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	1. 12.	17.	<p><u>STEENWERCK.</u></p> <p>Weather - Fine. Wind S. or S.W. Visibility bad.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon :- 18 Pdrs. 8285 rds. 4.5" Hows. 2661 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. (Also see Diary 30.11.1917.)</p> <p><i>Afe</i></p>	

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			STEENWERCK.		
	2.	12.	17.	<p>Weather - Fine. Wind N.W. or N. Visibility good : low in afternoon.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1705 rds. 4.5" Hows. 744 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OK</i></p>	
	3.	12.	17.	<p>Weather - Fine. Wind N.W. or West - 10 to 15 m.p.h. Visibility good.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1832 rds. 4.5" Hows. 370 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OK</i></p>	
	4.	12.	17.	<p>Weather - Fine. Wind Easterly. Visibility during morning - low, improving during afternoon.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil. 8th. F.A.Bde. 1 O.R. wounded.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 465 rds. 18 Pdr. 4.5" Hows. 360 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OK</i></p>	

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	5. 12.	17.		<p>Weather - Fine. Wind between South & East. Visibility good.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 709 rds. 4.5" Hows. 286 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Al</i></p>	
	6. 12.	17.		<p>Weather - Fine. Wind S.E. or S. Visibility</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 898 rds. 4.5" Hows. 347 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Al</i></p>	

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			<p><u>STEENWERCK.</u></p> <p>7. 12. 17. Weather - Fine. Wind between S. & W. Visibility fair.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1112 rds. 4.5" Hows. 643 rds. Trench Mortars - 5 rds. T.M.F.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p>At 5.30 p.m., a bombardment was opened on enemy works S.E. of PONT ROUGE BRIDGE, under close observation of patrol stationed near CUSTOM HOUSE. The shooting was reported to have been excellent, and considerable damage was done to enemy works. Under cover of the bombardment, patrol examined PONT ROUGE BRIDGE, finding it much damaged, 10 or 12 feet being destroyed about two-thirds the way across from this side.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Al</i></p>	
			<p>8. 12. 17. Weather - Fine. Wind S.W. or W. Visibility fair.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 879 rds. 4.5" Hows. 539 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. <i>af</i></p>	

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	9. 12. 17.		Weather - Wet. Wind S.E. & E. Casualties - Nil. Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs, 1011 rds. Operations as per Intelligence Summary. <i>afe</i>	Visibility bad all day. 4.5" Hows. 512 rds.	
	10. 12. 17.		Weather - Fine. Wind S.E. & N.E. Casualties - 7th. F.A.Bde. 6 O.R. wounded. Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 863 rds. Operations as per Intelligence Summary, and Instruction No. 28. <i>afe</i>	Visibility fair. 4.5" Hows. 614 rds.	Inst.28.
	11. 12. 17.		Weather - Fine. Wind between E. & N.E. Casualties - Nil. Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 2028 rds. Operations as per Intelligence Summary, and Instruction No. 28. <i>afe</i>	Visibility fair. 4.5" Hows. 866 rds.	Inst. 28.
	12. 12. 17.		Weather - Fine : dull. Wind between N. & W. Casualties - Nil. Ammunition expended - to noon : 2122 rds. 18 Pdr. Operations as per Intelligence Summary, and Instruction No. 28. <i>afe</i>	Visibility 4.5" Hows. 905 rds.	Inst.28.

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			<u>STEENWERCK.</u>	
	13.	12.	17.	
	Weather - Fine. Wind S.W. & W. Visibility low, at times, fair.			
	Casualties - Nil.			
	Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1921 rds. 4.5" Hows. 767 rds.			
	Operations as per Intelligence Summary, (Instruction 28.) <i>Ake</i>			
	14.	12.	17.	
	Weather - Wet. Wind between S.W. & W. Visibility fair.			
	Casualties - Nil. <i>Ake</i>			
	Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1525 rds. 4.5" Hows. 605 rds. Trench Mortars 9 rds. TMK.			
	Operations as per Intelligence Summary. (& Instruction 28) Location Statement issued.			
	15.	12.	17.	
	Weather - Fine. Wind West. Visibility fair.			
	Casualties - Nil. <i>Ake</i>			
	Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1458 rds. 4.5" Hows. 382 rds.			
	Operations as per Intelligence Summary. (Instruction No. 28.)			

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			<p><u>STEENWERCK.</u></p> <p>16. 12. 17. Weather - Fine. Later sleet. Wind between S.E. & E. Visibility poor.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1013 rds. 4.5" Hows. 306 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. <i>Abe</i></p> <p>Third Australian Division (less Artillery) were relieved in the line by the Second Australian Division, command passing from the G.O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divn. to the G.O.C., 2nd. Aust. Divn. at 10 a.m.</p> <p>17. 12. 17. Weather - Fine. Wind N.E. Visibility in morning, poor; in afternoon, good.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 929 rds. 4.5" Hows. 516 rds. Trench Mortars 8 rds. T.M.K. 10 rds. T.M.G.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. (Instruction 29.) <i>Abe</i></p> <p>18. 12. 17. Weather - fine. Wind between E. & N.E. Visibility good.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. (Instruction 29.) <i>Abe</i></p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 865 rds. 4.5" Hows. 569 rds.</p>	

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			<p><u>STEENWERCK.</u></p> <p>19. 12. 17. Weather - Fine. Wind. N.E. Visibility low.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1661 rds. 4.5" Hows. 467 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. (Instruction 29.)</p> <p>20. 12. 17. Weather - Heavy frost. Wind S.E. Visibility</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18 Pdrs. 1600 rds. 4.5" Hows. 749 rds. Trench Mortars 30 rds. TMG.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p>Relief in the line of the 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery by the 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery, was commenced, 2 Sections per Battery of the latter relieving 2 Sections per Battery of the former as per Operation Order No. 39 appended.</p>	<p>O.O. No. 39.</p>

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			<u>STEENWERCK.</u>	
	21. 12.	17.	<p>Weather - Heavy front, & foggy. Wind E. & N.E. Visibility low.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 1580 rds. 4.5" Hows. 623 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. (& Instruction 29.)</p> <p>Relief in the line of this Divisional Artillery by the 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery was completed, - 1 Section ^{per Battery} of the 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. relieving 1 Section per battery of the 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty. as per Operation Order No. 39.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">was</p> <p>3rd. Aust. D.A.C. by relieved by 2nd. Aust. D.A.C. from responsibility for Ammunition supply, remaining in their present positions as indicated in Location Statement of 14.12.17.</p> <p>Trench Mortar personnel of 3rd. Aust. Divn. were relieved by personnel of 2nd. Aust. Divn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ab</i></p>	<p>O.O. No 39.</p> <p>O.O. No 39.</p> <p>O.O. No. 39.</p>

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			<p><u>STEENWERCK.</u></p> <p>Weather - Fine. Wind N.E. Visibility good.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. Nil. 4.5"Hows. Nil.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Command of the Field Artillery covering Right Division passed from the C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division to the C.R.A., 2nd. Aust. Division at 10 a.m.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">At 10 a.m., the C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn. assumed command from the C.R.A., 38th. Divn. of the Artillery in the line in the area immediately South of the RIVER LYS, - i.e. from RIVER LYS on the North to BURNT FARM (I.20.d.25.60.) on the South.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery took over Wagon Lines of the 2nd. Aust. Divl. Artillery. (DA/24/115.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Location Statement issued and appended.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><i>Alg</i></p>	<p>O.O. No 39.</p> <p>O.O. No 40.</p> <p>DA/24/115.</p>

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			<u>STEENWERCK.</u>	
	23. 12.	17.	<p>Weather - Foggy. Wind between E. & N.E. Visibility bad.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : Nil.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1 Section per Battery of the 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery relieved 1 Section per Battery of thr 38th. Divl. Artillery as per WARNING ORDER of 21.12.17. and O.O. No. 40. during night 22nd/23rd.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-size: 2em;">Ake</p>	

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			<u>STEENWERCK.</u>	
	24. 12. 17.		<p>Weather - Misty; dull. Wind between S.W. & W. Visibility - Very bad.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 197 rds. 4.5"Hows. 45 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">During night 23rd/24th., 2 Sections per Battery of the 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery relieved 2 Sections per Battery of the 38th. Divl. Artillery as per WARNING ORDER of 21.12.17., and O.O. No. 40. attached.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">D.T.M.O., 3rd. Aust. Divn. took over from D.T.M.O., 38th. Divn., 9.45" and 6" T.M. Batteries covering the front of the 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery, relief being completed at 10 a.m.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Location Statement issued, and copy appended hereto.</p>	<p>O.O. No. 40.</p> <p>O.O. No. 40$\frac{1}{2}$</p>

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			<u>STEENWERCK.</u>	
	25.12.	17.	<p>Weather : Morning, fine. Dull later, and snow during evening. Wind N.W. Visibility variable, but generally low.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 17. 4.5"Hows. Nil.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p>	
	26.12.	17.	<p>Weather : Some snow. Bright generally. Wind N.W. Visibility Fair.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 257 rds. 4.5"Hows. 20. rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p>	
	27.12.	17.	<p>Weather : Dull. Misty. Wind N. to N.W. Visibility Fair.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 370 rds. 4.5"Hows. 185 rds. Trench Mortars, 4Ords.(6")</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p>	

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			STEENWERCK.	
	28.12.	17.	<p>Weather : Fine. Snow during evening. Wind N. to N.W. Visibility good.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 211 rds. 4.5"Hows. 105 rds. T.Ms. 30 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p> <p>S.3/11 - Instructions for special bombardments on 29th & 31st Decr. - issued.</p>	S.3/11.
	29.12.	17.	<p>Weather : Dull. Wind N. to N.W. Visibility Low.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 206 rds. T.Ms. $\frac{1}{2}$ 50.</p> <p>Location Statement issued and appended.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. Divl. Artillery and Trench Mortars carried out special shoots on hostile Company H.Qrs. at 6.30 pm.</p>	S.3/11/1.
	30.12.	17.	<p>Weather : Very dull. Wind N. Visibility bad.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 227 rds. 4.5"Hows. 85 rds. T.Ms. 25 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary.</p>	

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			STEENWERCK.	
	31.12.	17.	<p>Weather : Dull. Wind N. to N.W. Visibility Low.</p> <p>Casualties Nil.</p> <p>Ammunition expended - to noon : 18-Pdrs. 387 rds. 4.5"Hows. 174 rds. T.Ms. 20 rds.</p> <p>Operations as per Intelligence Summary. Divl. Artillery, in conjunction with Heavy Artillery, bombarded enemy Battalion H.Qrs. - 150 rds. expended. Time - 6 a.m.</p> <p><u>WARNING ORDER</u> issued, giving probable details of relief in the line by 57th Divl. Artillery. Warning Order appended.</p>	<p>S.3/11.</p> <p>W.O. 31.12.17.</p>
<p><i>Atchouley</i> <i>Lieutenant</i></p> <p><i>3rd Australian Hqs</i></p>				

APPENDIX.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S E C R E T.

AMENDMENT TO
LOCATION STATEMENT issued 30.11.1917.

107th. Hvy. Battery - Wagon Lines - B.7.d.9.5.

A. L. Chouley.

Headquarters,
2.12.1917.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.SECRET.

AMENDMENT No.2 to
LOCATION STATEMENT issued 30.11.17.

108th How.Battery. - U.14.d.22.85. (1 How.)
U.14.c.50.10. (5 Hows)

McChouley.

Headquarters,
4.12.1917.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd.Australian Divisional Artillery.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To
Right & Left Artillery Groups.

The following Group Stations have been allotted to this Divisional Artillery :-

UNIT .	GROUP STATION.	CO-ORDINATE.	REMARKS .
25th. Bty.	INGERSOLLE	U.25.d.6.8.	Pending construction of Station where new Trench Tramway to Battery will join up light Railway in U.25.b.
26th. Bty.	SALFORD.	C.2.c.6.5.	
27th. Bty.	SASKETON.	U.8.a.9.2.	
107th. Bty.		C.7.b.5.4.	For Centre & Left Sections yet to be constructed. Left Section may use any part of light Railways from B.12.d.00.20. to C.13.a.20.80.
29th. Bty.	SHRINE No. 1.	T.18.c.00.50.	
30th. Bty.)	PEACE or	U.7.a.90.20.	
31st. Bty.)	MIETTE.	U.7.b.4.3.	
108th. Bty.	T O R.	U.19.b.25.80.	

Ammunition sent up to Batteries by Light Railways must be unloaded only at Group Stations.

In view of proposed improvements to Trench Tramways which are being carried out, Groups will submit co-ordinates of any proposed Group Stations which would serve Batteries better than those already in existence.

The point that Group Stations should be near a road or track where they could be cleared by horse transport should be remembered.

Headquarters,
4-12-17.

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

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INSTRUCTION No.28.

1. The attached Tables show Offensive Artillery Programme to be carried out from the 10th. to the 15th. instant, inclusive.
2. The tasks are to be combined with the usual harassing programme, and are in addition to the shooting at all observed movement and shooting at centres of activity.
3. Targets are to be taken on by Groups within whose zone they are located.
4. The programmes for the Gas bombardments are to be worked out by the Battery Commanders concerned, and copies submitted to their Group Commanders and 3rd.Aust. D.A.H.Q. for information.
5. Special care will be taken that no Gas bombardments are carried out when conditions are unfavourable.
6. The 3rd.Aust. D.T.P.O. will warn all Infantry Brigades of all times of T.M.shoots to enable the lines of fire to be cleared.
7. Heavy Artillery will please warn 3rd.Aust.D.A.H.Q. if they require any trenches cleared for their shooting.
8. Single guns may be placed forward for the carrying out of special tasks and harassing fire. These should be moved back to their original positions after the completion of the task allotted.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. D. Nicholls

Major R.A.

E.M., S.A., 3rd.Aust. Division.

Headquarter,
3.12.1917.

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| | 8/15. Left Arty.Group. | 27. 6th.Kite Bal.Coy. |
| | 16. 38th.Divl.Arty. | 28. "G" Sound Rg.Sect. |
| | 17. 5th.Aust.Divl.Arty. | 29. R.A.Sig.Offcr. |
| | 18. S.C., R.A. | 30. C. R. A. |
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3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instrn. No.28.

The following Offensive Artillery Programme will be carried out from 10th to 15th December, 1917.

Date.	Heavy Artillery.	4.5" Hows.	18-Pdrs.	T.Ms.
Decr. 10th.	Destroy T.M. emplacements at SPINNING MILL (U.18.) (mostly in N.W. corner). U.12.c.74.32. U.12.c.40.10.	T.M. at U.18.a.10.60. URAL HOUSE. and U.29.b.96.10. Gas by night (if conditions are favorable) Dug-outs at V.25.c.35.25.	Keep area, destroyed during the day, under fire by night, and place a creeping barrage (6 guns) at 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. the whole length of road from U.12.b.40.22. to V.1.d.46.30.	Destroy H.O. & T.M. emplacements at DURIEZ FARM.
Decr. 11th.	Destroy T.M. emplacements at WICART FARM. U.18.c.1.0. U.24.a.3.9.	T.Ms. at U.30.a.40.30. C.11.b.25.30. Probable O.Ps. & T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN. Gas at 11 p.m. WARNE-TON TOWER, and at 6 pm. Fork Roads C.12.b.9.1.	At 6.30 p.m. place a creeping barrage (6 guns) along length of road from U.24.b.40.34. to V.19.c.88.94.	

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3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instrn No.28.

Date.	Heavy Artillery.	4.5" Hows.	18 Pdrs	T.Ms.
Decr. 12th.	Bombardment of T.M. emplacements in UNCURL TRENCH from U.29.b.98.00. to U.30.a.50.32.	Bombardment of area ^{about} Rail-way U.11.d.94.40. T.M. emplacement U.29.d.45.22. and T.M. emplacements in DEULEMONT. 7 p.m. Group concentrations on WARNETON and FRELINGHIEN targets selected by Group Commanders. Heavy Artillery will assist, by strafing T.M. emplacements, in Houses about U.12.c.78.30.	Creeping barrage on approached, after dark, to be selected by Group Commanders.	
Decr. 13th.	Bombardment of LAUNDRY and SOAPHOUSE in U.5.c. during day. Night strafe (9 p.m.) of same locality.	Bombardment of the SPINNEY by day. Gas bombardment of Dug-outs about FME WAUSTINE (V.13.c.) 8 p.m. - Group concentrations on DEULEMONT and BAS WARNETON targets selected by Group Commanders.	Creeping barrage for Left Group starting on S.O.S. lines and advancing EAST for 400 yds in 100 yds lifts. - Rate 2 rds per gun per min.	

to be allotted daily.

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3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty. Instruction No.28.

Date.	Heavy Artillery.	4.5" Howc.	18-Pdrs.	T.Ms.
Decr.14th.	Bombardment of T.P. & M.G. emplacements about :- C.11.a.54.16. C.11.c.56.84. C.11.c.56.74. C.11.c.54.55.	Bombard :- DOLLS HOUSE (U.24.c.) U.24.c.80.80. U.24.c.76.52. U.24.c.72.92. and WARNETON. After dark, Gas dug-outs about V.25.b.44.64. - WARNETON TOWER and dug-outs at U.12.b.66.30.	5.30 p.m. Barrage Road from U.30.c.20.42. to U.6.b.34.15., and strafe all targets engaged during the day to cause casualties to Working Parties.	To be allotted daily.
Decr.15th.	Bombard all known Trench Tramway dumps during the day, and gas after dark.	Bombard all known trench tramway junctions during the day, and gas after dark about 7 p.m.	At Night. Bursts of fire on hostile tramways fired at during the day.	

Whenever available smoke shell will be fired at WARNETON TOWER during night shoots, to blind the enemy's Observer.

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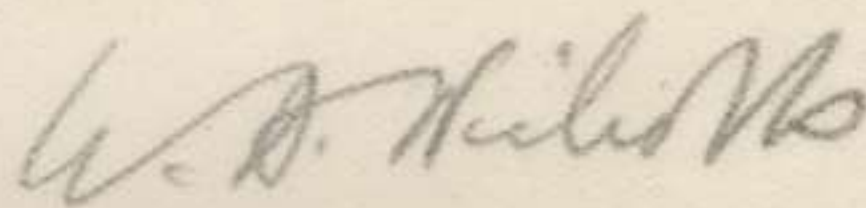
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Amendment No.1 to Instruction No.28.Under Decr. 14th on Table :- - 18-Pdrs.

For. U.30.c.20.42. to U.6.b.34.15.

Read. U.30.c.20.68. to C.6.b.34.15.

ACKNOWLEDGE.Headquarters.
9.12.17.Major, R.A.,
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Amendment No.2. to Instruction No.28.

Under heading 4.5" Hows on date Decr.13th.

ERASE - "Bombardment of the SPINNEY by day."

ACKNOWLEDGE.Headquarters.
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COUNTER PREPARATION.

(To be added to 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Defence Scheme, dated 19.11.17.)

1. The enemy prefaces an attack or counter attack by a vigorous bombardment of the area to be attacked. In order to counter this, and to destroy his communications and forming-up places, and to interfere with his preparations, Counter ~~Offensive~~ *Defensive* Schemes have been prepared.
2. The Corps Front has been sub-divided into five Sectors. They are called the LE TOUQUET, BASSEVILLE, MESSINES, COSTAVERNE, HOLLEBERG Sectors, respectively.
3. The objectives for the Heavy Artillery in the case of :-
 "counter preparation 1st Anzac", i.e., for the whole Corps Front.
 "LE TOUQUET and BASSEVILLE"
 (which are the three which mostly affect this Divisional Front)
 are the same as the objectives for Heavy Artillery S.O.S. action in 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Defence Scheme.
4. The objectives for the Divisional Artillery on "counter preparation" being ordered are given in the attached Tables.
5. Tasks should be so allotted by Group Commanders so that the change to S.O.S. lines can be undertaken in the shortest possible time.
6. Counter preparation will be ordered from 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters.

7. Rates of fire :-

18-Pdr.	- 1 rd per gun per 3 mins. in bursts of fire.
4.5" How.	- 1 rd per gun per 5 mins.

These may be increased according to the situation.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Counter Preparation. - 1st ANZAC.

	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
<u>Left Group.</u>	Search Area. U.12.b.43.22. V.7.a.80.80. V.7.a.60.00. U.12.d.75.55.	6 - 18 Pdrs.
	Search Area. V.13.a.50.80. V.13.b.50.00. V.13.c.60.00. U.18.b.50.00.	2 - 18 Pdrs.
	Remaining 18-Pdrs will search all ground from as close in front of our front line or posts as safety permits, from River DOUVE on the North to U.18.a.2.1. on the South, searching to a depth of 500 yards into the Bosche lines.	
	U.12.c.42.88. U.12.c.28.65. U.12.c.72.28. U.12.c.42.10. U.18.a.53.95. U.18.a.72.72.	1 - 4.5" How on each point.
<u>Right Group.</u>	Search Area. DEULEMONT. U.30.b. & d. Western half of V.25.a. & c.	4 - 18 Pdrs.
	Search Area. U.30.c.55.25. C.6.b.60.00. C.6.d.45.34. C.6.a.60.00.	2 - 18 Pdrs.
	U.24.a.55.86. U.24.c.81.55. U.30.b.12.98. U.30.c.18.45. C.11.b.10.50. C.11.c.90.40.	1 - 4.5" How. on each point.
<u>Right Flank Division.</u>	Search Area. C.12.a.00.00. C.12.d.90.00. C.18.b.50.20. C.11.d.80.00.	4 - 18 Pdrs.

and 1 - 4.5" How. Battery, if required.

NOTE :-

4.5" Hows will be taken off these points by Group Commanders for the deliberate destruction of all known T.Ms., which may be firing, and the deliberate destruction of enemy front line system and likely assembly places.

LE TOUQUET /

3rd Aust. Div. Art.

Counter Preparation - LE TOUQUET.

	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
<u>Right Group.</u>	Search Area. DEULEMONT. U.24.d. U.50.b.	4 - 18 Pdrs.
	Search Area: C.6.a.50.99: C.6.b.20.99: C.6.d.80.40. C.6.d.00.40.	2 - 18 Pdrs.
	C.11.b.36.94. C.11.b.13.61. C.11.c.80.82. C.11.c.95.41. C.11.c.43.06. C.17.a.38.63.	1 - 4.5" How On each.

Left Group. Will help as ordered.

Right Flank Division.

Search Area.
C.12.c. Southern half C.12.d. 4 - 18 Pdrs.
Northern half C.18.a. C.18.b.

Counter Preparation - MESSINES.

	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
<u>Left Group.</u>	U.12.c.36.86. U.12.c.30.60. U.12.c.73.30. U.12.c.43.13. U.18.c.58.94. U.18.a.75.70.	1 - 4.5" How on each.

NOTE :- 4.5" Hows will be taken off these points by Group Commanders for the deliberate destruction of all known T.Ms., which may be firing, and the deliberate destruction of enemy's front line system and likely assembly places.

BASSEVILLE /

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Counter Preparation - BASSEVILLE.

<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
<u>Left Group.</u>	
Search Area.	
U.12.b.43.22.	V.7.a.80.80.
V.7.a.6.0.	U.12.d.75.55.
	6 - 18 Pdrs.
Search Area.	
V.13.a.50.80.	
V.13.b.50.00.	
V.13.c.60.00.	
V.18.b.50.00.	
	2 - 18 Pdrs.

Remaining 18-Pdrs will search all ground from as close in front of our front line or posts as safety permits from River DOUVE on the North to U.18.a.2.1. On the South, searching to a depth of 500 yards into the Boche lines.

U.12.c.42.88.	
U.12.c.28.65.	
U.12.c.71.68.	
U.12.c.35.38.	
U.12.c.72.28.	
U.12.c.42.10.	
	1 - 4.5" How on each.

<u>Right Group.</u>	
Search Area.	
DEULLEMONT.	
U.30.b. & Eastern half	
V.25.a.	
	4 - 18 Pdrs.
U.24.a.65.38.	
U.24.c.84.55.	
U.24.d.15.05.	
U.12.d.15.00.	
U.18.a.53.95.	
U.18.a.72.72.	
	1 - 4.5" How on each.

Left Flank Division. - Will help as required.

NOTE :- 4.5" Hows will be taken off these points by Group Commanders for the deliberate destruction of all known T.Ms., which may be firing, and the deliberate destruction of enemy's front line system and likely assembly places.

APPENDIX.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S E C R E T.

AMENDMENT No.6 to

3rd. Aust. Divl.Arty.Defence Scheme dated 19.11.17.

Delete para (9) Page 3, of 3rd.Aust.Div.Arty.Defence Scheme, and substitute the following :-

On receipt of such a message as - ' Gastrench', the Artillery will open a barrage in the Sector indicated with the field guns told off to that particular Sector, the barrage of 18-Pdrs being placed on S.O.S.Lines. The barrage will not be intensified by concentrating fire of other batteries unless the Infantry attack threatens to develop, in which case the S.O.S. Signal will be sent up.

At the same time the trenches from which the Gas is being emitted will be bombarded with all available 4.5" Howitzers and all available Trench Mortars at a rapid rate.

<u>RATE OF FIRE :</u>	18-Pdrs.	-	1 rd. per gun per min.
	4.5"Hows.	-	3 rds. " " " "
	T.Ms.	-	rapid.

Acknowledge.

Headquarters.
9.12.1917.

W.S. Richards
Major R.A.
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Cancel following sheets of Appendix III headed :-

"Position Batteries Already in Action ", etc.

"Appendix III (contd) - Corps Line Positions," :

"Reinforcing Positions for Resting Brigades,"

"Additional Reinforcing Positions."

"Reinforcing positions to be occupied by", etc.

and substitute three attached sheets :-

"Reinforcing Positions."

"Corps Line Positions."

"Army Line."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.A. Nicholls

Major, R.A.,
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Headquarters.
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REINFORCING POSITIONS.

POSITION.		TO BE OCCUPIED BY	ORDER OF MOVE.
C 2.a.0.5.	6 guns.	2nd Reinforcing Brigade.	
U.26.c.3.4.	6 "		
U.26.c.2.6.	6 "		
U.26.a.15.20.	4.5" Hows.		
G.19.b.10.85.	6 guns.		
C.8.a.25.85.	6 "		
C.2.c.45.50.	6 "		
C.7.c.0.4.	4.5" Hows.		
C.7.b.6.4.			
U.26.b.80.50.	6 Guns.		
U.26.d.55.30.	4 "		
C.2.b.60.85.	2 "		
U.26.c.85.60.	2 "		
C.2.a.60.90.	4 "		
C.1.b.85.40.) 4.5" Hows.		
C.1.d.65.15.			
U.14.a.18.18.	6 Guns.		
U.14.b.25.00.	6 "		
U.14.c.15.00.	4 "		
U.14.c.30.13.	2 "		
U.20.a.00.40.	4.5" Hows.		
U.14.b.87.50.	4 Guns.		
U.14.b.60.50.	2 "		
U.14.a.18.18.	6 "		
U.14.a.38.60.	6 "		
U.19.b.10.60.) 4.5" Hows.		
U.19.b.92.65.			
U.8.c.98.25.	6 Guns.		
U.14.b.50.35.	6 "		
U.14.b.85.45.	4 "		
U.14.b.5.6.	2 "		
U.19.b.1.7.	4.5" Hows.		
U.7.c.4.3.	6 Guns.		
U.7.d.6.4.	4 "		
U.7.d.40.60.	2 "		
U.8.a.45.85.	4 "		
U.2.c.97.37.	2 "		
U.20.a.87.95.	4.5" Hows.		

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Appendix III.

CORPS LINE POSITIONS. -

POSITION.	TO BE OCCUPIED BY	ORDER OF MOVE.
T.17.c.40.30. T.23.b.4.8. T.23.b.5.5. T.23.d.2.7. (Hows)	31st Bty.) 30th ") 8th A.F.A.Bde. 29th ") 108th ")	1 2 4 3
B.5.a.2.2. B.4.d.6.4. B.10.b.9.4. B.5.c.2.2. (4 Hows) B.11.a.2.8. (2 ")	25th Bty.) 26th ") 7th A.F.A.Bde. 27th ") 107th ") " ")	1 4 3 2
T.29.d.80.35. T.30.c.05.05. T.24.d.47.16. T.24.d.10.75. (Hows)	1st Reinforcing Brigade.	
T.17.b.9.8. T.18.a.94.40. T.18.b.51.25. T.18.d.62.84. (Hows)		
T.24.a.7.4. T.24.a.9.3. B.11.d.60.75. B.5.a.5.6. (Hows)		
B.18.b.2.2. B.18.c.65.60. B.12.c.68.10. (4 Guns) B.14.b.2.7. (2 ") B.17.d.95.50. (Hows)		

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Position.	To be occupied by.		Order of move.
T.13.a.40.70.	18-Pdr.	29th.Bty.)	2
S.18.b.99.70.	"	30th. ")	3
S.18.b.45.50.	"	31st. ")	4
S.12.d.75.25.	4.5" How.	108th. ")	1
S.24.d.66.95.	18-Pdr.		
S.24.d.95.60.	"		
S.24.c.80.05.	"		
T.13.c.13.15.	4.5" How.		
T.25.a.05.15.	18-Pdr.		
T.25.c.30.80.	"		
T.25.c.15.13.	"		
B.1.a.00.83.	4.5" How.		
T.25.b.02.14.	18-Pdr.		
T.26.c.85.65.	"		
T.26.c.80.20.	"		
T.25.d.60.44.	4.5" How.		
B.1.d.26.30.	18-Pdr.	25th.Bty.)	2
B.8.a.44.95.	"	26th. ")	3
B.2.c.55.25.	"	27th. ")	4
B.1.d.96.52.	4.5" How.	107th. ")	1
B.13.a.80.90.	18-Pdr.		
B.13.b.10.25.	"		
B.19.a.15.20.	"		
B.19.b.05.25.	4.5" How.		

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Amendment No. 8. to Defence Scheme.

Ref. Amendt No. 7 regarding Appendix III.

ARMY LINE Positions to be occupied by Sth A.F.A. Bde.

For T.13.a.40.70.	Read.	S.18.c.43.27.
S.18.b.99.70.	"	S.18.a.40.10.
S.18.b.45.50.	"	S.18.a.40.27.
S.12.d.75.25.	"	S.18.a.25.55.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Headquarters.
13.12.17.

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The following should be added to
3rd Aust. Divsl. Artly Defence Scheme.

The following are the arrangements for the defensive action
by this Divisional Artillery for the help of the defence of
ARMENTIERES, should occasion arise:-

6 Guns of the 25th Bty. }
6 " " " 26th " } will be pulled out of their
6 " " " 107th " } pits and switched round to cover approaches to
HOUFLINES (Squares C.22. and C.16).

The Battery Commanders of the above-mentioned
Batteries will have all arrangements made at their positions
to switch these guns at a moment's notice.

The following O.Ps. will be used :-

- (1) SURREY FARM (C.9.d.30.40).
- (2) LE BIZET CONVENT. (C.14.a.55.68).

Batteries are already connected up to SURREY
FARM. - Two lines have been run from LE BIZET CONVENT to the
O.P. Exchange.

The following positions exist as Reinforcing
Positions for the Divisional Artillery, should the occasion
arise for their use :-

DELMOTTE FARM. (C.19.b.) - 6 guns.
LAUNDRY. (C.13.d.) - 6 "
C.13.d.05.30. (6 Guns)
C.13.c.25.99. " "
C.13.a.15.15. " "
C.13.a.10.40. " "
C.13.a.30.60. " "
C.7.c.05.45. " "
C.13.d.55.75. { 4 Guns }
C.13.d.05.95. { 2 " }
C.13.c.85.50. { 4 Hows. }
C.13.a.55.05. { 2 " }
C.13.a.90.99. { 6 " }

Please acknowledge receipt (S.2/105).

Headquarters.
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Amendment No.9. to Defence Scheme.

Amendments 7 and 8 (Appendix III), and Appendix I to
3rd Aust. Div. Art. Defence Scheme, are
cancelled and the attached sheets (4) sub-
stituted.

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APPENDIX I. (GUN ARCS)

Group.	Bty.	No. of Guns.	Position.	Arc Right.	Arc Left.
<u>RIGHT.</u>	26th	2	C.1.d.33.70.	C.11.e.43.80.	U.24.c.30.75.
		2	C.2.d.15.10.	C.16.b.92.82.	U.24.c.30.75.
		2	U.26.c.69.20.	58 - 124 degrees true bearing.	
	107th	2	C.8.c.16.75.	C.16.b.70.46.	U.17.d.65.50.
		2	C.7.b.85.40.	C.16.b.85.75.	U.17.d.6.2.
		2	C.7.d.2.3.	C.16.d.0.4.	U.17.d.7.6.
<u>LEFT.</u>	25th	4	U.26.b.30.72.	U.29.d.60.25.	U.6.a.45.35.
		2	C.3.a.30.86.	U.29.d.35.51.	U.6.a.37.75.
	27th	4	U.8.d.55.40.	U.23.b.41.35.	0.35.d.13.90.
		2	U.14.b.75.68.	U.17.d.7.7.	0.35.b.4.5.
	29th	6	U.13.c.90.24.	U.30.a.00.30.	0.36.c.00.50.
	30th	3	U.1.d.22.00.	U.24.d.0.0.	0.30.c.0.0.
		2	U.7.a.98.35.	U.17.a.40.33.	0.29.a.20.75.
		1	U.10.a.18.38.	U.22.b.85.40.	0.29.a.2.4.
	31st	6	U.1.d.86.30.	U.16.c.67.72.	0.30.a.39.46.
	108th	4	U.14.c.5.1.	U.23.d.65.60.	U.5.d.15.00.
2		U.14.d.26.80.	U.23.d.60.85.	U.5.d.3.0.	
Trench Mortars. -			9.45" - C.4.a.1.5. and U.16.b.82.92.		
			6" - C.10.d.14.24.		
			C.10.b.14.38.		
			U.28.b.62.18.		
			U.29.a.50.78.		
			U.11.a.74.20.		
			U.11.a.42.00.		

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POSITION	TO BE OCCUPIED BY		
C.2.a.0.5. 6 Guns. U.26.c.3.4. 6 " U.26.c.2.6. 6 " U.26.a.15.20. 4.5" Hows.	2nd Reinforcing Bde. "A" Brigade attached Right Group.		H. Qrs. SUPPORT FARM.
C.19.b.10.85. 6 Guns. C.8.a.25.85, 6 " C.2.c.45.50. 6 " C.7.c.0.4. } 4.5" Hows. C.7.b.6.4. } " "	"B" Bde. attached Right Group.		H. Qrs. B.12. central.
U.26.b.80.50. 6 Guns. U.26.d.55.30. 4 " C.2.b.60.85. 2 " U.26.c.85.60. 2 " C.2.a.60.90. 4 " C.1.b.85.40. } 4.5" Hows. C.1.d.65.45. } " "	"C" Bde. attached Right Group.		H. Qrs. SOYER FARM.
U.14.a.18.18. 6 Guns. U.14.b.25.00. 6 " U.14.c.15.00. 4 " U.14.c.30.13. 2 " U.20.a.00.40. 4.5" Hows.	"D" Bde. attached Left Group.		H. Qrs. PIGGERIES.
U.14.b.37.50. 4 Guns. U.14.b.60.50. 2 " U.8.c.98.25. 6 " U.14.a.38.60. 6 " U.19.b.10.60. } 4.5" Hows. U.19.b.92.65. } " "	"E" Bde. attached Left Group.		H. Qrs. CATACOMBS.
U.8.c.98.25. 6 Guns. U.14.b.60.35. 6 " U.14.b.35.45. 4 " U.14.b.5.6. 2 " U.19.b.1.7. 4.5" Hows.	Alternative to "E"		H. Qrs.
U.7.c.4.3. 6 Guns. U.7.d.6.4. 4 " U.7.d.40.60. 2 " U.8.a.45.85. 4 " U.2.c.97.37. 2 " U.20.a.37.95. 4.5" Hows.	"F" Bde. attached Left Group.		H. Qrs. IRISH FARM.

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3rd. Aust. Div. Arty. Amendt. No. 9. to Defence Scheme.

APPENDIX III.

CORPS LINE POSITIONS.

POSITION.	TO BE OCCUPIED BY.	ORDER OF MOVE.
T.17.d.40.30. T.23.b.4.3. T.23.b.5.5. E.23.d.2.7. (Howz)	"A" Brigade. 31st. Bty. } 30th. " } 3th. F.A. 29th. " } Brigade. 108th. " } Attached Left Group.	1 2 H.Q. 4 PETIT PONT. 3
B.5.a.2.2. B.4.d.6.4. B.10.b.9.4. B.5.c.2.2. (4 Howz) B.11.a.2.8. (2 ")	"B" Brigade. 25th. Bty. } 26th. " } 7th. F.A. 27th. " } Brigade. 107th. " } " " } Attached Right Group.	1 4 H.Q. 3 DOUDOU FARM. 2 (B.5.c.)
T.29.d.00.35. E.30.c.05.05. T.24.d.47.16. T.24.d.10.75. (Howz)	"C" Brigade. 1st Reinforcing Brigade. Attached Left Group.	H.Q. LA PETITE MUNQUE FM.
T.17.b.9.8. T.18.a.94.40. T.18.b.51.25. T.18.d.62.84. (Howz)	"D" Brigade. Attached Left Group.	H.Q. L'ALOUETTE.
T.24.a.7.4. T.24.a.9.3. B.11.d.60.75. B.5.a.5.6. (Howz)	"E" Brigade.	H.Q.
B.18.b.2.2. B.18.c.65.60. B.12.c.68.10. (4 guns) B.18.b.2.7. (2 ") B.17.d.95.50. (Howz)	"F" Brigade. Attached Right Group.	H.Q. LAUNDRY. B.18.c.

LEFT GROUP HEADQUARTERS - E.21.d.20.70.

RIGHT GROUP HEADQUARTERS - B.11.d.15.42.

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APPENDIX III.

-- ARMY LINE. --

Position.	To be occupied by		Order of move.
S.13.c.43.87. 18-Pdr.	"A" Bde. 29th Bty. } 30th " } 8th F.A. 31st " } Bde. 108th " }		H. Qrs. WESTHOF FARM.
S.28.a.40.10. "			2.
S.16.a.40.27. "			3.
S.18.a.25.55. 4.5" How.			4. 1.
attached Left Group.			
"B" Bde.			
S.24.d.66.95. 18-Pdr.	attached to Left Group.		H. Qrs. WESTHOF FARM.
S.24.d.95.60. "			
S.24.d.80.05. "			
T.13.d.13.15. 4.5" How.			
"C" Bde.			
T.25.a.05.15. 18-Pdr.	attached to Left Group.		H. Qrs. S.30.d.1.9.
T.25.c.30.30. "			
T.25.c.15.13. "			
B.1.a.00.83. 4.5" How.			
"D" Bde.			
T.25.b.02.14. 18-Pdr.	attached to Left Group.		H. Qrs. S.30.d.1.9.
T.26.c.85.65. "			
T.26.c.80.20. "			
T.25.d.60.44. 4.5" How.			
"E" Bde.			
B.1.d.25.30. 18-Pdr.	25th Bty } 7th F.A. 26th " } Bde. 27th " } 107th " }		H. Qrs. B.7.c.4.1.
B.8.a.44.95. "			2.
B.2.c.55.25. "			3.
B.1.d.96.52. 4.5" How.			4. 1.
attached Right Group.			
"F" Bde.			
E.13.a.80.90. 18-Pdr.	attached Right Group.		H. Qrs. B.7.c.4.1.
B.13.b.10.25. "			
B.19.a.15.20. "			
B.19.b.05.25. 4.5" How.			

Right Group H. Qrs. - A.6.d.3.6.

Left Group H. Qrs. - RAVELSBURG CAMP (S.16.d.)

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
AMMUNITION SUPPLY ETC.



Reference Maps:- Sheet 36 N.W., and Sheet 28 S.W.

Corps Depot - LA CRECHE SIDING - A.6.b.
Ammunition Railhead - CONNAUGHT SIDING - O.X.D. T.26.c.3.5.

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION REFILLING POINTS:-

ROMARIN - B.4.a.6.5. - 18-pdrs. & 4.5" Hows.
DOUDOU - B.5.c.4.7. - S.A.A. & T. Mortars.

AMMUNITION

Boxed is brought direct by Light Railway from LA CRECHE Depot to ROMARIN DUMP, where it is unboxed and distributed when necessary.

The Staff Captain demands on Corps Light Railway Officer for necessary trucks, before 6 p.m. daily, to carry ammunition forward from ROMARIN DUMP.

GROUP STATIONS

Ammunition is sent forward from ROMARIN to Group Stations. From these Group Stations ammunition is conveyed to Battery positions either by Trench Tramways, or by Pack animals.

One guide for each Battery is permanently stationed at ROMARIN DUMP, and accompanies each load of ammunition to his Battery.

O.C. Romarin Dump informs Groups immediately train is leaving for Battery.

In case of emergency, ammunition can be sent boxed direct from LA CRECHE Depot to Battery positions.

ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM OF SUPPLY.

Horse transport, using ROMARIN DUMP as a refilling point.

ALLOTMENT.

The following daily bulk allotment, which may be expended, is made to Groups:-

	18-pdr.	4.5" How.
Right Group	320	400
Left Group	1600	400

This must not be exceeded except in case of S.O.S., or on authority for special operations.

AMMUNITION ON CHARGE.

Total ammunition to be maintained on charge of Divisional Artillery:-

(a)	18-pdr.	-	450 rounds)	
	4.5" How.	-	350 ")	
	2" T.M.	-	90 ")	Held either at Guns
	6" T.M.	-	150 ")	or in Dumps.
	9.45" T.M.	-	40 ")	

(b) Full Echelon establishment for all Hows. and Guns on charge held on wheels. The amount necessary to fill Divisional Ammunition Sub. Park, i.e.- 75 per 18-pdr. Gun, and 40 per 4.5" How. will be held at ROMARIN Dump.

ESTABLISHMENT

at gun positions per:-

	18-pdr.	4.5" How.
Maximum Establishment	450	350
Minimum do.	300	200

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ECHELONS

Must be kept full at all times, and will not be taken to Battery positions except in case of emergency.

This Office should be notified when Echelons have been brought up, so that arrangements can be made to refill at ROMARIN.

DUMPS.

Personnel at Dumps are as follows:-

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Bty.Guides.</u>
ROMARIN	1	3	16	8
DOUDOU	-	2	7	-
FUZEVILLE RAILHEAD	1	1	3	-

The above cancels my D.A./4/471 of 10-11-17.

T. Moore

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

Headquarters,
9-12-17.

DISTRIBUTION:-

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- 5/7. WAR DIARY.
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To accompany 3rd Aust.
Div. Art. S.2/114.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
14th December, 1917.
S.O.32/182.

C.R.A.

1. A plan for counter-attack by one Brigade of Infantry and one Brigade of Mobile Artillery, in defence of the front line zone of defence, is in course of preparation.

2. This counter-attack will be undertaken by the Reserve Infantry Brigade, whose scheme for assembly and movement to positions in readiness has already been laid down in the Reserve Brigade Defence Scheme issued by the 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

3. The C.R.A. will prepare a scheme for the Artillery support of such a counter-attack by the Mobile Artillery Brigade referred to above. This scheme should consider :-

- (a) The case in which the counter-attack is made South of FLOLGSTEERT WOOD.
- (b) The case in which the counter-attack is made North of FLOLGSTEERT WOOD.
- (c) The case in which the counter-attack is made partly South and partly North of the WOOD.

The "jumping off" line of the counter-attacking Infantry Brigade may be either the present support line or the front system of the 2nd defensive zone.

The scheme of Artillery support should include any support which the Artillery already engaged in the defence of the Divisional area may be able to render.

4. The D.M.G.C. will similarly prepare a scheme for the employment of the Divisional Machine Gun Company in the form of Batteries in the support of such a counter-attack, under cases (a), (b) and (c), as in para (3) above. - This scheme should include any Vickers Machine Guns of the Reserve Brigade Machine Gun Company which it is not proposed to employ as mobile guns in the attack.

5. Any necessary consultation with the G.O.C., Reserve Brigade will be effected direct.

(Sgd) J.D.LAVARACK.
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
-----SECRET.-- INSTRUCTION No.29. --Map Ref :- Sheet 28 S.W.)
36 E.W.) 1/20,000.

1. The attached Table shows Offensive Artillery Programme to be carried out from 17th to 21st December, inclusive.
2. The tasks are to be combined with the usual harassing programme, and are in addition to the shooting at all observed movement and shooting at centres of activity.
3. Targets are to be taken on by Groups within whose zone they are located.
4. The programmes for the gas bombardments are to be worked out by the Battery Commanders concerned, and copies submitted to their Group Commanders and 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. for information.
5. Special care will be taken that no gas bombardments are carried out when conditions are unfavorable.
6. The 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O. will warn all Infantry Brigades of all times of T.M. shoots to enable the lines of fire to be cleared.
7. Single guns may be placed forward for the carrying out of special tasks and harassing fire. These should be moved back to their original positions after the completion of the task allotted.
8. Please acknowledge receipt.

*W.A. Nicholls*Headquarters.
15.12.17.Major, R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.DISTRIBUTION :-

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	16. 38th Div. Art.	28. "M" Sound Rg. Sec.
	17. 5th Aus. Div. Art.	29. R.A. Sig. Ofcr.
	18. S.C., R.A.	30. C.R.A.
	19. 52nd H.A. Group.	31. B.M., R.A.
	20. 1st Anzac H.A.	32. R. Ofcr.
	21. D.T.M.O. 3rd Aus. Div. : 33/35. War Diary.	
	22. 3rd Aus. D. A. C. :	36. FILE.
	23. 9th Aus. Inf. Bde.	

3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instrm. No.29.

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The following Offensive Artillery Programme will be carried out from 17th to 21st December, 1917 :-

DATE.	4.5" Hows.	18 Pdrs.	T.Ms.
17.12.17.	(1) T.Ms. in SPINNING MILL. (2) U.18.c.70.60. <u>12 Midnight.</u> - Gas DUG-OUTS at V.7.a.44.06.	At Dusk, Block Cross-roads at point V.19.c.86.92. by bursts of fire at frequent intervals, and then search road from this point to V.20.a.30.98.	To
18.12.17.	Destroy T.Ms. at (1) U.12.d.20.50. (2) DOLLS HOUSE and vicinity. <u>Gas after 10 p.m.</u> - Dug-outs at U.30.b.45.64. and U.24.a.65.82.	At 5 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10 p.m. Place creeping barrage on road from V.1.d.46.32. to V.2.a.52.00.	be allotted
19.12.17.	Strafe T.M. emplacements active on 16th & 17th December, 1917. Gas known occupied Dug-Outs in CERTIFIED TRENCH (G.5.d.).	<u>11 p.m. to Midnight.</u> Search Trench Tramway leading from DEULE MANSIONS (G.6.b.) to DURIEZ FARM, and Dump at DEULE MANSIONS.	daily. To
20.12.17.	<u>10.30 p.m.</u> Group concentrations on WARNETON and the approaches thereto from the East. <u>Gas after dark.</u> <u>Right Group.</u> DYE WORKS. (G.11.c.) BRIDGE HOUSE. (G.11.c.) <u>Left Group.</u> FARM WAUSTINE. DUG-Outs (V.18.c.)		be allotted daily.
21.12.17.	<u>6 p.m.</u> - Group concentrations on DEULEMONT, combined with gas bombardment of Dug-Out at V.20.a.45.15.		"

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

--- OPERATION ORDER No.39. ---

1.
ARTLY.
RELIEF.

The 3rd Aust. Divsl Artillery will be relieved by the 2nd Aust. Divsl. Artillery, as follows :-

in the line

20.12.17. - 2 Sections per Battery of the 2nd Aust. Div. Artly will relieve 2 Sections per Battery of the 3rd Aust. Div. Artly.

21.12.17. - 1 Section per Battery of the 2nd Aust. Div. Artly will relieve 1 Section per Battery of the 3rd Aust. Div. Artly.

2.
DETAILS
OF
RELIEF.

Details of relief are as follows :-

RIGHT GROUP.

Headquarters, 5th A.F.A. Bde. relieves

Headquarters, 7th A. F. A. Bde.

14th Bty. relieves 26th Bty.
105th Bty. " 107th Bty.

LEFT GROUP.

Headquarters, 4th A.F.A. Bde. relieves

Headquarters, 8th A.F.A. Bde.

13th Bty. relieves 25th Bty.
15th " " 27th "
10th " " 29th "
11th " " 30th "
12th " " 31st "
104th " " 108th "

Locations are as per Location List issued.

Reliefs will be completed by 12 noon each day.

3.
GUNS.

Guns will be taken over in "Situ." Sights and aiming posts only will be handed over with guns.

4.
D.A.C.

The 2nd Aust. D. A. C. will relieve the 3rd Aust. D. A. C. on the 21st December, 1917; relief to be completed by 12 noon, at which time the Officer Commanding the 2nd Aust. D.A.C. will assume responsibility for ammunition supply.

5.
TRENCH
MORTARS.

Relief of Trench Mortar personnel will take place on the 21st December; relief to be completed by 12 noon, at which time the D.T.M.C., 2nd Aust. Division will assume command of the Trench Mortars in the line. 9.45" and 6" Trench Mortars will be handed over to the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery. 2" Trench Mortars will be retained.

6. Personnel /

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6. PERSONNEL.

All personnel on relief will move to their present Wagon Lines.

7. AMMUNITION.

All Batteries moving out of the line will move with full echelons.

8. WAGON LINES.

The 3rd Aust. Divs1. Artillery and the 2nd Aust. Divs1. Artillery will exchange Wagon Lines. Exchange will take place on the 22nd December, and will be completed by 4 p.m. Detailed arrangements will be made by Staff Captains concerned.

9. COMMAND.

The command of Batteries will pass on completion of Battery reliefs. Command of Groups will pass at 12 noon, 21st December. Command of Field Artillery covering Right 2xx Division will pass from the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division, to the C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, at 12 a.m. on the 22nd December, 1917.

10. 3rd AUST. D.A.H.Q.

The office of 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Headquarters, will close at 10 a.m. on the 22nd December, 1917, at STEENWERCK, and re-open at the same hour at 50 RUE DE LILLE, BAILLEUL.

11. Attention is drawn to G.H.Q. Circular No.2. of 14.1.1917.

12. Please acknowledge receipt.

Headquarters.

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

Issued at 5 p.m., 16.12.17.
by D.R.L.S.

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| 4/8. Right Art. Group. | 31. "M" Sound Rg. Section. |
| 9/16. Left Art. Group. | 32. "K" Corps Ammn. Park. |
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| | 45. FILE. |

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.



WAGON LINES.

Reference Maps:- Sheet 28 S.W. }
Sheet 36 N.W. } 1/20,000.

1. INTENTION. Reference 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Operation Order No. 39, para. 8. 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery will take over wagon lines at present occupied by 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery as per march table attached.
2. INTERVAL. 300 yards between Batteries.
3. ADVANCE PARTIES. Wagon Line advance parties will report at new wagon lines at 8 a.m. on 22nd instant, and take over Camps, Area Stores, etc. 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery have 6 18-pdrs. (1 per 18-pdr. Battery) and 1 4.5" How. (With 104th How. Bty.) These will be taken over by advance parties.
4. REAR PARTIES. Rear Parties will be left at old positions to hand over camps, trench and area stores, and inventories Lines to be left in a thoroughly clean state.
5. TURN-OUT. Marching Order, no unauthorised equipment to be carried on vehicles.
6. BAGGAGE WAGONS. Baggage Wagons will be detailed by 867th A.S.C. to report to Battery Wagon Lines by 8 a.m. 22nd instant.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. Morell.
Captain,
Staff Captain R.A.,
3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters,
16-12-17.

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- 5. 7th F.A. Brigade.
- 6. 8th F.A. Brigade.
- 7. 3rd Aus. D.A.C.
- 8. 3rd D.T.M.O.
- 9. 867 A.S.C. (Attd. 3rd Div. Arty)
- 10. B.M. R., 3rd Aus. Divn.
- 11. R.O. 3rd Aus. Div. Arty.
- 12/14. WAR DLRY.
- 15. FILE.
- 16/19. Sparc.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

MARCH TABLE

Ref. Maps. Sheets 28 S.W. & 36 N.W.

UNIT	STARTING POINT	TIME & DATE	ROUTE	TAKE OVER FROM	LOCATION	REMARKS
7th F.A.B. Hdqrs. 25th Bty. 7th F.A.B. 26th " do. 27th " do. 107th How. do.	GROSS ROADS E.13.d.85.00.	Head of Column 10.30 a.m. 22-12-17.	LA RENEGATE - L'ESTRADE - CROIX-DU-BAC	4th F.A.B. Hqs. 12th Battery 10th " 11th " 104th How.Bty.	A.30.c.4.1. G.3.b.5.5. G.6.a.2.9. G.10.b.2.3. A.30.c.4.2.	
8th F.A.B. Hdqrs. 28th Bty. 8th F.A.B. 30th " do. 31st " do. 108th How. do.	GROSS ROADS T.26.c.6.4.	Head of Column 11.15 a.m. 22.12.17.	DE-SEULE - STEENWERCK	5th F.A.B. Hqs. 13th Battery 14th " 15th " 105th How.Bty.	G.5.a.2.1. A.28.a.3.0. G.10.a.8.6. A.28.a.7.8. G.10.a.9.8.	Not to enter STEENWERCK before 12 noon.
D.A.C. Hdqrs. & Sections.	Will remain at present locations.					
3rd Aus. D.T.M.O.					BAILLEUL	Will not take over Billets of 2nd D.T.M.O. but will move to BAILLEUL on 21-12-17 to Billets to be arranged between 3rd D.T.M.O. & Town Major, BAILLEUL.

APPENDIX.

Headquarters,
Decr. 16th 1917.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

WAGON LINES.

Reference this Office D.A./24/115 of 16-12-17 with
March Table attached.

3rd Aust. D.T.M.O. will not move to BAILLEUL, but will
take over Billets from 2nd Aust. D.T.M.O. A.23.c.o.4. (Sheet 36 N.W.)
by 12 noon on 21st instant.

T. Morell.

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

Headquarters,
18-12-17.

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- 4. 3rd Aus. Divn. "Q".
- 5. 7th F.A. Brigade.
- 6. 8th F.A. Brigade.
- 7. 3rd Aus. D.A.C.
- 8. 3rd D.T.M.O.
- 9. 867th A.S.C. (Attd. 3rd Div. Arty).
- 10. B.M. R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.
- 11. R.C. 3rd Aust. Div. Arty.
- 12/14. WAR DEPT.
- 15. FILE.
- 16/19. Spare.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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S.2/114.

To :-

Distribution as under.

With reference to the attached letter from 3rd Australian Divisional Headquarters, No.S.G.32/192, the Artillery arrangements are as follows :-

(a) The case in which the Counter Attack is made South of FLOEGSTEERT WOOD :-

Starting Point - Road Junction T.28.c.20.37.

Time of passing Starting Point - Hour stated on message which will read as follows :- "ASSIST FRELINGHIM PASS"; the word "PASS" being followed by the clock time.

Positions to be taken up - Squares B.6.c. & d.
B.12.a. & b.

(b) The case in which the Counter Attack is made North of FLOEGSTEERT WOOD :-

Starting Point - Road junction T.27.d.90.65.

Time of passing Starting Point - Hour stated on message which will read as follows :- "ASSIST WARMETON PASS"; the word "PASS" being followed by the clock time.

Positions to be taken up - Squares T.17.b.
T.15.a., b., & d.

(c) The case in which the Counter Attack is made partly South, and partly North of FLOEGSTEERT WOOD :-

Starting Point - Road Junction T.26.d.82.10.

In this case the Brigade will be split up into two parts. - 2-18 Pdr Batteries, and 2 Sections 4.5" Hows will operate with the Northern Counter-attacking forces, taking up positions as laid down in (b). 1 18-Pdr Battery, and 1 Section 4.5" Hows will operate with the Southern Counter-attacking forces and will take up positions as in (a).

In all cases the Officer Commanding the Artillery Brigade will report to the Infantry Brigadier at the Starting Point for orders. An Infantry escort should be detailed for the guns.

W.A. Nicholls

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

Headquarters,
20.12.17.

DISTRIBUTION :-

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 WARNINGS

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

WARNING ORDER. - 21.12.17.

Ref. Map: HOURLINES
 36.N.W.2. & N.E.1.
 (parts of)

To
 3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".
 7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades.
 3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O.
 38th Divl. Artillery.

The 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery will be relieving the 38th Divl. Artillery in the line in the area immediately South of the RIVER LYS.

Probable arrangements will be as follows :-

Headqrs. 7th. A.F.A. Bde. will relieve Headqrs. 121st. Bde.
 (H.4.d.35.60.).

25th. Bty.	relieves	97th. Bty.
26th. "	"	A/121st. Bty.
27th. "	"	B/121st. "
29th. "	"	C/121st. "
107th. "	"	D/121st. " (This Bty. has 4 Hows. in the line, but 107th. Bty. will put six Hows. in the line.)

The D.T.M.O. 3rd. Aust. Division will get into touch with the D.T.M.O. 38th Division, tomorrow, 22nd instant, with a view to taking over immediately on receipt of orders.

Trench Mortars in the line consist of 2 9.45" T.Ms. and 4 6" T.Ms.

1 Section may be ordered to relieve 1 section in the line on the night 22.12.17.

Battery Commanders, 1 Subaltern per battery, and any personnel they may require, will visit the battery positions they will occupy in the line, tomorrow, 22nd instant. They will call at Headquarters, 121st Brigade at H.4.d.35.60. before 11 a.m. where guides will meet them from 38th Divl. Artillery to shew them positions to be occupied.

No further movements beyond those enumerated above will take place until further orders are issued.

A/147th Battery, 38th. Divl. Artillery, at present attached to Centre Group, 38th Divl. Artillery, will, on Headquarters 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery taking over, be attached to Left Group under Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,
 21.12.1917.

(Sgd.) W.A. NICHOLLS. Major.
 B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division.

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Ref. Maps:-

HOUPLINES

36.N.W.2. & N.E.1. (parts of).

In confirmation of 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery Warning Order dated 21.12.1917., details of Relief will be as therein mentioned.

1 Section per battery will relieve 1 Section in the Line on the night 22nd/23rd December.

2 Sections will relieve 2 Sections in the Line on the night 23rd/24th December.

D.T.M.O. 3rd Aust. Division will take over from D.T.M.O. 38th Division 9.45" & 6" T.M. Batteries covering the front of the 3rd Australian Divl. Artillery. Relief will be completed by 10 a.m. 24th December.

In-going Batteries will relieve with their guns.

Wagon Lines will remain unchanged.

Ammunition supply arrangements will remain unaltered.

Command of batteries will pass on Relief.

Command of Groups will pass from C.O. 121st Brigade to C.O., 7th A.F.A. Brigade at 10 a.m. 24th December, 1917.

Command of Artillery covering the Divisional Front will pass to the C.R.A., 3rd Australian Division at 10 a.m. 22.12.1917.

Headquarters 3rd Australian Division ^{Artillery} ~~Division~~ will remain at STEENWERCK. Para 10 of 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery Operation Order No. 39 is hereby cancelled.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Headquarters,
22.12.1917.

(Sgd.) W.A. NICHOLLS Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

DISTRIBUTION :

1. 3rd Aust. Divn. "G".
2. 7th. A.F.A. Brigade.
3. 8th. " "
4. 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.
5. 38th Divl. Artillery.
6. 3rd Aust. D.A.C.
7. R.A. Sig. Officer, 3rd Aust. Divn.
- 8/10. WAR DIARY.
11. FILE.
12. S.C.R.A.
13. B.M.R.A.
14. R.O.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

S.3/3.

The Artillery covering the 3rd Australian Divisional Front will be known as 3rd Australian Artillery Group.
- Headquarters - H.4.d.35.60.

W. B. Nicholls

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

Headquarters.
23.12.17.

Distribution.

3rd Aus. Div. "G". - 2nd Aus. Div. Art. 2st Anzac/ H.A.
38th Div. Art. - 3rd Aus. Art. Group. - (3). -
8th A.F.A. Bde (4) - 3rd D.T.M.C. - 3rd Aus. D.A.C. -
R.A. Sig. Ofcr, 3rd Aus. Div. - 3rd Aust. Div.
Signals. - 4th Kite Balloon Coy. - 7th Obs. Sound
Ranging Section. - 4th Sqdrn R.F.C. - War Diary (3)
R. Ofcr. - S.C., R.A., 3rd Aus. Div. - FILE.

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To. 3rd Aust. Art. Group.
3rd Aus. Divsn. "G".
8th F.A.Bde. - 3rd D.T.M.O.
9, 10 & 11th Infy. Bdes.
64th H.A.G.

S.3/11.

The following bombardments will be carried out :-

Date.	Time.	Target.	By.	No. of rds.
29.12.17.	6.30 p.m.	Company Headquarters at I.5.d.5.7.	Div. Art.	80 rds 4.5" Hows. 100 " 18-Pdr.
31.12.17.	6 a.m.	Battalion Headquarters at J.8.d.9.6.	H.A. Div. Art.	120 rds 6" & 8". 50 " 4.5" How. 100 " 18-Pdr.

Watches will be synchronised by phone from 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.
at 4 p.m. 29.12.17., and 10 p.m., 30.12.17.
Please acknowledge receipt.

W. J. Nicholls

Headquarters.
28.12.17.

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

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To. 3rd Aust. Art. Group.
3rd Aus. Div. "G".
8th F.A.Bde.
3rd D.T.M.O.
9th, 10th & 11th Inf. Bdes.
64th H. A. G.

S.3/11/1.

In continuation of my No.S.3/11 of the 28th instant. -
6" Trench Mortars will participate in the bombardment on the
29th December, from a position at I.4.b.45.45.
D.T.M.O. to acknowledge by wire.

L. B. White

Headquarters.
29.12.17.

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

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WARNING ORDER - 31.12.17.

The 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery at present in the line will be relieved at an early date by the 57th Divl. Artillery.

Probable details of relief are as follow :-

- 1. 25th Bty will be relieved by B/286 Bty.
- 26th " " " " " A/286 "
- 27th " " " " " C/285 "
- 29th " " " " " C/286 "
- 107th " " " " " D/286 "

Relief of 1 Section of each Battery will probably take place on the 4th January and night 4th/5th January, 1918, and two sections of each Battery on the night 5th/6th January, 1918.

- 2. It will be notified later whether or not guns will be taken over "In Situ".
- 3. 6" & 9.45" T.Ms. now in the line will be taken over by the 57th Division, and the personnel of the 3rd Aust. Divsn will be withdrawn. - Relief to be completed by 12 noon on the 5th January, 1918.
- 4. Personnel on relief will withdraw to their present Wagon Lines.
- 5. The 57th Div. Artillery will take over the Wagon Lines at present occupied by 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery. - Detailed arrangements will be notified later.
- 6. The 57th D.A.C. will relieve the 3rd Aust. D.A.C. on the 5th January, 1918. - relief to be completed by 12 noon, at which time the C.O., 57th D.A.C. will assume responsibility for ammunition supply.
- 7. On relief the 3rd Australian Div. Artillery will move to the METEREN Area.
- 8. Command of the Artillery in the line will pass from the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn to the C. R. A., 57th Divsn at 12 noon on the 5th January, 1918.
Command of Batteries will pass on completion of relief.
Command of Group will pass at 10 a.m. on the 6th January, 1918.
- 9. The office of 3rd Australian Div. Artillery Headquarters will close at 12 noon on the 5th January, 1918, at STEENWERCK, and will re-open at STRAZEELE at the same hour.
- 10. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Headquarters.
31.12.1917.

(Sgd) W.A.NICHOLLS. Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

DISTRIBUTION : 3rd Aust. Div. "G". - 3rd Aust. Art. Group. -
Sth A.F.A.Bde. - 3rd Aus. D. T. M. O. - 3rd Aus. D.A.C.
R.A. Sig. Officer. - R.A., 57th Divn. C.R.A. -
S.C., R.A. - R. Ofer. - WAR DIARY. - FILE.

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

As at 6 p.m. 7.12.17.

Ref. Maps : (28 S.W. & S.E.)
(36 N.W. & N.E.) 1/20,000.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	WAGON LINES.
3rd. Aust. Div. Arty.	STEENWERCK.	Commanded by : BRIG. GEN. H.W. GRIMWADE, C.M.G.
<u>RIGHT GROUP.</u> (Lt.-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.)		
7th. F.A. Bde. H'qrs.	B.11.d.15.48.	B.11.d.1.3.
26th. Battery.	C.2.central. (2 guns.)	B.14.c.8.8.
	C.2.d.15.10. (2 ")	
	U.26.c.69.20. (2 ")	
107th. How. Bty.	C.8.c.16.75. (2 Hows.)	B.7.d.9.5.
	C.7.b.85.40. (2 ")	
	C.7.d.20.30. (2 ")	
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u> (Lt-Col. W.G. ALLISON, D.S.O.)		
8th. F.A. Bde. H'qrs.	T.21.d.20.10.	
25th. Battery.	U.26.b.30.80. (4 guns.)	B.14.a.3.6.
	U.27.c.10.00. (2 ")	
27th. "	U.8.d.55.40. (4 ")	B.14.c.9.6.
	U.14.b.75.68. (2 ")	
29th. "	U.13.c.91.05.	T.27.b.3.6.
30th. "	U.1.d.20.00. (3 ")	T.28.c.2.8.
	U.7.a.98.35. (2 ")	
	U.10.a.18.38. (1 ")	
31st. "	U.1.d.82.26. (5 ")	T.27.a.55.60.
	U.1.d.55.00. (1 ")	
108th. How. Bty.	U.14.d.22.85. (1 How.)	T.27.c.7.2.
	U.14.c.50.10. (5 Hows.)	
3rd. Aust. D.A.C. H'qrs.	B.9.c.5.3.	
No. 1 Section.	B.25.c.4.5.	
No. 2 "	B.19.c.4.7.	
"B" Echelon.	B.27.c.8.8.	
3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O.	B.15.d.9.8.	
Trench Mortar Billots.	NIEPPE.	
Trench Mortar positions.	C.4.a.1.5. (9.45".)	
	U.10.d.7.2. (-do-)	
<u>DUMPS.</u>		
AMMUNITION RAILHEAD	CONNAUGHT SIDING	OXD.
ROMARIN DUMP	B.4.a.6.5.	(18 Pdr. and 4.5" How.)
DOUDOU DUMP	B.5.c.4.7.	(S.A.A. & T.M.)
CORPS R.E. DUMP.	STEENWERCK STATION	- A.12.a.9.9.
DIVISION R.E. DUMP.	DE SEULE	- B.1.b.2.3.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>		
23rd. Mobile Workshops	A.29.b.8.8.	
867th. Coy. 3rd. Aust. Divl.		
Train.	G.4.b.1.5.	
D.A.D.O.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn.	B.1.d.3.5.	

W. P. Howley

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

Headquarters,
7th. Decr. 1917.

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

As at 6 p.m. 14.12.17.

Ref. Maps : (25 S.W. & S.E.)
(36 N.W. & N.E.) 1/20,000.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	WAGON LINES.
3rd Aust. Div. Arty.	STEENWERCK.	Commanded by : BRIG. GEN. H.W. GRIMWADE, C.H.G.
<u>RIGHT GROUP.</u> (Lt.-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.)		
7th. F.A. Bde. H'qrs.	B.11.d.15.48.	B.11.d.1.3.
26th. Battery.	J.1.d.83.70. (2 guns.)	D.14.c.8.8.
	C.2.d.15.10. (2 ")	
	U.26.c.69.20. (2 ")	
107th. How. Bty.	C.8.c.16.75. (2 Hows.)	B.7.d.9.5.
	C.7.b.05.40. (2 ")	
	C.7.d.20.30. (2 ")	
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u> (Lt. Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O.)		
8th. F.A. Bde. H'qrs.	T.21.d.20.10.	
25th. Battery.	U.26.b.30.80. (4 guns.)	B.14.a.3.6.
	U.27.c.10.00. (2 ")	
27th. "	U.9.d.55.40. (4 ")	B.14.c.9.5.
	U.14.b.75.68. (2 ")	
29th. "	U.13.c.91.05.	T.27.b.3.6.
30th. "	U.1.d.20.00. (3 ")	T.28.c.2.8.
	U.7.a.80.35. (2 ")	
	U.10.a.18.38. (1 ")	
31st. "	U.1.d.82.26. (5 ")	T.27.a.55.60.
	U.1.d.55.00. (1 ")	
108th. How. Bty.	U.14.d.22.75. (1 How.)	T.27.c.7.2.
	U.14.c.50.10. (5 Hows.)	
3rd. Aust. D.A.C. H'qrs.	B.9.c.5.3.	
No. 1 Section.	B.25.c.4.5.	
No. 2 "	B.19.c.4.7.	
"E" Echelon.	B.27.c.8.6.	
3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O.	B.15.d.9.8.	
Trench Mortar Billets.	NIEPPE.	
Trench Mortar Positions	C.4.a.1.5. (9.45".)	
Trench Mortar Positions (in course of construction:-)	C.10.d.10.25. U.11.a.70.15.	
	U.28.b.65.25. U.11.c.40.95.	
	U.29.a.50.70.	
----- DUMPS. -----		
AMMUNITION RAILHEAD	CONNAUGHT SIDING, OXD.,	T.26.c.3.5.
ROMARIN DUMP.	B.4.a.6.5.	(10 Fdr. & 4.5" How.)
DOUDOU DUMP.	B.5.c.4.7.	(S.A.A. & T.M.)
CORPS R.E. DUMP.	STEENWERCK STATION,	A.12.a.9.9
DIVISION R.E. DUMP.	DE SEULE	B.1.b.2.8.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>		
23rd. Mobile Workshops	A.29.b.8.8.	
867th. Coy. 3rd. Aus. Div. Trn.	G.4.b.1.5.	
D.A.D.O.S. 3rd. Aus. Div.	B.1.d.3.5.	

H.S. Swell

Captain.
For Reconnaissance Officer
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

Headquarters,
Decr. 14th. 1917.

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

As at 12 noon, 22.12.17. (28 S.W. & S.E.)
Ref. Maps : (36 N.W. & N.E.) 1/20,000.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	COMMANDED BY -
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty. HEADQUARTERS.	STEENWERCK.	BRIG. GEN. H.W. GRIMWADE, C.M.G.
<u>7th. F.A. Brigade</u> - Batteries at Wagon Lines.		
Headquarters.	A.30.c.4.1.	Lt.-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.
25th. Battery.	G.3.b.5.5.	
26th. "	G.6.a.2.9.	
27th. "	G.10.b.2.3.	
107th. "	A.30.c.4.2.	
<u>8th. F.A. Brigade</u> - Batteries at Wagon Lines.		
Headquarters.	G.5.a.2.1.	A/C.O. Major A.B. SANDFORD.
29th. Battery.	G.10.a.9.8.	
30th. "	A.28.a.3.0.	
31st. "	G.10.a.3.6.	
108th. "	A.28.a.7.8.	
<u>3rd. Aust. D.A.C.</u>		
Headquarters	B.9.c.5.3.	A/C.O. Capt. C.G. FOXTON.
No. 1 Section.	B.25.c.4.5.	
No. 2 Section.	B.19.c.4.7.	
"B" Echelon.	B.27.c.3.8.	
<u>3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O.</u>		
	A.23.c.0.4.	Capt. R.S. SCARR.
Trench Mortar Billots.	A.23.c.0.4. (& vicinity.)	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>		
23rd. Mobile Workshops.	A.29.b.8.8.	
867th. Coy. 3rd. Aus. Div.		
Train.	G.4.b.1.5.	
D.A.D.C.S. 3rd. Aus. Div.	B.1.d.3.5.	

H.S. Smith

Headquarters,
Decr. 22nd. 1917.

Captain.
For Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

As at 12 noon, 24.12.17. Ref. Maps. Sheets 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

UNIT. LOCATION. WAGON LINES.

3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty. HEADQUARTERS. STEENWERCK. Commanded by : BRIG.GEN. H.W. GRIMWADE, C.M.G.

3rd. Australian Artillery Group. - (Lt.Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY.)

Headquarters	H.4.d.35.60.		A.30.c.4.1.
25th. Battery.	C.27.a.52.20.	(2 Guns.)	G.3.b.5.5.
	C.27.a.50.25.	1 "	
	C.27.a.70.85.	1 "	
	C.26.b.30.90.	1 "	
26th. Battery.	C.19.b.2.4.	2 "	G.6.a.2.9.
	C.20.d.18.45.	2 "	
	C.14.a.95.10.	1 "	
	C.14.c.80.95.	1 "	
27th. Battery.	I.8.b.40.10.	1 "	G.10.b.2.3.
	I.8.b.31.15.	1 "	
	I.8.b.25.30.	1 "	
	I.8.a.83.34.	1 "	
	I.8.a.80.32.	1 "	
	I.8.a.77.40.	1 "	
29th. Battery.	I.2.a.50.85.	3 "	G.10.a.9.8.
	I.2.a.9.7.	3 "	
107th. How. Bty. A/147. Battery.	C.26.c.05.17.	6 Hows.	A.30.c.4.2.
	H.18.c.80.70.	2 Guns	H.1.b.6.6.
	I.13.c.23.50.	1 "	
	H.12.c.99.22.	1 "	
	H.12.c.90.50.	1 "	
	H.12.c.80.65.	1 "	

8th. F.A. Bde. a/C.O. - Major A.B. SANDFORD.

Headquarters of Brigade and Batteries at Wagon Lines as under :-

Headquarters.		G.5.a.2.1.
30th. Battery.	A.28.a.3.0.	
31st. Battery.		G.10.a.8.6.
108th. Battery.		A.28.a.7.8.

3rd. Aust. D.A.C. a/C.O. - Capt. C.G. FOXTON.

Headquarters.	B.9.c.5.3.
No.1 Section.	B.25.c.4.5.
No.2 Section.	B.19.c.4.7.
"B" Echelon.	E.27.c.8.8.

3rd. Aust. D.T.M.C. - Capt. R.S. SCARR. H.4.c.05.30.
Trench Mortar Btlts - BRQUINGHAM.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

LOCATION STAT. REF.

As at noon, 29.12.17.

Ref. Maps : Sheets 35 N.W. & P.E.
1/20,000.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	WAGON LINES.
3rd Aust. Divl. Arty. HEADQUARTERS.	STANWARRUK.	Commande by :- BRIG. GEN. H.W. GRIMMADIS, C.M.G.
<u>3rd Australian Artillery Group. - (Lt-Col. H.D.L. MACARTNEY.)</u>		
Headquarters	H.4.d.35.60.	A.30.c.4.1.
25th. Battery.	C.27.a.52.20. (2 guns.)	G.3.b.5.5.
	C.27.a.50.25. (1 ")	
	C.27.a.70.85. (1 ")	
	C.26.b.80.90. (1 ")	
26th. Battery.	C.19.b.2.4. (2 ")	G.6.a.2.9.
	C.20.d.13.45. (2 ")	
	C.14.a.95.10. (1 ")	
	C.14.c.80.95. (1 ")	
27th. Battery.	I.7.b.65.85. (2 ")	G.10.b.2.3.
	I.8.b.25.30. (1 ")	
	I.8.a.83.34. (1 ")	
	I.8.a.80.32. (1 ")	
29th. Battery.	I.8.c.77.40. (1 ")	
	I.2.c.50.85. (3 ")	G.10.a.9.8.
107th. How. Bty. A/147. Battery.	I.2.a.9.7. (3 ")	
	C.26.c.05.17. (6 Hows.)	A.30.c.4.2.
	H.18.c.80.70. (2 Guns.)	H.1.b.6.6.
	I.13.c.28.50. (1 ")	
	H.12.c.99.22. (1 ")	
	H.12.c.90.50. (1 ")	
H.12.c.90.65. (1 ")		

8th. A.F.A. Brigade. a/C.O. - Major A.B. SANDFORD.

Headquarters of Brigade and Batteries at Lagon Lines as under.

Headquarters.	G.5.a.2.1.
30th. Battery.	A.28.a.3.0.
31st. Battery.	G.10.a.8.6.
108th. Battery.	A.28.a.7.8.

3rd. Aust. D. A. C. C.O. - Lt-Col. W. CHURCHUS.

Headquarters.	B.9.c.5.3.
No.1 Section.	B.25.c.4.5.
No.2 Section.	B.19.c.4.7.
"B" Echelon.	B.27.c.8.8.

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3rd. Aust. D. T. M. O. - Capt. R.S. SCARR. H.4.c.05.30.
Trench Mortar Billets. - ARQUINGHEM.
Trench Mortar Positions :

9.45".T.M. - I.15.c.99.76.
I.10.d.18.78.
C.22.d.7.12.
C.28.c.75.25. (in course of construction).

6" T.M. - I.20.b.65.22.
I.15.c.90.70.
I.15.b.75.35.
C.28.d.60.30.
C.22.d.25.60.
I.4.b.45.45.
I.16.a.30.70.) In course of
C.16.c.65.10.) construction.

AMMUNITION REFILLING POINT. - B.22.c.7.2.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I.O.M., 28rd. Mobile Workshops. - A.29.b.8.8.
867th. Coy. 3rd. Aust. Div. Trains - G.4.b.1.5.
D.A.D.O.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn. - S.17. central.

H.S. Smith

Headquarters,
29.12.1917.

Captain.
for Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.CONFIDENTIAL.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 1.12.17. to 6 a.m. 2.12.17.Ref. Maps : 28.S.W. & S.E. 36.N.W. & N.E. - 1/20,000.
-----OUR FIRE.

At 10.25 a.m. 18-Pdrs & 4.5"Hows. of Left Group bombarded WARNETON with 180 rds.

A working party was observed from SURREY FARM, at C.5.d.35.30. This party was engaged and dispersed by 4.5"Hows. of Right Group, 18 rds. being fired.

At 3.15 p.m. the same battery fired 24 rds. on a dug-out at C.11.d.05.80. from which smoke was seen to rise - evidently an enemy cook-house. Ranging was carried out from SURREY FARM, and several direct hits were observed.

In anticipation of an enemy relief, 18-Pdrs & 4.5"Hows directed harassing fire during the night at frequent intervals on to enemy's Roads and communications, expending 1584 rds. 18 Pdr., and 522 rds. 4.5" How.

HOSTILE FIRE.

During the day enemy Artillery was comparatively inactive. At 10 am. & 4 pm. a few rds. 4.2 H.E. fell in C.16.d. from approximately D.13.c.

Between 11 am. & 12 noon 60 rds. 10.5cm & 77mm were directed against our F.L.trenches & Support trenches on Right Battn. front. This fire appeared to come from the direction of ST. BARBE - observed from U.15.d.80.65.

At 11.40 am. & 12.10 pm. 50 rds. 8" fell in U.22.d. On each of these occasions enemy batteries were engaged & silenced by our Heavy Artillery. Direction of fire - WARNETON.

During the night enemy's Artillery shewed normal activity. Our roads and approaches in U.1. & U.7. were shelled by 10.5cm Hows. 250 rds. being fired.

From 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. 10 rds. 10.5 cm. fell in C.8.a. and 20 rds. of same calibre, including a number of gas shells, were scattered over C.8.c.

At 9.45 pm. 50 rds. 77mm H.E. were directed against C.2.d., while intermittent shelling of this area throughout the night was also recorded.

Enemy carried out harassing fire on the back areas of our Right Group Sector. Fire, chiefly from 10.5 cm & 77mm was well distributed, and came mainly from direction of FRELINGHIEN.

INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. At 8 a.m. 1 enemy Observation Balloon was up, but was forced to descend owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

8.30 am. - 1 E.A. crossed our lines, and remained over our trench system on Right Group front. Weather conditions during latter part of day rendered flying impracticable.

MISCELLANEOUS. During night the enemy fired numerous green Rockets. These were observed when our guns opened fire.

VISIBILITY. - During morning low; becoming worse during afternoon.

Headquarters,
2.12.1917.

Col. Howley
Lieutenant. 1
Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 2.12.17. to 6 a.m. 3.12.17.

Ref. Maps : 28.S.W. & S.E. 38.N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE.

At 12 noon 18 Pdrs. of the Left Group fired 20 rds. on Zero Point : Corrector fire, and directed 20 rds. harassing fire on enemy Roads and farms in V.20.a.

At 2.30 p.m. 40 rds. were expended whilst checking calibration.

Howitzer Battery of Right Group, at request of the Infantry, fired 20 rds. on M.Ws. at C.11.e.60.50.

At frequent intervals during the night, harassing fire was directed on to enemy's roads, trenches, approaches and communications, - 1659 rds. 18-Pdr., 300 rds. 4.5" How., and 150 rds. Gas shell being expended.

HOSTILE FIRE.

During the day enemy's Artillery was exceptionally quiet over the whole front.

No particular shelling of any area was reported, with the exception of intermittent fire from enemy's M.Ws. during the day on our Front Line, and 50 rds. 10.5cm. Gas & H.E. on U.9.a. & b. during the morning.

Enemy's Artillery activity during the night was again below normal.

A few rounds from 77mm guns firing from the direction of FRELLINGHIEN fell in C.2.d.

Our Front Line in U.23. and U.29. was lightly shelled at intervals during the night by 15cm Hows. & 77mm guns, from direction of DEULEMONT.

8.5 pm. to 11 pm. - U.8.d. was shelled by 10.5cm Hows. - approximately 100 rds. being fired, whilst U.1.b. & U.7.c. received attention from enemy's 15cm Hows. - 70 rds. fired.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. - Flashes were observed as follows :

5.15 am.	-	55 deg. T.B.	from U.13.b.20.15.
7.5 am.	-	55 deg 30' T.B.	" do.
7.45 am.	-	69 deg. T.B.	" do.
8.45 am.	-	62 deg. T.B.	" do.

INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Enemy's planes shewed normal activity during the period. During the night enemy's aircraft were over our back areas on bombing operations.

MISCELLANEOUS. 8.15 am. Train was observed in COMINES, proceeding in a Southerly direction.
11.15 am. A large cloud of smoke was observed rising from BAS WARNETON.

VISIBILITY - Good, but becoming low during afternoon.

Headquarters,
3rd Novr. 1917.

C. K. Chouley
Lieutenant,
Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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-----OUR FIRE.

At 5.15 am. 18-Pdrs. fired 30 rds. on the SPINNEY - U.18.a., and at 5.20 a.m. 20 rds. directed on WARNETON.

During the afternoon, enemy's Supports in U.12.c. and in WARNETON, and UNCLEAN TRENCH were engaged by 18-Pdrs & 4.5" Hows of the Left Group - 174 rds. and 130 rds. respectively being fired.

Hows. also registered WINDMILL at U.18.a.20.80. - 21 rds. being fired.

From 3.15 pm. to 5 pm. Hows. of the Right Group fired 36 rds. on hostile M.Ws. at C.11.b.25.30. and C.11.c.50.60. Hostile M.Ws. firing were silenced.

During the night 18-Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. directed a number of rounds against enemy's roads and communications.

HOSTILE FIRE.

The enemy's Artillery shewed normal activity throughout the period, though his fire was rather more intense during the day.

Fire was mainly directed against our Forward Areas, but heavy shelling of U.13.b. by 15 cm. Hows. was also reported.

A slight increase from enemy's 77mm guns on R.Group front was noticeable. These appeared to be firing chiefly from the direction of FRELINGHIAN.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

Aeroplanes of both sides were very active throughout the day. Enemy aircraft crossed our lines on several occasions, but was in almost every instance driven back by our A.A.guns.

10.42 am. - 1 E.A. flew low over our forward areas on the Left Group front.

2.55 pm. - An enemy plane patrolled the front between WARNETON and DEULEMONT.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

9 am - 9.30 am. - Movement was observed in CERTIFIED TRENCH about C.5.d.35.20.

1.30 - 2.15 pm. - A small party of the enemy was observed in the vicinity of the CEMETERY in C.11.b.

1.15 pm. - A train on light railway, proceeding in a Northerly direction, was observed at a bearing 95°30' T.B. from U.15.d.80.65.

VISIBILITY - Good.

Headquarters,
4th Decr. 1917.

A.H. Howley.
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

HOSTILE FIRE - 6 a.m. 3.12.17. to 6 a.m. 4.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of gun.	Direction of fire or location of hostile battery. Remarks.
7 am. - 2 pm.	U.13.b.8.2.	300	10.5 cm. 4 guns.	Flash 79 deg. T.B. from U.13.b.20.15. Engaged by Heavy Artillery.
8.30 am. - 11.5 am.	U.8.a. & c.	50	Probably 8".	COMINES. - sound bearing from U.15.a.35.80.
9.45 am. - 10.30 am.	TILLEUL ROAD in U.9.b. & U.10.a.	95	15 cm.	
9 am. - 3 pm.	Heavy Bty. in U.19.b.	50		Silenced by C.B. fire.
10 a.m.	C.7.b.	30	4.2	From direction of FRELINGHIEN.
do.	U.25.b. & U.26.a.	20	15 cm.	DEULEMONT. - sound bearing from U.26.b.6.7.
11.30 am.	U.25.a.	25	5.9.	
do.	C.9.b.	10	77 mm. H.E.	
noon.	C.9.a.	15	do.	From direction of FRELINGHIEN.
noon.	U.25.a.	30	4.2. H.E.	
1 p.m.	U.22.	30	77 mm. Shrap.	
1.30 pm.	U.28.b.	20	4.2	
do.	C.3.d.	10	77 mm.	do.
2 p.m.	S.L. in U.11.a & c.	110	10.5 cm & 15 cm.	
do.	C.4.a.	30	77 mm. H.E.	85 deg. T.B. from SURREY FARM.
2.30 pm.	F.L. in C.4.a.	15	do.	do. do.
3.30 pm.	S.L. in C.4.d.	20	4.2.	70 deg. T.B. from do.
4 p.m.	do.	20	4.2.	do. do.
Intermittent (night)	U.14.a. & U.8.	250	10.5 cm & 15 cm.	

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Ref. Maps :- 28 S.W. & S.E., 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000 .

OUR FIRE. -

At 3.30 p.m., in answer to Zone Call received, 18 Pdrs. fired 50 rds. on Hostile Battery (15cm.) at V.20.d.55.32. - unobserved.

At 4.30 p.m., 4.5" Hows. and 18 Pdrs. fired 86 rds. and 24 rds. respectively on enemy's M.W. positions in the vicinity of DEULEMONT.

During the night, 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. of the Right Group fired on Traffic on Roads in rear of FRELINGHIEN, expending 42 rds. "A" & "AX", and 100 rds. "BX".

Harassing fire was maintained by Left Group on enemy's Roads and centres of activity, whilst M.G. emplacements, M.W. positions, and important Dug-outs were engaged at intervals - 18 Pdrs. firing 365 rds., and 4.5" Hows. 150 rds.

HOSTILE FIRE. -

Enemy's Artillery during the day showed normal activity. His fire was mainly directed against our Front and Support lines and forward areas generally, while Roads in U.14.a. were subjected to rather heavy shelling by 15 cm. Hows. Fire was normal during the night.

COUNTER BATTERY. -

From 2.45pm. to 4.45pm., 25th. Battery position at U.26.b.30.80 was heavily shelled by 15cm. & 10.5cm. Hows. p 250 rds., fired from direction 90 degs. T.B. from U.26.b.3.8. (Sound.) Ranging was carried out by Aeroplane observation, and 1 Gun was badly damaged, 1 slightly damaged, and 2 Gun Pits partly destroyed.

From 2.15 pm. to 2.55pm., 107th. How. Section at C.7.d.2.2. was registered by enemy 15 cm. Hows. firing from FRELINGHIEN. Ranging during this shoot was also carried out by aeroplane - 20 rds. fired.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

At 1.40 p.m., 3 p.m., & 3.40 p.m., an enemy plane, flying moderately low, was over our Trench system on the Left Group front.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - 8 enemy Observation Balloons were up during this period.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

2 p.m. - A Train, at a standstill, was observed 92 degs. T.B. from U.15.d.80.65. At 2.10 p.m., same Train was observed proceeding in direction of COMINES from 93 degs. T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

Visibility during morning - low, improving towards the afternoon.

A. H. Chouley

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

Headquarters,
5th. Decr. 1917.

HOSTILE FIRE - 6 a.m. 4.12.17 to 6 a.m. 5.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire or location of Hostile Battery.	Remarks.
8.30 a.m. to 1 pm.	U.14.a. & along Road in U.14.c.	180	15cm.	95degs. T.B. from U.13.b.20.15. (S)	
2.15pm. to 2.55pm.	C.7.c.2.2.	20	15cm. H.E.	From FRELINGHIEN - registered by S.A.	
2.45pm. to 4.45pm.	25th. Bty. position U.26.b.3.8.	250	15 & 10.5cm.	90 degs. T.B. from U.26.b.3.8. (S)	
3 pm. to 3.30 pm.	C.1.e.	50	15 & 10.5cm.	Frelinghien.	
4.30 pm. and 5.15 pm.	Front & Support lines in C.4.d.	110	10.5cm. & 77mm H.E.	- FRELINGHIEN.	
5 p.m.	Supports C.10.d.	25	10.5cm.H.E. & Gas.	-do-	
6 p.m.	U.2.a. & d.	50	10.5cm. & 77mm.	-	
8.30 p.m.	Supports in C.4.b. & d.	25	77mm. H.E.	-do-	
11.10 p.m.	Supports U.29.a.	30	10.5cm. H.E. & Gas.		
2 a.m. to 5 a.m.	U.1.d. & U.7.a. & b.	180	10.5cm.		
2.30 a.m.	U.29.a.	18	77mm.	South of FRELINGHIEN.	
3.30 a.m.	Front line in C.4.b. & d.	40	77mm. H.E.	DEULEMONT.	
5 a.m.	Front Line in U.23.b. & d.	20	10.5cm. H.E.	50 degs. T.B. from SURREY FARM.	

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Ref. Maps:- 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE - 18 Pdrs. registered new hostile M.W. positions. 208 rds. were directed against enemy's Communications and centres of activity - harassing fire.

Howitzers fired 50 rds. on Roads and Targets in vicinity of WARRETON.

Registration of FRELINGHIEN Cross Roads was carried out by 4.5" Hows. with Balloon Observation, - 33 rds. fired, and 7 O.K's reported.

20 rds. 4.5" How. were directed against hostile M.W. at G.11.c.85,95.

PONT ROUGE BRIDGE was registered during the afternoon.

During the night 2 rds. 4.5" How. were directed against traffic on FRELINGHIEN - DEULEMONT Road, whilst 18-Pdrs. & Hows. of the Right Group carried out a shoot on M.W. positions in vicinity of DEULEMONT, 86 rds. & 72 rds. being fired respectively.

Harassing fire was maintained on enemy's Roads and Communication throughout the night, 18-Pdrs. firing 587 Rds. and 4.5" Hows. 100 rds.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Enemy's Artillery activity was again normal. His fire during the day was mainly directed against our Battery positions, whilst during the night his attention was confined to the shelling of our Front & Support trenches and forward areas. Detailed shelling report attached.

COUNTER BATTERY. -

10 am. - 1 p.m. - 300 rds. 15 cm. were directed against 27th Bty. position in U.8.d. from direction 75 deg. T.E. from U.13.b.20.15. (S). Flashes could not be observed owing to heavy fog. 1 gun badly damaged; 1 gun slightly damaged.

1 p.m. - 30 rds. 15 cm. were directed against 25th Battery position at U.26.b.3.2., from flash bearing 107°30' T.B. from U.15.d.80.65. No damage reported. Heavy Artillery engaged the enemy battery, but a number of rds. appeared to be falling just short or immediately to the right of the position.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - A number of enemy observation balloons were up during the day. Enemy planes were also very active, but our A.A. defence proved to be most effective.

9 a.m. - A hostile aeroplane was driven down out of control, by one of our machines, and fell in O.36.b. (approx).

12.15 pm. - Enemy plane flew over our lines, and at 1.30 pm. 5 planes were over our lines. 2.45 pm. - An E.A. patrolled over U.15.

3 pm. - 4 pm. 8 small spherical balloons drifted over our lines, and papers and posters were dropped from them. The flight of two of these balloons appeared to be very erratic, and did not seem to be dependent on wind currents. A copy of the "Journal des Ardennes", printed in French, and dated Novr. 3rd., also a poster containing first para. of that journal, printed in English, were obtained.

VISIBILITY - good, but at times impossible, owing to heavy ground mist.

Headquarters,
6.12.1917.

H.S. Smith
Captain.
for R.O., 3rd. Australian Div. Artillery.

HOSTILE FIRE - from 6 a.m. 5.12.17. to 6 a.m. 6.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire, or location of Hostile Battery.	Remarks.
7am. to 10am.	U.13.a. & U.8.d.	100	10.5cm.	COMINES.	
	U.7.d.6.7.	50	15cm.		
9am. to 12 noon.	U.19.b.	20	15cm.		Intermittent - harassing.
10 to 10.30 a.m.	Support line in C.4.c.	15	10.5cm.H.E.		FRELINGHIEN.
12 noon.	C.10.d.	4	M.W.		Engaged and silenced by 4.5" Hows.
1.10 p.m.	GUNNER'S FARM, C.2.d.	50	10.5cm. Gas.		S. of FRELINGHIEN.
1.40 p.m.	C.9.d. & LONG AVENUE	30	77mm. H.E.		-do-
3.30pm. Interm/t.	C.2.d., GUNNER'S FARM - scattered.	53	77mm. H.E.		FRELINGHIEN.
6pm. to 8 pm.	C.7.c.	30	10.5cm. H.E.		
7.30 p.m.	Support lines on practically whole of our front.	100	10.5cm.		
8.15 p.m.	-do-	100	10.5cm.		
2.30 a.m.	C.8.c.	25	10.5cm.		

During the night, flashes were observed as follows :-

73degs., 108degs., and 115degs. T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 6.12.17. to 6 a.m. 7.12.1917.

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Ref. Maps. - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. - Harassing fire by 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. was directed against Roads, Tracks, Farms, and other centres of activity opposite our front - 350 rds. fired.
 18 Pdrs. also fired:-
 24 rds. - registration with Balloon Observation on PONY ROUGE BRIDGE.
 10 rds. - in dispersing party of the enemy at C.11.b.45.85. - observed from SURREY FARM O.P.
 14 rds. - in dispersing enemy party in CERTIFIED TRENCH, C.12.a.
 80 rds. - against 2 M.Ws. at C.11.e.6.8. & C.11.a.8.1.
 20 rds. - registering Gun in new position.
 4.5" Howitzers. -
 51 rds. - registration, - carried out on a barricade in U.29.d.85.00., found to be of strong structure. During this shoot, one round was observed to fall on an active hostile T.M., immediately silencing same.

During the night, 18 Pdrs. and Hows. directed 160 rds. and 150 rds. respectively against M.G. & T.M. positions, and usual harassing fire was kept up on enemy communications &c., - 458 rds. 18 Pdr. and 100 rds. 4.5" How. being fired.

TRENCH MORTAR ACTIVITY. - Heavy Trench Mortars fired 5 rounds on DURIEZ FARM, C.5.d.25.95. Only 1 burst was reported, and this considerably damaged enemy's earthworks in the vicinity.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Enemy's Artillery activity for the period has been normal. Again destructive shoots have been carried out against two of our Battery positions, - 150 rds. 15cm. being directed against 27th. Bty. in U.8.d., and 200 rds. same calibre against Right Section of 107th. How. Bty. in C.7.d., destroying in the latter case 150 rds. Ammunition, one Gun Pit, and slightly damaging one gun. With exception of 100 rds. 15cm. & 10.5cm. falling in C.13.a., other hostile shelling was light and well scattered. Detailed report is appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Planes and Balloons of both sides showed considerable activity, and our A.A. defence again proved very effective in driving off a number of hostile planes during course of the day.

At 3.15 pm., a Hostile Plane was over 30th. Battery position.
 At 8.15 am., a hostile Balloon was observed up 106° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
 At 9.15 am., " " " " " " 87° T.B. from -do-

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 8.20 p.m., a Searchlight was observed 119 degrees T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

Visibility poor, - fair at times.

A.H. Howley,

Headquarters,
Decr. 7th. 1917.

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

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 6.12.17. to 6 a.m. 7.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire or location of Hostile Battery. Remarks.
8.20 a.m.	Supports U.11.a. & c.	10	10.5cm.	
9.15am. to 12.30pm.	27th. Bty. position and vicinity U.8.d.	150	15cm.	94° T.B. from U.8.d.5.3. Sound. No damage. The hostile Bty. was engaged by our Heavy Artillery.
9.30 a.m.	C.10.a.5.7.	15	10.5cm.	S. of FRELINGHIEN.
9.30am. to 12.30pm.	Right Section of How. Bty. in C.7.d.	200	15cm. H.E.	S. of DEULEMONT. See summary.
9.45 a.m.	U.11.c. & d.	10	10.5cm.	
10am. to 12 noon.	C.13.a.	100	15 & 10.5cm.	FRELINGHIEN.
10 a.m.	C.9.a.9.5.	20	10.5cm.	S. of FRELINGHIEN.
10.10 a.m.	LA FLENCQUE FARM	40	10.5cm.	-do-
10.55am. to 11.30am.	GRAND HALE FARM, & U.23.a. & c.	20	15cm.	DEULEMONT.
11.5 a.m.	LA FLENCQUE FARM	30	10.5cm.	S. of FRELINGHIEN.
12.30 p.m.	Supports U.23.	16	15cm.	
1.15 p.m.	U.9.c. & d.	20	10.5cm.	
1.40 p.m.	BARRICADE AVENUE, U.9.c.	15	10.5cm.	
1.25pm. & 2.30pm.	Commun. Trench C.10.c.	20	77mm.	S. of FRELINGHIEN.
1.40 p.m.	Front Line in C.4.d.	15	77mm.	-do-
3.10 p.m.	U.23.a. & c., U.4.d., & U.5.c.	30	10.5cm.	
3.40 p.m.	DUCKBOARD Track in U.8.d.	20	10.5cm.	
10pm. to 10.30pm.	LE TOUQUET STATION and Spts.	60	77mm. H.E.	FRELINGHIEN.
Interm. during night	Back areas, LE TOUQUET STATION and DESPIERRE FARM	70	10.5cm. & 77mm.	-do-

At 12.32 p.m., flash of 5.9" How. was observed at bearing 79°30' T.B. from SURREY FARM, shelling C.7.d. C.B.S.O. was informed, and Counter Battery work by our Heavy Artillery proved most effective, causing hostile shelling to cease almost at once.

At 10.30 p.m., flashes were observed 86 degs. T.B. from U.13.b.20.15. firing on front line trenches in U.11.d. and U.17.b.

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Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. - 18 Pdrs. during the day directed harassing fire against enemy's Roads, Communications, and Strong Points in U.12.b. & c., U.18.c. & d., V.7.b. - 200 rds.

18 Pdrs. fired on a party of the enemy observed at U.12.b.1.9., and 30 rds. on M.W. positions in U.30.a.

At 5.30 p.m., 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. fired 160 and 150 rds. respectively against enemy works in U.29.b. & d. and U.30.a. & c. whilst affording covering fire to Patrols sent out to examine Crossing over RIVER LYS at U.29.b.55.29.

M.W. observed firing from C.11.c.75.90. was engaged by 4.5" Hows. - 34 rds. fired, 2 direct hits obtained, causing an explosion in one instance. Casualties were afterwards seen being removed.

36 rds. were directed against house at C.11.b.2.5.- suspected O.P. - where movement had previously been observed. Direct hits were obtained.

From 3.15pm. to 4 pm., Hows of the Right Group fired 86 rds. on Barrier at U.29.d.17.97.

3.45 p.m. - 48 rds. EX were directed against an A.A. Battery at D.1.c.2.4. - located by Flash. Heavy Artillery were also informed.

During the night, harassing fire programme was carried out, 500 rds. being fired by 18 Pdrs.

50 rds. EX, and 50 rds. BCER were directed against enemy M.W. positions in vicinity of WARNETON.

HOSTILE FIRE.-

Enemy's Artillery activity during the period was considerably below normal. The absence of fire from enemy's 15 cm. Hows. was most noticeable. The direction of fire from enemy's 77mm. Guns was FRELINGHIEN.

During the day, 25 rds. 10.5cm. were directed against Left Section of 107th. How. Battery - no damage reported.

Detailed Hostile shelling report is appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

Enemy's Aircraft showed normal activity during the day, and our Planes were much in evidence.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

12 noon - 3 of the enemy were observed at U.12.b.1.9.

7.15 p.m. - Fire was observed in the enemy's lines 44° T.B. from U.13.d.3.7.

9.15 p.m. - Powerful Searchlight was operating on bearing 79° True from U.13.d.3.7.

Visibility fair.

Headquarters,
8th. Deer. 1917.

A. J. Chouley

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

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 7.12.17. to 6 a.m. 8.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of Rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire, or location of Hostile Battery.	Remarks.
8.30 a.m.	C.22.b. & C.16.d.	8	10.5cm.	From about D.15.	
10.30 a.m.	C.10.central	20	77mm.	FRELINGHIEN.	
10.30 am. to 1.15pm.	U.10.b. & U.11.a. (Interm/t)	40	15 & 10.5cm.		
1 p.m.	C.16.d.	12	77mm.	-do-	
1.30 to 2.50 pm.	U.16.c.	41	10.5cm.T. & P.		
1.40 p.m.	Vicinity 27th. Bty. in U.8.d.	3	10.5cm.	DEULEMONT.	
2.30 p.m.	C.22.	10	77mm.		
3 to 3.30 p.m.	U.27.c.	50	77mm.	FRELINGHIEN.	
3.55 to 4.10 pm.	Directed against 107th.Bty. Left Section - C.7.b.	25	10.5cm.	From about D.15.	No damage.
During night.	U.23.b. & d.	40	77mm.	FRELINGHIEN.	
	C.2.b. & d.	A few	77mm.	-do-	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 8.12.17. to 6 a.m. 9.12. 1917.

Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & N.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE - During the day, 18 Pdrs. carried out a harassing fire on Roads in U.12. & U.18., - 128 rds. fired.
 Hows. fired on M.W. positions U.12.a.41.27., WICART FARM, and other positions in U.12.c. & d. and C.11.d. - 84 rds.
 18 Pdrs. fired 20 rds. on DURIEZ FARM, - 2 of the enemy were previously seen there.
 BONDI HOUSE at V.1.d.55.32., WICART FARM, and DEULEMONT CROSS ROADS were registered by 18 Pdrs. with Balloon Observation - 36 rds.
 During the night, 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. brought harassing fire to bear on enemy's Roads and Communications, Billets, Hutments, and centres of activity, firing 548 & 48 rds. respectively. In addition to this shoot, 175 rds. BX and 125 rds. BCBR were directed against following M.W. positions : U.12.d.20.53. - U.12.c.79.30. - U.12.c.43.15. - U.12.c.76.34. - U.12.d.57.60. - U.12.a.40.27. ↗

HOSTILE FIRE. -

Enemy's Artillery activity was again below normal, but a slight increase of fire in comparison with previous 24 hours has been reported.

The bulk of the enemy's fire during the day has been directed against our trenches in U.11. & U.17., his fire on this area being particularly heavy

Detailed shelling report appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

12.50 p.m. - An E.A. crossed our lines over Left Group Sector. Enemy aircraft were otherwise inactive.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

11.42. a.m. - Train was observed proceeding in the direction of COMINES, 68 degrees T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

11.45 a.m. - Movement was observed on Roadway in W.2.c.

7.30 p.m. - Enemy Searchlight was active 119 degrees T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

Visibility fair.

Headquarters,
 Decr. 9th. 1917.

A. L. Chouley.
 Lieutenant.
 Reconnaissance Officer.
 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 8.12.17 to 6 a.m. 9.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of Rds.	Type of gun.	Direction of fire, or location. of hostile battery. Remarks.
11 a.m.	U.11.d. & U.12.c.	15	4.2 & 5.9.	From COMINES. (S)
1 pm. to 3 p.m.	U.11.d.	250	15 cm.	do.
2 p.m.	MESSINES.	3	do.	Flash 70deg.T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
2.10 p.m.	U.13.b.20.15.	20	Gas.	
1.15 pm. & 2.40 pm.	Supports & trenches about U.11.c.	60	10.5.	94 deg.30' T.B. from U.15.a.35.80. (S)
1.15 pm.	U.17.	20	77mm.	92 deg.T.B. from U.15.d.8.6.(S)
1.45 pm.	U.17.c.	100	10.5.	76 " " " do. (S)
2.45 pm. - 3 pm.	C.7.c.	37	10.5 HE & Gas.	
3.15 pm. - 3.40 pm.	U.9.d. & U.15.b.	25	10.5.	
4 p.m.	C.9.b.	8	77mm.	
4 - 5 p.m.	C.7.c.	12	10.5.	
10 p.m.	Duckboards in U.8.d.	50	do.	
10.45 p.m.	U.8.b. & c.	200	15 cm.	

During Night, a few 10.5 cm. fell in U.23.b. & d. and an occasional 77 mm. in C.2.d.

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Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. - 18 Pdrs. fired 100 rds. on FRELINGHIEN - LA HOULETTE ROAD.
18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. engaged T.Ms. in vicinity of FRELINGHIEN, firing 56 rds.

During the day, 18 Pdrs. of the Left Group fired 344 rds. on enemy's Road Junctions and Communications in U.12. - U.13.a. - U.18. - and V.7.a. - harassing fire.

4.5" Hows. fired 18 rds. Gas on Building in LES ECLUSES, and on FARM DU GRAND VERQUIN.

Between 2.45pm. and 3.45pm., Hows. fired 17 & 20 rds. respectively on M.Ws. at C.5.c.6.5. & U.30.c.20.20.

180 rds. 4.5" How. were directed against M.W. positions as follows :- U.12.a.41.27. - U.12.c.43.13. - U.12.c.79.30. - U.12.c.76.34. - U.12.d.20.53. - U.12.d.51.60.

During the night, harassing fire was maintained on enemy's Roads, Billets, and centres of activity - 385 rds. 18 Pdr. and 48 rds. 4.5" How.

Hows. of the Right Group fired on M.W. positions U.30.c.20.20.- C.5.c.60.50. - 40 rds., whilst positions in U.12.a.c. & d. were engaged by Hows. of the Left Group, firing 220 rds.

TRENCH MORTAR ACTIVITY.

6 rds. Heavy Trench Mortar were directed against target C.5.d.30.95. No bursts were reported.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Hostile Artillery activity was unusually quiet throughout the period. Bulk of the enemy's fire has come from direction of FRELINGHIEN, and fire from enemy's 77mm. guns has considerably decreased.

Detailed shelling report is appended.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. - At 4.5 a.m., flashes were observed 62°30' and 87° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE - Nil.

Visibility very bad all day.

Althouley.

Headquarters,
10th. Decr. 1917.

Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Art'y.

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HOSTILE SHELLING - 6 a.m. 9.12.17. to 6 a.m. 10.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire, or location of hostile battery.	Remarks.
11 a.m.	U.9.c.5.5.	25	10.5cm.		
11.30 a.m.	C.2.	6	15cm.	FRELINGHIEN.	
12 noon.	C. 2. & C.3.	8	15cm.	From about D.14. & D.7.	
1.30 p.m.	Time H.E. - High bursts over trenches in C.4.	8	15cm.	" " D.7.	
2.50 to 3 pm.	C.2.d.	20	10.5cm	FRELINGHIEN.	
3.15 p.m.	U.26.d.	30	10.5cm.	-do-	
3.25 to 3.40pm.	U.9.b. & d.	40	10.5cm.		
7.10 p.m.	U.8.	30	10.5cm.		
During the night, there was light shelling on back areas with 4.2" and 77mm. Gas., and a few 4.2" H.E. fell in vicinity of C.2.d., - otherwise quiet.					

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Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. - During the day, 18 Pdrs. fired 20 rds. on enemy Working Party at C.12.d.35.60., and dispersed it.
 18 Pdrs. of the Left Group fired 249 rds. on enemy's Roads and Communications in U.13.a., U.18.a. & b., U.12.c., V.7.a. and U.12.d. - harassing fire.
 4.5" Hows. fired -
 100 rds. on T.M. position at U.12.c.30.07., and from ground and balloon observation, results appeared to be good.
 91 rds. were directed against Dugouts at V.25.c.40.62., U.29.b.-95.10., and T.M. at C.11.c.50.50., at which last named point an explosion was observed.
 48 rds. Gas were directed against Dugouts, enemy Billets &c. in V.25.c.
 During the night 18 Pdrs. fired 4717 rds. in carrying out general harassing programme on Road from U.12.b.40.22. to V.1.d.46.30., Roads in U.12.d., Traffic on Roads in FRELINGHIEN, and T.M. position at U.12.c.30.27.
 4.5" Hows. fired 742 rds. including some Gas, on T.M. positions in W/RNETON, M.W. area in FRELINGHIEN, and enemy's Billets and Roads generally.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile Artillery activity was normal throughout the period, but showed a considerable increase on that of the previous two days.

From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., a destructive shoot of 1000 rds. 15cm. H.E. from direction of FRELINGHIEN was carried out against 26th. Battery position, C.2.central. Registration was effected in the morning with aeroplane observation, and the position was shelled intermittently throughout the day. One dugout was destroyed, and a Dial Sight damaged.

From 11.30 to 11.45pm., Forward System in U.17. & U.11. was heavily shelled with 15 cm., approx. 200 rds. from direction of COMINES. Detailed report of other shelling is appended.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

Flashes were observed during the day as follows :-
 9.40am. - 79°30' from SURREY FARM O.P. - C.9.d.25.40. (T.B.)
 11.10 a.m. - 100° T.B. from -do-
 4.30 pm. - 72°30' T.B. from C.2.d.10.30.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Generally active.

At 2.45 p.m., a flight of 7 Gothas flew over Wagon Lines area at a medium altitude and dropped a number of bombs, wounding several men and horses. The machines were engaged by our A.A., but did not appear to have been hampered in their operations. Miniature Balloons, believed to have been released by the Gothas, were observed, and newspapers or pamphlets dropped from them.

At 10.30 a.m., an E.A. attempted, but failed, to bring down one of our Observation Balloons near KEMMEL HILL.

Enemy Obs. Balloons were up during the day on T.Bs. of 82°, 91°, 115° from U.15.s.35.80.

Our aircraft were very active through, at the day, Visibility fair.

Headquarters,
 Decr. 11th. 1917.

W. J. M.
 Captain,
 For Reconnaissance Officer.
 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 8 a.m. 10.12.17. to 6 a.m. 11.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire, or location of hostile battery.	Remarks.
6	Intermittently.				
	C.14.a.	150	15cm. H.E.	Behind FRELINGHIEN.	
9 am. to 11.30am.	LE BIZET (in bursts of 15)	30	15cm. H.E.	-do-	
11 a.m.	SUGAR REFINERY	30	10.5cm.	106° T.B. from U.15.d.8.7.	Flash.
1 p.m.	U.9.	15	10.5cm.	-do-	
11 a.m.	Front Line U.17.c.	40	77mm.		
11.55 to 1.40pm.	Vicinity ASH AVENUE U.10.c.	35	8" How.	80° T.B. from U.15.a.35.30.	Flash. 24 secs. from flash report.
12.40 p.m.	U.19.c. & d.	30	15cm.	110°30' T.B. from U.12.b.20.15.	(P.)
12.45 p.m.	U.9.c.	30	15cm.		
2.15 p.m. to 3.15pm.	U.9.c.60.50.	40	15cm.		
Early night.	Back area	50	15cm.	N. of FRELINGHIEN.	
6.30 p.m.	Supports in C.10.a.	10	77mm. Gas.		
8 to 8.30 pm.	U.8.d.	20	10.5cm.		
11 to 11.45pm.	U.9.d.	40	Gas.		
Midnight.	Front Line in U.29.a. & c.	60	10.5cm.H.E. & Gas.	FRELINGHIEN.	
2.30 a.m.	U.23.b. & d. & U.29.a. & c.	15	10.5cm.		

At 2.15 p.m., Flashes were observed 95° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

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Ref. Maps - 20 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE -

During the day, 18 Pdrs. fired 84 rounds registration.
229 rds. were expended on Tracks and Roads in V.1.d., V.7.d.,
V.13.a., V.19., U.12., U.18.b., and U.24. - harassing fire.

4.5" Hows. fired -

7 rds. registration.
266 rds. on T.M. positions at U.12.d.20.53. - U.12.a.41.27. - U.12.c.76.34.
- U.12.c.79.30. - U.12.c.43.13. - U.18.c.15.00. - C.11.c.50.55. -
U.30.a.40.30. - and C.11.b.25.30. The last two were registered only,
but a small explosion was caused at C.11.b.25.30.
12 rds. were fired on moving train at C.12.b.50.10.

During the night, the following T.M. positions were engaged
by 4.5" Hows. and 18 Pdrs. firing 244 & 96 rds. respectively :-
T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN and DEULEMONT areas, LAUNDRY in C.5.c., C.11.c.55.55,
and U.30.a.40.30.

18 Pdrs. fired 955 rds., and 4.5" Hows. 200 rds. in general
harassing of enemy's Roads, Tracks, and Communications.

At 6 p.m., 4.5" Hows. fired 100 and 18 Pdrs. 500 rds. on
WARNETON Trench system.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Hostile Artillery activity throughout the period was below
normal, and with exception of 200 rds. 10.5cm. on our Trench system
in U.23.a., and 100 rds. 15cm. & 8" intermittently during the night
on U.14.a. & c from COMINES, shelling was particularly light.

Detailed shelling report is appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Very little activity owing to unfavourable
weather conditions.

At 10.30 p.m., an E.A. was over our Front Line on Left Group
front.

MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY. - Enemy movement was observed at U.11.d.95.72.

MISCELLANEOUS. - At 1 p.m., a Green Rocket was sent up by the enemy
105° T.B. from U.15.d.8.7. - no apparent action followed.

At 8.30 p.m., on the opening of one of our bursts
of harassing fire, a Searchlight swept along whole front line trench
on T.B. 119° from U.13.b.20.15. Searchlight was also observed
from same place at T.B. of 68°30'.

Visibility low.

Headquarters,
Decr. 12th. 1917.

Atkinson

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

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HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 11.12.17. to 6 a.m. 12.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of gun.	Direction of fire, or location of hostile battery, remarks.
11.30 a.m.	U.16.b.	6	10.5cm.	COMINES.
11.53 a.m.	U.17.c.	10	10.5cm.	"
12.15 p.m.	U.23.a.	15	77mm.	"
1.15 p.m.	-do-	200	10.5cm.	"
2.30 p.m.	Duckboards in U.14.d. & U.15.b. c.	20	10.5cm.	DFULEMONT.
	U.10.b.	5	10.5cm.	90° T.B. from U.15.a.35.80 (S)
2.50 p.m.	U.15.c.	15	10.5cm.	94°30' T.B. from U.15.d.8.7. (
				Range from O.P. - 4800 yards.
7.20 p.m.	U.8.d.	20	10.5cm.	
9.45 p.m.	U.9.b.	50	10.5cm.	
During night	U.14.a. & c.	100	15cm.	COMINES.
	U.26.b.	50	10.5cm.	
	U.7.d.	Few	10.5cm. Shrap.	N. of WARELTON.

Flashes were observed as follows :-

2.55 p.m.	93°	T.B. from U.15.a.60.75.
3.55 p.m.	56°30'	T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
4.2 p.m.	64°	-do-

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Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. -

During the day, 18 Pdrs. fired 15 rds. registration, and 170 rds. on enemy Roads, Tracks, and Communications in U.12.d., V.7.a., also on T.M. positions in U.12.d.

4.5" Hows. fired -

of In registration M.G. position at U.29.d.55.22. - 30 rds., and also of T.M. position at U.24.c.75.20 - 30 rds. 24 rds Gas on buildings in LES ECLUSES in U.30.d. & G.6.b. At 2.30 p.m. - 100 rds. on bombardment of Railway area in U.12.c. 50 rds. at following M.W. positions :- U.12.c.43.13. - U.12.c.79.30. - U.12.c.76.34. - U.12.a.41.27. - U.12.d.20.53.

At 5.30 p.m. 18 Pdrs. fired 595 rds. and 4.5" Hows. 50 rds. - including 40 Gas - on Roads and Approaches in V.7.

At 7 p.m., 18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. fired 700 and 100 rds. respectively (including 63 Gas) on area in and around WARMETON.

Intermittently throughout the night, 18 Pdrs. fired 270 rds. on enemy Roads, Tracks and Communications and known T.M. areas, 4.5" Hows. firing 449 rds., including 161 rds. Gas, on T.Ms. in U.12.a.c. & d., T.Ms. in DEULEMONT and FRELINGHIEN areas, T.M. at G.5.b.50.67., and on enemy's billets and points of activity.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Except for 300 rds. 10.5cm. & 77mm. on Front Line Trenches, Supports, and Duckboard Walk in U.15.c. & d., hostile fire throughout the period was extremely light, and especially so on our Right Group front.

Usual detailed shelling report is appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Our planes were very active all day. At 2.10 p.m., 4 Gothas flew over this Sector at comparatively low altitude, dropping bombs on the back areas. One Gotha was attacked by 3 of our Scouts, and subsequently crashed.

An enemy Observation Balloon was up on T.B. 110° from U.13.d.8.7.

Visibility low, - at times, fair.

H.S. Small

Headquarters,
Decr. 13th. 1917.

Captain.
For Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 13.12.17. to 6 a.m. 13.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire, or location of hostile Ety. Remarks.
9am. to 10.30am.	O.32.c. & d.	100	15cm. & 10.5cm.	COMINES.
10.5 a.m.	U.23.a.	5	15cm.	DEULEMONT.
11 a.m.	C.10.b.4.3.	10	77mm.	FRELINGHIEN.
3.25pm. to 3.35pm.	U.16.a.	10	10.5cm.	
3.30 p.m.	C.2.d.2.4.	4	15cm.	78° T.B. from SURREY FARA.
3.35 p.m.	C.8.c.	10	15cm.	FRELINGHIEN.
	Trench at C.15.d.5.5.	7	Heavy M.W.	
3.40 p.m.	C.2. central.	4	15cm.	FRELINGHIEN.
Early night.	Extreme left of sector.	40	Heavy T.M.	
During night.	F.L.T. & Spts, also Duckboard Walk in U.15.a. & d.	300	10.5cm. & 77mm.	

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Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE.

During the day, 18 Pdrs. fired 349 rds. on Roads, Tracks, & Communications opposite the Divisional Front, and 30 rds. on Trench Mortars in WARNETON & FRELINGHIEN areas.

4.5"

Howrs. fired :-

- 157 rds. - Gas on WAUSTINE FARM, V.13.c., & on Billets and Points on Right Group front.
- 45 rds. - on LAUNDRY in C.5.c. - 5 direct hits obtained.
- 45 rds. - on SOAP HOUSE - 4 direct hits obtained.
- 20 rds. on T.M. at C.5.d.34.52. This T.M. stopped firing immediately; and did not open again.
- 35 rds. - on T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN area.

During the night 18-Pdrs. fired 47 rds. and 4.5" Hows. 100 rds. on DEULEMONT T.M. area, also 60 & 30 rds. respectively on DURIEZ FARM.

18-Pdrs fired 1217 rds. and 4.5" Hows. 320 rds. including 26 Gas in usual harassing fire on Roads, tracks, communications and trenches.

Trench Mortars. - T.M. battery fired 9 rds. on DURIEZ FARM - C.5.d.30.95. 7 effective rds. were observed.

After the shoot about 60 rds. 10.5cm. 77mm, and Pine-apples fell in the vicinity of the T.M. position.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile Artillery fire throughout the period has been extremely light, the heaviest shelling reported being 130 rds. 15 & 10.5 cm. on U.9.a. & b. at 9 p.m.
Detailed report is appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - There has been very little activity during the period.

Visibility very low.

Headquarters,
Decr. 14th. 1917.

H.B. Sewell
Captain.
for Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 13.12.17. to 6 a.m. 14.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of hostile fire, and location of hostile battery. Remarks.
11 a.m.	U.17.c.	30	77mm.	
Noon.	C.4.d.	60	10.5cm.H.E.	BRICKFIELDS.
1.30 p.m.	Rear of Trench system in C.10.b.	4	M.W.	
2 p.m.	U.10.central.	9	15 & 10.5cm.	
3 p.m.	U.28.d.	10	10.5cm.H.E.	-do-
3.20 & 3.40pm.	C.2.d.	15 & 10	10.5cm. & 77mm.	FRELINGHIEN.
3.30 p.m.	C.4.b. & d.	10	15cm. H.E.	N. of BRICKFIELDS.
do	C.4.central.	3	T.M.	C.5.d.
3.25 p.m	U.26.b.3.4.	7	15cm.	
6 to 7 p.m.	C.2.d. & C.7.c.	40	10.5cm. & 77mm.	
9 p.m.	U.9.a. & b.	130	15 & 10.5cm.	
1.15am. to 1.40am.	C.2.d.	35	10.5cm.	
2 a.m.	do.	20	77mm.	FRELINGHIEN.
During night.	C.3.b. & d.	35	10.5cm. Gas and H.E.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 3 a.m. 14.12.17. to 3 a.m. 15.12.17.

Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 33 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE - During the day 18 Pdrs. fired 124 rds. in registration of GASOMETER U.12.a., M.W. at U.12.c.8.2., and various other targets.

The following T.M. positions were engaged: C.11.c.85.80 (10 rds) C.11.c.60.10. (10 rds.) and U.12.c.70.60. (20 rds.)

Harassing fire was directed throughout the day on the PRELINGHIEN - LA HOULETTE ROAD (200 rds), on Tracks and Roads in U.12.b. & V.7.a. (45 rds.) - on Roads and Approaches in V.13. & V.19. (50 rds.)

60 rds. were directed against Working Parties at C.5.d.27.77. and C.5.b.53.87., and on each occasion the Working Party was dispersed.

4.5" Hows. fired:-

40 rds. - on T.Ms. at C.11.a.60.10. and C.11.c.85.80.

46 rds. - on Bridges at U.12.d.15.92. and U.12.c.79.80.

62 rds. - on following targets in DEULEMONT:- DOLL'S HOUSE, on which 3 direct hits were obtained and considerable damage done, - on U.24.c.76.52. - U.24.c.80.80. - U.24.c.72.92. Observation on the last three targets was difficult, but rounds appeared to fall on or about these points.

During the night, T.Ms. at C.11.c.85.80. and C.11.c.85.10. were engaged by our Hows., firing 40 rds.

18 Pdrs. fired 70 rds. in barraging road from U.30.c.20.68. to C.6.b.34.15.,

1113 rds. were expended by our 18 Pdrs. throughout the night in harassing fire on V.13., V.19., U.12.c., U.12.a., U.12.b., V.7.b., and WARNETON TOWER., 4.5" Hows. firing 192 rds., including 122 Gas, on Dugouts and M.G. emplacements at U.18.a.63.95., U.12.c.25.70., and U.12.b.66.20.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile shelling throughout the day was below normal, but during the night, increased greatly in intensity. The fire throughout the night was directed intermittently on Roads and Tracks in vicinity of U.8.d. - U.9. - U.14.b. - and U.15.a. From 4 p.m. to 6.15 p.m., 200 rds. 15cm. fell in U.7.d. & U.8.c. From 6.40 pm. to 7 pm., enemy heavily bombarded front of Left Group, sending up numerous golden rain rockets. From 8.15 pm. to 9 pm., 100 - 15cm., and from midnight to 12.45 am., 200 - 15cm. fell in U.7. & 8. This fire was from direction of COMINES.

Detailed shelling report is appended.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 8 p.m., flashes were observed 97°30' T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE -AIRCRAFT & BALLONS. - Weather conditions unfavourable for flying, and no planes were observed.MISCELLANEOUS. At 12.50 p.m. smoke was observed from train moving in N.W. direction at T.B. 95° from U.15.a.35.80.

At 1.20pm., Train was observed moving in a Southerly direction and another in an Easterly direction at 91°30' and 123° T.B. respectively from U.13.b.20.15.

At 3 p.m. a string of 4 balls of White Signal Rockets was sent up 65° T.B., and answered by similar signal at a point 90° T.B., from U.15.a.35.80.

At 10.40 p.m., a big fire broke out in enemy's lines in direction of PERENCHIES.

Visibility fair.

H.S. [Signature] Captain.
For 3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty

Headquarters - 15.12.1917.

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 14.12.17. to 6 a.m. 15.12.17.

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Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of hostile fire, or location of battery. Remarks.
9.30am. to 10 am.	Front Line in U.17.c. & Spts. in U.10.b. & U.11.a.	30	10.5cm.	90° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
10 a.m.	C.10.d.2.3.	3	L.T.M.	
11.25 a.m.	C.9.d.20.30.	3	77mm. H.E.	FRELINGHIEN.
11.30 to 11.35 am.	C.7.b. & C.7.c.	20	10.5cm. H.E. & Gas.	From about D.13.
2.15 p.m. to 3.50pm.	C.2.d	25	10.5cm. H.E.	FRELINGHIEN.
3.15.	C.10.central.	10	77mm. H.E.	N.E. of FRELINGHIEN.
1 p.m. to 1.30pm.	U.8.b.	25	10.5cm. H.E.	
12.30 p.m.	Front line U.17.b. & U.3.c.	60	10.5cm.	
1.40 p.m.	F.L.T. U.17.d.5.6.	20	10.5cm.	103° T.B. from U.15.d.5.5.
2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	U.3.c.	50	10.5cm.	85° 20' T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
3pm. to 3.15 pm.	U.16.b.	25	T.M.	
3.15pm. to 4.30 pm.	U.8.a. & b.	150	15cm. & 10.5cm.	
3 p.m.	U.2.b.	10	10.5cm.	
4pm. to 6.15pm.	U.7.d. & U.8.c.	200	15cm.	
6.40 to 7 pm.	Bombardment of whole front.			
6 to 9 pm.	C.2.d.	50	10.5cm.	FRELINGHIEN.
9.30 p.m.	F. & S. lines U.29.a. & c.	30	10.5cm. H.E.	
8.15 to 9 pm.	U.7.d. & U.8.c.	100	15cm.	
10 pm. to 12.45am.	U. 7. & 8.	200	15cm.	COMINES.
11 pm. to 2 am.	C.2.d.	10	77mm.	
2.45 a.m.	C.8.c.	15	77mm. H.E.	

Flashes were observed :- 76° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
113° -do-

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 15.12.17. to 6 a.m. 16.12.17.

Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. - During the day, 18 Pdrs. fired :-

- 88 rds. - in dispersing Working Parties at C.6.d.00.60., U.18.a.60.50., and in U.12.a.
- 65 rds. - in registration and calibration.
- 256 rds - general harassing fire on CROSS ROADS in U.13.c., Roads in U.12.d., and Tracks in V.7.a.

4.5" Hows. fired

- 50 rds. - on T.Ms. at U.12.c.42.13. - U.12.c.79.30. - U.12.c.76.34. - U.12.a.41.27. & U.12.d.20.53. -
- 46 rds. - on T.M. at C.11.c.55.85. Fire of this mortar was neutralised, and considerable damage done to buildings in close proximity.
- 20 rds. - T.M. at C.17.a.17.70. - neutralised.
- 50 rds. - harassing fire on Bridges U.12.d.15.92. & U.12.c.79.80.

During the night, 10 Pdrs. expended 582 rds. in general harassing fire on Roads, Tracks and Approaches.

4.5" Hows. fired 70 H.E. & 70 Gas on the following M.W. positions :- U.12.d.51.60. - U.12.a.41.27. - U.12.d.20.53. - U.12.c.79.30. - U.18.c.17.60. and U.12.c.76.34.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile Fire throughout the period was normal. Between 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., 25th. Battery Detached Section at U.27.c.30.00. was shelled with 550 rds. 10.6cm. from direction 103° T.B. from U.15.d.95.55., and 107°30' T.B. from U.13.b.20.15. Damage nil. Detailed shelling report is appended.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. Flashes were observed :-

- 71°30' T.B. from SURREY FARM.
- 109° and 122° T.B. from U.15.d.95.55.

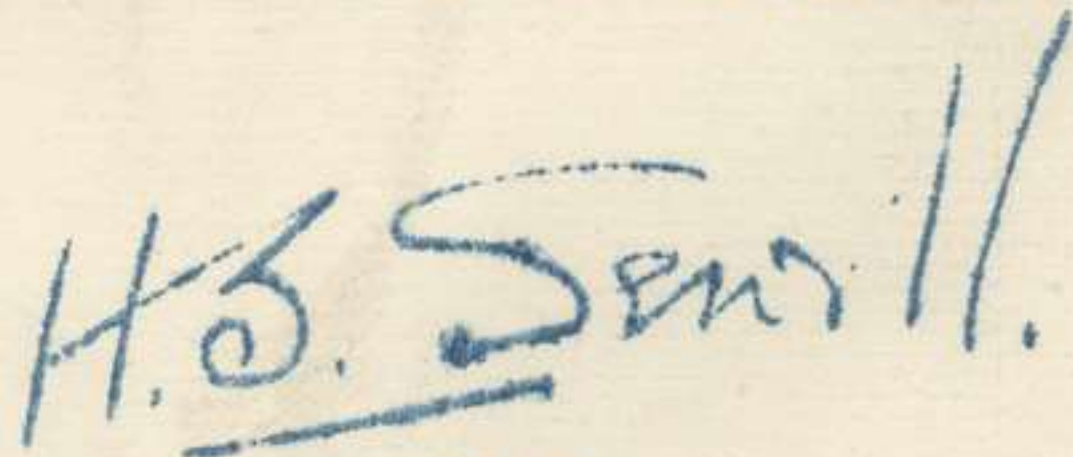
GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

Our Planes were fairly active all day.

At 11.30 a.m., 3 E.A. flew over our lines, but were driven off by A.A. barrage.

At 10.30 a.m., Aeroplane was observed to crash S. of DEULEMONT TOWER - nationality unknown.

Visibility fair.



Captain.
For Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

Headquarters,
Decr. 16th. 1917.

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HOSTILE FIRE - from 6 a.m. 15.12.17. to 6 a.m. 16.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire, or location of hostile battery. Remarks.
9am. to 9.50am.	U.13.a.	6	H.V.	COMINES.
10am. to 2.30pm.	Det. Sec. 25th. Bty. in U.27.c.30.00.	550	10.5cm. & 77mm.	103° T.B. from U.15.d.95.55. & 107°30' T.B. from U.13.b.20.15. (Fs.)
10.30 a.m.	C.1.b. & d.	50	10.5cm.	DEULEMONT.
10.30 to 11.15am.	C.14.b. & d.	25	15cm.	-do-
11.15 a.m.	LE BIZET	Few	10.5cm.	109°, 109°30', and 122° T.B. from U.15.d.95.55. (F.)
12.35 to 2 p.m.	U.15.d.	9	10.5cm.	
Intermittently.	C.7.c.	55	10.5cm.	FRELLINGHIEN.
3.15 to 4.15pm.	C.7.b.	70	10.5cm.	S. of F'HIEN.
7 to 9 pm.	C.2.d.	100	10.5cm.	FRELLINGHIEN.
8 to 9 pm.	Duckboards in U.8.d. & U.9.c.	50	10.5cm. incl. Gas.	
9.30 to 11.45 pm.	U.8.d.	150	15cm.	
10.30 p.m.	Back areas	50	15 & 10.5cm. incl. Gas.	
11.30 p.m.	-do-	50	15 & 10.5cm. W.E.	
12.30 a.m. to 1am.	F. & S. Lines on Right Group front. - occasional		10.5cm.	
During night.	C.8.a.	50	10.5cm. HL & Gas	
	C.7.b.	25	-do-	
	U.7.b.	12	15cm.	

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Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. During the day 18-Pdrs. fired -

- 25 rds. - registration.
- 290 rds. - Support Line in U.18.a. - Roads in U.19., U.24., U.30. b. & d. - V.25.c., V.13.c., and roads near FARM DE GRAND VERQUIN (D.7.c.).
- 4.5" Hows. fired. -
- 50 rds. - harassing & destructive fire on Bridges at U.12.d.15.92. and U.12.c.79.80.
- 10 rds. - On active T.M. in SOAP HOUSE -(C.5.c.) T.M. was neutralised, but observation was too difficult for destructive shoot.

During the night 18-Pdrs. fired 726 rds. harassing fire on enemy Roads, Tracks and Communications, 24 rds. on M.Ws. in FRELINGHLEN Area, and 14 rds. on M.W. in DEULEMONT Area.

- 4.5" Hows. fired -
- 96 rds. - including Gas - harassing fire on enemy billets and points of activity.
- 72 rds. - on M.Ws. in FRELINGHLEN Area.
- 42 rds. - on M.Ws. in DEULEMONT Area.
- 150 rds. - on M.Ws. positions in U.12. and U.18.a. & c.
- Trench Mortar Activity. - Our 6" T.Ms. fired 10 rds. on M.W. position at U.29.b.30.15. - 2 direct hits observed. 9.45" T.Ms. fired 4 rds. on M.W. position at C.5.b.50.40. - 1 direct hit obtained, and 4 rds. on M.W. position at C.5.b.05.00.

HOSTILE FIRE - Hostile fire during the day was above normal, but during the night slackened down and was quite normal. From 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., enemy shelled C.3.central and C.1.d. with 8" 15cm. and 10.5cm. - approx. 450 rds. The objective appeared to be the RAILWAY LINE, although a large number of rounds fell very close to the Centre Section of the 26th. Battery - damage nil. At 10 a.m. and again at 10.4 a.m., enemy carried out small concentrations, lasting one minute, of 50 rds. 15cm. 10.5cm. & 77mm. in trenches in C.10. & C.16. respectively. Detailed report of other shelling is appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - At 12.30 p.m., 3 enemy planes, flying above the clouds, made their way into our back areas. On their return, they were heavily engaged by A.A. fire, but succeeded in reaching their lines, flying at a low altitude. Enemy Balloons were up during the day at T.Bs. of 84°, 104°, 130° and 150° from U.13.b.20.15.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY - At 10.30 am., 4 men were seen near GASOMETER at WARNETON.

Visibility : in morning, fair; in afternoon, poor.

H.S. Smith
Captain.

Head quarters,
Doer. 17th. 1917.

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

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 16.12.17. to 6 a.m. 17.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of hostile fire, or location of hostile battery.	Remarks.
9am. to 3 pr.	C.7.b. & C.8.a.	200	15cm. (F)	105° & 106°30'	T.B. from U.15.d.8.7.
9am. to noon.	F.L.T & Spts. in U.11.	150	10.5cm.		COMINES.
9am. to 1pr.	House at C.2.b.60.55. (Intermittent shooting - appeared to be a registration of the building with balloon observation. No damage caused.)	75	15cm.		S. of WARMINGTON.
9.30 - 10am.	SUGAR REFINERY, U.17.d., & F.L.T. U.17.b.	45	15&10.5cm.		
10am. to 12.15pm.	U.10.a.	25	15cm.		
10am. to noon.	F.L.T & Spts. on Left Group front.	70	77mm.		
10.4m. to 1 pm.	U.17.c. & SUNKEN ROAD U.10.e.	Int.	10.5 & 77mm.		
11am. to noon.	U.19.b.	12	15cm.		COMINES.
11.30am. to 1.30pm.	U.10.central	100	10.5cm.		
12.15 - 1.50pm.	U.9.c. & U.10.a.	60	8" & 15cm.	80°	T.B. from U.15.a.35.80.
1pm. to 3 pm.	Back areas, HYDE PARK CORNER & vicinity.	100	15cm.		COMINES.
1 p.m.	U.10.central.	-	10.5cm.	30°	T.B. from U.15.a.6.7. (F)
1.15 pm.	U.28.8.	10	10.5cm.		PRELLINGHIEN.
3.10 p.m.	C.9.d.8.6.	5	H.K.B.		-do-
During night:- 20 rds. on Duckboards in U.7.a. U U.8.d., 45 rds. on U.2., 20 - 10.5cm. on U.1., 6 - 77mm Shrap. over trenches in C.10.d., and a few 15cm. over back areas.					
9.40 p.m., Flashes were observed 94° T.B. from U.8.d.6.4.					

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Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. - Harassing fire on enemy Roads, Tracks, & Communications in U.12. b. & d., U.18.c., V.13., 14., 17., 18., & 19, with searching fire along Road running through V.19 & V.20, has been carried out by our 18 Pdrs., firing 220 rds. by day, and 1212 rds. by night. 36 rds. were also directed against WARNETON TOWER, and a number of rds. on T.M. at U.18.a.70.92.

4.5" Hows. fired. -

- 100 rds. - on M.W. at SPINNING MILL, U.18.c.
- 70 rds. - " " " U.18.c.70.60.
- 70 rds. - " M.Ws. in U.12.c. & d. and U.18.b. & c.
- 96 rds. - including Gas, harassing fire on Billets (LES ECLUSES), and centres of activity.
- 102 rds. - throughout the night, on DEULEMONT.
- 96 rds. - including Gas, on a Headquarters at V.25.d.7D.50., and on LE DRAGON FARM in V.26.a.
- 35 rds. - at 1.45 p.m., on a Dugout at C.5.d.40.55.- where movement and a smoking chimney were observed, - 4 direct hits obtained. No further movement was seen, and smoke ceased to issue from the dugout.

OSTILE FIRE. Hostile fire during the day was below normal, but increased slightly at night.

Detailed shelling report is appended.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. - Flashes were observed :-

- 82°, 83°, 84°, 85°, 73°, and 96° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
- 116° T.B. from U.15.a.80.70.
- 84° T.B. from U.14.b.80.80.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. There was little activity during the morning, but during the afternoon, planes of both sides showed considerable activity.

3 p.m. - At a comparatively low altitude, one British K.E.8 engaged 4 enemy machines. Fight lasted some 15 minutes, but no definite result was accomplished by either side. Other combats also took place, without apparent result.

At 3.15 p.m., a British Plane landed in C.14. under control.

MISCELLANEOUS. - At 2.10 p.m., smoke was observed from train travelling N.W. at 93° T.B. from U.15.a.35.80.

From 10 a.m. to noon, slight enemy movement was observed round WARNETON TOWER.

Searchlights were observed at 52°, 69°, and 76° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

Visibility : in morning, poor; in afternoon, good.

H. S. Swill.
-C- In.

Headquarters,
Deer. 18th. 1917.

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

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 17.12.17. to 6 a.m. 18.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of hostile battery. or location of hostile battery. Remarks.
During morning	C.2.	Occasional	15cm.	E. of BRIG. FIELDS.
1.45 - 2.30 pm.	F.L.T. & Spts, U.22.b.	45	10.5cm. & 77mm.	
2.30 pm.	Duckboard, U.14.d.	10	10.5cm.	
3 p.m.	U.15.a.45.40.	10	10.5cm.	
	Wood, U.21.a.	20	10.5cm.	
3.30 pm.	-do-	30	10.5cm.	
6.52 p.m.	U.14.b.	Few	10.5cm.	84° T.B. from U.14.b.S.E. (F).
6 to 7 p.m.	U. 7.d. & U.E.c.	50	15cm.	
8 to 10 pm.	-do-	100	15cm. & 8".	
9.15 p.m.	Spts on Left Group front.	-	77mm.	
11pm. to 5 am.	U.7.d. & U.E.c.	35	15cm. & 8".	
3 a.m.	U.19.b.	50	15cm.	
	U.14.a.	10	10.5cm.	
	U.E.b. & d.	20	15cm. H.L.	
During night.	C.2.d.	30	15cm. & 77mm.	FRELING TEF.

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OUR FIRE. - 18 Pdrs. fired :-

- 335 rds. - harassing fire on Roads & Communications in V.13.a., V.7.a., V.1.d., V.3.c. &c., also on T.Ms. at U.18.a.70.92. and U.12.c.48.25.
- 20 rds. - on enemy moving about in vicinity of WARRETON GASOMETER, U.12.b.
- 122 rds. - during the night in carrying out usual harassing programme on enemy's Roads, &c.
- 34 rds. - intermittently during the period on T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN area.

4.5" Hows. fired :-

- 120 rds. - on T.Ms. at U.12.d.20.50. and U.30.b.45.64. Observation was difficult, but shoots appeared to be effective.
- 98 rds. - including 48 Gas, on Billots (LES ECLUSES) and points of activity.
- 160 rds. - during the night, in co-operating with 18 Pdrs. harassing fire programme.
- 162 rds. - including Gas, on Dugouts at U.30.b.45.64.
- 35 rds. - on T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN area.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Enemy's Artillery activity was normal during the day, but increased during the night. From 9 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., 200 rds. 10.5cm. H.A. & Gas fell in vicinity of RAILWAY LINE in C.2.d. During the night, 300 - 15cm. & 10.5cm. fell in vicinity of 31st. Battery position in U.1.d., direction of fire being 75° T.E. from U.13.b.20.15.

Detailed report of other shelling is shown on back hereof.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE. Flashes during the day were observed:-

80° and 75° 30' T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.

74° and 75° T.B. from U.15.a.60.80.

SCUD RANGING was taken of a 10.5cm. Battery shooting on U.20.e. & d. and C.3.a. & b., and read 105° T.B. - from SURREY FARM.MISCELLANEOUS.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Aer Aeroplanes of both sides were very active all day.

At 11 a.m., an engagement took place between 5 enemy machines and 1 British - no definite result.

Our A.A. fire appeared, on several occasions, to have been very effective.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. - 12.20 p.m. - Motor Transport Wagon was observed on skyline at PAUL BASQ, W.2.c.20.30 - travelling South.

Between 11 am. & noon, 2 men with full packs were seen near WARRETON GASOMETER at U.12.b.05.20.

Visibility good.

H.B. Sewell
Captain.For Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.Headquarters,
Decr. 19th. 17.

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 18.12.17. to 6 a.m. 19.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of hostile fire, or location of hostile battery. Remarks.
8.45 - 10.30am.	U.8.	15	Heavy.	
9am. to 3.45pm.	C.2.d. - immediate vicinity of Railway.	200	10.5cm. H.E. and Gas.	FREELINGHIER.
10 ³⁰ a.m.	F.L.T. U.23.	15	15cm.	109° T.B. from U.15.d.8.7.
12 noon to 4pm.	U.2.a. & b.	50	10.5cm.	Air bursts.
-do-	U.26.c. & d.	100	10.5cm. H.E.	FREELINGHIER.
1.45 p.m.	GRAND HALL FARM, U.23.a.	15	10.5cm.	117° T.B. from U.15.d.8.7. (S).
	O.32. vicinity.	-	-	74° T.B. from U.15.a.8.8. (F).
2.15 - 3.15pm.	C.2.c.	60	10.5cm. H.E.	
3 - 3.30 p.m.	C.8.a. & b.	45	10.5cm. H.E.	From about D.7.c.
4.15 p.m.	MESSINES.	-	15cm.	75°20' Flash to report 19 secs. 74°40' " " " 24 "
				T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
8.55 p.m.	U.11.	100	10.5cm. & 15cm.	-do-
	U.7.d. Vic. of 31st. Bty. position.	300	15 & 10.5cm.	75° T.B. from U.13.b.20.15.
9 p.m.	C.15.b.	20	10.5cm.	
11.30 p.m.	Intermittent over whole front.	-	-	120° T. from U.13.8.20.15.
Midnight.	C.16.b.	Few	M.W.	73° T.B. from SURREY FARM.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 19.12.17. to 6 a.m. 20.12.17.

Ref. Maps - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000

OUR FIRE. - During the day, 4.5" Hows. fired :-

140 rds. - on following M.W. emplacements C.17.a.2.7. - U.12.c.90.43.-
U.18.c.33.12. - U.12.a.41.27. - U.12.c.79.30. - and
U.18.b.10.01.

12 Pdrs. fired:-

122 rds. - general harassing fire on the GASOMETER (Warneton), Roads,
and Approaches in V.13., V.14., & V.17. Cross Roads in
(Night.) BAS-WARNETON, Dump and Road in V.1.d.

40 rds. - on Train near TWIN FARM, C.12.a.

120 rds. - on SCREENED FARM, C.5.b.

302 rds. - H.E. & Gas on Dugouts in CERTIFIED TRENCH, and V.7.a.42.06
and vicinity.

25 rds. - on FRELINGHIEN M.W. area.

(The last 4 shoots carried out by our 4.5" Hows.)

18 Pdrs. fired:-

50 rds. - on Train near TWIN FARM.

60 rds. - on SCREENED FARM.

45 rds. - on FRELINGHIEN & DEUILMONT T.M. areas.

45 rds. - on enemy wiring party at U.11.b.d.

900 rds. - harassing fire, V.7.a., V.12. & 18, and roads & Tracks generally.

TRENCH MORTARS. Our 6" Newton engaged M.G. position at U.24.c.80.84,
and 2 - M.W. positions at U.24.c.80.20. - 30 rds.

Accurate shooting was not possible owing to faulty Stretching Screws. A
direct hit was obtained on a structure in U.24.c.8.8. A Dump at approx.
U.24.c.8.4. was blown up. Loud detonations were heard, and a large
cloud of smoke observed.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile fire throughout the period has been comparatively
quiet, but Trench Mortars were unusually active during the night, when
100 rds. were fired on our Right Group Sector Front Line from positions
in the LAUNDRY, BUTCHER'S SHOP, and FRELINGHIEN. There was scattered
shelling of whole of our front system with 10.5cm. during the night, -
a few rounds fell in back areas, and an occasional Gas in C.2.d.
Detailed shelling report is appended.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. Normal activity. Nothing of any particular
interest reported.

Visibility low.

Headquarters,
Dec. 20th. 17.

T. Maxwell
Captain.
For Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 19.12.17. to 6 a.m. 20.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of gun.	Direction of fire, or location of hostile battery.	Remarks.
10 a.m.	U.15.e.	50	10.5cm. Gas.	115°	T.E. from U.15.d.8.7. (S)
3 p.m.	U.27.b.	25	77mm.	95°	T.E. from U.26.b.2.8. (S)
	C.3.a.	10	77mm.		FR. LINGHIEN.
3 to 3.50 pm.	C.4.d.	50	10.5cm. H.E.	-do-	
3.30 p.m.	C.9.d.	5	15cm. H.E.		DEHEMONT.
4.30 p.m.	C.10.e.	30	M.M.		
4.30 - 5.30 pm.	C.8.a.	50	77mm.		FRELINGHIEN.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. from 6 a.m. 20.12.17. to 6 a.m. 21.12.17.

Ref. Maps. - 28 S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE.

M.W.

During the period, the following M.W. positions and areas were engaged :-

U.12.c.35.05. - U.12.d.00.10. - U.29.b.70.30. - FRELINGHIEN and DEULEMONT AREAS, - 18 pdrs. expending 146 rds., 4.5" Hows. 299 rds., including Gas.

Harassing fire was directed on Roads, Tracks, and Approaches, - Trenches in U.18. - U.25., - Approaches and Bridges opposite FRELINGHIEN - WAUSTINE FARM and Dugouts in vicinity - BRIDGE HOUSE - DYE WORKS - DURIEZ FARM - and SPINNEY in V.15., - 18 Pdrs. firing 478 rds, and 4.5" Hows. 402 rds., including Gas.

At 2.29 p.m., 18 Pdrs. fired 20 rds. on enemy Post at C.11.a.3.3.

At 10.30 p.m., 18 Pdrs. fired 901 rds. on WARNETON and the Approaches thereto from the East.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Enemy's Artillery activity throughout the period was exceptionally light.

Detailed shelling report on back hereof

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very bad all day, and there was no aerial activity whatever.

H. S. Smith

Headquarters,
Decr. 21st. 1917.

Captain.
For Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 20.12.17. to 6 a.m. 21.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of fire, or location of hostile battery. Remarks.
7.30 a.m.	Vicinity of trenches in U.23.	35	M.Ws.	
10.30 a.m.	U.27.c.	20	77mm.	110° T.B. from U.25.b.2.8.
3 p.m.	MESSINES.	6	15cm.	COMINES-
	C.2.c.	6	10.5cm.	Gas. FRELINGHAM.
Early night.	C.10.central.	20	77mm.	Shrap.
" morning.	-do-	Few.	M.Ws.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 21.12.17. to 6 a.m. 22.12.17.

Ref. Maps - 2B S.W. & S.E. 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE.

At 6 p.m., 8.10 p.m., and 9.45 p.m., enemy Front Line and Support Trenches opposite Left Group Sector were bombarded by our 18 Pdrs., - firing 1150 rds. At same times, 4.5" Hows. fired 150 rds. on WARNETON.

During the period, the following M.Ws. were engaged :-
C.11.c.55.50 - 20 rds. 4.5" How.; U.12.c.42.13 - 14 rds. 18 Pdr.;
and C.11.a.60.35. - 66 rds. 18 Pdr. and 40 rds. 4.5" How.

18 Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. directed 30 and 45 rds. respectively against enemy Roads and Communications - harassing fire.

At 7.37 p.m., 4.5" Hows. fired 75 rds. on a Train at TWIN FARM in C.12.a.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile Artillery activity throughout the period was below normal. From 11 a.m. to noon, 150 rds. were directed against Battery position in U.8.d., - damage nil.
Other main features were :-

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Cal/re.</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>	<u>Direction of fire.</u>
1.10pm.	12	77mm.	C.10.c.	U.14.central.
7pm.to 7.35pm.		M.Ws.	Front line, Right Sector.	C.11.a.60.35. (silenced by 4.5" Hows. and 18 pdrs.)
7 p.m.	80	10.5cm.	Cross Roads in U.13.a.	
9.30 pm.	60	10.5cm.	T.12.b.	
10.30pm.	60	10.5cm.	U.7.b.	

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS.

Throughout the period, aerial activity was very slight.

Visibility very poor.

H.S. Smith

Captain.

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

Headquarters,
Decr. 22nd. 1917.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 22.12.17. to 6 a.m. 23. 12. 17.

Ref. Maps -

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

OUR FIRE.

During the day, 4.5" Hows. fired 26 rds. calibration on
CENSOR FARM, C.24.c.

18 Pdrs. fired 74 rds. on M.W. positions, locality 9, - on
enemy movement at C.24.c. - and on Anti-aircraft Machine Gun Crews
at C.23.d.95.95.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Hostile artillery showed normal activity during the period.
At 2.30 p.m., and again at 7.45 p.m., Battery position in I.8.a. was
shelled with 200 rds. 15 cm. & 10.5cm. from direction 101° T.B.
from I.8.a.72.08.

Detailed shelling report in back hereof.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE - The following flashes were observed
from C.27.b.70.90. :-

11.10 a.m.	-	56	degrees	T.B.
3 p.m.	-	102	"	"
3.45 p.m.	-	105	"	"
		81	"	"

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Enemy balloons were observed up during the day
46°, 52°, 54°, 70°, and 100° T.B. from C.26.d.35.95.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

3 A.A. Machine Guns were seen on parapet of trench in
C.23.b.85.05 to C.23.d.85.95. Crews attached the M.Gs. to tripods,
which were fixed to the parapets.

During the morning, men were seen walking in trenches C.23.b. & d.
Movement also observed on Road in C.18.b., and of men carrying
duckboards in CENSOR SUPPORT.

A large white board with a Red Cross on it has appeared on
top of house at D.18.c.95.75.

H. S. South.

Captain.

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

Headquarters,
Decr. 23rd. 1917.

HOSTILE SHELLING - from 6 a.m. 22.12.17. to 23.12.17.

Time.	Locality shelled.	No. of rds.	Type of Gun.	Direction of hostile fire, or location of hostile battery. Remarks.
8.15 a.m.	Locality 17.	10	77mm.	97° T.B. from C.27.b.70.90.
8.30 a.m.	" 1.	15	77mm.	
9am.	C.28.c.	30	77mm.	90° T.B. from POPPY BANK.
9 a.m.	I.8.a.	20	10.5cm.	
9.20 a.m.	I.4.a.50.90.	20	10.5cm.	
9.30 a.m.	C.26.d.	6	77mm.	
10.15 a.m.	C.23.a.	6	77mm.	
10.20 a.m.	C.28.a.50.00.	6	10.5cm.	109° T.B. from POPPY BANK.
10.45am. to 2 pm.	DISTILLERY.	42	10.5cm.	
2.25 p.m.	C.27.b. & C.28.a.	8	77mm.	97° T.B. from C.27.b.70.90.
-do-	I.2.a. & I.8.a.	-	15cm.	
2.30pm.	I.8.a.	200	15 & 10.5cm.	101° T.B. from I.8.a.72.08.
2.30 pm.	Localities 12 & 13.	19	L.T.M. & 77mm.	
3 p.m.	C.29.a.	6	H.T.M.	
-do-	C.23.a.	13	77mm.	97° T.B. from C.27.b.70.90.
7.45 p.m.	I.8.a. & b. by 10.5cm. How., silenced at 9 p.m. by Counter Battery.	-	77mm. Gas. for	J.8.c.3.7.
2.15 a.m.	I.3. -	-	5 mins.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 23.12.17. to 6 a.m. 24.12.17.

Ref. Maps - Sheets 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. -

During the period, 18 Pdrs. fired :-

- 28 rds. - in dispersing Working Parties at I.5.b.20.80. and I.11.c.50.45.
- 6 rds. - registration.
- 5 rds. - silencing light M.W. at C.24.c.05.10.
- 30 rds. - on M.W. position, MINNIE PICK, I.5.d.65.84.

During the night, bursts of fire were directed against trenches in I.5.d. & I.17.a., where Working parties were reported by our Infantry.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile fire throughout the period was very light. Main features were :-

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Cal/re.</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>	<u>Direction of fire.</u>
2.30 pm.	5	77mm.	Subsidiary line, locality 11.	97° T.E. from C.27.b.70.90.
-do-	6	10.5cm.	Locality 10.	
2.35pm.	30	L.T.M.	C.22.d. & C.28.a.	C.24.c.05.10.
2.40pm.	3	H.T.M.	Support line in Locality 14.	
2.30 to 3.15pm.	20	10.5cm.	C.22.a. & c.	

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. - Nil.

Visibility bad.

H. S. Spall.

Captain.

For Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.Headquarters,
Dear. 24th. 17.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 24.12.17. to 6 a.m. 25th.12.17..

Ref. Maps - 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. -

13 Pdrs. fired 10 rds. on CENSOR FARM, C.24.d. for purposes of registration.

HOSTILE FIRE. -

Only hostile shelling reported was - 2 : 15cm. which fell in C.10.e. at 12.10 p.m. from direction 70° T.E. from C.27.b.70.91.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. - Nil.

Visibility very bad.

Headquarters,
Decr. 25th. 1917.*H.B. Sewell.*
Captain.
For Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 25.12.17. to 6 a.m. 26.12.17.

Ref. Maps - 36 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE - At 9.30 a.m., 7 rds. were fired by our 18 Pdrs. on CENSOR FARM, C.24.c., where movement was observed. At 12 noon, 18 Pdrs. fired 90 rds. on active M.W. at C.29.d.6.7. Our Infantry reported later that the hostile fire was completely silenced. Registrations on Zero Points were carried out, - Hows. firing 20 rds. and 18 Pdrs. 67 rds.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Hostile fire throughout the period was below normal. The following is a table of hostile shelling reported:-

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calre.</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>	<u>Direction of fire.</u>
10.30am.	8	L.T.M.	C.29.a. & c.	
10.45am.	9	10.5cm.	I.15.b.40.95.	143° T.B. from I.15.b.68.98.
During morn- ing.	40	10.5cm.	LEITH WALK & LILLE PCST.	PERENCHIES & PREMESQUE.
11am.	4	L.T.M.	C.29.a. & c.	
11.50am.	10	L.T.M.	C.23.c.	
12 noon.	12	L.T.M.	C.23.c.	
12 - 1pm.	10	77mm.	C.28.d.	
12.43pm.	10	10.5cm.	EILEEN PCST, I.16.d.	103° T.B. from I.15.b.68.98.
1.45 pm.	5	10.5cm.	I.5.a.	
Inter. dur- ing night.	25	10.5cm.	near HOUPLINES.	CENSOR FARM.
9.30pm.	6	10.5cm.	I.2.b.	
4 - 4.30am.	-	I.9.a.b. & c.		2 - 15cm. guns firing from direction WEE MACQUART.

(Bearings shown above are Sound bearings.)

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. - Nil.

Visibility variable, but generally low.

H.S. Spaul.
Captain.

Headquarters,
Decr. 26th. 1917.For Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd. Aust. Divl. Arty.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 am. 26.12.17. to 6 am. 27.12.17.

Ref. Maps : 36.N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE. - At 11 am., & 2.30 pm. 2 18-Pdr. batteries and How. Bty. carried out 5 minute concentrations on the following targets, - 390 rds. being expended :-

- Road from C.17.a.35.23. - C.17.a.31.41.
- M.Gs. at C.29.e.82.82. C.29.a.80.20.
- T.Ms. at C.17...35.23. C.17.a.63.20. C.17.c.85.80.
- C.23.c.95.65. C.23.e.91.23.

Throughout the day Trench Mortars at C.17.b.15.15., C.17.c.58.93., and C.30.a.45.22. were engaged, 18-Pdrs. firing 50 rds. and 4.5" Hows. 28 rds.

At 10 a.m. 18-Pdrs. fired 100 rds on I.22.a.97.36. and I.21.b.65.00., covering fire for L.T.M. shoot.

Registration was carried out on LA HONGRIE FARM. - 18-Pdrs., 50 rds. 4.5" Hows., 36 rds.

TRENCH MORTARS. - 6" Newton fired 40 rds. on I.5.b.55.30. and I.5.d.66.92. The effect was good, - much wood and sandbags being thrown into the air.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile shelling throughout the day was normal, but during the night no shelling of any kind was reported. The following is a table of hostile shelling reported :

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Calre.</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
9.45 - 10.5 am.	10	77mm.	I.15.b.	PREMESQUES.
10.10 am.	10	4.2	Supports near I.16.b.	
do.	20	5.9	I.5.central.	
10.30 - 11.30 am.	16	4.2	I.4.a.	
11 to 11.30 am.	7	5.9	Cemetery, C.28.a.	87° T.E. from C.27.b.70.81.
12.15.- 4.15 pm.	50	5.9	Vic. of CHAPPELL D'ARLANTIERES.	93°30' from C.26.d.22.62. (T.E.)
1.30 p.m.	30	5.9	C.21.c. (Canal Bridge.)	115° T.E. from C.27.c.7.4.
2.0 p.m.	25	5.9	C.26.d.6.6.	93°30' T.E. from C.26.d.22.62.
2 to 3 p.m.	20	5.9	C.21.c.	116° T.E. from C.27.a.7.4.
2 to 3.30 p.m.	20	4.2.	C.21.d. & C.27.b.	

(Bearings shown above are Sound Bearings).

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Activity normal. 7 enemy observation balloons between FRELINGHIEN and PERLONCHIES were visible nearly all day.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. - Slight enemy movement was observed at J.13.c.40.40. and I.23.e.5.7.

VISIBILITY - Fair.

H.B. Sandell

Headquarters,
27.12.1917.

Captain.
for Administrative Officer,
3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

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CONFIDENTIAL.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 27.12.17. - 6 am.28.12.17.(Ref. scale : 30.F.M. & F.L. 1/20,000.)

OUR FIRE. - At 11.45 a.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 10 rds. in response to Zone Call (NF) on target at C.17.b.3E.10.
30 rds. were fired by Hows. on an active M.W. at C.25.d.20.70. - From observation, shoot was reported to be satisfactory.
A.I.W. at C.30.a.45.22. also engaged by Hows., 45 rds. being fired.
At 2.35 p.m. 18-Pzcs. fired 20 rds. on C.1E.c.1.0., where Infantry reported an active 77mm gun.
At 2.50 p.m. 20 rds. were fired on a new location - C.1E.b.90.54. Infantry report very satisfactory shoot, one explosion being caused.
18-pzcs. fired 96 rds. in registration on several Zero Points.
During night 23 rds. were directed against working party at I.21.b.85.20.

TRENCH MORTARS. - The 3rd.Div. Heavy T.M. Battery, with one 9.45" T.M. engaged i. positions as follows :-
C.29.a.83.33. - 5 rds. C.29.c.82.90. - 5 rds. - effective shoot.
One 6" T.M. engaged M.W. position at C.23.d.25.70. - 20 rds. being fired.

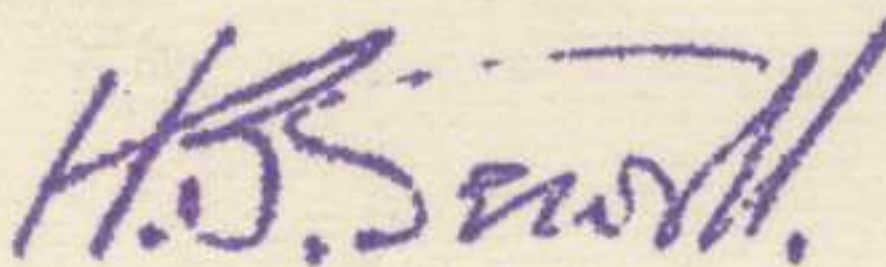
HOSTILE FIRE. - Hostile fire throughout the period was normal.
From 8.45 pm. to 9.55 pm. hostile harassing fire was directed against LILLA ROAD, and Railway in I.8.central - 77mm fire from the direction of FRENCHLES.
At 7.30 p.m., and again at 8.30 am., a few 10.5 cm. Gas Shells and H.E. fell in HALF PAST ELEVEN SQUARE.
Intermittently throughout the night HOUPLINES was shelled with 10.5 cm. H.E. & Gas. - approximate direction of fire - LES COURSINS Pzcs, in C.24.a.
During the night C.21.a. received 15 rds. 5.9.H.E.

Detailed report of other shelling reported on back hereof.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Activity normal.
At 8 a.m. 1 L. - flew over battery position at I.8.a.8.a. at a very low altitude.

VISIBILITY - Fair.


Headquarters,
28.12.1917.

Captain.
for Reconnaissance Officer,
3rd Australian Divisional Artillery.

HOSTILE SHELLING - 6 a.m. 27.12.17. to 6 a.m. 28.12.17.

Time.	Area Shelled.	Eds.	Calre.	Direction of fire.
9.30 - 10.0 a.m.	C.21.b.7.4.	15	77m.	T.E. 65 deg. from C.27.b.7.9.
10 to 10.15 a.m.	C.21.d.	15	10.5	CROIX AU BOIS.
10.20 a.m.	C.21.b.7.4.	10	77m.	T.E. 65 deg. from C.27.b.7.9.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	C.22.a.	50	10.5 H.V.	T.E. 63 deg. from C.27.b.7.9.
11.15 a.m.	Supports in C.22.d.	20	L.T.E.	
co.	C.27.b.	20	77 m.	
11.30 - 11.35 a.m.	C.22.a. central.	6	L.T.E.	BRUNS ROM.
1.5 pm.	C.22.d.	5	L.T.E.	
1.30 pm.	C.22.c.	50	10.5.	CROIX AU BOIS.
2.15 to 2.35 pm.	C.22.d.	30	10.5.	
1.30 pm.	C.22.e.	50	10.5.	Flash T.E. 63 deg. from C.27.b.7.5.

Bearings, except where otherwise stated, are sound bearings.

W. C. C.

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Ref. Maps : 36.N.W. & N.L. 1/20,000.

OUR FIRE.

At 10.45 am., 18-Pdrs. fired 50 rds. and 4.5" Hows. 25 rds. in vicinity of road from C.24.a.70.25. to C.24.d.60.95., where Infantry reported large working party.

Working parties at C.30.a.45.22. and in C.23.d. were dispersed during the morning.

18-Pdrs. expended 181 rds. on various registrations.

TRENCH MORTARS. - 9.45" T.M. fired 5 rds. at M.W. position at I.11.c.55.45., and 5 rds. at M.W. position at I.11.c.92.45. Two 6" T.Ms. fired a total of 40 rds. on enemy's trenches and tramways at I.22.b. 65.35., and from I.22.a.23.17. to I.21.d.80.95. There was no hostile fire against these shoots.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Hostile shelling throughout the period was normal.

From 10.30 am. to 4.30 pm. 10.5cm & 15cm. batteries from T.B. 110 deg. from I.8.a.7.3. fired 300 rds. on 27th. Battery position in I.8.a. & b. No damage.

At 2 pm. enemy 10.5 cm. battery from direction of ESCOBECQUES fired 20 rds at O.P. at I.14.b.48.15., obtaining several direct hits.

At 3 p.m. 10.5 cm battery fired 10 rds. (apparent registration) on DISTILLERY - I.4.c.5.9.

During the night enemy directed harassing fire, mostly Gas, against I.8.b., I.8.central., I.9.a. & b., and THE ASYLUM (I.2.a.) Total rds. approximately 120, mostly 10.5 cm.

Detailed report of other hostile shelling on back hereof.

FLASHES. - 2.30 - 3 pm. - flashes of a 4-gun battery of 15cm. were observed 45 deg. to 50 deg. T.B. from C.26.d.35.95. Area shelled unknown.
At 9.35 pm. flashes of 15cm How. were observed 98 deg. T.B. and at 10.20 pm. flash of 10.5 cm gun was observed 108 deg. T.B. from C.21.d.75.15. Both these guns were firing on Sector to our Left.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

AIRCRAFT & BALLOONS. - Enemy Observation Balloons were up during the morning.

Throughout the day aeroplanes of both sides were very active.

At 8.30 am. 1 E.A. flying very low, just above the tree-tops, fired into gun pits at L'ARMEE (I.12.)

ENEMY MOVEMENT. - Movement was observed during the day on road at C.18.d.5.6. Slight movement seen in what appeared to be a small trench at C.18.d.8.5.

VISIBILITY - Good.

Headquarters,
29.12.17.

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Captain.
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HOSTILE SHALLING - 6 am. 28.12.17. - 6 cr. 29.12.17.

Time.	Area shelled.	Hds.	Calre.	Direction of fire.
6.30 - 7 am.	C.14.central.	50	10.5 HE.	
9.30 am.	C.22.d.	10	do.	
9.50 am.	C.23.a. & c.	4	L.T.M.	
10.20 am.	C.21.b.	8	77mm.	From about D.19.a.(Sound).
10 cr.	C.28.b. & d.	5	L.T.M.	
12.35 am.	C.22.b.	10	10.5	From about D.13.a.(Sound).
2.15 to 3.15 pm.	C.22.c.	20	10.5 HE.	
3 pm.	C.22.a.	15	do.	From about D.13.a.(Sound).

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.CONFIDENTIAL.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 am. 30.12.17. to 6 am. 31.12.17.OUR FIRE.

At 10.25 am. 18-Pdrs. fired 50 rds. & 4.5" Hows. 25 rds. on hostile battery at C.24.a.78.83. reported active by Infantry. An explosion was caused. At 2.15 pm. 4.5" Hows. directed 50 rds. against same target, again silencing the enemy fire.

Active M.Ws. at LES 4 HALLOTS FARM in C.23.d. and C.29.b.9.9. were engaged at 12.15 pm. by 18-Pdrs., and silenced; 50 rds. and 30 rds. being fired respectively on these targets.

At 12.40 pm. M.Ws. at C.29.d. 50.02., C.23.d.30.22., C.11.b.60.95., and C.11.b.80.80. were engaged by 18-Pdrs. - 56 rds. being fired. Active M.W. at I.11.a.75.20. was silenced by 4.5" Hows. - 6 rds. expended.

18-Pdrs. expended 12 rds. and Hows. 18 rds. on Registrations.

TRENCH MORTARS.

6" T.M. (Newton) fired 20 rds. on enemy trench system from C.23.d.11.52. to C.23.10.10. - effective shoot. The enemy's reply to this shoot was slight.

HOSTILE FIRE. - Enemy artillery activity during the period was again below normal, and no heavy shelling was reported.

Details of hostile shelling during the period are as

under :-

Time	Area shelled.	Rds.	Calre.	Direction.
10.15 am.	C.22.a.	6	10.5cm.	About D.19.c.
10.20 am.	C.21.d.	4		
11.30 am.	C.10.a.	20	do.	do.
12.5 pm.	C.22.d.	20	do.&Gas.	do.
12.15 pm.	LILLE RD.at I.16.a.3.3,	4	77mm.	
do.	C.22.b.	30	L.T.M.	
12.25 pm.	C.22.a.	10	77mm.HE.	About D.13.a.
1.5 pm.	C.22.b.	10	" Gas.	" D.19.a.
4.15 pm.	I.15.central.	12	M.T.M.	
8 to 11 pm.	C.27.c.	50	10.5 & 77mm Gas.	

Main areas shelled during night were - C.27.a. & c. C.21.c. & d., and C.23.a. Shelling, mainly from 10.5cm. Hows. and 77mm guns, was not heavy, and the night was generally quiet.

Flashes were observed during the night as follow :-

7 p.m. - 64deg.T.B. from I.9.c.41.52.

9 p.m. - 80 " " " do. (Time from flash to report, 11 sec.)

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. - Owing to bad visibility, there was no aircraft activity, and nothing unusual to report.

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Headquarters,
31.12.17.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.CONFIDENTIAL.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 am. 31.12.17. to 6 am. 1.1.18.Ref. Maps : 36.1. N. & N.E. 1/20,000.OUR FIRE.

At 6 am. 18-Pdrs. fired 100 rds. and 4.5" Hows. 50 rds. on a Battalion Headquarters at J.8.d.9.6.

During the day, 18-Pdrs. engaged enemy batteries, Roads, Hutments etc., firing 420 rds., whilst 4.5" Hows. expended 55 rds. on similar targets.

The following shoots were carried out by 18-Pdrs. :-

35 rds. on enemy C.P. at C.23.b.49.26. Several direct hits were obtained, and building badly damaged.

81 rds. on Support trenches in C.23.d. C.24.a. & D.13.a., where movement was observed.- Effect good.

42 rds. on road at C.24.a. and C.18.d. where movement was observed.

81 rds. on M.G. emplacements in C.23.c. and d.

20 rds. on party of the enemy seen running towards house at I.17.b.36.20.

20 rds. on enemy party observed at I.22.b.52.00.

49 rds. on Trench from LES 4 HALLOTS FARM to C.23.d.83.22.

Fire was very effective, and casualties were caused to enemy observed moving along this trench.

69 rds. were expended by 18-Pdrs. during the day on various Registrations.

During the night 25 rds. were directed against traffic route at C.18.a.7.6., while Hows. and 18-Pdrs. fired 25 & 15 rds. respectively on enemy working party at I.11.a.6.3.

TRENCH MORTARS.-

H.T.Ms. fired 10 rds. on enemy M.G. position at I.11.c.95.05.

H.T.Ms. directed 30 rds. against WEZ MACQUART.

All rounds in the above shoots were observed to be effective, and the enemy made no reply.

HOSTILE FIRE.- Enemy artillery activity during the period was again below normal, and with the exception of 100 rds. 10.5cm & 15 cm. falling in I.15.d., from the direction of PERENCHIES, no heavy shelling was reported. Light, intermittent shelling throughout the night was reported, and was well distributed over the whole Sector, chiefly from 10.5 cm. Hows. and 77mm guns.

At 12.45 pm. 15 rds. 10.5cm. gas shells fell in C.22.b. & d. from a bearing 84 deg.(S) T.B. from C.27.b.70.91. At 2.45 pm. an occasional round of 10.5 cm fell in I.21.a.4.2. from a bearing 140 deg. T.B. from I.9.c.41.52.(S).

VISIBILITY - Low. Very little aircraft activity.

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