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MENIN - GATE,	1. 10. 17.		YPRES I.S.d.l.S. Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.																
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			Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. : 1 O.R. wounded. 8th. F.A.B. : Lt. Haylock wounded. 4 O.R. wounded.																
			Ammunition expended - noon to noon : 18 Pdr. 9226 rds. 4,5" Hows. 3104 rds.																
	10 am.		The C.R.A., 3rd. Australian Division took over command from the C.R.A. 3rd. Division (Imperial) of Right Divisional Artillery, with Headquarters at MENIN GATE (I.S.d.l.S.), and which comprises :-	O.O. No. 32.															
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	10 am.		The Office of 3rd. D.A.H.Q. closed at REMINGHELST, re-opening same time at I.S.d.l.S. for Operations and Intelligence, and at BRANDHOEK (H.7.c.6.4.) for Administration.	O.O. No 32															
			Operations as per Intelligence Summary, including satisfactory Practice Barrages put down at 9.30 a.m., and 8.15 p.m. Observation was rendered somewhat difficult in consequence of heavy mist.																

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MENIN GATE	YPRES	I.S.d.1.8. Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.	<p>Weather Fine. Wind S.W. Visibility indifferent.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - 18 Pdrs. 15,203 rds. 4.5" Hows. 2414 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. Further satisfactory Practice Barrages were put down at 6.15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Observation again being rendered difficult in consequence of mist.</p>	

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<del>MONIN</del>	<del>GATE</del>		YPRES I.S.d.1.8. Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.	
	3.10.17.		<p>Weather Fine, Wind Southerly. Visisbility indifferent. Rain during evening &amp; night.</p> <p>Casualties - 7th. 1 O.R. killed. 8th. F.A.B. : 1 O.R. wounded.  F.A.B. 1 O.R. wounded.  4 O.R. gassed.</p> <p>Ammunition expended -to noon. 18 Pdrs. 11,282 rds. 4.5" Hows. 5070 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. Practice Barrages were carried out at 7.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., and were quite satisfactory.</p>	E.M./S/227/3.

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MENIN GATE	4.10.17		YPRES I.8.d.1.8. Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.	
for the attack.	"S" Day		<p>Weather - Showery. Wind S.W. Visibility bad.</p> <p>Casualties - <del>XXXX</del> 7th.F.A.B. : Lt. Frazer wounded. 8th. F.A.B. : Lt Coles wounded. (Died of wounds on 5th.) 1 O.R. wounded. 3 O.R. killed. 4 O.R. wounded.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - <del>to noon</del> 18 Pdrs. 31,520 rds. 4.5" Hows. <del>15,007</del>. 9522 rds.</p> <p>The attack for PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE commenced at 6 a.m. (Zero hour), and has proved one of the most successful yet attempted. All Objectives as per Army Barrage Map herewith were captured by the 3rd. Aust. Divn., whilst more than 3,000 prisoners passed through CORPS Cages up to 6 p.m., up to which time the following is a Summary of events:-</p> <p>During the night 3/4th., the usual programme of harassing fire was carried out. At 6 a.m., the Barrage covering the attack was satisfactorily carried out. Our Artillery opened at 12 noon, 3.10 p.m., and 3.20 p.m. in response to S.O.S. calls, and no Counter attack succeeded. On several occasions the enemy were observed massing at various points, and were quickly broken up by our Artillery fire. During the afternoon, harassing fire was kept up on enemy's roads - chiefly PASSCHENDAELE - BROODSEINDE road -, also on YPRES - ROULERS Railway, Billets and Hutments. A Practice Barrage was carried out at 5 p.m., and was satisfactory. Our Aeroplanes, flying low, were very effective in keeping back enemy aircraft.</p> <p>Enemy opened promptly with barrage of all calibres on our front line,- HILL 40 being particularly heavily shelled. During the day, the whole of the newly captured ground was intermittently shelled with all calibres,- H.V. guns shelling the MENIN and POTIJZE roads, Our Batteries were shelled with 15 &amp; 10.5 cm., and at 5.20 p.m. a heavy barrage was put down on ZONNEBEEK.</p> <p>At 7 p.m., S.O.S. Signals went up all along the line, and an attempt by the enemy to deliver a heavy counter attack was completely broken up by Artillery and Machine Gun fire.</p> <p>From 10 to 15 minutes prior to the attack, the enemy opened out Barrage on our Front line and Forward Area to cover a counter attack he had purposed delivering. Our heavy, <del>and</del> sudden barrage and attack forestalled his intentions, throwing his troops into utter confusion, and inflicting exceedingly heavy casualties.</p>	Inst r/ns. Nos. 1. 2, 3, 4, 5.

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<u>"T" day.</u>	5, 10, 17.		Weather conditions bad. Wind N.W. Visibility low.	
			Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. : 1 O.R. wounded. 8th. F.A.B. : 1 O.R. killed; 1 O.R. wounded.	
			Ammunition expended - 18 Pdrs. 51,922 rds. 4.5" Hows. 15,907 rds.	
			OPERATIONS :- Our Artillery carried out harassing fire on enemy's Roads and Communications, Billets & Hutments, and engaged enemy strong points. Registrations were carried out by the advanced Batteries. Practice Barrage was put down at 5.15 a.m., and Gas Bombardment of Roads leading to PASSCHENDAELE from the East was carried out. S.O.S. signals were replied to on several occasions.	Instr/n. No. 8. + 9.
			Hostile Artillery activity was below normal, main areas shelled being FREZENBERG Road, and POTIJZE - ZONNEBEKE Road, and our Battery positions in I.6.b. ZONNEBEKE was heavily shelled during the afternoon, whilst newly captured territory and particularly our front line system received enemy's attention from guns of 15cm. 10.5 cm., and 77 mm., fire coming mostly from direction of PASSCHENDAELE. An enemy balloon was up unusually close and low over PASSCHENDAELE, which village affords excellent observation to the enemy, and in which considerable movement of troops has been noticed.	
			No. 1 Group moved a Brigade forward to D.26.b. ) No. 2 Group moved to D.25 & 26. ) No. 3 Group prepared new forward positions. )	Ref. - Attached B.M./S/227/35, and Location Report issued 6/10/17.

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MENIN GATE.	6.10.17.		<p>YPRES. Ref. Maps. Sheets 28 N.W. &amp; N.E. 1/20,000.</p> <p>Weather conditions bad. Wind N.W. Visibility indifferent.</p> <p>Casualties - 7th. F.A.B.            3rd. D.A.C. 1 O.R. wounded.</p> <p>AMMunition expended † 18 Pdrs. 24,306 rds. 4.5" Hows. 4701 rds.            to noon.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> - 6 p.m. 5th. to 6 p.m. 6th. During the period, S.O.S. Signals were replied to on several occasions, but no counter attacks on the part of the enemy were reported. Further harassing fire on enemy roads and communications, <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> hutments, billets, and strong points, was carried out at irregular intervals in accordance with programme. A Protective Barrage was put down at 6 a.m., and was reported satisfactory. Enemy's Artillery showed normal activity, and his fire was mainly directed against YPRES - ZONNEBEKE Road, (which was shelled intermittently during the night by 15 cm. Hows.) - also at 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m., enemy carried out an organised shoot for 30 minutes on each occasion on valley in D.22.b. &amp; D.16.d. It was estimated that two 10.5 cm. How. Batteries and two 77mm. Batteries were engaged on this bombardment, fire coming from the North East. No enemy retaliation to our barrage was observed. Our Batteries in D.25.b. &amp; D.26.a. &amp; b. were lightly shelled, but no material damage caused. Our trench system and newly captured territory were intermittently shelled with all calibres. Enemy aircraft was active during the period.</p> <p>No. 3 Group (9th. Divl. Arty.) were relieved in the line by the 48th. Divl. Arty. under orders from 2nd. Anzac. The 48th. D.A. will take the designation of No. 3 Group.</p> <p>42nd. Bde (No. 4 Group) rejoined No. 1 Group, which now becomes No. 5 Group, superimposing the whole Divisional Zone for the purpose of S.O.S. A No. 4 Group is temporarily non-existent (pending arrival of 66th. Div. Arty. into action.)</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p>Instr/ns.            Nos. 11 &amp; 12.            also            No. 6.</p> <p>Instr/n.            No. 7.            and O.O.            No. 33.</p>
<p>The 66th. Divn. Infantry relieved the 3rd. Aust. Divn. Infantry in the line on night 5/6th. for the purpose of carrying out the attack on 9th. inst. Command from G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Div. to G.O.C. 66th. Div. passed at 10 a.m. today - 6th., taking over Head quarters at MENIN GATE, I.S.d.1.8.</p>		6 p.m.		

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MEN IN GATE	7.10.17.		<p>YPRES Ref. Maps. Sheets 28th. N.W. &amp; N.E. 1/20,000.</p> <p>Weather conditions ba d. Wind. N.W. Visibility indifferent.</p> <p>Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. 1 O.R. killed : 6 O.R. wounded. 8th. F.A.B. 1 O.R. killed.</p> <p>"V" Day.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - 18 Pdrs. 7629 rds. 4.5" Hows. 1420 rds. to noon.</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS</u> :- Our Artillery carried out usual programme of harassing and isolating fire, also registered and engaged strong points. S.O.S. Signals were replied to on numerous occasions, and barrage was quite satisfactory.</p> <p>Enemy activity has been normal. During the period, our front line system was intermittently heavily shelled with 15cm. &amp; 10.5 cm. YPRES - ZONNEBEKE Road was shelled with similar calibre at intervals during the day and night. Other main areas receiving attention were D.22. a &amp; c., D.16.d. &amp; HILL @0, There was intermittent shelling from 10.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. increasing at 11.30 a.m. on line D.21.b. to D.23.c. and on our posts D.23.c.2.2. to D.29.a.2.8., - chiefly 10.5 cm. coming from N.E. of PASSCHENDAELE. At 8.30 D.16.a.5.0. was shelled with 77 mm., and at 8.50 a.m., D.16.d. with 10.5 cm., direction of fire being E.l.central. From 10.15 a.m. to 12 noon, D.16. was heavily shelled with 15 &amp; 10.5 cm.</p> <p>At 8 a.m., Group Zones were re-adjusted as per map attached. The 66th. Divisional Artillery will be coming under the command of the C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn, and will be known as No. 4 Group for the forthcoming operations, - Nos. 4 &amp; 5 superimposing the whole Divisional Zone.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ch</i></p>	<p>Instr/n. No. 10.</p> <p>Instr/n. No. 13.</p>



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	"W" Day.		Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. 3 O.R. killed, 10. O.R. wounded. 3 O.R. shell-shock. 8th. F.A.B. Nil.																					
			Ammunition expended.- 13,485 rds. 4.5" Hows. 1747 rds.																					
			<p>OPERATIONS. - During the period, harassing fire was carried out in accordance with programme, and Batteries replied to S.O.S. Calls <del>xxxxxx</del> on two occasions. Effective Practice Barrages were carried out.</p> <p>Enemy's Artillery activity remains the same, and no intense shelling was reported. His reply to our Practice Barrage was extremely light, and no heavy bombardment of any area was recorded. Areas receiving attention were :-            ABRAHAM HEIGHTS, &amp; KANSAS Cross Roads with 77 mm. from direction of PASSCHENDAELE. D.16.b. was shelled during the day, the objective apparently being D.16.b.7.1. - (15 &amp; 10.5 cm.). YPRES - ZONNEBEKE Road was lightly shelled at intervals with 4.2" from PASSCHENDAELE. Shelling for most part was feeble, and lighter than would be expected. At 11 a.m., enemy made a weak attempt to barrage on line running D.9.d. central to D.16.central - shooting was erratic and badly placed. HILL 40 was lightly shelled during the morning, one Battery only firing. Enemy aircraft showed normal activity. Bombs were dropped during the night on H.9.b. Visibility was indifferent, and no particular movement on the part of the enemy was observed.</p> <p>The 66th. Divisional Artillery (No.4 Group) arrived in action at midnight, 8/9th., the 5 Groups now being constituted as follows :-</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>No. 1 GROUP.</td> <td>40th. &amp; 42nd. Bdes.</td> <td>3rd. Imp. Div. Arty.</td> <td>Lt-Col. G.T. MAIR, D.S.O.</td> <td rowspan="5">Location Statement attached. 7.10.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 2 "</td> <td>7th. &amp; 8th. Bdes.</td> <td>3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.</td> <td>Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 3 "</td> <td></td> <td>48th. Divl. Arty.</td> <td>Lt-Col. RUDKIN.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 4 "</td> <td></td> <td>66th. Divl. Arty.</td> <td>Lt-Col. J. LAIRD.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 5 "</td> <td></td> <td>64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.</td> <td>Lt-Col. BARTON, D.S.O.</td> </tr> </table>	No. 1 GROUP.	40th. & 42nd. Bdes.	3rd. Imp. Div. Arty.	Lt-Col. G.T. MAIR, D.S.O.	Location Statement attached. 7.10.17	" 2 "	7th. & 8th. Bdes.	3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.	Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.	" 3 "		48th. Divl. Arty.	Lt-Col. RUDKIN.	" 4 "		66th. Divl. Arty.	Lt-Col. J. LAIRD.	" 5 "		64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	Lt-Col. BARTON, D.S.O.
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10. 17.

Weather - Raining; conditions bad. Wind N.W. or W. Visibility fair.

Place Date Hour

Day for the Attack.

Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. 1 O.R. killed : 3 O.R. wounded. Lt. H.F. Rutledge killed.

Ammunition expended - 18 Pdrs. 30,274 rds. 4.5" Hows. 4808 rds.

2nd. Australian Division on Right &

Supplies, and serving the guns under the most trying conditions.

At 5.20 a.m. this morning, the 66th. Division, in conjunction with the 49th. Division on the Left, attacked objectives outlined on Army Barrage Map attached, being the 4th. phase of current operations. Owing to extremely bad weather conditions, movement of troops up to their Assembly positions was attended with the greatest difficulties. Heavy continuous rain fell during the previous night, rendering the ground almost impassable, In spite of the fact that 10 hours were allowed to cover 4000 yards of the Approach March, it was found that the position could not be reached in that time, with a consequence that some of our troops were not available at the Assembly hour.

Our Barrage opened on time at 5.20 a.m., and Attacking Troops on the Left moved forward. Owing to the bad state of the ground, progress was difficult, and very heavy fighting ensued. As the troops on the Right Brigade Front had not yet reached the Tape Line, slight confusion followed, and the Left Brigade thinned out their line to cover the whole of the attacking front. Finally, when the remainder of the Right Brigade arrived, the troops were in a state of exhaustion. However, the RED LINE was captured, and parties of men even reached the BLUE LINE, but could not hold it, and had to withdraw. By 6 p.m., the enemy had forced us back to the original line. A number of prisoners were taken, but our casualties were moderately heavy.

OUR ARTILLERY OPERATIONS - During the day our Artillery carried out Barrages in connection with the above attack, and brought harassing fire to bear on enemy's Roads and Approaches leading to PASSCHENDAELE, also firing in reply to numerous S.O.S. Signals.

O.O. No.34.  
Instr/ns.  
Nos. 14, 15,  
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ENEMY'S ARTILLERY - Enemy's Barrage came down at 5.25 a.m. chiefly on our Front, Support and Reserve Lines. Shooting, though erratic, was at times very heavy.

AIRCRAFT. - In spite of the bad flying conditions, our Aeroplanes did good work, and Contact work was successfully carried out.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY - Visibility poor, and no abnormal movement on the part of the enemy was reported.

Intermittently during the past 24 hours, the YPRES - ZONNEBEKE Road was shelled by 15 & 10.5 cm. Hows., holding up traffic on this road. In spite of this, combined with the adverse elements, our Gunners did excellent work in bringing up Ammunition &

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10. 10. 17. Day.

Weather - Clearing; conditions unfavourable. Wind S.W. Visibility ~~XXXX~~ poor.

Summary of Events and Information

Hour Date Place

Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 29,599 rds. 4.5" Hows. 5143 rds.

During the day, our Stretcher bearers have been busily engaged bringing in wounded.

OUR OPERATIONS - ARTILLERY.- Usual harassing fire on enemy's Roads & Communications, Billets & Hutments. S.O.S. calls were answered at 5.45 pm., 6.30 pm., 6.45 pm., 7.15 pm., 7.22 pm., and 4.40 am.

HOSTILE FIRE. During the day, enemy's Artillery has been very active, and there has been intense shelling of western slopes of PASSCHENDAELE Ridge by 15 & 10.5 cm. Hows, and 77 mm. Guns. D.17.a. & b., D.25.b., & D.26.a., and YPRES - ZONNEBEKE Road have been intermittently heavily shelled with 15 cm., 10.5 cm., and H.V. from direction of PASSCHENDAELE.

AIRCRAFT. - Both sides very active. During the night, the enemy were over our back areas on bombing expeditions. Several times during the afternoon, enemy planes came over our lines, but were engaged by our machines and driven back. At 3.20 p.m. an enemy plane was brought down in flames, one of our machines crashing.

Visibility very poor.

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	17.		Casualties - 3rd. D.A.C. : 1 O.R. wounded.		
			Ammunition expended to noon : 18 Pdrs. 13,563 rds. 4.5" Hows. 5353 rds.		
			OUR ARTILLERY OPERATIONS - Usual harassing fire on enemy's Roads, and Communications, Hutments and Billets was carried out during the period. S.O.S. Calls were replied to at 7.10 p.m. and 8.20 p.m., and satisfactory Practice Barrages fired at 5 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.		
			HOSTILE FIRE. From 12.30 a.m. until just before dawn, the whole of our area, and particularly Roads and Tracks, was subjected to an extraordinarily heavy bombardment by the enemy's Artillery.. It is thought that possibly the enemy observed the various reliefs which were in progress yesterday, and mistook them for a concentration of troops with a view to an attack this morning. Shelling reported to have come from N.E. & E.		Instr/n. No. 18.
			AIRCRAFT - Our planes have been active all day; enemy operations normal with considerable bombing activity during the night.		
			During night 10/11th., the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (3rd. Aus.Div.) took over from a brigade of the 66th. Divn. Command passed from G.O.C. 66th. Div. to G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Div. at 10 a.m. today. (Previous relief - see 6.10.17.) Headquarters again established in these RAMPARTS, MENIN GATE, I.S.d.l.S.		

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	12. 10. 17.			
	<del>Weather</del>			
	"A" Day. Weather - Raining ; conditions bad. Wind Westerly. Visibility poor.			
	Casualties - 7th.F.A.B. : 2'wounded. 8th.F.A.B.: 1'Killed 7 O.R. wounded.			
	Ammunition expended - 18 Pdrs. rds. 4.5" Hows. rds.			
	At 5.25 a.m. this morning, the Australian & New Zealand Troops attacked objectives of 5th. phase of the current operations, advancing to the assault from the South of YPRES - ROULERS Railway to YETTA HOUSES.			
	Weather conditions for this attack were again extremely bad. The muddy state of the ground, the very wet, dark night, together with their being subjected to Gas Shelling and H <sub>2</sub> E. concentrations on front systems, made the assembly of our troops a matter of the greatest difficulty. However, they were at their jumping off positions to time.			
	Heavy fire was immediately opened by Hostile Machine Guns, which, <del>together</del> together with uncut wire around enemy's Strong Points and "Pill boxes", held up our troops on the left. Considerable advance was made by the troops on the right, but as they suffered heavily from enfilade Machine Gun fire consequent of the troops on the left being held up, they had to withdraw. It was found, also, that the valleys were almost impassable owing to the mud, which delayed and tired out our men. Eventually a line was consolidated slightly in advance of that from which the attack started.			
	Owing to the state of the weather, the supply of ammunition to the guns was a serious problem, under the trying conditions of which our Gunners and Drivers displayed maximum fortitude.			
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13.10.17.

Weather - Bad. Wind West. Visibility bad.

Place Date Hour

"B" Day.

Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. : 1 O.R. wounded. 8th. F.A.B. : 1 O.R. gassed.  
Ammunition expended-to noon : 21,527 rds. 18 Pdr. 4.5" Hows. 7686 rds.

On the whole a quiet day. The Location of the enemy is still doubtful, and since weather conditions are at present most unfavourable, it has been impossible to obtain any definite information from our ~~xxxxxx~~ Reconnaissance Planes.

Throughout the day our Stretcher Bearers, also those of the enemy, were busily engaged under cover of the Red Cross bringing in wounded, and burying the dead on the Battlefield. The enemy respected our Red Cross men.

OUR ARTILLERY OPERATIONS.- The customary harassing fire on enemy's Roads and Communications has been continued for the period, & ~~xxxxxx~~ a satisfactory Practice Barrage was carried out at 5.15 a.m. this morning.  
HOSTILE FIRE - Has been normal. Several of our Battery positions have been intermittently shelled with 5.9s and 8", fire coming 67 degs. & 74 degs. T.B. from D.26.b.8.2. YPRES - ZONNEBEKE Road received its usual attention.  
AERIAL activity has been below normal, doubtless owing to the adverse weather conditions.

Instr/n. No. 18.

MOVES. - The 48th. Divisional Artillery (No. 3 Group) were withdrawn from the line under orders received from 2nd. Anzac.

O.O. No. 35.

RE-NUMBERING of GROUPS.- In consequence of the above move, Groups were renumbered 1 to 4, Group Zones and S.O.S. lines being adjusted according to attached Instruction No. 24.

Instr/n. No. 24.

Attached WARNING ORDER re policy of forward moves of Batteries within the next week.

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Remarks and references to previous entries	Summary of Events and Information	Hour	Date	Place
14th. 10.17.	Weather - fine. Conditions on improve. Wind N.W. Visibility fair.			
"C" Day.	Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. : 3 O.R. wounded. 8th. F.A.B. : 1 O.R. killed. 3 O.R. gassed.			
	AMMUNITION expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 7382 rds. 4.5" Hows. : 2031 rds.			
	<p><u>OUR ARTILLERY OPERATIONS</u> - For the period, our fire has been confined to the general harassing of enemy Roads and Communications.</p> <p><u>HOSTILE FIRE.</u> Enemy has shown considerably increased Artillery activity. What were probably deliberate destructive shoots were carried out on our Battery positions in D.26.a. &amp; b., main fire being as follows :- From 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 200 rds. 8" &amp; 5.9" fell in vicinity of Battery in D.26.a., and they were subjected shortly afterwards to 8" fire at a rapid rate until 3.30 p.m., slowing from 3.55 pm. to 4.40 pm. The whole area Front was heavily shelled with 8" &amp; 5.9" from 5.15 pm. to 6 pm., followed by heavy 77 mm. fire together with Gas rounds.</p> <p><u>AIRCRAFT.</u> During the night (13/14th.) enemy machines were again actively engaged of bomb dropping expeditions over our back and forward areas. At 6 a.m., his planes reconnoitred D.25. &amp; 26. from low altitude, and at 12 noon and 3 p.m., large numbers of "Gothas" and other accompanying machines were over bombing back areas. Our planes less active than usual. One of our Balloons was destroyed by a Bosch plane during the evening.</p> <p>From 8.15 pm. to 9 pm., our Batteries in D.25. &amp; 26. were again subjected to rapid rate shelling with 8" &amp; 5.9", and intermittently throughout the night to heavy fire of 5.9 H.E. and 77 mm. Mustard Gas.</p>			

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Remarks and references to previous entries	Date	Hour	Place
15.	10. 17.		
		Weather - Fine. Wind: N.W.	Visibility fair during morning, later very low.
"D" Day.		Casualties - 7th.F.A.B.: 1 O.R. killed. 2 O.R. wounded.	8th.F.A.B.: 1 O.R. killed 5 O.R. wounded.
		Ammunition expended - to noon: 18 Pdrs. <del>177</del> 778 rds.	4.5" Hows. : 44 rds.
<p>OUR ARTILLERY OPERATIONS - Customary harassing fire on enemy's Roads, Approaches, Hutments, and Billets.</p> <p>HOSTILE FIRE. - Enemy's Artillery has again been very active, and for the greater part of the day D.25 &amp; 26 (vicinity of our Batteries) has been consistently shelled with 8", 5.9" &amp; 4.2" from directions of PASSCHENDAELE &amp; WATERDAMHOEK. Approximately 2,500 rounds fell in these areas, and considerable attention was given to YPRES - ZONNEBEKE and other Roads.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft has been very active during the period, numbers of his planes frequently crossing our lines. One of his "Gotha" machines was brought down, and crashed in vicinity of POLYGON WOOD.</p>			

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Remarks and references to Appendices	Date	Place	Hour
19.	10. 17.	Weather - Raining. Wind. N.W.	Visibility indifferent, fair at intervals.
"H"	Day.	Casualties - 8th. F.A.B. 1 O.R. killed.	
		Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 3235 rds. 4.5" Hows. 1175 rds.	
		OUR ARTILLERY OPERATIONS - Our artillery carried out usual harassing of enemy's back areas, also effected short bursts on S.O.S. lines.	
		HOSTILE FIRE.- From 5 p.m. to 3.30 a.m., areas about ZONNEBEKE, ABRAHAM HEIGHTS, and BOETHOEK were continuously shelled by 15 & 10.5 cm. Hows. and 77 mm. guns, including a considerable number of Gas, direction of fire being East of PASSCHENDAELE. There has been intermittent intense shelling of our Battery positions areas D.25.b., D.26. a. & b., and D.27.a. & b., fire being chiefly 8" and 15 cm. from direction 45 degrees T.B. from D.26.a.0.3. More than 3000 rounds came over during these shoots, a proportion of which were directed against the ZONNEBEKE ROAD. Observation was apparently carried out by balloons, one of which remained up all day. WIELTJE ROAD, west of KANSAS CROSS ROADS was intermittently shelled by 15 cm. Hows, in direction of WATERDAMHOEK, and fire on our Trench system and Forward Areas was normal.	
		There has been no abnormal enemy movement observed, and his aircraft aeroplanes have been generally inactive.	
		During the night 18/19th., the 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. which has been holding the line on front of 3rd. Australian Division, was relieved by 148th. Bde. of 9th. Division.	

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D. O. & I. Section, H. Q. 3rd Aust. Div. Ypres, 10.17.18



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Remarks and references to Appendices	Date	Hour	Place
	21. 10. 17.		
<p>Summary of Events and Information</p> <p>Weather fine. Wind Northerly. Visibility good.</p> <p>Casualties - 7th. F.A.B. 3 O.R. wounded. 3rd. D.A.C. : 1 O.R. wounded. Trench Mortars : 2 O.R. wounded.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ok</i></p>			
	22. 10. 17.		
<p>Weather - Light rain early morning, fine &amp; sunny later. Wind N.W. Visibility good.</p> <p>Casualties -</p> <p>Our two Brigades (7th. &amp; 8th. A.F.A.) which were left under command of the 4th. Canadian Division on 20th. inst. were relieved in the line by the 26th. &amp; 311th. Army Brigades, R.F.A. under orders of 4th. Can. Divl.Arty., and withdrew to their Wagon Lines. Guns and Howitzers stripped, except for Sights and Aiming Posts, were handed over "in situ"., with further exception of withdrawal of 107th. How. Battery guns in consequence of the relieving 26th. Army Bde. having no Howitzer Battery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ok</i></p>			

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Place	Date	Hour	Weather	Wind	Visibility
	23. 10. 17.		Weather - Showery to midday, later fine : overcast.	Wind S.W.	Visibility <del>at</del> fair.
			Casualties - Nil		
			The 7th. & 8th. Aust. F. A. Brigades moved into Wagen Lines in DE SEULE Area, in reserve, coming under the tactical command of the 8th. CORPS. (Ref. Maps Sheets 28 S.W. & 36 N.W. 1/20,000.) Location report issued this day is attached.		
	24. 10. 17.		Weather - Showery : fine.	Wind Westerly.	Visibility fair.
			Casualties - Nil		
	25. 10. 17.		Weather - Showery : overcast.	Wind N.W.	Visibility poor.
			Casualties - Nil		

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Hour	Date	Place
26. 10. 17	Weather - Showery. Wind Westerly. Visibility fair.	
	Casualties - Nil.	
27. 10. 17.	Weather - Fine. Wind N.W. Visibility fair.	
	Casualties - Nil.	
28. 10. 17.	Weather - Fine : overcast. Wind W. Visibility good.	
	Casualties - Nil.	
29. 10. 17.	Weather - Fine. Wind N.W. Visibility good.	
	Casualties - Nil.	
30. 10. 17.	Weather - Showery ; cold. Wind N.W. Visibility fair.	
	Casualties - Nil.	
31. 10. 17.	Weather - Fine. Wind N.W. Visibility good.	
	Casualties - Nil.	

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*Lieut.*  
*Reconnaissance Officer*  
*3rd Aus Divl Arty*  
*H.Q.*  
*31/10/17*

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APPENDIX

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SUMMARY OF ATTACHMENTS HEREUNDER.

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INSTRUCTIONS - Nos. 1 to 25 inclusive.  
 OPERATION ORDERS - Nos. 32 to 36 inclusive.

DESPATCHES :-

Transfer of front South of the YPRES-ROULERS Railway.	B.M./S/227/6.
Practice Barrage.	B.M./S/227/8.
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Daily allotment of ammunition.	do /10.
Number of rounds to be dumped	do /12.
Targets to be bombarded.	do /19.
Code messages.	do /22.
Relief of F.O.Os.	do /23.
Pigeons available.	do /26.
Rate and method of fire during S.O.S. action.	do /28.
Forward movement of Batteries.	do /29.
Table of Ammunition.	do /33.
Harassing fire to be carried out.	do /34.
Forward moves of Batteries.	do /35.
Change to Summer Time.	do /37.
re F.O.Os.	do /41.
Warning Order re next Attack Day.	do /50.
66th. Divn. being relieved in the line.	do /52.
Harassing fire (Table of Ammunition.)	do /53.
List of probable enemy Assembly places.	do /59.
Warning Order re policy for forward moves of Btys.	do /60.
Wire re <del>groups</del> F.O.Os. turning on their Groups to C/attacks. N.175.	B.M./S/254.
S.O.S. Signal.	S.L./D/49.
Battle Headquarters of Infantry Brigades	
List of Honours and Awards.) <sup>24</sup>	<sup>24</sup>
Administration Circulars D.A./ <del>3</del> /90, DA/ <del>2</del> /97.	D.A./26/490.
DA/4/406, D.A./4/407.	
Location Statements dated October 2nd, 6th., 7th., 13th., 17th., 19th. 23rd.	
Code Names of 66th. Divn.	
Army Barrage Maps for 4th., 9th., & 12th. October.	

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## INSTRUCTION No.1. FOR THE ATTACK.

Reference Maps.- 28.N.W.2. )  
 28.N.E.1. ) 1/10,000.

ARTILLERY PLAN.(1)  
INFORMATION.

The 2nd Phase of the operations having been brought to a successful issue, 2nd.Armey is proceeding in conjunction with the 5th, to make a further advance with a view to the capture of PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE.

(2)  
OBJECTIVE OF  
2nd.ANZAC CORPS.

Approximately from D.23.a.8.8. to D.3.c.50.75.  
 3rd Australian Division will attack on the Right, and New Zealand Division on the Left.

(3)  
FINAL OBJECTIVE  
OF 3rd.AUST.  
DIVISION.

Approximately from D.23.a.8.8. to D.10.d.36.00.

(4)  
METHOD OF ATTACK.

Attack will be carried out by 2 Brigades (10th and 11th Aust.Inf.Bdes), 11th Bde. on the Right, 10th on the Left, with 1 Brigade in reserve (9th.Aust. Inf.Bde.)

(5)  
STAGES IN  
THE ADVANCE.

The two stages in the advance are as follows :-

- (A) RED LINE (first Objective)  
 (B) BLUE " (final " ) as shewn on  
 Barrage Map issued.

(6)  
DIVL. . .  
& ARTILLERY GRP.  
BOUNDARIES.

Are as shewn on Map already issued.

(7)  
SUPERIMPOSED  
GROUP.

No.4.Group will be superimposed over the whole Divisional Zone, and will be used to thicken the Barrage on enemy strong points where required. Special orders will be issued to this Group later. This Group

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will also be available to be withdrawn for special purposes, and will answer all NF, LL, & GF Calls, special care being taken that the answering of these calls will not endanger our own troops. This Group will have a Wireless Mast at it's Group Headquarters, and with the Batteries. The Group Commander is, however, responsible that the Batteries have received any calls sent through.

(8)  
INFANTRY JUMP-  
ING OFF LINE.

As marked on Barrage Map.

(9)  
INNERMOST  
BARRAGE..

Will be 150 yards in front of the Infantry Jumping-off Line, and is marked on the Barrage Map.

(10)  
BARRAGE.

The Barrage will, advance as shown on the Barrage Maps issued. Fuller instructions will be issued later.

(11)  
SMOKE SHELL.

Every 18-Pdr. gun of the first barrage lines will, as it reaches the lines given hereunder, fire smoke shell to mark it's arrival on that line.-

- Zero plus 29 to Zero plus 41 line.
- Red Protective Barrage Line.
- Zero plus 154 to Zero plus 166 line.
- Blue Protective Barrage Line.

(12)  
OVERLAP IN  
BARRAGE.

Group Commanders will arrange an overlap of 50 yards at both ends of their Group Zones.

(13)  
RATES OF FIRE.

To be issued later.

(14)  
PROPORTION OF  
AMMUNITION.

To be issued later.

(15)  
RESTING OF  
GUNS.

Group Commanders must arrange to rest individual guns during periods when fire is stationary. The question of reliefs, and of resting personnel whenever possible must be carefully considered.

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for the attack.

(16)  
LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS AND  
F.O.O.s.

Lt-Col. P. BARTON, D.S.O., R.F.A. will act as R.A. Liaison Officer with the 11th Infantry Brigade.  
Lt-Col. C.W.W. MACLEAN, D.S.O., R.F.A., will act as Liaison Officer with the 10th Infantry Brigade.

They will report before dark on the day before "Attack Day".

One Heavy Artillery Group Commander will be at Divsl Headquarters on the day of attack.

Each Group, except No. 4, will have one F.O.O., who will be in position before Zero Hour and go forward as follows:-

From Nos. 1 & 2 Groups. Aus.  
with D. Bn, 11th/Infy Bgde.  
From No. 3 Group.  
with D. Bn, 10th Aus. Infy Bde.

F.O.O.s. will also take forward LUCAS LAMPS and PIGEONS. - Necessary signal personnel will be supplied by Groups.

Complete reliefs for these parties (personnel and signalling stores) will be collected together in a convenient place, and will at once replace any casualties in the forward parties.

These F.O.O.s. will communicate directly with their Groups who will transmit any important information obtained by them to the 3rd Aust. Divsl. Arty Headquarters at once.

In addition to the above all Groups will supply one Officer who will occupy - as soon as possible after the Infantry have captured it - an O.P. on or near HILL 40.

These Officers may engage fleeting opportunities at any time after the protective barrage on the final objective is established, but will not, without orders from 3rd Aust. D. A. H. Q., engage targets or fleeting opportunities WEST of this line.

(17)  
S.O.S. LINES.

Will be BLUE protective barrage line unless altered by 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.

No. 4.5" Howitzer will fire closer than 200 yards from the 18-Pdr S.O.S. Line.

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(18)  
FORWARD MOVE  
OF  
BATTERIES.

No forward move of Batteries will take place without reference to 3rd Aust. D. A. H. Q.

Moves when ordered will take place by Sections and remaining Sections should not move until previous Section is reported in action in its new position.

(19)  
RECONNOITRING  
OF FORWARD  
POSITIONS.

Groups will reconnoitre for forward positions in the following squares:-

No.4. - First to move forward - D.26.a. & d.  
No.1 & 2. - D.26.b. & d.  
No.3. - D.21.c. & d.

All must be prepared to advance the night following the day of attack.

(20)  
HEAVY ARTY  
AVAILABLE FOR  
DIVSL. COMMAN-  
DERS USE.

Two 6" Howitzer Batteries are being superimposed on the barrage and will be available for use of the G.O.C., Division, if wanted.

(21)  
GUNS IN ACTION.

For the attack all guns will be used and Group ~~and~~ Commanders will do their utmost to be up to strength in guns on the day of attack.

(22)  
ZONE CALLS.

N.F. Calls WEST of a line through D.17, 10, 3 central will be answered by No.4 Group Field Artillery, each Battery being allotted its own Zone.

Attention is also directed to paragraph 7.

L.L. and G.F. Calls will be answered by all guns available up to the extreme limit of the Arcs and Range.

If other important work is being carried out, only one Section will be taken for these calls.

20 rds per 18-Pdr } will be fired as rapidly as  
10 rds per 4.5" How. } possible, on the receipt of  
these calls.

After the capture of the final objective, the enemy country will be divided into an inner and outer Zone by a straight line through D.12, D.5, and V.88 central. N.F. Calls West of this line will be answered by the Divsl Artillery within their Group Zones and EAST of this line by the Heavy Artillery.

L.L. and G.F. Calls will be answered by all available

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3rd Aust. Div. Artly Troops, No. 1.  
For the attack.

guns.

(23)  
O.P.s.

Groups will establish two Forward O.P.s. as soon as possible.

(24)  
PROTECTION OF  
AMMUNITION.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of protecting the ammunition from the weather.

(25)  
CO-OPERATION  
WITH R.F.C.

The 21st Squadron, R.F.C. and No. 11 Balloon Company R.F.C., have been detailed to work with 2nd Anzac Corps. Groups requiring any targets registered will get into touch with the above.

(26)  
RATIONS &  
WATER.

Arrangements will be made to have three days rations and water at the gun positions by the evening of "Q" Day for use on "R", "S" and "T" Days.

(27)  
NIGHT.

For tactical purposes night will be taken to be from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

(28)  
NOMENCLATURE  
OF  
DAYS.

Days prior to the attack will be known as "P", "Q", "R", "S", etc. - "P" Day being 1st October, 1917.

(29)  
SYNCHRONISA-  
TION OF  
WATCHES.

A Staff Officer from 3rd Aust. D. A. H. Q., will visit Groups to synchronise watches. Time of this Officer's arrival will be notified to Groups.

(30)  
REPORTS.

Reports to Advanced 3rd Aust. D. A. H. Q. at MANNING GATE. I.C.G.O.L.S.

(31)  
DAY OF  
ATTACK.

The day of attack has been notified separately to all concerned.

(32)

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters.

*W. P. Phillips*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

Issued at 10 a.m. 8.10.17.

DISTRIBUTION ON BACK HURDLE.

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3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instrn  
No. 1.

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DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	1.	Divsion "G".
	2/9.	No. 1 Arty. Group.
	10/17.	No. 2. " "
	18/25.	No. 3 " "
	26/33.	No. 4 " "
	34.	2nd Anzac R.A.
	35.	New Z. Div. Artly.
	36.	2nd Aust. D. Art.
	37.	42nd Bgde, 3rd Brit. D.A.
	38.	4th Aust. D.A.
	39.	S.C., 3rd Brit. D.A.
	40.	S.C., 3rd Aust. D.A.
	41.	3rd Aust. D.A.C.
	42.	9th Brit. D.A.C.
	43.	64th Bgde. Amn. Column.
	44.	3rd Aust. Div. Signals.
	45.	3rd Div. Art. Sigs Ofer.
	46.	9th Aust. Infy Bde.
	47.	10th Aust. Infy Bde.
	48.	11th Aust. Infy Bde.
	49.	21st Sqd. R.F.C.
	50.	No. 11. Ballonn Coy, R.F.C.
	51.	Lt-Col. Barton, D.S.O.
	52.	Lt-Col. Maclean, D.S.O.
	53.	Lt. Col. Walters, 72nd H.A.
	54/56.	War Diary.
	57.	File.
	58.	B. Mjr.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No.2. FOR THE ATTACK.

BARRAGES ON ATTACK DAY.

With reference to the "Provisional Barrage for the Attack" Map already issued; this map will now be taken as correct, and shows the actual barrage to be put down on Attack Day".

It is pointed out that the Infantry Forming-up Line is in places withdrawn from the line we now hold. Group Commanders will ensure that Battery Commanders understand this, so that the Barrage "A" comes down 150 yards from the Tape Line. Special care will be taken that no rounds fall South of the Railway for the 1st 20 minutes.

(1). The Map shows the lifts of Barrage "A".

(2). The relative distances between Barrages "A" & "B" will be 200 yards. The lifts of each barrage will be 100 yards. Nos.1,2, & 3 Groups will put down Barrage "A". The 18-pdrs. of No.4.Group and the Howitzer Batteries of all Groups will put down Barrage "B".

(3) RATES OF FIRE.

Zero to Zero plus 3. - 4 rds. per gun per min.  
" plus 39mins. to " " 4mins- 1 " " " " " until  
Zero plus 39 mins.  
4 rds. per gun per min. for  
the last 2 mins.

During Red Protective Barrage - 1 rd. per gun per min. until  
Zero plus 126 mins.  
4 rds. per gun per min from  
Zero plus 126 mins. to  
Zero plus 130 mins.

Zero plus 164 mins. to Zero - 1 rd. per gun per min. till  
plus 166 mins. Zero plus 164.  
4 rds. per gun per min. for  
last 2 mins.

During Blue Protective Barrage. - 1 rd. per gun per min.

During the advance of the Barrage. - 2 rds. per gun per min.

NOTE : The above rates are made out on the assumption that the full number of guns is in action. The rates must be increased by Groups according to the number of guns out of action on Attack Day.



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- (4) As few 106 fuzes are available for 4.5" Hows., they will be used for answering LL and GF Calls.
- (5) (a) As the guns in Barrage "A" lift on to the Protective Barrages, both RED and BLUE, and on to the two 12 minute halt lines, i.e., at Zero plus 29 mins., & Zero plus 154 mins., Smoke Shell will be fired as under :-
  - 2 rds. per 18-pdr. gun in quick succession on it's arrival on the RED & BLUE Protective Barrage Lines.
  - 1 rd. per 18-pdr. gun in quick succession on it's arrival on the 12 minute halt lines.
- (b) During the Protective Barrage for the (RED) Objective, Barrage "A" will remain stationary. Barrage "B" will move forward at Zero plus 83 mins, in 100 yard lifts every 3 mins. for a depth of 1,000 yards. It will then jump back on to it's Protective lines until Zero plus 130 mins., when it will advance.
- (c) After the whole Protective Barrage for the final (BLUE) Objective has been formed, which will be at Zero plus 206 mins., the following procedure will be adopted :-

BARRAGE "A".

This Barrage will remain stationary on it's Protective line 200 yards in advance of the final (BLUE) Objective. Barrage will continue firing as under :-

Zero plus 206 m.	to	Zero plus 221 m.	-	2 rds. p.g.p.m.
" 221 m.	"	" 236 m.	"	1 "
" 236 m.	"	" 266 m.	"	<del>STOP.</del> <i>Ind. p.g.p.m.</i>
" 266 m.	"	" 281 m.	"	1 rd. p.g.p.m.
" 281 m.	"	" 336 m.	"	STOP.
" 336 m.	"	" 401 m.	"	1 rd. p.g.p.m.
" 401 m.	"	"	"	STOP.

BARRAGE "B".

This Barrage will commence advancing at Zero plus 209 m. at 100 yard lifts every 3 mins. until Zero plus 254, when it will stop.

Zero plus 314 m. to Zero plus 359 m. Re-open fire at relative distances beyond Barrage "A" and make 15 lifts at 100 yards in 3 minutes.

Zero plus 359 m. - STOP.

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(5) c. BARRAGE "B". (cont)

Zero plus 419 m. to Zero plus 464 m. - Re-open fire at relative distances beyond Barrage "A" and make 15 lifts at 100 yards in 3 minutes.

Zero, plus 464

- STOP.

(6) At least 50% of Shrapnel will be used in the Barrage.

(7) A&KNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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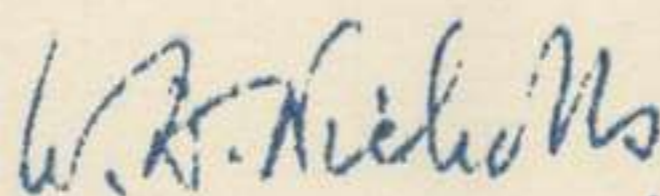
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"Zero plus 236 to Zero plus 266 m." Cancel the word "STOP."  
and insert -

"At 1 rd. per gun per minute."

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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INSTRUCTION NO.3. FOR THE ATTACK.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME FOR "S" DAY.

(1) The following programme will be carried out on the evening of "S" Day :-

9.45 pm. to 10 pm. - Silent period. No firing except in case of enemy attack.

10. pm. to 10.6 pm. - Standing Barrage in depth from 200 yards beyond S.O.S. Line to 1,000 yards beyond S.O.S.Line.

~~10.6 pm to 10.11 pm.~~ - Silent period.

10.11 pm. to 10.17pm - ~~Standing Barrage in depth from 1,200 yards beyond S.O.S.LINE to 2,000 yards beyond S.O.S. Line.~~

(2) Order of Barrage from West to East will be "A" - "B" etc.

(3) Barrage "A" will be put down 200 yards beyond S.O.S.Lines in the first Barrage, and 1,200 yards beyond S.O.S.Lines in second Barrage.

~~(4)~~ 18-pdrs. will be fired up to a range of 7,000 yards only using H.E. with non-delay fuze.

(5) Distances between separate barrage - 200 yards.

(6) RATES OF FIRE :

18-pdrs. - 2 rds. per gun per min.

4.5"Hows. - 3 rds. per " 2 mins.

(7) ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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INSTRUCTION No. 4 FOR THE ATTACK.

S.O.S. sent up by the Infantry before Zero Hour <sup>only</sup> will/~~not~~ be answered up to Zero minus 10 minutes. After Zero minus 10 minutes there will be no firing on S.O.S. Lines and should an S.O.S. be in operation firing will cease at Zero minus 10 minutes on S.O.S. Lines.

The reason for this is that there may be no chance of the Infantry being confused with regard to the real Zero Hour.

The 2nd Australian Division on our RIGHT intend to use short bursts on Strombus Horns as an S.O.S. Signal in the event of mist being so bad as to prevent ordinary S.O.S. Signals being seen.

All Batteries will be warned of this in order that they will not assume that a gas attack is being made.

Firing during the night " R / S " will be absolutely normal. There will be no increase or decrease in the volume of fire before Zero Hour.

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INSTRUCTION No. 5 FOR THE ATTACK.

(Programme for "S" Day (continued).  
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Searching Barrage.

1. At 4.30 p.m. on "S" Day, the Protective Barrage will be put down, and will advance in lifts of 300 yards every three minutes for 9 lifts.

Limit of Range.

2. Batteries will stop lifting when they reach the limit of range of their guns (18-Pdr. 7,000 yards), and will continue firing on this line until 5.0 p.m.

Period of Fire.

3. At 5.3 p.m. all barrages will jump back on to their original Protective Lines for three minutes, after which they will cease fire on their Protective Lines, and will continue the ordinary harassing tasks.

Rate of Fire.

4. Rate of fire for 18 Pdrs will be two rounds per gun per minute; other natures in proportion.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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## 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INSTRUCTION NO.6 FOR THE ATTACK.ARRANGEMENTS FOR S.O.S. - To come into operation at 6 a.m.6.10.17.

1. When an S.O.S. Signal is received, all barrages will go down on their Protective Lines.
2. "A" Barrage will fire on their Protective Line ~~Line~~ at two rds. per gun per min for fifteen mins., and then cease fire.
3. B, C, D, E, Barrages will fire for two minutes on their Protective Lines, and then creep forward for 500 yards by lifts of 100 yards every two minutes, jumping back to their Protective Lines for two minutes before ceasing fire.  
18-pdrs. will fire two rounds per gun per minute, other natures in proportion.
4. If no further message is then received, the Artillery Barrage will cease, but "C" Barrage will continue for a further three minutes.
5. If the S.O.S. Signal or message is <sup>repeated</sup> expected between 10 to 15 minutes after opening fire, the procedure laid down in paras 1, 2, & 3 above will be completed, and the whole procedure repeated for a further 15 minutes.
6. The above instructions are issued in order to avoid, as far as possible, any unnecessary expenditure of ammunition.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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## 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION NO. 7 FOR THE ATTACK.

Under orders from 2nd Anzac R.A., the 48th Divl. Artillery will relieve the 9th Divl. Artillery on the Right Divl. front on the 6th Oct. 1917.

Personnel only will be relieved.

1 Sect. of each Ety. will relieve before 12 noon 6.10.17.

2nd. " " " " " in afternoon before  
6 p.m., 6.10.17.

Stripped guns and sights to be handed over "in situ."

On relief, the 9th Divl. Artillery will move under the orders of the 18th Corps.

Advance parties of the 48th Divl. Artillery should report to the O.C., No. 3 Group H.Q. (I.S.d.1.8.) on the 5th Oct. 1917, before 12 noon, where guides from the 9th Divl. Artillery will meet them.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,  
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INSTRUCTION NO.8 FOR THE ATTACK.

Ref, Map : ZONNEBEKE 7a, 1/10,000.

GAS BOMBARDMENT. -- "T" DAY.

INTENTION. On "T" Day the approaches to PASSCHENDAELE from the East where they enter that village will be subjected to a Gas Shell bombardment by all 4.5" Hows. and 60 prds.

ZERO HOUR. Zero Hour will be 1.30 a.m.

RATES OF FIRE. Rates of fire will be as per Task Table "A" attached.

PERIOD OF FIRE. The period of fire will be 30 mins. (thirty minutes.)

ZONES & TASKS. The 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery will engage approaches East of PASSCHENDAELE VILLAGE, and South of an East & West line running through PASSCHENDAELE CHURCH in accordance with Task Table "A" attached.

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((( TASK TABLE "A" )))

GAS BOMBARDMENT.

BATTERY.	GUNS.	TARGET.	HEAVY	DECOY	H.E.
D/130th.	6	Barrage Road from E.7.a.03.87 to E.7.a.30.71.	75%	---	25%
D/64th.	4 2	Road Junction D.12.b.50.88. " " D.7.b.08.41.	75%	---	25%
107th. How. A.F.A.	6	Road Junction D.12.b.58.30.	75%	---	25%
108th. How. A.F.A.	6	Barrage Road & adjoining Huts, E.7.a.30.71. to E.7.a.55.62.	75%	---	25%
D/50th.	6	Barrage Road adjoining FARM HOUSES from E.7.a.45.96. to E.1.c.75.07.	75%	---	25%
D/51st.	4 2	Road Junction D.6.d.52.23. " " D.6.d.32.38.	25%	50%	25%

RATE OF FIRE - 4 rounds per Gun per minute.

- Zero to Zero plus 1 - Bursts of H.E. (only).
- Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 10 - Proportion of Gas & H.E. as per Task Table.
- " " 10 to " " 15 - CEASE FIRE.
- " " 15 to " " 20 - Proportion of Gas & H.E. as per Task Table.
- " " 20 to " " 25 - CEASE FIRE.
- " " 25 to " " 30 - Proportion of Gas & H.E. as per Task Table.

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## Appendix 6.

## Table of Ammunition (Rounds per Gun.)

Noon "T" Day to Noon "Z" Day.

Nature of gun	"A" Daily expenditure from midday "T" to midday "X"	"B" Expenditure from midday "X" to midnight "Z"	"C" Amount to be at guns midnight "X/Y."	"D" Amount to be at guns midday "Z"
18 Pdr.	120		960	500
4.5" How.	110		760	300
6" How.	50		655	300
8" How.	40		445	200
9.2" How.	40		390	180
12" How.	15		120	90
15" How.	10		60	30
60 Pdr.	50	Half of Column "A".	470	250
6" Gun.	40		200	120

(Signed) C. E. Stranach  
Major, S.O.R.A.  
2nd. Anzac Corps.

October 3rd. 1917.

(E).

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To  
All Groups.For your information and necessary action.  
ACKNOWLEDGE.Headquarters,  
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INSTRUCTION NO.9. FOR THE ATTACK.

- (1). The operations on "S" Day having been successful so far, the following instructions, in addition to those already issued, will be carried out, with a view to the preparation for the 4th stage of the current operations.
- (2). Instructions regarding the move of guns have already been issued.
- (3). The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will be ready to move forward at any required moment, after the capture of the Objective in the 4th Stage.
- (4). The Wagon Lines of Brigades of the 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery will be brought up on the evening before Attack Day to the forward area, so as to be ready to limber-up at short notice.  
The Staff Captain will be responsible for selecting this area, which must be within 2 miles of the guns.
- (5). Harassing of Communications, Billets, Approaches etc., will be continued as at present.  
All necessary wire-cutting and bombardments will be carried out by Groups within Group Zones, but should the help of the Heavy Artillery be required, Group Commanders will inform 3rd Australian D.A.H.Q.
- (6). On the evening of "T" Day, 2 bursts of fire will be carried out. As many guns & Hows. as possible will be employed, and fire will be distributed in depth as shown below :-
  - 9.45 pm. to 10 p.m. - Silent period.
  - 10 pm. to 10.6 p.m. - Standing Barrage, in the following order :-  
West to East : "A", - "B" etc.:  
200 yds. between barrages.  
Barrage "A" on a line 200 yds. beyond its Protective Barrage Line (S.C.S.Line.).
  - 10.6 pm. to 10.11 pm. - Silent period.
  - 10.11 pm. to 10.17 pm. - The same as for 10 pm. to 10.6 pm., except that Barrage "A" will be placed on a line 100 yards beyond its Protective Barrage Line.
  - 10.45 pm. to 11.00 pm. - Silent period.

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11 p.m. to 11.6 p.m. - Standing Barrage in the following order - West to East : "A" - "B".

300 yards between Barrage.

Barrage "A" on a line 300 yards beyond its Protective barrage line.

11.6 p.m. to 11.11 p.m. - Silent period.

11.11 p.m. to 11.17 p.m. - The same as for 11 p.m. to 11.6 p.m. except that the Barrage "A" will be placed on a line 600 yards beyond its Protective Barrage line.

Owing to the long range, barrages "A" and "B" may have to be combined.

(7) RATES OF FIRE.

18 Pdrs. - 2 rds. per gun per minute.  
4.5" Hows.- 1 rd. " " " "

(8) Two preparatory barrages will be carried out on "V" Day, and two on "W" Day. Details of these barrages will be issued later.

(9) Instructions for Artillery action on "X" Day will be issued later.

(10) At 5.30 a.m. on "Y" Day, there will be an Army Preparatory Barrage, details concerning which will be issued later.

(11) ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W.A. Nicholls*

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To all recipients of 3rd Aust. Div. Art.  
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Paragraph No. 4 of the above-mentioned instruction  
has been cancelled.

*W.A. Nicholls*

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INSTRUCTION NO.10 FOR THE ATTACK.

- (1). Herewith Barrage Diagrams for Barrages on "V" & "W" Days.
- (2). Times are as follows :-
  - "V" Day. Barrage plan marked "V.1." 6.10 a.m.
  - " " " " " " " "V.2." 4.00 p.m.
  - "W" Day. " " " " "W.1." 6.15 a.m.
  - " " " " " " "W.2." 11.30 am.
- (3). RATES OF FIRE : 18-pdrs. - 2 rds. per gun per min.  
4.5"Hows. 1 " " " " " "
- (4). 50% of Shrapnel, and 50% of H.E. will be used.
- (5). The Line marked "Start" on the Diagrams will be for the purposes of these Barrages, the S.O.S.Line for "A" Barrage.
- (6). Short report on hostile retaliation, and areas strafed to be rendered by Groups.
- (7). ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE.

Headquarters,  
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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INSTRUCTION No.11.

1. At 6 a.m. on the 6th October, 1917, the Divisional Artillery will fire the following barrage:-

Zero to Zero plus 2 mins. - On S.O.S. Protective Barrage Line.

Zero plus 2 min. to  
Zero plus 18 mins.- Lifts of 100 yards every 2 minutes.

Zero plus 18 mins. - <sup>Jump</sup> / Back on to S.O.S. Protective Barrage Line.

Zero plus 20 mins. - Stop Firing.

2. RATE OF FIRE.

18-Pdrs. - 2 rds per gun per min.  
4.5" Hows - 1 rd per gun per min.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE by wiro.

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INSTRUCTION No.12 FOR THE ATTACK.

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There will be silent periods to-night, (6.10.1917), from 9.45 p.m. to 10 p.m., and to-morrow night, (7.10.1917,) from 10.15 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., during which no firing will take place, except in case of S.O.S.

After 10 p.m. 6.10.17., and 10.30 p.m. 7.10.17., ordinary tasks will be carried on with.

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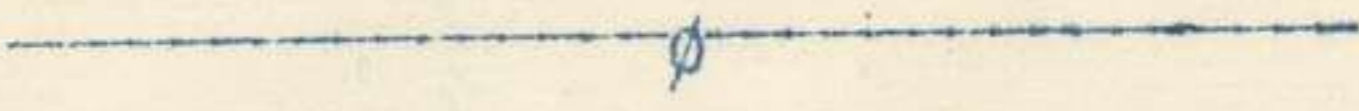
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INSTRUCTION NO.13 FOR THE ATTACK.

- (1). The 66th Division will hand over that portion of the Line between the present Southern Divisional Boundary and the YPRES - ROULERS Railway (the new boundary) to the 2nd.Aust. Division on the night 6th/7th. October.
- (2). Consequent on the above transfer of front, the point of junction between the 49th and 66th Divisions will be D.10.c.65.50. (BERLIN WOOD inclusive to 66th Division), and the Northern Boundary will run as shewn on the map (issued only to 66th Div. "G", Art. Groups and Art. Liaison Officers).
- (3). From 8 a.m. 7th October, Group Zones will be re-adjusted as per map issued with this Order, which also shews the present S.O.S.Line.
- (4). On the arrival into action of the 66th Divisional Artillery, they will be formed into 1 Group known as No.4 Group, and commanded by Lt-Col. RUDKIN.
- (5). Nos. 4 and 5 Groups will superimpose the whole Divisional Zone.
- (6). ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W. H. H. H.*

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INSTRUCTIONS No. 14.

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- (1) On "X" Day, at an hour to be notified later, a barrage will be put down in accordance with these Instructions and Barrage map attached. Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Groups will put down Barrage "A". 18-pdrs. of Nos. 4 & 5 Groups and the How. batteries of all Groups will put down barrage "B".
- (2) The relative distances between barrages "A" & "B" will be 200 yards. The lifts of the barrage will be 100 yards.
- (3) Barrage "A" will come down 150 yards from the Tape Line.
- (4) Rates of fire for "A" & "B" Barrages will be as follows :-
 

Zero to Zero plus 4 mins.	-	4 rds. per gun per min.
During the lifts to the Red Protector.	-	2 " " " "
Red Protector.	-	1 rd. per gun per min until Zero plus 102 min. and then 4 rds. per gun per min. for the last 4 mins.
During the lifts to the Blue Protector.	-	2 rds. per gun per min.
Blue Protector.	-	1 rd. per gun per min.
- (5) During the period of the Red Protector, Barrage "A" will remain on its Protective Line; the remaining barrages will search forward at 100 yard lifts every two minutes, commencing at Zero plus 60, for 1,500 yards, and will then jump back on to the Protective Lines, remaining on those lines until Zero plus 106, when all barrages will advance in front of the Infantry, as shown in the Barrage Map "B".

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- (6) On reaching the Blue Protector, the following procedure will be adapted :-

Barrage "A".

Will continue on its Protective Line until Zero plus 214. Zero plus 214 STOP.

Barrages "B", "D", "E".

These Barrages will continue on their Protective Lines until Zero plus 157.

At Zero plus 157 - commence advancing in lifts of 100 yds. every 3 mins until Zero plus 202, when they STOP.

At Zero plus 262 - Re-upon on their Protective lines, and make 15 lifts of 100 yards each in three mins. and then stop.

During period marked "STOP", guns may be used as required by Divisions, but will reform on their Protective Barrage Lines at S.O.S.

- (7). As the guns in Barrage "A" lift on to the RED and BLUE Protectors, Smoke Shell will be fired for a period of 5 minutes in each case, to indicate to the Infantry that the Protective Barrage is being formed.

- (8). 106 fuzes will be used as far as possible,

- (9). 18-pdrs. will use 50% shrapnel and 50% H.E..  
At least 50% of the shrapnel should be on graze.

- (10). On the evening of "X" Day, the following programme will be carried out :-

- 9.15 pm. to 9.30 pm. - Silent period. No fire except in case of enemy attack.
- 9.30 pm. to 9.36 pm. - Standing Barrage in depth from 200 yards to 1,000 yards beyond S.O.S.Line. Order of barrage "A", "B", "D", "E" (8" and 9.2" Hows.) E (60,pdrs.).
- 9.36 pm. to 9.41 pm. - Silent period.
- 9.41 pm. to 9.47 pm. - Standing barrage in depth from 1200 yards to 2000 yards beyond S.O.S.Lines. Order of barrage as above. (18-pdrs. to fire up to a range of 7000 yds. only.).

- (11) Distances between barrages 200 yards.

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(12). Rates of fire in rds. per gun per minute:-

18-pdrs. 2.  
4.5" Hows. 1 1/2.

(13). "Y" Day.

The barrage on the morning of "Y" Day will be at 4.45 am. and not at 5.30 a.m. as stated in para 10 of 3rd Aust.D.A. Instruction No.9.

(14). The barrage will be in the normal order from West to East, viz: "A", "B", "D", "E". (As many Counter Battery guns as possible will be employed.)

Barrage "A" on S.O.S.Lines.

Distances between barrages 150 yards.

Pace : 100 yards in three minutes.

Rate of fire : as for Army Preparatory barrage.

Barrage will creep straight forward; each barrage will make one jump back, before ceasing fire, as under :-

Barrage "A" - on to its Protective Barrage Line.  
Barrage "B" - do do do  
Barrage "D" ) - on to a line through Dump in E.7.c.-  
"E" ) GRUN - D.6.c.8.2. - GRAF WOOD -  
Dug-outs in D.5.b.central. - VINE  
COTTAGE - VAPOUR FARM.

CEASE FIRE : 18-pdrs. at Zero plus 33,  
other natures at Zero plus 51.

On conclusion of the barrage, guns will continue with their normal tasks.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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MAPS : Nos.1,2,3,4, & 5 Groups.  
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- Para. 5. - Erase "B"
- Para. 6. -
- "Barrage "A", - For "Zero plus 214"  
Read "Zero plus 230"
- "Barrage "B", "D" "E" -  
For "Zero plus 157"  
Read "Zero plus 173"
- For "Zero plus 202"  
Read "Zero plus 210"
- For "Zero plus 262"  
Read "Zero plus 278"

Para. 14. "Rate of Fire" -  
For "As for Army Preparatory"  
Barrage"

Read " 18-pdrs - 2rds per gun per min."  
"4.5" Hows - 1 rd per gun per min."

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Inner and  
 Outer Zones.  
 Dividing  
 Line.

After the Infantry have captured the BLUE Line, the enemy country will be divided into an inner and outer Zone for the purpose of zone calls and harassing fire. The dividing line between the inner and outer zones will be through V.30.central - E.1.central. - E.8.central.

The Divl. Artillery will be responsible West of this Line.

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INSTRUCTION No. 16. --  
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" X "

On / . . . Day at Zero plus 230 minutes, Nos. 1 and 2 Groups will cover the whole Divisional Zone.

The Dividing line between Groups will run from D.12.a.5.3. on the BLUE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE, to D.6.d.8.0.

At Zero plus 230 mins. Nos. 3, 4 & 5 Groups will be superimposed over the whole Divisional Zone, and will join "B" Barrage.

No. 5 Group will move forward as soon after Zero plus 230 mins as possible.

No. 3 Group will move as soon as possible to positions already chosen in D.21.a. and c.

Nos. 1, 2 & 4 Groups will await further orders, but must be prepared to move forward at short notice.

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INSTRUCTION No. 17. FOR THE ATTACK.

S.O.S. sent up by the Infantry before Zero Hour will only be answered up to Zero minus 10 minutes. After Zero minus 10 minutes there will be no firing on S.O.S. Lines and should an S.O.S. be in operation firing will cease at Zero minus 10 minutes on S.O.S. Lines.

The reason for this is that there may be no chance of the Infantry being confused with regard to the real Zero Hour.

Firing during the night "W/X" will be absolutely normal. There will be no increase or decrease in the volume of fire before Zero Hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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(SECRET)--- INSTRUCTION No.18. ---"Z" - "A" - "B" DAYS.1. "Z" DAY.

(a) At 5.0 a.m. there will be an Army Preparatory Barrage along the fronts of Xth, 1st and 2nd Anzac Corps.

(b) Details ~~xxx~~ will be the same as for the Army Preparatory Barrage on "Y" Day (3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instructions No.14 of the 7th Oct, 1917, except that Counter Battery guns will not be employed for the barrage.

(c) Rate of fire :-

18 Pdrs. - 1 round per gun per minute.  
Other natures in proportion.

(d) At 4.30 p.m. there will be a Corps Preparatory Barrage in accordance with Barrage Diagram attached.

Rate of fire:

18 Pdrs. - 1 round per gun per minute.  
Other natures in proportion.

2. "A" DAY. -

(a) Silent periods and bursts of fire will be carried out as follows:-

10. 0 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.	- Silent Period.
10.15 p.m. to 10.21 p.m.	- Burst of fire.
10.21 p.m. to 10.26 p.m.	- Silent Period.
10.26 p.m. to 10.32 p.m.	- Burst of fire.

(b) Details will be the same as for "X" Day (3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instruction No.14 of 7th Oct, 1917,

3. "B" DAY. ---

(a) Barrage in depth as on "Y" Day (3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instruction No.14, of 7th Oct, 1917,

(b) Zero Hour 5.15 a.m.

(c) Rate of fire -

18 Pdrs. - one round per gun per minute.  
Other natures in proportion.

(d) Each barrage will jump back on to its Protective line for three minutes before ceasing fire.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instruction No.18.

Paragraph 2 of such Instruction is cancelled.

Re Paragraph 3. -

18 Pdrs will cease fire at Zero plus  
15 minutes, other  
natures at Zero plus 24 minutes.

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## INSTRUCTION No. 19.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ATTACK - "A" DAY.

1. On "A" Day, at an hour to be notified later, 2nd Anzac Corps will resume operations (5th Phase.), in conjunction with the rest of the 2nd & 5th Armies.
2. 2nd Anzac Corps will attack with 2 Divisions; 3rd Australian Divn. on the Right; New Zealand Divn. on the Left.
3. The Objectives of the 3rd Australian Division are shown on the Barrage Map attached.  
The Divisional Boundaries are also shown on this map.  
A map showing Artillery Group Zones has been forwarded.  
Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Groups will cover the Zones as per Map issued.  
Nos. 3 and 5 Groups will superimpose over the whole Divisional Zone.  
The action of these Groups will be as laid down in paragraph 6 of 3rd Aust. Div. Art Operation Order-No.34.
4. Orders regarding Smoke Shell will be issued later.
5. Group Commanders will arrange an overlap of 50 yards at both ends of their Group Zones.
6. Liaison arrangements will be notified later
7. F.O.Os. - Each Group will have two F.C.Os., who will not, unless ordered, follow the Infantry, but will take up commanding positions from which they can send back useful information and communicate with their Groups.  
An F.O.O. may engage fleeting opportunities at any time after a protective barrage is formed and before the time table programme is proceeded with, but will not, without orders from 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Headquarters, engage targets or fleeting opportunities WEST of this line.
8. Two 6" Howitzer Batteries are being superimposed on the barrage and will be available for use of the G.C.C., Divsn, if required.
9. Previous instructions as to the answering of all Zone Calls by the superimposed Groups during the time table programme, and by all Groups after the time table programme is finished, will remain in force.
10. Attention is drawn to B.M./S/227/41 of 7th October, 1917, and Instruction 17, dated 8th October. - For "W/X" in Instruction 17 read "Z/A".

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11. 3 Days Rations should be at the guns on the night  
"Z"/"A" Day.
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1 Group Zone Map, & 1 Barrage Map to each Group.

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## --- INSTRUCTION No. 20. ---

1. On "A" Day, at an hour to be notified later, a barrage will be put down at Zero Hour in accordance with these Instructions and Barrage Map attached.
- Nos. 1, 2 & 4 Groups will put down "A" Barrage.
- The 18-Pdrs of Nos. 3 and 5 Groups and the Howitzer Batteries of all Groups will put down Barrage "B".
- The relative distance between Barrages "A" and "B" will be 200 yards.
- The lifts of the barrage will be 100 yards.
- Barrage "A" will come down 150 yards from the tape line.

2. Rates of fire for Barrages "A" will be as follows, other natures being in proportion:-

Zero to Zero plus 4.	- 2 rds per gun per minute.
Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 8.	- 4 rds per gun per minute.
During the advance of the Infantry to the Red Line.	- 2 rds per gun per minute.
During the Red Protector.	- 1 rd. per gun per minute. (see below)
During the advance of the Infantry to the Blue Line.	- 2 rds per gun per minute.
During the Blue Protector.	- 1 rd. per gun per minute. (See below)
During the advance of the Infantry to the Green Lines.	- 2 rds per gun per minute.
Green Protectors.	- 1 rd. per gun per minute. (See below)

3. During the Red Protector and Blue Protector, and the Green Dotted Protectors.

Barrages "A" and "B" will remain stationary on their Protective Lines, and will continue at the Protective rate of fire for 15 minutes, after which the rate will drop to Battery fire 30 seconds until four minutes from the time the Barrage is due to advance, when the rate will increase to four rounds per gun per minute.

During the Green Protector.

Barrages "A" and "B" will remain stationary on their Protective Lines and will continue at the Protective rate of fire for 30 minutes, after which the rate will drop to Battery fire 30 seconds for another 60 minutes, and then STOP.

4. As the Barrage "A" lifts on to the Red, Blue and Green Protectors, smoke shell will be fired for five minutes to indicate those lines to the Infantry.

5. A/portion of the Heavy Artillery will bombard PASSCHENDAELE from Zero Hour onwards, with due regard to the safety of the Infantry. This bombardment will be kept up during the period of the RED Protector, and, as far as safety permits, during the period of the BLUE Protector.

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Special attention will be paid to the following points:-

	Houses.	D.6.a.78.47.)	
Dugouts	& Houses.	D.6.a.85.10.)	Photo 21 B.
"	"	D.6.b.45.55.)	No.38.
"	"	D.6.b.35.15.)	

In each case these guns will reform on their barrage lines ten minutes before the Protector is timed to advance.

During the period of the Blue Protector, after Barrages "D" and "E" have ceased firing on their Protective Lines, the following points will be kept under fire by the Heavy Artillery, in addition to any required by Divisions, until ten minutes before the barrage is again timed to advance from the Blue Protective Line, when the guns which have been bombarding will reform on their barrage lines ready to advance:-

Strong Point	-	W.25.c.4.5.	) Photo 20 K. 2561.
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|          | 72.    | Lt-Col. Allsop. D.S.O.           |
|          | 73.    | 66th Div. Sigs.                  |
|          | 74.    | R.A. Sig. Ofcr.                  |
|          | 75.    | O.C., 3rd Aust. Div. Sigs.       |
|          | 76.    | 9th Inf. Bde.                    |
|          | 77.    | 10th Inf. Bde.                   |
|          | 78.    | 11th Inf. Bde.                   |
|          | 79.    | 21st Sqdm, R.F.C.                |
|          | 80.    | No.11 Balloon Coy.               |
|          | 81.    | Col. Walters, 77th H.A.          |
|          | 82.    | 867th Coy., 3rd aus. Div. Train. |
|          | 83.    | C.P.A.                           |
|          | 84.    | B.M., R.A.                       |
|          | 85.    | Recon. Ofcr.                     |

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B.M./S/227/56.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instruction No. 20.

Erase Paragraph 2 and insert the following:-

Rates of fire for Barrage "A" will be as follows, other natures being in proportion:-

Zero to Zero plus 4. - 4 rds per gun per min.  
Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 8 - 2 rds per gun per min.

During the advance of the Infantry to the Red Line. - 3 rds per gun per 2 mins.

During the Red Protector. - 1 rd. per gun per 2 mins. (see below)

During the advance of the Infantry to the Blue Line. - 3 rds per gun per 2 mins.

During the Blue Protector. - 1 rd. per gun per 2 mins. (see below)

During the advance of the Infantry to the Green Lines. - 2 rds per gun per min.

Green Protectors. - 1 rd. per gun per 2 mins. (see below)

Groups may increase the ratio of time shrapnel to H.E. in the earlier stage of the barrage so as to have enough H.E. to fire later on when at long ranges.

H.E. will be fired in the barrage going through PASSCHEM-DAMME.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W. A. Nicholls*

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

Headquarters,  
11.10.17.

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Distribution - Same as for Instrn. 20.  
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## APPENDIX.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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## INSTRUCTION No.21.

DISPOS-  
ITIONS.

The 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will attack on the right, and the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left, with the 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. in reserve.

Order of Battalions as usual - "A", "B", "C", "D".

"A" Battalion - RED LINE.

"B" Battalion - BLUE LINE.

"C" Battalion - GREEN LINE.

"D" Battalion - IN RESERVE.

(A) The positions chosen for Brigade Headquarters

POSITIONS are as follow :-

OF HEAD-  
QUARTERS.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. - D.26.a.7.5.

10th. " " " - D.21.a.65.35.

11th. " " " - D.26.a.7.5.

(b) The 4th. Aust. Division is operating on the right of the 3rd. Aust. Division.

The Brigade operating on the right of the 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is the 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

(c) The 2nd. New Zealand Inf. Bde. is operating on the left of the 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

SYNCHRON+  
ISATION  
of  
WATCHES.

A Staff Officer from 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters will call at MILL COTT (I.5.a.2.7.) at 7 p.m. on the 11th. instant.

Groups will please arrange for an Officer to be at MILL COTT (No.4 Group Headquarters) at that hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Headquarters,  
11.10.17.

Sgd. W. A. NICHOLLS.  
Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION - All Groups.

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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WARNING INSTRUCTION No. 22.  
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1. No. 5 Group are to be prepared to join in the "A" Barrage on No. 4 Group Zone going through PASSCHENDAELE. It will probably pick up the barrage somewhere about the BLUE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE.

Further Instructions are to be issued.

2. No. 3 Group will take part in the Barrage with their rearmost Brigades up to a range of 7,000 yards. This Brigade will then move forward. The Brigade of No. 3 Group already moved forward will join in the Barrage on No. 2 Group Zone, somewhere about the BLUE PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE.

Further Instructions will be issued later.

3. No. 4 Group will be prepared to advance at any time after completion of the programme, and will move as far forward as possible, covering their original Zone.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,  
11.10.17.

Sgd. W.A. NICHOLLS,  
Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION - Same as previous Instruction - No. 21.  
5 Groups, 2nd. Anzac R.A., Divn. "G".

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Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Warning  
Instruction No. 22.

Re Paragraph 1. - No. 5 Group will shoot in the "B"  
Barrage, on its moving  
off from the BLUE PROSPECTIVE  
BARRAGE LINE.

Re Paragraphs - These paragraphs hold good.  
2 and 3.

No further instructions will be issued.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. S. Williams*

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Div.

Headquarters,  
11.10.17.

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To. No. 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5 Art. Groups.  
2nd Anzac R.A.  
3rd Aust. Div. "A".

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## INSTRUCTION No. 23.

1. Liaison Officers will be detailed as follows :-

No. 1 Group	-	9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
" 2 "	-	10th. " " "
" 3 "	-	11th. " " "

Officers selected must not be below the rank of Captain, and will report to their respective Infantry Brigade Headquarters before 5 p.m. tonight. Names of Officers selected to be submitted to 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.

2. Map Locations of Headquarters of Infantry Brigades have already been forwarded to Groups.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Headquarters,  
11.10.17.

"Sgd" W.A.NICHOLLS,  
Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION - 1, 2, & 3 Groups.  
4 & 5 Groups (for information)  
3rd. Aus. Divn. "G".

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY  
INSTRUCTION NO.24.

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Ref. Map : Army Barrage Map "A" Day.

1. On account of the withdrawal from the line of the 48th Divl. Artillery, Groups will be re-named as follows, as from 6.30 a.m. 13th instant:-
  - No.4 Group will become No.3 Group.
  - No.5 Group will become No.4 Group.

Locations of Group Headquarters, when the above change has taken place, will be as follows :-

  - No.1 Group. - C.30.b.2.7.
  - No.2 Group. - D.25.a.94.15.
  - No.3 Group. - I.5.a.2.7.
  - No.4 Group. - D.13.d.central.
  
2. At the above hour Group Zones will be re-adjusted as follow:
  - No.1 Group. From the Divl. Boundary on the right to a straight line through D.11.c.5.1. and E.1.d.1.9.
  - No.2 Group. From a straight line through D.11.c.5.1. and E.1.d.1.9. to the Divl. boundary on the left.
  - No.3 Group. Will be superimposed on the No.1 Grp. Zone.
  - No.4 Group. do. do. do. No.2 do.
  
3. S.O.S. Lines will run as follows :-
  - Nos.1 & 2 Groups. Straight line from D.17.b.8.4. to D.11.a.00.25. (12 to 16 line of this morning's barrage.).
  - Nos.2 & 3 Groups. Straight line from D.18.a.20.55. to D.11.a.35.45.

Nos.1 and 2 Groups will carry out all harassing fire.  
Nos.3 & 4 Groups will not fire, except on S.O.S., and then only under instructions from this Office.
  
4. No further movement of batteries will take place without reference to this Office.

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5. Groups and Divl.Signals will please ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,  
12.10.1917.

*John I. I. I.*  
Major.  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION :

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2.	3rd Aust. Divn. "G".
3/14.	No.1. Group.
15/26.	No.2. "
27/38.	No.3. "
39/50.	No.4. "
51/62.	No.5. "
63.	New Zealand D.A.
64.	4th. Aust. D.A.
65.	48th Divl.Arty.
66.	3rd Divl.Arty.
67.	66th Divl.Arty.
68.	S.C.R.A., 3rd Aust.Divn.
69.	3rd Aust. B.A.C.
70.	R.Sig.Offcr.3rd.Aust.Divn.
71.	C.C.Sigs.,3rd Aust.Divn.
72.	9th.Aust.Inf.Bde.
73.	10th. " " "
74.	11th. " " "
75.	21st Squad. R.F.C.
76.	No.11 Balloon Coy.
77.	Col. WALTERS, 77th.H.A.
78.	867th.Edy.3rd.Aust.Div.Train.
79.	C.R.A.
80.	B.M.R.A.
81.	Rec. Offcr.
82.	FILE.
83/85.	WAR DIARY.



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## ----- INSTRUCTION No. 25. -----

Ref. Map:

ZONTEBEKE -  
28 N.E. 1/10,000.ARTILLERY POLICY.

The Artillery Policy from 17th October onwards until Attack Day (6) will be as follows:-

1. Observed destructive bombardment and wire cutting on all enemy strong points will be carried out by Heavy Artillery.
2. PASSCHENDAELE will be systematically bombarded for destruction by Heavy Artillery, and in addition will be kept under fire by night for the prevention of repair. Two Batteries will be detailed permanently by No. 2 Group to fire on PASSCHENDAELE by day and night.  
The village overlooks a great many of the Artillery positions, and it is essential that it is kept under fire to prevent enemy observation.
3. Vigorous Counter-Battery work will be continued and gas shelling of enemy Batteries carried out by night under instructions to be issued by the C.B.S.O.  
The 129th Howitzer Battery, R.F.A., and the 107th Howitzer Battery, A.F.A., are placed at the disposal of the C.B.S.O., who will issue instructions to them direct, for use in these gas shell bombardments. Each of these 4.5" Howitzer Batteries will maintain a dump of 200 rounds of gas shell at its position.
4. Arrangements will be made for gas shell bombardments of shell hole areas within the Divisional Area, details of which will be forwarded later.
5. Isolating and harassing fire on enemy approaches and back areas will be continued up to the daily allotment of ammunition.  
The boundary between the inner and outer Zones will be a line through V.29. central - D.6. central - E.7. central.  
The occupants of BELLEVUE SPUR will be isolated by keeping the line from V.28.c.8.2. to HAALLEN (D.11.b.0.5.) under fire. No. 4 Group will be responsible for the portion of this line from D.11.b.0.5. to the Divisional Boundary on the Left ( RIVER RAVEBEEK ).
6. Groups will arrange that personnel is rested as much as possible from now onwards
7. Scale of dumps to be formed at each gun position will be issued later.

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8. Arrangements will be made to protect ammunition from the weather. Bar Paulins have already been issued, and Indents should be submitted for "Baby Elephants", corrugated iron, etc. repaired,
9. Directly roads have been every advantage must be taken of fine days to fill dumps to the authorised amount, and to move batteries where necessary.
10. For four days previous to Attack Day (6) there will be two barrages in depth put down daily on the Corps front. Detailed orders for these barrages will be issued in due course.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*W. A. Nicholls*

Headquarters,  
14.10.17.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust Divn.

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2.	Divn "G"
3.	C.D.S.O., 2nd Anzac.
4/15.	No. 1 Group.
16/27.	No. 2 Group.
28/39.	No. 3 Group.
40/51.	No. 4 Group.
52.	N.Z., B. Art.
53.	4th Aus. D.A.
54.	3rd D. Art.
55.	66th D. Art.
56.	S.C., 3rd Aus. D.A.
57.	3rd Aus. D.A.C.
58.	R.A. Sig. Ofcr, 3rd Aus. D.
59.	C.C., Sigs, 3rd Aus. D.
60.	9th Aus. Inf, Bde.
61.	10th Inf. Bde.
62.	11th Aus. Inf. Bde.
63.	21st Sqdn, R.F.C.
64.	No. 11 Balloon Coy.
65.	Col. Walters, 77th I.A.
66.	867th Coy, 3rd Aus. Div. Train.
67.	C.R.A.
68.	B. Mjr, R.A.
69.	R. Ofcr.
70/72.	War Diary.
73.	FILE.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.OPERATION ORDER No.32.

Ref Maps:

28 N.W. & 28 N.E.  
1/20,000.

1.

RELIEFS.

The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the New Zealand Divisional Artillery in positions in C.30.c. and d. and I.6.a. & b., by day, on the 30th instant, and will cover No.2 Group Zone.

Reliefs will be carried out in two parts (i.e. by half-Batteries), the first part to be completed before 9 a.m., and the remainder by 6 p.m.

O.Ps. and arrangements for watching the front will be taken over by 6 p.m.

The 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will relieve the 1st New Zealand Brigade.

The 8th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will relieve the 3rd New Zealand Brigade.

Guns, sights, ~~and equipment~~ will be left in situ by the New Zealand Divisional Artillery, and will be handed over to the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

2.

GROUP  
COMMAND.

Lieut-Col. H.D.K.MACARTNEY will assume command of No.2 Group (Headquarters - I.8.d.1.8.) on completion of reliefs, time to be settled between Group Commanders concerned. Completion of reliefs and time of taking over will be reported to 3rd Divisional Artillery (Headquarters I.8.d.1.8.)

3.

CONVEYANCES.

Motor Lorries to convey half the personnel of each Battery going to the gun line will report to the Battery Wagon Lines at 7 a.m., 30th instant, and Motor Lorries to convey the remaining half of the personnel will report to the Wagon Lines at 1 p.m., 30th instant. Artly

Batteries will send guides to 3rd Aust. Divsl/Headquarters at 6.30 a.m., 30th instant, and 12.30 p.m. 30th instant, respectively, to guide these motor lorries to the Battery Wagon Lines.

4.

EXCHANGE OF  
EQUIPMENT.

Brigades will hand over all guns, ~~carriages~~ <sup>and</sup> sights, ~~and gun stores~~ to the New Zealand Divsl Artillery. These guns, etc., will be taken to the 3rd D.A.C. Headquarters - G.22.d.2.5. - by 9 a.m., 30th instant, where the New Zealand Artillery will take them over.

A representative from each Battery will attend to hand over and obtain receipt for all guns, carriages, stores and equipment handed over.

5.

COMMAND OF  
DUMPS,  
ETC.

O.C., 3rd Aust. D. A. C. will report to Col. HUGHES at G.10.central, at 9 a.m. on the 30th instant, and will take over all dumps, and arrangements for the supply of ammunition. He will arrange to relieve any New Zealand personnel at present working at the dumps by 6 p.m., 30th instant.

O.C., 3rd Aust. D. A. C. will work in conjunction

with/

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5. with Col.HUGHES, but will not definitely take over respon-  
(cont.) sibility for the supply of ammunition until further orders  
have been issued.

6.  
WAGON 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery will move Wagon Lines  
LINES. tomorrow 30th instant, move to be completed before dark.  
Wagon Line Advance Parties will meet Staff Captain, 3rd  
Aust. Divl. Artillery at H.3.d.O.C. at 10 a.m. on 30th instant.  
The Staff Captain will then allot Wagon Lines.

7½  
TRENCH 3rd Aust.Divl. Trench Mortars will remain in their present  
MORTARS. billets until further orders. They will hand over all Heavy  
Trench Mortars, and 6" Newton Trench Mortars to the 5th.Aust.  
Divl. Trench Mortars

8.  
COMMAND. The C.R.A., 3rd.Australian Division will take over  
command of Right Divisional Artillery from the C.R.A. 3rd  
Division at 10 a.m. on the 1st proximo.

9.  
3rd. The Office of 3rd.D.A.H.Q. will close at REMINGHELST at  
D.A.H.Q. 10 a.m. 1st proximo, and will re-open at I.8.d.l.8. for  
operations and Intelligence, and at H.7.c.60.40. for adminis-  
tration.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters.

*(W.A. Nicholls)*

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION.

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2/6. 7th.A.F.A. Brigade.  
7/11. 8th.A.F.A. Brigade.  
12. New Zealand Div. Arty.  
13. 9th. Divl. Artillery.  
14. 64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.  
15. 3rd. Aust. D. A. C.  
16. 3rd. D. A. C.  
17. 9th. D. A. C.  
18. 867th. A.S.C. (Att. 3rd Aust. Divn.)  
19. 3rd Aust. R.A. Sig. Officer.  
20. O.C. Sigs, 3rd Aust. Division.  
21. 3rd. Aust. D.P.M.O.  
22. S.C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn.  
23/5. WAR DIARY.  
26. FILE.

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29.9.1917. by D.R.

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*Headquarters*

3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 53.

With reference to 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artly Instruction No. 7.

(1)

RELIEF.

The personnel of the 48th Divsl Artly will arrive in motor lorries at MENIN GATE, YPRES, at 8 a.m. on the 6/10/17.

(2)

The O.C., No. 3 Group will have guides waiting at the above-mentioned place in order to conduct the personnel to the Battery positions.

The 240th Brigade, 48th Divsl Artly, will take over from the 51st Brigade, 9th Divsl Artly.

The 241st Brigade, 48th Divsl Artly will take over from the 51st Brigade.

(2)

COMMAND.

LtCol. RUDKIN, R.F.A. will command No. 3 Group (to consist of 48th Divsl Artly), and will take over command from Lt.-Col. G.A.S. CAPE, R.F.A.

Command to pass at 12 noon on the 6/10/17.

(3)

The following will be handed over "in situ" -

- Guns, Gun Carriages, Dial Sights,
- Sight Clinometers, Telescopic Sights,
- Aiming Posts.

(4)

MOVE FORWARD.

The 48th Divsl Artly will move to forward positions under orders from the O.C., No. 3 Group, on the 7th instant.

Move will take place by Sections and will be completed before 6 p.m., 7/10/17.

(5)

AMMUNITION.

The dumping of ammunition in these forward positions must be started as soon as possible.

(6)

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters.

*W.A. Nicholls*

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

Issued at 4.30 p.m.  
5.10.17.

Distribution on back.

## 3rd Aust. Div. Artly Operation Order No. 34.

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

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	2.	R.A., 2nd Annac.
3	14.	Bo.1 Art. Group.
15	26.	No. 2 Art. Group.
27	38.	No. 3 Art. Group.
39	50.	No.4 Art. Group.
	51.	New Z. Divsl Art.
	52.	2nd Aust. D. Art.
	53.	42nd Bgdo, 3rd Imp D.A.
	54.	S.C., 3rd Imp. D.Art.
	55.	S.C., 3rd Aust. D.A.
	56.	3rd Aust. D.A.C.
	57.	9th Imp. D.A.C.
	58.	64th Bgde. Ann. Column.
	59.	3rd Aust. Div. Sigs.
	60.	3rd Aust. Div Art. Sig Ofcr.
	61.	9th Aust. Infy Bgdo.
	62.	10th Aust. Inf Bgdo.
	63.	11th Aust. Infy. Bgdo.
	64.	21st Sqdn. R. F. C.
	65.	No.11 Balloon Coy.
	66.	Lt-Col. Walters, 72nd H.A.
	67.	Lt-Col- Allcop, D.S.O.
	68.	9th D.A.
	69.	48th Div. Art.
	70.	C.R.A.
	71.	Rec. Ofcr.
	72.	B. Mjr.
	73.	3rd Aust. Div. Train.
	74.	66th Div. Art.
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## 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.34.  
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Ref. Map : ZONNEBEKE, 28.N.E. Edition 7A, 1/10,000.

(1)

## INTENTION.

In conjunction with 2nd Australian Division on the Right and 49th Division on the left, 66th Division will attack on "X" Day. 197th Inf. Bde. on the Right, 198th Inf. Bde. on the Left, 199th Inf. Bde. Divl. Reserve.

All troops to be in position by Zero minus 60 mins on W/X Night; the two attacking Brigades relieving the 199th Inf. Bde. in the Line. The 199th Inf. Bde. assembling in the present support position.

Zero Hour will be notified later.

(2)

## BOUNDARIES.

On the Right the YPRES - ROULERS Railway exclusive to 66th Division.

On the Left D.10.c.7.5. - D.10.b.55.00. - the RAVEBEEK.

(3)

## OBJECTIVES.

(a). First Objective. (RED LINE) D.17.b.63.37. D.17.b.35.75. HEINE HOUSE inclusive, AUGUSTUS WOOD inclusive, WATERFIELDS inclusive; D.10.b.60.05.

(b). Final Objective. (BLUE LINE) D.18.b.05.85. VIENNA COT inclusive; D.12.a.45.00; D.12.a.30.20; D.12.a.0.4.; HAALLEN COPSE inclusive; D.11.a.9.9.

(c) Posts will be established approximately 100 yards in front of the final Objective (BLUE LINE.).

(4)

## BRIGADE

## DIVIDING LINE.

16.  
Road junction at D. b.60.65. inclusive to 197th Inf. Bde. Group of dug-outs about the 'TUS' of AUGUSTUS inclusive to 197th Inf. Bde. DECK WOOD inclusive to 198th Inf. Bde.

197th Inf. Bde. will direct. 198th Inf. Bde. will be prepared to fill any gap on their Right caused by the 197th Bde. having to extend their front to keep on the YPRES - ROULERS Railway.

(5)

## DIVL. &amp;

## ARTILLERY GROUP

## BOUNDARIES.

Are as shown on Map already issued.

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- (6)  
SUPERIMPOSED GROUPS. Nos. 4 & 5 Groups will be superimposed over the whole Divisional Zone, and will, if necessary, receive special orders to thicken the barrage on enemy strong points where required. These Groups will also be available to be withdrawn for special purposes, and will answer all NF, LL, & GF Calls, special care being taken that the answering of these Calls will not endanger our own troops. These Groups will each have a Wireless Mast at their Group Headquarters, and with the Batteries. Group Commanders are however, responsible that the Batteries have received any Calls sent through.
- (7)  
INFANTRY JUMPING-OFF LINE. As marked on Barrage Map.
- (8)  
INNERMOST BARRAGE. Will be 150 yards in front of the Infantry Jumping-off Line, and is marked on the Barrage Map.
- (9).  
BARRAGE. The Barrage will advance as shown on the Barrage Maps issued. Fuller instructions will be issued later.
- (10).  
SMOKE SHELL. Every 18-pdr. gun of the first barrage lines will, as it reaches the lines given hereunder, fire smoke shell to mark it's arrival on that line :-  

RED Protective Barrage Line.  
BLUE " " " "
- (11).  
OVERLAP IN BARRAGE. Group Commanders will arrange an overlap of 50 yards at both ends of their Group Zones.
- (12).  
RATES OF FIRE. To be issued later.
- (13).  
PROPORTION OF AMMUNITION. To be issued later.
- (14)  
RESTING OF GUNS. Group Commanders must arrange to rest individual guns during periods when fire is stationary. The question of Reliefs and of resting personnel whenever possible must be carefully considered.



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(15)  
 LIAISON Lt-Col. J.R. COLVILLE D.S.O., R.F.A., will act as  
 ARRANGEMENTS R.A. Liaison Officer with the 197th Infantry Bde.  
 & F.O.Os. Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP D.S.O. will act as R.A. Liaison  
 Officer with the 198th Infantry Brigade.  
 They will report before dark on the day before  
 "Attack Day."

One Heavy Artillery Group Commander will be at  
 Divisional Headquarters on the day of attack.

Each Group, except No.4., will have one F.O.O., who  
 will be in position before Zero Hour, and go forward  
 as follows :-

From Nos. 1 & 2 Groups.

With D Battn., 197th Inf. Bde.

From Nos. 3 & 5 Groups.

With D Battn., 198th Inf. Bde.

F.O.Os. will also take forward LUCAS LAMPS & PIGEONS.  
 Necessary Signal personnel will be supplied by Groups.  
 Complete reliefs for these parties (personnel and  
 signalling stores) will be collected together in a  
 convenient place, and will at once replace any casualties  
 in the forward parties.

These F.O.Os. will communicate directly with their  
 Groups, who will transmit any important information  
 obtained by them to 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery H.Q.,  
 at once.

In addition to the above all Groups will supply one  
 Officer who will occupy, as soon as possible, a good  
 forward O.P. and open visual signalling with Group H.Qrs.

These Officers may engage fleeting opportunities at  
 any time after the protective barrage on the final  
 objective is established, but will not, without orders  
 from 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q., engage targets or fleeting  
 opportunities WEST of this Line.

(16)  
 S.O.S. LINES Will be BLUE protective Barrage Line unless altered by  
 AFTER 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.  
 ATTACK. No 4.5" Howitzer will fire closer than 200 yards  
 from the 18-pdr. S.O.S. Line.

(17)  
 FORWARD No forward move of Batteries will take place without  
 MOVE OF reference to 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.  
 BATTERIES. ~~3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery will be ready to move at  
 short notice, and teams will move up at Zero Hour  
 within close proximity to the guns.~~

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(18).  
 RECONNOIT- Groups will reconnoitre for forward positions in  
 RING OF the following Squares :-  
 FORWARD  
 POSITIONS. No.2. & No.1. - First to move forward - D.16.a.& b.  
 No.3. & No.4. - Last " " " " - D.16.c.& d.  
 respectively.  
 respectively.

All must be prepared to advance the night following the day of attack.

(19)  
 HEAVY ARTY. Two 6" How. Batteries are being superimposed on the  
 AVAILABLE barrage, and will be available for use of the  
 FOR G.O.C. Division, if wanted.  
 DIVL.COMMDR'S  
 USE.

(20)  
 GUNS IN For the attack all guns will be used, and Group  
 ACTION. Commanders will do their utmost to be up to strength  
 in guns on the day of attack.

(21)  
 ZONE CALLS. N.F.Calls will be  
 answered by No.5 Group Field Artillery, each Battery  
 being allotted it's own Zone.

Attention is also directed to para 7. of this Order.

LL and GF Calls will be answered by all guns avail-  
 able up to the extreme limit of the arcs and range.  
 If other important work is being carried out, only  
 one Section will be taken for these Calls.

20 rds. per 18-pdr.) - Will be fired as rapidly as  
 10 rds. per 4.5" How) - possible on receipt of these  
 Calls.

(22)  
 O.P's. Groups will establish two forward O.Ps. as soon  
 as possible.

(23).  
 PROTECTION OF Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance  
 AMMUNITION. of protecting the ammunition from the weather.

(24)  
 CO-OPERATION The 21st Squadron R.F.C. and No.11 Balloon Coy.  
 WITH R.F.C. R.F.C. have been detailed to work with 2nd Anzac Corps.  
 Groups requiring any targets registered will get  
 into touch with the above.

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- (25)  
RATIONS & WATER.      Arrangements will be made to have 3 days rations and water at the gun positions by the evening of "X" Day, for use on "Y", "Z", and the following day.
- (26)  
NIGHT.      For tactical purposes Night will be taken to be from 7 p.m to 6 a.m.
- (27).  
NOMENCLATURE OF DAYS.      Days prior to the attack will be known as "U", "V", "W", "X", etc. - "U" day being 6th October, 1917.
- (28)  
SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.      A Staff Officer from 3rd Aust. D. A. H. Q. will visit Groups to synchronise watches. Time of this Officer's arrival will be notified to Groups.
- (29)  
REPORTS.      Reports to Advanced 3rd Aust. D. A. H. Q. at MENIN GATE. (I.S.d.l.S.)
- (30)  
DAY OF ATTACK.      The day of attack has been notified separately to all concerned.
- (31)      ACKNOWLEDGE.- By wire.

*W. A. Nicholls*

Headquarters.

Major, R.A.,  
 B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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39/50.	No.4 Art Group.		
51/62.	No.5 Art	76.	21st Sqdrn R.F.C.
63.	N.Z. Div. Art.	77.	11th Balloon Coy.
64.	2nd Aust. D.A.	78.	Lt-Col Walters.
65.	48th Div Art.		77th H.A.
66.	S.C., R.A. 3rd Aus. Div.	79.	867th Coy, 3rd Aus.
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## 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO.35.  
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1. Orders have been received from 2nd Anzac for the withdrawal from the line of the 48th Divl. Artillery on the 13th inst. Arrangements will be as follow :-  
  
The 240th Brigade will pull out of action and move to its Wagon Lines at any time after 6.30 a.m. on the 13th inst.  
  
The 241st Brigade will hand over all the guns they have 'in situ', in D.21.c., to personnel of the 66th Divl Artillery.  
  
This Relief will be completed by 9 a.m. on the 13th Oct.  
  
Guns, Sights, Aiming Posts, only will be handed over.
2. As the actual number of guns which will be in these forward positions at the time of handing over is doubtful, Os.C. Nos. 3 and 4 Groups will arrange their orders for the relief by mutual agreement.  
  
An equal number of guns to those handed over to the 66th Divl. Artillery will be withdrawn from action from their positions about D.25.central., and will be taken by teams of the 66th Divl. Artillery to the Wagon Lines of the 48th Divl. Arty., by 6 p.m. on the 13th inst.
3. A statement will be sent, as soon as possible, to 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q., by the O.C., No.4. Group as to the exact number of guns taken over in the forward position in D.21.c. and as to those remaining in positions about D.25.central.
4. Should the guns of the 7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades, which are under repair behind the line, and are to be handed over to 66th Division, not reach the 66th Divl. Artillery by 6 p.m. on the 15th inst., the O.C. No.2 Group will arrange to hand over to the 66th Divl. Artillery the exact number of guns originally taken over from them.
5. A copy of 2nd Anzac Corps Order No.14 dated 11th inst., has been sent to O.C. No.4. Group.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,  
12.10.1917.

*W. H. Nicholls*  
Major R.A.  
E.M., R., 3rd Aust. Divn.

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| 17.        | No.4.Group.                    |
| 18.        | No.5.Group.                    |
| 19.        | New Zealand D.A.               |
| 20.        | 4th Aust.D.A.                  |
| 21.        | 48th. Divl.Arty.               |
| 22.        | 3rd Divl.Arty.                 |
| 23.        | 66th. Divl.Arty.               |
| 24.        | S.C.R.A., 3rd Aust.Divn.       |
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| 26.        | R.A.Sig.Offcr. 3rd Aust.Div.   |
| 27.        | O.C. Sigs. 3rd Aust.Divn.      |
| 28.        | 9th.Aust.Inf.Brigade.          |
| 29.        | 10th " " "                     |
| 30.        | 11th " " "                     |
| 31.        | 21st Squadron R.F.C.           |
| 32.        | No.11 Balloon Coy.             |
| 33.        | Col. WALTERS. 77th.H.A.        |
| 34.        | 867th.Coy. 3rd Aust.Div.Train. |
| 35.        | C.R.A.                         |
| 36.        | B.M.R.A.                       |
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| 38.        | WIFE.                          |
| 39/41.     | WAR DIARY.                     |

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## 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 36.

1. Under orders from R.A., 2nd Anzac, the two Field Artillery Brigades of the 3rd Imperial Divisional Artillery will be relieved by the two Field Artillery Brigades of the 4th Canadian Divisional Artillery, on the 16th October.
2. Guns stripped, and sights, will be taken over in "Situ" and personnel only will be relieved.
3. Arrangements for the relief are as follow:-  
 Brigade Commanders, Battery Commanders and Staff, and detachments for one Section per Battery of the 4th Canadian Divisional Artillery, will arrive at the MENIN GATE, YPRES, at 9 a.m. on the 16th instant, the remaining personnel arriving at the same place at 2 p.m. on that date.  
 O.C., No. 1 Group will arrange for Guides to be at MENIN GATE to meet these advance parties at 9 a.m. on the 16th October, and other Guides to meet the remainder of the personnel relieving at 2 p.m. on the 16th instant.  
 Lieut-Col. MAIR, D.S.O., 40th Brigade, R.F.A., will hand over the command of No. 1 Group to COL. S. STEWARD, 4th Canadian Brigade, at 6 p.m. on the 16th instant.  
 The 42nd R.F.A. Brigade will hand over to the 4th Canadian Brigade.  
 The 40th Brigade, R.F.A., will hand over to the 3rd Canadian Brigade.  
 Brigades of the 3rd Imperial Division will arrange to fetch the guns of the 3rd and 4th Canadian Brigades from the 4th Canadian Divsl Artillery Wagon Lines at 2 p.m. on the 16th October. - locations to be obtained from the Advance Party.
4. On relief, the 3rd Imperial Divisional Artillery will move to wagon lines, and will march to WINNEZEELE area on the 17th October, via SWITCH ROAD - WATOU.
5. Advance parties will report to the Area Commandant, WATOU, on the 16th October.
6. On the 19th October, the 3rd Imperial Divisional Artillery will continue its march to EECKE.
7. Advance parties will report to Area Commandant, EECKE, on the 18th October. March will be completed by 12 noon.
8. Rations will be drawn under present arrangements for the 20th October.

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- 9. Brigades will march with full echelons, but D.A.C. and Sub-Park will march empty, as arranged with 3rd Army "Q".
- 10. A marching out state will be rendered to R.A., 2nd Anzac Corps on the evening of the 18th October.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W.R. Nicholls*

Headquarters. Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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|                 | 16/27. | No. 2 Group.                    |
|                 | 28/39. | No. 3 Group.                    |
|                 | 40/51. | No. 4 Group.                    |
|                 | 52.    | New Z. D.Art.                   |
|                 | 53.    | 4th Aust. D.Art.                |
|                 | 54.    | 3rd Div. Art.                   |
|                 | 55.    | 66th Div. Art.                  |
|                 | 56.    | 4th Canadian D. Art.            |
|                 | 57.    | Staff Captain, 3rd Aus. D.A.    |
|                 | 58.    | 3rd Aust. D. A. C.              |
|                 | 59.    | R.A. Sig. Ofcr.                 |
|                 | 60.    | O.C., Sigs, 3rd Aus. Div.       |
|                 | 61.    | 9th Aus. Inf. Bde.              |
|                 | 62.    | 10th Aus. Inf. Bde.             |
|                 | 63.    | 11th Aus. Inf. Bde.             |
|                 | 64.    | 21st Sq. R.F.c.                 |
|                 | 65.    | No. 11 Balloon Coy.             |
|                 | 66.    | Col. Walters, 77th H.A.         |
|                 | 67.    | 867th Coy, 3rd Aus. Div. Train. |
|                 | 68.    | C.R.A.                          |
|                 | 69.    | B.Mjr, R.A.                     |
|                 | 70.    | R. Ofcr.                        |
|                 | 71/73. | War Diary.                      |
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Reference Map -- Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20000 (Edition 6 A.)  
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Reference 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery O.C. No. 36.  
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1. AMMUNITION. Marching-In States of 4th Canadian Divisional Artillery, and Marching-Out States of 3rd Imperial Divisional Artillery, will be furnished to reach this Office not later than 6 p.m. on 16th instant.
- 3rd Imperial D.A.C. will march empty. Any ammunition at present in D.A.C. Echelon will be left behind with rear party at Wagon Lines; and will be handed over to 4th Canadian Divisional D.A.C., marching in on 17th inst.
2. AREA STORES. All area stores, tents, shelters, etc., at present on charge to 3rd Divisional Artillery will be left behind with rear party at Wagon Lines, to be handed over to 3rd Advance Party of 3rd Canadian Divisional Artillery, marching in on 17th instant.  
Receipts will be obtained.
3. AMMUNITION DUMPS. 4th Canadian Divisional Artillery will relieve personnel of 3rd Imperial Divisional Artillery as follows, by 4 p.m. 16th instant:-

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
"A" Dump - H.12.a.50.60.	1	-	45
"B" " Oxford Road - I.5.a.30.70.	1	2	20
VANCOUVER Dump - H.8.d.70.20.	1	1	15

4th Canadian D.A.C. will ration the personnel as above.

Headquarters,  
15-10-17.

*T. W. J. ...*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain R.A.,  
3rd Australian Division.

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2nd Anzac, R.A.  
3rd Australian Division "Q".  
3rd Imperial Divsl. Artly.  
3rd Imperial D.A.C.  
4th Canadian Divisional Artly.  
3rd Canadian Divisional Artly.  
B.M. 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artly.  
R.C. 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artly.  
C. C. "B" Dump.  
66th Divisional Artillery.



## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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B.M./S/227/6.

To,  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.The following is an extract from 2nd. Anzac Corps  
Order No. 87:-

"The front South of the YPRES ) ROULERS Railway will be transferred from 2nd. Anzac (3rd. Australian Division) to 1st. Anzac (2nd. Australian Division) on the night October 1st/2nd."

This relief takes place at 3 a.m. 2.10.1917.

On completion of this relief, the Divisional Boundaries will run as shown on Provisional Barrage Map for the Attack, but Artillery Group Zones will not be altered until 6 a.m. as ordered.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,  
1.10.17.

*Atchouley Lt*  
Maj. Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

*Handwritten:* War Diary

ARTILLERY.

B.M./8/227/0.

To. Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Artly Groups.

Herewith diagram for barrage, tomorrow, "Q" Day. - The barrage will open at 6.15 a.m. The line marked "start" on the attached diagram will, for the purpose of this barrage, be the present "S.O.S." line.

Amunition to be used - 50% shrapnel, 50% H.E.  
Rate of fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute  
10-Pdr. - 1 round per gun per minute 4.5" Howitzers.

A report on the barrage and on the enemy's retaliation is required.

As No. 4 Group will, at the time of opening of this barrage be superimposing the whole ~~of~~ <sup>Divisional</sup> zone, they will take part in the "B" barrage only and no guns will be detailed by Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Groups for the "B" barrage. All guns of these Groups will be in the "A" barrage.

Acknowledge by RHO.

Headquarters.  
1.10.17.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., B.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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B.M./S/227/9.

To

Nos. 2 & 3 Arty. Groups.  
2nd, Anzac Heavy Arty.

The following 4.5" Howitzer Batteries will be placed at the disposal of the Counter Battery Staff Officer, 2nd. Anzac H.A., for the purpose of carrying out Gas Bombardments:-

No. 2 Group.	-	130th. How. Bty.	location	I.6.d.5.9.
No. 3 "	-	D/50 Bty. R.F.A.	"	J.1.a.10.15.

Arrangements will be made to dump 400 rounds of Gas Shell at each of the above battery positions immediately. The nature of the Gas Shell has been notified by the C.B.S.O.

Necessary arrangements will be made by 2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery through the medium of the respective Groups.

Headquarters,  
2. 10. 17.

Sgd. W. A. NICHOLLS.  
Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M./S/227/10.

To, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Arty. Groups.

The daily allotment of ammunition is at present 120 rounds per 18 pdr.

As a certain number of guns are invariably out of action, the amount of ammunition saved by these guns being out of action should be sufficient to enable Groups to carry out the two barrages a day ordered, and to leave over enough for the strafing of approaches.

Groups will please arrange that harassing fire is continuous day and night.

Headquarters,  
2. 10. 17.

*A. H. Chouley*  
*Lieut.*  
For Major R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

B.M./S/227/12.

To,  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.  
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aus. D.A.

All Groups will have 1,200 rounds per 18 pdr. and  
1,000 rounds per 4.5" How. dumped.

64th. Army Brigade, R.F.A. will hand over its  
wireless set and the mast to the 42nd. Brigade, 3rd. Divl. Arty.  
forthwith.

Headquarters,  
2. 10. 17.

*Atchouley*  
*for*

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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*Ward*3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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B.M./S/227/19.To.  
2nd Anzac Corps Heavy Artly.  
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Herewith map showing enemy wire and strong points, which, it is considered, are likely to give trouble to our attacking troops.

May these targets be bombarded please and receive special attention during heavy Artillery barrages.

*W. J. Nicholls*Headquarters.  
2.10.17.Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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B.M./S/227/22.

To  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.  
2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Reference Map - GRAVENSTAFEL : 1/10,000., marked  
"A.1." - issued under this Office No. B.M./S/227/18, dated  
2nd. inst. -

This method has been devised for the purpose of  
dealing effectively with enemy counter attacks with the  
minimum delay, the area marked being, from information  
received, the most probable places for the enemy to  
concentrate.

It, however, must be borne in mind that another  
method of reporting (from the air) enemy troops massing  
already exists, and the attached extract from General Staff  
Circular No. 14, issued by the 3rd. Australian Division,  
will explain this.

Headquarters,  
3. 10. 17.

Major R. A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

*with 5/257/22*

Contact Aeroplanes have been fitted with Wireless, and there will be a Wireless Receiving Station at the Headquarters of the Reserve Brigade (D.26.c.1.3.)

In addition to the Code Messages laid down on page 71 of S.S.135, the following Code will be used. :-

- " Enemy collecting at -----". Succession of Q's.
- " Enemy advancing from-----". " " R's.
- " More than a Battalion". LN.
- " Less than a Battalion". SN.

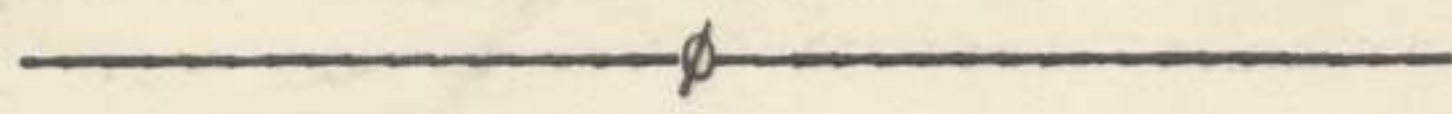
Messages will be preceded by Squadron Call F.P., thus -

" Enemy collecting at B.6.a., more than a Battalion" would read

FFFPQQQB6aLN.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.



B.M./S/227/23.

To, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.

Groups will make all necessary arrangements for the relief of F.O.Os. at times they think most convenient.

Headquarters,  
3. 10. 17.

*Alchouley*  
*— Lt*  
for Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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B.M./S/227/26.

To

Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Groups.  
No. 4 Group (for information).

12 Pigeons are available for F.O.Os. of 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery. These have been allotted as follows :-

No. 1 Group	-	4
2 "	-	4
3 "	-	4.

F.O.Os. may collect these birds and necessary assault baskets from the Pigeon Re-filling Point, BAVARIA HOUSE, at C.30.c.65.35.

Headquarters,  
3. 10. 17.

*A. H. Chouley*  
Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

## APPENDIX.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

B.M./S/227/28.

To  
 Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.  
 3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".  
 9th., 10., & 11th., Aust. Inf. Bdes.

RATE & METHOD OF FIRE DURING S.O.S. ACTION.

1st. 5 mins.	-	3 rds. per gun per minute.
2nd. 5 mins.	-	2 " " " " "
Subsequently	-	1 rd. " " " "

Barrage will open for first 5 minutes on S.O.S. lines.

Next 5 minutes, 50% of the barrage will jump forward 100 yards and remain there for 5 minutes, sweeping.

The 50% will then jump forward another 100 yards and remain there for 5 minutes, sweeping.

The 50% will then jump back to the original S.O.S. line.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,  
 3.10.17.

Sgd. W. A. NICHOLLS,  
 Major R.A.  
 B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

B.M./S/227/29.

To

Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.  
3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".

FORWARD MOVEMENT OF BATTERIES.

The following localities have been allotted to Groups for the forward move of their Batteries:-

No. 1 Group.

64th. Army Bde. - D.15.b.

This Brigade will probably remain silent until required for the attack.

40th. Brigade. - Just South of Railway in D.16.a. or d.

This Brigade must not extend further South than the track marked on Map (at present non-existent) running from St. JOSEPH INST to ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT.

No. 2 Group.

VAMPIRE & POTSDAM vicinity D.26.a. expending either side of the Road, or across the valley near Bremen Redoubt. This Group must ~~not~~ get forward as far as possible without going into the boggy ground.

No. 3 Group. - Northern edge of the WINDMILL RIDGE - D.21.a.

Note :- The 66th. Divl. Arty. will also be in action in D.21.c., and arrangements must be made between the Officer Commanding 66th. Divsl. Group, and O.C. No. 3 Group.

No. 4 Group. - The Position already prepared in D.26.a. & b. between the Road and the Railway.

66th. Divl. Arty. - SOUTHERN slopes of WINDMILL RIDGE, D.21.a.b.c. & d. This Divsl. Arty. may extend over the Railway as far as a line 200 yards South and parallel to it.

NOTE. No. 3 Group will also be taking up positions under this Ridge, and O.C. 66th. Divl. Group and O.C. No.3 Group will make arrangements as to positions to be occupied.

As soon as possible after the BLUE LINE has been ~~captured~~ established, Groups will reconnoitre these positions and start packing ammunition to these forward positions.

Help will be given to Groups as far as labour is available, but Groups must use all spare men and Trench Mortar men they may have available to make tracks to these positions.

( Over. )

Probable move forward will be in the following order:-

No. 4 Group. - To move in afternoon or evening of Attack Day.

No. 2 Group. - One Brigade "T" day, and one Brigade "U" day.

No. 1 Group. - One Brigade "T" Day, - 64th. Army Brigade will probably move last.

No. 3 Group. - One Brigade "U" day, one brigade "V" day. 66th. Div. Arty. "W" day.

Groups Commanders will reconnoitre for Forward Group Headquarters.

Headquarters, 3.10.17.

B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

*at Headquarters*

Group must get forward as far as possible without going into the boggy ground.

NOTE: - The 66th. Div. Arty. will also be in action in D.1.1.e.

NOTE: - The 66th. Div. Arty. will also be in action in D.1.1.e., and arrangements must be made between the Officer Commanding 66th. Div. Arty. and G.C. No. 3 Group.

NOTE: - The position already prepared in D.1.1.e. & b. between the Road and the Railway.

NOTE: - The 66th. Div. Arty. will also be in action in D.1.1.e. & b. over the Railway as far as a line 200 yards South and parallel to it.

NOTE: - No. 3 Group will also be taking up positions under this Ridge, and G.C. 66th. Div. Arty. and G.C. No. 3 Group will make arrangements as to positions to be occupied.

As soon as possible after the BLUE LINE has been established, Groups will reconnoitre these positions and start packing ammunition to these forward positions.

Help will be given to Groups as far as labour is available but Groups must use all spare men and French mortar men they may have available to make tracks to these positions.

(Over)

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SECRET.

B.M./S/227/34.

To,  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.  
3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".

Harassing Fire will be carried out by Divisional Artilleries up tea line running through D.5., D.12., & E.13 central. 40 rds. per 18 Pdrs., and 20 rounds per 4.5" How. will be fired during the night.

No 2 Group will arrange to keep a section of 18 Pdrs. on the Eastern edge of the Cemetery in D.17.a.70.23.

No. 1 Group will pay special attention to enfilading the Road from DEFT CROSSING (D.17.b.35.27.) to PASSCHENDAELE, and the Railway Line running East from DEFT CROSSING. At least 1 How. in addition to the 18 Pdrs. will be used to enfilade the Road and the Railway.

All harassing fire will be carried out to as great a depth as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,  
4. 10. 17.

*At Cholera*  
*for* Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

SECRET.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M./S/227/35.

To  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Groups.  
3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".

FORWARD MOVES OF BATTERIES .No. 2 Group.

No. 2 Group must make arrangements to have the move of its Brigades completed by 6 p.m. 5th. October 1917.

No. 1 Group.

No. 1 Group will move a Brigade up in D.26.b. by 6 p.m. 5th. October, 1917.  
64th. Army Brigade will occupy its positions near ABRAHAM HEIGHTS in D.15.b. by 6 p.m. 5th. Oct. 1917.

No. 3 Group.

No. 3 Group will immediately send any spare men it can to prepare its new positions in D.21.c. & d.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,  
4. 10. 17.

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn,

(COPY.)

SECRET.66th. Divn.  
G.2.To  
E C.R.A.

Orders have been issued today regarding change from  
SUMMER TIME at 1.00 a.m., October 7th.

The above-mentioned will report by wire 9 a.m. October  
7th., that all clocks and watches in possession of the formations  
and units under their command have been put back one hour.

In view of operations, it is most important that this  
change is effected without any chance of mistake.

Sgd. S.T.LUCEY, CAPTAIN.  
General Staff,  
66th. Divsn.

D.H.Q.  
6.10.17.

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B.M./S/227/37.

To,  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 5 Groups.  
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery.  
3rd. Aust. D.A.C.

Forwarded for your information and necessary action.  
Report to be rendered to this Office by 8 a.m. 7th. inst. that  
watches have been put back.

Headquarters,  
6. 10. 17.

Sgd. W.A. NICHOLLS.  
Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.



## APPENDIX.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.B.M./S/227/41.

To  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Groups.

re F. O. Os.

In recent operations it has been noticed that the messages received from F.O.Os. are in many cases so vague as to be of little use.

Whilst allowing for the peculiar circumstances under which these messages are sent, it must be pointed out to F.O.Os. that unless their messages are as clear and complete as possible, many of the advantages given by his commanding position are wasted.

The following points should receive special attention :-

1. Messages must be specific, clear and <sup>con</sup>cise, but yet should contain all information which might be useful.
2. The time the message is sent must be stated, also location of sender.
3. When reporting enemy massing for counter attacks, an approximate idea of his numbers should be given as well as his locality.
4. Where the information being sent is not first hand, its source, or the degree of reliability which can be placed upon it, should be stated.
5. Where possible, alternative methods of sending important messages should be used.
6. Negative information is often of the greatest value.

*Jm Irwin*

Headquarters,  
7th. October 1917.

*for*

Major R. A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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(SECRET)

B.M./8/227/50.

WARNING ORDER.

The next Attack Day will be "A" Day.

Groups must arrange to have 1,000 rounds per gun at least at the gun positions by the evening of "Z" Day.

Further orders are being issued.

*Handwritten signature*

Headquarters.  
10.10.17.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn.

Distribution:

No. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Groups.  
Staff Captain, 3rd Aust. Div. Art.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SECRET.

B.M./S/227/52.

To

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Groups.  
New Zealand Divisional Artillery  
2nd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

The 66th. Division (less Artillery, Pioneer Battalion, Royal Engineers and Medical Units) will be relieved in the line on the night 10/11th. October by the 3rd. Australian Division.

Command will pass from G.O.C. 66th. Division to G.O.C. 3rd. Australian Division at 10 a.m. 11th. Oct. 1917.

Headquarters,  
10. 10. 17.

*Al Chouley Hunt*  
for Major R. A.  
for B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SECRET.

B.M./S/227/53.

To  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Groups.

TABLE OF AMMUNITION. (Harassing fire)

Daily Expenditure (rounds per gun) of ammunition for 24 hours from midday to midday for 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. will be as follows :-

18 Pdrs.	-	80 rounds.
4.5" Hows.	-	70 rounds.

Please acknowledge.

Headquarters,  
10.10.17.

*at Chouley*  
*for* Major R.A.  
H.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SECRET.

B.M./S/227/59.

To  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Groups.

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The following is a list of probable assembly places of the enemy NORTH and SOUTH of YPRES - ROULERS Railway :-

North of YPRES + ROULERS Railway.

- (a) Wooded gullies due North of PASSCHENDAELE.  
V.24.b. W.19.a.
- (b) Woods in CALVE GULLY. W.20.c. & d.
- (c) Woods in E.2.b. & d.
- (d) Woods from W.21.c. to W.21.central.

South of YPRES - ROULERS Railway.

MOORSLEDE.- from which place the enemy proceeds in North-Easterly direction to about E.8.b.4.9., another place of assembly.

Headquarters,  
11. 10. 17.

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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-- WARNING ORDER -- (B.M./S/227/60).

1. The following will be the policy for the forward move of Batteries within the next week:-
2. No Batteries are to be WEST of a NORTH and SOUTH LINE RUNNING through DOSTIN FARM.
3. The 66th Divsl Artillery are placing the whole of its guns about D.21.c. and D.7.a. and b.
4. The 3rd Divsl Artillery will probably remain in its present positions.
5. The 64th Army P. A. Brigade will remain where it is at present in action.
6. The 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery will, when roads are available, move up into Square D.16. with one Brigade; the other Brigade will probably be in Square 21 WEST of HILL 40.
7. The Divsl Engineers are proposing to prepare a road up to Square 16, and to complete the road WEST and underneath of HILL 40.
8. A Daily State is to be rendered by all Groups by 9 O'clock each morning, to the Brigade Major, 3rd Aust. Div. Art; this State to show any changes in positions ( co-ordinates to be given) from the previous 24 hours.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*W. A. Nicholls*  
 Major, R.A.,  
 B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Headquarters,  
 13.10.17.

DISTRIBUTION:

- Copy No.
1. 2nd Anzac R.A.
  2. 3rd Aus. Div. "G".
  - 3/14. No. 1 Group.
  - 15/26. No. 2 Group.
  - 27/38. No. 3 Group.
  - 39/50. No. 4 Group.
  51. New Z. Div. Art.
  52. 4th Aus. D.A.
  53. 3rd Div. Art.
  54. 66th Div. Art.
  55. S.C., 3rd Aus. D. A.
  56. 3rd Aus. D.A.C.
  57. R.A. Sigs. Ofcr, 3rd Aus. Div.
  58. O.C., Sigs, 3rd Aus. Div.
  59. 9th Aus. Infy. Bde.
  60. 10th Aus. Inf. Bde.
  61. 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.
  62. 21st Sq. R.F.C.
  63. No. 11 Balloon Coy.
  64. Col. Walters, 77th H.A.
  65. 867th Coy, 3rd Aus. Div. Train.
66. C.R.A. - 37. B.M., R.A., - 68. R. Ofcr. - 69 FILE - 70/72 WAR DIARY.

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Service.	Date.....
.....		At.....m.				From.....
.....		To.....				By.....
.....		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Groups.

\* Sender's Number. **N 175.** Day of Month. **10th.** In reply to Number. **AAA**

Although the S.O.S. Line for "A" Barrage is now the Blue Protective Line, F.O.O's have power to turn on their Groups to any Hostile Counter Attack seen between the Blue and the Red Protective Barrage lines,

From  
Place **3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery.**  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person telegraph in his name. **Major.**

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
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B.M./S/~~227~~ 254.

To  
No 4 Arty. Group.

From 10 a.m. October 2nd., the 2nd. Army "S.O.S."

Signal will be taken into use, viz:-

Rifle Grenade Signal, Parachute, 3 Lights, Red over  
Green over Yellow.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,  
3. 10. 17.

*A. H. Chouley*

Lieut.  
for Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.



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## 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.L./D/49.

To.  
Nos. 1, 2, 3 4 & 5 Art. Groups.

The Battle Headquarters of the Infantry Brigades  
of the 66th Division are located as follows:-

197th Infy. Bde.	-	SPRINGFIELD. D.22.a.65.80.
198th Infy. Bde.	-	LEVI COTTAGE. D.21.a.65.43.
199th Infy. Bde.	-	POTSDAM. D.26.c.40.60.

(Sgd) W.A.NICHOLLS.  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aus. Divsn.

Headquarters.  
8.10.17.

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No.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	AWARD.	Date of Recommn.
	Lieut.	HARRISON I.K.	8th.Bde.	M. C.	30.9.17.
	2/Lieut,	MONEY R.A.	7th.Bde.	M. C.	30.9.17.
29307	Gunner	KIRTON B.C.	7th.Bde.	Bar to M.M.	30.9.17.
25851	Gunner	NICHOLS J.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	30.9.17.
22269	Driver	WHITEHEAD H.J.W.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	30.9.17.
	Major.	ROWE S.G.	7th.Bde.	D.S.O.	1.10.17.
24381	Driver)				
	a/Cpl.)	BERRIMAN V.	D.A.C.	D.C.M.	1.10.17.
24448	Q.M.S.	ALLEN T.W.	D.A.C.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Lt-Col.	DERHAM F.P.	D.S.O.D.A.C.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Major.	McPHERSON R.V.S.	8th.Bde.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Capt.	GUNN A.D.	8th.Bde.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Lieut.	O'ROURKE J.F.	D.A.C.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Capt.	HAMMOND. G.J.	7th.Bde.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Major.	IRWIN J.M.	D.A.H.Q.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Lt-Col.	MACARTNEY H.D.K.	7th.Bde.	D.S.O.	1.10.17.
	Major	TAYLOR H.B.	7th.Bde.	D.S.O.	1.10.17.
	Major.	SANDFORD A.B.	8th.Bde.	Mention.	1.10.17.
	Major	CHURCHUS W.	8th.Bde.	D.S.O.	1.10.17.
18416	W.O.				
	(1stCl)	SNOWDON G.	7th.Bde.	M. C.	1.10.17.
18746	Corpl.	SHIELDS A.J.I.	7th.Bde.	Mention.	1.10.17.
21941	Sergt.	DUGGAN D.J.	8th.Bde.	M.S.M.	1.10.17.
1107	Sergt.	McMAHON L.P.	D.H.Q.	)Mention.	1.10.17.
	(Gas NCO)		att.7th.Bde)		
	Lieut.	RICHARDSON N.D.	8th.Bde.	M. C.	4.10.17.
	Lieut.	WATSON K.D.	7th.Bde.	M. C.	5.10.17.
	2/Lieut.	FRAZER R.V.	7th.Bde.	M. C.	5.10.17.
22160	Gunner	WOOLFORD J.C.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	17.10.17.
18514	Bombdr.	McLEOD H.F.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	14.10.17.
19036	Gunner	ABIGAIL T.G.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	14.10.17.
19903	Bombdr.	RICHARDS R.D.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	12.10.17.
22959	Gunner.	ROBERTS E.J.S.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	5.10.17.
12266	Private	WILLIAMS H.G.			
		(10th.Aust.F.Amb.	Att.7th.Bde)	M. M.	6.10.17.
887	Bombdr.	SANDERS C.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	6.10.17.
29054	Gunner.	CROWLEY B.H.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	6.10.17.
30224	Gunner.	GRAINGER N.B.	7th.Bde.	M. M.	6.10.17.
20061	Gunner.	ATKINSON G.A.P.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	6.10.17.
	Major.	JAMES T.B.W.	7th.Bde.	D.S.O.	16.10.17.
20149	Gunner.	STEVENS. C.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	14.10.17.
20749	Gunner.	ELWORTHY F.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	14.10.17.
	2/Lieut.	KING C.B.	8th.Bde.	M. C.	11.10.17.
20754	Gunner.	SMITH E.H.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	11.10.17.
20994	Gunner.	PATERSON J.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	11.10.17.
19968	Gunner.	COCKBURN M.F.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	9.10.17.
19961	Gunner.	BYRNE A.E.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	9.10.17.
19825	Gunner,	SEYMOUR B.	<del>XXXXXXX.</del>		
			8th.Bde.	M. M.	11.10.17.
20199	Gunner.	SENNETT H.P.	8th.Bde.	M. M.	11.10.17.
2085	Farr.Sgt.	CLARKE J.T.	D.A.C.	M. M.	17.10.17.

## APPENDIX.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

D.A./24/90.

## REFERENCE INSTRUCTION No. 7 FOR THE ATTACK.

Ref.Map Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20,000.

1. WAGON LINES 48th. Divisional Artillery will occupy Wagon Lines of 9th. Divl. Artillery on 6th. inst. Guides from 9th. Divisional Artillery Wagon Lines will meet advanced Wagon Lines Parties of 48th. Divisional Artillery at 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery Rear Headquarters (H.7.c.5.4.) at 9 a.m. on 6th. inst.
2. AMMUNITION 9th. Divisional Artillery will move with Echelons full. Echelons can be filled at VANCOUVER DUMP for 18 Pdrs., and "A" DUMP (H.12.b.5.6.) for 4.5" Hows.
3. DUMPS. 48th. Divisional Artillery will relieve personnel of the 9th. Divisional Artillery at present working on dumps by noon 6th. inst. All personnel at Dumps will be rationed by the 48th. D.A.C. for the 8th. instant and onwards.
4. AREA STORES. All Trench and Area Stores will be handed over to incoming units, and receipts obtained for same.
5. STATES. 9th. Divisional Artillery will render Marching Out States (as per 11 ANZAC Q.2852/1/3) direct to 11 Anzac Corps R.A. by 8 p.m. 6th. inst., copy to be sent to 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters for information.

Marching-in and Marching-out States of Ammunition will be forwarded by 48th. & 9th. Divisional Artilleries respectively, to reach this Office by 6 p.m. on 6th. inst.

*H.S. Swain*

Headquarters,  
5. 10. 17.

Captain.  
Staff Captain.R.A.  
3rd. Australian Division.

DISTRIBUTION :-

48th. Divisional Artillery.  
9th. Divisional Artillery.  
50th. Bde. 9th. D.A.  
51st. Bde. do  
9th. D.A.C.  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty. "G" (for information)

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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DA/24/97

Reference 11 A.N.Z.A.C. R.A. Corps Order No.14.

1. 48th. Divisional Artillery will be withdrawn from action on 13th. instant under orders of C.R.A. 3rd. Australian Division, and will proceed to join 1st. Army on 14th. instant.

Personnel of 48th. Divisional Artillery at present working on dumps will be relieved by 12 noon on 12th. inst. as follows :-

"A" Dump - 17 O.R. will be withdrawn and not relieved.

"B" do - 31 O.R. by 66th. D.A.C.

MOAT FARM Dump - Will be withdrawn and not relieved.

VANCOUVER Dump - 1 Off. and 12 O.R. will be withdrawn and not relieved.

ORILLA Dump - 1 N.C.O. & 4 men by 1 N.C.O. and 4 men of 66th. D.A.C.

RATIONS.

Commencing from 13th. inst., all personnel, of Divisional Artilleries working on Dumps will be rationed by their own D.A.C.'s. Supplementary Indents will be submitted for rations for consumption on the 13th. inst., and double issue for 13th. & 14th. delivered on 13th. inst.

AMMUNITION.

48th. Divisional Artillery may fill 18 Pdr. Battery Echelons, if required, at VANCOUVER DUMP, - 4.5" How. at "A" Dump.

D.A.C. will march out empty.

STATES.

Marching-out States of Ammunition and Guns will be forwarded to reach this Office by 9 a.m., 13th. inst.

Headquarters,  
11. 10. 17.

*H/S Small*  
Captain.  
Staff Captain R.A.  
3rd. Australian Division.

DISTRIBUTION.

48th. Divisional Artillery.  
3rd. Imperial D.A.C.  
66th. D.A.C.  
3rd. Aust. D.A.C.  
O.C. "B" Dump.  
O.C. Vancouver Dump.  
O.C. Moat Farm Dump.

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D.A./4/406.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION No.1.AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

The present system of Ammunition supply is as follows:-

Boxed Ammunition is conveyed by Lorry to Dump located at H.12.b.5.6., known as "A" Dump. Ammunition is there unboxed, re-loaded into Lorry, taken up and dumped on the side of the North & South Road C.28.b.2.5. to I.5.a.3.7. known as Dump "B".

Dump "B" is divided equally into two parts, the Southern half being allotted to the 3rd. Australian Division.

Sub-Groups will draw by pack animals from Southern portion of Dump "B", 250 rounds per 18 Pdr<sup>gun</sup> and 120 rds. per 4.5" How. during the times allotted as below:-

No.1 Sub-Group - 12 noon to 4 p.m. - 12 midnight to 4 a.m.  
 No.2 do - 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, - 8 a.m. to 12 noon.  
 No.3 & 4 do - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.

These times must be strictly adhered to, and it is absolutely essential that ammunition is not allowed to accumulate at Southern portion of Dump "B".

If this Dump breaks down, Sub-Groups will draw by Wagons from rear Dumps as follows :-

Nos. 1 & 2 Sub-Groups. - VANCOUVER DUMP - H.8.d.52.  
 Nos. 3 & 4 do - MOAT FARM DUMP - H.17.c.8.2.

R.E.MATERIAL

Batteries will submit by Orderly, indents for R.E. material to 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery Rear Headquarters by 4 p.m. each day. These indents will then be counter-signed by C.R.E., and returned by the same Orderly.

This does not apply to urgent indents.

CAMOUFLAGE?

The Corps Camouflage Officer is situated at VLAMERTINGHE, and Batteries will deal direct with him.

*H. S. Smith*

Headquarters,  
1st. October 17.

Captain.  
Staff Captain R.A.  
3rd Australian Division.

SECRET.

D.A./4/407.

To  
 Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 Sub-Groups.  
 Advanced 3rd. D.A.H.Q. (for information).

The following extracts from 11 ANZAC Corps Administrative Instruction No. 18 are forwarded for your information.

"A supply of Spare gun parts and technical Artillery Stores is carried by Divisional Ammunition Columns. Batteries should not indent for such stores, but should obtain them through the Ammunition Columns, who should put forward Indents through the Ordnance Officer of the formation to replace any articles issued or required to complete equipment of Batteries.

The primary function of the Ordnance Workshops is to deal with Guns. Their locations are as follows :-

No. 5 Heavy Ordnance Mobile Workshop	-	L.3.b.4.5.
No. 8 Medium do do	-	L.24.c.2.9.
Nos. 10 & 56 Light do do	-	L.10.a.3.5.

The overhauled repair of Guns will have priority in these Workshops, and repairs to vehicles should, as far as possible be carried out within Formations by the Artificers of the Divisional Train and of the D.A.C.

Repairs to Guns, Vehicles etc. - When an article is damaged beyond repair by the Unit's Artificers, the Unit concerned will send it accompanied by particulars in writing signed by an Officer to the Ordnance Mobile Workshop. If the repairs cannot be carried out there, the article will be sent to the Base and a new one demanded by the Unit to replace. Before demanding a new Gun, carriage, mounting, or other valuable article (such as Dial Sights and Binoculars) the certificate of the I.O.M. should be obtained condemning the article as being beyond repair in his Workshops. This certificate should invariably accompany the indent.

There is no Gun Park in Second Army. A Special Train arrives daily from the Base at OUDERDOM Station, Sheet 28, G.30.b.2.9. between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Units will be notified when there is a Gun or Howitzer on the train for them, and will ensure that necessary fatigue Party with tackle, teams, &c. is there to unload the guns and take them to the Workshop for examination before issue. Ordinary Stores salvaged or returned for other reasons will not be sent to OUDERDOM, but to Supply Railhead of UNIT.

Field Guns and Howitzers will not be inspected by I.O.Ms. in Battery positions. If they cannot be repaired by the Battery Artificers they should be sent at once to Ordnance Workshops.

When Guns and Carriages are sent to Workshops, Sights, Tools and Accessories should accompany them; also personnel as follows:-

Field Gun & Howitzer - Brigade Artificer with Gun or Guns of the Brigade, when he can be spared. Battery Fitter with gun of his Battery. One limber gunner with each gun.

Headquarters,  
 1st. October 1917.

*H.B. Smith*

Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 3rd. Australian Division.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.



To

7th. & 8th. A.F.A Brigades.  
3rd. D.A.C.  
3rd. D.T.M.O.

1. Reinforcements.

All reinforcements for 3rd, Australian Divisional Artillery will be sent from STEENWERCK to 8th. F.A. Brigade Headquarters (S.30.c.2.8.) who will wire this Office immediately on their arrival. 8th. F.A. Brigade will then be notified of allotment to Units, and will arrange for their despatch, duplicate nominal rolls showing distribution to be forwarded to this Office.

2. Leave Trains.

Trains leave STEENWERCK daily for :-

ENGLAND	1.30 p.m.
PARIS	7.40 a.m.

Personnel will report half an hour before departure of train.

3. Wagon Lines.

It is specially desired that while this Divisional Artillery is occupying its present Wagon Lines, work should be done to improve Standings and Camps.

4. R.E. Material.

Brigades and D.A.C. will arrange to collect all Battery Indents for R.E. material, and forward same to this Office by midday D.R.

7th. F.A. Brigade will detail an Officer to take charge of the construction of Wagon Line Standings - B.l.b.2.6.- already partly built. Indents for material required for this work will be submitted to this Office by 25th. instant. Instructions as to Working Parties from 7th. & 8th. Brigades to be placed at the disposal of this Officer will follow when R.E. material is available.

5. D.A.D.O.S.

3rd. Aust. Divisional Artillery is now attached Ordnance Officer, VIIIth. Corps Troops, - Location, Sheet 36, G.5.b.central.

Headquarters,  
24.10.17.

Sgd. T. MORELL.  
Captain.  
Staff Captain, R.A.  
3rd. Australian Division.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

LOCATIONS.

Code.	Unit.	Group Commdr.	LOCATION.	Wagon Lines.
JSD	HEADQUARTERS 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.	Brig-Gen. H.W.GRIMWADE, C.M.G.	I.8.d.1.8.	
	<u>No. 1 GROUP.</u>			
	Headquarters	Lt-Col.G.T.MAIR,	I.8.d.1.8.	
A/MAROON	6th. R.F.A.	D.S.O.	I.6.b.47.95. )	H.10.c.
B/MAROON	23rd. RFA.		I.6.b.8.6. )	
C/MAROON	49th. RFA.	(40th. Bde. 3rd.	I.6.b.6.8. )	
D/MAROON	130th. RFA.	Divn. Arty.)	I.6.d.5.9. )	
A/AFFECTION	A/64th.AFA.	Army	I.6.a.8.2. )	H.10.a.
B/AFFECTION	B/64th.AFA.	(64th. Bde,	I.6.b.7.4. )	
C/AFFECTION	C/64th.AFA.	RFA.	I.6.b.7.5. )	
D/AFFECTION	D/64th.AFA.		I.6.a.5.9. )	
	<u>No. 2 GROUP.</u>			
JSH	Headquarters	Lt-Col.H.D.K. MACARTNEY.	I.5.a.2.7.-MILL COTT.	
JSG	25th.		I.6.b.25.95. )	H.8.b.
JSJ	26th.	(3rd. Aust. D.A.)	I.6.b.10.65. )	
JSM	27th.		I.6.b.2.4. )	
JSO	107th.		I.6.d.30.85. )	
JSF	29th.		I.6.a.98.85. )	H.10.b.
JSK	30th.		C.30.c.90.05. )	
JSP	31st.		C.30.c.75.30. )	
JSW	108th.		I.6.d.05.99 )	
	<u>No. 3 GROUP.</u>			
	Headquarters.	Lt-Col. G.A.S. CAPE.	I.8.d.1.8.	
A/KILL	A/50th.RFA.		I.6.d.8.8. )	H.15.d.
B/KILL	B/50th.RFA.		I.6.d.6.6. )	
C/KILL	C/50th.RFA.		I.6.d.85.40. )	
D/KILL	D/50th.RFA.		J.1.a.10.15. )	
		(9th.D.A.)		
A/KILLER	A/51st.		C.30.c.5.7. )	H.15.d.
B/KILLER	B/51st.		C.30.c.5.5. )	
C/KILLER	C/51st.		C.30.c.7.9. )	
D/KILLER	D/51st.		C.30.c.4.5. )	
	<u>No. 4 GROUP.</u>			
	Headquarters	Major NEWLAND D.S.O.	I.8.d.1.8.	
A/MARVEL	29th.RFA.		I.5.d.7.2. )	H.9.d.
B/MARVEL	41st.RFA.	(42nd.Bde.)3rd.	I.5.a.9.1. )	
C/MARVEL	45th.RFA.	Div. Arty.)	I.5.d.8.3. )	
D/MARVEL	129th.RFA.		I.5.d.5.0. )	
MANX	3rd. D.A.C.		G.16.b.2.9.	
KIDD	9th. D.A.C.		G.10.d.central.	
JINKS	42nd.D.A.C.		G.17.a.9.4.	
JSN	3rd. Aust.D.A.C.		H.9.b.1.8.	
	3rd. Aust.D.A.H.Q.	Admin/ve H.C.	BRANDHOEK.	

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VANCOUVER DUMP	H.8.d.7.2.
MOAT FARM DUMP	H.17.c.8.2.
MILL COTT DUMP	I.5.a.5.8.

FIGHTING HEADQUARTERS OF INFANTRY BRIGADES.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.26.c.1.4.
10th. " " "	D.25.b.60.88.
11th. " " "	D.26.a.7.5.

Head quarters,  
2. 10. 1917.

*Althou Bey.*

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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APPENDIX

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

As at 6 p.m.  
6.10.17.

LOCATIONS.

Ref. Map Sheet 28 N.W.)  
Sheet 28 N.E.) 1/20,000

Code.	Unit.	Group Commander.	LOCATION	Wagon Lines.
JSD	HEADQUARTERS 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.	Brig-Gen. E.W. GRIFFWADE, C.M.G.	I.8.d.1.8.	
<u>No. 1 GROUP.</u>				
	Headquarters	Lt-Col. G.F. MAIR, D.S.O.	I.8.d.1.8.	
A/MAROON	6th. RFA.		D.27.a.10.00	) H.10.c.
B/MAROON	23rd. RFA.		D.26.b.95.15.	
C/MAROON	49th. RFA.	(40th. Bde. 3rd. Div. Arty.)	D.26.b.85.20.	
D/MAROON	130th. RFA.		D.26.b.2.2.	
A/MARVEL	29th. RFA.		D.26.a.95.32.	) H.9.d.
B/MARVEL	41st. RFA.	(42nd. Bde. 3rd. Div. Arty.)	D.26.a.7.6.	
C/MARVEL	45th. RFA.		D.26.b.05.60.	
D/MARVEL	129th. RFA.		D.26.b.3.3.	
<u>No. 2 GROUP.</u>				
JSE	Headquarters	Lt-Col. H.D.K. McCARTNEY.	I.5.a.1.7.	
JSG	25th.		D.25.b.70.62.	) H.8.b.
JSJ	26th. (3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.)		D.25.b.70.48.	
JSM	27th.		D.26.b.48.30.	
JSO	107th. (No. 2 Group C.P. D.23.c.10.10.)		D.26.a.10.40.	
JSE	29th.		D.26.a.30.52.	) H.10.b.
JSK	30th.		D.25.b.95.72.	
JSL	31st.		D.25.b.70.32.	
JSW	108th.		D.26.a.20.70.	
<u>No. 3 GROUP.</u>				
PENCIL	Headquarters	Lt-Col. RUDKIN	I.8.d.1.8.	) H.15.d.
A/PENCIL	A/240th. RFA.		I.6.d.8.8.	
B/PENCIL	B/240th. RFA.		I.6.d.6.6.	
C/PENCIL	C/240th. RFA.		I.6.d.85.40.	
D/PENCIL	D/240th. RFA.	(48th. D.A.)	J.1.a.10.15.	
A/PENNY	A/241st.		C.30.c.5.7.	) H.15.d.
B/PENNY	B/241st.		C.30.c.5.5.	
C/PENNY	C/241st.		C.30.c.7.9.	
D/PENNY	D/241st.		C.30.c.4.5.	
<u>No. 4 GROUP.</u> Does not yet exist.				
<u>No. 5 GROUP.</u>				
	Headquarters,	Lt-Col. BARTON D.S.O.	I.4.central.	
A/AFFECTION	A/64th. RFA.		I.6.a.8.2.	) H.10.a.
B/AFFECTION	B/64th. RFA.	(64th. Army Bde. R.F.A.)	I.6.b.7.4.	
C/AFFECTION	C/64th. RFA.		I.6.b.7.5.	
D/AFFECTION	D/64th. RFA.		I.6.a.5.9.	

SUNDRY POSITIONS.

JSC	8th. F.A.B. Headquarters, Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O.		H.9.b.6.6.
MANX	66th. D.A.C.		G.16.b.2.9.
KIDD	3rd. D.A.C.		G.10.d.central
JINKS	9th. D.A.C.		G.17.a.9.4.
JSN	42nd. D.A.C.		H.9.b.1.8.
	3rd. Aust. D.A.C.		

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LOCATIONS.Cont.

THE FURSER	JSD	3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. Admin/ve H/qrs.	H.7.c.6.4.
		VANCOUVER DUMP	H.8.d.7.2.
		MOAT FARM DUMP	H.17.c.8.2.
		MILL COTT DUMP ("B" Dump)	I.5.a.5.8.

FIGHTING HEADQUARTERS OF INFANTRY BRIGADES.

199th. Inf. Bde.	D.26.c.1.3.
197th. " "	D.26.a.7.5.
198th: " "	I.8.d.10.25.
Headquarters, 3rd. Australian. Division.	WINNEZEELE.

Headquarters,  
6th. October 1917.

*A. L. Chamberlain*

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

As at 6 p.m.  
7/10/17.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

Ref. Map Sheet 28 N.W.)  
Sheet 28 N.E.)  
1/20,000.)

All previous lists cancelled.

Code.	Unit	Group Commander	LOCATION.	Wagon Lines.
JSD	HEADQUARTERS 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.	Brig-Gon. H.W.GRIMWADE, C.M.G.	I.8.d.1.8.	
<u>No. 1 GROUP.</u>				
	Headquarters	Lt-Col. G.T. MAIR	C.30.b.2.7.	
A/MAROON	6th. RFA.	D.S.O.	D.27.a.10.00.	) H.10.c.
B/MAROON	23rd. RFA.		D.26.b.95.15.	
C/MAROON	49th. RFA.	(40th. Bde. 3rd.	D.26.b.85.20.	
D/MAROON	130th. RFA.	Div. Arty.)	D.26.b.2.2.	
A/MARVEL	29th. RFA.		D.26.a.95.32.	) H.9.d.
B/MARVEL	41st. RFA.	(42nd. Bde. 3rd.	D.26.a.7.6.	
C/MARVEL	45th. RFA.	Div. Arty.)	D.26.b.05.60.	
D/MARVEL	129th. RFA.		D.26.b.3.3.	
<u>No. 2 GROUP.</u>				
JSH	Headquarters	Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.	D.25.a.94.15.	
JSG	25th.		D.25.b.70.62.	) H.8.b.
JSJ	26th. (3rd. Aust. Div. Arty.)		D.25.b.70.48.	
JSM	27th.		D.26.b.48.30.	
JSO	107th.		D.26.a.10.40.	
	No. 2 Group	O.F.	D.23.c.10.10.	
JSP	29th.		D.26.a.30.52.	) H.10.b.
JSK	30th.		D.25.b.95.72.	
JSP	31st.		D.25.b.70.32.	
JSW	108th.		D.26.a.20.70.	
<u>No. 3 GROUP.</u>				
PENCIL	Headquarters	Lt-Col RUDKIN	I.8.d.1.3.	
A/PENCIL	A/240th. RFA.		I.6.d.8.8.	) H.15.d.
B/PENCIL	B/240th. RFA.		I.6.d.6.6.	
C/PENCIL	C/240th. RFA.		I.6.d.35.40.	
D/PENCIL	D/240th. RFA.		J.1.a.10.15.	
		(40th. D.A.)		
A/PENNY	A/241st.		C.30.c.5.7.	) H.15.d.
B/PENNY	B/241st.		C.30.c.5.5.	
C/PENNY	C/241st.		C.30.c.7.9.	
D/PENNY	D/241st.		C.30.c.4.5.	
<u>No. 4 GROUP.</u>				
ULCER	Headquarters	Lt-Col. J. LAIRD.	I.5.a.1.7.	
A/ULCER	A/330th.			
B/ULCER	E/330			
C/ULCER	C/330			
D/ULCER	D/330			
		(66th. D.A.)		Battery positions to be selected
A/UNPILE	A/331			
B/UNPILE	B/331			
C/UNPILE	C/331			
D/UNPILE	D/331			

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

Code.	Unit.	Group Commander.	LOCATION.	Wagon Lines.
	No. 5 GROUP.			
	Headquarters	Lt-Col. BARTON D.S.O.	I.4.central.	
A/AFFECTION	A/64th. RFA.	(64th. Army Bdo. R.F.A.)	I.6.a.8.2.	H.10.a.
B/AFFECTION	B/64th. RFA.		I.6.b.7.4.	
C/AFFECTION	C/64th. RFA.		I.6.b.7.5.	
D/AFFECTION	D/64th. RFA.		I.6.a.5.9.	
JSQ	8th. F.A.B. Headquarters, Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O.		H.9.b.6.6.	
UNION	66th. D.A.C.		---	
MANX	3rd. D.A.C.		G.16.b.2.9.	
KIDD	9th. D.A.C.		G.10.d.central.	
JINKS	42nd. D.A.C.		G.17.a.9.4.	
JSN	3rd. Aust. D.A.C.		H.9.b.1.8.	
THE PURSER	3rd. Aust. D. A. H. Q. Admin/ve		H/qrs. H.7.c.6.4.	
JSD	)			
	VANCOUVER	DUMP	H.8.d.7.2.	
	MOAT FARM	DUMP	H.17.c.8.2.	
	MILL COTT	DUMP	I.5.a.5.8.	

FIGHTING HEADQUARTERS OF INFANTRY BRIGADES.

199th. Inf. Bdo.	D.26.c.1.3.
197th. " "	D.26.a.7.5.
198th. " "	I.8.d.10.95.

Headquarters, 3rd. Australian  
Division. WINNEZEELE.

*A.H. Chouley*

Headquarters,  
7th. October 1917.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY .

LOCATION STATEMENT.

SECRET.

As at 6 p.m.  
13/10/17.

Ref. Maps Sheet 28 N.W. & Sheet 28 N.E.  
1/20,000.

All previous lists cancelled.

Code.	Unit.	Group Commander.	LOCATION.	Wagon Lines.
JSD	HEADQUARTERS 3rd, Austrn. Divl. Arty.	Brig-Gon. H.W.GRIMWADE, C.M.G.	I.8.d.1.8.	
	<u>No. 1 GROUP.</u>			
	Headquarters	Lt-Col. G.T.MAIR	C.30.b.2.7.	
A/MAROON	6th. RFA.	D.S.O.	D.27.a.10.00.	)
B/MAROON	23rd. RFA.	(40th. Bde. 3rd. Divl. Arty.)	D.26.b.95.15.	) H.10.c.
C/MAROON	49th. RFA.		D.26.b.85.20.	)
D/MAROON	130th. RFA.		D.26.b.2.2.	)
A/MARVEL	29th. RFA.	(42nd. Bde. 3rd. Div. Arty.)	D.26.a.95.32.	)
B/MARVEL	41st. RFA.		D.26.a.7.6.	) H.9.d.
C/MARVEL	45th. RFA.		D.26.b.05.60.	)
D/MARVEL	129th. RFA.		D.26.b.3.3.	)
	<u>No. 2 GROUP.</u>			
JSH	Headquarters	Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.	D.25.a.94.15.	
JSG	25th.	(3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty)	D.25.b.70.62.	)
JSJ	26th.		D.25.b.70.48.	) H.8.b.
JSM	27th.		D.26.b.48.30.	)
JSC	107th.		D.26.a.10.40.	)
	No. 2 Group	C.P.	D.23.c.10.10.	
JSF	29th.		D.26.a.30.52.	)
JSE	30th.		D.25.b.95.72.	) H.10.b.
JSP	31st.		D.25.b.70.32.	)
JSW	108th.		D.26.a.20.70.	)
	<u>No. 3 GROUP.</u>			
LINNET	Headquarters	Lt-Col. J.LAIRD,	I.5.a.2.7.	
SWALLOW	A/330th.	(66th. Divl. Arty.)	D.25.d.15.82.	)
TEAL	B/330th.		Out of action.	)
PARTRIDGE	C/330th.		D.25.d.15.82.	) (3 guns)
PHEASANT	D/330th.		Out of action.	) G.11.c.
GROUSE	A/331st.	(3 Hows.)	Out of action.	) G.12.c.
ROBIN	B/331st.		" " "	) G.18.c.
SNIFE	C/331st.		D.25.a.78.50.	)
DUCK	D/331st.		D.25.c.90.95.	)
	<u>No. 4 GROUP.</u>			
	Headquarters	Lt-Col. BARTON, D.S.O.	D.13.d.central.	
A/AFFECTION	A/64th.	(64th. Army Bde. RFA.)	D.14.b.35.30.	)
B/AFFECTION	B/64th.		D.14.b.65.30.	) H.10.a.
C/AFFECTION	C/64th.		D.14.b.5.6.	)
D/AFFECTION	D/64th.		D.14.b.40.70.	)

P.F.O. - Other Locations.

Cont.OTHER LOCATIONS.Code.

JSQ	8th. F.A.B. Headquarters, Lt-Col. J.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O.	H.9.b.6.6.
JSN	3rd. Aust. D.A.C. Staff Captain, 3rd. D.A.H.Q.	H.9.b.1.8. I.8.d.1.8.
	48th. D.A.C.	H.15.a.
UNION	66th. D.A.C.	G.12.d.7.3.

D U M P S .

VANCOUVER DUMP	H.8.d.7.2.
MOAT FARM "	H.17.c.8.2.
MILL COTT " ("B" Dump, Oxford Road)	I.5.a.3.7. to C.28.d.8.6.

HEADQUARTERS INFANTRY BRIGADES.

Adv. H.Q. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.26.a.7.5.
" " 10th. " " "	D.15.c.6.2.
" " 11th. " " "	D.26.a.7.5.

FORWARD WATER POINTS.

YPRES - I.8.b.1.9.  
 (a) 2 Scoops Chlorination per  
 Water Cart required.  
 (b) Canvas Tank.

CAMBRIDGE ROAD	I.5.c.5.9.
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Corps Camouflage Officer, VLAMERTINGHE	H.9.b.95.95.
3rd. Aust. D.A.D.O.S. Rue St. Anne, POPERINGHE.	" "
O.O. Corps Troops, Place Beiton,	" "
10th. & 56th. Light Mobile Workshops	I.10.a.3.5.

Any alteration to this Location Statement must be immediately notified in writing to this Office.

*A. L. Chouley*

Headquarters,  
13th. October 1917.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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LOCATION      STATEMENT.

SECRET.As at 6 p.m.  
17. 10. 17.Ref. Maps Sheets 28 N.W.  
& N.E. 1/20,000.All previous lists cancelled.

Code.	Unit.	Group Commander.	LOCATION.	Wagon Lines.
JSD	HEADQUARTERS 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.	Brig-Gen. H.W. GRIMMAGE, C.M.G.	I.8.d.1.8.	
<u>No. 1 GROUP.</u>				
THEORIST	Headquarters	Lt-Col. J.S. STEWART D.S.O.	G.30.b.8.8.	
	10th. Bty.		D.27.a.10.60.	
	11th. " (3rd. Can. F.A.B.)		D.26.b.95.15.	
	12th. " "		D.26.b.65.20.	
	9th. " (How.) (4th. Can. Divl. Arty.)		D.26.b.20.20.	
	13th. " "		D.26.a.95.32.	
	19th. " (4th. Can. F.A.B.)		D.26.a.60.60.	
	27th. " "		D.26.b.05.60.	
	21st. " (How.)		D.26.b.30.30.	
<u>No. 2 GROUP.</u>				
JSE	Headquarters	Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.	E.25.a.94.15.	
JSG	25th. Bty.		D.25.b.70.62. )	
JSJ	26th. " (7th. Aus. F.A.B.)		D.25.b.70.40. )	
JSM	27th. " "		D.26.b.48.30. )	H.8.b.
JSO	107th. " (3rd. Aus. Divl. Arty.)		D.26.a.10.40. )	
JSP	29th. " "		D.26.a.30.52. )	
JSK	30th. " "		D.25.b.95.72. )	H.10.b.
JSP	31st. " (8th. Aus. F.A.B.)		D.25.b.70.32. )	
JSW	108th. " "		D.26.a.20.70. )	
<u>No. 3 GROUP.</u>				
LINNET	Headquarters	Lt-Col. J. LAIRD.	I.5.a.2.7.	
SWALLOW	A/330th. Bty.		D.27.b.25.50. )	
FAL	B/330th. " "		D.27.a.70.36. )	
PARTRIDGE	C/330th. " "		D.27.b.35.45. )	
PHEASANT	D/330th. " (66th. Divl. Arty.)		D.27.b.8.7. )	G.11.c.
GROUSE	A/331st. " "		D.25.d.15.85. )	G.12.c.
ROBIN	B/331st. " "		D.25.d.20.75. )	G.18.c.
SHIPE	C/331st. " "		D.25.a.80.50. )	
DUCK	D/331st. " "		D.25.c.90.90. )	
<u>No. 4 GROUP.</u>				
	Headquarters	Lt-Col. BARTON, D.S.O.	D.13.d.50.10.	
A/AFFECTION	A/64th. Bty.		D.14.b.35.30. )	
B/AFFECTION	B/64th. " (64th. Army Bde.		D.14.b.65.30. )	H.10.a.
C/AFFECTION	C/64th. " R.F.A.)		D.14.b.5.6. )	
D/AFFECTION	D/64th. " "		D.14.b.40.70. )	

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8th. Aus. F...Bde.	H.9.b.6.6.
(Lt-Col. J.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O.)	
3rd. Aust. D.A.C.	H.9.b.1.8.

HEADQUARTERS OF INFANTRY BRIGADES.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.26.a.7.5.
11th. " " "	D.26.a.7.5.
148th. Inf. Bde.	I.4.e.7.7.

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Headquarters,  
17. 10. 17.

*A. P. H. 11/17*  
Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

SECRET.As at 6 p.m.  
19. 10. 17.Ref. Maps Sheets 28 E.W.  
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Code.	Unit.	Group Commander.	LOCATION.	Wagon Lines.
JSD	HEADQUARTERS 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.	Brig-Gen. H.W. GRIDWADE, C.M.G.	T. 8. d. 1. 8.	
	<u>No. 1 GROUP.</u>			
THEORIST	Headquarters	Lt-Col. J.S. STEWART D.S.O.	C. 30. b. 0. 8.	
	10th. Bty.		D. 27. a. 10. 00. )	
	11th. " (3rd. Can. F.A.B.)		D. 26. b. 95. 15. )	H. 12. d.
	12th. " "		D. 26. b. 85. 20. )	
	9th. " (How.) (4th. Can. Divl. Arty.)		D. 26. b. 20. 20. )	
	13th. " "		D. 26. a. 95. 32. )	
	19th. " (4th. Can. F.A.B.)		D. 19. c. 9. 9. )	H. 4. c.
	27th. " "		D. 26. l. 05. 60. )	
	21st. " (How.)		D. 26. l. 30. 30. )	
	<u>No. 2 GROUP.</u>			
JSH	Headquarters	Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY	D. 25. a. 94. 15.	
JSG	25th. Bty.		D. 25. b. 70. 62. )	
JSJ	26th. " (7th. Aus. F.A.B.)		D. 25. b. 70. 40. )	H. 8. b.
JSM	27th. " "		D. 26. b. 48. 30. )	
JSO	107th. " (3rd. Aus. Div. Arty.)		D. 26. a. 10. 40. )	
JSF	29th. " "		D. 26. a. 30. 52. )	
JSK	30th. " (8th. Aus. F.A.B.)		D. 25. b. 95. 72. )	H. 10. b.
JSP	31st. " "		D. 25. b. 70. 32. )	
JSW	102th. " "		D. 26. a. 20. 70. )	
	<u>No. 3 GROUP.</u>			
LINNET	Headquarters	Lt-Col. J. LAIRD.	I. 5. a. 2. 7.	
SWALLOW	A/330th. Bty.		D. 27. b. 25. 50. )	
TEAL	B/330th. "		D. 27. a. 70. 36. )	
PARTRIDGE	C/330th. "		D. 27. b. 35. 45. )	
PHEASANT	D/330th. " (66th. Divl. Arty.)		D. 27. b. 8. 7. )	G. 11. c. G. 12. c.
GROUSE	A/331st. " "		D. 25. d. 15. 85. )	G. 18. c.
ROBIN	B/331st. " "		D. 25. d. 20. 75. )	
SNIPE	C/331st. " "		D. 25. a. 80. 50. )	
DUCK	D/331st. " "		D. 25. c. 90. 90. )	
	<u>No. 4 GROUP.</u>			
	Headquarters	Lt-Col. BARTON D.S.O.	D. 13. d. 41. 10.	
A/AFFECTION	A/64th. Bty.		D. 14. a. 4. 4. )	
B/AFFECTION	B/64th. " (64th. Army Bde.		D. 14. b. 5. 4. )	H. 10. a.
C/AFFECTION	C/64th. " (R.F.A.)		D. 14. b. 40. 38. )	
D/AFFECTION	D/64th. " "		D. 14. a. 82. 35. )	

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4th. Canadian Divl. Arty. H.Q.	H.7.c.95.50.
3rd. Bde. C.F.A.	E.12.d.655.
4th. Canadian D.A.C.	H.15.d.5.5.
5th. Aust. F.A.Bde.	H.9.b.6.6.
(Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O.)	
3rd. Aust. D.A.C.	H.9.b.1.8.
66th. D. A. C.	G.12.d.6.2.

HEADQUARTERS OF INFANTRY BRIGADES.

148th. Inf. Bde.	D.26.a.7.5.
11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.26.a.7.5.

*A. L. Chauvel.*

Headquarters,  
19th. October 1917.

Lieutenant.  
Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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## ----- WAGON LINES. -----

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25th Battery F.A. -	" 36. -	B.1.b.20.80.
26th Battery F.A. -	" 28. -	S.11.c.70.20.
27th Battery F.A. -	" 28. -	S.12.a.95.50.
107th How. Bty. F.A. -	" 28. -	T.26.b.central (Wellington Lines)
8th A.F.A. Bde. Headquarters. -	" 28. -	S.30.c.30.80.
29th Battery F.A. -	" 28. -	S.30.c.50.60.
30th Battery F.A. -	" 28. -	S.30.c.20.70.
31st Battery F.A. -	" 28. -	T.20.c.30.20. (Brownlow Lines)
108th How. Bty F.A. -	" 28. -	S.30.c.90.70.
3rd Aust. D.A.C. Headquarters -	" 36. -	A.26.central.
No.1 Section. -	" 36. -	A.21.a.40.30.
No.2. Section. -	" 36. -	A.21.b.00.70.
S.A.A. Section. -	" 36. -	A.19.b.50.60.
3rd Aust. Div. Trench Mortars. -	"	- 39 RUE DE LA GARE, BAITOUUL.
367th Coy, A.S.C. (attached 3rd Aus. Div. Artly).	" 36. -	B.1.c.40.10. (Spalding Camp).
3rd Aust. Divl. Artly Headquarters:-		
Office. ----	21 RUE JACQUES DEHAENE,	} HAZE- BROUCK.
Mess. ----	RUE L'ORPHELINAT.	

Headquarters.  
23.10.17.

*T. Morell* Captain.  
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S E C R E T.66th. DIVISION.C O D E N A M E S.

<u>Adv. Divisional Headquarters.</u>	LION
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	LAMB
<u>197th. Inf. Bde. Hqrs.</u>	BULL
3/5th Bn. Lan. Fus.	COW
2/6th do.	DOG
2/7th do.	PIG
2/8th do.	HEN
202nd M.G. Coy.	COCK
197th. T.M. Bty.	GOOSE
<u>198th. Inf. Bde. Hqrs.</u>	HORSE
2/4th Bn. E. Lan. R.	RAM
2/5th do.	SHEEP
2/9th Bn. Manch. Reg	GOAT
2/10th do.	GA N D E R
203rd. M.G. Coy.	FERRET
198th. T.M. Bty.	RABBIT
<u>199th Inf. Bde. Hqrs.</u>	TROUT
2/5th Bn. Manch. Reg.	SALMON.
2/6th do.	SARDINE
2/7th do.	PERCH
2/8th do.	PIKE
204th M.G. Coy.	TARPON
199th. T.M. Bty.	COD
<u>66th. Divl. Arty. H.Q.</u>	LARK
<u>330th Brigade R.F.A.</u>	LINNET
"A" Battery.	SWALLOW
"B" "	TEAL
"C" "	PARTRIDGE
"D" "	PHEASANT
<u>331st Brigade R.F.A.</u>	THRUSH
"A" Battery.	GROUSE
"B" "	ROBIN
"C" "	SNIPE
"D" "	DUCK
V/66th. T.M. Battery.	STAG
X/66th. do.	BUFFALO
Y/66th. do.	MONKEY
Z/66th. do.	TIGER
<u>66th. D.A.C.</u>	LEOPARD
<u>D.T.M.O.</u>	SNAKE
<u>Adv. Divl. Arty. Exchange.</u>	COBRA
430th Field Coy. R.E.	VIPER
431st. do	ADDER
432nd. do.	PYTHON
2/1st. E.L. Fld. Amb.	MOTH
2/2nd do.	FLY
2/3rd. do.	GNAT
<u>10th Bn. D.C.L.I. (Pioneers.)</u>	Elk
<u>66th Divl. Sig. Coy.</u>	SLOTH

66th Adv. D.H.Q.  
7.10.1917.

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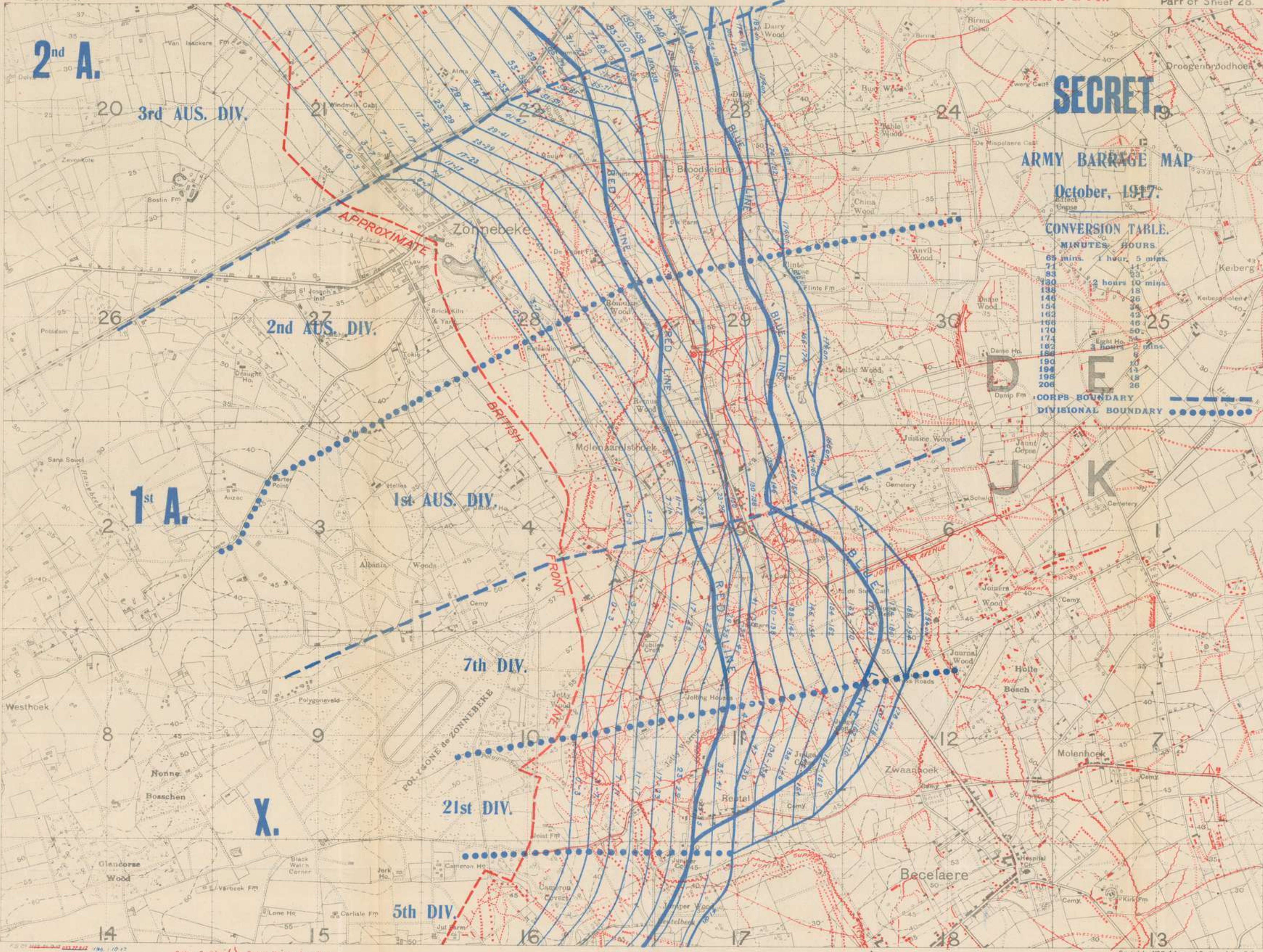
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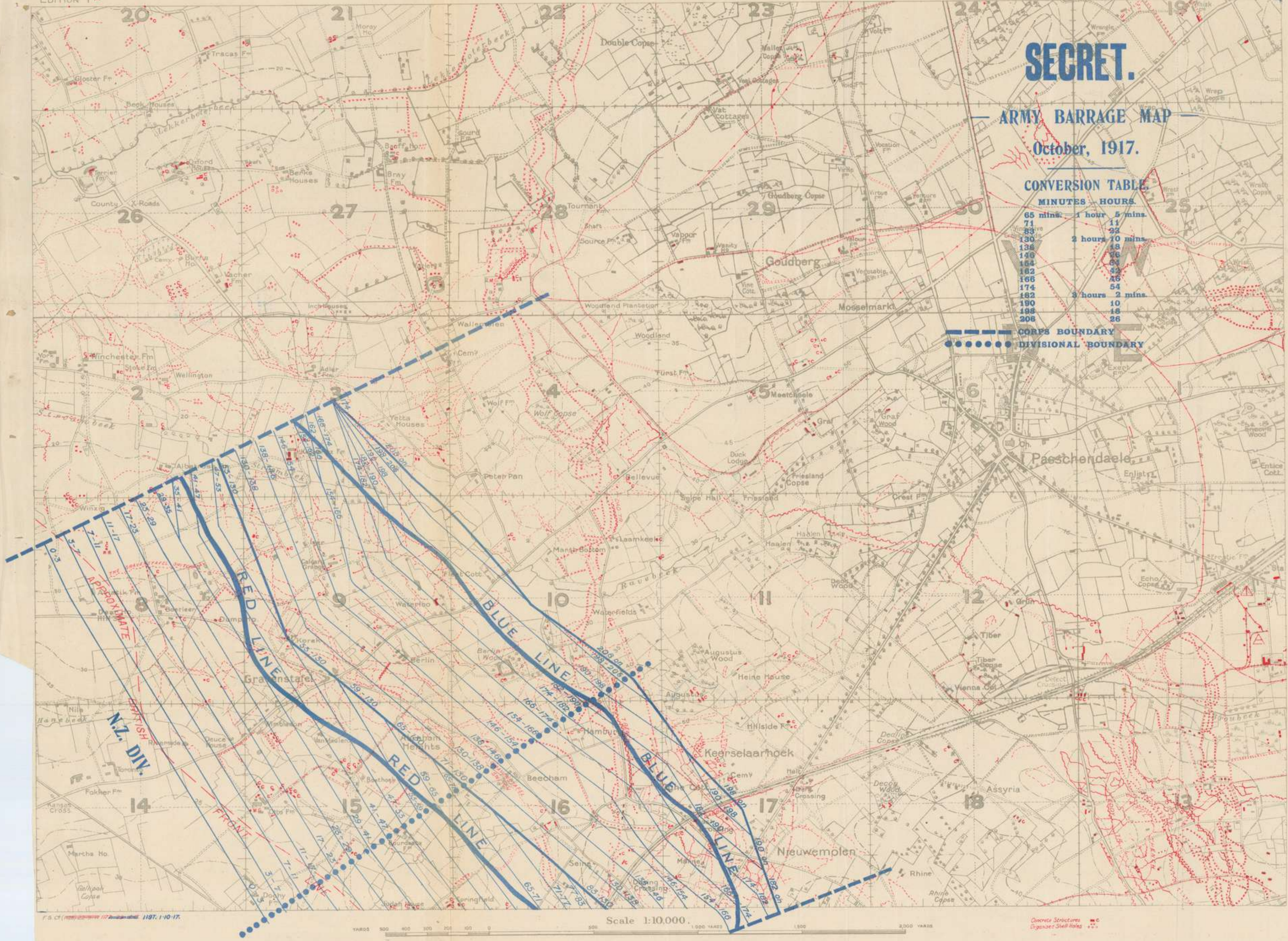
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166	26
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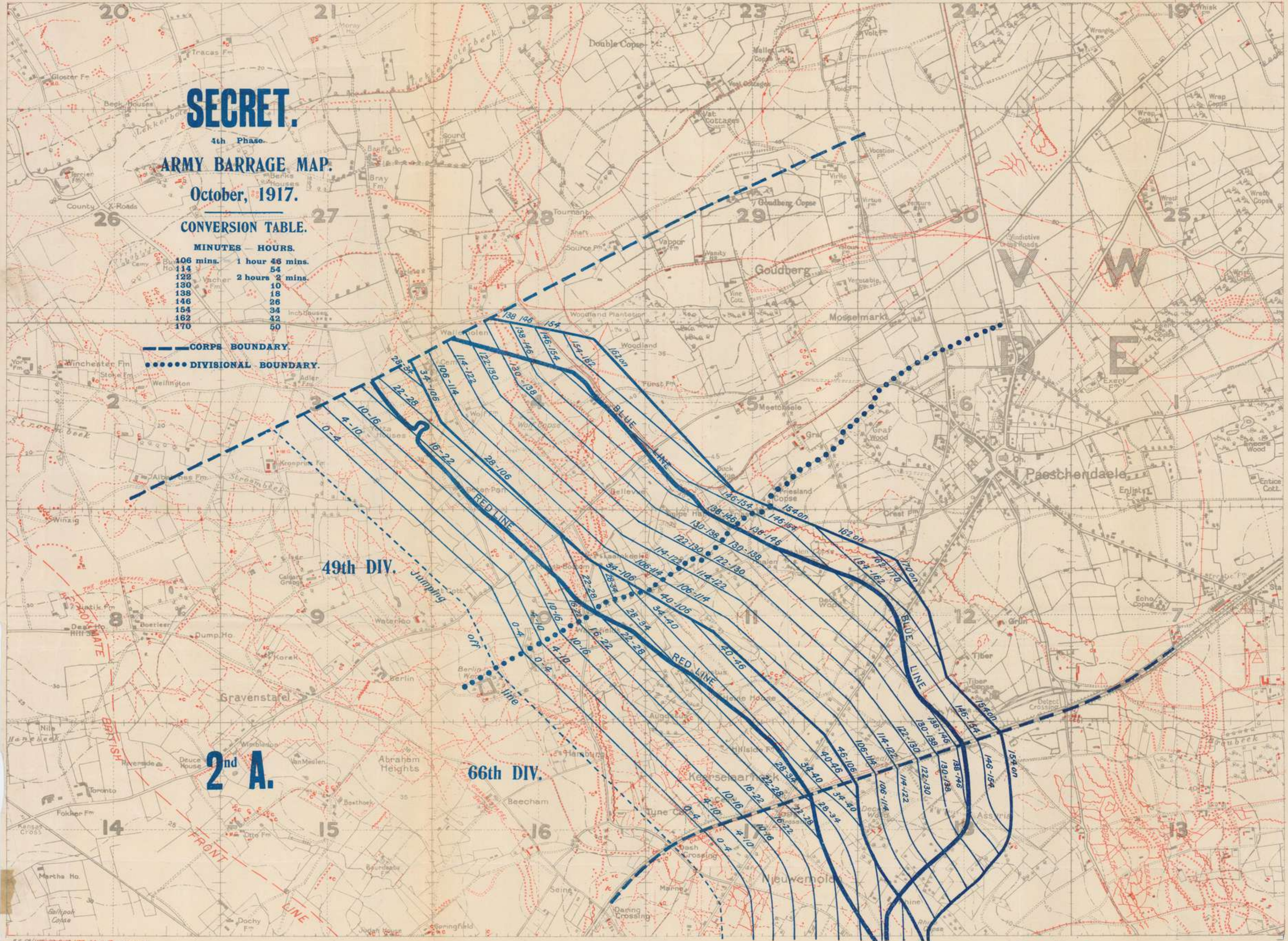
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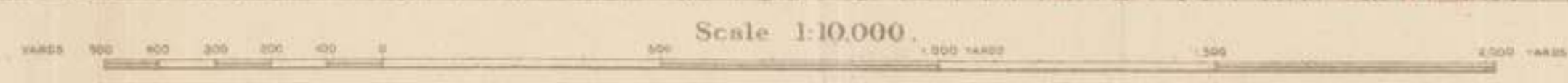
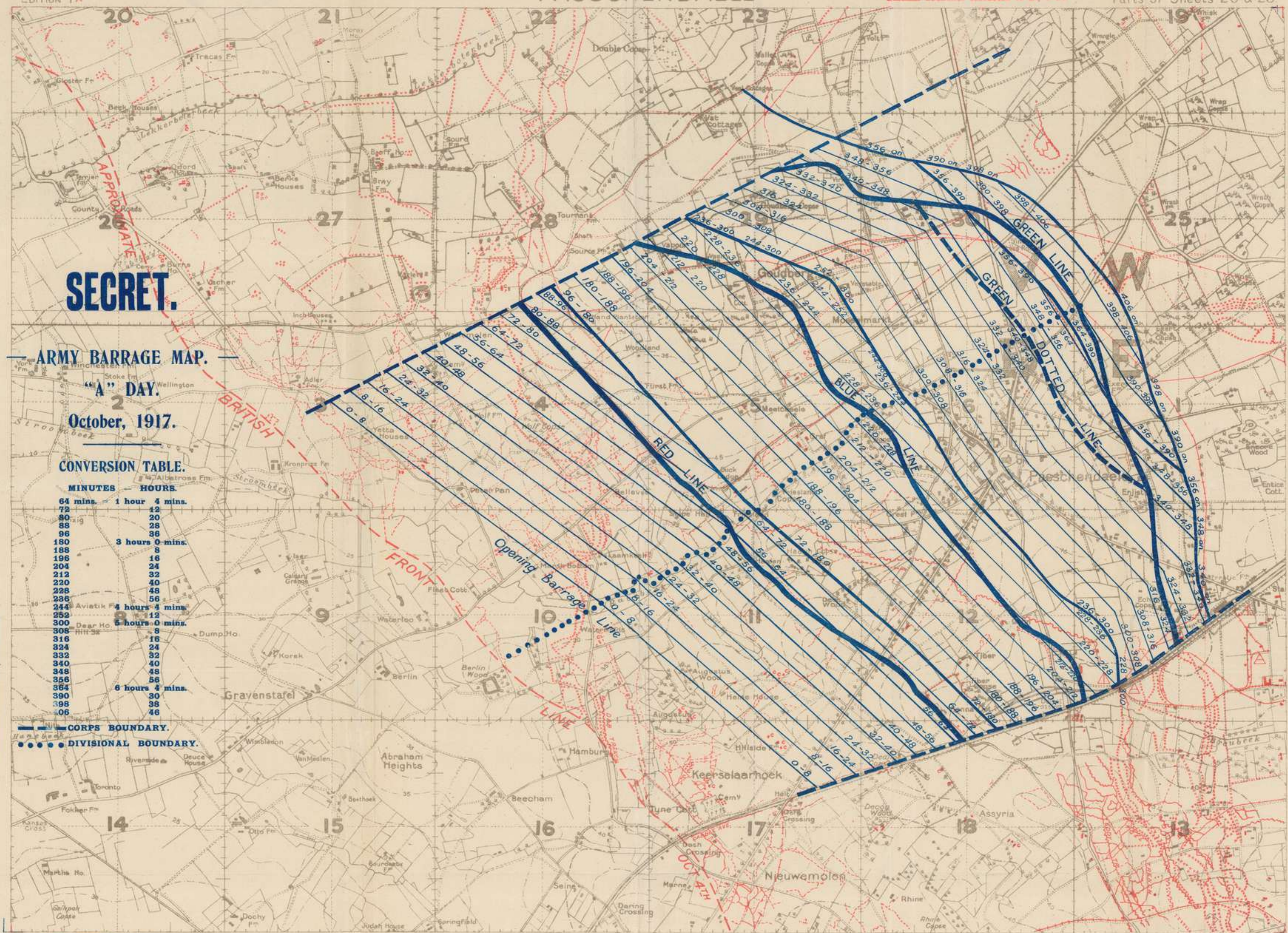
## ARMY BARRAGE MAP.

"A" DAY.  
October, 1917.

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64 mins.	1 hour 4 mins.
72	12
80	20
88	28
96	36
180	3 hours 0 mins.
188	8
196	16
204	24
212	32
220	40
228	48
236	56
244	4 hours 4 mins.
252	12
300	5 hours 0 mins.
308	8
316	16
324	24
332	32
340	40
348	48
356	56
364	6 hours 4 mins.
390	30
398	38
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From noon 1.10.17. to noon 2.10.17.

Ref. Maps. Sheet 28.N.W. 1/20,000. Sheet 28.N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR OPERATIONS - ARTILLERY.

During the period 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. carried out usual programme of harassing and isolating fire.

Registrations from new positions were also effected by batteries.

Two Practice Barrages have been put down - one at 8.15 pm. on 1st inst., the other at 6.15 am. on 2nd inst. Both Barrages appeared to be satisfactory, but heavy mist rendered observation difficult.

Intermittently, parties of the enemy were fired on, 15 rds. being expended.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Enemy's Artillery has shewn activity throughout the period.

On the afternoon of 1st inst., the 30th Battery (C.30.c.) was shelled by 15 cm. Hows. (approx. 100 rds.) from direction of PASSCHENDAELE, one gun being put out of action.

Other areas receiving attention were :- I.6.a. & b., C.30.d., POTIJZE - FREZENBERG ROAD.

It was noticeable that the enemy made no determined attempt to retaliate to our Practice Barrages carried out during the past 24 hours.

At 7.15 pm. the enemy placed heavy barrage on our trench system immediately South of ZONNEBEKE, with 15 & 10 cm. Direction unknown.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. At 3.45 pm. an E.A. was shot down, and fell in our lines in the vicinity of HOOGE.

10 - 12 midnight : Hostile planes dropped planes on CAMBRIDGE ROAD. - Damage unknown.

10.15 to 10.30 am. : 4 E.A. carried out a reconnaissance flight over Battery positions West of FREZENBERG RIDGE.

ENEMY DEFENCES. - No new work visible.

MISCELLANEOUS.

12.30 am. Fire was observed in direction of BROODSEINDE.

From 4.15 am. until dawn, the enemy appeared to be restless, and sent up a large number of Very Lights all along the front.

VISIBILITY POOR.

Headquarters,  
2.10.1917.

(Sgd.) A.L. CHOMLEY Lieut.  
Reconnaissance Officer,  
3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

CONFIDENTIAL.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 12 noon, 2.10.17 to noon 3.10. 1917.

Reference Maps : Sheets 28 N.W. &amp; N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR OPERATIONS - ARTILLERY.

Throughout the day and night, enemy's Roads & Communications received their customary shelling by our 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows.

50 Rounds were fired on ALMA FARM and Cross ROADS in D.17.c., also, a number of rounds registration and calibration.

Further Practice Barrages were fired at 5.15 a.m. and 7.15 a.m. They appeared to be effectual, though heavy mist rendered observation almost impossible during the 7.15 a.m. barrage.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Enemy's Artillery activity for the period has been decidedly below normal, and his fire came mostly from the direction of PASSCHENDAELE. Light shelling by 15 cm. & 10.5 cm. Hows. of Batteries in I.6. & C.30. was reported.

In retaliation to our Practice Barrage at 5 p.m., enemy barraged, at zero plus 10, the Valley west of VAN ISACLERE FARM with all calibres; at zero plus 15 - Valley West of ZONNEBEKE; at zero plus 20, heavy barrage with 15 & 10.5 cm. of the Valley west of HILL 40; at zero plus 30, Time Shrapnel and H.E. were used on line VAMPIR to POTSDAM, lasting 8 minutes, and of 15 cm., 10.5 cm., and 77 mm. calibre. From zero plus 38 to 55, a light barrage of 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. was put down on our front line in D.21.a.c. & d.

In reply to the 7.15 a.m. Barrage, shortly after zero the enemy shelled areas D.20.c. and D.26.a. & b.

Other areas receiving light attention during the period were :- CAMBRIDGE & ZONNEBEKE ROADS, Brigade O.P., (J.1.a.) WILDE WOOD, and SQUARE FARM.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. Fairly active. Enemy planes crossed our lines occasionally, but withdrew homewards on the approach of our machines.

At 6.45 p.m., 4 enemy planes flew over some of our Battery positions, but were driven off by A.A. fire. Again, from 8 to 8.45 p.m., enemy planes were low over the same positions.

Later, enemy planes were out of bombing expeditions, some being dropped on No. 2 Group Headquarters, - no damage reported. Bombs were also dropped in YPRES; vicinity of Battery in I.6.b. & d., and CAMBRIDGE ROAD.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Machine Gun and about 50 of the enemy were seen at D.21.a.70.73.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A building at BEECHAM was hit by one of our Heavies, and on smoke clearing, was no longer visible.

In the early part of the evening, an enemy dump behind PASSCHENDAELE was observed burning, and another, at 2.15 a.m. 76 degs. T.B. from J.1.d.4.9.

Flashes were observed :-

69 degs. & 122 degs. T.B. from J.1.d.4.9.

VISIBILITY - Poor in morning, - improving during afternoon.

Sgd. A.L. CHOMLEY

Lieutenant.

Reconnaissance Officer.

Headquarters,  
3rd. October 1917.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

CONFIDENTIAL.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 p.m. 17/10/17 to 6 p.m. 18/10/17.OUR ARTILLERY OPERATIONS.

During the period our Artillery fired Practice Barrages at 5 a.m. and 5.35 a.m. in accordance with orders, and also carried out usual harassing fire.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Enemy's Artillery activity has been about normal. A Barrage was put down on our Trench system at 4.15 a.m., quietening at 5.20 a.m., at which hour Machine Gun fire only could be heard. At 5.25 a.m. he concentrated with 5.9" and 4.2" on D.16.b., and flashes during this shoot were observed 8, 12, & 19 degrees left of PASSCHENDAELE CHURCH from D.21.d.25.80.

During the period, fire on our Front Line has not been intense, but very heavy shelling of Battery positions in D.25.a.b. & c. and D.26.a. & c. from a direction just South of PASSCHENDAELE has been reported, approximately 2000 rounds of 8", 5.9", & 4.2" falling in this area. Heavy intermittent shelling of our Batteries has been the case for the past 8 days, and is daily becoming more intense, causing extensive damage to Roads, Guns, and Battery positions generally. Fire comes chiefly from directions of PASSCHENDAELE & WATERDAMHOEK.

During the morning and early afternoon, there was heavy intermittent shelling of D.13.d. and D.15. by 5.9" & 4.2" Howitzers, particular attention being paid to WIELTJE ROAD East of SPREE FARM - direction of fire WATERDAMHOEK.

In the early afternoon the Cemetery in D.17.a. was shelled with 5.9" & 4.2".

AIRCRAFT.

Enemy's aircraft has been very active during the day. At 2.30 p.m. a large flight of Gothas escorted by a number of Scouts, 25 in all, were across dropping bombs in back areas.

One of our machines was seen to crash in enemy's lines opposite No. 1 Group front.

MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY.

During the afternoon, parties of 2 & 3 men were on BELLEVUE SPUR were observed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

One of our small Dumps in D.25. was blown up during the day by bombs from enemy aircraft.

Two enemy Dumps were blown up during the afternoon, apparently by our H.A. fire.

VISIBILITY GOOD.

*Al Chouley*

Lieutenant.

Reconnaissance Officer.  
3rd. Aust. Div. Arty.

Headquarters,  
18. 10. 17.