

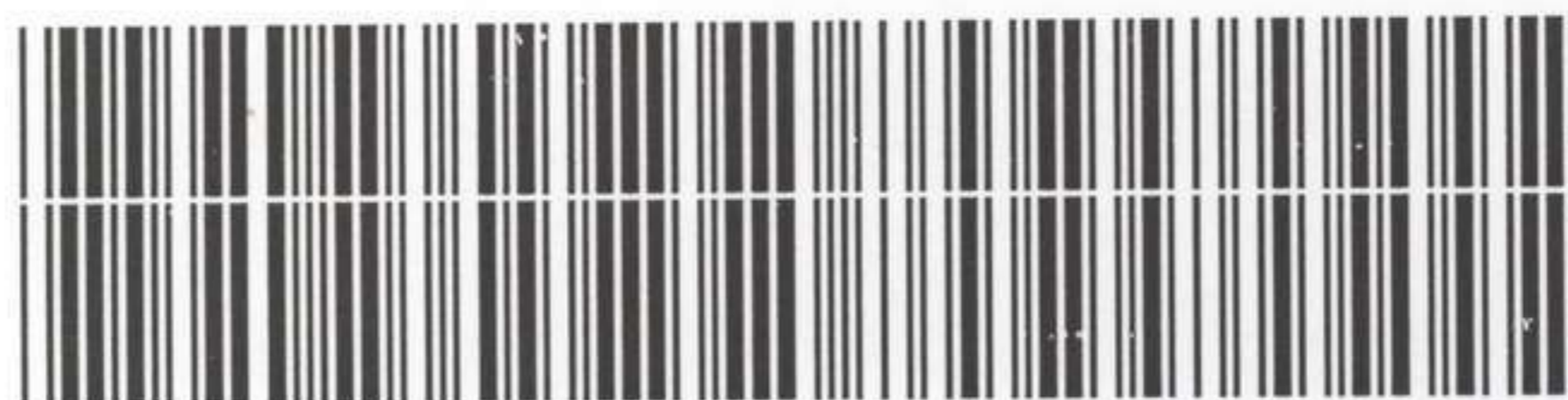
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEAULTE	1/2/17.		Orders issued for relief of 15th Divisional Artillery by 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.	O.O.1
	2/2/17		Advance party of 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries proceeded to line	"
	3/2/17		One section per Battery relieved a similar part of 15th Divisional Artillery.	"
	4/2/17		Remaining 2 sections per Battery relieved similar parts of 15th Divisional Artillery	"
THE DINGLE.	5/2/17		C.R.A., 2nd. Australian Division assumed command of Left Group Divisional Artillery. Intelligence Summary No. 1. (attached). Casualties NIL.	"
	6/2/17		S.O.S. lines checked, and registrations obtained. Enemy front line and supports, the BUTTE received special attention during the day. Tracks were subjected to bursts of fire during the day. Casualties NIL.	
	7/2/17		<p>Brigadier-General G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., V.D. (C.R.A.) handed over command of 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery to Lieut-Colonel H. W. LLOYD, D.S.O. (5th A.F.A. Brigade), and proceeded to ENGLAND on one month's furlough.</p> <p>Major H. M. BEASLEY, Brigade-Major, handed over to Captain C. A. CLOWES, M.C., and proceeded to 3rd Army Area to take over command of 39th Heavy Artillery Group.</p> <p>During the early part of the night retaliatory fire by 18-pdrs was directed on to Minenwerfers at M. 17. a. 0. 6.. Various Zero lines and registrations were checked. Regimental H.Q.'s at M. 11. d. 8. 5½ and DRY DITCH in M. 12. c. were specially shelled at various times.</p> <p>MARTINPUICH and vicinity were shelled from direction of LOUPART WOOD. Aircraft (hostile) active, also minenwerfers at M. 17. a. 85. 30. and M. 17. a. 0. 6.</p>	

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	8/2/17		<p>During the night LOUPART WOOD, LOOS CUT, and various tracks, etc., were subjected to bursts of fire. During the morning, GALLWITZ TRENCH in M.9.d. and M.10.c. was heavily shelled.</p> <p>MARTINPUICH, LE SARS and DESTREMONT FARM shelled by 15.c.m. howitzers during the day. Hostile planes active during the morning.</p>	
	9/2/17		<p>Usual approaches, H.Q's, etc. kept under fire during the night. Two working parties dispersed during morning.</p> <p>Enemy artillery more active than usual in the customary localities. A gun, apparently in ^{near} LIGNY, enfilades the road at M.22.c.9.0. and M.27.c.5.3.</p> <p>Considerable movement noticed. Trench mortars active - reported at M.17.a.6.4. and M.17.a.45.60..</p>	
	9/10/17.		<p>Enemy front system was barraged by 18-pdrs and Sunken Road in M.4.d. and M.5.c. at the same time.</p>	
	10/2/17.		<p>GALLWITZ, GALLWITZ SWITCH, and GRID TRENCHES were subjected to occasional bursts of fire.</p> <p>Usual shelling of MARTINPUICH, DESTREMONT FARM and roads in M.32.b. by enemy took place. Lachrymatory shelling of LE SARS at 7.45.p.m. and 10.p.m. Infantry observers report 77.m.m. gun in action at M.9.d.95.95.</p>	
	10/11/17.	8.p.m.	<p>Operation Order No.3. was carried out. Enemy retaliation (fairly heavy) commenced at 8.5.p.m., had slackened considerably at 8.30.p.m., and finally ceased at 8.45.p.m.</p>	
	11/2/17.	3.45.p.m.	<p>SHELTER WOOD Camp was shelled by 4.2" H.V.gun from direction of ACHIET LE GRAND. C.B.Group notified and shelling ceased at 4.p.m.. During the afternoon the same gun and another using shrapnel shelled 11th and 104th Battery wagon lines; Casualties l.o.r.killed, 21 horses killed, 11 wounded.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	12/2/17	8.10. p.m.	<p>104th Battery wagon lines moved back to E.2.c.5.5..</p> <p>2nd. Division ^{Arty} (Left) advised receipt of S.O.S. on their front, which proved to be the result of a hostile raid.</p>	
	13/2/17)		Nil.	
	14/2/17)			
	15/2/17)			
	16/2/17.)			
	17/2/17	5.45. a.m. 9.5.a.m. 10.30. a.m. 3.10. p.m.	<p>2nd. Aust. D.A., O.O.4. was carried out to assist II Corps (on our left.)</p> <p>Rate of fire altered to one round per Battery per minute.</p> <p>Howitzers ceased firing, and 18-pounders' rate of fire increased to compensate.</p> <p>All fire ceased. (Total expenditure - A.2783, AX.3358, BX.2670.) In connection with O.O.4., the pits of all guns and howitzers had to be broken down and rebuilt in order to bring fire to bear. II Corps later wired thanks for Artillery support. (Prisoners taken - 10 officers, 609 O.R.'s.)</p>	
	18/2/17)		Nil.	
	19/2/17)			
	20/2/17)			
	21/2/17)			
	22/2/17)			
	23/2/17)			
	24/2/17.		Sub-Groups were advised that it is suspected the enemy is vacating certain country on our front.	

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	25/2/17	1.15. a.m.	Message from Corps stating that front system had been vacated by enemy was repeated to Sub-Groups.	
		1.45. a.m.	2nd.A.D.A. OO.No.7. issued and 10th and 13th Batteries subsequently moved forward to new positions at M.22.c.1.1. and M.28.d.5.8. respectively. 10th Battery was in position early, and properly registered; 13th Battery had considerable difficulty in moving - several guns being bogged - and was not in action again till the afternoon.	
		3.10. p.m.	Both Sub-Groups warned that howitzer batteries would move on night 25th/26th February.	
		4.p.m.	Above confirmed by wire (B.M.101.)	
		5.15. p.m.	2nd.D.A.C. instructed to fill "B" Echelon from BECOURT Dump.	
		5.45. p.m.	R.A., 1st ANZAC 'phoned that V Army want all available artillery moved forward. Replied that this was being done.	
		6.15. p.m.	Left Sub-Group reported red and green rockets were seen on front of Corps on our left.	
		6.45. p.m.	Sub-Groups instructed that 11th and 14th Batteries were to move forward and take up new positions on 26th, moving before 9.a.m. ; 14th Battery in action again at 12 noon, 11th at 5.p.m.	
	26/2/17	12.35. a.m.	Right Sub-Group instructed to support portion of Right Brigade held up in front of MALT TRENCH by two M.G's - one at M.12.a.60.55., the other at M.12.a.2.8.	
		2.30. a.m.	Right Sub-Group reported this had been done prior to receipt of instructions. Stated they were in close touch with Company Commander concerned.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	26/2/17	11.30. a.m. to 1.30.p.m.	MALT TRENCH from M.12.b.O.1. to M.5.c. central kept under constant bombardment prior to MALT TRENCH east of BAPAUME - LE SARS ROAD being rushed by Right Brigade (proved unsuccessful).	
		3.40. pm. to 3.45.p.m.	Heavy bombardment of same trenches prior to a further attack by our infantry. This also proved unsuccessful. MALT TRENCH west of above road kept under constant slow rate of fire till 5.45.p.m.	
		6.p.m.	Left Sub-Group reported ^{red} rockets on left of our front. At this time heavy mutual bombardment was taking place on our left.	
		5.30. p.m.	2nd. Aust. Division report new post established at M.4.c.35.25. Two platoons have been sent to enter MALT TRENCH at BATTERY COPSE and work along trench to N. Two M.G.'s established at east end COUPE TRENCH to sweep BAPAUME ROAD.	
		6.30. p.m.	Right Sub-Group instructed to move one gun of 12th Battery forward to complete registrations from new position. Battery to hold itself in readiness to move forward later.	
	27/2/17	12.30. p.m.	Left Sub-Group instructed to engage M.G. at M.6.c.5.6. with 20 rounds 4.5" How. (Reported by Right Infantry Brigade.)	
		2.25. p.m.	Both Sub-Groups instructed that no more firing was to take place on MALT TRENCH in M.4.d. after 5.p.m. (Request of Left Brigade.)	
	28/2/17	1.25. a.m. ✓	Support for Left Infantry Brigade from 3.a.m. to 6.a.m. during an attack by them on MALT TRENCH arranged (B.M.142). (Attacks proved unsuccessful.)	
		12.30. p.m. ✓	Left Brigade reported through L.O. that they wanted wire cut on LOUPART Road at M.5.c.55.50., to allow a patrol to get through, fire to stop at 2.30.p.m.	X
		1.p.m.	Left Sub-Group instructed to put 13th Battery on to carry out above -250 rounds. Also to put a section of 4.5" Hows. on from M.4.d.65.75. to M.4.d.45.85.	

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	28/2/17	1.50. p.m.	B.G.G.S. 1st ANZAC gave instructions for a combined programme - to include 6-in hows - to be arranged to deal with MALT TRENCH and the wire in front of it.	
		3.p.m.	Left Brigade requested howitzer fire on M.5.a.3.2. and M.5.a.15.65. urgently.	
		3.3. p.m.	Left Sub-Group instructed accordingly - at slow rate of fire.	
		6.11. p.m.	R.A., 1st ANZAC notified "S.O.S. 2nd.Division."	
		6.13. p.m.	Both Sub-Groups instructed to open at slow rate opposite right flank of 2nd. Division.	
		6.17. p.m.	2nd.Division "S.O.S." cancelled by R.A., 1st ANZAC.	

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 1.

2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery,
headquarters,
1st February 1917.

1. The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 15th Divisional Artillery in the line on the 2nd., 3rd. and 4th ~~of~~ February 1917.
2. Batteries of 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery will relieve batteries of 15th Divisional Artillery as per Appendix 1 attached.
Guns stripped of all stores except sights will be taken over in situ. Guns to replace those taken over from 15th Divnl. Artillery will be handed over as per appendix 2 attached.
All ammunition in pits will be taken over. Copy of ammunition transfer certificate should be forwarded to 2nd D. A. H. Q. by 8.30 p.m. on 5th inst..
3. (a) ON THE 3rd INST.-
The personnel of one section per battery will relieve personnel of one section per battery of 15th D. A..
(b) ON THE 4th INST.-
The personnel of two sections per battery will relieve the remaining two sections per battery of 15th DFA..
Headquarters 4th and 5th A.F.A. Brigades will relieve Headquarters 70th and 71st R.F.A. Brigades.
Vehicles and horses of one section per battery will move up to their respective wagon lines.
(c) ON THE 6th INST.-
The horses and vehicles of the remaining two sections per battery will move up to their respective wagon lines.
4. ~~The RIGHT section 106th How. Battery will be attached to 104th How. Battery.~~
The LEFT section 106th How. Battery will be attached to 105th How. Battery.
~~XX~~ The personnel of these batteries will, move into the line on the 4th inst.
The vehicles and horses will move to the wagon lines of the 104th and 105th How. Batteries on the 6th inst.
5. The Heavy and Medium Trench Mortars will relieve the 15th Divisional Trench Mortars on the night of the 3rd/4th February under arrangements to be made between D.T.M.O's concerned.
6. Maps, photographs, artillery boards, etc. will be handed over by 15th Divisional Artillery.
7. 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery will take over command from 15th Div. Artillery at 10 a.m. on 5th Feb. 1917.
8. Completion of reliefs to be reported to 2nd D. A.H. Q.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Issued at 10 p.m. by D.A. to-

1. 4th A.F.A. Brigade
2. 5th A.F.A. Brigade.
3. 6th Army F.A.Bde.
4. 2nd D. A. C.
5. D. T. M. O. 2nd Aust. Div.
6. D.T.M.O. 15th D. A..
7. C.R.A. 15th Division.
8. R. A. 1st ANZAC
9. 2nd Aust. División.
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A. J. Bealey
Major
Brigade Major 2nd Aust. Div.

APPENDIX 1 accompanying 2nd A.D.A. Order No. 1.

Date	UNIT OF 15th D.A.	To be relieved by	HOUR OF RELIEF
3rd.	1 section of A/70th Bde. R.F.A. B/70th " D/70th " A/71st. " B/71st " C/71st " B/72nd " D/72nd "	1 section of 13th A.F.A.Bty. 14th " 105th How. Bty. 15th A.F.A.Bty. 11th " 12th " 10th " 104th "	Commence 12 noon.
4th H.Q.	H.Q. 70th Bde. H.Q. 71st " 2 sections of A/70th Bde. R.F.A. B/70 " D/70 " A/71st. " B/71st " C/71st " B/72nd " D/72nd "	H.Q. 5th A.F.A. Bde. H.Q. 4th " 2 sections of 13th A.F.A.Bty. 14th " 105th How. Bty. 15th A.F.A.Bty. 11th " 12th " 10th " 104th How. Bty.	Commence 12 noon.

BATTERY POSITIONS.

LEFT GROUP -	H.Q. S. 8. c. 6. 8.	
	13th Battery S. 2. l. 9. 5.	6 guns
	14th Battery M. 34. b. 3. 8.	2 "
		4 "
	15th Battery M. 27. c. 6. 3.	4 guns
		2 "
	105th How. Bty. M. 32. d. 3. 8.	6 Hows.
RIGHT GROUP-	H.Q. X. 18. a. 5. 9.	
	10th Battery S. 3. a. 1. 3.	6 guns
	11th Battery S. 2. a. 4. 9.	6 guns.
	12th Battery M. 32. c. 8. 4.	5 guns
		1 gun (tank)
	104th How. Bty. M. 32. d. 2. 4.	4 Hows
		2 Hows.

WAGON LINE LOCATIONS.

10th Battery	} X. 15. b. 3. 2.	13th Battery	M. 3. d. 7. 7.
11th Battery		14th Battery	E. 3. d. 7. 7.
12th Battery		15th Battery	X. 20. a. 4. 7.
104th Battery.	X. 20. a. 1. 5.	105th Battery	X. 19. b. 2. 6.

APPENDIX 1 (Continued).

Horses and vehicles moving from BEHENCOURT to the line will follow the undermentioned route.

BEHENCOURT - BAIZEUX - BEHENCOURT - MILLENCOURT - ALBERT
La BOISELLE - CONTAINMAISON CIRCUS .

On the 3rd inst 8 buses will be at BEHENCOURT at 8 a.m. to convey personnel and kits of one section per battery to the line. 6 of these buses will, after conveying the above personnel, return to ST GRATIEN to pick up personnel and kits of Trench Mortar Batteries and convey them to their destination.

On the 4th inst 8 buses will be at BEHENCOURT at 8 a.m. to assist in conveying the remaining personnel and kits of two sections per battery to the line.

APPENDIX. PART 9

APPENDIX 2 accompanying 2nd A.D.A. Order No. 1.

Guns will be handed over by Batteries of 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
to batteries of 15th Div. Arty. as under.

Date.	By 2nd A.D.A. Batteries.	No. of guns.	At	Time	Remarks.
4/2/17.	13th	6	Square in ALBERT	11 a.m.	
	14th	6	BEHEMCOURT	noon	
	15th	4	" "	"	
	104th	4	" "	"	
5/2/17.	15th	2	BEHEMCOURT	8 a.m.	
	10th	6			
	11th	6			
	12th	6			
	104th	4	BEHEMCOURT	8.30 a.m.	
	105th	4	BUIRE	" "	
	106th	4			

TRENCH MORTARS.

3/2/17	3 2" T.M's.	BEHCOURT	3 p.m..
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2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 2.

Headquarters,
4th February, 1917.

REFERENCE MAP - AMIENS AND LENS 1/100,000.

1. ^{Amunition} 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery Column will move from ST. GRATIEN to LAVIEVILLE on 8th February, 1917, in accordance with march table hereunder.

2. An advance party, under an Officer, consisting of one N.C.O. and one other rank per section will proceed to LAVIEVILLE on the 7th instant to make the necessary arrangements for the taking over of billets etc. from the 15th D.A.C.

- MARCH TABLE. -

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DATE	FROM	TO	VIA	REMARKS.	
8-2-17.	ST. GRATIEN.	LAVIEVILLE	FRECHENCOURT BEHENCOURT BAZIEUX BRESLE.	To pass starting point (Due SOUTH of "S" in ST. GRATIEN on ST. GRATIEN-FRECHENCOURT Road) at 9 a.m.	

3. Intervals of 100 yards between half-sections and 200 yards between sections will be maintained.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(SGND). E.S. PLAYFAIR. Lieut. for
Brigade Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.

ISSUED AT 8.30 p.m. by Orderly.

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APPENDIX.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 1.

6.p.m. 4/1/1917 to 6.p.m. 5/1/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The SUNKEN ROAD in M.5.a. and the DRY DITCH in M.4.c. and M.10.a. received attention during the early morning.

Throughout the day the front line system and tracks were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

At 1.14.p.m. enemy shelled M.27.b.8.8. with Heavy H.E.

About 2.30.p.m. enemy shelled M.27.c.1.7. about 20 rounds 77mm, and at the same time, front line from M.15.a.5.5. to M.15.a.9.9. (approx) with 5.9" HE.

General information.

Observation was extremely poor and no movement was reported.

A machine gun is reported to be situated at M.17.a.central.

Throughout the day, enemy aircraft were extremely active. At 3.p.m. one hostile machine was driven down in the enemy's lines.

Major,
Brigade-Major, 2nd.Aust.Div.Artillery.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 105.
 BY
 BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. J. JOHNSTON, C.B., V.D.
 COMMANDING 2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery Headqrs.
 February 6th 1917.

POSTERUS. 1.

Lieut-Colonel H. W. LLOYD, D.S.O.,

C.O., 5th A.F.A. Brigade, will temporarily perform
 the duties of C.R.A., 2nd. Australian Division, during
 the absence on leave of Brigadier-General G. J.
 JOHNSTON, C.B., V.D. from 7th February, 1917.

Major J. E. PAUL, C.O. 105th Howitzer
 Battery, will temporarily command the 5th Aust.
 F.A. Brigade, vice Lieut-Colonel H. W. LLOYD, D.S.O.
 as from 7/2/1917.

Lieut. A. CRAWFORD will temporarily
 command the 105th Howitzer Battery, 5th A.F.A.
 Brigade, vice Major J. E. PAUL, from 7/2/1917.

Lieut. L. R. BLAKE, M.C., 5th A.F.A.
 Brigade, to be attached to Headquarters, 2nd.
 Australian Divisional Artillery, and to tempo-
 rarily perform the duties of Staff Lieutenant,
 Reconnaissance Officer, from 5/2/1917.

R. S. PLAYFAIR, Lieut.
 A/STAFF CAPTAIN, 2nd. AUST. DIV. ART.

RECORD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 2.

From 6.p.m. 5/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 6/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The zero and H.O.S. Lines were checked and registrations were obtained.

The GREVILLERS line in H.4.a. and the front and support line systems in the neighbourhood of the BUTTE received special attention. The SHAKEN ROAD in H.5.c. and other tracks were also subjected to bursts of fire at odd intervals.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Enemy artillery from the direction of GREVILLERS, LITTLE WOOD and FYS, was active throughout the day.

AIRCRAFT

Hostile planes flew over our lines at 11.45.a.m. and 1.30.p.m.

TRENCH MORTARS

Enemy trench mortars situated at H.17.a.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. shelled the vicinity of H.17.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.9. This mortar was silenced by our 18-pdr fire. Minnenwerfer situated in trench between H.17.b.2.2 $\frac{1}{2}$. to H.17.b.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.4; exact position is unknown.

MACHINE GUNS

A machine gun dominating MAXWELL and MAXWELL SUPPORT TRENCHES is situated at H.17.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. Machine guns are situated at H.17.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. and H.17.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Robert Blake Lt Colonel
M. Major,
 Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

H.A., 1st Area
 "G", 2nd. Aust. Div.
 4th A.F.A. Brigade
 5th " "
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2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 3.

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

OUR ARTILLERY.

During the early part of the night and early morning, retaliatory fire by 18-pdrs was directed on to Minenwerfers at M.17.a.0.6. The Regimental Headquarters at M.11.d.8.5½. and the DRY DITCH in M.12.c. were subjected to special attention. The enemy front line system, communication trenches and tracks were searched during the hours of darkness. The BAPAUME ROAD was swept by occasional bursts of fire between 8.p.m. and 4.a.m. During the day the checking of ZERO LINES and the registration of new points and calibration of guns was carried out.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Considerable activity was witnessed throughout the day, the shelled area being mainly MARTINPUICH and vicinity. The calibre of the guns varied from 77.m.m. to 8.inch and all the shelling appeared to come from the direction of LOUPART WOOD and GREVILLERS.

AIRCRAFT.

Hostile planes in flights from 5 to 9 in number flew over our lines at 10.a.m., 10.30.a.m., 11.30.a.m. and 3.30.p.m. The plane at 11.30.a.m. appeared to be observing the enemy shelling on and around MARTINPUICH. At 10.16.a.m. a hostile machine was observed to drop two white smoke rockets, one of which burst into two red stars, while flying over M.15.c. in the direction of BAPAUME.

TRENCH MORTARS

The enemy trench mortars at M.17.a.8½.3. and M.17.a.0.6. (QUARRY) were extremely active between 8.p.m. and 11.10.p.m., but were both silenced by 18-pdr fire, which was asked for by the infantry in retaliation.

MACHINE GUNS

Machine gun reported probably on the S.W. corner of the BUTTE in M.17.a.

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. D.A.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.4.

From 6.p.m. 7/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 8/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Between 10.30.p.m. and 10.42.p.m. rapid searching fire was directed on the front line system in M.17.a.. Under cover of this bombardment the medium Trench Mortars fired on the BUTTE, and on the Minenwerfer located in the QUARRY (M.17.a.0.6.) LOUPART ROAD, LOGS CUT and the tracks and communication trenches in the neighbourhood of WARLENCOURT were subjected to bursts of fire by the 18-pdrs, between 8.p.m. and 7.30.a.m..

The SUNKEN ROAD in M.5.c. and the DRY DITCH in M.10.a. and M.4.c. were barraged by the 4.5" Hows. during the hours of darkness.

During the morning GALLWITZ TRENCH in M.9.d. and M.10.c. was subjected to heavy fire.

Several good registrations were obtained.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Hostile Artillery fire was mainly directed on MARTINPUICH, LE SARS and DESTREMONT FME., the roads in M.27., and the ALBERT - BAPAUME ROAD. In the afternoon the support trenches in M.22.a. and M.22.b. were shelled by 15.c.m. guns from the direction of GREVILLERS.

AIRCRAFT

Two hostile planes flew over our lines at 9.45.a.m., 10.40.a.m., and 11.25.a.m..

MOVEMENT.

Party of men was observed at 12.30.p.m. near M.4.a.3.8., walking towards LOUPART WOOD.

At 1.30.p.m. a party of men was observed at M.8.d.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.. Fire was brought to bear on both of the above parties with good effect.

At 2.45.p.m. three men were observed moving from M.17.a.7.5. towards the BUTTE.

Lieut. J. P. Bluff Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 5.

From 6.p.m. 8/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 9/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY

During the hours of darkness all communications and support trenches and tracks in M.10.c., d., M.11.a., b., c., d. and to BAPAUME ROAD were kept under fire by our 18-pdrs. Between 8.30.p.m. and 5.45.a.m. the 4.5" Howitzers shelled LOOS CUT, LOUPART ROAD, the DRY DITCH (M.4.c.), and all roads and tracks in M.3.d. and G.34.c. GALLWITZ, GIRD TRENCH, and the vicinity of BUTTE were fired on during today.

Several registrations were obtained and two working parties were dispersed by our fire.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Enemy Artillery was extremely active during the day. The shelling was mainly in the vicinity of MARTINPUICH, LE SARS, DESTREMONT FLE., M.22. and M.27. and was reported to have come from the direction of LIGNY, PYS, LOUPART WOOD, and BAPAUME. The enemy appear to have a gun in the rear of LIGNY which enfilades THE road in M.22.c.9.0. and M.27.c.5.3. This gun fires 12 rounds in quick succession. Gun flashes were reported as being at G.35.d.6.5.

MOVEMENT.

A party of fourteen men was seen on road at M.11.b.3.3. at 1.30.p.m.

Between 1.30.p.m. and 1.45.p.m. ten men left the BUTTE TRENCH at M.17.b.4.0. This party was shelled by our 18-pdrs and four men were observed to fall.

Several parties of two and three in number were seen at 2.30.p.m. in the vicinity of G.34.c. walking in the direction of LOUPART WOOD. At 3.5.p.m. a man was seen near M.11.b.8.8.

A trolley, drawn by six men, proceeded ^{ed} from M.12.a. to M.11.d. at 2.40.p.m.

AIRCRAFT

Activity below normal, only three planes being seen during the day.

SNIPERS

Two snipers' posts are reported to exist at M.17.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{4}$. and M.16.b.7.7.

TRENCH MORTARS

The trench mortars at M.17.a.0.6. and M.17.a.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.3. were again reported active.

MACHINE GUNS

Machine gun emplacements are reported to be at M.17.a.6.4. and M.17.a.4.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 6.

From 6.p.m. 9/2/17 to 6.p.m. 10/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The enemy front line system was barraged by the 18-pdrs during the night, and the Sunken Roads in M.4.d. and M.5.c. by the 4.5" Howitzers at the same time. Special targets engaged were the suspected machine guns at M.10.a.95., the cross roads in M.10.a.2.5½., LITTLE WOOD and the BUTTE. During the day GALLWITZ, GALLWITZ SWITCH and GRID TRENCHES were subjected to occasional bursts of fire.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

The usual shelling of MARTINPUICH, DESTREMOY ILE. and roads in M.32.b. occurred during the last twenty-hours. Lachrymatory shells were used in the vicinity of LE SARS at 7.45.p.m. and 10.p.m. Infantry observers report a 77.mm. gun in action behind LITTLE WOOD at M.9.d.95.95.

MOVEMENT

Small parties of men were observed on the BAPAULE ROAD between M.11.b.4.2. and M.11.c.2.1. several times during the day. Infantry report that there are several enemy posts of about 10 men each and working parties every night on a line M.9.d.2.4. to M.9.d.8.4.

AIRCRAFT

From 10.15.a.m. to 10.45.a.m. five enemy planes flew very low over LE SARS.

Two hostile balloons were up during the morning.



Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd.Aust.Div.Art.

SECRET.

Copy No.....

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 3.

2nd. Aust. Div. Art. Headqrs.
February 9th 1917.
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REFERENCE MAP: LE SARS to LOUPART WOOD and LE BARQUE 1/10,000.
(4th Edition).

- 1. Two minor operations will be carried out by the 1st Australian Division on the night of 10th/11th February 1917, at zero hour.
- 2. At the same time an artillery diversion by the 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery will take place against the BUTTE.
- 3. Tasks will be as per attached Task Tables.
- 4. Zero hour will be communicated later.
- 5. Ammunition to be used will be :-
 - (a) 18-pdrs. - 50% H.E. ; 50% T.S.
 - (b) 4.5" Hows.- H.E. .
- 6. At the conclusion of the operation, batteries will return to their night lines at once.
- 7. Watches will be synchronised from 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.
- 8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Claves
Captain,

A/Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

6.30 AM.
ISSUED at 7 p.m. to :-

- Copies Nos. 1.- 5. Right Sub-Group
- 6.- 10. Left Sub-Group
- 11. 2nd. D.A.C.
- 12. D.T.M.O.
- 13. R.A., 1st Anzac.
- 14. 1st Aust. Division
- 15. 2nd. Division (British)
- 16. 2nd. Aust. Division.
- 17. Right Inf. Brigades
- 18. Left Inf. Brigades
- 19. File
- 20.- 21. War Diary
- 22.- 23. Spare.

UNIT	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	No. Of. ROUNDS	REMARKS.
10th Battery	0.0. to 0.6.	M. 17. b. 00. 35. to M. 17. a. 65. 20.	3 rounds per gun per minute.	108	Barrage 50 yards south of BUTTE TR. lifting at 0.2 to BUTTE TR. & remaining there
12th Battery	- do -	M. 17. a. 65. 20. to M. 17. a. 2. 3.	- do -	108	Creeping barrage at rate of 50 yards every 2. min.
14th Battery	- do -	M. 17. a. 2. 3. to M. 16. b. 85. 55.	- do -	108	- do -
15th Battery (less 2 guns)	- do -	M. 16. b. 75. 70. to M. 16. b. 50. 85.	- do -	72	Barrage S. of BUTTE TRENCH lifting at 0.2. to BUTTE TR. and remaining there.
15th Battery (2 guns)	- do -	M. 16. b. 85. 55. to M. 16. b. 75. 70.	- do -	36	Creeping barrage at rate of 50 yds. every 2 mins.
104th How. Battery (3 guns)	- do -	{ a } M. 16. b. 62. 86. { H.G. } { b } M. 16. b. 92. 85. { H.G. } 2 guns { c } H.G. at M. 11. c. 45. 25. { d } H.G. at M. 17. b. 1. 5. { e } T.M. at M. 17. a. 1. 9.	2 rounds per gun per minute.	72	
105th How. Bty.	- do -	TRENCH M. 10. c. 90. 55. to M. 10. d. 40. 35.	- do -	72	
2" Trench Mortars (2)	- do -	M. 16. b. 90. 65. (west end of QUARRY)	As fast as possible.		

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II.

UNIT	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
10th Battery	0.6. to 0.13.	As at conclusion of Phase I.	3 rounds per gun per minute	126	
15th Battery (less 2 guns)	- do -	As at conclusion of Phase I.	- do -	84	
14th Battery	- do -	M.17.a.55.90. to M.11.c.1.1.	- do -	126	Lifting at 0.6. from Phase I. task.
12th Battery	- do -	M. 17.a. ^{60.32} 58.60. to M.17.a.55.92.	- do -	126	- do -
15th Battery (2 guns)	- do -	M.11.c.1.1. to M.16.c.9.9.	- do -	42	- do -
104th How. Bty.	- do -	As in Phase I.	2 rounds per gun per minute.	84	
105th How. Bty.	- do -	As in Phase I.	- do -	84	
2" Trench Mortars (2)	- do -	M.16.b.92.85. (M.G. position)	As fast as possible.		

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III.

UNIT	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	NO. of ROUNDS	REMARKS.
10th Battery	0.13. to 0.18.	BUTTE TRENCH M. 17. a. 00. 45. to M. 17. a. 65. 35.	2 rounds per gun per min.	60	
12th Battery	- do -	BUTTE TRENCH M. 17. a. 65. 35. to M. 17. a. 2. 4.	- do -	60	
14th Battery	-- do -	BUTTE TRENCH M. 17. a. 2. 4. to M. 16. b. 90. 65.	- do -	60	
15th Battery	- do -	BUTTE TRENCH M. 16. b. 90. 65. to M. 10. d. 6. 0.	- do -	60	
104th How. Bty	- do -	As in Phase I.	- do -	60	
105th How. Bty	- do -	As in Phase I.	- do -	60	

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AMENDMENT TO

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 3.

Headquarters,
Feb. 10th 1917.

1. In Task Table :

(a) PHASE I. -- TIME

for "0.0. to 0.6." read "0.0. to 0.⁵"

(b) PHASE II. -- TIME

for "0.6. to 0.13." read "0.5. to 0.6."

(c) PHASE III. -- TIME

for "0.13. to 0.18." read "0.6. to 0.8."

2. Number of ROUNDS as laid down in Task Table will be varied accordingly.

*Cd. Crowe*Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.ISSUED AT 1.30.p.m. to
all recipients of
2nd. Aust. Div. Artly. Operation Order No. 3.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 7.

From 6.p.m. 10/2/17 to 6.p.m. 11/2/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

In reply to a request for retaliation from the infantry, 200 rounds were expended on the trenches in the vicinity of the BUTTE between 8.15.p.m. and 8.25.p.m. From 8.20.p.m. to 7.a.m. the 18-pdrs shelled the trenches in the vicinity of WARLENCOURT and the BUTTE. The 4.5" Howitzers searched the Sunken roads and tracks in M.10.a., M.10.b., M.4.d., the DRY DITCH (M.4.a.,c.) LOUPART ROAD, and LOOS CUT, between 8.35.p.m. and 7.a.m. A working party was fired on at 4.10.p.m. and dispersed. The suspected Battalion Headquarters at M.6.d.1.3. was shelled by 4.5" Howitzers. Short bursts of shrapnel were fired throughout the day on GALLWITZ TRENCH. Registrations on the BUTTE and bushes in G.34.c.1.1. were carried out.

MOVEMENT.

Enemy party observed in GALLWITZ TRENCH at M.9.c.6.3½. and M.9.c.6.4. at 4.10.p.m.

Party observed working at M.17.a.0.7. at 4.17.p.m. Fire was brought to bear on both these parties which were dispersed.

NEW WORK.

New work observed in M.13.b. and M.14.d.

AIRCRAFT

Enemy planes over our lines at 11.45.a.m.

MACHINE GUNS

Machine gun at M.10.c.8.7. and the BUTTE reported active.

SIGNALS.

During our bombardment commencing at 8.p.m. 10/2/17, numerous golden shower rockets, and Red and Green asteroid rockets were used by the enemy.

PATROLS.

A patrol went out on completion of the above bombardment. The officer in charge of the patrol is of the opinion that the enemy evacuated GALLWITZ TRENCH at the commencement of hostilities.

Lieut. R. Blake

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT

From 6.p.m. 10/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 11/2/1917.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. of ROUNDS	REMARKS
	FROM	TO				
N. 28. a.	8.10.p.m.	8.25.p.m.	Not Known	77mm & 15.c.m.	----	
M. 22. a.	10.5.a.m.		LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	4	
LE SARS	11.a.m.	11.10.am.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	6	
MARTINPUICE	11.a.m.	11.30.am.	PYS	15.c.m.	10.	
Trench in N. 17. c.	12 noon	2.p.m.	Not known	77.m.m.		Occasional shelling.
Support Trench M.16.d. to M.17.c.	2.30.p.m.	3.p.m.	ACHIET LE GRAND	15.c.m.	45	
M. 23. d. 1 1/2. 8.	2.30.p.m.		WARLENCOURT	10.5.cm.	1	
M. 22. c. 9. 1.	2.35.p.m.	2.40.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	6	
N. 32. b.	2.35.p.m.	2.40.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.8.m.m.	7	
M. 27. a.	2.35.p.m.	2.45.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	12	
MARTINPUICE	2.35.p.m.		BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	1	
CONTALMAISON	2.40.p.m.	3.15.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	12	
M. 32. b.	2.45.p.m.	3.30.p.m.	Not known	15.c.m.	50	
M. 16. d. and M. 17. e.	2.30.p.m.	3.10.p.m.	BIEFVILLERS	15.c.m.	36	
M. 27. a.	3.p.m.	3.5.p.m.	Left of LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	6	
M. 27.a . 2. 2.	4.15.p.m.	4.20.p.m.	Not known	10.8.cm.	5	
N. 22. a.	4.15.p.m.		Not known	10.8.cm.	4	
LE SARS	5.p.m.	5.30.p.m.	Not known	Medium Howitzers.		Shelled & destroyed.

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Leslie Blake

Intelligence Officer, 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 8.

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

OUR ARTILLERY.

The usual night firing on enemy roads, tracks, and communications was maintained by our 18-pdrs, while 4.5" Howitzers played, in irregular bursts of fire, along Sunken Road from M.10.a.2.6. to M.4.c.1.1½; trench junction at M.10.b.½.5., and along cutting to M.4.d.½.½. The Sunken Road from M.5.c.5½.½. to M.5.a.2.6. and DRY DITCH from M.10.a.3.9½. to M.4.c.4.4. also received attention from Howitzers.

Trenches in vicinity of BUTTE de WARLENCOURT, M.9.c., M.11.d., M.12.c. and M.17.a. and b., were fired on at intervals during the day and night by 18-pdrs.

MOVEMENT.

Infantry report movement of small parties in vicinity of M.8.d.8.0. and M.9.c.7.5.. These were dealt with by artillery fire and snipers.

NEW WORK.

Patrols report work proceeding between . . . M.9.d.8.4. and M.9.d.4.4. Several working parties also reported in M.9.c. and d.

AIRCRAFT.

Four of our planes flew over enemy lines at 11.20.a.m.

MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns reported located at M.14.b.7½.9½., M.14.b.8½.0., M.14.b.0.8½. M.9.c.4.1½. and M.15.a.8.9½.

PATROLS.

Our parties operated successfully last night and report increased activity on the part of enemy patrols and working parties. Encounter took place between ours and hostile parties. Considerable ~~was~~ annoyance was experienced by our patrols from enemy strong post at M.9.d.4½.4. which post is held by 10 men and machine gun.

C. E. Stamp

Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT

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

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AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
MARTINPUICH	6.p.m.		WARLENCOURT	77.mm.	20	(approx)
Trenches M. 16. b.	6.50.p.m.		---	--	20	
MARTINPUICH	9.p.m.		---	--	20	
M. 26. a.	10.5.p.m.		---	77.mm.	20	(approx)
M. 27. d.	8.45.am.	9.a.m.	---	77.mm.	7	
M. 16. d.	8.45.am.	9.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.mm.	30	
M. 17. c.	9.a.m.	9.5.am.	GREVILLERS	10.cm.	6	
LE SARS	10.a.m.	5.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD of BIHUCOURT	15.cm.	--	
M. 26. c.	10.15.am.	11.25.am.	LOUPART WOOD	15.cm.	10	
M. 22. a.	11.15.am.	11.35.am.	---	15.cm.	15	
M. 22. a. 5. 8.	12.30.p.m.		BIHUCOURT	15.cm.	6	Fuze set at 26.4 Shrapnel
M. 23. a. (Road)	12.30.p.m.	12.38.p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	4	
WILLIAM ALLEY	1.30.p.m.	2.8.p.m.	WARLENCOURT	77.mm.	2	
M. 17. c.	2.p.m.	2.30.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.mm.	15	
M. 22. a.	2.10.p.m.	2.15.p.m.	G. 33. a. .	77.mm.	30	
M. 23. a. (Road)	2.40.p.m.	2.45.p.m.	BAPAUME	15.cm.	6	
M. 21. a.	2.40.p.m.	2.45.p.m.	WARLENCOURT	77.mm.	3	
M. 14. a. & M. 29. a. (Road)	2.45.p.m.	3.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.mm.	40	
M. 22. a. (Road)	3.20.p.m.	3.45.p.m.	GREVILLERS	15.cm.	15	
	4.p.m.	4.10.p.m.	"			
M. 29. a. (Road)	4.15.p.m.	4.20.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.mm.	6	4 "blings". (approx)
M. 17. c.	4.10.p.m.	4.15.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.c.m.	6	
LE SARS	5.15.p.m.		WARLENCOURT	4.2" & 5.9"	18	

C. Clowes
Captain;

A/Brigade-Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

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SECOND AUSTRALIA DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 9.

From 6.p.m. 12/2/17 to 6.p.m. 13/2/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The front line, support, and communication trenches on the whole Division front were subjected to sharp irregular bursts of fire through the night by our 18-pdrs. The 4.5" howitzers also searched all sunken roads and tracks during the same period.

GALLWITZ and GRID TRENCHES were shelled intermittently throughout the day. Several registrations were obtained for the purpose of calibration. A working party was dispersed at M.17.b.0.6. at 2.30.p.m.

MACHINE GUNS

A hostile machine gun is suspected at M.17.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.2. A machine gun was seen firing from M.9.c.8.3.

NEW WORK.

The enemy appears to be strengthening line M.17.a.4.5. to M.17.b.0.6.

Infantry patrols report extensive work in progress on a line M.9.d.0.4. to M.10.d.0.4.

WIRE

Patrols examined the wire in M.9.c. and found same to be 10 feet thick and waist high.

LISTENING POSTS.

Hostile listening post at M.9.c.7.5. with an advance post at M.9.c.7.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

STRONG POINT.

Strong point located at M.9.d.8.4.

AIRCRAFT.

A hostile machine was brought down in flames near SEVEN ELMS at 3.30.p.m.

Foster R. Blake Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT

From 6.p.m. 12/2/17 to 6.p.m. 13/2/1917.

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AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
Trench M.15.b. & M.16.a.	7.28.p.m.	7.35.p.m.	Unknown			
WILLIAM ALLEY (M. 22.c.)	8.p.m.	8.45.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	14	
WILLIAM ALLEY (M. 27.b.)	8.35.a.m.	---	WARLENCOURT	77.m.m.	25	
MARTINPUICH	4.10.a.m.	---	Unknown	10.5.cm.	4	
LE SARS & DESTREMONT FME.	8.25.a.m.	8.40.a.m.	Line through M.4.c.o.o. and G.28.central	---	--	
West of LE SARS	9.35.a.m.	---	PYS	10.5.cm.	4	
BAPAUME ROAD	9.40.a.m.	10.30.am.	LOUPART WOOD EAST	10.5.cm.	--	
LE SARS & DESTREMONT FME.	9.50.a.m.	10.50.am.	LOUPART WOOD EAST	77.m.m.	35	Shrapnel
DESTREMONT FME.	11.a.m.	12.noon	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	20	
BAPAUME ROAD	12.30.p.m.	12.45.p.m.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	11	
MARTINPUICH	1.15.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	4	
M. 28. b.	2.p.m.	2.2.p.m.	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	2	
MARTINPUICH	2.5.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	3	
M. 15. a.	2.30.p.m.	3.30.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	6	
M. 28. a.	2.40.p.m.	3.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	--	
DESTREMONT FME.	3.p.m.	3.45.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	10	
M. 28. b.	3.10.p.m.	---	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	7	
M. 21. a.	3.40.p.m.	3.45.p.m.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	4	
M. 33. d.	3.45.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	10.5cm.	7	
Road M. 22.d. and M. 28.b.	3.45.p.m.	3.50.p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	2	
M. 28. d.	3.58.p.m.	4.35.p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	5	
M. 22. d.	3.55.p.m.	4.20.p.m.	BIEFVILLERS	15.c.m.	56	
Road M. 21. a.	4.p.m.	4.30.p.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm.	16	
Road M. 28. a.	4.10.p.m.	4.30.p.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm.	15	
M. 28. b.	4.20.p.m.	5.p.m.	Unknown.	10.5.cm.	15	
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February 13th 1917.

Leslie R. Blake Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

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 DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 106.
 by
 LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H.W. LLOYD, D.S.O.
 TEMP.COMMANDING 2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd. Aust. Div. Artly. Headquarters,
 14th February, 1917.

SECONDDING. 1. Captain A.T. HATTON, 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery, is seconded for training as G.S.O.111, to 2nd. Australian Divisional Headquarters. Dated 8th January, 1917.

Captain F.H. BERRYMAN, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, is seconded for training as Staff Captain, to 7th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters. Dated 5th January, 1917.

PROMOTIONS. 2. To be Captains:- Dated 12th March, 1916.

Lieut.- (Temp. Captain). R. E. FANNING.
 " " " H. C. SCHRADER.

To be Lieutenants:- Dated 15th January, 1917.

2nd/Lieut.,	C.V. HEATH.	and to remain seconded.
2nd/Lieut.,	A. BICKERS.	and to remain seconded.
2nd/Lieut.,	A.L. ROBERTS.	and to remain seconded.
2nd/Lieut.,	F.J. RYAN.	and to remain seconded.
2nd/Lieut.,	R. ALLISON.	and to remain seconded.
2nd/Lieut.,	C.H. RALPH.	and to remain seconded.

D U T Y. 3. Lieut.- H.J.H. GLOVER, resumed duty from Seconded List, dated 25th January, 1917.

TRANSFER. 4. Warrant Officer Armanent Artificer A.R. FALCONER, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, is transferred to Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery. Dated 28th January, 1917.

E.S. PLAYFAIR. Lieut.

A/STAFF CAPTAIN, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 10.

From 6.p.m. 13/2/17 to 6.p.m. 14/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The usual shelling of the front line and support and communication trenches and tracks on the Division front was carried out during the night. In conjunction with the Stokes Mortars, our guns shelled all suspected trench mortar positions and working parties, the results of which were reported satisfactory. Prior to patrols going out, No Man's Land, and the suspected machine gun position at M.16.b.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. were shelled, the result being that they were not interfered with either by machine guns or snipers. At 8.30.p.m., patrols reported that a strong working party of about 100 men were in front of GALLWITZ TRENCH at M.9.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4.. One battery opened fire on this party, which was dispersed. Between 11.50.p.m. and 12.5.a.m. enemy working parties at M.10.c.4.3., M.9.d.4.5. and M.8.d.8.0. were fired upon.

From 11.a.m. to 4.p.m. our heavies shelled GIRD TRENCH and vicinity with good results, as the trenches were much damaged by their fire.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine guns reported to be M.16.b.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$., M.16.b.9.9. and M.16.b.9.8.

SNIPERS

Head and shoulder and rifle of a sniper was observed at M.16.b.9 $\frac{1}{4}$.5 $\frac{3}{4}$.

TRENCH MORTARS

An enemy trench mortar which could not be located was active during the night. Infantry report trench mortar bombs on M.15.a.7.6. and M.15.a.5.3 $\frac{1}{2}$; direction unknown.

MOVEMENT.

Working party of about 100 men reported at Strong Point (M.9.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.4.) at 8.30.p.m. Parties were also reported at M.10.c.4.3., M.9.d.4.5. and on trench M.8.d.8.0. to M.9.c.8.5., at 11.50.p.m. All these parties were dispersed by our artillery fire, which was brought to bear on them.

Patrols report working parties driving in stakes for wiring at M.16.b.6.7. Infantry observers report small bodies of troops along Sunken road at M.11.a.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.6. and at M.5.a. and M.5.c. Our 18-pdrs successfully shelled these parties. At 12 midnight an enemy working party was detected at M.17.a.8.5. and dispersed by our Lewis-gun fire. At 2.30.a.m. a strong party was observed between M.17.a.4.5. and M.17.b.0.6. This party was shelled by our 18-pdrs. and was dispersed, but returned again at 4.30.a.m., when it was again shelled. Four men were observed moving round the "Tank Trap" at M.11.a.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.5. at mid-day. Men are observed at this place frequently, and it is suggested that this point may be a Coy H.Q. At 12.45.p.m. two men were seen to leave the BAPAULE ROAD and walk across to this TANK TRAP.

The head and shoulders and rifle of a sniper were observed at M.16.b.9 $\frac{1}{4}$.5 $\frac{3}{4}$. at 1.p.m., and at 1.10.p.m. two other men were observed to join this man. The party in the Tank Trap and at this sniper's post were effectively fired upon.

Eight single men were observed to cross the BAPAULE ROAD at M.16.b.9.9. between 2.15.p.m. and 3.p.m. Six men were seen in WARLENCOURT at M.10.b.8.5.

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SIGNALS.

Two white flares were fired from the ridge behind WARLENCOURT at 4.45.p.m. Two white flares were fired in quick succession from TANK TRAP at M.11.a.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.5. at 5.p.m. At 5.15.p.m. a Red flare was sent up on the right of the Divisional front.

AIRCRAFT.

Four hostile planes flew over our lines at 10.10.a.m. At 11.20.a.m. two enemy planes also flew over our lines.

Leslie R. Blakely
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT

6.p.m. 13/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 14/2/1917.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
LE SARS M. 20.	6.10.p.m. 2.10.p.m.	2.35.a.m.	----- Approx. true sound bearing 45°	77.m.m.	20	
DESTREMONT FME. Trenches M. 10. a. Road M. 27. a. M. 21. d. LE SARS & DESTREMONT	6.a.m. 11.a.m. 12.45.p.m. 12.50.p.m. 1.p.m.	11.20.a.m. 1.30.p.m.	Unknown M. 6. Unknown Unknown GREVILLERS	77.m.m. 15.c.m. 77.m.m. 15.c.m. 15.c.m. (10.5.cm. 15.c.m.)	55 9 60 1 2 30 3	
LE SARS M. 22. d. M. 22. a. M. 17. c. M. 22. b.	12 noon 12 noon 2.p.m. 2.p.m. 2.15.p.m.	2.p.m. 12.30.p.m. 2.15.p.m. 2.45.p.m. 2.30.p.m.	BAPAUME Unknown Unknown Unknown Unknown	15.c.m. 15.c.m. 77.m.m. 77.m.m. 10.5.cm.	16 6 8 30 5	Shrapnel
MARTINPUICH M. 32. d. M. 28. c. M. 14. c. & d. and M. 20. a. & b. M. 33. a. M. 28. b. & M. 29. a. LE SARS and DESTREMONT FME.	2.53.p.m. 3.p.m. 3.p.m. 3.10.p.m. 3.30.p.m. 3.35.p.m. 4.p.m. 4.p.m.	3.5.p.m. 3.10.p.m. 3.15.p.m. 4.15.p.m.	GREVILLERS LOUPART WOOD LE BARQUE BAPAUME Unknown GREVILLERS Unknown M. 6. and H. 1.	15.c.m. 15.c.m. 15.c.m. 10.5.cm. 77.m.m. 77.m.m. 77.m.m. 10.5.cm. 77.m.m. 77.m.m. 10.5.cm. 77.m.m. 15.cm.)	3 1 6 3 80 1 - 50 45	
LE SARS M. 22. a. Road M. 22. d. Road M. 28. a. M. 14. c. & d. M. 20. a. & b.	4.p.m. 4.10.p.m. 4.25.p.m. 4.30.p.m. 5.30.p.m.	5.p.m. 4.20.p.m. 4.35.p.m. 4.40.p.m. 6.15.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD GREVILLERS Unknown Unknown Unknown	77.m.m. 10.5.cm. 77.m.m. 15.c.m. 77.m.m. 77.m.m.	50 8 3 6 40	Shrapnel

February 14th 1917.

L. S. B. L. k. Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 11.

6.p.m. 14/2/17 to 6.p.m. 15/2/1917.

W.D.

OUR ARTILLERY

During the night the communication trenches, roads and tracks were shelled intermittently by our 18-pounders and 4.5" Howitzers. The BUTTE TRENCH from M.17.a.0.6. to M.17.b.5.0., GIRD TRENCH, GALLWITZ TRENCH and the Coy.H.Q. at M.11.a.6.6. were effectively shelled during the day. 65.15 Registrations were obtained on WARLENCOURT CHURCH (M.10.b.55.10.8) the QUARRY (M.17.a.0.6.) and Cross Roads (M.10.b.55.10.8 & M.10.b.75.40.) suspected O.P. (M.10.b.7.3.), BUTTE TRENCH, BELO TRENCH and GALLWITZ SWITCH Trench in front of BUTTE TRENCH and at M.16.b.3.9. were fired upon

MOVEMENT.

Smoke was observed issuing from QUARRY (M.17.a.0.6.) at 8.30.a.m. At 1.15.p.m., two men were seen near the SUNKEN ROAD in M.5.c.. At 1.35.p.m. one man was observed on the parapet of MALT TRENCH at M.4.d.8.7. Three men were seen on Sunken Road (M.5.c.) at 2.p.m. At 3.45.p.m., three men were observed in the Sunken Road in M.11.a., walking towards the RAPAILLE ROAD. Men seen on cross roads at M.5.c.5.1. at mid-day.

TRENCH MORTARS

Suspected minenwerfer position has been located at M.17.a.30.65. This mortar was active and fired on M.17.central.

NEW WORK.

Patrols discovered enemy wiring party at work in front of BUTTE TRENCH at M.17.a.5.3. Work is proceeding in the vicinity of the Strong post at M.10.e.4.3.

STRONG POSTS.

Post at M.10.e.4.3. is strongly held during night.

AIRCRAFT.

Hostile aircraft were active throughout the day. Five enemy planes were over our front line near LE SARRS from 9.30.a.m. to 11.30.a.m. Between 2.p.m. and 3.30.p.m., two hostile planes patrolled our front line.

BALLOONS.

From O.P. (M.27.a.2.0.) the following captive balloons were observed :-

9.20.a.m. bearing 17° (T); descended at 11.30.a.m.
2.20.p.m. bearing 17° (T) and one bearing 97° (T)
4.15.p.m. bearing 8° (T)

At 3.p.m. and at 3.25.p.m. balloon rose beyond and in line with LE BARQUE when observed from the same O.P.

SIGNALS.

At 10.30.a.m. an enemy plane dived to a height of approximately 400 feet above our front line and fired several white lights as it flew for some distance along our frontage.

Lelia R. W. H. K. Lieut.
Intelligence-Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

From 6.p.m. 14/2/17 to 6.p.m. 15/2/17.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS
	FROM	TO				
M. 14.	6.p.m.	6.30.p.m.	Unknown	77.m.m.	-	Shrap.
Road M. 22.d.6.3. - M. 22.c.9.0.	8.55.p.m.	---	BATTERY COPSE	77.m.m.	25	
LE SARS	9.35.p.m.	---	M. 5.	77.m.m.	25	Shrap.
LE SARS	8.30.a.m.	8.40.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	6	
M. 22. b.	8.45.a.m.	9.10.a.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm.	10	
LE SARS	9.40.a.m.	10.a.m.	PYS	10.5.cm.	10	
M. 16. a.	9.40.a.m.	10.50.a.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	25	
LE SARS	9.50.a.m.	10.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	5	
M. 28. a.	9.20.a.m.	9.25.a.m.	Unknown	77.m.m.	12	
M. 16. d.	10.a.m.	10.15.am.	LOUPART WOOD	15.cm.	24	
LE SARS	10.30.am.	11.a.m.	GREVILLERS	77.m.m.	15	
M. 17. d.	11.a.m.	11.5.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	2	
DESTRE MONT FME.	11.a.m.	11.40.a.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm.	12	
M. 15. c.	11.25.a.m.	11.35.a.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm.	20	
LE SARS	11.25.a.m.	11.30.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	20	
M. 21. b.	2.10.p.m.	3.30.p.m.	Right of LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	70	
M. 32. b.	2.p.m.	3.p.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm.	6	
LE SARS	2.15.p.m.	3.p.m.	Unknown	15.cm.	12	
M. 22. a.	2.30.p.m.	3.15.p.m.	Unknown LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	8	Shrap
M. 26. b.	2.30.p.m.	--	Unknown	77.m.m.	7	Shrap.
LE SARS	2.20.p.m.	3.30.p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	25	
DESTREMONT FME	2.25.p.m.	3.20.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD E.	77.m.m.	35	
M. 27.a & b.; M. 21.d.; M. 25.d.	2.35.p.m.	2.50.p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	20.	

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DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS
	TO	FROM				
MARTINPUICH.	2.45.p.m.	2.55.p.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	3	
M. 29. d.	2.40.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.c.m.	3	
Road M. 28. a.	2.30.p.m.	---	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	3	
LE SARS	3.p.m.	3.30.p.m.	WARLENCOURT	10.5.cm.	8	
WILLIAM ALLEY	3.30.p.m.	4.p.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	15	
LE SARS	3.30.p.m.	4.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	20	
DESTREMOIT FME.	3.20.p.m.	4.p.m.	PYE	10.5.cm.	4	
M. 22. a.	3.20.p.m.	4.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	8	
M. 23. b.	3.40.p.m.	---	Unknown	77.m.m.	4	
M. 22. b.	3.40.p.m.	---	Unknown	15.c.m.	8	
EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE	3.45.p.m.	---	Unknown	15.c.m.	8	
M. 16. b.	4.p.m.	4.30.p.m.	GREVILLERS	77.m.m.	15	
M. 23.d.; M. 22.b.; M. 22.a.	4.5.p.m.	4.10.p.m.	GREVILLERS	77.m.m.	20	
M. 22.b.9.9.	4.p.m.	4.15.p.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	16	
M. 22. b.	4.10.p.m.	4.15.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	10	
EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE and Trenches }	4.30.p.m.	5.10.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD GREVILLERS BAPAUME }	All calib- res	200	

February 15th 1917.

Leslie R Blake Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 12.

6.p.m. 15/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 16/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Registrations were carried out on BELOW TRENCH (M.8.d.) and BANK TRENCH (M.8.d.00.45.) The machine gun positions at M.10.c., M.10.b., M.17.a., M.17.b. and M.11.c. and the Battalion Headquarters LOUPART WOOD and in M.11.d. were shelled during the night. The DRY DITCH (M.10.d. and b.), the SUNKEN ROAD (M.11.a.) LOUPART WOOD, GAMP, GALLWITZ and VILLAGE TRENCHES were also subjected to irregular bursts of fire. The tracks in M.11.b., M.11.d and M.12.a., were also kept under fire. The Howitzers shelled the strong points in M.10.d. and M.9.c. and d. At 3.p.m. a direct hit was made on a reported M.G. position at M.10.b.85.35..

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Hostile 5.9" battery reported to be in PYS CELETERY.

MACHINE GUNS.

Patrols report machine gun located at M.17.a.35.45. Machine gun reported at M.10.b.85.35..

STRONG POSTS.

A strong post has been located at M.17.a.35.30.; other strong points which have been fixed are those at M.14.b.75.70., M.14.b.80.95. and M.9.c.20.25.; machine guns are suspected at these points.

MOVEMENT.

Enemy working parties were seen carrying timber to the strong posts at M.14.b.75.70. and M.14.b.80.95 at 8.30.a.m. Parties were observed on the Sunken Road at M.5.d.3.3. going in and out of GRUDY TRENCH during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A screen was observed at M.17.a.4.7.

AIRCRAFT.

At 9.15.a.m. three enemy planes crossed our lines and were engaged by three of our planes, returning again at 9.35.a.m. Nine hostile planes crossed our lines at 10.30.a.m. Six of these planes almost immediately returned to their own lines, but the other three, which were painted red on the bottom, disappeared. At 12.40.p.m. one hostile plane appeared but returned again at 12.p.m. At 6.p.m. a signal was dropped behind our lines from an enemy plane.

BALLOONS

Four hostile balloons were observed up during the day.

L. H. ...
Intelligence

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

From 6.p.m. 15/2/17 to 6.p.m. 16/2/17.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS
	FROM	TO				
Trenches in M. 17. c. LE SARS	4.a.m.	4.20.a.m.	Unknown	77.m.m.	30	
	8.a.m.	9.a.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm. & 77.mm.	26	
DESTRELOIT F.E. M. 15. a. and M. 15. b.	8.15.a.m.	---	Unknown	21.c.m.	1	
	8.40.a.m.	8.55.a.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm. 15.c.m.	3 5	
MARTINPUICH M. 22. d. O. 2. to M. 23. a. 50.25 M. 22. c. 30. 25.	9.45.a.m.	10.15.am.	Unknown	15.c.m.	16	
	9.30.a.m.	10.a.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	20	
LE SARS Road M. 27. d., M. 28. a., M. 22. d., M. 22. b.	9.45.a.m.	10.15.am.	Unknown	15.c.m.	8	
	9.50.a.m.	9.58.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	7	
M. 15. a. and M. 15. b. Road M. 27. b.	10.5.a.m.	12.30.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	133	
	10.2.a.m.	---	Unknown	10.5.cm.	2	
M. 21. a. LE SARS	11.a.m.	1.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD EAST	10.5.cm. 15.c.m.	100	
	11.a.m.	2.p.m.	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	200	
BAPAUME ROAD (M. 26. b. 3. 8.) M. 17. c. and d.	11.24.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	2	
	1.45.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	2	
MARTINPUICH M. 16. c. 3. 7.	2.p.m.	4.p.m.	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	150	
	2.30.p.m.	3.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	40	
	2.p.m.	2.15.p.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	8	

L. J. Black Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

February 16th 1917.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

2nd. Aust. Div. Art. H. Q.
February 16th 1917.REFERENCE :

1/10,000	ANCRE VALLEY	(Edition I.)
1/10,000	LE SARS	(Edition 3 A.)

1. On February 17th, 1917, the II Corps is arranging to capture the approximate line EAST MIRAUMONT ROAD from R.12.c.30.25. to R.5.a.8.0., thence to R.10.b.20.95, thence to R.4.c.8.0., and along Railway to R.9.b.30.25.

Simultaneously a subsidiary attack is being made to capture the trenches from M.14.a.15.45. to R.12.c.90.15.

2. Zero hour is 5.45.a.m.

3. 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate as follows :-

(a) Left Sub-Group will detail :-

1. Twelve 18-pdrs. to enfilade BELOW TRENCH from trench junction at M.8.d.05.25. to trench junction at M.8.a.1.1..
2. Three 18-pdrs. to search high ground about M.8.c.3.9..
3. Five 4.5" Hows. to block trench junction at M.8.a.1.1.

(b) Right Sub-Group will detail :-

1. Three 18-pdrs to search high ground about M.8.c.3.9..
2. One 4.5" Howitzer to block trench junction at M.8.a.1.1..
3. Two 4.5" Howitzers to search high ground in vicinity of M.8.c.3.9..

4. Rate of fire for all guns and howitzers will be two rounds per gun per minute.

5. Ammunition will be used as follows :-

- (a) 18-pounders - 50% A; 50% AX.
- (b) 4.5" Howitzers - All BX.

. 2.

6. Time Table for all guns and howitzers is as follows :-

0.0.	Open fire	
0.47	Cease firing	
0.52.	Re-open fire	
2.11.	Cease firing	
2.16.	Re-open fire	continuing until

receipt of order "Cease Fire" from 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Claves

Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

Issued at 830 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION :-

Copy No. 1.	Left Sub-Group
2.	Right Sub-Group
3.	2nd. D.A.C.
4.	D.T.M.O.
5.	R.A., 1st Anzac
6.	2nd. Aust. Division
7.	Right Aust. Inf. Bde.
8.	Left Aust Inf. Bde.
9.	1st Aust. Div. Artly.
10.	R.A., II Corps
11.	2nd. Division
12.	File
13.	War Diary
14.	War Diary
15.	1st Anzac Heavy Artly..
16 -19	Left SubGroup
20 -23.	Right Sub-Group.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 13.

6.p.m. 16/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 17/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The road junction in WARLENCOURT (M.10.b.65.10.) the cross roads at M.10.b.7.4, LOUPART WOOD, GALLWITZ, MALT and BUTTE TRENCHES and the tracks in M.11.d., M.12.a., M.11.c. and M.11.b. were searched by our 18-pounders during the hours of darkness.

The suspected machine gun positions at M.17.a.4.4., M.17.b.1.5., the strong points in M.9.c. and d. and M.10.c. and the Company Headquarters in M.11.a.65.65. were also subjected to bursts of fire. The trenches in M.8.d. were bombarded in accordance with operation orders.

OBSERVATION.

Visibility low; observation extremely bad owing to heavy mist.

WIRE.

Infantry patrols report that the wire at M.17.a.6.2. is very strong.

STRONG POSTS.

The strong posts at M.14.b.75.70. and M.14.b.80.95. are now reported to be machine-gun and trench mortar positions.

SNIPERS.

Sniper reported at M.16.b.8.3..

MOVEMENT.

Large parties of men were seen on the Sunken Road junction at M.3.d.20.45.. Parties of men are often seen in this vicinity and they move up and down the road between this point and M.3.d.45.00, usually between dawn and noon.

TRACKS.

Infantry report that the road from M.3.b.9.0, M.3.d.20.45., M.3.d.45.00, is probably a track used by ration and fatigue parties.

MACHINE GUNS.

A machine gun is reported at M.17.a.75.25.. The machine guns at M.17.a.15.60, and M.17.a.30.65. were active during the night.

SIGNALS.

At 7.5.p.m. on the 17th inst. a flame was observed in the BUTTE.

During this morning's bombardment, the enemy sent up single red rockets and rockets bursting into clusters of red stars, Orange cluster flares were also used.

Lieut. Blake

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd Aust. Div.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

From 6.p.m. 16/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 17/2/1917.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
BAPAUME ROAD near DESTREMONT FME.	11.30.p.m.	--	Unknown	77.m.m.		
M. 15. a, b, and M.16.a.	6.5.a.m.	--	Unknown	--		Light shelling in reply to enemy sig- nals.
Front line in M. 15.b.	2.30.p.m.	--	Unknown	--		
WALK LE SARS and DECAUVILLE in M. 28. a.	Intermittently throughout the day and night.			--		

February 17th 1917.

Leslie Blake
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 14.

6.p.m. 17/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 18/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

The front line system in M.10.d. and M.17.b. the tracks in M.4. and M.5. and the BAPAUME ROAD from M.16.b.9.9. to M.11.b.2.0. were subjected to irregular bursts of fire throughout the night. During the same period the different machine gun positions in the sector were also shelled. Today the dump at M.11.a.05.25., WARLENCOURT, and LOUPART WOOD were fired upon.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Hostile artillery activity was below normal.

~~Between 11.35.a.m. and 2.20.p.m.,~~ guns (77.mm, 10.5.c.m., and 15.c.m.) from the direction of LOUPART WOOD and WARLENCOURT, fired on our sector.

Two flashes, which appeared to come from a 77.m.m. battery, were observed in a line 30' left of the BUTTE from M.27.a.2.1..

OBSERVATION.

visibility low; ~~observation impossible owing to mist.~~

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~~Intelligence Officer, 2nd Aust. Div. Art~~

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 5.

2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery Headqrs.

February 19th 1917.

REFERENCE: 1/10,000 Map, LE SARD to LOUPART WOOD and LE BARGE.
(4th Edition).

1. At a date and time to be notified later, the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade intend to carry out a raid on the enemy trenches near the BUTTE DE WARLE COURT, points of entry to be at M.17.a.80.35. and M.17.a.40.35. The time of raid will probably coincide with that of an operation to be carried out by the 1st Australian Division on the MAZE.
2. (a) The 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate in accordance with Task Tables attached.
(b) The general Artillery programme for the 18-pdr barrage will be as follows :-

0.0.	Creeping barrage commences 50 yards S. of BUTTE TRENCH.
0.2.	Lift to BUTTE TRENCH
0.4.	Lift to targets as in Phase II.
0.13.	Drop back to BUTTE TRENCH as at end of Phase I.
0.20.	Cease Firing.
3. Lieutenant-Colonel B.A.G. WATTS, D.S.O., will be in command of the Artillery detailed for the operation.
4. A Liaison Officer and a Deputy Liaison Officer, (in case of casualty) will be detailed by the C.O., Right Sub-Group, to be with O.C. Attack during the operation. He will be in telephonic communication with the Artillery Commander and will communicate to him the wishes of the O.C. Attack.
5. Ammunition to be used :-

(a)	18-pounders	-	T.S. 50%;	H.L. 50%
(b)	4.5" Howitzers		All H.E.	
6. Watches will be synchronised from 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. prior to the operation.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Clowes

Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

[P.T.O.]

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	14			2nd.Aust.Division
	15			R.A., 1st Anzac
	16.			Right Inf. Brigade
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	19.			2nd. Division.
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	21.			File
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TASK TABLE. (Issued with 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery Operation Order No. 5.)

P H A S E I.

UNIT	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	No. of ROUNDS	REMARKS.
10th Battery	O.O. to O.4.	M. 17. a. 80. 25. to M. 17. a. 45. 25.	3 rounds p r gun p r min.	72	Cropping barrage in accordance with Op. Order 5. para 2(a)
11th Battery	- do -	M. 17. b. 35. 05. to M. 17. b. 15. 26.	- do -	72	- do -
12th Battery	- do -	M. 17. b. 15. 26. to M. 17. a. 80. 25.	- do -	72	- do -
13th Battery (3 guns)	- do -	M. 17. a. 15. 35. to M. 17. a. 05. 42.	- do -	36	- do -
14th Battery (4 guns)	- do -	M. 17. a. 35. 25. to M. 17. a. 15. 35.	- do -	48	- do -
15th Battery (2 guns)	- do -	M. 17. a. 45. 25. to M. 17. a. 55. 25.	- do -	24	- do -
104th Howitzer Battery	- do -	GIRD TRENCH M. 17. b. 60. 32. to M. 17. a. 85. 65.	2 rounds p r how. p r min.	48	
105th Howitzer Battery	- do -	Machin. guns at :- M. 17. a. 30. 65. (one how.) M. 17. a. 18. 65. (one how.) M. 16. b. 90. 85. (one how.) M. 16. b. 55. 85. (one how.) M. 17. a. 00. 65. (two hows)	- do -	28	
2* Medium Trench Mortars (two)	- do -	Machin. gun at QUARRY M. 17. a. 00. 65.	As fast as possible.		

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TASK TABLE

(issued with 2nd Aust. Div. Artly. Operation Order No. 5.)

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PHASE II.

UNIT	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
10th Battery	0.4. to 0.13.	M. 17. a. 30. 35. to M. 17. a. 50. 95.	3 rounds per gun per min.	162	
11th Battery	- do -	M. 17. b. 42. 10. to M. 17. b. 30. 35.	- do -	162	
12th Battery	- do -	M. 17. b. 30. 35. to M. 17. b. 10. 45.	- do -	162	
13th Battery (3 guns)	- do -	M. 17. a. 10. 52. to M. 17. a. 25. 94.	- do -	81	
14th Battery (4 guns)	- do -	M. 17. a. 50. 95. to M. 17. a. 34. 95.	- do -	108	
15th Battery (2 guns)	- do -	M. 17. a. 34. 95. to M. 17. a. 25. 94.	- do -	54	
104th Howitzer Battery	- do -	GERD TRENCH M. 17. b. 85. 15. to M. 17. b. 1. 5.	2 rounds per how. per min.	108	
105th Howitzer Battery	- do -	Machine guns at :- M. 17. a. 00. 65. (two hows) M. 16. b. 55. 85. (one how.) M. 16. b. 90. 85. (one how.) M. 17. a. 18. 65. (one how.) Trench at H. 10. d. 6. 0. (one how.)	- do -	108	
2" Medium Trench Mortars (two)	- do -	Machine gun at M. 17. a. 00. 65.	As fast as possible.		
PHASE III.					
All guns, howitzers and Medium T.M.'s.	0.13. to 0.20.	SAME as in Phase I.	Phase I.		

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AMENDMENT TO

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.5.

Headquarters,
22nd February, 1917.

1. Delete para. 2 (b) and substitute:-
- 2 (b).
 - 0.0 Creeping barrage commences 50 yards S. of BUTTE TRENCH.
 - 0.2 Lift to BUTTE TRENCH.
 - 0.6 Lift to targets as laid down in Phase 2.
 - 0.15 Drop back to BUTTE TRENCH as at end of PHASE 1.
 - 0.22 Cease firing.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. A. Clave

Captain.

A/Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.

ISSUED AT 7.0 a.m. to
all recipients of
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. Operation Order No.5.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 15

6.p.m. 18/2/17 to 6.p.m. 19/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

During the night, GALLWITZ, GALLWITZ SWITCH, COUPE and LE BARQUE SWITCH Trenches, the DRY DITCH (M.10.a., b.) and the WARLENCOURT cross roads at M.10.b.6.1. were subjected to searching fire at irregular intervals. The machine gun positions in M.16.b., M.10.b., and M.17.a. and the strong points in M.10.d. and M.9.d. were also shelled. The usual searching fire on LITTLE WOOD, LOUPART WOOD and the cross roads and main tracks in the sector was carried out. Four enemy working parties were fired upon.

OBSERVATION.

Visibility low; observation poor.

MOVEMENT.

At 12.15.p.m. an enemy working party of seven men were seen at M.10.d.75.30... Working party observed at M.16.b.95.95. at 4.15.p.m. Fire was brought to bear on both the above parties who were dispersed.

NEW WORK.

A quantity of chalk has been thrown on bank of road at M.16.b.95.95.

MACHINE GUNS.

Hostile machine guns were occasionally active throughout the night.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Enemy minnenwerfer and aerial torpedoes to the number of 40 fell in rear of MAXWELL SUPPORT TRENCH. They were fired from the vicinity at M.17.b.3.4.

BATTERIES.

Hostile battery of 77.m.m. was detected firing from approximately M.10.d.55.70.. A gun flash was observed in the vicinity of M.11.b.4.1. Infantry patrols report that a light gun - about a 6-pounder - is located in the vicinity of the QUARRY in M.17.a.0.6..

DUG OUTS.

A patrol found the remains of an enemy dug out, containing several dead Germans, at M.16.b.8.3..

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Lieut.

Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT

6.p.m. 18/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 19/2/1917.

AREA SHELLLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
M. 27. central.	2.15.a.m.	---	Unknown	---	12	
M. 16. c.	7.45.a.m.	---	Unknown	---	8	
WILLIAM ALLEY	10.p.m.	---	Unknown	15.c.m.	--	
BAPAUME ROAD in M.20.1.	8.a.m.	5.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.mm.	150	Intermittent shelling.
M. 22., and M. 26.						
M. 22. b.	11.30.a.m.	2.40.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	20	
LE SARS	1.40.p.m.	1.50.p.m.	BAPAUME	10.c.m.	10.	
BAPAUME ROAD	12 noon	12.15.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	8	
M. 27. c. 3. 7.	10.50.p.m.	---	THE BUTTE (from M.27.c.2.1.)	10.5.cm.	5	
Road M. 28. e.	10.54.p.m.	---	- do -	10.5.cm.	8	
BAPAUME ROAD	11.p.m.	---	- do -	10.5.cm.	6	
Road M. 28. a.	11.29.p.m.	---	- do -	10.5.cm.	2	
BAPAUME ROAD	11.31.p.m.	---	- do -	10.5.cm.	2	
Road M. 28. a.	12 midnight	12.15.a.m.	- do -	10.5.cm.	5	
M. 27. c. 3. 7.	1.34.a.m.	---	- do -	10.5.cm.	5	
M. 27. c. 3. 7.	1.53.a.m.	2.5.a.m.	- do -	10.5.cm.	10.	

February 19th 1917.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 16.

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

OUR ARTILLERY. The usual shelling of the enemy front line and support systems, as well as the tracks in the sector, was maintained throughout the night.

 LOUPART WOOD and the Sunken Roads in M.3.d., and M.10.b. were shelled during the same period by our 4.5" Howitzers

 Retaliation on Trench Mortar Batteries in M.17.a. was asked for about midnight, and they were effectively silenced.

OBSERVATION. Visibility low; observation poor.

MACHINE GUNS. Machine gun located at M.17.a.7.3.

POSTS. At M.17.a.4.3.^{an} advance post is located, from which the enemy fires his flares at night.

TRENCH MORTARS. Over 100 aerial torpedoes were fired about mid-night from mortars located at M.17.b.3 and M.17.a.9.6. These batteries were effectively silenced by our artillery.

HOSTILE BATTERIES. Infantry observers suspect the presence of a 77.m.m. gun in LITTLE WOOD, and also two in WARLENCOURT at M.10.b.5.0.

SNIPERS. Sniper reported active at M.10.c.2.2.

Leslie Blake Lieut.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

From 6.p.m. 19/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 20/2/17.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
M. 22. b. 3. 2.	6.15.p.m.	--	Unknown	77.m.m.	6	
EAU COURT L'ABBAYE	6.25.p.m.	--	Unknown	77.m.m.	15	
M. 15. c.	8.30.p.m.	--	M. 10. b. 5. 0.	--	--	
DEAD MULE CORNER (M. 22. c. 9. 0.)	10.10.p.m.	10.35.p.m.	Unknown	77.m.m.	--	Shelled heavily.
M. 22. b. 5. 5.	2.10.a.m.	---	Unknown	---	---	
M. 28. b.	4.15.a.m.	2.45.a.m.	LIGNY THILLOY	15.c.m.	15.	
M. 28. a.	5.5.a.m.	--	Unknown	77.m.m.	6	
M. 28. b.	5.15.a.m.	--	LIGNY THILLOY	15.c.m.	3	
M. 22. d.	8.20.a.m.	---	LE BARQUE	10.5.c.m. (?)	7	3 minute intervals
COURCELETTE	10.30.a.m.	2.25.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	15	
COURCELETTE	11.30.a.m.	12 noon	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	--	
COURCELETTE	2.40.p.m.	2.55.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	6	
LE SARS	2.p.m.	2.10.p.m.	Unknown	10.c.m.	4	
M. 22. d.	During afternoon		LOUPART WOOD	10.5.c.m.	10.	

February 20th 1917.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 17.

6.p.m. 20/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 21/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Intermittent shelling of LOUPART WOOD, WARLENCOURT, the Sunken Roads in M.4.d. and M.10.a. and the tracks in M.11.d. was carried out during the night. GREVILLERS TRENCH in M.5.a., GALLWITZ, BUTTE, GIRD and COUPE TRENCHES were also subjected to our fire. Registrations were carried out during the day on enemy's trenches.

MOVEMENT.

A party was observed about 6.a.m. at M.17.a.6.1. and was effectively fired on by our Lewis gunners, who claim 14 casualties as the result of same. A man was observed in the rear of GALLWITZ TRENCH at M.9.c.2.3. at 3.30.p.m.

SNIPERS.

A hostile sniper was shot at daybreak near M.17.b.2.2..

MACHINE GUNS.

A machine gun was observed firing from M.9.d.4.4..

TRENCH MORTARS.

Trench Mortars are reported to be in strong posts at M.10.c.2.8. and M.10.c.5.5.. A Trench mortar has been observed at M.9.d.1.6.. A trench mortar firing from the right rear of the BUTTE bombed M.17.c.2.5.. At 3.p.m. a trench mortar at M.17.b.25.⁵⁵ was reported by our Liaison Officer to have fired 80 rounds on M.17.c.8.8.. This mortar was fired upon and silenced.

STRONG POSTS.

Infantry report that hostile strong posts exist at M.10.c.2.8. and M.10.c.5.5..

SIGNALS.

At 2.15.p.m. a cluster of four red flares sent up from M.10.d..

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Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

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

AREA SHELLLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS
	FROM	TO			
COURCELETTE and BAPAUME ROAD	9.15.p.m.	---	Unknown	15.c.m.	---
DESTREMONT FME.	10.a.m.	---	LITTLE WOOD	77.m.m.	6
DESTREMONT FME.	10.a.m.	---	WARLENCOURT	10.5.cm.	4
BAPAUME ROAD	10.40.a.m.	---	WARLENCOURT	77.m.m.	10.
LE SARS	10.15.a.m.	12 noon	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	35
M. 26. b.	10.45.a.m.	10.55.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	12
M. 14. c.	11.30.a.m.	12 noon	Unknown	10.5.cm.	10
M. 27. a.	12.15.p.m.	12.30.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	10
LE SARS, DESTREMONT FME, & M. 21. b.	12.10.p.m.	---	LITTLE WOOD	77.m.m.	15
LE SARS, DESTREMONT FME & M. 21. b.	12.50.p.m.	---	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	3
			{ BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	30
			{ GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	5
LE SARS	1.p.m.	1.30.p.m.	{ WARLENCOURT	77.m.m.	---
			{ LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	---
BAPAUME ROAD	2.p.m.	---	BAPAUME	21.c.m.	3
M. 17. c.	2.p.m.	2.45.p.m.	GREVILLERS	77.m.m.	35
DESTREMONT FME.	2.p.m.	2.45.p.m.	LE BARQUE	10.5.cm.	25
M. 16. a.	2.p.m.	2.30.p.m.	LE BARQUE	10.5.cm.	20
M. 20. b.	2.30.p.m.	2.45.p.m.	LE BARQUE	10.5.cm.	25
LE SARS	2.p.m.	2.45.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	15
M. 16. a.	2.30.p.m.	3.p.m.	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	6
LE SARS	4.15.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	1
LE SARS	4.40.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	3
CHALK PITS M. 15. b. O. 8.	5.p.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD WEST	77.m.m.	50
LE SARS	5.20.p.m.	---	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	3
DESTREMONT FME.	5.25.p.m.	---	WARLENCOURT	10.5.cm.	3

February 21st 1917.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 18. mm

6.p.m. 21/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 22/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Our artillery, in addition to carrying out the usual night shelling of LOUPART WOOD and the front and support line systems, searched BAPAUME ROAD and all the known main roads and tracks in the sector on receipt of a message from the Liaison Officer stating that an enemy relief was in progress.

Under cover of our field guns, the medium and Stokes Trench Mortars bombarded the enemy machine gun positions at M.9.c.9.4. and M.9.d.1.4. and the ~~minenwerfer~~ position at M.9.d.15.65.. The operation appeared to be successful and there was no retaliation.

Working parties at G.35.a.1.0. and M.5.c.5.1. were fired on during the day.

MOVEMENT.

Hostile parties were observed moving over the sky-line at G.35.c. at 2.45.p.m.

STRONG POSTS.

Our patrols encountered a strong post containing four men at M.9.c.45.15. Bomb fighting ensued and the enemy were driven out.

MACHINE GUNS.

The following machine gun positions were obtained from the infantry :-
M.16.b.55.85., b.99., c.48., M.17.a.8.2., a.26., a.35.20., a.4.5., a.75.20., a.40.95., a.62., a.35.45., a.0.6., b.15., b.2.5., and M.10.c.3.4..

TRENCH MORTARS

The following trench mortar positions were also obtained from the infantry :- a.0.7, M.17.a.25.65., a.3.6., a.5.6., a.80.25., a.95.60., B.3.3. and c.35.30..

SIGNALS.

At 1.30.p.m. the enemy sent up red rockets whilst his artillery was shelling LE SARS, and at 2.50.p.m. two clusters of golden stars were also sent up.

Lt. E. Blake Lieut.
Intelligence Officer 2nd. Aust. D.A.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT

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

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	NO. OF ROUNDS
	FROM	TO			
LE SARS	6.p.m.	6.30.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	50
BAPAUME ROAD & M. 26.a.	7.p.m.	---	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	15
BAPAUME ROAD & M. 26.a.	10.30.p.m.	---	WARLENCOURT	77.m.m.	15
Front Line M. 15. b.	10.45.p.m.	---	LITTLE WOOD	77.m.m.	20
BAPAUME ROAD and DESTREMONT FME.	11.p.m.	12.30.a.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	100
LE SARS DESTREMONT FME.	2.a.m.	3.a.m.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	50
LE SARS, DESTREMONT FME.	3.a.m.	4.a.m.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	25
DESTREMONT FME.	4.5.a.m.	4.30.a.m.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	5
BAPAUME ROAD	4.a.m.	5.30.a.m.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	20
M. 22. b.	6.5.a.m.	7.a.m.	M. 6. c.	77.m.m.	27
M. 21. a.	10.15.a.m.	10.45.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	12
LE SARS	10.45.a.m.	11.a.m.	GREVILLERS	10.5.c.m.	12
M. 21. a.	11.a.m.	11.10.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77.m.m.	12
M. 27. b. and M. 27. d.	1.15.p.m.	4.p.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	100
M. 21. a. and M. 16. c.	1.30.p.m.	3.30.p.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	70
M. 26. b.	1.20.p.m.	2.20.p.m.	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	10
M. 22. a.	2.p.m.	---	Unknown	15.c.m.	14
COURCELETTE	2.30.p.m.	3.p.m.	BAPAUME	10.5.c.m.	30
COURCELETTE	2.30.p.m.	---	BAPAUME	77.m.m.	30
LE SARS and DESTREMONT FME.	3.15.p.m.	---	Unknown	15.cm & 10.5.cm.	---

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Lieut. R. Blake

Lieut.

Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

February 22nd. 1917.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 19.

From 6.p.m. 22/2/16 to 6.p.m. 23/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Registrations were carried out during the afternoon on the junction of BELOW and GALLWITZ TRENCH (M.14.b.) and on the BUTTE TRENCH in M.17.a.. The BAPAUME ROAD, LOUPART ROAD, LOOS CUT, the Sunken Roads in M.10.a. and M.11.a., and the tracks in M.11.d. were shelled during the night. The Ravine in M.9.b., LITTLE WOOD, and LOUPART WOOD were subjected to sweeping fire at irregular intervals.

The BUTTE TRENCH, GALLWITZ, GALLWITZ SWITCH, GREVILLERS (M.5.a.) TRENCHES were also shelled frequently both during the day and night.

OBSERVATION.

Visibility low; observation poor.

Action taken against Hostile works, etc. reported in Intelligence Summaries :-

Fifty rounds were fired at 12 noon by our 18-pounders at the 77.m.m. gun reported in LITTLE WOOD (2nd.Aust.Div.Intelligence Summary 21/2/17)

The 4.5" Howitzers fired 40 rounds at the 77.m.m. battery position reported at M.10.b.5.0. (2nd.Aust.Div.Intelligence Summary 21/2/17).

Lieut. R. B. Clark
Lieut.
Intelligence-Officer, 2nd.Aust.D.A.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

6.p.m. 22/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 23/2/1917.

AREA SHELLLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS
	FROM	TO			
BAPAUME ROAD M.20.d. & M.26.b.	12.30.am.	4.45.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD (?)	15.c.m.	23
M. 23.	1.45.a.m.	4.2.a.m.	Unknown	{ 10.5.cm. & 77mm	17
M. 20.	1.50.a.m.	4.25.a.m.	Unknown		
M. 22. c.	10.45.am.	11.a.m.	LE BARQUE	{ 10.5.cm. & 77mm	25
BAPAUME ROAD M.21.c.& M.20.d.	10.45.am.	11.4.a.m.	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	14.
- do - - do -	11.45.am.	12.15.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	20
M. 20. d.	11.20.a.m.	---	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	21
M. 26. a.	11.50.p.m.	---	LE BARQUE	10.5.cm.	10
M. 23. central	1.50.p.m.	1.55.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	137
M. 20. c. and d.	1.15.p.m.	2.30.p.m.	BATTERY COPSE	77.m.m.	20
M. 20. a.	2.45.p.m.	3.5.p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	10.5.cm.	18
			M. 3.	77.m.m.	170.

February 23rd 1917.

Lieut. R. B. Clark
 Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery. Lieut.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 6.

Headquarters,
Feb. 24th 1917.REFERENCE: 1/10,00 Map. LE SARS to LOUPART WOOD & LE BARQUE.
(4th Edition).

1. At zero hour, on 27th February, a "Chinese" attack will be carried out along the whole Corps front, with a view to deceiving the enemy as to the real points of the attacks which are being made simultaneously by the IVth Army.
2. (a) The programme for 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery will be as laid down in Task Table attached.
(b) Sub-Groups will distribute their fire over the front in their own allotted zones.
3. Zero hour (which will be early in the morning) will be communicated later to all concerned.
During the night 26th/27th February, ordinary night firing will be maintained.
4. Watches will be synchronised from D.A.H.Q. at 7.p.m. on the 26th, and again on the 27th, prior to zero hour.
5. 18-pounders will use 25% T.S., and 75% H.E.
6. Acknowledge.

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No. 1	-	5	Right Sub-Group.
6	-	10	Left Sub-Group
		11.	D.T.M.O.
		12	2nd. D.A.C.
		13	2nd. Aust. Division.
		14	R.A., 1st ANZAC
		15	Right Inf. Brigade
		16	Left Inf. Brigade
		17	1st Aust. Division
		18	2nd. Division.
		19	1st Anzac Heavy Artly.
		20.	File.
		21.	War Diary
		22.	War Diary. —

*Ca. Clowes*Captain,
Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. D.A.

ISSUED AT 7.a.m.

TABLE OF ARTILLERY TASKS for OPERATION on 27th FEBRUARY, 1917.
 (Issued with 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery Operation Order No. 6.)

(A) ALL 18-POUNDER BATTERIES (each in its allotted zone)

NO. OF TASK	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	No. OF ROUNDS (per Bty.)	REMARKS.
A.	0.0. to 0.5.	On enemy front line trench	4 rounds per gun per min.	120	
B.	0.5. to 0.8.	Creeping back by lifts at the rate of 100 yards every minute to 300 yards behind front line.	<i>2 rounds per gun per minute</i>	120 36	
C.	0.8. to 0.13.	As for (A)	- do -	120 60	
D.	0.13. to 0.15.	Creeping back by lifts at the rate of 100 yards every minute to 200 yards behind front line.	- do -	120 24	
E.	0.15. to 0.20.	Cease Fire.	---	--	
F.	0.20. to 0.22.	As for (A).	4 rounds per gun per min.	48	
G.	0.22. to 0.28	- do -	3 rounds per gun per min.	108	
H.	0.28. to 0.32.	- do -	2 rounds per gun per min.	48	
I.	0.32. to 0.36.	- do -	1 round per gun per min.	24	
K _p	0.36. to 0.40.	- do -	1 round per gun per 2 minutes.	12	

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TABLE OF ARTILLERY TASKS for OPERATION on 27th FEBRUARY, 1917.

(Issued with 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery Operation Order No.6.)

(B) ALL 4.5" HOWITZER BATTERIES (each in its allotted zone.)

No. OF TASK	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	No. OF ROUNDS (per Battery)	REMARKS.
L.	0.0. to 0.15.	On all known and suspected strong points, machine-gun emplacements, etc., in rear of enemy front line.	2 rounds per how. per minute.	180	
M.	0.15. to 0.20.	Cease Fire	----	---	
N.	0.20. to 0.22.	As for (L)	2 rounds per how. per min.	24	
O.	0.22. to 0.28.	- do -	1 round per how. per 40 secs.	54	
P.	0.28. to 0.34.	- do -	1 round per how. per min.	36	
Q.	0.34. to 0.40.	- do -	1 round per how. per two minutes.	18.	

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DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 107.
BY
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. W. LLOYD, D.S.O.
TEMP. COMMANDING 2ND. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters
February 24th 1917.

POSTINGS. 1.

Captain W. J. CHRISTIE is detached from
V2A Heavy Trench Mortar Battery, and attached
to 5th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters
for training as Staff Captain. Dated 24-2-1917.

Lieut. C. A. BROUGH, having reported for
duty from Seconded List, is posted to 2nd.
Australian Divisional Ammunition Column, dated
7-2-1917.

H. S. PLAYFAIR, Lieut.
A/STAFF CAPTAIN, 2ND. AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 20.

From 6.p.m. 23/2/17 to 6.p.m. 24/2/17.

OUR ARTILLERY.

During the night, GALLWITZ (M.10.c. and d.), GALLWITZ SUPPORT, (M.10.a.) and BUTTE TRENCHES were fired upon by our artillery. LITTLE WOOD, LOUPART WOLD, the tracks in M.11.d., the BAPAUME ROAD, and the Ravine in M.9.b. were subjected to searching fire.

An enemy working party at M.8.d.5.0. was fired upon and dispersed.

Registrations were obtained on the BUTTE TRENCH.

Action taken against machine-guns, etc. consisted in shelling the trench mortar position at M.10.c.2.8. (1st Anzac Intelligence Summary 207) and a machine gun at M.16.b.85.55. reported by the Liaison Officer.

MOVEMENT.

Working party observed at M.8.d.5.0.

TRENCH MORTARS.

A minenwerfer situated at M.9.c.2.8. was active between 11. and 11.30.p.m. This was silenced by our 4.5" Howitzers.

OBSERVATION.

Visibility low,; observation poor.

Lieut. R. Blake
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. D.A.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

6.p.m. 23/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 24/2/1917.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS
	FROM	TO			
M. 14. d.	11. a.m.	-----	WARLENCOURT	15. c.m.	9
LE SARS & DESTREMONT FME.	11. a.m.	-----	LOUPART WOOD	(77. m.m. 15. c.m.)	15 6
M. 16. b. and M. 17. b.	11.30. am.	12.15. p.m.	LE BARQUE & WARLENCOURT	10.5. cm. 77. m.m.	12
SEVEN ELMS M. 28. d.	12.20. pm.	-----	LE BARQUE	77. m.m.	2
M. 23.	1.21. p.m.	-----	WARLENCOURT	77. m.m.	1
M. 23.	2.30. p.m.	-----	WARLENCOURT	77. m.m.	1
M. 19. b.	2.30. p.m.	-----	LOUPART WOOD	. m.m. 77	5
LE SARS.	2.45. p.m.	-----	LOUPART WOOD	15. c.m.	10
M. 14. d. and 14. c.	2.45. p.m.	-----	LOUPART WOOD	77. m.m.	100
M. 22. b.	2.40. p.m.	-----	LOUPART WOOD	77. m.m.	5
M. 16. a.	3. p.m.	3.15. p.m.	LOUPART WOOD	77. m.m.	5
LE SARS	3.50. p.m.	-----	PYS.	77. m.m.	4
DESTREMONT FME.	3.50. p.m.	-----	Unknown.	10.5. cm.	2

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Lieut. R. Blake

Lieut.

Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

February 24th 1917.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 7.

2nd. Aust. Div. Artly. H. Q.
February 25th 1917.Reference Map: LIGNY THILLOY, 1/20,000.

1. Information from the Corps and from ^{reports} ~~reports~~ of our own patrols, indicate that a certain withdrawal of enemy troops has taken, or is taking place.
2. Preliminary steps for advancing artillery Brigades will be taken at once.
3. 10th Battery, 4th A.F.A. Brigade, and 13th Battery, 5th A.F.A. Brigade, will hold themselves in readiness to move forward ~~positions~~ to selected positions tonight. Co-ordinates of these positions will be sent to D.A.H.Q.
4. Wagons and wagon limbers of batteries referred to in para 3. will fill at ^{XIV Central} BECCOURT BUMP on way forward. Limbers will fill at present gun positions.
5. Forward positions selected will, as far as possible, be concealed from BUTTE DE WARLENCOURT.

6.

*Acknowledge**J. H. Boyd*

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Lieut-Colonel
Acting C.R.A., 2nd. Aust. Division

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6 } *War Diary*
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 21.

From 6.p.m. 24/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 25/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY

During last 24 hours our artillery activity was Below Normal.

Areas shelled were LA COUPE GUEULE (M.11.b) LOUPART WOOD, MALT TRENCH (M.5.c) and the BAPAUME ROAD.

AIRCRAFT.

Two enemy planes crossed over our lines at 2.55.p.m. but were driven back by an A.A.gun.

At 3.45.p.m. an enemy plane carrying a white streamer on left wing flew over LE SARS.

At 2.30.p.m. a hostile balloon appeared in the direction of LOUPART WOOD.

SIGNALS.

At 3.45.p.m. a white flare was observed from the direction of LIGNY THILLOY. This appeared to be a signal for a barrage.

Festus Blake Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

6.p.m. 24/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 25/2/1917.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
M. 20. d.	12.10.p.m.	12.30.p.m.	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	8	
M. 20. c.	12.20.p.m.	--	GREVILLERS	21.c.m.	2	
Front line and supports in M.15., M.16., M.17.	12.30.p.m.	1.p.m.	Loupart OOD and BAPAUME.	15.c.m.	18	
M.17.c., M.6.d.	12.30.p.m.	1.p.m.	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	14	
M.17.c., M.6.d..	12.40.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	21.c.m.	2	
M. 22. b.	12.20.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.c.m.	8	
M. 16. central	1.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	77.m.m.	18	
M.16.b., M.16.d., M.17.c..	1.p.m.	1.15.p.m.	BAPAUME	77.m.m.	28	
M. 16. b.	1.30.p.m.	--	Unknown	15.c.m.	29	Shrapnel
M. 17. c.	1.30.p.m.	--	Unknown	77.m.m.	14	
M. 16. d..	2.10.p.m.	2.15.p.m.	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	17	
M. 17. central	2.45.p.m.	--	Unknown	10.5.cm.	20.	
M. 11. c..	3.p.m.	--	Unknown	10.5.c.m.	12.	
LE SARS	3.30.p.m.	3.45.p.m.	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	22	
M.17.a., M.16.b..	3.45.p.m.	4.p.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	24	
BUTTE RIDGE to M.15.d.	3.45.p.m.	4.30.p.m.	Unknown	10.5.cm.	200	
				15.c.m.		

February 25th 1917.

Leslie R. Blake Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery.

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M.D.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 108.
 BY
 LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H.W.LLOYD, D.S.O.
 TEMP. COMMANDING 2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.

February 26th 1917.

TRANSFERS. 1.

Lieut. and Temp. Captain C.E. MORSON, D.T.M.O.,
 2nd. Australian Division, is transferred to 5th A.F.A.
 Brigade, dated 26.2.1917.

Lieut. L. SEYMOUR, 5th A.F.A. Brigade is transferred
 to 2nd. Australian Divisional ^{Artillery Hdqrs.} ~~Trench Lines~~, dated
 26.2.1917.

APPOINTMENT. 2.

Lieut. L. SEYMOUR will temporarily perform the
 duties of D.T.M.O., 2nd. Australian Division, dated
 26.2.1917.

E.S. PLAYFAIR, Lieut.

✓ STAFF CAPTAIN, 2nd. AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message
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<i>Cochran</i>		To		Date
<i>1000</i>		By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From
TO {		Right Sub Group		<i>Plan</i>
Left Sub Group				
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number.		AAA
* <i>BM 110</i>	<i>26th</i>			
Reference 10000 LE SARRS TO LECARQUE -				
4 th Edition AAA				
(1) Our right brigade is held up in front of MALT TRENCH and propose to take it this afternoon AAA				
Aust D.A. will co-operate as follows AAA				
(2) From 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. a deliberate bombardment in bursts of fire will be carried out on MALT TRENCH AAA				
18-pdr. batteries 250 rounds AAA				
4.5 in. how. batteries 100 rounds AAA				
(3) Right Sub-Group from M 12 b 0.1 to M 12 a 3.8 with two 18-pdr. batteries and 4 4.5 in. hows. AAA				
Remaining section 4.5 hows. trench M 12 a 9.6 to M 6 a 6.1				
From				
Place				
Time				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			(Z)	
Censor.		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
* This line should be erased if not required.				
925.000. W 14042-M 44. H. W. & V., Ld. 127K				

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.

No. of Message

Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			Sent			Service.
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			To			By
			By			

TO {

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* Bm	(could.)		

(14) Left Sub. Group M12 a 2.9 to
M5 c central with two 18 pdr
batteries and 4 4.5 in hows AAA
Remaining section 4.5 in hows
on gun pits in M6 c AAA

(5) All fire as far as possible to be
observed AAA

(6) Note AAA it is not intended
at present to take VANT TR west
of BAPAUME - LE SARRS road

From 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.
Place
Time 11.15 a.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Ca Clowes

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.22.

From 6. p.m. 25/2/1917 to 6. p.m. 26/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY. -

(a). Disposition. During the night of the 24th/25th, the 10th Battery and the 13th Battery moved forward to positions at M-22-c-1-1 and M-28-d-5-8 respectively. On the night of the 25th/26th the 11th Battery moved forward to M-29-a-15-60, the 104th Battery to M-22-c-80-15, the 105th Battery to M-28-b-85-85 and the 14th Battery moved its four rear guns up to its forward section at M-34-b-3-8.

(b). Activity. Loupart Wood was subjected to irregular bursts of fire during the night of 25th/26th.

From 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Malt Trench from M-12 central to M-5-c central, was kept under constant fire prior to attack by the Right Infantry Brigade on that trench. The same trench was also subjected to a heavy bombardment prior to the second attempt to take Malt Trench. Fire was maintained by two 18-pounder batteries and one 4.5" how battery, on Malt trench from LE SANS - BAPAUME Road to M-5-c central from 11.30 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. - Hostile artillery was active throughout the day, increasing in intensity at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

AIRCRAFT. - Two enemy planes flew over our lines at 1.45 p.m. but returned immediately.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. a hostile captive balloon was up in direction of Loupart Wood.

Leslie C. Hall Lieutenant.
 Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div.
 Artillery.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

From 6. p.m. 25-2-1917 to 6. p.m. 26-2-1917.

AREA SHELLED.	T I M E.		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE.	No. of ROUNDS.	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO.				
M-27-c.	5.45 pm.	7.0. pm.	LOUPART WOOD, W. Side.	15. cm.	30.	
LE SARS.	6.0. pm.	8.0. pm.	GREVILLERS & BAPAUME.	15. cm. 21. cm.	40. 10.	
M-23. Bapaume Road in ^ M-21-b.	9.0. am.	10.30 am.	do. do.	15. cm.	100.	
	2.0. pm.	2.5. pm.	Unknown.	21. cm.	20.	
M-17-a.	4.0. pm.	4.18 pm.	BAPAUME.	15. cm.	25.	
M-15.	4.35 pm.	4.55 pm.	GREVILLERS.	15. cm.	15.	

26th February, 1917.

Lieut. Blake

Lieutenant.

Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

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From 6.p.m. 26/2/17 to 6.p.m. 27/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

LOUPART WOOD was subjected to bursts of fire between the hours of 10.p.m. and 5.a.m. During the night MALT TRENCH in M.4.a. and M.5.c. and d. were subjected to irregular bursts of shrapnel fire. During the day no special operations were carried out except that a suspected machine-gun at M.5.c.5.0. was engaged with 4.5" Howa. Registrations were carried out by all batteries on various points, especially on MALT TRENCH and M.4.d. Fire was brought to bear at 12.15.p.m. on an O.P. reported at G.34.d.8.7..

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

The enemies artillery was active throughout the night and day. Our old front line, the vicinity of the BUTTE, M.11.c. and d., LE BARQUE SWITCH, and the THAMES (M.11.d., 12.a.) were intermittently shelled. The QUARRY at M.17.a.0-6 was subjected to fire with lachrymatory shells from 7p.m. to 10.p.m.

O.P's.

At 12 noon a basket containing a man was observed being hauled into a tree in LOUPART WOOD at G.34.d.8.7..

AIRCRAFT.

Between 2.p.m. to 2.35.p.m. two hostile planes flew over our lines. Four hostile planes flew over our lines from 4.15.p.m. to 4.45.p.m. at a low elevation and dropped numerous lights.

Leslie Black

Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd Aust. D.A.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

From 6.p.m. 26/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 27/2/1917.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS
	FROM	TO			
M.21.a.9.2. to M.17.a.2.1.	All	Night.	Rear of LOUPART WOOD and GREVILLERS	{ 10.5 cm. 15 c.m. 21.c.m.	--
M. 22. a.	9. a.m.	11.a.m.	Unknown	15.c.m.	50
MARTINPUICH	9.20.a.m.	--	GREVILLERS	15.c.m.	2
LE SARS	10.10.a.m.	10.50.a.m.	Not known	15.c.m.	30
M. 10. d.	11.30.a.m.	12 noon.	BAPAUME	10.5.c.m.	28
COURCELETTE	11.a.m.	--	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	2
EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE	11.a.m.	--	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	2
DESTREMONT FME.	11.25.a.m.	1.45.p.m.	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	166
COURCELETTE	2.40.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	1
MARTINPUICH	3.p.m.	4.p.m.	BAPAUME	21.c.m.	6
MARTINPUICH	3.5.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.c.m.	2
DESTREMONT FME.	3.45.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.c.m.	6
MARTINPUICH	4.5.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	2
MARTINPUICH	4.17.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	2
DESTREMONT FME.	4.30.p.m.	4.40.p.m.	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	23
DESTREMONT FME.	4.55.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	15.c.m.	2

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FEBRUARY 27th 1917.

Leslie Blake
 Intelligence Officer, 2nd.Aust.Divisional Artillery. Lieut.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				No. of Message
Prefix	Code	m.	Words	Charge
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			This message is on a/c of:	
.....			Recd. at	
.....			Date	
.....			From	
.....			By	
.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO {				
Right Sub-Group.				
Left Sub-Group.				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.
* BM. 142.		28th.		AAA
(1). In connection with an intended operation by Left Brigade this morning, the Left-Sub-Group will supply necessary covering fire as follows aaa				
(2). One 4.5" howitzer on each of the following aaa Machine Guns at M.3.a.7.4, M.3.b.05.30, M.3.b.4.4 aaa Road junctions at M.4.b.05.70, M.4.b.50.95, M.5.a.2.7 aaa One 18-pounder gun on each of junctions at G.35.d.2.0. and M.4.b.70.65 aaa				
(3). Rates of fire aaa On M.G's. from 3 to 3.30 am 28th instant 1 round per how per minute aaa Other targets 3 am to 6 am and M.Gs. from 3.30 am to 6 am 1 round per how or gun per 8 minutes aaa				
(4). All ammunition will be H.E.				
(5). S.O.S. lines will be 100 yards N. of line already ordered.				
From 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.				
Place				
Time 1.25 am.				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			(Z)	
Censor.			Sgnd. C.A. CLOWES.	
			Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.	
* This line should be erased if not required.				
225,000. W 14042-M 44. H. W & V., Ld. 12/15.				

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 109.
BY
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H.W.LLOYD, D.S.O.
TEMP.COMMANDING 2nd.AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

2nd.Aust.Div.Artillery Hdqrs.

FEBRUARY 28th 1917.

POSTING.

Captain F.P.KNEESHAW, 6th Aust.(Army)
F.A.Brigade, to temporarily command 105th
Howitzer Battery, vice Major J.K.PAUL, tempor-
arily Commanding 5th A.F.A.Brigade. Dated
28.2.1917.

E.S.PLAYFAIR, Lieut.

A/STAFF CAPTAIN, 2nd.AUST.DIV.ARTILLERY.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 23.

From 6.p.m. 27/2/1917 to 6.p.m. 28/2/1917.

OUR ARTILLERY.

Operations carried out during the last 24 hours consisted in a systematic shelling of GREVILLERS TRENCH in M.5.a. and M.4.b., communication sap in M.5.b., and all known machine-guns and road junctions in that vicinity. MALT TRENCH and the wire in front of same was also subjected to fire during the day. Several registrations on important points were also obtained.

MOVEMENT.

An enemy outpost was detected in LOUPART WOOD at G.34.a.0.6. (approx.).

AIRCRAFT.

An enemy plane flew over our lines at 3.p.m., dropped a bomb at M.15.b.0.6. and fired on a party in GALLWITZ TRENCH. This plane was forced to retire on being attacked by our planes. At 4.15.p.m. four hostile planes flew over our lines.



Lieut.

Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artly.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT.

From 6.p.m. 27/2/17. to 6.p.m. 28/2/17.

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
GALLWITZ TRENCH & WARLENCOURT	7.p.m.	Midnight	True bearing 82° from M.4.c.1.3.	15.c.m.	19	
M. 15. a.	Midnight	--	True bearing 45° from M.4.c.1.3.	15.c.m.	15.	
DESTREMONT FERME & LE SARS	11.30.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	20	
DESTREMONT FERME	11.50.p.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	6	
WARLENCOURT	Midnight	--	Unknown.	Gas Shells	20	
LE SARS	12.5.a.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	6	
DESTREMONT FERME	3.30.a.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	2	
DESTREMONT FERME., BAPAUME ROAD and LE SARS	4.a.m.	--	True bearing 60° from M.4.c.1.3. to flash.	15.c.m.	27	
M.11.b.4.7. to WARLENCOURT	10.5.a.m.	--	AVENES LES BAPAUME	77.m.m.	--	
M.11.b.4.7. to WARLENCOURT	10.5.a.m.	--	AVENES LES BAPAUME	15.c.m.	15.	
M. 17. a.	10.35.a.m.	--	BAPAUME	10.5.cm.	8	
M. 16. b.	10.30.a.m.	--	AVENES LES BAPAUME.	15.c.m.	10	
M. 10. c.	11.5.a.m.	--	GREVILLERS	10.5.cm.	3	
M. 17. a.	11.5.a.m.	--	N.2.a. central	77.m.m.	4	
M. 16. a.	11.10.a.m.	--	LOUPART WOOD	15.c.m.	4	
M. 11. a. LE SARS	11.15.a.m.	--	BAPAUME	77.m.m.	8	
BUTTE	11.20.a.m.	--	AVENES LES BAPAUME	15.c.m.	4	
M. 10. d.	11.30.a.m.	--	LOUPART WOOD WEST	10.5.cm.	4	
M. 17. b.	11.30.a.m.	--	N. 3. central	77.m.m.	3	
M. 16. d.	11.50.a.m.	--	G. 25. a. 2, 3.	10.5.cm.	4	

P. T. O.

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DAILY HOSTILE ARTILLERY REPORT (continued.)

AREA SHELLED	TIME.		HOSTILE ARTILLERY DIRECTION.	PROBABLE CALIBRE	No. OF ROUNDS	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO				
LE SARS M. 10. c., d. M. 11. a. M. 11. a., b. BUTTE to LE SARS and GIRD TRENCH M. 11. b. to WARLENCOURT M. 23. c. M. 17. b. 1. 5. DESTREMONT FERME M. 10. c. and d. GALLWITZ TRENCH "E" DUMP	11.55. a.m. 12.15. p.m. 12.30. p.m. 12.45. p.m. 1. p.m. 1.15. p.m. 1.30. p.m. 2.15. p.m. 2.20. p.m. 2.30. p.m. 2.30. p.m.	--- 1.42. p.m. --- 1.5. p.m. --- --- --- --- 2.50. p.m. --- ---	BIEFVILLERS West of LOUPART WOOD RIENCOURT LES BAPAUME BIEFVILLERS AVENES LES BAPAUME AVENES LES BAPAUME N. 2. s. central. N. 3. central BAPAUME West of LOUPART WOOD Unknown H. 31. central	10.5. cm. 77. m.m. Gas 10.5. cm. 77. m.m. 77. m.m. 15. c.m. 77. m.m. 77. m.m. 77. m.m. 15. c.m. 77. m.m. { 10.5. cm. 15. c.m. 77. m.m. 15. c.m. 77. m.m. 77. m.m. 10.5. cm. 77. m.m. 77. m.m.	9 150 20. --- --- 30 4 15 6 100 21 2	
BUTTE and GIRD TRENCH M. 16. a. BUTTE and M. 10. c. and d. M. 11. a. M. 10. c. M. 15. a. and b. M. 10. c. and d.; M. 11. a.	3. p.m. 3.20. p.m. 4.10. p.m. 5. p.m. 5.30. p.m. 5.20. p.m. 5.45. p.m.	3.40. p.m. --- 4.50. p.m. 5.10. p.m. --- 6. p.m. 5.50. p.m.	AVENES and BIEFVILLERS BAPAUME BIEFVILLERS East of LOUPART WOOD GREVILLERS BIEFVILLERS East of LOUPART WOOD	{ 10.5. cm. 15. c.m. 77. m.m. 15. c.m. 77. m.m. 77. m.m. 10.5. cm. 77. m.m. 77. m.m.	--- 6 --- 30 10 --- 100	Barrage

FEBRUARY 28th 1917.

Leslie R. Blake
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.8.2nd. Aust. Div. Artly. H.Q.
February 28th 1917.

1. The 45th, 46th and 47th Batteries of the 12th Aust. (Army) F.A. Brigade, will be transferred from the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery to 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery on night of 28th. Feb/1st. March, coming under the tactical control of the latter at 12 midnight.
2. From 12 midnight tonight, the above batteries will be grouped as follows
 - (a) To Right Sub-Group - 46th and 47th. Batteries
 - (b) To Left Sub-Group - 45th. Battery.
3. 45th, 46th, and 47th. Batteries have been instructed by 1st Australian Divisional Artillery to move at dusk today, and will proceed to positions as indicated this morning to Battery representatives by C.O., Right Sub-Group, 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery.
4. After the guns of these batteries have been brought into position, at a time, and under arrangements, to be made by respective Sub-Group Commanders, they will be taken over as follows :—

45th. Battery	by	14th. Battery
46th. Battery	by	12th. Battery
47th. Battery	by	10th. Battery.

personnel of the 45th, 46th, and 47th. Batteries taking over guns and positions of the 2nd. Aust. Divisional Artillery batteries which are relieving them.
5. Guns will be handed over stripped, but complete with sights.
6. (a) Ammunition in positions at present occupied will be handed over.
(b) Ammunition held in wagons of 45th, 46th, and 47th. Batteries will be retained ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ them.
7. Copies of receipts for guns, sights, and ammunition handed over, to include the numbers of all guns and dial sights, will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible after completion of exchanges.
8. Acknowledge.

DISTRIBUTION:—

Copy No. 1 - 7 Right Sub-Group
 8 - 13 Left Sub-Group
 14. 2nd. Aust. D.A.C.
 15. 1st Aust. D.A.
 16. 2nd. Aust. Div.
 17. R.A., 1st. ANZAC
 18. 12th Aust (Army) F.A. Bde.
 19. File
 20-21 War Diary.

C. A. Clowes
 Captain,
 Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. D.A.

ISSUED AT 7.30. P.M.