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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FORT ROMPU	Night 12/13	4.30 a.m.	<p>Raid 102nd Infantry Bde: 34th Div I 22 a 75.82 52nd H.A. Group cooperated with Counter-Battery Work 11th H.A.G (12" how) on WEZ MACQUART</p>	HRB
	13/11/16		<p>First day of Operations Further list of targets issued. Programmes much interfered with by fog & mist. Conditions unsuitable for Airplane, Kite Balloon, Flash spotting & Sound Ranging. Attempts with Airplane & Sound Ranging failed. 2 trench shoots (visual) completed 2nd Army H.A. Order No 32 issued (programme for next day)</p>	App 5 HRB
	14/11/16	8 p.m.	<p>Second day of Operations Dull & cloudy: no airplane work possible at first, but some opportunities later. 12 targets or programmes satisfactorily engaged J 25 c. 05 65 (15 cm gun) engaged with 9.2" & 6" how & 60 pds, OK's obtained (airplane) & heavy explosion caused. 2 heavy trench mortars: 5 sections of trench: 2 O.P.'s: 2 Billies engaged</p>	App 5 HRB
	15/11/16	7.20 p.m.	<p>2nd Army H.A. Order No 33 issued (programme for next day) Third day of Operations. Atmospheric conditions again prevented successful airplane work 6 targets or programmes satisfactorily dealt with: 3 trench mortars, fire & explosion caused: 1 trench, very good results: 1 billie: 1 O.P. Some C.B. Work Hotel retaliation slight</p>	App 5
		5.30 p.m.	<p>2nd Army H.A. Order No 34 issued. Raid, New Zealand Div, night 16/17th.</p>	
		5.30 p.m.	<p>German Raid on Frank's Force, C.17c</p>	
		8.20 p.m.	<p>2nd Army H.A. Order No 35 issued (programme for next day)</p>	App 5 HRB
	16/11/16		<p>Fourth day of Operations. Airplane obs again not feasible. 6 targets from programme engaged. Retaliatory Bombardment: 12", 9.2", 6" for Raid of previous night: Frank's Force front. Billies killed, 60 pds etc, by day & by night. (Order No 36 issued night 15/16.)</p>	HRB 10.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FORT ROMPU	16/xi/16	6 pm	Raid, 3 rd NZ (Rifle) Brigade, New Zealand Div. N. 5. d 4.2. 52 nd H. A. Group cooperated with 6" how on CORNER FORT & N 11. a 4.6.	
		8 15 pm	2 nd Angas H. A. Order No 37 issued (programme for next day).	Appdx 5. HRB
		17/xi/16	Light day of Operations. Fine, clear day. Programme completed except for one 9.2" shot. 2 Battery targets taken over, also trench meters, etc.	
		11.10 a.m.	No 11 R.M.A. 15" howitzer opened fire on FORT SENARMONT, in retaliation for shelling of ARMENTIERES during night of 16 th /17 th . 12 rounds fired: good results.	
		9.0 pm	2 nd Angas H. A. Order No 38 issued. (movement order for departure of IX + X Corps Batteries.)	Appdx 5 HRB
		night 17/18	All Batteries temporarily brought over for special operations quitted Command, to return to own Corps, except 188 th Sigs Battery R.G.A.	
		18/xi/16	Dull, raw day. Slight snow then rain. Overcast. 9.2" could not fire: no visibility.	
		2.45 pm	2 nd Angas H. A. No 39 issued. (movement order for departure of 188 Sigs Battery.)	Appdx 5 HRB
		night 18/19	188 Sigs Battery R.G.A. quitted Command, on completion of operations.	HRB
		20/xi/16	1.50 pm 2 nd Angas H. A. Order No 40 issued. (raid Frank's Tower night 20/21 st)	Appdx 5 HRB
		night 20/21	12.30 a.m. Preliminary Bombardment for Raid. 6" how on SPARROW'S NEST. Counter-battery work. -12.45 a.m.	
		night 21/22	2.30 a.m. Raid I. 5 c 73.10, 103 rd Infantry Brigade, Frank's Tower. Counter-battery work. One howitzer, 155 Sigs (B.X), shifted from South Section to North Section, to cover Left Div front. Position H 11 d 75.60 Arc of fire 45° to 105° (true lge)	Appdx 5 HRB
		22/xi/16	7.10 pm 2 nd Angas H. A. Order No 41 issued. (raids 34 th Div) (night 23/24 th)	
		23/-/-	8.47 pm Raid 101 st & 102 nd Infantry Brigades, 34 th Division. I 32 a 85.95 to I 26 c 95.15 and I 21 c 20.00 to I 21 c 55.15 to 8.47 pm 52 nd H. A. Group cooperated:- 6" howitzer on bank N. of LA HOUSBOIE; I 27 a 67.30 and I 27 a 92.30 " " " Trench; I 27 a 27.19 to I 27 a 54.49 60 pikes & 4.7" Counter Battery Work	HRB HRB
	24/xi/16	12 noon 155 Sigs Battery R.G.A. transferred from 52 nd H. A. Group to 71 st H. A. Group		

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HRB Biancher Major R.A.
Brigade Major
for R.G. H.A. 2nd Angas

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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 27

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 36 N.W. 2.

2/11/16.

1. The 2nd New Zealand Infantry Brigade will carry out a raid on enemy trenches opposite its front, at a date and hour to be notified later.

2. Point of Entry: C.29.c.65.60.

Time: 01.45.

3. Artillery support for the Raid will consist of -

- 1) Bombardment from 0.00 to 00.30.
- (2) Barrage from 01.45 until party is reported back.

4. 52nd H.A.Group will co-operate as follows:-

One 6" Howitzer 0.00 to 0.30 Bombard Trench junction at
C.29.c.85.65.

01.45 until no longer required Bombard
Support Trench junction at C.29.c.80.65.

Rate of fire, as rapid as is consistent with accuracy.

60-pdrs. and 4.7" will stand by for counter-battery work.

5. Zero time will be notified and watches synchronized under orders to be issued later.

6. Acknowledge by wire.

[Signature]
Captain, for
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at. 3.15 p.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 52nd H.A.Group.
 2. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.)
 3. New Zealand Division "G.") For
 4. R.A., New Zealand Division.) information.
 5. 42nd Squadron, R.F.C.)
 6. 9th Kite Balloon Section.)
 7. File.
 8. War Diary
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 28.

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 3 N.W.

3/11/16.

1. Two Raids will be carried out by the 34th Division as follows:-
 - (a) Raid on night of 5/6 November by 101st Infantry Brigade.
 - (i) Objective: Enemy front line trench 50 yards on either side of point I.32.c.2.9.
 - (ii) ZERO Hour: 11 p.m.
 - (iii) The 42nd Squadron, R.F.C., will co-operate in the raid by dropping parachute Flares over enemy active Batteries.
 - (iv) 52nd H.A.Group will stand by for counter-battery work from Zero hour until reported all quiet.
 - (v) Time will be synchronised with H.Q., Corps H.A. at 7.30p.m. on 5th inst.
 - (b) Raid on night of 7/8 November by 102nd Infantry Brigade.
 - (i) Objective: Enemy front line trenches I.21.c:50.10. - I.21.c.65.15. Point of entry I.21.c.62.15.
 - (ii) ZERO Hour: 8.15 p.m.
 - (iii) The 42nd Squadron, R.F.C., will co-operate in the Raid by dropping parachute Flares over enemy active Batteries.
 - (iv) 52nd H.A.Group will bombard with two 6" Howitzers the houses North of LA HOUSSOIE at I.27.a.7.3. and I.27.a.95.30. and the DISTILLERY, from Zero to +0.30.

Rate of fire, as rapid as is consistent with accuracy.
 - (v) Will stand by for counter-battery work from Zero until reported all quiet.
 - (vi) Time will be synchronised with H.Q., Corps H.A. at 4 p.m. on 7th inst.

2. Acknowledge by wire.

E. J. ...
 Captain, for
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at.....m to:-

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 2. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.
 3. 34th Division "G."
 4. R.A., 34th Division.
 5. 42nd Squadron, R.F.C.
 6. 9th Kite Balloon Secn.
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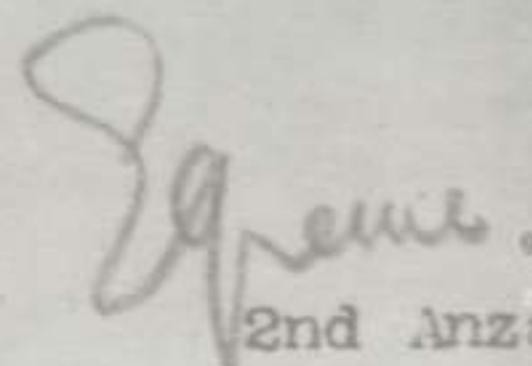
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No 29 .

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 36 N.W.

3/11/18.

1. In conjunction with Raid to be carried out by the 102nd Infantry Brigade on 7/8 November, mentioned in my Operation Order No 28, the 52nd H.A.Group will carry out the following additional programme -
 - (a) On - 1 day (i.e., day previous to that on which raid takes place) 6" Howitzers will bombard communication trench I.21.c.25.00. to I.27.a.42.85.
Ammunition 100 rounds.
 Time to be notified later.
 - (b) On the morning of Zero day 6" Howitzers will bombard the Railway from I.21.c.65.50. to I.21.c.75.25.
Ammunition 100 rounds.
 Time to be notified later.
2. Acknowledge by wire.



Captain, for
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at.....p.m. to:-

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 2. 102nd Infantry Bde.
 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.
 4. 34th Division "G."
 5. R.A., 34th Division.
 6. 9th Kite Balloon Section.
 7. 42nd Squadron, R.F.C.
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2nd Army Heavy Artillery Order No. 30.

Ref: French Map Sheet 50 N.W.4, 1/10,000, Edition 6 (revised).

12/11/16.

- 1. 10th Infantry Brigade, 56th Division, is carrying out a raid tonight (night 12th/13th November).

Objective. I.22.d.75.82.

Zero Hour. (hour at which bombardment commences)
4-30 a.m. 13th November.

- 2. 52nd H.A. Group (80-pdrs.) will stand by for Counter-Battery work from Zero hour until no longer required.
- 3. XI H.A. Group have been asked to co-operate with 12th Howitzer on WIZ HANGHAST and point I.16.d.60.58. from Zero hour to + 0.30 minutes.
- 4. Watches will be synchronised with this office.
- 5. Acknowledge by wire.

H.A. Branch

Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Army H.A.

Issued at 11.15 a.m. to:-

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| Copy No. | 1. | 22nd H.A. Group. | } For information. |
| | 2. | XIth H.A. Group. | |
| | 3. | H.Q., R.A., 2nd Army. | |
| | 4. | 56th Division "C." | |
| | 5. | R.A., 34th Division. | |
| | 6. | File. | |
| | 7. | War Diary. | |
| | 8. | Spare. | |

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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 31.

12/11/16.

Reference Programme of Operations issued this morning -

1. Batteries will stand by from 9 a.m. tomorrow, 13th inst., to carry out Programme laid down for Zero Day.
2. In the event of the weather proving unsuitable for carrying out the Counter-Battery shoot, the following objectives will be engaged -
Nos. 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31.
3. Notification will be sent as to which of the above alternatives will be carried out and as to hour of commencement.
4. The 12" will be ranged by the Sound Rangers on objective No. 1, if conditions are favourable.
5. Each battery, as soon as ranged, will report to its Group and when ordered to fire for effect will put out ground signal "T" and carry on independently.
6. In programme issued this morning, for 39 Battery, wherever stated, read 82 Battery.
7. Acknowledge by wire.

HR Brancker

Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 9.30 p.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 52nd H.A. Group.
- 2. 11th H.A. Group.
- 3. IInd Anzac Corps "G."
- 4. H.Q., A.A., IInd Anzac.
- 5. 34th Division "G."
- 6. N.Z. Division "G."
- 7. Franks' Force "G."
- 8. 42nd Sqdrn., R.F.C.
- 9. 9th Kite Balloon Secn.
- 10. C Group, 2nd F.S. Coy.
- 11. D Group, 2nd F.S. Coy.
- 12. E Detachment 2nd F.S. Coy.
- 13. File.
- 14. War Diary.
- 15.)
- 16.) Spare.
- 17.)
- 18.)

For information.

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Programme of Counter-Battery and other operations to be carried out from 13th November (Zero Day) and following days.

Reference No.	Objective	Batteries taking part	Remarks.
1.	J.3.a.50.65.	89, 6, 90, N.Midland	
2.	O.11.c.40.30.	89, 176, Lancs, N.Midland	
3.	I.30.b.50.90.	89, 155, Lancs.	89 - 12"
4.	I.24.d.05.95.	89, 155, Lancs.	
5.	J.25.c.05.65.	185, 155, Lancs.	185) 9.2"
6.	N.29.c.00.50.	188, 155, 147.	188)
7.	J.1.d.10.40.	185, 6, 90, N.Midland.	
8.	C.6.b.30.40.	6, 90, N.Midland.	6)
9.	O.19.b.65.35.	188, 155, 128.	155) 6"
10.	N.24.d.35.50.	188, 197, 128.	176)
11.	O.4.b.60.80.	176, Lancs.	197)
12.	O.6.a.10.35.	176, Lancs.	
13.	N.28.d.30.50.	155, 128.	90)
14.	D.25.a.55.35.	6, 90.	128) 60-pdr.
15.	N.24.d.05.75.	188, 197, 128.	147)
16.	J.1.a.25.00.	176, 90.	2/1 Lancs)
17.	J.7.a.60.50.	185, 176, Lancs.	
18.	N.28.a.50.50.	155, 147.	1/1 N.Midland - 4.7"
19.	I.36.c.45.85.	176, Lancs.	
20.	O.13.b.60.40.	197, 128.	
21.	I.22.b.90.90.)		H. T. M.
22.	I.22.b.95.95.)	185.	:
23.	C.23.d.30.60.)		:
24.	N.12.a.55.45.	188.	:
25.	I.21.c.95.10. to d.65.95.	176.	Trenches.
26.	I.27.a.30.20. to a.50.50.	176.	
27.	O.1.a.75.80. to I.31.d.45.30.	155.	
28.	C.23.c.30.70. to C.90.50.	6.	
29.	N.11.b.10.90.(WATER FORT).	155.	
30.	N.15.a.80.60. to b.10.70.	197.	
31.	C.17.a.20.70.(BREWERY).	89.	
<u>Zero day.</u>	a.m. 1, 5, 6.	<u>+ 2 day.</u>	a.m. 3, 10, 16.
	p.m. 2, 7, 13.		p.m. 4, 17, 18.
<u>+ 1 day.</u>	a.m. 8, 12, 15, 31.	<u>+ 3 day.</u>	a.m. 19, 20, 21, 22,
	p.m. 9, 11, 14.		24, 27, 28, 29.
			p.m. 25, 26, 30.

Subject to alteration due to weather conditions.

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Appendix No. 5

AMMUNITION ALLOTMENT.

Reference No.	12"	9.2"	6" How.	60-pdr.	4.7"
1 & 2	30	-	30	20	20
3 & 4	30	-	30	20	-
6, 9, 10, 15, 17	-	30	30	40	-
7	-	30	30	30	20
8	-	-	50	50	20
1, 12, 13, 14, 16, } 8, 19.	-	-	50	50	-
20	-	-	50	60	-
1, 22, 23, 24	-	20	-	-	-
5, 26, 27, 28, 29, } 0.	-	-	100	-	-
31	30	-	-	-	-

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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 32.

13/11/16.

Reference Programme of Operations and Additional List
of targets already issued :-

1. If aeroplane observation is possible tomorrow, 14th inst., batteries will engage targets Nos. 1, 5 and 6.
2. Other targets will be engaged as under:-

185	Siege Battery	23.
188	Siege Battery	24, 60, 61.
6	Siege Battery	28.
197	Siege Battery	30.
82	Siege Battery	31.
155	Siege Battery	29.
176	Siege Battery	26.
128	Heavy Battery	44, 50.
2/1	Lancs H. Batty	49.
147	Heavy Battery	34.

3. Hour of commencement: as early as visibility permits.
4. Ammunition for targets of higher number than 31 will be 50 rounds per target for 6" and 60-pdr.
Ammunition for targets 60, 61 (9.2"): 30 rounds per target.
5. Fire on target No. 24 will be observed by C Group, 2nd Field Survey Company, if weather conditions permit.
6. Acknowledge by wire.

H.P. Brander
Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 8 p.m. to:-

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17.	1st Ind Anzac Corps "G."
18.	H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.
19.	34th Division "G."
20.	N.Z. Division "G."
21.	Franks' Force "G."
22.	42nd Sqdrn., R.F.O.
23.	9th Kite Balloon Secn.
24.	C Group, 2nd F.S. Coy.
25.	D Group, 2nd F.S. Coy.
26.	X Detachment, 2nd F.S. Coy.
27.	File.
28.	War Diary.
29.	} Spare.
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Appendix No. 5

Additional Targets to be engaged.BILIETS.

32. LOMHE VILLAGE.
 33. LOMPNET.
 34. CHATEAU RICHE N.11.d.5.7.
 35. I.22.b.30.05.
 36. I.29.b.6.9.
 37. Ferme du CHATEL C.18.d.3.8.
 38. I.29.c.75.75. PARADIS.
 39. O.3.a.40.35.
 40. O.2.c.10.25.
 41. I.34.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Houses.
 42. O.5.c.05.80.
 43. I.17.c.6.4.
 44. O.14.b.6.6.
 45. CHATEAU de PERENCHICOURT.
 46. Ferme de l'EPERONNERIE, I.23. central.
 47. FLEUR d'ECOSSE, I.28.b.85.40.

O.P's.

48. N.16.b.5.7.
 49. O.6.a.85.50. ENNETIERES.
 50. O.14.b.7.6. House.
 51. PERENCHIES Church.
 52. PERENCHIES Water Tower.

TRENCHES.

53. C.17.a.5.3. to 9.1.
 54. C.17.b.1.2. to 3.5.
 55. C.17.c.80.95. to a.95.20.
 56. LAIGB FARM, I.22.a.55.10.
 57. I.16.d.36.42. to 62.71.
 58. I.32.c.55.91. to a.90.30.
 especially I.32.a.73.12.
 59. I.22.a.23.24. to I.22.a.50.45.

H. T. M.

60. N.12.a.35.55.
 61. N.12.b.32.72.

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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 33.

14/11/16.

Reference Programme of Operations and Additional
List of Targets already issued -

1. Programme of Operations will be continued tomorrow, 15th inst.
2. If aeroplane observation is possible, Batteries detailed in programme will engage targets 1, 6 and 11.
3. Other targets will, in any case, be engaged as under:-

No. 20. (with "D" Group, 2nd F.S.Coy).	}	By Batteries
21.	}	detailed in
22.	}	programme.
38. (with Kite Balloon Section).	}	155 Siege Battery
	}	North.
4. If aeroplane observation is impossible, batteries will engage the following targets in addition:-

188 Siege Battery	Nos. 24, 61.
6 Siege Battery	53.
176 Siege Battery	45.
155 Siege Battery	48.
2/1 Lancs H.Batty	41.
5. 90 Heavy Battery and 147 Heavy Battery will stand by for Counter-battery work.
6. Acknowledge by wire.

H.A.P. Franks
Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 7.20 p.m. to:-

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20.	34th Division "G."	
21.	N.Z. Division "G."	
22.	Franks' Force "G."	
23.	42nd Squadrn., R.F.C.	
24.	9th Kite Balloon Secn.	
25.	"C" Group, 2nd F.S.Coy.	
26.	"D" Group, 2nd F.S.Coy.	
27.	X Detachment, 2nd F.S.C.)	
28.	File.	
29.	War Diary.	
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31.) Spare.	
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 34.

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 36 S.W. 2, 1/10,000, Edition 6 (redrawn) C.

15/11/16.

1. A raid is being carried out by the 3rd N.Z. (Rifle) Brigade, New Zealand Division, on night 16th/17th November.

Point of entry, about N.F.d.4.2.

2. Zero hour will be notified later.

3. 52nd H.A. Group will co-operate as under:-

1 6" howitzer 0.00 to 0.45 CORNER FORT (N.F.d.40.95) 25 rds.

1 6" howitzer 0.00 to 0.45 N.11.a.4.6. 25 rds.

4. 52nd H.A. Group will also stand by for counter-battery work, from Zero hour until all is reported quiet.

5. Watches will be synchronised with this office.

6. Acknowledge by wire.

H.R. Brander

Major, R.A.
Brigade Major.
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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5.	New Zealand Div. "G."	
6, 7.	R.A., N.Z. Division.	
8.	"D" Group, 2nd F.S. Coy.)	
9.	File.	
10.	War Diary.	
11.	{ Spare.	
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SECRET.

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 35.

15/11/19.

Reference Programme of Operations and Additional List of targets already issued.

1. Programme of Operations will be continued tomorrow, 16th inst.
2. If aeroplane observation is possible, Batteries detailed in programme will engage targets 1, 6 and 17.
3. Other targets will, in any case, be engaged as under:-

2/1 Lincs H.Batty (N.X.)	No. 52	50 rounds.
2/1 Lincs H.Batty (S.X.)	38	30 rounds.
155 Siege Battery (N.X.)	59	50 rounds.
176 Siege Battery (S.X.)	56, 58	50 rounds each.
128 Heavy Battery	40	30 rounds.

4. If aeroplane observation is impossible, Batteries will engage the following targets in addition:-

6 Siege	No. 54 (50 rounds)	and CHICKEN RUN (C.17.a.20.35. to 30.20. to 45.30.)	50 rds.
82 Siege	20	30 rounds.	
185 Siege	Buildings from C.11.d.0.4. to 25.30.	20 rounds.	
90 Heavy	37	30 rounds.	
188 Siege	24	20 rounds.	
176 Siege (N.X.)	45	30 rounds.	

5. 155 Siege S.X. will register CORNER FORT (N.6.d.40.95.) and N.11.a.4.6.
6. No 20 target will, weather permitting, be engaged with "D" Group, 2nd Field Survey Coy.
7. 147 Heavy Battery and 197 Siege Battery will stand by for C.B. work and targets which will be specially detailed.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

H.P. Brander
Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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20.	34th Division "G.")
21.	N.Z. Division "G.") For
22.	Franks' Force "G.") information.
23.	42nd Sqdrn., R.F.C.)
24.	9th Hite Balloon Secn.)
25.	"C" Group, 2nd F.S. Coy.)
26.	"D" Group, 2nd F.S. Coy.)
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Copy No. 29.....

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 37.

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Reference Programme of Operations and Additional List of Targets already issued:-

- 1. Programme of Operations will be continued to-morrow, 17th inst.
- 2. If aeroplane observation is possible, Batteries detailed in programme will engage targets 1, 2, and 15.
- 3. Other targets will, in any case, be engaged as under:-

155 Siege (H.X).	No. 58	30 rounds, only.
2/1 Lances H.B.(S.X).	Billet at I.22.b.65.35.	30 rds.
2/1 Lances H.B.(N.X).	LA CITADELLE (J.9.b.40.60.)	20 rds.

188 Siege to be notified later.

- 4. If aeroplane observation is impossible, Batteries will engage the following targets in addition:-

6 Siege	No. 54	30 rounds, only.
176 Siege (S.X).	57	30 rounds, only.

188 Siege to be notified later.

- 5. Acknowledge by wire.

H.R. Brander
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 Brigade Major,
 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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| 22. | Franks' Force "G." | |
| 23. | 42nd Sqdrn., R.F.C. | |
| 24. | 9th Lite Balloon Secn. | |
| 25. | "C" Group, 2nd F.S.Coy. |) |
| 26. | "D" Group, 2nd F.S.Coy. | |
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 38.

17/11/16.

1. The following Batteries will pull out to-night (night 17th/18th inst), on completion of operations:-
 - IXth Corps. 6th Siege Battery.
 - 176th Siege Battery.
 - 185th Siege Battery.
 - 90th Heavy Battery.

 - Xth Corps. 197th Siege Battery.
 - 128th Heavy Battery.
2. 188th Siege Battery (Xth Corps) will remain in action. They will probably pull out on night 18th/19th.
3. IXth Corps Batteries will proceed at once to rejoin their own Corps.
 - Route for 176th and 185th Siege Batteries:-
ARRIENTIERES - NIEPPE - NEUVE EGLISE - DRAMOUTRE.
 - 6th Siege and 90th Heavy Batteries will resume their normal positions under IXth Corps arrangements.
4. Xth Corps Batteries will halt to-night as under:-
 - 197th Siege Battery:- Guns, lorries, etc., to be parked in Main Square, BAILLEUL. An Officer to report to Town Major, BAILLEUL, as soon as possible, to arrange accomodation.
 - 128th Heavy Battery;- Halting place: sheet 36: A.4.c.5.5. Officer Commanding to make his own arrangements as to accomodation. Guns, etc., to be parked so as not to interfere with traffic.
5. 197th Siege and 128th Heavy Batteries will continue their march to-morrow morning (18th inst.) should the day be cloudy. Should the day be clear, they will resume their march to-morrow evening.
 - Route:- BAILLEUL - BESTOUTRE - POPERINGHE.
6. Batteries of both Corps will be rationed up to 19th inst. inclusive.
7. Batteries will march out with the same amount of ammunition as they brought in.
8. Battery Positions, Billets and Wagon Lines must be left clean and in good condition.
9. Acknowledge by wire.

H.P. Brander
 Major, R.A.,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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- 11, 12. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.
- 13. 403 Coy., A.S.C.
- 14. IXth Corps H.A.
- 15. Xth Corps H.A.
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SECRET.Copy No. ⁸.....2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 39.

18/11/16.

1. 188 Siege Battery, R.G.A., will pull out to-night (night 18th/19th inst.) to return to X Corps.
2. The Battery will be parked to-night in Main Square, BAILLEUL. An officer to report to Town Major, BAILLEUL, in advance, to arrange accomodation.

Route:- ARMENTIERES - NIEPPE - BAILLEUL.

3. The march will be continued to-morrow morning (19th inst.) should the day be cloudy. Should the day be clear, the march will be resumed to-morrow evening.

Route:- BAILLEUL - WESTOUTRE - POPERINGHE.

4. An officer will report in advance to Headquarters, X Corps Heavy Artillery for instructions.
5. Rations up to and including 20th will be carried.
6. 240 rounds of ammunition will be taken.
7. Battery position and billets must be left clean and in good condition.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

H.R. Brander
 Major, i.A.
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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| 6. | X Corps H.A. | |
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 40.

Reference Trench Map Sheets 38 N.W.2 : N.E.1 (parts of)) 1/10,000
 N.W.4) Edition e
) (redrawn) C.

20/11/18.

1. A raid will be carried out by 103rd Infantry Brigade, Franks' Force, tonight (night 20th/21st inst).
Point of entry I.F.C. 73.18.
Time. Zero + 2 hours.
2. Artillery support for above will consist of:-
 - (1) Bombardment from Zero to + 15 minutes.
 - (2) Barrage from Zero + 2 hours until "out" is signalled.
3. In confirmation of instructions already issued to Group concerned, under 2nd Anzac H.A. No. X.O.41., the 52nd H.A. Group will co-operate as under:-
 - (a) From Zero until + 15 minutes 1 6" Howitzer on SPARROW'S NEST (I.F.d.05.10.) Amn: 15rds.
 - (b) From Zero until + 15 minutes) 60-pdrs stand by for
 From Zero + 2 Hours until all quiet) Counter-battery work.

Also, during this afternoon (exact hour immaterial) :-

 - (c) Re-register (if necessary) 1 6" Howitzer on SPARROW'S NEST.
 - (d) Bombard, with 1 6" howitzer, salient I.F.b.15.42.
 25 rounds are allotted for (c) & (d), but as few as possible of them should be used on the registration.
4. Zero hour to-night will be 12-30 a.m.
5. Watches will be synchronised with this office.
6. Acknowledge by wire

Mr. Brander
 Major, I.A.,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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| 5. | Franks' Force "G." | |
| 6. | I.A., Franks' Force. | |
| 7. | "D" Group, 2nd Field Survey Coy.) | |
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SECRET.Copy No. ¹⁰.....2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 41.

Ref: Trench map, Sheet 36 N.W.4., 1/10,000, Edition 6 (redrawn) C.

22/11/18.

1. Simultaneous raids will be carried out by 101st and 102nd Infantry Brigades, 34th Division, on the night 23rd/24th inst.

Objectives:- I.32.a.85.95. to I.26.c.95.15.
I.21.c.20.00. to I.21.c.55.15.

2. Zero hour will be 8.7 p.m.

3. 52nd H.A.Group will co-operate as under:-

6" howitzers.

(a) Trench I.27.a.27.19. to I.27.a.54.49.
(especially the points I.27.a.27.19.; I.27.a.33.30.; I.27.a.40.40.;
I.27.a.54.49).

0.00 to 0.21 40 rounds.
0.21 to 0.40 20 rounds.

(b) Houses, N. of LA HOUSOIE; I.27.a.67.30. and I.27.a.92.30.

0.00 to 0.21 16 rounds.
0.21 to 0.40 9 rounds.

4. 52nd H.A.Group will also stand by for counter-battery work from Zero hour until reported all quiet.

5. 11th H.A.Group are co-operating with 12" howitzer on DISTILLERY, from Zero hour until 0.40.

(of the rounds available, the greater portion should be fired between Zero hour and 0.21., a slower rate being maintained between 0.21 and 0.40).

6. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 7 p.m. on 23rd inst.

7. Acknowledge by wire.

H.P. Brancher
Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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6.	34th Division "G."		
7.	R.A., 34th Division.		
8.	"D" Group, 2nd W.S.Coy.)		
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Second Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery.

2nd Anzac H.A.
No. 8/43.

Headquarters, H.A. - FORT ROMPU (H.7.d.65.35.).

52nd H.A.Group.

Headquarters. - BAC ST MAUR (H.13.b.28.42).

Battery	No. of Guns.	Nature	Gun Position	Extreme Range	Arc of Fire (true bearings)	Ammn:	Wagon Lines	Remarks.
147 Heavy Battery (N & C)	4	60-pdr	G.30.a.85.45.	10,500 ^x	95° to 155°	H.E. S.	G.27.d.5.5.	
147 Heavy Battery (South)	2	60-pdr	G.30.c.40.95.	10,500 ^x	95° to 155°	H.E. S.	G.27.d.5.5.	
2/1 Lincs H.Battery (N)	2	60-pdr	G.20.c.85.50.	10,500 ^x	65° to 125°	H.E. S.		
2/1 Lincs H.Battery (C)	2	60-pdr	H.5.c.10.20.	10,500 ^x	90° to 160°	H.E. S.	H.13.b.3.6. H.7.d.8.1.	
2/1 Lincs H.Battery (S)	2	80-pdr	H.11.a.00.00.	10,500 ^x	90° to 150°	H.E. S.		
1/1 N.Midland H.Bty (N)	2	4.7"	C.19.d.45.50.	10,500 ^x	60° to 120°	H.E. S.		
1/1 N.Midland H.Bty (S)	2	4.7"	H.20.b.55.40.	10,500 ^x	100° to 160°	H.E. S.	H.8.c.9.6.	

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71st H.A.Group.

Headquarters. - BAC ST MAUR (Office: H.13.c.55.95. Billets: H.13.c.25.90).

Battery	No. of Guns.	Nature	Gun Position	Extreme Range	Arc of Fire (true bearings)	Amm:	Horse or Tractor	Remarks.
155 Siege Battery (N)	1	6" How. 26cwt	H.11.d.75.60.	10,100 ^x	45° to 105°	H.E.	T.	
155 Siege Battery (N)	2	6" How. 26cwt	H.11.d.70.55.	10,100 ^x	90° to 160°	H.E.	T.	
155 Siege Battery (S)	1	6" How. 26cwt	H.15.d.80.30.	10,100 ^x	130° to 210°	H.E.	T.	

This list cancels all previous lists, which should be destroyed.
 Night lines will be circulated separately.
 Guns are liable to be shifted temporarily, from time to time, to meet the exigencies of the situation at the moment.

25/11/16.

H.A. Branch
 Major, R.A.,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Appendix No. 2
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13/11/16.

69th Heavy Artillery Group OPERATION ORDER No.4.

Reference Maps:- 57cN.W.3) 1/10000.
57cN.W.4)

& LE BARQUE) 1/5000.
LIGNY THILLOY)

1. At 6.45.a.m. (Zero hour) on Nov.14th. the 2nd Australian Division is resuming the attack on GIRD SUPPORT Trench from M.24.b.35.95. — M.18.a.35.10, whilst the Right Division of the 3rd Corps is extending the attack on the Left.
2. 69th Heavy Artillery Group will co-operate as follows:-
3. At Zero hour (6.45.a.m.) until Hostile Artillery activity ceases, 58th Siege Battery will engage Hostile Batteries 216, 232, 233.
60 Rounds in all may be used.
4. 44th Siege Battery will Fire as follows:-

At + 10 Minutes	one Gun will fire	4 Rounds on)	M.12.d.85.85.)
At do	do will fire	4 Rounds on)	N.7.c.1.8.)
At + 40 Minutes	do will fire	6 Rounds on)	Brewery Corner N.7.a.15.85.)
At do	one Gun will fire	6 Rounds on)	N.7.b.55.50.)
At + 80 Minutes	one Gun will fire	3 Rounds on)	Buchanan's Cross N.7.b.95.40.)
AT do	one Gun will fire	2 Rounds on)	N.7.b.55.50.)
5. Aeroplane calls take precedence of any allotted task.
6. Please acknowledge.

W. J. ...
Lieut-Colonel, R.G.A.
Commanding 69th Heavy Artillery Group.

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4. 1st. Anzac H.A.

APPENDIX

1st Anzac H.A.

No. 9/129.

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3rd H.A. Group.
 14th "
 15th "
 21st "
 23rd "
 24th "
 26th "

At an hour to be notified later on Novr. 14th, the 2nd Australian Division will be attacking the GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT lines.

Further details will follow.

1st Anzac H.A.

12th Novr. 1916.

Captain, R.A.

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac H.A.

COUNTER BATTERY ORDERS.

Reference 1st. ANZAC Corps H.A. order No. 19, 13 Nov. 1916.

1. From Zero onwards hostile batteries are allotted as follows:-

18th H.A.G. 152, 179, 194, 199, 207, 211, 212, 219, 235.
(less one battery).

62nd H.A.G. 165, 171, 182, 210, 214, 217, 222, 224, 230, 231.
(less one battery).

101st. (Howr) Battery A.F.A. 178, 208, 213.

58 Siege Battery 216, 232, 233.

51 " " 167, 238,

78 " " 237, 234,

126 " " 153, 200,

158 " " 164, 202.

2. From Zero until hostile artillery activity ceases, all hostile batteries will be kept neutralized.

3. Owing to the shortage of DX and WX ammunition, only 60 rounds DX or WX are to be fired by each of the 60 pdr and 4.7' batteries, D and W being fired at hostile batteries within range of this ammunition.

The 6" Siege Batteries will fire 60 rounds.

The 8" & 9.2" " " " 40 "

4. Reference para 6, H.A. order No. 19.-

From Zero plus 12' the two batteries detailed will deal with all approaches, and points where Troops are likely to be concentrated, in their respective Group Areas.

Rate of fire and time of ceasing fire to be ordered at the discretion of Group Commanders.

5. Aeroplane Calls take precedence of any allotted task.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. J. ...
Lieut. Colonel R.A.

Counter Battery Group. H.A. 1st. Anzac Corps.

13/11/16.

SECRET.1st Anzac H.A.
No. 9/131.
13th Novr. 1916.

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

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 20.

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Reference:-

GUEDECOURT to DAPAUME,
1/10,000, 2nd Edition.

1. At 6.45 a.m. on Novr. 14th, the 2nd Australian Division is resuming the attack on GIRD SUPPORT trench from M.24.b.35.95 - M.15.a.35.10, whilst the Right Division of the III Corps is extending the attack to the left.
2. The Anzac Heavy Artillery will co-operate as follows:-
3. At zero hour (6.45 a.m.)
3rd H.A.G.
(a) All batteries, except those mentioned in para. 4, will fire two salvos in rapid succession on the GIRD SUPPORT Trench from M.24.b.35.95 to M.15.c.35.95.
4. 21st H.A.G.
(b) Two batteries will fire 2 salvos in rapid succession on BAYONET Trench from N.13.c.0.2 to M.24.b.35.95.
5. At +3' to +1 hour
3rd H.A.G.
(c) All batteries mentioned above will lift on to OAT LANE from N.13.a.55.10 to its junction with WHEAT Trench at M.12.d.50.25 and thence along WHEAT Trench to its junction with road at M.12.c.55.25.
21st H.A.G.
(d) The two batteries mentioned in para. 3 will lift on to OAT LANE from N.13.d.60.80 to N.13.a.55.10.

Fire will also be opened by the remaining batteries of this Group except those mentioned in para. 9 on:-

- (e) LIME Trench from N.13.d.10.97 - N.13.c.50.60 and on the trench from N.13.d.10.90 to ~~30.00~~ N.12.c.60.60.
- (f) In addition an effective 'stop' will be kept on the east end of BANK Trench and on the sunken road about N.13.c.45.55.
6. 14th H.A.G.
(g) Prior to +12' the 14th H.A.G. will take no action, from +12' to +2 hours they will bombard sunken roads in N.15.d. and BARLEY Trench from N.15.d.3.8 to N.14.b.6.1 at rates given in para. 6.
7. 19th & 62nd H.A.G.
(h) One battery from each of these Groups will from 0 to +4' open an H.E. barrage on the line M.18.d.50.35 - M.18.d.30.35 - M.18.c.72.98 - M.18.a.60.10.
(i) From +4' to +8' this barrage will creep gradually back on the line of the two roads and 100 yards West and East of them respectively to the sunken roads S. of LEBARQUE on the line N.13.a.22.50 - M.18.d.40.96.
(k) From +0' to +12', shrapnel fire will be maintained on the line N.13.a.22.50 - M.18.d.40.96 and northwards up the sunken roads.
8. (l) At +12' the two batteries mentioned in para. 5 will become available for shelling of approaches.

1st Anzac H.A. Order No. 20 (contd.).

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7. 58th H.A.G.

(a) From zero onwards the 58th Siege Battery will be available for counter-battery work. Targets will be allotted by the counter-battery officer. 60 rounds may be expended.

(n) The 44th Siege Battery will shell registered points in LE BARQUE, THILLOY and LIGNY THILLOY, 25 rounds may be expended.

8. Rates of fire:-

Howa. From +3' to +1 hour -

30 rounds per gun, Heavy.

50 rounds per gun, Medium.

From +1 hour to +2 hours -

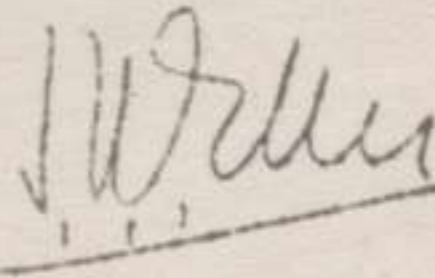
0 rounds per gun, Heavy.

12 rounds per gun, Medium.

Guns. From 0 to +12' -

2 rounds per gun per minute.

9. Counter-battery fire will commence at zero and will be maintained for as long as is necessary.
10. Group Commanders concerned will please detail 51, 78, 126 and 150 Siege Batteries for counter-battery work from zero onwards.
11. Watches will be synchronised at 7 p.m. on 13th and 6 a.m. on 14th.
12. Please acknowledge.



Captain, R.A.

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 3.45 p.m.

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2. 14th H.A.G.
3. 21st H.A.G.
4. 23rd H.A.G.
5. 69th H.A.G.
6. 62nd H.A.G.
7. 15th H.A.G.
8. G.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC.
9. 1st Australian Division.
10. 2nd Australian Division.
11. 30th D.A.Group.
12. 12th E.A.Group.
13. 3rd Squadron, R.F.C.
14. 3rd K.B.Section.
15. XIV Corps H.A.
16. III Corps H.A.
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69th Heavy Artillery Group. OPERATION ORDER No 3.

 Reference Maps;- ~~XXXXXX~~ 57 c N.W.4.) 1/10000
 57 c N.W.3.)

and LE BARQUE) 1/5000
 LIGNY THILLOY)

1. Early on the morning of Nov. 13th. the 4th Army is carrying out a Bombardment with a view to assisting Operations by the 5th Army.
2. Zero hour will be notified later.
3. Watches will be synchronised at 7p.m. 12th inst. and 7 a.m. 13th inst.
4. Commencing at Zero 44th Siege Battery will Fire ^{as follows} 5 Rounds on House No 4 N.7.c.0.8, simultaneously 5 Rounds on N.2.c.3.2. Immediately on completion of this task Guns will shift as follows:-
 - 5 Rounds on House No 2 in M.12.d.8.8, simultaneously
 - 5 Rounds on Brewery Corner N.7.a.1.9.

At  40 minutes 44th Siege Battery will cease Fire.
5. From Zero onwards 58th Siege Battery will engage Hostile Batteries.

No 216.	H.28.a.50.45.
No 232.	H.19.a.45.70.
No 233.	H.19.b.39.35.

60 Rounds will be used.
6. Aeroplane calls take precedence to any allotted task.
7. From Zero until Hostile Artillery activity ceases, all Hostile Batteries will be kept neutralised.
8. Please acknowledge.

Lieut-Colonel, R.G.A.
 Commanding 69th Heavy Artillery Group.

Copies No 1. File.
 " 2. 44th (S) Btry.
 " 3. 58th "
 " 4. 1st Anzac H.A.

Zero time 5.45am Synchronise at 5am.

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Service Instructions				By.....	

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TO 69 HAG

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Ref WARNING ORDER first angas number 9/13 of 12/11/16 44 44 Siege Bty will bombard registered points on LE BARQUE THILLOU and LIGNON THILLOU commencing at zero 44 20 rounds may be used 44 58 Siege Bty are placed at disposal of counter Battery group from zero onwards 44 Please acknowledge 44 addressed 69 HAG repeated RA 1st Angas

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COUNTER BATTERY ORDERS.

Reference 1st. ANZAC H.A. Warning Order No. 9/13, 12 November 1916

1. From Zero onwards hostile batteries are allotted as follows:-
 18th. H.A.G. 152. 179. 194. 199. 207. 211. 212. 219. 235.
 62nd. H.A.G. 165. 171. 182. 210. 214. 217. 222. 224. 230. 233.
 101st. (Howr.) Battery A.F.A. 178. 208. 213.
 58 Siege Battery. 216. 232. 233.
 and from plus 20' onwards :-
 51 Siege Battery. 157. 238.
 78 " " 237. 234.
 126 " " 153. 200.
 158 " " 164. 202.
2. From Zero (from plus 20' in case of 51, 58, 126 & 158 Siege) until hostile artillery activity ceases, all hostile batteries will be kept neutralized.
3. Owing to shortage of DX and WX ammunition, only 60 rounds DX or WX are to be fired by each of the 60 pdr. & 4.7" batteries, D and W being fired at hostile batteries within range of this ammunition.
 The 6" Siege Batteries will fire 60 rounds.
 The 8" & 9.2" " " " 40 "
4. Aeroplane Calls take precedence of any allotted task.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. G. Pritchard

Lieut. Col. H.A.

Counter Battery Group. H.A. 1st Anzac Corps.

12/11/16.

Copy No. 5.SECRET.1st Anzac H.A.
No. 9/130.
12th Novr. 1916.- WARNING ORDER.
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Reference:-

GUEDESCOURT to BAPAUME,
1/10,000 (2nd Edition).

1. Early on the morning of Novr. 13th, the 4th Army is carrying out a bombardment with a view to assisting operations by the 5th Army.

2. Zero hour will be notified later.

3. The 1st Anzac Heavy Artillery will bombard on the following lines, which are liable to alteration as regards objectives when Corps Orders are received on the subject.

4. From 0 to + 3'

14th H.A.G.

- (a) STORMY Trench from N.21.a.95.45 northwards to N.21.a.45.70 including the branch down road from N.21.a.63.73 south-west to 30.50. (see photo 1586 of 10th).
- (b) Sunken road from N.21.b.60.50 northwards to N.15.d.70.10.
- (c) BACON Trench, less damaged portions.

21st H.A.G.

- (d) BAYONET Trench from its junction with road at N.20.a.22.52 to sunken road at N.13.d.50.30.
- (e) LIME Trench from N.13.d.05.95 to N.13.e.47.67 and trench N.13.d.10.92 - N.13.c.60.60.

3rd H.A.G.

- (f) BANK Trench from M.16.d.35.55 to junction with road at N.13.c.45.50.

5. From + 3' to + 12' batteries will lift as follows:-

14th H.A.G.

- (g) BREAD Trench from N.15.d.45.20 to N.15.d.30.00.
- (h) Sunken roads in N.15.d.
- (j) BARLEY Trench from junction with BREAD Trench west to N.14.b.60.10.

21st H.A.G.

- (k) BARLEY Trench from N.14.b.60.10 to sunken road at N.7.d.76.22 including trench from N.14.b.60.10 to N.14.a.65.55 and trench running from BARLEY Trench at N.6.e.52.15 to N.14.b.43.00.
- (l) OAT LANE from N.13.d.65.75 to road in N.13.e.85.10.

3rd H.A.G.

- (m) OAT LANE from N.13.a.85.10 to junction with WHEAT Trench in M.12.d.50.25 and along WHEAT Trench to M.12.c.65.30.

6. From + 12' to + 17' there will be an entire cessation of fire.

7. From + 17' to + 20' fire will again be brought to bear on objectives (a) to (f).

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8. From +20' to +40' batteries will again lift to objectives (S) to (N).
 9. At +40' all batteries will cease firing.
 10. Rates of fire:-
 0 to +12' and +17' to +20' all batteries as rapid a rate as possible consistent with accuracy.
 +20' to +40', 20 rounds per battery from all natures, fire to be more rapid from +20' to +30' and gradually dying down.
 11. From +20' onwards, counter-battery work will be carried out vigorously.
 78, 51, 156 and 126 Siege Batteries will be available for counter-battery work throughout the day from +20' onwards.
 12. Watches will be synchronised at 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.
 13. Please acknowledge.

J. W. Miller

Captain, R.A.

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac H.A.

Issued at 3.15 p.m.

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Service Instructions			By	

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TO 69 H A S

*Sender's Number <u>JV 24</u>	Day of Month <u>2-11-16</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*Reference operation order no 16
 Paragraph 1 AT
 Cancel 3rd Nov and substitute
 5th Nov AT
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1st Anzac H.A.
No. 9/122.
2nd Novr. 1918.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER No. 16.

Reference Sheet:-
GUEDESOURT to BAPAUMF10,000, 2nd Edition.

1. On 3rd November, at an hour which will be notified later, the 1st and 5th Australian Divisions are conducting a minor operation. The object of the 1st Australian Division is to straighten out the Salient in N.20, that of the 5th Australian Division to establish itself approximately on the line ¹⁸
E.19.a.40.85, N.13.c.40.15, M.24.d.35.95, M.18.c.60.20, M.13.a.20.20.
(N.S. XV Corps H.A. Operation Order No. 53 of Octr. 24th is cancelled).
2. Zero hour will be notified later.
3. The bombardment ordered in XV Corps H.A. Operation Order No. 54 will be continued until zero hour; those portions of the trenches which are shown as little damaged in the photos of the 31st ultimo being mainly dealt with.
4. At zero hour the following lifts will take place:-
- 14th H.A.G.
- (a) One of the batteries on BAYONET and HILT Trenches will lift on to sunken roads in N.15.d.
 - (b) The other battery on BAYONET and HILT Trenches (viz. 126 Siege) will be available for counter-battery work.
 - (c) The one battery on trenches N.20.d.3.5 - N.20.b.40.05 will lift to BARLEY trench from sunken road at N.15.d.35.75 to N.15.c.45.95.
 - (d) The one battery on BAGON Trench will lift on to gun positions in N.14.a. & c. and will continue firing a few rounds on BAGON Trench North of N.20.b.7.7.
 - (e) The one battery on STORMY Trench will continue firing on that objective from N.21.b.10.30 Northwards and will fire into the sunken road from N.21.b.60.45 northwards.
 - (f) The one battery firing on the sunken road in N.21.b. viz. 150 Siege, will be available for counter-battery work.
- 21st H.A.G.
- (g) The 3 batteries on BAYONET Trench will lift on to BARLEY Trench from N.15.c.45.95 to N.21.c.60.15, and on to trench from N.14.b.50.95 - N.8.d.1.1.
 - (h) The 2 batteries firing on LUISEN Trench, LUISENHOF FM., JUICE ALLEY and OAT LANE will not fire on JUICE ALLEY or LUISEN Trench. They will continue firing on LUISENHOF FM. and on ¹³ACT LANE from N.13.d.6.8 to its junction with road at N.21.a.35.10..
 - (i) The one battery on BAY Trench and LIME Trench will from 0 to + 4' concentrate on LIME Trench from N.13.c.6.7 to N.13.c.90.85. At + 4 minutes it will lift on to OAT LANE from N.13.d.6.8 to its junction with road at N.13.a.85.10.
 - (x) The remaining battery, viz. 51 Siege is available for counter-battery work.

3rd H.A.G. -

3rd I.A.G.

- (1) One of the 2 batteries on BITE Trench and trenches in M.24.a. & b. will lift to CAT LANE and WHEAT Trench from N.13.a.85.10 to M.12.c.75.30.
- (m) The other battery on BITE Trench, viz. 78 Sigs, and trenches in M.24.a. & b. will be available for counter-battery work.
- (n) From 0 to +4' the battery on BANK Trench will concentrate on BANK Trench at M.12.d.55.60 and on the trench for 50 yards on each side of this point. At +4' this battery will lift on to CAT LANE and WHEAT Trench from N.13.a.85.10 to M.12.c.75.30.
- (p) The two batteries firing on GIRP Trench and GIRP SUPPORT will lift on to CAT LANE and WHEAT Trench from N.13.a.85.10 to M.12.c.75.30.
- (q) The one battery firing on BAYONET Trench will lift to CAT LANE and WHEAT Trench from N.13.a.85.10 to M.12.c.75.30.
5. Counter-battery work will be carried out vigorously from zero onwards.
6. The 6" Mk. VII guns and any 60-pounders available will fire on the exits from the villages and roads of approach from zero to +1 hour, special attention being paid to the road crossings over TILL Trench and to places where troops might mass in the valleys in N.15, 8 and 7, and M.12. For this purpose the 6" Mk. VII guns will come under the direction of the counter-battery officer. 120 rounds may be used by the 6" Mk. VII guns.
7. Rates of fire will be as follows:-
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| Prior to zero. | 9.2" & 6" | 1 rd per Bty. per hour | } By day. |
| | 6" | 3 | |
| | 9.2" & 8" | 1 " " | } By night. |
| | 6" | 2 " " | |
- From zero to +4' All natures, quickest rates possible.
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| From +4' to + | 9.2" & 6" | 25 rds. per gun per hour. |
| 1 hour. | 6" | 50 |
- From 1 hour onwards. - A steady bombardment will be carried on during daylight hours at the following rates -
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| 9.2" & 8" | 20 rds. per Bty. per hour. |
| 6" | 25 |
- During night hours howitzer fire will be confined to 6-inch at the rate of 10 rounds per Bty. per hour. Daylight hours will be considered as from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
8. Watches will be synchronised with this Headquarters at an hour which will be notified later.

9. Please acknowledge.

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J. Miller Captain, R.A.

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac Heavy Art'y.

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COUNTER BATTERY ORDERS.

Reference 1st A & N. Z. A.C, H. A. Order No.16.

1. From ZERO onwards hostile batteries are allotted as follows:-

18th H.A.G.- 21, 62, 68, 69, 70, 90, 96, 98, 99, 101 & 105.

62nd H.A.G.- 14, 24, 25, 61, 84, 85, 88, 89, 94, 100 & 103.

158 Siege Battery,- 60. 80.

126 " " 23. 76

51 " " 75 83.

78 " " 78. 82.

58 " " { 97 with occasional attention to BIEFVILLERS.
86 sweeping to railway crossing H. 28 a. 1048.

101st (How) Bty ^A R.F.A. 71. 74.

2. From ZERO to ZERO plus 5' as many hostile batteries as possible will be kept neutralized with intense fire. From ZERO plus 5' to ZERO plus 10' all hostile batteries not previously engaged will be neutralized with intense fire.

From ZERO plus 10' onwards until hostile fire slackens a slower rate of fire will be kept up. The Siege batteries & Field Battery will maintain a steady rate of fire on their allotted targets.

3. 18th H. A. G will detail a battery to deal with following approaches from ZERO to ZERO plus 1 hour.

Approaches and points where troops are likely to concentrate in the LE BARQUE - THILLOY area and the valley in M 12. b.

Also the following road crossings over the TILL TRENCH: N. 9. a. 2575 & N. 9. d. 7025.

62nd H. A. G will detail a battery to deal with Southern Exits to BAPAUME & other approaches in Counter Battery Area in Square H. Also following Crossings over TILL TRENCH: H. 31 d. 65 60 & H. 32. d. 15 40.

101st (How) Bty ^A R.F.A will detail a Section to deal with points where the enemy is likely to mass in the valley running from N. 8 to N. 15.

4. Numbers of Targets refer to list of Active Hostile Batteries issued from this office 31/10/16.

5. Aeroplane Calls take precedence of any allotted task.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. P. Whitehead

Lieut Colonel, R.A.

Counter Battery Group, H. A., 1st Anzac.

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TO 69th HAG

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1st A.F. & N.Z.A.G.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 17.

Reference Sheet:-

GUEDECOURT to BAPAUME,
1/10,000, 2nd Edition.

1. The two minor operations given in para. 1 of H.A. Order No. 16 of Novr. 2nd will be carried out separately.
2. Zero hours will be:-
1st Australian Divn. Operation. 12.30 a.m. ('FIRST' zero) On 5th Nov. 1918
5th Australian Divn. Operation. 9.10 a.m. ('FIFTH' zero)
3. Prior to 12.30 a.m. ('FIRST' zero), all Groups will fire at their usual night objectives at the following rates -
9.2" and 8" Hows. 2 rounds per battery per hour.
6" Hows. 4

14th H.A.G.

From 12.30 a.m. to 1.30 a.m., the batteries of the 14th H.A.G. will bombard the objectives given in para. 4 of Order No. 16 with the following additions -

- (1) Battery mentioned in para. 4 (b) as available for counter-battery work will lift to sunken roads in N.15.d.
- (2) Battery detailed for counter-battery work in para. 4 (f) will fire on BARLEY Trench from sunken road N.15.d.55.75 to N.15.c.45.95.

21st H.A.G.

The three batteries of 21st H.A.G. mentioned in para. 4 (g) will from 12.30 a.m. to 1.30 a.m. lift on to the objectives mentioned in that para.

4. Unless otherwise ordered, at 1.30 a.m., all batteries of 14th and 21st H.A. Groups will return to their usual night objectives firing at the rates given in para. 3 above.
5. All batteries of the 14th and 21st H.A. Groups not mentioned above and all batteries of the 3rd H.A.G. will carry out the usual night firing at the rates given in para. 3 above.
6. The batteries of the 14th and 21st H.A.G. mentioned in para. 5 above will, from 12.30 a.m. to 1.30 a.m. only, fire at the following rates:
9.2" and 8" Hows. 10 rounds per battery per hour.
6" Hows. 20
With this exception, all batteries will maintain the usual day and night rates until 9.10 a.m. on Novr. 5th ('FIFTH' zero)
viz:- 9.2" and 8" Hows. 2 rounds per battery per hour } By day.
6" Hows. 6
9.2" and 8" Hows. 2 rounds per battery per hour } By night.
6" Hows. 4
7. At 7 a.m., the normal daily bombardment will be resumed. As however neither the 1st nor the 5th Australian Divisions will be clearing their trenches on the morning of the 5th, Group Commanders will confine their bombardment to those portions of enemy trenches which can safely be dealt with whilst all our own trenches are occupied. As the first Australian Division intends to establish itself after ('FIRST' zero) on the line N.20.a.2.1 - N.20.a.20.15 - N.20.b.65.1 no fire should be directed on the trenches in N.20 south of a line joining N.20.a.0.5 - N.21.a.0.5.

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1st Anzac H.A. Order No. 17 (contd).

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8. For the support of the 5th Australian Division Operation, all Groups will at 9.10 a.m. on 5th inst. ('FIFTH' zero) carry out the instructions laid down in H.A. Order No. 16 of 2nd inst. with the following amendments:-

21st H.A.G.

One of the batteries mentioned in para. 4 (g) as lifting from MAYNET Trench will not lift as therein directed but will concentrate its fire from zero to + 1 hour on points N.20.a.2.8 and N.14.c.13.10 where H.G. emplacements are suspected. At + 1 hour it will join the other two batteries on BARLEY Trench as directed by para. 4 (g).

Para. 4 (j). The Battery firing on LIME Trench from N.13.c.6.7 to N.13.c.90.85 will fire from zero to + 1 hour instead of from zero to + 4^h. At + 1 hour it will lift to OAT LANE as directed in para. 4 (j).

3rd H.A.G.

Para. 4 (n). The Battery firing on BANK Trench at M.18.d.55.60 and vicinity will fire from zero to + 1 hour on this objective instead of from zero to + 4^h. At + 1 hour it will lift to OAT LANE and WHEAT LANE as laid down in para. 4 (n).

9. Rates of fire -

Para. 7 of H.A. Order No. 16 of 2nd is amended as follows:-

Line 5 - Cancel "From zero to +4^h all natures quickest rates possible".

Line 6 - For "From + 4^h to + 1 hour" read "From zero to + 1 hour".

Line 14 to 15 - Cancel "During night hours to .. 10 rounds per battery per hour".

10. Watches will be synchronised with this Headquarters at 9 p.m.

11. Please acknowledge by wire.

W. J. M. J.

Captain, R.A.

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac H.A.

Issued at 6 p.m.

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