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for Month of October 1916.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	1.10.16	1 a.m.	At 1 a.m. in the morning watches were put back one hour as winter time came into force.	O.O. 38 attached
do	2.10.16	5 a.m.	At zero time, 5 a.m., as per Operation Order N° 38 attached & Report thereto.	O.O. 39 attached.
do	3.10.16	4.30 a.m.	Operation Order 39 was carried out & repeated & repeated at 5 a.m.	O.O. 40 attached.
do	3.10.16	5 a.m.	Operation Order N° 40 was carried out & report thereto attached.	O.O. 41 attached.
do	4.10.16	3.30 a.m.	Operation Order N° 41 was carried out.	O.O. 42 attached.
do.	night 4/5	Midnight	A raid as per Operation Order N° 42 was carried out.	O.O. 43 attached.
do	9.10.16	8.30 a.m.	Operation Order N° 43 was carried out.	44 do
do.	10.10.16	8 a.m.	do do 44 do do	45 do
do	12/10/16	6.30 p.m.	Operation Order N° 45 in conjunction with a raid was carried out.	

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Adj. Lt. F. A. Bde.

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YPRES	15/10/16	6pm. 5pm.	The Batteries were regrouped as per Operation Order N° 46 The 4 th F.A. Bde (i.e. Centre Group Head Quarters) moved Head Quarters from LILLE GATE to the BUND (ref. map. Zillebeke 1/10000)	O.O. N° 46 attached.
do	17/10/16	4 AM	Instructions regarding Liaison Barrages were issued as per attached FD 41	
do	15/10/16	6.30pm. 4 AM	A raid was carried out as per 2 nd Australian Div. Artillery	Operation Order N° 31 attached.
do	18/10/16	— 4 AM	Between 3pm & 3.15pm 11 th Battery covered a minor trench Mortar Bombardment	
do	21 st & 22 nd October	4 AM	The 4 th F.A. Bde were relieved as per 2 nd Aus. Div. Art. Operation Order N° 42	attached.
do	23/10/16	4 AM	The Brigade marched to HARDIFORT in STEENVORDE Area as per 2 nd Aus. Div. Art.	O.O. N° 42 attached.
			W. H. Hennyman Capt Adjut 4 th F.A. Bde.	

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POLINCOVE	23/10/16		The Brigade marched from HARDIFORT to POLINCOVE as per Operation Order N° 48	attached.
do.	27/10/16		At 2 a.m. the Brigade commenced entraining at AUDRIEUQ Station in accordance with 2 nd Aus. Div. Art'y. Operation Order N° 44	
AMIENS AREA	27/10/16	4.25 th	Batteries detrained at LONGEAU Station (ref. map. AMIENS 1/100,000)	
do	28/10/16		In night of 27 th instant & morning of 28 th instant batteries marched to LA NEUVILLE	Ref. map AMIENS 1/100,000
do	28/10/16		Batteries marched to Camp Area A one mile N.W. of DERNACOURT near ALBERT	
ALBERT	30/10/16		1 st Sections of Batteries relieved 1 st Sections of Batteries of 190 Bde. R.F.A.	
	31/10/16		2 nd do do do 2 nd do do	
FLERS	31/10/16		The reliefs took place at 1 p.m. daily & at 1 p.m. on 31 st the C.O. of the 4 th FA Bde took over command from the C.O. 190 th Bde R.F.A.	
			10 th Battery relieved A/Bty 190 th Bde R.F.A.	
			11 th do do B do do	
			12 th do do C do do	
			104 th do do D do do	

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YPRES	4/10/16	-	Changes in Officers &c. 2 nd Lieut. R. WILSON 104 th Bty was admitted to Hospital.	
do	11/10/16		Capt. C.A. CLOWES 10 th Bty went on leave till 21 st and returned on 21 st . He was temporarily Brigade Major at 2 nd Aus. Div. Arty H. Gps. He rejoined battery on the 1 st of October. During his absence Lieut. R.W. HORE 10 th Bty, commanded the 10 th Bty.	
do.	11/10/16		Capt. W.A. HAINES, A.M.C. attached 4 th F.A. Bde proceeded on leave & returned on 23 rd . During his absence Capt. J.S. MCKAY, 7 th Field Ambulance, was attached to 4 th F.A. Bde as Regimental Medical Officer.	
do	11.10.16		2 nd Lieut. R. STEELE 11 th Bty. proceeded on leave & returned on 23 rd inst.	
do	12.10.16		Lt Col. B.A.G. WATTS, D.S.O. C.O. 4 th F.A. Bde. proceeded on leave & returned on 23 rd inst. During his absence Major F.P. DERNHAM acted as C.O. of the 4 th F.A. Bde. and Lieut. LUXTON acted as O.C. of the 11 th Bty.	
do.	19.10.16		Major F. HARBOTTLE O.C. 104 th How Bty & Capt. L.E. BEAVIS O.C. 12 th Bty proceeded on leave & their batteries were commanded by Lieuts J.B. WOOD & H.G. HARDING respectively.	

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Adj 4th F.A. Bde.

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YPRES.	21/10/16		Lieut. H.D. L LUXTON 11 [#] Bty transferred to Royal Flying Corps.	
do	19/10/16		Lieut. F.R. WALLER 4 [#] F.A. Bde HQrs transferred to 3 rd Div. ^{al} Anty.	
do	22.9.16		Order came out placing Lieut. A.C. SHERRINGTON 10 [#] Bty (previously wounded) and 2 nd Lieut. C.O. GABBERT (sick) were placed on Seconded List.	
do	14.10.16		N ^o 8952 Seryt. MICHELL 104 [#] Bty promoted 2 nd Lieut & posted 104 [#] Bty. 2 nd Lieut. W.R. BIRKS transferred from 5 [#] F.A. Bde to 4 [#] Bde & posted to 104 [#] New Bty.	
do.	16.10.16		Orders came out promoting the following 2 nd Lieuts to 1 st Lieuts dated 1.8.16 Lieuts. A.C. SHERRINGTON, R. WILSON, W.L. PACKMAN, P.J. R STEELE, W. H. EVANS, F.R. WALLER.	

F.H. Berryman Capt
Adj 4[#] F.A.B.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 38

By Lt. Col. Watts D.S.O.
C.O. CENTRE GROUP.
30/9/16.

ref. CALLSHEET 1/10000.

1. On the 1st October at ZERO hour the second Australian Divisional Artillery will bombard enemy's trenches.
2. Task table for CENTRE GROUP Batteries is attached below.
3. ZERO hour will be notified later.
4. Acknowledge.

Issued at *7 pm*

- Copy No. 1, File.
2. War Diary.
3. 10th Battery.
4. 11th Battery.
5. 19th Battery.
6. 104th Battery.

V.H. Berryman Capt. Adj.
CENTRE GROUP.

TASK TABLE.

Phase.	Unit.	Time	Objective	Rate of rate fire.	Remarks
1.	19th	0. to 10	J.19.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 to J.19.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.6.	40 rds. H.S.	Trenches.
	10th	do.	J.19.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 to J.19.c.2.4.	40 rds. H.S.	Trenches.
2.	19th	10 to 15.	Communication trenches J.19.c.3.6 to J.19.c.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	20 rds. F.S.	Search com. Trenches.
	10th	10 to 15	Communication trenches J.19.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to J.19.c.7.3.	20 rds F.S.	Search com. Trenches.

OPERATION ORDER No. 39

by Lt. Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.,
C.O., CENTRE GROUP,
1/10/16.

Ref. Map, ZILLEBEKE 1/10000.

1. At 4.30 a.m. on 2/9/16 the CENTRE GROUP Artillery and Trench Mortars will bombard Enemy trenches.
2. Task Tables for CENTRE GROUP Batteries concerned is shown below.
3. The operation will be repeated at 5 a.m.
4. Watches will be synchronized by CENTRE GROUP Headquarters.
5. Acknowledge.

Issued at 5.15 pm

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2. War Diary.
3. 10th Battery.
4. 11th Battery.
5. 19th Battery.
6. 104th Battery.

J.M. Berryman Capt. Adj.
CENTRE GROUP.

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TASK TABLE

Battery.	Time.	Objective	Rate of Fire.	Remarks.
19th	0 to 10	J.19.c.20.35 to J.19.c.40.35	36 rds.H.E. 24 rds.T.S.	Communica- tion Trenches.
10th	0 to 10	J.19.c.05.15 to J.19.c.25.00	do.	do.
104th	0 to 10	J.19.c.40.40 to J.19.c.30.15	40 rds.H.E.	Support Trenches

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OPERATION ORDER no. 40

by Lt. Col. B.A.C. WATTS D.S.O.,
C.O., 4th-~~th~~-~~th~~-~~th~~ CENTRE GROUP
2/10/1916.

Ref map. ZILLBARR, 1/10000.

1. At ZERO hour on the 3rd October the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will carry out a minor bombardment of enemy's trenches
2. Task Table for CENTRE GROUP batteries concerned is as under.
3. Immediately the operation is over batteries will report to CENTRE GROUP Headquarters ammunition expended, effect of our bombardment, time the enemy's retaliation started, effect and nature of enemy's retaliation.
4. ZERO hour will be communicated later.
5. Watches will be synchronised by CENTRE GROUP Headquarters.
6. Acknowledge.

issued at 11.30 am

W. Dwyman Capt. Adj.
CENTRE GROUP.

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2. War Diary.
3. 10th Battery.
4. 11th Battery.
5. 19th Battery.
6. 104th Battery.

TASK TABLES.

Battery.	Time.	Objective	Rate of Fire.	Remarks.
11th	0 to 15	J.25.a.2.70 to J.25.a.3 1/2.7 1/2.	72 rds. H.E. 48 rds. T.S.	Search Communica- tion trenches.
10th	0 to 15	J.25.a.2.5 1/2 to I.30.b.9.5 1/2.	72 rds. H.E. 48 rds. T.S.	

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OPERATION ORDER No. 41

By Lt. Col. F.A.S. WAITS D.S.O.,
C.O., CENTRE GROUP,
3/10/16.

Ref. Map, SALAMBAH, 1/10000.

1. At ZERO hour on the 3rd/4th October, the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will carry out a minor bombardment of enemy Trenches.
2. Task Table for CENTRE GROUP Batteries concerned is as under.
3. Immediately the operation is over, batteries will report to CENTRE GROUP Headquarters ammunition expended, effect of our bombardment, time the enemy's retaliation started, effect and nature of enemy retaliation.
4. ZERO hour will be communicated later.
5. Watches will be synchronised by CENTRE GROUP Headquarters.
6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 8.15 pm

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 2. War Diary.
 3. 10th Battery.
 4. 11th Battery.
 5. 19th Battery.
 6. 104th Battery.

F. A. S. Waits
 Capt. Adj.
 CENTRE GROUP.

Task Table.

Battery.	Time.	Objective	Rate of Fire.	Remarks.
<u>Phase 1.</u>				
19th	0 to 10	J.19.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. to J.19.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.6.	40 rds. H.E.	Trenches.
10th	0 to 10	J.19.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.6. to J.19.c.2.4.	40 rds. H.E.	Trenches.
<u>Phase 2.</u>				
19th	10 to 20	Communication Trenches J.19.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to J.19.c.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	20 rds. T.S.	Search Communication Trenches.
10th	10 to 20	Communication Trenches J.19.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to J.19.c.7.3.	20 rds. T.S.	Search Communication Trenches

OPERATION ORDER No. 42

by Lt. Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.,
O.C., CENTRE GROUP,
4/10/16.

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Ref. Map, ZILLBERRS, 1/10000, Edit. 3E.

Intention

1. On the night of the 4th/5th October at a time to be - - - notified later a raid will be made by a party from the 19th Battalion on the Enemy Trenches at I.30.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 $\frac{1}{2}$

Artillery Action

2. The LEFT GROUP will make a diversion at J.19.c.1.6g. This will be Phase 1 and commence at -20 minutes ZERO time. There will be a diversion on our right by the 1st Divisional Artillery on the SCOUT.

At ZERO hour the Centre Group will lift from Phase 2 to Phase 3 by sections. Lifts will be made by stages of 50 yards until on to tasks as laid down in Phase 3. Immediately the Artillery lift from front line at ZERO the assaulting party will move up to raid the enemy trenches.

As soon as the Infantry have returned the fire of the - - Artillery will drop back on to front line as laid down in Phase 4.

3. Lieut. FOWLER, 10th Battery will act as Liaison Officer with O.C. Attack who will be stationed in the new Lewis Gun - - dugout in I.30.9. at its junction with OBSERVATORY ROAD. Lieut. HENSON, 19th Battery, will be substitute Liaison - Officer.

The O.C. 10th Battery will arrange for telephone communication from Liaison Officer to DORNY HOUSE.

The 11th Battery will provide the usual Liaison Officer at Brigade Headquarters at DORNY HOUSE.

The 2nd O.C., 104th Battery will detail an officer, with a telephonist and instrument, to report at 19th Battalion Headquarters at VALLEY COTTAGES.

Signals

4. The following signals will be used in case of breakdown of telephonic communication.

By O.C. Assault.

withdraw, by whistle, three long blasts repeated at intervals if necessary, or by white flare fired nearly horizontally towards the enemy.

The return of the assaulting party to our trenches will be reported to Artillery Liaison Officer by O.C. Attack "ALL PARTY ARE BACK".

In the event of a breakdown in telephonic communication the following signal will be fired by O.C. Attack "ALL PARTY ARE BACK", Two green rockets fired in quick succession.

On receipt of the message or signal Phase 4 will be entered upon.

Reports

5. A report will be forwarded on completion of operation to Group Headquarters giving number of rounds fired and any points of tactical importance.

6. Lieut. FOWLER will report to O.C., 19th Battalion at - - VALLEY COTTAGES as early as possible on completion of - - - operation, and Lieut. HENSON will report to Group - - - Headquarters.

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 ZERO time.

7. ZERO time will be communicated to all concerned by the following message
 "Your weekly return of ammunition is due at tonight. Acknowledge".

Time

8. Watches will be synchronized from this office.

9. Acknowledge.

Issued at 1.30 pm

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 Capt. Adj.
 CENTRAL GROUP.

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 2. War Diary.
 3. 10th Battery.
 4. 11th Battery.
 5. 14th Battery.
 6. 15th Battery.
 7. 19th Battery.
 8. 104th Battery.
 9. 19th Battalion.
 10. Right Group.

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 TASK TABLE for Operation Order No. 42.

pty.	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire	Nature.	Remarks
<u>Phase 2.</u>					
19th	-5 to ZERO.	J.19.c.0.½ to I.30.b.9½.9½	4 rds. per gun per minute.	T.S.	Front Parapet.
11th	do.	I.30.b.9½.9½ to I.30.b.8½.8	do.	T.S.	do.
15th	do.	I.30.b.8½.8 to I.30.b.8½.6½	do.	T.S.	do.
10th	do.	I.30.b.8½.6½ to I.30.b.7¼.6	do.	T.S.	do.
14th	do.	I.30.b.7¼.6 to I.30.b.7.4½	do.	T.S.	do.
104th	-5 to CEASE FIRE	J.25.a.3½.8 to J.25.a.1.4½	2 rds. per how per minute	H.E.	Support Trench.
<u>Phase 3.</u>					
19th	ZERO to Signal "ALL PARTY ARE BACK."	I.24.d.9½.0 to J.25.a.2.9½	4 rds. per gun per minute	50% H.E. 50% T.S.	Barrage Trench
11th	do.	J.25.a.2.9½ to J.25.a.3½.7¼	do.	do.	do.
15th	do.	J.25.a.3½.7¼ to J.25.a.1.6½	do.	do.	do.
10th	do.	J.25.a.1.6½ to I.30.b.8½.6½	do.	do.	do.
14th	do.	I.30.b.8½.6½ to I.30.b.7¼.5.	do.	do.	do.
<u>Phase 4.</u>					
19th	From Signal "ALL PARTY ARE BACK" for 5 minutes	as in Phase 2.	2 rds. per gun per minute.	T.S.	Front Line.
11th	do.	as in Phase 2.	do.	do.	do.
15th	do.	as in Phase 2.	do.	do.	do.
10th	do.	as in Phase 2.	do.	do.	do.
14th	do.	as in Phase 2.	do.	do.	do.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 43

by Lt Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.,
C.O., CENTRE GROUP,
8/10/16

Ref. Map. ZILLEBERG, 1/10000. Ed. 1. 3B.

1. The Trench Mortars will cut wire and bombard ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ suspected Trench Mortar and Machine Gun emplacements
2. The 11th and 19th Batteries will cover the Trench Mortar bombardment.
3. The bombardment will commence at 8.30 a.m. and will finish at 8.50 a.m. on the morning of the 9th inst.
4. Task Table for the 11th and 19th Batteries will be as under.
5. Immediately operation is over Batteries concerned will report to CENTRE GROUP Headquarters, Ammunition expended, Effect of our bombardment, Time Enemy's retaliation started, Effect and nature of Enemy's retaliation.
6. Watches will be synchronised by Group Headquarters.
7. Acknowledge.

issued at 11 p.m.

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Capt. Adj.
CENTRE GROUP.

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2. War Diary.
3. 10th Bty.
4. 11th Bty.
5. 19th Bty.
6. 104th Bty.

Task Table.

Battery.	Time.	Objective.	Rate of Fire.	Nature	Remarks
11th	8.30 to 8.50 am.	J.19.c.2+8 to J.19.c.4+9	1 rd. per gun per minute.	60% H.S. 40% T.S.	
19th	8.30 to 8.50 am	J.19.c.4+9 to J.19.c.4,6	do.	do.	

Headquarters,

CENTRE GROUP_ 9/10/16.

Report on ~~Scheme N) B. 3313~~
Operation Under No 43

~~Reports NDA 49 and F.D.A. 60 have already been rendered.~~

Ammunition expended. 64A, 98AX.

Effect of our bombardment. The Trench Mortars cut the top - - , strands of the wire at I.24.d.94.31 for a space of six yards. The bottom strands are hidden from view, but it appears that the wire is well cut at the above point.

Enemy Retaliation. The enemy retaliation commenced six minutes - after our bombardment started. It consisted of Minenwerfers ~~xxx~~ (about 20) and 77 mm. (about 20) on our Supports near WINNIPEG STREET. St. PETER'S SAP was hit and was blown in in two places. From 8.36 to 8.50 a.m. the retaliation was fairly heavy but from 8.50 to 9.15 a.m. it dwindled off gradually.

B. G. Watt

Lieut. Col.

C.O., CENTRE GROUP.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 44

by Lt. Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.,
C.O., CENTRE GROUP,
9/10/16.

Ref. Map ZILLEBBKE, 1/10000. Edit 3E.

1. From 8 a.m. to 8.15 a.m. on the 10th inst., the Trench Mortars will cut wire at J.19.c.2.6 and J.19.c.2.3 and will bombard enemy's front and support line trenches in the "Y" Sector.
2. The 18 pdr. Batteries will cover the Trench Mortar bombardment
3. Task Tables for 18 pdr. Batteries will be as under.
4. Immediately operation is over Batteries concerned will report to Centre Group Headquarters, Ammunition expended, effect of our bombardment, Time Enemy's retaliation started, effect and nature of Enemy's retaliation.
5. Watches will be synchronised by Centre Group Headquarters.
6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 8.30 p.m.

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3. 10th Bty.
4. 11th Bty.
5. 19th Bty.
6. 104th Bty.

B. A. G. Watts Capt. Adj.
CENTRE GROUP.

Task Table.

Bty.	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.	Nature	Remarks.
11th	8 a.m. to 8.15	J.19.c.3.7 to J.19.c.2.2	1 rd. per gun per minute	60% H.E. 40% T.S.	Support Line.
19th 1 Sect.	do.	J.19.c.2.2 to J.19.c.2.0.	do.	do.	do.
19th 1 Sect.	do.	J.25.a.2.6 to J.25.a.1.5.	do.	do.	do.
10th	do.	J.25.a.1.5 to L.30.b.8.3.	do.	do.	do.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 45

by Major F.P.DERHAM,
Acting C.O., CENTRE GROUP
12/10/16.

Ref. Map, ZILLEBEKE, 1/10000, Edit. 3E.

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- Intention 1. On the night of the 12th/13th inst., a party from the 28th Battalion will raid enemy's trenches at ZERO hour. The point of entry will be between J.19.c.1½.7 and J.19.c.1.4½.
- Artillery Action 2. The raid will be supported by Artillery fire and the fire of trench Mortars. The action of the Artillery will be as laid down in Artillery Task Tables attached.
- Liaison. 3. The following Liaison Officers have been detailed.
18th Battalion H.Q. at DORMY HOUSE, Capt. L.E.BEAVIS, 12th Bty.
With O.C. Attack, 1st Liaison Officer, 2nd Lieut. G.L.DEAN 20th Bty.
2nd Liaison Officer, 2nd Lieut. W.S.SCRIVENER, 21st Bty.
- Communica- 4. The 11th Bty. will be responsible for communication be-
tions tween DORMY HOUSE and CENTRE GROUP Headquarters.
The 10th Bty. will supply a telephonist with telephone for 1st Liaison Officer with O.C. Attack.
The 19th Bty. will do the same for the 2nd Liaison Officer
The two last named telephonists to report with telephones at DORMY HOUSE at 4 p.m. on 12th inst
Liaison Officers to use telephonists as runners if - - necessary.
Batteries engaged in the operation will arrange communications with CENTRE GROUP Headquarters.
Any orders to "Cease fire" before tasks are completed will be given to Batteries by C.O., Centre Group by telephonists and in no other way.
5. On completion of task Batteries will stand to until ordered to stand down by C.O., CENTRE GROUP.
- ZERO time 6. The raiding party will "go over" at ZERO time. ZERO time will be notified to all concerned by the following code message
"Leave train starts at (6.30 pm) tonight. Acknowledge." n
- Watches 7. Watches will be synchronised by C.O. CENTRE GROUP at 5 p.m. on 12/10/16.
- Reports 8. Reports to CENTRE GROUP Headquarters.
9. Acknowledge.

Issued at 3.45 p.m.

F.P. Derham Capt. Adj.

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3.10th Bty. 4.11th Bty.
5.12th Bty. 6.13th Bty.
7.15th Bty. 8.19th Bty.
9.104th Bty. 11.106th Bty.
11.28th Battn.

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Task Table for Operation Order No. 45.

Battery	Time	Objective	Rate of Fire	Nature	Remarks.
13th	14 to 20	J.19.c.1½.8 to J.19.c.3.7	Bty. fire 8 secs.	60% H.E. 40% T.S.	Communication Trenches.
12th	-4 to 20	J.19.c.2½.5 to J.19.c.1.4	do.	do.	Second Line
19th	-4 to 20	J.19.c.2½.7 to J.19.c.4½.6½	do.	do.	do.
10th	-4 to 20	J.19.c.4½.6½ to J.19.c.2½.5	do.	do.	Communica- tion Trenches
15th	-4 to 20	J.19.c.0.0. to I.30.b.8.8	Two rds. per gun per min- ute	H.E. H.E. do.	Sweep Front Line
106th	-4 to 20	(1 gun) J.19.c.4.4½. (1 gun) J.19.c.6.4½. (1 Sec) J.19.c.2½.7½ to J.19.c.2½.9	1 round per how. per min- ute	H.E.	Front Line
104th	-4 to 20	J.19.c.2.1 to J.19.c.4.4.	do.	do.	Second Line.

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Headquarters,
CENTRE GROUP.

12/10/16.

To
Brigade Major,
2nd D.A.H.Q.

Report on raid by 28th Battalion on the
night 12th/13th October.

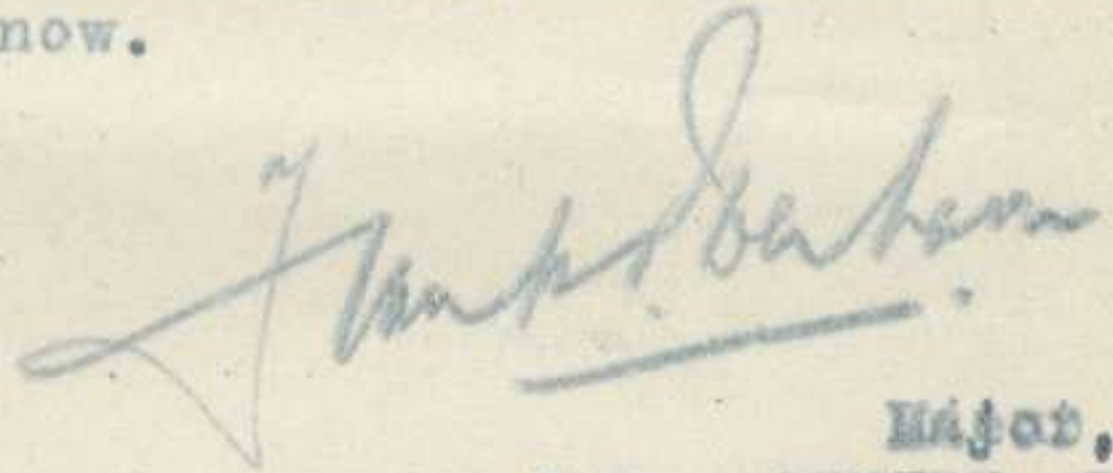
Operation Order No. 35 was carried out.

Ammunition expended, 358A, 515AX, 194BX.

Sequence of Events.

The following messages were received from Liaison Officers.

6.48 p.m. All raiders are back.
6.48 p.m. Prisoners captured, two.
6.52 p.m. Two slightly wounded. - *over infantry*
6.55 p.m. Retaliation fairly heavy
7.8 p.m. Retaliation mainly minenwerfers and easing down.
7.25 p.m. Everything quiet now.



Major,
C.O., CENTRE GROUP.

OPERATION ORDER No. 46

by Major F. P. DERHAM,
Acting C.O., CENTRE GROUP
14/10/16.

Ref. Map, 4111111111 1/10000,

Zones 1. At 6 p.m. on the 15th inst., the zones to be covered by the CENTRE GROUP will be from I.30.c.0.5 to I.24.d.9.0 and Batteries of the CENTRE GROUP will be regrouped and cover zones as under.

Battery	Zone.	Trenches covered.
10th	I.30.b.0.1½ to I.30.b.6.4½.	I.30.4, I.30.5 and I.30.6.
11th	I.30.b.6.4½ to I.24.d.9.0.	I.30.7, I.30.8 and I.30.9.
12th	I.30.c.0.5 to I.30.c.5.8½.	? and I.29.8.
14th	I.30.c.5.8½ to I.30.b.0.1½.	I.30.2 and I.30.3.
104th	I.30.c.0.5 to I.24.d.9.0	All trenches from ? to I.30.9.

Liaison. 2. The CENTRE GROUP will establish Liaison with the Right Battalion Headquarters at VALLEY COTTAGES at I.23.c.8.6.

3. The 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th and 104th Batteries in this rotation will detail Liaison Officers for Right - - Battalion On the 15th inst., the 10th Battery will detail the Liaison Officer.

4. An S.O.S. Station for night use only will be established at KNOLL FARM, I.29.a.7.7. This post will be manned by an N.C.O. and a telephonist and they will be supplied by the Battery which supplies the Liaison Officer the same night.

O.Ps. 5. Batteries will select O.Ps. from which their zones as above can be clearly seen and will report the location of such O.Ps. to CENTRE GROUP Headquarters by 6 p.m. on the 15th inst.

Night and S.O.S. lines 6. Batteries will from observation and aeroplane photographs select night and S.O.S. lines in their zones and will report such lines to CENTRE GROUP Headquarters by 6 p.m. on the 15th inst.

7. Batteries will report by 12 noon on the 15th inst., to C.O CENTRE GROUP Headquarters what registration they consider necessary to be effected to enable them to effectively cover their zones.

8. Acknowledge.

Issued at 5.30 p.m.

F. P. Derham
Major,

Acting C.O., CENTRE GROUP

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7. 104th Bty.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 42

2nd Aus. Div. Art.
October 19th 1916.

ref. Map, ZILBEBEKE, 1/10000, , Sheets 27 and 28, 1/40000.

1. The right and centre groups 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved by the 47th Divisional Artillery as follows.
2. On 21st October one Section 47th Divisional Artillery moves into Wagen Lines of 47th Divisional Artillery.
3. On 21st/22nd October commencing at 6 p.m. one Section per battery 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved by one Section per battery 47th Divisional Artillery.
4. On 22nd October, relieved Sections 2nd Australian Divisional march to STEENVORDE area as per march table.
5. On 22nd/23rd October commencing at 6 p.m. remaining Sections, 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved
6. On 23rd October, remaining sections, 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery march to STEENVORDE as per march table.
7. All log books, photographs etc., and existing telephone lines will be handed over to relieving unit.
8. Guns stripped of all stores except sights and clinometers will be handed over in pits and 47th Division will hand over guns to rep, ace them at wagen lines of batteries under arrangements to be made by Group Commanders concerned.
9. Heavy Trench Mortars of the 2nd Australian Division will be handed over in pits situ to 47th Divisional Artillery. The medium Trench Mortars will be handed over in situ to the 47th Divisional Artillery under arrangements to be made by DTMCs concerned.
10. No. 1 Section D.A.C. will be relieved by 1 Section, 16th Divisional A.C. on 20/10/16.
No. 2 Section D.A.C. will be relieved by 1 section 47th D.A.C. on 22/10/16.
No. 3 and 4 Section D.A.C. will be relieved by two sections 47th DAC on 23/10/16.
11. On relief 2nd D.A.C. and Trench Mortar personnel will be relieved march to STEENVORDE area as per march table.
12. The command of Centre and Right Groups will be handed over to 47th Divisional Artillery at 8 p.m. on 22/10/16.
13. D.A.H.Q. and 2nd Australian Division will hand over command to C.R.A., 47th Divisional Artillery at 8.30 p.m. on 22/10/16.
14. Completion of relief and march to STEENVORDE to be reported to D.A.H.Q.
15. Acknowledge.

Sgd. L. BEASLEY, per Lt. Col.
Actg. CRA, 2nd Aus. Div.

MARCH TABLE.

Issued with 2nd Aus. Div. Arty Order No. 42.

Unit	Area	To	Route	Time.
10th Bty. 1 Sect.	Present billets	STEENVORDE Area	via new road through G.15.b.C.9 - G.20.a.2.5 L.17.d.8.3, ABELLE - STEENVORDE.	9 a.m. 22/10/16.
11th Bty. 1 Sect.	de.	de.	de.	9.10 a.m. 22/10/16.
12th Bty. 1 Sect.	de.	de.	de.	9.20 a.m. 22/10/16.
104th Bty. 1 Sect.	de.	de.	de.	9.30 a.m. 22/10/16.

1. At same time on 23/10/16 remaining sections of Batteries will march to STEENVORDE.
2. A distance of 200 yards will be maintained between sections and no column will be more than 200 yards in length.
3. No halt is to be made within 200 yards of a village.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 48

by Major R. P. DERHAM,
Acting C.O., 4th F. A. Brigade
23/10/16.

Reference Map, HAZEBROUCK, 5A, 1/100000.

1. The 2nd Aus. Div. Arty. will move tomorrow from STEENVOORDE AREA to POLINCOVE AREA.
2. The 4th F. A. Brigade Starting Point will be cross roads half a mile NORTH of the "H" in HARDIFORT on the HARDIFORT - WORMHOUDT Road.
3. Order of March, H.Q., 10th, 11th, 12th, 104th and Baggage and Supply Wagons.
3. At 6.45 a.m. Units will be drawn up on the roads as follows.
 - (a) Headquarters, 50 yards South of Starting Point.
 - 10th Bty. in rear of Headquarters.
 - 11th Bty. 50 yards North of Starting Point.
 - 12th Bty. 50 yards South east of starting Point.
 - 104th Bty. in Wagen Lines ready to move.
 - (b) Batteries will halt on the right side of roads and must leave roads clear.
 - (c) Batteries will be given the order to move past the starting point
5. Route, L'ANGE, WEMAERS, CAPPEL, WATTEN, to POLINCOVE.
6. Distance, about 24 miles.
7. Brigade will halt at noon for two hours for watering and midday feed.
8. Intervals, 300 yards between Batteries.
1000 yards between Brigades.
9. Rations on 24th will be drawn at Town Square, REQUES at 4.30 pm.
10. Transport. One motor lorry will pick up horse rugs and a certain number of blankets at Brigade Headquarters at 9 a.m. on 24th inst., and will dump them at POLINCOVE. As one motor lorry cannot carry all the blankets and horse rugs each Battery must collect half of its blankets from the Brigade Dump and carry them in the forage wagen.
11. Billets. One N.C.O. and horseholder per battery will report to Adjutant at Starting Point at 6.45 a.m. tomorrow morning.
2. Guides will meet Batteries at POLINCOVE.

Issued at 8.10 p.m.

R. P. Derham
Capt. Adj.
4th F. A. Bde.

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 6. 104th Bty.

Note O.O. 47 was cancelled *R. P. Derham*