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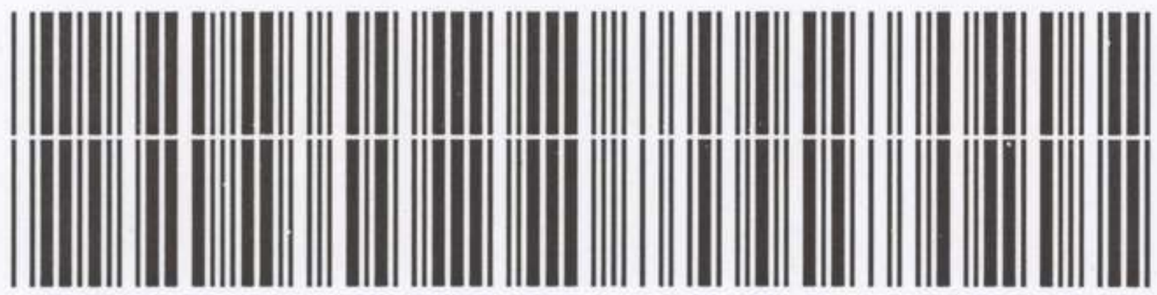

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VERCHOCQ, FRANCE.	1/2/18.	9 am	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery closed at VERCHOCQ. The Divisional Artillery moved from VERCHOCQ AREA to ELNES AREA.	App. 1.
ELNES FRANCE	"	1 pm	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery opened at ELNES. Order No. 160 issued re move of Divisional Artillery to RENESCURE AREA.	EHB
ELNES, FRANCE.	2/2/18.	9 am	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery closed at ELNES. The Divisional Artillery moved to RENESCURE AREA.	App.2
LENIEPPE FRANCE		1 pm	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery opened at LENIEPPE.	EHB
LENIEPPE FRANCE.	3/2/18	9 am	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery closed at LENIEPPE. The Divisional Artillery moved from RENESCURE AREA to MERRIS AREA.	EHB
BAILLEUL FRANCE.		1 pm	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery opened at 50 Rue de LILLE, BAILLEUL.	
BAILLEUL, FRANCE.	4/2/18		One Section per Battery, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, relieved one Section per Battery of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery. C.R.A., and Brigade Major visited 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters. Administrative Order No.26 issued.	App. 3 EHB
BAILLEUL FRANCE.	5/2/18		Two Sections per Battery, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery, relieved two Sections per Battery of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery. 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column relieved 1st Divisional Ammunition Column.	EHB
BAILLEUL, FRANCE.	6/2/18	9 am	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery closed at 50 Rue de LILLE, BAILLEUL.	App. 4.
ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE, BELGIUM.	"	10 am	Headquarters, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery opened at ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE, M.35.d.0.2. Sheet 28. Command of Artillery covering "B" Divisional Sector, Australian Corps passed to C.R.A., 5th Australian Divisional Artillery at this time. C.R.A., Brig-General A.J. Bessell-Browne, C.M.G., D.S.O. Disposition No.58 and Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	EHB

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ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE, M.35.d.0.2. Sheet 28	~~7/2/18~~		~~Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix~~	~~App. 5~~
	8/2/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 162 issued re raids by 3rd Australian Division. Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix.	App.6 EHB
	9/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App. 7 EHB
	10/2/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 163 issued re ZERO HOUR for 3rd Australian Division raids. Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix.	App.8 EHB
	11/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App. 9 EHB
	12/2/18		Amendment to Disposition No. 58 issued. Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix.	App.10 EHB
	13/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App.11 EHB
	14/2/18		Disposition No. 59 issued. Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Sudden cold change, frost and ice. Day and night clear.	App.12 EHB
	15/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App.13 EHB
	16/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App.14 EHB
	17/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Bright and Cold.	App.15 EHB
	18//2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App.16 EHB.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	19/2/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 164 re Reliefs of Infantry Brigades in Divisional Sector issued. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.165 re minor enterprise by 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on night 19th/20th February, issued. Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix.	App.17
	20/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App.18
	21/2/18		Intelligence Summary and report on Minor Enterprise carried out by 14th Australian Infantry Brigade attached in Appendix	App.19
	22/2/18		Dispositions No. 60 issued. Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Dull and Misty weather.	App.20
	23/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Fine and Clear.	App.21
	24/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Rather cold.	App.22.
	25/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Dull and raining during the morning. Fine in afternoon.	App.23.
	26/2/18		5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No.166 issued, re super-imposing of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery, and relief of 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery by 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 167 issued re raids by 14th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades to take place. Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Memo re reporting S.O.S. action to Royal Flying Corps included in Appendix.	App.24

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	27/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix	App.25
	28/2/18		Intelligence Summary attached in Appendix. Cold day, dull in morning.	App.26

5th March, 1918.

Brig-General,
C.R.A., 5th Australian Division.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 160.

Headquarters,
1st. February, 1918.

Reference Map - 1, 100,000 HAZEBROUCK 5A.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery (less Trench Mortar Brigade) will continue the march on 2nd. February, 1918 to the RENESCURE AREA in accordance with March Table on back hereof.

2. Distances on the march will be as laid down in General Staff Memorandum No. 191 dated 27th. Decr. 1917 .

3. 1st. Line Transport will march massed in rear of Brigades and D.A.C. respectively.

4. Halts will be made from 10 minutes to the clock hour to the clock hour. First halt - 8.50 a.m.

5. Headquarters, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will close at the Chateau, ERVES at 9 a.m. 2nd. February, 1918 and re-open on arrival in the Renescure Area.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 5.30 p.m. to :-

	Copy No.
13th F.A. Brigade.	1 - 5.
14th F.A. Brigade.	6 -10.
5th D.A. Column.	11 -14.
Signals, 5th D.A.H.Q.	15.
"G": 5th. Aust. Divn.	16.
"Q": 5th. Aust. Divn.	17.
R.A., Australian Corps.	18.
1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.	19.
3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery.	20.
4th. Aust. Div. Artillery.	21.
10th A.A.S.C.	22.
S.S.O. 19th A.A.S.C.	23.
S.S.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	24.
ARMY COMMANDANT, ERVES.	25.
" " RENESCURE.	26.
A.D.M.S. 5th. Aust. Divn.	27.
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(To accompany 5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery Order No. 160.)

UNIT.	STARTING POINT.	Time of passing Starting Point.	R O U T E.	DESTINATION.	REMARKS.
13th.F.A. Brigade.	Road junction 200 yards N of 2nd. A in SAILETTE S.A	7.30 a.m.	LUMBRES-WIZERNES ARQUES.	RENESCURE Area.	
14th.F.A. Brigade.	Do.	8. 15 a.m.	Do.	Do.	
5th. D.A. Column.	Junction of 4 roads 800 yards N. of H of REMILLY-WIRQUON.	9.30 a.m.	WIZERNES-ARQUES.	Do.	To follow 14th.F.A. Bde after ARQUES.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 161.

Headquarters,
2nd. Feby. 1918.

Reference Map 1-100,000 HAZEBROUCK 5A.

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery (less Trench Mortar Brigade) will march on 3rd. February, 1918 to the MERRIS AREA in accordance with March Table on back hereof.

2. Distances on the march will be as laid down in General Staff Memorandum No. 191 dated 27th. Dear. 1917, and will be strictly adhered to.

3. 1st. Line Transport will march massed in rear of Brigades and D.A.C. respectively.

4. Halts will be made from 10 minutes to the clock hour to the clock hour. First halt - 8.50 a.m.

5. Headquarters, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will close at the CHATEAU, LE KEMPT at 9 a.m. on 3rd. February, and re-open on arrival in the MERRIS AREA.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.Th. Hon

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 1.30 p.m. to :-

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"Q", 5th. " "	6.
R.A., Australian Corps.	7.
1st. Aust. Divl. Artillery.	8.
3rd. " " "	9.
4th. " " "	10.
10th. A.A.S.C.	11.
S.O. 10th. A.A.S.C.	12.
S.S.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	13.
A.D.V.S. D.A. ART, ROBECQUE.	14.
" " MERRIS.	15.
A.D.V.S. 5th. Aust. Div.	16.
D.A.D.V.S. 5th. " "	17.
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M A R C H T A B L E.

(To accompany 5th. Australian Divl. Artillery Order No. 161.)

UNIT.	STARTING POINT.	Time of passing Starting Point.	R O U T E.	DESTINATION.
13th Aust. F.A. Brigade.	Road junction 300 yards N.W. of W of WALLON CAPPEL.	8 a.m.	HAZEBROUCK-BORRE.	MERRIS AREA.
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	Do.	8.45 a.m.	Do.	MERRIS AREA.
5th. Aust. D.A.Column.	Do.	9.30 a.m.	Do.	MERRIS AREA.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No.36.

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Headquarters,
4th. February 1918.

1. - Guns and Howitzers will be taken over from the 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery as detailed in 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Order No.158.
Guns will be handed over to 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery as shewn in Appendix attached.
The term "GUNS" includes the gun or howitzer with carriage and sights and all tools and spare parts carried on the gun and carriage as detailed in the hand-book of the piece.

2. - All outstanding indents for deficiencies in stores, spare parts, etc., will be exchanged between Units.
Immediately after completion of the taking over of guns from 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery, Units will furnish to D.A.H.Q. a list of all deficiencies in Gun Stores etc.

3. - Personnel of 5th. Aust. D.A.Column will relieve personnel of 1st. Aust. D.A.Column at Dumps.
Relief to be completed by 11.a.m. on 5th. inst.

4. - All Area Stores will be taken over and receipts exchanged.
Receipts for all stores taken over will be forwarded to D.A.H.Q. for handing out to Units before leaving the Area so that same can be checked and any deficiencies reported.

5. - Receipts will be exchanged for all ammunition taken over from outgoing Units in Gun pits and alternative positions. Receipts will also be exchanged for ammunition taken over at dumps.

6. - ACKNOWLEDGE.

Basil Morris
Captain R.A.A.
Staff Captain,
5th. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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Gun s and Carriages to be handed over by 5th.Aust.Div.Artillery

- to -

1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

Unit Handing Over.	Unit taking over	Gun No.	Carriage No.	Remarks.
49th.Bty.	1st. Bty.	979	46077	
50th.Bty.	2nd. Bty.	5367	57871	
51st.Bty.	3rd. Bty.	489 2960	99482 39514	
53rd.Bty.	4th. Bty.	1755 1735	24415. 45914	
54th.Bty.	5th. Bty.	5093	99375	
55th.Bty.	6th. Bty.	6137	23413	

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HEADQUARTERS
5th AUSTRALIAN
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DISPOSITION

5th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. - ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE. - I.35.d.0.2.-

Reference Map 1-40,000 Sheet 28.

GROUP.	UNIT.	GUNS.	POSITION.	WAGON LINES.
15th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. (Messines Group.)	Headquarters,	-	T.6.c.15.75.	T.20.a.8.0.
	49th. Battery,	6.	U.1.a.70.39.	T.20.a.8.0.
	50th. "	6.	U.13.a.80.80.	N.21.c.6.3.
	51st. "	4.	O.31.a.55.05.)	T.20.c.2.2.
	51st. "	2.	O.31.b.90.45.)	
	115th. "	6.	U.7.d.09.70.	T.26.b.5.5.
14th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. (Oosttaverne Group.)	Headquarters,	-	N.29.c.5.8.	N.33.c.7.7.
	53rd. Battery,	4.	O.25.b.60.85.)	T.3.b.2.9.
	54th, Dc.	2.	O.26.c.55.95.)	
	54th. "	6.	O.25.b.70.40.	N.33.c.7.7.
	55th. "	2.	N.30.d.90.90.)	N.27.a.4.8.
	Dc.	3.	N.30.d.70.50.)	
	114th. "	6.	O.19.b.15.50.	S.12.a.8.5.
3rd. (Army) Aust. F.A. Brigade. (Hollebeke Group.)	Headquarters,	-	N.18.b.90.25.	N.20.d.8.1.
	7th. Battery,	6.	O.9.a.50.30.	N.20.a.7.2.
	8th. "	6.	O.7.d.55.05.	N.32.central.
	9th. "	6.	O.8.d.40.11.	N.32.central.
	103rd. "	6.	O.14.b.20.65.	N.32.central.
5th. Aust. D.A. Column.	Headquarters,		S.5.b.central.	
	No. 1 Section.		S.6.a.2.6.	
	No. 2 Section.		S.5.b.central.	
	S.A.A. Section.		S.5.b.8.5.	
3rd. (Army) F.A. Brigade Ammn. Column.				N.32.central.
5th. Divl. Trench Mortar Brigade.	D.T.M.O.		PARIA DUMP.	N.18.b.2.7.
	V.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		In line.	
	Y.5.A.M.T.M. "		" "	
	Z.5.A.M.T.M. "		" "	
	X.5.A.M.T.M. "		T.M. Reserve Camp.	S.5.d.7.7.

LA POLKA DUMP. .... N.21.d.5.8.
DE KEMMEL DUMP. T.5.d.9.9.
FUZEVILLE. REYNINGHELST.
Divl. Camouflage Officer. N.30.b.9.3.
No.25 Workshops. T.14.b.90.90.
No.5 Gun Park. GODEWAERSVELDT.

Edgar H. Brett. Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer, 5th. Aust. Divl.Arty.

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APPENDIX 13

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 5-2-18 to 6a.m. 6-2-18.

1. OPERATIONS.
General searching and harassing fire maintained throughout the night on enemy centres of activity, and bursts of fire put down on Cross roads, tracks, and in the vicinity of strong points.
On the Right Brigade front a series of area searches were carried out, including gas shell in the vicinity of P.31.d.30.70, U.12.b.40.80, and on road P.31.c.15.45 to V.1.a.70.25.
Registration and calibration was continued during the day.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS.
Nil.
3. ENEMY SHELLING.
Quiet throughout the period. At 2 p.m. twenty rounds 5.9" how. fell in vicinity of STEENWERCK FARM; during the afternoon six 5.9" how. on 0.10.central from directionof HOUTHEM, and 0.11. central received a few 77 mm from the same direction.
At 9.30 hostile minenwerfers at 0.36.c.84.54 and 0.36.d.36.40 fired on our forward areas.
4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.
Quiet.
5. ENEMY DEFENCES.
Nil.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.
Below normal. Hostile 'plane crossed our lines at 1.10 p.m. but was driven back by A.A. and M.G. fire.
At 5 p.m. another single 'plane crossed and was engaged by A.A. and M.G. Both 'planes at High Altitudes.
7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.
Three hostile balloons up at 7 a.m.
Visibility bad in morning, fair later.

Edgar H. Bowden.
Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

6/2/18.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Fro. 6 a.m. 6.2.1918 to 6 a.m. 7.2.1918.

Forecast of Dispositions - No change.

1. OPERATIONS.
During the night intermittent searching and sweeping of enemy tracks and communications was continued, and occupied strong points and centres of activity were submitted to bursts of fire at irregular intervals. PULP FARM -0.12.b.25.10-HIGH FARM-0.18.c.25.20-THE TWINS -0.11.d.95.25-PAT FARM -0.18.b.40.45- and PELLEGRINS - 0.24.a.95.20 - were intermittently searched, also concrete dug-outs at 0.12.d.21.70.d.27.73, d.33.76, d.37.76, at 0.18.d.86.46, and M.G. positions at 0.18.d.50.90.
Active Trench Mortars 0.36.c and d engaged at 8.20 p.m. During the day registrations were checked, and a hostile working party with wagons moving at P.31b.7.8. engaged.
At 12.30 a.m. 6" Newton T.M. engaged mine-thrower positions at 0.36.c.5.5. and U.6.c.0.5., drawing heavy M.G. fire, and at 11.15 a.m. registered on RIFLE,BAB,CODE, and THE Farms.
Between 6.45 and 7.45 a.m. 9.45" H.T.M. carried out a bombardment of WAI FARM-0.23.d.10.25-very effective shooting being reported, a party of eight of the enemy running from the position, and much brick dust and cement being thrown up.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.
Normal. Between 9.30-11 a.m. 0.29.a. and c received 60 rounds 4.2" How. from COMINES. Between 10 - 11 a.m. 10 rounds 77mm from GLADJE fell in 0.27.b. At 11 a.m.J.17.a. lightly shelled by 4.2" How. from COMINES. At 4 p.m. 0.29.a. received 6 rounds 4.2" from thesame direction, and at 10.30 p.m. 6 rounds 5.9" How. fell in vicinity of ALZAO FARM.
Intermittently throughout the period scattered rounds of 5.9" and 4.2" How fell in the forward area, mainly from the COMINES Group.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.
E.A. crossed our lines at high altitude at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Observation balloons up at intervals throughout the day.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.
9.40 a.m. Train observed going south from COMINES.
10-11 a.m. Clouds of smoke from S. end of COMINES, as if from Railway Yards.

Edgar H. Booth.
Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

7.2.1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.162.

Headquarters,
8th. February, 1918.

Reference Maps -1,10,000 -WYTSCHAETE S.W.2 and BAS-WARNETON 28 S.W.4 & S.E.3. (parts of)

1. The 3rd. Australian Division are carrying out a minor operation on the night of 10th./11th. February, 1918.
ZERO HOUR will be notified later.

2. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate by wire-cutting and making dummy raid bombardments on the 5th. Australian Divisional Front.

3. C.O. MESSINES Group will arrange to cut wire as follows :-
(a) Two lanes in the German wire opposite FME. DE LA CROIX in front of the enemy's front line and support line.
(b) Two lanes in the German wire in O.35.d.

C.O. OOSTTAVERNE Group will arrange to cut wire as follows :-
(c) Two lanes in the German wire near RIFLE FARM-O.23.c.central.

4. The wire-cutting mentioned in para 3 will take place at the following times :-

9th. February, 1918. 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

10th. February, 1918. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

C.O's Groups concerned will arrange bombardments to co-operate with the wire-cutting at these hours.

5. For these operations Trench Mortars are allotted to C.O's Groups as follows :-
To C.O. MESSINES Group.
Two (2) 6" Newtons in position at U.5.a.35.75 and U.5.a.30.80.
To C.O. OOSTTAVERNE Group.
One (1) 6" Newton in position at O.11.c.05.55.
One (1) 9.45" H.T.M. in position at O.16.d.60.10.

6. From Zero to ZERO + 20' C.O. MESSINES GROUP will arrange to carry out "dummy raid bombardments" near KIWI FARM-O.35.d. and in O.11.b. (U.11.b.)
C.O. OOSTTAVERNE GROUP will arrange to carry out a "dummy raid bombardment" near RIFLE FARM-O.23.c.

7. The G.O.C. 8th. Infantry Brigade is co-operating with Stokes Mortars firing incendiary bombs, and with Machine Gun fire.

8. Watches will be synchronised from this office at 8a.m. and 6 p.m. on 9th. and 10th. February, 1918.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

A Stallion
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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Issued at 7.45 p.m. to :-	Copy No.
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C.O. OOSTTAVERNE Group.	2.
C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group.	3. for information.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	4.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery.	5. for information.
4th. " " "	6. " "
R.A., Australian Corps.	7. " "
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"G", 5th. Aust. Divn.	9. " "
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. [illegible].7.2.18 to 6 a.m. 8.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS. - No change.

1. OPERATIONS.
Harassing fire on communications and centres of activity was maintained throughout the night, roads and tracks being intermittently swept and searched. Registration and calibration were carried out during the day.
Tracks round FLY BUILDGS.-O.23.b.63.95- RIFLE FARM-O.23.d.15.95- CODE FARM-O.23.d.80.80. M.G. Position at O.23.d.52.69. Occupied Shell holes at O.23.d.40.45, and tracks around BEEK FARM-O.29.b.15.95. were swept and searched contiquously.
At 8 a.m. small enemy working party at O.29.c.5.0. were effectively dispersed by our fire.
Trench Mortars engaged targets at O.11.d.95.23-O.12.c.30.64-O.18.a.30.96 to verify registrations handed over and were successful.
A Gas Bombardment on Concrete dug-outs in vicinity of O.12.d.30.75 and P.12.d.30.75 was carried out between 8 and 11 p.m.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.
Normal. At 11.30 a.m. O.10. central 6 rounds of 4.2". At 1.30 p.m. a 5.9" gun located at CROSS ROADS P.28.c. fired 10 rounds on O.10. central. This gun was effectively silenced by our heavies. Some few minutes after we engaged this target a fire resulted, followed by a series of [illegible] explosions
Between 4.50 and 10.50 p.m. our forward area received some scattered rounds of 4.2" from COMINES Group.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. - Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - Nil.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.
Considerable increase of train movement was observed in rear of enemy lines throughout the whole day.
COMINES-ST. MARGUERITE Line.
3 trains going [illegible] south.
1 train going north.
COMINES-WERVICQ Line.
1 train going towards WERVICQ.
4 trains " " COMINES.
HALLUIN-TOURCOING Line.
10 trains going south.
4 trains going north.
HALLUIN-LEDEGHEM Line.
3 trains going south.
1 train going north.
A few trains were observed standing in WERVICQ STATION and much shunting was going on here.

8. VISIBILITY. This was poor throughout the day.

H.Q. 8.2.18.

[illegible] Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer, 5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 8.2.18 to 6 a.m. 9.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS. - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. In anticipation of enemy local relief on centre of front, a special programme of searching and sweeping fire was fired on tracks, roads, and tram lines in O.24.,O.29.,P.19.,and P.25 at intervals throughout the night; ORKNEY,OMELETTE and OTIRA Trenches opposite this Sector were also intermittently shelled during the same period. By night, a series of Group concentrations was performed against strong points and cross roads in O.36.b., and harassing fire was maintained on buildings at P.31.d.30.70. a.45.85.,a.25.50., P.32.c.25.50, P.7.a.75.30, O.12.d.65.85,P.13.b.70.87,d.55.65, and c.68.75.

Pill-box at O.18.d.65.85 was bombarded with gas shell. During the morning working parties moving in P.31.b.,P.32.c. and working in vicinity of POINT BLAZELTC-P.31.b.5.9.= were engaged and dispersed.

Registrations were checked.

9.45" H.T.M. fired 30 rounds on M.G. post at O.17.d. 68.10, BANG FARM (O.17.b.9.3.), and GREEN FARM, reporting effective shooting.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Quiet. During the morning O.16.d. and O.17.c received 20 rounds 4.2" How. on T.B. 107o from O.10.d.05.80.

At 2.30 p.m. 15 rounds 4.2" How. fell in vicinity of MESSINES, from COMINES Group, and 15 rounds in vicinity of LAPERIT DOUVE(U.8.a.9.5.) from same Group.

At 2.30 p.m. 8 rounds 4.2" How. fell in O.20.c. on 102o T.B. from O.19.d.62.30.

Between 2.30 and 4 p.m., 60 rounds 4.2" and 5.9" How. fell in U.14.c. At 5 p.m. 30 rounds 5.9" How. were scattered over O.17.a and c , and at 6 p.m. 12 rounds 4.2" How. were fired at DERRY HOUSE.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.
Considerable activity reported in WERVICQ during the day.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES - Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.- Nil - Dull and light rain.

7. MOVEMENT, ORGANISATION, etc.
Several small working parties moving in the open in P.31 during the morning, fired on and dispersed.
Two trains going north to COMINES, and four going south from COMINES, one train to MELIN, one to WERVICQ.
Lamp Signalling 94o T.B. from O.16.d.9.3. engaged by H.A. and stopped.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT- Nil.

cloud
9. Smoke/observed starting from front of WERVICQ CHURCH, moving N.W.

H.Q. 9.2.18.

Edgar H. Brett. Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer, 5th. Aust. Divl.Arty.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 163.

Headquarters,
10th. Feby. 1918.

Reference 5th. Aust. Div. Artillery Order No.162 dated 8th. Feby. 1918.

1. ZERO HOUR will be 10 p.m. 10th. inst.

2. At ZERO + 5 hours and ZERO + 5 hours 45 minutes, all 18-prs. and 4.5" Hows. of the Left Group Artillery, 3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery will fire bursts of fire on the scene of the raid.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Groups by wire.)

H St Clair

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 9.2.18 to 6 a.m. 10.2.18.

FORECAST OF DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Registrations were checked, calibrations continued, general harassing fire was maintained throughout the night. Sweeping of enemy tracks and communications from 0.23.b.40.40 to 0.23.d.30.70 were continued during the afternoon. Sweeping and searching was carried out on S.O.S. Lines during the night, and centres of activity bombarded at irregular intervals.

The following Strong Points and dug-outs and suspected O.P's receiving special attention - The GIANT - 0.12.c.35.60, PUMP FARM-0.12.b.25.10, THE TWINS - 0.11.d.95.35, FORT BUILDGS.-0.18.d.64.98, BOMB FARM-0.18.c.60.95, CENTRE TRACK-0.18.c.68.65, HIGH FARM-0.18.c.25.20, POLL HOUSE-0.18.a.75.50, SPUD FARM-0018.b.20.88, U.6.c., U.6.d., U.12.b., V.7.a., U.6.b. Between 10 and 11 a.m. wire-cutting was successfully carried out at 0.23.central and 0.23.d.00.90. in front of RIFLE FARM.

Another successful shoot was carried out on enemy wire at U.12.a. 30.40 and U.12.a.30.45,. Two lanes being cut in enemy wire at these points, 15 to 20 yards wide.

9.45" H.T.M. carried out a successful wire-cutting shoot at 0.23.d 20.95 in front of RIFLE FARM. Some 60 rounds were fired, cutting and destroying enemy wire here.

Also effectively engaged targets at POLL HOUSE-0.18.a.8.5., The GIANT-0.12.c.40.70 and Lock No.5.-0.12.b.40.55.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Quiet. At 11.25 a.m. a 4.2" Gun firing at intervals from about P.27.d. on 0.7.d. was neutralised by our Counter Batteries. At 2 p.m. HOUTHEM 4.2" How, fired on RIDGE FARM and TRENCH FARM, 0.16.d. Heavies were notified at 2.15 p.m. and enemy fire was silenced. About 10 rounds 4.2" How. were also put near DESCAUVILLE in 0.14.b. but no damage was done. Between 2.45 p.m. and 3.5 p.m. 77 mm's fired about 20 rounds on 0.33.c. Intermittently throughout the period scattered rounds of 4.2" fell in our Forward Area, mainly from COMINES Group.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Some activity around VERVICQ, otherwise very quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION in enemy's lines.
Train activity again observed in rear of enemy's lines principally on main TOURCOING-HALLUIN-LEDEGHEM Line.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility fair - Mist interfered with observation.

H.Q.
10.2.18.

for Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer, 5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 10.2.18 to 6 a.m. 11.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Wire cutting and bombardment operations continued during the day in preparation for simulated raids on KIWI and RIFLE FARMS, and enemy systems in U.12.a. These were fired at 10 p.m. in support of raid by Right Flank Division.

At 6.20 a.m. hostile minenwerfer at 0.36.d.1.5. was bombarded with good effect. During the afternoon RIDGE, PILL, DAB, CODE, LAKE and REL FARMS were engaged by 4.5" Hows.

During the night, bursts of fire were put down on THE GIANT, THE TWINS, SPUD FARM, CORPSE FARM and in vicinity of concrete dug-outs at P.7.a.75.30, P.13.c.50.65 (gas) and 0.12.d.50.75. Intermittent fire was also applied to tracks and routes between occupied posts and buildings and roads.

During the day, 6" H.T.M. fired 200 rounds on wire in front of RIFLE FARM, reporting it effectively cut, . 15 rounds on active enemy minenwerfer at KIWI FARM, M.G. at U.6.c.5.5., with good results.

9.45" H.T.M. fired 30 rounds on RIFLE FARM, reporting accurate shooting with many direct hits, much material damage being done.

In support of "dummy raid" 6" H.T.M. at night fired 15 rounds on RIFLE FARM, and 60 rounds on U.6.c.25.70 and KIWI FARM; 9.45" H.T.M. engaged RIFLE FARM at same time.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. - More active.

TIME.	No of rounds.	Nature.	Objective.	Location.
11.15 a.m.	8.	4.2" Hows.	0.17.d.	COMINES.
11 a.m to 3 p.m.	40	4.2" & 5.9" Hows.	0.32.a.& 0.26.b.& 0.33.b & c, & 0.32.b & d.	T.B.110o Sound from 0.33.a.3.3.
12noon to 4 p.m.	60	Do.	STEIGHAST FARM.	T.B.92o(Flash) from 0.33.c. 4.4.
2-4 p.m.	30.	77 mm.		
3.45 - 4.20 p.m.	1 rd. every 3 minutes.	8" or 9.2 Hows.	U.13.a.8.8.	T.B.95o sound from 0.33.c.4.4.
11 p.m.	20	Do.	Do.	Do.
4.30 to 4.50 p.m.		4.2" Hows. 6 guns.	0.10.d.	Behind KORTEWILDE.

10 p.m. Slight retaliation on forward areas to dummy raid. During T.M. Shoots, enemy retaliated with approximately 20 rounds 4.2" Hows on each occasion.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal except for artillery.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES Big work reported proceeding at LOCK 4., large parties endeavouring to work during the day.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.
Normal. Much train shunting in COMINES.

Edgar H. Bartt.
Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

H.Q.
11.2.18.

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ATTACHMENT to DISPOSITION No. 58 dated 6th. Feby. 1918.

Reference 3rd. (Army) Aust.F.A.Brigade. (Hollebeke Group.)

Battery Position of 9th. Battery.
3 guns - 0.8.b.40.11
3 " - 0.8.d.78.55.

12th Feby 1918.

Eric H. Booth. Lieut.,
for Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 11.2.18 to 6 a.m. 12.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. On the Left Group Front a special programme of searching fire was performed on enemy tracks, posts, and vicinity of H.Q. between 5.30 and 8 p.m., in anticipation of enemy relief on that Sector.
Intermittent fire was also maintained during the night.
During the day hostile parties at LAKE FARM were shelled and dispersed on two occasions, and later a party at POINT MALLET was engaged, casualties being caused.
Registration was continued and Trench M Bombardments carried out on occupied portions of OMLETTE and UMBERT Trenches.
At 10.20 p.m. hostile minenwerfer at 0.36.d.1.5. was effectively engaged.
Bursts of fire were put down in the vicinity of SPUD, TRALEE, PUMP, and SQUARE FARM on dug-outs at 0.18.a.86.40, 0.12.d.80.75, and in 0.36.b.and d., THE FALLS, THE GIANT, Locks 4 and 5.
In addition to customary searching fire, lanes cut in wire for previous Dummy Raid were submitted to bursts to interfere with working parties.
9.45" H.T.M. fired 15 rounds on Lock 5 and HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Quiet. Between 8.45 and 9.30 a.m. front line system in U.5.d. was bombarded by minenwerfer. At 10.15 a.m. Battery positions in U.15.... received five rounds 8" How. and at 1 p.m. ten rounds 5.9" How. fell in vicinity of U.8.c.5.3, on T.B. 95o sound from U.7.d.1.8.
Otherwise only occasional scattered fire.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION.
10. 55 a.m. Chimney smoke. T.B. 91½6 from 0.33.a.3.2.
11 a.m. Enemy movement round LAKE FARM.
11.5 a.m. Party of enemy 100 strong moving to rear on T.B.108o from 0.33.a.3.3. Out of range, and only in sight for short time.
11.40 a.m. Movement round LAKE FARM. Dispersed.
2 p.m. Small party round LAKE FARM. Dispersed.
3.25 p.m. Party at POINT MALLET. Casualties inflicted.
2 to 4 p.m. Trains shunting in WERVICQ.
VISIBILITY - Poor.

H.Q.
12.2.18.

Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 12.2.18 to 6 a.m. 13.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS Bursts of fire were put down on enemy machine gun positions and strong points at irregular intervals throughout the night as follows - L.G. Position -0.23.b.8.8.- RIFLE FARM-0.23.d.10.95.- Track- 0.23.b., 0.23.b. 40.30 - 0.23.d.85.98 -0.23.d.05.37- 0.23.d. 05.25- 0.23.d.50.05. Track from 0.29.b.70.70-0.30.a.50.98, 0.24.c. and 0.24.d., Lock No.5.0.12.b. MURPHY FARM, 0.18.b. Centres of activity 0.18.d and b. Dug-outs P.13.d. Copse Farm 0.18.d. THE GIANT 0.12.c. and [illegible] WILLS- 0.12.c.

Tracks and roads 0.29.d., 0.30.c, 0.24.c,0.30.b. 0.29.b. and 0.30.c. ,0.23.b and 0.24.d. 0.36.a and c, P.31.d and U.12.b. were searched at irregular intervals throughout the night in order to catch enemy carrying parties.

Registrations were continued during the day, and at 5 p.m an enemy party at LAKE FARM were engaged, result unknown. HIGH CROPPERS. At 6 a.m. our M.T.M. Battery engaged targets at WAR FARM-0.23.d.-two direct hits were secured. At 8.30 a.m. 9 rounds were put over on DUCK FARM-0.29.b. Five direct hits were secured on Farm and surrounding trenches. Enemy retaliated with about 30 light minnies on front and support lines from DUCK Farm 0.29.d. to WALL FARM. 0.23.a.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. HAIG FARM 0.17.b. and PILL-Box at 0.18.a. were engaged by our M.T.M. Bty.. Much timber was thrown in-to the air and several direct hits obtained on each target. Enemy retaliated with about 50 rounds of 4.2" fired rapidly on 0.16.d., but no damage done.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS- Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Note octave.

Time.	No of rds.	Figure.	Objective.	Location.
10.55 a.m.	6.	77 mm.	0.35.c.	T.B. 120o Sound from 0.33.c.4.4.
11.20 a.m. to 11.40 a.m.	25.	4.5" How.	HOUSES.	T.B. 91o Sound from 0.33.c.4.4.
2.20 p.m.	40	5.9" How.	0.17.a.3.2.	97o Grid Approx from 0.15.d.70.50.
3 p.m.	50.	4.2" How.	0.16.d.	L of COMINES.

The Light Minnies and 50 rounds of 4.2" How. were in retaliation for our T.M. Fire.

4. ENEMY AIRCRAFT Excepting for artillery and slight train movement quiet.

5. ENEMY BALLOONS. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 2. 40 p.m. One hostile machine observed over our lines during the day.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION. Slight train activity seen rear of COMINES.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. 3.25 p.m. Two large clouds of smoke seen in HOUTHEM. Probably a dump exploded by our Heavies.

VISIBILITY. Observation poor.

H.Q.
13.2.18.

R. Rankin Lieut.,
R...O, 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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No. 59.
8 a.m. 15.2.1918.

HEADQUARTERS
5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
No. G11/3445.
Date.....

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DISPOSITION

5th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. - ULSTER CAMP, STRAZEELE - H.35.d.0.2.

Reference Map. - 1 - 40,000 - Sheet 28.

GROUP.	UNIT.	GUNS.	POSITION.	MAGOR LINES.
15th. Aust. F.A.Brigade. (Messines Group.)	Headquarters,	-	T.6.c.15.75.	T.20.a.8.0.
	49th. Battery,	6.	U.1.a.70.39.	T.20.a.8.0.
	50th. "	6.	U.13.a.80.80.	N.21.c.6.3.
	51st. "	4.	O.31.a.55.05.	T.20.c.2.2.
	51st. "	2.	O.31.b.90.45.	"
	115th. "	6.	U.7.d.09.70.	T.26.b.5.5.
14th. Aust. F.A.Brigade (Oosttaverne Group.)	Headquarters,	-	N.29.c.5.8.	N.33.c.7.7.
	53rd. Battery,	4.	O.25.b.60.85.	T.3.b.2.9.
	53rd. "	2.	O.26.c.55.95.	"
	54th. "	6.	O.25.b.70.40.	N.33.c.7.7.
	55th. "	2.	N.30.d.90.90.	"
	55th. "	3.	N.30.d.70.50.	N.27.a.4.8.
	114th. "	6.	O.19.b.15.50.	S.12.a.8.5.
3rd. Aust. (Army) F.A. Brigade. (Le Linbeke Group.)	Headquarters,	-	N.18.b.90.25.	N.20.d.8.1.
	7th. Battery,	6.	O.9.a.50.30.	N.20.a.7.2.
	8th. "	6.	O.7.d.55.05.	N.32.central.
	9th. "	4.	O.8.d.70.80.	N.32.central.
	9th. "	2.	O.8.b.40.11.	"
	108rd. "	6.	O.14.b.20.65.	N.32.central.
5th. Aust. D.A.Column.	Headquarters,		S.5.b.central	
	No.1 Section.		S.6.a.2.6.	
	No.2.Section.		S.5.b.central	
	S.A.A.Section.		S.5.b.8.5.	
3rd.(Army) Aust. F.A.Brigade Ammn. Column.				N.32.central.
5th. Divl. French Mortar Brigade.	D.T.M.O.		PARIA DUMP.	N.18.b.2.7.
	V.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		In line.	
	Y.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		" "	
	Z.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		" "	
	X.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		T.M. Reserve Camp.	S.5.d.7.7.

LA PONKA DUMP. ..... N.21.d.5.8.
DE HEUDEBEK Dump. T.3.d.9.9.
FUZEWAHL. RENINGHELST.
Divl. Camouflage Officer. N.30.b.9.3.
No.25 Workshops. T.14.b.90.90.
No. 5.Gun Park. GODEWAERSVELDT.

14.2.18.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 13.2.18 to 6 a.m. 14.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Minor bombardments were carried out on enemy track junctions, Concrete Dug-outs, Strong Points and centres of activity at irregular intervals throughout the night. Bursts of fire were put down on RIFLE FARM -0.23.d., CODE FARM, 0.23.d., LAKE FARM, 0.24.c., Trench and Track junction 0.24.a.52.42. SQUARE FARM-0.30.b.. Track through wire at 0 18.d.15.45. PAT FARM -0.18.b. THE GIANT 0.12.c., THE TWINS- 0.11.d. Concrete dug-outs at P.7.a. 75.32 and M.G. positions 0.23.d.50.02. Between 3.15 and 3.45 p.m., enemy working parties at LOCK4, P.1.a. were engaged and successfully dispersed.
At 10 a.m. large enemy party at POINT ALERT, P.31.b. were successfully dispersed. Other enemy parties observed around LAKE FARM,0.24.c. and Track from 0.23.b.60.70 to 0.24.a.60.60 were engaged and dispersed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. - Normal.

Time.	No. of rounds.	Nature.	Objective.	Location.
6-6.45p.m.	10.	4.2"	0.25.b.	COMINES from 0.25.b.
6.30 p.m.	5.	5.9"	HESSINES.	
9.30-10.30 p.m.	40.	4.2"	0.19.b.	HOUTHEM from 0.19.b.

In addition 60 rounds of 77 m/m were put over on STEIGNAST FARM at odd intervals during the day.

At 3.45 p.m., some pineapple bombs were fired on our front line from all along enemy front line. Most of these, however, fell short, and no damage was done.

Our M.T.M.B. At 5.30 p.m. 8 rounds were put over on Pill Boxes in front of FLY BUILDGS. -0.23.b.- with good effect.

Our T.M.B. One M.T.M.B. fired some 15 rounds on MINENWERFER at KIWI Farm 0.36.c. and M.G. at U.6.c.5.5. in retaliation for enemy fire. Enemy were immediately silenced.

Between 2.30 and 3.45 p.m. M.G. emplacemnts and suspected Granatenwerfer posts at 0.23.d.30.30,0.23.d.30.90., 0.23.d.12.50,- 0.23.d.20.70.,0.29.b.10.90 were fired on but owing to mist it was difficult to judge result.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Big work still going on at LOCK No.4, 0.13.a. and POINT ALERT, P.31.b. Large parties of men seen attempting to work here during the day.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. Slight train movement N.E. of COMINES.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility bad owing to mist and rain.

Hamilton Keyn
for Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

14th. Feby. 1918.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 14.2.18 to 6 a.m. 15.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

OPERATIONS - In anticipation of enemy relief on the night 14th./15th
1. our Right Group carried out area shoots on U.6.d, V.1.b. and V.1.d. and bursts of fire were put over on roads, tracks, and centres of activity. In addition other centres of activity, Trench Track, Tram Lines, M.G. Positions, organised shell holes and strong points were subjected to bursts of fire at irregular intervals throughout the night. Principal areas fired on being Track 0.23.b.60.70 - 0.24.a.60.60 Tram Line 0.24.a.60.60 to limit of range. RIFLE FARM and CODE FARM, 0.23.d. LAKE FARM-0.24.c. SQUARE FARM-0.30.b. ORDELLETTE TRENCH-0.24.a and c, organised shell holes in 0.29.b., 0.29.d., 0.23.d., and M.G. in 0.23.d.10.70, 0.23.d.05.30, SPUD FARM ,0.18.b., THE GIANT 0.12.c. and THE TWINS- 0.11.d.
Registrations were continued and a hostile working party observed near POINT MALLET-P.31.b. were successfully engaged and dispersed. At 12 midnight, 30 rounds of Gas were put over on Concrete Dug-outs at 0.18.a.65.40.
M.T.M.B. Between 6.30 and 7.30 a.m. BANG and GREEN Farms in 0.17.b. and . Farm 0.17.d were fired on with very good effect.
M.T.M.B. About 20 rounds were fired between 3 and 4 p.m. on Pill-box -0.18.a.25.95. This was most successful, one side and part of the top of the [illegible] pill-box being blown away. Several direct hits were also obtained on the TWINS 0.11.d.
At 8.10 p.m. MINNIE firing from U.6.c.50.40 was neutralised by our fire.
12.25 a.m. M.G. active at U.6.c.50.50 was fired on and immediately silenced.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.
3. ENEMY SHELLING. About normal. Principally along front line and forward areas. At 6.45 a.m. about 20 rounds of 4.2" were put over on RAVINE WOOD, again at 11 a.m., some 20 rounds of 4.2" were fired on 0.27.a. T.B. 98c Sound observed from 0.15.d.70.50. At odd intervals throughout the day, STRIGNAST FARM-U.5.a. was shelled and at 1.20 p.m. and 4.50 p.m. with 4.2" How and 77 mm; about 60 rounds being put over.
MINNIE firing from direction of U.6.c.5.4. shelled front line between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. but no damage done.
In response to Signals - 4 VERY LIGHTS - from Pill-box Group 0.18.a.65.40, enemy retaliated with some 4.2" How. from direction of Left of COMINES.
4. ENEMY ATTITUDE Quiet, excepting for Artillery.
5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.
7. MOVEMENT and ORGANIZATION behind ENEMY LINES.
8. A. Working party observed near POINT MALLET- P.31.b. fired on and dispersed. Apparently Pill-Box Groups vicinity 0.18.a.30.90 and 0.18.a.65.40 are not occupied during the day.
8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.
9. MISCELLANEOUS. Smoke cloud observed starting from front of SERVICQ CHURCH travelling N.W.

Lieut.,
for Reconnaissance Officer.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

H.Q.
15.2.18.

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5th Australian Divisional Artillery Intelligence Summary.

From 6 a.m. 15-2-18 to 6 a.m. 16-2-18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS = No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Minor bombardments were carried out, registrations checked, and bursts of fire put down on Enemy roads, tracks, and centres of activity at irregular intervals throughout the night.

Track junction 0.23.b62.70 along Track to 0.24a.60.60, RIFLE FARM 0.23.d. Tracks and organized shell holes 0.24 Central, Tracks and junctions round PILL Farm 0.24.a. LAKE FARM 0.24.c. BOW FARM 0.30.a. PARTYUTJE FARM 0.24.d. SQUARE FARM 0.30.b. Roads 0.36.a. to P.31.a., U.6.c. to U.12.b. Cross Roads V.1.d. Pill-Boxes U.6.d. 20.35 Buildings V.1.b.70.25 LOCK No.4 P.13.c. THE GIANT and tracks in vicinity 0.12.c. HIGH FARM and BOMB FARM 0.13.c. COPSE FARM 0.18.d. and Machine Guns U.6.d.30.30 received special attention.

Shoots were carried out on 0.30.b. Tracks round GUARD FARM 0.29.d. 0.36.c. to 0.36.d. 0.35.b. to 0.29.d. to N & S Grid lines between 0.35. & 0.36.

Between 3 p.m. and 4-30 p.m. a very sucessful shoot was carried out on Enemy wire - 036.a.15.50 - some 130 rounds being fired with effective results.

Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. some 90 rounds were fired concrete buildings vicinity of ANGLE FARM.

At 11-30 p.m. 50 round of gas shell were fired on COPSE FARM & 0.18.d.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Below normal

At 11-30 a.m. a few rounds of 4.2 fell on 21 Central coming from the direction of COMINES.

Between 10 a.m. and 11-30 some 50 rounds fell in the vicinity of MARCH FARM. During the afternoon a few rounds of 5.9 were put over in our back area.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - Very slight At 3 p.m. one Enemy plane observed flying over Battery position.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES. Nil

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil

9. MATTERS of GENERAL INTEREST 9.20 p.m. Gun flashes observed 25° Right of WERVICQ CHURCH - observed from 0.19.b.6.3. Observation was very poor throughout the day.

for

R. V. Brantz Lt.

Lieut,
Reconnaissance Officer.
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 16th. February 1918 to 6 a.m. 17th. February 1918.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS.- No change.

1. OPERATIONS

On the centre Group front a special programme of fire was carried out on enemy roads, tracks, and centres of activity in 0.24., 0.30., P.19.a. & c. and P.25.a.& c, between 6 p.m. and 10-30 p.m. and again from 2 a.m. till 4-30 a.m., in anticipation of enemy relief on that sector. In addition area shoots were carried out on Tram Tracks in P.31.b. in vicinity of PONTHALLET, U.12.a.50.00, U.6.c.40.30, V.1.c.00.04. U.12.d. 95.35, P.31.b. 20.80, P.31.b. 20.50. Throughout the day enemy working parties observed at LAKE FARM 0.24c. RIFLE FARM 0.23.d. PARTYNTYE FARM 0.24.d. SQUART FARM 0.30.b. PONTHALLET P.31.b. KNIZ FARM 0.17.d. BANG FARM 0.17.b. FLY Blds. 0.23.b. and GREEN FARM 0.17.b. were sucessfully dispersed believed inflicted.
Between 9-5 p.m. and Midnight, in retaliation of enemy T.M. fire from U.12.b.40.90, 0.36.c. 50.50, 0.36.c. 85.75., our Artillery opened fire on these points and successfully silenced enemy's fire.
MEDIUM TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY Between 9-10 p.m. and 9-17 p.m. Minenwerfers firing from U.6.c.70.40 and 0.36.c. 70.50 were engaged and successfully silenced by our M.T.M.B. Again between 10-15 p.m. and 10-20 p.m. Minenwerfers firing from U.6.c.70.40 and 0.36.c.70.50 were engaged and immediately silenced.
HEAVY TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY Fired on JULY FARM 0.23.d. between 2 p.m. and 2-45 p.m. with very successful results, direct hits being obtained and contrete and bricks thrown into the air. Some very effective shooting was also carried out between 1-50 p.m. and 2-20 p.m. on THE TWINS and PILL BOX 0.18.a.30.90.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS Nil

3. ENEMY SHELLING Normal
From 9-15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and again between 2 p.m. and 3-10 p.m. some forty rounds were put over on STEIGNAOT FARM U.5.a. Calibre 150 m.m. Some scattered rounds fell about Church in MESSINES. During afternoon and in U.8.c.
In retaliation of our T.M. fire about 30 rounds of 4.2" fell in 0.22.d.27.85 near gun position at 2-45 p.m. At 2-20 p.m. 10 rounds 4.2 fell about 300 yards to Right of gun position 0.10.d. 64.38. Some scattered rounds of 4.2" and 5.9" How. fell in 0.16.c. and 0.15.d. during afternoon. Enemy T.M's were more active during the night on our extreme right. At 9-8 p.m. enemy T.M. fired on U.11.a. from U.6.a.62.04. KIWI was also active at 9-9 p.m, but both were immediately silenced by our fire.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE More Active

5. ENEMY DEFENCES Nil

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY Much increased throughout the day. Enemy aircraft crossing our lines many times during the day, but were engaged by our A.A. & M. Gun fire, and driven back. One Hostile 'plane was brought down about mid-day, flying over back areas evidently directing Artillary fire, dropped 3 Very lights and two smoke bombs near gun position 0.10.d.64.38 (see para 3 E.S.)
Enemy Aeroplane flying very low over forward areas

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7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION BEHIND ENEMY LINES Enemy Kite Balloon was up at 9 a.m. T.B. 92°, T.B. 72° & T.B. 62° observed from 0.33.c.45.40.
At 11-20 a.m. smoke from Train observed at BAS-WARNETON, again at 2 p.m. train [illegible] observed moving South towards WERVICQ-SUD
11-20 a.m. smoke from train observed in rear of COMINES moving towards WERVICQ-SUD. Some signalling also observed from 0.33.c.48,40 at 12-10 p.m. T.B. 105° 1-30 p.m. T.B. 78° 1-45 p.m. 88° T.B. Some movement vicinity of POINT HALHET.
4-15 p.m. Train observed proceeding to WERVICQ from HOUTH.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT Nil

9. MATTERS of GENERAL INTEREST
Visibility Observation very good throughout the day
9 p.m. till 10 p.m. Several reports heard, probably caused by Minenwerfers on the Right of Divisional Front.

L. M. Bruton Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 17.2.18 to 6 a.m. 18.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. During the day wire-cutting was carried out at 0.23.c. 90.40 to 0.23.d.03.40, and also at 0.35.d.75.80, shooting being reported as effective. Movement was reported again at LAKE FARM - 0.24.c.60.42- at 2.30 p.m., and this target was bombarded. WAM FARM -0.23.d.05.20- and SQUARE FARM -0.30.b.53.15- were also engaged in the afternoon.

At night, in anticipation of enemy local relief on Left Group Front, a programme of fire was carried out between 5.40 p.m. and 5 a.m. THE GIANT - 0.12.c.38.68- and vicinity, THE TWINS - 0.11.d.95.20. POLL HOUSE -0.18.a.75.50- COPSE FARM -0.18.d.80.50- SPUD FARM - 0.18.b.20.90 -FORT BUILDINGS -0.18.d.68.93, PAT FARM-0.18.b.42.45- and BOMB FARM -0.18.c.65.95. were engaged with bursts of fire, and track junctions and bridges in the relief area swept at irregular intervals. Gas bombardments were also put down on COPSE, PAT and BOID FARMS, and on FORT BUILDINGS throughout the night.

Known paths through enemy wire at 0.18.d.15.45 and at 0.18.d.15.38 (to BOMB FARM) were also searched.

At the request of the Infantry WAM FARM -0.23.d.05.20-FLY BUILDINGS- 0.23.b.63.95- and THE TWINS - 0.11.d.95.20. - were engaged at 9.45 p.m. T.M. Positions at U.12.b.4.9. and 0.36.d.1.5., and M.G. position at 0.24.a.9.4. were bombarded at night, reported effective.

9.45" H.T.M. engaged WAM FARM -0.23.d.05.20- reporting one direct hit. RIFLE FARM -0.23.d.15.95.- was bombarded later, effective shooting being reported, brick and cement being thrown up.

6" M.T.M. cut wire at 0.23.d.02.42, shooting reporting effective.

Also engaged JULY FARM -0.23.d.80.63-, 30 rounds being fired, two direct hits.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING Slightly more active on the right, quiet on centre and left.

TIME.	No. of rounds. Light.	Objective.	Nature.	Direction.
9.45 to 9.55 a.m.		STEIGNAST.	77 mm and 5.9" How.	COMINES Group.
10 a.m.	7.	U.7.d.95.10.	77mm & 5.9" How.	Do.
10-10.15a.m.	7.	STEIGNAST.	4.2" How.	
10.30 - 10.45 a.m.	8.	MESSINES.	4.2" How.	
11 a.m.	12	T.5.b.	5.9" How.	
11.40 a.m.	1.	0.9.a.90.90.	Do.	
12 noon.	12.	0.22.d.	5.9" How.	Behind HOUTHEM.
1.5 to 1.20 p.m.	10.	STEIGHAST.	5.9 and 4.2" Hows.	
4.15 p.m.	36.	0.22.d.	4.2" How.	Behind HOUTHEM.

9.30 - 9.45 p.m. Heavy Minenwerfer and pigeon bombs of gas on TRENCH SYSTEM in 0.35.

10p.m. - 5 a.m. 1 per 5 minutes. U,13,c, 4.2" How.

Heavy retaliation to 9.45" H.T.M. reported between 3.40- 4 p.m.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal. 5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. E.A. very active, flying low over front system during the day. 3 hostile balloons visible. Bombs dropped on MESSINES during night.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION. Train observed at 11.26 a.m. in rear of COMINES moving north again at 11.26 a.m. At 1.45 and 3.15 p.m. train moving to HURGOING. Lamp signalling more active.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS. 2 a.m. Gun flash on 24o R of WERVICQ CHURCH from 0.19.b.6.3.
2 a.m. - 11.20 a.m. Balloons on 14o L of WERVICQ CHURCH from 0.19.b.6.3.
1.30 p.m. Fire in house 2o R of WERVICQ CHURCH from 0.19.b.6.3.
1.45 p.m. Gun flash 2o 15' R of WERVICQ CHURCH from 0.19.b.6.3.

10. VISIBILITY. Good.

Edgar H. Booth.
Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 164.

Headquarters,
19th. Feby. 1918.

1. The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line - right sector - during the 21st February and the night 21st/22nd. February, 1918.

2. The 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade, on relief, becomes the Divisional Reserve.

3. On completion of relief the 8th. Australian Machine Gun Company and 15th. Australian Machine Gun Company will pass to the command of G.O.C., 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H Hamilton

Major,
Brigade Major.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 3 p.m. to :-

	Copy No.
Messines Group.	1.
Oosttaverne Group.	2.
Hollebeke Group.	3.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	4.
C.O. 5th.D.A.Column.	5.
5th. Aust. Divn.	6.
Staff Captain.	7.
R.O.	8.
3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery.	9.
4th. Aust. Div. Artillery.	10.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No.165.

Headquarters,
19th. Feby. 1918.

Reference Map 1-10,000 KORTEWILDE.

1. The 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade are carrying out a minor enterprise on the night 19th./20th. February, 1918.

2. Field Artillery co-operation will be arranged by C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group.

3. The Heavy Artillery, Australian Corps are co-operating in accordance with attached Table and with Counter Battery.

4. C.O. MESSINES Group will arrange a diversion on the MESSINES Group Front commencing 5' before ZERO.

5. Watches will be synchronised under arrangements made by C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group.

6. ZERO HOUR will be notified later.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 5.30 p.m. or as per Corr. No.

MESSINES Group. 1.
OOSTTAVERNE Group. 2.
HOLLEBEKE Group. 3.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn. 4.
C.O. 5th. D.A. Column. 5.
"G", 5th. Aust. Divn. 6.
I.A., AUSTRALIAN Corps. 7.
H.A., AUSTRALIAN Corps. 8 - 9.
(1 for C.B.S.O.)
3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery. 10.
4th. Aust. Div. Artillery. 11.
G.O.C., 8th. Aust. Inf. Brigade 12.
G.O.C., 14th. " " " 13.
G.O.C., 15th. " " " 14.
Staff Captain. 15.
R.O. 16.
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For Table. P.T.O.

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TABLE
(To accompany 5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery Order No. 165.)

Title.	Nature of Piece.	TASK.	Rds. pgpm	Ammunition.
Zero to Zero + 15'	1 6" How.	Bombard POLL HOUSE 0.18.a.75.55.	1.	15.
Zero to Zero + 15'	3 6" Hows.	Bombard BOMB FARM 0.18.c.70.97. to CENTRE FARM - 0.18.c.40.15.	1.	45.

N.B. "pgpm"signifies"per gun per minute."

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 18.2.18 to 6 a.m. 19.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Calibrations were checked during the morning and some registrations carried out for instructional purposes for junior officers. Between 2.45 and 4 p.m. wire-cutting was carried out at 0.23.c.90.40 to 0.23.c.02.40, also at 0.29.c.9.4. with satisfactory results. Active T.M's at 0.36.a.80.65, U.6.d.62.04, V.1.c.50.52, U.12.b.4.9., U.12.b.68.92, 0.36.c.85.75, 0.36.c.5.5. firing at irregular intervals throughout the night were effectivaly silenced.

At 10.15 p.m. active T.M's at U.12.b.4.9, U.12.c.05.57, U.12.b.7.9. also at 10.19 p.m. T.M's in 0.36.c., vicinity of KIWI, and U.6.c.4.4. were fired on with good results, also active T.M's in vicinity of THE TWINS -0.11.d., POLL HOUSE -0.18.a.- BOMB FARM -0.18.c. and BANG FARM -0.17.b. were, at the request of the Infantry successfully silenced.

At 5.50 a.m. traffic on HIMMIA ROAD-0.36.a. and b reported by Infantry was effectively engaged.

Our H.T.M.B effectively engaged minenwerfers between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. at U.6.c.90.55, 0.36.c.80.55 and 0.36.c., vicinity of KIWI FARM, enemy ceasing fire immediately we opened up. At 9 p.m. our H.T.M.B. fired 21 rounds on active Minnies at KIWI FARM, and 6 rounds again at 9.10 p.m. Enemy fire ceased at once. Between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. 10 rounds of 9.45" H.T.M. were put over on KIWI FARM - observation was difficult but all bombs were heard to burst. About 10.15 p.m. gun flashes observed 30 30' right of COMINES CHURCH -P.34.d.35.50 measured from 0.33.c.4.4. engaged by our 18-pr. and 4.5" How's., and successfully silenced.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. - Slight shelling on right, otherwise very quiet.

Time	No of rds.	Nature.	Objective.	Direction or Grid bearing.	Observed from.
Noon to 2 p.m.	35	4.2" How.	Sap behind MARCH FARM-0.23.c.	-	-
2.30 p.m.	10.	Do.	0.22.a.	P.28.b.	0.27.b.
4.30 p.m.	30	Do.	Sap behind MARCH FARM-	-	-
4.45 p.m.	10.	Do.	0.22.a.	P.28.b.	0.27.b.
10.45 a.m.	7.	77 mm.	STEENWERCK FARM.	-	-
10.30 a.m.	6.	8" How.	Vicinity 0.7.d.	T.3.118o.	0.7.d.53.05.

This gun ceased firing at 11.10 a.m.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Normal.

5. ENEMY DECEPTIONS. - Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Very active throughout the day.
11 a.m. 4 enemy 'planes crossed our lines, one patrolling our front trench system for an hour was engaged by M.G. and A.A. fire without effect. During the early part of the night, enemy bombing 'planes were active, bombs being dropped in vicinity of Battery Positions, but no damage done.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION. Signalling by heliograph at 12.30 p.m. observed from 0.33.c.4.4. about 15o R of Church COMINES-P.34.d.35.50 and again at 2.30 p.m. 7o R of Church. Trains observed travelling south from behind COMINES at 1 p.m.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. - Nil.

9. MATTERS of GENERAL INTEREST. About 5 p.m on 16th. inst one of our Left Group Batteries fired on two observers outside BAB FARM-0.23.d., both observers being hit by low-bursting shrapnel and seen to fall.

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19.2.18.

Lieut.,
for Reconnaissance Officer.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 19.2.18 to 6 a.m. 20.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Our Left Group supported by Heavy Artillery and two Batteries of Centre Brigade carried out a very successful shoot on WHIZ FARM - 0.17.d., HIGH FARM, DOVE FARM and track centres 0.18.c. and dug-outs vicinity of FLY BUILDINGS - 0.17.d. to 0.23.b. Between 9 and 9.15 p.m. in support of a raid carried out by our Left Group Battalion on WHIZ FARM -0.17.d. This proved most successful, no retaliation being offered by enemy, our raiding party returning without casualties.

In addition and as a diversion to the operation by the Left Group, our Right Group supported by two Batteries of Centre Group carried out a minor operation on enemy's front lines 0.35.d.9.5. to 0.35.d. 85.75 to 0.35.b.75.00 to 0.35.b.60.15 and 0.36.a. vicinity of OTIRA Trench and ANGLE Farm, and also on KIWI Farm and vicinity.
AT request from Infantry during the night of the 18th. active enemy Trench Mortars in vicinity of the TWINS - 0.11.d., POLL HOUSE - 0.18.a. and BANG Farm 0.17.b. were engaged and silenced. Between 4-30 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. some Sixty odd rounds were put over on BUNK Farm 0.29.b. and M.G. position 0.24.a. in response to request from the Infantry. Calibration were checked and registrations were carried out throughout the day for instructional purposes and the testing of 106 Fuzes. At 11-25 p.m. a burst of fire was put over on WHIZ Farm 0.17.d. by the HOLLEBEKE Group. MESSINES Group also put over a burst of fire on the gap in wire 0.35.d.80.70 at 11-10 p.m. Bursts of fire were also put over on road 0.36.a. & b. at 6-55 a.m. Between 10-30 a.m. and 1 p.m. some 90 rounds were put over on to enemy wire at 0.35.d.8070 approx. with very good results. Some rounds were also put over on ESPERANCE Cbt. 0.36.b. at 9-40 p.m., and between 5-45 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Road U.6.c. to U.12.b. and V.1.d.47.30 to V.1.d.78.70.
H.T.M.B. Our Heavy French Mortars registered S.O.S. line in front of WHIZ Farm on 18th. inst. with good results. Between 6-30 a.m. and 7-15 a.m. dugouts at BANG Farm 0.17.b. - WHIZ Farm 0.17.d. and FLY Buildings 0.17.d. were fired on, direct hits being obtained and timber and concrete thrown in the air. At 7 p.m. some rounds were put over on wire in front of WHIZ Farm 0.17.d. with good effect.
M.T.M.B. Our Medium Trench Mortars engaged active Minnies at 0.36.c.85.75, vicinity of KIWI Farm and M.G'S at U.6.c.65.75. Enemy being immediately silenced.

2. IDENTIFICATION. 162nd. I.R. holding the line in front of Left Group now confirmed.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Left and Centre Groups - Normal, but more active on Right Group front. In retaliation of our fire at 9 p.m. enemy put down a heavy barrage with 105 & 77 m.m. Hows and Guns from COMINES AND WARNETON Groups, along our Right Group front line and supports, in 0.35.a and d, but was successfully silenced by our heavies. Throughout the period intermittent shelling of STEINAST FARM U.5.a., 0.31.c.and 0.33.c. and d took place. At 4.20 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. 50 rounds of 4.2" How. fell in vicinity of 0.28.a and c and 0.22.d. coming from direction of COMINES. Between 5.15 and 6.20 10 rounds of 5.9 fell in 0.14.d. Enemy T.M.'s were active on the right throughout the period, but no damage done.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Alert. 5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. E.A. Aircraft were very active throughout the period, crossing our lines many times during the day, but were driven back by our A.A. and M.G. Fire. At 11 a.m. one 'plane (nationality unknown) forced down in enemy lines, N of WARNETON.

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6.(contd.)
HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. (contd.)
About noon, hostile 'plane brought down by our A.A.fire vicinity of HOLLEBEKE.

7.
MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES. - Nil.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT - Nil.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. MATTERS of GENERAL INTEREST.
12.15 p.m. Mist observed T.B.14c R. of WERVICQ Church from O.19.b. 5.2.
Visibility fair. Low ground mist interfered with observation during part of the day.

Lieut.,
for Reconnaissance Officer.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

H.Q.
20.2.18.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

REPORT ON MINOR ENTERPRISE CARRIED OUT BY THE 54th BATTALION A.I.F.
ON THE NIGHT OF 19th FEBRUARY, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP - HOUTHEM - 1/10,000

1. On the 16th February instructions were received from the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade ordering a minor enterprise to be carried out by the 54th Battalion on GREEN FARM (O.17.b.4.4.)
On the evening of the 17th inst, a reconnoitring patrol, consisting of the Battalion Intelligence Officer (Lieut. H.E.G. STAPLES M.M.), the officer commanding the party (Lieut. A.G. BATES D.C.M.)and 6 O/Ranks of the party penetrated GREEN FARM and found that it was not occupied by the enemy. Identifications being imperative another objective had to be chosen. This was decided at a conference held at the 54th Battalion Headquarters at 10. a.m. 18th inst. The conference was attended by the G.O.C. 14th A.I. Brigade, the Officer Commanding HOLLEBEKE Artillery Group and 54th Battalion Headquarters staff. WHIZ FARM was chosen as an objective, and all arrangements were made relative to the enterprise.

2. ARRANGEMENTS AND DISPOSITIONS.
(a) WHIZ FARM, the objective named, being a series of enemy strong points extending over a frontage of about 100 yards, the actual point of entry for the party was left to the discretion of the Officer Commanding. A personal reconnaissance on the part of the Commander on the night 18/19th February determined that the trenches or shelters shown immediately south of WHIZ FARM (as per aerial photograph) would be the main objective.
(b) It was decided that the number of the party would be 1 officer and 20 O/Ranks.
(c) It was arranged that the party would leave S.P.2.O.17. at 8.15 p.m. and be assembled in a line of old trenches (O.17.d.15.90 to O.17.d.30.60) by 8.45 p.m. At ZERO the party was to move forward under the protection of the artillery barrage and at ZERO plus two minutes to rush the objective, the artillery barrage having lifted to targets further in rear. The HOLLEBEKE Artillery Group arranged at ZERO, to open fire on WHIZ FARM, FLY BUILDINGS, HIGH FARM, BANG FARM, and THE TWINS. At ZERO plus two minutes the barrage was to lift from WHIZ FARM and be distributed on targets further in rear. Meanwhile the Heavy Bombardment and Counter Battery Groups were to deal with enemy defences and guns.

3. REPORT ON OPERATIONS
(a) Everything went as per programme until the assembly point was reached. A light mist by this time having enveloped the front the O.C. Party decided to get as far forward as possible under cover of this mist before ZERO. This resulted in the party being 20 yards from the enemy wire at ZERO.
At ZERO (9 p.m.) the artillery barrage opened and the party pushed through the enemy's first line of entanglements.
At ZERO plus two minutes the second line of entanglements was passed and the party rushed the first system of posts and dugouts
(b) No enemy was met with in the first two dugouts. Bombs were thrown into these and sentries posted at the entrances. A third and large dugout was then rushed and the O.C. Party arrived just as a Boche came to the entrance. Lieut. Bates was fired on and missed by this man, whom he shot. The garrison showed signs of resisting until Pte. White of Battalion Headquarters Intelligence Section, a German speaker, called on them in German to surrender; this they did, leaving their arms, in accordance with Pte. White's instruct in the dugout.
The object of the enterprise being attained, Lieut. Bates decided to withdraw with his prisoners, who numbered seven. 1 of the party was detailed to each prisoner, the remainder of the party covered their retirement until the guard wire was reached, when the whole party made all haste to PIONEER LANE. The guard wire was reached on the return journey at ZERO plus ten minutes.

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(c) ARTILLERY ACTION. This was admirably timed and carried out; and was so accurate that Lieut. Bates reports that his party were operating directly under the shrapnel bursts and within 40 yards of the H.E. bursts. The shooting was remarkably accurate. The success of the Scheme was due, in a large measure, to the artillery support - Field, Heavy and Counter Battery.

(d) ENEMY ACTION. No enemy action commenced until ZERO plus five minutes, when the four posts (S.P.2.0.17 particularly) were heavily bombarded with minenwerfer, 7.7's and 4.2's. Machine guns also opened up over the whole front, but fired high and affected the rear area rather than the forward posts. No casualties were suffered by the party.

4. INFORMATION OBTAINED.
The enemy hold the front on similar lines to the system adopted by us. The prisoners, who belong to the 162nd Regiment (17th Division) only having been in this sector 2 days, do not know where the main defensive position is. The WHIZ FARM garrison consists of 4 or 5 dugouts or concrete shelters, each containing from 3 to 7 men. The locality is strongly wired with 2 bands of wire. This is, however, in constant need of repair, as a result of our 9.45 H.T.M.activity.

5. RESULT OF RAID.
The result of the enterprise was to capture 7 of the enemy and inflict a number of casualties. Two of the enemy were known to have been killed and 1 officer severely wounded; it is possible that the casualties sustained by the enemy were even heavier than this.
The succes of the enterprise was due to:-
1. Good leadership.
2. An enthusiastic and carefully chosen raiding party (volunteers).
3. Previous reconnaissance by the whole party of the locality to be raided.
4. The inclusion of a German speaker in the raiding personnel.
5. Last, but not least, splendid artillery co-operation.

(sgd) D.M. McCONAGHY Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 54th Battalion, A. I. F.

19/2/18.

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NOTE:-

At 11.25 p.m. a burst of fire was put over on WHIZ FARM by the HOLLEBEKE Group in order to catch any working party employed in repairing the damage.

M.H. Peck
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

21/2/18.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 20.2.18 to 6 a.m. 21.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS. - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Our Artillery were quiet during the period, owing to the poor visibility; beyond customary registration and shoot O.35.d. 78.76 on unsatisfactory wire no firing was done. during the day.

At 6.18 a.m. a burst of fire was put down in the vicinity of the Dump at P.31.b.5.9. At 5.30 p.m. hostile M.G! firing from the TWINS -O.11.d.95.20- was bombarded at the request of the Infantry; this target was again engaged at 5.45 a.m. Between 9 and 10.30 p.m. the vicinity of O.36.b.20.50 - Hostile Minenwerfer emplacements was intermittently searched.

6 " A.T.M. fired 116 rounds on hostile Minenwerfer emplacements and on enemy posts and strong points during the night, engaging positions previously registered. Points bombarded were :- RIFLE FARM -O.23.d.20.95 - JULY FARM, -O.23.a.05.65 - THE GIANT - O.12.c.40.65- THE TWINS-O.11.d.95.20- KIWI FARM -O.36.a.6.5., strong points at U.6.c.5.5. and O.35.d.90.80. and active hostile Minenwerfers at O.36.c.70.70.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING

This has been quiet on the right, active on the Left Sector. Between 6 and 6.15 a.m., a 4.2" How. fired 10 rounds on O.26.a.00.50. From 7 to 10 a.m. a 5.9" How. on Sound Bearing 76o True from O.33.c.4.4. fired one round every ten minutes in O.20., speeding up to 2 rounds a minute between 10 a.m. and 10. 50 a.m.

Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 250 rounds of 5.9" How. fell in O.14.d. from Battery on 113o and 97o True Bearing from O.19.d.7.1. and O.27. b.9.1. respectively.

Between 7 and 11.15 a.m. 5.9" How. fired 200 rounds in O.14.a., from direction of COMINES.

From 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. 100 rounds 8" How. fell in O.14.b.flash on 108o True Bearing from O.13.b. 41.82.

At 2.5 p.m. 12 rounds 77 mm fell in vicinity of STEENJAST FARM (U.5.c.)

At 9.20 p.m. 1 round of 4.2" How fell in O.14.b.20.65.

It is remarked that practically all the shelling took place in O.14. and O.20 , where it was comparatively heavy.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION. Low visibility prevented observation.

E. H. Burtt. Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

Headquarters.,
21.2.1918.

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As At 8 a.m. 22.2.18.

HEADQUARTERS 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. G11/3566. No..... Date.....

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

D I S P O S I T I O N.

5th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. - ULSTER CAMP, DRANOUTRE - M.35.d.0.2.

Reference Maps 1 -40,000- Sheet 28.

GROUP.	UNIT.	GUNS.	POSITION.	WAGON LINES.
13th.Aust. F.A.Brigade. (Messines Group.)	Headquarters,	-	T.6.c.15.75.	T.20.a.8.0.
	49th. Battery,	6.	U.1.a.70.59.	T.20.a.8.0.
	50th. "	6.	U.13.a.80.80.	N.21.c.6.3.
	51st. "	4.	0.31.a.55.05.)	T.20.c.2.2.
	52st. "	2.	0.31.b.90.45.)	
	113th. "	6.	U.7.d.09.70.	T.26.b.5.5.
14th. Aust. F.A.Brigade. (OOSTTAVERNE Group.)	Headquarters,	-	N.29.c.5.8.	N.33.c.7.7.
	53rd.Battery,	4.	0.25.b.60.85)	T.3.b.2.9.
	53rd. "	2.	0.26.c.35.95)	
	54th. "	5	0.25.b.70.40.	N.33.c.7.7.
	54th.Bty. ANTI-TANK Gun		0.28.a.05.15.	N.29.c.5.8.
	55th. Battery,	6.	0.25.c.20.35.	N.27.a.4.8.
	114th. "	6.	0.19.b.15.50.	S.12.a.8.5.
3rd.(Army) Aust. F.A. Brigade. (HOLLEBEKE Group.)	Headquarters,	-	N.18.b.90.25.	N.20.d.8.1.
	7th. Battery,	6.	0.9.a.50.30.	N.20.a.7.2.
	8th. "	6.	0.7.d.55.05.	N.32. central.
	9th. Battery,	6.	0.8.d.70.80.	N.32.central.
	103rd. "	6.	0.14.b.20.65.	N.32. central.
5th.Aust. D.A.Column.	Headquarters,		S.5.b.central.	
	No.1.Section.		S.6.a.2.6.	
	No.2. "		S.5.b.central.	
	S.A.A.Section.		S.5.b.8.5.	
3rd.(Army) Aust. F.A.Brigade Ammn.Column.				N.32.central.
5th.Aust. Divl. T.M. Brigade.	D.T.M.O.		PARIA DUMP.	N.18.b.2.7.
	Z.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		GREGORY X Rds.	T.5.a.5.0.
	X.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		T.M.RESERVE CAMP.	S.5.d.7.7.
	V.5.A.M.T.M.Bty.		Do.	Do.

LA POIKA DUMP. .... N.21.d.5.8.
DE KENNEBEEK Dump. T.3.d.9.9.
FUZEVILLE. RENINGHELST.
Divl. Camouflage Officer. N.30.b.3.7.
No.25 Workshops. T.14.b.90.90
No. 5 Gun Park. GODEWAERSVELDT.

Major.,
Brigade Major.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

22nd. Feby. 1918.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 21-2-18 to 6 a.m. 22-2-18.

1. DISPOSITIONS. No change.

OPERATIONS. Calibrations were checked. Registrations continued and instructional shoots carried out throughout the day. Many enemy working parties and moving targets were sucessfully engaged throughout the period. Bursts of fire were put over on reported M.G. and Minenwerfer positions near Pill Box 0.30.d.7595 and 0.24.c.3.4. - 0.36.a.80.65. and 0.36.c.5.5.
At 8-30 a.m. working parties observed near SQUARE FARM - 0.36.b. and P.25.a. Central were successfully dispersed. Between 10 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. working parties at 0.36.b.4.6. - 0.36.a.8.9. and wiring party at P.25.a. were fired on and dispersed. At 9.26 a.m. enemy working party at P.31.b. 85.70, vicinity POMMALINE, small party at 0.18.d.70.90, and at 12.30 p.m. hostile party observed working under Camouflage in P.19.a. were successfully fired on, some casualties being inflicted.
Wire cutting Between 1-30 p.m. and 3 p.m. some 70 round s were put over on enemy wire at 0.35.d.78.76 with very good results. At 4 p.m. 3 rounds Smoke Shell were put over for instructional purposes on TRUNK FARM (P.19.a.)
M.T.M.B. Active Minenwerfer in vicinity of KIWI Farm - 0.36.c. between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. was engaged and successfully silenced by our M.T.M. fire.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Normal.

TIME	No. of ROUNDS	NATURE	OBJECTIVE or AREA SHELLED	DIRECTION or BEARING FROM OBSERVER
9.30 a.m.	3	5.9	0.20.c.2.2.	V.4.b.
9.50 a.m.	4	4.2	0.28.c.4.8.	P.27.a.
4-30 p.m.	40	4.2	0.23.c.	WERVICQ
7-30 p.m.	8	4.2	WYTSCHAETE	True Bearing 12°
			Right of WERVICQ Church	
10 a.m.	6	8" How.	0.9.a.30.30	0.9.a.50.50
11 a.m.	20	77 m.m.	0.11 Central	0.11.a.10.35

Also scattered rounds in 0.33.c. Enemy trench system 0.35, 0.33.a. SPERINGHAST Farm U.5.a. Throughout the morning and during the evening some 20 rounds of 150 m.m. on SPERKING Fm. 0.7.c. and 0.33.c. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. 25 rounds of 150 m.m. on MESSINES RIDGE.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Normal.
5. ENEMY DEMONSTRATIONS - Nil.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. E.A. active flying low over our Front Line engaged by A.A. and M.G. Fire and driven back.
7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES. A great deal of enemy movement was observed in enemy lines throughout the day. 9.20 a.m. Working party P.31.b.85.70 - 10.20 a.m. Working party at 0.36.b.4.6., 0.30.a.8.9. Stretcher Bearers were observed later on removing a body from 0.30.a.8.9.

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7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES (contd.)
At 11.30 a.m. Wiring party in P.25.a. were fired on and 5 wounded.
11.30 a.m. A.A. Flashes observed in COMINES behind house 90 L of WERVICQ CHURCH spire, observed from O.19.b.6.3.
11.35 a.m. 1 man seen in V.3.d. disappeared behind shrubs.
12 noon. Smoke observed coming from factory Chimney 150 L of DATUM House.
11. to 12.15p.m. Signalling by heliograph observed 150 R. of COMINES CHURCH P.34.d.30.53.
5.50 p.m. Rockets bursting into a string of stars which were of varying colours- pale green, pale yellow, and white were fired along front line O.30.central to U.6.central. Nothing unusual resulted.
There was a marked increase in Train activity and trains were observed at the following times :-
9.50 a.m. LINSELLES to COMINES - 10.15 a.m. LINSELLES to the SOUTH.
10.25 a.m. WERVICQ to the NORTH. 10.27-31 a.m. WERVICQ to the SOUTH.
10.31 a.m. Train standing 100L of CHURCH in COMINES, bearing from O.33.c.4.4.
11.15 a.m. From the south into COMINES.
11.50 a.m. COMINES to the SOUTH.
12 noon. TURCOING to HALLUIN. Two trains.
1.55 p.m. WERVICQ to TURCOING.
3.50 p.m. TURCOING to HALLUIN.
8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.
9. MISCELLANEOUS. What appear to be six gun-pits can be seen 30 45' L to 40 L of DATUM HOUSE -O.36.a.- observed from O.33.a.45.25.
9.15 p.m. Flash observed 70 30' Right of DATUM HOUSE from O.33.a.45.25.
On the enemy firing up flares which burst into two green stars, a light barrage of 77 mm was put down on our Front System at 7.55 p.m.
Flashes observed from O.33.c.4.4. at 12.10 a.m. 230 R. of CHURCH P.34.a.20.53.
11.30 to 12.30 Fire observed in COMINES.

L. B. Bruce
Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

H.Q.
22.2.18.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 22.2.18 to 23.2. 1918.-6 a.m.-

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change

1. OPERATIONS -

Owing to the low visibility throughout the period our Artillery were very quiet. Registrations and Instructional Shoots for Junior Officers were continued and calibrations checked.

At irregular intervals throughout the night and morning, bursts of fire were put over on roads vicinity of JUNE FARM -O.23.c., P.31.c.25.22, P.31.b.(PONTMALHET), P.31.c.40.75, Pill-boxes and tracks in U.6.d., dug-outs in O.36.d.45.35, O.36.d.25.35, Cross Roads O.36.b. T.M's vicinity of KIWI FARM -O.36.c., and road U.12.b. 2.8 - U.12.b.4.4.

At 8.45 a.m. a working party observed near PONTMALHET-P.31.b. - were fired on and dispersed.

M.T.M.B. Between 4.15 and 4.30 p.m. our M.T.M.B. fired 20 rounds on THE TWINS-U.11.d, with good effect, several direct hits being observed and wire in front partially destroyed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING

Quiet throughout the period. Hostile shelling being confined principally to our front line and forward areas, which received scattered rounds at infrequent intervals throughout the 24 hours.

Between 10.5 and 10.22 a.m. a few rounds of 5.9" How. fell in vicinity of STEIGNAST FARM, U.5.a.b and d.

At 11 a.m. 9 rounds of 4.2" How. fell in vicinity of JUNE FARM.

Between 3.35 and 4.45 p.m. 24 rounds of 4.2" How. fell in O.29.a 92.85.

In retaliation for our M.T.M. Fire, about 20 rounds of 4.2" - were fired O.17.a and b.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - Below [illegible]. normal.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES.

Movement vicinity of PONTMALHET again continued. Observed and dispersed by our fire.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT - Nil.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Owing to the low visibility throughout the day, observation was very difficult, practically no movement being observed.

An explosion was seen at 11.53 a.m. 12a L of COLLINES, observed from O.33.c.4.4.

A/Capt.

Lieut.,
for Reconnaissance Officer
5th Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

H.Q.
23.2.18.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 23.2.18 to 6 a.m. 24.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change .

1. OPERATIONS . Our Artillery were quiet throughout the period. Some moving targets were engaged, and bursts of fire put down on ANGLE FARM -O.36.a., LA BUSSONIE FARM - V.1.b.70.25, Tracks in U.6.b., O.36.d., and U.6.d. between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m., and 5.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.

Between 9.30 and 10.15 p.m. at the request of the Infantry some 60 rounds were put over on LAKE FARM -O.24.c., movement being observed in this vicinity.

Again 5.15 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. movement was observed at POINT ALERT and LAKE FARM, P.31.b., and O.24.c., our Artillery opened fire and parties were dispersed.

At 10.a.m. hostile movement observed at Road Junction P.19.a.90.28 was effectively ... engaged. Movement was also observed between 1.30 and 3.15 p.m. at P.13.d.70.20 and APPLE FARM-P.19.a.90.50.

This was effectively engaged and dispersed.

Registrations and Instructional Shoots were again continued and a wire-cutting shoot carried out between 2 and 4 p.m. on enemy wire at O.35.d.8.6. with good effect.

Some 60 rounds were put over in new work under construction beneath Camouflage near P.19.a.25.50 approx.

Our M.T.M.B. checked registrations on RIELD, JULY, WAI, KEE and FLY FARMS -O.23.d. and b during the morning.

Between 10.45 and 10.50 p.m. active minenwerfers in vicinity U.6.c. 5.5. and O.36.c.70.70 were fired on and immediately silenced.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. This has been quiet throughout the period and chiefly confined to the forward areas.

At 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. some 50 rounds of 4.2" How's. fell in vicinity of O.28.d.

At irregular intervals throughout the period, scattered of 77 mm and 4.2" fell in vicinity of SHRIGHAST FARM -U.5.a and b and a few rounds of 4.2" in O.22.d.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Normal.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES - Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal.

Some E.A. patrolled our front sector during the morning, but were driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

Between 7.30 and 8.45 a.m. E.A. flying low along our Front Trench System was driven off by Rifle and M.G. Fire.

At 5 p.m. a few bombs were dropped by E.A. in vicinity of NEUVE EGLISE.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES.

At 10.20 a.m. a small party of the enemy observed moving along road in P.32.a. towards ... KORENTYE. APPLE FARM and vicinity appears to be a centre of activity throughout the day. Some new work was reported in course of construction under camouflage in vicinity of P.19.a.25.50.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. 12 noon Gun flash observed 60 L of DAULI HOUSE from O.33.a.45.25 2 p.m. Enemy Balloon 11° R of COMINES CHURCH- P.24.d.33.33 from O.33.c.4.4.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 24.2.18 to 6 am.25.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. In anticipation of enemy relief our GUNNER Group Carried out a special programme of intermittent fire on enemy roads tracks, and centres of activity in 0.23 - 0.24 - 0.29 & 0.30, GILLETTE Trench, PILL Fm., PILLEGREMS Fm., LAKE Fm., SQUARE Fm., SALLON Fm., and occupied dug-outs and shell holes.

Throughout the day enemy movement and working parties observed in vicinity of PARTYNTJE Fm., POINTLALERT, LAKE Fm., P.31.a.65.95 and camouflaged dug-outs at 0.18.c.40.90 were sucessfully dispersed by Artillery fire.

Checking S.O.S. registrations, calibrations, and Instructional shoots for Junior Officers were also carried out.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Nil

3. ENEMY SHELLING. - Normal Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and again between 10-25 and 11 a.m. the area in 0.26.a. received attention from 15 cm. How, which fired 90 rounds.

STEIGNAST Fm., in U.5.a. was subjected to periodical bursts of fire during the day by 15 cm How. and 77 mm Gun, whilst during night it was intermittently shelled by 5.9 How.

At intervals during the day the area in vicinity of 0.13 and 0.14.c. was shelled by 4.2 How., firing about 200 rounds.

From 8 a.m. to 2-30 a.m. 40 rounds from 5.9 How. fell in 0.14.d. 12-57 p.m. a 77 mm fired 28 rounds into 0.14.a.14.60. 100 rounds were fired by an 8" How. on to 0.13.b. at 7-30 a.m., whilst at 7 a.m. and 7-30 a.m. 4.2. Hows and 77 mm were active on 0.11.a. & c. and P.10.d. firing 60 and 50 rounds respectively.

Enemy T.M's in LAKE Fm. fired 50 rounds in vicinity of 0.29.a.2.5.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - More active

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. It is reported that a new trench, protected by wire has been dug in front of Gun pits at approx P.32.b.5.8.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Throughout the day several Enemy aeroplanes crossed our lines and were actively engaged by our A.A. and M.G. fire and driven off.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES. At 11 a.m. Enemy Kite balloon observed on Grid bearing of 115° from 0.9.a.50.30

9 a.m. enemy movement at PARTYNTJE Fm. - dispersed.

9-30 a.m. and again at 10-15 a.m. parties of enemy seen in vicinity of huts in P.32.b.7.5. - dispersed.

3 p.m. movement seen round camouflaged dug-outs in 0.18.c.40.90. - dispersed

3-20 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. movement in vicinity of P.31.a. - dispersed.

Considerable train movement was observed throughout the day, as follows :-

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7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION (contd)

12-30 p.m. From WERVICQ Station
1-25 p.m. To COMINES from N.
1-30 p.m. From HALLUIN
2-0 p.m. TO TURCOING from N.
2-10 p.m. "
2-15 p.m. "
3-0 p.m. "
3-12 p.m. WERVICQ from S.
3-40 p.m. HALLUIN from TURCOING

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Gun flashes were seen :-
2°, 3°, 5°, and 5° 30' L of COMINES Church, observed from 0.33.a.40.35
Visibility - fair during the morning, and good during the afternoon.

Lieut.,
Reconnaissance Officer.
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

Headquarters,
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Copy No. 14

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 166.

Headquarters,
26th. Feby. 1918.

1. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery are occupying positions in the 4th. Australian Division Area and are super-imposing the Artillery already in the line as under :-

1. Section on night 26th/27th. February, 1918.
2 Sections on night 27th./28th. February, 1918.

2. The personnel of the Brigades of the 4th. Australian Division at present in the Forward Zone will replace the personnel of 1st. Australian Division in super-imposing positions; relief to be completed by 10 a.m. 4th. March, at which time the command of the Artillery covering "C" Divisional Sector will pass to the C.R.A. 1st. Australian Division.

3. The 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery are being relieved by the 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery in "A" Divisional Sector as under :-

1 Section on 11th. March, 1918.
2 Sections on 12th. March, 1918.

The 3rd. Australian Divisional Ammunition Column is being relieved by the 2nd. Australian Divisional Ammunition Column on the 12th. March, 1918.

Command of the Artillery covering "A" Divisional Sector will pass to the C.R.A. 2nd. Australian Division at 10 a.m. on 13th. March, 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

H Hallon

Major.,
Brigade Major.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11 a.m. to :-	Copy No.		Copy No.
C.O. MESSINES Group.	1.	F.O.	12.
C.O. OOSTTAVERNE Group.	2.	File.	13.
C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group.	3.	War Diary.	14 - 16
C.O. 5th. D.A.Column.	4.		
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn.	5.		
Signals, 5th.D.A.H.Q.	6.		
R.A., Aust. Corps.	7.		
H.Q. 5th. Aust. Divn.	8.		
"Q", 5th. Australian Divn.	9.		
Staff Captain.	10.		

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 167.

Headquarters,
26th. Feby. 1918.

Reference Maps - 1-10,000 - KORTEWILDE and BAS-WARNETON.

1. Raids will be carried out on a date to be notified later as under:-

(a) By 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
(i) Point of entry approximately U.5.d.70.23.
(ii) " " " " 0.35.d.8.8.

(b) By 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
(i) Point of entry approximately 0.17.d.65.75.
(ii) Chinese attack about 0.11.d.95.25.

2. C.O. MESSINES Group, will arrange the Field Artillery programme for (a), (i) and (ii) direct with the G.O.C. 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group will arrange the Field Artillery programme for (b),(i) and (ii) direct with the G.O.C. 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
C.O's MESSINES and HOLLEBEKE Groups will forward their programmes to this office for approval by the C.R.A.
C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group will arrange direct with the C.O. RIGHT GROUP "C" Divisional Artillery for the support he will require for (b) (ii).
C.O. OOSTTAVERNE Group will support C.O's MESSINES and HOLLEBEKE Groups with the guns and howitzers of his Group. For this purpose, 1 18-pr. Battery will be allotted to C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group - 2 18.pr. Batteries will be allotted to C.O. MESSINES Group. The 4.5" Howitzer Battery will support both the HOLLEBEKE and MESSINES Groups.

3. Counter Battery and Heavy Artillery support will be arranged by this office with the AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

4. Times will be synchronised under arrangements made by this office.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H Stuller
Major.,
Brigade Major.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 9.15 p.m. to :-

	Copy No.		Copy No.
C.O. MESSINES Group.	1.	R.O.	14.
C.O. OOSTTAVERNE Group.	2.	G.O.C., 14th.Aust.Inf.Bde	15.
C.O. HOLLEBEKE Group.	3.	G.O.C., 15th. " " "	16.
D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust.Divn.	4.	4th. Aust. Div. Arty.	17.
Signals, 5th.D.A.H.Q.	5.	3rd. Aust. Div. Arty.	18.
R.A., Aust. Corps.	6.	File.	19.
H.A., Aust. Corps.	7.	War Diary.	20.-22.
"G", 5th. Aust. Divn.	8& 9.	C.B.S.O. (through A.C.H.A)	23.
"Q", 5th. Aust. Divn.	10.		
C.O. 12th.H.A. Group.	11.		
Staff Captain.	12.		
C.O. 5th. D.A. Column.	13.		

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from 6 a.m. 25.2.18 to 6 a.m.26.2.18

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS Our Right Group carried out a special concerntration shoot on Minenwerfer emplacements in vicinity of KIWI Fm. 0.36.c. and DATUM House 0.36.a., these targets being subjected to heavy annililating fire between 2-35 and 9-42 p.m. Throughout the day working parties and enemy movement observed near SQUARE Fm. 0.30.b, PONTHALLET P.31.b., APPLE Fm., P.19.a. Road P.20.a.80.10 and Dug-outs 0.29.b.61.88 were engaged and successfully dispersed, some casualties being inflicted. Between 11-28 a.m. and 12-50 mid-day a wire cutting shoot was carried out on enemy wire at 0.35.d.8.6. with very good results, lane through the wire at this point being widened. In addition S.O.S. and registrations were checked and Instructional shoots continued. Our T.M's were quiet throughout the day some 30 rounds being fired on 0.36.c. and U.6.c. and a few rounds on the TWINS.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING - Light. At 8-30 a.m. 30 rounds of 4.2 How fell in 0.25.c., and at 9 a.m. a few rounds of 5.9 were put over on 0.25.b.8.6. - STEIGNAST Fm. was again subjected to intermittent fire throughout the day from Minenwerfers, 77 mm & 4.2 and 5.9 Hows. At 6 a.m. some 10 rounds of 8" How. were distributed between STINKING Fm. and FUSILIER Fm. 0.8.c. Scattered rounds fell in vicinity of U.3.a., U.2., U.8.a., and V.9. throughout the period, and at 3 p.m. some 10 rounds of 4.2 Hows. in 0.28.b. from direction of WERVICQ.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Quiet. Shelling cheifly confined to forward areas. STEIGNAST Fm. received much attention and is evidently a Datum point.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES - Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy Aeroplanes were very quiet throughout the period.

7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION behind ENEMY LINES. At 8-30 a.m. a Hostile working party observed at PONTHALLET P.31.b. Some slight movement observed at P.31.a. and P.31.c. At different intervals throughout the day small parties were observed in vicinity of V.1.a.75.25. Trains were again very active, and observed at the following times :-

1-48 p.m. S.E. into WERVICQ
2-12 p.m. N.W. in rear of COMINES
2-15 p.m. " "
2-50 p.m. " "
3-45 p.m. N.W. from WERVICQ
8-50 a.m. Proceeding N. from LINSELLES
9-45 a.m. " "
10-15 a.m. 8 coming from HALLUIN.

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8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT Nil

9. MISCELLANEOUS 1 p.m. flash observed from Howitzer on lines betwee
6.K. Farm - 0.33.c. and COMINES Church.
10-45 a.m. a flare fired from 0.36.c.80.35 WHITE bursting into 2 GREEN lights, no action followed.
7-30 p.m. and 8-30 p.m. flash observed 12° L of WERVICQ Church from 0.19.b.6.3.
8-30 p.m. flash observed 1° L of WERVICQ Church from 0.19.b.6.3.
At 10 p.m. another flash observed 7° 15' R of WERVICQ Church, observed from 0.19.b.6.3.

F T Brentnall
Lieut.,
for Reconnaissance Officer.
5th. Australian Divisional Atillery Group.

Headquarters,
26.2.18.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 26.2.18 to 6 a.m. 27.2.18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS. - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. A concentrated bombardment was carried out by our Right Group on enemy strong posts and wire in 0.35.d.80.85, 0.35.d.95.78, 0.35.d.9.9. between 11 a.m. and 2.40 p.m, and again between 5.15 and 6 p.m.

Our Centre Group engaged targets on front of their Sector throughout the night, bursts of fire being put down at irregular intervals on PELLEGRAMS FARM, 0.24.a., Pill-box and emplacements 0.24.c.8500. Tracks round pill-box 0.34.b.71.60, and Pill-boxes in vicinity.

At 5.30 p.m. some 18 rounds were put over on suspected enemy Strong Post- 0.29.b.10.78. At the request of the Infantry, some 12 rounds were fired on 0.30. a.50.05 at 11 a.m., movment being observed in the vicinity.

In reply to telephone message from Right Battn Liaison Officer at 11.30 p.m., enemy working party at 0.12.d.52.15 was engaged. 50 rounds being fired and party successfully dispersed; some casualties believed to have been inflicted as shooting was most effective, direct hits being obtained.

Between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 60 rounds were fired on hostile movement and works in 0.12.d.9.6, 0.18.c.6.9 and P.19.a.25.50 with effective results.

Movement was observed during afternoon in vicinity FARM de la BUSSCHE-V.1.b. and target successfully registered. Registrations and Instructional shoots were continued throughout the day.

M.T.M.P. Our M.T.M.B. engaged active MINENWERFERS during the early morning at U.6.c.5.5. and KIWI FARM-O.36.c. shooting being most effective, enemy immediately ceasing fire. A double explosion resulted on our first round on latter target.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Normal. Hostile shelling chiefly confined to Forward Areas.

Time.	Position of Observer.	Nature of Piece.	No. of Target.	rounds.	Bearing	Remarks.
10 a.m.	0.10.d.80.80.	5.9"	0.10.d.	30.	121o	Grid. Ceased firing 10.30 am.
5.40 p.m.	0°10.d.90990.	4.2"	0.11.c.& 0.19.d.	40.	118o. 109o.	Flash. Observed.
4.50 p.m.	Do.	"	"	"	107630' Grid.	
2 p.m.	0.19.b.6.3.	5.9"	0.13.c.& d.	20.	COMINES.	
12.40 p.m.	Do.	"	Do.	10.	Do.	

Throughout the day scattered rounds fell in * vicinity 0.34.d. STEIGNAST FARM, U.5.a., U.4.b., U.5. and U.11, principally 77 mm and 105 mm's.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet, chiefly registering on our Front Line and his usual Datum points.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal. During the day several hostile 'planes crossed our lines, but were driven off by our A.A. and M.G. Fire.

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7. MOVEMENT and ORGANISTAION behind ENEMY LINES.
Movement observed about pill-box V.1.b.65.15, vicinity FARM de la BUSSCHE and was engaged and registered by 18-prs.
Suspected O.P. in BOMB FARM -O.18.c.; German Officer observed to leave this place and walk away 15 yards and return.
2.40 p.m. Train observed going north from LINSELLES.
3 p.m. " " " " " TOURCOING.
1.45 p.m. " " proceeding towards WERVICQ, from COMINES.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

9. MATTERS of GENERAL INTEREST. Visibility low during morning, but improved during afternoon.

W. Brunton Lieut.,
for Reconnaissance Officer.,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

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27.2.18.

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From 6 a.m. 27/2/18 to 6 a.m. 28/2/18.

FORECAST of DISPOSITIONS - No change.

1. OPERATIONS. Our Artillery were active throughout the period and successfully engaged enemy trenches, working parties, new works, centres of activity and active Minenwerfer positions.

Between 2.5 p.m. and 3.35 p.m. bursts of fire were put over on enemy trenches 0.35 b.8.0. to 0.35.d.9.7. and a track through wire at 0.35.d.8.6.

At irregular intervals throughout the night bursts of fire were put over on UHLENT TRENCH U.6.c. and U.12.a.

At 9.50 a.m. working party observed in vicinity of KIWI Fm 0.36.c.5.5. were successfully engaged and dispersed.

Throughout the morning working parties and hostile movement observed in vicinity BAB Fm 0.23.d., 0.30.a.95.95, SQUARE Fm 0.30.b., PONTHALHET P.31.b. were successfully fired on.

At irregular intervals throughout the afternoon and evening enemy working parties at CODE Fm 0.23.d., 0.30.a.9.7., GUARDE Fm 0.29.d., SQUARE Fm 0.30.b. TRUNK Fm P.19.a.60.80., APPLE Fm P.19.a., and TRAM HOUSE P.13.d. were fire on and successfully dispersed. Shooting was most effective, many direct hits being obtained.

At the request of the Infantry hostile movement in vicinity of 0.17.d.96.60. at 11 p.m. was effectively and dispersed. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and again at 9.35 p.m. active Minenwerfers in 0.35.a.25.10., U.12.b.68.95. and U.6.b.4.9. were successfully engaged and silenced. Another T.M. firing from POLL HOUSE U.18.a. at 10 a.m. was fired on and immediately ceased fire.

M.T.M.B. Our M.T.M. engaged targets at BANG Fm and wire 0.17.b., THE TWINS 0.11.d. and RIFLE Fm 0.23.d; many direct hits being observed. on Pill-boxes and wire.

Between 10.20 p.m. and 10.25 p.m., and 4.10 a.m. active Minenwerfers at U.6.9.40.40., and KIWI Fm 0.36.c. were engaged, enemy ceasing fire immediately was opened up.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Slightly increased.

Time.	No. of Rounds.	Nature.	Objective or Area shelled.	Direction.	Rks.
3.30 a.m.	11	77.m.m.	0.22.c.	WERVICQ	
4.30 a.m.	25	77.m.m.	0.27.b.70.10.		
3.30 p.m.	30	4.2" How	0.22.c.40.30.		
4. 0 p.m.	5	4.2" "	ANZAC Fm (0.28.c)		
2.40 p.m.	12	77.m.m.	0.28.b.		
3.30 p.m.	2	8" How	0.13.a.	Ceased fire at 3.45pm	
11.0 a.m.	12	4.2" H.V.	0.9.a.60.10	Ceased fire at 1 p.m. Air Bursts.	

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ENEMY SHELLING continued. At irregular intervals throughout the day enemy shelled U.4.a., and d., SWEIGNAST Fm U.5.a., and 0.35.c. and d; pincipally 77.m.m. and 5.9. Hows.

In retaliation for our T.I. fire about 20 rounds of 77 .m.m. fell in vicinity of 0.35.d.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet, but Artillery activity slightly increased. No heavy shelling has taken place, hostile batteries merely carrying out registrations on usual datum points.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were active throughout the period, crossing over our lines and patrolling our forward areas at low altitude but were effectively driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

9 a.m. slight movement and smoke seen at V.1.b.65.25.

9.50 a.m. small party [illegible] seen and dispersed by our Artillery at 0.36.c.

Train movement was observed as follows:-

9.30 a.m. from COMINES Stn to ST. MARGUERITE.

9.55 a.m. " " " " " "

2.20 p.m. N from COMINES.

2.40 p.m. from South towards TOURCOING.

3.30 p.m. " " "

Two men were observed entering LAKE Fm 0.24.c. during the morning, opening appears to be on South side of Pill-box.

8. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. Nil.

9. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST. New camouflage appears to have been erected in vicinity of SQUARE Fm 0.30.b. which appears to be a centre of activity. At 9.45 a.m. flash of 77 m.m. observed 9° 45° R of DATUM HOUSE observed from 0.33.a.45.25. Flashes at 10.2 a.m. 3° L of COMINES CHURCH. 3.25 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. 5° R of COMINES CHURCH. At 11.30 a.m., 11.45 a.m. and 2 p.m. flashes were observed from 0.10.d.85.80. On a Grid bearing 90°, 88° and 105°, counter batteries opened fire with good results, shooting being effective.

Lieut.
for Reconnaissance Officer.,
5th Australian Divisional Artillery Group.

H.Q.
28/2/18.

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