

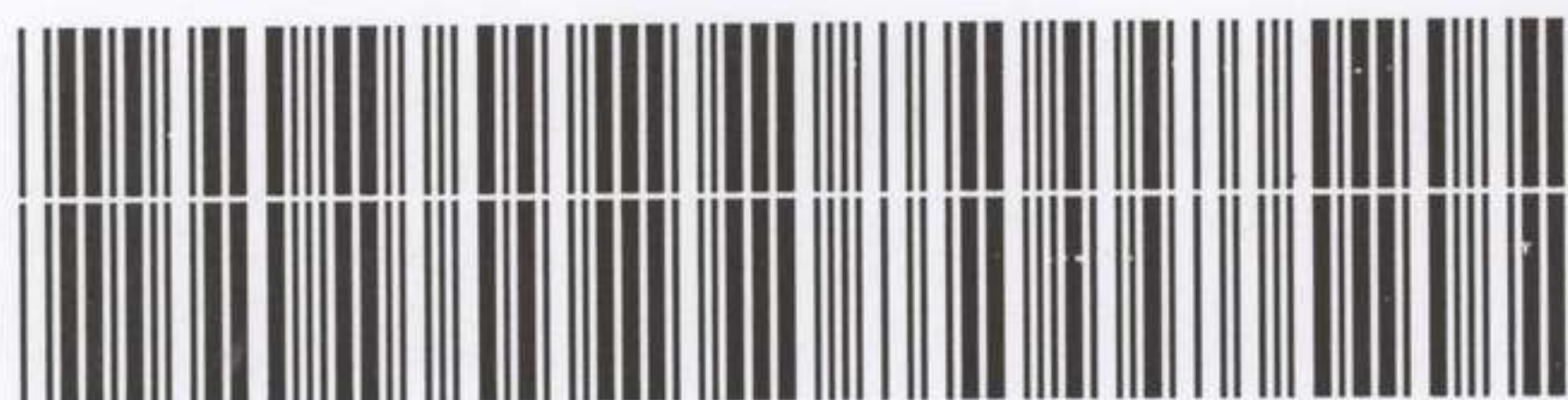
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W A R D I A R Y

OF

3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

FOR MONTH OF M A Y 1918

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER COMPILING.....CAPT.F.A
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

A. J. Humphrey

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER COMMANDING.....LIEUT COL
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3rd Army Adv. 7th Aust Div. May

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1ST MAY. 1918

WEATHER Dull TEMPERATURE 48 Deg Far VELOCITY OF WIND. 17 F.S from E.N.E
 AMMUNITION RECEIVED 304A 152AX 576BA
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.1

2ND MAY

Fair 59 Deg Far 9 F.S from N.E
 AMMUNITION RECEIVED 2036A 540AX 288BX
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.2

3RD MAY

Fair 63 Deg Far 20 F.S from E.S.E
 AMMUNITION RECEIVED 776A 440AX 192BX
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.3
 Major.F.B.Slaney transferred to 3rd Aust Divisional Arty.

4TH MAY

Fair 51 Deg Far 14 F.S from W.S.W
 AMMUNITION RECEIVED 676A 228AX 500BNC
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.4

5TH MAY

Fair 56 Deg Far 15 F.S from E.S.E
 AMMUNITION RECEIVED 228A 76AX 192BX
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.5

9th Aust Infantry Brigade carried out a successful operation in the vicinity of MORLANCOURT on the night 5/6th MAY. About 200 prisoners were captured, and considerable casualties inflicted. We sustained 64 casualties. Our artillery barrage was reported good.

6TH MAY

Rain 55 Deg Far 6 F.S from W
 AMMUNITION RECEIVED 1360A 1360AX 52AS 336BX 25BS
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.6

General.Sir.William.Birdwood.K.C.M.G etc. G.O.C., A.I.F inspected all Battery positions.

7TH MAY

Cloudy 56 Deg Far 20 F.S from N
 AMMUNITION RECEIVED 80A 288BX
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.7

STRENGTH 41 Off 1080.O.R 185 Riding 513.L.Dt 27.H.D 183Mules.
 CASUALTIES NIL

REINFORCEMENTS JOINED:- 2/Lieut.A.F.Thomson ex R.A.CADET SCHOOL
 " W.G.Lynch. "
 " A.J.Smith "

GUNS IN ACTION:- 30 Other Ranks from Details.
 18A 6B

Place Date Hour

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8TH MAY. 1918

WEATHER TEMPERATURE VELOCITY OF WIND
Cloudy 55 Deg Far 12 F.S from S
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 328A 328AX 288BX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.8

GENERAL POLICY

From 1st to 8th May Harassing fire was carried out nightly in accordance with firing programmes appended.

N.F.Calls were frequently fired on and movement engaged whenever observed, but owing to poor visibility there were few opportunities.

Gas Bombardments with 4.5" Hows were carried out whenever conditions were favourable. N.C was chiefly used.

9TH MAY

Cloudy 54 Deg Far 12 F.S from S
AMMUNITION RECEIVED Nil
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.9

3rd Army Brigade Aust F.A changed positions with 7th Brigade Aust F.A and became the SUPERIMPOSED GROUP, 3rd Aust Div Arty, firing only on S.O.S. Positions taken over are detailed in O.O.No.13.

10TH MAY

Fair 58 deg Far 20 F.S from S.S.W
AMMUNITION RECEIVED NIL
AMMUNITION EXPENDED NIL

TRAINING While in position as Superimposed Group training was carried out in accordance with Brigade Order No.220 attached.

11TH MAY

Fair 52 Deg Far 18 F.S from S
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 76 A
AMMUNITION EXPENDED NIL

12TH MAY

Fair 52 Deg Far 19 F.S from S
AMMUNITION RECEIVED NIL
AMMUNITION EXPENDED NIL

CRA 2nd Aust Div took over from CRA 3rd Aust Div

Brig.Gen.C.H.Foott.C.M.G., C.E Aust Corps visited positions.

13TH MAY

Fair 56 Deg Far 15 F.S from S
AMMUNITION RECEIVED NIL
AMMUNITION EXPENDED NIL

14TH MAY

Fair 56 Deg Far 15 F.S from S
AMMUNITION RECEIVED NIL
AMMUNITION EXPENDED NIL

Brig.Gen.W.A.Coxen.C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C., R.A.Aust Corps and Brig.Gen.O.F.Phillips.D.S.O., C.R.A 2nd Aust Div, came round positions.

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14TH MAY

2nd. Lieut. J. A. Campbell rejoined from Hospital.

Casualties 1 O.R. wounded B.A.C

15TH MAY

WEATHER	TEMPERATURE	VELOCITY OF WIND
Fair	56 Deg Far	15 F.S from S.S.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED	NIL	2nd & 3rd Zone positions were recommitted by C.O & Adjutant.
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	NIL	

16TH MAY

Fair	63 Deg Far	12 F.S from E.S.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED	NIL	
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	NIL	

17TH MAY

Cloudy	66 Deg Far	7 F.S from E.N.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED	409 AX	
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	NIL	

18TH MAY

Cloudy	66 Deg Far	10 F.S from E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED	1278A	811AX 408BX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	NIL	

19TH MAY

Heavy Rain	77 Deg Far	11 F.S from E.S.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED	NIL	
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	See Appendix. 19	

Casualties:- 1 O.R. 7th Battery Wd
1 O.R. 8th Battery Wd.

3rd Army Brigade supported the operation carried out by 5th and 6th Aust. Inftry Bdes on VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. Zero hour 2.A.M. The operation was untirely successful and resulted in the capture of 360 prisoners. *the Village*

3rd Army Brigade Aust F.A was relieved by 6th Army Brigade and became MOBILE RESERVE BRIGADE, 2nd Aust Div. (See O.O.No.3 dated 20-5-1918) Batteries with guns were concentrated in FRANVILLERS.

20TH MAY

Fair	71 Deg Far	10 F.S from E.
AMMUNITION RECEIVED	NIL	
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	See Appendix. 20	

Casualties:- 3 O.R. 103rd Battery wounded
1 O.R. 103rd Battery Killed.

21ST MAY

Fair	71 Deg Far	10 F.S from E.
AMMUNITION RECEIVED	NIL	
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	NIL	

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22ND MAY

WEATHER Fair TEMPERATURE 50 Deg Far VELOCITY OF WIND 30 F.S from N.W
AMMUNITION RECEIVED NIL
AMMUNITION EXPENDED NIL

Casualties:- Lieut W.S.Hedges, 3rd B.A.C wounded.
1 O.R. do Killed
4 O.R do Wounded
3 O.R 8th Bty Wounded.

3rd Army Brigade Aust F.A relieved 108th Army Brigade R.F.A, and occupied positions as under :-

H.Q.	J.1.A.3.9	
7th	J.4.C.22.00	
8th	J.14.B.77.90	(4 guns)
	J.15.A.10.15	(2 Guns)
9th	J.8.B.15.50	(4 Guns)
	J.14.D. 1.9	(2 Guns)
103rd	J.9.D.15.50	(2 Hows)
	J.9.A.80.45	(2 Hows)
	J.8.B.53.76	(2 Hows)

(See O.O.No.1 dated 22-5-1918)

The 3rd Army Brigade Aust.F.A became SUB RIGHT GROUP 2nd Aust Div Arty, covering LEFT BATTALION, Right Infty Bde. (See Operation Order No.1 dated 31-5-1918)

Hostile aeroplanes bombed Wagon Lines of B.A.C and 8th Battery, causing casualties as above, also,

{ 37 Horses and 2 Mules killed
23 Horses wounded and evacuated in 8th Battery
10 Horses killed
42 Wounded (14 of these evacuated) in B.A.C

In the 8th Battery revetments with transverse walls were erected, but casualties to horses were caused owing to the bombs falling inside the revetments.

In the B.A.C no revetments were built as the Unit had moved their Lines the previous day.

23RD MAY

Fair 71 Deg Far 10 F.S from E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED NIL
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.23
Casualties:- 7th Bty 3 O.R wounded Gassed.
103rd Bty 1 O.R Killed

24TH MAY

Rain 55 Deg Far 37 F.S from N
AMMUNITION RECEIVED NIL
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix.24
Casualties:- 7th Bty 20.R wounded Gassed.
103rd Bty 10.R do do

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AMMUNITION RECEIVED 684A 380AX 432BX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix. 25
Casualties. NIL

STRENGTH	OFF	O.R	RIDING	L.D.	H.D	MULES.
40	1068	174	507	32	198	
CASUALTIES.	2 O.R. Killed. Lieut. W.S. Hedges wounded on 22-5-18 19 O.R. wounded) From 14th to 25th
REINFORCEMENTS JOINED	28 O.R.					
GUNS IN ACTION	15 A		5 B			

26TH MAY

Cloudy 70 Deg Far 10 F.S from E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 228A 228AX 1048BX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix. 26
Casualties:- 103rd Bty 2 O.R Killed. 2 O.R. wounded.

27TH MAY

Fair 74 Deg Far 15 F.S from S.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 548A 516AX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix. 27
Casualties:- 9th Bty 1 O.R. Killed
" 3 O.R. Wounded

Brig Gen. O.F. Phillips. D.S.O., C.R.A 2nd Aust Div visited SUB GROUP H.Q.

28TH MAY

Fair 70 Deg Far 15 F.S from S.S.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 684A 228AX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix. 28
Casualties:- 8th Bty 1 O.R. Wounded.
103rd Bty 3 O.R. Wounded.

Owing to enemy shelling and bombing of Wagon Lines on the outskirts of FRANVILLERS, the 8th 9th and 103rd Bty moved W.Lines to the Valley running from FRANVILLERS to BIRNHCOURT.

8th and 103rd Bty in C.21.C
9th in C.26.B

29TH MAY

Fair 63 Deg Far 15 F.S from S.S.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 152A 152AX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix. 29
Casualties:- ~~5th Bty 1 O.R. wounded.~~ NIL

30TH MAY

Fair 67 Deg Far 8 F.S from E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 304A 152AX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix. 30

31ST MAY

Fair 72 Deg Far 15 F.S from S.E
AMMUNITION RECEIVED 1295A 789AX 16 BX
AMMUNITION EXPENDED See Appendix. 31
Casualties:- 7th Bty 1 O.R. Killed.
8th Bty 5 O.R. wounded, Gassed.
103rd Bty 3 O.R. wounded, Gassed.

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31ST MAY

OFF	O.R	RIDING	L.D	H.D	MULES
STRENGTH 40	1054	175	489	32	181

CASUALTIES FROM 25th to 31st:-

4 Other Ranks Killed.
17 do Wounded.

REINFORCEMENTS JOINED:- 13 Other Ranks.

GUNS IN ACTION 17A 5B

GENERAL POLICY The General Policy from 22nd to 31st May was as follows:-

Harassing fire throughout the night on all enemy approaches and centres of activity.

Counter preparation schemes each night under orders from 2nd Aust D.Arty.

S.O.S.Lines, Liaison and O.P.Duties, Action on Air Calls, Orders in case of a withdrawal and for Left Flank protection were as set out in O.O.No.1 dated 31-5-1918, attached.

TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR MAY

	Killed	Wounded.
H.Q.	-	-
7TH BATTERY	1 O.R	8 O.R
8TH BATTERY	- O.R	10 O.R
9TH BATTERY	1 O.R	3 O.R
103RD BATTERY	4 O.R	12 O.R
B.A.C	1 O.R	5 O.R

Lieut. W.S.Hedges B.A.

TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A TO 30TH APRIL:-

	SHRAPNEL	H. EXPLOSIVE	TOTAL
EXPENDED DURING MAY:-	222323	232496	454819
7TH BATTERY.....	5304	2050	7354
8TH BATTERY.....	3901	1866	5767
9TH BATTERY.....	5145	1414	6559
103RD BATTERY.....	-	7092	7092

TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY BRIGADE TO DATE

31-5-1918.....	236673	244918	481591
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SCHOOLS

The following officers and other ranks attended Schools and courses of Instruction during the current Month:-

FITTERS COURSE AT NO. 17 & 47 MOBILE WORKSHOP
1 Fitter on 29-5-1918.

AUST CORPS LEWIS GUN SCHOOL
Lieut. W. B. Smith, 9th Battery and 2 N.C.O's on 25-5-18

RESERVE ARMY ARTILLERY SCHOOL, ABBEVILLE
Lieut N. W. Smith, 8th Battery and 2 N.C.O's on 6-5-18.

4TH ARMY SCHOOL OF COOKERY
2 Other Ranks on 7-5-1918

AUST CORPS GAS SCHOOL
2/Lieut. C. D. Lee and 1 N.C.O on 12-5-18.

19TH CORPS SIGNALLING SCHOOL
2 Other Ranks on 5-5-18.

31-5-18 COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

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5	"	"	T/18	"
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27	"	1 "	T/6	"
28	"	1 "	T/7	"
29	"	1 "	T/8	"
30	"	2 "	T/9	"
31	"	1 "	T/10	"
			O.O.1	3 "

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 COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FROM 3.P.M 30-4-18 TO 3.P.M 1-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				REMARKS
			A	AX	BX	BNC	
5-30-B.M to 5.40.P.M	7TH	K.7.A.10.88 Reported M.G.Position	10	-	-	-	
5-40.P.M	7TH	Sunken Road in K.7.D.60.60	17	-	-	-	Verification of Corrector.
9-45.P.M to 10-25.P.M	7TH	Infantry enterprise as per O.O.9	263	86	-	-	
11-30.P.M	7TH	As per instructions from Group. Infantry enterprise.	111	37	-	-	
1.A.M to 1-15.A.M	7TH	do do do	159	51	-	-	
9-40.P.M to 10-10.P.M	8TH	As per O.O.9 Inftry enterprise.	272	90	-	-	
11-30.P.M to 1-15.a.m	8TH	Infantry enterprise. As per Instructions from Group	185	184	-	-	
9-40.P.M to 10-10.P.M	9TH	Inftry enterprise as per O.O.9	270	90	-	-	
10-30.P.M to 1-15.A.M	9TH	do do as per Instructions from Group.	312	48	-	-	
3 to 6.a.m	9TH	As per T/14	200	-	-	-	
7-15.P.M	103RD	T.M. at E.25.D.70.40	-	-	20	-	
7-45 to 5.A.M	103RD	do do	-	-	95	-	
9-40.P.M	103RD	Infantry enterprise as per O.O.9	-	-	359	-	
5 to 7.A.M	103RD	As per T/14	-	-	100	-	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
10.P.M	D.22.A and B	20	4.2"	-	D.22.A.00.40	

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(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS.
9-30.A.M	J.12.A	10	T.M	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE	D.21.D.65.68	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes fairly active.
(5) NEW WORK NIL

(4) MOVEMENT:- NIL
(6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation poor.

1-5-1918

Althunbury
CAPT. F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.
OPERATION ORDER NO 10
BY LIEUT COLONEL G.I. STEVENSON.C.M.G.
COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

Headquarters
1/5/18

COUNTER PREPARATION

Reference 3rd B.A. B/5/89/4 dated 29/4/18.

- (1). All previous orders for Counter preparation are cancelled.
(2). All batteries will be prepared to fire on LANES 13 to 18, and any particular Zone, A, B, C, or D in these Lanes, on orders from this office.
(3). Counter preparation is divided into three Phases as under :-

PHASE 1 (a) PHASE 1 (b), and PHASE 2.

- (4). PHASE 1 (a). This will mean Counter Battery fire .

The following Tasks are allotted:-

7th Battery and 103rd Battery on Battery position -

E 15 D 92.11 to 87.05 to 21 B 82.98.

The number of rounds be fired by each battery will be ordered at the time. If conditions are favourable 103rd Battery will fire 100% GAS.

- (5). PHASE 1 (b). - This will mean Harassing fire on enemy tracks &c in any Lane and Zone ordered.

RATES OF FIRE-

(a).	60 Rds per Gun per hour
(b).	30 " " " " "
(c).	15 " " " " "

4.5 Hows - half above Rates.

This fire will be in short intense bursts.

103rd Battery will use 100 fuzes if available.

- (6). PHASE 2 -

This will mean Creeping barrage in any Lane ordered.

The Start Line will be the Western Boundary of Zone or Zones mentioned. On reaching the Eastern boundary Batteries will come back to the original start line and repeat, according to the period of fire ordered.

P.T.O.



(2).

18 Pdr Batteries will sweep and search at the rate of 100 Yards per 3 minutes.
103rd Battery will search with 106 Fuzes if available, 100 Yards in advance of 18 Pdrs.

RATES OF FIRE -

- | | | |
|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| (a). | 3 Rds per Gun per minute | } 18 Pdrs |
| (b). | 2 " " " " " " | |
| (c). | 1 " " " " " " | |

103rd Battery-Half above rates.

W. Humphreys CAPTAIN F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

- Distribution-
- 7th Battery
- 8th "
- 9th "
- 103rd "
- LEFT GROUP (2).
- Batta Liaison
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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FORCE
OPERATION ORDER NO 11
BY LIEUT COLONEL G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G.
COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FORCE

Headquarters
1/5/18

- (1). The Left Group Artillery S.O.S. Line now runs as under :-
E 20 A 15.00 - E 20 C 15.40 - E 25 D 30.90 - E 25 G 70.90 -
E 25 C 20.20.
- (2). The frontages allotted to Batteries of 3rd Army Bde A.F.A. are as under :-
7th Bty - E 25 G 20.20 - E 25 G 70.90 - E 25 D 30.90
8th " - E 25 D 30.90 - E 25 D 50.90 - E 25 B 25.00
9th " - E 25 B 25.00 - E 20 C 15.40 - E 20 A 15.00
103rd " - As previously
- (3). The front held by Left Battalion 10th Inf Bde now runs as under :-
~~E 19 B 45.00~~
E 19 B 45.00 to E 19 D 55.30 to E 19 D 50.5 to E 25 B 30.90 to
E 25 B 00.40 ~~to E 20 D 22.40~~ to thence along River to D 30 C
40.10.
- (4). Batteries acknowledge by wire.

Distribution -
7th, 8th, 9th 103rd
8th Army Hq A.F.A.
8th M.V.M. Battery
Battalion Liaison
WAR MARY
FILE

W. Humphrey CAPTAIN F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FORCE



3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Headquarters
30/4/18
1/14

REFERENCE MAP- SHEET 623, 1/20,000, ED EB, and Tracing 6/150
 PERIOD 7 p.m. 30/4/18 to 7 a.m. 1/5/18
 EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs - 300 Rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hows - 100 " " " "
 AMMUNITION - 18 Pdrs - 75% A, 25% AX
 4.5 Hows - 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
7th	1 a.m. to 3 a.m.	Search and sweep road from E 26 D 20.55 to E 22 G 30.80	300
9th	3 a.m. to 6 a.m.	Enfilade Road E 30 E 00.35 to E 30 B 35.45 fence search and sweep road to E 21 A 10.95 On Roads and tracks in E 26 G	300
103rd	8 a.m. to 7 a.m.	ROAD JUNCTION E 21 A 85.90 " " E 21 G 20.85 " " E 21 G 85.85	100 BX

No firing will take place closer than 500 yards East of the S.O.S. line, except on S.O.S. or on orders from this office. All fire will be in short irregular bursts and will be distributed to cover the whole period. Every opportunity will be taken to engage observed movement during the day

Distribution /
4 Batteries
6th Bde (2)
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Althamphrey CAPTAIN F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BDE. ASST. F.A.

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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A FROM 3.P.M 1-5-18 TO 3.P.M 2-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS					REMARKS
			A	AA	BX	BOBR	BNG	
4-30.P.M	7TH	M.G at K.1.C.20.10	19	-	-	-	-	Verifying corrector.
11-30.A.M	7TH	K.7.A.70.80	11	-	-	-	-	" "
11-40.A.M	7TH	M.G. at K.1.C.18-50	23	-	-	-	-	Good effect.
11-15.A.M	7TH	E.27.B.40.60 A.A.M.G position.	34	4	-	-	-	In response to N.F call.
11-40.a.M	7TH	Hostile Bty at K.3.B.35.39, 32-30 and 29-20	36	5	-	-	-	" "
12-40.P.M	7TH	A.A.M.G position at E.27.B.40.60	12	-	-	-	-	" "
5-30.P.M	8TH	M.G at E.25.C.75.90	144	48	-	-	-	
9.P.M	8TH	As per T/15	125	67	-	-	-	
10.P.M	9TH	As per instructions from Group	60	12	-	-	-	
11.A.M	9TH	do do do	56	26	-	-	-	
1.A.M	9TH	As per T/15	168	32	-	-	-	
1.A.M	103RD	do	-	-	-	230	-	
11-45.A.M	103RD	E.27.B.40.60	-	-	54	-	-	In response to N.F.Call.
12-12.P.M	103RD	K.3.B.32.33	-	-	54	-	-	" "
12-40.P.M	103RD	E.27.B.40.60	-	-	12	-	-	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
10.A.M	BUIRE	20	4.2"	-	D.21.D.65.68	
2-10.P.M	D.23.A & C	8	5.9"	-	D.22.A.10.50	
1.P.M	CEMETERY IN BUIRE	40	77 MM	-	D.15.B.20.50	
-	BUIRE	-	4.2" How	DERWANCOURT	D.21.D.65.68	
2.P.M	D.23.B	8	4.2"	-	D.23.C.70.90	
7.P.M	MILLEN COURT	-	5.9" How	-	D.23.C.70.90	
1.P.M to 7.P.M	CEMETERY IN BUIRE and vicinity	100	77 MM	-	D.23.C.35.85	

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(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
5.P.M	D.22.B	60	4.2"	-	D.23.C.35.85	
6-40.A.M	D.23.C.40.85	6	4-2"	-	D.23.C.25.75	
7.A.M	D.16.D	12	5.9"	-	do	
7-10.A.M	D.23.B	11	4.2"	-	do	
7-30.A.M	D.23.C.40.85	6	77 MM	-	do	
5-30.P.M	Roads in D.17.D & C and D.18.C	100	4.2" How	-	do	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active. Few hostile planes active.

(4) MOVEMENT:- Grey horse without saddle and bridle trotted from K.10.A to back of DERNANCOURT. Dog seen at K.1.C.18.50. 2 Men seen at Road E.2.A. and few men seen at K.3.D.20.10 and K.3.B.20.60

(5) NEW WORK:- NIL (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Visibility good.

2-5-1918

Alldumphy
CAPT.F.A
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

APPENDIX, 2/16



3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTR. F.A.

Headquarters
1/5/18HARRASSING FIRE

T/15

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62D, 1/20,000 ED 23
 PERIOD - 7 p.m 1/5/18 to 7 a.m 2/5/18
 EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs 200 Rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hows 100 " " " "
 AMMUNITION - 18 Pdrs - 7 1/2% A, 2 1/2% AK
 4.5 HOWS - 100% GAS if conditions favourable

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
9th	1 a.m to 4 a.m	Transport route from E 20 D 10.05 to 20.60 Occupied bank E 15 G 50.20 to A 95.10 Centre of activity from E 21 A 45.35 to 75.85 to 70.80 Cemetery at E 20 A 97.30	200
8th	9 p.m to 1 a.m	Infilade Road E 25 D 40.45 to E 26 G 70.10 Enemy tracks in E 23 A and G	200
103rd	1 a.m	Gas road from E 20 B 80.30 to E 21 G 80.35	50 OBR 150 NG

NOTE- 8th Battery may fire on the whole of E 26 A.
 All fire will be in short bursts distributed over the whole period detailed.
 Every opportunity will be taken to engage any movement observed during the day.

W. Humphreys CAPTAIN F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 2-5-1918 TO 3.P.M 3-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				BOBR	REMARKS
			A	AX	EX	BNC		
3-50.P.M	7TH	E.26.A.30.55	71	2	-	-	-	Calibration.
9.P.M	7TH	do As per T/16	175	88	-	-	-	
4.P.M	8TH	Zero Point and Mill at E.26.A.3.6	48	39	-	-	-	Registration.
9.P.M to 2.A.M	8TH	As per T/16	112	104	-	-	-	
6-30.P.M	9TH	Roads and trenches in K.7.C	44	-	-	-	-	Registration.
3.P.M	103RD	Datum Point E.26.A.35.60	-	-	21	-	-	Registration.
4-10.P.M	103RD	E.15.B.80.20	-	-	45	-	-	In response to N.F Call.
2-20.P.M	7TH	E.26.A.30-55	61	8	-	-	-	Registration.

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
7.A.M	D.11.C & D	20	4-2"	-	D.21.D.68.65	Intermittently throughout day.
-	BUIRE & TREUX	r	4.2 and 5.9"	-	do	
12.NOON	J.5.B & D	70	do	-	D-23.C.32.85	
2.P.M	J.6.A & B					
2.P.M	Vicinity of CEMETERY	10	77 MM	-	do	
3.P.M	BUIRE	8	5.9"	-	do	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active. Hostile planes active. 7 Hostile balloons visible during day.
 (4) MOVEMENT:- NIL (5) NEW WORK:- NIL (6) VISIBILITY GOOD. One of our planes brought down at 10.A.M by hostile plane.

3-5-1918

Alldumphy
 CAPT.F.A
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

APPENDIX. 3/18



3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Headqrs
T/18
2/5/18

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62D, 1/20,000, ED 2B
 PERIOD - 7 p.m 2/5/18 to 7 a.m 3/5/18
 EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs - 200 Rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hows - 240 " " " "
 AMMUNITION - 18 Pdrs - 75% A, 25% AX
 4.5 Hows - 100% GAS if conditions favourable

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
7th	9 p.m to 10 p.m and 1 a.m to 4 a.m	M.G. at E 25 C 80.95 M.G. at E 26 A 30.80 M.W. at E 25 D 80.50	200
These targets will be registered as soon as possible - in consultation with infantry if necessary.			
8th	9 p.m to 10 p.m 10 p.m to 1 a.m	Field Kitchen reported on road at E 20 B 55.55 Centre of activity at E 21 A 60.10 Ten footbridges from E 20 D 55.55 to E 21 C 75.45	40 160
103rd	1.15 a.m to 1.20 a.m	6 Hows on Area E 27 A 45.00 - E 26 D 80.50 - E 27 C 20.00 - E-26 E 27 C 90.80	120 NG
	2 a.m to 2.5 a.m	do do do	120 NG

NOTE - The Gas bombardment is being done in conjunction with 6" Hows and other 4.5 Hows - 900 Rds to be fired.
 All fire except Gas bombardment will be in short bursts distributed to cover the whole period.

Althamphrey
 CAPTAIN F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Distribution -
 7th
 8th
 9th
 103rd
 LEFT GROUP (2)
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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 3-5-1918 TO 4-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				REMARKS
			A	AX	BX	BNC	
9.P.M	7TH	As per T/17	150	50	-	-	
3.P.M	9TH	MILL E.28.A.30.65 Registration	104	102	-	-	
1-A.M to 4.A.M	9TH	As per T/17.	157	44	-	-	
3.P.M	103RD	DATUM E.26.A.35-60	-	-	37	-	Checking registration.
8.P.M to 6.A.M	103RD	As per T/17	-	-	105	-	
10-30.P.M	103RD	E.28.A.50.70 Instructions from Group.H.Q	-	-	64	4	
4.A.M	103RD	do do do	-	-	62	-	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
1-30.P.M	LA-VIE-VILLE	40	5.9 Bty	68 deg Grid	D.22.A.00.45	
1-30.P.M	D.16.D.50.70	100	5.9" How	-	D.15.B.09.41	
9.A.M	D.29.0	15	77 MM	-	D.21.B.85-60	
10.A.M	D.23.0	4	4.2	-	do	
XXXXM	XXXXXXXXXX70X					
5.P.M	BUIRE	8	5.9	-	D.15.B.09.41	
7-30.A.M	D.19	15	T.M	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE	D.21.D.65.68	
9-30.A.M	BUIRE	-	4-2.How	-	do	
1-30.P.M	D.16.D.55.80	30	4.2"	-	D.23.C.32.85	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes very active. Hostile planes active. (4) MOVEMENT:- NIL
 (5) NEW WORK:- NIL (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation Good. Dump blown up in enemy lines at K.16.D.20.60.

4-5-1918

Alldumpley CAPT.F.A
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

APPENDIX.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

HARASSING FIRE

Headquarters

T/17

3/5/18

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62D, 1/20,000, ED 28
 PERIOD - 7 p.m 3/5/18 to 7 a.m 4/5/18
 EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs - 200 Rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hows - 100 " " " "
 AMMUNITION - 18 Pdrs - 75% A 25% AX
 4.5 Hows - 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
7th	9 p.m to 1 a.m	Enfilade New Road from E 21 C 48.15 to E 21 G 68.21 to E 21 D 02.08 Suspected H.Q. at E 15 C 60.10 Road from E 26 B 85.15 to E 21 D 55.30	200
9th	1 a.m to 4 a.m	M.G. at E 25 C 80.95 M.G. at E 23 A 30.50 M.W. at E E 25 D 80.50 Enfilade Road E 25 D 80.35 to E 26 C 70.10	200
103rd	8 to 10 p.m and 4 to 6 a.m	M.W. at E 25 D 80.95 Cross Roads E 25 D 55.45 Occupied Bank E 26 D 70.15 to E-26 E 27 C 20.55	100

All fire will be in short bursts at irregular intervals.
 No fire except as detailed above, or on S.O.S. will take place closer
 than 500 Yards East of S.O.S. Line.

Althamby

CAPTAIN F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

Distribution -

7th
 8th
 9th
 103rd
 LEFT GROUP (2)
 WAR DIARY
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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 4-5-1918 TO 3.P.M. 5-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				REMARKS
			A	AX	BX	REBR T.M.G	
4.P.M	7th	Road Junction in K.8.D	21	-	-	-	Verifying corrector.
4-15.P.M	7th	Movement in K.2.D Searched & swept	25	4	-	-	Good effect.
4-50.P.M	7th	A.A Bty in K.8.B	24	2	-	-	Bty silenced.
4-30.P.M to 4-50.P.M	7th	Sunken Road in K.8.B	20	4	-	-	Movement observed.
11-45.A.M.	7th	Movement in K.3.B.20.20	24	4	-	-	Enemy dispersed.
3.P.M	8th	Registration and checking calibration	92	39	-	-	
1.A.M to 4.A.M	8th	As per T/18	140	60	-	-	
4.P.M	9th	Finding corrector	34	-	-	-	Satisfactory.
9.P.M	9th	As per T/18	167	33	-	-	
6-40.P.M	103RD	K.2.C.90.30 N.F.Call	-	-	24	-	
7-50.P.M	103RD	K.9.B.10.10 do	-	-	20	-	
8-5.P.M	103RD	do do	-	-	20	-	
8-30 to 9-30.P.M	103RD	SUNKEN ROAD As per T/18	-	-	200	-	
2.P.M to 2.45.P.M	6th T.M's	Crucifix in K.1.A and VILLE CHURCH	-	-	-	29	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
8-10.P.M	Vicinity of D.21.B.85.60	37	77 MM	-	D.21.B.85.60	
8.P.M	D.21.D	12	4.2"	-	D.22.A.00.40	
12.P.M	J.15.B.20.90	20	5.9"	132 deg Grid Sound bearing	D.21.D.68.65	
2-15.P.M	do	20	4.2"	do	do	
4.P.M	do	-	5.9"	do	do	Intermittent shelling.
4 to 5.P.M	BUIRE	100	77 MM	-	do	
4.P.M	-	-	A.A	MORLANCOURT	do	Silenced by 7th Bty 4-50.P.M
2.P.M	J.9.C & D and J.15.A & B	25	4.2"	-	D.23.C.30.85	
5-30.P.M	D.17.C. and D.23.B	100	4.2"	-	do	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile planes NIL 1 Hostile balloon up over MORLANCOURT. (4) MOVEMENT:- All movement seen engaged by our Btys.
 (5) NEW WORK:- NIL (6) OBSERVATION fair.
 5-5-1918

W. Humphrey
 CAPT.F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD AR.Y BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

APPENDIX 5

5/22

3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

HARASSING FIRE

Headquarters

3/18
4/5/18

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62 D, 1/20,000, ED 23
 PERIOD - 7 p.m. 4/5/18 to 7 a.m. 5/5/18
 EXPENDITURE - 13 Pdrs 200 rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hows 100 " " " "
 ARRANGEMENT - 13 Pdrs 7 1/2 A, 2 1/2 AK
 4.5 Hows 100% BK

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
8th	1 to 4 a.m.	Infilade Road (used as transport route) from E 25 D 40.45 to E 23 G 70.10 Tracks in E 26 B	200
9th	9 p.m. to 12 Midnight	tracks in E 20 D three M.G.s in Cemetery in E 20 A	200
103rd	8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	Occupied bank and transport route from E 26 D 15.55 to E 27 A 95.95	100

Note - Orders for a Gas bombardment will probably be given later if conditions are favourable.

All fire will be in short bursts at irregular intervals and distributed over the whole period detailed.

No fire to take place closer than 500 Yards East of S.O.S. line except on S.O.S. or orders from this office.

Althamphrey
 CAPTAIN A.F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTEN. F.A.

Distribution -

7th
 8th
 9th
 103rd
 B.A.G. LEFT GROUP (2).
 WAR DIARY
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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 5-5-1918 TO 3.P.M 6-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				R E M A R K S
			A	AX	BX	BNC	
3-50.P.M	7TH	Hostile A.A.Gun at K.8.B.02-60	24	4	-	-	Gun silenced.
4-10.P.M	7TH	77 MM Bty at K.3.D.15.88	20	4	-	-	Bty neutralized.
4-30.P.M	7TH	Roads and Tracks in E.28.A	36	2	-	-	Movement.
5-10.P.M	7TH	Movement in vicinity K.2.Central	20	2	-	-	
6.P.M	7TH	Occupied banks at K.1.A.30.20	20	-	-	-	Movement observed.
6-10.P.M	7TH	K.1.A.30.20	16	-	-	-	Verifying corrector.
11.P.M	7TH	K.1.A.30.20 In support of Inftry Operation.	256	84	-	-	As per O.O.12
1.P.M to 4.A.M	7TH	As per T/19	150	50	-	-	
11-45.P.M	8TH	In support of Inftry Operation	286	97	-	-	do
8.P.M	9TH	As per T/19	168	32	-	-	
11-45.P.M	9TH	In support of Inftry Operation	88	32	-	-	do
5.P.M	103RD	Hostile Bty in action K.9.B.30.20	-	-	47	-	Bty ceased fire.
8.P.M	103RD	Hostile Bty E.15.D.92.15 to 87.05	-	-	50	-	Satisfactory.
1-15.A.M	103RD	On Orders from Group.	-	-	-	36	As per G/177
3-50.A.M	103RD	do do	-	-	-	36	do
4 to 5.A.M	103RD	As per T/19	-	-	50	-	
11-45.P.M	103RD	In support of Inftry Operation	-	-	360	-	As per O.O.12

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	R E M A R K S
9.P.M	Main AMIENS - ALBERT					
-	Road running thro D.21.A	30	4.2"	-	D.22.A.00.40	Intermittent shelling
-	J.6, J.12.A, J.11 & J.17.A	-	4.2 Hows and Guns	-	do	Shelled heavily throughout day.
-	Road in vicinity J.5.C	-	4.2"	-	do	Intermittently shelled during morning.

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(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
1-30.P.M	D.23	30	77 MM	-	D.15.B.09.41	
3.P.M	J.5	100	77 MM	-	do	
10-40.A.M	Line running Approx. J.5.B.80.00 to J.6.C.40.00 to J.17.A.30.80	-	-	-	-	
11-30.A.M	J.5.C Road in	150	4.2 Hows & Guns	-	D.21.D.28.65	
11-45.A.M	J.12.B MARETT WOOD	-	4.2 How	F.19	do	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our own planes active. Hostile planes active. (4) MOVEMENT:- All movement engaged by our Btys where possible.
 (5) NEW WORK:- NIL (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation Good. Rain.

7-5-1918

W. H. H. H.
 CAPT. F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

APPENDIX 6 25

3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

HARASSING FIRE

T/19

5/5/18

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62D, 1/20,000, ED 2B
 PERIOD - 7 p.m 5/5/18 to 7 a.m 6/5/18
 EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs - 200 Rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hows - 100 " " " "
 AMMUNITION - 18 Pdrs - 75% A, 25% AX
 4.5 Hows - 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
7th	1 to 4 a.m	Search and sweep valley from E 21 central towards MEAULTE	200
8th 9 th	8 p.m to 1 a.m 11.30 p.m	Tracks in E 26 B and C M.W. position at E 25 D 8.5.	200
103rd	8 to 9 p.m	Hostile battery position E 15 D 92.15 to 87.05	50 BX
	4 to 5 a.m	Cross Roads E 26 C 70.10 New Road from E 21 C 40.15 to 70.20 to D 05.08	50 BX

Orders for a Gas Bombardment will probably be given late r.

All fire will be in short bursts at irregular intervals and distributed to cover the whole period detailed
 No fire will take place closer than 500 Yards East of S.O.S. Line except on S.O.S. or on orders from this office.

Althamby CAPTAIN F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Distribution -

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 103rd
 LEFT GROUP (2)
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SECRET

3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.
OPERATION ORDER NO 12
BY LIEUT COLONEL, C.I. STEVENSON, C.M.C.
COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.

Headquarters
5/5/18

1. On the night of 5th/6th May, 9th Aust. Infantry Bde will carry out an operation to advance our line and establish a series of posts along N and S Line through K 7 G central and K 13 G central.
2. The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. will support the operation in accordance with task table herewith.
- 3 ZERO DATE AND HOUR will be 5th MAY at 11.45 P.M.
4. Ordinary harassing fire as previously ordered will be carried out.

PHASE & TIME	BATTERIES AND TASKS ALLOTTED				
	7th Battery 6 Guns	8th Battery 4 Guns	9th Battery 2 Guns	105th Battery 6 Hows	
No 1 2 to 2 plus 5 minutes	<i>J</i> K 13 D 70.50 to <i>J</i> K 13 D 70.00	K 7 B 23.25 to K 7 A 30.70	<i>J</i> K 13 D 70.00 to <i>J</i> K 13 B 70.00	K 7 B 23.25 to K 7 B 60.00	K 7 D 60.40 to K 7 B 60.00
No 2 2 plus 3 min to 2 plus 6 min	<i>J</i> K 13 D 90.50 to <i>J</i> K 13 D 90.00	As in Phase 1	<i>J</i> K 13 D 90.00 to <i>J</i> K 13 B 90.00	As in Phase 1	As in Phase 1
No 3 2 plus 6 min to 2 plus 9 min	K 7 G 10.50 to K 7 G 10.00	As in Phase 1	K 7 G 10.00 to K 7 A 10.00	As in Phase 1	As in Phase 1
No 4 2 plus 9 min to 2 plus 12 min	K 7 G 40.50 to K 7 G 40.00	As in Phase 1	K 7 G 40.00 to K 7 A 40.00	As in Phase 1	As in Phase 1

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PHASE & TIME	BATTERIES AND TASKS ALLOTTED			
	7th Battery 6 Guns	8th Battery 4 Guns	9th Battery 3 Guns	103rd Battery 6 Hows
No 5 Z plus 12 to Z- plus 18 mins	K 7 C 30.00 to K 7 C 30.00	As in Phase 1	K 7 C 30.00 to K 7 A 30.00	As in Phase 1
				4 Hows Search & sweep 300 yards N.E. of line from K 8 A 45.00 to K 7 B 70.00 2 Hows sweep and search 400 yards E of line K 8 G 45.40 to K 8 A 45.00
No 6 Z plus 14 min to Z plus 18 mins	K 7 D 20.00 to K 7 D 20.00	As in Phase 1	K 7 D 20.00 to K 7 B 20.00	As in Phase 1
				As in Phase 5
No 7 Z plus 18 min to Z plus 60 mins	K 7 D 60.00 to K 7 D 60.00	As in Phase 1	K 7 D 60.00 to K 7 B 60.00	As in Phase 1
				As in Phase 5

5. RATES OFFIRE -

7th Battery - 6 Guns	}	Phase 1 ... 4 Rounds P.O.P.M
8th Battery - 2 Guns		Phases 2, 3 & 4 . 3 rounds P.O.P.M
	}	Phases 5 & 6 .. 1 Round P.O.P.M
		Phase 7.... <u>1 Round P.O. per 4 minutes</u>
9th Battery 3 Guns	}	throughout Operation
8th Battery 4 Guns		1 Round P.O.P.M
103rd Battery 6 Hows)	throughout operation 1 Round per How per Minute

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6. AMMUNITION -

13 Pdrs - 75% A, 25% AX - NO 100 Fuzes to be used

4.5 Hows - 100% BX - ALL 100 Fuzes to be used.

7. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 9 p.m, 5th May 1918.

8. Attached tracing showing Start Line and lifts and final Protective barrage (Phase 7) herewith.

9. SUMMARY of Expenditure of ammunition (approx) based on operation lasting 60 minutes.

PHASE	BATTERY						TOTAL			
	7th		8th		9th		10th BX	A	AX	BX
	A	AX	A	AX	A	AX				
1	54	18	18	6	4	2	18	85	20	18
			9	3						
2	40	14	14	4	4	2	18	67	23	18
			9	3						
3	40	14	14	4	4	2	18	67	23	18
			9	3						
4	40	14	14	4	4	2	18	67	23	18
			9	3						
5	9	3	3	1	5	1	12	48	21	7
			6	2						
6	9	3	3	1	5	1	12	21	7	12
			6	2						
7.	50	18	17	5	60	22	234	265	37	364
			132	44						
TOTALS	242	82	265	85	68	52	530	593	199	360
	324		348		120		360			
										GRAND TOTAL - 1153

10. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries)

W. Humphrey
 CAPTAIN F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 6-5-18 TO 3.P.M 7-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				R E M A R K S
			A	AX	BX	BNC	
4-30.P.M	7TH	Suspected Strong Point K.2.C.80.20	25	4	-	-	Good bursts obtained.
5.P.M	7TH	ROAD in E.28.A	20	2	-	-	Movement observed.
9.P.M to 1.A.M	7TH	In accordance with T/20	150	50	-	-	
3-30.A.M to 4.A.M	7TH	ROAD IN E.28.A	50	50	-	-	Counter preparation.
4.P.M	8TH	Registration	48	29	-	-	House in proximity to ZERO POINT was set on fire.
1.A.M to 5.A.M	8TH	As per T/20	150	50	-	-	
3.P.M to 4.P.M	9TH	Registration and testing lines	83	17	-	-	
9.P.M to 10.P.M	103RD	As per T/20	-	-	50	-	
9-30.P.M to 3-20.A.M	103RD	Harassing fire as per G/177	-	-	-	108	
3-30 to 4.a.m	103RD	CROSS ROADS K.1.B.10.35	-	-	100	-	Counter preparation.
5.A.M to 6.A.M	103RD	As per T/20	-	-	50	-	
7.A.M to 8.A.M	103RD	ROAD E.21.A.00.45 to 70.80	-	-	100	-	Hostile transport. Reported effective by Inftry.
4.P.M	103RD	Reregistration and checking lines	-	-	50	-	
12-30 to 1-45.P.M	103RD	W end of MEAULT	-	-	-	500	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	R E M A R K S
2-30 to 3.P.M	K.7.A & C & K.18.A	-	77 MM	-	D.21.B.85.60	Heavily shelled.
1.P.M to 6.P.M	D.5	200	77 MM & 4.2	-	D.15.B.09.41	
2-30. to 3.P.M	BUIRE & MARETT WOOD	-	-	-	D.21.D.68.65	
-	J.5	20	77 MM	-	D.23.C.30.85	
-	H.7	40	4.2	-	do	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Considerable aerial activity by hostile and our planes. At 6-45.P.M. hostile plane descended to height of 100 feet above 9th Battery. Battery Lewis gun was turned on and enemy retaliated, circling round. Plane marked with black cross in red circle.

(4) MOVEMENT:- NIL (5) NEW WORK (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation poor.
 8-5-1918

Althamphrey
 CAPT.F.A
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

APPENDIX. 7



3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

HARASSING FIRE

Headquarters
T/20
6/5/18

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62D, 1/20,000, ED 28
PERIOD - 7 p.m 6/5/18 to 7 a.m 7/5/18
EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs - 200 Rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hows - 100 " " " "
AMMUNITION - 18 Pdrs - 75% A, 25% AX
 4.5 Hows - 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
7th	9 p.m to 1 a.m	Road from E 27 D 65.00 to E 28 A 60.00	200
8th	1 a.m to 5 a.m	Roads and tracks in E 23 G Occupied Railway Embankment from E 20 B 55.45 to E 21 A 25.00	
103rd	9 p.m to 10 p.m	Mt. at E 25 A 05.00	50 BX
	5 a.m to 6 a.m	Occupied Railway embankment from E 20 B 55.45 to E 21 A 25.00	50 BX

All fire will be in short bursts at irregular intervals and distributed to cover the whole period.
No fire will take place closer than 500 yards East of S.O.S. Line except on S.O.S. or on orders from this office.

Althamphrey

CAPTAIN F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

- Distribution --
- 7th
 - 8th
 - 9th
 - 103rd
 - LEFT GROUP (2)
 - WAR DIARY
 - FILE

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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 7-5-18 TO 3.P.M 8-5-18
(1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				R E M A R K S
			A	AX	BX	BNC	
4-50.P.M	7TH	Sunken Road & Dug-outs in K.3.C.00.30	30	10	-	-	Bursts appeared effective.
5-10.P.M	7TH	Road in K.8.B.20.90 to K.2.Central	30	10	-	-	Good bursts obtained.
5-40.P.M	7TH	E.28.A.20.50	24	-	-	-	Verifying corrector, & Zero point.
2.A.M to 4.A.M	7TH	E.26.A.20.50	41	11	-	-	Orders from Left Group.
7-50.A.M	7TH	Active Battery in K.8.D	20	6	-	-	At request of F.O.O. Battery silenced.
10.P.M	8TH	As per T/21	150	50	-	-	
1.A.M to 3.A.M	8TH	Orders from Left Group. Searching & Sweeping Northern end of K.7.B	36	14	-	-	
1.A.M to 4.A.M	9TH	As per T/21	150	40	-	-	
2.A.M to 4.A.M	9TH	Orders from Left Group.	38	12	-	-	
10-30.P.M	103RD	Hostile Battery K.14.A.00.50	-	-	20	-	
2.A.M to 4.A.M	103RD	Orders from Left Group	-	-	50	-	
4.A.M to 6.A.M	103RD	As per T/21	-	-	100	-	
8-15.A.M to 10-15.A.M	103RD	Hostile Minnenwerfer E.20.B.30.20	-	-	60	-	Effective.
2-30.P.M	7TH	E.26.A.25.60 Verifying corrector & Zero Point	31	-	-	-	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	R E M A R K S
1-30.P.M	D.23.B.& D	60	77 MM & 4.2"	K.52	D.16.D.60.05	
-	D.23.C.80.90 to					
-	D.23.C.95.40	50	77 MM & 4.2	-	D.23.C.35.85	
-	CROSS ROADS D.16.C.60.50	8	5.9"	-	cb	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our own and hostile planes active.

(4) MOVEMENT:- NIL

(5) NEW WORK:- NIL

(6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation poor.

9-5-18

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CAPT.F.A
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

HARASSING FIRE

Headquarters

T21
7/5/18

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62 D, 1/20,000, ED 2B
 PERIOD - 7 p.m. 7/5/18 to 7 a.m. 8/5/18
 EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs - 200 Rds per battery detailed
 4.5 Hws - 100 " " " "
 AMMUNITION - 18 Pdrs - 75% A, 25% AX
 4.5 Hws - 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
8th	8 p.m. to 1 a.m.	Road from E 26 A 35.35 to E 20 D 20.20 Tracks in E 26 0	200
9th	1 a.m. to 4 a.m.	M.Gs in buildings at E 20 A 95.30 Occupied road E 26 B 70.10 to E 27 A 30.55 Road at E 20 D 75.55	200
103rd	4 a.m. to 6 a.m.	Road E 20 B 80.30 to E 21 A 85.90	100

All fire will be in short bursts at irregular intervals and distributed to cover the whole period detailed

No fire will take place closer than 500 yards East of S.O.S. line except on S.O.S. or on orders from this office.

Alldunphy
 CAPTAIN F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Distribution -

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 LEFT GROUP (2).
 WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE REPORT
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 8-5-18 TO 3.P.M 9-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	A	NO OF ROUNDS			REMARKS
				AX	AS	BX BNC	
3.P.M	7TH	Roads and Valleys in vicinity of MORLANCOURT	91	36	-	-	Good effect.
2-30.a.m	7TH	do do As per T/22	150	50	-	-	
2-30.A.M	7TH	Suspected Minenwerfer Bty at E.25.D.30.40	30	10	-	-	Battery silenced.
11-3.a.m	7th	A.A.Bty in K.8.B.20.60	12	-	-	-	do
9.p.m to 1.a.m	9TH	As per T/22	135	65	-	-	
6-10.p.m	103RD	N.F.Call E.25.C.90.20	-	-	20	20	
4-30.p.m	103rd	E.26.A.30.50 Testing calibration	-	-	34	34	
8.p.m to 11.p.m	103rd	As per T/22	-	-	100	100	
1.a.m to 1.35.a.m	103RD	W end of DERNANCOURT E.20.D	-	-	-	100	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	GALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
11-30.a.m	K.1.C	20	5.9"	-	D.21.D.65.68	
-	D.23.C.80.90 & D.23.C.95.40	70	4.2" and 77 MM	-	D.23.C.35.87	
-	CROSS ROADS D.16.C.60.50	8	5.9"	-	do	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active.

(4) MOVEMENT NIL (5) NEW WORK NIL

(6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation poor.

10-5-1918

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 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE CAPT.F.A
 AUST.F.A

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.
HARASSING FIRE

Headquarters
1/22
8/6/18

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 320, 1/30,000, ED 22
PERIOD - 7 p.m. 5/5/18 to 7 a.m. 6/6/18
EXPENDITURE - 18 Pans - 200 Rds per battery detailed
4.5 Hows - 100 " " " "
AMMUNITION - 75% A, 25% AX, 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
7th	1 to 4 a.m.	Enfilade Road from E 25 D 20.35 to E 3 B 45.30 Occupied bank from E 25 D 70.15 to E 7 C 20.00	200
8th	9 p.m. to 1 a.m.	Road at E 30 D 73.55 Bridge at E 31 C 45.23 Road from E 36 D 23.97 to E 33 D 40.35	200
103rd	8 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Gross Roads E 31 C 70.10 Gross Roads E 31 C 15.30	100

All fire will be in short bursts at irregular intervals and distributed to cover the whole period detailed.
No fire will take place closer than 500 yards East of S.O.S. Line except on S.O.S. or on orders from this office.

A. Humphrey CAPTAIN F.A.
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A.

7th, 8th, 9th, 103rd
LEFT GROUP, DIARY
WFLR

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A.
BRIGADE ORDER NUMBER 220
BY LIEUT COL.G.I.STEVENSON.C.M.G.,
COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

HEADQUARTERS.
9-5-1918.

TRAINING
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- (1) During the time the Brigade is in the line as a Superimposed Brigade the following daily programme of training will be carried out at the guns.
- (2) In order that the training can be carried out with full detachemnts the necessary gun numbers will be brought daily from the Wagon Lines to bring the Gun Detachments up to the full strength.
Battery Commanders will be present and will supervise this training, which will be undertaken personally by Section Commanders.
- (3) MORNING PARADE:- Will fall in at 9.a.m when the sections will be inspected. From 9-30.a.m to 11-30.a.m Standing Gun Drill.
- (4) AFTERNOON PARADE:- Will fall in at 2-30.p.m.
2-30.p.m to 4-30.p.m:- This time will be devoted to laying, particularly laying over open sights, tesyng sights, and short lectures on laying by the Section Commanders.
- (5) An endeavour is being made to obtain the use of ground which permits of Driving Drill, practice in limbering and unlimbering, and coming into and out of action.
- (6) SIGNALLERS:-
Signallers will parade with the Battery at 9.a.m. At 9-30.a.m four Signallers per Battery will report to the Signal Officer for instruction.
Qualified signallers will not be sent to this class, but only men who need considerable training.
- (7) This programme will commence on the morning of 10th May 1918 at 9.a.m

Althamphrey CAPT.F.A
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

- Copies to:-
- O.C.7th
 - 8th
 - 9th
 - 103rd Btys
 - B.A.C
 - H.Q
 - FILE
 - WAR DIARY

3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.
 OPERATION ORDER NO 13
 BY LIEUT COLONEL G.I. BRIDGEMAN, C.B.E.
 COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Headquarters
 8/5/18

1. 7th Australian P.A. Brigade will relieve 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. on 9th May, and vice versa.
2. Positions to be handed and taken over are as follows:-

UNIT	LOCATION	UNIT	LOCATION
H.Q. 3rd A.F.A. P.A.	D 13 D 88.75	7th A.F.A. Bde	J 1 A 1.8.
7th Battery	D 22 A 00.48	8th Battery	G 30 D 00.30
8th "	D 15 A 83.07	9th "	J 1 A 2.5.
9th "	D 15 B 09.41	10th "	J 1 A 3.6.
10th "	D 21 B 55.60	11th "	J 1 A 2.3.

3. Battery Commanders of 7th A.F.A. Bde will visit positions of corresponding Batteries of 3rd A.F.A. P.A. on the morning of 8th May. Battery Commanders of 3rd A.F.A. P.A. will visit positions they are taking over, by the morning 9th May.
4. Personnel will be changed over under arrangements to be made between Battery Commanders.
5. Guns with sights and aiming posts will be handed over and all other stores exchanged.
6. Relief of Batteries will be completed by 7 p.m. on 9th May.
7. All Maps and orders relating to the positions will be handed and taken over.
8. Two copies of transfer certificate for guns, sights and ammunition will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible after completion of relief.
9. Completion of relief will be wired to this office.
10. Relief of Brigade H.Q. will be completed by 8 p.m. on 9th May.

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 CAPTAIN R.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.

Distribution -

- 7th
- 8th
- 9th
- 10th
- B.A.C
- 7th Bde
- WAR HEADQ
- FILE

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE A.F.A.
 OPERATION ORDER NO 1
 BY LIEUT COLONEL G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G.
 COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

Headquarters
 10/5/18

1. The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. is superimposed to cover the whole of 3rd Aust Div Front.
2. Our front line runs as shown on attached tracing.
3. The S.O.S. line covered by 3rd Aust Div Army is as shown on attached tracing.
4. For purpose of concentration on any threatened portion of the front, the Divisional S.O.S. frontage is divided into 8 Sections numbered 1 to 8 from North to South.
5. Batteries will be prepared to fire on any section of the S.O.S. on orders from this office, each Battery covering the whole section.
6. For Sections 1 to 7 the 103rd How Battery will barrage 200 Yards in advance of 13 Pdrs with 108 Fuze.
7. Rates of Fire on S.O.S. are as under :-
 13 Pdrs - 4 rds per G.P.M. for 3 minutes
 5 " " " " " 7 " "
 4.5 Hows- Half above rates.
8. A Brigade Night O.P. has been established at J 1 A 85.80 and will be manned by batteries in turn on a roster to be issued periodically.
 Duties will be to keep Brigade H.Q. informed of any heavy shelling on the Divisional Front, and to report by telephone if the S.O.S. signal is seen.
9. The S.O.S. Signal is a rifle grenade bursting into three lights WHITE OVER WHITE OVER WHITE

Alldamphey CAPTAIN F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

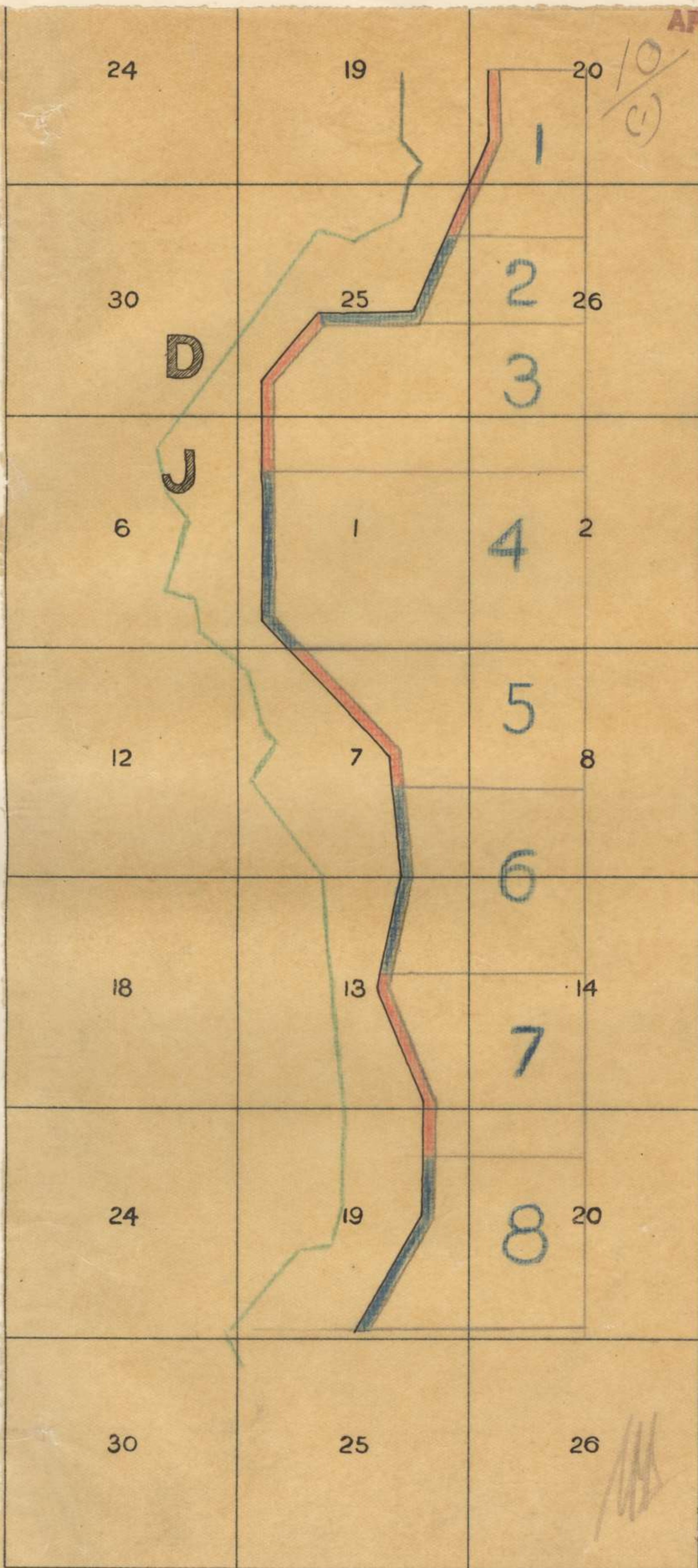
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 9 Bn
 103rd
 3rd B.A.
 WAR HEAD
 FILE

ADDENDUM

REFERENCE PARA 5 OF O.O.NO.1 DATED 10-5-18 ADD:-
 Owing to the long range at which Batteries are firing they will put down their barrage 100 yards in advance of the actual S.O.S line shown on tracing.

Alldamphey CAPT. F.A.
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

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I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T

3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 10-5-18 TO 3.P.M 11-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS			REMARKS
			A	AX	AS	

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(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
7-15.P.M	C.30.D.95.55	2	4-2"	-	C.30.D.95.55	

(3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active.
 (5) NEW WORK:- NIL

(4) MOVEMENT:- None observed.
 (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation good.

11-5-1918

W. Humphrey
 CAPT.F.A
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

APPENDIX. 11

I N T E L L I G E N C E R E P O R T
 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A FROM 3.P.M 18-5-18 TO 3.P.M 19-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				R E M A R K S
			A	AX	AS	BX	
4.P.M	8TH	ZERO POINT	19	4	-	-	Registration.
7.P.M	9TH	do	39	-	-	-	do
6.P.M	103RD	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE	*	*	-	16) Registration. Registration.
						17BS)	
7-45.P.M	7TH	CHURCH E.25.O.75.40	27	-	8	-	
2.A.M	7th	In support of Infty operation as detailed in O.O.2	687	-	-	-	
"	8TH	do do	815	-	-	-	
"	9TH	do do	810	-	-	-	
"	103RD	do do	-	-	-	793	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY 8rds^L 4.2 on J.l.A at 1.A.M

- (3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- At 4-40.a.m Hostile planes dropped bombs in vicinity, damage- 2 O.R.wounded. Our planes active.
- (4) MOVEMENT:- None observed.
- (5) NEW WORK:- NIL
- (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Visibility good during forenoon. Heavy rain during afternoon.

19-5-1918

[Signature]
 LIEUT.F.A
 FOR ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

APPENDIX 19
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SECRET

SUPERIMPOSED GROUP, 2ND AUST DIV ARTILLERY

GROUP ORDER NO. 2

REF MAP 62.D., N.E 1/20,000 EDITION.2 (D.Local)

HEADQUARTERS,
18-5-1918.

- The 5th and 6th Australian Infantry Brigades will carry out an operation with the object of capturing VILLE-SUR-ANCRE and straightening our line.
- 5th Australian Infantry Brigade will operate on RIGHT and 6th Australian Infantry Brigade will operate on LEFT.
- ZERO DATE AND HOUR will be 19th MAY at 2.A.M.
- Second Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.105 and Barrage Diagram herewith.
- 3rd Army Brigade Aust A.A. will fire in support of this attack in accordance with following TABLE of TASKS allotted to Batteries.
- O's.C. Batteries will each send an Officer, with 2 watches to synchronise time at Brigade H.Q at 10.p.m on 18th inst and 1.a.m on 19th inst.

PHASE.1

TIME TABLE OF TASKS

BATTERY	TIME	TASK STANDING BARRAGE	RATE OF FIRE P.G.P.M	AMMUNITION		
				A	AX DELAY	BX
7TH	ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 5 MIN	From E.25.0.50.00 to E.25.0.25.55 to E.25.0.60.80 to E.25.0.95.85	1	-	30	-
9TH	"	From E.25.0.50.00 to E.25.0.25.55 to E.25.0.30.60	1	30	-	-
8TH	"	From E.25.0.30.60 to E.25.0.60.80 to E.25.0.95.85	1	30	-	-

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PHASE. 2

BATTERY	TIME	TASK		RATE OF FIRE P.G.P.M	AMMUNITION		
		STANDING	BARRAGE		A	AX DELAY	BX
	PHASE. 2.						
7 TH	ZERO PLUS 5 MIN TO ZERO PLUS 120 MIN		From E.25.0.65.00 to E.25.D.80.00	1	-	690	-
9 TH	"		From E.25.0.65.00 to E.25.0.35.55	1	690	-	-
8 TH	"		From E.25.0.35.55 to E.25.0.45.60 to E.25.D.00.65	1	690	-	-

103RD HOWITZER BATTERY. ONLY DELAY FUZES TO BE USED.

PHASE. 1

	ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 8 MIN		Barrage on Line:- E.25.0.70.00 to E.25.0.50.35	1	-	-	48
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PHASE. 2

	ZERO PLUS 8 MIN TO ZERO PLUS 23 MIN		Lift 100 yards and then creep 100 yards every 3 minutes as far as line E.25.D.40.00 to E.25.D.20.35	1	-	-	90
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PHASE. 3

	ZERO PLUS 23 MIN TO ZERO PLUS 120 MIN		Search VILLE-SUR-ANJURE from Barrage Start Line to the plus 23 Line.	1	-	-	532
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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A
OPERATION ORDER NUMBER. 3
BY LIEUT. COL. G. I. STEVENSON, C.M.G.,
COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

HEADQUARTERS,
20-5-1918

REF MAP 62.D 1/40,000

1. 3rd Army Brigade Aust.F.A will be withdrawn from the line on the night 19/20th May and will go into Divisional Mobile Reserve.
2. Defence of the Front as Superimposed Brigade will be taken over by 6th Army Brigade Aust.F.A as from 9.p.m 19th May.
Battery positions will not be taken over by 6th Army Brigade Aust.F.A and guns will be withdrawn to Wagon Lines at F ANVILLERS.
3. All ammunition on Gun Positions will be handed over to Batteries of 6th Army Brigade and Batteries will take over all ammunition in positions vacated by 3rd Army Brigade.
4. All orders and information relating to positions in 2nd and 3rd ZONES will be handed over:-
7th Battery to 13th Battery
8th Battery to 17th Battery
9th Battery to 18th Battery
103rd Battery to 106th Battery
5. O.C. 6th Army Brigade after taking over Superimposed defence of Line will be responsible for the protection of the BREKLE Switch Line should it be necessary for our Infantry to occupy same.
6. While in Divisional Mobile Reserve the normal role of the Brigade is the defence of the BROWN LINE I.30.C.1.1 - I.30.A.7.9 - along Road J.25.A.80.35 - J.14.A.1.2.
7. Positions to be occupied in the defence of the BROWN LINE are as follows:-
7th Battery I.9.B.7.5
8th Battery I.9.B.8.0
9th Battery I.9.Central
103rd Battery I.9.C.2.0
Batteries will place an ammunition guard of 1 H.C.O and 5 men on these positions.
The parts of the BROWN LINE for which Batteries will be responsible for covering are as follows:-
7th Battery J.19.D.2.8 to J.14.A.1.2
8th Battery I.30.B.6.7 to J.19.D.2.8
9th Battery I.30.C.1.1 to I.30.B.6.7
103rd Battery Whole of the BROWN LINE
8. Battery Commanders will ensure that all officers and a proportion of H.C.O's make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the whole of the Divisional Back Area in which Brigade may be called upon to operate at short notice. The Brigade may be called upon to reinforce any part of the Front.
9. In the event of orders being received, or on such a bombardment as to render it necessary in the opinion of O's.C Units, all teams will be harnessed up and stand to. Orders to move and occupy the positions for the defence of the BROWN LINE above mentioned will be issued by this office.
10. Should Batteries be withdrawn from the defence of the BROWN LINE they will probably be used in the area, B22, 23, 28, 29 and H4 and 5 and may expect to withdraw to that area in positions of readiness. Subsequently should it be necessary, and unless orders are received

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to the contrary they will occupy positions for the defence of the 3rd Line as follows:-

- 7th Battery G.6.A.3.2
- 8th Battery G.5.B.4.4
- 9th Battery A.29.D.9.9
- 103rd Battery G.5.D.8.6

11. For the defence of the BROWN LINE Brigade Headquarters will be at I.9.B.4.2

12. ACKNOWLEDGE

Ed Towns
 LIEUT. F.A.
 FOR ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A.
OPERATION ORDER NUMBER. 1
BY LIEUT. COL. G. I. STEVENSON. C.M.G.,

REF MAP 62.D. N.E) 1/20,000
62.D. N.W)

HEADQUARTERS,
22-5-1918

1. (a) The 3rd Army Brigade Aust. F.A at present in Mobile Reserve will on the 22nd May 18 exchange roles with the 108th Army Brigade R.F.A, at present forming the Right Sub Group of the RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.
 - (b)

7th Battery	will relieve	A/Bty	108th Bde. R.F.A
8th Battery	do	B/Bty	do
9th Battery	do	C/Bty	do
103rd Battery	do	D/Bty	do

Exchanges will be completed by 3.p.m on May 22nd.
 - (c) Respective Wagon Lines will be retained.
 - (d) 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A will take over guns "in situ", the 108th Army Bde. R.F.A taking over in exchange the guns of 3rd Army Bde A.F.A at present in wagon lines at FRANVILLERS, less one gun from each of 7th and 103rd Batteries who will take these guns into position with them. Guns will be handed over in accordance with G.R.O. 3202 as amended by G.R.O. 3771.
 - (e) Ammunition of 108th Army Bde. R.F.A in battery positions will be taken over. Ammunition in echelons will be retained by respective ~~xxxxxxx~~ Brigades.
 - (f) All fighting maps, Defence Schemes, Aerial photos and ~~ecpp~~ correspondence connected with the respective roles of exchanging Brigades will be handed over.
 - (g) All other details of reliefs will be arranged between O.C's concerned.
2. Ammunition now at reserve positions will be handed over to relieving Batteries of 108th Army Bde. R.F.A under arrangements made by this H.Q.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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103rd Btys
B.A.C
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FOR ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A

*For the present, Batteries relieving
batteries doing duties, will find
those duties*

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A.
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M.22-5-1918 TO ~~6.A.M.~~ 3 P.M 23-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF RDS				REMARKS
			A	AX	AS	BX	
2.P.M to 2-45.a.m 3.P.M	7th	As per T/1 Registration K.9.B.28.65 Road Junction.	110 50	40 -	- -	- -	Harassing fire.
9-15.p.m to 3-15.p.m	7th	Counter preparation, in accordance with Instns from Group H.Q	145	75	-	-	
11-p.m to 11-30.p.m	8th	As per Instru ^{ctns} from Group	60	22	-	-	
12-30 to 1-30.a.m	8th	do do	134	46	-	-	
3-30 to 3-33.a.m	8th	As per O.O.2	48	-	-	-	In support of Inftry operatn.
3.p.m to 5.p.m	9th	Checking Regtn	57	22	-	-	Satisfactory.
11-p.m to 1-30.a.m	9th	As per Instns from Group Counter preparation.	200	70	-	-	
9.p.m to 3.a.m	103rd	As per T/1 Harassing fire	-	-	-	100	
11.30-12-30.a.m	103rd	As per Counter preparation	-	-	-	90	
12-30 to 1-30.a.m	103rd	Phase 1 B	-	-	-	180	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	BEARINGS	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
1-30 to 2-30.a.m	J.9.B J.10.A	1500	77mm 4.2 and 5.9"	-	B U Q F	Blue Green and Yellow Cross Gas.
2-40.a.m	MERICOURT	-	4.2 and 5.9	-	B U B I	
1.a.m	do	20	5.9"	-	B H F I	
1.a.m to 1-40	do	-	77mm and 10.5.c.m 4.2" and 5.9" GAS	-	B U F I	Heavy and continuous Gas Bombardment
1-40 to 4.a.m	do	-	77 mm 4.2 and 5.9	-	B U F I	Slow gas bombardment.

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- (3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active. Hostile bombing planes active during night.
No balloons visible, opposite sector.
- (4) MOVEMENT:- None observed.
- (5) NEW WORK:- Nil
- (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation Good.

23-5-1918

[Signature]
 LIEUT. F.A.
 FOR ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A.
 RIGHT SUB GROUP.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A.
HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,
T/1
22-5-1918

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62.D N/E1/20,000 Edition 2.B
PERIOD - 9.P.M 22-5-1918 to 3.A.M 23-5-1918
EXPENDITURE:- 18Pdrs 150 Rds per Battery detailed.
4.5 Hows 100 Rds per Battery detailed.
AMMUNITION:- 75% A, 25% AX, 100% BX.

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
7 TH	9.P.M to 9.45.P.M	not more than 50 Rds in bursts of/12 rounds each at irregular intervals on sunken Road from K.8.C.8.7 - K.8.D.3-9	50
"	11-30.P.M to 12-15.P.M	do do do	50
"	2.A.M to 2-45.A.M	50 Rds in bursts of not more than 12 rounds each at irregular intervals on sunken Road from K.8.C.8.7 - K.8.D.3.9, on Trench, Road and Tree Clump near K.14.A Central	50
103 RD	Till MIDNIGHT	50 Rds BX in small intermittent bursts around Road Junction K.9.C.70.00 to K.9.A.00.00	50 BX
"	1.A.M to 3.A.M	50 Rds BX in small intermittent bursts on road from K.8.D.80.00 to K.15.A.10.40	50 BX

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A

OPERATION ORDER NUMBER.2

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

COMMANDING 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A

REF MAP SHEET.62.D. N.E 1/20,000 HEADQUARTERS,
22-5-1918

The Infantry are carrying out a small operation at 3.30.A.M on 23rd May.18.

This operation will be covered by Artillery, H.T.M and L.T.M fire.

8th Battery.A.F.A will fire vide the artillery fire as under:-

FROM		
3-30.a.m to	Barrage from K.13.B.50.00 to	
3-32.a.m	K.13.B.50.50	35 Rds A.
3-32.a.m to	Barrage from K.13.B.25.10 to	
3-33.a.m	K.13.B.50.50	15 Rds A.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 23-5-18 to 3.P.M 24-5-18

(1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				r e m a r k s
			A	AX	BX	BWC	
6.5.P.M to 2-30.a.m	7th	K.9.D.7.4 Counter preparation as per M/280	162	108	-	-	
1.a.m	7th	K.13.B.8.7 do	50	-	-	-	
9-30.p.m to 3-15.a.m	8th	As per 1/2	112	48	-	-	
10-30.p.m to 3.a.m	8th	Counter preparation as per M/280	202	68	-	-	
9-30.p.m to 11-30.p.m	8th	do do	171	39	-	-	
10-30.p.m to 3.a.m	9th	do do	200	70	-	-	
5-45.p.m	103rd	Movement K.9.B.4.7	-	-	40	-	
10-45.p.m to 11-30.p.m	103rd	Counter preparation as per M/280	-	-	148	-	
1-15.a.m to 1-17.a.m	103RD	Target No.16 G/120	-	-	-	40	
1-29, to 1-31.a.m	103rd	do 2 do	-	-	-	32	
2-30.a.m to 3-@-;	103RD	Counter preparation as per M/280	-	-	76	-	

- (2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- NIL
- (3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- NIL
- (4) MOVEMENT:- Movement K.9.B.4.7 engaged by 103 How Bty.
- (5) NEW WORK:- NIL
- (6) MISCELLANEOUS. Observation bad. Rain.

Red Louison LIEUT.F.A
FOR ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A
SUB RIGHT GROUP

24-5-1918

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A
HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,
F/2
23-5-1918

REFERENCE MAP - SHEET 62.D N.E 1/20,000
PERIOD - 9-30.P.M 23-5-18 to 3-15.A.M 24-5-18
EXPENDITURE - 18 Pdrs 150 Rounds per Battery detailed.
AMMUNITION - 75% A 25% AX

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
8 TH	9-30.P.M to 10-15.P.M	Bursts of not more than 12 rounds each at irregular intervals on ROAD from K.8.D.90.70 to K.14.B.20.00	50
"	12 Midnight to 12-45.A.M	Bursts of not more than 12 rounds each at irregular intervals on ROAD from K.8.D.70.95 to K.8.D.85.00 and ROAD from K.14.B.50.95 to K.14.B.25.00	50
"	2-30.A.M to 3-15.A.M	Bursts of not more than 12 rounds at irregular intervals on ROAD from K.8.D.90.70 to K.14.B.20.00	50

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 24-5-1918 to 3.P.M 25-5-1918

(1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS				R E M A R K S
			A	AX	BX	BNO	
10-35.P.M	7TH	K.S.Central	12	13	-	-	Hostile M.G.Position.
10-45.P.M to 3-15.A.M	7TH	Counter preparation as per M/287	162	108	-	-	
10-45.P.M to 3-15.A.M	8TH	do do do	152	108	-	-	
2-25.A.M to 2-32.A.M	8TH	Hostile wiring party.	13	7	-	-	
9-15.P.M to 3-15.A.M	9TH	Harassing fire as per T/3	123	27	-	-	
10-45.P.M to 3-15.A.M	9TH	Counter preparation as per M/287	200	70	-	-	
9-15.P.M to 3.A.M	103RD	Harassing fire as per T/4	-	-	100	-	
1-15.P.M to 2.P.M	103RD	Registration.	-	-	62	-	
10-45.P.M to 3-15.P.M	103RD	Counter preparation as per M/287	-	-	220	-	

- (2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- NIL
- (3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active. Enemy planes NIL.
- (4) NEW WORK:- NIL
- (5) MOVEMENT:- NIL
- (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation Good.

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CAPT.F.A
ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A
SUB RIGHT GROUP

25-5-1918

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 REFERENCE MAP:- SHEET 62.D N.E 1/20,000 HEADQUARTERS,
 PERIOD:- 9-30.P.M 24-5-18 to 3-15.A.M 25-5-18 T/3
 EXPENDITURE:- 18 Pdrs 150 rounds per Battery detailed. 24-5-1918
 AMMUNITION:- 75% A 25% AX

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
9TH	9-15.P.M	SUNKEN ROAD K.8.D.75.70 to	
	to	K.8.D.30.90	50
"	9-45.P.M		
	2-45.A.M	ENEMY WORK K.13.B.90.85 to	
	to	K.8.D.15.30	50
"	3-15.A.M		
	11-30.P.M	TREE CLUMP AND ROAD in	
	to	K.14. A.Central	50
	3-15.A.M		

All fire to be in short sharp bursts of not more than 12 rounds at irregular intervals.

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HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,

T/4

24-5-1918


REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62.D N.E 1/20,000
PERIOD 9-15.P.M 24-5-1918 TO 3-0-19 25-5-18
EXPENDITURE 100 Rounds per How Battery detailed.
AMMUNITION 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUN DS
103RD	9-15.P.M to 9-45.P.M	ROAD From K.8.D.70.40 to K.14.B.25.35	35 BX
"	11-30.P.M to MIDNIGHT	SUNKEN ROAD From K.8.C.80.70 to K.8.D.30.95	35 BX
"	2-15.A.M to 3-4-M	ROAD From K.14.B.90.90 to K.15.A.10.40	30 BX

In bursts of not more than 10 rounds at irregular intervals.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 25-5-1918 to 3.P.M 26-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS					REMARKS
			A	AX	AS	BX	BNC	
4-30.P.M	7TH	Verifying Zero Line. Junction of Road K.9.B.25.68 Suspected O.P in trees at CRUCIFIX K.3.C.42.80	20	-	-	-	-	
9-30.P.M to 3.A.M	7TH	As per T/5	112	38	-	-	-	
10-30.P.M to 3-30. A.M	7TH	Counter preparation.	162	108	-	-	-	
7-15.P.M to 8-15.	8TH	Registration Zero Point & checking lines	1	45	-	-	-	
10-30.P.M to 3-30.a.	m.8TH	Counter preparation.	121	149	-	-	-	
do do	9TH	do do	200	70	-	-	-	
9-30.P.M to 3.A.M	103RD	As per T/5	-	-	-	100	-	
5-15.P.M to 8.P.M	103RD	Calibration	-	-	-	132	-	
10.P.M to 12-32.A.M	103RD	Counter preparation	-	-	-	-	125	
10-30.P.M to 3-30.a.m	103RD	Counter preparation	-	-	-	225	-	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
-	J.9.A	-	8.2 G.M	-	J.14,Central	Steadily shelled during 24 hours.
12.Noon	J.9.A and D	250	5.9"	-	J.9.A.8.4	
12.Noon to 3.P.M	J.3.D and J.9.B	100	5.9" (2)	-	J.4.C.25.00	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Slight increase during 24 hours.
 (3) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active. (4) NEW WORK:- NIL (5) MOVEMENT:- NIL (6) MISCELLANEOUS. Observation fair.

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 CAPT.F.A
 ADJUTANT 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST.F.A
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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A

HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,
T/5
25-5-1918

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62.D N.E 1/20,000
PERIOD 9-30.P.M 25-5-1918 to 3.A.M 26-5-1918
EXPENDITURE 150 ROUNDS per 18 Pdr Battery detailed.
100 Rounds per How Battery detailed.
AMMUNITION 18 Pdrs 75% A 25% AX
4.5 Hows 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
7TH	9-30.P.M to 10-15.P.M	Sweep and search in Square K.8.C	60
"	12.M.N to 12-30.A.M	Sweep and search in Square K.14.A	60
"	3.A.M to 3-30.A.M	ENEMY WORKS from K.13.B.90.85 to K.8.C. 20.40	60
103RD	10.P.M to 10-30.P.M	Sunken Road K.8.A.55.60 to K.8.D.30.90	40 BX
"	12-30.A.M to 1.A.M	ENEMY WORKS from K.13.B.90.85 to K.8.C.20.40	30 BX
"	2-30.A.M to 3.A.M	VALLEY from K.8.D.70.30 to K.15.A.10.50	30 BX

In bursts of not more than 12 rounds at irregular intervals.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 26-5-1918 to 3.P.M 27-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO Or ROUNDS			R E M A R K S
			A	AX	BX	
4-30.P.M	7TH	Verifying Zero Line and Corrector	12	-	-	
5.P.M	7TH	Suspected O.P at K.3.C.42.80	24	-	-	
10.P.M to 3.A.M	7TH	Counter preparation	162	108	-	
8-30.P.M	8TH	Hostile T.M at K.2.D.4.2	10	10	-	
9-20.P.M to 4-30.A.M	8TH	Harassing fire as per T/6	110	40	-	
10.P.M to 3.A.M	8TH	Counter preparation	160	55	-	
11.P.M	8TH	Hostile T.M at K.8.C.8.8	10	10	-	
10.P.M to 3.A.M	9TH	Counter preparation	200	70	-	
10.P.M to 3.A.M	103RD	Counter preparation	-	-	186	
11-15.P.M	103RD	Hostile T.M K.14.C.8.8	-	-	10	
11-30.A.M	103RD	Registration	-	-	21	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	R E M A R K S
4.P.M to 6.P.M	J.3.D and J.9.B	40	5.9"	-	J.10.A.8.3	
3.P.M to 3-30 P.M	J.9.A	100	5.9" and 8.2"	-	J.14.Central	

(3) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Normal.

(5) NEW WORK:- NIL

(6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation good.

(4) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active. Hostile plane fell in flames in vicinity of J.4.A.2.7.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A.

HEADQUARTERS,
r/s
26-3-1918

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62.D N.E 1/20,000

PERIOD 9-20.P.M 26-3-1918 to 4-20.A.M 27-3-1918

EXPENDITURE :- 150 Rounds per 18 Pdr Battery detailed.
100 rounds per 4.5 How Battery detailed.

AMMUNITION:- 18 Pdrs 75% A 25% AX
4.5" Hows 100% BX.

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
8CH	9-20.P.M to 10.P.M	ROAD FROM K.S.C.20.40 to K.S.D.20.90	50
"	3-40.A.M to 4.20.A.M	ROAD FROM K.S.C.20.40 to K.S.D.20.90	50
"	3.A.M to 3-30.A.M	ROAD FROM K.14.A.40.50 to K.14.B.20.90	50

In bursts of not more than 12 rounds at irregular intervals.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN F.A
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 28-5-18 to 3.P.M 28-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS			R E M A R K S
			A	AX	BX	
12-15.a.m	7th	Counter preparation	90	90	-	
2-55.p.m	7th	Working party in vicinity of K.8.C.4.5	15	5	-	
3.p.m	7th	Hostile T.M in vicinity of K.2.D.4.2	15	5	-	
12-15.a.m	8th	Counter preparation	75	75	-	
2-30.p.m	8th	Working party at K.8.C.2.4 and 6.6	25	8	-	
9-30.p.m	9th	Hostile T.M. K.8.C.3.4	13	17	-	
9-30.p.m to	9th	As per T/7	100	50	-	
42 a.m						
12-15.a.m	9th	Counter preparation	90	90;	-	
9-15.p.m to	103RD	As per B/7	-	-	100	
10-15.p.m						
12-15.a.m	103rd	Counter preparation.	-	-	120	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	R E M A R K S
12-45-p.m	J. 9.A.8.5	20	18 Pdr	-	J.9.A.8.5	
2-15.p.m	J.4.C.20.00	30	4.2	-	J.10.A.8.3	

- (3) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Normal. (4) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes active, and hostile planes fairly active.
- (5) NEW WORK:- NIL
- (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation:- Fair.

28-5-18

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 SUB RIGHT GROUP

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APPENDIX 261

3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A

HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,
T/7
27-5-1918

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62.D N.E 1/20,000

PERIOD:- 9-15.P.M 27-5-18 to 4.A.M 28-5-18

EXPENDITURE 150 rounds per 18 Pdr Battery detailed.
100 rounds per 4.5" How Battery detailed.

AMMUNITION:- 18 Pdrs 75% A 25% AX
4-5" Hows 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
9TH	3.A.M to 4.A.M	Search and sweep valley and clump of trees in K.14.A	100
"	9-30.P.M to 10-15.P.M	Search and sweep along Roads in K.8.C	50
103BTY	9-15.P.M to 10-15.P.M	Southern approaches to MORLANCOURT.	100BX

NOTE:- If 103rd Battery receive a gas programme later, above task will be automatically cancelled.

All fire will be delivered in short and irregular bursts not exceeding 12 rounds.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 28-5-18 to 3.P.M 29-5-18
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS			REMARKS
			A	AX	BX	
8-30.P.M to 4-30.A.M	7TH	In accordance with T/8	112	38	-	
7-30.P.M to 9.P.M	8TH	Various Datum Points	22	31	-	
9.P.M to 10.P.M	8TH	Hostile T.M in K.2.D.4.2	-	10	-	
4.A.M	103RD	As per T/8	-	-	100	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
10.P.M to 11.P.M	Vicinity J.3.D	20	4.2"	-	J.10.A.8.3	
2-45.P.M to 3.P.M	Vicinity J.9.B	20	5.9"	-	do	

- (3) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Normal. (4) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our own and hostile planes active.
 (5) NEW WORK:- NIL (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation Good.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A

HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,

T/S

28-7-1918

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62 D N.E 1/20,000

PERIOD:- 8-30.P.M 28-7-18 to 4-30.A.M 29-7-18

EXPENDITURE:- 150 rounds per 18 Pdr Battery detailed.

100 Rounds per 4.5" How Battery detailed.

AMMUNITION:- 18 Pdrs 75% A 25% AX

4.5" Hows 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
7TH	9-45.P.M to 10-45.P.M	Enfilade ROAD from K.9.B.10.15 to K.10.C.20.75	50
"	4.A.M to 4-30.A.M	Enfilade ROAD from K.9.B.10.15 to K.10.C.20.75	50
"	8-30.P.M to 9-30.P.M	Enfilade BANK from K.9.D.45.90 to K.10.C.45.40	50
103RD	10.P.M + 10.5 pm	BANK from K.9.D.80.50 to K.10.C.10.30	20BX
"	10-15.P.M + 10.20 pm	BANK from K.9.D.80.50 to K.10.C.10.30	20BX
"	3.A.M to 4.A.M	On ROAD from K.8.D.75.55 to K.8.B.72.10	30BX

NOTE:- If 103rd Battery receive a gas programme later, above task will be automatically cancelled.

All fire will be delivered in short and irregular bursts not exceeding 12 rounds.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 29-5-1918 to 3.P.M 30-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS			R E M A R K S
			A	AX	BX	
4.P.M	7TH	Verifying Zero Line and Corrector	18	-	-	
8.P.M	7TH	Reported M.G position at K.8.A.4.5	20	10	-	Explosion caused in enemy lines.
8-15.P.M	7TH	T.M. at K.2.D.4.2	20	-	-	
8-30.P.M.	7TH	SUNKEN ROAD K.3.C.4.8 to K.3.A.8.4	20	-	-	
9.P.M	7TH	Searching BANK K.3.D.3.7 to K.3.D.8.8	10	10	-	
10-15.P.M	7TH	Counter preparation.	180	180	-	
4-30.P.M to	8th	Various Datum Points. Checking Lines &				
5-10.P.M		Switches	9	21	-	
9-30.P.M to	8th	As per T/9	100	50	-	
4-30.A.M						
10-15.P.M to	8th	Counter preparation.	235	225	-	
3-20.A.M						
7.P.M	9TH	Registration and testing lines.	14	55	-	
10-15.P.M to	9TH	Counter preparation	270	90	-	
3-30.A.M						
12-30.P.M to	9TH	checking ZERO.	72	-	-	
2-40.P.M						
10-15.P.M	103RD	As per T/9	-	-	100	
2.A.M to 3.A.M	103RD	Counter preparation.	-	-	240	
2-30.P.M	103RD <i>from</i>	CHIMNEY K.20.A and K.20.B.2.4. T.M.	-	-	20	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	R E M A R K S
7.P.M to 8.P.M	Vicinity J.10.A	30	5.9 and 4.2	-	J.10.A.8.3	

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- (3) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Normal
(4) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our planes and hostile planes active. Enemy plane landed about I.10 at 12-15.P.M,
previously almost landed about J.1.
(5) NEW WORK:- NIL
(6) MISCELLANEOUS. Observation good.

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HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,
29-5-1918

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REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62.D N.E 1/20,000
 PERIOD :- 2-30.P.M 29-5-18 to 4-30.A.M 30-5-18
 EXPENDITURE:- 150 rounds per 18 Pdr Battery detailed.
 100 rounds per 4.5" How Battery detailed.
 AMMUNITION:- 10 Pdrs 75% A 25% AK
 4.5" Hows 100% BK

BATTERY	TIME	T A S K	ROUNDS
8th	2-30.p.m to 11-30.p.m	Suspected AMMUNITION DUMP at K.14.B.10.60	50
"	3.a.m to 4.a.m	Enfilade ROAD from K.8.C.20.40 to K.8.D.20.90	80
"	4.a.m to 4-30.a.m	Suspected M.G at K.14.A.30.50	20
103rd	10.p.m to 11.p.m	GROSS ROADS K.8.D.75.37 GROSS ROADS K.9.A.00.20	50 EX
"	2-30.a.m to 3.30.a.m	Enfilade BANKS from K.9.D.80.50 to K.10.C.10.30 and K.9.C.85.80 to K.9.D.25.82	50 EX

NOTE:- If 103rd Battery receive a gas programme later above task will be automatically cancelled.

All fire will be delivered in short and irregular bursts not exceeding 12 rounds.

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A
 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 3.P.M 30-5-1918 to 3.P.M 31-5-1918
 (1) OUR ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS			REMARKS
			A	AX	BX	
10-45.P.M to 3-15.a.m	7TH	Counter preparation	325	325	✓	
3.P.M to 5.P.M	8TH	Checking calibration	70	36	-	
10-45.P.M to 3-15.A.M	8TH	Counter preparation.	128	124	-	
9.P.M to 4.A.M	9TH	As per T/10	112	38	✓	
10-45.P.M to 3-15.A.M	9TH	Counter preparation	261	81	-	
10-45.P.M to 3-15.A.M	103RD	Counter preparation	-	-	295	
9-30.P.M to 3-30.A.M	103RD	As per T/10	-	-	100	
3.P.M to 5.P.M	103RD	Calibration	-	-	75	
8.P.M	103RD	Hostile T.M at K.8.O.5.5	-	-	20	
"	103RD	" " K.2.D.4.2	-	-	20	

(2) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

TIME	LOCALITY SHELLED	NO OF RDS	CALIBRE	DIRECTION	OBSERVED FROM	REMARKS
8.P.M to 8-30.P.M	Vicinity Main Road in J.9.A	20	77 MM	-	J.9.D.15.50	
	in J.9.A	20	77 MM	-	J.9.D.15.50	

(3) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Normal.
 (5) NEW WORK:- NIL

(4) AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our own and hostile planes active.
 (6) MISCELLANEOUS:- Observation good.

31-5-1918

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3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN.F.A.

HARASSING FIRE

HEADQUARTERS,
3/10
30-7-1918

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62 D N.E 1/30,000
 PERIOD:- 9.P.M 30-7-18 to 4.A.M 31-7-18
 EXPENDITURE:- 130 rounds per 18 Pdr Battery detailed.
 100 rounds per 4.7" How Battery detailed.
 AMMUNITION:- 18Pdrs 7 1/2" A 3 1/2" AX
 4-7" Hows 100% BX

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	ROUNDS
9th	9.P.M to 9-30.P.M	Suspected AMMUNITION HEAP at K.14.B.10.60	30
"	9-30.P.M to 10-30.P.M	CLUMP OF TREES about K.8.C.95.60	50
"	3.A.M to 4.A.M	Search and sweep ROAD from K.14.A.34.45 to K.8.B.60.10	70
103rd	9-30.P.M to 10.P.M	Southern approaches to MORLANG CURVE	50
"	3.A.M to 3-30.A.M	ROAD in K.14.A and B	50

NOTE:- If 103rd Battery receive a gas programme later above task will be automatically cancelled.

All fire will be delivered in short and irregular bursts not exceeding 18 rounds.

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 RIGHT SUB GROUP OPERATION ORDER NUMBER.1

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

 COMMANDING RIGHT SUB GROUP.

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 62.D. N.E 1/20,000.

HEADQUARTERS,
 31-5-1918.

(1) The 96th Army Brigade R.F.A and 3rd Army Brigade Aust.F.A form the RIGHT GROUP, 2nd Aust Div Arty.

(2) The 3rd Army Brigade Aust F.A forms the RIGHT SUB GROUP, 2nd Aust Div Arty, and covers the LEFT BATTALION, RIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE.
 Right Infantry Brigade H.Q at J.1.C.5.1
 Left Battalion H.Q at J.17.B.2.3

(2) S.O.S.LINES

The Divisional S.O.S.Line runs as under:-

E.20.A.3.0 - E.26.A.3.0 - E.26.C.7.4 - K.2.A.3.0 - K.7.B.6.0 -
 K.13.B.6.6 - K.13.B.1.0 - K.13.D.4.0 - K.19.C.5.0.

(3) Batteries are allotted S.O.S Frontages as under:-

7TH BATTERY:- K.7.B.6.0 to K.7.D.6.0

8TH BATTERY:- K.7.D.6.0 to K.13.B.6.6 to K.13.B.1.0

9TH BATTERY:- Superimposed over 7th and 8th Batteries.

(4) 103RD HOW BATTERY on the following points:-

1 HOW:- K.8.C.30.90

1 HOW:- K.8.C.12.00

1 HOW:- K.14.A.55.60

1 HOW:- K.13.D.55.73

1 HOW:- K.19.B.68.88

1 HOW:- K.19.B.15.40

(5) RATES OF FIRE ON S.O.S

18 Pdrs 4 rounds per gun per minute for 8 minutes.

" 3 rounds per gun per minute for 7 minutes.

4.5" Hows half above rates.

Fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes unless the S.O.S Signal is repeated during the last 5 minutes of any period.

If this happens above procedure will be repeated a further 15 mins.

(6) S.O.S.SIGNAL

The S.O.S. Signal is a Rifle Grenade Rocket, bursting into 3 Stars, WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.

(7) ROCKET GUARDS

A Rocket Guard consisting of 1 Officer, 1 M.C.O., 2 Signallers and 2 runners is maintained at J.17.A.45.20.

A Rocket Guard consisting of 1 Sergt and 3 Other Ranks is maintained at the Power Luz zer Station at J.15.A.8.9.

96th Army Brigade and 3rd Army Brigade furnish this duty in turn for 4 days at a time.

(8) LIAISON

Right Sub-Group finds a Liaison Officer with Left Battn H.Q.

(9) A Brigade Roster is issued from time to time for above duties.

(10) DIVISION OF THE FRONT

The Divisional Front is divided into Lanes, each 500 yards wide,

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running East from the S.O.S. Line and numbered 13 to 23.
The Lanes covered by Right Sub-Group for S.O.S and Harassing Fire purposes are 19 and 20.
These Lanes are bounded by Lines drawn East from K.7.B.6.0 - K.7.D.6.0 and K.13.B.1.0.
Batteries will be prepared to switch the fire of their guns quickly on to any Lane they can reach.

(11) AIR CALLS
Calls will be passed to Batteries from this H.Q.
M.F. CALLS
2 Salvoes will be fired by the Battery answering the call.
When possible Batteries will be given a stated time to open fire.
If no time is given they will fire as soon as possible.

* L.L. G.F. CALLS
Each Battery detailed will fire 3 salvoes as quickly as possible and repeat if the call is repeated.

(12) COUNTER PREPARATION
Counter Preparation will be carried out on orders from this Office, in accordance with this office G/202 and Defensive Instructions No.7.

(13) ORDERS FOR A WITHDRAWAL
(a) In the case of a withdrawal from present positions becoming necessary, Batteries will move under orders from this office and occupy 2ND ZONE POSITIONS for covering Bridgehead and BAIZIEUX SYSTEM and ANCRE EXTENSION, as under:-
7TH BATTERY I.2.D.5.6
8TH BATTERY I.2.D.8.9
9TH BATTERY I.8.B.9.6
103RD BATTERY I.2.D.6.2
3RD.B.A.C MOVE TO H.10.C & D (3rd Zone intermediate Position for Batteries)

APPROXIMATE O.P's
I.16.A.55.30
I.11.D.0.8

(b) Should it be necessary to occupy intermediate positions between 2ND and 3RD ZONES the following would be occupied to cover the LA HOUSOYE SYSTEM:-
7TH BATTERY H.10.C.30.15
8TH BATTERY H.10.C.6.4
9TH BATTERY H.10.D.9.7
103RD BATTERY H.10.C.8.9
3RD B.A.C Move to vicinity of CROSS ROADS in G.11.B.

(c) 3RD ZONE POSITIONS are as under, for covering the L'HALLUE DEFENCES:-
7TH BATTERY G.18.A.7.0
8TH BATTERY G.18.B.4.0
9TH BATTERY G.18.D.15.35
103RD BATTERY G.18.C.9.8
3RD.B.A.C Move to Southern Vicinity of POULAINVILLE.

2ND and 3RD ZONE POSITIONS have been reconnoitred and marked with Boards "RESERVED RIGHT GROUP"

"LOCATION-----"
The INTERMEDIATE POSITIONS are not marked.

(d) For a withdrawal to 2ND ZONE, WAGON LINES would be established along the RIVER L'HALLUE between PONT NOYELLES and FRECHENCOURT.

(e) A R P would be established at G.24.B.6.7 and B.14.A.

(f) Bridges have been allotted to Batteries in case of withdrawal.

(14) LEFT FLANK PROTECTION
In order to prevent the enemy turning our Left Flank, for a sufficient period to enable Corps Reserves to restore the situation on our left, a SWITCH LINE has been reconnoitred and wired, extending from D.30.B to D.23.B to D.23.Central to D.16.Central to D.16.A, thence N.Westerly to include BRESLE and BRESLE WOOD, joining the BAIZIEUX SYSTEM in D.7.D.

(3)

Should this Switch Line be manned a CENTRE GROUP ARTILLERY will be formed, consisting of X BRIGADE (3rd Army Brigade Aust.F.A) and Y Brigade (5th Brigade Aust.F.A), under the Command of Lieut.Col.G.I.Stevenson.C.M.G.,

The CENTRE GROUP will be responsible for the front of the LEFT INFANTRY BRIGADE as far North as D.23.Central.

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ADDENDUM:- PARA (11) AIR CALLS add G.F.CALLS One Section of each Battery detailed will fire 3 salvoes as quickly as possible and repeat if the call is repeated.