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YPRES	SEPT. 1916 3RD.		BATTERY FIRING		NO OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP	REMARKS.	
					SHRAP. H.E.			CO-ORDINATES.		
		1630 to 1930	I03rd.	--	15 P.F.	Trenches.	J 13 D 5.4	Registration.		
		1700	7th.	36	--	"The Drive"	I 30 C 40.35	"		
	4TH.	0745 to 0800	8TH.	60	--	Trenches.	I 30 C 55.65	to Retaliation on Barrage Lines.		
		0815	7th.	91	--	do	I 30 B 0.0	to In Co-operation with T.M.Btys. Searching		
							I 30 B 45.30	and sweeping fire employed.		
	5TH.	1630	9th.	17	--	do	I 29 D 26.37	to Registration of Barrage Lines.		
							I 30 C 15.37			
	6TH.	1120	7th.	8	--	do	I 30 D 2.9	to Verification of Zero Line. Satisfactory.		
							I 30 C 4.4			
		1550	9th.	20	--	Road	I 30 C 65.80	Road Registered.		
		1620 to 1710	9th.	25	--	Trenches.	I 29 D 26.37	to Barrage Registered.		
							I 30 C 65.85.			
		1720	9th.	6	--	Road	I 30 C 65.85	Road Registered.		
	7TH.	1400 to 1600	7th.	12	--	Trenches.	I 30 B 0.0	to Registering Barrage Lines. Satisfactory		
							I 30 B 45.30	Results.		
		1700	9th.	22	I	Cross Roads.	I 30 C 65.40.	Satisfactory. Explosion caused in enemy		
	8TH.	1815	8th.	45	I2	Trenches.	I 30 C 85.35	lines.		
							I 30 D 1.4	Registration. Very effective.		
		0945	9th.	9	--	Working Party.	I 30 C 4.5	Party dispersed.		
		1230	I03rd.	--	I7	Trenches/	I 30 C 5.3	Registration of Road & Trench.		
		1700	I03rd.	--	I0	do	I 29 D 8.5	to		
							I 30 C 5.3	Registration purposes.		

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YPRES.	SEPT. 1916	9TH.	VOL. VIII										
			BATTERY FIRING		NO OF ROUNDS		TARGET		MAP CO-ORDINATES.		REMARKS.		
					SHRAP. H.E.								
			I550	to 8th.	I7	I4	Trenches.	I 29 D 80.55	Barrage Lines. Effective.				
			I750										
			I645	to 9th.	27	--	do	I 29 D 7.6 to	Registering Trench.				
			I705					I 30 C 00.55					
			I0th.	I700	to 9th.	4	I6	Working Party.	I 30 C 90.55 to	Party dispersed.			
				I745					I 30 C 90.55				
				I705	to 8th.	29	5	Trenches.	I 30 C 55.56 to	Retaliation. Enemy Guns ceased.			
				I725					I 30 D 0.8				
				I710	I03rd.	--	4I	do	I 30 C 3.2 to	In retaliation.			
									I 30 C 6.4				
			IITH.	I015	I03rd.	--	I	do	I 29 D 80.55				
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				SHRAP.	H.E.								
	12TH.	1200	to 9th.	12	7	Trenches.	I 30 C 85.40	to	Suspected Dump. Direct Hits obtained.				
		1225					I 30 C 95.50						
		1400	to 9th.	60	36	DO	I 29 D 35.74	to	In retaliation. Hostile fire ceased.				
		1445					I 30 C 95.80						
		1405	to 103rd.	--	126	do	I 30 C 8.3	to	do	do	do	do	do
		1500					I 30 D 2.5						
		1515	to 8th.	110	34	do	I 30 C 55.70	to	do	do	do	do	do
		1600					I 30 D 3.6						
		1730	7th.	64	9	do	I 30 D 1.9	to	do	do	do	do	do
							I 30 D 8.9						
		1745	to 8th.	33	19	do	I 30 C 85.30	to	do	do	do	do	do
		1800					I 30 D 3.6						
		1745	to 103rd.	--	65	do	I 30 C 8.3	to	do	do	do	do	do
		2200					I 30 D 2.5						
		2145	7th.	33	31	do	I 30 D 1.9	to	do	do	do	do	do
							I 30 B 5.0						

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YPRES.	SEPT. 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NO OF ROUNDS		TARGET		MAP CO-ORDINATES.		REMARKS.		
				SHRAP.	H.E.							
		13TH. 1100	7th.	25	--	Trenches.		I 30 D 2.9 to I 30 B 6.1		For information of relieving Battery.		
		1400 to 1600	9th.	19	17	do		I 30 D 2.3 to I 30 D 3.9		In retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.		
		1500 to 1800	to 103rd.	--	113	do		J 13 D 55.25 to I 29 D 80.55		do do do do do		
		1655	9th.	7	--	do		I 30 C 9.6		Registering Trench.		
		14TH. 1145	8th.	18	--	do		I 30 B 4.0		Verification of Registration.		
		1350	7th.	10	I	do		I 30 C 5.3		Registration of ZERO Line.		

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YPRES.	SEPT. 14TH. 1916.		<p>During the night of the 13th.- 14th. Sept. 1916, the relief of the Batteries of the 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade was completed, and the batteries moved out of the line independently to their respective Wagon Lines about OUDERDOM (see Page 156).</p> <p>The 7th. Battery was relieved by the 15th. Battery, the 8th. Battery by the 14th. Battery, 9th. Battery by the 12th. Battery, 103rd. Battery by the 105th. Battery of the 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>O. C. 3rd. F. A. Brigade reconnoitred frontage of the LEFT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Australian Division, and battery positions, in readiness for taking over command on the 17th. inst. The frontage of the RIGHT GROUP Artillery was reconnoitred on the 12th. inst.</p> <p>Batteries in their respective positions in the vicinity of OUDERDOM.</p> <p>The following is the SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED during the period September 2nd. to September 14th. 1916 (inclusive) while in action in the YPRES SALIENT.</p>																														
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YPRES.	SEPT. 17TH. 1916.		VOL. VIII.																									
<p>At 0900 the O. C. 3rd. F. A. Brigade took over the Command of the LEFT GROUP Artillery, Ist. Australian Division.</p> <p>The LEFT GROUP Artillery consists of the 1st., 2nd., 3rd., 18 Pdr. Batteries, and 101st. 4.5 Howitzer battery of the Ist. F. A. Brigade, and the 4th. Battery of the 2nd. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>Location, arcs of fire, trenches covered etc. are given in the attached Table (Page 162a)</p> <p>LEFT GROUP Artillery Headquarters are at I 21 C 3.8.</p>																												
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YPRES	SEPT. 19TH. 1916		VOL. VIII						
			BATTERY FIRING	NO OF ROUNDS	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES.	R E M A R K S.		
				SHRAP. H.E.					
		I450	1st.	I	15 ✓	Trenches.	I 29 D 35.70	Checking Registration.	
		I500	4th.	--	10 ✓	do	I 29 D 2.6 to I 29 D 0.4	Checking Barrage Lines.	
								
		<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY</u>							
			POSITION OF BATTERY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE.	NO OF ROUNDS.	LOCALITY SHELLLED	R E M A R K S.		
		I600	---	4.2"	12	I.27	Damage Unknown.		

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	20TH.		BATTERY FIRING	NO OF ROUNDS.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES.	REMARKS.	
				SHRAP. H.E.				
	1916.	1115	3RD.	✓ 13	--	Trenches.	I 29 C 8.1 to I 35 A 6.8	Registration.
		1700	2ND.	✓ 25	12	do	I 29 D 3.7	Verifying Registration.
		1800	1ST.	✓ 6	23	do	I 29 D 25.70	Cheacking Barrage Lines.
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<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY</u>								
			POSITION OF BATTERY.	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE.	NO OF ROUNDS.	LOCALITY SHELLLED.	REMARKS.	
		0930	Abt. I 35 C.	6"	4	TROIS ROIS.	Very High High Velocity.	
		0945	---	4.2	6	I 26 A.	No Damage. Mostly Duds.	
		1200	---	4.2	12	I 24 C 20.05	Damage NIL	
		1700	---	77mm	10	I 23 D 3.8	Damage Unknown.	
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YPRES.	SEPT.		VOL. VIII.					
	21st.		BATTERY FIRING	NO OF ROUNDS	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES.	REMARKS.	
				SHRAP. H.E.				
	1916.	1645	101st.	--	60 ✓	Suspected Gun Positions.	J 24 D 7.2	Searched and Swept.
		1830	101st.	36 ✓		Road.	J 31 C 6.9 to J 31 D 2.9. J 31 A 97.50 to J 31 B 2.5	Searched and swept.
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<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY</u>								
			POSITION OF BATTERY.	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE.	NO OF ROUNDS.	LOCALITY SHELLED.	REMARKS.	
		1010	--	77mm	8	DORMY HOUSE	Damage unknown.	
		1025	--	77mm	SALVO.	I 23 A 6.5 I 29 A 5.5	do do	
		1030	--	Abt. 6"	4	KNOLL ROAD.	do do	
		1055	--	77mm & 4.2"	Abt. 50	RAILWAY.	No Damage.	
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	22ND.		BATTERY FIRING	NO OF ROUNDS.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES.	REMARKS.	
				SHRAP. H.E.				
	1916.	1115	101ST.	--	44	Trenches.	I 35 B 00.60 to	Searched and swept.
		1500	2ND.	24	21	do	I 35 D 55.65	
		1530	2ND.	12	17 ✓	do	I 29 D 3.7 to	Verifying Registration.
							I 33 D 0.4	
		1805	3RD.	--	24 ✓	do	I 29 D 7.6	do do
		1805	1ST.	16	10 ✓	do	I 29 C 9.1 to	Searched and swept. This Series was fired in retaliation. Hostile fire ceased.
							I 35 A 6.8	
		1805	4TH.	14	17	do	I 29 C 75.10 to	do do do
							I 29 D 0.4	
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			POSITION OF BATTERY.	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE.	NO OF ROUNDS.	LOCALITY SHELLED.	REMARKS.	
		1515 to 1530	to --	4.2"	15	DORMY HOUSE.	Damage NIL.	
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			BATTERY FIRING	NO. OF ROUNDS	TARGET.	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS.	
				Shrap; H. E.				
		1015	101ST	52	---	Suspected gun position	J 31 C 3.6.	Searched & Swept.
		1600	2ND	49	25	Trenches	I 29 D 8.5	Registration.
		1610	1ST	46	21	do	I 29 D 35.70	Verifying Registration
							
		<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY</u>						
			POSITION OF BATTERY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE	NO. OF ROUNDS	LOCALITY SHELLED	REMARKS.	
		0900	-----	4.2"	9	I 16 D 6.0.	Damage Unknown	
1425	-----	77mm	16	I 22 B 8.8.	" "			
1500	-----	77mm	18	I 23 B 5.5.	" "			
1530	-----	5.9"	40	I 23 B 8.1.	" "			
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		0815	2ND	4 ✓ ---	Registration Trenches.	I 29 D 80.55	Registration.
		1615	3RD	22 8 ✓	do	I 29 C 8.1.	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.
		1615	IST	23 II ✓	do	I 35 A 6.8.	Registration.
		1615	IST	20 IO ✓	do	I 29 D 35.70	Checking barrage lines
		1615	IOIST	-- 68	do	I 29 C 8.1.	
						I 35 A 7.2.	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.
						I 35 A 6.4.	
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<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.</u>							
			POSITION OF BATTERY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE	NO. OF ROUNDS	LOCALITY SHELLED	REMARKS.
		1430	-----	77mm	5	BILLEBECKE	Damage Unknown
		1630	-----	4.2" & 77mm	30	LARX & SQUARE WOODS	" "

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YPRES	SEPT 25TH 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NO. OF ROUNDS.		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES.	REMARKS.	
				Shrap.	H.E.				
		0810	3RD.	3		Mech. Trans?	ABT I 35 C 5.8.	Registration satisfactory As ordered per Divisional Artillery. Special Bombardment.	
		1430	1ST.	36	6	Trenches.	I 29 D 35.70		
		1700	2ND.	127	98	Front Line, Supports			
		1700	3RD.	81	50	& Communication Trenches.	I 29 C 8.1. I 35 A 6.8.		
		1700	4TH.	159	20	do do	I 29 D 00.4. to I 29 D 20.65		" " " "
		1700	1ST.	102	62	do do	I 29 D 0.4. to I 29 C 8.1.		" " " "
		1700	10IST.	48	---	Gun positions, M.G. emplacements etc as reported by R. F. C.	I 35 B 10.50 25. 75 30 C 00.00 29 D 55.35		" " " "
		1700	10IST.	---	48	do do	J 31 C 3.6 32 C 7.6 29 A 9.2		" " " "
		1700	10IST.	28	---	do do	I 35 A 7.2 I 35 A 7.4 6.4		" " " "
		1700	10IST.	---	78	do do	50.25 I 35 A 7.2 7.4 6.4 I 35 B 0.2		" " " "

W.L.H. Dungen
Lieut.-Col.
Cmg. 3rd Bde. F.A., A.I.F.

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OF 3RD. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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YPRES.	SEPT 25TH 1916		<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY</u>					
			POSITION OF BATTERY.	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE	NO. OF ROUNDS	LOCALITY SHELLS	REMARKS.	
							
	1410 TO 1430		UNKNOWN	5.9"	27	I 16 D 1.9.	Damage Unknown	
	1410		"	5.9"	5	I 23 A 7.7.	" "	
	1715		"	5.2"	1	I 26 A	This High Velocity gun frequently fires on this line	
	1715		"	H.V.	3	I 20 C central	Damage Unknown	
<i>W L H Burgess.</i> Lieut.-Col. Cmg. 3rd Bde. F.A., A.I.F.								

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YPRES.	SEPT 26TH 1916		BATTERY FIRING.	NO. OF ROUNDS	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS.				
				Shpl. N.E.							
		0800	4TH	4 ✓ --	TWIN PERISCOPE HILL 60.		Series not continued observation very difficult.				
		1045	101ST	-- 6 ✓	TRENCHES	I 35 A 7.2. I 35-B 0.2.	RETALIATION				
		1415	3RD	-- 7 ✓	ZERO LINE	I 35 A 3.5.					
		1500	4TH	-- 23 ✓	HILL 60 TWIN PERISCOPE		Periscope removed, but direct hits not obtained				
		1600	3RD	195 ✓ --		I 29 C 8.1. to I 35 A 6.8.	Bombardment carried out under instructions from 1st Aust Div Arty;				
		1800	2ND	94 ✓ --	BARRAGE LINES		do	do	do	do	do
		1600	1ST	162 ✓ --	do do		do	do	do	do	do
		1600	4TH	129 ✓ 123	TWIN PERISCOPE HILL 60.		do	do	do	do	do
<div>W. L. H. Durgess Lieut.-Col. Cmg. 3rd Bde. F.A. A.I.F.</div>											

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W. L. H. Jurgens
Lieut.-Col.
Cmg. 3rd Bde. F.A., A.I.P.

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Place	Date	Hour	VOL. VIII.	Summary of Events and Information	PAGE 172.	Remarks and references to Appendices		
YPRES	SEPT 26TH 1916		<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY</u>					
			TIME	POSITION OF BATTERY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE	NO. OF ROUNDS	LOCALITY SHELLED	REMARKS.
								NEARLY ALL P. S.
		0800		UNKNOWN	4.2"	---	I 9 D	
		0900		"	4.2"	6	DORMY HOUSE	
		0930		"	77mm	---	I 9 CENTRAL	SEVERAL HTZ BLINDS
		11 15		"	77mm	5	I 22 D 3.9.	
		1115		"	77mm	3	I 16 D 7.2.	
		1130		"	77mm	6	I 22 B 2.1.	DAMAGE SLIGHT
		1130		"	77mm	2	I 22 B 0.2.	" "
		1130		"	77mm	1	I 23 A 8.8.	" "
		1330		"	4.2"		Trenches Vicinity	
		1615		"	T.M.		Mt Sorrel	
		1630		"	77mm		do & Dump	
		1645		"	How 6"		Larch & Square Wood	

W. L. H. Burgers.
Lieut.-Col.
Crag. 3rd Bde. F.A., A.I.F.

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of 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade

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YPRES	SEPT 27TH 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NO. OF ROUNDS Shrap H. E.	Target	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS
		I450	4TH	5 10	O. P. HILL 60		Snipers Post destroyed Twin Periscope removed 4 Direct hits obtained.
<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.</u>							
	SEPT 27TH 1916		POSITION OF BATTERY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE	NO. OF ROUNDS	LOCALITY SHELLED	REMARKS.
		I645	UNKNOWN	77mm	I6	24 B 10.15	Rudkin House
		TO	"	5.9"	4	29 A 4.5	In building
		I657	"	5.9"	4	22 B 4.9	
		I700	"	5.9"	4	22 A 4.9	
		I716	"	5.9"	10	22 B 7.7	Into Dump
		I725	"	4.2"	4	29 A 4.5	
Enemy Exploded Mine at Situation Outwards Normal. I 29 C 75.15.							
						<i>H. G. H. Jagers</i>Lieut.-Col. Cmg. 3rd Bde. F.A., A.I.F.	

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	SEPT 28TH 1916		VOL. VIII				PAGE 174.
			BATTERY FIRING	NO. OF ROUNDS A AX	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS.
		0730	IST	8		I 29 D 0.4. TO I 29 C 8.1.	Registration
		1430	IST	25		do do do do	Barrage as ordered.
		1445	4TH	27	HILL 60 O.P.		Quantity of timber & bags blown up, several good bursts near twin periscope.
		1530	4TH	25	I	I 29 D 0.4. TO I 29 D 2.7.	As per Group Order In
		1530	2ND	27	12 Normal Barrage		retaliation to hostile fire
		1640	2ND	15	do do		directed on our front line &
		1640	4TH	12	4 Barrage Lines		supports. Enemy fire ceased.
		1640	IST	16	do do		do do do do
		1640	3RD	23	18	I 29 C 8.1. I 35 C 6.8.	do do do do
		1550	IOIST	BX	76	J 26 A 9.2. J 26 C 3.3.	19 rounds each gun position
		1645	IOIST			J 32 C 70.65	Searched & Swept.
		1645	IOIST	BX	48	P 2 A 8.7	
<u>ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.</u>							
			POSITION OF BATTERY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE	NO. OF ROUNDS	LOCALITY SHELLLED	REMARKS.
		1600	UNKNOWN	4.2"	65	I 29 A 2.9.	Damage Nil
		TO	"	77mm			
		1645	"	4.2"	61	I 22 B 5.8.	do do
			"	4.2"	10	I 23 A 1.6.	do do
		1715	Almost due east from I 15. C.	5.9"	11	I 15 C	High velocity

H. L. H. Surgen

Lieut.-Col.

Cmg. 8rd Bde. F.A., A.I.F.

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY
1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information					Remarks and references to Appendices
			VOL. VIII					
YPRES	SEPT 29TH 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NO. OF ROUNDS	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS	
				A AX				
		I330	4TH		3 HILL 60	O.P.		
		I535	10IST	BI5 BXI5		I 35 B 15.55	Suspected T. M. emplacements	
		"	10IST	BI5 BXI5		I 35 B 13.45	In retaliation. Our last say.	
		I635	3RD	57	T.M.posn	I 35 B 13.45	Co-operation with Howitzer Battery	
						I 35 B 10.55	Shrapnel fired in retln. to hostile minnenwerfers.	
		I645	3RD	16	II Sus T.M.	I 29 D	SEARCHING & SWEEPING series in retln.	
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.								
			POSITION OF BATTERY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTILE	NO. OF ROUNDS	LOCALITY SHELLS	REMARKS.	
		I415	UNKNOWN	77mm Shrapl.	18	I 23 D 0.6.	Valley Cottage.	
		TO						
		I425	"	77mm H. E.	23	I 23 B 2.8.		
		I542	"	5.9"	17	I 23 C 9.7.		
		I625	"	77mm	20	I 23 C 9.7.		
		I625						
<div>W.L. Hingess. Lieut.-Col. Cmg. 3rd Bde. F.A., A.I.F.</div>								
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY of

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3rd. Field Artillery Brigade.
& LEFT GROUP Artillery.
IST. Australian Division.

Place	Date	Hour	VOL. VIII	Summary of Events and Information	PAGE 177	Remarks and references to Appendices		
YPRES (Belgium)	SEPT 1916	2ND to 14TH	SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY 3RD. F.A.BDE DURING SEPTEMBER 1916.					
			UNIT	BATTERY	SHRAPNEL	H. EXPLOSIVE	TOTAL	REMARKS.
			3RD Field	7TH Battery	285	47	332	During night of 13th & 14th Sept 1916 batteries of 3rd F.A.Bde were relieved by the 2ND AUST DIV ARTY.
			Artillery	8th Battery	384	84	468	
			Brigade	9th Battery	228	77	305	
			" " "	103rd Battery	-	446	446	
			TOTAL FOR PERIOD		897	654	Includes 15 powder filled shells I551 (a) fired by 103rd Battery (4.5" How)	
			SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY DURING SEPTEMBER 1916.					
			UNIT	BATTERY	SHRAPNEL	H. EXPLOSIVE	TOTAL	REMARKS.
			17TH to 30TH	LEFT GROUP	1st Battery	508	205	713
ARTILLERY.	(1st FAB)							
	2nd Battery	403		221	624			
	(1st FAB)							
	3rd Battery	526		156	682			
	(1st FAB)							
	4th Battery	494	121	615				
	(2nd FAB)							
	101st Battery	142	645	787				
	(1st FAB)							
TOTAL FOR PERIOD		2073	1348	3421 (b) (b) Includes 5 powder filled fired by 101st Battery (4.5" How)				
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED BY 3RD F.A.BDE SINCE ARRIVAL IN FRANCE TO PRESENT DATE.		46731	38059	84790 (c) (c) under (b). Does not include total shown				
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W. G. H. Mingers. LIEUT-COLONEL.
COMMANDING LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

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3RD. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 10.

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REFERENCE MAPS.

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BELGUIM. SHEET 28 N.W. I
20,000

Headquarters, 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade.
In the Field. FRANCE.
31 - 8 - 1916.

1. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the RIGHT & CENTRE GROUPS, 4th. (Imperial) Divisional Artillery on the night of the 1st. & 2nd. September 1916 & 2nd. - 3rd. September 1916, in accordance with following instructions.
2. On the first night (1st. - 2nd.) Personnel only will go into the line. Arrangements for transport of personnel will be notified later.
On the night of (2nd. - 3rd.) relief will be completed. Arrangements for movement of personnel and position of wagon lines will be notified.
3. Guns of the 4th. (Imperial) Divisional Artillery will be taken over complete in emplacements, all sights, small stores etc. belonging to the gun carriage being taken over.
4. Switchboards will be added to the list of stores to be handed over.
5. Ammunition dumped in gun positions will be handed over at 12 noon on 2nd. September. Ammunition expended subsequent to that time will be accounted for by the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery.
6. The following Table shows the moves and reliefs to be effected by the batteries of the 3rd. F.A. Brigade:

DATE	BATTERY	WILL RELIEVE	POSITION	REMARKS.
NIGHT OF	PERSONNEL FOR:-			
1st. - 2nd.	2 guns 7th. Battery.	134th. Battery R.F.A.	I 15 B 7.7	Reliefs not to take place before
SEPTEMBER.	2 guns 8th. Battery.	134th. Battery R.F.A.	I 15 B 5.4	" " " 2030."
1916.	2 guns 9th. Battery.	27th. Battery R.F.A.	I 27 B 5.2	" " " " "
	2 guns 103rd. Battery.	D/32. Battery R.F.A. (HOW)	I 21 A 25.20	" " " " "
NIGHT OF	7th. Battery (less above personnel)	N I L	I 15 B 7.7	No Unit being relieved, this section will take its own guns.
2nd. - 3rd.				
SEPTEMBER.	8th. Battery (less above personnel)	134th. Battery R.F.A.	I 15 B 5.4	
1916.	9th. Battery (less above personnel)	27th. Battery R.F.A.	I 27 B 5.2	A Section of 4th. Battery at I 26 B 45.75 is also attached to 9th. Battery
"	103rd. Battery (less above personnel)	D/32. Battery R.F.A. (HOW)	I 21 A 25.20.	

7. The following is the distribution of Batteries to the two GROUPS (RIGHT & LEFT) of the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery:- (Lieut. Colonel S.M. Anderson).
 LEFT GROUP, 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery:-
 1st. Battery - 2nd. Battery - 3rd. Battery (plus 1 section 4th. Battery) - 7th. Battery - 8th. Battery - 9th. Battery (plus detached section of 4th. Battery) - 101st. and 103rd. Batteries.

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RIGHT GROUP , Ist. Australian Divisional Artillery.:- (Lieut.Colonel A.J.Bessell-Brown. C.M.G. D.S.O.)
5th. Battery (plus I section 24th. Battery) - 6th. Battery - 22nd. Battery - 23rd. Battery - 24th. Battery (less I section attached 5th. Battery) - 102nd. Battery.

8. The Batteries of the 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade will come under the tactical command of Lieut.Colonel S.M. Anderson immediately they move into the " line".

W.L.H. Dingers.

Lieut.Colonel.

Commanding 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade.

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Nos. 3 - 4 - 5 - 6. O's.C. 7th., 8th., 9th. 103rd. Batteries respectively. (In front line).

Nos. ~~7~~ - 8 - 9 - 10. Senior Officer ~~7th.~~ 8th., 9th., 103rd. Batteries respectively. (With Batteries at GODEWAERSVELD.)

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TABLE SHOWING LOCATION, DISTRIBUTION, ARCS OF FIRE & TRENCHES COVERED
BY BATTERIES OF LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.
1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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REFERENCE MAP.
ZILLEBECKE.

28 N.W.4 & N.E. (parts of)

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HEADQUARTERS,
LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.
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1. BATTERY.	2. POSITION.	3. NORMAL ARC OF FIRE.	4. TRENCHES COVERED (inclusive)	5. ARC OF FIRE ON WHICH ALL GUNS CAN FIRE.	6. MAXIMUM ARC OF FIRE ON WHICH SOME GUNS CAN FIRE.	7. O.P.'S. ETC.
1st. Battery.	I 19 B 1.7.	I 29 C 75.10 to I 29 D 0.4	39 TO HALF 40.	I 35 A 35.55 to J 19 C 25.80	I 34 B 8.2 to J 13 C 1.0	NORMAL O.P. I 23 A 0.9 AUXILIARY O.P. I 24 C 05.11
2nd. Battery.	I Section at I 26 D 05.20. I Section at I 26 B 3.3	I 29 D 2.6 to I 30 C 0.5 I 29 D 2.6 to I 29 D 3.7	44, 45, 46 (GAP) 43, & 44.	I 30 C 15.55 to I 30 B 85.90	I 29 C 70.05 to J 19 C 00.15	NORMAL O.P. I 23 A 90.10 AUXILIARY O.P. FRONT LINE TRENCHES.
3rd. Battery.	I 20 C 95.35.	I 35 A 6.8 to I 29 C 75.10	38.	I 34 D 0.3 to I 29 D 0.4	I 34 C 95.00 to I 30 B 20.15	NORMAL O.P. I 35 A 4.9 AUXILIARY O.P. I 35 A 10.75.
4th. Battery.	I 20 D 0.2	I 29 D 0.4 to HALF 40 TO 42. I 29 D 2.6		I 34 B 45.10 to I 30 C 75.85	I 34 D 15.45 to I 30 B 85.90	NORMAL O.P. I 35 A 2.8 AUXILIARY O.P. FRONT LINE TRENCHES.
101st. Battery.	I 20 C 70.05.	I 35 A 55.75 to HALF 37 TO 40. I 29 D 15.45		I 35 A 45.65 to I 24 D 9.0	I 35 A 45.65 to J 19 A 52.50	NORMAL O.P. I 23 A 55.20. Howitzers normally laid on trench junctions at:- I 35 B 1.5 I 35 B 25.75 I 30 C 0.0 I 29 D 55.35

NOTE:- The co-ordinates given in Columns 3, 5 and 6 are points on the enemy front line trenches. Lines drawn from the position of battery as given in Column 2 through the points defined in Columns 3, 5 and 6 will give the NORMAL, COLLECTIVE & MAXIMUM Arcs of Fire for each Battery.

W. G. H. Burgess.

Lieut. Colonel.

18 - 9 - 1916.

Commanding LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, OF LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY, 1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Place	Date	Hour	For Period September 13th. 1916 to September 20th. 1916.	Page 165 a.	Remarks and references to Appendices
	SEPT. 13th. 14th. 15th.		<p>REFERENCE MAPS:-</p> <p>BELGIUM. SHEET 28 N.W. $\frac{1}{20,000}$.</p> <p>ZILLEBEKE. 28 N.W.4. & N.E. 3 (parts of) $\frac{1}{10,000}$.</p> <p>During the nights of the 13th., 14th., & 14th., 15th. September 1916 the batteries of the 3rd? F. A. Brigade were relieved by the 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>7th. Battery was relieved by the 15th. Battery, 8th. by 14th., 9th., by 12th., 103rd. by the 105th. Battery. The relief was completed during the night of the 14th. - 15th. instant, the Batteries of the 3rd. F.A. Brigade moving out independently to their respective Wagon Lines in the vicinity of OUDERDON.</p> <p>The frontage covered by the LEFT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Australian Division was reduced part being taken over by the 2nd. Australian Division. The LEFT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Australian Division now consists of the 1st., 2nd., 3rd., & 101st. Batteries, 1st. F.A. Brigade, and the 4th. Battery, 2nd. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>At 0900 on the 17th. instant the O.C. 3rd. F.A. Brigade took over the Command of the LEFT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Australian Division from Lieut. Colonel S.M. Anderson.</p> <p>In order to increase the area of fire of the 3rd. & 4th. Batteries in their new emplacements it was found necessary to exchange the normal fronts covered by these two batteries. This was effected and necessary registration carried out on the 18th. instant.</p> <p>During the last three days the Artillery action on this Group front has been very quiet. Occasional registration series, and checking of Zero Lines and corrector for barrage purposes has been the normal procedure of the LEFT GROUP batteries.</p> <p>The enemy artillery has been very inactive only occasional and intermittent shelling by 77mm., 4.2" & 5.9" having taken place. Actual effect could not be seen but very little damage appears to have been done.</p> <p>The recent wet weather has had a great effect on all works, emplacements, dugouts etc. Most of these have been constructed for a very long period and though they stood well during the fine weather, the late heavy rain has necessitated a large amount of work, in repair, reconstruction, drainage and general improvement. Some of the gun pits are untenable and removal will be necessary as in some cases drainage is impossible. All personnel have been busy on these works and much improvement has already been effected.</p> <p>No gas alarms have occurred during the week.</p> <p>No casualties to personnel have occurred during this period, but No. 1643 Corporal A.F. VON STIEGLITZ, 7th. Battery was wounded by enemy shrapnel on the 12th. instant.</p>		
	17th. 18th.				

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX.

SECRET LIAISON BARRAGES

REFERENCE MAP:-

Headquarters, LEFT GROUP Artillery,

ZILLEBEKE. 28 N.W. 4 & I 25 - 9 - 1918.
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To, G.O.C.,

3rd. Infantry Brigade.

1. In the event of an attack by the enemy on the LEFT GROUP front of the 1st. Australian Division the following LIAISON BARRAGES have been arranged supplementary to the batteries of this Group.
2. Including the batteries of this GROUP, the following barrages (paras 3 & 4) will concentrate the fire of twenty eight, 18 Pdr. guns and twelve, 4.5" Howitzers, a total of forty guns, on this Group frontage in case of necessity.

BARRAGE PROVIDED BY GROUPS ON RIGHT & LEFT.

3. Barrage by "RIGHT GROUP", 1st. Australian Division.
 CODE CALL (From O.C. LEFT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Aus. Div.)
 "CO-OPERATE G."

22nd. Battery to search trenches:-

From I 35 A 85.70 to I 35 B 1.6 One Section.

" I 35 B 0.5.90 to I 35 B 3.7 One Section.

24th. Battery to search trenches:-

From I 35 B 25.98 to I 35 B 50.75 One Section.

and on Trench junction & road at I 29 D 70.04 One Section.

103rd. Battery (4.5" Hows) on I 29 D 7.0 One Section.

" I 35 B 25.35 One Section.

4. Barrage by "RIGHT GROUP", 2nd. Australian Division.
 CODE CALL (From O.C. LEFT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Aus. Div.)
 "BARRAGE GAP".

One battery 18 Pdrs. on I 29 D 3.7 to I 30 C 0.5

One battery 4.5" Hows. on I 29 D 7.4) TRENCH JUNCTIONS.
 I 30 C 6.4)

5. RATE OF FIRE in above barrages will be:-

18 Pdrs. Three rounds per gun per minute.

4.5" Hows. One round per gun per minute.

Making a total of ninety-six rounds per minute for the first ten minutes to be continued or modified as circumstances demand.

6. BARRAGES PROVIDED TO GROUPS ON RIGHT & LEFT.

In the event of the RIGHT GROUP, 1st. Australian Division being attacked and LEFT GROUP Artillery being able to assist, the following BARRAGE will be established.

CODE CALL (From O.C. RIGHT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Aus. Div.)
 "CO-OPERATE B.B."

One battery 18 Pdrs. (1st. Battery) From I 35 A 70.95 to
 I 35 A 5.7.One Section 18 Pdrs. (4th. Battery) From I 35 A 5.7 to
 I 35 A 25.40

One battery 4.5" How. (101st. Battery) On Trench Junctions at:-

I 35 B 7.4

I 35 B 1.5

I 35 B 55.05

I 35 D 55.80

7. In the event of the 2nd. Australian Division being attacked the following Barrage will be established:-

CODE CALL (From O.C. RIGHT GROUP Artillery, 2nd. Aust. Div.)
 "BARRAGE SORREL".

One Battery 18 Pdrs. (2nd. Battery) From I 30 C 0.5 to I 30 C 5.8

One Battery 4.5" Hows (101st. Battery) On Trench Junctions at :-
 I 30 C 0.0 & I 30 C 6.4.

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8. Same rate of fire and procedure as in para 5.

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Lieut. Colonel.

Commanding LEFT GROUP Artillery.

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of operations of LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	1	PAGE 173(4)	Remarks and references to Appendices
			For period 1800 Sept; 20th 1916 to 1800 Sept 27th 1916			
			REFERENCE MAP:- ZILLEBEKE. 28 N.W. 4. & ANN N.E. 3. (parts of) 10,000.			
			VOL. VIII.			
		1	During the above period the action of the artillery on both sides has been normal; with a slight increase in hostile activity towards the latter part.			
		2	On every occasion on which the hostile artillery shelling has been anything more than a few intermittent rounds, the batteries of this Group have retaliated promptly and briskly for a brief period, searching communication trenches, sweeping support lines, dug-outs, etc;			
		3	The vulnerable area on the margin of BATTLE WOOD, with Machine guns I 35 A 7.2. - I 35 A 50.25, Trench Mortars at I 35 A 7.4, Dug-outs at I 35 A 6.4, has been frequently shelled by the 101st (How) Battery, and also the known active batteries at J 26 A 9.2 & J 31 C 3.6.			
		4	Sounds of Heavy Mechanical Transport have occasionally been noticed during the early morning covered by the mist. These localities have been shelled at once with T. S.			
		5	The Twin Periscopes and at Snipers Station on Hill 60, have been shelled with good effect. The large periscopes were withdrawn immediately after the initial rounds, but the Snipers Post adjacent has been demolished. This target has been carefully registered and can be shelled at any time that the periscopes appear.			
		6	The locality of the enemy searchlight opposite the "GAP" has been registered and a gun is ready at any moment during the night to engage.			
		7	On the 24th instant the enemy opened a brisk fire of 4.2", 5.9", and minnenwerfer on the RIGHT GROUP frontage and a part of the LEFT GROUP, but ceased fire shortly after the batteries of these groups opened.			
		8	A general bombardment of the enemy's line, by the RIGHT & LEFT GROUPS on the 25th instant at 1,700, appeared very effective, and all approaches and enemy works to the immediate rear were searched after the first part of our retaliation. Very little artillery retaliation on the enemy's part took place, the greater part of the hostile reply being minnenwerfer bombs. A steady fire was maintained by our batteries until the enemy fire had entirely ceased.			
		9	A similar bombardment in co-operation with the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery was carried out at 1800 on the 26th instant. This appeared to be very effective and except for the minnenwerfer bombs the enemy retaliation was very feeble. The enemy retaliatory fire continuing at a slow rate after our bombardment had ceased, all batteries of the LEFT GROUP opened again simultaneously at a rapid rate for 1 minute. This had the desired effect and the hostile action ceased at once.			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Page 173 (B)	Remarks and references to Appendices																												
		10	During both these bombardments and on every other occasion where continued artillery action has permitted it, the medium Trench mortars have actively co-operated against the enemy front line trenches and works.																														
			One of the most noticeable and significant features of this period has been the abnormal activity of the enemy's anti-aircraft guns against our planes. No matter how distant, or at what altitude, whenever our aeroplanes have approached and passed over the front lines, they have been on every occasion very briskly engaged. This would indicate a strenuous endeavour on the part of the enemy to keep his movements unknown from our airmen but judging from the uninterrupted procedure of our planes it would not appear to have been effected.																														
		11	Repairs and Improvements to the gun-pits, dug-outs etc has been steadily proceeded with, and the dry weather experienced lately has made progress with these works much easier.																														
		12	One casualty has occurred during this period, Captain J. Gray A. A. M. C., Medical Officer with the 3rd. F. A. Brigade Headquarters being wounded by 5.9" High Velocity H. E. shell on the 21st instant, at 1015.																														
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Headquarters,

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

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SECRET

Memorandum No; 43.
To all Battery Commanders
LEFT GROUP Artillery

30. 9. 1916

REFERENCE MAPS;- ZILLEBEKE 28 N.W. 4 & N.E. 3 (parts of) I
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- 1 The following table shows the alternative scheme arranged for combined action of guns, howitzers, medium ~~heavy~~ trench mortars against various portions of the enemy's Front Line Works in the LEFT GROUP FRONTAGE, and will be normally fired in retaliation to enemy artillery and trench mortar action.
- 2 The first columns shows the Number of the particular scheme which will always be given in words, followed by the Date and Hour in figures. As an example "FIFTH" 23/1130" is the code message to all concerned signifying that the fifth scheme (in the table) will be put into action on the 23rd instant at 11.30a.m., and will be sent in sufficient time to permit of our infantry, field batteries, and trench mortars being fully prepared before the actual time named.
- 3 The exact expenditure of the different natures of ammunition for each or any scheme cannot be fixed, but trench mortar commanders will arrange for the quickest effective rate of fire practicable for fifteen minutes, during which period the covering field batteries will normally employ "Battery fire ten seconds" except where otherwise ordered in the table.
- 4 Should any delay occur in opening fire the trench mortars will wait for the opening of covering fire by the field batteries before engaging. The signal for trench mortar action will always be the commencement of artillery covering fire provided that such is not opened before the hour named;
- 5 Without indicating ^{INTENTION} too obviously, Medium Trench Mortar Commanders will arrange for a considerable number of their bombs to fall into the enemy ~~line~~ WIRE.
- 6 Additional schemes may be added to this table as circumstances require, copies of which will be forwarded to all concerned for insertion.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NUMBER & DESIGNATION OF SCHEME	PORTION OF ENEMY LINE ENGAGED	OPPOSITE OUR OWN TRENCHES	COVERING FIELD BATTERIES	OBJECTIVE OF COVERING BATTERIES	PERIOD & RATE OF COVERING ARTLY FIRE	REMARKS.
"FIRST"	HILL 60 I 29 C 8.1	38-39-40	IOIST (How) Bty :::: :::: 3RD (18pdr) Bty	I 29 C 8.1 & Rectangle I 29 C 7.0- I 35 A 8.9 I 29 C 85.15- I 29 C 9.1	Fifteen minutes 4rds pr bty pr min (18pdrs) half shrap half H.E.)	This is an enemy MINING area and also includes 2 known MG positions. AT LEAST ONE CLEAR HOUR'S NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN TO INFY BEFORE THIS SERIES IS FIRED.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
"SECOND"	HILL 60 I 29C8.2 I 29 D 0.4.	39-40-41	1ST(I8pdr)By :: 3RD(I8pdr)By	I 29 C 8.2- I 29 D 0.4 FRONT LINE Searching also 100 yds in rear	Fifteen minutes 6 rds pr bty pr min(hf S hfH.E.)	Objective includes one known T.M. position at I 29 D10.25 Three MG positions at I 29 C8.2 I 29 C 90.25 I 29 D 10.35
"THIRD"	I 29 D 0.4- I 29 D20.65	41-42-43	4TH(I8pdr)By ::: 2ND(I8pdr)By :: :: :: :: :: :: IOIST(How)By (a) see col 6 & 7	I 29 D 0.4- I 29 D20.65 FRONT LINE, searching also 150 yds in rear. I sec of 2ND By enfldng & reverse fire on enemy trenches oppte "GAP" (a)see col 6&7	Fifteen minutes 6 rds pr I8pdr By pr min.(HfS Hf H.E.) IOIST By 2rds pr by pr min.	(a) IOist How Bty will maintain a slow rate on trench posn & approaches about I 29 D 55.35 Objective includes:- Three TM posns at I 29 D 5.5- 6.2-3.6. Three MG posns at I 29 D 10.35- 5.4-4.6.
"FOURTH"	I 29 D 20.65- I 29 D 30.75to I 30 C 0.5	42-43-44 "THE GAP"	2ND(I8pdr)by :: :: :: IOIST(How)By	Enfldng & rvrse fire on enemy trenches as in col 2 Trench posns & TMposns at I 29 D 8.3	Fifteen minutes I8pdr 6 rnds pr bty pr min. (Hf S, Hf H.E.) 4.5" How 4rnds pr by pr min.	Objective includes:- I TM posn at I 29 D 8.3. 3 MG posns at I 29 D 35.70- 35.50-8.5.

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"FIFTH"	I 35 A 50.65 I 29 C 7.0	37-38-39	3RD(18pdr)Bty :: 1ST(18pdr)Bty :: :: IOIST(How)Bty :: ::	Front Line Works & immediate rear Searching enemy trenches on "CATERPILLAR" On TRENCH JUNCTIONS at I 35 B I.5- I 35 B I.4	Fifteen mins. Objective includes:- 18pdr Bty 6rds Two TM posns I 35 A 85.60 pr bty pr min. & 85.70 (Hf S. Hf H.E.) Two MG posns at:- 4.5" How 4rds I 35 A 70.95 & 6.8. pr bty pr min.
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"SIXTH"	I 35 A 6.8- I 30 C 0.5 ENTIRE LEFT GROUP FRONT	38-46	1ST(18pdr)Bty 2ND(18pdr)Bty 3rd(18pdr)Bty 4th(18pdr)Bty :: IOIST(How)Bty	Each 18pdr bty sweeping & search ing on & in rear of NORMAL BARRAGE LINES. 4.5" How Bty on NORMAL BARRAGE OBJECTIVES (TRENCH JUNCTIONS)	Ten mins. 18pdrs;- 6rds pr bty pr min. 4.5" How Bty 4 rds pr bty pr min	General scheme for retaliation, covering all of enemy trenches & front oppte LEFT GROUP.
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