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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Caestre	May 1 st		Harassing fire carried out by all batteries by day & night. CO attended conference of the CRA & group CO's at 1 st B HQ 10am 12 noon C.O. visited all battery positions 5pm conference at B HQ of CO at Battery commanders	
	2 nd		Harassing fire carried out by all batteries day & night. 10am CO accompanied by CRA visited all gun positions. 3pm New Brigade O.P. selected at X 19 a observation splendid the whole of our zone being clearly visible.	
	3 rd		The G.O.C. RA. 15 th Corps with CO. inspected battery position Lines to new O.P. established also communication from it to 5 th & 6 th Blys & 13 Battalion Harassing fire was carried out by day & night reports are coming in from prisoners to the effect that this fire is very effective.	WPH

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Baestre	4 th		<p>a rear O.P. opened at Fletre church in W12a Harassing fire carried out day & night, until further notice amount of ammunition to be expended to be increased 100% in these shoots.</p>	
H	5 th	2 Pm	<p>The C.O. visited forward O.P. & Left Battalion in X19a and selected position for anti tank gun in X19c. Harassing fire was carried out by batteries, particular attention being paid to all roads and hedges in F3a & X27 5th & 6th Btys co-operated with heavies in shelling X27 central and F269000 at 1.5 Pm and X2761590 at 1.45 Pm. Orders received and issued that increased expenditure of ammunition in the harassing fire be 50% instead of 100%.</p>	
	6 th		<p>Harassing fire was carried out by all batteries. Guns fired 540 Ras Hows 80 Ras. Health of troops excellent.</p>	

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Baestre	6 th		5 th + 6 th Blys. cooperated with heavies in shelling X 27 a at 2-30 Pm + X 21 d 6000 at 3-30 Pm. 60 Ras fired.	
"	7 th	9-40 pm 12-100 am	Harassing fire was carried out on enemy roads + hedges. Guns 360 Ras Hows 84 Ras. A proportion of this fire was carried out with detachments wearing gas helmets. At intervals during the day harassing fire was carried out (daylight) Guns 270 Ras Hows 60 Ras.	
"	8 th		All batteries carried out a series of harassing fire by day and night. Rounds fired 360 Ras Guns 96 ras Hows. All batteries stood by at 10.15 Pm for S.O.S. but stood down at 10.30 Pm the situation having cleared. 102nd Bty carried out an observed shoot on FARM SERBIE at 4.30 Pm. House was set on fire.	<p style="text-align: right;">D.P.W.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>

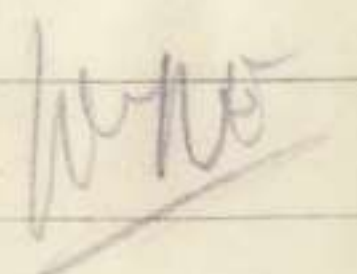
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Caestre	9 th	10.30am	The C.R.A. (Gen Anderson) & the C.O. visited the 4 th + 102 nd Blys. Harassing fire on back areas was carried out by all batteries. Ammunition expended Guns 360 rds Hows 96 rds. During the night an anti tank gun position was prepared & dug outs for the crew were dug in X 19C 1350.	
"	10 th	5.45pm	Harassing fire carried out by all batteries. Expenditure Guns 360 Rds Hows 84 Rds. New S.O.S. zone taken over by batteries at 6 am. system of dividing S.O.S. into three lanes still continued. 6 th Bly fired 20 Rds on X 20 c 95 60 to X 20 a 2060 at request of the infantry.	
"	11 th		All Blys carried out the usual harassing fire as per Oper Order No 35. 102 nd Bly placed gun in forward position	

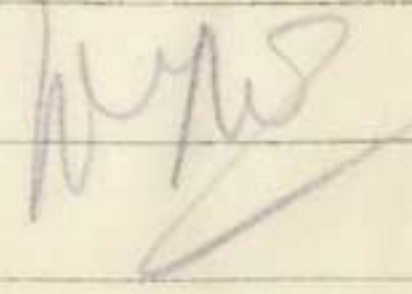
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Baestre	11 th		at W 12 c 8065 + fired 70 Rds on Target 1. (Belle Cross Farm) Fired 10 Rounds of on Farm at F 3 a 8040 and obtained direct hits. 6.30pm 102 nd Bty engaged enemy Bty at F 2 c 4120. 6 th Bty fired 70 Rds on S.O.S. lines at 10 pm.	
"	12 th		Harassing fire as per oper. order 39 carried out. The 4 th Bty placed in position one gun at W 23 a 5777 which was registered & harassing fire carried out with it. 3.30pm Building reported burning in X 20 a 9000. 6.45pm one of our planes hit and fell in enemy lines. During the night enemy planes dropped bombs in vicinity of Bde Wagon Lines no casualties.	
"	13 th		Harassing fire by all batteries carried out, during portion of this shoot daily gas masks are worn by	 5-

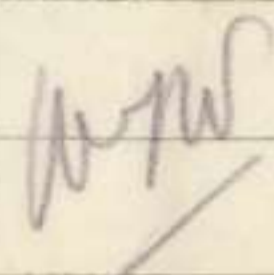
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Caestre	13 th		detachments. 5 th Bty placed a gun in forward position and after registering opened up on several billets with incendiary shell with good results.	
.	14 th		6 th Bty placed one gun in forward position at W 2 c 8682 at 9 a.m. Registered on Merris Church & then opened fire on farm at F 18 7095 with HE & obtained direct hits. Set alight to farm at F 2 d 4070 with HE & incendiary shells causing three large explosions. Also burned to the ground farm at F 4 c 1000. All batteries carried out the usual harassing fire by day & night.	
.	15 th		102 nd Bty placed a section of How's in forward position No 1. at 12 th W 12 c 7564. No 2 at W 12 c 8065. O.P. established at Fleté Church. Zero line was laid out on Merris Church & Oper O. No 41 was carried out & several	

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Caestre	May 15		enemy billets were destroyed.	
"	16		4 th Bty moved a section forward and carried out the harassing fire for the brigade by day and night. During the hours of daylight several enemy billets were set on fire with incendiary shells & destructive work was done with FX. At request of infantry the 102 nd Bty put 25 rds BX into house at X 27 b 1090 with splendid results. This house was believed to be Enemy Base Hdqrs. Oper O. 44 was carried out by all batteries.	
	17.		5 th Bty placed a section in forward position at W17a 9015 and registered on to datum point X 20 d 1709 and carried out harassing fire for the brigade during the day. At 1 a.m. a barrage (oper O. No 46) was put down in X 26 a to cover the 5 th Battalion who made a raid on for the	WMS

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Caestre	17 th		purpose of identification, prisoners & to inflict as many casualties on the enemy as possible. The C.R.F. (Gen Anderson) & the C.O. visited the 6 th Bty position.	
.	18		The 6 th Bty sent a section forward and came into action carrying out the harassing fire for the brigade from position at W12c 8590 Engaged farm at X26 b 55 & destroyed same with incendiary shell and AX Engaged large building in Butterstone at F3c 1005 believed to be an C.P. and set fire to same resulting in large explosion & dense column of black smoke. Also burnt farms at F8b 4090 F8b 3095 & F8b 8080 all buildings were consumed in a few minutes. The 15 par Tank Gun was placed in position at X19c.	
.	19		All batteries carried out harassing fire by night. 102 nd How Bty took a section forward to position at W17 central	<p style="text-align: right;">W.H.W.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>

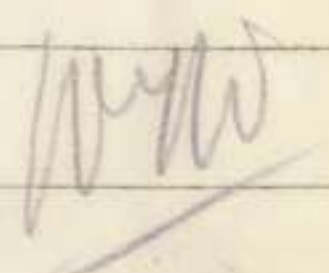
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baestre	19 th		and carried out harassing fire for brigade by day only. All Blys carried out harassing fire by night. Targets 1 to 16 engaged as per O.O. No 43 of 13 th inst. For future sections will not be moved forward by night O.O. 49.	
.	20 th		Harassing fire carried out by all Blys by day and night. Targets engaged 1 to 16. rounds fired by day 120 Rds. by night 360 Rds. (O.O. No 50). The 4 th Bly moved a section forward into position at W16 d 4526 + registered on house at X26 b 5010 afterwards carrying out a destructive shoot on buildings in our area with H.E. + incendiary shell. 102 nd Bly carried out D.A. oper. O. No 31. 282 Rds gas being fired.	
	21 st	4.30am 12.7pm	Harassing fire carried out by all Blys as per Oper O No 51. 60 Rds were fired on X26 in cooperation with T.M.'s 10 Rds BX + 30 Rds AX fired on enemy Bly at F2 d 1763 at request	 b

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Caestre	21		of infantry Battery silenced. 5 th Bty placed a gun in forward position at W17a 9012 and after registering on to house at X20 d1008 several targets were engaged with good results.	
.	22		Harassing fire was carried out by all batteries as per oper. O No 52+53. 6 th Bty placed a section forward in position at W12c 9090. Registered on to Morris Church & engaged several targets with splendid results. Set fire to farm at X29c 35 also farm at X26b 51 destroyed with incendiary. This building was reported as being strongly held with machine guns. Houses in X21c 98 & X21a 6510 shelled with good results.	
.	23		Harassing fire as per oper. order No 54 carried out by all batteries. 102nd Bty placed a section forward at W17 central and did effective shooting on enemy roads etc.	WTH

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Baistre	23.		6 th Bty set fire to farm house at F 8 b 59 also one at F 8 b 58 with incendiary shell destroying them.	
"	24		Harassing fire on enemy roads, houses tracks & trenches as per oper Order No 55 carried out by all batteries visibility very bad during the whole of the day.	
,	25		Tank gun position at X 19 c was heavily shelled from 2 am to 4 am. Lieut Taylor I.C. 4 th Bty and 2 other ranks were wounded. Harassing fire as per oper O. No 56 was carried out by all batteries. All Btys report heavy gas bombardment all along the front and support area including 77 ^s . 4.2 ^s up to 8 mi.	
"	26		S.O.S. signal went up at 1.40 am all Btys opened up immediately. Enemy reply was very feeble at 1.55 am	WPH =

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Laestre	26		<p>rate of fire was reduced 50% & cease firing was given at 2.15 a.m. No of rounds fired Guns 1174 Hows 168 Rds The 102nd Bty fired 252 rounds of gas shell on order from Da Harassing fire as per Bde Oper O. No 57 carried out by all batteries. The 6th Bty placed a section forward in position at W12c 9990, and engaged the following targets Houses at F9a 4570. F1d 6005 F7b 9530 F8d 1390 these were all set on fire and destroyed with incendiary shell.</p>	
"	27		<p>Harassing fire as per oper order No 58 carried out by all batteries at 10/10m orders were given to increase this fire 50%. The tank gun in X19c received a direct hit which put it out of action</p>	
"	28		<p>The 4th Bty took a section forward into position at W16d 4530 & had a very successful days shooting. Burnt with incendiary</p>	<p>WMS 12</p>

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Baestree	27 th		shell buildings at X20 b 45 X 21 a 9972 X 21 b 81 X 21 c 89 X 26 b 3550 X 26 b 4550. Harassing fire as per oper o. No 60 carried out by all batteries. The damaged Tank Gun was withdrawn to <u>Wagon Line</u> by 6 th Bty team at 11/10pm.	
	29		Summer weather has set in a glorious sunny Australian day. Health of the men is excellent Harassing fire was carried out by all batteries as per oper order No 61. The 5 th Bty took a section forward and carried out shooting with good effect. Set fire with incendiary shell two houses at X 22 c 3572 & X 22 c 2352 The first named stood on high ground with a screened approach, probably an O.P. Houses at X 26 d 1877 and X 26 b 1150 5510 and were shelled with AX with good effect.	
	30		Harassing fire as per oper Order No 62 carried out by all batteries. The 6 th Bty placed a section forward in position at	

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Caestre.	May 30 1918		All Blys carried out harassing fire as per oper order No 62. Section of 6 th Bly went forward and took up position at W12 c 8090 Engaged & fired with incendiary shell Farmhouse at F2 d 12 & F2 c 9000 Engaged and obtained direct hits on house in F8 b 2005.	
"	31.		Harassing fire as per oper order No 63 carried out by all batteries. Enemy has increased activity in rear areas by shelling roads & routes to Bly positions & wagon lines.	<p style="text-align: right;">WYB</p>

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			<p>Extracts from AFB 213 3. 5. 18</p> <p><u>Strength</u> off OR. Ride Horses Draught H. H Draught H. Mules</p> <p>29 793 149 421 4 70</p> <p><u>Marched in</u> Lieut G.E. Wilson MC. from Hoep.</p> <p>12 OR. " "</p> <p>1 OR. " DRS.</p> <p>12 OR. " Reinfo</p> <p><u>Struck off</u> Lieut Evans W.G. to Hoep. Wounded</p> <p>" - Burnett H.G. " "</p> <p>6 OR. Killed in Action</p> <p>3 OR. Died of wounds</p> <p>7 OR. to Hoep. Wounded</p> <p>6 OR. to Hoep. Sick</p> <p>4 OR. to R.B. A.A.</p>	

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			<p><u>Attached Struck off</u> Capt L. L. Paterson A.A.V.C. to Hosp. Wounded Lieut R. H. Mc Nicol Div. Sig. Coy. Died of Wounds 1 O.R. A.F.C. Died of Wounds 1 O.R. Div. Sig. Coy. Killed in Action 2 O.R. To Hosp. Wounded 1 O.R. A.F.C. - - - -</p>	
			<p><u>Wounded & Remained on duty</u> Lieut G. G. Friend 3939 Sqr J. C. Stewart. 5962 - G. J. Colvin. 17899 Sqr E. W. Hallett.</p>	

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			<p>Extract from A.F.B 213 17.5.18</p> <p><u>Strength</u> off. O.R. <u>Horses</u> Ride Draught H. Draught Mules</p> <p>31 783 144 413 4 70</p> <p><u>Marched in</u> Major D.G. Loomery from 1st F.A. Bde Capt. J.W. Snow - - -</p> <p>6 O.R. - Hosp 4 O.R. - D.A.C. 2 O.R. - R.B.A.A. 2 O.R. - 1st F.A. Bde.</p> <p><u>Struck off</u> Major H.M. Edmonds Resigned Appointment T/major J. Soherly M.C. to 3rd Div. Arty. Lieut G. Benham to Hosp. Rick 15 O.R. to Hosp. 1 O.R. to D.A.C. 1 O.R. to D.R.B. 1 O.R. to 1st F.A. Bde 1 O.R. to 3rd Div. Arty. 1 O.R. to 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.</p>	

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			<p><u>Extracts from A.F.B. 213</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">24.5.18</p> <p><u>Strength</u> off. O.R. Ride Draught H. Draught Mules</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">31 789 144 421 4 74</p> <p><u>Marched in</u> Lieut E. N. Dewar from Hosp.</p> <p style="margin-left: 50px;">Lieut H. J. Burnett - -</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">21 O.R. - -</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">2 O.R. - Reins.</p> <p><u>Struck off</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">2 O.R. to Hosp. Wounded</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">4 O.R. - - Sick</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">1 O.R. - - Injured</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">8 O.R. - 1st F.A. Bde</p> <p><u>Appointments</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 50px;">Capt A. O. Mc Mullin M.C. to be Adjutant 2nd</p> <p style="margin-left: 50px;">Aust. F.A. Bde Vice Capt C. W. Hicks to Reg. Duty</p> <p style="margin-left: 50px;">Lieut W. J. Watson D.C.M. to be orderly officer dated 30-3-18</p> <p style="margin-left: 50px;">2nd Aust. F.A. Bde Vice Lt W. J. Evans wounded</p>	

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			<u>Honours & Awards</u>	
			206 S/Sgt J. Bennett	} Awarded Military Medal
			160 Vet/Sgt E. G. Chudleigh	
			2616 Jar/Sgt W. C. Peters	
			4028 Svr G. Lewin	
			5962 Svr G. T. Colwin	
			1490 B. Q. M. S. Rumps L. G. m. m.	} Bar to Military Medal

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Appendix 1

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 OPERATION ORDER No. 64.
 Lt. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. COPY No. 31st May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.23 c.55.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.65.20 - X.27 a.95.00.

AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 1st June 1918, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.

AMMUNITION: 4th, 5th, 6th, & 102nd Btys.....30 rds per Battery.
 Forward Section.....40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to photographs, will see tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

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D. McCallum Captain.
 ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.



2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
 OPERATION ORDER No. 93. COPY No. 4
 By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 30th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.23 c.35.50 - F.3 d.45.37 - F.4 a.65.30 - X.27 a.93.00.

AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 31st instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.

AMMUNITION: 4th, 5th, 8th, & 10th Batteries: 80 rounds per Battery.
 Forward Section: 40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to PHOTOGRAPHS will see tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

D. McCuller Captain.
 ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. 25
 OPERATION ORDER No. 62. COPY No. 8
 29th May 1918.

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade Area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-
 X.25 a.35.50 - P.3 d.45.27 - P.4 a.25.20 - X.27 a.25.20.
 AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 30th instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas;
 AMMUNITION: 4th, 5th, 6th, and 102nd Btys - 20 rounds per Bty.
 40 rounds.

Forward Section:-
 Battery Commanders, by referring to the map P.S. 108 of 10-5-1918, will see tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE: (Batteries by wire).

D. McHullen Captain.
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2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 31. COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 23th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-
X.23 c.35.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.55.20 - X.27 a.95.30.
AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 29th instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.
AMMUNITION: 4th, 5th, 8th, & 102 Btys:- 20 rounds per Battery.
Forward Section:- 40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S. 138 of 10-5-1918, will see tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE: (Batteries by wire).

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W. Watson Captain.



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OPERATION ORDER No. 60.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 27th May 1918.

1. Except the proportion of HARASSING FIRE carried out by sections sent forward by Batteries, all Harassing Fire will in future be carried out with rapid bursts of fire from all guns of the Battery, the number of rounds fired depending on the target engaged.

D. McCallum Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE,



2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 59.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 27th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.26 c.35.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.85.20 - X.27 a.95.90.

AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 28th instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.

<u>AMMUNITION:</u>	4th Battery)	
	5th Battery)	20 rounds per Battery.
	6th Battery)	
	102 Battery)	
	<u>Forward Section:</u>	40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S.188 of 10-5-1918, will see tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Batteries by wire).

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W. H. Muller
Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 58.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 26th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.26 c.35.50 - F.5 d.45.27 - F.4 a.85.20 - X.27 a.95.90.

AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 27th instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.

AMMUNITION. 4th Battery,)
5th Battery,) 20 rounds per Battery.
6th Battery,)
102 Battery,)
Forward Section: 40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S.188 of 10-5-1918, will see tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

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D. McArthur Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



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OPERATION ORDER No. 57.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 25th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.26 c.55.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.85.20 = X.27 a.05.90.

AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 26th instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.

<u>AMMUNITION.</u>	4th Battery)	30 rounds per Battery.
	5th Battery)	
	6th Battery)	
	102 Battery)	
	<u>Forward Section:</u>	40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map, F.S. 128 of 10-5-1918, will see tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE: (Batteries by Wire).

D. McCullin Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 56.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 24th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.26 c.35.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.85.20 - X.27 a. 05.90.

AMMUNITION: 210 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 24th instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.

AMMUNITION. 4th Battery)
5th Battery)
6th Battery) 20 rounds per Battery.
102 Battery)

Forward Section: 40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S.188 of 10-5-1918, will see Tracks and other places of movement, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

D. McWilliam Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 55.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 23rd May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade area as detailed below tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.28 c.35.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.55.20 - X.27 a.05.20.

²¹⁰
AMMUNITION: XX rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow 24th instant, during the hours of daylight, Batteries will harass above areas.

AMMUNITION. 4th Battery }
5th do. } 20 rounds per Battery.
6th do. }
102 do. }

Forward Section: 40 rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S.138 of 10-5-1918, will see xxx tracks and other places of movement xxxxxxxxxxxx, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

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Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



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OPERATION ORDER NO. 54.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 22nd May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade Area as detailed below ~~from 11 p.m. tonight~~ during the hours of darkness.

X.26 c.35.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.85.20 - X.27 a.05.90.

AMMUNITION. 90 rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 23rd instant, during the hours of daylight, 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass above areas.

AMMUNITION. 4th Battery.....90 Rounds.
102 Battery.....30 Rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S.188 of 10-5-1918, will see the Tracks and other places of movement referred to, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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D. McCallum Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



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A.S.O.R.E.F. OPERATION ORDER No. 53. COPY No. 8.

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 21st May 1918.

- 1. All previous orders and instructions re S.O.S. Lines are cancelled.
2. From 11 p.m. tonight, 21st Instant, the 2nd Australian P.A. Brigade will cover the following for S.O.S.:-

RIGHT BOUNDARY: Line joining X.25 c.90.28 - F.9 a.35.90.
LEFT BOUNDARY: Line joining X.20 d.00.80 - F.4 a.50.50.

- 3. Throughout S.O.S. Batteries will fire on Tasks allotted as follows:-

TASK No. 1.

- 4th BATTERY, Trench X.28 a.45.35 - X.26 a.22.50.
5th BATTERY, Trench X.30 c.62.00 - X.23 a.33.90.
6th BATTERY, Trench X.30 c.62.00 - X.20 c.34.20.
102 BATTERY, 3 Hows, Road X.28 b.10.95. - X.28 b.45.40.
E Hows, Track X.25 a.40.50 - X.26 d.05.98.
E Hows, Road F.1 a.55.45 - X.28 c.85.25.

TASK No. 2.

- 4th BATTERY, 3 Guns, Trench X.28 a.22.40 - X.28 a.08.26.
5 M.L.B., Trench X.28 a.20.25 - X.23 a.10.20.
a.53.90
5th BATTERY, Trench X.23 a.25.55.
6th BATTERY, MINERAL-BOGUE X.20 c.54.20 - X.20 d.10.38.
102 BATTERY, 2 Hows, Track X.28 b.40.70 - X.20 d.90.00.
E Hows, Track X.23 a.75.70 - X.23 a.95.45 - X.23 Central to X.26 c.80.35.
1 How, Trench X.26 c.81.85 - X.26 c.51.61.
I How, Search and sweep open fields X.26 a.30.23 - X.26 c.00.80 to X.26 c.55.55 - X.26 c.10.95.

TASK No. 3.

- 4th BATTERY, Trench X.25 b.95.04 - X.25 d.92.80.
6th BATTERY, Trench X.23 a.49.38 - X.26 a.89.90.
6th BATTERY, MINERAL-BOGUE, X.20 d.10.38 - X.20 d.55.50.
102 BATTERY, 2 Hows, Trench X.28 b.35.85 - X.20 d.65.12.
E Hows, Search and sweep open fields X.26 a.30.23 to X.26 a.90.80 to X.23 b.40.40 - X.23 c.90.50.
2 Hows, Search and sweep open fields X.23 c.14.90 - X.23 c.55.55 to X.26 c.50.80 - X.23 d.85.35.

Task No. 4. Contd.

T A S K No. 4.

4th BATTERY. 3 Guns. Trench X.23 c.25.58 - X.23 c.40.81.
3 Guns. Trench X.25 d.84.50 - X.25 c.00.51.

5th BATTERY. Trench X.23 a.82.71 - X.23 a.90.80.

6th BATTERY. Road X.20 d.00.30 - X.23 b.10.95.

103 BATTERY. 2 Hows. Open paddocks and hedges X.23 a.90.80 to X.20 d.80.25 - X.23 b.95.98 - X.23 b.45.40.
2 Hows. Search and sweep open fields X.23 a.80.25 to X.23 a.90.80 - X.23 b.40.40 - X.23 c.90.80.
2 Hows. Search and sweep open fields X.25 d.85.55 to X.23 c.30.20 to F.1 b.90.40 = F.1 b.45.85.

T A S K No. 5.

4th BATTERY. Trench X.25 d.70.39 - X.25 d.45.23.

5th BATTERY. Road X.20 d.05.08 - X.23 a.65.90.

6th BATTERY. HEDGES-BECOME X.20 d.10.58 - X.20 d.55.50.

103 BATTERY. 2 Hows. Road X.23 b.10.95 - X.23 b.45.40.
2 Hows. Track X.23 a.40.50 - X.23 d.85.58.
2 Hows. Road F.1 a.85.45 - X.23 c.85.85.

T A S K No. 6.

4th BATTERY. Trench X.23 a.00.00 - X.23 c.00.70.

5th BATTERY. Trench X.20 c.91.19 - X.23 a.90.80.

6th BATTERY. *Fields* and Hedges X.20 d.20.31 - X.23 b.55.90. to X.23 b.21.85 - ~~X.23 d.85.58~~ X20 d 03.16

103 BATTERY. 2 Hows. Track X.23 b.40.70 - X.23 d.90.00.
2 Hows. Track X.23 a.75.70 - X.23 a.95.45. to X.23 Central to X.23 c.35.85.
1 How. Trench X.23 c 81.85 - X.23 c 81.61.
1 How. Search and sweep open fields X.23 a.30.23 to X.23 c.90.80 - X.23 c.85.45 - X.23 c.15.95.

AND SO ON ALTERNATELY.

3. The fire of the Battery must be controlled so that each Task will be engaged for three minutes in turn.

4. RATES OF FIRE. Rates of fire for S.O.S. will be:-

12-Pdrs......First three minutes, 5 rounds per gun per minute.
Next five minutes, 4 " " " "
Next ten minutes, 3 " " " "
Next five minutes, 4 " " " "

thereafter 2 rounds per gun per minute in accordance with the situation.

4.5" Hows. Half above rates.

This Barrage may be stopped at any time on the Infantry reporting ALL QUIET.

5. CHANGE TO SHRAPNEL. An 18-Pdr S.O.S. will always open with H.E. Change to Shrapnel will be made:-

- (a) In case of Standing Barrage: When the B.C. has determined the Corrector setting.
- (b) In case of Batteries switching from task to task on a wide front. At the conclusion of the first task.

NOTE. A time fuse commences to deteriorate rapidly as soon as the waterproofing has been broken by the action of turning the setting ring. As a consequence of the above order, fuses need never be set until they are actually required.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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ADDENDUM TO
OPERATION ORDER No. 53.

COPY No.

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 28th May 1918.

TASK No. 1. 6th BATTERY. To read:-

Trench X.20 c.62.00 - X.20 c.90.00.

do. 2. do. To read:-
METIEN-BOUQUE X.20 c.90.00 - X.20 d.15.18.

do. 3. do. To read:-
METIEN-BOUQUE X.20 d.15.18 - X.20 d.45.35.

do. 4. do. To read:-
Road X.20 d.05.10 - X.20 b.20.85.

do. 5. do. To read:-
METIEN-BOUQUE X.20 d.15.18 - X.20 d.45.35.

do. 6. do. To read:-
Fields and Hedges X.20 d.20.31 - X.20 b.35.90
to X.20 b.21.85 - X.20 d.05.18.

D. Miller Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T . OPERATION ORDER No. 52. COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Colonel D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 31st May 1919.

COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. The following Schemes of COUNTER PREPARATION will be brought into use at once, and will cancel all previous Counter Preparation schemes issued. When Counter Preparation is ordered from this office, the scheme to be fired on will be stated.

Special attention will be paid to Farm Buildings and other places in which the enemy may be expected to concentrate. (Photographs must be very carefully studied).

Fire will be in irregular bursts of short duration, and intervals between bursts will be irregular.

500 rounds of Gas shall be kept at each 4.5" Howitzer Battery position, and a proportion of this will be used during Counter Preparation whenever conditions are favorable.

Expenditure of ammunition will be at the rate of 100 rounds per gun and Howitzer per hour.

2. As it is important that all Batteries should engage the areas laid down for them at the same time, Zero hour will always be given immediately Counter Preparation is ordered.

FIRST SCHEME. Search and Sweep areas:-

- 4th BATTERY: X.33 a.50.33 to F.3 a.30.75 to F.2 b.70.35 to X.25 d.90.35.
- 102 BATTERY: X.33 a.50.33 to F.3 a.30.75 to X.27 c.30.50 to X.23 b.05.75.
- 6th BATTERY: X.33 b.05.75 to X.27 c.30.50 to X.27 d.27.73 to X.20 d.35.25.
- 5th BATTERY: Road from X.25 b.30.90 to F.2 b.45.55.

Ten minutes after opening fire, 5th BATTERY will search open fields in areas allotted to 4th, 6th, and 102nd Batteries for TEN MINUTES, and so on alternately.

SECOND SCHEME. Search and sweep areas:-

- First 10 Minutes. 5th & 6th BATTERIES: X.27 c.30.50 to F.4 a.50.00 to F.4 a.35.35 to X.27 d.27.35.
- do. 4th & 102 BATTERIES: X.23 a.50.33 to F.3 a.30.75 to F.2 b.70.35 to X.25 d.90.35.
- 2nd 10 Minutes. 5th & 6th BATTERIES: F.2 b.70.35 to F.3 d.45.30 to F.3 d.90.35 to F.3 a.30.75.
- do. 4th & 102 BATTERIES: X.23 b.05.75 to X.27 c.30.50 to X.27 d.27.73 to X.20 d.35.25.
- 3rd 10 Minutes. 5th & 6th BATTERIES: F.3 a.30.75 to F.3 d.90.35 to F.4 a.50.00 to X.27 c.30.50.
- do. 4th & 102 BATTERIES: X.23 a.50.33 to F.3 a.30.75 to X.27 c.30.50 to X.23 b.05.75.

and so on alternately.

ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire.)

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W. W. Watson Captain. ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 51.

COPY No. 8 39

By Lieut-Colonel D.H. MOONE, D.S.O., Commanding. 21st May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out in Brigade Area as detailed below from 11 p.m. tonight during the hours of darkness:-

X.29 c.55.50 - F.3 d.45.27 - F.4 a.85.20 - X.27 a.05.30.

AMMUNITION. 90 Rounds per Battery.

2. Tomorrow, 22nd instant, during the hours of daylight, 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass above areas:

AMMUNITION: 4th Battery.....90 Rounds. 102 Battery.....30 Rounds.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map F.S. 128 of 10-5-1918, will see the Tracks and other places of movement referred to, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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W. Watson Captain. ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



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SECRET. OPERATION ORDER No. 50. COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 20th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 20th instant during the hours of darkness and tomorrow 21st instant during the hours of daylight.

2. TARGETS. Nos. 1 to 16 as in Operation Order No. 43 of 13th instant.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S. 188 of 10-5-1918, will see the tracks and other places of movement referred to, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. AMMUNITION. By Day.....50 rounds per Battery.
By Night.....90 rounds per Battery.

4. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE: (Batteries by Wire).

A. McCallister Captain.

ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 49.

COPY No. 8.

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

19th May 1918.

- 1. Until further orders, Sections will not be moved forward at night.
- 2. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out from Battery positions by all Batteries.

H. McArthur
 ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE. Captain.



2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 47.

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COPY No. 8

by Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

18th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 18th instant, during the hours of darkness, and tomorrow 19th instant during the hours of daylight.

2. TARGETS. Nos. 1 to 16 as in Operation Order No. 43 of 13th inst.

Battery Commanders, by referring to the Map T.S. 188 of 10-5-1918 will see the tracks and other places of movement referred to, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. AMMUNITION. By Day.....30 rounds per Battery.
By Night.....60 rounds per Battery.

4. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

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D. H. Moore

Adjutant 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE. Captain.



2nd. AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADEFIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SECRETOPERATION ORDER No.46COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Col. D.H.MOORE D.S.O., Commanding. 17th May 1918.

1. The 5th Battalion, 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade, are carrying out a Raid on the night of the 17th-18th May 1918 on Trenches in X.26.a. The Trenches to be entered will be X.26.a.20.70 to X.26.a.30.80. to X.26.a.47.95. The object of the raid is to obtain identification, prisoners, and inflict as many casualties on the enemy as possible.
2. The 2nd Australian F.A. Brigade, less 102nd Battery, will fire on Trenches as per Table hereunder:-

Time	Bty.	
Zero to Zero plus 2.	4	From X.26.a.20.55 - X.26.a.25.70.
do.	5	From X.26.a.25.70 - X.26.a.35.85.
do.	6	From X.26.a.35.85 - X.20.c.55.05.
Zero plus 2 to "STOP"	4	From X.26.a.00.35 - X.26.a.45.45.
do.	5	(2 Guns) X.26.a.45.45 - X.26.a.65.45.
do.	5	(2 Guns) X.26.a.50.55 - X.26.a.60.65.
do.	6	(4 Guns) X.26.a.60.65 - X.26.a.75.90.
do.	6	(2 Guns) X.20.c.70.05 - X.20.c.85.25.

3. 102nd HOWITZER BATTERY

- Zero to "STOP"
- 1 How. Search and sweep Northernhalf X.26.b.
 - 1 How. T.M. at X.26.b.80.90.
 - 1 How. Headquarters X.27.b.10.90.
 - 1 How. T.M. at X.21.c.20.40.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

First 10 Minutes :	<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	3 rounds	p.g.p.m.	<u>Hows:</u>	2 rounds	p.h.p.m.
Next 10 Minutes :	Do.	2 do.	do.	Do.	1 do.	do.
Until "STOP"	Do.	1 do.	do.	Do.	$\frac{1}{2}$ do.	do.

5. AMMUNITION
- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>18-Pdrs.</u> | 100% A. No.106 Fuses to be used. |
| <u>Hows.</u> | 100% BX. |

6. When Raid is completed and the Infantry wish the Artillery fire to stop, O.C. Raid will fire a RED over GREEN over YELLOW Rocket,

7. Watches will be synchronised by Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer at 7 p.m and 11 p.m on the 17th May.

8. ZERO HOUR will be notified by wire as follows :-
"Your ammunition will arrive at Dump at"

9. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

(Sgd) McMullin Captain.
ADJUTANT. 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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Appendix

2nd. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE - FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 45

Copy No. 8

By Lieut-Col. G.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

17th. May 1913.

1. HARASSING FIRE/ will be carried out tonight 17th. inst. during the hours of darkness, and tomorrow 18th. inst. during the hours of daylight.

2. TARGETS. Nos. 1 to 15 as in Operation Order No. 45 of 15th. Instant. Battery Commanders by referring to Map T.S. 132 of 18th. inst., will see the tracks and other places of movement referred to, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

3. AMMUNITION. By Day 30 rounds per Battery. By Night..... 30 rounds per Battery.

4. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Batteries by wire).

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[Signature]
Adjutant Gen. Australian F.A. Brigade. Captain.



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2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECRET. OPERATION ORDER No. 44. COPY No. 8

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By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 16th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 16th instant during the hours of darkness, and tomorrow 17th instant, during the hours of daylight.

2. TARGETS: 1 to 16 as shown in Operation Order No. 43 of 15th instant.

Battery Commanders, by referring to Map T.S. 188 of 10-5-1918 (issued to Batteries) will see the tracks and other places of movement referred to, and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

AMMUNITION. By Day: - 30 rounds per Battery.
By Night: - ~~90~~ 90 rounds per Battery.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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D. McCallum Captain.
ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.....FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 45.

S. M. G. S. T.

by Lieut-Col. D. B. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

COPY No. 8
15th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 15th instant during the hours of darkness, and tomorrow 16th instant during the hours of daylight.

2. TARGETS:
1. Road from X.27.c.97.50 to X.21.d.85.00
 2. Tracks in X.23.a.
 3. Road from X.26.d.45.85 to X.23.b.45.50
 4. Houses X.27.a.60.95 and X.27.b.10.90
 5. Tracks in X.23.b.
 6. Hedges in X.26.b. East of Road.
 7. Road from X.27.a.92.30 to X.28 Central
 8. Road from X.27.d.93.30 to X.27.b.75.45
 9. Houses in X.23.b.
 10. Road from X.23.d.65.15 to GLAPBANK
 11. House at X.23.a.60.25
 12. Track X.27.c.80.30 to X.27.b.75.50
 13. House at X.27.b.30.10
 14. New work about X.23 Central.
 15. House at X.21.d.60.05
 16. House at X.29.c.30.55

Battery Commanders by referring to Map 2, S. 198 of 19/3/18 (issued to Batteries), will see the tracks and other places of movement referred to and will place their fire to the best advantage accordingly. Fire will be in rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

ATTENTION: By DAY - 30 rounds per Battery
By NIGHT - 90 rounds per Battery.

3. Time and number of rounds fired on each target to be shown in Intelligence Summary.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. McLellan Captain,

DISTRIBUTION: Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.

General.

2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 42.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 14th MAY, 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 14th instant, and tomorrow 15th instant.

2. Batteries will engage targets as detailed for their respective Batteries in Operation Order No. 41 of 13/5/1918, at the following times :-

Target 1.	9.30 p.m.	Target 6.	12.20 a.m.
" 2.	10.05 p.m.	" 7.	1.05 a.m.
" 3.	10.45 p.m.	" 8.	1.40 a.m.
" 4.	11.15 p.m.	" 9.	2.25 a.m.
" 5.	11.55 p.m.	" 10.	3.10 a.m.

AMMUNITION: 90 rounds per Battery. 9 rounds to be fired on each target at times stated.

2. By DAY the whole of the Harassing Fire for the Brigade will be carried out by the gun in the forward position - ammunition to be expended 120 rounds.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. McMullin Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN P.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER No. 41.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

13th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight (13th instant) and tomorrow (14th instant).

2. Batteries will engage targets as under with rapid bursts at each of the times stated:-

4th BATTERY.

- 9.45 p.m. Target 1. Trench from X.23 b.13.00 to X.23 b.22.22.
- 10.25 p.m. " 2. Posts X.23 d.15.90 to X.23 d.07.75.
- 10.55 p.m. " 3. Road X.23 Central to X.23 d.45.85.
- 11.30 p.m. " 4. Hedges and open fields in X.27 a.
- 12.05 a.m. " 5. Posts X.23 d.15.75 to X.23 d.25.75.
- 12.50 a.m. " 6. Houses at X.23 b.35.50.
- 1.55 a.m. " 7. House X.23 b.55.10.
- 2.10 a.m. " 8. Hedges and open fields in X.23 b. East of Road.
- 2.55 a.m. " 9. Road X.23 d.50.85 to X.23 b.40.80.
- 3.25 a.m. " 10. Road X.23 Central to X.23 d.45.85.

5th BATTERY.

- 9.45 p.m. Target 1. Track X.27 c.75.55 to X.27 b.20.00.
- 10.25 p.m. " 2. BELLE CROIX FARM and Hedges in vicinity.
- 10.55 p.m. " 3. Road from X.27 d.92.53 to X.27 b.75.25.
- 11.30 p.m. " 4. Road from X.27 d.92.33 to X.23 Central.
- 12.05 a.m. " 5. Track X.27 b.20.00 to X.27 a.93.37 to X.27 a.90.80.
- 12.50 a.m. " 6. Track X.23 c.42.65 to X.27 b.90.65.
- 1.35 a.m. " 7. Hedges and Fields in X.23 c.
- 2.10 a.m. " 8. Track X.27 b.20.00 to X.27 b.60.40.
- 2.55 a.m. " 9. Track X.27 b.60.40 to X.27 b.50.75.
- 3.25 a.m. " 10. House at X.27 b.10.90.

6th BATTERY.

- 9.45 p.m. Target 1. Posts from X.27 a.00.60 to X.27 a.15.80.
- 10.25 p.m. " 2. Posts from X.27 a.52.95 to X.21 c.67.17.
- 10.55 p.m. " 3. Posts from X.27 a.15.80 to X.27 a.54.99.
- 11.30 p.m. " 4. Posts from X.21 c.65.05 to X.21 c.87.17.
- 12.05 a.m. " 5. Posts from X.21 d.05.20 to X.21 d.15.55.
- 12.50 a.m. " 6. Posts at X.21 d.20.10.
- 1.35 a.m. " 7. Posts at X.21 d.65.05.
- 2.10 a.m. " 8. Search and Sweep X.23 b.
- 2.55 a.m. " 9. Posts from X.27 a.00.60 to X.27 a.15.80.
- 3.25 a.m. " 10. Posts from X.27 a.15.80 to X.27 a.54.99.

102nd BATTERY.

- 9.45 p.m. Target 1. House at X.27 a.60.97
- 10.25 p.m. " 2. House at X.27 b.10.90
- 10.55 p.m. " 3. House at X.27 b.80.90
- 11.30 p.m. " 4. Road from X.23 d.50.85 to X.23 b.45.50.
- 12.05 a.m. " 5. House at X.27 a.60.97.
- 12.50 a.m. " 6. House in X.23 b.45.50.
- 1.35 a.m. " 7. House at X.27 b.10.90.
- 2.10 a.m. " 8. House at X.27 b.80.90.
- 2.55 a.m. " 9. Hedges in X.23 b.
- 3.25 a.m. " 10. Road from X.23 Central to X.23 d.50.85.

AMMUNITION. 90 rounds per Battery. 9 rounds to be fired on each target at above times.

2. By day, the whole of the harassing fire for the Brigade will be carried out by the gun in the Forward position - Ammunition to be expended 120 rounds.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

D. McCullin Captain.
ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECRET :

OPERATION ORDER NO. 40.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 18th MAY, 1918.

1. All Batteries will be prepared to shoot on to the S.O.S. Lines of any other Brigade on Divisional Front if required, but must be prepared to fall back on to their own S.O.S. Line when ordered.

2. When ordering this Brigade to help any other Brigade, the following will be the procedure:

(a) On the order "HELP 1st BRIGADE" the Batteries of this Brigade will fire as follows :-

- 6th BATTERY: F. 1.a.35.20 to E. 6.b.60.10
- 5th BATTERY: E. 6.b.60.10 to E. 6.b.20.00
- 4th BATTERY: E. 6.b.20.00 to E. 6.Central to E. 6.c.70.65
- 102nd BATTERY: Superimposed over above.

(b) On the order "HELP 23rd BRIGADE" the Batteries of this Brigade will fire as follows :-

- 6th BATTERY: X.25.d.60.10 to F. 1.b.20.60
- 5th BATTERY: F. 1.b.20.60 to F. 1.a.80.40
- 4th BATTERY: F. 1.a.80.40 to F. 1.a.35.20
- 102nd BATTERY: Superimposed over above.

(c) On the order "HELP N.Z. BRIGADE" the Batteries of this Brigade will fire as follows :-

- 6th BATTERY: E. 6.c.70.65 to E. 5.d.85.00
- 5th BATTERY: E. 5.d.85.00 to E.11.b.50.00
- 4th BATTERY: E.11.b.50.00 to E.11.d.20.10
- 102nd BATTERY: Superimposed over above.

3. If the attack is definitely localised it may be necessary to assist the other Brigade with one Battery of this Brigade only. In this case the 5th BATTERY will be prepared to operate :-

(a) On the order "5th BATTERY ~~HELP~~ HELP 1st BRIGADE" the Batteries of this Brigade will fire as follows :-

5th BATTERY: F. 1.a.35.20 to E. 6.c.70.65

the 4th and 6th BATTERIES covering this Brigade S.O.S. Line as follows:

- 6th BATTERY: ~~E. 21.e.10.65~~ ^{X.20.d.85.70} to X.26.a.40.50
- 4th BATTERY: X.26.a.40.50 to X.25.b.90.00 to X.25.d.55.35 to X.25.d.20.10.
- 102nd BATTERY: Superimposed over whole of Brigade S.O.S. Lines.

(b) On the order "5th BATTERY HELP 23rd BRIGADE" the Batteries of this Brigade will fire as follows :-

5th BATTERY: X.25.d.60.10 to F. 1.a.35.20

the 4th and 6th BATTERIES covering this Brigade S.O.S. Line as follows:

- 6th BATTERY: ~~E. 21.e.10.65~~ ^{X.20.d.85.70} to X.26.a.40.50
- 4th BATTERY: X.26.a.40.50 to X.25.b.90.00 to X.25.d.55.35 to X.25.d.20.10
- 102nd BATTERY: Superimposed over whole of Brigade S.O.S. Lines.

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(c) On the order "5th BATTERY HELP N.Z. BRIGADE" the Batteries of this Brigade will fire as follows :-

5th BATTERY: E. 8.c.70.65 to E. 5.d.95.10 to E.11.d.20.10.

the 4th and 6th BATTERIES covering this Brigade S.O.S.Lines as follows:

6th BATTERY: ^{X.20.d.85.70} ~~X.21.c.40.35~~ to X.23.a.40.50

4th BATTERY: X.23.a.40.50 to X.25.b.90.00 to X.25.d.55.35 to

102nd BATTERY: X.25.d.20.10.
Superimposed over whole of Brigade S.O.S.Lines.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

J. McCallister Captain,
Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER No. 39.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 12th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out by Batteries tonight, 12th inst. and tomorrow 13th instant.

Batteries will engage targets as detailed for their respective Batteries in Operation Order No. 35 at times stated, minus 15 minutes.

AMMUNITION. 18-Pdrs. 96 rounds per Battery. 8 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.
 (By Night).
4.5" Hows. 96 rounds per Battery. 8 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

This will not include ammunition expended on observed shoots by day on which no restriction is placed. Full advantage will be taken of every opportunity observed from O.P's.

2. 4th and 10th Batteries will harass targets detailed for their respective Batteries tomorrow 13th instant during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION: 18-Pdrs. - 15 rounds per Gun.
4.5" Hows. - 5 rounds per How.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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D. McCallum Captain.
 ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

(Expenditure of Ammunition increased 50% for Night Firing only.)

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THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY
 OPERATION ORDER No. 50. ROPE No. 8

By Lieut-Col. B.H. SMITH, D.S.O., Commanding. 12th May 1918.

1. All previous orders and instructions on the subject of S.O.S. are cancelled.

2. From 5 p.m. today (12th May) boundaries of Brigade frontages for S.O.S. will be as follows:-

- 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.
 - Right boundary, - As at present.
 - Left boundary, - Line joining E.S.O. 7 and E.S.O. 75, 35.
- 1st Aust. A. Brigade.
 - Right boundary, - Line joining E.S.O. 7 and E.S.O. 75, 35.
 - Left boundary, - Line joining E.S.O. 75, 35 and E.S.O. 85, 20.
- 2nd Aust. A. Brigade, A.F.A.
 - Right boundary, - Line joining E.S.O. 70, 30 and E.S.O. 85, 30.
 - Left boundary, - Line joining E.S.O. 85, 30 and E.S.O. 90, 30.
- 3rd Aust. A. Brigade.
 - Right boundary, - Line joining E.S.O. 90, 30 and E.S.O. 95, 30.
 - Left boundary, - As at present.

3. Brigade zones for Counter Preparation, Harassing fire, and all purposes other than S.O.S. will remain as detailed in para. 6 of 1st Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No. 33, series 2. These orders have been issued to batteries as per *Brigade Order No. 34.*

4. Consistent with the above changes, S.O.S. barrage line is now allotted to batteries as under:-

The barrage line is divided into three sections, each of which is again sub-divided into lines of fire. Sections are allotted to batteries as follows:-

1st SECTION. From X.50 D.87.70 to X.50 D.10.10.

- 1st line of fire: X.50 D.85.70 to X.50 D.90.50.
- 2nd line of fire: X.50 D.80.50 to X.50 D.85.30.
- 3rd line of fire: X.50 D.85.30 to X.50 D.10.10.

2nd SECTION. From X.50 D.10.10 to X.50 D.20.30.

- 1st line of fire: X.50 D.10.10 to X.50 D.20.90.
- 2nd line of fire: X.50 D.20.00 to X.50 D.25.70.
- 3rd line of fire: X.50 D.20.70 to X.50 D.40.50.
- 4th line of fire: X.50 D.40.50 to X.50 D.20.30.

3rd SECTION. From X.50 D.20.30 to X.50 D.25.15.

- 1st line of fire: X.50 D.20.30 to X.50 D.20.10.
- 2nd line of fire: X.50 D.20.10 to X.50 D.20.00.
- 3rd line of fire: X.50 D.20.00 to X.50 D.25.35.
- 4th line of fire: X.50 D.25.35 to X.50 D.25.50.
- 5th line of fire: X.50 D.25.50 to X.50 D.25.15.

The lines allotted to batteries are numbered from left to right and will be engaged alternately commencing at 80.1 and firing for ONE MINUTE on each line.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 39.

12th May 1918.

2nd BATTERY.

1st 2 Minutes: 3 Hows. From X.20 d.60.60 to X.20 d.10.10.
3 Hows; From X.26 a.90.90 to X.26 a.20.30.

2nd 2 Minutes. Search and sweep areas. Special attention is to be paid to Roads, Tracks, and Hedges.
2 Hows. X.20 d.85.70 to X.21 c.35.50 to X.26 b.80.85 to X.20 d.10.10.

Do. Search and sweep areas, special attention being paid to Roads, Hedges and Tracks.

3 Hows. X.20 d.10.10 to X.26 b.80.85. to X.26 b.10.10 to X.26 a.20.30.

The following tracks shown in aerial photographs seem to be frequently used: X.26 a.75.75 to X.26 a.94.90 to X.26 Central, and from X.26 Central to X.26 a.34.40.

Do. 1 How. Road X.26 b.06.00 to F.2 a.10.70 and open fields in rear of 4th Battery S.O.S. Line.

6. RATES OF FIRE. Rates of fire for S.O.S. will be:-

18-Pdrs. First three minutes - 5 rounds per gun per minute.
Next five minutes - 4 rounds per gun per minute.
Next ten minutes - 3 rounds per gun per minute.
Next five minutes - 4 rounds per gun per minute.
Thereafter 2 rounds per gun per minute in accordance with the situation.

4.5" Hows. Half above rates.

This Barrage may be stopped by this Office at any time on the Infantry reporting 'All Quiet'.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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A. McCallum Captain.
ADJUTANT 2 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

SECRET:

OPERATION ORDER NO. 37.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 11th MAY, 1918.

1. All Batteries will be prepared to shoot on to the S.O.S. Lines of any other Brigade if required, but must be prepared to fall back on to their own S.O.S. Line at any time.

2. When ordering this Brigade to help any other Brigade, the following will be the procedure :-

"HELP 1st BRIGADE"

"HELP 28th BRIGADE"

"HELP N.Z."

3. If the attack is definitely localised it may be necessary to assist the other Brigade with one Battery of this Brigade. In this case the 4th BATTERY will be prepared to operate. This order would be sent thus :-

4th BATTERY "HELP -----" (giving location).

5th and 6th BATTERY will immediately cover the Brigade S.O.S. Line :-

6th BATTERY from X.21.c.10.65 to X.26.a.85.85

5th BATTERY from X.26.a.85.85 to X.25.b.85.00

102nd BATTERY: Superimposed over whole of Brigade S.O.S. Lines.

RATE OF FIRE: S.O.S. rates.

4. 28th BRIGADE R.F.A. S.O.S. LINES:

X.26.a.00.15 to X.25.d.55.75 to F. 1.a.90.95 to F. 1.a.45.40

2nd ARMY BDE N.Z.F.A. S.O.S. LINES :-

E. 5.d.60.20 to E.11.b.40.40 to E.11.d.10.60 to E.11.c.90.00

1st AUST.F.A. BRIGADE S.O.S. LINES :-

E. 6.b.75.55 to E. 6.a.80.15 to E. 6.c.30.65 to E. 5.d.60.20

5. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. H. Moore Captain,

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SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER No. 36.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

11th May 1918.

1. The following are the positions selected by Batteries:-

<u>4th BATTERY.</u>	W.23 b.55.88.	<u>5th BATTERY.</u>	W.23 c. 50.50.
	W.17.c.50.12.		
	W.23.a.35.75.		
<u>6th BATTERY.</u>	W.12 c.95.90.	<u>102 BATTERY.</u>	W.12 c. 85.30.
	W.17 d.65.90.		W.17 a. 90.15.

2. Each Battery, on the following dates, will conform to instructions contained in Operation Order No.33:-

<u>102nd BATTERY</u>	-	11-5-1918.
<u>4th BATTERY</u>	-	12-5-1918.
<u>5th BATTERY</u>	-	13-5-1918.
<u>6th BATTERY</u>	-	14-5-1918.

and so on alternately.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

A. McCallister Captain.
 ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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S E C R E T.

OPERATION ORDER No. 35.

COPY No.

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

10th May 1918

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out by Batteries tonight 10th instant and tomorrow 11th instant.

Batteries will engage targets as under, with rapid bursts of fire at each of the times stated :-

6th BATTERY:

9.55 p.m.	Target	1.	Road from X.21.c. ^{42.35} 45.85 to X.27.a.85.85
10.15 p.m.	"	2.	Road from X.27.a.85.85 to X.21.d. 00.95 9500
10.50 p.m.	"	3.	Railway from X.28.a.30.95 to X.27.b.60.45
11.25 p.m.	"	4.	Open fields and hedges in X.27.b.
12 midnight	"	5.	House X.27.b.85.95
12.20 a.m.	"	6.	House X.21.d.65.10
12.55 a.m.	"	7.	Road X.28.a.55.95 to X.28.Central
1.25 a.m.	"	1.	Road from X.21.c.42.35 to X.27.a.85.85
1.45 a.m.	"	2.	Road from X.27.a.85.85 to X.21.d. 00.95 9500
2.15 a.m.	"	3.	Railway from X.28.a.30.95 to X.27.b.60.45
2.45 a.m.	"	4.	Open fields and hedges in X.27.b.
3.15 a.m.	"	5.	House X.27.b.85.95

5th BATTERY:

9.55 p.m.	Target	1.	Road X.28.Central to CROSS ROADS F.4.b.55.85
10.15 p.m.	"	2.	Open fields in X.28.c.
10.50 p.m.	"	3.	Road X.27.b.90.95 to CROSS ROADS X.27.d.95.35
11.25 p.m.	"	4.	Road X.27.b.75.45 to X.27.d.00.40
12 midnight	"	5.	Railway from X.27.b.60.45 to X.27.c.75.55
12.20 a.m.	"	6.	Open fields in X.27.d.
12.55 a.m.	"	7.	BELLE CROIX FARM, and fields & hedges in vicinity
1.25 a.m.	"	1.	Road X.28.Central to CROSS ROADS F. 4.b.55.85
2.45 a.m.	"	2.	Open fields in X.28.c.
2.15 a.m.	"	3.	Road X.27.b.90.95 to CROSS ROADS X.27.d.95.35
2.45 a.m.	"	4.	Road X.27.b.75.45 to X.27.d.00.40
3.15 a.m.	"	5.	Railway from X.27.b.60.45 to X.27.c.75.55.

4th BATTERY:

9.55 p.m.	Target	1.	Road from X. 22 .d.45.80 to X.26.b.30.60
10.15 p.m.	"	2.	Hedges in X.26.b.
10.50 p.m.	"	3.	Hedges and fields in X.27.a.
11.25 p.m.	"	4.	Houses in X.26.b.
12 midnight	"	5.	Track from X.26.d.85.80 to X.27.c.20.60
12.20 a.m.	"	6.	Hedges from X.26.b.20.00 to X.26.b.40.52
12.55 a.m.	"	7.	Road from X.26.c.88.82 to X.26.d.45.85
1.25 a.m.	"	1.	Road from X.26.d.45.80 to X.26.b.30.60
1.45 a.m.	"	2.	Hedges in X.26.b.
2.15 a.m.	"	3.	Hedges and fields in X.27.a.
2.45 a.m.	"	4.	Houses in X.26.b.
3.15 a.m.	"	5.	Track from X.26.d.85.80 to X.27.c.20.60

102nd BATTERY

9.55 p.m.	Target	1.	BELLE CROIX FARM
10.15 p.m.	"	2.	House X.26.b.55.10
10.50 p.m.	"	3.	House X.26.b.35.50
1.25 p.m.	"	4.	House X.21.d.65.10
2 midnight	"	5.	House X.27.b.80.90
2.20 a.m.	"	6.	House X.27.a.60.97
2.55 a.m.	"	7.	Railway X.27.c.75.55 to X.27.b.60.45
3.25 a.m.	"	1.	BELLE CROIX FARM
3.45 a.m.	"	2.	House X.26.b.55.10
4.15 a.m.	"	3.	House X.26.b.35.50
4.45 a.m.	"	4.	House X.21.d.65.10
5.15 a.m.	"	5.	House X.27.b.80.90

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AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs:

120 rounds per Battery. 10 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

4.5" Hows:

84 rounds per Battery. 7 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass targets as laid down for their respective Batteries, tomorrow 11th instant during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs - 15 rounds per Gun.
4.5" Hows - 10 rounds per How.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

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SECRET : OPERATION ORDER NO. 34. COPY NO 9

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D. S. O., Commanding. 10th MAY, 1918.

COUNTER PREPARATION:

1. The following schemes of COUNTER PREPARATION will be brought into use at once, and will cancel all previous Counter Preparation schemes issued. When counter preparation is ordered from this office, the Scheme to be fired on will be stated.

Special attention will be paid to farm buildings and other places in which the enemy may be expected to concentrate, (Photographs must be very carefully studied).

Fire will be in irregular bursts of short duration, and intervals between bursts will be irregular.

600 rounds of Gas Shell will be kept at each 4.5" How. Battery position and a proportion of this will be used during Counter Preparation whenever conditions are favorable.

Expenditure of ammunition will be at the rate of 60 rds per Gun and Howitzer per hour.

2. As it is important that all Batteries should engage the areas laid down for them at the same time, Zero hour will always be given immediately Counter Preparation is ordered.

3. FIRST SCHEME: Search and sweep areas :-

6th BATTERY: X.21.c.05.55 to X.22.c.15.08 to X.27.b.85.55 to X.20.d.30.10.

102nd BATTERY: X.20.d.30.10 to X.27.b.85.55 to X.27.d.50.95 to X.26.a.60.50.

4th BATTERY: X.26.a.60.50 to X.27.d.50.85 to X.27.d.15.35 to X.26.c.10.95

5th BATTERY: Road from ~~X.21.d.10.90 to X.27.d.00.45.~~

X27A 90-90 To X21D 90-00

Ten minutes after opening fire 5th BATTERY will search open fields in areas allotted to 4th, 6th and 102nd Batteries for TEN MINUTES, and so on alternately.

4. SECOND SCHEME: Search and sweep areas :-

First 10 minutes: 6th BATTERY) X.22.c.15.05 to X.29.b.10.40 to
5th BATTERY) X.29.c.60.90 to X.27.b.85.55.

do 4th BATTERY) X.26.a.60.55 to X.27.d.50.95 to
102nd BATTERY) X.27.d.15.35 to X.26.c.10.95

Second 10 minutes: 5th BATTERY) X.27.d.50.95 to X.29.c.05.50 to
6th BATTERY) F. 4.b.50.80 to X.27.d.15.35.

do 4th BATTERY) X.21.c.05.55 to X.22.c.15.05 to
102nd BATTERY) X.27.b.85.55 to X.20.d.30.10.

Third 10 minutes: 5th BATTERY) X.27.d.50.95 to X.28.d.98.50 to
6th BATTERY) X.29.c.60.95 to X.27.b.85.55.

do 4th BATTERY) X.20.d.30.10 to X.27.b.85.55 to
102nd BATTERY) X.27.d.50.95 to X.26.a.60.50.

and so on alternately.

5. The following Trenches and Strong Points, etc., will be given special attention by the Batteries in whose area they are situated :-

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TRENCHES: X.20.d.60.10 to X.26.b.35.90
STRONG POINTS & TRENCHES : X.26.b.25.55 to X.26.b.50.75.
LIGHT RAILWAY running from X.27.c.70.60 to X.27.b.95.90.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

H. McCallum Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F. A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET : OPERATION ORDER NO. 55.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 9th MAY, 1918.

1. Battery Commanders will at once reconnoitre positions well forward with a view to the employment of a single Gun or Section for harassing fire by day or night.

It is intended to employ guns from Batteries for this purpose, in turn.

2. In order to avoid divided control at times when it is likely the enemy may attack, guns detached for daylight operations will not be withdrawn from Battery positions before 9 a.m. and must be returned to Battery positions by 5 p.m., and guns detached for night operations will not be withdrawn from Battery positions before 9 p.m. and must be returned to Battery position by 3 a.m.

3. Positions chosen must permit of the gun or Section being employed on S.O.S. should it be necessary.

4. A definite datum point must be selected and the section or gun definitely registered immediately it is placed in position.

5. Officers shooting forward guns must provide themselves with a map showing the positions of the guns definitely resected, with necessary arc of fire to enable fire to be brought quickly and effectively on to any target within range.

6. Battery Commanders should employ the gun or guns forward to carry out the whole of the harassing fire operations for their batteries whilst detached from their Battery positions, in addition to the engagement of any movement observed.

7. A full report will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by the Officer operating with detached guns as soon after ~~from~~ return to Battery position as possible. This report should be accompanied by an example of the ranging carried out on the datum point as laid down in F.F.T. Chapter 227.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. H. Moore Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 32.

COPY No. 5

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

9th May 1918.

1. (a) First Australian Infantry Brigade is being relieved in the Left Sub-Sector by the 31st Division on 9th May and night 9th/10th May.

(b) 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade is extending its Right flank to the point where front line crosses road running N.E. and S.W. through Squares E.16.b. and E.11.c. in relief of the left of the 29th Division on the night 9th/10th May.

2. On completion of relief Divisional Boundaries will be as follows :-

(a) Between 1st Australian Division and 31st Division :-
From point where METEREN BECQUE cross front line, along METEREN BECQUE in X.13., W.12, W.11. W.10 (all inclusive to 31st Division), to CAESTRE - STRAZEELE Road at W.9.b.6.0 to bend in road V.12.d.8.5 to junction of CAESTRE BECQUE and BORRE BECQUE thence along BORRE BECQUE to present Western Boundary of Reserve Division in U.16.c.

(b) Between 29th Division and 1st Australian Division :-
In forward zone from point where road running N.E. and S.W. in E.16.b. and E.11.c. crosses front line (Road inclusive to 1st Australian Division) along water channel in E.10 and E.3.d. to railway at E.3.c.8.7 and thence along railway.

3. On completion of the relief the Division will be disposed of as follows :-

(a) Line Brigade covering the whole Divisional Sector	<u>3rd Australian Infantry Brigade</u>
(b) Support Brigade	<u>2nd Australian Infantry Brigade</u>
(c) Reserve Brigade	<u>1st Australian Infantry Brigade</u>

the Reserve Brigade will be held in Corps Reserve.

4. On completion of relief the Field Artillery covering front of 1st Australian Division will be the present RIGHT GROUP only.

5. (a) Brigade zones of 1st Aust. Div. Artillery will be adjusted as follows :-

2nd ARMY BRIGADE N.Z.F.A.

Right Boundary	-	Line joining E.11.c.2.1 and F.14.d.0.7
Left Boundary	-	Line joining E.5.d.15.30 and E.8.b.15.10

1st AUST.F.A. BRIGADE:

Right Boundary	-	Line joining E.5.d.15.30 and E.8.b.15.10
Left Boundary	-	Line joining W.30.c.0.0 and F.3.d.30.60

28th ARMY BRIGADE R.F.A.

Right Boundary	-	Line joining W.30.c.0.0 and F.3.d.3.6
Left boundary	-	Line joining X.25.b.2.2 and F.4.a.9.8

2nd AUST.F.A. BRIGADE

Right boundary	-	Line joining X.25.b.2.2 and F.4.a.9.8
Left Boundary	-	Line joining X.20.c.95.85 and X.29.b.00.45

(b) These zones will come into force at 6 a.m. 10th MAY.

6. Consequent on the above change in the line S.O.S. Barrage Line is ~~also~~ now allotted to Batteries as under.

7. The Barrage Line is divided into three Sections, each of which is again sub-divided into three Lanes of Fire. Sections are allotted to Batteries as follows :-

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6th BATTERY: From X.21.c.10.65 to X.20.d.28.12

1st Lane of Fire - X.21.c.10.65 to X.20.d.28.45
 2nd Lane of Fire - X.20.d.28.45 to X.20.d.55.50
 3rd Lane of Fire - X.20.d.55.50 to X.20.d.28.12

5th BATTERY From X.20.d.28.12 to X.26.a.50.56

1st Lane of Fire - X.20.d.28.12 to X.26.b.00.95
 2nd Lane of Fire - X.26.b.00.95 to X.26.a.75.77
 3rd Lane of Fire - X.26.a.75.77 to X.26.a.50.56

4th BATTERY From X.26.a.50.56 to X.25.d.84.80

1st Lane of Fire - X.26.a.50.56 to X.26.a.25.35
 2nd Lane of Fire - X.26.a.25.35 to X.26.a.05.15
 3rd Lane of Fire - X.26.a.05.15 to X.25.d.84.80

102nd BATTERY:

1st 3 minutes: 2 Hows. X.20.d.55.50 to X.20.d.28.12
 2 Hows. X.26.a.75.77 to X.26.a.50.56
 2 Hows. X.26.a.05.15 to X.25.d.84.80

2nd 3 minutes: 1 How. CROSS ROADS X.21.d.87.00 to X.27.a.90.85
 1 How. BELL CROIX FARM
 1 How. Road from X.23.d.45.85 to X.26.b.42.57
 1 How. Hedges and open fields X.26.b.40.70 to
 X.26.b.85.90 to X.26.b.95.00
 1 How. Hedges and fields from X.21.c.70.40 to
 X.27.a.10.90 to X.27.a.90.60 to
 X.21.d.20.20.
 1 How. Houses X.26.b.55.10 to X.26.b.35.50

3rd 3 minutes: 2 Hows. X.21.c.10.65 to X.20.d.28.45
 2 Hows. X.20.d.28.12 to X.26.b.00.95
 2 Hows. X.26.a.50.56 to X.26.a.25.35

8. Throughout S.O.S. Barrage Batteries will fire on Lanes in their Sections alternately for THREE minutes, commencing with Lane No.1.

All guns will search back to 200 yards in lifts of 50 yards.

It will be observed that the fire Unit consists of the whole of the guns of the Battery and that in firing on each Lane the frontage covered by each gun will be approximately 25 yards. Parallelism of Lines of Fire is all important and this must be frequently checked by air bursts observed from the Battery.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

W. J. M. M. M. Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET: OPERATION ORDER NO. 31.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 8th May 1918.

COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. The following schemes of COUNTER PREPARATION will be brought into use by Batteries at once, and when Counter Preparation is ordered from this office, the Scheme to be fired on will be stated.

Special attention will be paid to farm buildings and other places in which the enemy may be expected to concentrate, (Photographs must be very carefully studied).

Fire will be in irregular bursts of short duration, and intervals between bursts will be irregular.

600 rounds of Gas Shell will be kept at each 4.5" How. Battery position and a proportion of this will be used during Counter Preparation whenever conditions are favorable.

Expenditure of ammunition will be at the rate of 60 rds per Gun and Howitzer per hour.

2. As it is important that all Batteries should engage the areas laid down for them at the same time, Zero hour will always be given immediately Counter Preparation is ordered.

3. FIRST SCHEME:

6th BATTERY: X.20.d.60.35 to X.20.d.00.00 to X.27.c.60.80 to X.27.b.10.15.

4th BATTERY: X.26.a.45.55 to X.25.b.85.15 to F. 2.b.55.80 to X.27.c.05.25.

102nd BATTY: X.20.d.00.00 to X.26.a.45.55 to X.27.c.05.25 to X.27.c.60.80.

5th BATTERY: Road from X.26.b.10.95 to X.26.d.45.15.

10 minutes after opening fire 5th BATTERY will search and sweep apparently open fields in areas allotted to 4th, 6th and 102nd Batteries for TEN minutes, and so on alternately.

4. SECOND SCHEME:

1st 10 minutes: 5th BATTERY:) F. 2.b.50.80 to F. 3.d.50.45 to
6th BATTERY:) F. 4.c.10.70 to X.27.c.05.25.

do 4th BATTERY:) X.20.d.60.35 to X.20.d.00.00 to
102nd BATTERY:) X.27.c.60.80 to X.27.b.05.15.

2nd 10 minutes. 4th BATTERY:) X.26.a.45.55 to X.25.b.85.15 to
102nd BATTERY:) F. 2.b.55.80 to X.27.c.05.25.

do 5th BATTERY:) X.27.c.60.80 to X.27.b.10.15 to
6th BATTERY:) F. 4.a.95.55 to F. 4.a.60.15.

3rd 10 minutes. 5th BATTERY:) X.27.c.05.25 to F. 4.c.10.70 to
6th BATTERY:) F. 4.b.60.20 to X.27.c.60.80.

do 4th BATTERY:) X.20.d.00.00 to X.27.c.60.80 to
102nd BATTERY:) X.27.c.05.25 to X.26.a.45.55,

and so on alternately.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 30.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

8th May 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out by Batteries tonight 8th inst. and tomorrow 9th instant.
Batteries will engage targets detailed for their respective Batteries in Operation Order No-23 of 2-5-1918 at the following times:-

Target 1.	9.55 p.m.	Target 7.	12.45 a.m.
"	2. 10.25 p.m.	"	1. 1.10 a.m.
"	3. 10.50 p.m.	"	2. 1.50 a.m.
"	4. 11.25 p.m.	"	3. 2.15 a.m.
"	5. 11.55 p.m.	"	4. 2.45 a.m.
"	6. 12.20 a.m.	"	5. 3.10 a.m.

AMMUNITION. 18-Pdrs. 120 rounds per Battery. 10 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.
4.5" Hows. 96 rounds per Battery. 8 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass targets as detailed for their respective Batteries tomorrow 9th instant, during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION. 18-Pdrs - 15 rounds per Gun.
4.5" Hows - 10 rounds per How.

3. A proportion of this Harassing fire will be carried out with detachments wearing Box Respirators, and a note will be made in Intelligence reports showing all tasks carried out in this manner.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire).

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D. O. Mullen Captain.
ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



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SECRET:

OPERATION ORDER NO. 29.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 2th MAY 1918.

1. HARASSING FIRE will be carried out by Batteries tonight 2th instant and tomorrow 3th instant.

Batteries will engage targets as detailed for their respective Batteries in OPERATION ORDER NO. 23 of 2/5/1918, at the following times :-

Target	1.	9.40 p.m.	Target	7.	12.35 a.m.
"	2.	10.15 p.m.	"	1.	1.00 a.m.
"	3.	11. 5 p.m.	"	2.	1.35 a.m.
"	4.	11.20 p.m.	"	3.	2.10 a.m.
"	5.	11.45 p.m.	"	4.	2.50 a.m.
"	6.	12.10 a.m.	"	5.	3.25 a.m.

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs: 120 rounds per Battery. 10 rounds per Bty to be fired at each of the times stated.
 4.5" Hows: 34 rounds per Battery. 7 rounds per Bty to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass targets as detailed for their respective Batteries, tomorrow 3th instant, during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs - 15 rounds per Gun.
 4.5" Hows - 10 rounds per How.

3. A proportion of this Harassing fire will be carried out with detachments wearing Box Respirators, and a note will be made in Intelligence reports showing all tasks carried out in this manner.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

A. McCullin Captain,
 Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



SECRET:

OPERATION ORDER NO. 27.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding, 5th MAY, 1918.
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1. The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out by Batteries tonight 5th instant, and tomorrow 6th instant.

4th Battery will engage targets as detailed in Operation Order No. 23 at the following times :-

Target	1.	9.40 p.m.	Target	7.	12.40 p.m.
"	2.	10.15 p.m.	"	1.	12.55 p.m.
"	3.	10.45 p.m.	"	2.	1.20 a.m.
"	4.	11.10 p.m.	"	3.	2.10 a.m.
"	5.	11.50 p.m.	"	4.	2.55 a.m.
"	6.	12. 5 a.m.	"	5.	3.20 a.m.

5th and 6th Batteries will engage targets as under with bursts of fire at each of the times as detailed above for 4th Battery.

5th BATTERY: Search and sweep hedges and fields in area F. 3.a.10.55 to F. 3.a.45.30 to X.27.c.85.05 to X.27.c.50.40 to F. 3.a.10.55

6th BATTERY: Search and sweep hedges and fields in area X.27.s.50.40 to X.27.a.85.15 to X.27.d.12.80 to X.27.c.85.05.

102nd Battery will engage targets as detailed in Operation Order No. 23 at times as stated above, with the exception that the following target will be substituted for Target No. 6 as shown in Operation Order above quoted :-

102nd BATTERY: Target 6. House at X.26.b.40.50 (Sandbagged - evidently O.P. or M.G.)

Ammunition to be expended by each Battery will be as under :-

18 Pdrs: 240 rounds per Battery. 20 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

4.5" Hows: 180 rounds per Battery. 15 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass targets as detailed for their respective Batteries, tomorrow 6th instant, during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs - 30 rounds per Gun.
4.5" Hows - 25 rounds per How.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. H. Moore
Captain,

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OPERATION ORDER No. 23.

COPY No. 8

By Lieut-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O, Commanding.

4th May 1918.

1. The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out by Batteries tonight 4th instant and tomorrow 5th instant:-

4th and 102nd Batteries will engage targets as detailed for their respective Batteries in Operation Order No. 23 at the following times:-

Target 1.	9-30 p.m.	Target 7.	12-15 a.m.
" 2.	10-05 p.m.	Do 1.	12-40 a.m.
" 3.	10-25 p.m.	" 2.	1-10 a.m.
" 4.	10-55 p.m.	" 3.	2-00 a.m.
" 5.	11-30 p.m.	" 4.	2-25 a.m.
" 6.	11-50 p.m.	" 5.	3-10 a.m.

5th and 6th Batteries will engage targets as under with bursts of fire at each of the times as detailed above for 4th and 102nd Batteries.

5th BATTERY. Search and sweep hedges and fields in Area F.3.a.20.70 to F.3.a.47.45 to X.27.c.20.15 to X.27.c.60.35 to F.3.a.20.70.

6th BATTERY. Search and sweep hedges and fields in area X.27.c.30.15 to X.27.d.12.70 to X.27.a.32.15 to X.27.c.60.35.

Ammunition to be expended by each Battery for Harassing Fire will be increased by 100% until further orders.

2. 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass targets as detailed for their respective Batteries, tomorrow 5th instant, during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION: 18-Bdrs + 30 rounds per Gun,
4.5" Hows- 20 rounds per How.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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D. McNeill Captain.
ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



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OPERATION ORDER No. 25.

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By Lt. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

3rd May, 1913.

The S.O.S. Barrage as detailed in Operation Order No. 9 for 102nd Battery cancelled and the following substituted:-

The Howitzers of this Battery will be used in the Barrage in the same way as the 18-Pdrs. To strengthen the Barrage they will fire on lanes of fire which are not at the same time being engaged by 18-Pdrs. These Howitzers will barrage as follows, lifting from 18-Pdr Barrage Line to 200 yds in lifts of 100 yards:-

First 3 Minutes: 2 Hows. X.20 d.26.10 to X.20 d. 00.00
2 Hows. X.23 a.35.70 to X.23 a. 45.55
2 Hows. X.26 a.05.25 to X.26 b. 35.15.

Next Three Minutes. 1 How. Road X.23 c.70.70 to X.23 d.45.35
1 How. X.23 d.45.20 to X.23 b.47.10
1 How. X.23 b.47.10 to X.23 b.35.35
1 How. Hedge, X.23 b.30.00 to X.23 b.35.30
1 How. Search and sweep open field from X.23 c.20.90 to X.23 b.05.55 to X.23 b.30.25 to X.23 c.30.70.
1 How. Search and sweep open field from X.23 b.05.55 to X.23 b.00.90 to X.27 a.00.25 to X.23 b.30.25.

Next Three Minutes. 2 Hows. X.20 d.30.35 to X.20 d.40.25
2 Hows. X.20 d.00.60 to X.26 a.35.30
2 Hows. X.23 a.45.55 to X.26 a.35.40.

and so on alternately.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

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D. H. Moore Captain.
ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.



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OPERATION ORDER No. 24.

COPY No. 8

By Lt. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

3rd May 1918.

1. G.O.S. Barrage as detailed in Operation Order No. 9 for 132nd Battery is cancelled and the following substituted:-

With the exception of two Howitzers which will barrage Roads, Tracks, Hedges, etc. the four remaining Howitzers will be used in the Barrage in the same way as the 18-Pdrs in order to thicken the barrage, and fire on lanes of fire which are not at the time being engaged by 18-Pdrs. These four Howitzers will barrage as follows:- Lifting from 18-Pdr Barrage line to 300 yds in lifts of 100 yds;

1st three minutes.....	X.20.D.30.10 to X.20.D.00.00.
2nd three minutes,....	X.23.A.05.25 to X.25.B.05.15.
3rd three minutes.....	X.20.H.00.00 to X.23.A.05.30.

and so on alternately.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE ("atteries by wire).

D. McCallen Captain.
ADJUTANT 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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The Howitzers of this battery will
 be used in the Barrage in the same way as
 18 pns. To strengthen the barrage, they will fire
 on lanes of fire which are not at the same
 time being engaged by 18 pns. These Howitzers
 will barrage as follows — firing from 18 pns Barrage
 line to 200 yards in lifts of 100 yds.

1st	3	to	X 20 D 20-10 to	X 20 D 00-00
2nd	3		X 26 a 05-25 to	X 25 B 85-15
3rd	3		X 20 d 00-00 to	X 26 a 85-00

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The Howitzers of this battery will be used in the Barrage in the same way as 18 pdrs. to strengthen the barrage, they will fire on lanes of fire which are not at the same time being engaged by 18 prs. These Howitzers will barrage as follows - Lifting from 18 pdr. Barrage line to 200 yards in lifts of 100 yds.

1st	3 minutes	X 20 D 00 00
2nd	3 "	X 25 B 85 15
3rd	3 "	X 26 a 85 00

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OPERATION ORDER No. 24.

COPY No. 8
3rd May 1918.

By Lt. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding.

1. Harassing Fire will be carried out by Batteries tonight 3rd instant and tomorrow 4th instant.

Batteries will engage targets as detailed for their respective Batteries in OPERATION ORDER No. 23 at the following times:-

Target 1	9.50 p.m.	Target 7	12.25 a.m.
" 2	10.15 p.m.	" 1	12.55 a.m.
" 3	10.45 p.m.	" 2	1. 30 a.m.
" 4	11.10 p.m.	" 3	1. 55 a.m.
" 5	11.35 p.m.	" 4	2. 15 a.m.
" 3	12 midnight.	" 5	2. 55 a.m.

Ammunition to be expended by each Battery will be in accordance with Operation Order No. 23.

2. 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass targets as detailed for their respective Batteries, tomorrow 4th instant, during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs - 15 rounds per gun.
4.5" Hows. - 10 rounds per How.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by Wire).

W. C. Sullivan Captain.
ADJUTANT, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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SECRET:

OPERATION ORDER NO. 23.

COPY NO. 8

By Lt. Col. D. H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 2nd MAY, 1918.

1. The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 2nd instant, and tomorrow 3rd instant.

Batteries will engage targets as under, at times as stated :-

4th BATTERY:

10. 5 p.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 26. b. 25. 15	-	X. 26. b. 20. 00
10. 30 p.m.	2.	Hedge	X. 26. c. 95. 50	-	X. 26. d. 25. 85
11. 00 p.m.	3.	Hedge	X. 26. b. 84. 00	-	X. 26. b. 80. 40
11. 25 p.m.	4.	Road	X. 26. d. 40. 50	-	X. 26. b. 50. 00
11. 55 p.m.	5.	Road	X. 26. b. 50. 00	-	X. 26. b. 45. 50
12. 15 a.m.	6.	Hedge	X. 26. d. 45. 65	-	X. 26. d. 80. 85
12. 35 a.m.	7.	Houses	X. 26. b. 55. 50	-	
1. 10 a.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 26. b. 25. 15	-	X. 26. b. 20. 00
1. 40 a.m.	2.	Hedge	X. 26. c. 95. 50	-	X. 26. d. 25. 85
2. 10 a.m.	3.	Hedge	X. 26. b. 84. 00	-	X. 26. b. 80. 40
2. 40 a.m.	4.	Road	X. 26. d. 40. 50	-	X. 26. b. 50. 00
3. 00 a.m.	5.	Road	X. 26. b. 50. 00	-	X. 26. b. 45. 50

5th BATTERY:

10. 5 p.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 27. c. 80. 97	-	X. 27. d. 20. 90 - X. 27. c. 80. 90 - X. 27. d. 12. 80.
10. 30 p.m.	2.	Hedge	X. 27. c. 80. 80	-	X. 27. c. 50. 37 - X. 27. c. 80. 80 - X. 27. c. 95. 38
11. 00 p.m.	3.	Road from Windmill in	X. 27. d.	to CROSS ROADS	in X. 27. d. 95. 50
11. 25 p.m.	4.	Road	F. 3. a. 80. 30	-	F. 3. a. 85. 75
11. 55 p.m.	5.	House	F. 3. a. 85. 37		
12. 15 a.m.	6.	House	X. 27. c. 90. 17		
12. 35 a.m.	7.	Road	X. 27. c. 95. 37	-	X. 27. d. 20. 85
1. 10 a.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 27. c. 80. 97	-	X. 27. d. 20. 90 - X. 27. c. 80. 90 - X. 27. d. 12. 80
1. 40 a.m.	2.	Hedge	X. 27. c. 80. 80	-	X. 27. c. 50. 37 - X. 27. c. 80. 80 - X. 27. c. 95. 38
2. 10 a.m.	3.	Road from Windmill in	X. 27. d.	to CROSS ROADS	in X. 27. d. 95. 50.
2. 40 a.m.	4.	Road	F. 3. a. 80. 30	-	F. 3. a. 85. 75
3. 00 a.m.	5.	House	F. 3. a. 85. 37.		

6th BATTERY:

10. 5 p.m.	1.	Road	X. 27. d. 20. 95	-	X. 27. d. 05. 70
10. 30 p.m.	2.	Road	X. 27. c. 90. 20	-	X. 27. d. 05. 70
11. 00 p.m.	3.	CROSS ROADS	X. 27. d.	-	F. 3. b. 85. 60
11. 25 p.m.	4.		F. 3. a. 85. 75	-	X. 27. d. 15. 75
11. 55 p.m.	5.	House	F. 3. a. 85. 37		
12. 15 a.m.	6.	Hedge	X. 27. d. 10. 35	-	X. 27. d. 40. 55
12. 35 a.m.	7.	House	X. 27. d. 15. 70		
1. 10 a.m.	1.	Road	X. 27. d. 20. 95	-	X. 27. d. 05. 70
1. 40 a.m.	2.	Road	X. 27. c. 90. 20	-	X. 27. d. 05. 70
2. 10 a.m.	3.	CROSS ROADS	X. 27. d.	-	F. 3. b. 85. 60
2. 40 a.m.	4.		F. 3. a. 85. 75	-	X. 27. d. 15. 75
3. 00 a.m.	5.	House	F. 3. a. 85. 37.		

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10th BATTERY:

10. 5 p.m.	1. Houses at	X. 26. b. 55. 08 - X. 26. b. 52. 25
10. 30 p.m.	2. Houses at	X. 26. d. 55. 50
11. 00 p.m.	3. Houses	X. 26. b. 55. 08 and X. 26. b. 52. 25
11. 35 p.m.	4. Road	X. 26. c. 55. 60 - X. 26. d. 50. 85
11. 55 p.m.	5. Road	X. 26. d. 50. 00 - X. 26. d. 50. 90
12. 15 a.m.	6. House	X. 26. d. 50. 80 - #
12. 35 a.m.	7. House	X. 26. b. 50. 45
1. 10 a.m.	1. Houses at	X. 26. b. 55. 08 - X. 26. b. 52. 25
1. 40 a.m.	2. Houses at	X. 26. d. 55. 50
2. 10 a.m.	3. Houses	X. 26. b. 55. 08 and X. 26. b. 52. 25
2. 40 a.m.	4. Road	X. 26. c. 55. 60 - X. 26. d. 50. 85
3. 00 a.m.	5. Road	X. 26. d. 50. 00 - X. 26. d. 50. 90

AMMUNITION:

18 Pdrs: 120 rounds per Battery. 10 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

4. 5" Hows. 96 rounds per Battery. 8 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

2. The 4th and 10th Batteries will harass targets as detailed for their respective Batteries in para 1., tomorrow 3rd instant, during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION:

18 Pdrs - 15 rounds per gun
 4. 5" Hows - 10 rounds per How.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

D. McMillin
 Captain,

Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 22.

By Lieut. Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O., Commanding. 1st May 1918.

The following HARASSING FIRE will be carried out tonight 1st instant and tomorrow 2nd inst.

Batteries will engage targets as under at times as stated:-

4th BATTERY:

11-35 p.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 26. b. 25.15 - X. 26. b. 20.00
12. 5 a.m.	2.	"	X. 26. c. 95.50 - X. 26. d. 25.95
12.40 a.m.	3.	"	X. 26. b. 84.00 - X. 26. b. 80.40
1.20 a.m.	4.	Road	X. 26. d. 40.50 - X. 26. b. 50.00
1.40 a.m.	5.	Road	X. 26. b. 50.00 - X. 26. b. 45.50
2.10 a.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 26. b. 25.15 - X. 26. b. 20.00
2.50 a.m.	2.	"	X. 26. c. 95.50 - X. 26. d. 25.95
3.00 a.m.	3.	"	X. 26. b. 84.00 - X. 26. b. 80.40

5th BATTERY:

11.35 p.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 27. c. 80.97 - X. 27. d. 20.90 - X. 27. c. 60.90 - X. 27. d. 12.80
12. 5 a.m.	2.	"	X. 27. c. 90.20 - X. 27. c. 50.37 - X. 27. c. 60.80 - X. 27. c. 95.38
12.40 a.m.	3.	Road from Windmill in	X. 27. d. to GROSS ROADS in X. 27. d. 95.30
1.20 a.m.	4.	Road	F. 3. a. 80.20 - F. 3. a. 85.75
1.40 a.m.	5.	House	F. 3. a. 85.37
2.10 a.m.	1.	Hedge	X. 27. c. 80.97 - X. 27. d. 20.90 - X. 27. c. 60.90 - X. 27. d. 12.80
2.50 a.m.	2.	Hedge	X. 27. c. 90.20 - X. 27. c. 50.37 - X. 27. c. 60.80 - X. 27. c. 95.38
3.00 a.m.	3.	Road from Windmill in	X. 27. d. to GROSS ROADS in X. 27. d. 95.30

6th BATTERY:

11.35 p.m.	1.	Road	X. 27. d. 20.95 - X. 27. d. 05.70
12. 05 a.m.	2.	Road	X. 27. c. 90.20 - X. 27. d. 05.70
12.40 a.m.	3.	GROSS ROADS	X. 27. d. - F. 3. b. 85.60
1.20 a.m.	4.	"	F. 3. a. 85.75 - X. 27. d. 15.75
1.40 a.m.	5.	House	F. 3. a. 85.37
2.10 a.m.	1.	Road	X. 27. d. 20.95 - X. 27. d. 05.70
2.50 a.m.	2.	Road	X. 27. c. 90.20 - X. 27. d. 05.70
3.00 a.m.	3.	GROSS ROADS	X. 27. d. - F. 3. b. 85.60

102nd BATTERY:

11.35 p.m.	1.	Houses at	X. 26. b. 55.08 - X. 26. b. 52.25
12. 5 a.m.	2.	Houses at	X. 26. d. 35.50 -
12.40 a.m.	3.	Houses	X. 26. b. 55.08 and X. 26. b. 52.25
1.20 a.m.	4.	Road	X. 26. c. 65.60 - X. 26. d. 30.85
1.40 a.m.	5.	Road	X. 26. d. 50.00 - X. 26. d. 50.90
2.10 a.m.	1.	Houses at	X. 26. b. 55.08 - X. 26. b. 52.25
2.50 a.m.	2.	Houses at	X. 26. d. 35.50
3.00 a.m.	3.	Houses	X. 26. b. 55.08 and X. 26. b. 52.25

AMMUNITION:

18 Pdrs. 20 rounds per Battery. 15 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.
 4.5" Hows. 38 rounds per Battery. 11 rounds per Battery to be fired at each of the times stated.

The 4th and 102nd Batteries will harass targets as detailed for their respective Batteries in para 1., tomorrow 2nd instant, during the hours of daylight.

AMMUNITION:

15 rounds per gun - 18 Pdrs.
 10 rounds per How - 4.5" Hows.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE (Batteries by wire)

J. McArthur Captain,
 Adjutant, 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 6 a.m. 30-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 31-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

Operation Order No. 63 carried out. Harassing fire carried out by all Batteries.

Section of the 6th Battery went forward and took up a previously registered position at W.12 c.80.90. Datum point, Outtersteene Church. Engaged farmhouse at F.2 d.1.2. Set on fire with Incendiary. Engaged farmhouse at F.2 c.90.00. do do. Engaged and obtained direct hits on house at F.3 b.20.05. Harassed tracks in F.3 d. and engaged section of guns at F.3 d. 2.8. Unable to observe effect. Section returned to Battery at 5pm. 4.55 p.m. One enemy balloon brought down in flames, apparently by A.A. fire as no planes visible in vicinity. 12.10 p.m. Heavies shelled METEREN.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes active, patrolling.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
6.30 am.	20	5.9	FLETRE.	Clapbanck.	W.11 b.10.75.
6-11 am.	600	4.2	W.9.		W.9 c.55.20.
8 am.	60	4.2	X.19		W.23 b.95.55
9 am.	30	4.2	W.11 a.	Strazeele.	W.11 b.10.75.
9.30am.	20	4.2	W.5 c.	do.	do.
11-1 am.	60	H.V.	Rear areas.	Merris.	W.8 d.95.15.
12-1.30am.	50	4.2 Gas	W.8 d.	do.	do.
2 pm.	10	4.2	W.8 c.		W.11 b.10.75.
2.15 pm.	10	4.2	W.9.		W.9 c.55.20.
4.30 pm.	30	77s	FLETRE.	Clapbanck.	W.11 b.10.75.
8.45-9.45pm.	50	4.2 H.E.	ROUGE CROIX.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
9.30pm-1am.	420	4.2	FLETRE.		W.11 b.10.75.
9.30 pm.	Heavy barrage on line in W.19 a & c.			Left of Merris.	X.19 a.20.55.
10 pm.	80	77s.	Cross Roads in W.17 d.	Outtersteene.	W.23 b.95.55.
11.30pm.-					
12.15 am.	50	GAS	FLETRE.		W.11 b.10.75.
2-3 am.	120	GAS	X.15 & X.19.		X.19 a.20.55.
2.20 am.	5	4.2	ROUGE CROIX	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
2.30 a.m.	50	8" 5.9 HE	Between ROUGE CROIX		W.16 c.00.70.
X		and GAS	and PRADELLES.		
3 a.m.	40	77s	W.24 a.	Merris.	W.23 b.95.55.
5.15 am.	25	77s & 4.2	PRADELLES.		W.16 c.00.70.
5.30 am.	30	Shrap & Gas.	W.9		W.9 c.55.20.
5.30 am.	30	77s	W.23 b.	Merris.	W.23 b.95.55.

AERIAL. 17 enemy balloons up. 5 p.m. 3 enemy planes flew over W.8 from STRAZEELE. Engaged and driven off with A.A. and M.G. fire. Enemy planes over frequently during the night. 5 am - 6.30 am. Enemy planes continuously driven off with A.A. and M.G. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

2 p.m. A.A. gun evacuated from W.8 c. 2.30 p.m. Carrier pigeon shot at water-hole on farm at W.5 c.3.8 and sent to D.A. Hdqrs.

9.30 p.m. House in Pradelles set on fire by enemy firing.

VISIBILITY. Poor in morning, Good later.

W. Watson Lieut.,
O.O. 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 29-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 30-5-1918. *appendix 2.*

ARTILLERY OPERATIONS:

a) Artillery. Operation Order No. 62 carried out. HARASSING FIRE by all batteries. Forward Section from 5th Battery took up a position at 16 d. 45.55. Registered on house at X.20 d. 12.05. Set fire to two houses with Incendiary shell at X.22 c. 35.72 and X.22 c. 23.52. The former building stood on very high ground, had a screened approach, and was probably an O.P. commanding an excellent view.

Houses at X.26 d. 18.77 and X.26 b. 55.10 shelled with good effect. About 20 rds Harassing fire also carried out when enemy began to retaliate. Ceased Fire. On reopening later O.P. was shelled with 5.9 and the gun position with 3". Forward Section then ceased firing altogether.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

c) Aerial. At planes active. At 4.50 p.m. two of our planes brought down an enemy machine which fell to the ground over enemy's lines. One of our planes compelled to land at 5 p.m. at Q 31 d. owing to engine trouble.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(Artillery).

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM.
7.30-7am.	40	4.2	ROUGE CROIX.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
8.45-1.30pm		Continuous shelling with H.E. & Shrap	on W.9.	W.9 c.55.20.	
All Day.		4.2	Intermittently on FLETRE.	W.11 b.	
10.40 am.	20	77s	Fields & Road in W.24 d.	W.23 b.95.55.	
1.30 pm.	10	4.2	ROUGE CROIX.	Meteren.	W.8 d. 95.15.
1.50-5.30pm		Continuous shelling with H.E. on W.9.		W.9 c.55.20.	
2.35-2.50pm	45	4.2	CAESTRE.	do.	W.8 d.95.15.
3 p.m.	12	4.2	FLETRE.	Claphanck.	W.16 c.00.70.
3.15-4.45pm	250	4.2 H.E.	Left of CAESTRE.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
3.45 pm.	15	77s	W.24 a.		W.23 b.95.55.
4.20 p.m.		Enemy H.V. gun firing on ROUGE CROIX.	Bearing 12 deg. Left of house F.2 b.45.70.		
4.45-5.30pm.	40	4.2 H.E.	CAESTRE.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
5.20 pm.	50	77s.	W.24 a. & W.23 b.		W.23 b.95.55.
5.15-6.20pm	12	8"	W.23 b.	Outtersteene.	do.
5.50 pm.	90	4.2	do.	do.	do.
7.30 pm.	25	4.2	do.	do.	do.
9.15-10.20pm	30	H.V.	Rear Area.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
10-11 pm.	45	4.2 & 5.9.	W.16 c.		W.16 c.00.70.
11.30-3am.		Intermittent shelling with 77s, Shrap.	4.2 and 5.9 H.E. on ROUGE CROIX and PRADELLES.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
1.30-2 am.	15	4.2 & 5.9	W.16 c.		W.16 c.00.70.
1.45 am.	40	4.2	W.9 c.		W.9 c.55.20.
3.30 a.m.	15	5.9	W.16 c.		W.16 c.00.70.
3.50 a.m.	10	H.V.	Rear Area.	do.	W.8 d.95.15.
3.45-4.30am	30	4.2 & Shrap.	W.9 c.		W.9 c.55.20.
All Night.		Enemy shelled CAESTRE-FLETRE Road continuously			W.11 b.
		Slow rate with 4.2 and 5.9s.			

Aerial. 11 Enemy balloons up. Enemy planes very active all day. At 3.15 pm. one enemy plane shot down three of our balloons South of Mont des Cats. Although heavily engaged with A.A. and M.G. fire enemy plane succeeded in regaining his own lines. 3.30 pm to 5 pm. Enemy planes continuously over our lines and rear areas. 11.30 Enemy bombers passed over W.16 c. in direction of our rear areas.

MISCELLANEOUS. Nil.

VISIBILITY. Good.

W. Watson Lieut.,
O.O. 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

ALLIANCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 28-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 29-5-1918. *appendix 2*

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Operation Order No. 61 carried out. 4th Battery took a sector forward and engaged the following targets:-
 BUILDING X.20 b.4.5. This building was set on fire with Incendiary and completely destroyed. Apparently an advanced Ammunition Depot as small explosions were observed for some time after ignition.
 BUILDING X.21 d.99.72. Several direct hits with Incendiary but would not burn. Probably brick construction.
 BUILDING X.21 b. 8.1. Several direct hits; in state of collapse. Never previously hit.
 BUILDING (Remains of) at X.21 c.8.9. Several direct hits with H.E. and Incendiary. Apparently occupied. Two series fired on it and on both occasions 77s opened on our Forward Area.
 (Observed from W.8 d.95.15.)

12.30 p.m. House at X.26 b.35.50 set alight with Incendiary. 1.55 p.m. Burning well. 3.45 p.m. Burnt to the ground.
 (Observed from W.23 b.95.55).
 7.40 pm. Direct hits on house at X.26 b.45.50. Practically demolished. No movement visible.

(b) AERIAL. 1.15 p.m. 15 British aeroplanes passed over PRADELLES, ROUGE CROIX and COURTE CROIX. Drove off enemy plane which had arrived 5 minutes previously over Pradelles and which dropped one bomb in a field. Enemy plane also engaged with A.A.

9 a.m. Enemy plane flying from direction of Thiershoek engaged by A.A. and H.G. A.A. Battery at position in ~~XXXXXX~~ W.4 c. obtained a hit but plane managed to fly away in S.E. direction apparently out of control. Observed from W.11 b.10.75.

(c) FRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM.
1.30 am.	40	4.2	Concentrated on W.5 a & c.	Clapbanck.	W.11 b.10.75.
3.30 am.	30	4.2	FLETRE.	Outtersteene.	do.
4.30 am.	30	77s	W.11 Central.	Clapbanck.	do.
5.30 am.	30	4.2	on Front Line X.21 a. & X.20 b.		W.23 b.95.55.
6.30 am.	15	4.2	COURTE CROIX.		do.
7.30 am.	30	4.2	between Front line & Supports at X.20 d. & X.25 b.	Outtersteene.	do.
8.30 am.	3	4.2	W.18 c.	do.	do.
9.30 am.	10	4.2	ROUGE CROIX.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
10.30 am.	25	4.2	W.24 c.	Outtersteene.	W.23 b.95.55.
11.30 am.	8	4.2	W.24 b.	do.	do.
12.30 pm.	30	5.9 & 4.2	GABSTRE.		Bde. Hdqrs.
1.30 pm.	50	4.2	ROUGE CROIX.		W.8 d.95.15.
2.15 pm.	20	4.2	W.11 d.	Clapbanck.	W.11 b.10.75.
3.30 a.m.	20	4.2	W.10 b.	do.	do.
4.30 a.m.	50	4.2	Rear area.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.

AIR. 1.10 p.m. Enemy plane over PRADELLES. Dropped one bomb in field. Engaged and driven off by A.A. and our planes. 12 enemy balloons up. Increased activity with planes and balloons.

INCIDENTS. 7.p.m. Fire started at BELLE CROIX farm.

DISCIPLINE. Good.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 27-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 28-5-1918.

~~Operation Order No. 59 carried out~~

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Operation Order 59 carried out. Ammunition increased during the night by 50%. 1.15 p.m. Merris and vicinity heavily shelled by our Heavies.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes very active all day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM.
12 Noon.	9	5.9 & 8"	FLETRE.		W.11 b.10.75.
	200	4.2 on FLETRE	throughout night.	Slow rate.	do.
5.15 pm.	10	4.2	PRADELLES.	Merris.	W.9 c.55.20.
12.20 am.	18	4.2	FLETRE	Clapbanck	W.11 b.10.75.
2.45pm.	30	4.2 on Le BUERRE-ROUGE CROIX Rd.		do.	do.
3 p.m.	60	4.2 & 77	W.11 b.	Outtersteene.	do.
9.30-10.30pm.	80	77s	Road & Houses X.19 d.	Belle Croix Farm.	X.19a.20.55
12.30 pm.	30	77s	X.13 Central.		do.
1.50 pm.	10	77s	X.25 b.9.7		do.
do.	15	77s	X.19 c.3.3.		do.
2-2.15 pm.	5	5.9	W.18 b.2.3		do.
9.40 a.m.	50	77s	X.19 b. & X.19 d.	Outtersteene.	W.23 b.95.55.
10.45 a.m.	10	77s	W.24 b.		do.
11 am.	50	4.2 on Cross Roads in W.17 d. and road running through W.23 b. & a. This shoot carried out in conjunction with aeroplane observation. Enemy plane patrolled up and down road until series completed.			do.
1.30 pm.	30	77s.	X.14 a.		do.
1.40 pm.	100	77s.	X.19 b. X.19 d. W.23 d. & W.24 c.		do.
1.45 pm.	20	4.2	COURTE CROIX CROSS Rds.		do.
1.45 pm.	50	4.2 & 77s on FLETRE-STRAZELLE Rd. between the Cross Roads in W.17 d. and buildings in W.23 c.7.5.			do.
2.15 pm.	20	77s	W.24 c. & W.23 d.		do.
5.30 pm.	20	4.2	W.23 b.	Outtersteene.	do.
7 pm.	20	4.2	CROSS ROADS in W.17 d.		do.
8-8.35pm.	350	4.2 HE	ROUGE CROIX.		W.8 d.95.15.
3.25 a.m.	50	4.2 HE	Rear of W.8 d.	Meteren.	do.
7-30 to					
8-30 p.m.	200	4.2 HE	W.9 c.		W.9 c.55.20.
9.15 p.m.	25	4.2 HE	W.9 c.		do.

AERIAL. 9 Enemy balloons up. 10.30 a.m. 5 enemy planes flying low over W.11. Driven off by A.A. and M.G. Fire. Enemy planes very active along our front during whole afternoon.
7 p.m. All enemy balloons descended.

MISCELLANEOUS. 1 p.m. Fire started at X.14 c.7.2 by enemy shells. 5 to 6 p.m. Fire burning on the Southern portion of Outtersteene.

VISIBILITY. Very good.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 26-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 27-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery. Operation Order 58 carried out. Forward Section of the 6th Battery occupied a position (previously registered) at W.12 c.90.90. Datum Point Merris Church. The following occupied buildings were registered with "A" and set on fire with Incendiary:- F.9 a.45.70. F.1 d.60.05. F.7 b.95.30. F.8 d.13.90.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD. FROM.
9.10-9.30am.	50	X 4.2H.E.	PRADELLES.	Merris.	W.8 d.95.15.
11.45-12.15pm.	150	4.2	W.11 d. & W.17 a.	Clapbanck.	W.11 b.10.75.
4.5-4.15 pm.	50	4.2 HE	CAESTRE.	Meteren.	W.8 d.95.15.
4.25 pm.	15	4.2 HE	do.	do.	do.
6.30 pm.	20	4.2	FLETRE.	Clapbanck.	W.11 b.10.75.
7.30 p.m.	50	77s & 4.2	do.	Outtersteens.	do.
8.40 pm.	50	4.2 & 5.9	Forward Trenches		W.23 b.95.55.
9.10 pm.	50	4.2	in X.19 b. & d.		
9.10 pm.	50	4.2	FLETRE-STRAZEELE ROAD passing through W.17 d. W.5. b. & a.	Outtersteens.	do.
9.30 pm.	100	4.2	W.24 a. & b.		do.
9.30 pm.	30	77s.	Road W.24 b. - COURTE CROIX.		do.
11pm.		77s.	Light barrage on X.19 a.		
12 pm.			Forward areas quiet. Rear areas shelled. Strazeele and roads on West side with 4.2.		
3 - 4 am.	50		Large Calibre Gas shells on W.9.c.		W.9 c.55.70.
12.20 am.	15	4.2	FLETRE.	Clapbanck.	W.11 b.
8.45 am.	30	4.2	Le BUERRE-ROUGE CROIX RD.	do.	do.
5 a.m.	50	4.2 & 77s.	W.11 b.	Outtersteens.	do.
9.20-9.30pm.	20	4.2 HE	PRADELLES.	Merris.	W.8 d.95.15.
10.30-11 pm.	150	4.2 HE	do.	do.	do.
IN 11.10 pm.	40	4.2 HE	do.	do.	do.
1 - 3 am.		4.2 Gas	W.13 & W.18.		

Aerial. 3.15 p.m. Two enemy planes tried to cross our lines. Driven back with A.A. and M.G. fire.

5 - 8 pm. Enemy planes very active. Came over our lines time after time. Driven off with A.A. & M.G. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. Large explosion heard in enemy lines from W.11 b.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a.m. 25-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 26-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery. Operation Order No. 57 carried out. The Harassing fire was carried out continuously until about 3.30 a.m. Good bursts observed along whole sector and fire well distributed. S.O.S. went up at 1.40 when our Artillery responded very effectively. Enemy's reply was feeble. Div. Arty. Operation Order No. 33 Series 2 carried out by 102nd Bty. 252 rounds Gas shell fired.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil. (1.40 a.m. S.O.S. went up.)
 (1.55 a.m. Fire reduced 50%.
 (2.15 a.m. Firing ceased.)

(c) Aerial. Our planes active all day patrolling enemy lines. 4 observed flying East at 7.20 p.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD. FROM.
2.45pm.	15	4.2 H.E.	PRADELLES.	Merris,	W.8 d.95.15.
10.15am.	20	do.	29 a.	do.	W.16 c.00.70.
4.50,--5.15pm.	10	4.2 Shrap.	PRADELLES.	do.	W.8 d.95.75.
7.40 a.m.	10	4.2 & 77s	W.17 c.	do.	W.23 b.95.55.
8.30 am.	20	do.	W.17 c.	do.	do.
10.5-10.25.	20	77s	ROUGE CROIX.	Outtersteene.	do.
11.30 a.m.	10	4.2 between	STRAZELLE & PRADELLES.	do.	do.
2.15 p.m.	20	77s	W.17 c.	do.	do.
3.10 pm.	20	4.2	W.12 d. & W.18bkm	do.	do.
3.16 pm.	10	4.2 & 77s	W.19 a. & b.	do.	do.
3.25-3.35pm.	50	4.2	W.24 a. Central.	do.	do.
3.45 pm.	20	4.2	do.	do.	do.
4.20 p.m.	10	4.2 & 77s	W.17 d. & W.18 c.	do.	do.
8.15-9.25pm.	110.	8" GAS	PRADELLES & ROUGE CROIX.	Merris.	W.8 d.
1.35 am to					
1.45 a.m.	100	4.2 Shrap.	CAESTRE.	Heteren.	do.
6.30 p.m.	20	4.2	FLETRE.	do.	W.11 b.
7.30 p.m.	50	77s & 4.2	do.	do.	do.
8 p.m. to	1500 GAS) 2 Btys 77s.) FLETRE.		
10 p.m.	500 H.E.)) 2 Btys 4.2.) W.6 & 12.		do.
		1 Bty 5.9)		
		1 Bty 8" How.)			
Midnight.		Still firing Gas into	FLETRE.	Slow rate of Fire	5.9. do.
2.41 a.m.		Still firing Gas into	FLETRE.	Slow rate of fire	5.9. do.
				on W.9 c.	
6.30 a.m.	18.	77s.	Road junction	W.24 b. Merris.	X.19 a.20.55
7.45 a.m.	25	4.2	X.13 a & c.	do.	do.
2.45 p.m.					
to 3.30pm.		Fairly heavy enemy bombardment with mixed shells on			
		X.19 a. & c. W.24 b. & d. X.13 d. W.18 a. & b. from			
		direction of Outtersteene.			do.

Aerial.

2.50 p.m. 2 enemy planes over STRAZELLE. Driven off with A.A. fire.
 11.30 a.m. 2 enemy planes attacked 1 R.E.8 of ours over W.11 b.
 Our planes retired in good order. Enemy driven off, A.A.
 1.20 p.m. Hostile plane harassing our front line with M.G. fire.
 Engaged with A.A. and forced to retire.
 1.30pm. 1.45 pm. 2.5 pm. 2.31 pm. do. do. do. do.

MISCELLANEOUS. Nil.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 6 a.m. 24-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 25-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

- (a) Artillery. Operation Order No. 56 carried out.
- (b) Aerial. Very little; adverse weather conditions.
- Trench Mortars; Nil.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED	BEARING	OBSVD FROM	
7.30-11.45am	100	8"	W.5 d. W.6 c, and W.12 a.	Estaires.	W.11 b.10.75.	
1.45-1.55pm	50	4.2	Road Le BUIERRE-ROUGE CROIX.	Clapbanck.	do.	
1.15-1.40pm	60	4.2	Road W.18 b. to W.17 a.	do.	do.	
2.-2.30pm.	40	4.2 & 5.9.	FLETRE.	Outtersteene & Clapbanck.	do.	
3.50 a.m.	10	77s	ROUGE CROIX.	Neteren	W.8 d.95.15.	
2-4 a.m.	120	8" 5.9" 4.2"	PRADELLES		W.16 c.00.70.	
Midnight to 12.30 a.m.	50	4.2	Le BUIERRE-ROUGE CROIX RD.	From Outt. & Clapbanck.	W.11 b.10.75	
12.30 a.m. 1 am.	12	5.9	FLETRE,	Clapbanck.	do.	
3-3.40 am.	20	4.2 & Gas	W.9 c.		W.9 c.	
11.45 am.	75	77s	W.24 a & b.		W.23 b.95.55.	
12.20pm to 1.20 p.m.		Heavy bombardment by enemy was laid down on a large area with 4.2 and 5.9". Bombardment lasted one hour on W.11, 12, 17 b. & d. 23 b & d. and 24 and 18, particular attention being paid to COURTE CROIX 23 b. 24 a. & 18 c. and d. 400 to 500 rounds.				do.
2.15 p.m.	20	5.9"	W.23 b. 24 a.		do.	
5.20 p.m.	26	77	X.15 and X.19		do.	
6.15 p.m.	12	77s	W.24 b.		do.	

AERIAL. Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS. 3.15 a.m. Forward area heavily shelled with 4.2" and 77 H.E. after several green flares were sent up by the enemy left of Strazele.

2 p.m. Pigeon flew over W.23 b. in a Westerly direction.

VISIBILITY. Bad all day.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. From 6 a.m. 23-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 24-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Operation Order No. 55 carried out. Forward Section of 102nd Battery took up a position at W.17 Central and registered on house at F.2 d. 40, 70. Engaged several targets with good effect. 1 to 1.45 p.m. Ranged 6th Bty on to farms at F.8 b. 4, 9 and F.8 b. 5, 8. Obtained several direct hits, then set alight with Incendiary. Both places gutted. 4.15 p.m. Ranged 6th Bty on to farms at F.2 b. Several direct hits then burnt down with Incendiary. 7.15 p.m. Brigade shoot on X.27 b. Observed to be effective. No movement seen. Very effective shooting done by 6th Battery throughout the whole day.

Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Very little Aerial activity.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM.
9-11 a.m.	240	4.2"	4.9 Central.	Outtersteene.	W.9 c. 55.20.
10.30 a.m.	10	4.2"	PRADELLES.	do.	W.8 d. 95.15.
11-11.30am.	150	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.	do.	do.
12.30 p.m.	10	77s	PRADELLES.	do.	do.
12.30pm	15	4.2	W.11 c. and d.		
10 pm,	20	5.9	W.18 a.		W.23 b. 95.55
10.30 p.m.	30	77s & 4.2	W.24 d.		do.
11.15 p.m.	10	4.2	W.24 central.		do.
1.20 a.m.	17	77s	W.18 c.		do.
1.50 a.m.	12	5.9	W.17 d.		do.
2 a.m.	10	5.9	FLETRE		W.11 b. 10.75
2.15	4	4.2	W.23 d.		do.
9.30 am,	50	77s	Fletre-Strazeele Rd. at W.17 d.	Outtersteene.	do.
11.45-12.45 p.m.	120	5.9	W.23 b.		W.23 b.
7.15 am,	24	4.2	X.13 c.	do.	X.19 a.
EXXIX					
9.5 am.	4	4.2	W.18 b.	Merris.	do.
9.20	6	4.2	X.13 b. (Gas)	do.	do.
9.45-9.55.	Heavy Concentration of 77s/on W.18 b, c, and d. from direction Outtersteene. (250 rds).				do.
10.50	40	4.2	W.23	Merris.	do.
11 a.m.	24	4.2	W.18 b.	Outtersteene.	do.
11.25	30	4.2	W.30 b.	do.	do.
11-11.45.		4.2	W.18 b. (3 rds per min.)	Outtstn.	do.
3.15 p.m.	12	4.2	W.24	Merris,	do.
3.40	30	MMH77s.	W.24 d.	do,	do.
7.15-8.	150	4.2	COURTE CROIX.	Outtersteene.	do.

AERIAL. Enemy balloons up at 15 deg. 15.30, 19, 27, and 29 Left of Merris Church. Observed from X.19 a. 20.55.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

MISCELLANEOUS. Fire caused on the right of BORRE by enemy shelling also house at X.20 d. 1.2.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
from 6 a.m. 23.5-1918 to 23-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Operation Order No. 54 carried out.
7.15 a.m. Forward section of 6th Battery brought into action in covered position at W.12 c.90.90. Registered on Merris Church. Direct hits at X.29 a.5.3 and casualties caused by Shrapnel. Direct hits obtained on house X.29 c.3.5. and fire started with incendiary shell. Farmhouse in X.26 b.5.1. direct hit, set on fire, together with adjoining buildings. Several explosions observed, mostly S.A.A. These houses were pointed out as a centre of great activity in enemy machine guns. Fire continued to burn for 2 hours.

House in X.21 c.9.8 engaged and partially destroyed by fire. Heavy shower of rain helped to extinguish the flames.

Direct hits with percussion were registered on houses in X.21 a.65.10.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) AERIAL. Our planes actively patrolling enemy lines all day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM
8.15 a.m. 10.30 to 12.30p.m.	100 60	4.2" 8"	Fletre-Caestre Road. W.5 a. and b.		W.11 b.10.75. do.
12.15-1pm,	100	77s	Outposts and Billets in W.12.c. and d. (Burned down Billet and) caused explosions.)		do.
9 p.m.	10	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX	Outtersteene.	W.8 d.95.15.
10.50 p.m. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.	50 100	4.2" Gas.	PRADELLES. W.11 b.10.75.	do.	do. W.11 b.10.75.
3.45 a.m.	6	Gas.	do.		do.

AERIAL. 10.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Enemy planes tried to cross our lines. Driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire. At Midnight 3 enemy planes passed overhead to Hazebrouck and returned about 2.30 a.m. Enemy Balloons up at 139, 140, and 145 T.B.

MISCELLANEOUS. Two buildings in the vicinity of ~~Sec Bois~~ ^{Sec Bois} were observed to be in flames at about 11 p.m.
12.5 p.m. House in Borre set on fire by hostile shelling.

VISIBILITY. Only fair.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 6 a.m. 21-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 22-5-1918. *appendix 2*

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Operation Order 51 carried out. At 4.30 a.m. (21-5-18) 60 18-Pdr shells on X.23 (Shoot ordered specially). 12.7 p.m. 10 rounds BX on Bty position in F.2 d. 17.63 (Shoot specially ordered). Counter Battery work effectually silenced Enemy guns shelling Bttn. HQ. 1.30 - 6. Heavy shelling by our Heavies of the Outtersteene-Meteren Ridge. 2.15 p.m. 18-Pdrs shelled houses in X.20 d. and X.26 a. with good effect. 2.30 p.m. 6" Hows. bombarded Enemy trenches in X.b and c. 5 p.m. Heavy Hows. effectively shelled enemy country right of Outtersteene. 6-6.15 p.m. Observed shoot on X.26 b. carried out with good effect. Heavy bombardment commenced on right of our sector at 11.20 p.m. 5th Battery placed ~~a gun~~ in position at W.17 a. 90.12. Registered on to house X.20 d. 10.98. Several targets engaged with good effect.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) AERIAL. Our planes active all day patrolling Enemy lines. At 9-40 two of our planes attacked an enemy plane which was observing for a Battery and brought him to the earth behind his own lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
6.30 a.m.	10	5.9"	XXXXX FLEIRE.		W.11 b. 10.75.
7 a.m.	20	5.9"	W.12.		W.16 c. 00.70.
9 a.m.	30	4.2"	W.24 d. & W.30 b.		
10.15 a.m.	8	4.2"	W.8 d. Central.		
11.30 am.	6	H.E. 4.2"	ROUGE CROIX	Meteren.	W.8 d. 15.95.
11-12 Noon.	60	H.E. 4.2"	W.9 a. b. & d.		W.9 c. 55.20.
12 Noon.	20	4.2"	X.7 and X.8.		do.
12.15-2.45pm	12	4.2 & 9.5"	FRABELLES.	Outtersteene.	W.8 d. 95.15.
1.55 p.m.	30	5.9"	X.13 c. and d.		
10 p.m.	30	77s.	19 a. & c.		
6 - 8 p.m.	40	5.9"	W.9 a. b. & d.		
11.45 p.m.	18	5.9"	FLEIRE	do.	
12-5.30am.		5.9"	W.9 c. 55.20	periodically shelled.	
5 a.m.	20	4.2"	24 a. & c.	Outtersteene.	

AERIAL.

8-11 a.m. 7 enemy planes over our lines. Engaged and driven off with A.A. and M.G. fire. 12 Enemy balloons up. 6.55. Enemy plane harassing our Infantry with M.G. fire. Driven off by A.A. & M.G. 12.20 a.m. One enemy balloon forced to descend by our long range gun fire. 6.45. Squadron of enemy planes passed over our lines flying high. Engaged by A.A. 4.30. Enemy plane crossed ROUGE CROIX. 7 p.m. 12 aeroplanes in front of Battery. 4.45 a.m. 2 enemy planes patrolled our lines without opposition for over 10 minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS. Nil.

VISIBILITY. Good.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

6 a.m. 20-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 21-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Operation Order No-50 carried out.

D.A. Operation Order ~~31~~ 31 carried out by M102 Bty. 232 rounds Gas fired.

(b) Trench Mortars.

(c) Aerial. Our Planes patrolling and driving off enemy planes all day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM
1					
1 p.m.	10	H.V.	Rear area.	Meteren.	Bty Postn.
8.30-9am.	24	4.2"	W.6 c.&W.12.a.	Outtersteene.	do.
11.15-11.30.	16	4.2"	FLETRE	do.	do.
1 p.m.	10	H.V.	Rear Area.	Meteren.	do.
3 p.m.	10	H.V.	do.	do.	do.
7 a.m.	10	77s.	W.11.c.		W.16 c.30.80.
11 p.m.	15	77s	PRADELLES.	do.	Bty. Postn.
12.15.12.45	Total	77	shrap, 4-2"		
and 1-30am.	100	H.E. and Gas	do.	do.	do.
Midnight-1am.	45	5.9"	W.18.		
1.35-1.45am.	30	4.2 & 5.9"	W.17 a. and b.	Outtersteene.	do.
10 p.m.	20	4.2" & 77s	Le BEURRE.		do.
10.45p.m.	30	5.9"	ROUGE CROIX.		do.
5 a.m.	100	77s.	Le BEURRE.		do.
3.45 a.m.	Enemy shelled 275 and 298 with about 12 4.2". Squares 367, 368, 390 and 391 also shelled during night.				
7.40-8.45	70	4.2" & 5.9"	WORDHELF.		
3.55p.m.	50	4.2"	on squares 275, 276, 298, and 299.		O.P.
7.55p.m.	20	8"	on squares 299 and 550.		
9 p.m.	16	8"	Btn. Hdqrs. W.8.d.25.		
Midnight.	36	5.9" & 4.2"	W.24 a and b. and W.24 c. and d.		O.P.
1 p.m.	30	5.9"	STRAZENLE.		O.P.
4 a.m.	Heavy shelling on left Front with 5.9 4.2 and 77 and Machine gun fire, but no attack developed.				

AERIAL. Hostile planes very active. Attempted to cross our lines but driven off on numerous occasions by our planes, also by A.A. and M.G. Fire. At 10.15 p.m. Enemy dropped 5 small bombs on FLAETRE - CAESTRE Road near FLAETRE. 10 - 11 p.m. Several planes flew over our lines bombing.

MISCELLANEOUS, 6.30p.m. fire observed at 100 deg. T.B.
Rear O.P. situated at 3210035.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

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From 6 a.m. 19-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 20-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery: Operation Orders 48 and 49 carried out. Good results from our fire observed on roads and buildings in X.28 b. and d. and X.27.c, d. and F.2 d.3.8. (4, 5, and 6-inch bursts). Our 80-Pdrs observed to be bursting well, over Outtersteene; 20 rounds. Forward Section of the 102nd

Battery took up a position at W.17 Central. and carried out the Harassing Fire for the Brigade by day.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes observed engaging Enemy planes on several occasions. Indecisive results.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM
7.30-8.15am	40	8"	W.5 & W.15.	Estaires.	O.P.
8am-11.30am	150	5.9"	Road ROUGE CROIX-STRAZELLE.	Meteren.	Bty. Postn.
8am-12.30pm	350	4.2" & 5.9"	W.18 a. and c.	Outtersteene.	W.18 c. 30.85
8.20 a.m.	20	77s	X.19 c.		O.P.
9.30am-Noon.	250	4.2" & 5.9"	W.15 a.	Clapbanck.	
10.30 a.m.	24	4.2"	W.12 a. and b.	Outtersteene.	W.13c. 30.85.
11.10 a.m.	12	4.2"	W.10 d.	do.	do.
11.30 a.m.	18	4.2"	X.1.c.	Clapbanck.	do.
12.10 p.m.	12	5.9"	W.12	do.	do.
12noon-2.30 p.m.	46	8" & 5.9"	do. M.P.I. on O.P.		
			(Fire in Fletre. O.P. Damaged).		
1 p.m.	8	4.2"	Outposts. X.19 c. and d.		
1.10-1.25pm.	3	8"	Vicinity O.P.	Estaires.	do.
1.10-2.15pm	42	5.9"	do.	Clapbanck.	
1.50 p.m.	6	77s	X.19 c.	from 135 deg. P.B.	
5.40 p.m.	50	4.2"	X.13 Central.		
7 p.m.	10	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.	Meteren.	Bty Postn.
8-9 p.m.	50	5.9"	W.11 a. and b.	Outtersteene.	do.
10 p.m.	50	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.	Meteren.	do.
10-12 p.m.	100	4.2" & 5.9"	W.11 and 12.	Outtersteene.	do.
1-15 p.m. to 5 a.m.	75	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX	Meteren.	do.
10.30p.m.	10	77s.	Battn. HQ.	Outtersteene.	A. O.P.
11.55p.m.			Infantry Relief completed without opposition from Enemy.		
1.4 a.m.	30	T.M. Bombs	on X. Roads at X.20 c.3.8.		

AERIAL.

7.30 a.m. Enemy planes dropped bombs in W.5 c.27.
 5 p.m. 9 Enemy balloons up facing W.15.
 6.30 p.m. 3 Enemy planes over STRAZELLE. Engaged and driven off by A.A. and Machine gun fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. Fire observed at A.13 6. T.B.

VISIBILITY. Indifferent.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 18-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 19-5-1918.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Forward Section of 8th Battery carried out Operation Order No. 47, Harassing fire, for the whole Brigade, from position W.12 c.85.90. Registered on Merris Church. Engaged farm at X.26 b.5.5. After several direct hits, set on fire with Incendiary. Fire burning well. No movement or casualties seen.

Engaged large building in Outtersteene at F.3 c.10.05 believed to be O.P. Several direct hits, then changed to Incendiary. Resulted in large fire in Outtersteene. Burnt for 20 minutes; followed by loud explosion and dense columns of black smoke.

Set on fire farm buildings at F.8 b.40.90. F.8.b.50.95. and F.8.b.60.80. All buildings consumed in a few minutes.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes very active all day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD. FROM
11 a.m.	23	5.9" & 4.2"	CAESTRE,	Outtersteene.	Ety. Positn
6.15 p.m.	5	5.9"	do.	Meteren.	do.
6.20 p.m.	10	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.		
7.35 p.m.	7	5.9"	BALLOON	Caestre.	
7.30-9 p.m.	12	8"	FLETRE.		
11 p.m.	12	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.		do.
11-12.15pm.	30	77s	W.10. 16. & 17.		do.
Midnight.	6	5.9"	FLETRE.		
10.30pm-3am.	24	4.2"	W.11 c.	Outtersteene.	do.
IX. 1 a.m.	12	4.2"	Road Le BEURRE & ROUGE CROIX.		do.
3.45 a.m.	20	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.		do.
4.20 a.m.	30	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.		
5.30-3 p.m.	20	5.9" & 4.2"	O.P's.		

Aerial.

5 p.m. 5 Enemy planes over Strazeele. Engaged and driven off by A.A. and machine gun fire.

8.10p.m. 7 Enemy planes over STRAZELLE. Attacked two of our planes, but driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

10.15pm-12.30 a.m. Enemy bombing planes very numerous and active, passing in relays. Flew low and used their M.G. fire a good deal. Bombs dropped on FLETRE and on the CAESTRE - CASSEL Road.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Tank Gun was taken up and placed in position at X.19 c.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 17-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 18-5-1918. *appendix 2.*

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery. Operation Orders 45 and 46 carried out.

1 p.m. Our 18-Pdrs and Hows. shelled X.26 a. in support of Infantry. Heavy barrage put down and continued until 1.30 a.m.
A section of 5th Battery taken Forward and placed in W.17 a.90.15 to W.17 b.20.30 and registered on to datum point at X.20 d.17.09. Carried out Harassing fire for the Brigade during the day.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) AERIAL. Our planes very active bombing enemy lines all night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSVD FROM
6 -8.30am.			Aggressive in Rear Areas.		
do.	50	8" H.E.	LEPEUPLIER	Meteren.	Bty. Postn.
11-30am-12-15	80	5.9"	FLETRE	Estaires.	do.
do. pm.	80	5.9"	W.11.	do.	do.
Midday-2pm.	20	8"	Vicinity of O.P's.		
3.5-3.20pm.	20	4.2"&5.9"	PRADELLES	Merris.	do.
3.15 pm.	20	5.9"	W.11.	Estaires.	do.
4.15-5.45pm.	50	5.9"	LEPEUPLIER	Meteren.	do.
do.	80	8"	do. & Rear Areas.	do.	do.
All day. Intermittent shelling with 4.2" & 5.9" on PRADELLES.					do.
9-10 p.m.	30	5.9"	W.11 & 12.		do.
9.35 p.m.	50	4.2"&5.9"	FLETRE	Outtersteene.	Rear O.P.
9.50 p.m.	10	5.9"	Gas Mustard FLETRE.	Estaires.	do.
10.15 p.m.			& Yellow Cross,		
10-11 p.m.	60		do. on W.11 b. and 12.a.	do.	do.
10-11 p.m.	60	4.2"	do.	Merris.	do.
10.30 p.m.	50	5.9"	W.12.		do.
11.20-11-30pm	12	5.9"	W.11.a & b.	Merris.	do.
12.-12.30am.	50	4.2" & 5.9"	W.11 & 10.		do.
12.45-1.20am.			Heavy reciprocal shelling in Forward Area.		Bty. Position
1.20-2.45am.	180	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX.	Outtersteene.	do.
1.50 am.	12	4.2"	FLETRE,	Merris.	Rear O.P.
2.10 a.m,	20	4.2"	W.11 b.	Outtersteene.	do.
3.3-3.25a.m.	40	4.2" H.E.	PRADELLES.	Meteren.	Bty. Posn.
3.45 a.m.	12	4.2"	W.11 b.		Rear O.P.
5.30-6.30pm.	100	4.2" 5.9" & 8"	LE PEUPLIER (Evidently ranging on to 12-inch Naval Gun, which was in action.)		

from X19a 55.53

AERIAL. Enemy Balloons observed at 21, 25, 13, 23, 12 deg. Right of Merris Church. Enemy plane over Battery positions at 6 a.m. 5 enemy planes from Meteren and Hazebrouck driven off by A.A. and machine gun fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

VISIBILITY. Fair. Fog at night.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 16-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 17-5-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Operation Order No.44 carried out. 25 rounds 4.5" on house at X.27 b.10.90 observed by F.O.O. Result good. Fired at request of Infy. Brigade who have reason to believe the place to be Enemy Brigade Hdqrs. 12.20 to 12.40 a.m. Counter preparation scheme carried out. 4th Battery ~~Canon~~ *Canon* gun into Forward position and carried out Harassing Fire for the Brigade. Set fire to 8 houses. Obtained several direct hits with H.E. on other houses causing damage.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. 2 planes seen to come down out of control after short fight, apparently 1 British and 1 Enemy (15th inst.)

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery.

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED	BEARING	OBSERVED FROM
2.50-3 p.m.	20	5.9"	PRADELLES.		
2am-3 p.m.	8"	5.9"	FLETRE. (Slow rate)		
3pm - 4p.m.	50	8"	LEPUPLIER	Meteron.	Bty. Position.
4pm - 4.20.	20	4'2"	PRADELLES	do.	do.
		5'9"	B O.P. Several direct hits during day. Intermittent shelling last 24 hours.		
5.15 -6.30pm.	30	4.2"&5.9"	on W.12 a.	Several direct hits on O.P.	
9.30 p.m.	30	77s	ROUGE CROIX	Meteron.	
9.20-9.45pm.	30	8"&5.9"	REAR AREA.		
9.30 p.m.	40	77s&4.2"	PRADELLES	Outtersteene.	
10.30 p.m.	60	5.9"H.E.	FLETRE	do.	
11.15 p.m.	50	5.9"&77s	along roads	FLETRE and ROUGE CROIX.	
11. 12am.	50	8"	W.12 a.	Outtersteene.	
11.20to12 midnight.	10	5'9"	PRADELLES	do.	
2.45 a.m.	20	4'2"& 5'9"	do.	do.	
9.45pm-3am.	200	4'2" 5'9" and	Shrapnel on W.8. from Outtersteene. at 20 sec. interval.		
9.30.10pm. 12midnight to 5 a.m.	100	5'9"	W.9 b.	Outtersteene.	
12.55 p.m.	150	4.2"&5'9"	on W.9 b.	do.	
1 a.m.			Numerous Gas shells fell on W.9' c. do.		
3 a.m.			Gas shells on W.11 a.		
5.30 a.m.			Enemy shelled our Outposts and Billets with 77s and 4.2".		
4th Battery			Shelled our billets in LE BEURRE & ROUGE CROIX. 5.9" & 77s.		
			moved canon gun into forward position.		

AERIAL. Enemy planes active from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. over Forward area. 7 Enemy balloons observed. 5.30 p.m. Two enemy planes observed flying low over rear areas. 9 a.m. Enemy planes patrolling Front line. Enemy planes over our rear areas during the night and from 11.30 to 1.30 a.m. very active over our Front line.

MISCELLANEOUS. One direct hit on 102nd Battery set camouflage alight. 2.30 a.m. Farm burning in F.2 a. 4.30 a.m. Farm burning in X.26 d.

Visibility.- Fair.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 15-5-1918 to 6 a.m. 16-5-1918.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery. Operation Orders 42 and 43 carried out.

XXX 102nd Battery moved one ~~gun~~ ^{gun} into Forward position and carried out Harassing fire for the Brigade during the day. 7.40 p.m. 6 heavy shells from our guns fell in the outskirts of METEREN.

(b) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes very active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery-

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM
10 p.m.	10	77's	X.19 c.		Outtersteene.
10.45 p.m.	20	4.2"	W.23 b.		Merris.
11.15 p.m.	4	4.2"	W.6 c.		
11.30 a.m.	5	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX	Meteren.	W.8 d.9.2.
11.30 a.m.	8	5.9"	BORRE	do.	do.
11.35 to 11.40 a.m.	35	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX	do.	do.
11.45 a.m.	20	5.9"	BORRE	do.	do.
12.10 a.m.	20	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX	do.	do.
12.35 a.m.	10	4.2"	do.	do.	do.
12.15 to 12.30 p.m.	30	5.9"	STRAZELLE.		
12.30-8.30 a.m.	20	5.9"	FLETRE.	Merris.	
12.30 a.m.	10	5.9"	do.		
12.30-9.30 a.m.	5	8"	W.11 d. and W.12 a.		W.11. b. do. do.
10.45 to 11.30 p.m.	20	8"	W.12 a.		do.
11.30-12.15 p.m.	50	77's	X.7 and 8	X.21 and X.16.	
12.15-2.20 p.m.	8	8"	W.12 a.		
12.30 p.m.	3	5.9"	Main Road W.6 c.		
12.45 p.m.	3	5.9"	(direct on O.P.)		
1.5 a.m.	13	5.9"	(Fletre Church)		
1.5 a.m.	16	4.2"	W.18 d.	Merris.	
1.5-10 p.m.			Outtersteene heavily shelled by the heavies.		
11 a.m.	20	4.2"	Nordhelf.		
Midnight.	10	5.9"	W.8.d.9.2.	Meteren.	
12.1 a.m.	30	5.9"	FLETRE	OUTTERSTEENE.	

AERIAL.

Enemy planes more active. At 10 p.m. Enemy planes bombed Rouge Croix, railway, and Caestre. Enemy plane flew over our lines from 10.50 to 11 a.m. driven in with machine gun fire. 13 Enemy balloons up bearing from 90 to 107 deg N.1.b. Enemy plane flew over and circled round Fletre at 8.45 p.m. Turned East by A.A. and machine gun fire. 9.50 p.m. 10 planes flew over going East, Engaged by A.A. and machine gun fire. 5.40 Enemy plane over Forward area driven off. 10 p.m. to midnight Enemy planes very active.

MISCELLANEOUS. 12.15 a.m. Large fire in enemy's lines at F.13, also in X.2.

Visibility. - Very good.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 14/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 15/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery. Gun of 6th Bty placed in position at W.12.c.86.82 registered on MERRIS CHURCH. Fired on & destroyed with H.E. farm at F.1.b.70.45. Fired incendiary on farm at F.2.d.4.7 setting it on fire and causing 3 large explosions and several smaller ones.

Farm X.27.b.75.15 set alight and destroyed. Farm at F.4.c.10.00 set on fire and destroyed. Houses at F.9.b.70.70, F.2.c.10.00 and

(b) Trench Mortars: (F.8.b.30.00 all fired on and (damage done. This gun carried (outHarassing fire for the Brigade (during the day.

(c) Aerial:
Our planes very active)
throughout the day.)

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM
12.45 p.m.	3	5.9"	W.11.a.		
1 p.m.	12	5.9"	Q.34.c.		
5-6 p.m.	20	5.9"	Road Le BEURRE to ROUGE CROIX	OUTTERSTRENE	FLETRE Ch.
11.45 p.m.	15	77's	ROUGE CROIX	METEREN	W.9.d.1.2
	20	5.9"	PRADELLES	do	do
4 a.m.	15	77's	ROUGE CROIX	do	do
11.45 p.m.	15	8"	PRADELLES	OUTTERSTRENE	
8.30 p.m.	8	4.2"	X.11.a.	MERRIS	
8.45 p.m.	9	4.2"	W.17.c.	CLAPBANCK	
9.5 p.m.	12	5.9"	W.17.c.	OUTTERSTRENE	
9.10 p.m.	16	4.2"	W.17.	do	
1 - 2 a.m.	6	4.2"	X.1.a.	do	
2.25 a.m.	8	4.2"	FLETRE	MERRIS	
9.45 a.m.	enemy Field guns opened up a destructive shoot on road and house in W.24.d and d. and on the road W.24.a and b. with 77 mm guns firing from direction of XXXX F.10.a.				
11.30 to 11.50 p.m.	35	4.2"	X.25.		
3.10 to 3.50 a.m.	30	5.9"	Houses X.19.c.		
13.30 p.m.	20	4.2"	W.19 and 20	DOULLIEU	
1 p.m.	10	77's	Cross Roads W.12.b.		
	8	4.2"	W.6.c.		
3.35 p.m.	5	5.9"	W.11.d.	OUTTERSTRENE.	

AERIAL: enemy planes slightly more active. At 6 p.m. 10 enemy planes attempted to cross our lines. Heavily engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire and driven back over METEREN.

At 6.45 p.m. one enemy plane attempted to cross our lines but was engaged by A.A. guns and turned back.

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. enemy planes very active. Bombs dropped on ROUGE CROIX, CAESTRE and Railway near CAESTRE also in W.8 and 15.

MISCELLANEOUS: At 6.45 p.m. our heavies started a fire beyond ridge in X.29 but only smoke was seen.

3.45 p.m. white paper balloon was observed to rise from the ground in front of MERRIS. It travelled in the direction of BAILLEUL - a number of pamphlets were seen to fall in front of OUTTERSTRENE. 10 enemy balloons up during the day on line running from 90 degrees to 170 degrees from W.1.b.

Visibility - very good.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 13/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 14/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Order No. 35 and 41 carried out.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: A few of our planes active during the day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLD.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
3.30 p.m.	40	4.2"	ROUGE-CROIX	METEREN	W.9.d.1.2
3.40 p.m.	10	4.2"	do	do	do
4.30 p.m.	8	4.2"	do	do	do
9 p.m.	10	4.2"	W.12 and 13.	OUTTERSTEENE	FLETTRE CHURCH
10.30 to 11 p.m.	18	5.9"	FLETTRE	do	do
2 a.m.	10	5.9"	do	do	do
10 p.m.	8	4.2"	W.11.a.	do	do
3.15 a.m.	10	77 mm	W.18.b.	MERRIS	do
4.15 to 4.40 a.m.		Light enemy barrage of 77's on X.1.c., X.7. a and c., and W.12.b. and d. about 100 rounds.			
1.15 a.m.		Light shelling of W.8.			
3.20 a.m.	15	4.2"	W.9.		
8.45 a.m.	10	4.2"	W.15.	METEREN	W.9.d.1.2
2.40 a.m.	40	4.2 HE	W.15.	do	do
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	50	5.9"	W.5. b and d.		

MOVEMENT: Nil.

AERIAL: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Gun flashes observed 8 degrees and 15 degrees Left of Merris Church from O.P. at Flettre Church.

Windmill in W.12.b.50.10 has been destroyed.

Visibility - Bad.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 12/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 13/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders Nos. 35 and 39 carried.
One gun 4th Battery placed in position during day at W.23.a.37.77, registered and carried our Operation Order No.35.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: Our planes active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
11.30 to 12 m/night	30	5.9"	FLETRE	9 deg E of MERRIS	FLETRE Ch.
3 a.m.	20	77mm	X.19 and 20	OUTTERSTRENE	do
4 a.m.	30	77mm	Road from Le BEURRE to ROUGE CROIX	do	
4-4.30 a.m.		4.2 HE) 77 Gas)	X.19 and 20.	do	
4.4.40 a.m.	300	do	Roads & Hedges in W.18.d. W.24.b. and X.19.a.)) Retaliation asked for by Infantry.
12 noon	20	5.9"	W.12.		
4.4.30 p.m.		Gas	W.11.		
11 p.m.		4.2 77 Gas)	Continuous shelling of ROUGE CROIX		
11.15 to 12 midnight			Continuous shelling of ROUGE CROIX with 4.2 and 77 Gas		
2.30 a.m. to 2.55 a.m.		4.2	Section salvos on ROUGE CROIX		
4.10 to 4.20 a.m.			Continuous shelling of ROUGE CROIX with 4.2 and 77 Gas		
5.15 a.m. , 12 midnight	20	4.2	ROUGE CROIX	METEREN	W.9.d.1.2
12 midnight to 2.30 a.m.	20	77 Gas)	W.10.		
3.30 a.m.	50	4.2			
3.15 to 4 a.m.	30	4.2	W.10.		
2.45 p.m.	10	4.2	W.11.b.		
10 to 11 p.m.	30	77 Gas	W.11.b.		
do	25	do	W.5.d. and W.6.c.		

AERIAL: 1 a.m. enemy planes active behind our lines - several bombs dropped.

12 m/n to 2 a.m. enemy planes active our our back areas.

1.30 a.m. enemy plane over FLETRE flying WEST.

MISCELLANEOUS: 3.30 p.m. building reported burning at X.20.d.90.00.

3.45 p.m. one of our planes appeared to be hit and fell in enemy lines.

Enemy balloons up throughout the day on a line from running from 90 degrees to 170 degrees from W.1.b.

Visibility - good.

Lieut.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 11/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 12/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Order No. 35 carried.

1 How 102nd Battery placed ^{GUN} in position at W.12.c.80.65 and carried out Operation Order No. 35.

70 rounds fired on Target 1 (BELLE CROIX FARM) Considerable damage was done. Several direct hits were observed on these houses. 3 direct hits were observed on Target 2.

10 rounds fired on Farm at F. 3.a.80.40. Direct hits obtained on the house. This house is probably used by the enemy as an O.P., also BELLE CROIX FARM as both are on a ridge and overlook a good deal of our country.

Howitzer was in action in this position from 11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

6.30 p.m. 102nd Battery fired on enemy Battery at F. 2.c.41.20 (Aeroplane target)

10 p.m. 6th Battery fired 70 rounds on S.O.S. Lines.

2.50 to 3.5 p.m. our heavies bombarded OUTERSTEENE with good effect also road running N.E. in F. 8.b and c.

3.15 p.m. our heavies bombarded MERRIS

6 p.m. our heavies bombarded OUTERSTEENE.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: A few of our planes active at intervals during the day patrolling the enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITIES:

(a) Artillery.

TIME	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING	OBSERVED FROM
10.55 a.m.	6	4.2"	W.18.b.	CLAPBANCK	FLETRE Church
12.40 p.m.	16	4.2"	X.19.	do	do
1.30 p.m.	6	4.2"	X. 1.a.	MERRIS	do
3.10 p.m.		enemy shelled	STRAZEELE		
3.30 to					
4.00 p.m.		enemy shelled	STRAZEELE		intermittently.
10 p.m. to					
11 p.m.	55	4.2"	W.11.c. W.5.d. and W.6.c.		
11.15 p.m.	15	4.2"	W.11.b.		
3.20 a.m.	17	87 mm	ROUGE CROIX		

MOVEMENT: No movement observed during the day. Back areas invisible.

AERIAL: No hostile machines seen during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility - poor.

W. T. Watson Lieut.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 10/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 11/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 31 and 35 carried out.

5.45 p.m. 8th Battery fired on X.20.c.95.60 to X.20.d.20.60 at request of Infantry. 6 rounds fired every hour.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

<u>T I M E .</u>	<u>RDS.</u>	<u>NATURE.</u>	<u>AREA SHELLED.</u>	<u>BEARING.</u>	<u>OBSERVED FROM.</u>
8 p.m. to					
1.30 p.m.	20	5.9"	W.13.		
5.10 p.m.	10	4.3 HE	W.19.		
9.55 to					
10 p.m.	10	4.2"	W.19.	112 deg.	W.9.d.1.2
2.10 a.m.	15	4.2"	W.19.	112 deg.	W.9.d.1.2
12.15 a.m.	30	77 mm	Road Le	BEURRE-ROUGE	CROIX
3 a.m.	50	77 mm	W.11.		

AERIAL: Nil.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility - fair.

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Lieut.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 9/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 10/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Order No. 30 carried out 9/5/1918. Operation Order No. 30 repeated night of 9th/10th May at times as stated plus 10 minutes.

10.30 a.m. 20 rds 4.5" How on M.G. ^{Post} at BELLE CROIX FARM, which was giving Infantry trouble.

1.15 to 3 p.m. 26 rds 4.5" on Farm F.2.d.40.70. Fire effective.

3 p.m. 6 rds 4.5" How. fired on M.G. post at FARM GERBEDOEN in F.l.b., and set it on fire in 6 rounds.

(B) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: Our planes active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>RDS.</u>	<u>NATURE.</u>	<u>AREA SHELLED.</u>	<u>BEARING.</u>	<u>OBSERVED FROM</u>
12.15 p.m.	20	77's	W.6.c.		
6 to 6.45 a.m.	80	77's	ROUGE CROIX	122 degrees	W.9.d.1.2
7. 7.30 p.m.	10	8"	W.l.b.		
6.40 p.m.	12	H.V.	Back area	112 degrees ^{grid}	W.9.d.1.0
6.40 p.m.	12	4.2	Back area	do	W.9.d.1.2
7. 5 p.m.	6	H.V.	Back area	do	W.9.d.1.2
11 p.m. to 12 m/night	20	5.9"	W.12.		
1 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.	20	5.9"	W.12.		

AERIAL: 12.10 a.m. enemy planes over our lines. engaged and driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

3.30 p.m. 2 enemy planes over STRAZEELE. Engaged and driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. enemy planes over our lines but driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

MOVEMENT: 5.15 p.m. Transport seen passing South through OUTERSTEENE.

MISCELLANEOUS: O.P. at W.29.b.35.80 observed to be on fire all day.

2.30 p.m. hostile balloon up in direction of OUTERSTEENE.

Visibility - fair.

W. J. Watson
 Lieut.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 8/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 9/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No*30 and 31 carried out.
 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.* 90 rds 4.5" How. Gas Shell on F. 2.d.2.4.
 4 to 4:30 p.m. observed shoot on FARM SERBIE. House set on fire.
 3.55-p.m

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: Our planes very active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

<u>T I M E .</u>	<u>RDS.</u>	<u>NATURE.</u>	<u>AREA SHELLED.</u>	<u>BEARING.</u>	<u>OBSERVED FROM.</u>
4.20 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.	100	77mm	ROUGE CROIX COURTE CROIX	128 Deg 122 Deg	W. 8.d.85.05 W. 8.d.85.05
5.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.	50	do	do	do	do
2 to 2.30 p.m.*	10	4.2"	W.11.a. & c.		
3.55 p.m.	50	4.2"	W.11.a.		
4.55 p.m.	50	4.2"	W.11.a.		
5.15 p.m.	50	4.2"	W.11.a.		
10.30 p.m.	150	77mm	W.11 & 12.		
1 a.m.	20	77 mm	W.11.		
1.30 a.m.	30	77 mm	W.11.		
2 a.m.	10	5.9"	W.11.		
1 am to 4.45 a.			Continuous shelling of ROUGE CROIX and COURTE CROIX area with 4.2" and 5.9" firing from sound bearing of 122 degrees and 128 degrees from W.8.d.85.05		
5.15 a.m.	50	4.2"	COURTE CROIX ROUGE CROIX	122 deg 128 deg	W.8.d.85.05 do

AERIAL: 2.30 p.m. 4 enemy planes crossed our line, engaged and driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.
 21 a.m. 2 enemy planes over our lines, driven off by A.A. & M.G. fire.
 5.10 p.m. hostile plane over and driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.
 9 a.m.* " " " " " " " " " " " "
 1 a.m. enemy planes over W.2.d. and back areas. engaged by A.A.guns.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility + fair.

At 12.25 a.m. on 7th instant our Infantry reported 18 Pdr shells falling short on front lines. Later on in the day it was found that these shells came from a hostile battery firing from the direction of VIEUX BERQUIN.

W. J. Watson.
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O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 7/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 8/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operations Orders No. 28 and 29 carried out.
 3.15 p.m. observed shoot by 4th Bty on S.O.S. Lane No. 1.
 10.15 to 10.45 p.m. COUNTER PREPARATION.
 3.45 a.m. to 4.25 a.m. COUNTER PREPARATION.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes fairly active throughout the day patrolling the enemy lines at low altitudes.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>RDS.</u>	<u>NATURE.</u>	<u>AREA SHELLED.</u>	<u>BEARING.</u>	<u>OBSERVED FROM.</u>
8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	15	4.2's	W.11. a and b.		
10 - 10.45 p.m.			FLETRE shelled with 4.2 and 5.9 from direction of OUTERSTEENE (1 rd every two minutes.		
11.30 to 11.35 p.m.	8	4.2's	W.11.a.		
3 to 3.30 a.m.	10	4.2's	W. 5.d.		
12.55 p.m.	24	4.2's	X. 7.a and b.		
1.45 p.m.	50	4.2's	W. 6.a.	MERRIS	
1.50 p.m.	12	4.2's	W.12.d.		OUTTERSTEENE
3.40 to 3.45 p.m.	25	77's	Road in W.5.c.		
10 a.m. to 12 noon			Occasional shelling of W.9. a and c. with 4.2's and 5.9's.		
12.20 p.m.	20	5.9's	W.9.a and b.		
8.30 p.m.	20	4.2 HE	W.8.	METEREN	W.9.d.1.2
9.15 p.m.	20	4.2 HE	W.9.	MERRIS	do
9.15 p.m.	20	4.2 HE	W.14.	MERRIS	do
12.20 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.	25	77 mm	Road W.3.b and 2.4.c.		MERRIS
12.45 a.m.	10	4.2's	W.11.a & c.		
3.10 a.m.			Heavy enem' barrage all along our front.		
7.30 to 8 p.m.	20	5.9's	W.9.d.		

AERIAL: 3.15 p.m. 4 enemy planes over FLETRE.
 6.30 p.m. 4 enemy planes over STRAZEELE turned back by three of our planes.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very aggressive during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility - fair.

During firing at night from 12 midnight to 12.15 am 102' Battery fired 48 u.s. Gas shells on X27. to 30.00.

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O.O. 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 5/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 7/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 27 and 28 carried out.

2.50 p.m. Co-operation with heavies on X. 27.a.

3.50 p.m. Co-operation with heavies on X. 21.d. 60.00

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: 4 a.m. 4 enemy planes over our lines, driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

Our planes very active throughout the day, flying low over enemy lines.

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ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
11.30 a.m.	8	4.2"	PRADELLES	MERRIS	
11 a.m.	20	4.2"	W. '6.c.		
1.30 p.m.	20	4.2 & 5.9	W. 12.a.		
8 p.m. to					
8.50 p.m.	15	4.2"	W. 11.a. and b.		
3 to 3.30 a.m.	10	4.2"	W. 5.d.		

AERIAL: 10 a.m. 4 hostile planes over our lines, driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Observation bad owing to mist.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 5/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 6/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

Za) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 26 and 27 carried out.

1.5 p.m. co-operation with heavies on X.27. Central and F.2.b.90.00

1.45 p.m. co-operation with heavies on X.27.b.15.90.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
4.15 p.m.	15	4.2's	W.11.a.		
9 p.m.	2	4.2's	W. 5.a.	OUTTERSTEENE	
10 p.m.	5	5.9's	W.11.		
2 p.m.	6	5.9's	W.11.		
3.30 p.m.	5	5.9's	W.11.		

MOVEMENT: Nil.

AERIAL: 3 p.m. Hostile plane over FLETRE driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

3.30 p.m. hostile plane over FLETRE driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.

2.25 p.m. 2 hostile planes flying high over our lines driven off by A.A. guns.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Visibility - poor.

3.30 p.m. 8 hostile balloons up on right of our sector extending 126 degrees to 120 degrees true North from W.9.d.1.2.

W. J. Watson Lieut.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 3 a.m. 4/5/18 to 3 a.m. 5/5/18

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 24 and 26 carried out.

(b) Trench mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes active throughout the day patrolling the enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.	
11.15 a.m.	3	77 mm	W.8.	METEREN	W.9.d.1.2	
12.50 p.m.	1	9.2"	W.9.	MERRIS	do	
1.15 p.m.	1	9.2"	W.9.	MERRIS	do	
2.45 p.m.	8	4.2"	W.14.	METEREN	do	
10 to 11.30a	40	4.2 & 77	W.12 a & b			
7.30 to 7.45 p.m.		Heavy barrage of 4.2 and 5.9" and 77's outside STRAZELLE				
3.30 a.m.	6	77 mm	W.16.			
3.45 p.m.	3	77 mm	W.16.c.			
11 to 11.30 p.m.	30	4.2"	W.16.a. & c.			
3.30 a.m. to 4 a.m.	40	4.2"	do			
7.30 p.m.	30	4.2	W.15.			

MOVEMENT: Nil.

AERIAL: .

MISCELLANEOUS: Observation very poor.

*W. J. Watson. Lieut
Co. 2nd Aust. 3rd Brigade*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 3/3/1918 to 6 a.m. 4/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 23 and 24 carried out.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: Our planes very active throughout the day patrolling the enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
9 a.m.	40	4.2"	W.15.	WESTERN	W.9.d.1.2
7.30 to 7.45 p.m.		Heavy barrage of 5.9", 4.2" and 77's			outside STRAZELLE
8 p.m. to 6 a.m.		Intermittent shelling round	W.16.c.		with 4.2" & 5.9's
4.30 a.m.	15	4.2"	ROUGE CROIX		
11.45 p.m. to 12.15 a.	15	4.2"	W.11.a.		
1.35 to 2.15 a.m.	20	4.2 & 77's	W.13.a.		
3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	40	5.9 & 4.2"	W.11. and W.13.		
4.15 p.m.	2	GAS	W.11.c.		
10.30 to 2 p.m.	150	4.2"	W. 9.c.		OUTTERSTRENE
3 p.m. to 5.55 p.m.	15	5.9"	W.9.c.6.4		OUTTERSTRENE
10.30 to 11 p.m.		Heavy shelling of	W.9.c.6.4		with 4.2's and 5.9's.

AERIAL: Enemy plane brought down in flames by our A.A. gunfire at 7 p.m.

One enemy plane over FLETRE at 1.15 p.m. engaged and driven off by our A.A. and M.G. fire.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility - good.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE ----- 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 2nd May to 6 a.m. 3rd May 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 28 and 29 carried out.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: Our planes very active throughout the day patrolling enemy lines.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
3.45 p.m.	8	5.9"	W. 5.b and d.	OUTTERSTRENE	-
9 p.m.	5	5.9"	W. 13.c.		
9.45 p.m.	10	5.9"	W. 13.c.		
10.35 to					
11 p.m.	40	4.2 &) 77's)	ROUGE CROIX & W. 13.c.		
11.20 p.m.	10	5.9"	W. 13.c.		
12 m/n to					
12.30 a.	20	5.9"	W. 10 and 12.		
1 a.m. to					
2 a.m.	20	5.9") 4.2")	W. 10 and 12.		
6.40 p.m.	8	5.9"	W. 9.c*5.2	METZERN	2.9.d, 1.2
7.25 p.m.	6	5.9"	do	do	do
7.40 p.m.	30	4.2"	W. 14.a.7.7	do	do
7.55 p.m.	12	5.9"	W. 9.c*5.2	do	do

AERIAL: 1.15 p.m. hostile plane crossed our lines, engaged and driven off by H.G. fire.

2.15 p.m. enemy plane over W. 5.c. heavily engaged by A.A. and H.G.'s and turned Eastwards. Dropped 2 bombs in FLEIRE.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility poor all day.

77 mm Battery observed firing on to X. 19.a. from BELLE CROIX FARM.

W. J. Watson, Liout.

O.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary Cam 1st May to Cam. 2nd May 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 21 and 22 carried out.

(b) Trench Mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial. Our planes active patrolling the front line throughout the day.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

(Artillery.)

TIME.	RDS.	NATURE.	AREA SHALBED?	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM.
8.10-8.40 p.20		5.9"		W.16.c.	
10.15 p.m.					
to 11.15 p. 20		5.9"		W.16.c.	
2.45 to		4.2")		W.16.c.	
3.30 a.m.	40	5.9")			
5.5 a.m.	5	5.9"		W.16.c.	
5.20 a.m.	5	5.9"		W.16.c.	
5.50 a.m.	5	5.9"		W.16.c.	
5 to 6 a.m.	30	4.2"		W. 3.	
3 a.m.	50	4.2"		W.5 and 6.	
10.30 p.					
to 11 p.	90	4.2"			
		5.9"		W.5. 6. and 12.	

Aerial: Nil.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: Very quiet.

MOVEMENT: Nil.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility bad owing to mist.

The plane (an R.E.8) mentioned in Intelligence summary yesterday as patrolling about W.l.b. for the last two nights repeated the performance at 6.3 p.m. 1/5/18, repeating the signal "N" on the Klaxon horn.

W. J. Watson Lieut.
 O.O. 2nd Australian F.A. Brigade,

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: 6 a.m. 30th Apr to 6 a.m. 1st MAY 1918.
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OUR OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery.

Harassing fire as per Operation Orders No. 20 and 21 carried out.

10.25 a.m.) Batteries fired on Hostile Battery reported
 1.35 p.m.) at X.21.c*99.83.
 1.55 p.m.)

(b) Trench mortars: Nil.

(c) Aerial: Our planes very active throughout the day patrolling the enemy lines.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY:

Artillery.

TIME:	RDS:	NATURE:	AREA SHELLED.	BEARING.	OBSERVED FROM
2 p.m.	12	4.2's	Road from Le BEURRE to ROUGE CROIX	OUTTERSTEENE	
10.30 to 12.45 p.m.	100	4.2) 5.2)	W.9.a.8.2		
3 to 6 p.m.		Intermittent shelling with 4.2's on W.9.a.8.2 and 2.9.c.			
12.50 p.m.		77's	ROUGE CROIX	METEREN	W.9.a.1.2
		(30 rounds fired every 15 minutes.)			
5.20 p.m.		4.2 Gun	W.15.a.	METEREN	do

ENEMY ATTITUDE:

Rather quiet.

MISCELLANEOUS:

at 6.7 p.m. 4 pigeons observed flying from direction of St Sylvestre Cappell over W.1.b. straight towards enemy lines.

At about 7 p.m. one of our planes patrolling all around the vicinity of this Brigade Headquarters flying rather low and signalling on a Klaxon horn the letter "H". The same thing occurred the night before the plane passing low over many Battery positions in the vicinity.

Visibility fair.

W. J. Watson Lieut.

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