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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Bqdr. Gen J. J. Hobbs  
Comd. 1st Aust Div.

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY. 1000 1-5-16 1700 2000	Selecting Battery positions 3 <sup>rd</sup> line of defence in rear of PETILLON + FLEUKBEAUX Groups. (with Gpc. 1 <sup>st</sup> Div. (Art. Bde)) Went with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. BRIDGES. S.S.O. 1 <sup>st</sup> place near BERTEN - viz LA. MANCHE in display of alarm rockets.	fine day.
SAILLY. 2-5-16	Inspected new <del>pos</del> placements being prepared for 1 <sup>st</sup> Batty. at H. 26. C.S.G. also inspected 3 <sup>rd</sup> Batty + billets.	fine day.
SAILLY. 0900 3-5-16 1400	Went through fire trenches Right Group with Gpc. Art. Group + Gpc. medium trench mortar inspected trench mortar positions prepared.	fine day.
SAILLY. 0930 4-5-16 1330 1500	Inspected whole of the Batteries + Billets of left Group. with Gpc. Group - inspecting site for drill ground for Reserve Artillery Bde. for 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div	fine day.
SAILLY. 1000 5-5-16 1430	accompanied Lieut Gen Comd. 1 <sup>st</sup> A.N.Z.A.C. in his inspection of Batteries of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div. employed in Right + Left Groups.	fine day.
SAILLY. 1000 6-5-16 1315	Inspected Wagon line. - B.A.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> T.A. Bde + 102 How Batt. with S.O.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div.	fine day.
SAILLY. 0930 7-5-16 1400 1530 1730	Inspected Wagon line of 3 <sup>rd</sup> T.A. Bde + then B.A.C. also. 103 <sup>rd</sup> How Batt. Inspected D.A.C. at VERTE-RUC. Interview with B.G.R.A. at Corps H.Q. LA MOTTE.	fine in morning showy afternoon
SAILLY. 1400 8-5-16 1700	Inspecting 3 <sup>rd</sup> T.A. Bde + 21 <sup>st</sup> Howitzer Bde B.A.C. + 101 <sup>st</sup> How Batt Wagon lines at TROU BAYARD -	fine in morning showy afternoon

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SAILLY	9/5/16	1030 1330	Visiting Right & left Group & Art. Commanders. (PETILLON & FLEUBEAUX) & reconnaissance of defended localities FLEUBEAUX Group.	Friday
SAILLY	10/5/16	1100 1330	Inspecting Batteries of right group. new gun emplacements. S <sup>th</sup> Batt. Interview with R. Group commander. at his H.Q.	Friday
SAILLY	11/5/16	1130 1400	Inspecting new gun emplacements. 1 <sup>st</sup> Batt. Strong points in right group.	Friday
SAILLY	12/5/16	1100 1330 1430	Inspecting less Wagon line 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde. & 103 How Batt. Interview with G.C. Left Group. at his H.Q. Weekly conference at D.A.H.Q. of Bde. & D.A.C. Comdr. & S.O. Trench	Friday Friday
SAILLY	13/5/16	1400 1750	Inspection of Reserve positions for Batteries (2 line of defence) in Left Group. with Left Group Commander.	Wednesday
SAILLY	14/5/16	0930 1330	Selecting Heavy trench mortar positions for Left Group. (with G.C. Art. Left Group & G.C. Heavy T.M. Batt. & S.O. Trench M. Batteries.	Friday
SAILLY	15.5.16	0930 1400	Selecting positions for Heavy trench mortar in Right Group. accompanied by G.C. Art. Group. & S.O. trench mortar.	Wednesday
SAILLY	16.5.16	1130 1500 1700	Major Gen FRANKS. W.C.R.A. called to meet senior officers of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div Art. at Div Art. H.Q. New Mt meeting of unit commanders. (for Art) at H.Q. of Right & Left Groups. An impression all concerned necessity of strict observance of orders. & need for more artillery activity. same course pursued with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde. at Div Art. H.Q. The 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde. & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Batt. relieved 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Art Bde. & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Batt in the right group. yesterday	Friday
SAILLY	17.5.16	1000 1330	Inspecting wagon line. Batteries in right Group. Arranging at R. Group. H.Q. Co-operation between Art & M. Trench mortar in relation to	Friday
SAILLY	17.5.16	1400 1730 1800	Inspecting Batteries in Right & Left Groups. & results of enemy shelling on 8 <sup>th</sup> Batt. which took place on 15 <sup>th</sup> . Lecture in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Inf. Bde on the organization & functions of Artillery in trench warfare.	Friday

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY	19.5.16	0930 1230 1700	Visited Corps H.Q. at LA MOTTE re see B.G.C.S. about shortage of telephone wire for art. communications. for connecting trench mortar. Also asked for wire for Tel. Wagons. Inspected 8 <sup>th</sup> Ball. Wagon units.	Friday
SAILLY	20.5.16	0930 1300	Inspected A+B. ECHELONS - 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div Amm Co. at TROU. BAYARD + CRUSEOBEAUX (with D.A.C. Commander.	Friday
SAILLY	21.5.16	1000 1500	at Left Group. at H.Q. and O.P. Inspection positions for signal units. 103. 8 <sup>th</sup> Ball.	Friday
SAILLY	22.5.16		Inspected Batteries in Right Group.	Friday
SAILLY	23.5.16	0930 1400	Inspected Wagon lines of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7. Art Bde + 24 <sup>th</sup> Ball. Visited Left Group. H.Q.	Friday
SAILLY	24.5.16	1000	conference Right + Left Group Commanders. at H.Q. Right Group. to arrange cooperation of Field Gun + M.T.M. Fire.	Friday
CASSEL	25.5.16	1030 1600	attended mixed conference between B.G.R.A. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army under M.C.R.A 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army.	Friday
SAILLY	26.5.16	1000 1300	observing artillery fire from our right Group Batteries on enemy trenches + works. + enemy retaliation - from O.P.s. at VANE COTTAGE. MELBOURNE MANSIONS, + SCHOOL HOUSE	Friday
SAILLY	27.5.16	0900 1340	with Army Corps Commander + C.O.C. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div inspecting D.A.C. and 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7. Art Bde. + 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7. Ball. Wagon lines.	Friday
SAILLY	28/5/16	1000 1400	with O/C Left Group. inspecting + selecting new O.P.s. for observation of artillery fire in Left Group	Friday
SAILLY	29/5/16	1115 1600 1645	to. A.N.Z.A.C. H.Q. LA MOTTE re see B.G.R.A. re position etc for more batteries on 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div front. also saw B.G.C.S. who promised to arrange the supply of artillery reinforcements so urgently required. attended conference at 2. Aust Div H.Q. re. Cooperation of 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> + 7.3. divisions in artillery activity on respective fronts etc.	Friday

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SAILLY.	30.5. 16	1000 L. 1300 2015	Visiting G. Q. of Left + Right Art. Groups. In contact with G. Q. of groups. re action of M.T. Mountain Batteries. * Enemy's bombardment. + attack on Right Group. See. Special Report. Inspecting Batteries in Right Group. with Major Gen. BROADWOOD	Friday app "A" Friday
SAILLY.	31.5. 16	1100	* 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inf. Art. Bde. relieved 3 <sup>rd</sup> Inf. Art. Bde. in Left Group. J. D. H.	J. D. H.
	30/5/16 31/5/16			
			J. D. Hobbs. Brig. Gen. C.R.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div 31. 5. 16.	



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## :FIRST: AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Appendix No. A

## DAILY REPORT OF FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

1st MAY 1916.

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## ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY

RIGHT GROUP.				
Time	Battery	No and Nature of rounds	Target	Remarks.
6 am	6th	4 A	Working Party in Les Clochers trench <i>N 17 a 2'3.</i>	Party dispersed
3.30 pm	6th	11 A 7 AX 6 A	Bois de MOUQUET N 11 a 1'1 Snipers Joy N 10 d 8'8	At request of Infy 2 direct hits obtained
4. pm	4th	12 A	Traffic in communication trench N 21 d 9'1/2	Traffic stopped
4.10 pm	5th	15 A	FARM DELAPOSTE N 15 a 8'6	Registration
LEFT GROUP.				
11 am	9th	1 A	Enemy trench opposite section 42	Test round.

## ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Description of projectile	No of Hds	What fired at	Remarks
8.20 am	4.2"	8	RUE de BOIS between V.C. Avenue and Bn Headquarters N 2 d 5'5	By sound judged from direction of N 27 b 7'8
8 30 am	5.9"	6	BARLETTE FARM N 26 a 4'5	
8 35 am	4.2"	6	Towards N 25 a-b	judged from N 27 b 7'8
8 50 am	4.2"	20	Working party at N 2 d 0'2 1/2	no damage done
8 50 am	5.9	20	not located	shells appeared to pass directly over 102 nd How .Bty ( N 31 b 8'1 )
9 50 am	77mm	6	Cross roads N 2 c 8'1	
10 50 am	5.9	50	BOIS GRENIER N 30 b 5'5	position of gun located even by smoke at 0 13 b 5'5
12 15 pm	4.2	20	N 6 d 9'1	
12 30 pm	5.9	30	not located	
12 50 pm to 3 pm	5.9	50	BARLETTE FARM N 26 a 4'5	17 shells did not detonate. Several direct hits were obtained. Considerable damage done.
12 50 pm	4.2 & 77mm		N 12 c 7'7	
1 pm	5.9 & 77mm	70	9th Bty C.P. N 35 c 5'1	C.P. badly damaged
5 20 pm	4.2	12	Trench N 5 d 3'5	From sound appeared to come from BERNIERE FARM



## Artillery Intelligence Summary

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May 1st 1916.

Identification

Several Germans in blue grey uniforms observed walking about in front of house N 17 c 6'8.

Works

It appears that the work at N 17 d 4'4 is to be a gun pit. A working party at this point has been fired on for the last five mornings by our artillery. This work is being kept under close observation.

Most of the timber which has been lying alongside of trench at N 21 d 9'½ and scattered about the vicinity has been removed. There was a good deal of traffic in this trench about 4 p.m.

Work has been going on at LES CLOCHERS communication trench N 17 a 2'5.

Enemy aeroplanes.

At 8 55 am, while an enemy battery was firing from direction of N 27 b 7'8 a hostile aeroplane flew over our lines but retired when fired on by our A.A. guns.

Occupied buildings

Smoke was seen coming from FAUX VERMS factory chimney T 17 d 7'7.

Enemy batteries.

A 4.2" firing on RUE DE BOIS at 8 20 am was judged by sound to come from N 27 b 7'8

A 4.2" firing on a gun position near BAC ST MAUR at 8 am was judged by sound to come from N 29 c 6'5.

Flashes were visible at N 17 d 8'6 at 11 am. Apparently from a gun but it could not be ascertained what it was firing at.

During the shelling of BARLETTIE PARE by a 5.9 between 12 50 and 3 pm flashes were seen at N 28 a 5'3.

The 5.9 firing on BOIS GRENIER at 10 50 am appeared to come from O 15 b 5'5 as smoke from the discharge of a gun was seen at this point.

*C. G. Miles* Major.  
Brigade Major 1st Divisional Artillery



Daily report of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery

2.5.16

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Action of our artillery

Time	Bty	No. & nat. of rds	What fired at	Remarks.
<u>Right group.</u>				
7 am	6th	7A	Working party at N 17 a 2'3	Working party dispersed. 2 stretcher parties were observed afterwards to approach this work.
2 50 pm	Mobile gun	15 A	Machine gun structure on DELAPORTE FARM N 15 a 7'5	3 direct hits obtained on structure from which Infantry report that Machine gun fires at night.
<u>Left group.</u>				
9 am	8th	12 A	MAISNIL CHURCH	Registration of zero line.
9 20 am	9th	3 A 16 AX	Enemy trench N 6 c 7½'4 to N 6 d 2'5	Fired on night lines on call from 6th Bn who reported Gas attack

Action of enemy artillery

Time	Decrpn of projectile	No. of rds	What fired at	Remarks
7 50 am	5.9	50	Fleurbaix and Bac St Maur	
7 30 am	4.2	30	Bn Hd. Qrs N 2 d 5'7	Some direct hits obtained
8 15 am	5.9 77mm	20	Infantry billets at N 2 d 2'7	Direct hits obtained
8 35 am	5.9	5	FLEURBAIX	
9 am	4.2	25	Fell beyond the Bn Hd. Qrs N 2 d 5'7	Fired from battery about N 27 b 7'8
9 12 am	4.2	3	Road at H 35 d 5'0	
9 15 am	4.2	10	FLEURBAIX	
9 30	4.2	10	Comm. trench N 6 a 5'5	
9 40	77mm	35	EATON HALL	Majority of shells did not burst. 2 direct hits obtained
10 55 am to 12 35 pm	5.9	120	Trenches in I 31 d	
2 15 pm	5.9 & 77mm	25	Comm. trench N 13 b 3'6	
2 30 pm	77mm	12	road at N 8 a 2'2	
3 20 pm	4.2	30	road at N 8 a 1½'1	
6 20 pm	5.9	50	road about M 24 a 8'3	



Artillery Intelligence summary

May 2nd 1916

Identification

At 4 45 pm a german was seen up a telegraph pole at corner of ruined house N 26 d 2'9; he was ~~dressed~~ dressed in dark grey and had a dark grey cap on.

At 5 15 pm two men dressed in dark grey with dark grey caps on were walking along the road about N 26 a 9'0 and went into a house at this spot.

Works

New works are being constructed at N 10 b 4'9

Earth was being thrown up at N 5 d 9'1

A working party at N 17 a 2'3 was dispersed by our artillery.

Enemy balloon

Two observation balloons were up during the day, one beyond LECLERQ Fms and the other behind AUBERS.

Headquarters

At 8 25 am men and transports and about 30 horses were seen at a house at N 0 31 c 9'1. Mounted parties were seen going to and from it at short intervals. There appear to be telephone ~~wires~~ wires running to it and a flag is visible. It is presumably a headquarters.

Enemy batteries

A 4.2 was firing from N 27 b 7'8 and flashes were seen from N 28 a 5'3 while a 5'9" was firing

*R. G. M. M. M.* Major.  
Brigade Major 1st Divisional Artillery.



## Daily Report 1st Australian Divisional Artillery

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Action of our Artillery.

time	Bty	No of rds	What fired at	Remarks
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>				
2 30 pm	5th	12 A	PROMELLES Stn. N 22 d 7'8	Registration
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>				
3 pm	8th	31 A 12 AX	MAISNIL CHURCH O 13 a 7½'4½ Enemy parapets N 11 b 0'9½ and N 6 c 3'2	Direct hit obtained Direct hits on parapets and just over
3 35 pm	7th	16 A 8 AX	Guns in action O 13 c 4'2	Called for by aeroplane during combined operation. Aeroplane observation reported good results.

The following combined operations were carried out in conjunction with LORINGS group Anzac Heavy Artillery

3 pm	9th 102nd 103rd	20 A ) 10 BX ) 10 BX )	77mm Battery N 23 d 5'5 to N 23 d 7'6	Aeroplane observation reported that good results were obtained on each of these targets
3 15 pm	24th 102nd 103rd	20 A ) 10 BX ) 10 BX )	77mm Battery N 23 d 10'3 to N 24 c 2'3	
4 30 pm	9th 103rd	20 A ) 10 BX )	77mm Battery N 23 d 5'5 to N 23 d 7'6	
5 pm	24th 103rd	20 A ) 10 BX )	77mm Battery N 23 d 10'3 to N 24 c 2'3	

Action of enemy artillery

Time	Descpn of proj.	No. of rds	What fired at	Remarks
8 am	5.9 "	30	Right flank of division	Flash seen at N 28 a'55
9 30am	4.2	30	In the direction of FAUQUISSART	Judged by sound to be between N 27 b and N 28 a
11-1 pm	5.9	60	About H 28	
2.5 pm	4.2	30	not known	
2 30 pm	77mm	50	RUE TILLETLOY N 7	Judged by sound to come from AUBERS
2 30 pm	77mm	50	Towards M 12 b	Appeared to come from direction of N 21 c
3 25 pm	5.9	3	At 102nd How. Bty	No damage done
3 40 pm	5.9	10	Towards M 6 a	appeared to come from direction N 17 c 1'5
4 30 pm	4.2	20	O.P. at N 5 b 4'4	Slight damage
4 45 pm	4.2	15	Building at N 7 b 4'3	building burnt down
4 50 pm		14	B.P. at N 5 b 3'3	No damage
5 15 pm	5.9	120	Billets at Bois GRENIER	Mostly fell short
7 50 pm	5.9	20	at O.P.s in N 5 b	no damage

*R. G. Miles* MAJOR  
Bde. MAJOR 1st. AUST. DIV. ART.



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May 3rd 1916

Operations

At 3 45 pm a sudden and long sustained machine gun fire took place from the direction of trenches N 11 a 5'5  
Fire of enemy trench mortar was heard from direction of N 12 a 1'5

Works New earth works constructed at Ø 0 5 d 7'0 possibly a machine gun emplacement.  
Enemy rebuilding parapet at N 14 b 1'7  
What looked like a gun pit was observed at N 16 d 9'6  
This is being kept under observation.  
The cage in the Fms DELAPORTE which was reported to have been moved is still in the same place.

Flashes

At 8 am helio flashes were seen at N 23 a 0'5

Balloons

At 9 30 am a balloon ascended near FROMELLES and at 11<sup>30</sup> am another one rose in rear of DOLLS HOUSE

Buildings

Smoke was seen issuing from HEELIES chimney at 2 47 pm and at 3 10 pm  
At 2 30 pm thick black smoke was seen coming from the brewery chimney at N 23 c 2'4  
Smoke was also seen rising behind trees at N 15 c 1'1

Enemy batteries

The 5.9" at N 28 a 5'3 was again firing at 8 am into a group on our right.  
At 1 25 pm smoke from the discharge of a gun was seen at O 10 b 6'5 while a 5.9 was firing.  
At 9 30 the 4.2 that was firing was judged by sound to be between N 27 b and N 28 a

Remarks

It is strongly suspected that a sniper is within our lines N.E. of O.P. at N 5 b 4'4. Every one going in or out of this station is fired at, ~~randomly~~ seemingly at short range.

*Chubbis*  
Major.  
Brigade Major 1st Divisional Artillery.



## Daily report 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.

4.5.16

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## Action of our artillery

Time	Bty	No. & nat. of rds	Target	Remarks
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>				
9 30am	6th	4 A	Working party at N 10 d 4.5	Party dispersed
1 15 pm	5th	17 A	Ficmelles Stn. N 22 d 6'8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Registration
5 30 pm	Mobile gun	12 A	Work at N 12 c 1'5	Strongly built work. obtained good effect
6 5 pm	"	9 A	Farm house at N 20 d 9'8	People seen leaving this place
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>				
12 10 pm	8th	3 A	Working party in front line trenches N 6 c 6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rounds burst in the trench and party dispersed and resumed work.

The following combined operations were carried out in conjunction with LORINGS Group, Anzac Heavy Artillery.

3 10 pm	7th	20 A	4.2" Bty at N 34 a 8'2	These series were fired by the map and actual effect could not be seen
3 30 pm	8th	21 A	4.2" battery at N 28 c 4'0	
3 50 pm	7th	20 A	4.2 Bty at N 34 a 8'2	
4 45 pm	8th	19 A	4.2 Bty at N 28 c 4'0	

## Action of enemy artillery.

Time	Desc. of projls.	No. of rds	What fired at	Remarks.
6 ante 8 am	77mm	30	Road communications and trenches in N 34 b & N 34 d	Effect not ascertained
Between 5 10am & 6 40 am	5.9	150	Horses on Pave de la Boutillerie and trenches N 5 b and N 6 A. Then switched on to Convent N 5 a 7'7	
8 am	77mm	25	N 34 c 8'11	no effect
10 35 am	4.2	10	Our trenches at N 8 c 4'4	
10 40 am	4.2	12	V.C. Avenue in N 8 b	
11 am	77mm	4	Our trenches at N 5 d 2'7	
11 25 am	4.2	8	near bldg at N 8 a 1'1	
1 10 pm	5.9	30	near bldg at N 18 b 4'4	
3 15 pm	4.2	12	our trenches at N 8 c 4'4	
3 40 pm	4.2	6	near bldg at N 8 a 1'1	
3 45 pm	4.2	60	V.C. Avenue in N 8 b	
4 pm	4.2	50	Weather cock farm N 31 d 1'4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 5 pm	4.2	15	near bldg at N 8 a 4'4	
4 10 pm	4.2	8	our trenches at N 8 c 4'4	
4 15 pm to 5 50pm	4.2	75	N 16 b 5'5	3 houses fired
4 25 pm	77mm	20	near bldg at N 8 a 1'1	
4 40 pm	4.2	20	near O.P. at N 2 d 1'2	
4 45 pm	77mm	20	our trenches in N 8 c & N 14 a	
5 45 pm			Towards WLEHERRAY	



ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

May 24th 1916.

Operations

Our artillery set on fire a house at ~~1-1-b-1~~ 0 1 b 0'0  
 Dense clouds of yellow smoke were seen rising. This building was evidently a magazine.

Movements.

A party of men were observed along road on N 6 d 8½'8  
 A small party was seen at N 16 b 5'5; they were visible only for about two minutes.

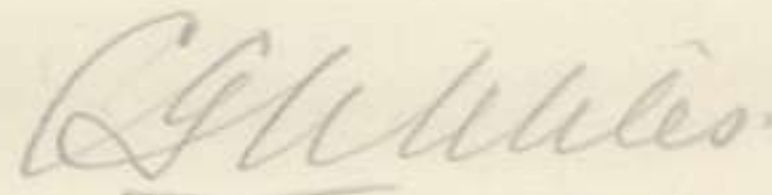
Working party of about 8 men seen in front trenches at N 6 c 6'2½; they were dispersed with three well placed and well burst rounds and did not appear again

A working party was fired on and dispersed at N 10 d 4'5

Works

A wooden and earth parapet extends from N 16 b to N 15 b on North side of road from LES CLOCHERS to ROUGES BANCS. This effectively screens the road. Bricks ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ are seen missing from a chimney stack. about half way up at N 19 c 7'0

There is a strongly built work at N 21 c 1'5.



Major.  
 Brigade Major 1st Divisional Artillery



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May 5th 1916.

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Action of our artillery

Time	Bty	No. & Nat. of rds	Target	Remarks.
<u>RIGHT GROUP.</u>				
7 50 am	4th	4 A	Party of about 15 men entering comm. trench N 21 b 8'7	Party disappeared when firing commenced.
11 am	102nd	9 BX	FROMELLES Stn.	Checking lines in new gun pits. 2 direct hits obtained
12 15 pm	6th	15 A	Cross roads at N 16 d 4'7.	With aeroplane observation. Target successfully registered.
4 5 pm	mobile	14A 9 AX	White house at N 22 b 8'2	This house reported to be used as a sniping post. Several direct hits but building not demolished.
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>				
11 23 am	9th	16 A	O 14 a 3'7	With aeroplane observation. 3 rds reported O.K.

Action of enemy. ~~xxxxxx~~ artillery

Time	Descr. of projectile	No of rds	What fired at	Remarks.
8 am	5.9	50	Weathercock Hse	Several direct hits
<del>7 50 to 8 15</del>	<del>4.2</del>	<del>7</del>	H 31 d 1'4 1/2	
7 50 to 8 15	4.2?	7	approx H 26 c 9'2	
8 20 to 8 40	4.2 or 5.9	25	H 22 c 9'0	no damage done
9 30	5.9	60	Aircraft guns at H 22 c 7'1	Lachrymatory shells
9 30 to 10 15 am	A.A. Bty		our aeroplanes	These guns very active. Appear to come from direction of N 22 d
9 40 am	5.9	100	G 36 d 3'3	Mostly fell in field. No effective result observed.
10 55 am	77mm	6	7 N 7 c 3'5	
12 noon to 1 pm	77mm	26	vicinity of N 8 a 3'7	
Between 12 noon & 2 pm	4.2	42	Weathercock Hse	Some casualties caused
1 pm	5.9	50	Weathercock Hse	
3 55 pm	4.2	20	H 31 d 1'4 1/2	
4 pm	77mm	20	N 7 c 9'8 N 8 a 3'7	



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Identification

At about 1 pm a man was seen walking near MARTINS CORNER O 7 a 9'7; he was dressed in a dark uniform

At 4 40 pm 5 germans entered communication trench at about N 21 d 9'2. They were dressed in grey with black boots half way up the leg. flat grey caps, black waistbelts, rifles and packs. At 4 50 pm two men dressed the same followed.

Enemy movements.

Small party of men seen at N 21 b 8'7

A man was seen to walk out of a house at N 11 a 4'6

Works

In the enemy trenches about N 6 c 0'1 is an aperture which has been filled up with bricks; it looks like a machine gun position.

Pipe seen running out of enemy's trenches opposite N 9 2 - looks like a drain pipe.

A white house at N 22 b 8'4 is reported to be used as a Sniper's post.

Smoke. Smoke was observed in rear of BRUNIERE FARM N 18 c 7'0

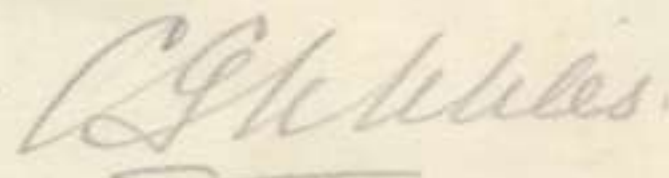
Enemy aeroplans.

Enemy aeroplanes were very active between 6 30 am and 9 am. During the shooting at G 36 d 3'3 an aeroplane was up and remained till the shooting had finished; it was evidently observing.

Lachrymatory shells.

At 9 30 am about 60 Lachrymatory shell (5.9) were fired at about H 22 c 7'1, a position that had been occupied by anti-aircraft guns for the past week, but no damage was done.

The effect produced by the lachrymatory shells was a stinging sensation causing the eyes to run and make them bloodshot. Anybody subjected to a good dose would be practically blind for some time afterwards.



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Time	Bty	No & Nat of rds	Target	Remarks.
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>				
6 30 am	5th	18 A	N 14 b 5'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 14 b 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ '1 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 14 d 8'9	Registration of FAUQUISSART barrage
6 30 am	6th	5 A	Working party at N 17 a 2'3	Party dispersed
10 45 am	Nobile	10 A	FROMELLE N 22 d 8'5	Retaliation. Good effect.
11 15 am	6th	14 A + AX	Enemy battery at N 25 c 2'4	With aeroplane observation. Reported good effect
4 pm	5th	15 A	N 8 d 6'2 N 9 c 0'1 N 9 c 2'1	Registration of night lines
8 pm	6th	19 A	night lines	Retaliation
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>				
2 pm	9th	12 A	Enemy's front trenches	Fired at urgent request of Infantry, <i>in retaliation</i> Hostile fire ceased.
2 45 pm to 3 30 pm	103rd	18 BX	CHATEAU de BLANDE O 15 c 6'8 and enemy Bty O 25 a 4'2 N 18 c 8'3	With aeroplane observation. Reported hits on CHATEAU and good effect on Bty. Registration.
5 10 pm	7th	20 A	night lines	Call from 6th Btltn at 7 25 pm. Enemy bombarding our trenches on left of this group. It continued till 9 30 pm when fire ceased. At 10 pm 2nd Inf Bde reported conditions normal.
7 25 pm to 9 30 pm	9th	134 A 18 AX	night lines	
	24th	250 A 30 AX	night lines	
	8th	12 A	night lines	
	103rd	21 BX	night lines	

Action of enemy artillery

Time	Descr. of profile	No. of rds	what fired at	Remarks.
8 30 to 11 45	5.9	50	About cross roads N 19 a 4'0	Fire seemed to come from behind AUBERS
8 45	5.9	80	4.7 battery	
9 15	4.2	18	Our trenches N 8 c 5'5	mostly shot
9 30 am	5.9	12	Our trenches N 14 a 3'5	
9 30 am	5.9	30	Our trenches N 8 c 5'5	
9 30 to 10 10 am	77	60	Support trenches in N 8 central	Estimated by sound to come from N 28 c 4'0
9 45 am	77	80	Our trenches N 14 a 3'8	
10 am	5.9	50	Near Ft Hour O 18 d 3'6	
10 25 am	4.2	35	Our trenches in I 31 c ard d	damage unknown
11 am	4.2 & 77	30	N 26 c 5'5 & N 25 b 5'3	
11 15 am	77	6	O.P. near N 5 a 9'1	
12 20 pm	77	60	N 5 a 7'7 & N 5 c	Convent fired on, but one round burst on O.P. but no damage
12 30 pm	77	50	Near 6th Bty at N 32 a 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12 45 pm	77	30	Our trenches	We retaliated



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## Enemy artillery contd.

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Time	Descr. of profile	No of rds	what fired at	Remarks
1 pm	77 & 4.2	25	H 32 a 8'9	
1 30 pm	5.9	10	Our trenches sector 45	
2 pm	5.9	25	N 6 c 9'9	
3 pm	4.2	4	N 8 b 7'1	
3 5pm	4.2	4	N 9 c 6'8	
3 5pm	77	17	V.C. Avenue N 8 b 8'5	
3 10 pm	4.2	9	N 8 a 9'6	
3 20 pm	4.2	3	N 8 a 5'5	
3 45 pm	77	10	our trenches N 8 c 3'2	
3 45 pm	77	20	Our trenches in I 31 c & d	
4 50 pm	5.9	20	M 18 b 7'5	
8 pm	77	20	H 27 c 5'6	
7 25 pm to 9 30 pm	both light & heavy		our trenches N 6 b 0'5 to I 31 c 5'5 near 7th Bty H 28 c 3'3	Heavy fire from Light and Heavy guns on left <del>our</del> trenches of left front. no damage done
9 pm	77	12		

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Enemy Movements.

At 0735 five men emerged from communication trench about N 21 b 8.7 and proceeded in the direction of FROMELLES.

1 45 pm. small party of 3 mounted and one transport wagon were observed moving eastward along road at X 0 31 c 6.1. Uniforms undistinguishable.

2 15 pm German was seen walking across open patch towards house at 0 41 c 9.1

Smoke

Smoke was observed rising in rear of enemy front line trenches at N 6 c 4.3 and N 5 d 5.2.

Enemy aeroplanes.

8 35 to 9 15, three enemy planes were over 8th Bty gun pits

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## Action of our artillery

Time	Bty	No. & rat of rds	Target	Remarks.
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>				
10 30 am	102rd	10 BX	FROMELLES Stn.	2 direct hits.
3 45 pm	5th	6A 2 A	Eme DELAPORTE N 15 a 7½'6 N 8 a 6'2	Retaliation at request of Infantry
4 30 pm	6th	12 A 2 AX	Enemy gun in house at N 16 d 7'2	With aeroplane observation. 6 hits on house.
6 50 am	4th	2 A	Working party at N 22 c 8'6	Party Dispersed.
7 45 am	23rd	1 A	night lines.	
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>				
nil				

## Action of enemy artillery

Time	Decc. of projls	No of rds	What fired at	Remarks
3 20 pm	4.2 & 77	36	N 8 a 8'5	
3 25 pm	5.9	15	Our front trenches N 9 1	
3 30 pm	4.2	30	V.C. avenue	
4 pm	4.2	20	About N 9 a 0'5	
4.5 pm	5.9	30	Our trenches at N 8.5 & n 9.1	
4 50 pm	77	11	Towards RUE de BOIS and V.C. Avenue.	
5 pm	77	6	EATON HALL	all burst short
5 15 pm	77	30	M 12 c 8'8.	

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-----1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY  
-----7th May 1916.

The Left Group report a very quiet day.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS.

Men were seen crossing fields at odd times during the day at 10.am , 3.50.pm & 6.50.pm.

Small parties of men were seen walking along hedges in single file in direction of BATTERY HOUSE, laterally between GIRLS CONVENT and POTTERIES in 0 7 d and 0 8 a.

Movement of men was also observed along communication trench at 0 13 b 9.9 disappearing into GIRLS CONVENT at 0 14 a 15.

RIGHT GROUP.ENEMY MOVEMENT AND IDENTIFICATION.

Between 6.50 & 7.10 am two men carrying stretchers were observed near FME du HOYON. They appeared several times going from farm to trench about N 22 c 9.7. Men were dressed in dark clothing, trousers appeared to be red.

At 5.15 pm 5 Germans dressed in grey with dark peakless caps white bands with red crosses on their arms walked down communication trench at N 21 d 9.2. Two of them carried a pannier slung on a pole between them.

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8th May 1916.

Action of our artillery

Time	Bty	rds	Target	Remarks
a.m.	<b>RIGHT GROUP</b>			
8 30	6th	2 A	Les CLOCHERS, Commn. Trench. N 10 d 3.4	Registration
8 52	102nd	20 BX	In front of sectors N 9.3, N 9.4 & N 10.1	Called for by Right Group as retaliation
9 2	"	20 BX	Fms de Marlaque	do
9 40	"	17 BX	N 17 b 3.7½	do
9 15	8th	12 A	In front of sectors N 9.3, N 9.4, N 10.1	
10.	6th	28 A	N 10 d 3.4	Retaliation. Effective
10 15	Mobile	11 A	Night lines	Retaliation. Majority effective
10 30	6th	3 A	N 21 d 6.3. Working party.	Party dispersed.
10 40	5th	7 A	Working party at N 17 a 7.2	Party dispersed and were not seen to enter into work again
pm			Commn. Trench N 14 b 5.2½	Movement observed and dispersed by our fire
12 5	102nd	3 BX	N 10 d 1.4	Aeroplane target. Effect not yet known
2 15	6th	12 A	Commn Trench. N 10 d 3.4	Retaliation. Effective
3 20	102nd	20 BX	Dump of Engineer stores N 15 d 1.4	Aeroplane observation O.K. given first round and succeeding salvos reported "mostly O.K."
3 50	102nd	5 BX	FROMELLES Stn.	Checking a gun which had been shooting inaccurately. (Report since sent in)
4 10	5th	11 A	Commn. Trench N 21 b 3.12	Movement observed and dispersed by our fire
4 30	5th	3 A	Road N 22 b 8.2	do
5	Mobile	9 A	N 27 b 0.9	5 rds A effective
		10 AX	earth work built up and masked with straw.	5 rds AX effective
5 30	6th	23 A 4A. X	N 10 c 4.3	Working on front trench, German front lines. Parapet hit frequently but unable to dislodge the structure.
a.m.				Movement observed and dispersed by our fire
5	5th	5 A	Working party N 22 c 4.4	do.
5 20	5th	2 A	N 22 c 2.3	
	<b>LEFT GROUP</b>			
a.m.				
11 30	103rd	3 B	Guns O 25 a 5.2	Flashes seen but not seen afterwards.
11 35	103rd	27 B	Bty firing N 24 d 2.8	Registration from new pit.
p.m.				
3 40	8th	19 A	BERNIEFF FARM	Good effect.
4 30	103rd	12 BX	Martins Corner	Good effect
5	103rd	15 B	Cross roads RADINGHEM	Good effect
5 30	103rd	7 B	LE MAISNIL O 13 a 8.1	Little effect.

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Action of enemy artillery

Time	Desig. of projectile	No. of rds	what fired at	Remarks.
a.m. 3 00	5.9 & 77	40	Our trenches at N 10. b 2.5	Our parapet damaged in several places
8 10	4.2	40	Our trenches N 10.1	3 or 4 rds struck parapet.
8 20	77	23	do.	
8 50			Front trenches about N 9.4 to N 10.1	Damage unknown
9 00	77	24	On road about N 10 a to N 10 b	Majority of shells burst high. No damage
9 25	4.2	40	-	
10 10	5.9	27	Front trenches N 9.3 to N 10.1	Mostly high
10 25	77	54	Road N 10 a to b.	Mostly fell in rear of road.
11 00	77	15	Trenches in N 10 b	damage unknown
p.m. 1 30	77	7	Our trenches N 10 b 4.6	damage unknown
2 50	77		do.	
2 50	77	12	Towards Rue PETILLON about N 3 b	Mostly fell in rear of road
5 30	77	10	apparently at 4th Bty	No damage
5 35	77	14	ROUGE de BOUT G 36 d 9'6"	

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1st Aust. Divisional ArtilleryArtillery Intelligence Summary 8.5.16  
-----LEFT Group.Enemy Movement

At 2 50 p.m. men were observed walking across field towards house at N 18 d 8.5.

Smoke

Smoke was seen rising from trenches at N 11 a 8.8

Works

Communication trench at N 17 e 7.9 now appears to be completed. The parapet has been built up and men are now thoroughly screened while walking past this spot.

About 35 yards of new wire was observed about N 5 d 5.1

RIGHT Group.Enemy Works

Work fired on at N 27 b 0.9 appears to be very well and strongly built. Four direct hits were obtained with AX but made very little impression.

There is a small piece of work on enemy parapet at N 10 c 4.3 which appears to be an observation post or sniper's post.

A work which appears to be a gun emplacement is under observation at N 17 b 1.1

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May 9th 1916.

## Action of our artillery

RIGHT GROUP					
Time	Bty.	Pos	Target	Remarks.	
7 a.m.	4th	6 A	Party of 8 men in Comm. Trench N 22 c 5'6	Party dispersed	
7 10am	4th	8 A	House which above party entered N 22 a 2'6	Obtained direct hits	
11 45am	4th	12 A	FROMELLES Stn N 22 d 5'8	Re-registering zero line	
12 35pm	4th	11 A	Comm. Trench N 15 a 8'5	Registering	
3 15pm	5th	9 A	Comm. Trench N 21 d 4'2	Fire effective	
		9 A	LE CLERCQ Fme N 27 b 7'8	4 direct hits	
		9 A	Road N 27 b 5'7 to N 27 b 3'5	Searching fire. Effect not known	
4 20pm	102nd	20 BX	Fme du HOYON N 22 a 1'6	Wind very gusty and uncertain, consequent- ly only two hits obtained.	
5 25pm	23rd	9 A	Enemy front trenches at N 9 c 5'1 & N 9 a 4'1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Registering	
LEFT GROUP					
11 AM	8th	3 A 2 AX	Working party at N 5 a 7'0	Fire effective and party dispersed	
3 30pm	Mobile	15 A 5 AX	3' BERNIERE Fme N 18 c 7'1	Six direct hits obtained	
3 35pm	9th	5 A 1 AX	Comm. trench O 13 b 7'9	Registering. Satis- factory	
3 45pm	7th	2 A	Fme de la MARLAQUE N 17 b 3'7	Registration but not completed owing to difficulty of obser- vation	
4 15 pm	9th	6 A 1 AX	Comm. Trench O 7 a 3'5	Registering	
4 30 pm	9th	5 A	Surker. Loc. O 7 a 7'2	Registering.	
5 pm	103rd	22 B	RADINGHEM O 9 c 3'7	Material effect could not be judged as 50% burst over the village and the remain- der among the houses	
5 35 pm	9th	5 A	Loc. O 7 c 6'5	Registering	

Action of enemy artillery

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Action of enemy artillery

Time	Descr. of projls	No. of r's	What fired at	Remarks.
4 10pm	4.2	30	Road N 8 a 3'6	Damage not known
4 55 to	4.2	12	N 8 a 6'2	Damage not known
4 45pm				
4 30pm	77	40	RUE de BCIS about N 8 a 2'1	Little damage
"	4.2	8	Road at N 1 d 9'9	Little damage done
"	77	20	Vicinity of N 1 b 7'2	Sounded to come from AUBERS. No damage
"	77	40	N 8 a 8'8 and RUE de BCIS	No damage
"	77	50	In N 8 a	Two hit TWO TREE FARM
4 45pm	77	30	Our front trenches about N 8 d 2'9	Little damage done

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RIGHT GROUPEnemy movement

At 7 a.m. men were observed to move through shallow trench at N 22 c 5.6 and go into small house at N 22 a 2.6  
 6 30 p.m. one man carrying heavy object walked into field round FARM LECLERQ  
 5 a.m. Eight men were seen to enter ruined house at N 22 a 2.6  
 2 30 pm Man observed entering dugout at N 22 c 6.1  
 5 30 pm Enemy sniping N 8 d 8.2  
 9 25 am German dressed in light coloured overalls came out of FROMELLES Station and walked round to back. He appeared to be examining the building.

Enemy movement

12 20. German dressed in dark coloured uniform came from bushes N 27 b 2.8, walked a few yards along the road and then disappeared into rectangular opening in bank at side of road; could plainly be observed going down, as if down steps. This opening is partly screened by a false hedge and has been under observation for some days past, but opening has always been closed until today.

Enemy works.

A small wooden door in enemy parapet at N 8 d 8.3 was observed; it might be used to conceal a sniper's post.  
 At 3 45 a.m. enemy seen repairing and strengthening trenches on AUBERS RIDGE from N 21 b 8.2; large parties visible.  
 Signs of activity in trenches near FROMELLES Station two piles of fresh dirt on road just in front of station

LEFT GROUPEnemy movement

Small parties of twos and threes were observed passing along road at O 13 b 5.2 near LA HAUTE LODGE going west; about 60 passed in all.  
 7 a.m. party of 10 men observed passing along road at O 14 a 1.1  
 7 20 a.m. Man observed moving in a stooping position from GIRLS CONVENT towards row of high trees; he appeared to be following telephone wire. He disappeared into a trench at O 14 a 2 7  
 7 30 a.m. Three men were seen near LA HAUTE LODGE O 13 b 5.2 going towards the house. A man again seen near here at 10 a.m.  
 9 45 a.m. Two men were observed on road at O 7 d 8.7 walking towards MARTINS CORNER O 7 a 9.7  
 10 46 small detached parties were seen passing in westerly direction along road at O 13 b 7.9 and O 13 b 3.7½. Movement was also noticed about road and sap near GIRLS CONVENT O 14 a 1.4½.

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Action of our artilleryMay 10<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Time	Bty	No. and cat of rds	Target	Remarks
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>				
9 15 am	6th	6 A 1 AX	FROMELLES STATION N 22 d 5'8	Party at work on stack of wood were dispersed
10 30 am	102nd	28 BX	White house in FROMELLES N 22 b 8'4	Not effective owing to gusty gusty wind and difficult observation.
11 40 am	6th	16 AX	MAHLAQUE Fms N 17 b 3'7	First series-8 direct hits obtained and farm considerably damaged
12 15 pm		4 AX	do.	Second series. 3 direct hits.
12 noon	5th	21 A	Communication trench N 15 a 9'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 a 8'4	Retaliation. Effective as far as is known.
3 20 pm	102nd	10 BX	FROMELLES STATION	Checking gun. 4 direct hits and all rounds within a few yards of the target.
6 5 pm	4th	19 A	FROMELLES	Registering
6 5 pm	Mobile	12 A	DELAPORTE FARM N 15 a 7'6	Effective
6 15 pm	4th	10 AX 16 A	Communication trench N 15 a 8'5	Registering. good effect
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>				
9 30 am	8th	4 A 5 AX	Working party at N 17 c 7'9	Party dispersed
10 am	9th	3 A	Small party at O 9 d 5'9	Found to be beyond range
10 45 am	24th	4 A	GIRLS CONVENT	Movement seen in this vicinity
12 10 pm	7th	15 A	Movement of troops O 9 c 5'6	Effect unknown. These were fired over RADINGHEM where movement of troops had been reported
2 pm	9th	15 A	Working party O 7 d 1'3	Party dispersed
3 pm	8th	18 A	BERNIERE FARM N 18 c 8'1	Registration. satisfact- ory.
5 pm	103rd	30 BX	Houses at O 13 a 7'5	Activity reported about here. Considerable damage done to houses.
5 45 pm	103rd	27 BX	do.	Fired on rear of CHURCH owing to presence of an engine of some descrip- tion moving about there
6 30 pm	103rd	4 BX	RADINGHEM	Effect unknown



Action of enemy artillery

Time	Bescri. of profile	No of rds	Description	Remarks
9 30am	77	15	PINNEY Avenue in N9A	no damage done
9 40am	77	30	CELLAR FARM	no damage done
9 40am	77.	12	Our trenches N 9 d 5'5	Damage not known
11 40am	77	65	EATON HALL	no hits obtained
12 noon	77 & 4.2	12	Our trenches N 8 c 5'5 and at SCHOOL House N 2 c 9'12 1/2	no damage done
12 5 pm	77	50	RUE de BOIS at N 2 c to N 8 a	Shells fell round O.P. at VINE COTTAGE. No damage
12 5 pm	4.2 & 5.9	58	N 8 a 5'5, N 8 a 7'5 and N 8 a 4'8	No damage done
12 35pm	77	20	Our trenches N 9 c 8'8	Damage not known
1 15 pm	77	28	Buildings in N 5 a and b	Damage slight

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RIGHT GROUPEnemy works

It appears that an emplacement is being built at N 22 d 3.7. A working party was seen there at 9 15 am and were shelled by us. They were dispersed and work is under observation.

9 15 a.m. Small party of Germans observed at N 22 a 6.7 drawing timber from small dump near communication trench.

Identification

The party of Germans observed at N 22 a 6.7 were dressed in dark grey tunics and caps.

Enemy activity

Considerable activity was reported around structure at N 15 a 7.6 and which was battered about by mobile gun fire.

LEFT GROUP

7 10 a.m. Transport wagons observed moving east along road at O 31 c 10.1. They drew up at a house O 31 d 1.1 and returned after a few minutes.

9 15 a.m. Small party in wagon observed moving west along road at O 31 c 0.1.

9 am Movement of small bodies of troops observed at O 10 c 5.4 also a horse and cart seen.

10 a.m. Movement observed at O 16 a of small bodies of men in parties of about 10. Movement was again seen here at 11 20 a.m.

6 15 pm Two trains observed to pass along railway in O 16 b to O 16 d, one five minutes after the other.

Works.

9 30 a.m. working party of 9 men in blue grey uniform observed making alterations to communication trench at N 17 c 7.9. This party was dispersed by our artillery, but was again observed and again dispersed by our artillery at 10 a.m.

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Action of our artillery

11. 5. 16

Time	Bty	Rds	Target	Remarks
RIGHT GROUP				
11 30am	6th	3 A	MARLAQUE Farm N 17 b 3.7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Good bursts. Effective snowing.
1 10pm	6th	23 AX	do	Retaliation. 10 direct hits
1 30pm	6th	6 A	Work at Delange Fms N 10 d 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Effective bursts
2 pm	4th	23 A	Communication trench N 15 a 8.5 to N 15 a 8.0	Retaliation. Enemy ceased firing. Rds effective.
2 8 pm	102nd	12 BX	Enemy's front trench at N 9 c 0.1	good effect.
2 30pm	4th	17 A	Registering night lines for 4 guns	Good registering obtained
3 40pm	102nd	18 B 1 BX	Battery at N 22 d 8.6	Aeroplane observation O.K received. Effect not known
4 49pm	102nd	11 BX 2 B	White house in FROMELLES N 22 b 8.4	Effect unknown owing to difficult obser- vation
4 10pm	Mobile	14 A 6 AX	N 15 a 9.1. House known to be occupied by enemy.	Effective, 4 direct hits
6 30pm	102nd	8 BX 3 B	Battery at N 22 c 8.6 and Bty at N 22 d 8.4	Aeroplane observation. O.K. received on both targets, but effect not known
LEFT GROUP				
11 30am	7th	12 A	MARLAQUE Fms, N 17 b 4.8	Mobile gun 3 direct hits
12 50pm	24th	11 A 8 AX	Trenches on night lines	registering. Low bursts on parapet with AX. graze behind parapet.
3 15pm	103rd	3 B 25 BX	House at O 14 a 4.5	Unable to estimate damage owing to an average of 1 round in every 8 deton- ating.
3 30pm	7th	26 A 4 AX	Road at N 24 a 4.6	Good low and effective bursts; series fired for purpose of instructing and registration.
-	13	-	- .5	Unable to estimate damage owing to an average of 1 rd. in every 8 detonating.
3 45pm	103rd	4 B 16 BX	Houses O 14 a 8.5 O 14 a 2.5	Suspected O.P. 3 direct hits.
5 pm	8th	3 A 6 AX	House at N 11 a 6.6	Trench registered.
4 30 pm	9th	14 A	Trench N 6 a 2.1	

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## DAILY REPORT-- 1st AUSTR. DIV. ART.

May 11th 1916.

## ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Descr of Projectile.	No of rounds.	What fired at.	Remarks.
8.40a.m.	77	25	Just behind our trenches about N 8 E 8½	Little damage done.
12.55p.m	4.2	16	Our trenches about N 9 c to N 8 d	No damage done.
1 p.m.	77& 4.2		Comm trench N9c 8½	Our guns retaliated. N 14 E 5¼
1 15 p.m.	4. 2	45	In direction of Rue de BOIS	High Bursts.
1.35p.m	77	50	Support trenches in N 9	No damage done.
2 p m	77	30	Our trenches at N 8 e 5.5	damage not known
2 45 p m	77	20	DEAD DOG Avenue	No damage
3 p m		40	BOUILLERIE Avenue	Damage not known.
3 p m	A.A.	50	Our aeroplanes	
3 15 pm	77	20	DAVIDS HOUSE	Damage not known
3 15 pm		40	Aeroplane flying low. low behind our trenches	
3 30 pm	5.9	40	Buildings at N 5 e 9½. 3	Damage not known
4 15 pm	77		do	do
5 40 pm	5.9	4	LABOUELLERIE	do
6 30 pm	5.9	10	Buildings N 5 9½.5	do

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RIGHT GROUP

IDENTIFICATION Two men in dark uniform and soft flat caps were observed to leave trench at N 26 b 9 4 at N 21 d 9 2 about 5.30 pm five Germans dressed in dark grey, with dark spiked caps, overcoats strapped in a roll on packs carrying rifles, walked towards trenches.

ENEMY MOVEMENT Two men were observed to leave trench here, and after looking round disappeared into trench again five minutes later a man carrying a spade appeared from this trench and walked towards bushes in rear at N 21 b 9.2. N 26 b 9.4

ENEMY WORKS. At N 26 b 9.4 enemy are busy with new works.

ENEMY LIGHT SIGNALS At 9.10 am a light like a helio in house at O 13 c 5.5 was observed, flashes stopped at 9.15, but glass was visible for half an hour afterwards.

ENEMY BALLOONS Three balloons were up S.E of FROMELLES.

LEFT GROUP

ENEMY LIGHT SIGNALS At 10.25 a.m Helio seen flashing from about N 12 a 4.2 towards N 5 a 9.5 flash high in the air. The following letters were picked up in Morse S H U L D B X E View obscured by trees; there was no sun at the time and helio seemed to be worked by means of a ray of lime light thrown onto mirror.

SMOKE At 12 noon smoke seen rising from ruined buildings at N 11 a 6. 5½. Smoke in trenches at Clapham Junction N 6 c 4.4.

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DAILY REPORT FIRST AUST. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

May 12th 1916

ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY

Time	Bty	No and nat. of rds	Target	Remarks.
<u>RIGHT GROUP.</u>				
12.15 pm	mobile	14 A 10 AX	Front trench and earthworks N 9 c 6.0	Good effect obtained.
3 pm	6th Bty	22 A	MARLAQUE FME communication trench N 17 b 3.7	With aeroplane observation, 10 effective bursts.
3 45pm	Mobile	9A 3AX	enemy earthworks at N22b 3.0	partially effective
5pm	"	8A 15AX	enemy gun pos. at N22d 4.2	Effect good as far as could be observed
5.5pm	4th	4A 15AX	salient in N 8 d	hits obtained on enemy parapet
5.8pm	102nd	1B 34BX	engineer dump at N15b 1. 4	Activity had been noticed here. good effect, timber, sandbags, etc, seen to fly into air
6.30pm	5th	8A	Working party at N22b 5-3	Party dispersed
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u>				
7.30am	24th	7A	Working party at O 7 a 7.5	party dispersed
8.10am	8th	3A	Waterfort N 11 b 2.9½	For verification of line
11am	103rd	31BX	Battery at O 13 b 5.4	With aeroplane observation. OK after 4th round and subsequent. <i>rounds fell well on target spot.</i>
11.20am	103rd	29 BX	House at O 2 c 0.2	With aeroplane observation OK after 4th round. remainder apparently good
11.20am	9th	7A	Observer in tree at O 13 a 8.2	Effect not known.
11.45am	9th	5AX	White House at O 13 a 7.4½	Movements seen. Two direct hits obtained.
12.15pm	7th	34A	Building at N 30 b 2½.5½	Movement observed in this vicinity. This house appears intact and smoke seen rising from it.
2.55pm	8th	7A 11AX	Cross roads at N 12 b 4.1½	With aeroplane observation. OK received after 12th round.
4.15pm	9th	8A	Working party at O 7 d 3.5	Party dispersed
4.30pm	9th	7AX	House at O 13 b 5.2	3 direct hits.
4.50pm	103rd	4B 37BX	LA HAUTE LODGE O 13 b 5.1	Effect doubtful owing to poor detonation. Probably boggy ground.

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DAILY REPORT 1st AUST DIV ART.

ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY

Time	Deser. of projectiles	No of rounds	What fired at.	Remarks.
10.30am	77	19	House at H 35 d 3.8	Damage unknown.
12 noon	77	30	Comm trench at N 5a 8.7	Damage unknown
11.10pm	77	12	Our trenches at N 8 c 5.5	Damage unknown
1.30pm	5.9"	15	ditto	ditto
1.30pm	77	40	Rue de BOIS N 8 a 5 5	No damage
2 pm	77	20	Rue de BOIS	3 direct hits on house.
2 pm to 2.40pm	5.9"	40	Building on Rue TILLELOY	Damage unknown
3 pm	77	20	Near Road at N 5 c 7 9	Damage unknown
3.30pm	77	70	BOIS GRENIER	Salvoes of three rounds at about 5 minutes interval.

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1st. Aust. Divis. Art. 12.5.16

RIGHT GROUPENEMY MOVEMENT

In this group enemy movement yesterday was generally quiet.

At 11 20 am considerable activity was noticed in enemy communication trench at N 9 c 6.0.

At 3 pm Three Germans in dark uniform were seen to leave communication trench at N 22 d 5.5 and walk towards front line trenches.

SMOKE

At 2 10pm chimney at N 27 b was seen to be smoking furiously.

EXPLOSION

At 11 am shock of an explosion was heard at 6th Battery O.P from left of ABBEY de CHARTREUX, it was followed by brisk Rifle fire.

ENEMY BALLOONS

7. a.m. Observation Balloon rose behind AUBERS RIDGE between FROMELLES and AUBERS. Two balloons were up behind AUBERS.

R.F.F. GROUP.ENEMY MOVEMENT

1115 men entered WHITE HOUSE, which was engaged by our Artillery O 13 a 7.4½. Two direct hits were obtained.

At 16.30 men were seen to enter house at O 13 b 5.2 this target was engaged by our artillery. Three direct hits obtained.

ENEMY WORKS 0730 A working party was observed at O 7 a 7.5 about 12 men in blue overcoats building sandbag wall. Pieces of sawn timber were seen to be carried along German front trench at O 1 a 7.5.

OBSERVATION STATIONS 11.15 We observed an observer in trees at O 3 a 8.2. an observer was also seen to climb into tree at O 3 a 8½. He was fired on by our artillery and disappeared into house at O 3 a 8½.4½.

SMOKE

Smoke was seen rising from CLAPHAM JUNCTION and the TADPOLE N 6 c 3.3 and N 11 a 2.5 respectively.

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DAILY REPORT - 1st AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY.

May 13th 1916.

Action of our Artillery

Time	Bty	No. and nature of rounds.	Target	Remarks.
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>				
10.58 a.m.	102nd	7BX & 3B	Working party at N 15 a 5'5	Party dispersed.
11.45 a.m.	5th	10A	Comm trench N14b-5.2½ to N14 d 9.6	good effect
1 P.M.	5th	8A	Night lines.	For information of relieving Bty Commander.
4.50 p.m.	Mobile	13A 9AX	LECLERCQ Fme N 27 b 7.8½	Good effect. 8 direct hits.
5.15 p.m.	102nd	31 BX	Engineer Dump at N16 c 1.1	good effect
<u>LEFT GROUP</u>				
7.40 a.m.	24th	5A 10AX	Working party at 07 a 4.4	Party dispersed
8.30 a.m.	24th	3A 3AX	ditto	Party returned and were again disper.
8.45 a.m.	24th	7A	ditto	ditto
4.15 p.m to 5.30 p.m.	9th	11A 7AX	Working party and small detached parties near house at 013b5.2	Party dispersed and took refuge in hou. Three direct hits house.
4.45 p.m.	103rd	60BX	Houses at 0 13 c 0.2	Considerable damage done to houses
6.15 p.m.	103rd	4B	house at 02 c 0'2	For re- registrat:

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## ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY-

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Time	Descr of projectile.	No of Rounds.	What fired at.	REMARKS.
8.15 a.m	4.2"	40	Our trenches N 8 c 5.5	Could not see effect.
9. am to 9.30 am	Mineurwerfer	20	Front trenches opposite O 1 a 0.5 ditto	Reported to have caused casualties to our infantry. Damage unknown
10 am 10.15 am	77 77	9 6	Our front t trenches N 6 b 5.0	no damage
12 noon	77	10	Our trenches at N 8 c 5.7	no damage
12 "	77	9	Rue de BOIS in N 8 a	no damage
5 pm	77 or 4.2"	8	4 7" gun near FLEUREAUX	damage not known Effect nil
7 pm	77	5	Rue de BOIS	

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY1st Aust. Div. Art. 13.5.16RIGHT GROUP

This group report very little enemy activity during the day.

Work

Work near LESCLOCHERS is still being carried on and is still under observation.

LIGHT SIGNALS

At 8.5 a.m. a Helio was observed, bearing 160° degrees from N 2 c 8.1.

LEFT GROUP.ENEMY MOVEMENT.

9.10 a.m. A good deal of movement was observed in sap at 07 a 4.4  
8.a.m Small detached parties were seen about PUCKS FOLLY. MARTINS CORNER  
and road at 013 b 7-2½.  
10. a.m - Party of seven men seen in communication trench at 013 b 8.9 party  
disappeared into GIRLS CONVENT.

ENEMY WORK.

6. 15 a.m. Party of Germans at work with sand bags on communication Sap  
at 07 d 3.3, they continued work although one of our aeroplanes was  
at the time flying very low overhead.  
7.40 a.m. Working party observed at 07 a 4.4 dispersed by 18 pdr fire.  
The enemy appear to be strengthening the timber in their front  
line trench and improving communication sap at 07 a and 07 a. 6.  
A large plate was reported in parapet at N9 d 4½.1½, with  
sand bags round and above it, apparently a machine gun position.

IDENTIFICATION

At 07 d 3.3 Germans were seen in dark blue uniforms. Germans  
also seen in front line trench at 0 1 a 0.6 wearing yellow jackets but no  
hat.

LIGHT SIGNALS

Light appeared from Window at MAISNILCHURCH which looked  
like reflected light from Helio at 0936. light ceased.

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## DAILY REPORT, 1st. AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY

## ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY.

May 14th 1916.

Time.	Bty	No of Rounds.	Target	REMARKS
<u>R I G H T G R O U P.</u>				
11.30am	102nd	33BX	Fme du HOYON N 22 d 1'6	Movement observed here - good effect on building.
2. 50pm	6th	18AX	Building at N.16 d 7'2	11 Direct hits.
		5AX	MAKLAQUE Fme N 17 b 3 1/2 7 1/2	3 direct hits
		5A	Communication trench LES CLO- CHERS N10 d 3'4	Satisfactory - good bursts.
		4A	Working party near FROMELLES	Party dispersed.
		10AX	Work in rear of LES- CROCHERS and working party.	8 direct hits. Party dispersed.
		11A		
		12A	LES CLOCHERS Communi- cation trench.	effective.
3 pm	102nd	27BX	New work at N 22 b 7' 1/2	Work partly demolished and party working on it disp.
		2B		
4.10pm	Mobile	14A	HAYEM N.16d 5'6	Effective - Direct hits obtained.
		10AX		
5.20pm	5th	16A	Road N 27 b 8'8 to N 27 b 6.6	Retaliation - Fire effective as far as can be judged.
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u>				
4.40pm	24th	3A	Road at MARTINS CORNER O 7a 9'6	Movement observed here.
		7AX		
5pm	24th	2A	Sap at O 7 a 6'2	new work going on - Demolishe new sandbag wall
		6AX		
5.30pm	24th	3A	Battalion Hd. qrs at O 7 a 3'5	Main sap at this point - Infantry observers report seeing one casualty.
7.30pm	8th	2A	Stores dump and head of communication T.	Previously registered with aeroplane observation.
		3AX	Trench N 14b 4'1 1/2	

ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY -

Time	Deser of Bty/iles	No of rounds.	What fired at	REMARKS
2.40pm	5.9	25	Communication trench and house at H 34c4.5	No dam. to trench but direct hits on house.
	77	20		
2.45pm	5.9"	40	Convent & communicatn. trench. N 5a 7'6 1/2	10 failed to detonate
3 pm		36	DAVIDS HOUSE H35c 5 '1	13 round failed to detonate.
3.45pm	77	16	Near road at H35c 3'4	No material damage.
4.40pm	77	50	Our trenches about N 13 b 9'1	very little damage as far as is known.

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14th May, 1916.

RIGHT GROUP.

Enemy are reported to have been very quiet along the whole front during the day.

Nothing of interest to report.

LEFT GROUP.

Report that owing to rain and haze Observation was practically impossible. Very little enemy movement observed.

WORK

Work continued on Sap running into sunken road 0.7a 6'2 and quantities of round timber were seen lying on edge of trench.

Cooking fire was observed in sunken road between MARTINS CORNER and 0 7 a. 6.2

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DAILY REPORT. 1ST AUST DIV. ART.

May 15th, 1916.

## ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY.

Time.	Bty	No & Nature of rounds.	Target	Remarks.
<b>RIGHT GROUP</b>				
10.20am	Mobile	(4A (6AX	N 22 d 8.5	Searching fire on enemys light railway & cross roads. The effect good as far as could be observed.
10.50am	"	12A	do	
12.10pm		7A	do	
11.5am	102nd	37BX 2B	FROMELLES STN.	Effect food. several direct hits obtained
3. 30 pm	6th	12A 8AX	MARLAQUE FME. N 17 b 3½.7½	Several direct hits.
3. 50pm	5th	19A	Farm house at N 16 c 1½.2	Good effect
4.30pm	6th	18A 8AX	Work at N 17 c 6.8	Retaliation- 5 direct hits.
5.5pm	5th	15A	Farm house at N 21 a 7½.7.	Retaliation -effective.
5.50pm	Mobile	5A 15AX	N 15 a 8.5	machine gun emplacement and earthworks. good effect.
<b>LEFT GROUP.</b>				
12.10pm	7th	5A 10AX	Night lines	Fired for verification- 4 hits on parapets.
3. 20pm	103rd	45BX	BERNIERE Fme.	Obtained good effect, and very considerable damage done to building.
4 pm	24th	4A	Porty of gun at 016631	partly took cover.
4.15pm	103rd	5B 25BX	MARTINS CAMP 0 1 d 8.0	Considerable damage done to building.

## ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY

Time	Descr of Projectile.	No of rounds	What fired at.	Remarks.
8am	77	8	Front trenches at 1 31 c 2.2 c 2 O. Pat N 5 a 9 .5	All fell 10 yds in rear of trenches.
8.15am	4.2"	3		Fell short in field.
8.20am	4.2"	4	Trenches N5c 9.5	Fell short.
8.35am	4.2"	8	About N5 a 9.1	----
8.50am	4.2"	5	ditto	-
11.50am	77	8	Trenches opposite CLAPHAM JUNCTION N 5 d 9.8½	
3.5 pm	77 & 4.2"	50	in N 13 a	Some effective
3.15pm	77	25	DEVON AVENUE	Damage unknown.
3.20pm	4.2"	50	N 7 d 9.9	
4.30pm	5.9" & 77.	20	House on DEVON AVENUE	No effect.

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1st. Aust. Div. Artillery. 15.5.16

RIGHT GROUP.

From the group very little enemy activity is reported owing to very poor light for observation.

At 12.30 P.M. 3 Germans in dark uniforms with caps were observed to enter communication trench at N 16 c 2.7.

LEFT GROUP.

Movement.

At 1.30 men were seen at O 13 a 7.4 the roving gun of 9th Battery opened fire and obtained two direct hits on white house at O 13 a 7.4 into which they were seen to go when we opened fire.

At 1.30 several parties were seen to pass along road coming from ERQUINGHEM Railway Station at O 16 b 2.6.

WORKS.

Considerable work has been done in rear enemy trenches, freshly turned earth is distinctly noticed at O 7 d and O 8 a. A stack of timber suitable for overhead covering of trenches has been left by roadside at O 7 d.

SMOKE.

Smoke was again seen rising from CLAPHAM JUNCTION possibly from a cook house as it is distinctly noticed each day.

Observation was also reported very difficult, owing to haze, from this group.

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Location	What seen	No of	Direction	Time
Front trenches	3	77		
1st & 2nd				
3rd				
4th				
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16th				
17th				
18th				
19th				
20th				



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DAILY REPORT. 1st. AUST. DIV. ART.

May 16th, 1916.

ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY

Time	Bty.	No of Nature of Rds.	Target.	REMARKS.
<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>				
12.15 pm.	102nd	47BX	FROMELLES Statn. ) N 22 d 5 1/2' ) FROMELLES Goods ) shed, N 22d 5'5 ) FROMELLES Water ) Tower, N 22 d 5'4 1/2. ) Fme du HOYON N22d1'6 ) N 22 b 7'7	Direct hits on all targets.
4.30 pm.	22nd	5A		Parties observed in this vicinity-4 rds burst at effective height.
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u>				
11.15 a.m	7th	18A 11AX	Enemy parapet at N 10 b 9'4.	10 direct hits-considerable damage done to parapet and parapet scattered.
11. 20 am	9th	5A 1AX	Party at 0 16b 2. 1/2	Party scattered.
11.45am	7th	16A 4AX	Enemy parapet at N 11 a 4.6	Working party at this spot dispersed. 6 direct hits obtained
2. pm	8th	15A	Working party at N 18 d 2.2	Party took cover.
3.45 pm.	9th	4A	Party at 016b2'8	Effective
4. 30pm.	9th	4A	ditto	Party again dispersed
4. 50pm	9th	7A	ditto	Party again dispersed and not resume work.

ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time.	Desc of Projectile.	No of round.	What fired at	REMARKS.
12 noon	77	30	Communication & second line trenches in N5a &c	No apparent effect.
12.15pm	5.9"	30	Buildings in N 5 c	Could not see effect
3.10 pm	77	44	N 7d 8'7 near Rue TILLELOY	Damage unknown.
3.20pm	4.2" & 77	60	Trenches at N8 c 5.5	Damage unknown.
3.30pm	4.2"	17	N 7 d 1'2.	Damage unknown
4. pm	4.2" & 77	100	Trenches at N8c 5.5	Damage unknown.

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

1st. Aust. Div. Art.  
16. 5. 16

LEFT GROUP.

Enemy Movement.

Parties of Germans seen on road at O 16 b 2.8 at various intervals during the day. Each time they appeared they were fired on by our mobile gun, and were quickly dispersed on each occasion. The parties appeared to be about 15 to 20 strong and during the afternoon appeared to be going towards ERQUINGHAM STATION. The road or shallow trench at this point crosses a large grass plot, without shelter and our mobile gun was kept laid on this spot all day opening fire when a favourable target appeared.

9.am Party of 6 men observed going east at O 14 a 3.2.

2.30p.m Working party seen at N18 d 2.2 and dealt with by our Artillery.

1. pm Party of 6 men seen in road at O 16 a 2.8 during the afternoon several parties were seen here going and coming from the ERQUINGHAM RAILWAY Stn.

SMOKE.

Smoke seen rising from N 11a.9 and N 5d 7.0  
Observation still very difficult.

RIGHT GROUP

Nothing to report.

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## DAILY REPORT 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery

17th May 1916.

## Action of our artillery

Time	Bty	No. & Nat. of rds	Target	Remarks
10 20am	101st	11 BX	Building N 22 d 8'6	Some direct hits Retaliation-effective
1 30pm	Mobile	20 A	DELAPOITE Commn. trench.	
2 15pm	Mobile	18 A	LES CLOCHERS commn. trench	Retaliation-effective as far as could be observed Aeroplane observation. Too cloudy to see effect With aeroplane observation Several direct hits reported. In cooperation with other batteries firing on FLOMELLES Retaliation.
3 21pm	101st	4 BX	N 16 b 8'8 N 21 b 0'0	
3 34pm to 4pm	101st	5 BX 2 B	Guns at N 20 d 8'6	Fair proportion of effective bursts Retaliation.
4 15pm	101st	57 BX	Guns at N 20 d 8'6	
4 55pm	22nd	25 A	Between N 21 d 9'2 and N 22 c 7'5	
4 55pm	1st	21 A	Fme du HOYON N 22 d 1'6	Party dispersed Searched and swept this area For registration-satisfactory 4 or 5 direct hits on houses with effective bursts Party immediately sought cover Effect appeared very good Effective series
5 pm	2nd	25 A	Road N 23 a 6'0 to N 16 d 4½'6	
5 30 pm	1st	10 A	Building N 22 d 8'6	
<b>LEFT GROUP</b>				
9 15 am	24th	3A	Party at 0 8 a 2'8	Party dispersed Searched and swept this area For registration-satisfactory 4 or 5 direct hits on houses with effective bursts Party immediately sought cover Effect appeared very good Effective series
10 15am to 11am	103rd	28BX	Bty position at 0 13 b 5'4	
10 45am	24th	3 A	RADINGHEM 0 9 c 3'7	
11 15am	103rd	6 B 26 BX	THIROUANE to RADINGHEM 0 15 a 8'7 to 0 9 c 5'4	Four direct hits No further movement seen Movement seen here. 3 direct hits Effective bursts Movement noticed. Effective low bursts Satisfactory results House reported occupied Party seen to disappear in rear of house. No further movement after firing
12 15pm	24th	16 A 2 AX	Party of men in sap at 0 14 a 1'4	
12 20pm	103rd	10 BX	MARTINS CORNER	
12 30pm	24th	8 A 2 AX	BONTEMS 0 16 b 2'8	
12 35pm	9th	3 A 5 AX	GIRLS CONVENT 0 14 a 1'5	
12 35pm	9th	3 A 1 AX	Party of men at 0 13 a 7'7	
12 40pm	9th	7 A 2 AX	House at 0 13 d 2½'7	
1 pm	9th	3 A 1 AX	Party of men at 0 7 d 7'1	
1 pm	7th	10 A	BERNIERE Fme	
1 45pm	103rd	10 BX	Cross roads LE MAISNIER 0 13 d 1'9	
2 15 pm	7th	5 A	FARM CARTIER 0 13 a 3'5	
2 30pm	7th	13A	House at 0 13 b 3'5½	

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## Action of our artillery. Continued.

Time	Bty	No & Nat. of rds	Target	Remarks
2 45pm	7th	6 A 8 AX	Reported C.P. at O 13 a 8'3½	5 direct hits obtained
4 15pm	9th	14 A 1 AX	Haystacks at O 1 d 5'4	With aeroplane observation. Good effect reported.
5 45pm	9th	3 A	Party walking along road at O 16 b 2'8	Fire appeared effective Party dispersed.
6 pm	103rd	4 E	Comm. Trench O 3 d 0'9 to O 2 d 3'4	Sweeping fire
6 30pm	103rd	8 BX	House at O 13 a 6½'6½	Open fire observed in house, extinguished after 1st round. 5 direct hits.

Action of enemy artillery.

Time	Descr. of projectile	No of rds	What fired at	Remarks
9 a.m. to 12 30pm.	77. 4.2" & 5.9"	About 120	8th battery position at H 33 b 1'8	3 direct hits, but no damage to personnel or material.
12 noon. to 12 35pm.	77	12	Near FLEURBAIX	Effect not known.
12 50pm.	77	35	trenches & Buildings N5d 3.9 to N 5 a 9.1	4 rounds hit wall of O.P. effect elsewhere unknown.
12.55pm.	77	-	Building at M8b 5.5	No damage.
1. pm	77	30	In N 7 a	Effect unknown.
1. pm	77	5	Support Trenches N 9 d	effect unknown.
1.25pm	4.2"	3	About N 8 d 8.9	effect unknown
1.50pm	-	2	House H33d 1.7	Damage not ascertained.
1. pm	A.A	About 20	At our aeroplane over. H.29	No results seen.
1.40pm	4.2" & 77	about 30	Vicinity of N 8 c 3.8	effect unknown.

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.1st Aust. Div. Art.  
17. 5. 16LEFT GROUPEnemy Movement.

10.12 a.m Party of men observed at O 14 a 1.5 disappeared into  
GIRLS CONVENT.

Also observed party of men who appeared to be going into  
LE MAISNIL CHURCH.

1 p.m Movement was noticed near house O 7 d 7.1.

5.45 Party observed walking along O16 d 2.8.

4.45 Men were seen to enter RADINGHEM CHURCH O 9o 5.5  
Three or four men observed working on road behind  
GIRLS CONVENT.

1. pm A small party observed moving along sap O16 b 2.8

SMOKE.

An open fire was seen burning in house at O13a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .<sup>6 $\frac{1}{2}$</sup>  it  
was extinguished by our artillery fire.

Smoke was rising as usual from CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

OBSERVATIONS POSTS.

Flash of glasses was seen 30 minutes right of LE MAISNIL  
CHURCH. O13a 7.4 in trees to rear.

R I G H T   G R O U P .ENEMY MOVEMENT.

2.30 pm. Three Germans dressed in dark grey uniforms and caps  
left trench N21a 9.5 and proceeded to front lines.

WORK.

Work was observed in communication trench N 15a 5.9.

Working party seen at N22b 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7 carrying timber at N15 a. 0.5  
these appears to be an armoured car or large casement, which  
is being screened by shrubbery.

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DAILY REPORT 1st AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

18th May, 1916

Action of our Artillery.

<u>RIGHT GROUP</u>					
<u>Time</u>	<u>Bty</u>	<u>No and nature of rds.</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>	
7.15am	101st	6BX	White House FROM: ELMES N22b 9½.4½	All unobserved.	
7.45am	2nd	1A	Zero line	To ascertain corrector.	
11. am.	2nd	8 A	Communication Trench N15a 2.6	Effective.	
11.45am.	Mobile.	14 A	N15a 8. Fms Dela- porte Comm'n Trh.	Retaliation. Searched along trench for 200. Rep- orted effective.	
11.15am.	2nd	13 A	Comm Trench. N15a 8.0	Effective	
12. noon	22nd	20 A	N 17 b 6.3 Road in MARLAQUE FARM.	Retaliation.	
2.55pm.	3rd	4 A	Verification of night line of No 1 gun.	Fuze required <i>aturation</i>	
3.24pm.	101st	4BX	Old ruin about N15a 2.5	Haze too thick for obser- vation.	
4.30pm.	2nd	8.A	Comm Trenches N15a 8.5	Effective.	
4.40pm	2nd	4 A	Salient N 8.0 D	Effective.	
5.30pm	1st	21 A	Comm Trench. N14b 7.2	Effective.	
to 6pm.					
6 pm. to	1st	6 A	N14a 9.6	Effective.	
6.50 pm.					
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u>					
1. am	7th	18 A	House O 13 b 6.1	Reported occupied. 2 dir- ect hits. Rep. Dump. Ser- ies considered success- ful.	
11.30am.	7th	4 A 8AX	O 13 d 1.4	Series very unsatisfy, fuzes being very great. This is probably due to the fact that the comm has been in the pic for an extended period, some of fuzes covered comm Movement noticed in this vicinity. Well burst rounds dispersed the parties	
11.15am	8th	11A	Registrn. of zero lns. and susp. OP at O13b 0.2	Series very unsatisfy, fuzes being very great. This is probably due to the fact that the comm has been in the pic for an extended period, some of fuzes covered comm Movement noticed in this vicinity. Well burst rounds dispersed the parties	
11.15am	9th	5A 1AX	LE MAISNIL CHURCH	Good results obtn. Consid- erable damage done. Good eff't obtained by sweep- ing & Searching with A precededg by A X.	
11.30 <sup>am</sup>	9th	2A 2AX	do	Good results obtn. Consid- erable damage done. Good eff't obtained by sweep- ing & Searching with A precededg by A X.	
11.50am	103rd	6BX	THAROUNNE and vicinity.	Good results obtn. Consid- erable damage done. Good eff't obtained by sweep- ing & Searching with A precededg by A X.	
12.30pm		12BX	O 13 a 6.5		
		9BX	O 7 a. 9.6		
12.35pm.	103rd	4 B	O 7 a 9. 4		
2.15pm	103rd	10BX	Le HAUTE QUEHNOY	For surprise effect. Movement reported. Fire effective.	
2.15pm	24th	6A	Road at O 13 b 6.2	Effective	
2.30pm	24th	8A	Battery House O2c 1.2	Unsatisfactory owing to fuzes.	
3 pm	8th	13 A 1AX	Suspended O.P O 13 b 0.2	Believed to be an O.P 3 direct hits.	
3pm	24th	11 A 1AX	LA HAUTE Lodge		

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## Daily Report Continued

Time	Bty	No & Nat. of rounds.	Target.	Remarks.
3.10pm	9th	3P	0 13 b 5.3	Movement observed at these places. Fire effective. Parties dispersed.
3.20pm	9th	1 A X 6 A	0 13 b 9.2	
3.45pm	103rd	29BX	H 13 c 5.5	Searching and sweeping for hostile Btys firing. Party dispersed
4.15pm	9th	7A 1AX	0 14 b 1.5	Party dispersed
6. pm	8th	11A	Suspected O.P N 17 c 6.8	Unsatisfactory.
6.2 pm	103rd	1B 15BX	N 24 b 7½.9	Searching & sweeping. For hostile gun position.
6.20pm.	103rd	20BX	N 24 b 10.8	Shots fell in required area.
<b>RIGHT GROUP.</b>				
9.15pm	2nd	100	FROMMELLES Stn.	
to	22nd	(about)	Comm. Trenches	
9.45pm.	101st		N 10 d 3.3 to N 16 b 10.7 & N 15 b 6.5 to N 16c 5.7	

## ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Descr of Projectile.	No of rounds	What fired at.	Remarks.
10.am to 12noon,	5.9 & 77	about 150	N 4 a 7.1 & vicinity.	We retaliated.
11.15am	4.2	20	ELBOW FARM	Effect not ascertained.
11.20 am	77	10/15	Rear of OP N 5 a 9.5	Damage not ascertained
11.20am	77	15	Our O.P	Not ascertained
11.30am	77	20	H 35 c 3.3 CHARENTREUSE AVENUE. H 34 c 8.6	Damage approximately nil
11.30am	77	21	Objective unkn	
11.35am	4.2	27	Trenches & houses at N 5a 9.1	Very little material damage.
11.40am	4.2	25	Buildings N 5a 9½.2	Accurate shooting. but directed onto disused buildings. No damage.
12 noon. to 2. pm	5.9	about 50	N 4c 8.7	Did not retaliate as enemy aeroplane was over.
12.10pm	4.2 & 77	" 30	Various parts of our front line.	Observations for exact location impossible but believed to be N 8 c damage approx. nil.
1.15 to 3.30pm	4.2 - 1	10	Trench N 5c to N 10 b	
3.24pm	77	18	Not Observed.	
3.45pm	77	30	Watling Street & H 34 d 8.6	Damage not known
3.30pm	77	30	Vicinity of OP N 5 a 9.5	Several hits. no damage.
4. pm to 4.30pm	5.9	20	101st How Bty.	Nil
4.10pm	4.2 & 5.9	20	Approx from Direction N.20	Effect not observed.
4.15pm	77 - 5.9	6	Vicinity of H 25d 4.0 & H 31 b 7.3	Constant shelling no damage.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.1st Aust. Div. Art. 18.5.16.LEFT GROUP.Movement

11.15am. Party observed near LEMAISNIL CHURCH O 13a-8.5 afterwards seen to enter same.

11.30am. Parties moving in and round Church again, is probably an O.P.

3.10pm. Movement of men seen passing along road towards BRQUINGHEM STATION.

4.15pm. GIRLS CONVENT is apparently used as an O.P for continuous movement has been noticed round this place for the past week.

Smoke. 7.20am. Usual smoke seen rising from CLAPHAM JUNCTION N 6c 4.4, and also at N5 d 7.0.

RIGHT GROUP.

## SNIPERS POST.

A sniper was observed in tree behind trench about N 8 d 5.3.

Movement.

A German in grey uniform and cap was observed to leave point at about N 22 c 6.5 and disappear to rear behind what appears to be a false hedge.

Two men at work on trench about N 27 a 5.5 afterwards disappearing towards LA CLERQUE FARM.

Three Germans observed passing along communication trench at N 21 b 4.9½ towards front trench.

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## DAILY REPORT 1st AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

## ARTILLERY GUN ACTION

19th May, 1916.

## RIGHT GROUP.

Time.	Bty.	No and nature	Target	Remarks
1030	22nd	22 A	LES CLOCHES Comm Tr.	Retaliation
1140	Mobile	20 A	N27b7½.8 LECLER: 7 Fms	Swept road for 500 Yds Good bursts.
1205	101st	37BX	N22 b 9.4	20 rounds blind. Front wall of house blown down. 2 other buildings severely damaged.
1329	1st	25 A	Enemy trenches N 8 d & N 9c	17 Effective.
1403	1st	25 A	Enemy front line Trs at N8d & N 9c 9½.2	In combination with Me- dium Trench Mr. Battery.
1445-	22nd	15 A	Road near HAYEM	Searching and sweeping while 4.5 firing.
1530				
1510	1st	25 A	Enemy Trenches N 8d	12 effective.
1530			& N 9 c 9½.2	Fuzes erratic.
1516	3rd	4 A	N 9 d 4.1½	Verification night line.
1632	3rd	3 A	N 9 d 4.1½	Retaliation.
1730	101st	32BX	N22 d 9½.9 to N 23 C 0.7 & searched to N 23 c 2½.4½	Considerable damage. done to buildings.
1740	3rd.	3 A	N 9 d 4.1½	Verification.

## LEFT GROUP.

1055	8th	14 A 6 AX	0 13 b 0.3	Suspected O.P 12 rounds Effective. Fuzes not reli- ble.
1145	24th	6 A	0 7 a 4½.3½	Registration.
1215	24th	7 A	0 7 a 9½.6	Registration effective.
		3 AX		
1230	9th	4 A	0 16 b 2.8	Party dispersed.
1335	9th	3 A ) 2 AX)	0 13 a 7½.4	Effective fire on party.
1400	9th	3 A ) 1 AX )	0 13 b 9.8	Comm Trench Registration.
1405	8th	2 A 3 AX	Trenches at N6c 3.2	Effective retaliation.
1515	24th	7A 4 AX	0 14 a 1.5	Registration.
1520	8th	19A 2AX	Windows of Le MAIS NIE CHURCH.	Helio seen flashing. Ten good effective rds. Helio ceased.
1530	9th	5A 2 AX	Party 0 16 b 2.8	Party sought cover.
1605	7th	12 A	LA HAUTE Lodge	Reported O.P. Effect not known.
1620	7th	9 A 3 AX	BENIERE FARM	1 direct hit, Smoke obsd.
1620	9th	4 A 8 AX	Gr. M's Convent	2 direct hits.
1620	8th	7 A 6 AX	Trenches at N 6 : 3.2	Excellent results. Timbers & sandbags blown up.
1630	24th	8 A 1 AX	0 14 a 8.6	Successful Registration.
1630	24th	16 A	Road junction 0 13 d 1.9	Movement reported at this point.
1635	103rd	40 BX	0 19 b 6½.8	Searching & sweeping.
1800	103rd	6 B 11 BX	0 26 a 8.6n	Searching and sweeping.
1815	103rd	30 BX	0 14 b 1.8	Movement reported effective-



DAILY REPORT FIRST AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY  
 of  
 ACTION ENEMY ARTILLERY.

19th May, 1916.

Time	Projectile	No of Rounds.	What fired at:	Remarks.
0900	77	30/50		Not observed owing to mist.
1030	77	116	LA BOUTILLEUIE	Effect not ascertained.
1030	4.2	16	N 5 b	No damage
1240	4.2	20	Front Trenches about N9 a	Little or no damage six failed to detonate.
1420	77	18	British earthworks about M 6 d 9.6	No apparent damage
1454	4.2	28	Out line & Comm. trench about V C Avenue.	12 failed to detonate.
1500	5.9	15	Heavy Grpup.	Result not known.
1500	5.9	21	Our Trenches opposite N9c 1.4	two blind.

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1st Aust. Div. Artillery.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

1200 Party seen moving on road at O 16 b 2.8 in the vicinity of GIRLS CONVENT.

1920 Hostile aeroplanes flew over unobserved at conclusion of a Battery series, in 3rd F.A. Bde, and possibly saw flashes of last two rounds. He dropped two silver balls on his own trenches as he returned.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

Helio was seen flashing from window of MAISNIL CHURCH O 13 a 7.4. It was answered by another helio from house at O 13 a 9.4. Flashes couldn't be read owing to mist and trees in front of O.P.

A helio was seen flashing from behind needle N 12 a 0.7 as as it stopped 77mm gun from direction of O 13 d shelled a working party of our infantry.

SMOKE

Usual smoke from CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

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## DAILY REPORT. 1st AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

20th May, 1916.

Right Group.

Time.	Bty	No & Nature.	Target	Remarks.
10. am	22nd	46 AX 56 A	Enemy parapet N 10d 2.9 to N 11 a 7.8	In conjunction with Medium Trench Mortar Battery.
10.45pm	101st	24 BX	N 28 c 1.4	With aeroplane observ-
3.30pm	101st	21 BX	N 16 d 5.8	(ation.) do
3.30pm	2nd	16 A	Road Junction N16d 8.	Effective.
4.30pm	2nd	10 A	N.E. Road Junction N 16 d 8.5	Effective.
4.50pm	2nd	4 A	N 22 d 1.5½	Effective.
5.35 to	1st	23 A	Enemy front line	Effective
5.44pm			from N8d6.3 to N9d5.0	
5.25pm	"	1 A	Enemy front line Tr. at N 9 c 3.½	Effective.
6.50pm	Mobile	16A	N 15 a 8.3	Retaliation on Comm- unication trench. On registered lines.
7.30pm	101st	20 BX	N 22 d 6.8 FROMELLES STATION.	
8.15pm	2nd	4AX	N22a.2.4 & N16d 6.1	Retaliation.
11.30pm		4A	On roads N 16 d 6.1	
11.30pm	2nd	27 AX)	N 21 b 9½.4½	

LEFT GROUP.

0930am	8th	5A	MAISNIL CHURCH 0 13 a 7.4	Helio flash observed.
10.10am	24th	6 A 3 AX	0 2 c 1.2	Suspected billet direct hit.
10.55am	24th	8 A 2 AX	0 13 b 5.1	Good effect.
10.55am	9th	6 A 2 AX	0 7 a 9.7	Party took cover in house. 2 direct hits on H.
11.30am	24th	11 A	0 1 d 8.1	registered & Swept. suspected billet.
2.50pm	24th	4A 3 AX	0 14 a 4.5	Effective.
1.50pm	9th	4 A	0 16 b 2.8	Bursts erratic. Not Eff.
4. pm	24th	5 A	Sap at 0 16 b 2½.6½	Party observed and disp.
4. pm	103rd	3 BX	0 20 a 7.7	(Aeroplane series, Comm bad. series unsatisfy.
4.10pm	7th	23 A	BERNIERE FARM N 18 c 7.1	Four direct hmts.
4.30pm	7th	16 A	cross roads 0 13d 1.9	Movement reported. Effect- ive.
4.40pm	8th	21 A 1 AX	BERNIERE FARM N 18 c 7.0	Fuzes erratic.
4.45pm	7th	6 A	cross roads 0 13 a 8.5	Movement reported here. Good series.
5. pm	103rd	3 B 4 BX	Zero Line.	Mobile Gun.
5.20pm	24th	12 A 1 A X	0 15 c 6. 8½	Suspected Headquarters. registration effective.
5.30pm	9th	5 A	0 13 a 9.2	Observed tree forced to descend.
5.45pm	9th	8 A 3 AX	Party in sap. 0 7 c 9.2	Party disappeared.
6. pm	103rd	32 BX	SATTE RUE	Searching & Sweeping vicinity.

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Time	Bty	No & Nature.	(2)	Targets	Remarks.
6.15pm	103rd	10 BX		0 13 a 5.6	LE MAISNIL. Good Effect. on houses.
6.45pm	103rd	9 BX		0 13 c 2.0	registration Mobile Gun.
6.30pm	8th	9 A		Billets at SATTE RUE.	In conjunction with 103rd Battery.

ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Fire	Projectile	Rounds.	What fired at.	Remarks.
10 am	H.E	30	Trenches about N 9 c 5.9	Lasting 15 mins. Apparently effective.
10.15 am.	5.9, 77mm	200 &	Our supports	No damage.
10.45 am.	7.1	12	bombs. & Cellar Farm	No apparent damage.
10.30am	77	36	Near N 10 or N5	All exploded. No flash seen.
12.30pm	4.2	3	N 7 d	do
1.35pm	5.9	7	N 7 d	do
2. pm	5.9	-	Not known	
5 pm	4.2	20	Sweeping out Trs. from N8c5.3 to N 9 c 5.9	Effective.
5. pm	4.2 H.E	12	N 8 d 5.6	No apparent damage.
5. pm-5.30 & 7pm to 7.30	5.9	100	Dead Dog Avenue Eaton Hall & Cellar Farm	Apparently no effect.
5.35pm	4.2	40	N 8 b 8.0	No apparent damage.
5.35 pm	4.2 H E	40	Our Trenches at N 8 d 6.9	Effect unknown.
6. pm-	77 &	20 &	G 36 d 6.7 to	Effective.
7.45 pm	5.9	16	H 31 c 2.9	Demolished part of wall.
7. pm	5.9	50/60	Convent N5a 7.7	No material damage.
7.40pm	77	50	O.P at N5a 9.5	No material damage.
7.20pm	4.2 or	30/40	H 34 a 6.5	
7 pm.	5.9			
7 pm.	4.2	30	103rd Battery H 34 a 6.5	1 direct hit on pit No damage to gun.
7.45pm	4.2	5	H 34 a 6.5	Effect not known.
11pm	5.9 H.E	17	G36d 6.7 to H 31 c 2.9	Effect not known.

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

1st Aust. Div. Art 20.5.16

LEFT GROUP.ENEMY WORKS.

Two high mounds of earth have been lately built up in centre of field at N 18 a 8.3, they may be ammunition or funk pits. They were kept under closed observation all day but no movement was observed around or near them.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

10.55 am Party of men observed at MARTINS CORNER, they were fired on by our mobile gun and took shelter in house at 0 7 a 9.4

1.50pm Party seen moving along round at 0 16 b 2.8.

LIGHTS.

9.30am Helio was observed flashing from windows of LEMAIS-NIL CHURCH. Fire was brought to bear on this position and nothing further was seen of the helio.

10.45 Helio observed in house at N 16d 4½.8 signals could not be read.

RIGHT GROUP.

Enemy reported very busy digging enlarging support trenches at N 22 d 1.9.

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## DAILY REPORT 1st Aust. Div. Art.

## RIGHT GROUP.

21st May, 1916.

Time	Bty	Rds.	Target	Remarks.
11.25am	101st	8 BX	N 22 d 9.2	Suspected gun positions.
11.38am	101st	17 BX	Guns N 27d 9.5	Aeroplanes observation 30.K Aeroplanes observation.
11.47am	101st	5 BX	Guns at N28c 3.1	14 o.k shots. Explos. caus.
12 noon	101st	15 BX	Guns at N28d 7.2	Aeroplanes Observation. O.K.
12.10pm	3rd	2 AX	N 8 d 4.1	Aeroplanes observation. O.K.
3.-4pm	22nd	10 AX	Les CLOCHERS Comm trench.	Retaliation.
3.25pm	1st	21 A	Enemy front line at N8d & N 9c	Retaliation effective.
4.16pm	1st	5 A	Comm Tr. at N14b6.½ to N 14 d 9.6	Effective.
5.10pm	1st	32 A	Soft spots in N22d	Effective rounds which fall in HOYON.
5.30pm	101st	21 BX	DU HOYON N22d 1.6	Front wall blown in. Adja- cent roof wrecked.
5.45pm	101st	9 B		
6.10pm	Mobile.	16 A	N 16 d 4.6	Retaliation. Searched road effectively.
6.30pm	2nd	18 A	Comm Tr. N15a 8.6	To test lines and corrector.

## LEFT GROUP.

0955 am	9th	4 A	Party O 14a 1.4½	Effective. Party dispersed.
1005 am	9th	4 A	O 16b 2.8	Working party dispersed.
1030 am	9th	3 A )	Girls Convent	Three direct hits.
		5 AX )	O 14b 1.4½	
1030 am	8th	14 A	BERNIERE FARM.	Movement noticed. Satisf'y.
		6 AX	N 24 a 6.9	
1030 am	7th	6 A	BERNIERE FARM	Good bursts on working Pty.
1055 am	24th	4 A	O 7b 2.7	Swept & searched vicinity.
1130 am	103rd	3 B	Martin's Corner.	Good effect.
		27 BX		
1.40pm	9th	4 AX	O 13 a 8.4	Apparently observer in MAISNIL?CHURCH. 4 direct hits.
2.20pm	8th	4 A )	Gun at N23d 5.5	Enemy gun ceased fire.
		1 AX )		
2.30pm	9th	5 A	Party at O14a 1.4½	Effective. Party dispersed.
3.30pm	9th	3 A	White house O13a 1.4	Suspected O.P. Direct hit.
3.25pm	9th	12 A	O13b 9.4	Aeroplanes observation in conjunction with heavy Bty. Three O.K.
4.30pm	7th	20 A	Cross roads O13a 8.4 & O13d 1.9	Retaliation.
5.20pm	8th	27 A	Zero line	Registration and verifica- tion.
		6 A X		
5.40pm	103rd	4 B	O 24 b 6.9	At house with mobile gun.
		10 BX		
6.10pm	103rd	15 BX	O 7 a 5.3	House. 5 direct hits.
6.15pm	103rd	16 BX	O 7 c 4.9	Searching timber.

P.T.O



Time	Projectile.	No rds.	What fired at.	Remarks.
11.am	77mm	40	trenches about N7c	Effect not known.
12.noon	77mm	-	Impact not seen.	
1.40pm.	4.2	25 H.E.	N 5 a 9.1	Artillery Avenue
2.15pm	77mm	15 H.E.	N 5 a 9.1	no damage.
3. pm	77mm	12	Supports near Eton Hall.	Not effective.
4. pm				Intermittent.
12 noon )	Hew. & 77mm	90	Supports left of Dead Dog.	Heavy shells. Thick yellow smoke emitted.
3.50pm )				
4.20pm.)	5.9	20	V.C. Avenue	Flash not seen.
3.25pm	5.9	20	Trenches at N9d.	Effect unknown.
3.30pm	5.9	12	N 9d. Front Line.	
3.30pm	5.9 & T.M	12	N 9 d	
4. pm	4.2	10 H.E	N. a 9.1	Not effective.
4.30pm	4.2	20	N 5 a 9.1	At our O.P.s. Enemy generally retaliates in this manner doing little or no damage.
4.30pm	77mm	42 H.E	N 5 a 9.1	Effect not known.
4.55pm	4.2	10	About N 10c	Effect not known.
6. pm	77mm	16	RUE DU BOIS N8a5.5	Effect not known.
6.15pm	5.9	12/16	about N4c	Effect not known.
6.45pm	5.9	15	Weathercock Farm.	Cut wires.
6.45pm	5.9		"	"

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1st Aust. Div. Art. 21.7.16

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

11.30 am A working party was observed at N24 a 4.9 & was dispersed by Artillery fire.  
 1. 40 pm Movement seen in the vicinity of LE MAISNIL CHURCH.

WORKS.

New earthworks observed at 0 8 o 9.4, these appear to be a dump.  
 Two new openings were seen to appear in chimney at FARM DU HOYEN at N 22 d 1.6.

O. Ps.

Flashes of glasses or helio seen from window of LE MAISNIL CHURCH.  
 Light observed flashing from 0 13 a 3.7 & 0 13 a 6.7 looked like helio.

S M O K E.

8.30am. Much smoke was seen at 0 19 b 1.4 which looked like an engine.  
 Volumes of smoke seen to rise 0 15c 6.7 1/2.  
 7. am  
 & 9. am.

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DAILY REPORT, 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

22/5/16

RIGHT GROUP

22.5.16

Time	Bty	Rounds	Target	Remarks.
10.15am	22nd	4 AX	Les CLOCHERS Comm. Trench.	Retaliation.
1.15pm	2nd	16 A	N15a 8.5 Comm. Trench.	Retaliation.
2.15pm	22nd	1 A	Night line	Test round.
3. -pm	101st	4 BX) 1 B )	N 11b 1.9	Aeroplanes shoot.
3.25pm	101st	21 BX 1 B		Amatol, was used & not easily obs. by aeroplane. Lyddite not available. 6 effective Rds. Verifying corrector.
6.50pm	22nd	4 A	Night line opp N.9 and N 10	
<b>LEFT GROUP.</b>				
8.15am	24th	6 A 7 AX	0 7b 6.9½	Movement observed. Area effectively searched.
10.10am	24th	2 A	0 7 b 7.9	Parties moving along road.
10.20am	24th	1 A	"	Quickly dispersed.
10.30am	103rd	3 BX	N 12a 4.1	MARLAQUE FARM. 1 hit.
11.20am	103rd	30 BX	N 12a 4.1	House. Nine hits Obt.
11.30am	9th	46 A ) 4 AX)	Enemy Trs. N 6c 9.5 to N 6 d 2.6	In co-operation with Medium Tr. Mortars. Effective.
12 noon	8th	7 A 1 AX	Water Fort. N11b 1.9 & Turks Pt. N5d 4.2	do.
12 noon	103rd	5 BX	N 18 b 5.4	House. Observation difficult
12 noon	103rd	6 BX	07c 8.3	House. Vicinity searched.
12.15pm	8th	11 A ) 2 AX)	BENIERE FARM	Effective.
2.30pm	8th	5 A	N 11a 9.9	Working party. Three good rounds.
2.40pm	7th	35 A	LE MAISNIL CHURCH and cross-roads 013a 8.5 & 0 13d 1.9	Retaliation. Effective sweeping fire.
3.10pm	24th	9 AX ) 8 A )	0 9 d 1½. 8½	Billets. 3 direct hits obtained.
3.30pm	9th	6 A	0 16 b 2.8	Party dispersed in sap.
3.30pm	103rd	6 BX	H 24 d 4.1	Retaliation.
3.40pm	103rd	71 BX	N 30 b 7.7. N 24a 8.6 N 23 d 5.5	
4 -pm	7th	6 A ) 6 AX)	N.f. Target	Aeroplane observation. Series unsatisfactory.
4. 5pm	24th	9 A	0 13 a 7½. 4	Good O.P. Good bursts.
4.50pm	24th	4 A	014 b. 2.5	Billets 1 hit.
5 - pm	9th	2 A	0 16 b 2.8	Not effective. Fuzes erratic
5.20 pm	24th	5 A ) 4 AX)	0 14 v 6½. 6	Movement seen. Vicinity shelled.
6.15pm	103rd	16 BX	0 7 c 5.4	ROULINGHEM. Considerable damage to buildings.

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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time.	Nature	No of Rds.	What fired at	Remarks
10.30am	5.9	15	About PINNEY AVENUE.	Effect not seen.
10.45am	4.2	7	Our Trs from N6a.7.1 to N 6 b 0.5	In Ret. liation to our fire. with Tr. M'tars. Effect not known.
11 am	77mm	30	do	do
11.45 am	77mm	2	-----	Not seen.
1.5pm	77mm	30	Front line Trs at N 9d.	Effect not observed
1.10pm	77mm	1	V. C. Avenue	1 burst only seen.
2.15pm	77mm	3	Near 101st Battery.	No damage.
3.37pm	4.2	11	Not seen	
5.10pm	77mm	100	Our trenches at I 31c 7.4	Damaged not ascer- tained.
5.20pm	77mm	32	Trenches N6c to N 6b & Mobile gun H28d 8.2	No damage done.
6.10pm	77mm	2	Not seen.	
6.45pm	Heavy	24	Not seen	Falling to right. flank.
6.5pm	5.9	40	N of FLEMBALX	80% blind shell. Damage not known.
7. pm	Heavy	20	9.2 Bty near SAILLY.	From direction of FROMELLES.
7.30pm	Howitzer	30	Near FLEURBAIX	--

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## RIGHT GROUP.

Time	Bty Rds.	Targets	Remarks.
10.53am	2nd 4 A	Barrage	Test S.O.S
12.15pm	22nd 4 A	Barrage	Test S.O.S
12.45pm	22nd 4 A	Barrage.	Test S.O.S
2.16 pm	22nd 4.A	Barrage.	Test A.O.S
2.50pm	1st 16 A	Trenches at N 8d 7.2	Effective retaliation
3. pm	101st 48 BX	N23a 8.7 to stream. N23a S F & N24c S.W.	Searching & sweeping. This series in conjunct- ion with left group and Lor- ings Group.
4.15pm	101st 48 BX		Searching enemy artillery pos- ition at SATIE RUE.
4.50pm	Mobile 9 A 2 A X	N 18 d 4.4	House believed to be occupied by troops. Direct hits obtai'd

## LEFT GROUP.

10.am	24th 13 A	0 7 b 4.8	Registration Mobile Gun. Suspected O.P Hits obtained.
11.15am	8th 10 A	O.P. at	
	14 AX	0 13a 9.4	
11.20am	24th 6 A	0 7d 6.7	Sunken road. Working party. Erratic bursts.
	2 A X		
11.45am	24th 4 A	014c 8.8	Party of men. Casualties inflicted.
12.25pm	9th 3 A	LE MAISNIL CHURCH.	Registering mobile gun.
	1 A X		
1 pm	24th 2 A	0 7b 4.8	Party seen and dispersed.
3 pm	7th 25 A	N24c 5.1 to N24c 3.5	In co-operation with Right Group & Lornings Group.
3.pm	8th 24 A	H 24c 5.1 to N 24c 3.5	Map Series.
3.pm	103rd 25	N 24 c 1.7	
3.30pm	103rd 5 BX	N 12 a 8.6	Registration night lines of Mobile Gun.
3.30pm	24th 10 A	0 7 a 3.3	Battalion H.Q. Effectively shelled.
	2 AX		
4.25pm	7th 5 A	N30a 8.3	In co-operation with Lornings Group.
4.25pm	8th 5 A	N 30a 8.3	
4.25pm	9th 1 A	Cover Fort N 6a 5.9	Registration.

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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Calibre	No &	What fired at.	Remarks.
7.7am	77mm	4	Not seen	
10.40am	77mm	4	"	
11. am	77mm		Aeroplanes	Aircraft guns from direction of FROMELLES AND AUBERS. Evidently retaliation. No damage.
12.40pm	77mm	8	Searching for Mobile Gun.	
11.30am	77mm	25	Locality of V.C.A venue	
1.50pm		40	Our front & support trenches at N 9c or N9d	
2.15pm	5.9 & trench Mortar.	20	H 28 B	
3. pm	77mm	20	Not known.	Damage not ascertained. Shelling well to rear towards SAILLY.
3.15pm	Not known			
3.30pm	77mm	8	Direction of FLEURBAIX	Burst high in air.
4.15pm	77mm	43	Swept and searched for Mobile gun about H 29	no damage.
6.15pm	Not known.	40	Right Sector.	

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RIGHT GROUP.

Time	Bty	Rounds.	Target.	Remarks.
12.15	1st.	21 A 8 AX	N 15b 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Effective.
12.30pm	1st	10 A 7 AX	FROMELLES-HAYEM- Les Clochers Rd.	Erratic burst.
12.30pm	22nd	12 AX	N 16b 6.9	Retaliation.
-1.15pm				
1.40pm	1st.	21 A 4 A X	N 16b 3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Erratic bursts.
3.10pm	Mobile	7 A	N 15 a 7.5	Comm. Trench. Effective.
5.30pm	101st	72 BX	Hole in wall, and N 16d 7.2.	Observation difficult. Large proportion rounds were blind. Direct hits obtained.
6 pm	Mobile	10 AX 5 A	N 18 d 4.4	House believed to be occu- pied. 10 direct hits.

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2.25am	24th	5 A ) 2 AX)	Comm. Tr. 07a 4.6	Party dispersed.
3.30am	7th	6 A	Cross roads N24a1.5)	Bad observation. Hazy.
8.30am	24th	3 A 8 AX	0 7 a 4.6	Effective.
9.30am	8th	2 A ) 6 AX )	LE MAISNIL CHURCH.	Helio flash observed. Ef Effective.
9.30am	8th	6 A X	Suspected M.G empl- acements. at N6c 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	Parapet damaged.
2.35pm	8th	9 AX	N 6c 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Timber & sand blown up.
2.40pm	9th	18 A	N6d 5.9 to N6d 3.3	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.
2.50pm	8th	8A ) 1 AX)	BENIERE Fme. N18c 6.0.	Sweeping & searching.
2.50pm	7th	10AX	0 13b 5.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Three direct hits. on house.
2.50pm	24th	10 A	N 6b 5.2	Effective Retaliation. Enemy cease firing.
3pm	9th	6 A 1 AX	0 13a 8.4	Suspected C.P. direct hits obtained.
3pm	8th	10A	House 013c 5.6	in conjunction with Howitzer.
3pm	7th	14 A	0 13b 5.5	Movement seen.
3.15 pm	9th	5 A	013a 8.2	Suspected billet.
3.15pm	24th	2 A	07a 4.4	Result not known.
3.30pm	103rd	45 BX	0 13c 6.8	Ten direct hits on hse.
3.30pm	103rd	2B 4BX	LE MAISNIL	Detonations poor. In conjunction with 18pdrs.
4.45pm	103rd	4 BX 40 BX	LE MAISNIL	With 15 pdrs. Bad detonations.
4.45pm	7th	20A	0 13a 8.2	Reported C.P.
5.15pm	24th	2 A	08c 7.7	Effective bursts on cross roads.
5.30pm	103rd	7 BX	N 12 a 4.1	Two direct hits. Good detonation.

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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Nature	Rounds	What fired at	Remarks.
8.50am	77mm	19	UE I 35 BOIS. N8a 8.8	
9.40am	77mm	9	N 13	
10am	4.2	42	H 36 b 8.1	The vicinity of H 35 and 36 was shelled fairly heavily
11.30am	77mm	20	H 36b 8.1	Brewery in this vicinity is used by 24th Bty. as an O.P. The building has been frequently ranged on and up till now little damage has been done. It is now almost entirely demolished.
12.40pm	4.2	7	H 35c 3.5	
2 pm	4.2	6	H35 c 5.2	
12.14pm	77	26	Front line about N 9d	Ceased when 18pdr & 4.7 replied.
12.30pm	Heavy		N 5c 5.8 ABBAZE DE CHARTREUX	Fired at intervals Result unknown.
2.10pm	4.2	5	N 5b 9.2	Damage not known.
2.20	4.2	18	I 31b 9.7	"
2.30pm	77	60	Trenches opposite Corner Fort N6d5.9	do

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## DAILY REPORT. 1st AUST. DIV. ART.

RIGHT GROUP.

25th, May, 1916.

Time	Bty	Rds.	Target	Remarks.
8.am to 10.30am	22nd	30 AX 21 A	N10d 3.3 to N16d 7.3	LES CLANCHERS Comm trench. Slow & persistent retaliation. Enemy fire ceased when 4.5 How and Loring's Group opened.
10.am	102nd	50 BX	Comm trench) N10d 2½.5	Retaliation. Effect not known. Reported considerable
10.30am 11.50am	2nd 101st	17 A 69 BX	N10d 5.0 to N17a N15a 8.5 N16d 4½.6 & ad- joining Build'gs.	.6) damage done to enemy works. Retaliation. Enemy guns ceased.
12.30pm to 1.30 6.5.p.m.	1st Mobile.	53 A 16 A	N16d 4.6 House. N15a 8.0 4	Eight hits. 45shots not .. observed. Registration. Fuzes erratic. Effect obtained on house. Comm. Trench at DELAPORTE. Retaliation. Swept & searched trench.
6.30pm	1st	29 A 11 AX	FAUQUISSART Comm. Trench.	Rounds burst well.
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10.10am	8th	13 A 3 AX	Road & house N 24 b 3½.8½	Good effective rounds.
10.20am	9th	5 A 1 AX	LE MAISNIL 013d 1.9	searched along road.
10.25am	9th	1 A ) 3 AX)	Comm. Trench 0 7d 4.5	Movements noticed. Effective bursts.
11.am 11.10am	24th 9th	4 A 1 A ) 2 AX)	Cross roads 09c 3.7 07a 6.3	Well placed rounds. Comm. Trench.
11.15am	9th	2 A 1 AX	013a 9.1	Observ <sup>ed</sup> in tree they hurriedly descended.
11.25am	24th	5 A ) 1 AX )	Battalion H.Q. 07a 3.3 & 02d 3.6	Direct hits obtained.
11.30am 12 noon	24th 24th	3 A ) 4 A ) 2 AX	01d 5.0	Good effect.
12.15pm.	24th	6 A ) 2 AX )	09c 3.7	Area swept.
12.5pm 12.30pm	7th 9th	5 A 12 A	LE MAISNIL CHURCH. N6d 5.9 & N6c 3.3	Registering Mobile Gun. Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.
1.10pm	8th	4 A 8 AX	Trenches N5d 3.2	Retaliation very effective Enemy fire ceased.
1.30pm	7th	12 AX	N11a 4.5	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.
2.45pm	103rd	21 BX	MARTIN'S CORNER. 07a 9.6	6 direct hits. Swept right & left.
3.10pm	9th	5 A	Trench 07d 1.5	Working party dispersed.
3.15pm	103rd	10 BX	House N10 a 4.1	Suspected billet. 3 hits.
3.30pm	8th	13 A 1 AX	BENIERE FARM N 18 c 7.1	Registration from new hits.

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LEFT GROUP Contnd.

Time.	Bty	Rds.	Target	Remarks.
3.40pm	9th	8 A	Trench N6d 5.9	Retaliation. Enemy ceased.
3.45pm	9th	6 A	Gun 013a 8.2	Gun silenced
3.50pm	9th	9A 3 AX	N6d 5.9 to N6c 3.3	Successful series.
4. pm	24th	10 A	@ 13d 1.8 & 013a 7.6)	cross roads shelled.
4.45pm	103rd	14 BX	N24c 1.5 to N30a 5.8)	SATTE RUE in conjunction with 18pdr Bty firing shrapnel.
4.45pm	7th	15 A 3 AX	do	In conjunction with How Bty.
5 pm	7th	10 A	LE MAISNIL CHURCH	Reported O.P. 4 hits.
		4 AX	013a 7.4	
5.15pm	"	6 A	Cross Roads 013d 1.9	Movements reported. effective.
5.45pm	"	4 A ) 2 AX)	White house 013a 8.2.	Reported O.P. 1 hit.
6.10pm	8th	5 A 2 AX	N 24b 3½. 8½	Searching road near billets.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Time.	Nature.	No of Rds.	What fired at.	Remarks.
7.35am	77	8	N 4c	
7.35am	Hows.	45	LECLERQ FARM	
7.45am	77 & 4.2	30	RUE PETILLON	
8am to 10.10am	5.9 & 77	100 to 150	Cellar Farm Avenue & GORDONNERIE FME. & front line at N10.	Slow intermittent fire by Hows. Some damage to trenches. Wires cut in comm trench.
8.30am	5.9	4	Houses H29b 4.3	Considerable movement of men here.
9.50am	4.2	25	Trenches near N 10a	Effect not known.
10. am	4.2 Mortars.		Trench N10	4.2 and Trench Mortar combined.
10.30	77	30	Near N9c	Effective shooting.
10.50am	77	-	LE TROU	
11 am	77	80	House in H 34 d	Damage not known
11.30am	77	20	Trench N6a & house H 28a 8.4.	do.



## Part 2. enemy Artillery Cont.

Time	Bty	Rds.	What fired at	Remarks.
11.30am	77	6	Trench N6a & house N28 8.4	Damags not known.
11.40am	5.9	30	About N10b or d.	"
12.50pm	77	15	House in H 35a	"
12.50pm	77	10	LA BOUTILLE	"
3. pm	T.M.	20	Our Trenches N6a & b	No damage.
5.30pm	77	30	CHAPEL HOUSE FARM. H29 c 3.6	1 cow wounded.
5.52pm	77	-	Group H.Q.	Effect not known.
6. pm	77	6	O.P. at N2c School House.	No damage.
6.15pm	4.2	6	Searching over position H31b 9.1	High bursts no damage.
6.15pm	77	20	RUE BIACHE from H 31a to H36b	"
6.25am	77	6	H25b 7.3	"

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## DAILY REPORT. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

RIGHT GROUP.

26th, May, 1916.

Time	Bty	Rds.	Target.	Remarks.
10. 5am	2nd	24 A	Smoke at N15a 8.5	Smoke ceased.
12 noon.	22nd	14 A	Comm. Tr. N10d, N16b.	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.
12.25pm.	1st	23 A	FAUQUISSART Comm. Tr.	Effective.
		20 AX	N14b 6.1½ to N14d 9½	
	1st	8 AX	N 9c 5.1	Effective.
1.20 pm.	1st	4 AX	N 9c ½.½	Retaliation. Enemy ceased.
		16 AX		
2. pm.	22nd	11 A	House N16d 2.7	Retaliation. Suspected O.P.
		4 AX		
2.30pm.	22nd	16 A	Comm. Tr. N 10d- J 16 b	Retaliation. We fired <del>first</del> <sup>last</sup> .
3.10pm.	22nd	133 A	Enemy parapet N10d.	Retaliation.
3.34pm	2nd	43 A	Trench N 93	In conjunction with Tr. Mortars. Effective fire.
		42 AX		Enemy retaliated feebly.
3. 30pm	1st	54 A	N 92	With Tr. Mortars. Effect- ive retaliation.
		44 AX		
5 pm	1st	18 A	Front Trenches	Retaliation. Battery fired last.
		80 AX	N 8d.	
5.10pm.	1st	16 A	Enemy front line	Retaliation. Effective.
		20 AX	N 8 d	
5.56pm.	101st	15 BX	Guns at N 32a 0.4	5 O.K shots on one gun.
		4 B		Aeroplane observation.
7.45pm	1st	1A	DU HOYON N22d 1.6½	Retaliation effective.
		8 AX		

## LEFT GROUP.

10.40am	8th	7 A	MAISNIL CHURCH.	Registering Mobile Gun.
		2 AX	O 13a 7.4	
11.05am	8th	4 A	Suspected M. & Empla- cement. N6c 4.2	Good effect.
		3 AX		
11.20am	24th	3 A	O 7b 0.7	Effective burst on road.
11.30am	24th	9 A	O 13a 8.4	Searching.
11.30am	103rd	4 BX	O 13a 8.4	One direct hit on proba- ble O.P.
12.05pm	7th	14 AX	Enemy parapets N11a 9.9 to N10b 9.4	Direct hits on parapets.
12.30pm	9th	8 A	N6d 9.4	Sweeping & searching.
		2 AX		
12.30pm	103rd	6 BX	O dc 7.9	Registration. Two hits.
12.35pm	103rd	30 BX	N18d 10.3	House hit.
2.30pm	103rd	5 BX	O 13b 8.2½	THIROUNNE. Seven hits on house.
		2 B		
3.15pm	9th	6 A	O 7a 9.6	MARTINS CORNER. Erratic bursts.
4. 0pm	7th	14 A	O 13b 8.1	Movement reported, searchg.
4.10pm	24th	3 A	Cross Roads O 13a 8.4	very effective bursts.
4.10pm	24th	9 A	O 15 c 6.9	Working party dispersed.

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Time.	Bty.	Rds.	Target.	Remarks.
4.10pm	9th	5 A	0 13d 1.9	Well burst rds on Cross Rds.
4.15pm	7th	10 AX	0 13a 7.4½	Three hits suspected O.P.
4.20pm	9th	5 A	0 8c 9.6	Party effectively shelled.
		2 AX		
4.30pm	8th	5 A	Working party.	Considerable dislodgement
		5 AX	N 5d 2½.1	of earth and bags.
4.30pm	24th	6 A	08c 9.6	Effective bursts over
				inspected billets.
5.30pm	103rd	51 BX	0 14a 1.5	Girls Convent. Much material
				damage.
5.45pm	9th	13 A	014a 1.5	Co-operation with 103rd Bty.
6.00pm	24th	5 A	0 14a 1.5	Very effective combination.
6.30pm	103rd	20 BX	0 7c 8.3	At suspected billet. Six hits
				Building appeared to be burning.
6.30pm	8th	7 A	Water Fort	Aeroplane series. O.K. Signalled
		6 AX	N11b 1.9	after second round.
6.30pm	9th	5 A	0 13a 8.4	Cross Roads. useful.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Time	Nature	Rds	What fired at.	Remarks.
12 noon.	How.	20	N 3c	
12.25pm	-	25	N 8.	Could not observe fall.
12.30pm	77	25	Squares N7 & 8.	
12.30pm	77	70	Trenches N10c & B.	Effect not seen.
12.30pm	77	20	Salient opp. Corner	Damage not known.
		20	(fort.	
1.00pm	4.2	20	House N2c 6-1 and to rear.	Direct hits observed. Damage not known.
1.10pm	5.9	20	Comm. Tr. from H35-8.8) to H 35 b 3.6	Observed from distance. Effect not known.
1.20pm	4.2	12	Buildings N5c 6½.4	Previously demolished.
1.30pm	4.2	17	Disused O.P N8a 2½. 5½	7 Hits.
1.45pm	-	30	Support & front line trenches.	
2.00pm	77	20	N 8c	Intermittent fire. Apparently single gun.
2.15pm	77	4	N4a 7.2	
2.25pm	77	4	RUE PETILLON N9- 2.7	No damage.
2.50pm	77	1	N 9- 2.7	
3.30pm	77	8	Working party N5a 1.1	No casualties as far as seen.
3.35pm	77	6	-	Retaliation.
3.40pm	How.	38	N 8d 9.½.	Mostly failed to burst.
3.50pm	4.2 and 5.9	-	Trenches N86	Retaliation. Slight damage.
4. pm	How.	30	N 8c 9.8	Bad shooting.
4.55pm	4.2	2	Front line	
4.55pm	4.2 & 5.9	-	Our trenches N8.6	
5.10pm	How.	24	N 8c 7.5	Good shooting.
5.10pm	How.	40	N 8 c 7.5	Several hits.
5.30pm	4.2	100	V.C. Avenue. N2d 2.½	Damage not known.
6.15pm	5.9		N8.6	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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1st Aust. Div. Art. 26.5.16MOVEMENT.

Working party seen at 10 am, often men at TOTTENHAM CORNER. 10am. A party of Germans were fired on at N11d 4.7 two men were seen to run out and bring in a wounded man.

2.55pm. A party was observed round CHATEAU DE FLANDRE some were dressed in white, they dispersed under cover of hedges but it is thought that they went into CHATEAU DE FLANDRE.

5pm Two men seen going along road towards GIRLS CONVENT.

015a 1.5.

1.35pm Small party observed carrying timber along front line trenches at N11a 9.9 about 4½ feet was visible above the parapet as they walked along.

WORK.

4.30pm party of about 20 men observed shovelling earth on parapet at N5d 2½. ½, shovels were visible and occasionally a German would get up head and shoulders above the parapet and push earth back. It is rather surprising that no attention is reported to have been paid to this by our own infantry, ten rounds were fired on working party by our artillery with excellent results, party dispersed and did not resume all day.

5.5pm. About 12 Germans in great coats observed laying out Telephone wire across field at N 24b 2.9 . New posts were erected and men could be seen straining wire on to posts. The wire was brought from road at N24b 3.9 and laid towards BERMER FME. 5.30pm two Germans were seen walking across field at N18d 3.8.

SMOKE.

Smoke was observed at N6a 5.1.

O.P.

Observation post suspected in roof of large barn at 013c 0.3. Men were observed moving about building N22d 5.7 Top left hand window suspected O.P. Tiles have been removed from roof of house N22d 9½.9½.

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## DAILY REPORT. 1ST AUST. DIV. ART.

RIGHT GROUP.

27th May, 1916.

Time	Bty	Bds.	Target	Remarks.
6.0am	22nd	34 AX	Enemy parapet N10d &c.	25 hits on parapets retaliation.
6.20am.	2nd	12 A	Working party N22a 2.7.	Party dispersed.
6.30am	1st	16 A 6 BX	N22d 1.6 and road to FROMELLES.	Retaliation.
7.0am	101st	30BX	Comm Tr. N10d central.	Retaliation.
8.0am	22nd	36A	Enemy parapet N10d &c.	While infantry repaired parapets.
10.0am	22nd	9 A	Timber behind parapet.	Retaliation.
		1 AX	N 10c 1½. 2½.	
10.10am	1st	16 AX 20 A	N 8d 5.2 to N9c 7.1	Retaliation. Effective.
11. am	22nd	20 AX	Enemy parapet N10c &d.	Retaliation.
11 5am	1st	19A 44AX	Trenches N 9 c to N 9 d	Retaliation in conjunction with Trench Mortars.
11 15am	Mobile	14A	N 15 a 8.3	Retaliation
11 30am	1st	19 A	Trenches N9c to N9d	Retaliation
		17 AX		
11 35am	2nd	10 AX	Enemy front line	In conjunction with Trench Mortars.
		11 A	N 9 c 0.½ to N 9 c 4.½	
12 5 pm	2nd	28 A	Enemy Trench M9 3	
		19 AX		
12 20pm	1st	39 A	N 9 c 1.1 to N9d ½.½	With trench Mortars
		36 AX		
12.30pm	22nd	15 AX)	Enemy parapet	With Trench Mortars.
		4 A )	N 10c 9.6	
2.20 pm	1st	39 A	N 9c 1.1 to N9d ½.½	Retaliation.
		6 AX		
		13 A	N 15a 7.5½	Registration.
		1 AX		
3.40pm	2nd	4 A )	Anti-aircraft gun	Gun ceased firing.
		8 AX)	flashes seen N27c 2.6.	
5.30pm	22nd	20 A	Marlaque Trench and	Retaliation.
		23 AX	Les Clochers Comm Tr.	
5.55pm	2nd	16 A	Comm. Tr. N15a 8.5	"
6. pm	101st	30 BX	Comm. Trench N10 central.	Retaliation.
6.10pm	1st	12 A	N 9c	"
<b>LEFT GROUP</b>				
8.30am	24th	6 A	104a 1.5	Working party dispersed.
10.0am	9th	9 A	013a 8.5	Registration.
10.15am	24th	3 A	08c 7.7	Movement observed.
		3 AX		
10.25am	24th	7 A	09c 3.7	Cross roads swept and searched.
		1 AX		
10.30am	7th	12 A	013a 8.4	Suspected billets.
10.40am	7th	8 A	013a 5.½	Vicinity searched.
11.20am	24th	13 A	02c 1.3	Battery House, Smoke rising.
		2 AX		
11.20am	9th	9 A	0 13 d 9.1	Cross roads searched.
		2 AX		
11.30am	103rd	20 BX	N 12c 1.9	Large emplacement.
		2B		Four hits.
12 noon.	103rd	15 BX	N12a 4.1	Good effect on house.
12.10pm	9th	4 B		
12.10pm	9th	8 A	014 a 8.6	Suspected billet.
		1 AX		
12.15pm	103rd	20 BX	0 13c 6.7	Suspected <sup>1</sup> series.
12.30pm	9th	8 A	014a 6.3	Billets good effect.
		3 AX		
1.10pm	9th	1 A	013 a 8.5	Registration.

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Time	Bty	Rds	Target	Remarks.
1.30pm	7th	31 A	N18c 7.1	BERNIERE FME. Four hits.
		9 AX		
1.50pm	7th	6 A	N17b 4.7	Farm Marlaque. Five hits.
		6 AX		
2.5pm	8th	5 A	N18c 7.1	BERNIERE FARM.
3.0pm	9th	4 A	013 a 8.6	Suspected dug-outs.
		6 AX		
3.0pm	103rd	50BX	N18b 5.6	Aeroplane observation. Successful.
3.2pm	7th	39 A	N18b 5.6	With How. Bty. Effective.
3.30pm	24th	14 A	015a 8.1	Direct hits on house.
		2 AX		
5.10pm	7th	6A	N18b 5.6	At request of R.F.C
5.30pm	103rd	23 BX	N23a 5.4	Wireless station. Three hits on house.
5.35pm	8th	33 A	N 23a 3.6	With How Bty. Buildings in vicinity of wireless station.
		33 AX		
6.5pm	7th	15 A	N18b 5.6	At request of R.F.C
6.15 pm	7th	5 A	013a 8.4 to 013a 9.1)	Five hits on billet.
		10 AX		
6.30pm	24th	82 A	013a 2.6 to 01a 6.8.	Retaliation.
		80 AX		

## ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY

Time	Nature	Rds	What fired at.	Remarks.
5.30 am	5.9	63	Parapet N101	27 blinds. Fair sized breach made in our parapet.
5.30 am	4.2	50	Parapet N9c 5.7.	Effect not known.
8.45 am	77	20	Parapet N14a 3.1-5)	"
10.0 am	77	2	N6b 3.8	"
10.7am	77	4	N3d 3.2 & N8b 3.4	"
	4.2	1	N8b 3.2	"
10 am	77	10	Parapet N9c 6.9	"
10.am	How.	30	Parapet N 10	Slow intermittent fire.
10.30am	77	60	Parapet N81 7.5	"
	4 2		N 9 d	"
11.0am	How	30	Parapet and Comm. Trench	"
11.30am	4.2	40	Parapet N9c & d.	No apparent effect.
	77			"
11.45am	4.2	30	Parapet N14 a 3.5	"
12noon	4.2	10	Parapet N8d 7.5	"
12.35pm	Hvy	6	N6b	Damage not known.
12.20pm	5.9	-	N 8d	"
3.35pm	4.2	8	N10a	"
4.25pm	5.9	20	N 5a 9.5	O.P. One direct hit. no material damage.
5.0pm	77	20	Parapet and Comm.	"
	How.	50	tr. N10c, a, & b.	"
5.10pm	5.9	20	RUE PETILLON N3d0.9.	"
6.15pm	77	19	" N29c 3.1	High bursts.
6.45pm	77	10	"	Not effective.
6.20pm	4.2	40	Our Trenches I 31 c	Parapets slightly damaged.

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

27th May, 1916.

WORK.

A working party was observed at work N22d 7.8  
5.30pm. Men were seen bailing communication trench N22d.5.7.  
A house at N16c 1.1½ is being newly thatched it  
was previously red tiled.

A structure has been erected at N21d 3.8. In  
rear of this is a post with a white top which might be an  
aiming post.

A large shelter has been built in communication  
trench N22d 2.9½ opening N.W.

What appears to be a gun emplacement possibly for  
night firing observed at N 12c 1.9. It was half demolished  
by our artillery.

MOVEMENT.

At 0725 timber observed being carried along trench  
N6c 1.2. About 60 men passed N22a 9.1 about 4.20am this  
morning. At 7.25am timber observed being carried along  
trench at N6c 1.2.

SMOKE.

Smoke seen rising from chimney of house at  
02c 1.2. Smoke rising at N11a 9.9.  
Smoke rising from BERNIERE FARM N18c 7.1.

IDENTIFICATION.

Two officers wearing blue grey uniforms brass  
buttons and dark peak caps were seen at communication  
Trench N15d 1.5.

O. P.

Flash of glass observed from MAISNIL CHURCH.

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## DAILY REPORT 1st AUST. DIV. ART.

28th May, 1916.

## RIGHT GROUP.

Time	Bty.	Rds.	Target.	Remarks.
12.30am.	3rd	1	N 91	Test "barrage".
6. 0am.	1st	32A 4AX	Working party N16c 1.1½)	Effective, enemy disper. sed.
12.10pm	1st	6A	N15a 8.6 Comm. Trench.	Registration.
12,22pm	1st	10A 12AX	N15a 8.6 Comm. Trench.	Retaliation.
12.40pm	1st	12AX	N8d 5.3 to N8d 9.1 Enemy parapet.	Retaliation Enemy ceased fire.
12.46pm	1st	12AX	N14d 7.10 to N14d 8½.6)	
1.15pm	101st	72BX	N15b central O15a 8½.5 to C 8.½.	Retaliation on Comm trenches. Considerable damage done. Effective.
2.5. pm	2nd	8A 16AX	trench N9d 7.6	
3. 0pm	2nd	30A 30AX	N22b 9.5 to N22c 2½.3.) and N22b. S.E.	Group series. Effective as far as could be judged.
3. 0 pm	22nd	68A	RUE DE LONNIERIE	
3. 0 pm	1st	27A 28AX	Road N16d 3.7 and Com. trench N17c 0.3 to N23 a 8.4.	Direct hits were ob- tained on buildings.
3. 0 pm	Mobile.	30A	Road from N27b 7.7 to N22d 3.2.	
3. 0 pm	101st	50BX	N23a 1½ 4½ for 250 yds S.E. by 150 yds. wide.	
3.25 pm	1st	8A	Road N16d 3.7	
3.25 pm	2nd	8AX	N22d 1.7	
3.25 pm	Mobile	2A	Road N27 b 7.7	
4. 0 pm	2nd	24AX	N9c 4.1	Effective retaliation.
4. 0 pm	22nd	11A	N10c 7½.4½ Comm. Trench.	Cooperation with trench Mortars.
5. 0 pm	22nd	12AX	MARLAQUE	Retaliation.

## LEFT GROUP.

3.27 pm	24th	90A & AX	O1a 2.7	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.
10. 0 am	8th	6A 5AX	O13b 0.3	Direct hits on suspect ed O. P.
12.10 pm	8th	18A	N17c 7.5	Satisfactory.
12.10 pm	7th	3A 14AX	N24c 1.5 to N30a 7.3	reported billets searching fire.
12.30 pm	7th	10A 3AX	O13a 8.5 to O13d 1.9	Three direct hits on billet.
12.45 pm	7th	8AX	O13b 8.5 to O13b 5.1	Buildings effectively shelled.

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LEFT GROUP

OUR ARTILLERY.

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Time	Bty.	Rds	Target	Remarks.
2. 0 pm	24th	12 A 3AX	09a 5.5	At battery firing Effective. 20
3. 0 pm	103rd	23BX	N23a 3.6	Wireless station. No direct hits. House practically dem'd
3.30 pm	7th	10A 12AX	013a 8.4	two direct hits. on O.P.
3.40 pm	7th	15 A	013a 9.3	Fuzes erratic.
4. 0 pm	24th	30 A 1AX	013d 5.9	Billets & cross roads LEMAIS-NIL Satisfactory.
4. 0 pm	103rd	30BX	013a 9.1	Retaliation. Enemy ceased fire.
4.40 pm	103rd	5BX	025d 7.8	Balloon appeared to rise in this area. Effect doubtful.
5 0 pm	9th	13 A 11 AX	08c 3.1 to 14a 7.6	Area swept and searched.
5. 0 pm	7th	4 A 13 AX	N24b 4.8	Eight hits on house.
5.20 pm	7th	8 A	N24b to 013c	Movement reported.
5.55 pm	24th	9 A	016c 6.8	Observation difficult.
6.05 pm	8th	13 A 11AX	N24 b 6.9 to N18d 9.2	Movement reported here. good no. bursts.
6.50 pm	7th	8A	N10b 9.5	Retaliation at request of Inf. Hostile fire ceased.
7. 0 pm	8th	5A	N11b 1.9 to N5d 4.2	In retaliation. Enemy guns ceased firing.

TRENCH MORTARS?

3. 0 pm	X1A	6	Enemy trenches N106	Four rounds burst in trenches 1 on parapet, 1 on wire, 1 on
4. 0 pm	Z1A	5	Sugar Loaf. Salient.	Two rounds in enemy wire.



ACTION OF HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Time	Nature Rounds	Rounds	What fired at.	Remarks.
1. 0 am.	5.9 & 4.2	40	N 10 Trenches.	Intermittent rounds.
3.30 am	5.9 & 77mm	70	I 31c 2.2	Two minor casualties.
1 1.15 am.	77	34	N 8a 6.7	Distributed on Welsh Front.
1 2. noon.	77 & 4.2	4	N13a 8.9 & b 1.9.	
1 2.20 pm	4.2	80	Comm. Trench N3c.	No damage.
12 .45 pm	77	35	H 28a 2.9	Effect not known.
12.49 pm	77	50		
12.55 pm	5.9 & T.M.	6 31	N8d 5.9 N9d 2.5 to 7.2 Trench N 91	
1.30 pm	77	14	Comm. Trench N3c.	Damage not known.
1.32 pm	4.2	12	Parapet N9d 7.6	
2. 5 pm	5.9	12	Trench N91	No damage.
2.15 pm	4.2	3	Trench N 92	
2. 27 pm	77	23	N5a 9.1	No apparent damage.
3. 0 pm	77	28	H36a 2.2	
3.15 pm	77	5	H22d and H 35d	Retaliation.
3.30pm	4.2	20	N8b 5.0 & N8b 6.0	
3.35 pm	77	4	Parapet right along our front.	Majority burst too high.
4. 0 pm	Mixed		H35d and N5a	
4. 0 pm	77	80		On our trenches. Damage not known.
6.20 pm	4.2	26	N5a 6.8	

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

1st Australian Div. Art. 28.5.16.

Time	Direction of Hostile Guns.	How located.	No of guns	Nature & Calibre.	By whom reported.
11. 15-11.45	AUFERS	sound	2	77	3rd Battery
13. 30-1345	AUFERS	"	1	77	"
14.15	"	"	1	4.2	"
14.27	FROMELLES	"	1	77	"
11.35	N9c 14.14	F		4.2	"

-- ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY --

1st Aust. Div. Art. 28.5.16

W O R K.

Water is being pumped out of enemy trenches at N5d 9.1 the piping comes through the parapet about three feet from ground. Black screen previously reported at or behind M.G. emplacement at N16c 1.1. has been removed (probably this position has been abandoned since we shelled the same 2/3 days ago. There are a number of hessian screens along road from C14b 0.5 to O13b 5.2.

S M O K E.

Smoke was observed coming out of chimney of house at O13c 9.1, previously this house has been reported as a H.Qrs.

M O V E M E N T.

A working party about 200 strong were seen carrying timber from house N16a c1.14.

O. P.

Chimney of YME, DU HOYON is still being used as O.P.

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## DAILY REPORT. 1st AUSTRALIAN. DIV. ART.

## ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY.

29th May 1916.

Time	Bty.	Rds.	Target	Remarks.
<b>RIGHT GROUP.</b>				
9.30 am	22nd	42 AX	MAFLAQUE Comm. Trench.	Retaliation for Heavy Shelling round CELLAR FARM. Enemy persisted though batteries co-operated.
10.20 am	Mobile.	16 A 10 AX	House N16c 1.1½ & Comm. trench at N15b 6.4.	Retaliation-direct hits on house. Searched Comm. trench and obtained direct hits on parapet.
11.25 am	22nd.	70 A	Parapet N10b 6.3½.	Cooperating with M.T.M. Battery. Satisfactory series, good shrapnel screen, and bombs severely damaged parapet. enemy ceased shelling. Considerable debris-trench material displaced.
11.40 am	101st	72 BX	Communication Trench N10d to N17a	Direct hits obtained on parapet. Considerable damage done to trenches, 10 ranging rds-2 unobserved, 4 salvos fired- first fired- First reported O.K. 3 unobserved.
Noon.	101st	29 BX	Sugar Loaf N8d 3½.0 to N8d 7.2	One hit railway junction-25 directly into work all doing damage.
3.15 pm	22nd	26 AX	battery N16d 0.3	
3.30 pm	101st	29 BX	Enemy work N22d 7.2½.	
<b>LEFT GROUP.</b>				
9.10 am	9th	7 A 5 AX	White house at N13a 8.4.	4 direct hits.
10.0 am	9th	7 A 2 AX	Girls convent 014a 1.5	Sweeping & searching fire employed with good effect.
10.10 am	24th	10 A 3 AX	Building at 014b 7.7.	Movement observed. Vicinity of building effectively shelled.
11.15 am	24th	7 A 5 AX	ditto	ditto.

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LEFT GROUP.

ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY. (Ctd)

Time.	Bty.	Rds.	Target.	Remarks.
11.45 am.	8th	17 A 12 AX	Suspected O.Ps at N18c 8.9 & 013a 9.4.	Direct hits with H.E followed by effective low shrapnel bursts.
12.45 pm.	9th	7 A 2 AX	013 b 7.6	Vicinity effectively shelled.
3.30 pm	24th	11 A 5 AX	Suspected O.P. at 015a 8.1.	Should be effective.
3.30 pm.	8th	20 A 6 AX	Battery N24a 6.4	With aeroplane observation reported very effective; direct hits on emplacements observed.
3.30 pm.	9th	17 A 6 AX	N 12b 6.4	Billets and surroundings shelled with excellent results.
4. 0 pm.	7th	15 A 2 AX	LE MAISNIL CHURCH. 013a 8.4	Reported O.P. 2 direct hits.
4.10 pm.	7th	15 A 8 AX	Reported billet at 020a 7.7 .	4 direct hits. Sweeping fire on woods on both flanks.
4.20 pm.	7th	10 A 8 AX	Billets at N24b 6.9.	8 direct hits.
4.35 pm.	7th	10 A 8 A	Building at N18d 4.3.	Movement noticed in vicinity 8 direct hits and good low shrapnel bursts.
4.35 pm.	103rd	11 BX	07c 8.4	Actual effect could not be observed.
4.30 pm	8th	8 A 2 AX	Battery at N24a 6.4.	Fired 10 minutes after aeroplane series. Should be effective.
4.50 pm	103rd	30 BX	THIROUANE 015a 8.6.	Several direct hits.
4.50 pm.	9th	10 A 4 AX	Billets reported at 013 b 7.6 & 014a 7.6)	Movement seen. 6 direct hits
5. 0 pm.	7th	12 A	White house at 0 13a 8.3	4 direct hits.
5.15 pm.	7th	8 AX	Billets at N24b 6.9	All direct hits.
5.30 pm.	7th	6 A 15 AX	BERNIERE FARM	To draw fire from 8th Bty which was being heavily shelled at the time.
5.35 pm.	7th	12 A 15 AX	013a 8.5	
5.35 pm	103rd	24 BX	Potteries at 08c 9.6)	Good material effect.
6.15 pm	103rd	79 BX	LE MAISNIL & RADINGHEM.	Good material effect.
6.30 pm.	24th	33 A 19 AX	013b 0.5 014b 7.7	This fire was in retaliation for shelling of 8th Bty & was directed on billets, gun positions & well known O.Ps - This seemed to have desired effect as hostile fire ceased.
6.30 pm.	9th	16 A 24 AX	013a 7.4 013b 5.2 013c 3.4	
6.30 pm.	7th	15 A 9 AX	013a 8.3 N18c 7.1	
3.20 am.	24th	13 A 72 AX	Enemy trenches oppo) N6b 0.1 (site)	Call came from T.M. Bty to cooperate in retaliation to hostile fire directed on our front line trenches. Enemy fire ceased entirely.
3.20 am.	9th	59 A 39 AX	ditto	



## ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY.

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## TRENCH MORTARS.

9.45 am. X/1/A 21 rds. Tadpole in retaliation for shelling of CELLAR FARM 5 or 6 rds into wire & remainder on parapet and trenches.

## ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.-

Time.	Nature of projectile.	No of rounds.	What fired at	Remarks.
7.30 am.	77	15	Trenches in N6b.	Damage not ascertained.
9.30 am	4.5 & 5.9	120	Supports near CELLAR FARM.	Intermittent fire.
9.38 am	-	21	RUE DE BOIS.	
9.38 am	-	59	Unseen.	
9.50 am	5.9	12	Trenches on left position.	Not visible from O.P.
10.0 am	5.9	20	Our front Trench about N8c	
10.40 am.	-	30	Unseen.	
11.0 am	5.9	20	Trenches about N10c	Effect not observed.
11.30 am	4.2	40	Trenches about N 8d	No effect visible from O.P.
11.35 am		24	Trench N8c 8.8	
noon.	4.2	12	Trenches about N8b 8.3 to 8.5	No damage to trenches No men injured.
12.45 pm	5.9	20	THE BREWERY	No material damage.
1.35 pm	Trench Mortar.	3	Trench N14.3	
2.0 pm	Trench Mortar.	3	Trench N 8.5	No damage - Two men slightly injured.
3.45 pm.	Howitzer	3	H 32 a	
4.10 pm		10	N 10 trenches	
4.45 pm	77	48	CHAPEL FARM H29c 3.7	2 Direct hits Shrapnel effective.
5.0 pm	77 & 5.9	50	Trench N10.5	
5.45 pm	77	15	Front line trench in 06 b	Searching & sweeping without effect.
6.0 pm.	5.9	200	Ploughed field in H 27d	
6.10 pm	5.9	10	Near CELLAR FARM	
4.50 to 6.30 pm	5.9 & 4.2	100	Old pits & billets H33b1.8 & H27c 9.1	
6.45 pm	4.2	30	FLEURBAIX.	Damage very slight
3.15 pm	77	60	Trenches N6b 0.5	Damage not ascertained

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ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

1st Australian Divisional Artillery 29.5.16

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HOSTILE GUN REPORT.

Time	Direction of Hostile Guns	How located	No of Guns	Nature and Calibre	By Whom Reported	Remarks
0938	AUBERS		1	77mm 4.2"		
0938	FROMELLES		1			

ARTILLERY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

W O R K.

Work is reported to be going on at N 5 d 5.1. A false screen has been erected at N 16 a 1.1½ where working parties have been visible for the last few mornings.

M O V E M E N T.

Several men were seen to enter house at N 12 b 6.4 this is probably an O.P. and we engaged same, with good effect.

Man in light blue grey uniform was seen walking about in rear of enemys trenches near LE MAISNIL CHURCH.

About 3.30 pm. Germans were noticed, of parties of 2 to 3, dressed in blue grey uniforms & peak caps, carrying full packs and rifles, they were seen to leave communication trench N 15 c 5.9½.

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## DAILY REPORT. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

May 30th, 1916.

## ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY.

Time	Bty	No. and nature rds.	Target	Remarks.
<u>RIGHT GROUP.</u>				
10.55 am	2nd.	12 A 26 AX	Newly thatched house at N16c 1.1	Direct hits obtained & considerable damage done.
<u>LEFT GROUP.</u>				
8. 0 am	8th.	6 A	Working party at N5d 3.1 & N11a 8.8.	Party dispersed.
11.30 am	7th	3 AX	TADPOLE N11a 0.4	Registration.
11.30 am	9th	3 A	Cross roads 013d 1.9. and 013a 6.1.	Good low bursts, but actual effect not known.
11.30 am	8th	21 A 19 AX	Gun positions N24a 6.4. and N24b 4.7.	Guns silenced.
1. 30pm.	24th	6 A 3 AX	Billets at Old 7.0 and 013d 1.8.	Good bursts and direct hits.
1. 40pm	9th	5 A 2 AX	Cross roads 013d 1.9 and houses 07a 9.6.	Direct hits on house.
2. 0pm	9th	6 A	Observer in tree at 013a 8.5	Observer forced to descend rapidly.
2. 30pm	9th	7 A 2 AX	Suspected billets at 014a 4.5 & 014a 7.8.	Well directed fire with apparently good results.
2. 45pm	24th	11 A 7 AX	02c 1.3 & 015a 3.1	Observation difficult and fuzes erratic.
2.45 pm	7th	10 A 8 AX	House reported occupied at N24b 7.9	Direct hits on house.
3. 0p m	7th	20 A 20 AX	House at N18d 4.4	Eight direct hits and good low shrapnel bursts
4. 5 pm.	8th	28 A 4 AX	013a 7.4 & 013b 5.1	
4.15 pm	24th	4 A	09c 3.7	Movement noticed.
4.15 pm	103rd	23 BX	Gun in house at N22b 8½.3	With aeroplane spotting-Very unsatisfactory.
4.30 pm	103rd	16BX	013c 0.3	Map series. Effect not known.
4.45 pm	9th	13 A	014a 7.6 to 013a 8.5	This area sweeps with apparently good results.
4.45 pm	7th	13 AX	Billets at 013a 7.5 to 013d 1.8	Billets effectively shelled.
4.45 pm	103rd	7BX	Gun positions N22b 8½.3	Effect not seen as target not visible.
5. pm	8th	16 A 6 AX	Billet at N18c 7.0	With aeroplane observation. Mostly O.K.
5. 0 pm	7th	8 AX	N24c 1.5 to N24c 4.1	Searching fire in retaliation. Hostile fire ceased.

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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.

30. 5. 14.

Time	Position of Battery.	Desc. of Projectile.	No Rds	What fired at.	Remarks.
10. 0am to 1pm.	013c 8.6	77	42	H29b, c & a	This area shelled intermittently with shrapnel probably due to the fact that numerous parties of infantry were moving along GRAND RUE H22c to H28a.
10.25am		77	20	Unseen	
10.45am		77 & 4.2	20	PINNEY AVENUE	Effect not visible.
2.30pm to 3pm.		77	30	H25d, BARRIER FARM to ELBOW FARM.	These billets slightly damaged.
3. pm	LEMAISNIL	5.9	30	H22a	Damage not ascertained.
3. pm	LE MAISNIL	5.9	40	H 20a	Apparently searching for our 4.7" which was firing.
3.30pm		77	18	About Cross roads. RUE DU QUESNE & RUE DES BASSIERES.	One direct hit on house at H32a 9.9

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY1st Aust. Div. Art. 30.5.16ENEMY MOVEMENT.

The left group report that during the past week very little movement could be seen in Hostile territory this conditions of affairs appears to be coming more apparent~~x~~ each day. Much movement has been observed at house at N13b 7.7 (Reported by <sup>58 Div ART</sup> ~~2nd Aust. Div. Art.~~).

W O R K.

A working party of about 15 men were observed shovelling earth and repairing parapet damaged by our shell fire.

OCCUPIED HOUSES.

A light was seen in the WHITE HOUSE at 013a 8.4 near LE MAISNIL CHURCH.

A dummy observer is fixed in a tree near this house.

R I G H T     G R O U P.

Report Nil.

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## DAILY REPORT, 1st AUST. DIV. ART.

## ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY.

May 31st, 1916.

Time	Bty	No & nature Rds.	Target	Remarks.
<b>RIGHT GROUP.</b>				
7.40 am	101st	20 BX	SUGAR LOAF salient.	Breach made in parapet Direct hits. Retaliation. Bty had last say.
7.45 am	22nd	6 AX	The MAZE N11a 8.3½.	Retaliation-effective.
1.10 pm	2nd	6 A	Trench opposite N9.2.	Retaliation.
1.45 pm	22nd	32 AX	THE MAZE N11a 8.3½.	Enemy ceased firing-Rounds observed effective.
2.0 pm	2nd	52 A 18 AX	Trench opposite N9.2)	Retaliation-cooperated with M.T.M Bty. enemy ceased firing.
3.15 pm	22nd	18 A 20 AX	N22 b 2.9	With aeroplane observation. Target obtained with time shrapnel.
<b>LEFT GROUP.</b>				
3.0 pm	8th	23 A 21 AX	battery at N24d 3.5	With aeroplane observation. Reported very successful. several direct hits.
<b>NIGHT SHOOTING.</b>				
8.15 pm	22nd	494 A	Enemy started bombarding our line about N9d and N10c our batteries retaliated as follows.	
8.17 pm	22nd	72 AX	Night lines	The Heavy Artillery and one battery 38th Div. co-operated.
8.17 pm	101st	310 BX	Night lines	
8.22 pm	2nd	348 A	Night lines	At 9.47pm Enemy ceased firing and all our btys were ordered to stop.
8.30 pm	6th	96 AX	N6c 7.5	The 2nd and 22nd Btys came under shrapnel fire, But damage was very slight.
8.42 pm	1st	82 A	Night lines	
8.50 pm	103rd	139 A	N16d 7.4	
9.0 pm	5th	64 BX	N6c 2.2	
9.0 pm	4th	99 A	N11a 0.5	
9.0 pm	23rd	33 A	Clc 0.5	
		41 AX		
		113 A		
		19 AX		
<b>M. T. M. BATTERIES.</b>				
9.30pm to 1 am	X/1/A z/I/A	14 14	N10c SUGAR LOAF salient.	

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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY

Time	Pos. of Battery.	Nature of Projectile	No of rds.	What fired at	Remarks.
6. am.		4.2			
7.15 am.		77	50	Rear of CELLAR FARM.	No damage.
		5.9	30	Front of CELLAR FARM.	
7.30 am	About N24d	2.8) 77'	7	N10 a 8.0	No damage.
12.30pm		5.9	20	N10b	Intermittent fire.
1.10 pm		T.M.	10	N9c 2.6	
1.10 pm		4.2 &	10	N9d 0.5 to 5.5	Effect not observed.
		T.M.		N 9c 5.8	
1.10 pm		4.2	32	Our trenches N8b 4.0	Damage unknown.
1.15 pm	Direction HAYEM WOOD.	77		Trench N9.3 & N10-1	
1.15 pm	AUBERS	5.9		S.E. TWO TREE Farm	
1.25 pm	--	77	25	N 10c 8.8	
1.30 pm		77 & 4.2	30		
1.40pm		77 & 5.9	28	CELLAR FARM	Infantry reported did no harm.
2.0 pm		77 & 4.2	20	N 8c 5.8	
2.10 pm		4.2	4	RUE TILLELOY	Effect not observed.
				N8a 2.3	
2.30 pm		4.2	2	N9c 1.9 1/2	No apparent effect or damage.
		4.2	12	N8d 4.3	Not observed.
		5.9	16	trenches in N9c	
2.35 pm		77	20	N10a 1.1	Not observed.
8.15 pm	Enemy started bombarding our trenches N9d to N10c. Could not ascertain number of rounds or nature of shell. Bombardment had stopped by 9.47 pm.				

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Appendix No. BDetails. Artillery Operations 2nd & 3rd May 1916.  
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The following batteries of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate with LORINGS group Anzac Heavy Artillery and R.F.C. in engaging enemys guns as follows.

1916. May 2nd	1500	9th Battery 102nd How Battery 103rd How Battery	20 A. ) 10 BX ) 10 BX )	77 m/m Battery at N 23 d 5'5
-do-	1630	Same Batteries	Same No of rounds	Same target.
-do-	1515	24th Battery 102nd How Battery 103rd How Battery	20 A ) 10 BX ) 10 BX )	77m/m Battery at N 23 d 10'3
-do-	1700	Same Batteries	Same No of rounds	Same target
May 3rd	1510	7th Battery 102nd How Battery 103rd How Battery	20 A ) 10 BX ) 10 BX )	4'2" Battery at N. 34 a 8'2
-do-	1550	Same Batteries	Same No of rounds	Same target
-do-	1530	8th Battery 102nd Battery 103rd Battery	20 A ) 10 BX ) 10 BX )	4'2" Battery at N 28 c 4'0
-do-	1645	Same Batteries	Same No of rounds.	Same target

*J. J. Hobbs*  
Brigadier General

1/5/1916.

Commanding 1st Aust Div Artillery



FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Appendix C

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Divisional Artillery Order No 8.

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1. The system on which reliefs will be carried out for units of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will be as follows:-

There will always be two Field Artillery (18 pdr) Brigades and two 4.5" Howitzer Batteries in action, one of each in each group, and one Field Artillery (18 pdr) Brigade and one 4.5" Howitzer Battery in reserve.

Units will remain in action for approximately a fortnight, month and in reserve for approximately a fortnight.

2. The following table shows the proposed distribution

Date 1916	In action		In reserve
	Right group	Left group.	
Apl 17 to May 15	2nd F.A.Bde 102nd H.Bty		
Apl 30 to May 30		3rd F.A.Bde 103rd H.Bty	
May 15 to June 15	1st F.A.Bde 101st H.Bty		
May 15th to May 30th			2nd F.A.Bde 102nd How.Bty
May 30th to June 30th		2nd F.A.Bde 102nd How.Bty	
May 30th to June 15			3rd F.A.Bde 103rd H.Bty
June 15 to July 15	3rd F.A.Bde 103rd H.Bty		
June 15 to June 30			1st F.A.Bde 101st How.Bty
June 30 to July 30		1st F.A.Bde 101st H.Bty	

3. Reliefs will be carried out at nights and the incoming Artillery Group commander will assume control at 8 a.m. on the day of relief.

4. The general rule is that guns and stores and all ammunition in the gun pits is to be handed over, but details regarding handing and taking over will be arranged direct between the commanders concerned.

5. While a unit is in reserve a proportion of officers and other ranks from each battery is to be sent to the corresponding battery of the group they will next take over for instruction in the work of this group.

6. Orders for reliefs will be published before each relief takes place.

C.G.N. Miles Major.  
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- Copy No 1. 1st Aust.Div.
- 2. B.G.R.A. Anzac
- 3. 1st Aust.Div.Art.
- 4. 1st F.A.Bde
- 5. 2nd F.A.Bde
- 6. 3rd F.A.Bde
- 7. 21st How.Bde
- 8 & 9 War Diary.



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The 3rd F. A. Brigade took over the FLEURBAIX group from the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery on the 30th April. This group has four 18 pdr batteries, (7th 8th 9th and 24th) and one 4.5" Howitzer battery (103rd) in action, all under the control of the Artillery Group Commander, Lieut. Colonel W.L.H. Burgess D.S.O.

The week has been mostly uneventful. 18 pdr batteries have been engaged in shelling working parties and localities where movement has been observed, and in registration.

A mobile gun is being used in the Right Group and has made some very effective shooting. A number of positions have been selected for it, some old and some new, and it never occupies the same one for two successive series. The work of this mobile gun has been very satisfactory and it has been decided to employ more guns in this manner.

The 102nd Howitzer Battery was rather heavily shelled so a section moved into new pits.

On the 2nd and 3rd insts four 18 pdr and 2 Howitzer batteries co-operated with LORINGS group, Heavy Artillery in engaging four enemy gun positions. Shooting was carried out by the map and results could not be seen but the R.F.C. reported good effect.

Two false alarms of "gas" were given and our batteries opened fire at the request of the Infantry but they were stopped as soon as it was discovered that the signals were being passed down the line and that there was nothing on our front.

Several shoots were carried out with aeroplane observation and though on most occasions hits were reported, they were not entirely satisfactory owing to the difficulties of observation.

On the 4th May lachrymatory shell (5.9") were fired near FLEURBAIX. The effect produced was a stinging sensation causing the eyes to run and make them bloodshot; it could be noticed at the craters for some hours afterwards.

On the night of 5th May the enemy started an intense bombardment at about 7 25 pm on the left sectors of the FLEURBAIX group. The S.O.S. signal was received from the Infantry and batteries in this group immediately opened on their night lines. They continued until 9 30 pm and fired about 500 rounds. By 9 50 pm everything was quiet and nothing further happened during the night.

During this week the enemy has periodically shelled billets and important roads and road junctions and has also been shelling most of our front line trenches. On two mornings BAC ST MAUR station was shelled rather heavily but little damage was done.

Lieut. Colonel A.J. Bessel-Browne C.M.G., D.S.O. was evacuated to hospital, sick, on the 5th inst and Lieut. Colonel S.M. Anderson took over command of the Right Group.

Casualties for this period. Nil.

Brigadier General.  
 Commanding 1st Divisional Artillery.



Report of Work, 1st Aust. Div. Art. for week ending 6.5.16

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1st Battery

Two gun pits nearly completed, ready to be used if necessary. Platforms for the two other guns laid. Drainage scheme complete.

2nd F.A. Bde H.Q. S.

Work being carried out on shell slits.

4th Battery

New O.P. being built. Overhaul of telephone wires and cutting out dead lines.

5th Battery

Three gun pits completed.

6th Battery

Started to "dig in" the battery. One gun pit nearly completed. New harness racks put up at wagon lines.

23rd Battery

Improving gun positions. New dug-out built. Started work on O.P. Stables at wagon lines being improved. Overhaul of telephone lines.

102nd How. Battery

Right section moved to new gun pits. Pits improved and new screens put up. Left section. Improved and strengthened the ramps and put up new screens.

LEFT GROUP

The work for the week has been confined to repairs and renovations of old gun pits and cleaning up of wagon lines, which had been left in an unsanitary condition by preceeding units. New gun pits have been selected and marked out and one pit completed. Turf has been cut from various spots close to the ditches and transplanted on worn tracks to billets, guns etc; garbage and rubbish to the extent of 200 bags full has been removed from the vicinity of the billets. Unused telephone lines have been cleared up and improvements generally in the way of communication have been effected.

TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES

X/I/A and Z/I/A batteries. Emplacements being improved and alternative emplacements dug. Ammunition pits and dug-outs being constructed. Y/I/A battery. Emplacements being dug.

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~~Reference to Appendix~~

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Appendix No. F

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DEFENCE SCHEME

PETILLON and FLEURBAIX

- Front. 1. The front extends from trench N 8.3 at N 8 d 1/2'8 to trench I 31.1 at I 31 c 4'4 and is divided into two sectors.
- (a) PETILLON sector from N 8.3 at N 8 d 1/2'8 to N 10.5 at N 10 b 8 1/2'9 1/2.
  - (b) FLEURBAIX sector from N 4.1 at N 10 b 8 1/2'9 1/2 to I 31.1 at I 31 c 4'4.
- Boundaries 2. The following are the boundaries of the Divisional Area.
1. On the South East by the front line from I 31 c 4'4 to N 8 d 1/2'8
  2. On the South and South West by a line from N 8 d 1/2'8 to N 8 a 0'6 1/2, thence in a direct line to G 32 b 3'9, thence to G 26 d 2'2 thence along south bank of River LYS to G 25 d 3'3.
  3. On the West by a line beginning at G 25 d 3'3 thence along the west side of the road to sheet 36 A, L 24 a 5'0 thence to sheet 36, G 8 a 0'8 to G 8 a 4'7.
  4. On the North and North East by a line beginning at G 8 a 4'7 direct to G 11 a 0'7 thence through centre of G 11 - G 12 c. 6'0 - G 18 b 7'6, thence along south west side of the road to H 31 c 1'5 thence along the southern side of the railway to H 14 a 7'4, thence thence along the south west side of the road to H 21 a 9'0 thence to H 22 a 5'0, H 29 d 3 1/2'8, passing through the intersection of RUE de la CHAPELLE, RUE de la GUENNEPIE, thence to H 36 a 4'3 1/2 - H 30 d 5'0, thence running south east and terminating at I 31 c 4'4.

The dividing line between the groups runs from N 10 b 8 1/2'9 1/2 - N 4 d 3'6 - H 33 c 9'4 - H 33 a 8'1 - H 33 a 10'4 1/2 - H 26 d 6'3 - H 26 a 5'4 - H 19 a 4 1/2' 1/2 - H 13 c 1/2'4.

Distribution 3. The general distribution of the troops will be as follows:-

Infantry-----



Infantry

One brigade PETILLON group  
 One brigade FLEURBAIX group.  
 One brigade in reserve.

Artillery

One F.A. (18 pdr) Brigade and one 4.5" Howitzer in PETILLON group.  
 One F.A. (18 pdr) Brigade and one 4.5" Howitzer battery in FLEURBAIX group.  
 One F.A. (18 pdr) Brigade and one 4.5" Howitzer battery in reserve.

Artillery group 4.  
 commander

The O. C. F.A. Brigade will be the Artillery group commander and will keep in close touch with the Infantry Brigadier. He will make himself thoroughly acquainted with the Defence Scheme of the Brigade.

Scheme of  
 defence

5.

The scheme of defence is divided into the following systems :-

(a) FRONT System consisting of front line and support trenches and a series of keeps as under :-

A 1 Post	N 8 a	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' 4
EYE Post	N 8 a	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
BEE Post	N 8 b	9' 5
TROU Post	N 9 a	5' 6
DEE Post	N 3 d	2' 7
LAINES RIVER Post	N 9 b	9' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
CELEST FARM Post	N 10 a	4' 7
CORDONNERIE Post	N 10 a	7' 6
FORAY Post	H 35 d	1' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
WYE FARM Post	H 35 c	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
TEMPLE Post	H 36 c	7' 9
CITY Post	H 36 d	1' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

(b) SECONDARY System consisting of a series of fortified posts mostly along the RUE. du QUESNE as follows:-

CHARRED Post	N 1 a	$\frac{1}{2}$ ' 11
WINDY Post	N 1 b	3' 6
WEATHERCOCK HOUSE	H 32 d	1' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
WINNER'S NIGHT Post	H 32 a	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
JUNCTION Post	H 32 a	9' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
CROIX BARACHE Post	H 33 a	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
CROIX MARCHEAL Post	H 34 b	$\frac{1}{2}$ ' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
MELBON FARM Post	H 29 c	2' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
SMITHS VILLA Post	H 29 c	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' 9
COMMAND Post	H 29 b	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' 11

(c) The RIVER LYS system



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(c) The RIVER LYS system consisting of a series of works forming bridge heads protecting the crossings over the LYS at ESTAIRES, NOUYEAU MONDE, SAILLY and BAG St MAUR.

NOUYEAU MONDE Post	G 33 a 5'9	
LAVENTINE NORTH Post	G 35 a 2'3	
ROUGE MAISON Post	G 21 c 9'9	
CEMETERY Post	" " "	7 22 c 4'7
FACTORY Post	G 23 c 2'9	
GRANNY Post	G 29 d 8'9	
CROSSING Post	G 24 c 5'6	
RUE de BRUGES Post	G 24 a 1'6	
PASTURE Post	G 17 c 9'6	
BRICKFIELDS Post	G 17 a 5'8	
FOURTEEN Post	H 19 c 6'9	

Principles of Defence

6. (A) The front line system will be held at all costs.

(B) Briefly the principles of defence are:-

(i) Keeps in FRONT system garrisoned by front line battalions - offensive role, immediate counter attack.

(ii) Posts in SECONDARY system garrisoned by battalions in brigade reserve. <sup>defensive</sup> role, hold on until Divisional Reserve can come up.

(iii) Balance left over after garrisoning posts in (b) above used at discretion of Brigade Commanders.

(iv) Divisional Reserve

(a) Counter attack

(b) Failing this, hold on until Corps Reserve arrives.

S.O.S. Signal

7. In the case of a hostile bayonet attack or gas attack, the following code calls and signals are the order for the Artillery to open an immediate barrage fire.

(i) "S.O.S" followed by the number of the trench, for instance "S.O.S N 9.1"

(ii) A single GREEN rocket fired from near company headquarters. This signal to be repeated until it is obvious that the Artillery supporting the portion of the line from which the rocket is sent up, has responded to the signal.

A hostile gas attack will also be notified by the sounding of gas gongs and the ringing of ship's bells.

The battery receiving the S.O.S. call will send it without preamble to the 18 pdr battery on either flank and the 4.5 battery nearest it, and to the group commander who will send it to the C.R.A. All batteries, receiving the S.O.S. will immediately open fire on their



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fire on their right lines.

Note. When it is required to test the S.O.S. system the following procedure will be adopted :-

"Test" followed by the number of the trench for instance "Test N 9.1" will be sent direct from company headquarters to the battery. The battery receiving this will at once fire one round on the night line opposite the front named. This call will not be transmitted to neighbouring batteries.

Artillery 8. : Special Artillery Instructions are attached as Appendix "A".

Note. Alterations and amendments to the Defence Scheme will be issued as found necessary.

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1st Aust. Divisional Artillery

8th May 1916.



APPENDIX "A"

Special Artillery Instructions

Appreciation of the situation.

1. The Artillery Defence Scheme is based on the assumption that, in the case of serious attack, probably involving other Divisions, no artillery reinforcements can be expected to arrive immediately, and further, that the enemy is unlikely to make a serious attack without extensive Artillery preparation, thus giving warning of his intention and time for the necessary detailed measures to be taken.

Nomenclature.

2. As the Brigades and Batteries of the Division are being relieved at intervals, in these orders the Brigades are termed :-  
"W" "Y" and "Z" Brigades for 18 pdrs (1, 2, 3 and 4 batteries each)  
"X" Brigade for 4.5 Howitzer (1, 2, and 3 batteries)  
"W" Brigade will be the brigade in reserve  
"Y" Brigade will be that composing the RIGHT Group.  
"Z" Brigade will be that composing the LEFT Group.

Any change in allotment of letters and numbers to Brigades and batteries will be notified as necessary, and on any unit being . . . allotted a new number and letter, it will at once assume the responsibility for the duties of such number and letter.

Reliefs.

3. Units will remain in action for approximately a month and in reserve for approximately a fortnight

Reconnaissance on relief of units

4. On a relief taking place, Brigade commanders will see that the batteries concerned are acquainted with the new role and positions assigned to them in the Defence Scheme, and that the necessary reconnaissance of the routes from the front line positions to the Secondary System positions take place.

Dispositions

5. Dispositions of batteries for the FRONT system of defence are shown in Appendix "B"  
These batteries are so placed that fire can be directed on any part of our line by day or night.  
By night all guns are laid on their night lines which cover the whole front.

Artillery support for Infantry in case of attack

6. Each Infantry Commander of a sub-section of our line is in direct telephonic communication with the artillery observer of the battery immediately covering his front. This battery will, on the application of the infantry commander, immediately bring fire to bear on his front, and report his action to the Artillery Group Commander.  
The fire of from three to four batteries can be concentrated on roughly each 1000 yards of front. These batteries will form a "barrage" in front of our line as soon as their fire is called for.



Liaison Barrages

7. For the assistance of groups both of the flank divisions and within the division liaison Barrages have been arranged (Appendix "C")

The call for assistance will only be answered when the attack is merely a partial one and the batteries concerned can be spared from work on their own front. Group Commanders will use their own discretion re answering this call, remembering that the primary role of their batteries is to defend their own front.

Heavy Artillery

8. Appendix "D" shows the Corps Heavy Artillery and the co-operation with the Heavy Artillery of the Corps on either flank.

Should the support of the Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery be required, the Artillery Group Commander concerned will communicate direct to the C.C. Heavy Artillery group.

Intention.

9. It is not intended to put any more batteries into action for the defence of the FRONT system. The batteries in reserve will be held at the disposal of the C.R.A. Should it be found necessary to retire, these batteries may be ordered into action by the C.R.A. to cover the retirement.

Brigade Control.

10. Should it be found necessary to retire, batteries will come under brigade control at the new positions until matters are reorganised sufficiently to allow of the group system being resumed.

Note. This applies to the Howitzer as well as the 18 pr batteries.

Brigade Commanders commanding groups will send their adjutants back to the new brigade headquarters to represent them and will not leave their front headquarters till the last battery of their group has left.

Precautionary period.

11. On the first sign of a serious attack the following precautionary measures will be taken:---

(A) With a view to the time when Batteries will come under Brigade control, brigade commanders will arrange for telephone lines to be laid from their secondary Brigade Headquarters to the secondary positions of their batteries, and from such positions to respective O.P.s

Lines between Brigade Headquarters and Divisional Artillery Headquarters will be laid and patrolled by the D.A. Signal Section.

The lines will require careful looking after, possibly for several days before it may become necessary to occupy the Secondary positions and Brigade Commanders will make special arrangements for this.

As Under existing conditions little reliance can be placed on present telephone service, the lines of which are most certain to be cut during a bombardment, arrangements must be at once made and tested to provide and preserve other means of communication.

Various alternatives are mentioned in F.A.T. sect. 149, but probably the best method will be by dismounted orderlies or "runners" or cyclists, or a combination of both.



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(B) During this period all teams throughout the Divisional Artillery will be kept harnessed up.

Secondary system

12.(A) In the event of the enemy penetrating the FRONT system it may be found necessary to occupy some or all of the positions in the SECONDARY system. These positions, their observation stations, and allotment of Brigades are shown in appendix "E" attached.

Note. The allotment of brigades and batteries to positions in the Secondary system is to be taken more as a guide than a rigid allotment. The C.R.A. will use his discretion re ordering reserve batteries to some of these positions to cover the retirement.

Orders for retirement

(B) Batteries will not retire except by order of the Artillery Group Commander concerned who will not give orders for a retirement without instructions from the C.R.A., unless communication with the C.R.A. has been cut off or unless he is satisfied that the urgency of the situation demands immediate action.

Wagon Lines

(C) On any battery being ordered to withdraw to its secondary position, such teams as are necessary will be sent to the battery position. The remaining wagons of the battery will proceed to the secondary position and dump all ammunition in the pits in readiness for the battery. The wagons will then be withdrawn to the secondary wagon line and will refill with ammunition at the earliest possible moment. Secondary wagon lines of "Z" and "X" Brigades will be established in any open fields in G 10, and those of "W" and "Y" Brigades similarly in square G 15.

(D) The section 2<sup>4</sup> at M 18 a 6 8 has a dump of 500 rounds a gun and will not be withdrawn from its present position under any circumstances.

The single gun of 2<sup>7</sup> at M 33 d 4 5 has a similar dump and may or may not be withdrawn from its present position. (Note the 38th Division has a section which does the same work as this single gun)

B.A.C.s

(E) B.A.C.s will remain in their present positions

RIVER LYS system

13. Should a further withdrawal be ordered to the RIVER LYS line, it will be carried out on similar lines, to positions which have been selected as shown in Appendix "F". These positions have not been dug, but boards have been placed to mark the exact gun positions.

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Brigade Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.



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POSITION OF BATTERY IN ACTION - FRONT System.

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Group	Battery	Position	Alternate Position	O. P	Arc of Fire along en my tr nch s.	Tr nch s Cov r a	Night Lin s	Remarks.
Right	Y (HQ)	H 31 a 7'9						
"	Y. 1.		H 31 c 2'6	① N 9a 3'8½	N14 b 0'5 to	N 8'2 to	N 15 a 4'6 N 15 a 8'5 N 9 d 8'0 N 9 c 10'1	
		H 31a 2½'0		② N 2 69½'1	N10 c 8'5	N 10'1		
"	Y. 2.		H 26c 4'5½	Vine Cot.	N8d 3½'0 to	N 834'5 and	N 8 d 6'2 N 9c 0'1 N 9 c 2'1 N 9 d 8'0	
		H 25 b 8'3½		N2c 8½'1	N10c 1'2	N 9 4.		
"	Y. 3		H25c 7'2	The Mill	N8d 4'3	N 9'1 to	N 10c 3'3 N 10c 4½'3 N 10c 9'5 N 10c 2'9 N 10b 7'3	5 Gun
		H25 d 4½'3		N4a 9'1	N11a 2'5	N 10'4		
"	Y. 5.			The Mill	N8d 4'3 to	N 9'1 to	N10 d 3'4	1 Gun
		H33 d 2'7		N4a 9'1	N11a 2'5	N 10		
"	Y.4	M18a 6'8		Malbourne Mansions	N14a 6'1 to	N 8 d to	N 9c 5'1 N9d 4'1½	1 Section
				M8a 6'7½	N9d 4'1½	N 9 d Enfilade		
"	Y.1		H31b 5'2	School Hours	N13d 6½'7 to	N13'6 to	N15b 0'7 N15b 5'6 N10c 8½'4 N16b 7'8½	
		H31b 8'1		N2c 9½'2½	N11a 7'8	N 4'1		

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POSITION OF BATTERIES IN ACTION -- FRONT System.

Group	Battery	Position	Alternate Position.	O. P	Arc of Fire along enemy trenches	Trenches Covered.	Night Lines	Remarks.
Left	Z (Hq)	H21d 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ '4						
"	Z. 1	H28c 3'3	H26d 7'4	H25c 5'1	N10b 8'4 to O1a 3'7	Half 36 to 46	N11a 9'9 N11a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ '7 $\frac{1}{2}$ N11a 2'6 N10b 9'4	
"	Z. 2	H33b 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ '8	H33b 2'6	N5b 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ '3	N9d 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ '1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N6b 5' $\frac{1}{2}$	31 to Half 44	N11b 1'9 N 5d 4'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 5d 9'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 6c 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ '2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	Z. 3	H28a 2'9	H34b 3'9	N5b 4'4	N10b 7'3 I32a 4'1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Half 36 to half 51	N6c 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ '2 $\frac{1}{2}$ N6c 8'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ N6d 2'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ N6d 4'9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	Z. 4	H28a 6'7	H28d 9'5	H36b 7'1 $\frac{1}{2}$	N11a 1'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to I31a 10'2	Half 37 to .48	N6b 5'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ N6b 7'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ N6b 9'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ O 1a 2'7	
"	X. 2	H34a 8'3	H28d 8'3	N5a 1'1	N10d 3'9 to O1a 3'7	Half 36 to half 46	N11a 8'4 N12a 8'5 O1c 0'4 O1a 3'6	
	X (Hq)	H20c 5'4 $\frac{1}{2}$						

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## Appendix 'D'

## A. ANZAC CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY.

## L O R I N G S Group.

109th Heavy Battery - 4 - 4.7" guns	1 sect.	<i>H16 B3'3</i> H 25b 1'9"
	1 Sect.	<i>H20 B5'7</i> H 29c 2'9"
110th Heavy Battery - 4 - 4.7" guns		<i>G34 d9'6</i> G 35c 6'5"
1 Section 23rd Seige <sup>Batt</sup> Guns 2-6" How.		H 32b 5'7½"
1 Section <sup>30</sup> 30th Seige <sup>Batt</sup> Guns 2-8" How.		H 5c 6'5½"
		H 5d 4½' 3½"
1 Section 66th Seige Battery 2- <del>8</del> 9.2" Hows.		<i>G29c 5'10"</i>

## B.

HEAVY ARTILLERY CO-OPERATION

(1) In the event of assistance being required by the 11th Corps the following heavy artillery will be placed at their disposal by O.C., Corps Heavy Artillery, if the ANZAC front is not attacked simultaneously-----

1	9.2" How.	(66th Seige)	N 25 b 4.4
1	6" How	(23rd Seige)	N 20 b 2.2
1	6" How	(23rd Seige)	N 20 b 2.4

(2) In the event of an attack on the ANZAC front, the following assistance will be available from the 11th Corps Artillery, on the application of the O.C. ANZAC Heavy Artillery to O.C. Heavy Artillery 11th Corps ---

1 Section 66th Seige (9.2" Hows)	(1 How.	N 20 a 8.7½"
	(1 How.	N 20 b 2.1½"
1 Section London Heavy Battery. (4.7" Guns)	(1 gun,	N 27 a 5.2
	(1 gun,	N 14 b 9½.7

(3) In the event of an attack on the 2nd Corps front the following assistance will be available from ANZAC Heavy Artillery on the application of O.C. 2nd Corps Artillery to O.C. ANZAC Heavy Artillery.

1	8" How (30th Seige)	I 12 d ½.7
2	4.7 guns (109th Hy. Bty)	I 23 09½ to I 30 a 6.4

(4) The following assistance will be available from the 2nd Corps on the application of O.C. ANZAC Heavy Artillery to O.C. 2nd Corps Heavy Artillery, in the event of attack on the ANZAC front.-

1	4.7" gun (Warwick Heavy Batt)	I 22 b 9½.7½"
1	4.7" gun ( " " " )	I 30 a 7.4
1	4.7" gun ( " " " )	I 29 d 0.2
1	4.7" gun ( " " " )	I 35 b . . . 9.1
1	6" How (40th Seige Batt.)	I 22 b 4½.½"
1	6" How ( " " " )	O 22 c 8.4

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.DEFENCE SCHEME

Appendix E

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## Secondary Positions.

Brigade	Battery	Position	REMARKS.
Y	H.Q	G 24 a 3.7	
	Y <sup>1</sup>	G 29 b 8.0	
	Y <sup>2</sup>	H 19 c 2.5	
	Y <sup>3</sup>	G 30 a 7.6½	
	Y <sup>4</sup>	G 24 c 9.½	
Z	H.Q	H 13 c 7.7	
	Z <sup>1</sup>	H 20 c 5.4	
	Z <sup>2</sup>	H 19 d 2.0	
	Z <sup>3</sup>	H 20 d 2.0	
	Z <sup>4</sup>	H 20 b 6.5	
X	H.Q	G 18 c 0.4	
	X <sup>2</sup>	H 15 c 5.2	
	X <sup>3</sup>	G 23 d 6.6	
W	W <sup>4</sup>	G 27 c 4.1	

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ART. DEFENCE SCHEME.

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Appendix F.

17-5-16Reserve Positions

Position	Reference Letter.	Battery	REMARKS.
G 2 d 4.2	A	Howitzer	
G 3 c 1.9	B	18 pdr.	
G 3 d 2.9	C	Howitzer.	
G 3 b 4.7	D	18 pdr.	
G 4 a 8.3	E	18 pdr.	
G 10 a 8.8	F	18 pdr.	
G 4 d 5.2	G	18 pdr.	
G 10 b 8.9	H	Howitzer	
G 10 d 9.9	J	18 pdr.	
G 11 c 5.5	K	18 pdr.	
G 11 b 5.2	L	18 pdr.	

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. ARTILLERY.Amendments - -- DEFENCE SCHEME --

Dated. 15.5.16

Owing to the reorganisation the following amendments are made.-

Para 3 Distribution of Troops, sheet 2, under Artillery-For "One F.A. (18pdr) Brigade and one 4.5" Howitzer Battery"  
Read "One mixed Brigade and one battery from 18 Pr. Brigade".Para 4 - Artillery Group Commander -

For "O.C. F.A. Brigade" Read "O.C. Mixed Brigade".

Appendix A para 2. Nomenclature -For "W" "Y" and "Z" Brigades for 18 pdrs (1,2,3, and 4 batt-  
eries each) "-Read "W" "Y" and "Z" Brigades for Mixed Brigades (1,2,3, and  
4 batteries each, No 4 being the Howitzer battery) "-For "X" Brigade for 4.5 Howitzer (1,2, and 3 Batteries) "-  
Read "X" Brigade for 18pdr Brigade (1,2, & 3 batteries) "-Appendix A, para 10.Delete "Note. This applies to the Howitzers as well as  
the 18 pdr batteries" - and substitute "Note. This applies  
to all batteries" -Appendix A para 12 (D)For "The Section Z<sup>4</sup>"  
Read "The section X<sup>1</sup>" -Appendix A para 12 (E)For "B. A. Cs"  
Read "D. A. C" -Appendix (B)

In second column under "Battery"

For "y<sup>4</sup>" read "X<sup>1</sup>"For "X<sup>1</sup>" read "y<sup>4</sup>"For "Z<sup>4</sup>" read "X<sup>2</sup>"For "X<sup>2</sup>" read "Z<sup>4</sup>"Appendix "C"

In the batteries shown in . . . brackets

For "X<sup>1</sup>" read "y<sup>4</sup>"For "X<sup>2</sup>" read "Z<sup>4</sup>"For "X<sup>4</sup>" Read "X<sup>2</sup>"

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APPENDIX "D" to be amended to read as follows:-

A. Anzac Corps H.A.

Lorings Group.

109th Heavy Battery.	4	4.7" guns	1 Section H 16b	1 1/2	2 1/2
			1 Section H 20b	6.6	
110th Heavy Battery.	4	4.7" "	3 Guns G 35c	6.6	
			1 Gun G 35a	5.5	
1 section, 23rd Siege	2	6"Hows:	H 32a	5.7 1/2	
1 section, 30th Siege	2	8"Hows"	1 Gun H 5c	7.5	
			1 Gun H 5d	5.3	
1 Section, 66th Siege	2	9.2"Hows"	1 Gun G 29c	3.1 1/2	
			1 Gun G 35a	9 1/2	8 1/2

- B. (1) For N 25b 4.4 read N31d 9.1 otherwise correct.
- (2) For N 14b 9 1/2.7 read N 14d 9 1/2.7 otherwise correct.
- (3) For I 23 o 9. 1/2 read I 23c 9 1/2.8 otherwise correct.
- (4) For I 35 9.1 read I 35a 9.1  
For O 22c 8.4 read I 22c 8.4 otherwise correct.

DEFENCE SCHEME AMENDMENTS.

Appendix B

Y<sup>2</sup> battery.

Position showed read H 26c 4.5 1/2.

Alternate position showed read H 25b 8.3 1/2  
front

Arc of fire along enemy trenches showed read N 14a 9 1/2.5 to  
N 5d 7.0

trenches covered should read N 8.3 to N. 5.2

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
Divisional Artillery Order No. 9.

12.5.16

## Reorganisation, Divisional Artillery and Ammunition Columns.

1. In accordance with G.H.Q. letter OB/818 of 6.5.16 and A N Z A Corps G.S. Circular No 7 of 9.5.16, the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will be re-organised as follows:-

A. Formation of mixed brigades.

- (i) In each of the 18 pdr brigades one howitzer battery will be substituted for one 18 pdr battery  
 (ii) The three 18 pdr batteries thus displaced will form the fourth brigade under the former howitzer brigade headquarters.  
 (iii) The artillery of this Division will then consist of three mixed brigades and one 18 pdr brigade constituted as follows:-  
     Three mixed brigades - Three 18 pdr batteries and one howitzer battery  
     One 18 pdr brigade - Three 18 pdr Batteries  
 (iv) All batteries will retain their present numbering.  
 (v) The new 18 pdr brigade will retain the numbering of the howitzer brigade it replaces, omitting the word "Howitzer".

B. Reorganisation of System of Ammunition Supply within the Division

- (i) Brigade Ammunition Columns will be abolished as such.  
 (ii) The Divisional Ammunition Column will be reconstructed into a Divisional Ammunition Column of two echelons, each composed as follows:-  
     Headquarters,  
     "A" Echelon, consisting of 3 sections,  
         (Nos. 1, 2, and 3. sections)  
     "B" Echelon, consisting of one section,  
         (No. 4 section)  
 The Headquarters and "A" echelon are designed to accompany the Division closely at all times.  
 "B" echelon will follow the Division if circumstances permit, but is detachable under Corps when necessary.

2. This re-organization will be carried out as follows.

- A. (i) All brigade headquarters and batteries are to be brought up to full establishment by transfers of personnel and horses from the present brigade Ammunition Columns. These transfers to be effected on the 15th inst, and to be completed by 1200 that day.  
 (ii) The following transfer of batteries will be effected as from 1201 on 15th inst:-  
     101st Howitzer battery from 21st Howitzer Bde to 1st F.A. Brigade  
     102nd Howitzer Battery



102nd Howitzer Battery from 21st Howitzer Brigade to 2nd F.A. Brigade

103rd Howitzer Battery from 21st Howitzer Brigade to 3rd F.A. Brigade.

22nd Battery from 1st F.A. Brigade to 21st (new) 18 pdr Brigade

23rd Battery from 2nd F.A. Brigade to 21st (new) 18 pdr Brigade

24th Battery from 3rd F.A. Brigade to 21st (new) 18 pdr Brigade.

(iii) The 21st Howitzer Brigade will become the 21st F.A. Brigade as from 1201 on 15th inst.

B. (i) All present Brigade Ammunition Columns will be transferred to the Divisional Ammunition Column as from 1201 on 15th inst and their designation will be as follows:-

1st F.A. Brigade Amm. Coln. will become No. 1 section Divisional Ammunition Column.

2nd F.A. Brigade Amm. Coln. will become No 2 Section Divisional Ammunition Column.

3rd F.A. Brigade Amm. Coln. will become No 3 Section Divisional Ammunition Column.

21st How. Brigade Amm. Coln. will become No 4 Section Divisional Ammunition Column.

(ii) In the present Divisional Ammunition Column the Headquarters will be brought up to establishment and will remain the Headquarters of the new Divisional Ammunition Column

The present sections of the Divisional Ammunition Column will cease to exist as such from 1201 on 15th inst and their personnel, horses and vehicles will be used to complete the new sections to establishment.

(iii) The attached tables show the establishment of the new Divisional Ammunition Column, the present strength of the new sections, and how they are to be completed to establishment.

(Note. The present strength denotes present strength on 15.5.16 after batteries have been completed to establishment. The figures showing present strength and number required to complete are approximate)

3. In order to carry out the instructions contained

in para 2 above, the following moves will take place

(a) 1st F.A. Bde Amm. Coln from present billets to billets at present occupied by the 21st How. Bde Amm. Coln. at G 20 d 0'2. Move to be completed by 1200 15th inst.

?21<sup>st</sup> (b) 21st How. Bde Amm. Coln from present billets to billets at present occupied by 1st F.A. Brigade Amm. Coln at A 26 d 2'8. Move to be completed by 1200 on 15th inst.

(c) Present Divisional Ammunition Column,

(i) Headquarters from present billets to new billets selected by C.C., D.A.C, 1st Australian Divisional Area.

(ii) Remainder of D.A.C.

(a) Details required to complete new sections as shown in attached tables to move to billets of these sections which are in the following places.:-



New No. 1 Section (old 1st B.A.C.) at G 20 d 0'2  
 New No. 2 Section (old 2nd B.A.C.) at G 21 b 0'4  
 New No. 3 Section (old 3rd B.A.C.) at G 20 d 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ '9  
 New No 4 Section (old 21st B.A.C.) at A 26 d 2'8

(b) Details left over after completing new Sections as above will be divided between the 4 new sections and will be attached to them pending further instructions. They will move with the details shown in (a) above.

All moves of D.A.C. to be completed by 1600 on 15th inst.

4. Before moving, the 21st How. Bde Amm. Coln will hand over 4 ammunition wagons complete with equipment to each of the 2nd and 3rd B.A.C.s. The 4 ammunition wagons complete with equipment for the 1st B.A.C. will be handed over to the 1st B.A.C. on their arrival at their new billets on the 15th inst.

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 4-5 1st F.A. Bde  
 6-7 2nd F.A. Bde  
 8-9 3rd F.A. Bde  
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No 1 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column.  
(old 1st F.A.Bde Amm. Coln.)

	Establishment	Present strength	Required to complete		Remarks
			number	where obtained.	
<u>Personnel.</u>					
Captain	1	1			
Subalterns	2	3x			x 1 Sub. to 4th Section
Battery Sergt Major	1	1			
Battery Q.M.S.	1	1			
Sergeants	4	2	2	D.A.C.	
Farrier Sergeant	1	1			
Shoeing Smiths	5	1z	4	D.A.C.	z.Cpl S.S.
Saddlers	2	2			
Fitters or wheelers	1	1			
Corporals	4	4			
Bombardiers	5	2	3	D.A.C.	
Gunners	40	20@	60	D.A.C.	@ 20 gnrs to go direct from D.A.C to 1st Bde.
Drivers	101	76	25	D.A.C.	
Batmen	3	3			
Total	<u>171</u>				
<u>Horses</u>					
Riding	19	19			
Draught	194	168	26	D.A.C.	
Total	<u>213</u>				
<u>Vehicles</u>					
Bicycles	3	1	2	Corps Troops Ord. Offer.	
Wagons G.S. (Tech. Stores	1	1			
( S.A.A.	6	7	- 1		Surplus wagon to go to 4th Section D.A.C.
(Grenades	1	1			
Wagons Amm. (18 pdr with limbers (for 4.5	16	16			
Wagons Limb. G.S. for S.A.A.	4	-	4	21st B.A.C.	
	5	5			



No 2 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column.  
(old 2nd F.A. Bde Amm. Coln.)

	Establishment	Establishment	Acquired to complete		Remarks
			Numbers	Where obtained	
<u>Personnel</u>					
Captain	1	1	-	D.A.C	
Subalterns	2	2	-	-	
Battery Serg. Major.	1	1	-	-	
Battery quarter'r Sgt	1	1	-	-	
Sergeants.	4	3	1	D.A.C	
Warrior Sgts.	1	1	-	-	
Shoeing Smiths	5	3*	2	D.A.C	
Saddlers	2	1	1	D.A.C	
Fitters or Wheelers.	1	1	2	D.A.C	
Corporals	4	5	-		
Bombardiers	5	5	-		
Gunners	40	30	10	D.A.C	
Drivers	101	84	17	D.A.C	
Batmen	3	3	-		
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>				
<u>Horses</u>					
Riding	19	15	4	D.A.C	
Draught	194	170	24	D.A.C	
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>				
<u>Vehicles</u>					
Bicycles	3	1	2	1 from D.A.C 1 from Ordnance	
Wagons G.S (Tech Stores	1	1	-		
S.A.A	6	7	1		
(Grenades	1	1	-		Surplus wagons to go to 4th sect D.A.C
Wagons Amm (18 pdr with limber (4.5	16 4	16 0	- 4	21st B.A.C	
Wagons limbered G.S. for S.A.	5	5	-		X Includes 1 Cpl Shoe. Smith



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No 3 Section Div. Amm. Coln.  
(old 3rd F.A. Bde Amm. Coln)

	Essential- ment	Present Strength	Required to complete		Remarks.
			Number	WAGONS CONTAINED	
<u>Personnel</u>					
Captain	1	1	2	-	
Subalterns	2	3	-	-	1 Subaltern to 4th Sect.
Bty Sergeant Major	1	1	-	-	
Baty Quartermaster Sgt.	1	1	-	-	
Sergeants	4	3	1	D.A.C	
Carrier Sergeant	1	1	-	-	
Shoeing Smith	5	2	3	D.A.C	Includes 1 Corpl. S.S.
Saddlers	2	0	2	D.A.C	
Fitters or Wheelers	1	2	-	-	
Corporals	4	4	-	-	
Bombardiers	5	1	4	D.A.C	
Gunners	40	-25	65	D.A.C	25 Grs to go direct from D.A. to 3rd bde.
Drivers	101	77	24	-	
Batmen	3	3	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<u>171</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>99</u>		
<u>Horses</u>					
Riding	19	16	3	D.A.C	
Draught	194	174	20	D.A.C	
<b>total</b>	<u>213</u>				
<u>Vehicles</u>					
Bicycles	3	1	2	Corps troops ordn. Officer	
Wagons G.S (Tech Stores)	1	1	-	-	
(S.A.A)	6	7x	-	-	
(Grenades)	1	1	-	-	Surplus Wagon t go to 4th sect. D.A.C.
Wagons Amm ( for 18 pdr)	16	16	-	-	
with limbrs " 4.5"	4	-	4	21st B.A.C	
Wagons limbered G S for S A A	5	5	-	-	



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~~No 4 Squadron~~ ~~Dism~~ ~~Ammn~~ ~~Colln.~~  
(old 21st How. Bde Ammn Colln.)

	estab- lish- ment	Present Strength	Required to complete		Remarks
			Number	Where obtained	
<u>personnel</u>					
Captain	1	1			
Subalterns	3	1	2		1 each from 1st Bn. Grd B.A.C.S
Battery Sergt Major	1	1	-		
Bty Quartermaster Sgt.	1	1	-		
Sergeants	6	3	3		D.A.C
Farrier Sergeants	1	1	-		-
Shoeing Smiths	7	3x	4		D.A.C
Saddlers	3	2	1		D. A.C
Wheeler	1	0	1		D.A.C
Corporals	6	4	2		D.A.C
Bombardiers	7	4	3		D.A.C
Gunners	57	-19	76x		D.A.C
Drivers	162	39	123		D.A.C
Batmen	4	2	2		D.A.C
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>217</b>		
<u>Horses</u>					
Riding	21	14	7		D.A.C
Draught	310	83	227		D.A.C
	<b>331</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>234</b>		
<u>Vehicles</u>					
Bicycles	3	1	2		D.A.C
Cart Water	1	1	-		
Wagons G.S (Techl Stores	1	1			
(Cooks	1	0	1)		
(S.A.A	20	0	20)	43	
(18 pr	12	0	12)	40	D.A.C
(4.5"	12	0	12)		
--- (Grenades	1	0	1)		

xIncludes Sp1 B.

x 19 gunners to  
direct from D.A.  
C to 21st How Bde

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Appendix 'H'

Appendix No. H

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

12<sup>th</sup> May 1916

Divisional Artillery Order No. 40.

Note. - The reference to units in this order is to units as they will be after reorganisation on the 15th inst.

Reliefs. - (1) Referring to D.A. order no 8 of 4/5/16 the following reliefs will be carried out-

The units in the Right Group, viz, 2nd F.A. Brigade and 23rd Battery will be relieved by the 1st F.A. Brigade and 22nd Battery during the night 15/16th May. Reliefs to be completed and new commanders to have taken over by 0800 on 16th inst -

Details regarding handing and taking over will be arranged by the commanders concerned.

Ammunition Supply.

(2) No 2 Section D. A. C. will take over supply of ammunition to the 102nd How. Battery from 0800 on 15th instant will supply all batteries in the right Group until relieved by No 1 Section D. A. C at 0800 on the 16th inst..

(2) No 1 Section D. A. C will take over the supply of ammunition to batteries in the Right Group from 0800 on 16th inst.

No 3 Section D. A. C will take over the supply of ammunition to all batteries in the left group from 1200 on 15th inst.

Move

(3) No 2 Section D. A. C will not move from their present billets.

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Appendix "J"

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Summary of operations for week ending May 13th 1916.

The enemy's action during the past week has been particularly quiet.

Our Artillery has been much more active than usual, firing mostly at working parties and positions where movement has been noticed. Enemy batteries and works have also been engaged, and there have been several shoots with aeroplane observation most of which have proved satisfactory.

Mobile guns are being used in both groups and have proved very effective

Observation stations are now being established in trees as owing to the leaves coming out on trees the view from existing stations is being very much restricted.

Brigadier General.  
C.R.A., 1st Australian Division.



Report of work for week ending May 13th 1916.

Appendix No. *K*  
 May 13th 1916.

Headquarters, 2nd F.A. Bde

3 Funk Pits completed during the week.

4th Battery

New O.P. Building somewhat delayed owing to shortage of bricks. Visual stations have been selected. Battery position prepared in trees.

5th Battery

Work generally improving gun positions.

6th Battery

During the week this battery has been very busy digging in. One pit very nearly complete and the second one has been half done. A new O.P. has been selected in a pear tree. A platform has been built and spikes have been put into the trunk. Snipers plates are being obtained from the Engineers. Telephone communication has been established and the tree is in communication with old O.P. (Dead Dog Mill)

23rd Battery

Work in connection with improving gun position. New dug-out 12' by 12' erected. Alternative O.P. in tree at N 7 c 1½. 7½ established with satisfactory communication byth by 'phone and lamp. Visual signals of all kinds can be worked from here to Battery position.

The erection of Melbourne Mansions is very slow as Engineers are unable to get bricks. At the present rate of progress it will be a considerable time before it is completed.

Dugout at New O.P. has been made.

At the wagon lines stable accommodation has been improved as much as possible.

102nd Howitzer Battery

Improving ramps for trails. New ammunition rack built up. Altered rear opening of pit and covered several defective places with turf. Improved screen over rear and front of pit.

Headquarters 3rd F.A. Brigade.

Constructing funk pit for headquarters staff also funk pit for telephone exchange.

7th Battery

No 4 gun pit is being extended, sleeping accommodation and ammunition recesses added to. Not yet completed.

Alterations are being made in No 2 Gun pit. Sleeping accommodation being extended and further ammunition pits constructed. Work still in progress.

A wire fence and brush hedge is being constructed on right flank of No 1 gun to screen its flash.

Ground has been prepared and grass seed sown in vicinity of pits.

On right flank of battery a funk pit is in course of construction.

8th Battery

Work during the past week has been devoted to completing the cleaning out and renovating of gun pits taken over and digging funk pits, also two new gun pits have been constructed.

No. 1 was found to take too much time and material and No 2 was built on a reduced scale. Sketches attached.

9th Battery

Gun pits improved. Ammunition recesses improved and sanitary condition of billets improved.

Stable floors levelled and general conditions of horse lines improved.

Two tree observation posts established, with telephone communication to each, to replace two house O.P.s blown out by shell fire.

24 Battery



24th Battery

Telephone pit returfed with sods.

Grass seeds sown on ground behind the gun pits after soil was prepared.

Slight alterations made to the interior of gun pits to allow of more ammunition being stored and also to allow a greater sweep if necessary.

Tracks ploughed and seed planted in wern places.

Wagon lines improved.

Communications improved.

103rd Howitzer Battery

Gun pits redrained and new screens erected.

Paths in vicinity of gun pits returfed and wire screens erected over paths in places.

Funk pit at observing station commenced.

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Summary of Operations.

Period 6 pm Thursday to 6 pm Friday, 19th inst.

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Period has been quiet and uneventful. Our Batteries have shelled communication trenches, and buildings, obtaining fair percentage of direct hits on latter.

In conjunction with eighteen pounder batteries another Medium Trench Mortar Battery registered satisfactorily on enemy front line trenches. Co-operation was satisfactory though lack of direct means of communication renders co-operation difficult.

Three aeroplane series were fired today.

Wireless communication was not good and series unsatisfactory.

Much aeroplane activity during the day.

Two enemy balloons were up this afternoon.

No casualties.

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Capt.

A/ Bde Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.



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Headquarters,  
1st Aust. Div. Artillery.  
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Report of Work for week ending 20th May, 1916.

Headquarters 1st. F.A. Bde.

Communications within the Right Group generally have been improved. Old and disused wires have been utilized as far as possible. Lack of new wire seriously hinders the establishment of safe communications.

- 1st Battery. Four gun pits completed and occupied.
- 2nd Battery. Repairs and slight alterations.
- 3rd Battery. Two pits commenced by 6th Battery have been nearly completed.
- 101st Battery. New observing post selected in tree. This is being prepared by engineers with platform, overhead cover, and screen.

Billets have been sandbagged where exposed to hostile fire as far as possible under the circumstances.

Headquarters 3rd F.A. Bde.

A very strongly built auxiliary telephone pit has been under course of construction during the week, 8" x 3" timber has been used for supports, and sandbags and cupolas have been used. Operators table and commutator has been installed and the process of linking up communications with the batteries is now being carried out.

- 7th Battery. Minor Repairs.
- 8th Battery. The third pit of the new position has been completed. Repairs effected to two pits damaged by hostile fire. New position will shortly be ready for occupation.
- 9th Battery. Slight improvements of gun positions and O.P.s.
- 103rd Battery. One pit was damaged by hostile fire and this has been repaired.
- General- Various O.P.s have been strengthened and funk pits dug in the vicinity. Sandbagging of billets is being proceeded with.

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preparatory to the relief of Artillery units of the left Group by 2nd 2nd F.A. Bde, and 23rd Bty, the personnel detailed below will be attached to corresponding units of Left Group from 23rd inst until the relief takes place.

O.C. 2nd F.A. Brigade will arrange details as to hour of reporting & billets with left Group Commander.

2nd F.A. Bde	Headquarters	Bde Comdr.	Orderly Officer	6 other ranks.
4th Battery	Bty Comdr,	2 sect. Comdrs.	30 other R. (incl. Nos 1.)	
5th "	Bty "	2 sect Comdrs.	30 O.R (Inc Nos 1.)	
6th "	"	"	"	"
7th 23rd	"	"	"	"

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Summary of Operations of Divisional Artillery for period 6pm Friday 19th May to 6pm Thursday 25th May.

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Our batteries have been active during the period, the work being similar to that previously carried out, i.e. Retaliation on front line and communication trenches, fire on hostile guns, buildings, and roads. "Mobile" guns have been successfully employed. The positions of the latter have been changed to perplex the enemy as to the number of guns on this front, and to obtain distribution and concentration of fire from new and unexpected directions. These tactics have been very successful, good control and quick fire effect being readily obtained.

Mobile guns have also occupied positions from which our batteries have been withdrawn on account of hostile fire.

On 22nd inst, in conjunction with Loring's Group Heavy Artillery, an effective bombardment was carried out. The batteries employed were two 4.5 Howitzer Batteries and 2 18pdr Batteries. The howitzers were employed against the houses and in demolition work, while the 18 pdrs searched and swept the adjacent areas, particularly the roads and approaches. The bombardment was carried out in three rapid series, and it is believed good effect was obtained. The clouds of smoke rising for two hours after the bombardment indicates excellent material results. The enemy artillery replied vigorously after the first series, but was silent after each of the two last.

Much attention has been directed to movement and enemy working parties. The latter have invariably been dispersed, several times with casualties.

Buildings and trees, which are suspected as O.P.'s have been shelled. In several cases enemy observers have been ~~found~~ forced to descend from trees and take cover.

Two works suspected as M.G. emplacements have been successfully bombarded, much timber and sandbags being dislodged.

In conjunction with 18 pdr Batteries Medium Trench Mortars have been successfully employed in ~~resisting~~ registering parts of the enemy front line.

Several series, with aeroplane observation have been carried out with varying results. On 20th inst. a howitzer battery fired a very successful series on enemy gun positions, direct hits being obtained on four targets.

On 20th inst. one 18pdr Battery, in conjunction with Loring's Group Heavy Artillery engaged a hostile gun position. Aeroplane observation was employed, and the series satisfactory, three O.K. Signals being received.

Difficulty has been experienced in observation owing to the use of amatol shell, with which has given large percentage of "blinds". Lyddite is not available at present.

Enemy artillery has been unusually quiet during the period under review, with the exception of his action on the 24th inst. On this occasion from 8am to 10.30am our front line and supports at Cellar Farm, Cellar Farm Avenue, and Cordonnerie were heavily shelled and considerable damage done to trenches.

Generally his shelling falls on the area some 1500 to 2000 yards in rear of our front line with little material effect.

Casualties for period - - Nil.

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Headquarters,  
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REPORT OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 27th May, 1916.

RIGHT GROUP.

As far as the limited amount of new wire available will allow, telephone lines and communications generally have been improved. Wires are being frequently cut by hostile fire, and in communication trenches by working parties, necessitating constant attention to lines.

Exposed walls of billets at Group headquarters, 2nd and 101st batteries have been sandbagged.

1st Battery Telephone funk pit has been completed.

2nd Battery gun pits have been completed.

22nd Battery 2 new gun pits almost completed.

101st Battery 2 new gun pits nearing completion.

LEFT GROUP.

Telephone communication has been improved. More positions have been selected and improved for occupation by Mobile guns of the group.

9th Battery completed dug-out capable of sheltering 30 men. Auxiliary pit is well under way.

24th Battery. bomb proof completed and telephone pit disguised.

103rd Battery completed construction of O.P. Dug-out, 2 pits have been repaired. Netting overhead cover has been constructed about battery position.

General improvement effected through out in sanitation of billets and wagon lines.

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Divisional Artillery Order No 12.

28.5.16

## Reliefs. 1.

Referring to Divisional Artillery Order No 8 of 4.5.16, the following reliefs will be carried out:-

The units of the Left Group, viz 3rd F.A Bde and 24th Battery will be relieved by 2nd F.A.Bde and 23rd Battery on the night of 30th-31st May. Reliefs to be completed and new commanders to have taken over by 0800 on 31st inst. ~~1st June.~~

Lieut.Colonel A.J.Bessel-Browne C.M.G.,D.S.O will assume command of the Left Group.

Details regarding handing over and taking over will be arranged by the commanders concerned.

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## Telephones 2.

3rd F.A.Bde will arrange to hand over eight telephones to 2nd F.A.Bde.

## Ammunition 3.

No 2 Section D.A.C. will take over the supply of ammunition to all batteries in the left Group from 0800 on 31st inst.

Incoming batteries will march with 152 rds per gun. The balance of 24 rds per gun at present held on charge by them will be left at billets under a guard. This ammunition will be taken on charge by outgoing batteries on arrival at billets.

102nd Howitzer battery will march with 96 rds per gun. The balance of 12 rds per gun will be left at billets as above and will be taken on charge by 103rd Battery on arrival of latter at billets.

Outgoing batteries will march with 152 rds per gun and will take over 24rds per gun from relieving batteries on arrival in billets

103rd battery will march with 96 rds per gun and will take over 12rds per gun from 102nd battery on arrival at billets.

## Billets 4.

Outgoing batteries will occupy the billets vacated by corresponding relieving batteries

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 13.

29.5.16

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The following amount of ammunition, extra to the normal allowance in the pits, is to be collected and held in the pits for a purpose to be notified later.

18 Pdr.            375 rounds per gun.

4.5" Howitzer. 500 rounds per gun.

This ammunition is to be collected immediately, and stored under cover.

Though this ammunition is to be held as extra to the normal establishment it should not necessarily be kept separate as steps are to be taken to ensure a regular turn-over.-

This extra ammunition is to be drawn by batteries in reserve, as well as those in action, and to be kept in a dump in the gun park under a guard.

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Report on operations Night 30th /31st May 1916.

May 31st/16.

- 8.15 pm Enemy started bombardment on our lines N9d to N10c.
- 8.17 pm 22nd Battery called and retaliated.  
101st Battery ordered to retaliate on night line.
- 8.22 pm 2nd Battery retaliating on night lines.
- 8.30 pm Right Group received report from 3rd Infantry brigade that bombardment was at N9d to N10c. This information passed direct to Lorings Group.
- 8.35 pm. Right Group reported to D.A.H.Q's. that enemy bombarding trenches in N9d and N10c, and that Howitzer Battery and two 18 pdrs. Batteries were retaliating. Asked for assistance from Heavy Artillery. Could not get Heavy Artillery on telephone so message sent by cyclist orderly, and reply received that one battery and extra section had opened in support at 8.45 pm, and that Howitzers had been ordered to co-operate.  
Left Group ordered to co-operate.  
38th Divisional Artillery asked to co-operate with one battery 18 pdrs.
- 8.30 pm. 6th Battery in action on N6c 7.5.
- 8.42 pm 1st Battery in action on night lines.
- 8.50 pm 103rd battery in action on N16d 7.4.
9. 0 pm 5th Battery in action on N6c 2.2.  
4th Battery in action on N11a 0.5  
23rd Battery in action on O1a 0.5
- 9.30 pm X/1/A and Z/1/A Medium Trench Mortar Batteries in action.
- 8.50 pm 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery rang up and asked if assistance was required. Replied that it was not required at present but should inform them if it was.
- 8.57 pm 2nd Battery ordered to increase rate from 20 sec to 10 secs.
- 9.15 pm Batteries ordered to steady the rate of fire.
- 9.47 pm Enemy ceased firing. All batteries Right Group ordered to cease firing. Right Group reported this D.A. H'Qrs. Heavy Artillery and 38th Division informed and Left Group ordered to cease firing.
- 10.35 pm. 3rd Infantry Brigade reported to have guns laid on the TADPOLE One gun 22nd Battery laid there. Left Group ordered to have two guns laid on the TADPOLE, and they reported this had been done.
- 11.15 pm. Received report from 1st Aust. Div. that the Right Brigade had reported that at 10.55 pm the situation was normal.  
Early in the action enemy aeroplanes dropped smoke balls between 2nd and 22nd batteries which then came under fire. These batteries had not previously been fired at. Right Group Commander couples this with great enemy aeroplane



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Activity from 4.am on 29th May 1916 when fourteen enemy aeroplanes were reported over our lines.

2nd Battery reported slight damage to No 4 gun and a few scratches to men.

22nd Battery reported no damage to material. B.S.M slight scalp wound and three others slightly wounded.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications between Group Headquarters and Batteries satisfactory.

Communications between Right Artillery Group Headquarters and Infantry Brigade Headquarters broke down through shrapnel fire. Communication 2nd battery to Right Battalion interrupted. A linesman went through Heavy Fire to Battalion Headquarters and reports finding the line was not ~~connected~~ coupled to switch-board. Line between 22nd Battery and Left Battalion Headquarters cut quarter of an hour after bombardment. All communications re-established by 10.50 pm.

#### AMMUNITION EXPENDED.

1st Battery	139 A		
2nd "	348 A.	96 AX	
22nd "	494 A	72 AX	
101st "			310 BX
4th "	33 A	41 AX	
5th "	99 A		
6th "	82 A		
23rd "	113 A	19 AX	
103rd "			64 BX
X/1/A "	14 Rounds		
Z/1/A "	14 Rounds		

Total 1910 Rounds and 28 rounds T.M.

All batteries report ammunition supply worked smoothly, wagons arriving regularly and communication with D.A.C satisfactory. By 10.30 pm all expenditure at guns had been replaced.

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No 14

by

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Commanding Artillery, 1st Australian Division Headquarters  
1st Aust. Divl. Art.  
31st May, 1916.

REFERENCE MAP Sheet 56 N.W. 1/20,000.

Referring to Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme the following are alternative and reserve positions for the defence of the front line.

- 1. H 31c 2.6
- 2. H 25b 8.54
- 3. H 25c 7.2
- 4. H 26d 7.4
- 5. H 28d 8.3
- 6. H 31b 5.2
- 7. H 33b 2.6
- 8. H 34b 3.9
- 9. H 28d 9.5
- 10. G 36d 2.6
- 11. H 31a 6.74
- 12. H 31a 3.4
- 13. H 31c 6.0

Although it is not intended to put more batteries in the front line than are at present in action, it may be found necessary to occupy some or all of these positions by reserve batteries of this division or by batteries from the reserve division.

The provisional allotment of these positions is as follows.

(a) Nos 1 to 3 for reserve batteries of the 1st Aust. Div. to reinforce the Right Group.

(b) Nos 4 and 5 for reserve batteries of the 1st Aust. Div. to reinforce the Left Group.

(c) Nos 6 to 13 for batteries of the reserve position division to reinforce both groups.

These allotments are only provisional and batteries may be ordered to any of these positions at the discretion of the C.B.A.

4. Immediately on going into reserve brigade and battery Commanders will make themselves thoroughly acquainted with these positions and the best means of approach from their present positions.

5. Similarly batteries in reserve may be ordered to any of the secondary or reserve positions (Defence Scheme Appendices E & F). Brigade and Battery Commanders in reserve will therefore make themselves acquainted with these positions and the approaches to them.

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