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WAR DIARY.

for

APRIL, 1918.

1st. A. F. A. BRIGADE.

E. J. Dean

Lt.-Colonel.
Commanding Officer.

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	APRIL 1918.			
	1st.	2.10 a.m.	Message received from 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. advising that "wind unfavorable and distinct smell of gas, take necessary precautions". 101st. and 102nd. Batteries wired.	SHEET. 28. 1/40,000.
		2.20 a.m.	T.M's. reported firing from O.12.B.20.80. and O.12.B.50.60. Ordered 6th. Battery to fire 10 rounds on each.	
		6.30 a.m.	Left O.P. reports enemy movement around PIE FARM, and T.M. firing from at P.1.d.70.10. Ordered 102nd. Battery to place 2 Hows. at disposal of F.O.O.	
		9.45 a.m.	102nd. Battery fired 15 rds. on above T.M. which just reported still active.	
		7.55 a.m.	Wireless message received - C.Q.D. - E.B.C.	
		12.10 p.m.	" " " - M.M.1000. F.A.N. C.2.2. (Badly jambed).	
		12.20 p.m.	" " " - M.M.1000. F.A.N. P.1.b.9.6.	
		"	" " " - M.M.2000. F.A.N. P.10.a.9.6.	
			Acknowledged by 1st., 3rd., 4th., 5th., 6th. and 101st. Batteries at 12.24½ p.m.	
			6th. Battery reported ready to fire at 12.26½ p.m.	
			1st. " " " " " " " 12.27 "	
			101st. " " " " " " " 12.27 "	
			4th. " " " " " " " 12.28 "	
			3rd. " " " " " " " 12.29 "	
			5th. " " " " " " " 12.29 "	
			Targets engaged :- P.1.b.9.6. and P.10.a.9.6.	
		12.25 p.m.	Wireless message received - C.Q.D. - J.16.d.2.3.	
		12.28 p.m.	" " " - C.Q.D. - J.21.d.2.5.	
			" " " - M.M.2000. F.A.N. O.30.d.5.5.	
		12.29 p.m.	" " " - M.M.2000. F.A.N. Col. W. J.30.c.1.7.	
			These targets not engaged as out of our zone.	
		12.45 p.m.	Wireless message received - M.M.2200. F.A.N. P.2.c.2.7. Acknowledged by 1st., 3rd., 4th. and 6th. Batteries at 12.48 p.m.	
			5th. Battery could not be raised and 101st. Battery was shooting with balloon observation.	
			1st. Battery reported ready to fire at 12.51 p.m.) Target engaged	
			6th. " " " " " " " 12.51 ") P.2.c.2.7.	
			4th. " " " " " " " 12.52½ ")	
			3rd. " " " " " " " 12.54½ ")	

W. H. ... Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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	1st.	2.55 p.m.	<p>Wireless message received at Group Headquarters :- M.M. O.X. 0.12.b.5.5. Acknowledged by 1st., 3rd., 101st., 4th., 5th. and 6th. Batteries at 3 p.m. 6th. Battery reported ready to fire at 3.1½ p.m. 101st. " " " " " " 3.2 " 1st. " " " " " " 3.3. " 3rd. " " " " " " 3.4 "</p> <p>The 4th. and 5th. Batteries could not get the switch on.</p> <p>Target engaged O.12.b.5.5.</p>	SHEET. 28 1/40,000.
		5.8 p.m.	<p>Wireless message received :- M.M. P.W. P.8,a.4.6. Acknowledged by 1st., 3rd., 101st., 4th., 5th., and 6th. Batteries at 5.10 p.m. 6th. Battery reported ready to fire at 5.11 p.m. 4th. " " " " " " 5.11½ " 101st. " " " " " " 5.12 " 1st. " " " " " " 5.13 " 3rd. " " " " " " 5.14 " 5th. " " " " " " 5.14 "</p> <p>(4th. Battery only able to get switch on 3 guns).</p> <p>Target engaged P.8.a.4.6.</p>	
		5.22 p.m.	Wireless message received :- M.M. P.Y. P.27.d.5.5.	
		5.54 p.m.	" " " :- M.M. P.Z. P.28.c.9.7.	
		6.40 p.m.	" " " :- M.M. P.Z. P.28.c.9.7.	
			These targets are out of our zone and were not engaged.	
		4.10 p.m.	Right O.P. reports 15 cm. gun firing from 15° left of WERVICQ Church (observed from O.11.a.30.45.)	
		9.15 p.m.	Right O.P. reports Yellow rockets going up on right of our sector bursting into 4 stars, and on the left golden shower rockets going up. These were not followed by enemy artillery or other action.	
	2nd.	12.5 a.m.	6th. Battery ordered to fire 15 rds. on T.M. reported active at P.1.c.95.10.	
		1.30 a.m.	Minor operation carried out (see Operation Order No. 5.) by 1st., 3rd. and 101st. Batteries, assisting Right Group, by Chinese bombardment on Canal in O.12.b. Our Right O.P. reports about 5 minutes after our barrage was put down the Hun laid his barrage on our Right Bn. Front in answer to Red cluster rocket.	

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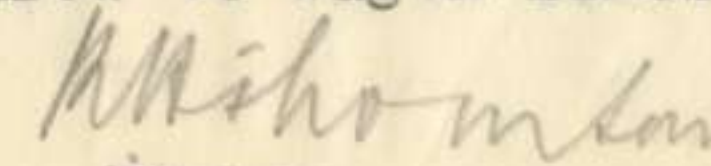
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	2nd.	1.55 a.m.	Right Liaison Officer reports situation satisfactory on his front.	<p>SHEET 28</p> <p>1/40,000</p>								
		2.00 a.m.	Quiet everywhere.									
		2.5 a.m.	Right Batt. H.Q. report 3 Hun prisoners. Our Battalion suffered no casualties.									
		3.40 a.m.	Right Batt. Liaison reports working party at O.6.d.80.20. 6th. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds.									
		11.10 a.m.	Right Liaison reports movement about LOCK 5. 3rd. Bty. fired 15 rds.									
	3rd.	12.30 p.m.	Lieut. Lewis (3rd. Bty. O.P.) reports 4.2" Hows. firing from direction of HOLLEBEKE MILL - probable co-ordinate P.8.d.90.30. 101st. Battery ordered to engage using proportion of Gas shell. 1st. Bty. being shelled by 4.2" Bty. (Apparently the battery above reported.)									
		7.50 p.m.	4th. Battery O.C. reports a section of 5.9" Hows. shelling vicinity of his battery.									
		9.15 p.m.	Left Liaison reports M.G. firing from P.1.e.95.12. 1st. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds. Left Liaison reports new work in progress in P.2.d., apparently trench being dug. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 40 rds. searching and sweeping.									
		10.7 p.m.	Hostile battery reported active at P.3.a.5.7. 102nd. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds.									
		10.15 p.m.	102nd. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds. into P.2.d.									
			<p>The 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. is being relieved by the 9th. Div. Arty. as under:-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1 Section per Battery on night 3rd/4th. April, 1918.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2 Sections " " " " 4th/5th. April, 1918.</p> <p>The 1st. A. F. A. Brigade is being relieved by 51st. Brigade, R. F. A.</p> <p>" 2nd. A. F. A. Brigade is being relieved by 50th. Brigade, R. F. A.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">A/51 Battery to relieve 1st. Bty.</td> <td style="width: 50%;">A/50 Battery to relieve 4th. Bty.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B/51 " " " 2nd. "</td> <td>B/50 " " " 5th. "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C/51 " " " 3rd. "</td> <td>C/50 " " " 6th. "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D/51 " " " 101st. "</td> <td>D/50 " " " 102nd. "</td> </tr> </table>		A/51 Battery to relieve 1st. Bty.	A/50 Battery to relieve 4th. Bty.	B/51 " " " 2nd. "	B/50 " " " 5th. "	C/51 " " " 3rd. "	C/50 " " " 6th. "	D/51 " " " 101st. "	D/50 " " " 102nd. "
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D/51 " " " 101st. "	D/50 " " " 102nd. "											
		2.00 a.m.	Relief of 1st. Sections completed.									
	4th.	10.00 p.m.	Relief wholly completed and 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. batteries withdrew to wagon lines.									

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	APRIL.			
	5th.		Left Group H.Q. was relieved by 50th. and 51st. Brigades R.F.A. and withdrew to the wagon lines.	
	6th.		C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div., visited wagon lines and inspected all Batteries.	
	7th.		Still at wagon lines, preparing to move.	
	8th.		Moved out from wagon lines at 3.30 a.m. via LA CLYTTÉ - and RENINGHELST to HOPOUTRE. B.H.Q. entrained leaving HOPOUTRE at 8.50 a.m. and passed the following stations at times shown :- HAZEBROUCK 9.30 a.m., St. OMER 11.10 a.m., CALAIS 12.40 p.m., BOULOGNE 1.50 p.m., ABBEVILLE 5.15 p.m. and reached rail destination at AMIENS (St. ROCH Station) at 7.00 p.m. The 1st., 2nd., 3rd. and 101st. Batteries followed at an interval of 3 hours from time of departure of B.H.Q. On detraining the Brigade marched to billeting area at St. LEGER - DOMART via DREUIL les AMIENS - AILLY sur SOMME - St. SAUVEUR - St. VAAST-en-CHAUSSEE - VIGNACOURT - BERTEAUCOURT, arriving at destination at 5 a.m. 9/4/1918.	HAZEBROUCK S.A. 1/100,000. AMIENS 17. 1/100,000.
	9th.		1st. Battery arrived at St. LEGER - DOMART at 9 a.m. 2nd. " " " " " " 3.30 p.m. 3rd. " " " " " " 5 p.m. 101st. " " " " " " 6.45 p.m.	
	10th.		1st. and 2nd. Batteries did Battery Manoeuvres this afternoon. Notification received that Lieut. C. W. SMITH, 1st. Battery, awarded Military Cross. Captain D.B.A.KING. M.C., 1st. Battery, evacuated to hospital with injured knee. Orders received to march to VILLIERS - BOCAGE on morning 11th. instant.	
	11th.		Orders received cancelling above orders, and Brigade ordered to be in readiness to entrain at short notice.	
	12th.		Brigade marched from St. LEGER → DOMART via BERTEAUCOURT - VIGNACOURT - FLESSELLES - BERTANGLES to ALLONVILLE, where it was bivouacked for the night.	
	13th.		Received orders to entrain at St ROCH Station, AMIENS. 1st. Bde. H.Q. entrained at 6 p.m. Batteries followed at interval of 3 hours.	

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	14th.		<p>B.H.Q. arrived at HONDEGHEM at 2.15 a.m. and commenced detraining at 2.30 p.m. Received orders to occupy positions as follows :-</p> <p>B. H. Q. at PAPOTE D.16.d.15.05. 1st Battery at " D.22.b.8.5. 2nd. Battery at " D.22.c.4.7. WAGON LINES at MORBECQUE. 3rd. Battery at " D.22.a.8.1. Batteries reported 101st. Battery at " D.22.a.5.1.</p> <p>Batteries reported in action as follows :-</p> <p>1st. Battery - 8.30 p.m. 2nd. Battery - 11.30 p.m. 3rd. Battery - 7.00 a.m. 101st. Battery - 10.00 a.m.</p>	<p>HAZEBROUCK. S.A. 1/100,000 SHEET. 275.E " 36A. S.E. 1/20,000.</p>
	15th.		<p>1.15 p.m. Captain SHEPPARD (Liaison Officer with 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.) reports movement on road K.5.b.& d. Brigade Major advised. 1.30 p.m. Bde. Liaison Officer reports S.O.S. Signal from 6 p.m. tonight will be Red over Green over Yellow. 5.00 p.m. 1st. Bty. reports registration complete. 2nd. Bty. reports registration complete. 8.5 p.m. Signal message received from Bde. Liaison Officer reads :- "Big parties of enemy seen collecting at farm at K.5.b.30.70. Fire requested at once". 1st. Battery fired 30 rds. B.M. advised. 10.00 p.m. Enemy battery reported at K.11.b.8.3. approx. Enemy Groups reported at E.29.c. K.5.b. GARS BRUGGHE and K.5.d. Le CORNET PERDU. 10.30 p.m. Bde. Liaison reports large dump at E.29.b.8.6. set alight by our fire. Much enemy movement in vicinity of dump.</p>	
	16th.		<p>6.20 p.m. C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div., visited and inspected Battery positions. Brigade Major orders Batteries to put down fire at half S.O.S. rates 300 yards in front of S.O.S. lines, and search 300 yards in advance of this if possible. All Batteries notified. S. O. S. Lines are as follows :- 1st. Battery :- E.22.d.50.50. - E.28.b.30.00. - E.28.d.35.70. 2nd. do. :- K.4.b.25.40. - K.4.c.80.00. 3rd. do. :- E.28.d.35.70. - K.4.b.25.40.</p>	

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	APRIL. 16th.		<p style="text-align: center;">101st. Battery on the following points :-</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>E.28.d.45.15.</td> <td>E.29.c.15.30.</td> <td>E.29.C.80.65.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E.28.d.80.15.</td> <td>E.29.c.30.00.</td> <td>E.29.a.80.25.</td> </tr> </table> <p>S.O.S. Rates of Fire are :- <u>18-Pdrs.</u></p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>1st. 5 minutes</td> <td>-</td> <td>4 rds.</td> <td>per gun per minute.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd. 5 "</td> <td>-</td> <td>3 rds.</td> <td>" " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd. 5 "</td> <td>-</td> <td>2 rds.</td> <td>" " " "</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>4.5" Hows</u>:- Half of above rates.</p> <p>7.55 p.m. Brigade Major orders S. O. S. for all Batteries. All Batteries immediately notified and fire opened.</p> <p>8.10 p.m. Brigade Major orders "Stop". Batteries notified.</p> <p>10.00 p.m. 1st. Battery ordered to harass throughout the night GARS BRUGGHE K.5.b.2.6. and wood E.29.c.2.2. About 50 rds. 101st. Bty. to harass road running East and West from Fme. BEAULIEU through VERTE RUE in E.29.c.& d.</p>	E.28.d.45.15.	E.29.c.15.30.	E.29.C.80.65.	E.28.d.80.15.	E.29.c.30.00.	E.29.a.80.25.	1st. 5 minutes	-	4 rds.	per gun per minute.	2nd. 5 "	-	3 rds.	" " " "	3rd. 5 "	-	2 rds.	" " " "	<p>SECRET. 27.5.E.</p> <p>" 36A. 2A</p> <p>1/20,000.</p>
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	17th.		<p>4.30 a.m. Operation Order No. 3. carried out.</p> <p>10.3 a.m. Brigade Major reports "S.O.S." from E.11.b. to E.17.c. Brigade Liaison Officer could not be raised until 10.12 a.m. He reports heavy shelling on 1st. Battalion front, but no infantry action.</p> <p>5.00 p.m. B.H.Q. moved into farmhouse at D.15.b.50.05. Counter preparation carried out (vide Operation Order No. 3A.) between 4.15 & 5.15 a.m. by all Batteries.</p>																			
	18th.		<p>10.00 a.m. C. O. and Battery Commanders went forward to reconnoitre new Battery positions.</p> <p>5.5 p.m. Wireless message received :- E.D. N.F. E.24.c.5.8. 1st. Aust. D.A.H.Q. and Counter Batteries informed.</p> <p>6.40 p.m. B.M. orders Counter Preparation (Operation Order No.3) to be carried out between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. 18th. inst. All Batteries notified and operation carried out, 50 rounds per gun being expended.</p>																			
	19th.		<p>Counter Preparation vice O. O. No. 3. was carried out between 4.30 a.m. and 5.15 a.m., 40 rounds per gun being fired.</p>																			

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		4.42 p.m.	Bde. Liaison Officer reports 77 mm. Bty. firing from E.30.a.9.3. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire destructive shoot on to the position.	
		6.30 p.m.	Bde. Liaison reports house from which above guns were firing is now on fire and guns have ceased firing. Between 7.20 and 7.40 p.m. and 8.5 p.m. and 8.25 p.m. further counter preparation as laid down in O.O.No. 3. (except para. 5. sub-para. d) was carried out. 30 rds. per gun fired. The 101st. Bty. moved to forward position at E.19.c.95.90. yesterday, a section at a time being moved. The S.O.S. points from this position are as follows :- E.29.c.90.65. E.30.A.85.55. K.6.B.55.80. K.6.d.95.70. K.5.b.30.70. K.5.d.35.50. 1st. Bty., during afternoon, sent forward a gun with incendiary shell and did some excellent work, burning down the following farms :- E.29.a.3.9., E.29.a.8.2., E.29.a.8.3., E.29.c.9.5., E.29.c.9.9., E.30.d.0.9. and K.6.b.4.9. 88 rounds expended.	
	20th.		Further counter preparation as above was carried out by batteries between 4.15 a.m. to 4.45 a.m. and 5.5 a.m. to 5.25 a.m. 60 rounds per gun being used fired.	

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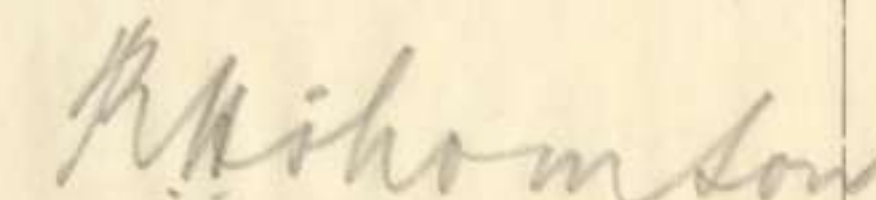
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	APRIL. 20th.	11.15 a.m.	B.M., 57th. Div. Arty., orderered "all guns that can be brought to bear on F.19.b.8.2. to fire intense fire for 2 minutes at 2 p.m. 101st. Battery instructed to act accordingly.	<p style="font-size: small;">SHEET 27 SE</p> <p style="font-size: small;">" 36 A SE</p> <p style="font-size: small;">1/20,000</p>
		12 noon.	B.M., 57th. Div. Arty., ordered the following enemy batteries to be engaged :- E.24.a.8.8., E.24.b.5.8., E.24.c.5.8., E.24.c.7.5., E.24.c.8.7. and E.24.c.6.2. First two targets to be engaged by all Batteries within range at 2.30 p.m. Remainder at 3 p.m. 106 Fuze to be used. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 40 rds. B.X. on each target and 20 rds. Gas. if wind favorable. 1st. Battery ordered to engage E.24.c. with shrapnel with detached gun. From 10 a.m. today 1st. Aust. F. A. Bde. comes under 57th. Div. Arty. for tactical purposes.	
		3.45 p.m.	O.C. 101st. Bty. reports three 5.9" Hows. shelling E.19.b. from approximately L.26. Counter Batteries informed.	
		5.20 p.m.	101st. Bty. reports above Hows. still shelling E.19.b. Counters informed and they advise having engaged two batteries on receipt of previous message.	
		6.10 p.m.	101st. Bty. advises above Hostile Hows. ceased shelling. 1st. Bty. took one gun forward and shelled following farms and localities with incendiary shell and shrapnel. Obtained good results. :- Church VIEUX BERQUIN. Cross Roads K.6.b.6.8. Group of houses (three farms) - E.24.a.8.8., E.24.b.5.8., E.24.c.5.8., E.24.c.7.5., E.24.c.8.7., & E.24.c.6.2.	
	21st.		Counter preparation was carried out between 4 a.m. to 4.35 a.m., and 5 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. on targets laid down in Operation Order No. 3. (No shells were directed on to E.23. and no gas used). 1st. A.F.A. Brigade exchanged positions with 286th. Bde., R.F.A., 1st. Bde. H.Q. taking over command of new position at 10 a.m. B.H.Q. situated at W.13.a.4.1. 1st. Bty. situated at W.14.a.75.75., 2nd. Bty. at W.20.a.25.80., 3rd. Bty. at W.8.D. CENTRAL. and 101st. Bty. at W.13.d.7.6. Wagon lines situated as follows :- B.H.Q. V. 12. A. 10. 80. 1st. Bty. V. 6.c.5.1., 2nd. Bty. V. 12.a.8.8., 3rd. Bty. V. 12. A. 50. 80. and 101st. Bty. V. 12.a.8.8.	
		11.00 a.m.	1st. Battery reported in action.	

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	April 1918			
	21st.	7.00 pm.	Moved B.H.Q to W.19.c.2.8. (nearer to Infantry Bde. H.Q.)	
		7.15 "	O.C. 2nd. Bty. reports gas shell falling in W.13.	
		8.40 "	5.9" How. Battery firing on to W.13. - area shoot. B.M. informed. This area shoot was put down at an intense rate of fire and lasted for 20 minutes before easing off. 1st. Battery had 1 horse killed and 1 wounded as a result of above shoot.	SHEET. 27. S.E. 36A. S.E. 1/20,000
	22nd.	12.5 am.	Enemy 5.9" Battery again shelling W.13. Bde. Liaison Officer reports shelling coming from a Grid Bearing of 135° - 140° taken from W.22.d.9.8. B.M. notified. This 5.9" area shoot was repeated at intervals of about an hour during the hours of darkness.	
		4.15 am.	Slight smell of gas detected in vicinity of this headquarters.	
		7.55 am.	B.M. advised that relief of remainder of batteries of 286th. Bde. R.F.A. would be proceeded with today.	
		1.20 pm.	Centre Batt. Liaison Officer reports enemy 77 mm. Bty. shelling X.19.A.2.4. with salvos every minute, firing from a T.B. of 163° from above co-ordinate. B. M. notified.	
		6.55 pm.	Enemy opened an intense bombardment on STRAZEELE, lasting for 5 minutes, with all calibres of guns. B.M. notified.	
		8.45 pm.	Enemy commenced a heavy bombardment on XXXX left of our sector. B.M. notified. Remainder of Batteries of this Brigade marched from old positions and occupied positions as under, formerly occupied by Batteries of 286th. Bde., R.F.A. :- 3rd. Battery - W.8.D. Central. 101st. Battery - W.13.d.7.6.	
			101st. Battery were shelled out of their position at E.19. sustaining 5 casualties, and moved back to their reserve position, thence to position above.	
	23rd.	4.12 am. to	Counter preparation was carried out by all batteries on targets laid down in	
		4.30 am.	Operation Order No. 11. Expenditure of ammunition - 50 rds. per Gun and How.	
		4.45 am. to		
		5.20 am.	Ditto.	

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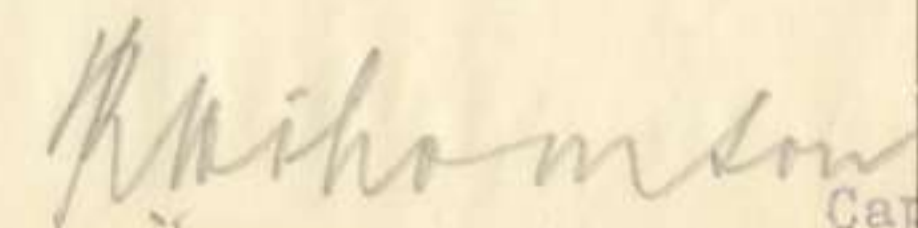
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	April 1918.			
	23rd.	8.40 pm.	3rd. and 101st. Batteries registered Datum Points from new positions. Enemy put down heavy bombardment on our right front, extended extending for a considerable distance to the right. B.M. notified and Bde. Liaison Officer communicated with, who informs us our troops are attacking on right of our Divisional sector. Hostile artillery was very active during the night in both forward and back areas.	<p>SHEET. 27.S.E.</p> <p>" 36A.S.E.</p> <p>1/20000.</p>
	24th.	9.11 pm.	Enemy put down heavy bombardment on our Brigade front, extending to the left. Batteries ordered to put down slow rate of fire (1 round per gun per minute) on S.O.S. Lines until further orders.	
		9.27 pm.	All Batteries ordered S.O.S. in accordance with orders received from Bde. Major. Advised Artillery Bde. on our left.	
		9.33 pm.	All Batteries ordered to slow down to half rates of fire. H.Q. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. report that no S.O.S. has been sent up on our front, and Artillery fire is not required. Notified B.M. accordingly.	
		9.36 pm.	All Batteries ordered to reduce rate of fire to 1 round per gun per minute.	
		9.39 pm.	Batteries ordered to reduce rate of fire to 1 round per gun every two minutes and to search back.	
		9.43 pm.	All Batteries ordered to "Stop."	
		9.50 pm.	All quiet.	
		10.00 pm.	Batteries ordered to "Stand down."	
	25th.	2.45 am.	Heavy enemy fire along whole front.	
		2.50 am.	Bde. Liaison Officer reports all O.K. on our front. Enemy fire appears to be to left of our sector.	
		3.5 am.	Batt. Liaison Officer reports heavy shell fire from direction of NEUF BERQUIN. B.M. notified. No S.O.S. on Right Battalion front.	
		3.10 am.	Shell fire on Left Battalion front still heavy.	
		3.20 am.	Right Batt. Liaison reports conditions very much improved. As soon as our heavies opened enemy heavies stopped.	
		3.22 am.	Slight shelling reported in vicinity of 3rd. Battery - W.8.D.	
		3.31 am.	Enemy shelling back areas our sector.	

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	April 1918.			
	25th.	3.55 am.	All Batteries report "all quiet".	
		4.5 am. to)	Counter Preparation carried out in accordance with Operation Order No. 11. 30 rounds per Gun and How. expended.	
		5.15 am.)		
		5.50 pm.	Bde. Liaison Officer reports T.MBs. firing from houses at E.12.a.30.65: 101st. Battery fired 10 rounds on each house.	
	26th.	4.45 am. to)	Counter Preparation carried out on squares E.6.d. and E.12.b. 30 rounds per Gun and How. expended. General KIRWAN (B.G.R.A.) XV Corps, together with Brigadier-General S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div., visisted Battery positions.	
		4.55 am.)		
	27th.		Operation Order No. 17 carried out by Batteries.	
		4.15 am. to)	Counter Preparation carried out by Batteries on squares E.12.B., E.6.D. and F.7.A., C. and D. Ditto.	
		4.45 am.)		
		5.00 am. to)		
		5.5 am.)		
	28th.	12 noon.	Enemy put down a barrage and area shoot on W.26. and W.27. H.E. shell on roads and Shrapnel on houses. B.M. notified.	
		12.5 pm.	"O.P." reports a 4.2" How. firing on to W.30.a. and W.29.b., at a true bearing of 130°. 30' observed from W.30.a.20.20. Counter Battery notified.	
		12.45 pm.	A 77 mm. Battery reported in action by O.P. (W.30.a.20.20.) at a T.B. of 137°. 30'.	
		2.30 pm.	Captain (Hon. Major) C. A. STEWART, A.A.M.C., attached 1st. A.F.A. Brigade, killed in action by enemy shell fire, at 1st. Battery position. Major E.A.H.Randall, O.C. 1st. Battery, wounded by enemy shell fire and evacuated.	
		4.00 pm.	Lieut. L. E. SHORT, 1st. Battery, killed in action. Captain E. SHEPPARD and Lieut. E. L. COLEMAN, M.M., both 1st. Battery, wounded by enemy shell fire and evacuated. Lieut. COLEMAN since died of wounds.	
		5.00 pm.	Enemy shelled V.20. and V.26. with 5.9" H.E. and Shrapnel for about 15 minutes. The shrapnel used by enemy on this occasion is considered to be fired from some of the 18-Pdr. Q.F. Guns captured recently.	

SHEET 27 S.E.
" 36 A.S.E.
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Adjutant, 1st. A.F. Brigade.

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	28th.		Enemy has been very active all day and this evening with artillery fire on forward and rear areas. 3 Horses killed and 3 wounded by shell fire at 3rd. Bty. Wagon Lines.	SHEET. 27 SE. " 36 A SE. 1/2000.
	29th.	12.35 am.	O.C., 101st. Battery, reports having opened fire on S.O.S. lines. He observed a S.O.S. signal go up on our immediate right.	
		12.36 am.	Infantry Bde. Liaison Officer reports no word of anything unusual on our front,	
		12.37 am.	101st. Battery ordered to "stop".	
		12.41 am.	Bde. Liaison Officer reports all quiet.	
		1.00 am.	Battalion Liaison Officer reports all quiet.	
		4.15 am. to 4.30 am.)	Counter Preparation fired by all Batteries on targets in squares E.6.d., E.12.B., and F.7.a., c. and d. 50 rounds per Gun and How. fired.	
		4.40 am. to 4.55 am.	Ditto.	
		6.45 am.	Enemy retaliated with light barrage of 4.2's and 77's. on our support areas. Bde. Liaison Officer reports enemy working party at E.11.d.8.9. 2nd. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds on this target.	
	30th.	3.30 am. to 4.30 am.	Counter Preparation carried out by all Batteries on targets as for morning of 29th. instant.	
		6.35 pm.	Two British Aeroplanes collided and fell in Square W.21.c. near 101st. Battery. Pilots and Observers all killed and one machine burnt.	
		7.15 pm.	Wireless call received :- N.F. F.7.a.5.9. 101st. Bty. fired 36 rds. on this target.	
		7.40 pm.	" " " :- N.F. F.7.b.7.2. and F.7.b.2.3.	
		8.04 pm.	101st. Battery fired 20 rounds on each of the above targets. Wireless call received :- F.W.N. F.2.d.3.5. 101st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
		10.45 pm.	Brigade Major instructs that amount of ammunition expended on harassing fire tonight be increased by 50% as there is a lot of movement behind enemy lines. 101st. Battery ordered to engage enemy battery at F.7.a.5.9., with two or three bursts of fire.	
			<i>E. J. Dean</i> Lieut-Col. C. O. 1st F. A. Brigade A. I. F.	<i>R. A. Thomson</i> Captain. Adjutant. 1st. F. A. Brigade.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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E. J. Dean

Lt.-Colonel.
C.O. 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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SECRET.APPENDIX 1/2
COPY NO.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.OPERATION ORDER No. 5.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D.S.O., Commanding.Headquarters,
1st. April, 1918.

1. A minor operation is being carried out by 8th. Australian Infantry Battalion on night of 1st/2nd. April, 1918, at a zero hour which will be notified later.
2. The operation will be directed on to WHIZ FARM, O.17.D.70.80., the object being to obtain identifications and to inflict casualties on the enemy.
3. Right Group Artillery, 1st. Australian Division, will support the raid. Programme submitted by C.O., Right Group, has been approved and issued to all concerned.
4. The LEFT GROUP will carry out a Chinese Bombardment at the same time.
 - 1st. Battery :- Search and sweep area contained by points O.12.B.10.55., O.12.B.35.20., O.12.B.80.50., O.12.B.55.85.
 - 3rd. Battery :- Search and sweep area ~~containing~~ contained by points O.12.A.87.85., O.12.B.10.55., O.12.B.55.85., O.6.D.25.20.
 - 101st. Battery :- Search and sweep area contained by points O.6.D.25.20., O.12.B.80.50., O.12.B.35.20., O.12.A.85.87.
5. Rates of Fire :- Zero to zero plus 5'.
 - 18-pdrs. - 3 rounds per gun per min.
 - 4.5" Hows.- 2 " " " " "

Zero plus 5' to zero plus 10'.
Half above rates.

Zero plus 10' :- S T O P.
6. A projector gas attack by "Z" Special Company, R.E., will be carried out at the same time as this operation, provided the wind is between W. and N.N.W., and the velocity not more than 8 miles per hour.
7. Zero hour will be notified on the night of the operation by the following code message :-
 - (a) If raid and projectors are both to be employed :-
"Blackman and party will report at (zero hour) "
 - (b) If raid only is to take place :-
"Blackman will report at (zero hour) "
8. A c k n o w l e d g e.

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
1st. April, 1918.

- 1st. Battery.
 - 2nd. Battery.
 - 3rd. Battery.
 - 101st. Battery.
 - 4th. Battery.
 - 5th. Battery.
 - 6th. Battery.
 - 102nd. Battery.
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REFERENCE OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

1. Blackman and party report tonight, 1st/2nd. April, at 1.30 a.m.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE - "BLACKMAN'S PARTY".

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Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 6.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
3rd. April, 1918.

Reference Defence Scheme, Section 7.

1. The 4th. Battery will detail a complete section, less 1st. line wagons, as a Mobile Section. The Section Commander is responsible for having an intimate knowledge of the Group Front.
2. This section is for use against a hostile Tank attack and for inflicting loss on the enemy, as, and how, the tactical situation permits in case of an attack.
3. This section will receive its orders direct from Group Headquarters.
4. The 1st. Battery is to be kept in readiness to move at the shortest possible notice, and to act as a mobile battery.
5. The mobile section of 4th. Battery and 1st. Battery will have their wagon lines at H.36.c. central.
6. A c k n o w l e d g e.

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
4th. April, 1918.

REFERENCE OPERATION ORDER NO. 7.

1. For para. 4 substitute :-

"Reliefs on night 4th./5th. APRIL, 1918, will take place between the following hours, and not as previously ordered :-

1st. and 4th. Batteries	-	4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
2nd. and 5th. Batteries	-	5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
3rd. and 6th. Batteries	-	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
101st. and 102nd. Batteries	-	7 p.m. to 8 p.m."

In all cases teams of relieving Batteries will leave their wagon lines at first hour stated.

2. Teams of 9th. Divisional Artillery, after having taken up their own guns, will bring back guns of 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

3. These guns will be taken to wagon lines of Batteries of 9th. Div. Artillery, whence they will be collected as soon as possible by their own Batteries and taken to 1st. Aust. Div. Arty, wagon lines.

4. Wagon lines of 9th. Div. Artillery are situated as under :-

A/51. relieving 1st. Battery	-	ADEN CAMP N.11.A.7.2.
B/51. " 2nd. ")	- COVENTRY CAMP N.10.B.2.9.
C/51 " 3rd. "		
D/51. " 101st. "	-	LITTLE KEMMEL N.20.C.9.6.
A/50. relieving 4th. Battery)	-	ELZENWALLE CHATEAU -
B/50. " 5th. "))	H.36.C.5.4.
C/50. " 6th. ")		
D/50. " 102nd. ")	- -	POMPIER CAMP.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. Thomson

Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 7.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
3rd. April, 1918.

1. The 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery will be relieved by the 9th. Div. Artillery as under :-

- 1 Section per Battery on night 3rd./4th. April, 1918.
- 2 Sections " " " " 4th./~~3rd~~ 5th. April, 1918.

2. 1st. Aust. B. A. Brigade will be relieved by 51st. Brigade R.F.A., which will take over Headquarters from 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade at I.32.A.90.95.
 2nd. Aust. F. A. Brigade will be relieved by 50th. Brigade R.F.A., which will establish Headquarters at I.26.D.05.05.
 Battery of 51st. Brigade R.F.A., which relieves 2nd. Battery, 1st. F. A. Brigade, will come under tactical control of C.O. Right Group.

3. The guns of 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery will be withdrawn from the line and replaced by guns of 9th. Div. Artillery.
 Aiming Posts will be left in position and exchanged.

4. In order to ensure the fewest possible guns being out of action at the same time, the reliefs on each night will take place between the following hours :-

Sections of 1st. and 4th. Batteries	-	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
" " 2nd. " 5th. "	-	9 p.m. " 11 p.m.
" " 3rd. " 6th. "	-	11 p.m. " 1 a.m.
" " 101st. " 102nd. "	-	1 a.m. " 3 a.m.

5. All maps, aeroplane photographs and documents relating to the front will be handed over.

6. Ammunition will be handed over in the pits, and Transfer Certificates forwarded to reach this office by 8 p.m. 4th. inst.

7. Command of Group and Batteries will pass on completion of relief on night 4th./5th. April, 1918.

8. On withdrawal from the line Batteries will remain in their present wagon lines until orders are issued for entrainment.

9. Anti-Tank Guns will be taken over by 9th. Div. Artillery, as follows :-

<u>51st. Bde., R.F.A.</u>	-	1 gun I.35.C.43.05.
		1 gun I.35.D.65.43.
<u>50th. Bde., R.F.A.</u>	-	1 gun I.30.D.50.00.
		1 gun I.30.D.20.90.

Relief to be completed by 6 p.m. 4th. instant.

10. Arrangements re relief of wardens in reserve positions will be arranged by Battery Commanders concerned.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Thomson
 Captain.
 Adjutant Left Group Field Arty.

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APPENDIX

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

TASK No. 7.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
30th. March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 2nd. April, 1918.

<u>Task Table.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>T a r g e t.</u>	<u>No. of Rds.</u>
<u>1st. Battery.</u>	7. 15 p.m.	TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.90.	15.
	7. 45 p.m.	Sweep Roads in P.2.D.	25.
	8. 15 p.m.	GAMB CORSE P.1.C.65.70.	15.
<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	3. 15 a.m.	Search Road P.7.A.05.35. to P.7.C.60.20.	30.
	4. 00 a.m.	Search and Sweep Northern half of O.12.B.	30.
	5. 15 a.m.	Search and Sweep Northern half of P.7.A.	30.
<u>5th. Battery.</u>	8. 30 p.m.	Sweep Roads in J.33.B.	20.
	9. 15 p.m.	Sweep UGLY WOOD J.34.A. and C.	30.
	9. 45 p.m.	POOL FARM J.32.B.50.10.	15.
<u>6th. Battery.</u>	10.05 p.m.	Sweep BASSEVILLE WOOD J.32.D.	35.
	10.30 p.m.	Sweep Roads in P.2.B.	25.
	10.45 p.m.	MAY FARM P.1.D.40.95.	15.
<u>101st. Bty.</u>	7. 40 p.m.	SPUD FARM O.18.B.30.70.	25.
	8.30 p.m.	PUMP FARM O.12.B.35.15.	25.
	9. 15 p.m.	CHALK FARM P.1.D.00.10.	25.
<u>102nd. Bty.</u>	10.00 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	25.
	10.35 p.m.	LAMB FARM P.3.A.60.95.	25.
	11.30 p.m.	ALASKA HOUSES J.33.B.60.60.	25.

3. Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. - 50% "A". 50% "AX".
4.5" Hows. - "BX" or Gas if wind favorable.

4. A c k n o w l e d g e.

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Adjutant Left Group Field Arty.

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

TASK NO. 8.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
31st. March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 3rd. April, 1918.

<u>Task Table.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>T a r g e t.</u>	<u>No. of Rds.</u>
<u>1st. Battery.</u>	4. 30 a.m.	TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.90.	20.
	5. 00 a.m.	WIND COTTS P.2.D.40.45.	20.
	5. 30 a.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	20.
<u>4th. Battery.</u>	10.05 p.m.	Sweep Roads East of CAPE WOOD J.34.C.	30.
	10.35 p.m.	UGLY FARM J.34.D.05.80.	15.
	11.20 p.m.	CROSS ROADS J.33.D.15.35.	15.
<u>5th. Battery.</u>	7. 15 p.m.	TRACK HOUSES P.4.A.40.50.	15.
	7. 50 p.m.	Sweep Roads in J.33.B.	30.
	8. 30 p.m.	POOL FARM J.32.B.50.10.	15.
<u>6th. Battery.</u>	9. 05 p.m.	CHALK FARM P.1.D.00.10.	20.
	9. 35 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95	20.
	9. 50 p.m.	PAN COTTS P.2.D.80.30.	20.
<u>101st. Bty.</u>	9. 30 p.m.	PAINT LODGE P.3.C.85.17.	20.
	10.00 p.m.	NAPOO FARM P.8.A.70.27.	20.
	10.45 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	20.
<u>102nd. Bty.</u>	7. 35 p.m.	POOL FARM J.32.B.50.10.	20.
	8. 05 p.m.	TIN HOUSE J.33.D.10.50.	20.
	9. 15 p.m.	LARK FARM P.3.B.47.67.	20.

3. Ammunition :- 18-pdrs. - 50% "A". 50% "AX".
4.5" Hows.- "BX", or Gas if wind favorable.

4. A c k n o w l e d g e.

R. M. Johnson

Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery...

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SECRET.COPY NO.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK NO. 9.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O., Commanding.Headquarters,
1st. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 4th. April, 1918.

<u>Task Table.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>T a r g e t.</u>	<u>No. of Rds.</u>
<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	10.10 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	15.
	10.55 p.m.	Search roads North of CANAL in O.12.B.	30.
	11.30 p.m.	Sweep roads in P.8.A.	30.
<u>4th. Battery.</u>	7. 20 p.m.	DAMP COPSE J.2.A.75.90.	15.
	7. 55 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	15.
	8.30 p.m.	Sweep roads in J.33.D.	30.
<u>5th. Battery.</u>	8. 45 p.m.	UGLY FARM J.34.D.00.80.	20.
	9. 10 p.m.	POOL FARM J.32.B.50.10.	15.
	9. 45 p.m.	TIN HOUSES J.33.D.10.50.	15.
<u>6th. Battery.</u>	4. 15 a.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	15.
	5. 05 a.m.	TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.90.	20.
	5. 30 a.m.	MAY FARM P.1.D.40.93.	20.
<u>102nd. Bty.</u>	8. 35 p.m.	WIND COTTES P.2.D.40.45.	30.
	9. 45 p.m.	TRICKY FARM J.34.D.55.28.	30.
	10.20 p.m.	DE VORSTRAAT P.9.B.95.65.	25.

3. Ammunition :- 18-pdrs. - 50% "A". 50% "AX".
4.5" Hows. - "BX" or Gas if wind is favorable.

4. A c k n o w l e d g e.

W. H. M. Dow
Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

TASK No. 10.

By Lieut-Colonel E. T. DEAN.D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
2nd April 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 5th April 1918.

<u>Task Table.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rds.</u>
<u>1st.Battery.</u>	10.05 p.m.	GAME COPSE P.1.C.70.70.	20.
	10.55 p.m.	WIND COTTS P.2.D.38.48.	15.
	11.35 p.m.	Sweep Roads P.2.C. and P.8.A.	60.
<u>3rd.Battery.</u>	7.55 p.m.	Search Roads East and West in P.7.A.and B.	60.
	8.25 p.m.	NAPOO FARM P.8.A.70.25.	15.
	9.05 p.m.	KIKI FARM P.8.C.30.95.	20.
<u>4th.Battery.</u>	9.55 p.m.	Sweep Roads in P.2.B.	40.
	10.25 p.m.	Sweep Roads in P.3.A.	40.
	11.05 p.m.	DAMP COPSE P.2.A.75.90½	15.
<u>5th.Battery.</u>	4.15 a.m.	Sweep Roads in J.33.B. and D.	50.
	5.05 a.m.	POOL FARM J.32.B.50.10.	15.
	5.45 a.m.	BLACK COTTS J.33.A.75.15.	15.
<u>101st.Battery.</u>	9.10 p.m.	BELL BUILDINGS P.3.C.00.95.	30.
	10.15 p.m.	CHALK FARM P.1.D.00.10.	30.
	11.15 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	30.

3. All searching and sweeping is to be at a slow rate of fire.

4. Ammunition:- 18 Pdrs. - 50%"A" 50%"BX"
4.5"Hows. - "BX" or Gas if wind is favorable.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. W. Thomson

Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D.S.O., Commanding.Headquarters,
14th. April, 1918.Ref : Sheet 27 - 1/40,000.
Sheet 36A - 1/40,000.

1. The 1st. A. F. A. Brigade on detraining at HONDEGHEM will march via Cross Roads V.1.C.9.3. - V.20.D.1.3. - D.3.C.8.3. to GRAND HASARD, thence to PAPOTE.
2. Batteries will occupy the following positions :-
B. H. Q. - D.16.C.9.0.
1st. Battery - D.22.B.8.5.
2nd. Battery - D.22.C.4.7.
3rd. Battery - D.22.A.8.1.
101st. Battery - D.22.A.5.1.
3. Wagon lines will be in MORBECQUE situate as follows :-
B. H. Q. - D.19.B.5.8.
1st. Battery) - D.13.D.4.3.
2nd. Battery)
3rd. Battery(
101st. Battery(
- D.20.B.2.4.
4. 1st. A. F. A. Brigade is covering 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade (with Headquarters at D.24.A.7.2.)
5. S. O. S. Lines are as follows :-
1st. Battery - E.17.B.9.8. to E.23.C.2.6.
2nd. Battery - E.28.D.2.6. to K.4.C.5.2.
3rd. Battery - E.23.A.7.4. to E.28.D.2.6.

(As this is extreme range H.E. only should be used).
6. S. O. S. Signal :- GREEN Very Lights fired until answered by Artillery.
7. Closest Liaison will be maintained with Infantry Brigade and Battalions.
Orders re Liaison will be issued later.
8. Gun teams, with limbers filled, will be kept within 300 to 400 yards of battery positions.
9. Ammunition :- One wagon-load only per gun will be dumped alongside of gun. Afterwards wagon will return to wagon line to re-fill. An orderly from D.A.C. will report to each Battery wagon line and when ammunition is sent forward by Battery, this orderly will go to D.A.C. and guide back a similar amount to replenish. In the event of it being anticipated ammunition will be required, this orderly will go to D.A.C. and guide it to wagon lines.
10. Lewis Guns :- Both Lewis Guns will be kept in commanding positions on flanks of each Battery.
11. Battery Commanders will register as soon as possible and notify this office by wire when completed.

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12. Expenditure of Ammunition will be wired to this office at 11 a.m. daily.

13. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. M. Thomson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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4. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
5. 1st. Battery.
6. 2nd. Battery.
7. 3rd. Battery.
8. 101st. Battery.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
15th. April, 1918.

1. 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade is covering 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade with boundaries as follows :-

Southern boundary - line running through K.3.C.00.80. to K.4.D.00.00.
Northern boundary - line running East and West through SECLIN E.22.C.8.3.
2. S. O. S. Lines from receipt of this order will be :-

1st. Battery - E.22.D.50.50. - E.28.B.30.00. - E.28.D.35.70.
2nd. Battery - K.4.B.25.40. - K.4.C.80.00.
3rd. Battery - E.28.D.35.70. - K.4.B.25.40.

101st. Battery on following points :-

E.28.D.45.15.
E.29.C.15.30.
E.29.C.80.65.
E.28.D.80.15.
E.29.C.30.00.
E.29.A.80.25.
3. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs.
First 5 minutes - 4 rds. per gun per min.
Second 5 " - 3 rds. " " " "
Third 5 " - 2 rds. " " " "

4.5" Hows. - Half of above rates.

Then stop unless S. O. S. Signal is repeated.
4. S. O. S. Signal :- From 9 p.m., 15/4/1918, S.O.S. Signal will be rocket bursting into RED over GREEN over YELLOW.
5. Infantry posts are as follows :-

K.4.C.2.5.
K.4.C.6.8.
K.4.A.5.3.
E.28.C.1.2.
E.28.C.3.3.
E.28.C.7.4.
E.28.A.7.1.
E.22.D.0.1.
E.22.D.0.4.
E.22. Central.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

A. F. A. Brig.
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
16th. April, 1918.

1. Counter preparation will be carried out by the French Artillery and Artillery of the IX, XV and XXII Corps on the morning of the 17th. April, 1918.
2. This fire will take place between 4.30 a.m. and 6 a.m.
3. Heavy artillery are dealing with the area more than 1,000 yards East of enemy front line.
4. Field Artillery will fire on the zone between enemy front line and a line 1,000 yards East of enemy front line.
5. The programme for the 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will be as follows :-
 - (a) Special attention will be paid to farm buildings and other places in which the enemy may be expected to concentrate.
 - (b) Fire will be in irregular bursts during the period 4.30 a.m. to 6 a.m., no burst being less than three or more than five minutes in duration. No interval between bursts will be more than 10 minutes.
 - (c) Areas for Batteries are :-

1st. Battery	-	E.29.C.	-	Eastern half.
2nd. Battery	-	E.29.C.	-	Western half.
3rd. Battery	-	Wood in corner of E.28.D. and E.29.C.		
101st. Battery	-	S. O. S. Points.		
 - (d) At 5.55 a.m. all 18-pdrs. will drop on to their S.O.S. lines and remain for two minutes at 2 rounds per gun per minute. Then lift plus 300 yards and remain for three minutes at one round per gun per minute. Then cease fire.
6. Expenditure :-

18-Pdrs. :-	40 rounds per gun.
4.5" Hows. :-	40 rounds per How.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. H. M. S. O.
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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SECRET.COPY NO. 2...FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 3A.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
18th. April, 1918.

1. Counter preparation will be carried out this morning, 18th. inst., between 4.15 a.m. and 5.15 a.m.
2. This will be the same as detailed in 1st. Aust. F. A. Bde. Operation Order No. 3.
3. In para. 5 (d) of Operation Order No. 3. substitute following time :- 5.10 a.m.
4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
17th. April, 1918.

S. O. S. LINES.

1.

From receipt of this order the S. O. S. Lines for Batteries will be as follows :-

1st. Battery	-	E.28.D.60.70.	to	E.23.C.00.30.
2nd. Battery	-	K.4.D.50.00.	to	K.4.B.60.40.
3rd. Battery	-	K.4.B.60.40.	to	E.28.D.60.70.

101st. Battery - Unaltered.

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A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. Robinson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
18th. April, 1918.

1. The 101st. How. Battery will move forward to the following position :-

E.19.C.95.90.

today. A section at a time only to be moved and must be got into action at new position before the next section is brought forward.

2. S. O. S. points from new position will be as follows :-

- E.29.C.90.65.
- E.30.A.85.55.
- K.6.B.55.80.
- K.6.D.95.70.
- K.5.B.30.70.
- K.5.D.35.50.

3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. H. M. S. O.

Captain.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 6.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
 19th. April, 1918.

1. The 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. and 57th. Div. Arty., R.F.A., will exchange positions.
2. The exchange will be effected in accordance with the Table below :-
 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will exchange with
 286th. Brigade, R.F.A.
3. The exchange will take place by half-batteries, viz :-
 First half-battery on the morning of 20th. April, 1918.
 Second half-battery on the morning of 21st. April, 1918.
4. Guns will not be exchanged. Aiming posts will be exchanged where possible.
 Ammunition at positions will be taken over and handed over. Copies of transfer certificates will be forwarded to reach this office by noon on 21st. instant.
5. On each day guns of 286th. Brigade, R.F.A., will remain in action until arrival of guns of 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade.
6. Each Battery will send one responsible officer and another subaltern, with one linesmen and two telephonists, to B.H.Q., at 10 a.m. today, to go to the position of the Battery which it is to relieve.
 These officers will take over all details concerning the new position.
7. Battery Commanders will accompany the second-half of their Batteries and will take over command of the new position on arrival.
8. (a) Command of guns in position now occupied by 286th. Brigade, R.F.A., will pass to C. O. 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade at 9 a.m. on the 20th. instant.
 (b) Command of guns in position now occupied by 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade will pass to an officer to be detailed by C. O. 286th. Brigade, R.F.A., on departure of C.O. 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade and until arrival of C. O. ~~286th~~ 286th. Brigade, R.F.A.
9. Guns of 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade will be clear of their present positions and will have commenced their march to 286th. Brigade, R.F.A., positions by 6 a.m. on each day.
10. Wagon lines will move at the following hours each day :-
 1st. Battery - 6.30 a.m.
 2nd. Battery - 7.00 a.m.
 3rd. Battery - 7.30 a.m.
 101st. Battery - 8.00 a.m.
11. Route to be followed will be as follows :- Le GRAND HASARD - D.3.C.6.4. - V.20.D.1.2. - V.20. Central - V.20.B.4.3. - V.20.B.4.2. - V.20.B.8.2. - V.20.B.8.7. - V.20.B.1.2. - V.15.D.1.5. - V.16.B.7.4. - V.11.C.1.4. - thence to wagon lines.
 An interval of 50 yards between sections will be maintained.

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12. The Liaison Officer at 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. at D.24.a.8.2. is being relieved on the 20th. instant by an officer of 57th. Div. Arty.

13. On completion of relief the front of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be covered as follows :-

1st. Aust. F.A.Bde. - Present Inter-Brigade boundary to E.6.Central.

28th. Army Bde. R.F.A. - Superimposed on 1st. F.A. Bde.

2nd. Aust. F.A. Bde. - E.6.Central to X.20.c.8.6.

64th. Army. Bde. R.F.A. - Superimposed on 2nd. F.A. Bde.

14. EXCHANGE TABLE :-

Unit.	Position.	W.Lines.	Unit.	Position.	W.Lines.
H.Q. 1st.F.A.B.	D.15.b.6.1.	D.19.b.5.8.	286th. Bde.R.F.A.	W.13.a.4.1.	-
1st. Bty.	D.22.b.8.5.	D.19.d.4.3.	A/286.	W.14.a.8.5.	V.6.c.5.1.
2nd. Bty.	D.22.c.4.7.	do.	B/286.	W.20.a.3.8.	V.11.b.9.5.
3rd. Bty.	D.22.a.8.2.	D.20.b.2.4.	C/286.	Not in action, being selected by C.O.	
101st.Bty.	E.19.C.95.80.	do.	D/286.	W.14.c.1.1.	V.11.b.9.5.

W. Thomson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Bde.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 7.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
19th. April, 1918.

Ref: Sheet 27 S.E.

1. Para. 10 of Operation Order No. 6. is cancelled and the following substituted :-
 - (a) Wagon lines of the 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade will move on the 20th. instant in two-halves.
 - (b) 1st. Battery - Half at 7.00 a.m.
Half at 2.00 p.m.
 - 2nd. Battery - Half at 7.30 a.m.
Half at 2.30 p.m.
 - 3rd. Battery - Half at 8.00 a.m.
Half at 3.00 p.m.
 - 101st. Battery - Half at 8.30 a.m.
Half at 3.30 p.m.
 - (c) On arrival of half wagon lines of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. half wagon lines of 57th. Div. Arty. will move to wagon lines of 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.
 - (d) Wagon lines in any position will be responsible for the supply of ammunition to the guns in the position to which the wagon line belongs.
2. 3rd. Battery will take up position selected in hedge at W.14.B.4.8. Wagon lines are also being selected by advance party.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. H. Thomson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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20th. April, 1918.REFERENCE OPERATION ORDERS Nos. 6 & 7.

1. Operation Orders Nos. 6 and 7 and amendments are cancelled until further orders.
2. Officers of relieving Batteries will report back to their own units today.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*M. Thomson*Captain.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 8.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
20th. April, 1918.

1. At 2 p.m. today, 20th. April, 1918, the 101st. How. Battery will put down two minutes intense fire on F.19.b.8.2.
2. The 101st. How. Battery will engage enemy batteries in E.24.a.8.8., E.24.b.5.8. and in E.24.c.5.8., E.24.c.7.5., E.24.c.8.7. and E.24.c.6.2.
First two targets to be engaged at 2.30 p.m.
Remainder at 3 p.m.
3. Ammunition :- 40 rds. to be fired on each target. Also, 20 rds. Gas if wind suitable.
106 Fuze to be used.
4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. Robinson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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| 6. | 2nd. " |
| 7. | 3rd. " |
| 8. | 101st. " |

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APPENDIX 3

COPY NO....

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 9.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
21st. April, 1918.

1. Operation Orders Nos. 6 and 7 are to be modified and carried out in conjunction with 57th. Divisional Artillery Operation Order No. 36.
2. In accordance with para. 11, sub-para. (b), of 57th. Divisional Artillery Operation Order No. 36, Major W. J. CHRISTIE will report at 1st. Australian Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters at 8 a.m. today, the 21st. inst.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. W. Thomson
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 10.

APPENDIX

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
21st. April, 1918.

1. C. O. 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will take over from C. O. 286th. Brigade, R.F.A., at 10 a.m. today.
The 1st. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will then come under 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery.
2. Batteries of 286th. Brigade, R.F.A., will remain under C. O. 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade, until relieved by Batteries of 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade on 21st. and 22nd. instant.
3. 1st. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade will, on completion of take over, cover the right of Divisional Front (1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade) with frontage as follows :-

Southern Boundary :- Line running through E.18. Central to E.11.C.25.10.

Northern Boundary :- Line running East and West through E.6. Central.
4. S. O. S. Line runs through E.17.B.10.60. - E.11.D.30.10. - E.11. Central - E.11.B.10.65. - E.6.A.75.05.
5. Batteries will fire on S. O. S. as laid down for Batteries of 286th. Brigade, R. F. A., and on completion of relief new S. O. S. lines will be issued.
6. Harassing Fire :-
 - (a) An active policy of harassing fire will be adopted against all roads, communications and occupied areas within range.
 - (b) Brigades will fire on their own zones.
 - (c) Expenditure as under :-
 - (i) By night :- 18-Pdrs. 20 rds. per gun.
4.5" Hows. 15 rds. per How.
 - (ii) By day :- 18-Pdrs. 15 rds. per gun.
4.5" Hows. 10 rds. per How.

This is in addition to any observed shoots.
 - (d) 18-Pdr. ammunition will be expended in following proportions until further orders :-
75% "A". 25% "AX".

Amount of ammunition to be kept at gun positions will be :-
18-Pdrs. 300 rounds per gun.
4.5" Hows. 250 rounds per How.
This is exclusive of special shell.
7. S. O. S. Signal is a rocket bursting into RED over GREEN over YELLOW.

Rates of Fire for S.O.S. are :-
18-Pdrs. - 5 rds. p.g.p.m. for 10 minutes.
3 " p.g.p.m. " 5 "
Then in accordance with the situation.
4.5" Hows.- Half of above rates.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX 13

OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
22nd. April, 1918.

1. COUNTER PREPARATION :-

In the event of counter preparation being ordered -

- (a) Batteries will fire on areas as under :-
 - 1st. Battery - Search and sweep E.6.C. East of S. O. S. Lines.
 - 2nd. Battery - Search approaches to MERRIS in F.I.C.
 - 3rd. Battery - Search and sweep E.6.D.
 - 101st. Battery - Search and sweep E.12.B.
- (b) Special attention will be paid to farm buildings and other places in which the enemy may be expected to concentrate.
- (c) Fire will be in irregular bursts during the period notified, no burst being less than three nor more than five minutes in duration. Intervals between bursts will be irregular.
- (d) Shortly after commencement of the bombardment the 2nd. Battery will search periodically apparently open ground.
- (e) The duration of counter preparation task, and the number of rounds to be expended per gun, will be ordered by wire.
- (f) When the wind is favorable a proportion of 4.5" How. gas shell will be employed during counter preparation.

(Note :- Ammunition expended on counter preparation will be in addition to amount to be expended on harassing fire).

2. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. M. Johnson
 Captain.
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 12.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D. G. O., Commanding.
Headquarters,
22nd. April, 1918.

1. From this date the Southern Divisional Boundary will run from the point where the Front Line crosses the HAZEBROUCK-BAILLEUL Railway Westward along the Railway (inclusive to the 1st. Aust. Div.) to V.30.C.9.3., and then as at present.

2. New Zones for S.O.S. and harassing fire are allotted to Brigades of the Right Group as under :-

(a) 1st. Aust. F. A. Bde.

Right Boundary :- F.7.C.0.0. to E.4. Central.
Left " :- F.7.B.0.5. to W.29.A.0.0.

64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.

Right Boundary :- F.7.B.0.5. to W.29.A.0.0.
Left " :- F.2.A.0.0. to W.24.C.0.0.

28th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.

Right Boundary :- F.2.A.0.0. to W.24.C.0.0.
Left " :- X.25.D.4.0. to W.24.B.0.5.

2nd. Aust. F. A. Bde.

Right Boundary :- X.25.D.4.0. to W.24.B.0.5.
Left " :- X.27. Central to X.13.A.0.0.

(b) In accordance with XV Corps Artillery Instructions No. 19 (attached), S.O.S. lines for this Brigade will be as follows :-

1st. Bty. 1st. 5 min. 5 guns. E.5.D.50.00. - E.6.C.25.60.
2nd. 5 min. (3 guns. E.6.C.20.35. - E.6.C.20.00.
(3 " E.6.C.20.00. - E.12.A.10.60.
3rd. 5 min.) 3 " E.6.C.20.00. - E.11.C.90.35.
) 3 " E.6.C.45.25. - E.6.C.45.00.

2nd. Bty. 1st. 5 min. 6 guns. E.11.B.10.65. - E.5.D.70.10.
2nd. 5 min. (3 " Search Railway Track 500 yds.
(3 " Search Road E.11.B.60.90. to
E.11.B.70.50.
3rd. 5 min.) 3 " E.11.B.90.80. - E.11.B.75.70.
) 3 " E.11.B.65.95. - E.11.B.80.90.

3rd. Bty. 1st. 5 min. 6 guns. E.6.C.15.50. - E.6.A.80.05.
2nd. 5 min. (3 " E.6.C.30.45. - E.6.C.75.45.
(3 " E.6.C.80.55. - E.6.D.10.60.
3rd. 5 min.) 3 " E.6.D.10.60. - E.6.D.20.80.
) 3 " E.6.C.45.65.

101st. Bty. 6 Hows. on the following points :-
E.11.B.70.45. E.12.A.30.65. E.12.A.55.90.
E.6.C.65.20. E.6.C.35.45. E.3.D.10.60.

3. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs. 5 rds. p.g.p.m. for 10 minutes.
5 " p.g.p.m. " 5 "
Then in accordance with the situation.
4.5" Hows. Half of above rates.

4. This Zone and S.O.S. barrages will come into force on receipt of this order.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 13.

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By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
25th. April, 1918.

1. S.O.S. LINES in Operation Order No. 12, para. 2, sub-para (b), are cancelled, and the following substituted :-

<u>1st. Battery.</u>	1st. 5 min.	6 Guns.	E.5.D.75.00. - E.6.C.15.50.
	2nd. 5 "	3 ")	E.6.C.15.00. - E.6.C.20.40.
		3 ")	E.6.C.50.00. - E.6.C.50.30.
	3rd. 5 "	3 ")	E.6.C.65.25.
		3 ")	E.6.C.40.45. - E.6.C.70.45.

<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	1st. 5 min.	6 Guns.	E.5.D.75.00.- E.11.B.60.35.
	2nd. 5 "	3 ")	E.6.C.15.00.- E.12.A.10.65.
		3 ")	Search Railway for 500 yds.
	3rd. 5 "	3 ")	E.11.B.65.40.
		3 ")	E.12.A.25.65.

<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	1st. 5 min.	6 Guns.	E.6.C.15.50. - E.6.C.95.95.
	2nd. 5 "	3 ")	E.6.C.80.55. - E.6.C.95.95.
		3 ")	E.6.D.00.60. - E.6.C.70.25.
	3rd. 5 "	3 ")	E.6.C.40.65.
		3 ")	E.6.C.85.85. - E.6.C.60.60.

101st. Battery. One Howitzer on each of the following points :-

- E.12.A.20.65.
- E.12.A.55.95.
- E.6.C.65.25.
- E.6.C.35.45.
- E.6.D.10.60.
- E.11.B.75.45.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 14.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
25th. April, 1918.

1. Reference Operation Order No. 12. Para. 3 is cancelled and the following substituted on receipt of this order.

2. RATES of FIRE for "S.O.S." are :-

<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	1st.	3 minutes	-	5	rds.	per	gun	per	minute.
	Next	5 "	-	4	"	"	"	"	"
	"	10 "	-	3	"	"	"	"	"
	"	5 "	-	4	"	"	"	"	"

Thereafter 2 rounds per gun per minute in accordance with the situation.

4.5" Hows. - Half above rates.

This barrage may be stopped at any time on the Infantry reporting all quiet.

3. In reply to hostile bombardment Counter Preparation will be put down on Brigade front at rate of 60 rounds per gun and How. per hour.

4. Batteries must be prepared to switch to S.O.S. targets and rates immediately the situation demands.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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5. Rates of Fire and Targets :- 18-Pdrs.

Times.	1st. Battery.	2nd. Battery.	3rd. Battery.	Rds. p. g. p. m.
First 3 minutes.	Lane B. Starting Line.	Lane C. Starting Line.	Lane A. Starting Line.	5.
Next 5 "	" B1. do. plus 100.	" C1. do. plus 200.	" A2. do. plus 200.	4.
" 5 "	" B2. do. plus 200.	" C2. do. plus 100.	" A1. do. plus 100.	3.
" 5 "	" B1. do. plus 200.	" C1. do. plus 100.	" A2. do. plus 100.	3.
" 5 "	" B2. do. plus 100.	" C2. do. plus 200.	" A1. do. plus 200.	4.

Thereafter the above programme will be repeated, changing targets every 3 minutes. Rates of Fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute until situation warrants alteration.

4.5" HOWS :- One How. on each of the following points at half the above rates :-

- E.12.A.20.65. E.12.A.55.95. E.6.C.60.25.
- E.6.C.35.45. E.6.D.10.60. E.11.B.75.45.

6. This barrage may be stopped at any time on the Infantry reporting all quiet.
7. In reply to hostile bombardment, Counter Preparation will be put down on Brigade Front at rate of 60 rounds per Gun and How. per hour.
8. Batteries must be prepared to switch to S.O.S. targets and rates immediately the situation demands.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 15.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
26th. April, 1918.

1. Operation Orders Nos. 13 and 14 are cancelled and the following substituted.
2. For S.O.S. purposes the Brigade Front will be divided into 3 lanes, lettered "A", "B" and "C", from North to South. Each lane will be divided into 2 sub-lanes, which will be numbered "1" and "2", also from North to South.
3. Starting Line of S.O.S. will be line running through following points :-

E.6.C.95.95.
E.6.C.25.55.
E.5.D.75.05.
E.11.B.60.40.

Boundaries of Lanes will be lines running through :-

E.6.C.95.95. - F.7.B.00.55.
E.6.C.25.55. - F.7.A.65.00.
E.5.D.75.05. - F.7.C.00.65.
E.11.B.60.40. - E.12.D.90.00.

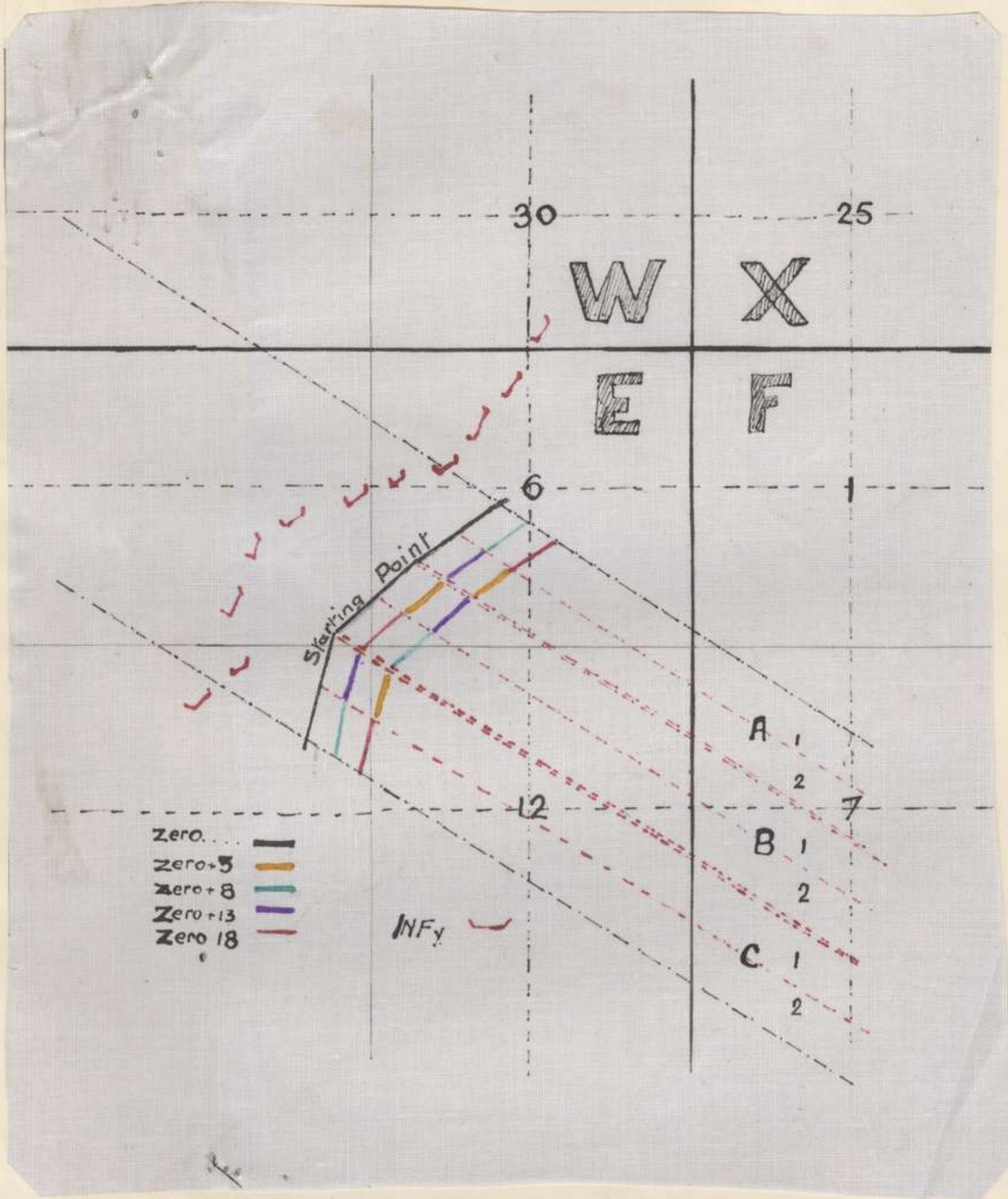
4. Batteries are allotted lanes as follows :-

1st. Battery - Lane "B".
2nd. Battery - Lane "C".
3rd. Battery - Lane "A".

Rates of Fire /-

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Headquarters,
26th. April, 1918.

ADDENDUM to OPERATION ORDER NO. 15.

- 1. Unless the S.O.S. is sent up during a very heavy and intense bombardment, which would indicate a general attack, each target will only be engaged for 3 minutes, and the expenditure will be :-

First 3 minutes - 5 rounds p. g. p. m.
 Next 12 " - 3 " do.
Then STOP.

- 2. Should communications with Brigade Headquarters be cut, Battery Commanders must use their own discretion as to which of the foregoing times and rates will be used.

- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. M. Johnson

Captain.
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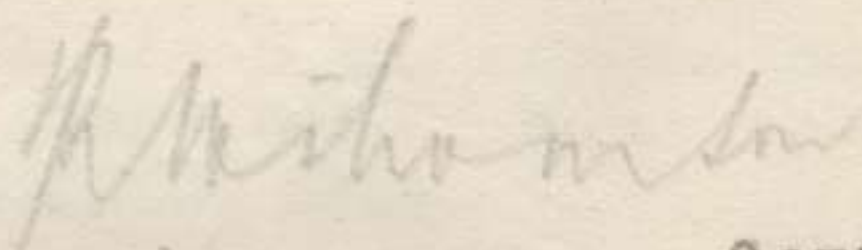
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
27th. April, 1918.SECOND ADDENDUM TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 15.

1. Addendum to Operation Order No. 15, dated 26th. inst., is now cancelled.
2. Rates of fire for S.O.S. will be as laid down in Operation Order No. 15.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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OPERATION ORDER
NO. 16.

Headquarters,
26th. April, 1918.

LIAISON BARRAGES.

- 1. In the event of 57th. Divisional Artillery on our right calling - "Help Right Division", 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will open fire on its Counter Preparation programme.
- 2. If the S.O.S. signal goes up on the immediate right of the 1st. A. F. A. Brigade boundary, fire will be opened by this Brigade on its S.O.S. lines.
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. Howland

Captain.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 17.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
26th. April, 1918.

1. On the morning of 27th. April, 1918, the 31st. Division will carry out a raid on the Farm and enclosures of LA BECQUE in E.23.C.
2. Zero Hour will be 3.30 a.m.
3. The 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries, assisted by one section of the 101st. How. Battery, will assist by providing the following diversion :-

Firing on the farm buildings and enclosures
in E.12.A. South of the Railway.

4. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs.

Zero to Zero plus 5'	-	-	4 rds. p.g.p.m.
" plus 5' to Zero plus 10'	-	3 "	do.
" " 10' to " " 15'	-	2 "	do.

Zero plus 15' - Cease fire.

4.5" Hows.

Half of above rates.

5. 1st. Battery and remaining two sections of 101st. How. Battery will fire as follows :-

Zero to Zero plus 5'	-	-	Sweep E.6.D.
" plus 5' to Zero plus 10'	-	-	Search Railway in E.12.B.
" " 10' to " " 15'	-	-	Sweep Wood F.7.C.

Zero plus 15' - Cease fire.

Rate of fire :- 1 Round per Gun and How. per minute.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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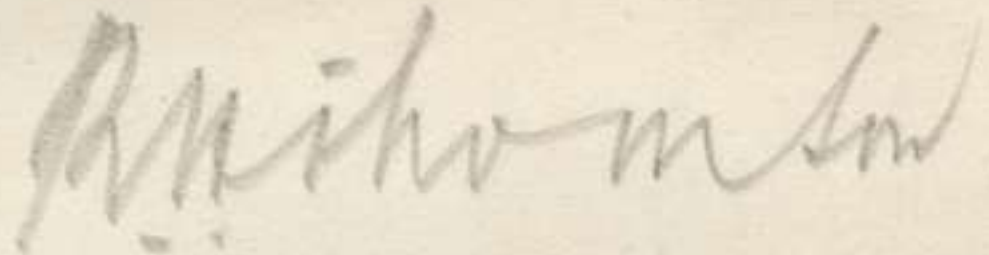
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 18.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
28th. April, 1918.

1. In the event of it being necessary for the Brigade to retire to cover the RESERVE LINE, FORWARD ZONE Batteries will occupy the following positions :-

<u>B. H. Q.</u>	-		V.16.D.40.50.
1st. Battery	-	Hedge	V.16.A.95.20.
2nd. Battery	-	"	V.17.C.90.85.
3rd. Battery	-	"	V.17.B.10.90.
101st. Battery	-	"	(V.17.C.10.05. (V.16.D.40.50.

2. Battery Captains will immediately reconnoitre these positions, approaches and exits, and all Officers and Senior N. C. O's. will make themselves acquainted with the position allotted to their Battery.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
15th. April, 1918.

LIAISON DUTIES and ROSTER.

1. Liaison duties will be provided as follows :-

<u>Date.</u> <u>A P R I L.</u>	<u>Right Battalion.</u> <u>(2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade).</u>
16th. - 17th.	101st. Battery.
17th. - 18th.	1st. "
18th. - 19th.	2nd. "
19th. - 20th.	3rd. "
20th. - 21st.	101st. "
21st. - 22nd.	1st. "
22nd. - 23rd.	2nd. "
23rd. - 24th.	3rd. "
24th. - 25th.	101st. "
25th. - 26th.	1st. "
26th. - 27th.	2nd. "
27th. - 28th.	3rd. "
28th. - 29th.	101st. "
29th. - 30th.	1st. "

2. Liaison Officer will take with him 2 Telephonists and a telephone.

3. Tour of duty will be 24 hours. Relief will take place at noon.

4. Liaison Officer will call at 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters, on his way to Battalion Headquarters, and will report to Brigade Liaison Officer.

5. Present Brigade Liaison Officer will remain at 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters until further orders.

6. Left Battalion will be manned by 2nd. A. F. A. Brigade.

7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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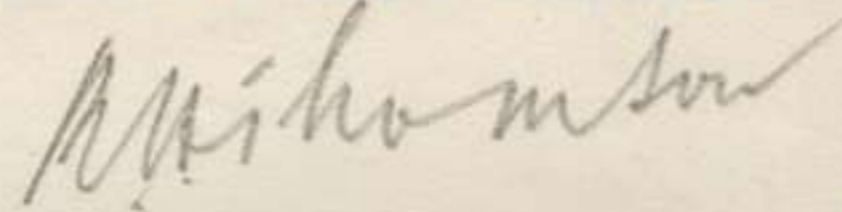
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- 7. 3rd. Battery.
- 8. 101st. Battery.

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16th. April, 1918.

1. In the event of it becoming necessary to move in a Westerly direction, this Brigade will move via PAPOTE - D.22.A. - D.21.D. & A. - D.20.B. & C.
2. All officers will initial this instruction and on completion it will be returned to this office.



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Headquarters,
16th. April, 1918.

AMENDMENT to INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

- 1. Substitute co-ordinate D.20.B. & A. for co-ordinate D.20.B. & C.
- 2. Priority must be given mechanically drawn artillery on the roads.
- 3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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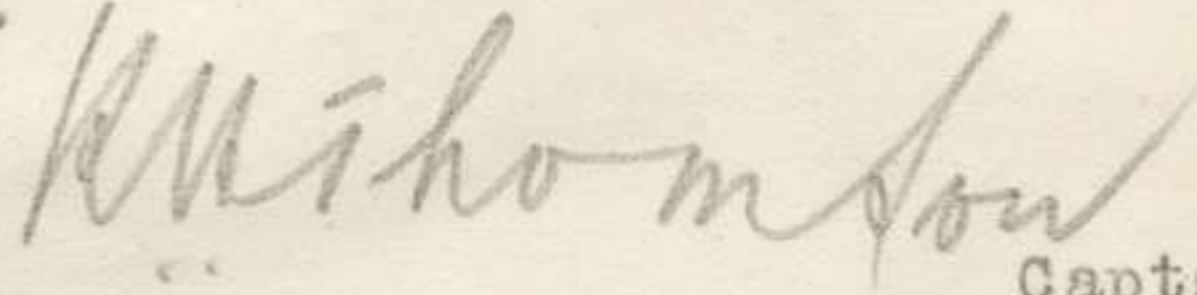
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 3.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
16th. April, 1918.

1. AMMUNITION :- ~~Establishment~~
Establishment to be maintained at guns
is now :-

300 rounds per 18-pdr. gun.
250 " " 4.5" How.

Steps will be taken immediately to get additional
amount to Battery positions.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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20th. April, 1918.LIAISON DUTIES.

1. Liaison Officers both at Brigade and Battalion H.Q., and Officers on duty at O.P., will submit a written report to reach this office daily not later than 8.30 a.m.

2. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
20th. April, 1918.

1. From 10 a.m. today the 1st. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will come under 57th. Divisional Artillery for tactical purposes.

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22nd. April, 1918.

1. In the event of an attack by the enemy, he is certain to put down a heavy destructive or neutralizing fire on all known or suspected gun positions.
2. In order to avoid this as far as possible, every Battery Commander will select an alternative position two or three hundred yards away from his present Battery position. This will be done tomorrow, the 23rd. instant, and location of alternative position chosen will be immediately notified to this office for C.O.'s. approval.
3. After position is approved the following preparations will be made :-
 - (a) The position of each gun will be clearly marked with pegs.
 - (b) Lines will be laid out for each gun, and aiming posts or substitutes planted.
 - (c) 100 rounds per gun and 4.5" Howitzer will be placed at these positions and covered so as to protect it from the weather.
4. In the event of definite information being received of an intended attack by the enemy on a particular date, Batteries will be ordered to move into these alternative positions the night before.
5. When the attack has been definitely repulsed and it appears probable that no further attacks will be launched in the immediate future, Batteries will be instructed as to whether they will remain where they are or return to their original positions.
6. A report will also be forwarded to this office as soon as the dumps of ammunition detailed to be placed at these positions are complete.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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27th. April, 1918.AMENDMENT NO. 1.
to
INSTRUCTION NO. 6.

1. Reference para. 2. of above :- Battery Commanders will at once furnish the report called for in this paragraph.
2. Reference para. 3 (c) :- Ammunition will be dumped boxed. If unboxed ammunition has already been dumped at alternative positions it will be moved and used at present position, and will be replaced by ammunition in boxes.
The establishment laid down will be placed in position at once.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 67.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
22nd. April, 1918.

- 1. A Brigade Local Code, outlined hereunder, has been prepared for use within the Brigade by Battery and Liaison Officers. Each 500 yards square is numbered. The numerals run from West to East and maps will be marked accordingly immediately.

2. CODE :-

W.7.A.	is	No. 219.
W.7.C.	is	No. 242.
W.13.A.	is	No. 265.
W.13.C.	is	No. 288.
W.19.A.	is	No. 311.
W.19.C.	is	No. 334.
W.25.A.	is	No. 357.
W.25.C.	is	No. 380.
W.1.A.	is	No. 403.
W.1.C.	is	No. 426.
W.7.A.	is	No. 449.
W.7.C.	is	No. 472.
W.13.A.	is	No. 495.
W.13.C.	is	No. 518.
W.19.A.	is	No. 541.
W.19.C.	is	No. 564.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. T. Dean

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 8.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
23rd. April, 1918.

LIAISON DUTIES and ROSTER.

1. Roster is as follows :-

Right Battalion H.Q., E.4.B.95.95.

23rd/24th.	April	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
24th/25th.	"	-	3rd. Battery.
25th/26th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
26th/27th.	"	-	101st. Battery.
27th/28th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
28th/29th.	"	-	1st. Battery.
29th/30th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
30th/ 1st.	May	-	2nd. Battery.
1st/2nd.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
2nd/3rd.	"	-	3rd. Battery.
3rd/4th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
4th/5th.	"	-	101st. Battery.
5th/6th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
6th/7th.	"	-	1st. Battery.
7th/8th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
8th/9th.	"	-	2nd. Battery.
9th/10th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
10th/11th.	"	-	3rd. Battery.
11th/12th.	"	-	64th. (Army) Bde., R.F.A.
12th/13th.	"	-	101st. Battery.

2. Tour of duty will be for 24 hours and reliefs will take place at 11 a.m.

3. A Telephonist with telephone will be taken, and a report will be sent to this office at conclusion of each period of duty.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Robinson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 9.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
23rd. April, 1918.

1. Commencing from 12 noon 26th. April, 1918, the S.O.S. Signal throughout Second Army will be a rifle grenade bursting into coloured stars, RED over RED over RED.
The S.O.S. for the French Corps will continue to be a RED Light.

2. The new signal will be issued and old signal withdrawn under arrangements to be notified later.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. A. F. A.*Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.Distribution :- Normal.

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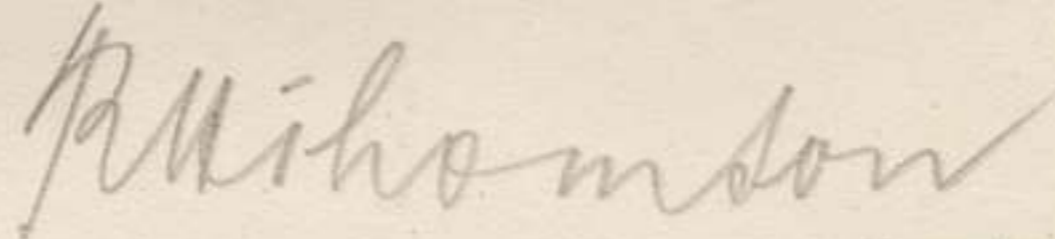
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 10.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
24th. April, 1918.

1. In the event of a movement Westward becoming necessary, the following routes will be used by Batteries of the 1st. A. F. A. Brigade :-

W.13.D.O.3. - W.13.C. - V.18.D., C. and A. -
 V.17.B. - V.11.D. and C. - V.10.D., C. and A. -
 V.9.Central.

2. Battery Commanders and all officers of their commands should acquaint themselves of these routes as early as possible.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 11.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
25th. April, 1918.

1. Brigade "O.P." has been established at W.30. A.2.2. and will be manned daily from dawn till dusk according to the following roster :-

1st. Battery	-	25th. April, 1918.
2nd. "	-	26th. do.
3rd. "	-	27th. do.
101st. "	-	28th. do.
1st. "	-	29th. do.
2nd. "	-	30th. do.
3rd. "	-	1st. May, 1918.
101st. "	-	2nd. do.
1st. "	-	3rd. do.
2nd. "	-	4th. do.
3rd. "	-	5th. do.
101st. "	-	6th. do.
1st. "	-	7th. do.
2nd. "	-	8th. do.
3rd. "	-	9th. do.
101st. "	-	10th. do.

2. One telephonist and one linesman will be taken to "O.P." with a telephone and a director.
from "O.P."
3. Any calls for fire will be wired direct to this office.
4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. Ashmore
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

INSTRUCTION NO. 12.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
26th. April, 1918.

- 1. AMMUNITION :- Instruction No. 3. is cancelled and the following substituted :-

The undermentioned amounts of ammunition will be kept at Battery positions :-

<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	350 rounds per gun.
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	300 rounds per How.

- 2. In addition to the ammunition at or near Battery positions, Echelons will be kept full.
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. M. Thomson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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XV CORPS ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 19.

21st April 1918.

The following instructions regarding fire by the Artillery in response to the S.O.S. signal are issued for the guidance of Brigade and Battery Commanders.

1. SUPER-IMPOSED BATTERIES. These should only be detailed when the numbers of guns on the front admit. When there are less than one gun per 25 yards of front, superimposing weakens the barrage, as an even distribution with superimposed Batteries is practically an impossibility, resulting in irregular clusters of shell and large gaps.

On the present front there is one gun to about 60 yards.

A separate frontage should be allotted to each Brigade. The frontage need not by any means be the same for a given number of guns - much should depend on the facilities of the ground for movement.

2. ALLOTMENT OF ZONES. The first principle is that guns of a fire unit should fire on lines about 20 yards apart - at the most 25 yards. A fire unit may be a Battery of half Battery, but not less. Isolated shell bursts are almost valueless, and the aim of Brigade Commanders will be to ensure that where the fire is put down, there it will be impenetrable.

It follows that the lines must be switched during the progress of the barrage, and Battery Commanders will use their imagination to so put down the fire as to be always impeding the enemy advance and causing loss.

In the sector allotted to an Artillery Brigade, adequate fire must be kept on all roads, approaches, bridges, lanes, hedges etc. etc. Ground in between may be swept occasionally, keeping the lines of fire always roughly parallel. The distribution of fire is all important, and in the case of 18-pdrs. must be checked by air bursts observed from the Battery.

3. AMMUNITION. 18-pdr. guns. For distant ranges, H.E. with 106 fuze should be used, on, in emergency, 101 non-delay fuze. Shrapnel may be used up to 6000 yards range with good effect.

When using Shrapnel, a corrector to give a height of burst about plus 10' should be selected. Too many grazes in a defensive barrage render the fire innocuous.

4. RATE OF FIRE. If the recuperators are in good order, and buffers full, guns may be fired for the first 10 minutes (on S.O.S. being signalled) at the rate of 5 rounds per gun per minute, and 4.5" Howitzers, 4 rounds per gun per minute.

5. 4.5" HOWITZERS. These should be used to strengthen the barrage. The Howitzer is best used in a defensive barrage exactly in the same way as the field gun. The habit of shooting at particular points, e.g. cross roads, buildings, etc. is unsound, and leads to waste of ammunition. The Field Howitzer shell with No. 106 fuze is most effective in a barrage, and its effect is not then dependent on accuracy.

M. Drake

Major R.A.,
S.O., R.A., XV Corps.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 1.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters, 22nd. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 24th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Table with columns: Battery, Times, Target, Day No. of Rounds, Night No. of Rounds. Rows include 1st, 2nd, and 101st batteries with specific time slots and targets like Search Buildings, Railway, and Sweep Roads.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX". 4.5" Hows. "BX". (Any Gas fired is additional to these numbers).

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at times ordered, but B. C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being heavily shelled.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Handwritten signature: A. F. A. Brigades. Captain. A/Ajutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
23rd. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on the 25th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	10.00 am.	7.15 pm.	Buildings E.6.C.65.25.	10.	30.
	11.00 am.	8.15 pm.	Hedges around field E.12.B.90.80.	20.	20 20
	3.00 pm.	8.45 pm.	Houses E.12.C.55.95.	15.	15.
	4.15 pm.	9.05 pm.	Hedge E.6.D.35.60.	25.	30.
	6.00 pm.	9.35 pm.	Hedge E.6.C.55.45.	20.	25.
	<u>2nd.</u>	9.45 am.	10.00 pm.	Hedges around F.7.A.15.35.	20.
10.15 am.		10.15 pm.	Sweep wood F.7.C.	25.	40.
10.30 am.		11.05 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	15.	15.
2.05 pm.		11.45 pm.	Hedges E.6.C.00.40.	20.	30.
5.15 pm.		12.20 am.	House E.6.C.45.65.	10.	15.
<u>3rd.</u>	11.15 am.	1.30 am.	Hedges around E.12.A.95.70.	20.	25.
	1.00 pm.	2.05 am.	" " E.12.B.45.10.	20.	25.
	2.00 pm.	3.00 am.	Houses E.12.C.55.95.	10.	15.
	4.05 pm.	3.10 am.	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.55.00.	20.	30.
	6.15 pm.	4.00 am.	House and Hedges E.11.B.65.95.	20.	25.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being heavily shelled.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. M. Thomson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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24th. April, 1918.

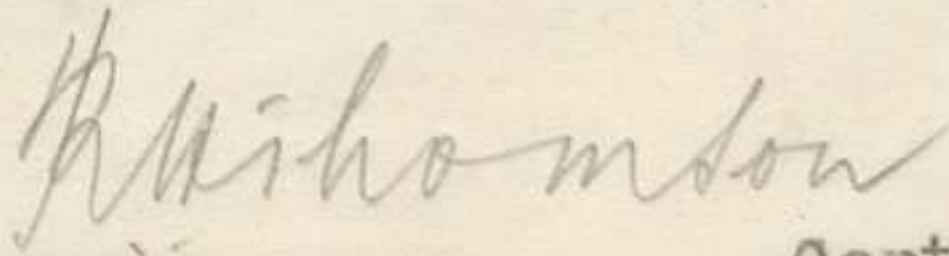
1. Harassing fire will be carried out by Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on the 26th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>2nd.</u>	7.00 am.	2.20 am.	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	30.	40.
	8.15 am.	3.05 am.	Sweep Roads E.12.B. & E.6.D.	20.	30.
	9.45 am.	3.55 am.	Sweep Hedges lower half of E.6.C.	30.	30.
	10.10 am.	4.45 am.	Sweep Roads F.7.A.	30.	20.
		5.15 am.	Sweep Hedges lower half of E.6.C.		60.
<u>3rd.</u>	2.05 pm.	8.15 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	20.	30.
	3.10 pm.	9.05 pm.	Hedges E.12.B.90.90.	30.	40.
	4.15 pm.	10.00 pm.	House E.12.C.80.30.	20.	30.
	5.20 pm.	10.35 pm.	Hedges around E.6.C.10.40.	30.	40.
	6.25 pm.	11.10 pm.	Hedges around E.12.B.00.70.	30.	40.
<u>101st.</u>	9.05 am.	8.30 pm.	Houses E.12.A.55.00.	10.	15.
	10.05 am.	9.10 pm.	Houses E.6.C.35.45.	30.	35.
	12.35 pm.	10.10 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	10.	15.
	3.30 pm.	5.05 am.	House E.11.B.70.45.	15.	20.
	4.45 pm.	5.35 am.	Sweep Hedges lower half of E.6.C.	25.	35.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX". (GAS, if wind favorable, at night, when twice above-stated amounts will be expended).

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.


Captain.

A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 4.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
25th. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 27th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	6.30 am.	8.15 pm.	Hedge E.6.C.00.50. to E.6.C.40.50.	30.	50.
	7.15 am.	9.05 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	20.	30.
	12 noon.	9.55 pm.	House E.12.A.30.65.	20.	30.
	1.05 pm.	10.45 pm.	Hedges E.12.B.95.85.	20.	40.
	2.10 pm.	11.10 pm.	Roads E.6.D.30.60.	20.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.00 pm.	2.35 am.	Sweep Road in E.12.B.	25.	35.
	3.35 pm.	3.05 am.	Sweep Hedges in lower half of E.6.C.	30.	60.
	4.05 pm.	3.50 am.	House E.11.B.70.90.	20.	20.
	5.00 pm.	4.35 am.	House E.12.A.80.30.	15.	25.
	5.25 pm.	5.10 am.	House E.6.C.50.65.	20.	20.
<u>101st.</u>	4.25 pm.	8.15 pm.	Hedges E.6.C.00.50. to E.6.C.40.50.	25.	30.
	5.05 pm.	9.05 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	10.	15.
	5.50 pm.	9.55 pm.	House E.11.B.70.50.	10.	20.
	6.30 pm.	10.45 pm.	House E.12.D.30.95.	10.	20.
	7.15 pm.	11.10 pm.	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	35.	55.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX". (GAS if wind favorable.)

4. These harassing shoots will be carried out at times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. F. A.

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 5.

By Lieut.- Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
26th. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 28th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	12 noon	3.15 pm.	Search Buildings East of S.O.S. lines in E.6.C.	20.	20.
	1.15 pm.	3.45 am.	Search Railway in E.12.A.	30.	40.
	2.45 pm.	4.10 am.	" Hedges in E.6.D.	30.	30.
	3.30 pm.	4.30 am.	" " in E.12.A.	20.	30.
	5.05 pm.	5.05 am.	Sweep Roads in Brigade Zone.	30.	50.
<u>2nd.</u>	7.15 am.	7.20 pm.	Search and Sweep Wood F.7.C.	20.	30.
	8.05 am.	8.05 pm.	" " " Hedges F.7.A.	20.	30.
	9.45 am.	8.50 pm.	" " " " in E.6.C.		
			East of S.O.S. lines.	30.	30.
	11.00 am.	9.35 pm.	Search & Sweep Hedges in E.12.B.	20.	30.
	11.30 am.	10.05 pm.	" " " ground South of Railway in Brigade Zone.	40.	60.
<u>101st.</u>	5.15 pm.	7.20 pm.	S.O.S. points.	15.	30.
	6.05 pm.	8.05 pm.	Farm F.7.A.15.35.	15.	15.
	6.35 pm.	8.50 pm.	S.O.S. points.	15.	20.
	6.55 pm.	9.35 pm.	Search Railway Track.	15.	15.
	7.10 pm.	10.05 pm.	Farm E.12.D.25.90.	15.	10.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX". (GAS if wind favorable).

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. M. Thomson
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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TASK NO. 6.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
27th. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on the 29th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.	Target.	Day.	Night.
			No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	11.55 am. 7.15 pm.	Buildings E.6.C.65.25.	10.	30.
	12.35 pm. 8.15 pm.	Hedges around field in E.12.B.90.80.	20.	20.
	3.10 pm. 8.45 pm.	Houses E.12.C.55.95.	15.	15.
	4.25 pm. 9.05 pm.	Hedge E.6.D.35.60.	25.	30.
	6.15 pm. 9.35 pm.	Hedge E.6.C.55.45.	20.	25.
<u>2nd.</u>	12.05 pm. 10.00 pm.	Hedges around F.7.A.15.35.	20.	20.
	12.40 pm. 10.15 pm.	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	25.	40.
	12.55 pm. 11.05 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	15.	15.
	3.00 pm. 11.45 pm.	Hedges E.6.C.00.40.	20.	30.
	5.35 pm. 12.20 am.	House E.6.C.45.65.	10.	15.
<u>3rd.</u>	12.45 pm. 3.00 am.	Hedges around E.12.A.95.70.	20.	25.
	2.30 pm. 3.35 am.	" " E.12.B.45.10.	20.	25.
	3.30 pm. 4.30 am.	Houses E.12.C.55.95.	10.	15.
	5.35 pm. 4.40 am.	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.55.00.	20.	30.
	8.15 pm. 5.55 am.	House and Hedges E.11.B.65.95.	20.	25.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at times ordered, but B. C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

L. Evans Lieut
for A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade. ^{Captain.}

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 7.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
28th. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on the 30th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night. No. of Rds.	
<u>2nd.</u>	7.15 am.	2.35 am.	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	30.	40.
	8.30 am.	3.20 am.	Sweep Roads E.12.B. & E.6.D.	20.	30.
	10.00 am.	4.10 am.	Sweep Hedges lower half of E.6.C.	30.	30.
	10.25 am.	5.00 am.	Sweep Roads F.7.A.	30.	20.
		6.00 am.	Sweep Hedges lower half of E.6.C.		60.
<u>3rd.</u>	2.20 pm.	8.30 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	20.	30.
	3.10 pm.	9.20 pm.	Hedges E.12.B.90.90.	30.	40.
	4.30 pm.	10.15 pm.	xxxx Houses E.12.A.80.30.	20.	30.
	5.35 pm.	10.50 pm.	Hedges around E.6.C.10.40.	30.	40.
	6.40 pm.	11.10 pm.	Hedges around E.12.B.00.70.	30.	40.
<u>101st.</u>	9.20 am.	8.45 pm.	Houses E.12.A.55.00.	10.	15.
	10.20 am.	9.25 pm.	" E.6.C.35.45.	30.	35.
	12.50 pm.	10.25 pm.	" E.6.C.65.25.	10.	15.
	3.45 pm.	5.20 am.	House E.11.B.70.45.	15.	20.
	5.10 pm.	5.50 am.	Sweep Hedges lower half of E.6.C.	25.	35.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at times ordered, but B. C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. M. Thomson
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 8.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,
29th. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 1st. May, 1918, as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night. No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	7.00 am.	8.00 pm.	Hedge E.6.C.00.50. to E.6.C.40.50.	30.	50.
	7.25 am.	8.50 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	20.	30.
	11.45 am.	9.40 pm.	House E.12.A.30.65.	20.	30.
	1.10 pm.	10.30 pm.	Hedges E.12.B.95.85.	20.	40.
	2.00 pm.	11.05 pm.	Roads E.6.D.30.60.	20.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.10 pm.	2.55 am.	Sweep Road in E.12.B.	25.	35.
	3.45 pm.	3.20 am.	Sweep Hedges in lower half of E.6.C.	30.	60.
	4.15 pm.	3.50 am.	House E.11.B.70.90.	20.	20.
	5.10 pm.	4.35 am.	House E.12.A.80.30.	15.	25.
	5.30 pm.	5.00 am.	House E.6.C.50.65.	20.	20.
<u>101st.</u>	4.45 pm.	8.00 pm.	Hedges E.6.C.00.50. to E.6.C.40.50.	25.	30.
	5.25 pm.	8.50 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	10.	15.
	6.10 pm.	9.35 pm.	House E.11.B.70.50.	10.	20.
	6.40 pm.	10.40 pm.	House E.12.D.30.95.	10.	20.
	8.10 pm.	11.00 pm.	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	35.	55.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

4. These harassing shoots will be carried out at times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. H. Thompson

Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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