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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Larkhill	16.9.16.		Divisional Trench Mortar Battery formed from volunteers from Brigades.	
	27.9.16.		3rd. Divisional Artillery took part in Royal review at Bulford.	
	24-27.10.16.		General Bunker's Inspection.	
	13.11.16.		Peace March.	
	21-24.11.16.		Div. Trench Mortars and D. A. C. moved over to France.	
	1.12.16.		Div. Artillery Practice commenced.	
	19.12.16.		Div. Artillery practice concluded.	
	29.12.16.		Div. Artillery commenced moving to France.	
	31.12.16.		Last Unit left Larkhill.	
	5.1.17.		Last Unit arrived at STRAZELLE.	
STRAZELLE	6.1.17.		Divisional Artillery reorganization into 6 Gun Batteries carried out. 9th & 23rd. F.A. Brigades cease to exist.	
	16.1.17.		Relief of LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY - 2nd. ANZAC IN THE LINE, by 3rd. AUST. DIV. ARTY. commenced. Between 6 & 10 p.m. 1 section each of 29th., 30th. 31st., and 108th. Batteries went into action.	
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	18.1.17.		" " " " " 1 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
	19.1.17.		" " " " " 1 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
	"		Command of Batteries passed at 10 p.m.	
	20.1.17.		" " Groups " at 10 p.m.	

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STEENWERCK.	20.1.17.		<p>Divisional Artillery Headquarters already established at Steenwerck.</p> <p>Batteries now in position in the Vicinity of Houplines and Armentieres East.</p> <p>10 a.m. Command of Right Group, passed to 7th. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>Carried out registration fire and fired on enemy's communications and roads in back areas.</p> <p>Our trenches in I.5 and I.10. were fired on heavily by guns of all calibre.</p> <p>EVENING. Situation normal. Wind N.to N.E. 20 to 25 miles per hour.</p>	

A.L. Chouley Lt.

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STEENWERCK.	21.1.17.		<p>Groups carried out registration and retaliation fire. Trench Mortars cut wire in enemy's Front Line trenches. Hostile Artillery little activity.</p> <p>Situation normal.</p> <p>Visibility indifferent.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;"></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>18 pms.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>4-5 Howitzers</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Trench Mortars.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;"><u>Ammunition Expenditure.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;">800.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">226.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">93.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Casualties.</u> <u>Wounded</u> 1</p>		<u>18 pms.</u>	<u>4-5 Howitzers</u>	<u>Trench Mortars.</u>	<u>Ammunition Expenditure.</u>	800.	226.	93.	
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STEEKNWERCK.	22.1.17.		<p>Morning situation normal.</p> <p>Right Group carried out practice creeping barrage.</p> <p>Left Group. fired over 3000 rounds 18 pounder and 1000 rounds 4.5" How. in support of Infantry "S.O.S."</p> <p>2 p.m. Enemy commenced heavy bombardment on Left Sector Front. C.16, C.17, C.22., and C.23. Guns of all calibre were used particularly 15 c.m's, 77 mm's, and Minenwerfer. The enemy attempted attempted to raid but was easily repulsed. Gas shells used by enemy.</p> <p>8 p.m. Situation normal</p>		
<u>Ammunition Expenditure.</u>			<u>18 pdr.</u>	<u>4.5 in Hows.</u>	<u>French mortars</u>
			541.	129.	66.
<u>Casualties</u>		<u>nil</u>			
<p style="text-align: right;">Ab. H.</p>					

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	23.1.17.		<p>Morning. Situation normal. Nothing to report.</p> <p>Right Group fired 500 rounds on receiving "S.O.S" signal</p> <p>Enemy's shelling was fairly heavy between Houplines Station and Erehon.O.P.</p> <p>Observation difficult. Misty.</p> <p>Evening. Situation normal.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;"><i>Ammunition Expenditure</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>18 prs.</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>Howitzers</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>French mortars</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>4808.</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>4.5 in.</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>1847.</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>32.</i></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 20px;"><i>Casualties</i> <i>Killed 1.</i> <i>Wounded 1.</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;"><i>1 officer Lt JG Graham. in head with piece of H.E.</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;"><i>Evacuated to Hospital 23.1.17</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 180px;"><i>At Chouilly</i></p>	<i>Ammunition Expenditure</i>	<i>18 prs.</i>	<i>Howitzers</i>	<i>French mortars</i>		<i>4808.</i>	<i>4.5 in.</i>				<i>1847.</i>	<i>32.</i>	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
	24.1.17.		<p>Situation normal.</p> <p>Evening. 34th. Division carried out desultory bombardment of roads and dump in back area of enemy's lines. (This shelling continued all night.)</p>		
<u>Ammunition Expenditure</u>			<u>18 prs.</u>	<u>4.5 in Hows</u>	<u>French mortars.</u>
			66.	359.	-
<u>Casualties</u>		<u>Wounded 2.</u>			

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	25.1.17.		Situation normal. Desultory shelling along the front by Minenwerfer and 4.2" c.m. during the afternoon.	
			<u>Ammunition Expenditure</u>	
			18 pcs.	
			462.	
			<u>4.5 in Hows</u>	
			215.	
			<u>French mortars.</u>	
			48.	
			<u>Casualties</u>	
			nil.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
	26.1.17.		<p>One Section of "I" Battery R.H.A. attached to 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>Groups continued registration of enemy's front line and support trenches.</p> <p>Hostile shelling was light.</p>		
<u>Ammunition Expenditure.</u>			18 pns.	4.5 in Hows.	French Mortars.
			555.	124.	20.
<u>Casualties</u>			Wounded. 1.		

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	27 ¹ / ₈ 1.17.	Morn.	<p>Kaiser's Birthday. Special Bombardment was arranged but eventually cancelled.</p> <p>Right Group fired 500 rounds in reply to calls for retaliation.</p>									
		Evening. 10 p.m.	<p>Division takes over the responsibility of holding a larger portion of the line.</p> <p>Command of Left Group of Centre Sector passes at 10 p.m.</p> <p>175th. Brigade, R.F.A., (Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Furnivall) is attached to 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>Three Groups of Artillery are now known as; Right Group, Left Sector Artillery, (late Left Group of Centre Sector Artillery,) Centre Group, Left Sector Artillery (Late Right Group, Left Sector Artillery,) and Left Group, Left Sector Artillery.</p>									
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			<p><u>Casualties.</u> Nil.</p>									

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
STEENWERCK.	28.1.17.	Morn.	<p>Situation normal.</p> <p>Groups warned of zero time and watches synchronised.</p> <p>Several working parties were engaged by our Artillery and dispersed.</p> <p>Infantry report Artillery fire very effective.</p> <p>Enemy operations - Artillery - At intervals throughout the day hostile fire was directed against our Front and Support Lines. Roads and buildings in the vicinity of Houplines were also fired on by the enemy.</p>		
		Evening.	<p>Raid carried out by 10th. Infantry Brigade. Centre and Left Groups co-operated in this raid firing nearly 6000 rounds. Results satisfactory, nine dugouts were effectively bombed and a number of the enemy killed. One wounded prisoner was brought back and our casualties were light. Infantry report that the Artillery fire was, in the highest degree, satisfactory.</p>		
<u>Ammunition Expenditure.</u>			<u>18 pms.</u>	<u>4.5 in Hows.</u>	<u>French mortars.</u>
			507.	328.	10.
<u>Casualties.</u>			nil.		
			all.		

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STEENWERCK.	29.1.17. Morn.		<p>Situation normal.</p> <p>100 rounds 5.9, 4.7 and 77 mm. fell in the vicinity of Chapelle d'Armentieres.</p> <p>Our Artillery was less active than usual.</p> <p>Hostile aeroplanes showed great activity over Armentieres, but did little damage.</p>		
<u>Ammunition Expenditure</u>			<u>18 pps.</u>	<u>4.5 in Howes.</u>	<u>French Mortars.</u>
			4226.	2085.	104.
<u>Casualties</u>			nil		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
STEENWERCK.	30.1.17. Morning.		<p>Situation normal.</p> <p>Trench Mortars cut wire effectively at several points covered by Right Group A rtilery fire.</p> <p>Hostile fire was well distributed during the day over the Sector. Large proportion of shrapnel was fired by the enemy.</p>		
<u>Ammunition Expenditure</u>			<u>18 pns</u>	<u>4.5 in Hows.</u>	<u>Trench mortars</u>
			491.	306.	80.
<u>Casualties</u> Wounded 2.					

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENWERCK.	31.1.17.	Morn.	Situation normal.	
			Afternoon. Our Artillery promptly responded to the "S.O.S." signal from three localities. Fire of our Howitzers obtained direct hits on Minenwerfer emplacements and destroyed Machine Gun emplacement.	
			Considerable activity was shown by enemy Artillery.	
		6.30 p.m.	A heavy bombardment of our trenches was commenced and was continued intermittently until 9 p.m.	
			B.G.R.A., Corps, inspected Batteries of the Left Group.	
		10 p.m.	Situation normal.	
			<u>Ammunition Expenditure</u>	
			<u>18 prs</u>	
			707.	
			<u>4.5 in Hows.</u>	
			409.	
			<u>French Mortars</u> <u>Medium</u> <u>Heavy</u>	
			124.	
			8.	
			<u>Casualties</u> 1 wounded (eventually died of wounds)	
				Ab. B.

--- THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS. ---

REORGANIZATION OF THIRD DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

1. The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will reorganize into two Brigades, ^{each} one consisting of three six gun 18 pdr. Batteries, and one 6. gun 4.5 Howitzer Battery.
2. The 7th and 8th Brigades will remain in the 3rd Division.
3. The 7th F.A. Brigade will be made up as follows :-
 The 25th Battery remains and takes one Section of 27th Battery
 The 26th Battery remains and takes one Section of 27th Battery
 The 36th Battery becomes the 27th Battery, is transferred to the 7th F.A. Brigade and takes the right Section of the 28th Battery.
 The 107th Battery remains and takes the right section of the 109th Battery.
4. The 8th F.A. Brigade will be made up as follows :-
 The 29th Battery takes one section of 30th Battery.
 The 31st Battery takes one section of 30th Battery.
 The 32nd Battery becomes, the 30th Battery, is transferred to the 8th F.A. Brigade, and takes the left section of the 28th Battery.
 The 108th Battery remains and takes the left section of 109th Battery.
5. Officers.

Transfers of Officers will be carried out to bring the posting of Brigades as follows :-

7th F.A. Brigade.

C.O. Col. H.D.K. Macartney.
 Adj. Lieut. G.J. Hammond.
 O.O. Lieut. G.V. Moriarity.
 M.O. Capt. C.M. Samson.

25th Battery.

Major T.B.W. James.
 Lieut. D.L. Davies.
 2/Lieut. R.R. Smith.
 2/Lieut. K.D. Watson.
 2/Lieut. H.B. Carroll.
 Attached, Lieut. W.R. Johnstone.

26th Battery.

Capt. T.A. Playfair.
 Capt. E. Campbell.
 Lieut. H.G. Rourke.
 Lieut. L.J. Colquhoun.
 Lieut. C.W. Watt.
 Attached, Lieut. H.G. Raymond.

27th Battery.

Capt. W.A.R. Peart.
 Lieut. C. Morell.
 Lieut. E.M. Neylan.
 Lieut. G.D. Owen.
 2/Lieut. L.G. Clarke.
 Attached, B. Venn-Brown. Lieut. (2nd)

Capt. G.H. Patterson
 Lieut. G.T. Greenshields.
 Lieut. M.J. Hienan
 Lieut. N.F. Rutledge
 Lieut. F.A. Shelley-Jones.
Attached. Lieut. G.P. Mays.

8th F.A. Brigade.

C.O. Lieut-Col. W.G. Allsop
 Adj. Lieut.
 C.O. Lieut. C.G.D. Ferrier.
 M.O. Capt. F.P.M. Selling.

29th Battery.

Major W. Churchus
 Capt. W.G. Trotter.
 Lieut. M.D. Freeman
 Lieut. A.J.E. Fearn
 E/Lieut. N.D. Richardson
Attached. 2/Lieut. L.G. Bexall.

30th Battery.

Capt. R.V.S. MacPherson (Temp.)
 Lieut. J. Brake.
 2/Lieut C.L. Miller
 2/Lieut P.R. Allworth.
Attached. Lieut. J.W. Turner.

31st Battery.

Capt. S.G. Rowe
 Lieut. A.N. Dyson
 Lieut. L.E.S. Barker
 2/Lieut. C. Galt.
 2/Lieut R.J.G. Lipp
Attached. Lieut. R.S. Scarr.

108th Battery.

Capt. W.L. Marfell
 Lieut. H.B. Sewell
 Lieut. D.C.F. Penny
 Lieut. H. Selley
 2/Lieut. W.G. Edwards.
Attached. Lieut. R.C.W. McNaught.

The following Officers pending further orders will belong to 3rd Divisional Artillery Details :-

Capt. ^A R.V. Richardson, Lieut. A. Raw, 2/Lieut. H.H. Pitman
 2/Lieut. J. Inglis, 2/Lieut. L.H. Reynolds, 2/Lieut. A.E. Hamilton,
 Lieut. H.J. Keightley, Lieut. F.J. MacAdam, Lieut. J.W. Baxter.
 2/Lieut. W.G. Higgs, Lieut. F.R. Waller.

The following Officers will be attached for duty to the D.A.C. but will remain with 3rd Divisional Artillery Details until ordered to join the D.A.C. :-

No. 1 Section.

2/Lieut. C.H. ~~Anderson~~
 2/Lieut. W.S. Cooper.

No. 2 Section.

Lieut. H.S. Nurse.
 2/Lieut. E. Griffiths.

No. 4. Section.

Capt. M.M.S. Young.
 Lieut. C.E. Thomas.

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6. The following Officers and Sections will be transferred at a later date to other Divisions as shown :-

Lieut. W.A. Audsley with a Section of the 118th Battery to the 4th Australian Division.

Lieut. R.F.G. Fogarty with a Section of the 118th Battery to ?

2/Lieut. H.K. Barraclough with one section 33rd Battery to the 45th Battery.

2/Lieut. G.F. Venn-Brown with 1 Section 33rd Battery to the 46th Battery.

2/Lieut. Buzzard with 1 section of the 34th Battery to the 47th Battery.

7. The Sections referred to above for transfer either to either 3rd Divisional Artillery Batteries, or to Artillery Divisions will each consist of :-

1 Lieutenant (Named above)
 2 Sergeants.
 2 Corporals.
 1 Shoeing Smith
 2 Bombardiers.
 26 Gunners
 25 Drivers (or as many as possible - remainder)
 (to be made up from Telephonists.)

Total 58.

The remaining personnel of Batteries will be transferred to Details.

8. Personnel being transferred will be accompanied by an accurate Nominal Roll, giving full particulars of Number, Rank, Surname (IN BLOCK) Christian name, Married or single, Address of next of kin, Religion, etc.
9. Should exchanges be desired between men in Batteries and any that have been transferred to Details, application should be made by Brigades in writing to this Office.
10. The day on which all transfers of personnel is to take place and also the allocation of new Billets, will be notified later. In the meantime all possible arrangements will be made by Brigades.
11. Equipment.
- (1) Sections remaining with 3rd Division.
 stores as per appendix "A" attached will be handed over and taken on strength of Batteries as shown.
- (2) Sections proceeding to join other Divisions will also take stores with them as per appendix "A".
12. All surplus stores of Batteries etc. being broken up will be packed in cases etc., ready for consignment and will be handed over for safe keeping and subsequent consignment to a destination which will be ordered later as follows :-

23rd Brigade Headquarters hand over to 25th Battery.
 9th " " hand over to 29th Battery.
 Old 27th Battery hand over to 25th Battery.
 28th Battery hand over to 26th Battery.
 Old 30th Battery hand over to new 27th Battery.
 33rd Battery hand over to 29th Battery.
 34th Battery hand over to new 30th Battery.
 35th Battery hand over to 31st Battery.
 109th Battery hand over to 107th Battery.
 112th Battery hand over to 106th Battery.

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13. Para 12 includes Telephone Carts and accessories but does not refer to other Telephone Stores (Telephone Wire etc.), which will be disposed of as follows :-

23rd Brigade Headquarters Telephone Stores to D.A.H.Q.
All other Telephone stores in 23rd F.A. Brigade to 7th F.A. Brigade.
All Telephone stores in 9th F.A. Brigade to 8th F.A. Brigade.

If 7th and 8th F.A. Brigades find that after receipt of above they possess telephone gear surplus to requirements they will make arrangements to dispose of them as notified later.

14. Horses will be reorganized as follows :-

One Section old 27th Battery to 25th Battery and one to 26th Battery.
One Section old 30th Battery to 29th Battery and one to 31st Battery.
Right Section 109th Battery to 107th Battery and left Section to 108th Battery.
Left Section to 28th Battery to 32nd Battery and right Section to 36th Battery.

15. Attention of all concerned is drawn to the necessity for great haste in transfers as above once the whole of the Divisional Artillery is concentrated here.

16. Attention is drawn to the fact that certain N.C.O's, especially Bombardiers, may wish to revert rather than be transferred away from their Units and left in uncertainty as to their destination.

Immediately all transfers are finished and the new Batteries are complete they will compile a full Nominal Roll of personnel - One copy of this will be required at D.A.H.Q. one copy to Records, Horseferry Road, and one copy to 3rd Echelon.

Captain
Staff Captain
3rd D.A.H.Q.

Headquarters
3rd Aus.Div.Arty.
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LEFT DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO.19.

11.1.1917.

1. Officers and other ranks of 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery at present attached to Groups, Left Divisional Artillery in the Line, will return to their respective Units on the 13th. instant, and an equal number of Officers and men will replace them in the Line.

2. 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery will issue the necessary orders for the relief.

3. Staff Captain, 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery will arrange for vehicles to carry the party to Group Headquarters., ARMENTIERES. The same vehicles should bring back the returning party.

4. One Section complete, of 107th. Battery will go into action after dark on the night 13/14th., under orders of Right Group Commander, Left Division, to which Group the Section will be attached for operations.

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Major R.A.

B.M., R.A., Left Division.

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" 11 & 12. Left Div. Arty.)

" 13 - 18. Left Group.)

" 19 - 24. Right Group.)

" 25. 3rd Aust Div. G.)

) Issued at

) 6.0 p.m.

) By D.R.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery Operation Order No.1.

Ref. Map. Sheet 36 N.W. 2 & 4.

15.1.1917.

- (1) 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the Left Sector Artillery, 2nd. Anzac, in the Line, on nights 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, instant.
- (2) The relief will be carried out according to programme attached.
- (3) One Section per Battery, 8th. F.A. Brigade will go into action after dark on the night 16/17, and will come under the command of the O.C. Left Group for tactical purposes. All arrangements to be made between O.C. Left Group and O.C. 8th. F.A. Brigade.
- (4) All arrangements for the relief will be made between O.Cs. Groups, and O.Cs. relieving Brigades.
- (5) Completion of the relief of each Section will be reported as follows :
" No. - Section received their Rations."
- (6) No equipment will be exchanged.
- (7) The following will be taken over by relieving Units :-
Wireless Sets. Communications.
List of Code Calls. All Trench Maps.
Aeroplane photos.
Registrations and Log Books.
All Trench Stores.
- (8) The 3rd. Australian D.A.C. will be responsible for the supply of Ammunition from 12 noon on 18th. instant.
- (9) The following Dumps will be taken over by the D.A.C. at 12 noon on the 18th. instant :
Trench Mortar Dump - 25, RUE NATIONALE, from No.1 Section
New Zealand D.A.C.
Artillery Dump - L'EPINETTE from No.1. Section,
New Zealand D.A.C.
Grenade & Bomb Dump- PLACE VICTOR HUGO, from No.3 Section
34th. D.A.C.
Returns shewing amounts handed & taken over to reach
D.A.H.Q. by 9 a.m. on, 19th., instant.
- (10) Acknowledge.

W. A. Nicholls

Major R.A.

P. O. Box 24, Adelaide

RELIEF OF LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY 2nd. ANZAC IN THE LINE BY 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

PROGRAMME OF RELIEFS

RIGHT GROUP.

DATE	TIME	UNITS LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY.	UNITS GOING INTO ACTION.	POSITION	WAGON LINES.
17th.	between 6 - 10 p.m.	1 Section B/175.	1 Section 25th. Battery.	I.1.d.85.60.	A -1.b.5.9.
		1. Section A/152.	1 Section 26th. Battery.	I.26.c.55.25.	B.26.d.4.4.
		1 Section A/175.	1 Section 27th. Battery.	C.27.c.8.9.	B.26.d.4.4.
N. B. One Section 107th. Battery already in action.					
18th.	between 6 - 10 p.m.	1 Section B/175.	1 Section 25th. Battery.	I.1.d.85.60.	} As above.
		1 Section A/152.	1 Section 26th. Battery.	I.26.c.55.25.	
		1 Section A/175.	1 Section 27th. Battery.	C.27.a.68.80.	
		1 Section D/175.	1 Section 107th. Battery.	C.26.c.00.10.	

19th. Same as for 18th. January.
 Command of Batteries will pass at 10 p.m. 19th. January.
 Command of groups will pass at 10 a.m. 20th. January.

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RELIEF OF LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY-2ND ANZAC IN THE LINE BY 3RD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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PROGRAMME OF RELIEFS.

LEFT GROUP.

DATE	TIME	Units Left Sector Artillery.	Units going into Action.	Position.	Wagon lines.	Remarks.
16th Jan.	between 6-10 p.m.		1 Section 29th. Battery.	C.20.b.70.25.	B.27.d.1.8.	
			1 Section 30th, Battery	C.25.b.45.65.	B.28.d.6.8.	
			1 Section 31st. Battery.	C.27.a.10.85.	B.21.a.2.2.	
			1 Section 108th. Battery.	C.26.b.9.6.	B.14.c.8.2.	
17th. Jan.	between 6 - 10 p.m.	1 Section 2nd. Battery.	1 Section 29th. Battery.	I.2.a.45.95.	Same as above.	
		1 Section 9th. Battery.	1 Section 30th. Battery.	C.25.b.45.65.		
		1 Section 5th. Battery.	1 Section 31st. Battery.	C.27.a.10.85.		
		1 Section 6th. Battery.	1. Section 108th. Battery.	C.26.b.9.6.		

18th. Jan. between
6-10 p.m. Same as for 17th. January.

Command of Batteries will pass at 10p.m. 18th. January.

Command of Group will pass at 10 a.m. 19th. January.

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3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery O.O. No.1.

- Copy No. 1. ✓ 7th. F.A. Bde.)
- " 2. ✓ 8th. ")
- " 3. ✓ 3rd. Aust. D.A.C. /)
- " 4. R.A. 2nd. Anzac.)
- " 5. R.A. 34th. Divn.)
- " 6. R.A. 25th. Divn.)
- " 7. R.A. N.Z. Divn.)
- " 8. ✓ 2nd. Anzac Hvy. Arty.)
- " 9. ✓ 3rd. Aust. Div. "G".)
- " 10. ✓ " " " "Q".)
- " 11-16. Right Group.)
- " 17-22. Left Group.)
- " 23. D.T.M.O.)
- " 24. ✓ No. 6 Kite Balloon Sec.)
- " 25. ✓ 42nd. Squad. R.F.C.)
- " 26. 2nd. Anzac Park.)
- " 27. ✓ Signals.)
- " 28. ✓ O. i/c R.A. Signals.)
- " 29. 3rd. Div. Train.)
- " 30. ✓ No. 1. Section N.Z. D.A.C.)
- " 31. ✓ No. 3. Section 34th. D.A.C.)
- " 32. File.)

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3RD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO.2.

Reference Map. 36 N.W.2. 1/10,000.

- (1) The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will raid the German trenches on "Z" day at a Zero hour, both of which will be notified later.

OBJECTIVE - Front line Trench - C.29.a.45.27. to C.29.a.70.57.
 Second " " - C.29.a.7.1. to C.29.a.95.53.
 Third " " - C.29.e.80.97. to C.29.b.10.55.

- (2) Covering fire will be provided as per attached Table. Right Group will place 1 18-Pdr. Battery and 1 Battery of Howitzers at disposal of O.C. Left Group.

- (3) HEAVY ARTILLERY. Arrangements have been made with 2nd Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery to:-

1. Stand by for counter-battery work.
2. Bombard with Howitzers - C.29.d.60.57. C.23.d.98.10. C.23.d.33.70. from Zero hour to "All clear".

- (4) 25th Divisional Artillery. Arrangements have been made with 25th Divisional Artillery to bombard the enemy's Trench system in C.17.a. from Zero - 5 mins. to "All clear".

- (5) "ALL CLEAR" message will be communicated to D.A.H.Q. 3rd Australian Division, who will inform 2nd Anzac Corps, Heavy Artillery and 25th Divisional Artillery.

- (6) O.C. Left Group will arrange for a Liaison Officer to accompany the O.C. Raid. He should be in telephonic communication with Group Hdqrs.

- (7) A Red Asteroid Rocket, and red VERY LIGHTS will be used as a recall signal.

- (8) "Z" day and Zero hour will be communicated to all concerned.

- (9) *Divl. time* An Officer at D.A.H.Q., 3rd Australian Division will give the ~~Division~~ to H.Q. Corps Heavy Artillery and 25th Divisional Artillery.

- (10) TIME TABLE.

Zero - 5 mins.	Diversion starts.
Zero to + 5 mins.	Bombardment of front line.
Plus 5 mins to plus 8 mins.	do. " support line.
Plus 8 " " " 10 "	do. " reserve line.
Plus 10 " " "All clear"	Box barrage.

- (11) Acknowledge.

J. A. Nicholls
 Major, R.A.
 B.B., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Reference Map.

36.N.W.2. 1/10,000.

TASK TABLE.

LEFT. Group.

A - Bombardment.

B - Barrage.

PHASE I.

Battery.	Guns.	Date.	Time	Task,	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition		Remarks.
							H.E.	Shrap.	
29th.	2		Zero to plus 5 mins	Enfilade F.L.T. C.29.c.90.30 - C.29.c.40.90	A & B.	3 rounds per gun per min	20	10	Total 30
"	4		do.	F.L.T. C.29.a.35.10 - C.29.a.65.45.	do.	do.	45	15	Total 60
30th.	6		do.	F.L.T. C.29.a.65.45 - C.23.c.92.25.	do.	do.	70	20	Total 90
31st.	2		do.	F.L.T. C.23.c.92.25 - C.23.c.82.67.	do.	do.	20	10	Total 30
25th. (Right Grp)	4		do.	C.T. C.29.c.86.67 - C.29.d.68.94.	do.	do.	45	15	Total 60
108th. How.	6		do.	(1)C.29.b.45.70(4)C.29.a.78.83. (2)C.29.b.27.85(5)C.29.b.25.98. (3)C.29.a.97.77(6)C.29.b.77.30.	B.	2 rounds per gun per min.	60		Total 60
107th. How.	6		do.	(1)C.29.c.64.60(4)C.29.c.99.65. (2)C.29.c.86.68(5)C.29.d.03.54. (3)C.29.d.23.75(6)C.29.d.65.92	B.	do.	60		Total 60.

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Reference Map. 36. N.W. 2. 1/10,000.

TASK TABLE.

Left Group.

A - Bombardment.

B - Barrage.

Phase II

Battery.	Guns.	Date.	Time	Task,	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition		Remarks.
							H.T.	Shrap.	
29th.	4		Zero plus 5 mins. to	4 guns left to support line C. 29. a. 67. 05 to C. 29. a. 82. 35	A + B.	2 rds. per gun	27	9	Total 36
	2		Zero plus 8 mins.	2 guns in lead action Z.L. Y. C. 29. c. 90. 30 - C. 29. c. 40. 90.	A + B.	do.	12	6	" 18
30th.	6		do	Left to support line. C. 29. a. 82. 35 - C. 29. a. 95. 75.	A + B.	4 rds per gun per min.	54	18	Total 72
31st.	2		do	Platoon 7 Cts in phase I C. 29. c. 90. 30 - C. 29. c. 82. 67.	A + B.	3 rds. per gun per min.	12	6	Total 18
25th (Right Group)	4		do	6 Cts in phase I Communication trench C. 29. a. 67. 05 - C. 29. d. 65. 44.	A + B.	do.	27	9	Total 36
	2		do	Support line C. 29. c. 55. 70 - C. 29. a. 67. 05	A + B.	do.	12	6	18
108th (How.)	6		do	(1) C. 29. b. 70. 40 - C. 29. b. 78. 83 (2) C. 29. b. 57. 85 - C. 29. b. 25. 98 (3) C. 29. a. 77. 17 - C. 29. b. 77. 30.	B.	2 rds per How. per min.	48	12	Total 48
107th (How.) (Right Group)	6		do	Cts in phase I (1) C. 29. c. 64. 60. (4) C. 29. c. 99. 65 (2) C. 29. c. 86. 65. (5) C. 29. d. 03. 54 (3) C. 29. d. 23. 75. (6) C. 29. a. 65. 92	B.	do	48	12	Total 48

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TASK TABLE.

Reference Map.

Phase III

Left Group.

A - Bombardment.

B - Barrage.

Battery.	Guns.	Date.	Time	Task,	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition		Remarks.
							H.P.	Shrap.	
29 th	4			Zero plus 8 min to zero plus 10 min 4 guns C29c 86.68 to C29a 88.10 2 guns enfilade F.S. I from C29c 90.30 to C 29c 40.90	3 rds per gun per min	✓	18	6	Total 24
	2						6	2	" 8
30 th	6		do	C29a 88.10 to C29b 07.54 to C29b 34.65	3 rds per gun per min.	✓	27	9	" 36
31 st	2		do	Cts in phase I	do		9	3	" 12
Right Group 25 th Bty	4			Cts in phase I Stand by to engage searchlights	do		18	6	" 24
	2								
108 th How	6		do	Cts in phase I	2 rds per how per min	✓	24		" 24
107 th How	6		do	Cts in phase I	do		24		" 24

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Reference Map.

TASK TABLE.

Phase 4

Left Group.

A - Bombardment.

B - Barrage.

Battery.	Guns.	Date.	Time	Task,	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition		Remarks.	
							H.P.	Shrap.		
29 th Bty	2		Zero plus 10 min to all clear	Enfilade of L.I C29c90.30 to C29c40.90 C29d56.94 to C29b55.29		2 rds per gun per min from plus 10 to plus 20			Total to plus 20 60	Total for each half hour after plus 20 120
30 th "	2			Enfilade sap C29b40.50 to C29b75.30 One section of L.I. C29a80.85 to C23c90.30 C29b45.70 to C29b55.29		2 rds per gun per min from plus 20 to all clear.			60	120
31 st "	2		do	As in phase I		do			60	120
Right Group 25 th Bty	4		do	C29c86.67 to C29d68.94		do			120	240
I Bty. R.H. Co	4 2		do	C23c93.07 to C29b23.97 to C29b45.78		do			120 60	240 120
108 th How	6		do	As in phase I		2 rds per How per 2 min.			90	270
107 th "	6		do	As in phase I		do.			90	270

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Reference Map.

TASK TABLE.

Phase 5

Left Group.

A - Bombardment.

B - Barrage.

Battery.	Guns.	Date.	Time	Task,	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition		Remarks.
							H.A.	Shrap.	
29 th	6		All clear	cts in phase I					
			to cease firing						
30 th	6		firing	cts in phase I					
31 st	2		do	cts in phase I					
<u>Heavy artillery</u>									
2 nd Anzac corps heavy artillery			plus 25 to all clear	C 29 d 60.57 to C 23 d 98.10		slow			
			zero to plus 25	C 23 d 98.10					
			zero to all clear	C 23 d 33.70					
<u>Left Diversion Scheme</u>									
31 st Bty	2		zero ^{minus} 5 min to all clear	C 17 a 27.17 to C 17 a 44.29		rapid for first 10 min			
				C 17 a 44.29 to C 17 a 57.10		slow from zero plus 5 to all clear			
25 th Division	2		do						
Have arranged to cooperate with 1 Bn's Battery 1 Sp Battery on C. 17. a									

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.3.

Reference Sheets 36.N.W.2.& 36.N.W.4. 1/10,000.

- (1) 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery will bombard enemy billets in the back area on 27th. January, 1917.
- (2) Bombardments will be carried out during the following times :
 - 7 - 8.30 a.m.
 - 12 noon- 1.30 pm.
 - 4.30 - 5.30 pm.
- (3) Bursts of fire will be employed and Batteries will not remain on any one objective for more than two minutes.
- (4) Observed fire will be used as far as possible.
- (5) Special attention to be paid to houses etc., from which smoke has lately reported.
- (6) Ammunition is allotted as follows :-
 - Per Group - 800 rds. A & AX.
 - " " - 200 rds. EX.
- (7) All doubtful and odd lots of ammunition only to be fired.
- (8) Care is to be taken that the expenditure of ammunition does not reduce the dumps at the guns to below normal.
- (9) Acknowledge.

W. B. Nichols

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

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No. 1	to H.Q. R.A. 2nd. Anzac Corps
✓ 2	3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".
3	2nd. Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery.
4	H.Q. R.A. 34th. Division.
5	" " 25th. Division.
6	Right Group
7	Left Group.
8	File.

Issued at
By D.R.

10 am. 26 JAN 1917

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 19.1.17. - 6 p.m. 20.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

RIGHT GROUP. Disperses working party at I.11.a.55.30.
Fired on enemy's communications & roads
in I.12 & 17. J.1. & 19.
Carried out registration & retaliation fire.

LEFT GROUP. Fired on enemy's communications, tramways,
and roads in back areas.
Carried out registration & retaliation fire.

Trench Mortars cut wire at I.11.c.52.60.
I.11.c.55.65.
C.29.a.45.27.
C.29.c.65.55.
C.23.c.9.3.

F.L. bombarded at I.11.a.55.40. to 43.33.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Heavy shelling of our trenches in I.5. & I.10. by
T.Ms. 10.5 & 7.7 cm guns - about 300 rounds.
In addition, the whole system of our trenches came in
for a sprinkling with 10.5 & 7.7 cms.

INTELLIGENCE.

Flashes seen at 107 deg. 30' from CHERRY BLOSSOM.
52 deg. T.B. from C.27.a.40.75.

Explosion. Suspected explosion of ammunition dump left
of PT. EGAL from BRIGHTON.

Movement. Germans seen on road J.13.c.50.25.

Rockets. 2 red rockets sent up in front of Right
Group Sector.

Searchlights. 52 deg. T.B. from C.27.a.40.75.

21.1.1917.

W. A. Nicholls
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

 From 6 p.m. 20.1.17. - 6 p.m. 21.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

RIGHT GROUP. Carried out registration and retaliation fire.

LEFT GROUP. do.

Trench Mortars cut wire at C.29.a.67.46.

40.57.

C.23.C.85.60.

b.15.33.

HOSTILE FIRE.

11 shells into HOUPLINES from Field Guns.
 10 " " CHAPLIE D'ARMENTIERES - Light.F.Hows.
 Few 10.5 & 7.7 em. in addition spread over whole
 divisional front trench system.

Trench Mortars fired into C.22.b.& d.
 I.10.b.& d.

INTELLIGENCE.

Flashes. 107 deg. T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.
 94 - 52 deg. T.B. from C.27.a.40.75.
 Searchlights. 132 deg. T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.
 25° 30° 47° 48° 63° 67° 91° 127° from
 C.28.a.10.10.
 M.W. Positions. suspected at C.17.a.60.30.
 Slight smoke issued when M.Ws. were active.

22.1.1917.

L. A. Nicholls
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY FIRE.

From 6 p.m. 21.1.17. - 6 p.m. 22.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

RIGHT GROUP. Carried out practice creeping barrage & fired in support of Left Group. Dispersed large working party, inflicting casualties, at I.17.a.35.80.

LEFT GROUP. Fired 3,402 rds. 18 Pdr. & 983 rds. 4.5" How., in support of Infantry. (S.O.S.)

HOSTILE FIRE.

Few rounds fell in C.22. C.28. I.4 I.10. during the morning.

At about 2 p.m. a heavy bombardment of our lines with 15 cm. 7.7 cm. & Minenwerfer, in C.16 & 17. & C.22 & 23 started, and continued until after 5 p.m.

INTELLIGENCE.

Enemy opened bombardment on front covered by the Left Group, about 2 p.m.

Aeroplanes. Two hostile planes circled over localities 7 & 8 about 3.30 p.m.

Working parties. at I.17.a.35.80 - dispersed, and casualties caused.

Searchlight s. seen at I.17.b.68.39.
126° 108° 145° 124° 104° 133° 94° T.B.
from CHERRY BLOSSOM.
21° 30' from C.28.a.1.1.
52° 57' from C.27.a.40.75.

M.V. Positions. reported at C.17.a.95.20.
C.17.a.40.60.
C.17.a.70.58.

*for Major R.A.
Copit*

23.1.1917.

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

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 22.1.17. - 6 p.m. 23.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

- RIGHT GROUP. Carried out registrations. Single Test Rounds on two occasions were fired, taking 65 & 60 seconds respectively from Infantry call. 500 rounds were fired on receiving S.O.S. Signal.
- LEFT GROUP. Carried out registration fire and retaliation fire.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Few rounds 4.2 fell in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES during the morning.
100 rounds 5.9 H.E. were fired into C.27.a. Central.
130 rounds 4.2 fell between HOUPINES STATION and BRENNON.
70 rounds from a small calibre gun fell in the vicinity of C.27.a.40.75.

INTELLIGENCE.

- Flashes - reported from vicinity of I.11.d.40.35.
- Aeroplanes. - During the day 2 German Aeroplanes circled over CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES, HOUPINES & ARMENTIERES.
- Working Parties. - Observed in sap commencing I.17.a.18.58. Party reported by Infantry in locality of I.6.e.80.80.
- Searchlights. 32° 30', 34° 30', 24° 30', 64 T.B. from BLUFF O.P. C.28.a.1.1.
104° 30', 126° 30', 96° 30', 118° 30' T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.
- Miscellaneous. Reported that road running I.23.a.0.8. - I.12.d.0.7. is being used for enemy transport and communication. A train was heard in the direction of PERENCHIES. Explosion of ammunition was seen on opening fire on M.F. position at C.17.a.4.6. by a gun of the Left Group. During the greater part of the day observation was difficult owing to the mist.

24.1.17.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

from 6 p.m. 23.1.17 - 6 p.m. 24.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

RIGHT GROUP. Carried out retaliation and registration fire during the day.
Fired 1 Test Round - Time 45 seconds.

LEFT GROUP. Replied to call for retaliation on 2 occasions. Carried out registration of various points during the day.
Fired at and completely dispersed an enemy working party observed at C.24.b.2.8.
TRANCE MORTARS - fired on C.29.a.45.27.
C.29.a.67.46.
C.29.a.70.57.

Many effective bursts on wire were obtained.

HOSTILE FIRE.

30 rds. 5.9 fell in vicinity of I.9.b.
50 " 10.5 & 4.2 fell in CHAFELLE D'ARMENTIERES.
25 " 77 mm. fell in HOUPLINES.
8 - 12 noon 50 rds. 5.9 were fired at C.27.a.
12 noon " " fell in vicinity of C.27.a.10.81.
30 rds. from 77 mm. fired from direction of LA CROIX AU BOIS fell about IRISH AVENUE.
A number of odd rds. were directed against HOUPLINES RD & CHAFELLE D'ARMENTIERES.
A 10.5 cm. Bty. in direction of LA-PEVOUE PERENCHIES, & a 77 mm. in direction of LA PREVOUE fired a considerable number of rds. over this sector.

INTELLIGENCE.

Aeroplanes. 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Enemy aeroplanes were observed over our trenches & circling between Battery position G.C.11.H.C.9.
12.50 pm. Enemy aeroplane observed flying over Battery position G.C.11.

Searchlights. Were active at irregular intervals during the night.

Working parties. were observed at C.24.b.2.8.

Miscellaneous. 3 pm. Men were observed moving along LA HOULETTE - FRELINGHIEN Rd. at intervals.
Smoke was observed 200 yds.W. of HONGON FARM.
" " seen rising from a railway engine in vicinity of PERENCHIES.
6.20 pm. Signalling lamp observed from CHERRY BLOSSOM T.B. 135 deg.
Steady light 6 mins. observed from CHERRY BLOSSOM T.B. 126 deg.
8 pm. Red Rockets were sent up opposite locality 3, several bursting into two stars.

25.1.1917.

C.A. Nicholls Major R.A.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 24.1.17 - 6 p.m. 25.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

- RIGHT GROUP.** Carried out retaliation fire.
Fired two Test Rounds - 30 & 27 secs. respectively.
- LEFT GROUP.** Were called upon to retaliate on 4 occasions.
Carried out registration and minor operations.
Fired at & completely dispersed working party in C.29.d.5.8.
- TRENCH MORTARS.** Cut wire effectively at C.29.e.65.55.

HOSTILE FIRE.

- 9.15 a.m. about 20 rds. 4.2 cm. were fired at I.26..55.55. apparently reg. probable zero line.
- Approx. 100 rds. were fired into CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES by guns of various calibre.
- Few 5.9 cm. shells fell in vicinity of LONDON TOWER ASYLUM & FARM DU JARDINS.
- A number of 5.9 cm. 4.2 cm. & 77 mm. fell in and about Localities 6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,17.
- There was desultory shelling along the front by M.Ws. & 4.2cm. during the afternoon.
- M.Ws. reported active during the night, firing on GAP J.

INTELLIGENCE.

- Aeroplanes.** Enemy Aeroplanes circled over CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES, ARMENTIERES, & HOUPLINES, flying at times at a great height.
- Flashes.** Gun flashes observed 86 & 146 deg. P.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM. (8 secs. to report.)
- Searchlights.** were active at irregular intervals during the night.
- Working party** was observed at C.29.d.55.55.
- Miscellaneous.** Movement was observed at About I.17.central. 3 screens and freshly turned earth were observed immediately S. of LA HONGRIE FARM. 11 a.m. flashes, like those of a heliograph were observed at SANDBAG HOUSE - C.11.d.44.55. The Battery which was then firing on Locality 16 immediately stopped. In spite of the brightness of the sun, observation was indifferent during the afternoon owing to a heavy ground mist.

26.1.17.

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*No extra intelligence from
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 26.1.17 - 6 a.m. 27.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

RIGHT GROUP. Carried out retaliation fire, and registration of various targets.
LEFT GROUP. Replied to call for retaliation. Carried out registration of enemy's Front Line & support trenches. Fired at and immediately silenced an active M.G. at C.17.a.95.20.
TRENCH MORTARS. Fired 40 rounds at I.11.a.60.72. and I.11.a.63.91. The wire was effectively out at these points.

HOSTILE FIRE.

20 10.5 & 4.2 cms. fell in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES. During the afternoon hostile artillery fire was directed chiefly on the front & support line trenches.

INTELLIGENCE.

Aeroplanes. Enemy aeroplanes again active over ARMENTIERES & HOUELINES, but returned to their own lines after being engaged by our anti-aircraft guns.
Trench Mortars. were active during the greater part of the night, and many flashes were observed. No definite map location was ascertained.
Searchlights were active during the night.
Working party observed at edge of wood I.18.b.
Miscellaneous. Movements noticed at LA HONGRIE FARM. Observation during the morning was poor, but improved greatly during the latter part of the afternoon.

27.1.1917.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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From 6 a.m. 27.1.17 - 6 a.m. 28.1.17.

OPERATIONS. RIGHT GROUP. About 500 rounds were fired in reply to calls for retaliation. Registration fire carried out.

 CENTRE GROUP. Fired number of rounds testing registration of various targets. Replied to calls for retaliation on 5 occasions. Fired at working party in I.17.a.25.60. Infantry report party completely dispersed.

 LEFT GROUP. Carried out registration & retaliation fire, and minor operations. Fired on traffic at Cross Roads C.11.d.87.42. C.11.e.78.80.

 TRENCH MORTARS. Fired on wire & parapet at O.17.c.7.9. C.17.d.0.1. Good effect.

HOSTILE FIRE.

About 50 rds. fell in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES & HOUPLINES.

During the day thomson's artillery fire was directed mainly against the front line trench & supports.

INTELLIGENCE.

Aeroplanes. Hostile aeroplanes were again active during the day.

Searchlights. were again active at irregular intervals during the night.

 " observed about C.11.d.20.65, which appeared to be on the top of a house.

Working party. Observed at I.5.d.28.66.

Observation was difficult owing to ground mist.

28.1.17.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY BN.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
 From 6 p.m. 28.1.17 - 6 a.m. 29.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

- RIGHT GROUP.** Carried out registration & retaliation fire. Fired at 2 suspected hostile batteries, and billets. Defiladed communication trench with highly satisfactory results. Effectively cut wire at I.22.a.13.45, I.22.a.30.58. and I.21.b.82.28.
- CENTRE GROUP.** Registration and retaliation fire. Fired at enemy working party observed at I.5.d.28.66 & completely dispersed same. Fired 1,500 rounds supporting raid by 10th. I f. Brigade
- LEFT GROUP.** Fired at and dispersed working party at C.23.d.35.25. Retaliation and registration fire. Fired 4,000 rounds supporting raid by 10th. I f. Brigade. Fired at machine gun - Infantry report that it was destroyed.
- TRENCH MORTARS.** Cut wire effectively at I.22.a.13.45. I.22.a.3058. I.21.b.82.28. C.29.a.45.27. ~~C.29.a.45.27.~~ C.29.a.67.46. & C.29.a.35.1. (100 rds. expended.)

HOSTILE FIRE.

Hostile artillery was directed mainly against our front line and support trenches. About 30 ars. from guns of different calibre fell in CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES. Few rds. fell in vicinity of PORT EGLE PARM & HOUPLINES.

INTELLIGENCE.

- Aeroplanes.** Reported active during the day over I.13.b. and I.8.central. Flying at a great height.
- Machine guns.** Reported inactive during the night. However, 1 gun located at I.17.a.06.53. was engaged by 18 Pdr. and silenced.
- Enemy Defences.** Working parties at I.5.d.28.66 & C.23.d.35.25. were engaged and dispersed. Large working party reported active at I.17.a.20.60. was engaged by 18 Pdrs. and a Lewis gun, and completely dispersed. Men were seen running in all directions. Infantry report Artillery fire very effective.
- Miscellaneous.** Smoke observed rising at I.12.a.70.75 and C.23.d.35.30. 4 men were seen at ruined houses I.21.b.7.4. House at I.16.d.65.05. suspected O.r. Infantry report seeing duckboards flying in the air, in enemy trenches during our retaliation fire. 2 men came out from what appeared to be a dug-out in support line, and entered farm at C.24.a.5.1. Considerable movement noticed in support line about C.23.d.3.9.

COUNTER BATTERY WORK.

Enemy hostile batteries, one from direction of ESCOBEC U.S. shelled 2 18 pdr. batteries of Right Group.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. 29.1.17. to 6 a.m. 30.1.17.

OPERATIONS.

Right Group. Fired 40 rounds while covering fire of Trench Mortars.
Carried out Group retaliation at Infantry's request.
Checked registration of various targets.

Centre Group. Replied to retaliation on several occasions during the day.
Carried out a minor operation.

Left Group. Replied to retaliation.

Trench Mortars. Fired 86 rounds and cut wire effectively at several points.

HOSTILE FIRE?

About 100 rds. 5.9, 4.7, & 77 mm. fell in the vicinity of CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES.
Hostile fire at irregular intervals was directed against front line and supports.
Number of rds. 5.9 & 4.2 cm. were fired at buildings and roads in vicinity of NOUPLINES.

INTELLIGENCE.

Aeroplanes. Hostile aeroplanes showed great activity; over ARMENTIERES. Two bombs were dropped, but as far as can be ascertained, little damage was done.

Working Parties. Located in enemy's trenches opposite Locality 1.
These parties were dispersed by Artillery fire.

Miscellaneous. Red Air Balloon reported about 4 feet in diameter, descended near Distillery I.4.a.

Heavy ground mist made observation difficult during the morning.

30.1.17.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 30.1.17. - 6 p.m. 31.1.17.

OPERATIONS. RIGHT GROUP. Fired at various points on enemy's front line and support trenches. Registration and retaliation fire. Fired on working party in I.35.c.25.65.

CENTRE GROUP. Carried out minor operations. Fired on hostile M.W. emplacements. Fire reported effective.

LEFT GROUP. Carried out minor operation, registration and retaliation fire.

TRENCHMORTARS. M.T.M. fired 120 rounds and effectively out wire at various points along the enemy's front line. H.T.M. fired 8 rds. at I.22.a.40.48. Effect very good.

HOSTILE FIRE.

There was intermittent shelling of the whole Sector, due chiefly to our activity. Fire was distributed over the whole of the Sector.

INTELLIGENCE.

Hostile battery positions. Hostile battery reported active I.34.d.7.5. was engaged by Howitzers and silenced. T.M. I.16.d.55.30. engaged by 18 pdrs. Fire effective.

4 flashes in quick succession observed 155 deg.T.B. from C.26.b.38.22. (Time flash to report - 8 seconds.)

Enemy Defences. Working party (16 men) observed at I.35.c.25.65. fired on and dispersed. Working party C.17.a.60.15. fired at. 1 shell appeared to fall in centre of the party. Observation of enemy's support trenches and gaps points to the fact that they are in a damaged condition.

Miscellaneous. 1 man seen on road between LA VALLEE and BLANC COULON. Party of men walking in open on S. side of LA HONGRIE FARM were dispersed by Artillery fire. Constant stream of men observed walking along by fence I.24.b.93.45. moving in S.W. direction. Party were in view for 3 minutes. Smoke observed in vicinity of I.11.b.70.30. 3 Steam Tractors were observed moving along PERENCHIES - LOMME ROAD, towards LOMME. Smoke observed coming from small buildings in front of L'AVEVENTURE FARM. (There appear to be sandbags in the building.)

Fair visibility.

31.1.1917.

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