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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRICOURT FARM.	1-2-17		Issued instructions re liaison arrangements - Copy attached.	Appendix A. CGH/du
	2-2-17		C.R.A. visited 2nd, 3rd, and 102nd Batteries. Issued orders re "Counter Preparation" and "S.O.S." Copies attached.	Appendix B & C. CGH/du
	3-2-17		C.R.A. visited 1st Bde wagon lines in morning and D.A.C. in afternoon.	CGH/du
	4-2-17	10pm	C.R.A. visited 2nd Bde wagon lines afternoon. Issued D.A. order no 80 re first attack - Copy attached Carried out first attack in conjunction with attack by 4th Aust. Div. No reply from enemy.	Appendix D. CGH/du
	5-2-17		C.R.A. visited 5th, 6th and 103rd Batteries.	CGH/du
	6-2-17		C.R.A. inspected "B" Echelon D.A.C. Capt. Forbes attacked D.A.H.Q. as understudy to Bde Major.	CGH/du
	7-2-17		Arrangements made with Heavy Artillery for bombardment of GIRD Trench on 8th inst. Provisional Defence Scheme issued. C.R.A. inspected 4th Battery.	CGH/du

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRICOURT FARM	8-2-17		Major Miles left on leave to England. Capt. Forbes took over duty as a/bde. Major. C.R.A. had conference with G.O.C. 3rd Inf. Bde. re Operation for 15th against MAZE. Later C.R.A. had conference with C.O.s 1st and 2nd Inf. Bdes. re raids on night of 10/11	A.M. 7
	9-2-17		Issued D.A. order No 81 re raids on night of 10/11th. C.R.A. had conference with Group Commanders re forthcoming operations	A.M. 7
	10-2-17		Issued Corrigenda No 1 & 2 to D.A. Order No 81. Copy attached. C.R.A. visited 2nd and 3rd and 101st Batteries with Divisional Commander. At 8 p.m. raids carried out by 1st & 2nd Inf. Brigades supported by 1st Divisional Artillery. Demonstrations made on either flank by 2nd and 4th Divisional Artilleries. Both raids failed.	Appendix "E" A.M. 7
	11-2-17		Col. Rabbett and B.C.s of 12th F.A. (Army) Brigade arrived at D.A. Col. Rabbett staying here, B.C.s went up to battery positions. Issued D.A. Order No 82 re move and attachment of 12th F.A. Bde. to 1st Div. Artillery.	A.M. 7 Appendix "F"
	12-2-17		C.R.A. visited G.O.C.R.A. at 1st ANZAC. 45th, 46th and 47th Batteries of 12th F.A. Brigade moved up into position.	A.M. 7
	13-2-17		C.R.A. visited 45th, 46th, 47th Batteries. Divisional Commander visited C.R.A. and discussed forthcoming operations.	A.M. 7
	14-2-17		C.R.A. visited wagon lines of 1st Brigade and 12th (Army) Brigade.	A.M. 7
	15-2-17		C.R.A. visited 102nd Battery in morning and 36th Heavy Group in afternoon. Issued Appendix G. to 1st Aust. Div. Art. Provisional Defence Scheme.	A.M. 7
	16-2-17		Left Group Commander visited C.R.A.	A.M. 7
	17-2-17		C.R.A. inspected D.A.C. C.R.A. attended conference with Divisional Commander and G.O.C.R.A.	A.M. 7

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRICOURT FARM	18.2.17		C.R.A. visited 1st Battery 2nd Brigade wagon line.	A.M. 7
	19.2.17		C.R.A. visited 1st Battery. Brigade Major visited counter-batteries and arranged for knocking out of Hun battery which had been annoying some of our batteries.	A.M. 7
	21.2.17		C.R.A. visited Right Group. Major General Linnacke, G.O.C.R.A. 5th Army visited C.R.A. Issued D.A. Order No 83 re feint bombardment of MAZE. Copy attached. Feint bombardment carried out at 8.30 P.M.	A.M. 7 Appendix "G"
	22.2.17		Issued D.A. Order No 84 re extension of line. Copy attached.	Appendix "H" A.M. 7
	23.2.17		C.R.A. went out & met General Rosenthal in connection with handing over of 6th (Army) Brigade to 1st D.A.	A.M. 7 Appendix
	24.2.17		Took over 6th (Army) F.A. Brigade from 1st Div. this becoming our Right Group and former Right Group becoming Centre Group. During the afternoon word was received that it was believed enemy was retiring and evacuating his trenches. Issued D.A. Order on subject (copy attached). Afterwards cancelled owing to enemy retiring further than was expected. During night our troops advanced to line just South of LE BARQUE.	A.M. 7 Appendix "J"
	25.2.17		Moved 112th, 16th, 17th and 18th batteries forward to advanced positions.	A.M. 7
	26.2.17		Moved 46th, 47th, 45th, 101st, 2nd and 4th batteries forward to advanced positions. Our troops occupied LE BARQUE.	A.M. 7
	27.2.17		3rd Battery moved forward. Our troops occupied VANN LIGNY THILLOY and established posts round THILLOY.	A.M. 7
	28.2.17		45th, 46th and 47th Batteries transferred to 2nd Aust. Div. Issued D.A. Order No 86 on this subject. Copy attached. 5th, 6th and 103rd Batteries moved forward.	A.M. 7 Appendix "K"

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Appendix A.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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1st February 1917.

LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS.

The following will be Liaison arrangements -

Right Sub-Group will provide one Liaison Officer at Right Infantry Brigade Headquarters and one Liaison Officer at the Headquarters of the Battalion in the line.

Left Sub-Group will provide one Liaison Officer at Left Infantry Brigade Headquarters and one Liaison Officer at the Headquarters of each Battalion in the line.

The Liaison Officers at Infantry Brigade Headquarters will remain on duty for one week, being changed every Tuesday.

The Liaison Officers at Battalion Headquarters will be changed every 4 days.

C. G. L. L. L. Major.
Edc. Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

5/3/17

WILSON AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEAD QUARTERS.

1st February 1917.

DUTIES OF LIAISON OFFICERS.

AT INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

He will remain on duty for one week being changed every Tuesday.

He will remain at Infantry Brigade Headquarters during the whole of his tour of duty, and will not leave these Headquarters for any reasons without first obtaining the permission from the Infantry Brigade Major.

He will collect all possible information and pass it direct to his Sub-Group Commander and to Div. Art. Hd. Qrs.

All cases of shelling by the enemy where counter battery work is required are to be reported direct to Div. Art. Head. Quarters, giving the time of shelling, nature of shell, locality shelled and direction. (NOTE Direction should be either sound bearing or flash bearing and must always be true bearing, the place from which taken being given; if this is not possible general direction must be given such as "from the direction of MILLOT".)

In giving this report the Liaison Officer must ring up and speak direct to the Brigade Major either through the Sub-Group exchange or through the Infantry Brigade exchange. When a case of enemy shelling has been reported the Liaison Officer must always report when this shelling ceases.

The Liaison Officer is the representative of the Sub-Group Commander at Infantry Brigade and all matters affecting Artillery must come through him.

Any Officer, except Sub-Group Commander requiring information from the Infantry Brigade will apply to the Liaison Officer.

Liaison Officer will forward a short Intelligence Report to Div. Art. Hd. Qrs. each evening.

G. Williams Major.

Bde. Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

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1-2-17.

DUTIES OF LIAISON OFFICER AT BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

He will be relieved every *4* days.

During the day he will either be used as a F.O.O. or will visit the Front Line and Company Headquarters as ordered by his Sub-Group Commander.

During the night he will remain at Battalion Headquarters, He will collect all possible information and pass it direct to his Sub-Group Commander.

C. G. H. H. H.

Major.

Bde Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.,.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

2nd February 1917.

COUNTER PREPARATION.

All artillery Bombardments initiated by the enemy and of sufficient intensity to betoken the threat of hostile attack must promptly be met by correspondingly severe measures of counter-preparation on the part of our artillery.

The counter-preparation fire will be conducted with an intensity if anything superior to that of the enemy and must endure as long as the hostile bombardment continues.

For Counter-preparation measures the front covered by the 1st Aust. Divnl. Artillery is divided into two Sectors.

- A. Sunken Road N.13.E.3 to Sunken Road M.24.E.0.9. both inclusive.
- B. M.24.E.3.9 to M.17.E.0.4.

Attached table shows the Counter-Preparation measures to be taken should either or both Sectors be bombarded.

The Order for Counter-Preparation Bombardment and for rates of fire will be issued by Hd. Qrs. 1st Aust Div. Art.

C. G. H. H. H. H. H. Major.

Ede. Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

COUNTER - PREPARATION,Sector
Bombarded

Unit

Objective.

A.

18 p.s.

Right Sub-Group

BAYONET Trench N 13 D 6.3 to
M 18 D 65.10.

Left Sub-Group

BAYONET Trench N 13 D 6.3 to
M 24 B 0.9Howitzers

101st Battery

N 13 D 6.3 ; N 13 D 65.90 (two
hows. on each point)

102nd Battery

N 13 B 2.0; N 8 C 1.3 (two hows
on each point)

103rd Battery

N 7 D 4.3; N 13 A 1.5 (two hows
on each point)

B

18 p.s.

Right Sub-Group

GIRD Trench M 24 B 3.9 to
M 17 B 8.1

Left Sub-Group

GIRD Trench M 24 B 3.9 to M 17
B 0.5Howitzers

101st Battery

M 12 B 1.0, M 12 C 9.3 (two hows
on each point)

102nd Battery

M 18 A 1.3, M 18 C 6.8 (two hows.
on each point)

103rd Battery

M 12 D 5.2; M 12 D 9.6 (two hows
on each point).

Both

18 p.s.

A & B

Right Sub-Group.

BAYONET Trench N 13 D 6.3 to M 18 D
65.10.

Left Sub-Group

BAYONET and GIRD Trenches.
M 18 D 65.10 to M 17 B 0.5Howitzers

101st Battery

N 13 D 6.3; N 13 D 65.90; N 13 B 2.0
N 8 C 1.3

102nd Battery

M 18 A 1.3; M 18 C 6.8; M 12 B 1.0
M 12 C 9.3

103rd Battery

N 7 D 4.3; N 13 A 1.5; M 12 D 5.2
M 12 D 9.6

COUNTER

PIPPA A 10.

Sector
Bombarded

Unit

Objective

18 Pprs.
Right Sub Group.

DOWN Trench N.17. . . 5. to
M.18. . . 5.10.

Left Sub Group

DOWN Trench N.13. . . 3 to
M.24. B.0.9.

Howitzers.
101st Battery

N.17. D. . 3; M.13. D. 35.90 (two
hows. each point).

102nd Battery.

N.13. . 2.0; M.8. C.1.3 (two hows.
on each point).

103rd Battery.

N.7. D. 4.3; M.13. A.1.5 (two hows on
each point).

18 pprs.
Right Sub Group.

G.I.D. trench N.24. . 3.0 to M.17.
E.19.1.3.

Left Sub Group.

G.I.D. trench N.24. . 3.0 to M.17.
E.0.5.

Howitzers.
101st Battery.

M.12. . 1.0; M.12. C.0.5. (two hows.
on each point).

102nd Battery.

M.13. A.1.5; M.13. D. . 3 (two hows.
on each point).

103rd Battery

M.12. D. 5.3; M.12. D. 0.5 (two hows.
on each point).

Both

18 Pprs.
Right Sub Group.

DOWN Trench N.13. . . 3 to M.
18. D. 35.10.

Left Sub Group

DOWN Trench and G.I.D. Trenches.
M.18. . 5.10 to M.17. . 0.5.

Howitzers.
101st Battery.

N.17. D. . 3; M.13. D. 35.90; M.13.
E.3.0; M.8. C.1.3.

102nd Battery.

M.13. A.1.3; M.13. C. . 8; M.12. D.
1.0; M.12. C.0.5.

103rd Battery

N.7. D. 4.3; M.13. A.1.5; M.12. D.
E.2; M.12. D. 9.6.

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HEADQUARTERS.
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"S. O. S."

1. S.O.S. Barrage line runs as follows-
M.13.D.85.20-M.18.D.8.1-M.24.A.92.82-M.18.C.2.8-M.17.D.50.95-
M.17.A.80.35.

2. The allotment of this line to 18 Pr. Batteries is as follows-

1st Battery	M.13.D.85.20	-	M.18-D.65.05 (enfilade).
3rd Battery	M.13.D.85.20	-	M.18.D.65.05 (frontal).
4th Battery	M.18.D.8.1	-	M.24.A.92.82
5th Battery	M.24.A.92.85	-	M.18.C.40.52
6th Battery	M.18.C.40.52	-	M.18.C.2.8 - M.17.D.64.90.
2nd Battery	M.17.D.64.90	--	M.17.D.50.95 - M.17.A.80.35.

This is shown on attached sketch marked "A".

4.5" Howitzers fire on main avenues of approach behind the enemy's front line within their own zones. Targets are allotted by Sub-Group Commanders.

3. Should it be found necessary to concentrate fire on any particular portion of this line the procedure will be as follows-

The line is subdivided into three sectors corresponding to the sectors held by battalions and these sectors are lettered A, B & C from right to left.

The S.O.S. signal will go up from one or more sectors.

(a) Should it go up from more than one sector batteries will open on their normal S.O.S. lines covering the whole of the Divisional front. (vide para 2 above).

(b). Should the S.O.S. signal go up from one sector only the batteries covering that sector will be reinforced by one battery from each of the other sectors, the remaining battery in these sectors opening up its lines to cover the whole of its sector as follows-

S.O.S. goes up from Sector.	Batteries covering this Sector	Batteries on remaining sectors.
A.	1st Battery-whole Sector from M.13.D. 85.20-M.18.D.65.05 (enfilade) 3rd Battery. hole sector from M.13.D. 85.20-M.18.D.65.05. 4th Battery. M.13.D.85.20-M.13.C.80.15. 5th Battery. M.13.C.80.15 - M.18.D.55.00	E. Sector 5th Battery. C. Sector 2nd Battery.
E.	4th Battery-M.18.D.8.1-M.24.A.92.82. 5th Battery M.24.A.92.82-M.18.C.40.52 3rd Battery. M.18.D.9.1-M.24.A.92.82 6th Battery. M.24.A.92.82 - M.18.C.30.75	A. Sector 1st Battery. C. Sector 2nd Battery.
C.	3th Battery. M.18.C.40.52-M.18.C.2.8- M.17.D.64.90 2nd Battery. M.17.D.64.90-M.17.D.50-95- M.17.A.80.35. 3rd Battery. M.18.C.55.35-M.18.C.2.8- M.17.D.75.90 5th Battery. M.17.D.75.90-M.17.A.80.35	A. Sector. 1st Battery E. Sector. 4th Battery.

This is shown on sketch "B" attached.

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4. Sub-roup Commanders will be responsible that a look-out man is posted for each sector and that he has the necessary pointer to enable him to determine whether the P.O.S. signal is within his own Sector.

He must be in telephone communication with the batteries covering his sector and with his Sub-Group Commander.

- The calls for reinforcing Batteries under para. 2 above will be "S.O.S. sector A"-----" " etc, and will be passed to the Batteries by the quickest means available, Sub-Group Commanders being informed.

Date of fire for S.O.S. will be -

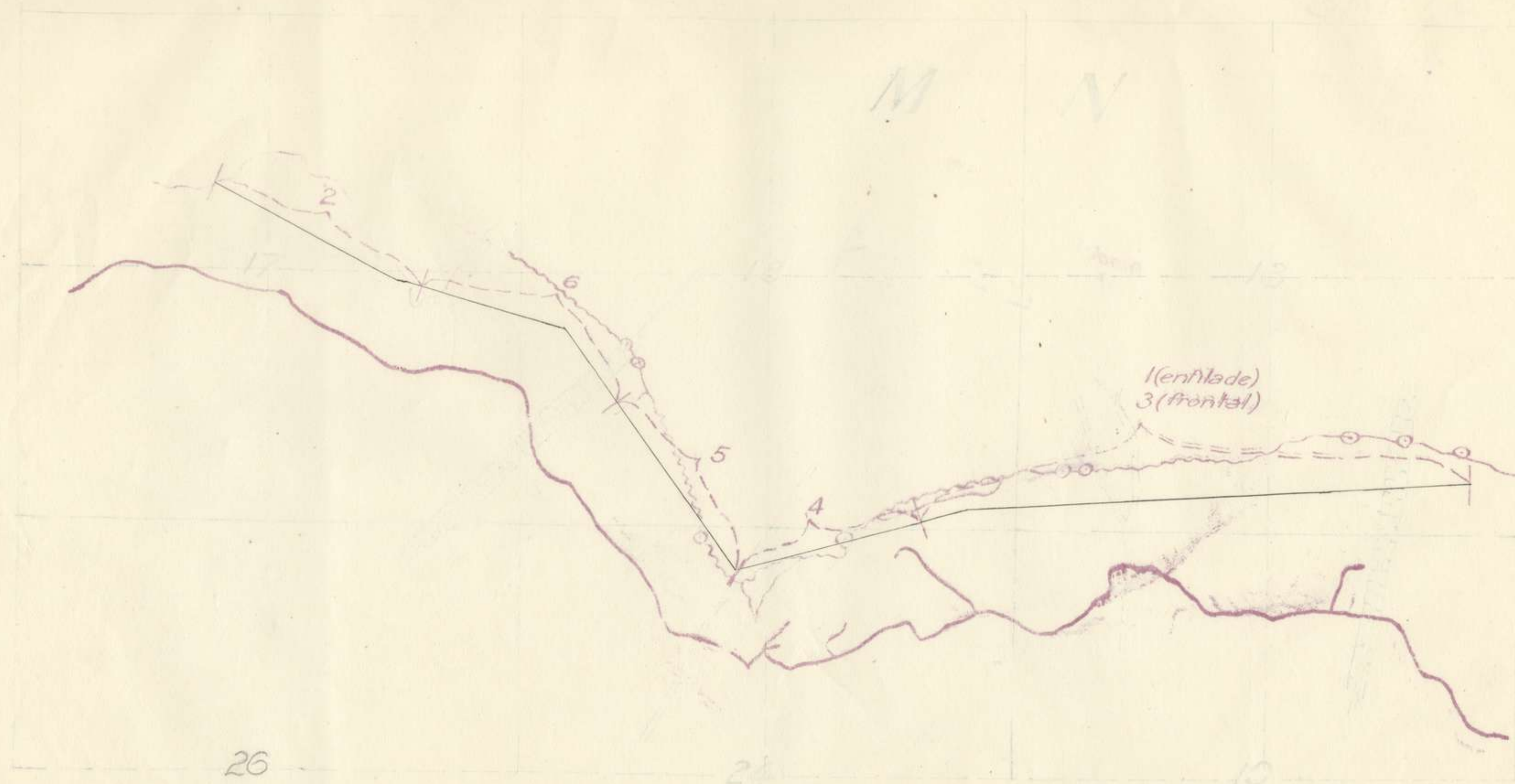
18 pdrs. 3 rounds per gun per minute.

for first ten minutes, then as required.

4.5 Hows- 2 rounds per gun per minute for first ten minutes, then as required.

C. G. Hughes Major.

1. Lieut. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.



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Tracing from Map 'LE SARS' to LOUPART WOOD and LE BARQUE
 Showing 'SOS' line and its distribution between Batteries.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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HEADQUARTERS.

4th February 1917.

ORDER No. 80.

1. The 4th. Aust. Div. is resuming the attack on the enemy trenches in N.21.D. on the night of the 4/5th at zero hour.
2. The 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery will carry out a joint artillery attack at the same time in accordance with attached table of tasks, barrage being put on enemy's front line in the AZE for 7 minutes then lifting, and ceasing fire at zero plus 10 minutes.
3. During the 4th Division's operation the 1st Aust Div. Art. will be responsible for the defence of the line from their boundary to N.21.A.5.8. The 3rd and 10th Batteries will stand by ready to fire in this area if called on.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. G. H. Miles Major.

De. Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

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TABLE OF TARGETS.

to accompany 1st Aust. Div. Art. Order No. 80.

I Barrage.

Unit	Time	Objective	Rate of Fire	Amtn.
4th Battery	Zero to Zero + 7.	Trench M 24.A.9.8 to M 24.B.2.9	3 rounds per gun per minute.	A. A. 25% 75%
1st Battery		Trench M 24.B.2.9 to M 18.D.50.05		
5th Battery		Trench M 24.A.9.8 to M 18.C.75.00		
3th Battery		Trench M.18.C.75.00 to M 18.C. 65.25.		
<u>II Lift.</u>				
4th Battery	Zero + 7 to Zero + 10.	LANE Trench M.18.D.15.70 to M 18.D.6.7.	2 rounds per gun per minute.	A. A.X. 25% 75%
1st Battery		BALORIT Trench N.13.C.00.23 to N.13.C.55.25		
5th Battery		LANE Trench M.18.D.15.70 to M 18.A.8.0		
3th Battery		NEW TRENCH M 18.C.25.85 to M 17.D.60.85.		

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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HEADQUARTERS.
8/2/1917.

ORDER. NO. 81.

REFERENCE MAP:- LE SARRS to LOUPART WOOD and LE BARQUE 1/10,000-4th Edition.

- I. Two enterprises will be carried out on the night of 10th/11th February, by parties from the 1st and 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigades. These enterprises will be simultaneous.
- II. The 1st Aust. Div. Art will co-operate in accordance with Table of Artillery Tasks attached.
- III. Diversions will be carried out on the right and left flanks of the Division by the 4th and 2nd Divisional Artilleries respectively.
- IV. The order to cease fire will be sent direct to Sub-Group Commanders by O's.C. raids through the respective Liaison Officers.
- V. Sub-Group commanders will ensure that both Groups have received this Order before they order any of their batteries to cease firing.
- VI. Sub-Group Commanders will report to this Office by telephone as soon as the order to Cease Fire has gone out to their batteries.
- VII. Arrangements for Heavy and Medium Trench Mortar fire will be made direct between C.O's., 1st and 2nd. Inf. Brigades and D.T. .O.
- VIII. Zero hour and orders for synchronising watches will be notified later.
- IX. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A.M. 7
Captain.
A/Ede. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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PHASE I.

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Time	Battery.	Targets	Rate of fire	Nature of projectile	Ammunition Expenditure.		
					A.	A.X.	B.X.
Zero to +5 minutes	3th. (6.18 pdrs).	BAYONET TRENCH N.13.C.30.25 to M.18.D.92.20.		For first 2 minutes all H.E. then 50% A. & 50% AX.	27	36 27	
ditto	1st (6.18 pdrs)	BAYONET TRENCH M.18.D.92.20 to M.12.D.50.05.		-do-	27	36 27	
ditto	5th (6.18 pdrs).	BAYONET TRENCH M.18.D.50.05 to M.24.B.15.90		-do-	23	30 23	
ditto	3rd (6.13 pdrs).	BAYONET & GIRD TRENCHES M.24.B.15.90 to M.24.A.90.75. to M.24.A.82.82.		-do-	27	36 27	
ditto	2nd (6.18 pdrs).	GIRD TRENCH M.24.A.82.82 to M.18.C.68.20.		-do-	27	36 27	
ditto	4th (5.18. 3-18 pdrs). 2-13 pdrs.	GIRD TRENCH. M.18.C.68.20 to M.18.C.55.45. New Trench M.18.C.30.80 to M.17.D.58.88		-do-	23	30 23	
ditto	101st (1-4.5" How.	N.13. Central		B.X.			10
ditto	103rd (4-4.5" Hows). 2. How. 1. How.	N.13.D.55.35 N.13.D.35.38 M.18.D.45.52 M.24.B.30.95 New How to be used.		B.X.			40

3776 per gun per minute

2775 per How

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PHASE, 1. Contd.

Issued with 1st Aust. B. Co. A.
Order no 8/

Time	Battery	TARGET	Rate of fire.	Nature of Projectile.	Ammunition expenditure.		
					A.	A.X.	B.X.
Zero to + 5 minutes.	102nd(4-4.5" Howa).		2 rounds per how. per minute.	B.X.			
	1 How.	M.18.D.30.80.					40
	1 How.	M.18.C.85.78.					
	1 How.	M.18.C.85.92					
	1 How.	M.27.D.68.88.					
TOTAL					154	558	90

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PHASE II.

Issued with 1st Aust
Sewart Order 81

Time	BATTERY	Target	Rate of fire	Nature of projectile.	Ammunition Expended.		
					A.	A.X.	B.X.
+ 5 to cease fire	6th (6-18 pdrs).	Same as PHASE I.	3 wis per min	50% A. 50% AX.			
ditto	1st (3-18 pdrs).	BANK TRENCH. N.13.C.00.52 to M.18.D.42.68.		-do-			
ditto	5th (5-18 pdrs).	Same as PHASE 1.		-do-			
ditto	3rd (6-18 pdrs).	M.24.A.15.98 to M.18.C.90.00.		-do-			
ditto	2nd (6-18 pdrs). 2-18.1rs. 4-18.1rs.	M.18.C.90.00 to M.13.C.72.00 M.18.C.72.00 to M.18.C.68.20		-do-			
ditto	4th (5-18 pdrs).	Same as PHASE 1.	2 wis per min	-do-			
ditto.	101st (1-4.5" How).	SAME AS PHASE 1.		B.X.			
ditto	103rd (4-4.5" How) 3. Hows. 1 How.	Same as PHASE 1. Lift from M.24.B. 30.95 to M.18.D.2.3.		-do-			
x ditto	102nd (4-4.5" How).	Same as PHASE 1.		-do-			
				-do-			

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

9th February 1917.

CORRIGENDUM to 1st. Aust. Div. Art.
ORDER No. 81.

1. In accordance with the wish of the Infantry Brigadier concerned, the following alteration has been made in the barrage.

In PHASE I.

In column showing TARGETS instead of as at present

6th Battery

Road- "N.13.C.30.25 to N.13.C.00.20."

1st Battery

Road - "N.13.C.00.20 to M.18.D.40.05".

5th Battery.

Road

"3-18.pdrs. on M.18.D.40.05 to M.24.B.15.90.

"2-18.pdrs. on M.24.E.35.98 to M.24.B.05.98".

2nd Battery.

Road-

"2-18.pdrs on M.24.B.05.98 to M.18.C.72.00."

"4-18.pdrs on M.24.A.02.82 to M.18.C.68.20".

In PHASE II.

In column showing TARGETS instead of as at present

3rd Battery for "M 24 H 15.98" read "M 24 B 15.98."

2nd Battery.

Road "2 - 18. pdrs on M.24.E.05.98 to M.18.C.72.00."

"4 - 18. pdrs on M.18.C.72.00 to M.18.C.68.20".

2.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec W. Forbes Captain.
A/Ede. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

10th February 1917.

Herewith please find Corrigendum No. 2. to 1st Aust. Div. Art. Order No. 81.

This cancels Table of Artillery Tasks issued with the original order and also Corrigendum No. 1.

Please substitute this for Table of Artillery Tasks issued before.

Tasks for 4.5" Howitzers remain the same as in the original Table.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Alec W. Forbes Captain.
A/Edo. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

Issued to

Right Sub-Group.
Left Sub-Group.
1st. Aust. Divn.
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Corrigendum No 2 to 1st Aust.Div.Art. Order No 81.

PHASE I

Time	Battery	Task	Rate of fire	Nature of projectile	Remarks
Zero to plus 5 min.	6th (6 - 18 prs.)	BAYONET TRENCH M 13 C 30.25 to M 13 C 00.20	4 gds per gun per min.	All AX for first 2 minutes then 50% A and 50 % AX	
do	1st (6 - 18 prs)	BAYONET TRENCH M 13 C 00.20 to M 18 D 40.05	ditto.	ditto.	
do	5th (5-18prs) 3 18 prs 2 18 prs	M 18 D 40.05 to M 24 B 15.90 } M 24 B 35.98 to M 24 B 05.98 }	ditto.	ditto.	
do	3rd (6 - 18prs)	BAYONET TRENCH M 24 B 15.90 to M 24 A 90.75	ditto	ditto.	
do	2nd (6 18prs)	GIRD TRENCH M 24 A 90.75 to M 24 A 75.95	ditto	ditto	
do	4th (5-18prs) 3 18prs 2 18prs	M 24 A 75.95 to M 18 A 70.15 } M 18 C 30.8 0 to M 17 D 58.88 }	ditto	ditto	
<u>Howitzers remain the same as in original order.</u>					

PHASE II.

F. T. C.

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Corrigendum NO.2. to 1st Aust. Div. Art. Order No. 81

P H A S E II.

Time	Battery	Task.	Rate of fire	Nature of projectile	Remarks.
+ 5 minutes to cease fire	6th (6-18 prs).	Same as PHASE I.	3 rounds per gun per minute.	50% A and 50% A.X.	
-do-	1st (6-18 prs)	N.13.C.00.52 to N.18.D.42.68.	-do-	-do-	
-do-	5th (5-18 prs)	Same as PHASE I.	-do-	-do-	
-do-	3rd (6-18 prs)	M.24.B.00.30 to M.24.B.00.98	-do-	-do-	
-do-	2nd (6-18 prs)	M.24.B.00.98 to M.18.C.72.00	-do-	-do-	
-do-	4th (5-13 prs)	Same as PHASE I.	-do-	-do-	
<u>Howitzers remain the same as in Original Order.</u>					

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

O R D E R No. 82.

Reference ap - ALBERT 1/40,000.

- Army Brigade. (1). For the purpose of forthcoming operations the 12th F.A. Brigade (Army Brigade) less 112th How Bty will be temporarily attached to the 1st Aust. Div. Arty, and will be under the tactical control of the C.R.A., 1st Aust. Div.
- Distribution. (2). The batteries of the 12th F.A. Brigade will be attached to the Right and Left Sub-Groups as follows -
- To Right Sub-Group.
45th Battery
46th Battery.
- To Left Sub-Group.
47th Battery.
- These batteries will be under the tactical control of the Right and Left Sub-Group Commanders respectively.
- Move. (3). The 12th F.A. Brigade will move from FRECHENCOURT to wagon lines on 12th inst under arrangements of C.O. 12th F.A. Brigade.
Each Battery will be met by one of its own Officers at LINK ROAD, F.4.C.5.4 and will be guided by him to wagon lines.
- Wagon Lines. (4). 45th, 46th, and 47th Batteries will move into wagon lines alongside 1st F.A. Bde at X.29.A.4.5.
- S. O. S. (5). Group Commanders will allot S.O.S. barrages to batteries attached to them, thickening the existing barrage at points where most required.
They will notify this Office as soon as possible of S.O.S. lines allotted to incoming batteries.
- Occupation of Positions. (6). Battery positions are allotted as follows-
- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 45th Battery | S.5.C.20.40. |
| 46th Battery | S.10.E.90.80. |
| 47th Battery | S.10.A.3.5. |
- Any inaccuracy in the co-ordinates of these positions will be notified by Group Commanders concerned as early as possible.
Guns will be in position by daylight on 13th inst., and registration will be carried out as early as possible.
- Supply & Ammunition. (7). Orders re supply and ammunition will be issued separately.

P.T.O.

(8). ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alfred M. Forbes Captain.
A/Ede. Major. 1st Australian Div. Art.

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

ORDER No. 83.

20th February 1917.

1. On the night of the 21st/22nd February the Left Group, 1st Aust. Div. Art will carry out a feint bombardment on the MAZE.
2. Tasks will be as in Table of Tasks attached.
3. All guns will cease fire at plus 6 minutes.
4. Zero hour will be notified later.
5. Watches will be synchronised with this Office at 1800 on 21st inst.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec M. Forbes Captain.
A/Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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TABLE OF TASKS.
To accompany First Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 83.

PHASE I.

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Time	Battery	Task	Rate of fire	Nature of projectile.
Zero to + 2	6th Battery	M.24.B.20.87 to M.24.D.05.80	4 rounds per gun per minute	25% AX & 75% A.
- do -	5th Battery	M.24.B.05.80 to M.24.A.90.68	-do-	-do-
- do -	47th Battery	M.24.A.90.68 to M.24.A.80.82	-do-	-do-
-do -	4th Battery	M.24.A.80.82 to M.18.C.75.00	-do-	-do-
<u>PHASE II.</u>				
+ 2 to + 5	6th Battery	Creep 50 yards a minute to line M.18.D.08.13 to M.18.C.90.07.	-do-	-do-
-do-	5th Battery	Creep 50 yards a minute to line M.18.C.90.07 to M.18.C.75.00.	-do-	-do-
-do-	47th Battery	Creep 50 yards a minute to line M.24.B.12.86 to M.18.D.05.00	-do-	-do-
-do-	4th Battery	Creep 50 yards a minute to line M.18.D.05.00 to M.18.D.00.10	-do-	-do-
<u>PHASE III</u>				
+ 5 to + 6.	ALL GUNS SAME AS PHASE I.			

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

HEADQUARTERS.

ORDER No. 84.

22nd February 1917.

1. The 4th Aust. Div. is to be withdrawn from the line and placed in Corps Reserve.
2. The 1st Aust. Div. will take over the Left Brigade sector and 5th Aust. Div. will take over the right brigade sector of 4th Aust. Div. front.
3. The point of junction between 1st and 5th Aust Divs. will be at H.20.C.90.65.
A map showing the boundary between the two divisions will be issued.
4. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the portion of the front from H.20.C.90.65 to its present right on the night 23rd/24th February from 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
5. Command of the new area will be taken over by G.O.C., 1st Aust. Div., when the Infantry relief is complete.
6. Left Group 4th Aust Div consisting of 6th (Army) F.A. Brigade, less 106th How. battery and plus 112th How Battery will be transferred to 1st Aust. Div.
The exact time of transfer of this Brigade will be arranged between C.R.A's., 1st and 4th Divisions.
7. The 6th Brigade Group will be known as the Right Group; the present Right Group becoming the Centre Group.
8. Orders giving positions of Group Headquarters and battery positions of 6th Brigade Group will be issued later.
9. Until further orders, 6th Brigade Group will retain S.O.S. line as at present.
10. Necessary amendments to 1st Aust. Div. Arty Provisional Defence Scheme will be issued later.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec M. Forbes Captain.
A/Bde. Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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21-22 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
23. 5th Aust Div Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.O R D E R. No. 85.

HEADQUARTERS.

24th February 191

1. On night of 24th/25th, 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade are sending out strong patrols to reconnoitre the MAZE.
2. The hour at which these patrols will go out will be notified later by code message.
3. After this hour the Divisional Artillery will not fire on any portion of the MAZE S. of a line drawn through M.18.C.65.15 and M.18.D.65.07.
4. Should these patrols find the enemy front trenches unoccupied these trenches will be seized.
5. In the event of this taking place, Centre and Left Groups will be prepared to put down a S.O.S. Barrage as follows- if called for.

CENTRE SUB-GROUP.

2-18.Pdr Batteries. M.24.E.75.97 to M.18.D.50.20 to M.18.D.32.22

LEFT SUB-GROUP.

3-18.Pdr Batteries M.18.D.32.22 to M.18.C.62.12.

Rate of Fire - 5 rounds per gun per minute.

6. Group Commanders will keep in close touch with this operation through their Liaison Officers.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec. M. Forbes Captain.
A/Ede. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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HEADQUARTERS.

ORDER No. 86.

28th February 1917.

1. The 45th, 46th and 47th Batteries of the 12th (Army) F.A. Brigade will be transferred to 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery on night of 28th Feb./1st March.
2. These batteries will come under the tactical control of C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Divn. from 12 mid-night.
3. 45th and 46th Batteries will move complete from positions at present occupied by them, leaving these positions vacant, to positions selected for them by 2nd Divl. Arty.
4. 5th Battery will take over guns of 47th Battery in position at M.30.C.9.5.
5. 47th Battery will take over guns of 5th Battery in position vacated by 5th Battery at S.6.D.3.8 and will move these guns to positions selected for them by 2nd. Divl. Arty.
6. Guns will be handed over stripped but complete with sights: a copy of transfer certificate to be forwarded to this Office.
7. 45th, 46th and 47th Batteries will commence move as soon as possible after dusk and will report to their new Group Commander of 2nd Divl. Arty. immediately on completion of move.
8. AMMUNITION. Ammunition on charge to 47th Bty will be taken over by 5th Battery and ammunition left in 5th Bty position will remain on charge to Left Sub-Group as a reserve to be allotted to Batteries as required by Sub-Group Commander.
Ammunition held at gun positions of 45th and 46th Batteries, viz., N.25.C.1.8 and N.25.C.2.5 will be taken over by Right Sub-Group and allotted to Batteries by Sub-Group Commander.
Ammunition held at old gun positions of 45th and 46th Batteries in S.5.C. and S.10.B. will be taken over by Centre Sub-Group and allotted to Batteries by Sub-Group Commander..
Ammunition held in wagons of 45th, 46th and 47th Batteries will be transferred to 2nd Aust Divn.
Transfer certificates for all ammunition are to be completed and 1 copy forwarded to this Office.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alec M. Forbes Captain.
A/Ede. Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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	22	2nd Aust Div Arty.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY REPORT No. 3.

6 p.m. 31/1/17 to 6 p.m. 1/2/17.

HEADQUARTERS.
1/2/1917.

OBSERVATION.

Fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

8.15 p.m. 4 rounds 8" fell near Sub-Group Headquarters at S.15.C.6.1.

During the day M.32.B. was shelled by 4.2 from the direction of WARLENCOURT.

1 p.m. M.32.A. was shelled by 4.2 from the direction of THILLOY.

O.R.
ACTIVITY.

During the night tracks in M.13.A. and B. were fired on also M.G. positions, dumps and tracks in M.17.3. and M.18.A. and B.

BAYONNET Trench was engaged during the day.

3 p.m. Heavy Artillery fired on dug-outs at M.13.A.1.6 and our 18-pdrs assisted by searching fire on YELLOW CUT and GINGER CUT.

During afternoon fire was brought to bear on parties seen in M.G.C.

ENEMY
WORKS.

M I L.

MOVEMENT.

A lot of movement seen along road in M.G.C.

GENERAL.

Five hostile aeroplanes were over our lines between 10-30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Eight enemy balloons were seen, two in the direction of BAPAYNE and GREVILLERS.

It is reported that enemy are digging a sap from HOOK Sap to meet BLIND Trench at M.17.D.9.9. Working party was fired on during the night.

C. G. G. G. G. Major.

Mde. Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.DAILY REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS.

2/2/17.

6 p.m. 1/2/17 to 6 p.m. 2/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

Fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

12 Noon. About 40 rounds 4.2 fell at HIGH WOOD from direction of WARLENCOURT. 15 of these were blinds.

Locality of M.34.A. was shelled with about 100 rounds of 5.9 at a rapid rate of fire.

MARTINPUICH was shelled intermittently throughout the night and afternoon by 15 c.m. Hows and 77 from direction of GREVILLEJERS and THILLOY.

1.30 p.m. MARTINPUICH and M.33.A. shelled by 4.2 and 10.5 c.m. How. About 50 rounds.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

During the night our 4.5 Hows. fired on roads and tracks at M.12.B. and D, Dump at M.18.B. and points in M.7.B.C. and D. and M.8.C.

18-pdrs shelled intermittently throughout the night and day roads and tracks at M.17.B. and D., M.18.A.C. and D. and M.13.A.B. and C.

5 p.m. Heavy artillery fired on dug-outs at M.13.A.1.6. and our 18-pdrs assisted by searching fire on YELLOW CUT and GINGER CUT.

ENEMY
WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

GENERAL.

During the operation on our right last night pairs of green rockets were observed and in our Sector clusters of yellow bursts.

Hostile aeroplanes patrolled our line between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

CGH Miles

Major.

Sde. Major. 1st Aust Div. Art.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS
3/2/17.

DAILY REPORT No. 5.

6 p.m. 2/2/17 to 6 p.m. 3/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

Bad in the morning fair in the afternoon.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Enemy's shelling below normal. Locality of M.27. shelled intermittently throughout the night and day from direction of GREVILLERS with 77. and from THILLOV with 8.9.
9.30 a.m. Liaison Officer reports shelling at M.24.C.2.4. with 4.2 from N.E. also M.24.B.6.9.
LE SARRS was shelled at intervals with 4.2.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

Our 18-pounders shelled working parties and tracks in M.18. during the night and day. 18-Pounders and 4.5 Hows. shelled tracks and trenches in M.13.A, NEX N.7.C.2 D. and M.12.B. and D. at intervals during the night on account of an enemy relief being reported. New enemy trench in M.17.D. was kept under fire by our 18-pdrs during the night.
M.17.B.8.D. and M.13. were shelled intermittently throughout the day. 4.5" Hows shelled ~~camp~~ at N.7.D. and points in M.18.B. and M.11.D. throughout the day.
8 a.m. Trench mortars fired 2 rounds with silencer at SUNKEN ROAD in N.13.C.4.3.

ENEMY WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

GENERAL

Hostile aeroplanes were observed flying over FLERS during the afternoon.

Charles

Major.

Sde. Major. 1st Aust Div. Art.

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HEADQUARTERS.

4th February 1917.

DAILY REPORT No. 1.

6 p.m. 3/1/17 to 6 p.m. 4/1/17.

OBSERVATION.

Bad in the morning. Fair in the afternoon.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Below normal.

9.40 p.m. Front line from M.17.B. to M.24.B. was fairly heavily shelled.

Counter batteries were called on for retaliation and enemy fire ceased at 10.30 p.m.

About 10 rounds of 4.2 fell at S.4.D. from direction of LIGHT-THILLOV during the morning.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

DURING THE NIGHT AND DAY our 18-pdrs shelled tracks in M.13.B.C. and D. and machine gun emplacements and tracks in M.11.B. 17.B. and 19 A.C. and D. M.13.A. was shelled in retaliation for enemy Trench Mortar. Enemy fire immediately ceased.

4.5 Hows. during the period shelled various points and tracks in M.7.A.B. and D. Dump in M.19.B. and H'grs in M.11.B. and D. were also shelled.

In conjunction with machine guns our 4.5 Hows shelled tracks and roads in M.13.C. and dump in 4.7.D.

10 p.m. Medium Trench Mortars fired 2 rounds at road M.13 C.48.30 on which enemy movement had been observed.

ENEMY'S
WORKS.

N i l.

MOVEMENT.

N i l.

GENERAL.

Hostile aeroplanes were active during the morning.

G. H. H. H.

Major.

Sde. Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

HEADQUARTERS.

8th February 1917.

Daily Report No. 7.

6 p.m. 4/2/17 to 6 p.m. 5/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

See.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

M.27.B. and M.33.A. were shelled at intervals with 77.
M.23. was shelled with 5.9 intermittently during the
morning.
M.19.B.48.85 and C.6.2 were shelled with 5.9's from
direction of BAPAUME during the early part of the afternoon.
Retaliation was obtained from the counter batteries and
the shelling ceased.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

10 p.m. GIRD TRENCH in M.13.C., BAYONET TRENCH in M.13.D.
and M.13.C, THE MAZE, and BANK TRENCH were shelled by our
18 pdrs. as an artillery feint.
4.5 Hows. and 18.pdrs shelled tracks, dumps and other
points during the night.
During the day BAYONET TRENCH and tracks in M.13.D. and
M.7.D. were shelled.

ENEMY WORKS.

N 1 1.

MOVEMENT.

N 1 1.

GENERAL.

At 9.10 p.m. an enemy aeroplane dropped 2 white and 1 green
light in front of DELVILLE WOOD. At 10 p.m. one white
light was dropped in the same place. No action followed.
Enemy aeroplanes were active this afternoon over S.36 but
were driven off by our machines.
The enemy did not retaliate to our bombardment of THE MAZE
last night.

G. H. H. H.

Major.

Sde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS.

6th February 1917.

DAILY REPORT No. 8.

6 p.m. 5/2/17 to 6 p.m. 6/2/17.

OBSERVATION. Ena.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

11.5 p.m. M. 17.D. was bombarded with trench mortars, but 18 prs retaliated and the firing ceased. Locality of M.27.D. was shelled intermittently throughout the night and day with 77 and 4.2. Trenches at M.24.A.3.5 were shelled with 5.9 at 4.20 p.m. Counter batteries were informed and the shelling ceased at 4-35 p.m.

Our
ACTIVITY.

During the night and day our 18.prs shelled tracks and DAYONET Trench in M.13.C. and D. and RYE TRENCH. M.17.D. was shelled at 11.5 p.m. in retaliation for Trench Mortar bombardment. Machine gun emplacements and tracks in M.18.C. and D. also received attention. 4.5 Hows shelled roads and tracks in M.13.C. and M.7.C. and D. and dumps, roads and approaches in M.18.D. and M.8.D. 2 a.m. Med. Trench Mortars fired 5 rounds on Machine gun emplacement at M.18.C.4.5. Effective. N I L.

ENEMY
WORKS.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

GENERAL.

Hostile planes were active during the morning.
~~2 a.m. Med. Trench Mortars fired 5 rounds on machine gun emplacement at M.18.C.4.5. Effective.~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

[Signature]
Captain.

Bde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.HEADQUARTERS.
7th February 1917.DAILY REPORT No. 9.8 p.m. 6/2/17 to 8 p.m. 7/2/17.OBSERVATION. Fair.ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

ABOVE NORMAL.

M.17.B.8.1 was bombarded with Trench Mortars at intervals throughout the night. Our 18.pdrs retaliated.
 M.33.A.2.5 was shelled from 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. with 4.2 and 5.9. LE SARRS was also bombarded with 5.9's from direction of LE BARQUE. Roads in M.23.A, M.17.C, M.33. Central and S.9.A. were also shelled throughout the day.
 Locality of M.27.B. was shelled by 5.9's from direction of LOUPART WOOD.
 4.50 p.m.. Enemy bombarded M.24.C. for two hours. Counter batteries were informed.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

During the night and day our 18 pdrs. shelled tracks in M.13. B.C. and D. M.17.B, M.18.A. and B. and EYE and BAYONET TRENCHES also enemy working parties reported by the Infantry and our Liaison officer.

A number of rounds were fired in registration and covering fire for Trench Mortars.

4.5 Hows shelled tracks and dug outs in M.13.C. and D. and M.18.B.C and D.

Trench Mortars fired 2 rounds on M.24.B.5.9½ for registration.

ENEMY
WOUNDS.

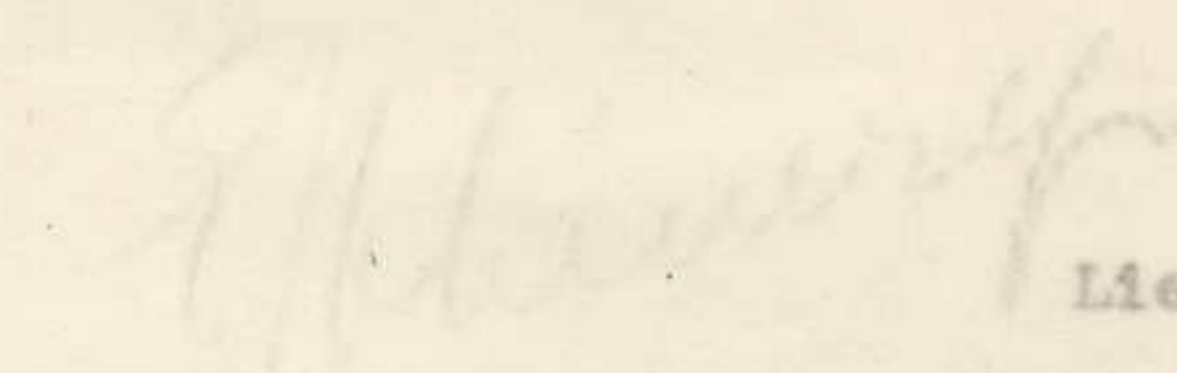
N I L.

MOVEMENT

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GENERAL

Enemy aeroplanes were active during the morning.



Lieut.

for Sde. Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

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SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS.

8th February 1917.

DAILY REPORT No. 10.

6 p.m. 7/2/17 to 6 p.m. 8/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

Fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Below normal.

M.27.B. and M.33.A. were shelled occasionally with 77.
LE SARRS, road at M.22.D. and locality of M.27.D. were
shelled during the day with 4.2 and 5.9's.

OUR
ACTIVITY

During the night and day our 18-pdrs fired on roads,
tracks and machine gun emplacements in M.13.A, C and D,
M.18.B., C. and D., and M.17.B. and D.

Working parties reported by our Liaison Officer were
also successfully shelled.

4.5 Hows shelled dumps and machine gun emplacements in
M.13, M.12, and M.12.C. and D.

Medium Trench Mortar Batteries fired 20 rounds on
targets at M.17.B.7.2., 8.2, D.6.8 and M.24.B.3.9 to
D.7.1.

ENEMY
WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

GENERAL.

Enemy aircraft were active during the morning.
Enemy retaliation for heavy artillery bombardment was
weak.

John Henry Lewis
for Bde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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S E C R E T.

HEADQUARTERS.

9th February 1917

DAILY REPORT No.11.

6 p.m. 8/2/17 to 6 p.m. 9/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

Fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Normal. M.24 was shelled with 5.9's also EAU COURT
L'ABBYE.

Our trenches at M.24.B. ^{WERE} ~~was~~ bombarded with Trench
Mortars and 5.9's at 11.40 a.m.

Our 18-pounders retaliated and counter Batteries were
informed. Shelling ceased at 2-30 p.m.

Intermittent shelling on M.27.B. and C. with 4.2
throughout the day.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

During the night our 18-pdrs shelled tracks and roads
at M.17.B. & D., M.18.A.B.D. N.13.B. and N.13.A.1.6
to M.18.D.0.0.

Trench Mortar and Machine Guns in N.13.B. and M.17.B.
and D. were also shelled.

4.5 Hows shelled dump at M.18.B.95.60 and roads and
tracks in N.1.A. and C. and N.7.A. and D.

Working party at M.17.D.7.9 to B.9.0 was dispersed
by our 18-pdrs.

Trench Mortars fired 15 rounds during the day on
trench mortar positions in M.17.B. and N.13.C.

Satisfactory registration obtained.

ENEMY
WORKS

N i l.

MOVEMENT.

Working party was dispersed by our fire at M.17.D.7.9
to B.9.0.

GENERAL

Enemy aeroplanes reported over some of our Battery positions
at 9.30 a.m.

J. Phewry Lt.

for Bde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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SECRET.DAILY REPORT No.12.

HEADQUARTERS.

6 p.m. 9/2/17 to 6 p.m. 10/2/17.

10th February 1917.

OBSERVATION.

Fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Enemy shelled M.24.A.6.3 with 5.9's at 9.5 p.m. About 40 rounds.

M.27.B, M.34.D. and 33.A. were intermittently shelled throughout the day with 4.2 and 5.9's.

EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE was also shelled at intervals.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

During the night and day our 13-pdrs shelled tracks in M.11.D, 17.B, 18.D. N.7.D. and N.13.B.C. and D. Machine gun positions in M.24.A & B, and M.18.A.

4.5 Hows shelled Trench Mortar positions, dumps, and dugouts in M.18.B. and C. and N.13.C. and D.

Our Medium Trench Mortars fired about 50 rounds during the period at Machine Gun positions in M.17.B, 18.C and D, 24.B. and N.13.C. A number of rounds were also fired on various points in GIRD TRENCH and BAYONET TRENCH. Satisfactory registration obtained.

Heavy Trench Mortars fired 2 rounds at M.24.B.15.90. Satisfactory bursts obtained.

ENEMY
WORKS

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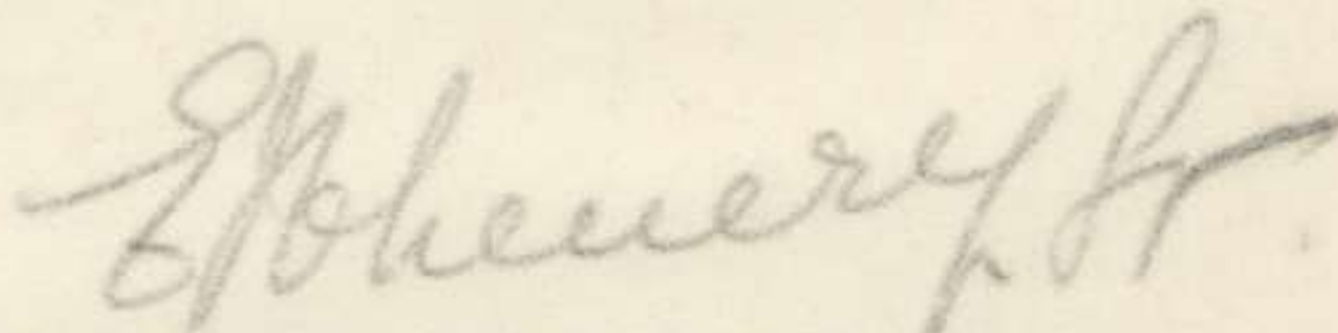
MOVEMENT.

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GENERAL.

Enemy aeroplanes active during the morning. One aeroplane dropped smoke balls over a Battery position at M.27.B7.7. No action followed.

Infantry Scouts report that machine gun position at M.18.D.5.1 was blown out by our Medium Trench Mortars during the night of 8th inst.



for Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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HEADQUARTERS.

DAILY REPORT No. 14.

12th February 1917.

6 p.m. 11/2/17 to 6 p.m. 12/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

Bad.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Below normal.

M.27.B. was shelled at intervals throughout the day with 4.2 and 5.9's.

LE SARRS was shelled with 5.9's from 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. from direction of BAPAUME.

FLERS was shelled during the morning with 77 mm. and 4.2's.

1.30 a.m. Liaison Officer reported our trenches in M.24.A and B. were shelled with 77's from direction of LIGHT THILLOY.

Counter batteries were called on to retaliate.

ENEMY
ACTIVITY

During the period 18-pdrs shelled Machine Gun positions at M.24.A.75.05, M.18.D.2.3 and tracks and roads in M.17.B.3.4 to M.11.D.8.9, M.18.B, Central to M.18D.2.3, M.13.A.B. and C. and M.7.D.

4.5 Hows shelled ~~xxxxx~~ dumps at M.18.B.9.6. Trench Mortar emplacement at M.18.C.20.05 and tracks in M.7.C.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 10 rounds on to trench M.18. C.40.65 to 55.45. All bombs fell in trench or in wire. 15 rounds were also fired on to trench from M.17.B.75.18 to M.17.B.58.22.

ENEMY
WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT

N I L.

GENERAL

Trench Mortar Officer reports that during his shoot on trench at M.18.C.40.65 his bombs blew up a Bomb or S.A.A. Dump in enemy front line.

E. J. Henry
for Sde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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Fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY

Enemy shelled M.24.B. with 5.9's and 77 m.m. at 12/50 p.m. Counter batteries were informed and shelling ceased at 1.10 p.m. M.24.A. was also shelled during the day with 4.2. RACOURT L'ABDAYE was shelled intermittently throughout the day. Vicinity of M.29.A. was shelled during the afternoon with smoke shells.

OUR
ACTIVITY

Enemy working party at M.18.C.5.7 was dispersed by our 18 pdrs at 11 p.m. 18 pdrs shelled Trench Mortar position at M.18.C.5.7 and tracks in M.13.A.8.0 and D.. A number of rounds were fired on trench at M.17.B.3.4. as cover for T.M's. 4.5 Hows shelled Trench Mortar positions at M.13.A.55 8.5 dump at M.7.D.40.50 and dug-outs at M.8.C.40.15, M.13.C.5.7 and D.15.95. Medium Trench Mortars fired 25 rounds during the period on to trench and wire from M.17.B.3.4, to M.18.C.40.55.

ENEMY
WORKS

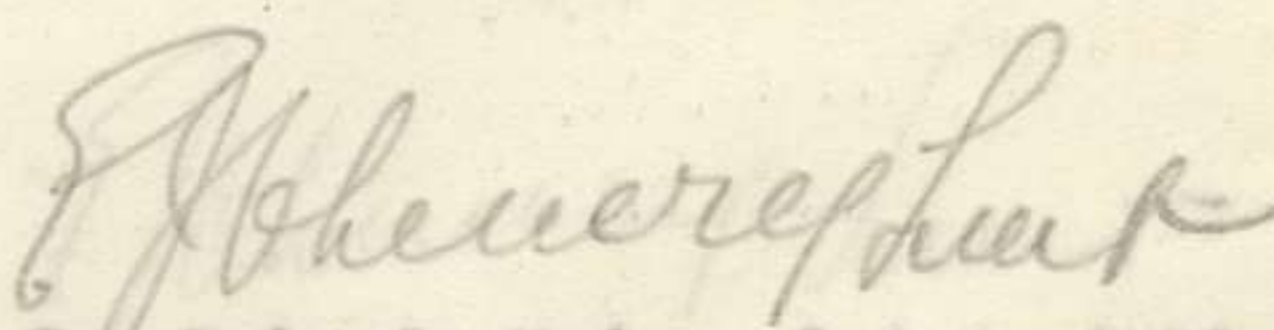
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MOVEMENT

11 p.m. Working party at M.18.C.5.7.

GENERAL

N i l.



for Brigade Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

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HEADQUARTERS.

DAILY REPORT No. 16.

14th February 1917.

6 p.m. 13/2/17 to 6 p.m. 14/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

Fair.

ENEMY'S
UTILITIES.

Below normal.

FLERS was shelled during the day with 4.2.
M.27.B.C. were shelled at intervals with 4.2 and 8.9's;
T.7. Central was also shelled with a few 4.2's.

OUR
ACTIVITY

During the period 18. pdrs shelled Machine Gun positions
at M.18.A.9.2.

Trench Mortar positions at M.24.B.0.9, M.18.C.5.8 and
M.13.A.4.6, O.P. at M.18.D. and tracks from M.18.A. to
12.C., M.17.B. to 11.D., N.15.A.9.0 to B.0.5 and M.7.D.
8.0 to 8.4.

A number of rounds were also fired on to various points
on the front line by the ^{Army} ~~Heavy~~ Brigade in registration.
4.5 Hows. shelled dumps at M.18.B.98.60 and M.7.D.,
Trench Mortar position at M.13.A.55.65 and dug-outs at M.13.
C.65.80, D.15.95 and M.8.C.40.15.
Medium Trench Mortars fired 31 rounds on to enemy trench
and wire from M.24.A.9.6 to M.24.B.1.8. Also fired 9
rounds on to M.17.B.33.45 to M.18.C.40.45.
Good bursts are reported and much damage done to wire.

ENEMY
WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

GENERAL.

Enemy aircraft were very active during the morning.
Aeroplane flying over vicinity of M.27.B. dropped smoke
bombs.
103rd Bty report two of our aeroplanes were brought down
over our lines during the morning.

J. Wheeler Lewis
for Brigade Major. 1st Aust Div Art.

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DAILY REPORT No. 18.

From 6 p.m. 18/2/17 to 6 p.m. 19/2/17.

OBSERVATION. Fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Battery positions in M.27.B. was heavily shelled with 5.9's and 4.2's during the morning from the direction of LOUPART WOOD. Counter batteries were informed and the shelling ceased at 1.20 p.m.

Only slight damage was done to the positions. Locality of S.10.A & B. were also shelled with 5.9's during the morning.

OUR
ACTIVITY

During the night a harassing fire was kept on trench from M.24.A.9.7 to M.18.C.5.6 and various points in THE MAZE.

During the period 18 p.m. shelled Trench Mortar emplacement at M.24.A.80.95, Machine Gun Positions at M.18.C.5.7. and

tracks in N 13 B, N 7 D & N 8 C

A number of rounds were also fired in registration and covering fire for T.M's.

4.5 Hows shelled roads and tracks in N.7.B.C. & D. and N.13.B.D. Dump at M.18.B.98.60 and suspected dug-outs in N.7.B. and N.13.C.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 35 rounds on to enemy trench at M.18.C.5.6, M.17.D.45.90 to 17.B.85.15, N.13.C.40.15 and M.24.B.05.80. Good bursts were obtained and wire was cut in several places.

Heavy trench mortars fired 9 rounds on M.24.A.75.95 to M.24.B.50.90. Good bursts were obtained and shots appeared to be well placed.

GENERAL.

Between 7.30 and 8 p.m. Gas Gongs were heard on the right of our Division and Gas could be smelt in DELVILLE WOOD. It was however not very strong.

Enemy aircraft were very active during the morning. Several hostile machines were over the Battery position in M.27.B. whilst it was being shelled but were driven off by our Machines.

P. J. Cheery
for/Bde. Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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DAILY REPORT No. 19.

HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 16/2/17 to 6 p.m. 17/2/17.

17/2/17.

OBSERVATION. Bad. Heavy Fog.ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Very much below normal; the only shelling reported being about 10 rounds of 4.2 on FLERS.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

During the night 16.pdrs kept trenches from M.18.C.1.9 to M.18.C.5.6 and from M.24.A.8.8 to M.24.B.3.9 under constant fire.

A number of rounds were fired during the night on to various points in trench from M.17.B.9.1 to M.18.C.4.7 searching for an enemy Trench Mortar which was causing the Infantry some trouble.

Trench Mortar position at M.24.A.9.9 was also shelled. 4.2 Hows shelled roads and tracks in M.7.D. and M.18.B.C.D., dug-outs in M.8.C. and M.18.C.D., and Trench Mortar position at M.18.A.6.7.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 18 rounds on to enemy wire and trench at M.17.B.25.30 to M.18.C.55.50; 28 rounds on to wire from M.24.A.98.60 to M.24.B.08.70, and 13 rounds on to M.18.C.50.25 to 50.20.

Heavy trench mortars fired 8 rounds on to trench and wire from M.24.A.78.98 to M.24.B.30.75.

All rounds burst satisfactorily and as far as could be observed caused damage to enemy wire.

ENEMY
WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

GENERAL.

N I L.

Pherry Lunt
for Bde. Major. 1st Aust Div. Art.

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DAILY REPORT No. 20 HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 17/2/17 to 6 p.m. 18/2/17. 18/2/17.

OBSERVATION.

Bad owing to fog.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY

Below normal.

Road from S.S.B.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.0 to D.8.6 was shelled during the morning with 4.2.

Vicinity of S.S.A. was shelled at intervals with 77's from direction of LIGNY THILLOY.

OUR
ACTIVITY

During the night 18.pdrs. fired a number of rounds in retaliation for T.M. fire on to Trench from M.17.B.9.1 to M.18.C.45.70.

The following points also received attention during the period:-

Tracks from M.18.A to 12.C, M.17.B. to 11.D, M.13.A. to 18.D., and roads and tracks in N.13.B & C. and M.7.B, C and D.

Machine Gun positions at M.18.A.9.2 and trench from M.18.C.7.2 to D.4.0.

4.5 Hows. shelled dump at M.18.B.95.60, roads and tracks in M.12.B.3.D. and M.15.C. and dug-outs in N.8.C.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 18 rounds on to trench from M.17.D.55.60 to 58.80. in retaliation to enemy trench Mortars.

36 rounds were fired on to trench at M.24.A.75.80, M.24.A.95.70, M.17.D.65.80 to 40.95 and M.13.C.50.35. Good results were obtained and wire was cut in several places. Heavy Trench Mortars fired 8 rounds on points in Trench at M.24.A.75.95 to M.24.B.30.90 and M.18.C.50.60.

GENERAL

A light enemy mobile trench mortar in enemy's front line has been causing some annoyance to the Infantry during the last few nights. Retaliation has been brought to bear with 18.pdrs and trench mortars, which has only been partially successful.

J. Blumley

for Bde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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DAILY REPORT No. 21.

HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 18/2/17 to 6 p.m. 19/2/17.

19/2/17.

OBSERVATION. Bad owing to mist.ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

During the evening a number of 77's from direction of
LIGNY THILLOY fell on Battery positions in S.5.C.211 A.
A few rounds of 4.2's fell at FLERS.

OUR
ARTILLERY.

During the period 18 pdrs shelled roads and tracks in
M.18.A. to 12.C., M.17.B. to 11.D., M. 13.A. to M.18.D.,
M.18.B. & D, M.13. and M.7.B. Suspected headquarters at
M.11.D.82.60 and O.P. in M.18.D. were also shelled at
intervals.

A number of rounds were fired at Machine Gun positions at
M.18.Central.

Suspected Trench Mortar positions at M.1300.30, A.35.60
and A.55.70 were also shelled.

4.5 Hows shelled dumps in M.18.B. and M.7.D. and Trench
Mortar position at M.18.D.90.82 and trench at M.18.C.9.1

Medium trench mortars fired 22 rounds on to wire and
trench from M.17.D.45.90 to 65.85, and also HOOK SAP.

25 rounds were fired on to M.13.C.20.30 in retaliation to
enemy trench mortar fire, and 27 rounds were fired on to
wire and trench at M.24.A.85.67.

Result as far as could be observed was satisfactory.

ENEMY
WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT

N I L.

GENERAL

N I L.

Johnny Leint
for Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

Alfred Jones

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DAILY REPORT No. 22.

HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 19/2/17 to 6 p.m. 20/2/17.

20/2/1917.

OBSERVATION.

Bad.

ENEMY'S
ACTIVITY

Practically no shelling on the Division zone. A few rounds of 77 at S.B.D.

OUR
ARTILLERY.

During the period 18. pdrs shelled tracks and roads in M.18.A. to 12.C., M.17.B. to 11.D., N.13.A. to M.19.D. M.18.B. to 18.D., M.18.B. to 18 C., N.7.D., and GINGER CUT in N.7.C. Suspected Trench Mortar position at N.13. A.55.70, dugouts in N.13.B. & C. and Headquarters in N.7.B. 4.5 Hows shelled dumps at M.18.B.95.60 and N.7.D., various points in M.12.B. & D. and tracks and trenches in N.7.C.D. and N.13.D.

Medium Trench Mortars fired 18 rounds into HOOK SAP, 12 rounds on to trench at N.13.C.50.10 to 37.12 and 17 rounds from M.24.A.80.60 to 65.90.

Good bursts were obtained and as far as observation permitted were well placed.

ENEMY
WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT

N I L.

GENERAL

During the last few nights an enemy 77 Battery from direction of LIGNY THILLOY has been worrying our Batteries in S.B.C. and 11 A. Last night arrangements were made with counter batteries to retaliate as soon as they opened fire.

This was carried out and the battery has not been active since.

Alfred Jones
for Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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DAILY REPORT No.23.

HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 20/2/17 to 6 p.m. 21/2/17.

OBSERVATION

Bad.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Much below normal. Light intermittent shelling of M.22. C. & D. throughout the day. Liaison Officer reports that at 2.30 p.m. FACTORY AVENUE and Ridge at N.19.B.2.9 was heavily shelled with 5.9's from N.E. LE SANS was shelled during the afternoon with 4.2 from direction of LE BARQUE.

OUR
ACTIVITY

During the period our 18 pdrs shelled tracks and roads in M.18.B. to C., M.18.B. to D., M.18.A. to 12 C., M.17. B. to 11.D., N.13.A.B.&D., GINGER ROAD and LUISENHOF FARM. Suspected Trench Mortar positions at N.15.A.6.7 and 4.6. Dump at N.7.D.4.5 and suspected Hd. Qrs at M.11.D.82.60.

4.5 Hows shelled dump at M.18.B.95.60 and roads and tracks in N.7.A.C.&D. and N.13.D.

Heavy Trench Mortars fired 4 rounds on to trench from M.24.A.9.7 to M.18.C.7.1. in retaliation to enemy trench mortars.

Medium trench mortars fired 6 rounds on to trench and wire at M.24.A.8.6.

Excellent registration on to enemy wire was obtained.

MOVEMENT

N IL.

WORKS

N I L.

GENERAL.

During the past few days Enemy's artillery has been very quiet probably owing to the misty weather.

John Henry Lint.

for Brigade Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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DAILY REPORT No. 24.

HEADQUARTERS

From 6 p.m. 21/2/17 to 6 p.m. 22/2/17. 22nd February 1917.

OBSERVATION.

Bad - misty.

ENEMY
ARTILLERY.

Much below normal.

S.3.B.8.D. were shelled with a few rounds of 4.2 and 77mm.
M.24.C. was shelled with about 40 rounds of 4.2 at 2.35pm.-OUR
ACTIVITYAt 8.30 p.m. our 18.pdrs. fired 470 rounds on to the
MAZE as detailed in Artillery Operation Order No. 83.
No retaliation whatever came from the enemy in response
to this.Tracks and roads in M.7.B. and M.13.A.B.8.C. were shelled,
also dugouts in M.13.C.8.D. and LUISENHOF FARM.4.5 Hows shelled dumps at M.18.B.95.60 and M.7.D., also
roads and tracks in M.12.B.8.D, M.13.D. and M.7.B.8.D.Medium Trench Mortars fired 64 rounds on to various
points in BAYONET TRENCH in M.13.C.8.D. and M.13.D. 5
rounds were fired on to BOOK BAP; 19 rounds on to trench
from M.24.A.90.65 to 85.75.Heavy Trench Mortars fired 9 rounds on to enemy trench
from M.18.C.4.7 to M.24.A.9.6.MOVEMENT

N I L.

WORKS

N I L.

GENERALLiaison Officer reports that from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. to-day
a dense column of smoke was observed issuing from
BAPAUME. Our Heavy Artillery were shelling at the time.

John Henry Lunt
for Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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DAILY ORDER No. 25.

HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 22/2/17 to 6 p.m. 23/2/17. 23rd February 1917.

OBSERVATION.

Bad.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

M.27.B. was shelled during the afternoon with 4.2's
Enemy 77's intermittently shelled N.19.A. during
the morning.

Vicinity of S.6.B. was shelled with 4.2's and 77's
from direction of LE TRANSLOY.

OUR
ARTILLERY.

During the period 18 pdrs shelled roads and tracks
in M.17.B. M.18.A.B.C.&D. M.11.D. M.12.C. N.7.B.C.
&D. N.8.C. and N.13.A.B.&C., and dugouts in N.13.
C.&D.

4.5 Hows. shelled dumps in N.7.D. and M.18.B. Roads
and tracks in M.12.B. & D., N.7.B. & D. and N.13.D.
Medium Trench Mortars fired 15 rounds on to HOOK SAP
and 12 rounds on to trench and wire in N.13.C.40.20
to 20.25.

ENEMY
WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT

N I L.

GENERAL

N I L.

Ephraim Leint.

FOR&/Bde Major. 1st Australian Div. Arty.

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SECRET.DAILY REPORT No. 26.

HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 23/2/17 to 6 p.m. 24/2/17. 24th February 1917.OBSERVATION. Bad.ENEMY
ACTIVITY.

LE SARRS, HAUCOURT L'ABBAYE and N.22.B. were intermittently shelled during the morning.
Front line trenches in N.20.C. and N.18.C. were shelled at intervals during the night with 7Y's and 4.2's.

OUR
ARTILLERY.

During the period 18 pdrs. shelled tracks in N.18.A.D., N.17.B.12.C. and 11.D. N.13.A.B. & D. and N.7.D. dump at N.7.D. and trench mortar emplacement at N.13.A.4.6. A number of rounds were fired on to BARLEY TRENCH and THILLOT. 4.5. Hows shelled dugouts in N.8.C. and N.18.C. & D. Tracks in N.13.A., dump in N.18.B., suspected Headquarters in N. 11.D. and RYE TRENCH in N.7.C. & D.
Medium Trench Mortars fired 5 rounds on to HOOK SAP.
Heavy Trench Mortars fired 6 rounds on to GIRD TRENCH from N.18.C.35.75 to 50.60.

ENEMY WORKS. NIL.MOVEMENT NIL.GENERAL. NIL.

S. J. Sheehey
For Edo. Major 1st Aust Div Art.

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
-----DAILY REPORT No. ~~27~~ 28

HEADQUARTERS.

From 6 p.m. 25/2/17 to 6 p.m. 26/2/17.

26/2/1917.

OBSERVATION

Fair

ENEMY
ARTILLERY.

During the period hostile artillery has been fairly active on old front line and on various points of our new front line. The majority of the shelling was with 5.9's and 4.2's from direction of SAPAUME and VILLERS AU-FLOS. FLERS, EACOURT L'ABBAYE, GUEUDEECOURT and M.29 were shelled at intervals throughout the day.

OUR
ACTIVITY

During the night and day 18.pdra intermittently shelled TILL TRENCH from N.3.C.20 to N.32.D.1.4 and working parties in rear of TILL TRENCH.
Our 18.pdra bombarded MALT TRENCH from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. prior to our Infantry attacking it.
4.5 Hows shelled TILL TRENCH during the night and fired a number of rounds into LE BARQUE from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

ENEMY WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

Considerable enemy movement has been observed in TILL TRENCH and in rear of it in N.3.C. and N.9.A. They were engaged by our 18.pdra.

GENERAL.

Enemy aircraft were active at times during the morning and afternoon.

Johnnie Lin
for Sde. Major 1st Aust Div Art.

HEADQUARTERS

27th February 1917.

Bad.

Enemy artillery has been active during the period. Our front line trenches and supports were shelled intermittently throughout the night. During the morning road from FLERS to FACTORY CORNER was heavily shelled with 4.2 and 5.9's from direction of VILLERS AU FLOS. This was due to unusual traffic of ammunition wagons and guns on the road which was apparently observed by the enemy. LE BARQUE, EAUCOURT LE ABBAYE and FLERS were shelled at intervals during the day.

Our 18.pdrs fired a number of rounds during the day and night on TILL TRENCH and enemy movement in rear of TILL TRENCH. Strong points in N.3.C.2.5 to C.4.0 and C.20.00 were shelled at intervals during the day. RED CUT from N.1.C.13.00 to A.98.99 was shelled during the day. An organised shoot ~~was~~ arranged on TONGUE TRENCH from N.2. C.90.50 to B.60.50, was carried out during the morning. 4.5 Hows shelled TILL TRENCH and THILLOY during the day.

NIL.

Much movement was seen in rear of TILL TRENCH in N.3. and N.9. They were successfully engaged by our 18 pdrs.

Enemy aircraft were active during the morning and the early part of the afternoon. Following is the positions of Batteries of this Division which have been moved forward-

<u>Bty</u>		<u>Position</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
2nd.	18 pdr.	M.29.A.8.2	Guns not yet in position.
3rd	"	N.19.C.5.5	Not yet in position but expect to be there tonight.
4th	"	M.23.C.8.2	All guns in action.
16th	"	N.25.A.95.95	4 guns in action- 1 to go in tonight.
17th	"	N.31.C.5.5	5 guns in action- 1 at Workshops.
18th	"	N.31.C.3.2	5 guns in action - 1 at Workshops.
45th	"	N.25.C.1.8	5 guns in action - 1 out of action.
46th	"	N.25.C.13.42	5 guns in action - 1 at Workshops.
47th	"	M.30.C.9.5	6 guns in action.
101st	How. Bty	N.25.A.35.30	2 guns in action. 2 at Workshops.
112th	" "	N.25.A.8.4.	4 guns in action.

All guns shewn as "in action" have been registered today.

Sheeress
for Hde Major 1st Aust Div Art.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET

DAILY REPORT No. 30.

HEADQUARTERS

FROM 0 p.m. 27/2/17 to 6 p.m. 28/2/17.

28th February 1917.

OBSERVATION.

Fair.

ENEMY
ACTIVITY

FLERS was shelled from direction of BEAULENCOURT during the morning. Dump at M.30.A. and N.24.A. were also shelled at intervals. Battery position in M.29.A. was shelled with guns of a heavy calibre during the night. LE BARQUE and BLUE CUT ROAD in M.12.D. were intermittently shelled throughout the day and night with 77's and 4.2.

OUR
ARTILLERY.

18 pdrs kept up a continuous fire on the GREVILLERS LINE from H.33C to H.32 D. during the night. TILL TRENCH from N.3.C.10.80 to H.32.D.15.40 was fired on during the day also enemy movement in rear of TILL TRENCH.

ENEMY WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

A fair amount of movement in and about TILL TRENCH was reported during the day and our 18 pdrs engaged it. Observation however was not good enough to tell what results were obtained.

GENERAL

The following Headquarters and batteries have been moved today:-

Right Sub-Group Headquarters to N.31.C.5.5.
5th Battery to M.30.C.9.5 (47th Bty's position).
17th Bty. to N.19.D.25.08. Not yet registered.

The 45th, 46th and 47th Batteries have now been transferred to 2nd Division.

J. H. W. R. H. H.

for Bde. Major. 1st Aust Div Art.