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Title: Brigadier General, 2nd ANZAC
Corps Heavy Artillery

December 1916



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WAR DIARY

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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| FORT ROMPU | Night Dec 2/3 | | No 11 R.M.A. 15" Howitzers vacated position at H 15. b 0.5 and left Command; returning to 1X Coy. Brigadier-General W HOWEL-JONES R.A. relinquished the Command, & proceeded to join 1st Army. | HRB |
| | 5/12/16 | 12 noon | Brigadier-General A.S. JENOUR R.A. arrived from 1st Army & assumed Command. | HRB |
| | 6/12/16 | | N.Z. Div. Silent Raid 52 H.A. Group & 71 H.A. Group "standing by" on points in & near BAS MAISHIL. Neither required to fire on these points. | HRB |
| | 7/12/16 | 5.30 p.m. | 52 H.A. Group counter-battery work. Considerable hostile activity, especially in vicinity of VINE COTTAGE | HRB |
| | 10/12/16 | 9.30 a.m. | 2nd Army H.A. Order No 42 issued. (Raid 102nd Bde; 34th Div; night 10th/11th) | App 6 |
| | | 2.30 p.m. | ARMENTIERES shelled: 5.9" Retaliation carried out as under - 60 lbs & 4.7" on QUESNOY, PERENCHIES, & LOMME (10 rds each) 11th H.A.G. - 12" how on FORT SENARMONT (6 rds) 6" VII on LAMBERSART (10 rds) 2 hostile Batteries also taken on by 60 lbs. | Shelling soon ceased |
| | | 5.10 p.m. | Heavy hostile bombardment of our front line trenches on N5. Trench mortars & 77, 4.2, & 5.9" | |
| | | (after) | 147 H.B. opened fire at slow rate on night line batteries. "S.O.S. N5" received from left Group N.Z. Div. N.Z. Div. on enquiry, reported no assistance required. Casualties few. | HRB |
| | Night 10/11 | 1.10 a.m. | Raid: 102nd Bde, 34th Div. Point of entry I 22 a 14.44 to 28.57 52nd H.A. Group: counter battery work 3 hostile batteries engaged 71st " " 3 6" how on 4 T.M. positions (LARGE FARM & neighbourhood of WEZ MACQUART) 11th H.A.G. cooperated with 12" how on T.M. (WEZ MACQUART.) | HRB |
| | | to 1.40 a.m. | | |
| | 11/12/16 | 10.30 a.m. | Raid successful. A few 5.9" around 12" how position (11th H.A.G.): airplane apparently observed. | HRB |
| | 12/12/16 | | 6" Howitzers engaged numerous hostile trench mortars. | HRB |
| | 13/12/16 | | | App 6 |
| | 14/12/16 | | | |
| | 15/12/16 | | | |
| | 16/12/16 | 9.30 p.m. | 2nd Army H.A. Order No 43 issued. (Raid 3rd N.Z. Bde; N.Z. Div.; night 17th/18th) | |
| | Night 17/18 | 12 midnight | Raid: 3rd N.Z. Bde, N.Z. Div. Points of entry N.6. d 40.99: N.6. b 63.15: N.6. d 40.75. 52nd H.A. Group stood by for counter battery work: all to fire on O.7 a 35.50 if required. | HRB |

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| FORT ROMFU | 20/12/16 | 10 a.m. | Visit of Inspectors by Army Commander | |
| | | -3 p.m. | | |
| | night | 10 p.m. | Silent Raid 1 st NZ Bde. NZ Div. N 9. c 65.15 | |
| | 20/21 | -12 40 a.m. | 52 nd H.A.G. stood by for Counter-battery Work - but was not called on. | 4403 |
| | 21/12/16 | 10 a.m. | Visit of Inspectors by Army Commander | |
| | | -3 p.m. | | |
| | night | 6 p.m. | Raid 101 st Bde. 34 th Div. I 26 7 15 40 - 30 70 | |
| | 21/22 | | 52 nd H.A.G. stood by for Counter-battery Work. Slight hostile artillery activity | 4403 |
| | 22/12/16 | 9.15 a.m. | 2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 44 issued. (Raid, 103 rd Bde, 34 th Div. night 22/23) | 4403 |
| | | 12.20 p.m. | Inspection by Commanders-in-Chief. Representative Detachments of H.A. inspected & marched past, with 34 th Division | Office 6 |
| | | after | Raid, 34 th Div. cancelled | |
| | night | | | |
| | 22/23 | 1 a.m. | Silent Raid 3 rd NZ Bde, NZ Div. N 11 a | 4403 |
| | | | 52 nd H.A.G. stood by for Counter-battery Work. Slight hostile artillery activity | |
| night | | | | |
| 24/25 | 2.30 a.m. | Raid (3 a.m.), 9 th Australian Bde, 3 rd Australian Div. RAILWAY SALIENT | 4403 | |
| | | 52 nd H.A. Group stood by for 70-80 minutes for Counter-battery Work, but was not called upon to fire. | | |
| 25/12/16 | 10 a.m. | Bombardment, in conjunction with NZ Div. R.A., of communication trenches, etc | | |
| | 6.1.20 p.m. | 52 nd H.A.G. 120 rds 60 fms CT N 11 a 60 47 - 80 25 | | |
| | | 71 st H.A.G. 80 rds 6 fms CT N 11 a 57 - 60 47 | | |
| | 2 p.m. | Bombardment LARGE FARM | | |
| | | 52 nd H.A.G. 40 rds 60 fms | | |
| | | 71 st H.A.G. 62 rds 6 fms | | |
| night | | | | |
| 25/26 | 7 p.m. | Raid 10 th Australian Bde, 3 rd Australian Div. C 17. c 35.15 | 4403 | |
| | | 52 nd H.A. Group stood by for Counter-battery Work. | | |
| night | | | | |
| 26/27 | | 1/1 N Zealand H Bally (S.X) & 2/1 New H Bally (H.X) interchanged positions | 4403 | |
| 28/12/16 | 9.35 p.m. | 2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 45 issued. (Bombardment, transport routes & train lines; night 30 th /31 st) | Office 6 | |
| night | | | | |
| 30/31 | 5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. | Bombardment in conjunction with Div. Artillery, of transport routes & train lines. | 4403 | |
| | 11 p.m. - 12.15 a.m. | | 4403 | |
| night | | | | |
| 31/12/16 | 1 a.m. - 4 a.m. | 16 th Frontier stood by in support of 8 th Australian Div. Pukio scheme. Fire not required. | 4403 | |

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H.A. Branches Myrtle
 Brig. Major
 2nd Anzac

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SECRET.

Copy No. ¹⁰.....

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 42.

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

10/12/16.

- 1. A Raid will be carried out by 102nd Infantry Brigade, 34th Division, to-night, (night 10th/11th December).

Point of entry: I.22.a.14.44. to I.22.a.26.57.
Zero hour: Will be notified later.

- 2. 52nd H.A.Group will stand by for counter-battery work from Zero hour until all is reported quiet.

- 3. 71st H.A.Group will bombard trench mortar positions as under:-

Zero hour to 0.30

- 1 6" howitzer (LARGE FARM I.22.a.60.05. } 30 rounds.
- 1 6" howitzer I.22.b.7.8. } 25 rounds.
- 1 6" howitzer I.22.a.78.65. } 25 rounds.

- 4. XIth H.A.Group are co-operating with 12" howitzer on I.22.b.68.37. (T.M.) from Zero hour to 0.30.

- 5. 42nd Squadron, R.F.C. are co-operating by dropping parachute lights over any hostile batteries which may become active, with the object of keeping down hostile artillery fire.

- 6. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 9-30 p.m. to-night.

- 7. Acknowledge by wire. *to.*

H.R. Branches

Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 9.30 a.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 52nd H.A.Group.
- 2. 71st H.A.Group.
- 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.
- 4. 2nd Anzac Corps "G."
- 5. XIth H.A.Group.
- 6. 34th Division "G."
- 7. R.A., 34th Division.
- 8. "D" Group, 2nd F.S.Coy.)
- 9. File.
- 10. War Diary.
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- 12. (

} For information.

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SECRET.

Copy No. 9.....

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 43.

Ref: Trench Map, Sheet 58, S.W.2, 1/10,000, Edition 6 (redrawn) C.

16/12/16.

1. A Silent Raid will be carried out by 5rd New Zealand (Rifle) Brigade, New Zealand Division, on night 17th/18th December.

Points of Entry: N.6.d.40.99.) penetrating as far
 N.6.b.63.15.) as the support line.
 N.6.d.40.75.)

2. Zero hour (hour at which entry will be made into the enemy's trenches):- 12 midnight.
3. 52nd H.A.Group will co-operate as under:-
 - (1) By "standing by" for counter-battery work, from zero hour until all is reported quiet.
 - (2) By "standing by" with 1 section 60-pdr. or 4.7" to shell Communication Trench junction at O.7.a.35.50., if called upon. 30 rounds are allotted for this purpose, but fire will not be opened on this point unless asked for. If asked for, rate of fire will be as rapid as possible.
4. Watches will be synchronised with this office on the evening of 17th inst.
5. Acknowledge by wire.

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 9.30 p.m. to:-

- Copy to.
1. 52nd H.A.Group.
 2. 71st H.A.Group.)
 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.)
 4. 11th Ind Anzac Corps "G.") For information.
 5. N.Z. Division "G.")
 6. R.A., N.Z. Division.)
 7. D Group, 2nd F.S.Coy.)
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Appendix No. 6

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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 44.

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

22/12/16.

- 1. A Raid will be carried out by 103rd Infantry Brigade, 34th Division, this evening, 22nd inst.

Point of Entry - I.22.a.2.5.

Zero Hour - 5-30 p.m.

- 2. 52nd H.A.Group will stand by for counter-battery work from Zero Hour until all is reported quiet.

- 3. 71st H.A.Group will bombard points as under:-

Zero Hour to 0.30

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | 6" howitzer | LARGE FARM | 30 rds. |
| 1 | 6" howitzer | I.22.a.60.07. | 30 rds. |
| 1 | 6" howitzer | (I.22.b. 0. 3.) | 30 rds. |
| | | (I.22.a.80.37.) | |

- 4. 42nd Squadron, R.F.C., are co-operating, if weather conditions permit, by dropping parachute flares over any hostile batteries which may become active, with the object of keeping down hostile artillery fire.
- 5. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 2-30 p.m. to-day.
- 6. Acknowledge by wire.

W.P. Branch

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

Issued at 9.15 a.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 52nd H.A.Group.
- 2. 71st H.A.Group.
- 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.)
- 4. 2nd Anzac Corps "G.")
- 5. 34th Division "G.") For information.
- 6. R.A., 34th Division.)
- 7. D Group, 2nd F.S.Coy.)
- 8. File.
- 9. War Diary.
- 10. (
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SECRET.

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 45.

Ref: Trench Map 1/10,000, Latest Editions.

29/12/16.

1. A Bombardment of enemy Transport Routes and Tramlines will take place, between 5p.m. and 7-30p.m., and between 11p.m. and midnight, on night 30th/31st December.
2. Four bursts of 3 salvos each will be fired between 5p.m. and 7-30p.m., and two similar bursts will be fired between 11p.m. and midnight.
3. Times at which bursts will commence will be as under:-
 - (a) Transport Routes- 5-5p.m.; 7-20p.m.; 11-40p.m.
 - (b) Tramlines - 5-50p.m.; 6-35p.m.; and 11-5p.m.
4. 2nd Anzac H.A. will conform to above, Sections detailed firing 3 salvos as rapidly as possible on each occasion.

Objectives:-

- (a) 1 Section 60-pdrs. O. 4.a.40.99. to O.4.c.80.30.(rlyw)(start-
- 1 Section 60-pdrs. O. 9.c.28.35. to O.15.a.82.69.(road)(ing at
- 1 Section 60-pdrs. I.30.a.68.41. to I.30.d.95.90.(road)(pt.first
- 1 Section 60-pdrs. N.22.b.95.57. to N.23.a.30.19.(road)(named in
- 1 Section 4.7-in. J. 1.d.57.37. to J. 7.b.75.68.(road)(each
- (case.

Ammn: for (a): All Shrapnel.

- (b) 1 Section 60-pdrs. O.15.a.42.99. to 50.70. (starting at
- 1 Section 60-pdrs. J.26.d.47.90. to 14.08. (point first
- 1 Section 60-pdrs. N.23.a.37.72. to N.23.b.22.35.(named in
- 1 Section 4.7-in. D.20.d.58.56. & 27.40. (each case.

Ammn: for (b): 50% H.E.; 50% Shrapnel.

5. 71st H.A.Group and Sections of 52nd H.A.Group not detailed for tasks under (a) and (b) will stand by for counter-battery work between 5p.m. and 7-30p.m. and between 11p.m. and midnight.

Watches will be synchronised with this office at 2p.m. on 30th inst.

7. Acknowledge by wire.

W.P. Branch

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

Issued at 9.35 p.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 52nd H.A.Group.
- 2. 71st H.A.Group.
- 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.)
- 4. 2nd Anzac Corps "G.")
- 5. 54th Division "G.")
- 6. R.A., 54th Division.)
- 7. H.E. Division "G.")
- 8. R.A., H.E. Division.)
- 9. 3rd Aus: Divn: "G.")
- 10. R.A., Loft Division.)
- 11. D Group, 2nd T.S.Coy.)
- 12. File.
- 13. War Diary.
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For information.

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No. 9/133/1
8th Decr. 1916.

1st A. & N.Z.A.J.

HEAVY ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 22.

Reference:-

GUEUDECCOURT to THILLOY, &c.
1/10,000, 1st Edition.

1. On "Z" day, on a date to be notified later, 1st Anzac Corps are carrying out an attack to be preceded by a bombardment on the two days previous - "X" and "Y" days.

2. Heavy Artillery, 1st Anzac, will carry out the following programme of bombardments in support of the attack:-

"X" DAY. (from 8 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.)

14th H.A.G.

(a). BAR ALLEY and BOLT ALLEY from their junctions with METEOR TRENCH to their interjunction at N.23.d.05.90.

(b). Communication trenches between ATOM and FIRE TRENCHES in N.22.b.

3rd H.A.G.

(c). BARLEY TRENCH from sunken road in N.15.d.65.95 to N.14.b.6.1 and thence along new trench to its meeting with road in N.14.a.35.50. From 3.45 p.m. until 8 a.m. on "Y" day, occasional rounds at irregular intervals will be fired on the above mentioned objectives.

"Y" DAY. (from 8 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.).

14th H.A.G.

(d). METEOR TRENCH from N.29.a.85.90 to its junction with ATOM TRENCH and along the latter as far as the road in N.22.b.0.C.

3rd H.A.G.

(e). Sunken roads N.21.b.65.80 to N.15.d.70.25.

N.15.d.7.5 to N.15.b.5.1.

N.15.d.2.5 to 4.9.

(f). BREAD TRENCH from N.15.d.3.8 to 40.35.

(g). Trench from N.21.b.95.15 through sunken road in N.21.b.6.3 to 20.55.

From 3.45 p.m. until 8 a.m. on "Z" day, occasional rounds at irregular intervals will be fired on the above mentioned objectives.

"Z" DAY. (from 8 a.m. onwards).

14th H.A.G.

(h). MOONRAY TRENCH from N.29.a.35.90 to its junction with SUNRAY TRENCH in N.22.d.50.55 and thence along SUNRAY TRENCH to N.22.d.22.55.

(i). TYPHOON TRENCH and the communication trenches between MOONRAY and METEOR and ATOM TRENCHES in N.22.d. and N.23.c.

GLEAM TRENCH from its junction with MOONRAY TRENCH at N.22.d. 72.20 for 150 yards south-westwards.

3rd H.A.G.

(j). STORMY TRENCH from N.21.a.9.5 westwards to its extremity in N.20.b.2.7.

(k). BAYONET TRENCH from N.20.a.30.85 to junction with sunken road in N.13.d.5.3.

At zero - 5 minutes on "Z" day all batteries will increase to intense fire on the objectives given above and will continue this fire till + 4 minutes.

At + 4 minutes batteries will lift as under:-

14th H.A.G.

(l). Objectives mentioned in paras. (a), (b) and (d) above.

3rd H.A.G. -

3rd H.A.G.

- (m). BARLEY TRENCH from N.15.d.3.8 to N.14.b.6.1.
- (n). LUISEN TRENCH from N.14.c.6.1 to its extremity at N.14.c.9.0.
- (o). LUISENHOF FARM and dugouts, and the dugouts on eastern side of sunken road 200 yards south of LUISENHOF FARM.

Rapid fire will be carried out on the objectives (l) to (o) from + 4 minutes to + 14 minutes, it will then cease altogether from + 14 minutes to + 18 minutes and, recommencing at + 18 minutes, will continue at a gradually decreasing rate till ~~+ 26 minutes~~, when all fire will cease. *zero + 1 hour*

3. Three days notice will probably be given before "X" day bombardment. The bombardment will be deliberate on "X" day and will gradually increase in intensity on "Y" and "Z" days.

4. Ammunition will be allotted on the following scale:-

| | "X" DAY. | "Y" DAY. | "Z" DAY. |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 9.2" How. | 250 | 300 | 450 |
| 8" How. | 200 | 250 | 350 |
| 6" How. (26c.) | 150 | 200 | 275. |

The figures above are rounds per battery per diem, exclusive of batteries at rest. For the operation, 42nd Siege Battery is placed at disposal of 3rd H.A.G.

5. Group Commanders will avail themselves of every opportunity for registration from now onwards, the services of R.F.C. being utilised whenever possible.

6. From zero onwards counter-battery work will be carried out vigorously on the hostile artillery. In addition to the batteries of the 3rd H.A.G. the following batteries will be available for counter-battery work:- 78th, 126th and 51st Siege. For the operation these batteries will remain under their present Group Commanders, as laid down in para. 5, 1st Anzac H.A. Secret Letter No. 1/38/5 of 29th November.

7. C.O. 69th H.A.G. will arrange at + 4 minutes ^{to + 20 minutes} on "Z" day to open a rapid fire of shrapnel shell from all guns of 58th Siege Battery on the reverse slopes of the hill in N.16.a. b. and d. with a view to dispersing any supports massing in that vicinity. Beginning at + 4 minutes, 44th Siege Battery will also fire 10 rounds at the PUMPING STATION in N.11.a. and the same number into the sunken road in N.16.d. - 17.c.

8. Watches will be synchronised with this office at about 10 p.m. on the day previous to "X" day, and on "X" day at about 7.15 a.m.

9. Group Commanders will please submit copies of their orders for the operation.

10. Please acknowledge.

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Captain, R.A.

Issued at 10 a.m.

Brigade Major, 1st Anzac H.A.

Copies to:-

- No. 1. 3rd H.A.G.
- 2. 14th H.A.G.
- 3. 23rd H.A.G.
- 4. 62nd H.A.G.
- 5. 73rd H.A.G.
- 6. 69th H.A.G.
- 7. C.O.C.R.A. 1st ANZAC.
- 8. 4th Australian Divn.
- 9. 5th Australian Divn.
- 10. Right Divl. Arty. Group.
- 11. Left Divl. Arty. Group.
- 12. 3rd Sqdn. R.F.C.
- 13. 3rd K.B. Section.
- 14. 4th K.B. Section.
- 15. III Corps H.A.
- 16. XIV Corps H.A.
- 17. File.

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1st ANZAC H.A. ORDER NO. 21 of 5th DECEMBER is CANCELLED.

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SECRET
COUNTER BATTERY GROUP, 1st. ANZAC. H.A.

OPERATION ORDER

Reference :- Sheet 57 C $\frac{1}{10000}$.

(1). A concentrated bombardment is being carried out from 2pm. to 3pm. on the 1st. of January 1917. on the Right Divisional Front of the 1st. ANZAC Corps.

(2). Batteries allotted to Counter Battery Work will carry out the following programme :-

~~57. Siege Battery.~~ D 219.
 78. Siege Battery. D 271 and 269.
 128. Siege Battery. D 263 and 265.
 111 Howr Battery A.F.A. D 235, 234, 238, and 199.
 38th. Battery A.F.A. D 173 and 275.
 60 pdr Batteries (62nd H.A.G.)

One battery to enfilade ETHER LANE (N 16 d 1.9 - 18 c 2.7) and SULPHUR AVENUE (N 23 d 2.8 - 24 a 5.4) with shrapnel. Remainder to neutralize the following hostile batteries :-

D 179, 241, 244, 245, 246, 247, 249, 250, 252, 254, 255, 256
 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 264, 267, 268, 270, 272, 273, 279.

(3). Expenditure of Ammunition and rates of fire to be at the discretion of Group Commanders having due regard to amount available.

(4). Watches will be synchronised with this office at noon 1st. January 1917.

(5). ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. P. ...
 Lieut. Colonel R.A.
 Counter Battery S.O.
 1st. Anzac. H.A.

30/12/16. Issued at 3pm.
 Copies to
 62nd. H.A.G.
 38th. H.A.G. ✓
 78th. " "
 57th. " "
 3rd. Brig.
 3rd. Squadron.
 1. Survey Group.
 2. " "
 S.O. H.A.
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 " H.A.
 1st. Balloon Co.

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- (5). ACKNOWLEDGE!

R.A. Pinkerton
Lieut. Colonel R.A.
Counter Battery S.O.
1st. Anzac. H.A.

30/12/16.

Issued at 3pm.
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89th. H.A.G. ✓
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3rd. Squadron.
1 Survey Group.
S. " "
S.O. H.A.
S.M. H.A.
~~1st. Balloon Co.~~
1st. Balloon Co.

SECRET.

Copy No.

69th Heavy Artillery Group. Operation Order No. 5.

9th December, 1918.

Ref. Map GUEUDESCOURT to THILLOY.
1/10,000.

1. On "Z" day, on a date to be notified later, 1st Anzac Corps are carrying out an attack to be preceded by a bombardment on the two days previous - "X" and "Y" days.
2. Batteries of 69th H.A. Group will carry out the following programme of bombardments in support of the attack:-

"Z" day. From + 4 minutes to + 12 minutes.

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|-----|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) | gun 58 S.Bty. | will fire 20 H.E. | on roads by PUMPING STATION |
| | | | (N.11.a.4.9. to N.11.a.6.7.) |
| (b) | do | do | 20 Shrap. on N.16.a.5.5. |
| (c) | do | do | do N.16.b.5.5. |
| (d) | do | do | do N.16.d.7.6. |

From + 12 minutes to + 20 minutes.

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|-----|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| (a) | gun 58 S.Bty. | will fire 20 Shrap. | on N.16.a.10.45. |
| (b) | do | do | do N.16.a.9.7. |
| (c) | do | do | do N.16.d.2.7. |
| (d) | do | do | do N.22.b.8.4. |

- 44 S. Battery beginning at + 4 minutes will fire :-
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|-----|--------|-------------|---|
| (a) | gun 10 | rounds H.E. | on N.9.d.9.0. searching back 400 yards. |
| (b) | gun 10 | do do | N.2.b.5.0. searching as far back as possible along Sunken Road. |

3. Every opportunity should be taken from now onwards for registration.
4. Watches will be synchronised at these Headquarters at about 10 p.m. on the day previous to "X" day, on "X" at about 7.20 a.m. and on "Z" day at about 7.30 a.m.
5. Please acknowledge.

R. G. A.
Lieut. R.G.A.
Adj. 69th H.A. Group.

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2 44 Siege Battery
3 58 Siege Battery
4 File.

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1st Anzac H.A.

No. 9/133/2.

- 3rd H.A.G.
- 14th H.A.G.
- 23rd H.A.G.
- 62nd H.A.G.
- 69th H.A.G. ✓
- 73rd H.A.G.

"X" will probably equal 11.

1st Anzac H.A.
9th Decr. 1916.

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