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Divisional Artillery

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Head Quarters R.A.
1st Aust. Div.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------------|----------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| MONUMENT WOOD. | 1.5.17. | | C.R.A. visited H.Q. 1st Aust. Div. | A.M.F. |
| | 2.5.17. | | C.R.A. visited 1st F.A. Bde. wagon lines. | A.M.F. |
| | 3.5.17. | | Brigade Major spent morning at 2nd Div. Arty. Battle Head Quarters the attack on the HINDENBURG LINE having commenced at 3.4.5 a.m. In the afternoon C.R.A. visited 2nd Div. Battle H.Q. and then went on to 1st Aust. Div. | A.M.F. |
| | 4.5.17. | | Brigade Major spent morning at 2nd Div. Battle H.Q. C.R.A. visited 1st ANZAC Corps in afternoon | A.M.F. |
| | 5.5.17. | | C.R.A. visited D.A.C. lines | A.M.F. |
| | 6.5.17. | | Brigade Major spent morning at 2nd Div. Battle H.Q. C.R.A. visited Brigade wagon lines in afternoon. | A.M.F. |
| | 7.5.17. | | C.R.A. visited D.A.C. | A.M.F. |
| | 8.5.17. | | Nil. | A.M.F. |
| | 9.5.17. | | C.R.A. visited Brigade wagon lines. | A.M.F. |
| | 10.5.17. | | C.R.A. visited new site for D.A.H.Q. behind VELV WOOD and also visited C.R.A. 5th Div. | A.M.F. |
| | 11.5.17. | | Brigade Major and Reconnaissance Officers visited all Group H.Q's and battery positions of Right Sector Artillery | A.M.F. |
| | 12.5.17. | | 2 Sections per battery of 1st & 2nd Bdes. relieved 2 sections of 6th & 3rd (Army) Brigades respectively in Right Sector. | A.M.F. |

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Head Quarters R.A.
1st Aust. Div.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|------------------|---------|------|---|--|
| O. S. b. central | 13.5.17 | | Relief of 3rd & 6th (Army) Bdes. completed by 2nd and 1st Bdes. C.R.A. assumed command of Right Sector Artillery at 12 noon. Head Quarters established at O. S. b. central. Issued Disposition Report (Appendix copy attached) | A.M. 7 Appendix "A" |
| | 14.5.17 | | C.R.A. visited Group H.Q. and battery positions of "A" Group (2nd F.A. Bde) C.R.A. of 48th Div. visited D.A.H.Q. | A.M. 7 |
| | 15.5.17 | | Group commanders of 48th D.A. visited Group commanders of A & D groups and inspected positions etc. C.R.A. visited D.A.C. and brigade wagon lines. | A.M. 7 |
| | 16.5.17 | | C.R.A. visited Group H.Q. and battery positions of "D" Group (1st F.A. Bde.) Issued Right Sector 1st ANZAC Artillery Instructions No 28 re Gas Attack on morning of 17th - afterwards postponed owing to unfavourable weather conditions (copy attached) Issued Right Sector 1st ANZAC Artillery Order No 131 re relief by 48th Divisional Artillery and move of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery to BEHENCOURT area (copy attached) | A.M. 7 Appendix "B" Appendix "C" |
| | 17.5.17 | | C.R.A. visited Brigade wagon lines. Issued Addendum to Right Sector Artillery Order No 131 re moves on 22nd inst. (copy attached) | A.M. 7 Appendix "D" |
| | 18.5.17 | | G.O.C. R.A. and B.G.G.S. 1st ANZAC visited C.R.A. C.R.A. visited C.O. "B" Group (13th F.A. Brigade) | A.M. 7 |
| | 19.5.17 | | C.R.A. visited Divisional Commander. | A.M. 7 |

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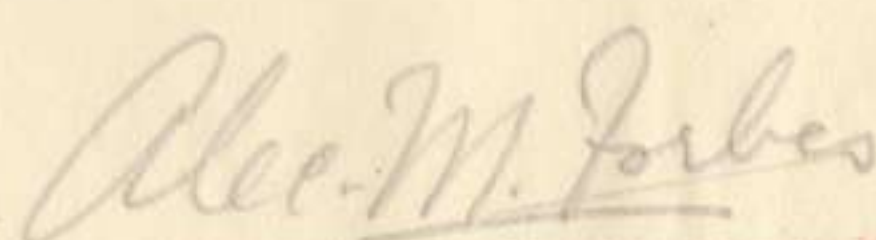
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1st Aust. Div.

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|---|--------------------------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| BAVELINCOURT | 20.5.17 | | C.R.A. 48 th Division assumed command of Right Sector 1 st ANZAC Artillery from 8. A.M. Head Quarters 1 st Aust. Div. Arty. moved to BAVELINCOURT CHATEAU. | A.M.F. |
| | 21.5.17 | | C.R.A. left on 10 days leave to England. During his absence Lieut. Col. W. W. LUCAS, C.O. 1 st Aust. D.A.C. administers command of Divisional Artillery. | A.M.F. |
| | 22.5.17 to 31.5.17 | | Training and recreational training carried out. Issued D.A. Order No 92 re relief of 4 th Battery as Depot Battery for Corps Artillery School by 5 th Battery | A.M.F. Appendix "E" |
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RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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HEADQUARTERS

13th May 1917.

DISPOSITION REPORT AS AT 12 NOON on
13th APRIL.

HEADQUARTERS.

O.5.B. Central.

| Group. | Unit | Position. |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| "A". | Headquarters | J.34.D.90.73. |
| (2nd F.A.Bde). | 4th Battery | |
| | 4 guns | J.36.A.25.30 |
| | 2 guns | Q.7.D.97.37. |
| | 5th Battery | J.34.A.0.6. |
| | 6th " | J.27.D.15.80 |
| | 102nd " | J.34.C.6.1. |

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| "D" | Headquarters | J.20.A.2.7. |
| (1st F.A.Bde) | 1st Battery | |
| | 1 Section | J.21.B.05.95. |
| | 1 " | J.15.B.8.4 |
| | 1 " | J.9.C.8.7. |
| | 2nd Battery | J.16.C.1.6 |
| | 3rd Battery | J.15.A.1.4 |
| | 101st Battery | J.10.CM1.0 |

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| "B" | Headquarters | I.22.A.7.4 |
| (13th F.A.Bde) | 49th Battery | J.7.A.5.7 |
| | 50th " | I.12.B.8.1 |
| | 51st " | I.12.C.85.20. |
| | 113th " | J.7.C.3.6. |

1st. D.A.C.

HAPLIN COURT.

5th D.A.C.

" "

Alex. M. Forbes

Major.

Brigade Major .

Right Sector. 1st ANZAC Artillery .

RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY .

HEADQUARTERS
14/5/1917.

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DISPOSITION REPORT AS AT 12 NOON ON
14th MAY 1917.

Same as for 13th May 1917, except

"D" Group.
(1st F.F. Brigade.)

HEADQUARTERS

J.14.C.7.2.

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Right Sector 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.INSTRUCTIONS No. 28.HEADQUARTERS
16/5/1917.Reference Map 1/20,000 - Sheet 51B. - S.W. and S.E.
- 57C. - N.W. and N.E.

INTENTION. 1. On the morning of 17th May 1917, the Special Companies R.E. are going to employ gas projectors and mortars against the enemy's trench system in front of QUEANT and HAVRINCOURT. Heavy and Field Artillery are to take advantage of the opportunity thus created of inflicting casualties on the enemy.

ZERO HOUR. 2. Zero hour will be 2 a.m. on the 17th May 1917, or as soon afterwards as wind conditions permit.

ACTION OF GAS PROJECTORS & MORTARS. 3. Gas is to be discharged by projectors and mortars on to two main objectives-

- (i). 1,000 projectors on to enemy's trench system in front of QUEANT (D.1.-D.7.-D.8.C.)
- (ii) 1,000 projectors and 1,000 4-inch STOKES mortar shells on to enemy's trench system from HAVRINCOURT to LOCK No.7. (K.26-K.20. especially SPOIL BANK - K.14-K.8.)
- (iii) The area down wind from these objectives. Details of the distribution of projectors and mortars and the targets allotted to each are given in the Appendix to these instructions.

ACTION OF RIGHT SECTOR ARTILLERY.

4. The Right Sector Artillery will co-operate as follows-
- (i) All available 18-pdrs of "A" Group, and 10. 18-pdrs to be detailed by C.O. "D" Group, will search the system of trenches from K.8.B.8.8 to K.27.C.5.8., front and support lines, and the ground between the trench along the far canal bank in K.20.D. and the above trench in accordance with the following table :-

| <u>TIME.</u> | <u>RATE OF FIRE.</u> |
|---|------------------------------|
| plus 5 mins to plus 30 mins. | 3 rounds per gun per minute. |
| plus 30 " to plus 45 mins. | Cease firing. |
| plus 45 mins to plus 1 hour 15 mins. -- | 2 rounds per gun per minute. |
| plus 1 hour 15 mins to plus 1 hour 45 mins. | Cease firing. |
| plus 1 hour 45 mins to plus 2 hours | 3 rounds per gun per minute. |
| (ii). Ammunition will be all shrapnel. | |
| (iii) Remainder of "D" and "B" Groups will stand by and take advantage of any opportunities that occur. | |
| (iv) The positions of the gas projectors and trench mortars are given in the appendix to these instructions and care will be taken that all observation posts in front of these positions are not manned. | |
| (v). Observing Officers will be on the lock-out and fire will be opened five minutes after the gas is released. | |

WIND. 5. (1). A wind range between west-north-west and south through west is assumed for the objective in front of QUEANT and between west-north-west and south-south-west through west for the objective in front of HAVRINCOURT.

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WIND. 5.
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(ii). The firing of projectors and mortars will only take place between these wind limits.

PRECAUTIONS 6.

All Troops will be warned to take precautions against a sudden change of wind.

POSTPONEMENT. 7.

Any postponement will be notified by this Office.

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ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Alec M. Forbes Major.

Brigade Major.

Right Sector 1st Anzac Artillery.

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|--------|------------------------|
| 1. | "A" Group. |
| 2. | "B" Group. |
| 3. | "D" Group. |
| 4. | 48th Division. |
| 5. | 1st Aust Div. |
| 6. | R.A. 1st ANZAC. |
| 7. | 1st Aust D.A.C. |
| 8. | 5th Aust D.A.C. |
| 9. | D.T.M.O. 1st Aust Div. |
| 10. | 2nd Aust Div Arty. |
| 11. | 5th Aust Div Arty. |
| 12. | 20th Div. Arty. |
| 13. | File. |
| 14-15. | War Diary. |
| 16-17. | Spare. |

APPENDIX TO RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 28.).

| Company. | Number of Projectors or Mortars. | Emplacement. | Target | Suitable Wind. |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| "P" Special Company R.E. | 100 projectors | K.26.C.24 | Enemy line in K.27. A and C. | W.N.W. to S.S.W. thro' W. - do - |
| | 400 projectors | K.25.D.45 | Enemy line in K.26. B. | |
| No.1. Special Company R.E. | 20 mortars (1,000 rounds) | K.19.B.37 | SPOIL BANK K.20. Central. | W.N.W. to S.S.W. thro' W. |
| "H" Special Company R.E. | 100 projectors | J.24.B.97 | K.20.C. Central | W.N.W. to S.S.W. thro' W. |
| | 100 projectors | K.14.A.11 | LOCK 7. | -do- |
| | 120 projectors | K.13.B.86 | K.8.D. | -do- |
| | 120 projectors | K.13.B.77 | K.8.B. | -do- |
| | 60 projectors | J.12.D.79 | K.8.A. & B. | -do- |
| "Z" Special Company R.E. | 250 projectors | D.13.C.23 | Enemy front line between D.8.C.4.1 and D.7. Central. | W.N.W. to south thro' W. |
| | 250 projectors | C.18.D.48 | -do- | -do- |
| "G" Special Company R.E. | 500 projectors | C.11.B.98 | Enemy front line between D.7. Central and C.6.B.90 | W.N.W. to south thro' W. |

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RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

ORDER No. 131.

HEADQUARTERS
16/5/17.

Reference Map 1/100,000 - 5th Army Administrative.

1. The 48th Divisional Artillery will relieve the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery on the nights 18th/19th, and 19th/20th May. Two sections per battery will be relieved on the first of these nights and one the second. On relief sections will proceed to their present wagon lines.
2nd F.A. Bde will be relieved by 240 Brigade R.F.A., and 1st F.A. Brigade by 241 Brigade R.F.A.
2. The 48th Divisional Artillery will send one Officer and two lineamen per battery to take over communications etc., 24 hours in advance of the first night of relief.
3. The 1st Australian Divisional Ammunition Column and Trench Mortar batteries will be relieved on 19th inst.
4. On completion of the relief, the right sector of the Corps front will be covered as follows:-
48th Divisional Artillery.
15th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
under the command of the C.R.A. 48th Division.
5. Command of Groups will pass at 6 p.m. on 19th inst.
6. The command of the Artillery of the Right Sector of the Corps front will pass to C.R.A. 48th Division at 8 a.m. May 20th.
7. All maps, aeroplane photographs and documents relating to the front will be handed over.
8. All ammunition on charge of Right Sector Artillery will be taken over by 48th Divisional Artillery as from noon 19th May.
9. 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move with Echelons empty.
10. On the 20th and 22nd inst the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move to the BEHENCOURT-FRECHENCOURT area (less BAVELINCOURT) in accordance with the attached march table, for rest and training. Headquarters will be established at the RED CHATEAU, MONTIGNY ON THE 21st May.
11. Intervals of 500 yards between Brigades and 200 yards between batteries and sections of the Divisional Ammunition Column will be maintained throughout the march. Attention is drawn to 5th Army Routine Order No. 853.

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12. The cable detachment of the 1st Australian Divisional Signal Company now with the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will rejoin its own Unit under Divisional arrangements. R.F.C. Wireless sets and operators will accompany the Divisional Artillery.
13. Orders re supply and billeting will be issued later.
14. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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Brigade Major.

Right Sector 1st Anzac Artillery.

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| 1. | "A" Group. |
| 2. | "B" Group. |
| 3. | "D" Group. |
| 4. | 1st D.A.C. |
| 5. | D.T.M.O. |
| 6. | 5th D.A.C. |
| 7. | R.A. 1st ANZAC. |
| 8. | 1st Aust Div. |
| 9. | 48th Div. |
| 10. | 48th Div Arty. |
| 11. | 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. |
| 12. | 5th Aust Div Arty. |
| 13. | 20th Div. Arty. |
| 14. | Signal Officer 1st Aust Div Arty. |
| 15. | 1st Aust Div Sig. Coy. |
| 16. | S.S.O. 1st Aust Div. |
| 17. | O.C. No.1.Coy 1st Aust Div Train. |
| 18. | A.P.M. 1st ANZAC. |
| 19. | File |
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| 22-23 | Spare. |
| 24 | B.G.H.A. |
| 25 | Comdt. B.P. Area. |

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY
ORDER No. 131.

| Date | Unit | From | To. | Remarks. |
|----------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| May 20th 1917. | 1st A.F.A. Bde | WAGON LINES. | Camps at WM30.A. X.19.B. How. Bty. | Via main ALBERT ROAD. To be clear of BAPAUME by 9 a.m. |
| | 2nd A.F.A. Bde | Wagon Lines | SPRING GARDENS Camp. | Via main ALBERT ROAD. Not to enter BAPAUME before 9.30 a.m. |
| | 1st Aust D.A.C. and 1 T.M. Batteries. | Wagon Lines. | Camp at X.29.B. | via BEAULENCOURT-GUEUDECOURT- FLERS-LONGUEVAL. To be south-west of main BEAULENCOURT-BAPAUME Rd. by 9 a.m. |
| May 22nd. | 1st A.F.A. Bde | Camps at W. 30.A. X.19.B. | BEHENCOURT AREA | { BAVELINCOURT will not be occupied. Routes and times will be notified later. |
| | 2nd A.F.A. Bde | SPRING GARDENS Camp. | BEHENCOURT AREA | |
| | 1st Aust D.A.C. and 1 T.M. Batteries | Camp at X.29.B. | FRECHENCOURT | |

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RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS
19/5/17.

AMENDMENT TO RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY ORDER

No. 131.

1. The Headquarters of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move to the BAVELINCOURT Chateau in place of the RED CHATEAU, MONTIGNY.
2. The area allotted to the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will include BAVELINCOURT, but not MONTIGNY.
3. The 4th Battery, 2nd F.A. Brigade will be located in ESBART farm and this battery will be entirely at the disposal of the Commandant, 1st ANZAC Corps Artillery School.

Alec. M. Forbes
Major.
Brigade Major.

Right Sector 1st Anzac Artillery.

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RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.
17/5/1917.

ADDENDUM TO RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY ORDER
No. 131.

With reference to Right Sector 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY Order
No. 131, dated 16th May 1917

1. The moves ordered for 22nd day in the March Table will take place as under :-

 1st F.A. Brigade, via ALBERT and FRANVILLERS- to be clear of ALBERT by 7-30 a.m.

 2nd F.A. Brigade, via ALBERT and FRANVILLERS - head of column to reach the bridge west of ALBERT in E.3.B. at 8 a.m.

 1st Australian Divisional Ammunition Column and Trench Mortar Batteries - via FRICOURT, MEAULTE, Road south of river, TREUX, HEILLY - to be north of the River ANCRE by noon.
2. Heavy artillery units are entraining on this day at ALBERT, HEILLY and EDGEHILL. Columns of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will give way to these Units if met, and Officers Commanding will take every precaution against their being delayed.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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Brigade Major.

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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ORDER No. 92.

HEADQUARTERS.

31st May 1917.

1. The 4th Battery, at present doing duty as Depot Battery for 1st ANZAC Corps Artillery School will be relieved by the 8th Battery.
2. The batteries will exchange billets complete, the 5th Battery moving into ESBART FARM.
3. The relief will be effected on Sunday, 3rd June.

Alec M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art.

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| 5. | Commandant 1st ANZAC Corps Artillery School. |
| 6. | 1st Aust Div. |
| 7. | R.A. 1st ANZAC. |
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RIGHT SECTOR 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS
13/5/17.

From 6 p.m. 12/5/17 to 6 p.m. 13/5/17.

OUR ARTILLERY. Trenches in K.27.A. and K.21.A. were shelled during the night by our 18 pdrs., and trenches in D.15 and D.16 and PRONVILLE were fired on during this afternoon. Our 4.5 Hows. intermittently shelled trenches in D.8.C.4.1 and D.9.D.5.3., also valley in D.15.A.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

| Time | Round | Gun | Target | Location | How. Located. |
|------------|-------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 6 to 8 pm. | 100 | 5.9 How. | J.34.A. J.28. | HAVRINCOURT | - |
| 8-30 pm. | 60 | 5.9 How. | I.12.B. | - | - |
| 2-30 pm. | 100 | 4.2 How | - | INCHY | - |
| to 4 pm. | | | | | |
| 3-30 pm. | 60 | 4.2 & 5.9 | I.12.D. | - | - |
| 3-47 pm. | 6 | 4.2 How. | J.7.A. | T.B. of 52° from I.12.A.8.8. | Sound |
| -do- | 10 | 5.9 How. | BEAUMETZ | INCHY | -do- |
| Intermit- |) 40 | 4.2 How. | J.7.A.&.B. | - | - |
| tent. | | 4.2 How. | BEAUMETZ | T.B. of 52° from I.12.A.8.8. | Sound. |
| 4 p.m. | 100 | | | | |
| - | | | | | |

OBSERVATION. Fair. Little movement was seen behind enemy lines

GENERAL. At 3.47 p.m. enemy Battery observed firing in J.7.A. from a True Bearing of 52° from I.12.A.8.8.

AERIAL. Activity pronounced on both sides. Both in morning and afternoon numbers of hostile machines flew over our forward areas but were turned back by our planes.

BALLOONS. Several hostile balloons were observed throughout the day.

J. H. Hewer Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer.
Right Sector 1st. ANZAC Arty.

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RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

OPERATION - REPORT

HEADQUARTERS
14/5/1917.

From 5 p.m. 13/5/17 to 5 p.m. 14/5/17.

OUR ARTILLERY. A number of rounds were fired yesterday afternoon at K.27.D.80.85 and D.21.A. and D.15.C., checking registrations. PRONVILLE was shelled at intervals during the period by 18-pdrs and 4.5 Hows. Trenches in D.8.C.4.1 and D.16.A. were shelled during the evening by our Hows.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

| Time | Rounds | Gun | Target | Location | How located. |
|--------------|-----------|------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 6 to 8 p.m. | 1 per min | 4.2 | Bty pos. & | RIBECOURT | Sound and direction |
| | ute | How | Canal at J.36.A. | | of line of fire. |
| 10 to 12 pm. | Bursts | 4.2 | A.5.C.9.2. | MOEUVRES | - |
| | of fire | How. | | | |
| 8.15 am to | Numer- | 4.2 | & MORCHIES | INCHY | Sound. |
| 2 p.m. | ous. | 5.9 | | | |
| | | How. | | | |
| 9.45 am. | 20. | 5.9 | | | |
| | | How. | | | |
| 10.55 am. | 5 | 8' | M.17.A. | - | - |
| | | HW | | | |
| 12 noon to | 75 | 4.2 | BEUGNY | - | - |
| 3.15 pm. | | How. | J.19.B.6.9 | PRONVILLE | Sound. |
| Intermit- | | 4.2 | HERNIES & | | |
| tent. | 100 | How. | K.2.C. | FLESQUIERES | -do- |

OBSERVATION. Variable.

ARTILLERY. Hostile artillery about normal.

MOVEMENT. At 8.20 a.m. this morning about 400 men were observed working apparently on wire at E.15.A.2.6. Heavy artillery were advised.

Sounds of heavy traffic can be heard on Cambrai Road chiefly during the early part of the night. Frequent parties of men can be seen moving along this road during the day but are out of range of our 18-pdrs.

AERIAL. Activity on both sides has been marked. At 8/30 p.m. two enemy planes flew over Battery positions of "B" Group but were driven off by our A.A. Guns.

GENERAL Battery position in J.36.A. was heavily shelled by 4.2 Hows last night between 6 and 8 p.m. No damage was done. Work was being done on Canal close by during the day and it is thought that this drew the enemy fire.

Two Anti-Aircraft guns were located firing at 8.40 a.m. this morning from about E.15.B.3.4.

J. J. Hewery
Lieut.
Reconnaissance Officer.

Right Sector 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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RIGHT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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OPERATION REPORT

HEADQUARTERS
15/5/17.

From 5 p.m. 14/5/17 to 5 p.m. 15/5/17.

OUR ARTILLERY. From 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. our 4.5 Hows fired a number of rounds into Valley in D.16.A., Battery position in D.18.A. and roads in PRONVILLE. At 8.10 pm a working party was located at D.17.B. Central and was fired on with good effect by our 18-pdrs. Enemy movement in road running north from K.27.B. 8.5 and working parties in D.17.B. and D. were successfully shelled during the period. Road from D.9.B.3.5 to D.4.C.5.5 and trench from D.10.C.2.0 to D.10.A.8.0 were also shelled throughout the night.

At 9.30 p.m. "B" Group opened fire on S.O.S. lines in response to red rockets. Fire ceased when it was ascertained that rockets were fired by enemy.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

| Time | Rounds | Gun | Target | Location | How located |
|--------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| During night | 12 | 4.2 | BEUGNY | - | - |
| 6 a.m. | 5/600. | 4.2 & 5.9 | MORCHIES | - | - |
| 10.30 a.m. | 20 | 4.2. How. | HERMIES | PLESQUIERES | Sound. |
| 11 a.m. | 15 | 5.9 How. | J.8.C.7.4 | - | - |
| 2 p.m. | 5 | 5.9. How. | J.15.A.1.7 | MOEVRES | Sound |
| 2.30 p.m. | 6 | 4.2. How. | K.2.D. | PLESQUIERES | Sound. |

MOVEMENT. Numerous working parties were engaged during the day with good result.

OBSERVATION. Fair.

AERIAL. Below normal. No enemy planes were visible all day.

GENERAL. At 11 p.m. ammunition dump was reported to have been blown up in rear of PRONVILLE.

Enemy Artillery has been noticeably quiet during to-day.

At 8 a.m. this morning enemy shelled MORCHIES very heavily with 4.2's and 5.9's.

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OPERATION REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS
16/5/17.

From 6 p.m. 15/5/17 to 6 p.m. 16/5/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

From 8-30 p.m. to 4-30 a.m. our "B" Group fired bursts of fire on roads in D.2, 3, 4, 8 9 and 10, and in BROYVILLE. This was done as it was thought that the enemy were retiring to the DROCOURT-QUEANT line.

A number of rounds were fired today at suspected O.P. at D.24.A.6.4. At 6 p.m. one of our 4.5 How Batteries fired 30 rounds at Minenwerfer position at K.8.D.9.2. This mortar has not since fired. Working party at K.15.D.13.27 were successfully shelled this morning, by our 4.5 Hows.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

| Time | Rounds | Guns | Target | Location | How. located. |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| Bursts of fire during the night | - | 4.2 How. | J.5.C.9.2 | - | - |

OBSERVATION.

Bad.

GENERAL.

The past 24 hours has been exceptionally quiet. Hostile Artillery has been practically nil, and no hostile planes or balloons have been used during the day.

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