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Artillery

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Artillery Brigade

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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	July I		"Rogers" conditions not being suitable enterprise of last night postponed. <i>HWS</i>	
	2-3		Late last night our attached Bty created a diversion for a raid being made on our left by the 2nd Aust Div - Half an hour later our Btys co-operated with our right wing in covering a raid made by our infantry on our left. Schemes for both raids attached as appendix by Nos II and III. Our fourth Bty heavily shelled this morning early by 4.2 Bty - their billet destroyed and all maps and papers together with a considerable quantity of personal kit lost. The personnel of Bty displayed considerable gallantry in salvaging certain articles of kit and a quantity of ammunition (a X) under heavy fire - There were no casualties in Bty or damage done to guns - Bty under orders to be relieved by the 11th Bde 4th Aust Div. Relief to be completed by 3 am on the 5th inst. <i>HWS</i>	
	5		Bde in billets at DOULIEU. <i>HWS</i>	
	11-12		Bde left billets and entrained for BORDUN.	
	12		Arrived at Bordun.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	14 July		Left BORDUN and route marched to FLECELLES RWS	
	15		Bde now bivouacked at FLECELLES RWS	
	16		Bde moved at PUNCHEVILLIERS today RWS	
	18		Bde now in bivouac at VADENCOURT WOOD RWS	
	19		Advance parties of Bde arrive at ALBERT to take over from the 87th Bde R.F.A. 19th Div. RWS	
	20		Bde took over portion of line allotted to 87th Bde R.F.A. at 8.00 this morning - RWS	
	21-22		Checking registrations wire cutting and slight alterations and improvements to gun pits and surroundings. Enemy trench in course of construction construction was kept under fire by the Bde each Bty firing one round every two minutes - About noon this rate was altered and slowed down to one round every four minutes. Fire of Bde in support of operation attack on POZIERES was opened on the night of the 22/23. Support of attack was arranged in four barrages by 18th Bty of Bde. The 102nd How Bty was allotted task of bombarding strong points during barrages 1-3 as per appendix IV attached. The guns taken over from 19th Div 87 Bde R.F.A. did equal to the task owing principally to weakness in upper springs - four of which were beyond repair RWS	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	July 22/23		<p>in the field and have since been sent to A.O.M. workshops. Despite this fact fire was satisfactory - but to maintain efficiency necessary it is absolutely necessary that all guns now in possession of Bde be fitted with new buffer springs. In addition to the tanks already reported to one gun of the 6th Bty under the command of Lieut P.R. Thurnhill was taken into action after dark to a position 200 yards behind our front line on the main ALBERT B APU ME road. into After the left of 1st Barrage he fired fire and expended 115 rounds which exploded the enemys position as this line passed through the centre of POZIERES village - This stands out as a main feature of the action of the Bde during this operation - all vehicles and harness were muffled and taken out position on the top of the crest - From here gun and wagon were seen forward by hand - the wagon being so placed as to form a screen from machine gun and rifle fire from left flank R - Under separate report I am burying under notice the gallant action of Lieut P.R. Thurnhill and his detachment. The enterprise was effectively accomplished without casualties to personnel or material. During morning and remainder of the day enemys trenches under construction were subjected to a desultory fire by the 18th Bty of Bde. On the morning of the 23rd the 10th Bty leading the Bde was ordered to surge Bde at a time at the head of Sausage Valley.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	23		took up its new position and opened fire at 5pm all repatriation being complete by 6pm - During the night 23/24 the 102 nd Bty fired about 200 rounds on certain beach strong points - Capt Forbes & M. the OC 102 nd Bty and Gunnery Major T No 11363 and Wats 26 774 5997 wounded by premature of one of our heavy guns in rear - Gunnery Major merely, other very slight abrasions -	
	24		During the afternoon the 102 nd Bty fired 50 rounds B.X. at a known strong point and later in the day about 7pm information was received from one of our F.O.O's front Graham that enemy were attacking our sector - Bde immediately opened fire and the incident was reported to D.A. and 3rd FA Bde - The front action of our guns prevented the attack from developing and the enemy returned to their trench - Major F. H. Biddle OC 4th Bty who has been acting as liaison officer with G.O.C 1st Inf Bde is reported as wounded at Battle Hqs. Communications satisfactory thro front Bde except with F.O.O. stations - Fire lines have been laid 2 in front and only very intermittent communication was available and seldom for longer than five minutes. It appears to be worth trying from say an armoured cable one mile back from infantry line and then connecting with F.O.O's lines at this end - This should certainly tend to minimise breaks and delays which are very disconcerting -	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	25-26		<p>Bde carried out Operation order N°35 and 36 and two of our officers were slightly wounded - Major F. L. Biddle and Lieut Booth. Enemy heavily shelling POZIERES and in one instance left his trenches for a counter attack but met our heavy barrage and turned back immediately. Constant alterations in our line being reported all day and in the main general progress seems to be maintained and ground consolidated as far as can be ascertained - Observations stations now established on right and left flanks but continuous communication cannot be maintained.</p> <p>26 Enemy have very heavily shelled POZIERES all day our infantry suffering a good deal in their newly constructed defenses - It was not till 6-30 pm that our heavies were able to get into action with satisfactory results owing to poor atmospheric conditions being most unsuitable all day, up till that hour - When the haze cleared they opened at a heavy rate and did very satisfactory shooting.</p> <p>26-27 Uneventful night. Counter attack reported by C.R.A at 7.45 am Blys opened up their barrage fire at once. Attack did not develop - Early in afternoon enemy heavily shelled vicinity of CEMETARY and POZIERES. This reported by C.R.A heavies would counter - In consequence of heavy shell fire our communications with 70.0 at POZIERES were very intermittent some being repeatedly cut.</p> <p>Our how. Bty fired a successful series on newly constructed trench at X5 46 1/2 8 to X5 6 8.3</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	2 July	28	<p>Situation on our front continued normal throughout the night - normal Our troops report that hostile fire has ceased. Their consolidation work During the night our 4th Bty was relieved by a Bty of the 2nd FA Div Our howitzer Bty fired 30 rounds this morning on a suspected mine workshop with apparently good results. 12th Bty of 4th Bde 2nd Aust Div art which has relieved our fourth Bty is now engaged on his operations - Infantry report that our wire cutting series have been most successful - A patrol went out to examine it last night - Our Btys are still engaged in cutting non-wire in the vicinity of the Windmill where it has been reported as very thick and strong. <i>HWR</i></p>	
		29 th	<p>Situation normal throughout the day except for constant fire SOUTH of POZIERES. 18th Batteries earned out wire cutting series on trenches NORTH of WINDMILL. Lieut J. STALEY, DAColumn reported for duty.</p>	
		30 th	<p>Situation normal on our front. Brigade was relieved at 6 pm by 4th Brigade 7a. 2nd Aust Div. Proceeded to bivouac in rear of Albert. Capt HR BYRNE to command 4th Bty temporarily, Lieut L. K. CUNNINGHAM to be Adj. temporarily</p>	
		31 st	<p>Brigade now in bivouac at VADENCOURT WOOD</p>	<p><i>H. Cunningham</i> Adj. 2nd Aust 7a Bde</p>

Appendix No. 4
FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

1st AUSTRALIAN
DIV. ARTILLERY
HEADQUARTERS.

No. 2/87/16

Date

Divisional Artillery Hd. Qrs.

21.7.16

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2nd F.A. Brigade

The following amendments should be made to Divisional Artillery Order No 31 of this date.

1. In Table of Artillery Tasks 1st Barrage, the 4.5" Howitzer battery shown under 21st F.A. Brigade should be shown under 2nd F.A. Brigade.

2. 4th Barrage.

In column 'Target' opposite 3rd F.A. Brigade and opposite 21st F.A. Brigade X 4 b 70.22 should read X 4 b 40.22

C. G. Miles Major.
Brigade Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Divisional Artillery Order No 32.

Reference Map. LA BOISSHELLE 1:5,000

1. Divisional Artillery Order No 31 is cancelled and this order is substituted for it. ✓
2. The 1st Australian Division will attack the enemy at zero hour on July -- in accordance with 1st Australian Divisional Orders Nos 31, 32, and 34. Zero hour will be notified. ✓
3. The action of the Divisional Artillery will be in ~~accordance~~ accordance with ~~xxx~~ table of Artillery Tasks attached. ✓
4. Each Brigade will detail a battery commander as liaison officer to be with the officer commanding the battalion whose front the brigade is covering. ✓
5. Each brigade will detail one battery for close support of the infantry. This battery will take part in the various barrages, but must be ready to immediately drop back on to the enemy's trenches again or undertake any special task required at the request of the liaison officer through the brigade headquarters. ✓
6. Acknowledge.

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C.G.N. MILES Major.
Brigade Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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1. 1st Aust. Div.
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 4. 1st F.A. Brigade
 5. 2nd F.A. Brigade
 6. 3rd F.A. Brigade
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 9. 45th H.A. Group.
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Table of Artillery Tasks.

1st Barrage

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Unit	Time	Target	Remarks
1st F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties 4.5" How. Bty	0-2 to 0.0	Trench X5b 4.1 to X5c 85.68 - 7 X5b 4.1	5 rds per gun per min. shrapnel. 2/7 2 rds per gun per min.
3rd F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties 4.5" How. Bty	do	Trench X5c 85.68 to X5c 2.4 X5b 15.03	5 rds per gun per min. shrapnel. 2 rds per gun per min.
21st F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties	do	Trench X5c 2.4 to X4d 70.25	5 rds per gun per min. shrapnel.
2nd F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties 4.5" How. Bty	do	Trench X4d 70.25 to X4d 1.1 ✓ Strong Points X4c 6.4, X4c 6.5, X4c 7.4	5 rds per gun per min. shrapnel. 2 rds per gun per min.

Front line of enclosures south of BAPAUME road as far east as X5c 1.6 and thence parallel to the trench to be attacked up to X5b 25.35

2nd Barrage

1st F.A. Brigade 18 pr bties 4.5" How. Bty	0.0 to 0.30	X5b 25.35 to X5b 20.55 20.58.00 Trench X5b 25.35 to X5b 20.55	2 rds per gun per min. $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E. 1 rd per gun per min.
3rd F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties 4.5" How. Bty	do.	X5b 20.55 20.58.00 to X5c 08.66 to X4d 89.88 Trench X5b 15.03 15.03 to X5a 83.45	2 rds per gun per min. $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E. 1 rd per gun per min.
21st F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties	do	X4d 89.88 to X4d 35.50	2 rds per gun per min. $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E.
2nd F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties 4.5" How. Bty	do	X4d 35.50 to X4c 7.4 Strong points X4c 6.4, X4c 6.5, X4c 7.4	2 rds per gun per min. $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E. 1 rd per gun per min.

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On the BAPAUME road but not south of it from X4c 70.45 to Railway thence along
Railway to X5b 20.55

3rd Barrage

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Unit	Time	Target	Remarks.
1st F.A. Brigade 18 pr bties. 4.5" How. Bty	0.30 to 1.0	Railway X5b 20.55 to X5a 50.38 Trench X 5 b 20.55 to X5b 0.8	2 rds per gun per min. $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E. 1 rd per gun per min.
3rd F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties 4.5" How. Bty	do	Railway and road X5a 50.38 to X4b 85.30 Trench X5a 83.45 to X5a 80.75	2 rds per gun per min $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E. 1 rd per gun per min.
21st F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties	do	Road X4b 85.30 to X4d 3.9	2 rds per gun per min. $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E.
2nd F.A. Brigade 18 pr Bties 4.5" How. Bty	do	Road X4d 3.9 to X4c 70.45 Strong points X4c 6.4, X4c 6.5, X4c 7.4	2 rds per gun per min. $\frac{1}{2}$ shrap. $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E. 1 rd per gun per min.

On a line parallel to the BAPAUME road and 100 yards north of it. 18 pr batteries only

4th Barrage.

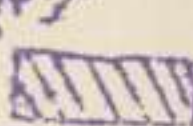
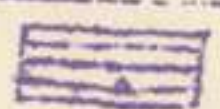
1st F.A. Brigade	1.0 until ordered to CEASE FIRING	X5a 23.88 to X4b 84.56.	} $1\frac{1}{2}$ rds per gun per min. Half shrapnel half H.E. for 30 minutes, then at rate of 100 rds per brigade per hour until ordered to stop or lift
3rd F.A. Brigade	do	X4b 84.56 to X4b 40.22	
21st F.A. Brigade	do	X4b 40.22 to X4c 98.90	
2nd F.A. Brigade	do	X4c 98.90 to X4c 57.58	

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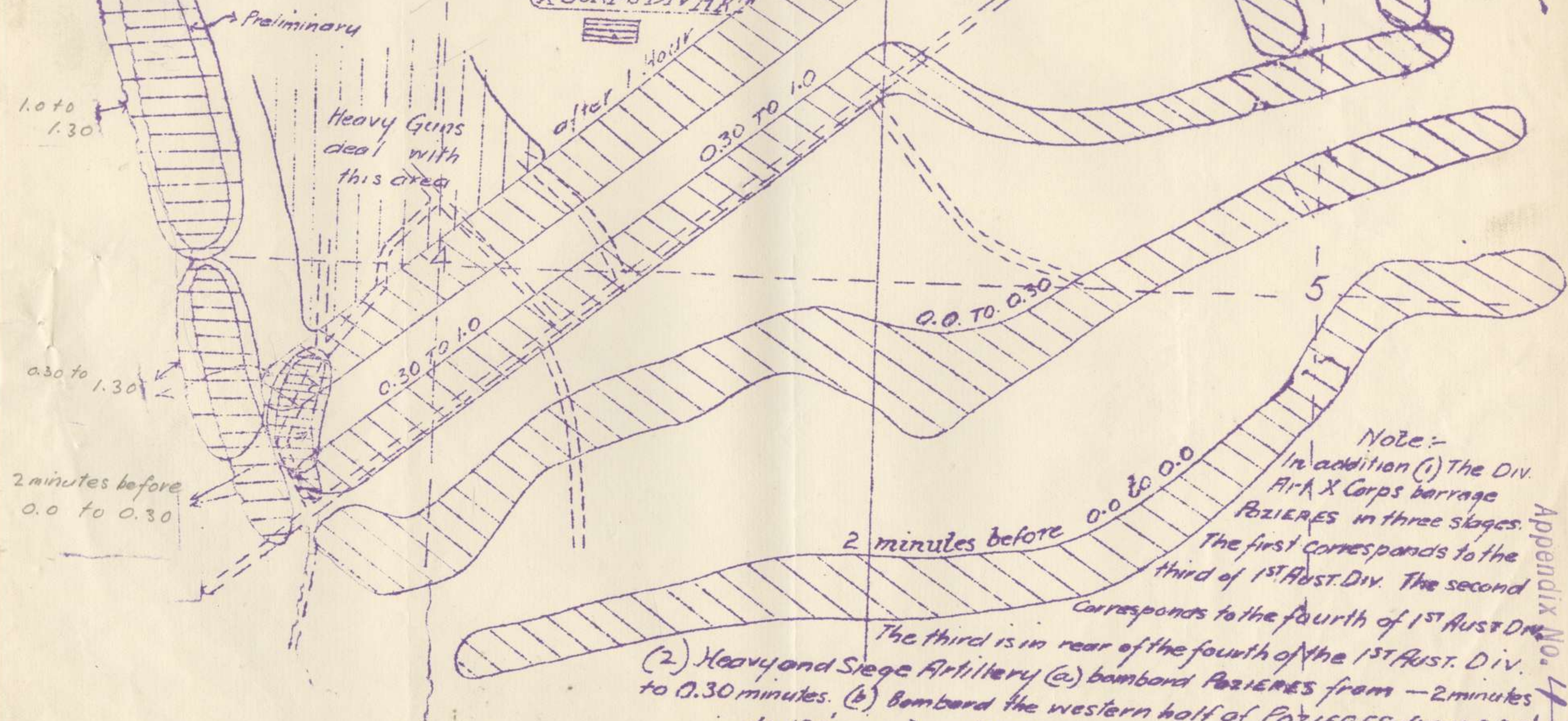
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BARRAGE MAP

Showing Barrages by

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X CORPS DIV ART 

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Heavy Guns deal with this area

after 1 hour

1.0 to 1.30

0.30 to 1.30

2 minutes before 0.0 to 0.30

0.30 TO 1.0

0.0 TO 0.30

2 minutes before 0.0 to 0.30

Note:-
In addition (i) The DIV. Art X Corps barrage POZIERES in three stages. The first corresponds to the third of 1ST Aust. Div. The second corresponds to the fourth of 1ST Aust. Div. The third is in rear of the fourth of the 1ST Aust. Div.

(2) Heavy and Siege Artillery (a) bombard POZIERES from -2 minutes to 0.30 minutes. (b) Bombard the western half of POZIERES from 0.30 to 1.30 (c) Supplement the barrage of Div. Art. on the enemy's flanking trenches east and west of the attack.

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Divisional Artillery Hd.Qrs.

22.7.16

O. C.

2nd F.A. Brigade.

The following received from General Headquarters,
is forwarded for information and action :-

"One of the outstanding artillery lessons of the recent fighting has been the great assistance afforded by a well directed field artillery barrage maintained close in front of advancing infantry.

It is beyond dispute that on several occasions where the field artillery "barrage" has made a considerable "lift", that is to say, has outstripped the infantry advance, the enemy has been able to man his parapet with rifles and machine guns.

It is therefore of first importance that in all cases infantry should be instructed to advance right under the field artillery barrage which should not uncover the first objective until the infantry are close to it (even within fifty or sixty yards, according to 18 pr range).

This barrage can only be assured by careful pre-arrangement between the arms concerned, and if the progress of the infantry is carefully observed by experienced artillery officers in direct communication with their guns.

An Infantry Brigadier whose command has met with conspicuous success ascribes it largely to the fact that his men have insisted in advancing under the field artillery fire, even at the risk of an occasional casualty from our own guns, and he stated that on more than one occasion his men were thus enabled to gain an enemy's trench almost without loss and in time to meet the defenders hand to hand as they emerged from their dug-outs and before they could mount their machine guns."

C. G. Phillips Major.
Brigade Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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1st. AUST. INF. BRIGADE ORDER No. 21.

Brigade Headquarters,

22/7/16

Reference Trench Map 1:20,000 Sheet 57 D.S.E.4

- Intention. 1. The 1st. Aust. Division is to attack the POZIERES position from the S. and S.E. on the night of Saturday July 22nd./23rd. at ~~zero time~~ zero time. A general attack by the French and 4th. Army takes place ~~at 2130~~ this night. The 145th. Brigade is to co-operate on our left. *Zero time will be communicated later*
- Information. 2. The garrison of POZIERES consists of the remnants of battalions which have lost heavily in the recent fighting. The cellars of the village are occupied and connected underground.
- Frontage of Attack. 3. The frontage of the 1st. Brigade is to be as follows; right of 1st. Battalion along the line X.11.a.0.5, X.5.c.0.3., X.4.b.7.2., to the 2nd. Battalion; Right of 2nd. Battalion bombing post X.4.d.3.0. to left of road X.4.d.8.2½ trench on N.W. of road at X.4.c.2.C. to the point X.4.c.6.4. The 3rd. Battalion will follow the 1st. Battalion., 4th. Battalion will follow the 2nd. Battalion.
- Objectives. 4. *603*
First objective. - enemy trench from X.5.d.0.2. to X.4.c.6.4.
Second objective. - trench line along the enclosure S.W. of POZIERES and including the copse square X.4.d. to X.4.d.2.5. to X.4.c.8.3½ to X.4.c.6.4.
Third objective. - the South Eastern side of the BAPAUME - ALBERT Road from X.4.b.7.2. to X.4.c.6.4.
- Method of Attack. 5. The lines of advance will be as follows :- The advance to each objective will be timed according to the barrage map attached.

	<u>On left.</u>	<u>On right.</u>
<u>1st. Line.</u>	2 Companies 2nd. Battalion in 2 waves.	2 Companies 1st. Battalion in 2 waves.

The 1st. Line will move to the selected position marked by patrols at about 100 yards in front of the enemy's position and will be in position at 5 minutes before zero.

As soon as the bombardment begins the Infantry will move forward as near as possible to the enemy's trenches.

As soon as the bombardment lifts the trench will be rushed and consolidated.

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Method of
Attack (Contd.)

As soon as the trench is occupied by us the
2nd. Line as under :-

	<u>On left.</u>	<u>On right.</u>
<u>2nd. Line.</u>	2 Companies 2nd. Battalion in 2 waves and Engineer detach- ment to make strong point in 1st. and 2nd. Enemy lines. And to dig communication trenches as shown on map.	2 Companies 1st. Battalion in 2 waves and Engineer detach- ment to make strong points at 1st. and 2nd. Enemy lines.

will double across, pass through 1st. Line and move to as
close as possible to the 2nd. objective while it is being
bombardeed, and rush the line as soon as the barrage lifts.

	<u>On left.</u>	<u>On right.</u>
<u>3rd. Line.</u>	2 Companies 4th. Battalion in 2 waves engineer detach- ment to consolidate left of position.	2 Companies 3rd. Battalion in 2 waves engineer detach- ment to make strong point.

The 3rd. Line will leave our trenches as soon as the
Second objective is occupied by our 2nd. Line.

	<u>On left.</u>	<u>On right.</u>
<u>4th. Line.</u>	2 Companies and Headquarters 4th. Battalion.	2 Companies and, Headquarters 3rd. Battalion.

to our present front trenches.

Preparatory. 6.

Advanced dumps of S.A.A., bombs, and water, will
be established in the front line.
Bombs will be prepared for use and will be inspected
by Brigade Bomb Officer/ "P" bombs will be used for
clearing cellars or dug-outs.

Detailed instructions regarding equipment, rations
to be carried, tools, sandbags, etc., have been issued to
all concerned.

Artillery. 7.

The bombardment of the hostile trenches is now
being carried out under the orders of Reserve Army.
Before the first assault there will be an intense
bombardment for two minutes.

Barrages covering the infantry advance will be
formed in accordance with the attached map.

Consolidation. 8.

Each objective gained will be consolidated at once.
Strong points will be constructed at once as follows :-

- (a) In first objective :
- (i) Square X.4.d.1.1.
 - (ii) " X.4.d.8.3.
- (b) In second objective:
- (i) Square at head of copse, square X.4.d.9.9
 - (ii) Square X.4.d.5. 5

- Consolidation. 8. (c) In third objective:
(Contd.) (i) Square X.4.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2
(ii) In the vicinity of square X.4.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 and square X.4.d.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to cover roadways leading North West.

The following troops will be held ready to move forward to construct these points :-

1st. Field Coy. Engineers and one company
1st. Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

- Machine Guns & Trench Mortars 9. Machine Guns and Trench Mortars will act in accordance with instructions already issued.
- Precaution. 10. The word "Retire" will not be used or acted upon. In the event of men having to be withdrawn from any point another word will be used.
- Identity Mark. 11. All ranks taking part in the operation will wear their sleeves rolled up to the elbow.
- Time. 12. Watches will be synchronised every hour from 1800 on 22nd. instant from Advanced Brigade Headquarters.
- Signal Communication 13. For work with contact aeroplanes green flares only will be used. They will be lit when each objective is captured but will only be used after daybreak. They will be lit by all infantry units who are in the front line at 0800, 1200, 1600 and 2000. Ground sheets and ground signalling sheets are to be used with contact aeroplanes. Battalions will arrange for communications to be maintained throughout the operation with Advanced Bde. Headquarters at X.10.a.6.3.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Shirley Major,

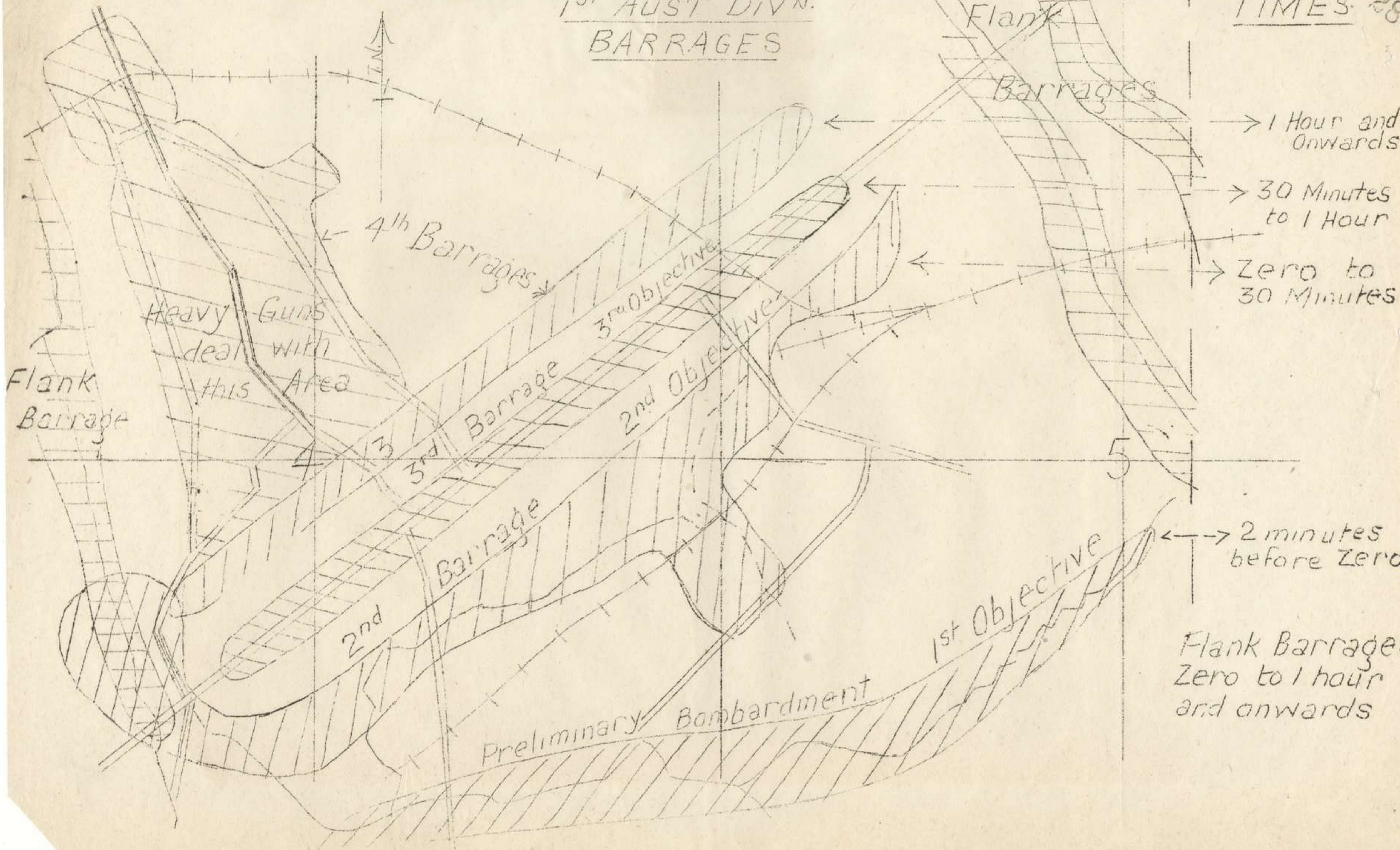
Brigade Major, 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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1ST AUST DIV N.
BARRAGES

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Reference line 1 para 4 of the
Brigade order 21 aad for X 5002
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From	<i>1st Bn Brigade</i>
Place	
Time	<i>0930</i>

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2nd FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE - 1st DIVISION AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

Appendix 4

OPERATIONAL ORDERS

2nd JULY 1918.

BY

Lieut-Col A.J. Bessell-Browne C.M.G. D.S.O. Commanding 2nd F.A. Brigade.

Reference No. LA BOISSELLE 1-5,000.

1. 1st Australian Divisional Order No 31 is cancelled. The 1st Australian Division will attack the enemy at zero hour on July 2nd in accordance with. -- zero hour will be notified. *12.30 am*
2. The action of the Divisional Artillery will be in accordance with table of Artillery Tasks attached.
3. Each Brigade will detail one Battery Commander as liaison officer to be with the Officer Commanding the Battalion whose front the Brigade is covering.
4. Each Brigade will detail one Battery for close support of the Infantry. This Battery will take part in the various barrages but must be ready to drop back immediately onto the enemy's 1st trenches again or undertake any other special task required at the request of the liaison officer through the Brigade Headquarters. The 6th Battery is detailed for this purpose.
5. Acknowledge.

.....Captain.
A. J. Bessell-Browne
 Lieutenant Colonel 2nd Field Artillery Brigade.

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No	To	File.
1		
2		do
3		4th Battery by orderly.
4		5th do do
5		6th do do
6		10th do do

TABLE OF ARTILLERY TASKS.

1st Barrage.

Unit.	Time.	Target.	Remarks.
	0-3 to 0.0.	X 4 d 70.1 to X 4 d 1.1	5 rds per gun per minute H-shrapnel.
4th Bty.	do	X 4 d 7.3 to X 4 d 5.3	do
5th Bty	do	X 4 d 5.3 to X 4 d 3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do
6th Bty.	do	X 4 d 3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to X 4 d 1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	do
102nd Bty.	do	Strong Points X 4 c 6.4 - X 4 c 6.5 - X 4 c 7.5.	2 rds per gun per minute

2nd Barrage.

	0.0 to 0.30.	X 4 d 35.50 to X 4 c 7.4	3 rds per gun per minute - half Shrapnel Half H.E.
4th Bty.	do	X 4 d 35.50 to X 4 d 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.4	do
5th Bty.	do	X 4 d 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 to X 4 d 0.4.	do
6th Bty.	do	X 4 d 0.4 to X 4 c 7.4	do
102nd Bty.	do	Strong points - X 4 c 6.4 - X 4 c 6.5 - X 4 c 7.4.	3 rds per gun per do. minute

3rd Barrage.

	0.30 to 1.0	X 4 d 3.9 to X 4 c 70.45.	3 rds per gun per min. - half Shrapnel half H.E.
4th Bty.	do	X 4 d 3.9 to X 4 d 1.7	do
5th Bty.	do	X 4 d 1.7 to X 4 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	do
6th Bty.	do	X 4 c 9.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to X 4 c 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.	do
102nd Bty.	do	X 4 c 6.4 - X 4 c 6.5 - X 4 c 7.4 - Strong Points.	1 rds per gun per do. minute

4th Barrage.

	1.0 to 1.30.	X 4 c 98.90 to X 4 c 57.58.	18 pdr Batteries only. 3 rds per gun per min. - half shrapnel, half H.E.
4th Bty.	do.	X 4 c 98.90 to X 4 c 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.8	do
5th Bty.	do	X 4 c 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 to X 4 c 7.7	do
6th Bty.	do.	X 4 c 7.7 to X 4 c 57.58.	do.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 26.

Divisional Headquarters.
24th. July. 1916.

1. (i) The right flank of the Division will be extended to include the enemy's position in trenches O.G.1 & 2 between the line X.5.d.2.0. - X.5.d.4.0 $\frac{1}{2}$. and the line X.5.a.7.7. - X.5.b.0.8. both lines inclusive

(ii) The line will be continued to the north east corner of POZIERES at about Sq. X.5.a.3.7.

2. The attack will be made at 2 a.m.

3. A battalion of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. is placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. for the attack on the German 2nd. Line trenches (O.G.1. & O.G.2.) which will be assaulted from the western side.

4. (a) The attack will be preceded by an intensive bombardment of the western trench (O.G.1.) over the front of attack for 120 seconds by the 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery.

During this bombardment the assaulting troops will draw up as close to the barrage as possible and will rush the trench as soon as the fire lifts.

The trench O.G.1. will be consolidated.

(b) The artillery of the 3rd. Corps is to provide a barrage on the eastern trench (O.G.2.) covering the front of attack from zero, to zero plus fifteen minutes. This barrage will then lift east of O.G.2. and will continue until ordered to cease by the Divisional Commander.

The troops detailed to assault O.G.2. will close up as close as possible under this barrage and will rush the trench when it lifts.

It must be explained to all ranks that the time of movement of the infantry depends on the lift of the artillery barrage.

Ground won will be consolidated.

5. (i) Before dark on 24th. inst the 3rd. Corps artillery is to bombard trench O.G.2. north of the railway.

(ii) Reserve Army artillery is to bombard trench O.G.1. at the same time from a point 100 yards north of the railway northwards.

(iii) The X Corps artillery is to place a barrage on R.35.c.5.2. and R.35.c.7.4. for one hour before 2 a.m.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. Blamey
Lieut Colonel, General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

Copy No.	To Whom	Time	Method.
1 - 5	D. H. Q.	11 a.m.	Orderly
6 - 7	War Diary	"	"
8 - 13	Div.Arty.	"	D. R.
14	Divn. Engrs	"	"
15	Divn.Sig.Coy	"	"
16 - 21	1st.Aust.Inf.Bde.	"	"
22 - 27	2nd. " " "	"	"
28 - 33	3rd. " " "	"	"
34	Div.Train	"	"
35	A.D.M.S.	"	"
36	D.A.D.O.S.	"	"
37	1st.Pioneer Bn	"	"
38	Mob.Vet.Section	"	"
39	A.D.V.S.	"	"
40	1st.ANZAC "G"	"	"
41	1st.ANZAC "Q"	"	"
42	A. P. M.	"	"
43	2nd.Aust.Divn.	"	"
44	4th. Aust.Divn.	"	"
45	Salvage Coy	"	"
46	Div.Supply Col.	"	"
47	1st.Division.	"	"
48	48th.Division	"	"
49	Corps Park	"	"
50	Reserve Army	"	"
51	X Corps	"	"

The troops detailed to man the O.D.S. will close up as close as possible under the barrage and will turn the trench when it lifts.

It must be explained to all ranks that the time of movement of the infantry depends on the lift of the artillery barrage.

Ground won will be consolidated.

3. (a) Before dawn on 12th, the 3rd Corps artillery is to bombard French O.D.S. north of the railway. (ii) Reserve Army artillery is to bombard French O.D.S. at the same time from a point 100 yards north of the railway.

(iii) The X Corps artillery is to place a barrage on H.304, B.2. and H.305, B.4. for one hour before dawn.

4. (a) Before dawn on 12th, the 3rd Corps artillery is to bombard French O.D.S. north of the railway. (ii) Reserve Army artillery is to bombard French O.D.S. at the same time from a point 100 yards north of the railway. (iii) The X Corps artillery is to place a barrage on H.304, B.2. and H.305, B.4. for one hour before dawn.

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Divisional Artillery Order No 35

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Task I

July 24th 1916.

✓ Map reference LA BOISSELLE 1:5000

1. (1) The right flank of the Division will be extended to include the enemy's position in trenches ~~Q/G/Y~~ 0 0 1 and 2 between the line X 5 b 2.0 - X 5 b 4.0½ and the line X 5 a 7.7 - X 5 b 0.8 both lines inclusive.
- ✓ (ii) The line will be continued to the north east corner of of POZIERES at about square X 5 a 3.7
2. ✓ The attack will be made at 2 a.m. 25th inst.
3. ✓ The action of the artillery will be as follows

1 58am to 2 Cam.	Intense bombardment at the rate of 5 rds per gun per min. <u>18 pr batteries only</u> , half shrapnel, half H.E.
1st F.A. Brigade	Trench X 5 b 1.1 to X 5 a 9.3
3rd F.A. Brigade	Trench X 5 a 9.3 to X 5 a 8.6 and searching tramway X 5 a 9.3 to X 5 b 2.5½
21st F.A. Brigade	Trench X 5 a 8.6 to X 5 a 7.8½ and search trench X 5 a 7.7 to X 5 b 0.8
✓ <u>2nd F.A. Brigade</u>	Trench X 5 a 7.8½ to R 35 c 5.2 and search road X 5 a 7.9 to R 35 c 9.1½
4. ✓ On completion of this task the 1st F.A. Brigade will remain in readiness.
5. Acknowledge.

C.G.N. MILES Major.

Brigade Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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| Copy No 1 | 1st Aust. Div. |
| 2 | 1st Aust. Div. Art. |
| 3 | 1st F.A. Brigade |
| 4 | 2nd F.A. Brigade |
| 5 | 3rd F.A. Brigade |
| 6 | 21st F.A. Brigade |
| 7 | 1st Aust. D.A.C. |
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Appendix No. 5

24th July 1916.

Lieut-Col A.J. Bessell-Browne C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 2nd F.A. Brigade.

Map reference LA BOISSELLE 1/5000.

1. The right flank of the Division will be extended to include the enemy's position in trenches O C 1 and 2 between the line X 5 b 2.0 - X 5 b 4.0 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the line X 5 a 7.7 = X 5 b 0.8 both lines inclusive.
2. (11) The line will be continued to the North East corner of POZIERES at about square X 5 a 3.7.
3. The attack will be made at 2 a.m. 25th instant.
3. The action of the Artillery will be as follows,
1.58 a.m. to 2.0 a.m. Intense bombardment at the rate of 5 rds per gun per minute. 18 pdr batteries only - half shrapnel, half H.E.
2nd F.A. Brigade. Trench X 5 a 7.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to R 35 c 5.2 and search road X 5 a 7.9 to R 35 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.1
4. On completion of this task the 1st F.A. Brigade will remain in readiness.

A. Michael Byrne
.....Captain.

Adjutant 2nd Field Artillery Brigade.

TASK 1. LA BEE BOISSELLE 1/5000.

5th Battery, From 1.55 a.m. to 3.0 a.m. From X 5 c 7.8 to the Road junction at X 5 c 4 52.8 along Road to R 35 c 5.2
Rate - 5 rds per gun per minute - half A and AX.

5th Battery From 1.55 a.m. to 3.0 a.m. X 5 c 7.8 to R 35 c 5.2
Rate - 5 rds per gun per minute - half A and AX.

TASK No. 2. Ref. LA BOISSELLE. 1/5000.

5th and 6th Bty's. From 3.55 a.m. to 4.15 a.m. Along R 34 c 3.0
R 34 c 0.0
R 34 c 1.3.

5th Bty. Right half of area.
6th Bty. Left half of area.
Rate - 7 rds per gun per minute - half A and AX.

Ref. LA BOISSELLE 1/5000.

10th Bty. From 3.55 a.m. to 4.0 a.m. Strong Point R 34 c 3.2
R 34 c 3.1
R--
Rate - 50 rounds BX.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 37.

Divisional Headquarters.
24th. July. 1916.

1. In addition to the operation on the right flank the division will occupy the whole of POZIERES as far north as the CEMETERY on the morning of the 25th. inst. (25th)
The attack will take place at 3-30 a.m.
2. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will occupy the north-eastern portion of the village and the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade the north-western portion of the village.
3. The dividing line between brigades will be R.34.d.3.0. to Sq.X.4.b.3.2.
4. Strong points will be established by the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade at Sq.X.5.a.3.7. and near German trench at about Sq.X.4.b.5.6. or X.4.b.6.7. and by the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade at Sq.X.4.b.0.7. and CEMETERY.
Machine or Lewis Guns will be allotted to each strong point.
5. Ground won will be consolidated.
6. 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will push bombing parties forward to Sq.R.34.d.2.3. and to the trench junction at R.34.c.7.6. which will establish themselves at these points. A bombing party will be sent along trench X.4.a.7.3. to X.4.a.4.3. also.
7. The 7th. Battalion is placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
8. 25th. Division Artillery is arranging to place an artillery barrage:
 - (i) From Sq.X.4.a.2.8. to Sq.X.4.b.6.7. from 3-30 a.m. to 3-45 a.m. It will then lift slowly to the German main line from Sq.34.a.4.3. to R 35.c.4.3. It will also lift back slowly along the German trench from Sq. X 4.a.2.8. to R 34.c.2.2.
 - (ii) The artillery of I Corps is arranging to barrage the German main line from Sq.35.a.5.2. to Sq.34.a.4.3. from 3-30 a.m. onwards.
 - (iii) The artillery of 1st. Aust. Division will co-operate by firing from 3-30 a.m. to 4 a.m. :
 - (a) On the area Sq.R.34.c.0.3.-3.2.-2.0.-0.0.
 - (b) R.34.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.6.
 - (c) R.34.d.3.5.-d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.0. and R.34.d.3.5. to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. from 4 a.m. onwards on:
 - (a) R.34.c.8.7. to German main line.
 - (b) R.34.d.3.5. to 5.5. and German line.

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9. The 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move into the Divisional Reserve Area west of SAUSAGE VALLEY immediately south of the line I.14.d.2.9.-Sq.15.c.2.4.

Movement before 9 p.m. will be made in bodies not exceeding one platoon. After that hour in bodies not exceeding one company. Interval between parties two minutes.

Move will be completed by 12 midnight.

5th. Brigade Headquarters will be established at **TARA**

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut-Colonel. General Staff.
1st. Australian Division.

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1 - 5	D.H.Q.	8 p.m.	Orderly
6 - 7	War Diary	"	"
8 - 13	Div. Art	"	D. R.
14	Div. Engrs	"	"
15	Div. Sig. Coy	"	"
16 - 21	1st. Inf. Bde.	"	"
22 - 27	2nd. " "	"	"
28 - 33	3rd. " "	"	"
34	Div. Train	"	"
35	A.D.M.S.	"	"
36	D.A.D.O.S.	"	"
37	1st. Pioneer Bn	"	"
38	Mob. Vet. Secn.	"	"
39	A.D.V.S.	"	"
40	1st. ANZAC "G"	"	"
41	1st. ANZAC "Q"	"	"
42	A.P.M.	"	"
43	2nd. Aus. Divn.	"	"
44	4th. Aus. Div	"	"
45	Salvage Co.	"	"
46	Div. Supply Col	"	"
47	1st. Division	"	"
48	48th. Division	"	"
49	Corps Park	"	"
50	Reserve Army	"	"
51	I Corps	"	"
52	Seddon Group	"	"
53	5th. Inf. Bde	"	"

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Divisional Artillery Order No 36.

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Map reference, LA BOISSELLE 1:5000

1. The 1st Australian Division will occupy the whole of POZIERES as far north as the cemetery.
2. The attack will be made at 3 30am on the morning of 25th inst.
3. The action of the Artillery will be as follows:-

(a) 3 30a.m. to 4 a.m.

3rd F.A. Brigade, 18 pr batteries, Trench R34d 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.0 to R34d 3.5 to R 34 d 2.3. rate 2 rds per gun per minute, half shrapnel, $\frac{1}{2}$ H.E.
103rd How. Battery. R 34 d 3.5 and R 34 d 2.3. 50rds

21st F.A. Brigade. Trench R 34 c 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to R 34 c 2.2 $\frac{1}{2}$
rate 2 rds per gun per minute, half shrap half HE

2nd F.A. Brigade, 18 pr batteries. area R34 c 3.0 - R 34 c 0.0 - R 34 c 1.2 rate 2 rds per gun per minute. Half shrapnel, half H.E.
102nd How. Battery. Strong points R 34 c 2.2, R 34 c 3.1 50 rounds.

(b) 4 am to 4 30a.m. rate 2 rds per gun per minute. half shrapnel, half H.E.

21st F.A. Brigade

Two batteries from R 34 d 3.5 and R 34 d 5.5 back to trench at R 34 d 5.8
One battery from R 34 c 8.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ back to trench at R 34 d 0.9

4. Acknowledge.

C.G.N.

C.G.N. Miles Major.
Bde Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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Divisional Artillery Order No 38

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July 28th 1916.

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1. The 2nd Australian Division will attack the German positions north and north east of POZIERES at zero hour on a date to be communicated.
 2. The objective will be the German second line known as O G 1 and O G 2 from the BAPAUME road to R 34 central and the ridge north of POZIERES ~~axis~~ cemetery from R 34 central to R 33 d 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inclusive.
 3. The action of the Divisional Artillery will be as laid down in table attached.
There will be an intense bombardment for ~~5 minutes~~ ^{one minute} immediately prior to the Infantry attack after which all 18 pr batteries will lift as directed in attached table and all howitzer batteries will then cease firing, except the 103rd which will fire for 15 minutes as shown under 1st lift.
 4. The D.T.M.O., 2nd Aust.Div. will arrange to place a medium trench mortar battery at the disposal of the G.O.C., 5th Inf. Brigade.
 5. Acknowledge

C.G.N.MILES Major.

Bde Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

Copy No	1	1st Aust.Div.
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	3.	1st Aust.Div.Art.
	4	2nd Aust.Div.Art.
	5	B.G.R.A., 1st ANZAC
	6	1st F.A.Brigrade
	7	2nd F.A.Brigrade
	8	3rd F.A.Brigrade
	9	21st F.A.Brigrade
	10	5th F.A.Brigrade
	11	6th F.A.Brigrade
	12	1st Aust.D.A.C.
	13	D.T.M.O., 2nd Aust.Div.
	14	G.O.C., 5th Inf. Brigade
	15	G.O.C., 6th Inf. Brigade
	16	G.O.C., 7th Inf. Brigade
	17	23rd Div. Art.
	18	25th Div. Art.
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1st Lift. 0.0 to 0.10

18 pr batteries ^{Two} Five rounds per gun per minute PERCUSSION
 shrapnel.

1st & 2nd Brigades TO LIFT ~~at~~ 150 yards.

6th Brigade to lift 125 yards

3rd, 5th, and 21st, Brigades to lift 100 yards.

103rd How. Battery 1 round per how. per minute.

Communication trenches R 34 a 5.3 to R 34 a 7.4 and
 R 34 a 3.4 to R 34 a 6.5

2nd Lift. 0.10 to 0.25 — 2

All 18 pr batteries lift 100 yards. Two rounds per gun per
 minute. Time shrapnel.

103rd How. Battery - as for 1st Lift.

3rd Lift 0.25 to 0.40

all 18 pr batteries lift 100 yards. Two rounds per gun per
 minute. Time shrapnel.

From 0.40 onwards until ordered to stop all batteries will
 continue on third lift.

18 pr batteries 300 rounds per brigade per hour.

LIST OF VICTIMS

M	F	S
3125	3440	3175
175		475
<u>3300</u>		300
		<u>3700</u>
475		475
<u>3600</u>		
3125	175	
	<u>300</u>	
3400		
3575		

Table of Artillery Tasks

Intense bombardment

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Unit	time	Target	Rate of fire	Remarks
1st F.A. Brigade	0- 1 to 0.0	Trench X 5 a 7.7 ^{7.7} to R 35 c 4.8 ^{5.2}	5rds per gun per min	
18 pr btys		Trench R 35 c 5.2 to R 35 c 7.4	2rds per gun per min	
4.5" How Bty		Trench R 35 c 2.6 to R 35 c 4.8		
1 sect				
1 sect				
2nd F.A. Brigade	"	Trench R 35 c 4.8 ^{5.2} to R 35 c 2.6	5rds per gun per min	
18 pr btys		Trench R 34 d 7.7 to R 34 d 6.9 ^{34 d 6.9}	2rds per gun per min	
4.5" How. Bty		Trench R 34 d 5.8 to R 34 d 5.9		
1 sect				
1 sect				
6th F.A. Brigade	"	Trench R 35 c 2.6 to R 34 d 9.7	5rds per gun per min.	
18 pr btys		Trench R 35 c 4.8 to R 34 d 6.9	2rds per gun per min	
4.5" How. Bty				
3rd F.A. Bde	"	Trench R 34 d 9.7 to R 34 d 6.7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5rds per gun per min	
18 pr btys		Trench R 34 a 9.0 to R 34 b 1.2	2rds per gun per min	
4.5" How. Bty				
5th F.A. Bde	"	Trench R 34 d 6.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to R 34 d 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.8	5rds per gun per min	
18 pr btys		Trench R 34 d 6.9 to R 34 b 1.2	2 rds per gun per min	
4.5" How. Bty				
21st F.A. Bde	"	Trench R 34 d 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 to R 34 a 9.1	5 rds per gun per min	Special attention to be paid to road at R 34 a 9.1
18 pr btys				

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	2 nd Lt. Bell	5 th Lt. Bell	
	3 rd Lt. Bell	6 th Lt. Bell	

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Place			
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28th JULY 1916.

Lieut-Col A.J.Bessell-Browne C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding 2nd F.A. Brigade.

1. The 2nd Australian Division will attack the German position North and North East of POZIERES at zero hour on a date to be communicated.
2. The objective will be the German second line known as O G I and O G 2 from the BAPAUME road to R 34 Central and the ridge North of POZIERES Cemetery from R 34 Central to R 33 d 8½. 4½ inclusive.
3. The action of the Artillery will be as laid down in table attached.
There will be an intense bombardment (1) one minute immediately prior to the Infantry attack after which all 18 pounder Batteries will lift as directed in attached table and all howitzer batteries will then cease firing, except the 103rd which will fire for 15 minutes as shown under First lift.

A. J. Bessell-Browne
..... Captain.

Adjutant 2nd Field Artillery Brigade.

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2. 5th Battery.
3. 6th Battery
4. 102nd Battery
5. 12th Battery - 4th F.A. Brigade.

