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OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

FOR

MONTH OF MAY 191⁸.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. May	1st.	<p>8.50 a.m. Infantry Brigade Liaison (Major Cunningham) reports large enemy working party at E.12.d.80.80. to E.12.d. Central.</p> <p>9.10 a.m. 2nd., 3rd., and 101st. Batteries ordered to fire 30 rounds per battery on this target.</p> <p>4.24 p.m. Wireless call received :- N.F. F.7.c.3.4. (No action taken). For the last 24 hours the enemy has been very quiet, and with exception of a little shelling on back areas his artillery has done nothing.</p>	<p>SHEETS. 27 S.E. 1/20000. ----- 36A. 1/20000.</p>
		2nd.	<p>9.40 a.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy H.V. 4.2" Gun firing one round per minute on to X.19.c., from a Grid bearing of 110° from W.30.a.20.20. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>12.10 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy 4.2" and 5.9" Hows. firing on to E.5.B. from grid bearing of 115° observed from W.30.a.20.20. Counters notified.</p> <p>3.15 p.m. 2nd. and 3rd. 101st. Batteries engaged houses at E.6.c.4.3., firing 20 rounds on each. Infantry report shoot effective.</p> <p>3.40 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer asked for 40 rounds of 18-pdr. and 40 rounds of Howitzer fire on hedges and houses at E.6.a.5.3. and E.12.a.5.8. 2nd. and 101st. Batteries fired 40 rounds each on above targets. Shoot effective.</p> <p>6.30 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports that houses at E.6.c.5.3. were set on fire by 3rd. Battery at 6 p.m. 101st. Battery have moved into new positions as follows :- 2 Hows. at W.21.c.35.10., 2 Hows. at W.21.c.70.10. and 2 Hows. at W.21.d.25.20.</p> <p>10.00 p.m. Heavy fire to the South of NIEPPE FOREST, lasting for about 15 minutes, and then gradually easing off.</p>	
		3rd.	<p>12.50 p.m. Brigade Major reports 4.2" Battery was active at F.8.b.65.15. Apparently this is the Battery that had been shelling 102nd. Battery 101st. Battery ordered to fire 60 to 70 rounds on this target.</p> <p>2.20 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer requests that a shoot be repeated on hedges and houses at E.6.c.5.3. and E.12.a.5.8., remarking that yesterday's shoot was most effective, many of the enemy being killed. 2nd. and 101st. Battery ordered to fire 40 rounds each at 2.40 p.m.</p>	

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	1918. May	3rd.	<p>2.30 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports an enemy aeroplane over our lines with following markings; red, black, and green rings on wings, with a black cross, and tail marked red, black, and white.</p> <p>2.50 p.m. Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer requests that shoot on E.6.c.5.3. and E.12.a.5.8. be repeated at 3 p.m. shortening range 150 yards. 2nd. and 101st. Batteries ordered accordingly. Liaison Officer reports first shoot effective, and later, that second shoot was also effective causing casualties to the enemy.</p> <p>5.30 p.m. Enemy shelled GRAND SEC-BOIS with 4.2" for about 10 minutes. Brigade Major informed.</p> <p>10.10 p.m. Major Christie (O.C. 3rd. Battery) reports enemy 5.9" Howitzer shelling W.8.d. from a true bearing of 120°, from W.8.d.5.5. Counters notified.</p>	<p>SHEETS. 27 S.E. 1/20000.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>36a. 1/20000.</p>
		4th.	<p>4.30 a.m. Operations carried out by French Corps on our left. Light hostile artillery retaliation extending on to our sector.</p> <p>2.15 p.m. Infantry Brigade Liaison reports 77 mm. Battery in action at F.8.a.50.70. 101st. Battery ordered to fire about 40 rounds on to this target. Liaison reports above shoot satisfactory. 101st. Battery ordered to fire a further 15 rounds on above target at 2.50 p.m.</p>	
		5th.	<p>1.05 a.m. 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade provided a diversion to a minor operation by the 29th. Div. 1st., 2nd., and 101st. Batteries engaged farm buildings, houses, and enclosures in E.12.a North of Railway, with a bombardment lasting 15 minutes.</p> <p>11.35 a.m. Brigade Liaison Officer reports that enemy are digging a trench in wood in F.7.c. 2nd. and 101st. Batteries ordered to fire 40 rounds and 30 rounds respectively at 11 am., 2nd. Battery to use a percentage of incendiary shell.</p> <p>12.35 p.m. Brigade Liaison reports a section of enemy 8" shelling W.25.a from a true bearing of 130°, observed from W.25.a.50.80. Believed to be firing from F.25. 30 rds. fell.</p> <p>1.45 p.m. Section of enemy 8" again shelled W.25.a. from a true bearing of 130°. Counters notified.</p> <p>3.20 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports smoke issuing from house (Coy.H.Q.) E.6.d.40.90. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds on this target.</p> <p>3.50 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports section of enemy 77 cm. in action at F.2.a.00.70. to F.2.a.30.99. (28th. Bde. Sector). Brigade Major advised.</p>	

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	May	5th.	<p>5.00 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports gun flashes observed in hedge at F.8.b.45.30. Counters notified.</p> <p>5.30 p.m. Enemy Artillery shelling E.1.b.60.70. with 8" Howitzers from F.27.b., rate of fire 4 rounds per minute.</p> <p>6.00 p.m. Enemy shelling with time H.E. from F.27.b. Notes - At noon enemy shelled W.25.a. with 8" from F.B. of 130°, enemy aeroplane flew over this area 30 minutes later and made a reconnaissance. Later, enemy fired 10 rounds time H.E. bursting very high. Later still, enemy artillery engaged E.1.b. with 8" shell, firing about 100 rounds.</p> <p>6.10 p.m. Enemy artillery shelling STRAZEELE. A house in W.29.b was observed to be burning.</p> <p>6.40 p.m. Six enemy kite balloons were observing from a true bearing of 120° to 130°.</p> <p>7.30 p.m. Shelling of E.1.b. recommenced.</p>	<p>SHEETS. 27 S.E. 1/20000.</p> <hr/> <p>35A. 1/20000.</p>
		6th.	<p>12.05 a.m. Enemy 4.2" Howitzer Shelled V.30.a. from direction of VIEUX BERQUIN, firing 30 rounds.</p> <p>4.30 p.m. Concentrated shoot carried out on houses at E.12.b.75.85. and E.12.b.95.80. 2nd. and 1st. Batteries fired 30 rounds each, and 101st. Battery 20 rounds in conjunction with 6" Howitzers. Liaison Officer reports 2 ammunition dumps exploded during above shoot.</p> <p>2nd. Battery took one gun forward today in the vicinity of STRAZEELE at W.23.c.5.1. and carried out a shoot with incendiary shell, setting fire to Fme. GERBEDOEN at F.1.b. About 40 to 50 rounds were expended. Enemy artillery fairly active on back areas during night.</p>	
		7th.	<p>2.30 p.m. Shoot carried out on Wood in F.7.c. by 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries, 30 rounds fired by each at request of Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer.</p> <p>3.35 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy 4.2" or 5.9" Howitzer shelling W.30.a. from grid bearing 130° taken from W.30.a.20.20. Counters notified.</p>	
		8th.	<p>3.35 a.m. In response to heavy bombardment by enemy artillery on left sector, Counter preparation was ordered by Brigade Major. Slow rate of fire ordered.</p> <p>3.55 a.m. Brigade Major ordered Counter Preparation be reduced to half rates</p>	

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	1918. May	8th.	4.00 a.m. Enemy put down light concentration of gas on support and reserve trenches areas. Enemy reported shelling Left and Centre company of Left Battalion front.	SHEETS. 27 S.E. 1/20000.
			4.10 a.m. Right Battalion Commander reports enemy shelled slowed down.	
			4.20 a.m. All Batteries ordered to reduce action in Counter Preparation by one section.	
			4.30 a.m. Brigade Major ordered "Stop" (Counter Preparation).	
			11.15 a.m. Divisional Artillery H.Q. report that Counter Batteries want this Brigade to neutralize enemy Battery with pits at F.8.b.20.36., F.8.b.12.23., F.8.b.08.26., and F.8.b.00.41.	36A. 1/20000.
		x	101st. Battery ordered to fire 10 rounds on each point.	
			4.35 p.m. Wireless Call received " N.F.-F.c.1."	
			101st. Battery ordered to engage enemy Battery at F.1.c.80.80.	
		x	1.00 p.m. 1st. Battery fired 20 rounds incendiary shell on to farm house at E.11.b.7.3., burning it down.	
			5.15 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports flashes of two guns on a magnetic bearing of 171° and 174° taken from W.30.a.20.20. Counters notified.	
			6.30 p.m. 1st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds shrapnel on to E.12.c.50.95. in conjunction with Heavies.	
			2nd. Battery took one gun forward to vicinity of STRAZEELE and fired incendiary shell on to farm at E.6.d. 40 40.90., which was burned, and on farm at F.1.c.85.95. which was partially burned.	
			8.32 p.m. Wireless call received " N.F.-F.A.32." 101st Battery ordered to engage enemy Battery at F.7.c.22.31., firing 20 rounds.	
			9.50 p.m. Enemy sent up a number of double green and single red rockets, at the same time putting down a light barrage on our forward and support areas.	
			10.00 p.m. Two rockets sent up on immediate left of our front, apparently S.O.S. rockets.	
			10.03 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer reports S.O.S. on right of STRAZEELE.	
			10.04 p.m. All Batteries ordered "S.O.S."	
			10.05 p.m. Brigade Major notified that Batteries have opened fire on S.O.S.	
			10.11 p.m. Enemy sent up a number of single red and green rockets.	
			10.19 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer instructs to "STOP", by orders 3rd. Infantry Brigade Major.	
			10.21 p.m. All Batteries ordered "STOP".	
			10.22 p.m. Brigade Major, Divisional Artillery H.Q. notified that Batteries have stopped, by orders from Infantry Brigade.	

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	1918.			
	May	10th.	<p>2.10 p.m. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds neutralizing fire on to enemy Battery at F.8.b.22.90.</p> <p>9.10 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer advises that Infantry Patrols will be operating between 9.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. in square E.6.a., between 11.15 p.m. and 12.45 a.m. in squares E.6.b. and F.1.a., between 12.45 a.m. and 2.15 a.m. in square E.6.a., and from 2.30 a.m. till dawn in squares E.6.b. and F.1.a. Batteries instructed not to fire on these squares at the above times. An enemy shell fell in one of the shelters of 101st Battery, one man being killed and four wounded.</p> <p>10.20 p.m. 101st. Battery engaged hostile Battery at F.8.b.20.36., firing 20 rounds, as ordered by Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.</p>	<p>SHEETS. 27 S.E. 1/20000. ----- 36A. 1/20000.</p>
		11th.	<p>1.30 a.m. Battalion Liaison Officer (Lieut. Zehnder) reports enemy shelling STRAZEELE from a True Bearing of 146°, observed from E.4.b.90.90. Counters notified.</p> <p>3.13 a.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports gas shell falling into STRAZEELE.</p> <p>6.26 p.m. Wireless call received "N.F. - F.A.11."</p> <p>101st. Battery ordered to engage enemy Battery at F.2.c.41.36. with 20 rounds.</p> <p>9.53 p.m. Instructions from Brigade Major to neutralize enemy Battery at F.8.b.20.36. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds. Enemy aeroplanes were active during the night over our lines, dropping several bombs on back areas.</p>	
		13th.	<p>From 7 p.m. today C/64 Battery R.F.A. and C3119 Battery R.F.A., come under the tactical control of C.O. 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade. Battery positions are as follows: C/119 - 4 Guns at D.6.d.4.6., 2 Guns at D.12.a.2.3; C/64. - 6 Guns at E.7.d.3.1. This change in distribution is due to the fact of the 2nd. N.Z. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade being withdrawn from the line, thus extending 1st. A.F.A.Bde. front South of the ARMENTIERES - HAZEBROUCK Railway.</p>	
		14th.	<p>Enemy heavily shelled W.25.c. with 8" Howitzers during the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. C.R.A. and General VAUGHAN from G.H.Q. visited Wagon Lines and reported very satisfactorily on horses in the Brigade.</p>	

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	1918.			
	May 14th.	8.40 p.m.	Enemy Batteries at F.13.c.80.90. and F.2.d.26.28. neutralized by 101st. Battery with 20 rounds on each.	SHEETS? 27 S.E. 1/20000.
		10.00 p.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports that one British plane to-day set fire to six enemy observation balloons and brought them down.	
		11.00 p.m.	Enemy again shelled W.25.c. with 8" Hows., and repeated the shelling at 11 p.m.	36A.
		11.14 p.m.	O.C. 3rd. Battery reports enemy aeroplanes dropped several bombs in vicinity of Battery position.	1/20000.
		11.30 p.m.	2nd. Battery report that enemy is sending up strings of white and strings of green rockets on their sector, but no other action followed.	
	15th.	12.30 a.m.	Enemy heavily shelling E.1.2. 7. & 8. with 77cm. gas and 4.2" H.E.	
		12.45 a.m.	Reported to Counter Batteries that 2 enemy 77 cm. Batteries and 2 Hows. are firing gas and H.E. on to E.1.2.7. & 8. Observed from E.3.a.00.85. on a T.B. of 123.	
		1.00 a.m.	Battalion Liaison Officer reports hostile batteries in action at E.d.21., 22., 55., F.a.32., E.b.81. Counters notified and 101st. Battery ordered to fire 36 rounds on to F.a.32.	
		1.30 a.m.	Notified Brigade Major of persistent gas shelling by enemy.	
		6.00 a.m.	Gas shelling ceased.	
		11.30 a.m.	Enemy again shelled W.25.c. with 8" Hows. from direction of ESTAIRES. Counters notified.	
		1.20 p.m.	Hostile 77mm. Battery shelled our working parties at V.30.b. About 25 rounds fired.	
		3 to 4 p.m.	Enemy shelled GRAND-SEC-BOIS E.8.a. with 5.9".	
		4.45 p.m.	Enemy 5.9" Hows. and 77 mm. Guns shelled E.2.a. and W.25.c. from direction of true bearing 90° taken from E.3.c.00.80. Counter Batteries notified.	
		11.10 p.m.	Enemy again shelling E.2.a. with 5.9" Hows. from same direction as above.	
		11.10 p.m.	Enemy shelled W.19.c with 4.2" H.E. and 77 mm. shrapnel. 20 rounds fired.	
	16th.	3.50 a.m.	Divisional Artillery order F.A.41. neutralised. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds on enemy battery at F.8a.62.82.	
		9.30 p.m.	O.C. C/64 Battery R.F.A. and one subaltern reported slightly wounded.	
		11.45 p.m.	3rd. Battery reports being shelled by 77 mm. guns.	
		11.45 p.m.	Heavy bombardment commence south of FORET de NIEPPE on our right. Brigade Major informed.	
	17th.	12.10 a.m.	Heavy bombardment commence south of FORET de NIEPPE on our right. Brigade Major informed.	
		12.10 a.m.	O.C. 101st. Battery reports that hostile shelling of roads in vicinity of PRADELLES and BORRE is above normal. Brigade Major notified.	

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	May 17th.	4.30 p.m.	Enemy 5.9" Hows. and 4.2"s. haevily shelled E.1.b. and W.25.d. from general direction True Bearing 125° taken from E.3.c.00.75.	SHEETS. 27 S.E. 1/20000.
		x 5.30 p.m.	Brigade Major advised that Counter Batteries could not be raised. Wireless call received "N.F.- F.A. 251." 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds neutralizing fire on F.9.c.18.22. battery position.	----- 36A.
		x 3.30 p.m.	At request of Right Battalion Liaison Officer, 101st. Battery ordered to fire 30 rounds on to E.17.b.5.5. at 3.30 p.m. Liaison Officer reported that above shoot was very satisfactory.	1/20000.
	18th.	1.00 a.m.	1st. F.A. Brigade supported a raid by 5th. Aust. Inf. Battalion on enemy trenches as in Operation Order No.25. Above raid was successfully carried, but enemy trenches were found to be unoccupied, raiding party returned without casualty.	
		11.30 p.m.	O.C. 2nd. Battery reports that 15-Pdr. B.L.C. Anti-Tank Gun has been placed in position at E.4.d.60.90.	
	19th.	10.00 a.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy shelling W.30.d. with 4.2" and 5.9" H.E.	
		11.35 a.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports a True Bearing of 125° on to an enemy 5.9" battery, and a T.B. of 135° on to 4.2" battery, firing on to W.30.c.and.d. Sound bearings, observed from W.30.a.20.20. Reported that enemy aeroplane is observing shoot. Brigade Major and Counters notified.	
	20th.	11.15 a.m.	Major-General Walker, Divisional Commander, visited 1st. F.A. Brigade H.Q. to-day. Battalion Liaison Officer reports section of enemy 5.9"s. firing on to E.11.a.4.6. from a T.B. of 132° taken from E.11.a.4.6. Counters notified. Gas shell bombardment carried out by 1st. Aust.Div. Arty. 4.5" How. Batteries at the following hours 10.10 p.m., 11 p.m., 11.50 p.m., 12.15 a.m., 12.30 a.m., 1.20 a.m., 2.05 a.m.	
		10.20 p.m.	Enemy fired several golden cluster rockets but no apparent action followed.	
		10.30 p.m.	Enemy continues to throw up golden cluster rockets, and our front is being lightly shelled. Brigade Major notified.	
		10.40 p.m.	Enemy shelling ceased.	
		12 m/night	Enemy shelling BORRE - PRADELLES Road with 77 mm. shrapnel.	

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	May 21st.	1.00 a.m.	O.C. 101st. Battery reports enemy shelling W.21.d. with 8" Hows. from prolongation a line through STRAZEELE Station.	SHEETS. 27 S.E. 1/20000.
		9.00 a.m.	Battalion Liaison Officer (2/Lt. Hayter) reports enemy 5.9" Hows. shelling E.11. from T.B. of 143, taken from E.11.a.25.05. Counters informed.	-----
		10.40 a.m.	Battalion Liaison Officer Reports above Hows. again shelling. Counters notified.	36A.
		10.45 a.m.	Enemy 4.2" Battery shelled V.30.c.and.d. from direction CUTTERSTEENE, about 40 rounds fired.	1/20000.
		8.00 p.m.	Battalion Liaison Officer asks for fire to be directed on MERRIS Church. 2nd. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds H.E.	
		11.26 p.m.	A diversion was carried out by 1st. F.A. Brigade on enemy trenches in E.6.b. and E.6.d. to assist a raid by 29th. Division on the right.	
		11.27 p.m.	Enemy put up numbers of green and red rockets in response to barrage by the 29th. Division.	
		11.35 p.m.	Enemy barrage put down on above front in response to his signals.	
	22nd.	10.00 p.m.	Enemy battery put 20 rounds into W.19.c.	
		10.15 p.m.	Enemy battery fired 40 rounds incendiary and sneezing gas shell into V.30.d. Burnt farm house at V.30.d.85.15.	
		11.00 p.m.	Brigade Liaison Officer asks that no firing be done on squares F.1.a. until after midnight.	
	23rd.	11.00 p.m.	1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade moved to new quarters at V.24.60.80. Operation carried out on trenches in E.6. and F.1.c. and F.1.d., at request of Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer. 18-Pdr. Batteries to fire 60 rounds, and 4.5" How. Battery 60 rounds, to be fired in three bursts between 11 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.	
	24th.	10.30 a.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports two enemy 5.9" Hows. firing from F.8.c.80.30. on to E.5.c. Counter Batteries notified.	
		9.45 p.m.	101st. Battery report enemy gas shelling near the battery position. About 20 rounds.	
	25th.	3.30 a.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports heavy enemy bombardment along STRAZEELE COURT CROIX ridge and on Road following Western grid line of W.30. Enemy using large number double green flares.	

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	May	25th.	<p>4.45 p.m. 101st. Battery reports PRADELLES shelled twice today by the enemy, 5.9" Gas shell being employed at first, and 5.9" H.E. in the later shoot.</p> <p>6.00 p.m. 5.9" How. again shelled PRADELLES. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>8.00 p.m. Enemy shelling PRADELLES with 4.2's. (GAS) since 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>10.20 p.m. Operation Order No. 29 carried out by 101st. How. Battery.</p> <p>10.30 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer reports enemy just attempted to raid our trenches in E.6.A. and E.6.B. and failed completely. 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries ordered to fire 40 to 50 rounds each back in E.6.A. and E.6.B. in the hope of catching the raiders going back. Brigade Major notified as above.</p>	<p>SHEETS.</p> <p>27 S.E.</p> <p>1/20,000.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>36 A.</p> <p>1/20,000.</p> <p>-----</p>
		26th.	<p>1.30 a.m. Considerable hostile shelling commenced on our forward areas.</p> <p>1.45 a.m. O.C. 3rd. Battery reports 2nd. Brigade on our left are firing on S.O.S. Batteries of 1st. F.A. Brigade ordered to stand to. Brigade Major informed.</p> <p>1.50 a.m. Hostile 4.2" Battery shelling V.24. A. and B.</p> <p>2.10 a.m. Brigade Liaison Officer says no fire is required from us. Batteries ordered to stand down, but to keep on the alert.</p> <p>8.45 p.m. Enemy shelled W.19.C. with 4.2" Gas shell. Brigade Major notified. Anti-Pank Gun moved to new position at E.4.D.00.85.</p>	
		27th.	<p>12.10 a.m. Brigade Liaison Officer reported that enemy were concentrating in large numbers near F.1.d.15.45. 1st. and 2nd. Batteries ordered to engage at once with 50 rounds each, and 1st. Battery to fire two or three series during the night. Brigade Major notified.</p> <p>4.15 p.m. Enemy registering on railway crossing at V.24. Central with time shrapnel - apparently 18-pdr. Brigade Major informed.</p> <p>4.55 p.m. F.O.O. reports a section of 5.9" Hows. firing from L.2. Central, on a grid bearing of 158° taken from W.30.A.20.20. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>6.15 p.m. Wireless N.F. call received :- F.A. 14.D. O.C. 101st. Battery notified, and he replied that he is engaging this target with 200 rounds. Our harassing fire increased by 50% during the night by orders of Brigade Major, as enemy is expected to attack tomorrow morning.</p>	

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

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
	May 28th.	5.00 p.m.	Enemy 10 cm. H.V. Gun firing on to V.18. from a T.B. of 122° taken from V.24.A.6.8.	<u>SHEETS.</u>
		6.00 p.m.	3 Men killed and 3 men wounded at 1st. Battery wagon lines by shell fired from above H.V. gun.	27 S.E. 1/20000.
			F.O.O. reports gun flashes observed from on a T.B. of 163° taken from W.30.a.2.2. This gun is firing about 2° left of NEUF BERQUIN Church. Counters notified.	-----
		6.30 p.m.	F.O.O. reports enemy 4.2" gun firing on a T.B. of 132° observed from W.30.a.2.2., firing on to V.24., V.17. and V.18. Counters notified.	36A. 1/20000.
	29th.	1.30 a.m.	For last half hour V.18.D. was shelled by 4.2" Hows - about 100 rounds.	-----
		4.20 p.m.	Wireless call received :- F.C. N.F. F.19.D.4.5.	
			101st. Battery ordered to neutralize enemy battery at above co-ordinate.	
		11.30 pm.	Operation Order No. 32 carried out to assist 10th. Battalion operation, which resulted successfully.	
		11.45 pm.	About 30 rounds Gas and H.E. fell near this H.Q. (V.24.A.6.8.). B.M. notified.	
	30th.	1.10 a.m.	Battalion Liaison Officer (Lt. ZEHNDER) called for barrage fire on line from E.6.C.0.4. to E.6.C.5.5.	
			1st. and 2nd. Batteries ordered to fire 2 minute bursts on this xxxx line.	
		1.25 a.m.	Battalion Liaison Officer called for Protective Barrage from whole Brigade.	
			1st., and. and 3rd. Batteries ordered to open fire on protective barrage line (Operation Order No. 32) plus 100 yards.	
		1.32 a.m.	Battalion Liaison Officer sends "STOP." Batteries ordered to stop.	
		5.55 a.m.	Brigade Liaison reports enemy T.M's. active from F.1.A.50.45 and F.1.A.6.4.	
			3rd. Battery ordered to fire 15 rounds on each target.	
		9.30 to)	Bursts of fire were put down by all batteries on enemy defences in E.6.Central, at request of Infantry.	
		10.00 pm.)		
		10.15 pm.	101st. Battery reports enemy shelling with Gas near Battery position W.21.C. and D.	
		11.50 pm.	A Red, Yellow and Green Rocket burst very high in the air above Centre Battalion Sector. Apparently this was dropped by an aeroplane as Battalion Liaison Officer reports all quiet on the front.	
	31st.	9.20 pm.	Major LITTLE (1st. Battery) reports that 3 aeroplanes bearing our markings flew over his billet and fired on party of infantry moving along road. The party took cover in hedge at side of road. Brigade Major notified.	

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1st F.A. Brigade A.I.F.

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1st. AUSTRALIAN F. A. BRIGADE.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
3rd. May, 1918.

REFERENCE OPERATION ORDER NO. 15, para. 5.

1. 4.5" How. Points, as laid down in above, are cancelled and the following substituted :-

- E.12.A.00.75.
- E.6.C.40.10.
- E.6.C.60.25.
- E.6.C.65.50.
- E.6.D.10.60.
- E.11.B.75.45.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 19.

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

Headquarters,
1st. May, 1918.

Reference :- Sheet 27. S.E. 1/20,000.

1. In the event of it becoming necessary for the Brigade to retire to cover the SECOND ZONE FIRING LINE SYSTEM, Batteries will occupy the following positions :-

<u>B. H. Q.</u>	-	V.13.D.10.10.
1st. Battery	-	V.13.D.50.00.
2nd. Battery	-	V.19.B.75.25.
3rd. Battery	-	V.21.C.00.50.
101st. Battery	-	V.21.B.35.75.

2. Route from Forward Zone System will be via La KREULE and V.15.D.10.30. to Battery positions.
3. Battery Captains and senior Wagon Line N. C. O's. will make themselves acquainted with these positions and approaches thereto.
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 20.

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

Headquarters,
4th. May, 1918.

1. The 29th. Division is carrying out a minor operation tomorrow morning, the 5th. instant.
2. Zero Hour ~~ix~~ will be 1.5 a.m.
3. 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will assist by providing the following diversion :-

1st. Battery :- Will fire on Farm Buildings and enclosures in E.12.A., North of Railway.

2nd. Battery :- Do.

101st. Battery -
I Section :- Do.

4. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs.

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

4.5" Hows.

Half of above rates.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

M. J. Thompson

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 21.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
9th. May, 1918.

1. 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade is extending its Right Flank to the point where line crosses road running N.E. and S.W. through Squares E.16.B. and E.11.C., in relief of the Left of the 29th. Division, on the night 9th/10th. May.
2. On completion of relief Divisional Boundaries will be as follows :-
 - (a) Between 1st. Australian Division and 31st. Division :-
From point where the METEREN BECQUE crosses front line, along METEREN BECQUE in X.13., W.12., W.11., W.10. (all inclusive to 31st. Division), to CAESTRE-STRAZEELE road at W.9.B.6.0., to bend in road V.12.D.8.5. to junction of CAESTRE BECQUE and BORRE BECQUE, thence along BORRE BECQUE to present Western Boundary of Reserve Division in U.16.C.
 - (b) Between 29th. Division and 1st. Australian Division :-
In forward zone from point where road running N.E. and S.W. in E.16.B. and E.11.C. crosses front line (road inclusive to 1st. Aust. Division) along water channel in E.10. and E.3.D. to railway at E.3.C.8.7., and thence along railway.
3. On completion of the relief the Division will be disposed as follows :-
 - (a) Line Brigade covering the whole Divisional Sector - 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade.
 - (b) Support Brigade - 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade.
 - (c) Reserve Brigade - 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

The Reserve Brigade will be held in Corps Reserve.

On completion of relief the Field Artillery covering front of 1st. Australian Division will be the present Right Group only.

4. Brigade Zones of 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery will be adjusted as follows :-

<u>2nd. Army Brigade N.Z.F.A.</u>	
<u>Right Boundary</u>	- Line joining E.11.C.2.1. and F.14.D.0.7.
<u>Left Boundary</u>	- Line joining E.5.D.15.30. and E.8.B.15.10.
<u>1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>Right Boundary</u>	- Line joining E.5.D.15.30. and E.8.B.15.10.
<u>Left Boundary</u>	- Line joining W.30.C.0.0. and F.3.D.30.60.
<u>28th. Army Brigade, R.F.A.</u>	
<u>Right Boundary</u>	- Line joining W.30.C.0.0. and F.3.D.3.6.
<u>Left Boundary</u>	- Line joining X.25.B.2.2. and F.4.A.9.8.

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2nd. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

Right Boundary - Line joining X.25.B.2.2.
and F.4.A.9.8.
Left Boundary - Line joining X.20.C.95.85.
and X.29.B.00.45.

5. New S.O.S. and Counter Preparation Orders for 1st. A.F.A. Brigade are issued separately, and will come into force at 6 a.m. on 10th. May.
6. Liaison arrangements will remain as at present.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 22.

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

Headquarters,
9th. May, 1918.

1. Operation Order No. 15 is 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.B.75.55.
E.6.A.80.15.
E.6.C.30.65.
E.5.D.60.20.

Boundaries of Lanes will be lines running through :-

E.6.B.75.55.	-	F.3.D.30.60.
E.6.A.80.15.	-	F.3.D.00.00.
E.6.C.30.65.	-	F.9.B.00.40.
E.5.D.60.20.	-	F.8.B.00.10.

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

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

Then the above programme will be repeated once, changing targets every 2 minutes.
Rate of Fire :- 3 Rounds per gun per minute.

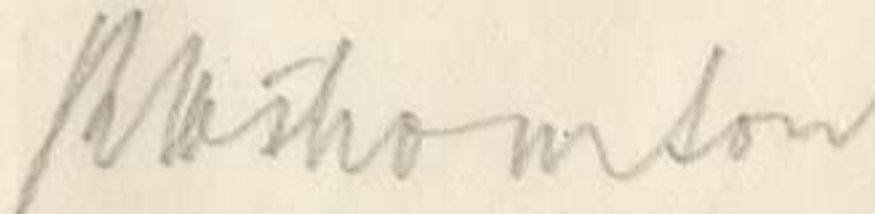
Thereafter, if situation demands, the whole of the above programme will be repeated.
Rate of Fire :- 2 Rounds per gun per minute.

4.5" HOWS. (101st. Battery) :- One How. on each of the following points :-

(a) E.6.B.45.25.	E.6.B.25.15.	(b) F.1.A.10.50.	E.6.B.70.40.
E.6.C.45.65.	E.6.D.00.60.	E.6.B.25.05.	E.6.D.20.80.
E.6.C.00.30.	E.6.C.40.30.	E.6.C.30.45.	E.6.C.45.65.

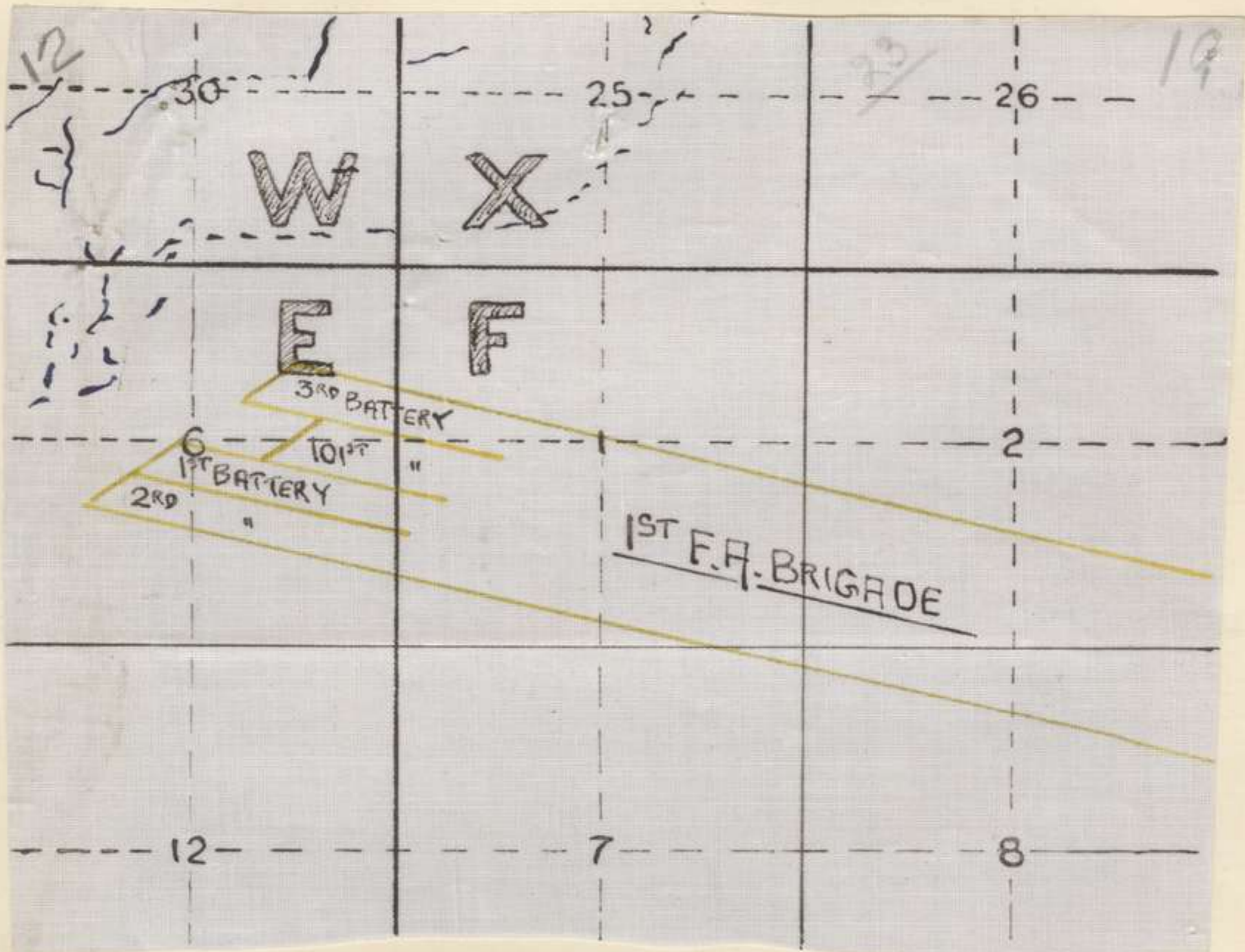
Changing from (a) to (b) and so on every 3 minutes.
Rate of Fire :- Half the rates for 18-Pdrs.

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 as per Special Order issued herewith.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.


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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 23.

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

Headquarters,
12th. May, 1918.

1. All previous Orders and Instructions on S.O.S. are cancelled and the following substituted.

2. From 6 p.m. 12th. May, 1918, Boundaries of Brigade Frontages for S.O.S. will be as follows :-

- 2nd. Army Brigade N.Z.F.A.
 - Right Boundary. - Line joining E.11.C.2.1. and F.14.D.0.7.
 - Left Boundary. - Line joining E.6.C.5.7. and F.8.B.75.55.

- 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade.
 - Right Boundary. - Line joining E.6.C.5.7. and F.8.B.75.55.
 - Left Boundary. Line joining E.6.B.70.35. and F.3.C.65.20.

- 28th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
 - Right Boundary. Line joining E.6.B.70.35. and F.3.C.65.20.
 - Left Boundary. Line joining X25.C.90.10. and F.3.D.65.90.

- 2nd. Aust. F. A. Brigade.
 - Right Boundary. Line joining X.25.C.90.10. and F.3.D.65.90.
 - Left Boundary. Line joining X20.C.95.85. and X.29.B.00.45.

3. Brigade Zones for Counter Preparation, Harassing Fire, and all purposes other than S. O. S., will remain as in Operation Order No. 21 and Counter Preparation issued on 9th. instant.

4. (a) The S. O. S. for 1st. A. F. A. Brigadewill be a continuous line calculated at 25 yards interval per 18-pdr. and 40 yards per 4.5" How., and Batteries are allotted the following frontages :-

2nd. Battery	-	E.6.C.50.70.	to	E.6.C.75.85.
1st. XX do.	-	E.6.C.75.85.	to	E.6.A.95.00.
101st. do.	-	E.6.D.35.90.	to	E.6.B.60.10.
3rd. do.	-	E.6.B.25.20.	to	E.6.B.50.40.

(b) 18-Pdr. Batteries will at once register these lines and the 4.5" Hows. will register a point close in rear.

(c) At Zero plus 3 minutes all Guns and Hows. lift plus 200 yards.

At Zero plus 6 minutes drop back to starting line.

Continue to repeat this lift and drop, every 3 minutes.

5 Rates of Fire :- Rates of fire for S. O. S. will be :-

18-Pdrs.	First 3 minutes :-	5 rds. per gun per min.
	Next 5 "	4 " " " " "
	" 10 "	3 " " " " "
	" 5 "	4 " " " " "

Thereafter.

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

4.5" Hows. Half rates for 18-Pdrs.

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

6. (a) All Brigades will be prepared to shoot on the front of another Brigade if required.
- (b) In the event of the enemy attack being definitely localized, Brigades may be ordered by Divisional Artillery Headquarters to switch some, or all, guns on to the threatened Zone, and as these guns are switched the next Brigade may be ordered to switch a proportion of guns to cover the front from which guns have just been switched.
- (c) If the attack is definitely localized, and the Infantry Brigade Commander, through his Liaison Officer, asks for guns to be switched from one Brigade Zone to another, Artillery Brigade Commanders are authorised to switch one Battery at once and report their action to Divisional Artillery H.Q.
- (d) Any Brigade which is assisting another, will be prepared to drop back at once to its own S. O. S.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 24.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
13th. May, 1918.

1. From 7.p.m. today (13.5.18) all previous S.O.S. Orders are cancelled, and the following substituted.
2. (a) The 1st. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will now cover Zone for all purposes from -

Left Boundary - Line joining E.6.B.70.35. and F.3.C.65.20.Right Boundary - HAZEBROUCK - ARMENTIERES Railway.

(b) Two 18-Pdr. Batteries (C/64 R.F.A. and C/119 R.F.A.) are being loaned by 38th. Divisional Artillery, and will come under the tactical orders of C.O. 1st. A. F. A. Brigade, at 7 p.m. today, the 13th. instant.

These Batteries will cover the following front :-

Right Boundary - Line joining E.11.C.2.1. and F.14.D.0.2.Left Boundary - HAZEBROUCK - ARMENTIERES Railway exclusive.

3. (a) For S.O.S., 18-pdr. Batteries of 1st. A.F.A. Brigade will fire on frontages as under :-

3rd. Battery :- E.6.B.30.00. to E.6.B.55.35.
E.6.B.25.20. to E.6.B.55.40.
E.6.C.90.95. to E.6.B.20.20.

1st. Battery :- E.6.C.55.75. to E.6.C.80.85.
E.6.C.50.45. to E.6.C.80.65.
E.6.C.85.70. to E.6.D.10.90.

2nd. Battery :- E.6.C.30.45. to E.6.C.10.20.
E.12.A.05.60. to E.12.A.15.95.
E.6.C.15.00. to E.6.C.50.25.

FRONTAGE
Changing every three minutes.

101st. How. Battery, 1st. A.F.A. Brigade, will fire on the following points :-

E.6.B.50.35.	E.6.B.45.00.	E.6.B.60.25.
E.6. Central.	E.6. Central.	E.6.B.50.00.
E.6.C.55.45.	E.6.D.05.65.	E.6.C.55.45.
E.6.D.25.65.	E.6.C.50.25.	E.6.C.50.25.
E.6.C.30.00.	E.6.C.20.00.	E.12.A.25.95.
E.12.A.20.65.	E.6.D.50.65.	E.12.A.20.65.

FRONTAGE
Changing every three minutes.

- (b) C/119. R.F.A. will fire on following frontages :-

E.11.B.25.15. to E.11.B.45.40.
E.11.D.05.85. to E.11.B.25.15.
E.11.B.45.40. to E.11.B.85.60.

FRONTAGE
Changing every three minutes.C/64 R.F.A. /-

C/64 R.F.A. will fire on following frontages :-

E.11.C.60.00. to E.11.C.80.25.
E.11.C.80.25. to E.11.C.95.60.
E.11.C.95.55. to E.11.D.05.85.

^{FRONTAGE}
Changing every three minutes.

4. Rates of Fire :- Rates of Fire for S.O.S. will be :-

<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	First 3 minutes :-	5 rds. per gun per min.
	Next 5 " :-	4 " " " " "
	" 10 " :-	3 " " " " "
	" 5 " :-	4 " " " " "

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

4.5" Hows. Half rates for 18-Pdrs.

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

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8. 3rd. " "
9. 101st. " "
10. C/64. R.F.A. "
11. C/119. " "

Headquarters,
13th. May, 1918.

1st. Battery.
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C/119. Bty. R.F.A.

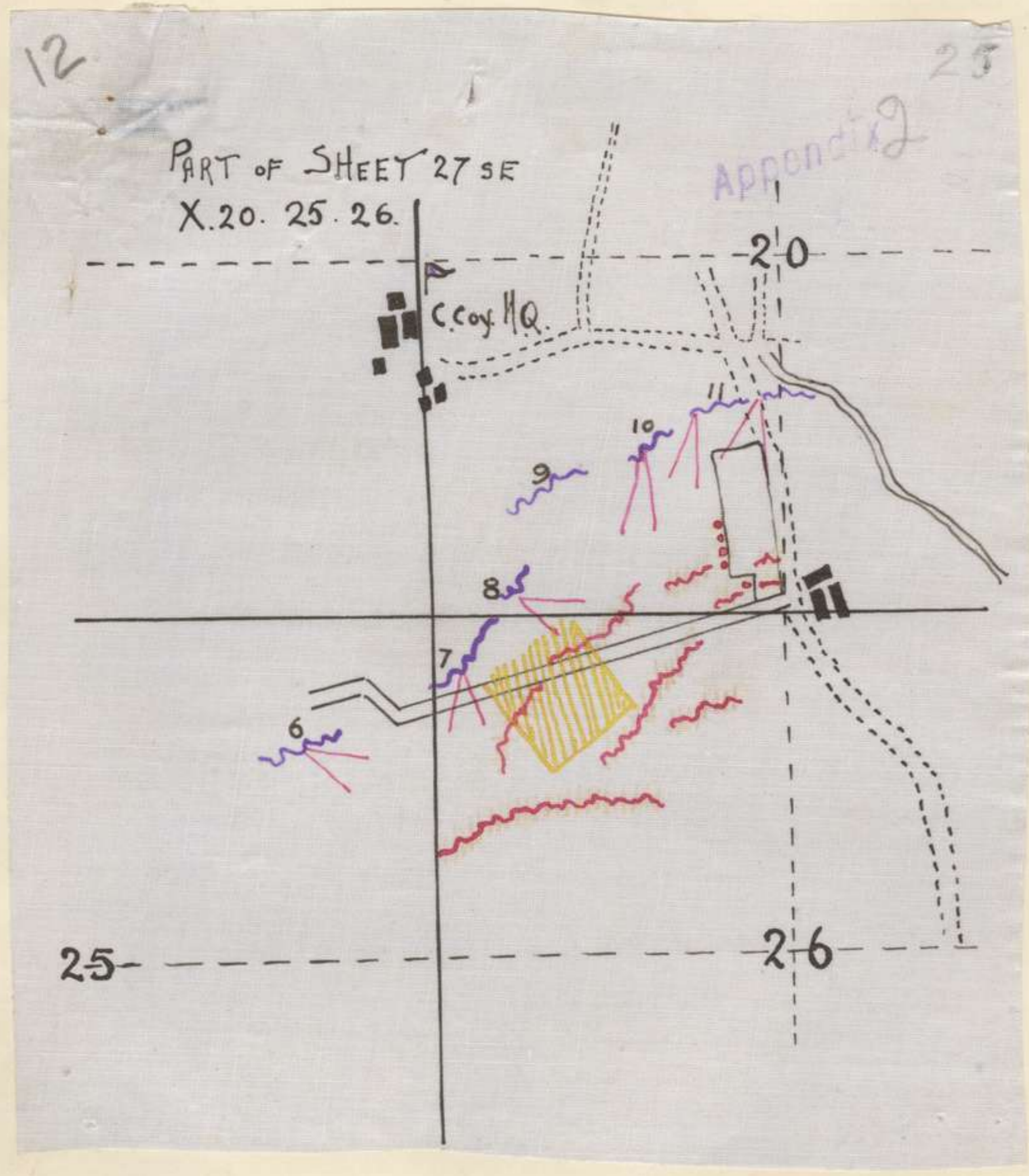
COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. All previous orders re Counter Preparation are cancelled and the following substituted.
2. Counter Preparation may be either -
~~XX~~
 - (a) Ordered by 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Headquarters.
 - (b) Ordered by Brigade Commanders in reply to a heavy enemy bombardment.
3. In the event of 2 (a), details as to areas for targets and expenditure of ammunition will be ordered.
Should these details not be given, Batteries will fire on their own Zones as detailed in the next para.
4. In the event of 2 (b) being ordered Batteries will carry out the following programme :-
 - (i) Search and sweep all Hedges, Houses, and Roads as allotted in (ii).
 - (ii)

<u>1st. Battery</u> :-	Squares XX E.6.D. and F.1.C. Southern half
<u>2nd. Battery</u> :-	of E.6.C., E.12.A. and E.12.B. North of Railway.
<u>3rd. Battery</u> :-	Southern half of E.6.B. Roads in F.1.A. and F.1.B.
<u>101st. Battery</u> :-	Search MERRIS and Roads in Brigade Zone East of MERRIS to North and South grid line through F.9. Central
<u>C/119. Battery R.F.A.</u>	E.11.B. and E.12.A. South of Railway. E.11.D.
<u>C/64. Battery R.F.A.</u>	E.12.D. Wood in F.7.C. Roads F.13.A.
 - (iii) Fire will be in irregular bursts of short ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ duration, and intervals between bursts will be irregular.
 - (iv) Expenditure of ammunition will be at the rate of 60 rounds per Gun and How. per hour.
 - (v) 600 Rounds of GAS SHELL will be kept at 101st. Battery position, and a proportion of this will be used during Counter Preparation whenever conditions are favorable.

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

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



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 25.

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

Headquarters,
17th. May, 1918.

1. The 5th. Battalion, 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade, are carrying out a Raid on the night of 17/18th. May, 1918, on Trenches in X.26.A. The Trenches to be entered will be X.26.A.20.70. to X.26.A.26.70. to X.26.A.47.95.

^{30.80}
The object of the raid is to obtain identification, prisoners, and inflict as many casualties on the enemy as possible.

2. (a) The 2nd. Aust. F. A. Brigade will for the first 2 minutes fire on the trenches to be raided, and then lift to trenches in rear, as per sketch herewith, with all 18-Pdr. Batteries.
The 102nd. How. Battery w-

- 3 Hows. Search and sweep Northern half X.26.B.
- 1 How. T.M. at X.26.B.80.90.
- 1 " Headquarters X.27.B.10.90.
- 1 " T.M. at X.21.C.20.40.

(b) The 28th. (Army) F.A. Brigade, R.F.A., are assisting by enfilading enemy trench system in lower half of X.26.A. and trenches in X.26.C. with 2 18-Pdr. Batteries.

Three 4.5" Hows. will search Southern half of ^XX.26.B.
" 4.5" Hows. will fire on selected known active Batteries.

(c) The 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will make a diversion.
All 18-Pdr. Batteries firing on road and houses from E.11.B.60.50. to E.11.D.75.90.

101st. How. Battery will engage active enemy batteries as follows :-

- 2 Hows. F.7.C.20.25.
- 1 How. F.13.A.95.90.
- 1 How. F.13.C.80.90.
- 2 Hows. F.8.A.45.80.

3. Rates of Fire :-

First 10 minutes	-	18-Pdrs.	3 rds.	p.g.p.m.	Hows.	2 rds.	p.h.p.m.
Next 10 "	-	"	2 "	"	"	1 "	"
Until "Stop"	-	"	1 "	"	"	1/2 "	"

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4. Ammunition :-

18-Pdrs.

2nd. A.F.A. Brigade	-	100%	"A"	
28th. Army Bde. R.F.A.	-	75%	"A"	25% "AX"
1st. A.F.A. Brigade	-	75%	"A"	25% "AX"

No 106 fuses to be used by 18-Pdrs.

4.5" HOWS. - - "BX".

- 5. When raid is completed, and the Infantry wish Artillery fire to STOP, G.C. Raid will fire a RED over GREEN over YELLOW rocket.
- 6. Matches will be synchronised by Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the 17th. May.
- 7. Zero Hour will be notified by wire as follows :-
"Your ammunition will arrive at dump at"
- 8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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

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19 to 24.	1st. A.F.A. Bde.



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COPY NO.FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 26.By Lieut-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
18th May, 1918.

21/22nd

1. On ~~18th~~ 21st May, 1918, the 64th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., are taking over the Right of Divisional Front. From 11⁰ p.m. on that day the S.O.S. for the 1st. Australian F. A. Brigade will be as follows.:-

2. On the arrival of the 64th. (Army) Brigade in action, Brigade Zones will be as follows :-

(a) For S.O.S.64th. (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.
Right Boundary.Line joining E.11.C.2.1. and
F.14.D.0.2.Left Boundary.Line joining E.6.C.5.7. and
F.8.D.00.75.1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
Right Boundary.Line joining ⁶E.6.C.5.7. and
F.8.D.00.75.Left Boundary.Line joining E.6.B.70.35. and
F.8.B.50.35.28th. (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.
Right Boundary.Line joining E.6.B.70.35. and
F.8.B.50.35.Left Boundary.Line joining X.25.C.90.28. and
F.9.A.35.90.2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
Right Boundary.Line joining X.25.C.90.28. and
F.9.A.35.90.Left Boundary.Line joining X.20.D.00.80. and
F.4.A.50.50.

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(b) For Counter Preparation, Harassing Fire and all purposes other than S.O.S.

<u>64th. (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.</u>	
<u>Right Boundary.</u>	Line joining E.11.C.2.1. and F.14.D.0.2.
<u>Left Boundary.</u>	Line joining E.5.D.25.40. and F.4.B.00.90.
<u>1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>Right Boundary.</u>	Line joining E.5.D.25.40. and F.4.B.00.90.
<u>Left Boundary.</u>	Line joining W.30.D.0.0. and F.8.B.65.45.
<u>28th. (Army) Brigade, R.F.A.</u>	
<u>Right Boundary.</u>	Line joining W.30.D.0.0. and F.8.B.65.45.
<u>Left Boundary.</u>	Line joining X.25.B.15.25. and F.3.D.10.50.
<u>2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.</u>	
<u>Right Boundary.</u>	Line joining X.25.B.15.25. and F.3.D.10.50.
<u>Left Boundary.</u>	Line joining X.20.D.00.80. and F.4.A.50.50.

3. (a) The S. O. S. for 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will be a continuous line calculated at 25 yards interval per 18-Pdr., and 40 yards per 4.5" How., and Batteries are allotted the following frontages :-

2nd. Battery	-	E.6.C.50.70.	to	E.6.C.75.85.
1st. do.	-	E.6.C.75.85.	to	E.6.A.95.00.
101st. do.	-	E.6.D.35.90.	to	E.6.B.60.10.
3rd. do.	-	E.6.B.25.20.	to	E.6.B.50.40.

(b) 18-Pdr. Batteries will at once register these lines and the 4.5" Hows. will register a point close in rear.

(c) At Zero plus 3 minutes all Guns and Hows. Lift plus 200 yards. At Zero plus 6 minutes drop back to starting line. Continue to repeat this lift and drop every 3 minutes.

4. Rates of Fire :- Rates of Fire for S. O. S. will be :-

<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	First 3 minutes :-	5 rds. per gun per min.
	Next 5 "	4 " " " " "
	" 10 "	3 " " " " "
	" 5 "	4 " " " " "

Thereafter/

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

4.5" Hows. Half rates for 18-Pdrs.

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

5. (a) All Brigades will be prepared to shoot on the front of another Brigade if required.
- (b) In the event of the enemy attack being definitely localized, Brigades may be ordered by Divisional Artillery Headquarters to switch some, or all, guns on to the threatened Zone, and as these guns are switched the next Brigade may be ordered to switch a proportion of guns to cover the front from which guns have just been switched.
- (c) If the attack is definitely localized, and the Infantry Brigade Commander, through his Liaison Officer, ask for guns to be switched from one Brigade Zone to another, Artillery Brigade Commanders are authorised to switch one Battery at once and report their action to Divisional Artillery H.Q.
- (d) Any Brigade which is assisting another, will be prepared to drop back at once to its own S. O. S.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters.
20th. May, 1918.

1st. Battery.
2nd. Battery.
3rd. Battery.
101st. Battery.

Counter Preparation.

Reference 1st. F.A. Brigade order dated 9th. May, 1918.
para 4, sub-para iv.

Expenditure of ammunition will now be 100 rounds per Gun
and How. per hour.

A. W. Johnson

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



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COPY NO. 2222FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 27.By Lieut-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
20th. May. 1918.

1. A Gas bombardment will be carried out by the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery to-night, 20th/21st. May, as follows.
2. Targets will be the rectangles shown below and will be referred to by the numbers given them.
 3. F.2.B.95.15. to F.3.A.10.40.
to F.2.B.85.55. to F.2.B.65.35.
 7. F.3.A.65.45. to F.3.A.75.20.
to F.3.B.00.25. to F.3.A.95.50.
3. Rates of Fire:- (a) 3 Rounds per How. per minute.
(b) Each series will last 4 minutes.
4. Table of Tasks.

Target No.	Half Bty.	Commence At.
7.	101st. How. Bty.	10.10 p.m
3.	do.	10.10 "
3.	do.	11.00 "
7.	do.	11.50 "
7.	do.	12.15 a.m.
3.	do.	12.30 "
7.	do.	1.20 "
3.	do.	2.05 "
5. Provisions of XV Corps D.89/1/A will be observed.
6. The following wire will be sent at 8 p.m. to all concerned;
 - (a) If the bombardment is to take place :-
" Sandbags will be delivered to-night."
 - (b) If the bombardment is not to take place :-
" Sandbags will not be delivered to-night."
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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COPY NO.....OPERATION ORDER NO. 28.By Lieut-Colonel E. T. DEAN, D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
21st. May. 1918.

1. The 29th. Division on our Right is carrying out a raid to-night 21st/22nd. May.
2. A diversion will be carried out by 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery as follows.
3. 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade will fire on the enemy defences in E.6.B. and E.6.D. as follows:-

(a) 1st. Battery.E.6.A.90.60. to E.6.A.70.35.2nd. Battery.E.6.A.70.35. to E.6.A.65.10.3rd. Battery.E.6.A.98.45. to E.6.A.75.35.101st. Battery.

1	How.	-	House	E.6.D.40.90.
1	"		"	E.6.D.60.95.
1	"		"	E.6.D.90.90.
1	"		Machine Gun	E.6.B.52.15.
1	"		Trenches	E.6.C.70.90.
1	"		"	E.6.B.35.43.

(b) 18-Pdrs.

Zero to Zero plus 4	Starting lines	4 rds.	p.g.p.m.
Zero plus ⁴ / _A to Zero plus 14	"	" plus 200 yards	3 rds. p.g.p.m.
Zero plus 14 to Zero plus 24	"	" plus 400 yards	2 rds. p.g.p.m.

4.5" Hows.

On points detailed in 3 (a) at half above rates.

4. Zero hour will be 11.26 p.m., 21st. May, 1918.
5. Watches will be synchronised by Adjutant at 10.30 p.m. 21st. May, 1918.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 29.

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

Headquarters,
22nd. May, 1918.

1. A Gas bombardment will be carried out by the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery to-night 22nd/23rd. May, as follows :-

2. Targets for 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade will be the rectangles shown below, and will be referred to by the numbers given to them.

- 1. F.14.A.25.45. to F.14.A.50.45.
to F.14.A.45.95. to F.14.A.20.90.
- 2. F.7.C.25.30. to F.7.C.50.30.
to F.7.C.50.60. to F.7.C.30.60.

3. Rates of Fire;- (a) 3 Rounds per How. per minute.
(b) Each series will last 4 minutes.

4. Table of Tasks.

Target No.	Half Bty.	Commence at.
1.	101st. How. Bty.	10.40 p.m.
2.	do.	10.40 "
2.	do.	11.30 "
1.	do.	12.20 a.m.
1.	do.	12.45 "
2.	do.	1.00 "
1.	do.	1.50 "
2.	do.	2.35 "

5. Provisions of XV Corps D.89/1/A will be observed.

6. The following wire will be sent to all concerned at 8.30 p.m.,

- (a) If the bombardment is to take place; "Approved."
- (b) If the bombardment is not to take place; "Not Approved."

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

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 30.

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

Headquarters,
23rd. May, 1918.

1. At the request of the G.O.C., 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade, the Batteries of the 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade, will carry out the undermentioned tasks.
2. Fire three bursts of 20 rounds each at times specified, searching enemy defences, hedges, etc.

<u>1st. Battery.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>
	11.00 p.m.	Square F.1.C.	10 AX. 10 A.
	11.15 "	" "	10 " 10 "
	11.25 "	" "	10 " 10 "
<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	11.05 p.m.	Square F.1.D.	10 AX. 10 A.
	11.20 "	" "	10 " 10 "
	11.30 "	" "	10 " 10 "
<u>3rd. Battery</u>	11.00 p.m.	Square E.6.B.	20 AX.
	11.10 "	" "	20 AX.
	11.20 "	" "	20 AX.
<u>101st. Battery.</u>	11.05 p.m.	Square F.1.C.	20 BX. 106 Fuze.
	11.15 "	" "	20 " " "
	11.25 "	" "	20 " " "

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. W. Robinson
 Captain.
 Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 31.

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

Headquarters,
26th. May, 1918.

1. To-morrow, 27th. instant, a destructive shoot will be carried out on enemy works in E.6.
2. 101st. How. Battery will fire 300 rounds in bursts extending over an hour and a half from Zero time, and will fire on front line trenches between the following points :-

E.6.C.53.58. to E.6.C.69.77. and
E.6.A.74.04. to E.6.A.75.25.
3. The Infantry garrison from front line will be withdrawn during operation.
4. Aeroplanes will be registering the Heavy Batteries singly. The aeroplane will stop 4.5" How. Batteries from shooting whilst this is being done, and will give the order to "Go On". If no "Stop" or "Go On" is given, programme will be carried out as above.
5. Zero hour will be notified by the following code message :-

"Send runner to this office at"
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. Johnson

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 32.

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

Headquarters,
29th. May, 1918.

1. The 10th. Aust. Inf. Battalion is sending out fighting patrol to-night at about 11 p.m., to exploit enemy posts and if possible to occupy them, on line running through E.6.C.05.70. to E.6.A.4.0.

2. The 18-Pdr. Batteries of this Brigade will assist as follows :-

(a) At Zero to Zero plus one minute.

<u>1st. Battery.</u>	E.6.C.17.77.	to)	4 rounds	"A".
	E.6.C.30.87.)		
<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	E.6.C.00.70.	to)	per gun	"A".
	XXXXXXXXXX)		
<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	E.6.C.17.77.	)	per	
	E.6.C.30.87.	to)		"A".
	E.6.A.45.05.	)	minute.	

(b) At Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 3 minutes.

<u>1st. Battery.</u>	Sweep	E.6.C.45.50.	to)	4 rounds	"A".
		E.6.C.80.80.)		
<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	"	E.6.C.00.30.	to)	per gun	"A".
		E.6.C.45.50.)		
<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	"	E.6.C.80.80.	to)	per	"A".
		E.6.B.00.25.	)	minute.	

(c) At Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes.

<u>101st. Battery.</u>	1 How. M.Gun.	E.12.A.17.95.
	1 " Buildings.	E.6.C.65.25.
	2 " Road.	E.6.D.45.98.
	1. " M.Gun.	E.6.B.50.15.
	1 " Trench Junction	E.6.B.50 35.45.

2 rounds per How. per minute

3. The following light signals are being used :-

<u>Flares.</u>	<u>Meaning.</u>
White over Green.	Have reached objective.
Red over Green over Yellow.	Artillery Barrage required.

4. In the event of a protective barrage being asked for, the 18-Pdr. Batteries will fire as per para 2 (b).

Rate of Fire. 3 rounds p.g.p.m. for 2 minutes. 50% "A". 50% "AX"

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TASK

Operation Order No. 32.

Rate of Fire 2 rds. p.g.p.m. for 5 minutes. 50% "A". 50% "AX".
1 rd. " Until situation warrants alteration.

101st. Battery will fire as per para 2 (c), 1 round p.h.p.m. until stopped.

- 5. Zero hour will be notified by the following code message :-
"Ammunition can be drawn at....."
- 6. Watches will be synchronised by the Adjutant at 10 p.m.
- 7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. M. Thomson
 Captain.
 Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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| | 5. | Liaison Officer. |
| 6 to | 8. | 10th. Aust. Inf. Battalion. |
| 9 to | 12. | 1st. Aust. A.F.A. Bde. |

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 33.

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

Headquarters,
30th. May, 1918.

1. The enemy counter attacked our newly taken trench 3 times this morning, and it is anticipated that he will endeavour to retake it either at dusk to-night, or at dawn to-morrow morning.

2. The Batteries of this Brigade will therefore be prepared to put down if called upon, the protective Barrage as detailed in para 4 of Operation Order No. 32, plus 100 yards. The signal for this Barrage will be a rocket RED over GREEN over YELLOW.

3. Batteries will fire the following tasks as detailed below :-

<u>1st. Bty.</u>	9.20 p.m.	E.6. Central to E.6.B.35.45.	20. AX.
	9.35 "	do. do.	20. AX.
	10.00	"All Guns. do. do. 2 minutes) 3 rds.p.g.p.m)	15. A. 15. AX.

<u>2nd. Bty.</u>	9.30 p.m.	E.6. Central to E.6.B.05.60.	20. AX.
	9.45 "	do. do.	20. A.
	10.00	"All Guns. do. do. 2 minutes) 3 rds.p.g.p.m.)	24. AX.

<u>3rd. Bty.</u>	9.25 p.m.	E.6. Central to E.6.B.35.45.	20. AX.
	9.40 "	do. do.	20. AX.
	10.00	"All Guns do. do. 2 minutes) 3 rds.p.g.p.m)	36. A.
	9.20 p.m. to 9.50 p.m.	Recuperator Gun along Road E.6.B.20.00. to E.6.B.80.00. 1 rd. per minute	30. A.

<u>101st. Bty.</u>	9.20 p.m.)	1 Section on each of the)	12 rounds on each Target at each time.
	9.35. "	following:) Along Road E.6.B.20.00 to)	
	9.50 "	E.6.B.80.00.) Communication Trench)	
		E.6.B.15.65. to) E.6.D.45.60.)	

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

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER NO. 33

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

Headquarters,
30th. May, 1918.

The enemy counter attacked our newly taken trench 3 times this morning, and it is anticipated that he will endeavour to retake it either at dusk to-night, or at dawn to-morrow morning.

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The Batteries of the Brigade will therefore be prepared to put down in the morning upon the respective Barrage as detailed in para 4 of Operation Order No. 33, plus 100 yards. The signal for this Barrage will be a rocket RHD over GREEN over YELLOW.

Batteries will have the following tasks as detailed below :-

1st. Bty.	2nd. Bty.	3rd. Bty.	10th. Bty.
9.30 p.m. E.C. Central to E.C.B. 35.45.	9.30 p.m. E.C. Central to E.C.B. 08.00.	9.25 p.m. E.C. Central to E.C.B. 35.45.	9.20 p.m. (1 section on each of the following:)
9.35 " " "	9.45 " " "	9.40 " " "	Along Road E.C.B. 20.00 to E.C.B. 80.00
10.00 " " " " " " " "	10.00 " " " " " " " "	10.00 " " " " " " " "	Communication Trench E.C.B. 15.00 to E.C.D. 45.00
3 rds. p.g.p.m.) 15. AX. 15. AX. 15. AX.) 2 minutes	3 rds. p.g.p.m.) 24. AX. 24. AX. 24. AX.) 2 minutes	3 rds. p.g.p.m.) 30. AX. 30. AX. 30. AX.) 2 minutes	15 rounds on each target at each time.
9.20 p.m. to 9.50 p.m. Receptor Gun along Road			
E.C.B. 20.00 to E.C.B. 80.00. 1 rd. per minute			

ACKNOWLEDGED

Adjutant Lt. A. F. A. Briggs.
Captain.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 26.

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

Headquarters,
30th. May, 1918.

S. O. S. 4

1. In consequence of the advance last night, 29/30th. May, our line now runs as follows :-
 E.5.D.70.75., E.6.C.0.7., E.6.C.20.85., E.6.A.35.00.,
 E.6.A.40.35., E.6.A.80.80., and as before.
2. The S. O. S. line for 1st. and 2nd. Batteries will now be as follows:-

<u>1st. Battery.</u>	Line E.6.C.88.80 to E.6.B.05.00.
<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	Line E.6.C.70.60. to E.6.C.88.80.
3. Operation order No. 26 of 18/5/18, will be amended accordingly.
4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Michomlow
Captain.
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,
10th. May, 1918.

1. In the event of an enemy attack being definitely localised, Brigades may be ordered by Divisional Artillery Headquarters to assist neighbouring Brigades on the threatened zone, and as guns are switched the next Brigade may be ordered to direct the fire of a proportion of guns to cover the front from which guns have just been switched.
2. Batteries of 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will be prepared to switch all guns to cover the Brigade Zone on right and left flanks.
3. Any Battery which is assisting on another Zone, as in para. (2), will be prepared to drop back at once on to its own S.O.S. when ordered.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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INSTRUCTION NO. XX.13.

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

Headquarters,
11th. May, 1918.

LIAISON ROSTER.

1. Cancel continuation of Instruction No. 8 . dated 8th. May, and substitute as follows :-

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

10th/11th. May	-	3rd. Battery.
11th/12th. "	-	101st. Battery.
12th/13th. "	-	1st. Battery.
13th/14th. "	-	2nd. Battery.
14th/15th. "	-	3rd. Battery.
15th/16th. "	-	101st. Battery.
16th/17th. "	-	1st. Battery.
17th/18th. "	-	2nd. Battery.
18th/19th. "	-	3rd. Battery.
19th/20th. "	-	101st. Battery.
20th/21st. "	-	1st. Battery.
21st/22nd. "	-	2nd. Battery.
22nd/23rd. "	-	3rd. Battery.
23rd/24th. "	-	101st. Battery.

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

W. H. Thompson

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

INSTRUCTION NO.14.

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

Headquarters,
12th. May, 1918.

MUTUAL SUPPORT with FLANK DIVISIONS.

The following arrangements have been made for mutual support with the Divisions on either Flank.

1. With 38th. Divisional Artillery on the Right :-
 - (a) Should the S. O. S. go up on the Left of the 29th. Division, Batteries of the 1st. F. A. Brigade will open fire on their own S. O. S. lines.
 - (b) Should the S. O. S. go up on the Right of the 1st. Australian Division, the Left Brigade, 38th. Division Artillery opens fire on its own S. O. S. lines.
 - (c) Should a heavy enemy bombardment be put down on the Left of 29th. Division, 38th. Divisional Artillery calls, " Help Right Division ", when 1st. F. A. Brigade Batteries will put down Counter Preparation on their own front.
 - (d) Should a heavy enemy bombardment be put down on the Right of 1st. Australian Division, 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will call, " Help Centre Division ", when Left Brigade, 38th. Division Artillery, puts down Counter Preparation on its own front.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. A. Thomson

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
15th. May, 1918.

- 1st. Battery.
- 2nd. Battery.
- 3rd. Battery.
- 101st. Battery.
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Reference Instruction No. 13 :- Please note that
Right Battalion Headquarters is now located at E.S.C.00.80.

W. Thomson

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



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
28th. May, 1918.

- 1st. Battery.
- 2nd. Battery.
- 3rd. Battery.
- 101st. Battery.
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Reference Instruction No.11. Brigade O.P.

As some doubt appears to exist in regard to the maintenance of Brigade O.P. line, the following is to be taken as a guide for O.P. officers and linesmen.

The B.H.Q. linesmen will maintain line as far as Cross Roads at W.28.B.6.8.

O.P. officer will take a linesman with him who will maintain line from above Cross Roads to the O.P.

W. Hamilton

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



FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
9th. May, 1918.*W. Searcy*1st. Battery.
2nd. Battery.
3rd. Battery.
101st. Battery.COUNTER PREPARATION.

1. All previous orders re Counter Preparation are cancelled and the following substituted.
2. Counter Preparation may be either-
 - (a) Ordered by 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Headquarters
 - (b) Ordered by Brigade Commanders in reply to a heavy hostile bombardment.
3. In the event of 2 (a), details as to areas for targets and expenditure of ammunition will be ordered. Should these details not be given Batteries will fire on their own Zones as detailed in the next para.
4. In the event of 2 (b) being ordered Batteries will carry out the following programme:-
 - (i) (18-Pdr. Batteries)- Search and Sweep all hedges, houses and roads down Battery lanes, and at irregular intervals search apparently open ground, and special targets as allotted in (ii).
 - (ii) 1st. Battery:- Depression to East of MONT DE MERRIS.
2nd. Battery:- Do.
3rd. Battery:- Fme. GERBEDOEN in F. 1. B.
101st. HOW. BATTERY:) Search/area MERRIS and Eastern approaches as far back as possible, paying particular attention to roads and buildings.
 - (iii) Fire will be in irregular bursts of short duration, and intervals between bursts will be irregular.
 - (iv) Expenditure of ammunition will be at the rate of 60 rounds per Gun and How. per hour.
 - (v) 600 Rounds of GAS Shell will be kept at 101st. Battery position, and a proportion of this will be used during Counter Preparation whenever conditions are favorable.

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

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
25th. May, 1918.

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- 1st. Battery.
 - 2nd. Battery.
 - 3rd. Battery.
 - 101st. Battery.
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COUNTER PREPARATION.

The dividing line between the areas of Field and Heavy Artillery fire during Counter Preparation will be a line 1,500 yards East of our own front line.

McIntosh

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



FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 9.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
30th. April, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 2nd. May, 1918, as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	12.40 pm.	3.45 am.	Search buildings East of S.O.S. lines in E.6.C.	20.	20.
	1.55 pm.	4.25 am.	Search Railway in E.12.A.	30.	40.
	3.25 pm.	4.50 am.	" Hedges in E.6.D.	30.	30.
	4.10 pm.	5.10 am.	" " in E.12.A.	20.	30.
	5.45 pm.	5.45 am.	Sweep Roads in Brigade Zone.	30.	50.
<u>2nd.</u>	7.55 am.	8.00 pm.	Search and Sweep Wood F.7.C.	20.	30.
	8.45 am.	8.45 pm.	Search and Sweep Hedges in F.7.A.	20.	30.
	10.25 am.	8.55 pm.	Search and Sweep Hedges in E.6.C. East of S.O.S. lines.	30.	30.
	12.10 pm.	10.45 pm.	Search and Sweep ground South of Railway in Brigade Zone.	40.	60.
<u>101st.</u>	5.45 pm.	7.35 pm.	Search Wood F.7.C.	15.	30.
	6.40 pm.	8.50 pm.	Sweep Roads in F.13.A. & B.	15.	15.
	7.00 pm.	9.40 pm.	Search Hedges in F.14.A.	15.	20.
	7.20 pm.	10.15 pm.	Battery F.8.D.40.40.	15.	15.
	7.30 pm.	10.45 pm.	Cross Roads F.7.C.80.95.	15.	10.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".
GAS, if available and wind favorable, on Wood F.7.C.

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.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 10.

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

Headquarters,
1st. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by Batteries of this Bde. for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 3rd. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night. No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	8.15 am.	7.25 pm.	Buildings E.6.C.65.25.	10.	30.
	8.35 am.	7.40 pm.	Hedges around field E.12.B.90.80.	20.	20.
	12.05 pm.	8.20 pm.	Houses E.12.C.55.95.	15.	15.
	2.45 pm.	9.10 pm.	Hedge E.6.D.35.60.	25.	30.
	5.20 pm.	10.10 pm.	Hedge E.6.C.45.65.	20.	25.
<u>2nd.</u>	11.35 am.	8.55 pm.	Hedges around F.7.A.15.35.	20.	20.
	12.15 pm.	9.40 pm.	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	25.	40.
	12.50 pm.	10.45 pm.	Houses E.6.C.65.25.	15.	15.
	5.50 pm.	10.50 pm.	Hedges E.6.C.00.40.	20.	30.
	6.40 pm.	11.20 pm.	House E.6.C.45.65.	10.	15.
<u>3rd.</u>	1.45 pm.	2.45 am.	Hedges around E.12.A.95.70.	20.	25.
	2.10 pm.	3.00 am.	" " E.12.B.45.10.	20.	25.
	2.40 pm.	3.35 am.	Houses E.12.C.55.95.	10.	15.
	6.00 pm.	3.50 am.	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.55.00.	20.	30.
	7.05 pm.	4.45 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. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 11.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
2nd. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 4th. instant as per Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>2nd.</u>	3.05 pm.	3.05 am.	Houses E.12.C.50.95.	20.	20.
	4.10 pm.	3.40 am.	Sweep Wood F.7.C. (Incendiary shell).	50.	60.
	4.50 pm.	4.20 am.	House E.12.B.05.85.	20.	20.
	5.35 pm.	5.05 am.	Sweep Roads in E.6.D. and E.12.B.	20.	30.
	6.15 pm.	5.35 am.	Hedges E.6.D.30.45.	20.	20.
<u>3rd.</u>	4.00 pm.	8.30 pm.	Houses E.12.A.30.65.	20.	20.
	5.15 pm.	9.10 pm.	Road E.12.B.35.25. to E.12.C.50.85.	30.	40.
	6.00 pm.	10.05 pm.	House E.11.B.70.45.	20.	20.
	6.35 pm.	10.50 pm.	Sweep Hedges E.12.A.95.70.	20.	30.
	6.55 pm.	11.40 pm.	Sweep Railway in E.12.A.& B.	30.	40.
<u>101st.</u>	4.00 pm.	9.10 pm.	Any suitable targets well back in Brigade Zone.	75.	100.
	5.15 pm.	10.05 pm.	do.		
	6.00 pm.	10.30 pm.	do.		
	6.35 pm.	10.50 pm.	do.		
	6.55 pm.	11.40 pm.	do.		

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.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 12.

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

Headquarters,
3rd. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 5th. instant in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	8.35 am.	8.35 pm.	Sweep Railway in E.12.A.& B.	20.	20.
	9.10 am.	9.10 pm.	Sweep Road E.6.D. & E.12.B.	20.	20.
	10.10 am.	10.05 pm.	Hedges E.12.B.85.80.	20.	20.
	11.40 am.	10.35 pm.	Hedges E.12.C.85.85. to E.12.D.50.80.	50.	60.
	1.25 pm.	11.10 pm.	Hedges E.6.C.55.30. to E.12.A.55.80.	20.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.35 pm.	3.15 am.	Hedge E.11.B.70.90.	20.	20.
	4.00 pm.	4.00 am.	Hedge E.6.C.00.30. to E.6.C.75.30.	30.	40.
	4.25 pm.	4.25 am.	Hedges E.12.B.00.70.	20.	30.
	5.00 pm.	5.05 am.	Sweep Roads E.6.D. & E.12.B.	20.	30.
<u>101st.</u>	10.10 am.	9.10 pm.	Sweep Hedges F.14.A.	10.	15.
	1.25 pm.	10.35 pm.	Sweep Roads in F.13.A.& B.	20.	20.
	4.25 pm.	4.25 am.	Hedges E.6.C.55.30. to E.12.A.55.80.	20.	20.
	5.00 pm.	5.05 am.	Cross Roads F.13.A.70.20.	15.	20.
	5.45 pm.	5.40 am.	Sweep Wood and Hedges F.7.C.	30.	25.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 13.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
4th. May, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Times.	Target.	Day.	Night.	
			No. of Rds.	No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	1.20 pm.	8.15 pm.	Sweep Railway in E.12.A.& B.	20.	30.
	2.05 pm.	9.05 pm.	Hedges around E.6.C.55.10.	20.	20.
	3.00 pm.	10.15 pm.	" " E.6.C.60.40.	20.	30.
	3.20 pm.	11.05 pm.	Sweep Roads in E.6.D. and E.12.B.	30.	40.
	4.10 pm.	11.35 pm.	Hedges E.11.B.90.40.	20.	30.
<u>2nd.</u>	5.10 pm.	1.10 am.	Sweep Wood F.7.A.	25.	40.
	6.05 pm.	1.55 am.	Battery E.12.D.60.45.	30.	30.
	6.35 pm.	2.35 am.	" F.7.A.90.70.	30.	30.
	7.05 pm.	2.50 am.	" F.7.A.50.90.	20.	35.
	7.20 pm.	3.20 am.	Hedges E.6.C.55.20.	15.	25.
<u>101st.</u>	3.20 pm.	9.05 pm.	Battery F.7.B.22.53.	20.	20.
	4.10 pm.	10.15 pm.	" F.7.A.50.90.	20.	30.
	6.05 pm.	11.05 pm.	" F.7.A.90.70.	20.	20.
	7.05 pm.	11.35 pm.	" E.12.D.60.45.	20.	30.
	7.20 pm.	11.50 pm.	" F.7.B.10.60.	20.	20.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 14.

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

Headquarters,
5th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 7th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night. No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	2.05 pm.	2.05 am.	(Any other targets in Brigade)	90.	100.
	2.50 "	2.50 "	(Zone B.C's. may consider)		
	3.10 "	3.10 "	(suitable.)		
	3.40 "	3.40 "	()		
	4.15 "	4.15 "	()		
	4.45 "	4.45 "	Sweep E.6.C.50.45. to E.6.C.50.00.		
	5.20 "	5.20 "	Sweep Road E.6.D.50.60. to E.12.B.40.30.		
	5.50 "	5.30 "	Sweep Railway in E.12.A.& B.		
	6.25 "	5.45 "	Sweep Road E.12.Central to E.12.C.30.95. E.12.B.15.90.		
	6.55 "	6.00 "	Sweep Hedges E.6.D.00.60. to E.12.B.15.90.		
<u>2nd.</u>	7.10 am.	7.10 pm.	Sweep Hedges E.12.B.90.70.	20.	25.
	7.50 "	7.50 "	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	20.	30.
	8.35 "	8.35 "	Sweep Open Country - E.12.B.90.10. to E.12.D.20.35.	20.	30.
	9.15 "	9.15 "	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.30.45. to E.6.D.05.45.	20.	25.
	9.40 "	9.40 "	(Any other targets in Brigade)	80.	100.
	10.05 am.	10.05 "	(Zone B.C's. may consider)		
	10.45 "	10.45 "	(suitable.)		
	11.10 "	11.10 "	()		
11.55 "	11.55 "	()			
<u>3rd.</u>	4.30 am.	4.30 pm.	Search and Sweep lower half of E.6.D.	20.	30.
	4.55 "	4.55 "	Search and Sweep lower half of E.6.C.	20.	25.
	5.30 "	5.30 "	Search and Sweep lower half of E.12.A.	20.	30.
	5.55 "	5.55 "	(Any other targets in Brigade)	80.	100.
	6.15 "	6.15 "	(Zone B.C's. may consider)		
	6.45 "	6.45 "	(suitable.)		
	12.05 pm.	12.05 am.	()		
	12.40 "	12.40 "	()		
	1.15 "	1.15 "	Search and Sweep E.12.B.	20.	30.
	1.35 "	1.35 "	Search and Sweep upper half of E.12.D.	20.	25.

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

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Dean Lieut.
for A/Adjutant 1st. A.F.A. Brigade. Captain.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 15.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
6th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 8th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>2nd.</u>	2.15 pm.	2.15 am.	(Any other targets in Brigade)	20.	35.
	3.05 "	3.05 "	(Zone B.C. may consider suit- (able.)	20.	35.
	4.40 "	4.40 "	(Starting on S.O.S. Line fire)	30.	30.
	5.25 "	5.25 "	(6 Salvoes, lifting 200 yards)	30.	30.
	6.05 "	6.00 "	(on each salvo down Battery) (lane.)	30.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	6.25 am.	6.25 pm.	(Any other targets in Brigade)	15.	30.
	8.50 "	8.50 "	(Zone B.C. may consider (suitable.)	15.	30.
	10.10 "	10.10 "	(Starting on S.O.S. Line plus)	36.	36.
	11.05 "	11.05 "	(1200 yards, fire six salvoes)	36.	36.
	11.55 "	11.55 "	(dropping 200 yards each salvo)	36.	36.
	12.35 pm.	12.35 am.	(down Battery lane.)	36.	36.
<u>101st.</u>	4.40 am.	8.50 pm.	(On suitable targets within)	15.	20.
	6.05 a"	10.10 "	(Brigade Zone.)	15.	20.
	10.10 "	11.05 "	()	15.	20.
	11.55 "	11.55 "	()	15.	20.

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 to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 16.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
7th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 9th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day.Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	7.40 am.	7.40 pm.	Search and Sweep Hedges E.6.C.65.25.	25.	30.
	8.35 "	8.35 "	Search and Sweep Road at E.12.Central.	25.	25.
	9.40 "	9.40 "	Search and Sweep Hedges F.7.A.20.30.	25.	35.
	10.30 "	10.30 "	Search and Sweep Road E.6.D.50.60. to E.12.B.40.30.	25.	35.
	11.15 "	11.15 "	Search and Sweep Wood E.7.C.	25.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.15 pm.	3.15 am.	Search Railway in Brigade Zone.	25.	40.
	3.55 "	3.55 "	Search Grid line South of E.6.	25.	30.
	4.45 "	4.45 "	Search Hedges E.12.B.00.70.	20.	35.
	5.35 "	5.35 "	Search Hedges E.12.A.10.60. to E.6.C.20.40.	30.	35.
	5.55 "	5.55 "	Search Hedges E.6.C.10.50. to E.6.D.10.45,	30.	35.
<u>101st.</u>	9.40 am.	8.35 pm.	Sweep Roads in F.13.A. and B.	15.	25.
	10.30 "	9.40 "	Cross Roads F.7.C.80.95.	10.	15.
	3.55 pm.	4.45 am.	House. F.7.C.40.50.	10.	10.
	5.35 "	5.35 ")	Selected Targets.	15.	25.
	7.40 "	5.55 ")		10.	15.

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

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

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TASK NO. 17.

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

Headquarters,
8th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 10th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day.Night. No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	10.15 pm.	8.15 am.	Search and Sweep Hedges E.6.C.50.30. to E.12.A.50.80.	25.	30.
	10.45 "	9.45 "	Search Railway E.12.A.10.62. to E.12.B.30.30.	25.	25.
	11.20 "	10.20 "	Sweep Road E.6.D. Central to E.12.B.30.30.	25.	35.
	11.50 "	10.50 "	Sweep and Search Hedges and Fields in E.12.A.50.85.	25.	35.
	12.25 am.	11.55 "	Concentrate on House E.12.A.75.30.	25.	30.
<u>2nd.</u>	1.35 pm.	3.35 am.	Search and Sweep Roads in E.12.A. South of Railway.	25.	40.
	2.50 "	4.10 "	Search and Sweep Field in E.12.B. South of Railway.	25.	30.
	3.15 "	4.55 "	Search Field in F.7.A.15.30.	20.	35.
	6.45 "	5.20 "	Concentrate on Cross Roads in E.12.B.30.27.	30.	35.
	9.50 "	5.50 "	Concentrate on Houses in E.6.C.51.25.	30.	35.
<u>101st.</u>	1.35 pm.	3.35 am.	Hostile Battery F.7.C.10.50.	15.	25.
	2.50 "	4.10 "	" " E.12.D.61.40.	10.	15.
	3.15 "	4.55 "	Occupied Houses E.12.A.18.62.	10.	10.
	6.45 "	5.20 "	" " E.12.A.32.63.	15.	25.
	9.50 "	5.50 "	Cross Roads E.12.B.30.25.	10.	15.

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

4.5" Hows. "BX"

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at the 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.

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

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TASK NO. 18.

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

Headquarters,
9th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 11th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	Day.	Night.
			No. of Rds.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	2.05 pm.	3.35 am.	20.	25.
	2.55 "	4.10 "	20.	25.
	3.50 "	4.55 "	15.	20.
	4.20 "	5.15 "	15.	20.
	5.05 "	5.45 "	20.	30.
<u>2nd.</u>	8.35 am.	6.05 pm.	20.	35.
	9.05 "	6.50 "	15.	20.
	10.15 "	7.25 "	15.	20.
	11.05 "	8.35 "	20.	30.
	11.45 "	9.15 "	15.	15.
<u>3rd.</u>	6.05 am.	9.35 pm.	15.	20.
	6.30 "	10.05 "	15.	20.
	7.10 "	10.50 "	25.	30.
	7.45 "	11.15 "	20.	25.
	8.05 "	11.50 "	15.	20.

3. AMMUNITION :- 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.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 19.

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

Headquarters,
10th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 12th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>2nd.</u>	2.05 pm.	3.55 am.	Sweep Roads West of MERRIS in Brigade Zone.	20.	25.
	3.15 "	4.20 "	Search Roads West of MERRIS in Brigade Zone.	20.	25.
	4.20 "	4.50 "	Sweep Trench E.6.A.75.00. to E.6.C.70.55.	20.	25.
	5.25 "	4.25 "	Sweep Hedges E.6.D.65.80.	15.	20.
	6.30 "	5.50 "	Search Trench E.6.B.55.35. to F.1.A.00.55.	20.	25.
<u>3rd.</u>	7.10 am.	7.15 pm.	Sweep Hedges E.12.B.10.95. to E.6.D.05.60.	20.	25.
	8.05 "	8.05 "	Search Houses F.1.C.05.90. to F.1.C.50.70.	20.	25.
	9.35 "	9.10 "	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.50.50. to E.6.C.55.00.	20.	25.
	10.40 "	10.15 "	Road E.6.B.20.35. to E.6.B.30.00.	20.	20.
	11.50 "	10.50 "	MERRIS F.1.C.90.40.	15.	25.
<u>101st.</u>	7.10 am.	7.15 pm.	Cross Roads F.8.A.50.65.	15.	20.
	8.05 "	8.05 "	Sweep Line F.8.B.15.75. to F.2.D.30.30. (2 Batteries).	20.	20.
	4.20 pm.	9.10 "	Bridge F.8.A.95.25.	10.	15.
	5.25 "	4.35 am.	Cross Roads F.1.B.80.10.	15.	15.
	6.30 "	5.50 "	Selected Targets.	20.	20.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. T. Dean
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 20.

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

Headquarters,
11th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 13th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.		Target.	Day. Night.	
				No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	7.30 am.	7.30 pm.	Sweep Roads E.6.D.	20.	35.
	8.05 "	8.05 "	" " F.1.C.	25.	30.
	9.20 "	9.20 "	Cross Roads F.1.A.	20.	20.
	10.15 "	10.15 "	Hedges Southern Half E.6.C.	25.	35.
	11.20 "	11.20 "	Trenches E.6.B.00.40. to E.6.B.95.55.	25.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.30 pm.	3.30 am.	Sweep Line F.7.A.40.70. to F.1.B.30.30.	25.	35.
	4.05 "	4.05 "	Search Roads F.1.A.05.50. to F.1.B.50.15.	25.	30.
	4.50 "	4.50 "	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.50.20.	25.	20.
	5.20 "	5.20 "	" " E.6.D.75.65.	25.	30.
	5.55 "	5.55 "	Search Roads F.1.D.	20.	35.
<u>101st.</u>	9.20 am.	9.20 pm.	OUTTERSTEENE.	20.	25.
	11.20 "	10.15 "	Cross Roads F.8.A.50.65.	12.	20.
	4.05 pm.	4.50 am.	Battery F.2.D.25.20.	15.	20.
	5.20 "	5.20 "	Roads F.8.B.25.00.	12.	20.
	8.05 "	5.55 "	Search Road F.7.B.05.80. to F.8.A.35.25.	15.	20.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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TASK NO. 21.

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

Headquarters,
12th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 14th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE:-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	Day. Night.
			No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	2.35 pm.	3.40 am.	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.50.30. 20. 30.
	3.10 "	4.05 "	" " E.6.D.60.75. 15. 20.
	4.50 "	4.50 "	Sweep Road F.1.A.90.35. 25. 35.
			to F.1.C.75.65.
	5.40 "	5.15 "	Sweep Trench E.6.B.20.20. 25. 30.
			to E.6.B.80.45.
	6.50 "	5.40 " Sweep Road E.12.B.40.85. 25. 35.	
		to E.6.D.50.95.	
<u>2nd.</u>	8.05 am.	7.35 pm.	Sweep Road F.1.D.10.55. 20. 30.
	9.10 "	8.40 "	" " to F.1.B.80.15. 20. 30.
			to F.7.A.90.50. 20. 35.
	10.15 "	9.50 "	Search Hedges E.6.D.05.55. 20. 30.
			to E.6.D.75.60.
	11.20 "	10.55 "	Search Road E.6.B.25.00. 20. 35.
		to F.1.D.50.15.	
	1.15 pm.	11.20 " Sweep Line E.6.C.75.45. 15. 25.	
		to E.6.B.45.20.	
<u>101st.</u>	8.05 am.	7.35 pm.	Convent F.1.D.20.45. 15. 15.
	10.15 "	8.40 "	Sweep Road F.8.B.95.75. 20. 25.
			to F.3.C.70.80. 15. 20.
	1.15 pm.	9.50 "	Search OUTERSTEENE 15. 25.
	3.10 "	10.55 "	Sweep METEREN BECQUE in Brigade Zone 15. 25.
	5.40 "	11.20 "	Cross Roads F.8.A.55.65. 10. 20.

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

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

5. 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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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 22.By Lieut-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
13th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 15th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	2.15 a.m.	Search and Sweep Roads into MERRIS.	35.
	3.20 "	Sweep Hedges in lower half of E.6.C.	35.
	4.15 "	Sweep Roads in E.6.D. and E.12.B.	35.
	5.20 "	Sweep Hedges in E.6.D.	35.
<u>2nd.</u>	7.35 p.m.	do.	35.
	9.10 "	do.	35.
	10.15 "	do.	35.
	11.20 "	do.	35.
<u>3rd.</u>	9.05 a.m.	do.	25.
	11.15 "	do.	20.
	2.10 p.m.	do.	25.
	4.50 "	do.	20.
<u>C/64.R.F.A.</u>	10.10 a.m.	Search Roads in E.12.C.	20.
	12.05 p.m.	" " " E.11.D.	20.
	3.05 "	Sweep Wood in F.7.C.	20.
	5.35 "	Tracks and Roads in F.7.C. and F.13.A.	20.
<u>C/119.R.F.A.</u>	7.25 p.m.	Search Roads in E.12.C.	30.
	8.05 "	" " " E.11.D.	30.
	8.40 8.40 p.m.	Sweep Wood in F.7.C.	30.
	9.35 p.m.	Tracks and Roads in F.7.C. and F.13.A.	30.
	10.35 "	Selected Targets.	30.
	11.55 "	" "	30.

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

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at the 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. Thompson
Captain.
A/Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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TASK NO. 23.

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

Headquarters,
14th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 16th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rd
<u>1st.</u>	9.00 a.m.	Sweep Road E.6.D.50.55. to E.6.D.50.95.	25.
	11.00 "	Search and Sweep Hedge E.6.D.75.55. to E.6.D.70.95.	20.
	3.10 p.m.	" " " Hedges F.1.C.15.40. to F.1.C.20.70.	25.
	4.55 "	Houses E.6.D.90.95.	20.
<u>2nd.</u>	2.00 a.m.	Sweep Hedges and Houses E.12.A.50.75. to E.6.C.50.25.	35.
	3.25 "	" " " " do.	35.
	4.20 "	Sweep Hedge and Field E.12.A.90.70.	35.
	5.00 "	House E.12.B.75.85.	35.
<u>3rd.</u>	8.10 p.m.	Sweep Hedge E.6.B.68.00. to E.6.B.65.35.	35.
	9.15 "	Road into MERRIS E.6.D.90.90.	35.
	10.00 "	Houses F.1.C.15.85.	35.
	11.15 "	" do.	35.
<u>101st.</u>	9.00 a.m.	Cross Roads F.8.A.50.65.	15.
	3.00 p.m.	House E.12.B.98.80.	15.
	10.30 "	Road Junction F.8.A.25.25.	30.
	5.00 a.m.	House F.8.A.40.80.	30.
<u>C/64.R.F.A.</u>	7.30 p.m.	Search Road XXXXX E.11.B.30.75. to E.12.C.40.95.	30.
	8.10 "	" " do.	30.
	8.50 "	Search and Sweep Tracks E.12.B.	30.
	4.30 a.m.	" " " " do.	30.
	5.10 "	" " " " do.	30.
	5.40 "	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	30.

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Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>C/119.R.F.A.</u>	10.00 a.m.	Hedge and Ravine E.11.B.45.15.	20.
	12.15 p.m.	Search Road E.11.B.35.40. to E.12.C.25.25.	20.
	2.50 "	Search Trees E.12.C.50.30.	20.
	6.00 "	" " do.	20.

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

4. These harassing shoots will be fired at the 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. 24.

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

Headquarters,
15th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 17th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	8.40 p.m.	Approaches to MERRIS.	35.
	9.35 "	Sweep Trench from E.6.C.70.50. to E.6.A.95.30.	25.
	10.05 "	Hedges E.12.B.00.45. to E.6.D.15.30.	30.
	11.10 "	Sweep Road E.12.B.40.35. to E.6.D.Central.	35.
<u>2nd.</u>	7.20 a.m.	Sweep Roads in F.1.D.	20.
	8.10 "	" " " F.7.B.	20.
	3.15 p.m.	" Hedges E.6.C.60.40.	25.
	4.05 "	" " around E.12.B.90.70.	25.
<u>3rd.</u>	2.55 a.m.	Approaches West of MERRIS.	30.
	3.35 "	Sweep Line E.6.D.05.30. to E.6.D.75.95.	35.
	4.15 "	" Hedges around F.7.A.10.35.	25.
	4.40 "	Hedges E.6.C.00.30. to E.6.C.70.30.	30.
<u>101st.</u>	8.40 p.m.	Batteries F.8.A.50.70.	20.
	9.35 "	OUTTERSTEENE	20.
	10.05 "	Sweep Roads F.8.C.00.00. to F.8.Central	20.
	11.10 "	Search Roads from MERRIS Eastward	20.
<u>C/64.R.F.A.</u>	6.15 a.m.	Search Roads in E.11.D.	20.
	7.05 "	" Wood F.7.C.	20.
	2.05 p.m.	Cross Roads F.13.A.	15.
	2.55 "	Sweep Tracks in E.12.D.	20.

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Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of R
<u>C/119.R.F.A.</u>	9.15 p.m.	Sweep Search Roads in E.11.B. South of Railway.	25.
	9.40 "	Search " " E.11.D. and E.12.C.	30.
	10.15 "	Cross Roads E.11.C.	25.
	11.05 "	Tracks in E.12.D.	30.
	11.25 "	Search Railway Track E.12.A. and E.12.B.	30.
	Midnight.	" " " do. do.	30.

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

4. These harassing shots will be fired at the 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.

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

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TASK NO. 25.

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

Headquarters,
16th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 18th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	2.50 a.m.	Sweep Trench E.6.C.70.50. to E.6.A.95.30.	30.
	3.20 "	" " E.6.B.45.75. to E.6.B.25.75.	30.
	4.10 "	" Hedges F.1.C.15.40. to F.1.C.20.70.	30.
	4.50 "	Houses E.6.D.90.95.	30.
<u>2nd.</u>	8.50 p.m.	Hedge and Field E.12.A.90.70.	30.
	9.45 "	House E.12.B.95.80.	30.
	10.20 "	Search Railway ex E.12.B.	35.
	11.15 "	Machine Gun E.12.A.15.60.	25.
<u>3rd.</u>	8.00 a.m.	Houses F.1.C.15.85.	20.
	8.30 "	Open Field Southern Half F.1.A.	25.
	4.00 p.m.	Selected Targets	25.
	5.00 "	do. do.	20.
<u>101st.</u>	9.00 p.m.	House F.9.B.00.30. (Enemy H.Q.)	30.
	10.30 "	Road Junction F.8.A.30.30.	30.
	4.15 a.m.	House F.9.C.25.95.	30.
	4.40 "	Junction F.8.D.45.50.	30.
<u>C/64.R.F.A.</u>	9.00 p.m.	Search Wood in F.7.C.	30.
	9.50 "	" " " do.	30.
	10.40 "	Search and Sweep Tracks E.12.B.	25.
	11.20 "	" " " do.	25.
	4.15 a.m.	Wood in F.7.C.	30.
	4.40 "	" " do.	25.
<u>C/119.R.F.A.</u>	6.10 a.m.	Railway Track E.12.A. and E.12.B.	20.
	6.40 "	" " do. do.	20.
	2.00 p.m.	Hedge and Ravine E.11.B.45.15.	15.
	3.15 "	Trees E.12.C.50.30.	20.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. H. Thomson

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 26.

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

Headquarters,
17th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 19th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	8.35 p.m.	Cross Roads F.1.90.25.	35.
	9.10 "	Search Road E.6.B.25.00. to F.1.C.50.60.	30.
	10.05 "	Sweep Road in E.12.B.	35.
	11.10 "	Search Railway in E.12.A. & E.12.B.	35.
<u>2nd.</u>	8.15 a.m.	Sweep Roads in F.7.A.	20.
	11.25 "	Hedges E.6.C.15.30. to E.12.B.00.40.	25.
	3.05 p.m.	Hedges around E.6.D.60.80.	25.
	5.10 "	" " E.6.C.65.25.	20.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.35 a.m.	Search Roads in F.1.C.	35.
	4.05 "	Sweep Road in E.6.D.	35.
	4.55 "	" Railway in E.12.	35.
	5.25 "	" Hedges F.1.C.80.00.	35.
<u>101st.</u>	9.35 p.m.	XXXXXXXXXX Sweep OUTERSTEENE.	25.
	9.10. XX p.m.	Cross Roads F.8.A.50.60.	20.
	10.05 "	" " F.1.B.75.10.	25.
	11.10 "	Sweep METEREN BECQUE in F.8.	30.
<u>C/64.R.F.A.</u>	8.10 a.m.	Sweep Road E.12.C.	20.
	11.25 "	" " E.11.D.	25.
	3.05 p.m.	Sweep Wood F.7.C.	20.
	5.10 "	Trees E.12.C.50.30.	30.
<u>C/119.R.F.A.</u>	9.05 p.m.	Search Roads E.11.D.	30.
	9.55 "	Sweep Tracks in E.12.D.	25.
	10.35 "	" Railway in E.12.	35.
	11.05 "	Selected Target	30.
	11.45 "	" "	25.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 27.

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

Headquarters,
18th. May, 1918

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 20th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	3.35 a.m.	Sweep Hedge E.12.B.	30.
	4.05 "	" " E.6.D.	35.
	4.45 "	" " E.6.C.	35.
	5.20 "	Railway in E.12.	35.
<u>2nd.</u>	9.20 p.m.	Search Approaches West of MERRIS.	35.
	10.15 "	Sweep Hedges F.7.B.30.90.	35.
	10.55 "	" " E.6.C.	30.
	11.35 "	Road and Tracks F.7.A.	35.
<u>3rd.</u>	9.05 a.m.	Sweep Roads E.6.D.	20.
	11.35 "	Search Roads F.1.A.	25.
	3.05 p.m.	" " F.1.B.	20.
	5.25 "	Sweep Hedges in E.6.C.	25.
<u>101st.</u>	10.30 a.m.)	Observed shoot on defences of) MONT DE MERRIS in E.6.C.)	120.
	3.00 p.m.)		
<u>C/64.R.F.A.</u>	9.35 p.m.	Sweep Wood in F.7.C.	30.
	9.55 "	Search Roads in E.11.D. and E.12.C.	35.
	10.25 "	Sweep Tracks in E.12.D.	30.
	11.05 "	" Railway in E.12.	25.
	11.45 "	Search PLATEBECQUE RAU	35.
<u>C/119.R.F.A.</u>	10.25 a.m.	Sweep Roads F.7.C. and F.13.A.	20.
	2.05 p.m.	Buildings E.12.C.50.95.	15.
	4.25 "	Road E.11.B.70.50. to E.11.D.80.90.	25.
	6.15 "	Sweep Trees F.13.B. and F.13.D.	20.

AMMUNITION/-

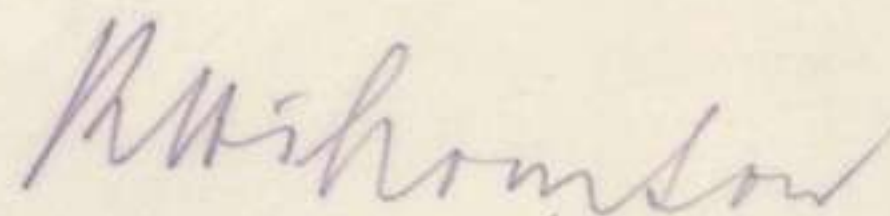


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3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".
4. These harassing shoots will be fired at the times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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TASK NO. 28.

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

Headquarters,
19th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 21st. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	2.25 p.m.	Sweep Hedges E.6.C.55.45.	20.
	4.15 "	Search Roads in E.6.D.	20.
	5.05 "	Sweep MERRIS.	25.
	6.35 "	" Hedges E.12.B.15.95.	20.
<u>2nd.</u>	3.10 a.m.	Sweep Roads in F.7.A.	35.
	4.05 "	" Hedges E.6.D.10.55.	30.
	4.55 "	" Railway E.12.	35.
	5.35 "	" Tracks in F.7.A.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	8.45 p.m.	Sweep Square F.7.B.	30.
	9.25 "	" Roads in F.1.D.	30.
	10.15 "	" " " F.6.D.	25.
	11.35 "	" Hedges E.6.C.50.25.	20.
<u>101st.</u>	5.05 p.m.	House E.6.D.40.90.	20.
	9.25 "	Sweep Roads F.8.A.	30.
	10.15 "	" " F.8.B.	30.
	11.35 "	Search Railway F.8.	30.
<u>C/64.R.F.A.</u>	9.35 a.m.	Sweep F.7.C.	25.
	10.10 "	" F.13.A.	25.
	11.05 "	" Roads F.13.B.	20.
	12.45 p.m.	" Tracks E.12.D.	20.
<u>C/119.R.F.A.</u>	1.05 a.m.	Search Road E.11.D.	20.
	2.00 "	Sweep Track E.12.D.	20.
	2.35 "	Houses E.12.C.50.95.	15.
	3.05 "	Search PLATEBECQUE E.11.D.	20.
	3.55 "	" Trees E.17.B.55.55.	15.
	4.25 "	" Railway E.12.	25.

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

4. Fire to be in bursts of 6 to 8 rounds at short and irregular intervals.

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

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. Johnson

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

Distribution :- Normal.



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TASK NO 29.

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

Headquarters,
20th. May, 1918.

- 1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 22nd. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds
<u>1st.</u>	8.50 p.m.	Cross Roads F.1.A.90.25.	30.
	9.40 "	Search Road E.6.B.25.00. to F.1.C.50.60.	25.
	10.30 "	" Railway E.12.A. and E.12.B.	30.
	11.20 "	" Road in E.12.B.	20.
<u>2nd.</u>	2.30 p.m.	Sweep Roads F.7.A.	20.
	3.40 "	" Hedges E.6.C.15.30. to E.12.B.00.40.	25.
	4.20 "	" " E.6.D.60.80.	20.
	6.15 "	" " E.6.C.65.25.	20.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.00 a.m.	Search Roads in F.1.C.	30.
	4.10 "	Sweep Roads in E.6.D.	30.
	4.40 "	" Railway in E.12.	35.
	5.15 "	" Hedges in F.1.C.80.00.	30.
<u>101st.</u>	5.15 p.m.	House F.9.B.00.30.	20.
	10.00 "	Road Junction F.8.A.30.30.	30.
	10.30 "	Wood in F.7.C.	30.
	11.10 "	House E.12.B.95.80.	30.

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

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- 4. **Fire** to be in bursts of 6 to 8 rounds at short and irregular intervals.
- 5. These harassing shoots will be fired at the times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. Richardson

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

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TASK NO. 30.

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

Headquarters,
21st. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 23rd. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	3.25 a.m.	Sweep Hedges round E.6.C.65.25.	30.
	4.05 "	" Roads in E.6.D.	25.
	4.35 "	Search Hedge E.6.D.75.45. to F.1.C.30.40.	30.
	5.10 "	" " around field F.12.A.95.70.	25.
<u>2nd.</u>	9.50 p.m.	Search Roads West of MERRIS.	30.
	10.10 "	Sweep Roads in E.6.D.	35.
	11.05 "	" " " F.7.A.	35.
	11.40 "	" MERRIS.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.35 p.m.	Sweep Line E.6.D.0.0. to E.6.D.80.65.	20.
	4.45 "	" " E.6.C.0.0. to E.6.C.75.25.	25.
	5.55 "	" " E.6.D.75.45. to F.1.C.70.70.	20.
	7.05 "	" MERRIS.	20.
<u>101st.</u>	9.50 p.m.	Sweep Railway in F.8.	25.
	11.05 "	" OUTERSTEENE.	25.
	11.25 "	" Roads in F.8.A.	30.
	11.40 "	" " F.7.B.	30.

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

4. Fire to be in bursts of 6 to 8 rounds at short and irregular intervals.

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

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. S. Thomson
Captain.
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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TASK NO. 31.

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

Headquarters,
22nd. May, 1918

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

2. TASK TABLE:-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	9.45 p.m.	Sweep Hedges E.6.D.60.80.	25.
	10.15 "	Search Hedge E.6.C.00.25. to E.6.C.70.30.	30.
	11.10 "	Search Roads in F.1.C.	30.
	11.55 "	" Hedges round E.6.D.30.45.	25.
<u>2nd.</u>	3.35 a.m.	Sweep Road in F.7.A.	30.
	3.55 "	" MERRIS.	25.
	4.25 "	" Hedges E.6.C.50.45. to E.12.A.50.80.	25.
	4.50 "	" Line E.6.B.25.00. to E.6.B.80.45.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	4.05 p.m.	Sweep Line E.6.C.70.45. to E.6.B.20.45.	20.
	5.10 "	" " F.7.A.00.80. to F.1.C.40.55.	25.
	6.15 "	" " E.6.D.05.30. to E.6.B.65.35.	25.
	7.20 "	" MERRIS.	20.
<u>101st.</u>	9.45 p.m.	Sweep METEREN BECQUE in F.8.	25.
	10.15 "	Search Railway in F.7.	25.
	11.10 "	Sweep Roads in F.8.C. and F.8.B.	30.
	11.55 "	" " " F.8.A.	30.

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5"6Hows. "BX".

4. Fire to be in bursts of 6 to 8 rounds at short and irregular intervals.

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

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

R.H. Thomson
Captain.
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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TASK NO. 32.

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

Headquarters,
23rd. May, 1918.

Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 25th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	9.40 pm.	Hedge E.12.B.00.45. to E.6.A.15.30.	40.
	10.30 "	Approaches to MERRIS	40.
	11.20 "	Houses F.1.C.15.85.	40.
	11.50 "	House E.6.D.90.82.	35.
	3.45 a.m.	Hedge E.6.D.60.55. to E.6.D.60.95.	35.
	4.10 "	" E.6.C.70.30. to E.6.C.70.45.	45.
	4.35 "	Road F.1.C.30.25. to F.1.C.40.60.	45.
	5.00 "	Sweep Southern Half E.6.D.	45.
<u>2nd.</u>	9.00 a.m.	Hedge F.7.A.80.90.	20.
	11.15 "	Sweep Southern Half F.7.A.	25.
	4.30 p.m.	Search Railway E.12.B.	20.
	6.15 "	House and Hedge E.12.B.75.87.	20.
<u>3rd.</u>	9.00 p.m.	Tracks F.1.A.00.30. to F.1.A.70.15.	45.
	10.45 "	Cross Roads F.1.A.85.25.	40.
	11.05 "	Road E.6.D.85.95. to F.1.C.40.60.	45.
	12.30 a.m.	Trench E.6.B.40.33.	35.
	1.40 "	Sweep Southern Half F.1.A.	40.
	2.50 "	Houses F.1.C.15.85.	30.
	3.30 "	As at 9 p.m.	35.
	4.00 "	do.	35.
<u>101st.</u>	11.00 a.m.	Selected Targets.	25.
	4.00 p.m.	"	25.
	10.00 "	Junction F.8.D.45.50.	25.
	11.00 "	House F.8.A.40.80. (25.70.)	30.
	11.20 "	Road F.7.D.90.73. to F.8.A. (25.70.)	30.
	3.45 a.m.	Road Junction F.8.A.30.30.	20.
	4.20 "	House F.9.C.25.95.	25.
4.45 "	" F.9.B.00.30.	25.	

AMMUNITION :-

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

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- 4. Fire to be in bursts of 6 to 8 rounds at short and irregular intervals.
- 5. These harassing shoots will be fired at the times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or ff being shelled.
- 6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

M. McDonald

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

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TASK NO. 33.

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

Headquarters,
24th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 26th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of Rd
<u>1st.</u>	10.15 a.m.	Sweep Hedges around E.6.D.60.80.	20
	11.50 "	" " " E.6.C.60.25.	25
	3.05 p.m.	" Enemy Trenches E.6.B.	20
	5.25 "	Search MERRIS.	2
<u>2nd.</u>	12.35 a.m.	) Same Targets as 1st. Battery.	4
	1.40 "		4
	2.25 "		4
	3.05 "		4
	3.50 "	Search Trenches F.7.A.	4
	4.10 "	Sweep Road E.12.B.35.30 to E.6.D.45.40.	4
	4.55 "	" Line E.6.D.40.70. to E.6.C.65.45.	2
5.15 "	" " F.1.A.00.50. to E.6.Central.	2	
<u>3rd.</u>	7.15 p.m.	) Last 4 Targets of 2nd. Battery.	2
	8.20 "		2
	9.05 "		4
	9.45 "		4
	10.25 "	Sweep Road F.7.A.	4
	10.55 "	" MERRIS.	3
	11.20 "	" Track E.6.B.60.40. to F.1.A.80.25.	4
	11.55 "	" Line E.6.D.10.00. to E.6.D.45.95.	4
<u>101st.</u>	11.50 a.m.	Search Railway F.7.	1
	3.05 p.m.	Sweep Roads F.8.C.	1
	10.25 "	Cross Roads F.9.C.35.50.	30
	11.20 "	Search Railway F.8.	40
	11.55 "	Cross Roads F.8.A.45.60.	40
	3.50 a.m.	Battery F.8.B.15.25.	35
	4.10 "	Cross Road F.8.A.20.25.	35
	4.55 "	" " F.8.B.20.00.	30

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

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- 4. Fire to be in bursts of 8 to 10 rounds at short and irregular intervals.
- 5. These harassing shoots will be fired at the times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. Richardson

Capt
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigad

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TASK NO. 34.

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

Headquarters,
25th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 27th. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of R
<u>1st.</u>	1.15 a.m.	Sweep Line E.6.B.50.65. to E.6.B.45.00.	40.
	1.50 "	" " E.6.B.35.40. to E.6.A.75.00.	35.
	2.35 "	Search Roads West of MERRIS.	40.
	2.55 "	Sweep Line E.6.D.45.75. to E.6.C.50.00.	40.
	3.15 "	) Selected Targets.	30.
	3.40 "		35.
	4.15 "		40.
	4.30 "		40.
<u>2nd.</u>	8.55 p.m.)	) Selected Targets.	30.
	9.20 "		35.
	9.55 "		40.
	10.10 "		35.
	10.35 "	Sweep Roads in E.6.D.	40.
	10.55 "	" " " F.1.C.	35.
	11.25 "	" " " F.7.A.	40.
	11.40 "	Line F.6.A.70.00. to E.6.B.85.55.	40.
<u>3rd.</u>	3.30 p.m.	Sweep Hedges round E.12.B.80.70.	20.
	5.05 "	" " " E.6.C.60.20.	20.
	6.15 "	" " " E.6.D.60.80.	25.
	7.35 "	" " " E.6.B.40.20.	25.
<u>101st.</u>	7.35 p.m.	Cross Roads F.8.A.45.60.	20.
	8.55 "	" " F.8.B.20.00.	20.
	9.20 "	Search Railways in F.8.	30.
	10.10 "	Cross Roads F.9.C.55.05.	35.
	10.55 "	OUTTERSTEENE.	40.
	3.40 a.m.	Houses F.7.A.80.20.	35.
	4.15 "	Battery F.8.B.20.85.	35.
4.30 "	" F.15.A.05.80.	30.	

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

4. Fire to be in bursts of 8 to 10 rounds at short and irregular intervals.

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

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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TASK NO. 35.

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

Headquarters,
26th. May, 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, in accordance with Task Table below.

HURRICANE BOMBARDMENT.

2. All guns 4 rounds per gun per minute for 3 minutes, at targets and times as shown below:-

<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Time.</u>		<u>Target.</u>
<u>1st.</u>	10.05 p.m.	Line	E.6.Central. to E.6.B.50.40.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.B.50.00. to F.1.A.00.40.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.B.50.40. to F.1.A.00.55.

<u>1st.</u>	11.15 p.m.	Line	E.6.C.00.30. to E.6.C.60.50.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	XXXXXXXXXX E.6.C.35.15. to E.6.D.00.60.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.C.60.50. to E.6.Central.

<u>1st.</u>	3.35 a.m.	Line	E.6.D.00.45. to E.6.B.60.00.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.D.00.00. to E.6.D.50.50.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.D.50.50. to F.1.A.00.00.

3. Watches will be synchronised by this office at 9 p.m. O.C. 1st. Battery will fire a single gun which will be the signal to commence bombardment.

4.

<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rds</u>
	11.05 a.m.)		25.
	2.35 p.m.)	Sweep selected targets,	20.
	4.30 ")	hedges, etc. in	20.
	5.55 ")	Brigade Zone.	25.

5 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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TASK NO. 36.

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

Headquarters,
27th. May, 1918.

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

2. HURRICANE BOMBARDMENT.

All 18-Pdrs. 4 rounds, and 4.5" Hows. 3 rounds, per minute for 3 minutes, at targets and times as shown below:-

<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Time.</u>		<u>Target.</u>
<u>1st.</u>	9.50 p.m.	Line	F.1.C.50.50. to F.1.C.80.95.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	F.1.D.00.00. to F.1.D.20.65.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	"	F.1.C.70.25. to F.1.C.90.60.
<u>101st.</u>	" "	y	MERRIS.

<u>1st.</u>	10.45 p.m.	Line	E.6.D.35.90. to E.6.B.65.10.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.D.70.80. to E.6.B.90.05.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	"	F.1.C.05.65. to F.1.C.35.85.
<u>101st.</u>	" "		Search house on Road around F.1.C.15.80.

3. Watches will be synchronised by this office at 9 p.m. O.C. 1st. Battery will fire a single gun which will be the signal to commence bombardment.

4.

<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Times.</u>	<u>Targets</u>	<u>No. of Rd</u>
<u>1st.</u>	11.10 a.m.	Houses E.12.B.85.85.	20.
	2.05 p.m.	Hedges round E.6.C.60.30.	20.
	4.50 "	" " E.6.D.60.80.	20.
	7.05 "	Cross Roads F.1.C.70.60.	20.
<u>2nd.</u>	11.10 p.m.	Search Railway F.7.A. and F.7.G.	30.
	11.35 "	" MERRIS.	25.
	11.50 "	House E.6.D.35.80.	20.

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Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds
<u>3rd.</u>	1.15 a.m.	Search track E.6.B.65.40 to F.1.A.70.20.	25.
	2.00 "	Sweep Road E.12.B.35.50. to E.6.D.45.60.	30.
	2.35 "	" Hedges F.12.A.50.85. to E.6.C.50.45.	20.
	3.05 "	" Line E.6.D.10.35. to E.6.D.70.95.	35.
	3.45 "	Search Road E.6.B.20.00. to F.1.C.00.90.	25.
	4.10 "	" Hedge E.6.D.70.45. to F.1.C.30.40.	20.

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

6. In Tasks set out in para 4, fire to be in bursts of 8 to 10 rounds at short and irregular intervals.

7. Harassing shoots, as set out in para 4, will be fired at the times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

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

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

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28th. May, 1918.ADDITION to TASK NO. 36.

1. The following Hurricane Bombardment will be fired, as well as those already detailed in Task No. 36.

<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>
<u>1st.</u>	11.30 p.m.	Line E.6.C.00.40. to E.6.C.25.90.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	" E.6.C.25.90. to E.6.C.50.80.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	" E.6.C.50.80. to E.6.A.75.00.

2. All these bombardments will only be for 2 minutes duration instead of 3 minutes as previously detailed.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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TASK NO. 37.

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

Headquarters,
28th. May, 1918.

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

2. HURRICANE BOMBARDMENT.

All 18-Pdr. Guns 5 rounds, and 4.5" Hows. 3 rounds, per minute for 1½ minutes, at targets and times as shown below :-

<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Time.</u>		<u>Target.</u>
<u>1st.</u>	10.30 p.m.	Line	E.6.D.73.45. to E.6.D.70.95.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	F.1.C.15.40. to F.1.C.15.90.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	Road	E.6.D.45.60. to E.6.D.45.97.
<u>101st.</u>	" "	Houses	F.1.C.15.85. to and E.6.D.90.85.

<u>1st.</u>	11.15 p.m.	Line	E.6.D.05.55. to E.6.D.05.30.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.D.13.26. to E.12.B.13.90.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	"	E.12.B.10.90. to E.12.B.00.45.
<u>101st.</u>	" "	"	One Section on each of 18-Pdr. Battery Targets.

<u>1st.</u>	3.45 a.m.	Line	E.6.B.60.35. to E.6.B.40.00.
<u>2nd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.B.40.00. to E.6.B.25.63.
<u>3rd.</u>	" "	"	E.6.B.25.63. to E.6.B.05.30.
<u>101st.</u>	" "	House	F.1.D.15.45. and vicinity.

3. Watches will be synchronised by this office at 9 p.m. O.C. 1st. Battery will fire a single gun which will be the signal to commence bombardment.

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Battery.	Times.	Target.	No. of R
<u>1st.</u>	9.30 p.m.	Search Road E.6.D.45.95. to F.1.C.40.60.	25
	10.00 "	" " do. do.	20
	11.40 "	Sweep Road E.6.D.45.95. to E.6.D.45.60.	30
	11.55 "	Search Hedge E.6.D.73.45. to F.1.C.30.36.	20
<u>2nd.</u>	1.30 a.m.	Search and Sweep Southern Half F.7.A.	20
	2.10 "	" Railway F.7.A. and F.7.C.	20
	2.50 "	" Road E.6.D.00.60. to E.6.D.45.60.	20
	3.15 "	" " do. do.	20
<u>3rd.</u>	10.00 a.m.	Selected Targets E.6.B. and E.6.D.	20
	2.00 p.m.	" " do. do.	20
	3.15 "	" " do. do.	20
	4.30 "	" " do. do.	20

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

6. In Tasks set out in para 4, fire to be in bursts of 8 to 10 rounds at short and irregular intervals.

7. Harassing shoots, as set out in para 4, will be fired at the times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE *φ*.

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

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TASK .NO. 38.

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

Headquarters,
29th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. ~~and~~ on 31st. instant, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	8.35 p.m.	Search Road E.6.A.50.00	
	8.55 "	Sweep " in E.6.D.	30.
	9.15 "	" Hedges round E.6.C.60.20.	35.
	9.40 "	Search Track E.6.B.50.35. to F.1.A.70.20.	30.
	10.10 "	Sweep Line E.6.D.45.60. to E.6.B.75.00.	35.
	10.50 "	" Hedge F.1.C.25.35. to F.1.C.45.70.	35.
	11.20 "	" Line E.6.D.00.60. to E.6.B.65.10.	40.
	11.50 "	" " F.7.A.00.80. to F.1.C.35.35.	35.
<u>2nd.</u>	11.15 a.m.	Sweep Roads in F.7.A.	
	3.05 p.m.	" MERRIS.	20.
	4.10 "	" Hedges round E.6.C.60.20.	25.
	5.20 "	" " E.12.B.80.70.	20.
<u>3rd.</u>	2.35 a.m.	) Same Targets as 1st. Battery.	
	2.55 "		30.
	3.20 "		35.
	3.45 "		35.
	4.15 "		30.
	4.35 "		40.
	5.10 "		30.
	5.35 "		35.
<u>101st.</u>	9.40 p.m.	Cross ^c Roads F.8.A.50.60.	
	10.10 "	" " F.9.C.55.05.	20.
	10.50 "	Search Railway in F.8.	20.
	11.20 "	House F.9.B.00.30.	35.
	11.50 "	Sweep Road F.9.C.25.80.	35.
			30.

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

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4. Fire to be in bursts of 8 to 10 rounds at short and irregular intervals.
5. These harassing shoots will be fired at the times ordered, but B. C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E . P .

R. Robinson
Captain.
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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TASK NO. 39.

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

Headquarters,
30th. May, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on June 1st, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds
<u>1st.</u>	11.00 a.m.	Cross Roads F.1.A.90.25.	20.
	2.30 p.m.	Search Road E.6.B.25.00. to F.1.C.50.60.	25.
	4.20 "	" Railway E.12.A. and E.12.B.	20.
	5.15 "	" Road in Northern Half E.12.B.	20.
<u>2nd.</u>	2.30 a.m.	House and Hedge E.12.B.75.87.	30.
	2.50 "	Hedge E.6.D.50.55. to E.6.D.73.55.	30.
	3.15 "	Road E.6.B.25.00. to E.6.D.80.95.	35.
	3.40 "	" E.6.D.80.95. to F.1.C.40.65.	35.
	4.10 "	House E.6.D.88.82.	30.
	4.30 "	Road F.1.C.30.25. to F.1.C.40.60.	30.
	5.00 "	Hedge F.1.C.70.10. to F.1.C.70.25.	30.
	5.20 "	Sweep Northern Half F.7.A.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	8.00 p.m.	Roads F.1.B.	30.
	8.40 "	Track F.1.A.00.30. to F.1.C.75.16	35.
	9.30 "	Sweep Southern Half F.1.A.	40.
	10.10 "	Road F.1.C.70.60. to F.1.A.80.20.	30.
	10.50 "	" do. do.	30.
	11.10 "	Southern Half F.1.A.	35.
	11.40 "	" " do.	35.
<u>101st.</u>	10.00 p.m.	Cross Roads F.8.A.45.60.	20.
	10.30 "	" " F.2.B.15.10.	20.
	10.50 "	Road F.2.B.15.10. to F.8.B.90.75.	35.
	11.20 "	House F.9.B.00.30.	30.
	11.45 "	" F.8.B.70.13.	(30) 30.

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

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4. Fire to be in bursts of 8 to 10 rounds at short and irregular intervals.
5. These harassing shoots will be fired at the times ordered, but B.C's. may vary them slightly to fit in with other shoots or if being shelled.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Thomson

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

Distribution :- Normal.

