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1st ANZAC
HEAVY ARTILLERY.

WAR DIARY

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ORIGINAL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIVIER MILL	1917 MARCH		<p>1 Clear Day. Aeroplane work active. 1/1 West Riding HB returned 4.70 to base & drew 60pds at ALBERT. GREVILLERS LINE bombarded day & night. Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 1013. 23rd 362.</p> <p>2 Fine. Planes active. II Aust Div attacked & captured MALT TRENCH. Decauville lines being laid to new battery positions. LOUPART TRENCH & GREVILLERS LINE bombardments. Counter Battery work active. Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 1474. 23rd 196.</p> <p>3 Fine day. Bombardment continued. Enemy activity normal. St Norman (eshire Regt) joined as Intelligence officer. Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 882. 23rd 313</p> <p>4 Clear Bright day. Both enemy & our planes active & good counter battery work carried out. Enemy activity below normal. Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 558. 23rd 664</p> <p>5 Snow during the night. Clouds made observation impossible. Bombardment continued. Enemy activity below normal Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 461. 23rd 700</p>	<p>Oper? Orders & fringing of Batteries issued during month.</p>

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VIVIER MILL	1917 MARCH			
	6		<p>Sine & bright sun. Aeroplanes very active. Counter Battery work active. French bombardment programme continued. Hostile artillery active.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 729 23rd 527</p>	
	7		<p>Cold windy & dull. From 8am today only II & V Aust Divs in the line. GREVILLERS-LOUPART line bombarded. Hostile activity below normal. 53 Siege (12" guns sly mty) in position.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 351 23rd 149</p>	
	8		<p>Snow & wind. Bombardment of ATOM TRENCH. 20 minutes intensive bombardment of GREVILLERS-LOUPART line in conjunction with II Corps. No aeroplane work. Hostile fire below normal. Counter Battery reported that hostile batteries in GREVILLERS area were retiring.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 817 23rd 900</p>	
	9		<p>Snow. no observation. No aeroplane work. 9.2 gun engaged ERVILLERS dump. Enemy train movement reported above normal going eastwards. Hostile activity above normal.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 1156 23rd 1002</p>	
	10		<p>Dull & mist. II Corps attacked & captured GREVILLERS TRENCH. No aeroplane work. Hostile shelling below normal. Usual trench bombardments.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 727 23rd 482</p>	
11		<p>Sun early, rain & mist later. Trench bombardments. No aeroplane work.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 14th HAG 1146 23rd 546</p>		

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VIVIERMILL	1917 MARCH		<p>12 Snow & cold. No aeroplane work. French bombardments continued. Counter Battery carried out concentrated shoots. Rounds fired: - 14" HAG 873 23" 611</p> <p>13 Low clouds. The enemy evacuated GREVILLERS today. Bombardment of BAPAUME carried out by every available gun & howitzer also 12" gun on to VAULX and BEUGNATRE. Our line runs NE corner of LOUPART WOOD - FONDS BERTIN road - Southwest of GREVILLERS to ALBERT-BAPAUME road. Rounds fired: - 14" HAG 90 23" 576</p> <p>14 Low clouds & bad visibility. The ridge SW of BAPAUME occupied by our troops without resistance. Trenches from LE TRANSLOY to BAPAUME bombarded. Wire cut to let patrols through. Rounds fired: - 14" HAG 687 23" 781</p> <p>15 Fine, some low clouds. BIHUCOURT line occupied. Barrage put up N. & E of BIEFVILLERS. Hostile artillery active. Two of our batteries being heavily shelled (26 HTS & 1/2 LANCE HTS) Rounds fired: - 14" HAG 708 23" 825</p> <p>16 Fine & clear. Trenches from BAPAUME to BIEFVILLERS to LE TRANSLOY bombarded. Hostile activity below normal. Aeroplane work practically nil. Rounds fired: - 14" HAG 768 23" 447</p>	

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VIVIER MILL	1917 MARCH		<p>17. Very fine. Planes of both sides very active. BAPAUME was found to be evacuated (6-7am) & was occupied, posts established N and E of the town. Many villages on fire. Batteries preparing to move forward.</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 24th HAG 225 23rd 17.</p> <p>18. Fine day. 44 Sigs left for BEAUVAIL. SAPIGNIES captured during the night. (avalry as far as line between MORY and VADLX)</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 14th HAG Nil 23rd Nil</p> <p>19. Fine. Rain early. Batteries moving to positions S of BAPAUME to cover BEUGNY - YTRES line. One section 1/1 WR HB & one section 88 Siege to come in action at BEUGNATRE and put at disposal of Aust Div there. Capt H W Acland Doyle, Royal Devon & Dorset appointed Staff Capt vice Capt J A Brooke 6th Dragoons returned to regimental duty.</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 14th HAG 75 23rd Nil</p> <p>20. Fine. Batteries delayed by roads being blocked. 9th HAG (Lt Col CHW Owen DSO) joined the command from II Corps at 9am. & the following batteries, 13 S. 115 S. 33 S and 122 HB.</p> <p>Batteries regrouped as follows:-</p> <p>9th HAG (CB) Lt Col Owen 13 S. 115 S 122 HB</p> <p>14th HAG (Siege) Lt Col Robinson 33 S 34 S 42 S 88 S 140 S & 194 S</p> <p>23rd HAG (CB) Lt Col WR Budgen 24 S. 78 S 26 HB & 116 HB.</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 9th HAG nil 14th Nil 23rd 6</p>	

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VIVIERMILL	1917 MARCH 21		<p>Position of batteries is today as follows:-</p> <p>115 S. 122 HB moving to SAPIGNIES. 140 S 2 Guns moving up. 2 Guns SAPIGNIES. 33 S. 1 Gun at LESARS. 3 guns at POZIERES 194 S at Mbd 3.4. 34 S at N1a Cent. 24 S } on road at LONGUEVAL 42 S at Mbd 25.60. 78 S } 88 S 2 guns moving up 26 HB 4 guns moving up. 2 guns wagon lined 116 HB 4 guns SAPIGNIES 2 guns FREMICOURT.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 9th HAG Nil 14th Nil 23rd 25</p>	
	22		<p>Wednesday. Batteries fired on NOREUIL, ECOUST, CROISILLE, LAGNICOURT, LONGATTE, 23 HAG HDARS to BAPAUME. 9th HAG to BIHUCOURT. Major A. B. Fisher DSO & Lt Kennedy sent forward with Dursoins as liaison officers, authorised to act as required by Advanced Guard Commanders.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 9th HAG Nil 14th Nil 23rd Nil</p>	
	23		<p>Position of batteries:-</p> <p>140 S & 24 S move tonight to BEUGNATRE 26 HB & 88 S " " " FREMICOURT 116 HB " " " BEUGNATRE 34 S, 42 S, 33 S } in BAPAUME. 78 S & 13 S</p> <p>Batteries fired on Railway at C2d 4.9. 116 HB working with advanced guards.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 9th HAG Nil 14th Nil 23rd 162</p>	

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VIVIERMILL	1917 MARCH 24		<p>Fine day. ECOUST, LONGATTE, ROISILLES shelled by 122 HB & 115 S. 116 HB shelled DOIGNIES. HERMIES. NOREUIL. LAGNICOURT. 26 HB DOIGNIES. ROYALCOURT HERMIES. 140 S NOREUIL. 24 S LAGNICOURT. LONGATTE. No reports received from RFC as to hostile batteries.</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 9th HAG. Nil. 14th 93 23rd 166</p>	
AVESNES LES BAPAUME.	25		<p>luct. Batteries shelled LAGNICOURT. NOREUIL, HERMIES, DOIGNIES by day & night. Town Hall in BAPAUME blew up at 11.30 pm</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 9th HAG. Nil. 14th 389 23rd 439</p>	
AVESNES LES BAPAUME.	26		<p>Heavy Artillery Headquarters moved to camp at AVESNES LES BAPAUME</p> <p>II Aust Div captured LAGNICOURT supported by 7th (Imp) Div on the right</p> <p>Batteries supported the attack, & during the day shelled villages roads & tracks</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 9th HAG Nil 14th 207 23rd 215</p>	
AVESNES LES BAPAUME.	27		<p>luct. 2nd HAG (Lt Col R & Barton) joined the command with 23 S. 30 S. Batteries moving forward to selected positions chosen for bombardment of HINDENBURG LINE.</p> <p>We shelled roads & tracks & villages by day & night</p> <p>Rounds fired:- 9th HAG Nil 14th 163 23rd 251 2nd Nil</p>	

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<p>AVESNES LES BAPAUME</p>	<p>1917 MARCH 28 } 29 }</p>		<p>Know. Batteries engaged in shelling roads, tracks & distant villages by day & night. Aeroplanes successfully registered a number of targets. Enemy shelling very feeble. All heavy siege batteries preparing forward positions.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 9th HAG 79 14th 328 23rd 367 2nd 40.</p>	
	<p>30 } 31 }</p>		<p>Hindenburg Line shelled. 780 & 880 moved to BEUGNY 235 moving by road to BAZENTIN thence Decauville Railway to BAPAUME owing to roads being closed in this sector.</p> <p>Throughout their ^{retirement} advance the enemy had by means of large mines & felled trees much obstructed the advance of Heavy Artillery and it reflects the greatest credit on Officers NCOs & men of the batteries that by dint of hard work and good judgment they were able to push forward and give support when required.</p> <p>Rounds fired: - 9th HAG. 169 14th 323 23rd 500</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> A. Laidet Major RA Brigade Major 1st Army Ct HA </p>	

S E C R E T.

No. 1/67.

1st ANZAC HEAVY ARTILLERY.

To take effect from noon, 9th March, 1917.

GROUP.	BATTERY.	NATURE.	POSITION	BATTERY COMMANDER.
<u>SIEGE GROUP.</u> 14th H.A.G. Lieut.Colonel H.Rowan- Robinson, D.S.O. Headquarters. S.28.a.3.0.	24 Siege	6" How.	S.12.b.7.6	Major R.S. Bunbury.
	34 Siege	9.2" How.	M.32.b.5.9.	a/Major J.G.M.B.Cooke, M.C.
	42 Siege	9.2" How.	S.10.c.00.50*	Major G.N.Hill.
	78 Siege	8" How.	S.12.b.93.47	Major Hon.N.A. Hood, D.S.O.
	88 Siege	6" How.	M.23.a.87.47	Major H.R.Adams.
	194 Siege	8" How.	M.32.b.92.94	a/Major E.N. Aston.
<u>COUNTER-BATTERY GROUP.</u> 23rd H.A.G. Lieut.Colonel W.N.Budgen, DSO. Headquarters. S.18.c.5.4	26 Heavy	60-pr.Gun.	S.6.b.7.3	a/Major, R.E.Harman, M.C.
	116 Heavy	60-pr Gun.	T.14.a.7.6	Major O.R.Swayne, DSO.
	132 Heavy	60-.pr.Gun.	T.7.d.7.4	a/Major W.M.Lovatt.
	1/1 West Riding Heavy	60-pr.Gun.	T.7.d.4.7	a/Major C.H.S.Cooper.
	1/2 Lancs.Hy.	4.7 ^{1/2} Gun.	S.11.c.1.4 T.1.a.05.60	a/Major W.P.MacLaughlin.
Administered from Hdqrs. Heavy Arty.	18 Siege	12" How.	S.10.d.4.4 S.10.c.2.7	Major A.Veitch.
	53 Siege	9.2" Gun. 12" Gun.	S.14.c.3.5 A.10.b.	Major P.L.Spicer.

* Moving to T.7.a.88.27.

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

HEAVY ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 33.

Reference :- 1/10,000. LENSARS, etc
4th Edition.

1. At a day and hour which will be communicated later, the II Corps intend to capture GREVILLERS TRENCH from M 4 a 4.4 to G 32 a 8.0 and the northern outskirts of IRLES.
2. The 1st Anzac H.A. will co-operate as follows:-
 - 14th H.A. GROUP will carry out the following tasks:-
 - (g) Two 9.2" Hows ~~will be~~ on communication trench G 34 c 15.90 to G 34 a 47.17.
 - (h) One 9.2" How on LOUPART TRENCH from G 34 c 15.90 to G 34 a 0.0.
 - (i) Two 8" Hows on communication trench from G 34 c 80.44 to G 34 c 92.75.
 - (j) Two 9.2" Hows and one 6" How on LOUPART TRENCH from G 34 c 15.90 to G 34 c 84.29.
 - (k) Two 6" Hows on LOUPART TRENCH from G 34 c 84.29 to G 34 d 5.0.

The above bombardments will be carried out from zero to plus one hour.

3. Rates of fire:-

HEAVY HOWITZERS.
From zero to plus 25 minutes = $\frac{1}{2}$ round per gun per minute.
From plus 25 mins to plus 1 hour = $\frac{1}{4}$ round per gun per minute.

MEDIUM HOWITZERS.
Double the above rates.
4. From zero plus 3' to plus 44' counter-battery work will be vigorously carried out on all known active hostile batteries. Necessary instructions will be issued by the C.B.S.O. From plus 44' onwards there will be neutralising fire as called for.
5. Synchronisation with Corps Signals will be arranged later.
6. 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery are carrying out the following tasks:-
 - (a) Bombard trench G 35 c 45.80 to G 35 c 10.33.
 - (b) Bombard trench G 34 d 92.47 to G 34 d 73.90.
 - (c) Bombard trench G 34 b 4.2 to G 34 c 95.82.
 - (d) Bombard trench from road in M 5 a 10.90 to road in M 4 b 60.98.
 - (e) Bombard trench from road in M 5 a 15.70 as far westwards as is considered safe.
 - (f) Search sunken road from G 34 d 8.1 to M 4 b 25.90.

Certain field batteries are searching inwards into LOUPART WOOD.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(signed) C.F. LIARDET.

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

P.T.O.

APPENDIX

1st Anzac H.A. No 2/164. 9th March 1917.

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1st A. & N. S. A. G.

Issued at 3 p.m.

HEAVY ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 22

Copies to:-

No 1, R.A. 1st Anzac H.A.-----

2. 14th H.A.G.

3. 23rd H.A.G. Reference: - 1/10,000

4. Counter Battery S.O.

5. 2nd Australian Division.

6. 5th Australian Division. At a day and hour which the

7. II Corps intend to capture GERVILL. II Corps

8. XIV Corps H.A. and the northern end of G 22 a 23 a 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

9. 3rd Squadron R.F.C.

10. 13th Balloon Company. The 1st Anzac H.A. will co-operate

11. File.

12. - 15th H.A. GROUP will carry out the following:-

(a) Two 9.2" Hows on communication trench from G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

(h) One 9.2" How on LOUPART TRENCH from G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

(i) Two 9.2" Hows on communication trench from G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

(j) Two 9.2" Hows and one 8" How on LOUPART TRENCH from G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

(k) Two 8" Hows on LOUPART TRENCH from G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

The above bombardments will be carried out from zero to plus one hour.

Rates of fire:-

HEAVY HOWITZERS

From zero to plus 25 minutes = 1/2 round per gun per minute.

From plus 25 mins to plus 1 hour = 1/3 round per gun per minute.

MEDIUM HOWITZERS

Double the above rates.

From zero plus 2' to plus 44' counter-battery work will be vigorously carried out on all known active hostile batteries. Necessary instructions will be issued by the C.B.S.O. from plus 44' onwards there will be neutralising fire as called for.

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2nd Australian Divisional Artillery are carrying out the following tasks:-

(a) Bombard trench G 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

(b) Bombard trench G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

(c) Bombard trench G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

(d) Bombard trench from road in M 5 a 10.00 to road in M 4 b 60.00

(e) Bombard trench from road in M 5 a 13.70 as far westwards as is considered safe.

(f) Search sunken road from G 24 a 25 a 26 a 27 a 28 a 29 a 30 a 31 a 32 a 33 a 34 a 35 a 36 a 37 a 38 a 39 a 40 a 41 a 42 a 43 a 44 a 45 a 46 a 47 a 48 a 49 a 50 a 51 a 52 a 53 a 54 a 55 a 56 a 57 a 58 a 59 a 60 a 61 a 62 a 63 a 64 a 65 a 66 a 67 a 68 a 69 a 70 a 71 a 72 a 73 a 74 a 75 a 76 a 77 a 78 a 79 a 80 a 81 a 82 a 83 a 84 a 85 a 86 a 87 a 88 a 89 a 90 a 91 a 92 a 93 a 94 a 95 a 96 a 97 a 98 a 99 a 100

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

(signed) O.F. LARDET.

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

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1st Anzac H.A.
No 9/166.
16th March 1917.

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

HEAVY ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 34.

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Reference:- 1/20,000 Trench
Map.
57 c N.W. & S.W.

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1. The 14th H.A.GROUP, after registration, will carry out daily bombardments of selected portions of -
 - (a) Trench system bounded on the South by the communication trench between METEOR and MOONRAY trenches in N 23 c and on the North by the communication trench from N 16 a 40.60 to 10.45.
 - (b) Trench system from trench junction at H 33 d 15.60 to trench junction at G 24 d 8.5.
2. The bombardment of (a) should be heavier than that of (b) in the proportion of three to two.
3. Close touch must be kept with the Divisional Artillery to prevent clashing of artillery bombardments, and, when necessary, the Divisional Commander will be requested to clear any trenches in the danger zone through the B.G.H.A.
4. No opportunity of carrying out destructive shoots on hostile batteries should be lost. The C.B.S.O. will make arrangements with the O.C. 14th H.A.Group as regards the allotment of howitzers for this work.
5. When a retirement in any particular area is suspected or known to be taking place, the road system behind this area should be severely shelled during the night.
6. No night firing will take place on trenches.

(signed) J.R.KENNEDY.
Lieut, R.A. for

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac H.A.

Issued at 10 a.m.

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| No 1. | R.A. 1st Anzac. |
| 2. | 14th H.A.G. |
| 3. | 23rd H.A.G. |
| 4. | Counter-battery S.O. |
| 5. | 2nd Australian Division. |
| 6. | 5th Australian Division. |
| 7. | II Corps H.A. |
| 8. | XIV Corps H.A. |
| 9. | 3rd Squadron R.F.C. |
| 10. | 13th Balloon Company. |
| 11. | File. |
| 12 - 15. | Spare. |

SECRET.1st Anzac H.A.
No 9/168.
19th Mar.1917.

1st ANZAC H.A. OPERATION ORDER NO 35.

by

Lieut.Colonel C.G.PRITCHARD, D.S.O.,R.G.A.,

Commanding 1st Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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1. In accordance with orders from Fifth Army
1 Section 88 Siege Bty and) under command of Major
1 Section 1/1 West Riding H.B.) H.R.ADAMS, 88th S.B.
will be held in readiness to move forward to BEUGNATRE with
a view to shelling the HINDENBERG LINE or the villages our
side of it.
2. 6" and 60-pounder batteries, II Corps, are being sent towards
SAPIGNIES for the same purpose.
3. Major ADAMS will arrange to halt the sections in the
neighbourhood of BAPAUME tonight. He will reconnoitre
positions early tomorrow.
4. Orders to move to position will be sent from this office.
The move will probably be on night March 20th/21st.
5. An escort will be provided, and the Sections will not move
forward without it.
6. Ammunition:-
6" Section will take 100 rounds.
60-pr. Section will take 80 D. and 80 DX.
Major ADAMS will arrange for further ammunition with 88 Siege
and 1/1 West Riding batteries.
7. A map of HINDENBERG LINE is attached - the point nearest to
BEUGNATRE appears to be approximately due North, at about
BULLECOURT.
8. Major Adams will be responsible for establishing his own commu-
nications.

(signed) J.R.KENNEDY,
Lieut, R.A. for

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac H.A.

Issued at 8.30 p.m.

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| Copy No 1. | to 14th H.A.Group. |
| 2. | 23rd H.A.Group. |
| 3. | Major H.R.Adams. |
| 4. | R.A. 1st Anzac. |
| 5. | File. |

After Orders :, Amend Paragraphs 4 and 5:-

4. Major Adams as soon as reconnaissance completed will
report to this office, he will probably then move
forward to position as soon as possible. On arrival he
will at once fire 4 rounds into HINDENBERG LINE -
He will get in touch with 2nd Div. Advanced Guard and
if asked to help, he will shell villages etc, as requested.
5. No escort will be provided.

1st ANZAC HEAVY ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO 36.

by

Lieut.Colonel C.G.Pritchard, D.S.O., R.G.A.,

Commanding 1st Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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Reference Map 57 C N.W. 1/20,000

1. At 5.15 a.m. to-morrow 2nd Australian Division are attacking LAGNICOURT from C 30 a 3.7 to crest line in C 17. The 5th Australian Division are co-operating by attacking the line J 1 c 90.95 to C 30 a 3.7
At same hour 7th Division V Corps are attacking ECOUST.
2. From 00 to 0.15 minutes 24 Siege from Sunken road C 23 b 60.75 to C 23 b 7.0
140 Siege from road C 23 b 7.0 to C 24 c 0.3.
88 Siege from road J 1 c 90.95 to C 24 c 0.3.

From 0.15 minutes to 1 hour.

24 Siege and 140 Siege lift on to NOREUIL village and search it.
24 Siege west of road junction C 10 c 5.3, 140 Siege. East of same.
88 Siege Lift on to Windmill, Cross Roads, Beetroot Factory - J 9 a & b and high ground.

~~80-pounder batteries~~

60-pounder batteries

From 5.15 am to 6.15 a.m.

26 H.B. search exits from QUEANT D 7 c and d, and sunken road triangle in D 8 c.
116 H.B. railway cutting C 5 d and C 6.c

3. Allotment of ammunition.

6" Hows.	}	30 rounds per gun.
60-prs		

4. Orders for Batteries of 9th H.A.G. will be issued direct by O.C.Group.
5. Times of lifts in para 2 are subject to alteration by direct order of advanced Guard Commanders through R.G.A. Liaison Officer.

(signed) C.G.PRITCHARD.
Lieut.Colonel
R.G.A.
Cmdg, 1st Anzac H.A.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.
Copies to.

9th H.A.G.
14th H.A.G.
23rd H.A.G.
2nd A.D.A.
Major Fishe.
Lieut.Kennedy.

9th H.A.Group.
 14th H.A.Group.
 23rd H.A.Group.
 18th Siege Battery.
 R.A. 1st ANZAC.
 2nd Australian Division.
 5th Australian Division.
 3rd Squadron, R.F.C.
 4th Squadron, R.F.C.
 13th Balloon Coy.
 17th Balloon Coyz
 15th Wing, R.F.C.

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The Heavy and Siege Groups and Batteries are now in position as follows:-

3rd H.A.G. (Left Counter-battery Group) H.Q. BIHUCOURT.

13	Siege Battery.	Rendezvous, H.28.a.
115	" "	2 Hows. ERVILLERS, B.19.d.9540.
		2 Hows. SAPIGNIES, H.8.d.59.
122	Heavy Battery.	H.8.d.7065.

14th H.A.G. (Bombardment Group) H.Q. FREMICOURT, I.25.b.57.

33	Siege Battery.	Rendezvous, BAPAUME.
34	" "	" "
42	" "	" "
88	" "	FREMICOURT, I.26.a.28.
140	" "	BEUGNATRE, H.11.d.52.
194	" "	MISTY WAY, M.6.d.

23rd H.A.G. (Right Counter-battery Group) H.Q. H.26.d.30.

24	Siege Battery.	BEUGNATRE, H.17.b.5575.
78	" "	Rendezvous, BAPAUME.
26	Heavy Battery.	FREMICOURT, I.26.a.26.
116	" "	BEUGNATRE, H.11.d.27.

1st Anzac H.A.

(sd) N.A.Hood, Major, R.G.A. for

26th March, 1917.

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac Heavy Arty.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL C. G. PRITCHARD, D.S.O. R.A.,
COMMANDING 1ST ANZAC CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
In the Field.
27-3-17.

1. PROMOTIONS.

The undermentioned to be Acting Majors whilst
Commanding Siege Batteries.

2/Lieut. D.C. LEWIS, (S.R.) 194th Siege Battery from
18th January to 12th February 1917.

Captain E.N. ASTON, 184th Siege Battery from 12-2-17.

(b) The undermentioned to be Acting Captain whilst
employed as Second in Command of a Siege Battery.

Lieut. E. SNOW, 194th Siege Battery from 15-2-17.
(Authy. C.-in-C. List No. 127 dated 17-3-17)

2. MOVEMENTS & GROUPING OF BATTERIES.

(a) The undermentioned Group and Batteries will be taken
on the strength of the Heavy Artillery of this Corps from
9-0 a.m. 29th March 1917.

23rd H.A. Group.
23rd Siege Battery.
30th Siege Battery.

(b) Batteries will be transferred as under:-

Battery	Present Group.	Transferred to
42nd Siege Btty.	14th H.A.G.	2nd H.A.G.
115th Siege Btty.	9th H.A.G.	2nd H.A.G.
33rd Siege Btty.	14th H.A.G.	9th H.A.G.

(c) From 9-0 a.m. 29th March 1917 Batteries will be
grouped as follows:-

2nd H.A.G.
(Left Bombardment Group)

23rd Siege Battery.
30th Siege Battery.
42nd Siege Battery.
115th Siege Battery.

14th H.A.G.
(Right Bombardment Group.)

34th Siege Battery.
88th Siege Battery.
140th Siege Battery.
194th Siege Battery.

9th H.A.G.
(Left Counter-Battery Group.)

15th Siege Battery.
33rd Siege Battery.
122nd Heavy Battery.

23rd H.A.G.
(Right Counter-Battery Group)

24th Siege Battery.
78th Siege Battery.
26th Heavy Battery.
116th Heavy Battery.

H. W. ACLAND-TROYTE, Captain,

Staff Captain, Heavy Artillery, 1st Anzac.