIRE" (Approx 15 Min)	C.10 (10TH BATTERY)	Sweep From 0.12.c.10.30 to M.G at 0.17.b.77.00	3 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 2 ROUNDS UP TILL GRASS FIRE IS RECEIVED (Approx 10 Min)	170		
DO	D.10 (110TH HOW BRG)	4 Guns on GIANT at 0.12.c.55.70 1 Gun on M.G at 0.12.c.17.00 1 Gun on BANG WALK at 0.17.b. 95.45	3 ROUNDS FOR FIRST 5 MINUTES THEN 1 ROUND TILL GRASS FIRE.	-	-	120

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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110TH BATTERIES (1-3)
9. 50TH BATTN. 10 14TH INF BDE.
11. COSTAVERNE GROUP. 12 NIGHT GROUP
13. "J" DIV ARMY. 14. GEN ADST. DIV ARMY
15. FILE. 16-19 WAR DIARY 20. D.T.M.O. GEN ADST DIV

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CAPT. P.A.
A/ADJUTANT HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY.
GEN ADST. D.A.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,
1st March, 1918.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 78.

Reference Maps: Sheet 23 S.W. & S.E. (parts of) Scale 1/20,000 &
" 36 N.W. Scale 1/20,000.

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1. On a night to be known as "A" night the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. will (if considered desirable) carry out a second Operation against enemy trenches in neighbourhood of WARNETON.
2. ZERO day and hour will be promulgated later.
3. Enemy trenches will be entered between the following points:-

U.12.c.00.20	U.12.c.33.37.
U.18.a.28.55	U.18.a.70.85.
4. The objects of the raid are -
 - (a) To inflict further casualties on the enemy.
 - (b) Obtain further information as to dispositions, defences, etc.
5. The 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. will co-operate by a gas projector attack against enemy works in C.5.
6. Arrangements for co-operation of Artillery of Centre Division Aust. Corps, and all Artillery arrangements including 6" and 9.45" Trench Mortars will be made by C.R.A.
7. "Q" of Division will arrange the necessary issue of special clothing, equipment, stores, etc.
8. The 10th V.M.G. Coy., and 10th L.T.M. Battery are placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade for the Operation. On completion of the Operation these Units will withdraw and come under the orders of the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. for purposes of movement by rail.
9. O.C. 3rd Aust. Div. Signal Coy., will arrange for provision of power buzzer and personnel.
10. The A.B.M. will make the necessary Medical arrangements for evacuation of wounded.
11. Lieut. J.J. HERBERTSON (attached 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.) will be placed at disposal of G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. for interrogation of prisoners.
12. A.P.M. of Division will make arrangements for necessary escorts for prisoners to be at Brigade Headquarters.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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C.H. Jess.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

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- 9. 11th -do-
- 10. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 11. A.D.M.S.
- 12. D.M.G.O.
- 13. 23rd A.M.C. Coy.
- 14. A.P.M.
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