

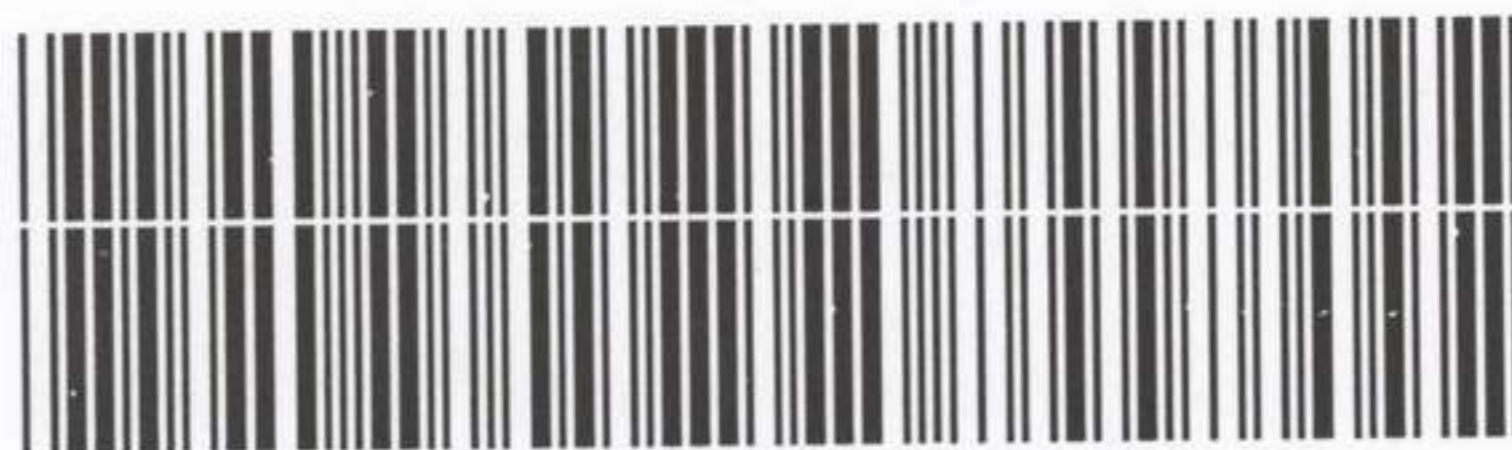
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>31 FORT POMPU.</p>	<p>31st Aug/ 1st Sep.</p>	<p>117th Siege Batt. (1 secn)) 119th " ")</p>	<p>march^{-ed}-out, en route to rejoin IX Corps</p> <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 50px;">(Sgd). H. R. BRANCKER. Major. R.A. Brigade Major for Brigadier General Commanding 2nd ANZAC Heavy Artillery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1/9/16.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for end of previous month and filed with volume for that month).</p>	<p></p>

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			Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour		
FORT ROMPU	3/9/16	4 pm	155 th Siege Battery R.G.A., main body, with 4 6" Hows. 26 cal, detrained at BAULIEUL. C.O. proceeded to report to 32 nd H.A. Group	HRS
	night 4/5		Positions selected at H 15.2 80.30 and H 11.2 70.55. Guns packed at BAULIEUL for the night	
	5/9/16	10.45 am	Ordnance Section, 155 th Siege Battery R.G.A., came into position at H 15.2 80.30	Appendix 3
		5.30 pm - 6 pm	2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 11 issued. Combined operation with R.A. of 5 th Australian Div & 61 st Div. Combined operation with R.A. of 5 th Australian Div & 61 st Div. 6" Hows on SUGAR LOAF. Co of 2nd on Communication Trenches & DURUM WOOD. V effective shooting on SUGAR LOAF	H.A. Order No 11
	night 5/6		Mechanical transport, 155 th Siege Battery, arrived	HRS
	7/9/16		Remainder Section, 155 th Siege Battery R.G.A., came into position at H 11.2 70.55.	
		3 pm	Both Sections, 155 th Siege Battery R.G.A., reported ready for action	HRS
			52 nd H.A. Group participated in Scheme with R.A. 34 th Div, going on WEZ MACQUART & carrying out Counter Battery Work	
			Much shelling of hostile shells throughout day. Hostile retaliation on ARMENTIERES in evening	
	11/9/16	6.30 pm	155 Heavy Battery R.G.A. marched out (having proceeded to weapon lines during night 10/11 th) en route to STEENWERCK, then to entrance for MEAULTE	
	night 11/12		87 th Siege Battery R.G.A. vacated position at H 25.6 15.75 and occupied position at RUE MARIE, H 6.2 45.80	HRS
			2/4 Lance Heavy Battery R.G.A. (South Section) vacated position at C.19.2 45.45 and occupied position at H 11.2 00	Appendix 3
	13/9/16	10.0 am	2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 12 issued. Bombardments & Counter Battery Work, in connection with 5 day programme of Operations	H.A. order No 12
		4.10 pm	Bombardment: 32 nd & 52 nd Groups. PERENCHIES & LOMPRET	} 1 st Day of 5 days Programme
		5.0 pm	Bombardment: 32 nd Group DELANGRE, DE MOUQUET, MAZE HOUSE	
			Counter Battery Work	Appendix 3
		9.45 pm	2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 13 issued. Bombardments & Counter Battery Work for 14 th inst	} 2 nd Day of 5 days Programme
	14/9/16	3.10 pm	Bombardment: 32 nd Group GRAND MARAIS, LE PARADIS	
		4.0 pm	Bombardment: 32 nd & 52 nd Groups. DELAPORTE, ROUGES ISANCS, Fm 2 MOUQUET, Fm DELANGRE. FROMELLES, BERNIERE Fm, LE HAUT QUESNOY, LE MAIGNEL, RADINGWEN	Appendix 3
		8.30 pm	2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 14 issued. Bombardments & Counter Battery Work for 15 th inst	
		11.45 pm	Demmy Road: 5 th Australian Div. 52 nd Group co-operated	HRS
	night 14/15		87 th Siege Battery R.G.A. (left section) joined command from XI Corps (1 st Army) & occupied position at L'ARMÉE, H 18.6 20.60.	

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FORT ROMPU	15/9/16	11.10 a.m.	2 nd Army H.A. Order No 15 issued Raids during night 15/16 th	Appendix 3 3 rd Day of 5 days Programme H.A. Order No 14 H.A. Order No 15 Appendix 3 HRS 4 th Day of 5 days Programme Appendix 3 HRS 5 th Day of 5 days Programme H.A. Order No 17 & 18 HRS		
		3.0 p.m.	Bombardment 32 nd & 52 nd Groups DISTILLERY, PETIT MARAIS, LA HAUSOIE, LE QUESNE, RADINGHEM, LE BAG CHAMPS, LA VALLÉE, LE PARADIS.			
		3.0 p.m.	" 32 nd " CHICKEN RUN			
		5.0 p.m.	" 32 nd " LES 4 HALLOTS			
		Night 15/16	8.55 p.m.		Raid 5 th Australian Div (O 1 a 65.90) Both groups cooperated	
			8.55 p.m.		Raid 51 st (Highland) Div (MUSHROOM SALIENT, RAILWAY SALIENT, C 29 c 48.75, C 20 a 50.50) Both groups cooperated	
			12.15 a.m.		Raid 34 th Div (I 26 b 95.85 to I 21 c 20.10 I 16 d 30.35 to I 16 b 40.65) 5 cooperated	
		16/9/16	16/9/16		11.0 a.m.	2 nd Army H.A. Order No 16 issued Bombardment & counter battery work for 16 th ; Raids during night 15/17 th .
					2.40 p.m.	Bombardment 32 nd Group PERENCHIES, LES 4 HALLOTS, LE MAISNIL.
					12.30 - 2.40 p.m.	" 52 nd Group Chau de FIANORE, FOURNES, BEAUCAMPS, ESCOBECQUES, BOIS de VERLINGHEM, QUESNOY.
5.10 p.m.	" 52 nd " LONPRET					
	6.0 p.m.			Counter Battery Work		
Night 16/17	10. p.m.			2 nd Army H.A. Order No 17 issued Bombardment & counter battery work for 17 th ; Raids during night 17/18 th .		
	8.30 p.m.			Raid 51 st (Highland) Div (C 17 a 7.1 & I 5 c 7.2) Both Groups cooperated		
	10.50 p.m.			Raid & dummy Raid 5 th Australian Div (N 11 a 40.65 & N 3 c)		
17/9/16	17/9/16			3.0 p.m.	Bombardment 32 nd Group WEZ MAQUART, PREMESQUES, Fer du CHATEL, LES 4 HALLOTS, LES OURSINS, LA HOULETTE, LE HAUT QUESNOY, BERNISRE Fer	
					" 52 nd " LA VALLÉE & road to ENNETIERES.	
		7.30 a.m.	" 52 nd " HERLIES, OCHON, ENNETIERES, FORT ENGLOS, VERLINGHEM & LA CROIX, H.A. Order No 17 & 18			
		12.50 p.m.	" 52 nd " "			
		4.20 p.m.	" 32 nd " Fort du truck I 23 a 7.9 - I 16 d 0.1			
		5.4 - 6.45 p.m.	Counter Battery Work			
		Night 17/18	1.15 p.m.	2 nd Army H.A. Order No 18 issued Supplementary to No 17		
			12.50 a.m.	Raid & dummy Raid, 5 th Australian Div (N 10 c & N 6 c)		
			" "	Raid, 34 th Div (I 22 a 5.3 - 6.5 & I 26 b 35.80 - 37 a 15.95 & I 16 d 30.60) Both Groups cooperated		

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FORT ROMPU	19/9/16		60 th H. A. Grp. [Lt Col W.E. WAILES R.G.A. & Hq. Gns.] joined command. Hq. Gns. established in ARMENTIERES; C. 25. c. 29.33. Lieut Col W.H.B. JACOB R.G.A. joined & assumed command of 32 nd H. A. Grp.	HRB.
	Night 20/21	10 p.m.	Raid by 5 th Australian Div. (O.I.C.). 52 nd H. A. Grp co-operated with counter-battery work.	HRB.
	25/9/16	3.30 p.m.	1/1 NORTH MIDLAND Heavy Battery arrived at BAC ST MAUR, on posting to the Command from VIII Corps.	
	Night 25/26		3 guns, 87 Sigs Battery, marched out, on temporary loan to I Anzac Corps. 1 gun remained, in action in RUE MARLE position.	
	26/9/16		1/1 NORTH MIDLAND Heavy Battery occupied positions at G. 19 d. 45.50. and H. 20. b. 55.40.	HRB.
	Night 28/29		1/1 NORTH MIDLAND Heavy Battery ready for action in new positions.	
	29/9/16	12.20 p.m.	2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 19 issued. Raid: 14 th Australian Infantry Brigade, night 30 Sept/1 Oct.	Append 3.
		5.0 p.m.	Advanced Section, 155 Sigs Battery fired 10 rds into LAMBERSART. Wind by map. too cloudy for aeroplane work.	
		5.15 p.m.	2 nd Anzac H.A. Order No 20 issued. Combined counter-battery operation, Sept 30 th .	Append 3.
	Night 29/30		5 6" how. 26 cal (2 from 160 Sigs Batt: 1 each from 168, 170 & 171 Sigs Batts) came in & occupied previously selected single gun positions, in readiness for combined counter-battery operation. Officers had reported in advance during day.	HRB.
	30/9/16		Attempts to recapture LAMBERSART & to carry out combined counter-battery operation failed: aeroplanes could not observe round.	
	Night 30/1 Oct	10 p.m.	Raid by 5 th Australian Div. (N.G.C.): Both Groups co-operated.	
	"	"	Raid by 34 th Div. (I 16. d): 52 nd H.A. Grp co-operated with counter-battery work.	HRB.

HRB Branch Major Ra
for
Brig. General
Comd. 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery

1/10/16.

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 11.

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 36 S.W.1., 1/10,000, Edition 7A.

5/9/16.

1. A combined operation by the Artillery of the 5th Australian Divn: and the 61st Divn: will be carried out to-day, Tuesday September 5th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

2. The Heavy Artillery will co-operate; Tasks as under:-

32nd H.A.Group.

5.30pm. to 6 pm.

SUGAR LOAF (paying special attention to points N.8.d.44.24. and N.8.d.57.24).

Not exceeding 60 rds.

52nd H.A.Group.

5.30pm. to 6 pm.

(a) Communication Trench N.15.a.77.10. to N.15.c.83.95. to N.15.d.03.50. Point N.15.c.63.91. } 20 rds.

(b) Communication Trench N.14.d.66.98. to N.14.b.78.07. to N.15.c.11.99. Communication Trench N.14.d.84.77. to N.15.c.38.07. } 30 rds.

5.35pm. to 6 pm.

(c) Search and sweep for Enfilade gun along Northern edge of both sections of DUBEM WOOD (N.17.d). } 30 rds.

Throughout operation.

(d) Counter-Battery work (if required). If necessary, guns must be withdrawn from other tasks.

3. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 4.30 p.m.

4. Acknowledge by wire.

HPB Brancher
Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at ^{10 45}.....a.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 32nd H.A.Group.
- 2. 52nd H.A.Group.
- 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.)
- 4. 5th Aus: Div: "G.")
- 5. R.A., 5th Aus: Div.) for information.
- 6. R.A., 61st Division.)
- 7. 9th Kite Balloon Section.)
- 8. File.
- 9. War Diary.
- 10, 11, 12 Spare.

SECRET.2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 12 .

13/9/16.

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 36 S.W. 1/20,000.
: 36 N.W. 1/20,000.

1. In connection with a programme of Raids, wire cutting and Bombardments to be carried out during the next few days, the Heavy Artillery will carry out the following operations to-day, 13th September:-

4-10 p.m. Bombardment.

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	PERENCHIES (Southern portion)	50 rounds.
<u>52nd H.A.Group.</u>	PERENCHIES (Southern portion)	30 :
	LOMPRET	30 :

5-0 p.m. Bombardment.

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	Fme: DELANGRE	30 rounds.
	Fme: DE MOUQUET	30 rounds.
	MAZE HOUSE	30 rounds.

Fire in each case to be continued until ammunition allotted is expended. Rate of fire, as rapid as is consistent with accuracy.

Counter-Battery Work.

52nd H.A.Group will stand by for Counter-Battery Work. This will be their primary role, and guns must be withdrawn from Bombardment tasks if the necessity arises. Special attention to be given to hostile batteries which fire upon ARMENTIERES.

32nd H.A.Group will also be available for Counter-Battery Work, when not engaged on Bombardment. 100 rounds 6" howitzer ammunition may be used for this.

- R.F.C. are being asked to co-operate with two aeroplanes for counter-battery work.
- 9th Kite Balloon Section are being asked to give general results of fire on PERENCHIES and LOMPRET, also to assist in "N.F." target work.
- Groups will communicate direct with R.F.C. and K.B.S. as to their requirements.
- Watches will be synchronised with this office at 3-30 p.m.
- Acknowledge by wire.

H.R. Branch
Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 10.00 a.m. to:-

Copy No. 1.	32nd H.A.Group.	9.	5th Aus. Div "G") For 12-
2.	52nd H.A.Group.	10.	34th Divn. "G") forma-
3.	H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac)	11.	51st Divn. "G") tion.
4.	42nd Squadron, RFC.) For	12.	File
5.	9th Kite Balloon Sec.) in-	13.	War Diary.
6.	R.A., 5th Austln: Div) for-	14.)
7.	R.A., 34th Division.) mation	15.) Spare.
8.	R.A., 51st Division.)	16.)

SECRET.

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 13.

13/9/18.

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 36 S.W., 1/20,000.
: 38 N.W., 1/20,000.

1. The programme of Operations will be continued tomorrow, 14th Sept.
2. The action of the Heavy Artillery will be as under:-

3-10 p.m. Bombardment.

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	GRAND MARAIS	30 rounds.
	LE PARADIS.	30 rounds.

4 p.m. Bombardment.

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	Fme: DELAPORTE	30 rounds.
	ROUGES BANCS	30 rounds.
	Fme: DE MOUQUET	30 rounds.
	Fme: DELANGRE	30 rounds.

<u>52nd H.A.Group.</u>	FROMELLES	20 rounds.
	BERNIERE Fme.	20 rounds.
	LE HAUT QUESNOY	20 rounds.
	LE MAISNIL	20 rounds.
	RADINGHEM	20 rounds.

Fire in each case to be continued until ammunition allotted is expended. Rate of fire, as rapid as is consistent with accuracy.

Counter-Battery Work.

52nd H.A.Group will stand by for counter-battery work. This will be their primary role, and guns must be withdrawn from bombardment tasks if the necessity arises.

32nd H.A.Group will also be available for counter-battery work, when not engaged on bombardment. 100 rounds of 6" howitzer ammunition may be used for this.

3. Divisional Bombardments and Raids are being carried out on 14th September as under:-

10-35 a.m.	34th Division	Bombardment	I.32.a.
3-10 p.m.	34th Division	Bombardment	I.16.d.
4-0 p.m.	5th Aus: Div.	Bombardment	N.9.c. to N.10.c.
11-45 p.m.	5th Aus: Div.	Dummy Raid	N.5.d.

Details of 51st Division Bombardment will be communicated when received.

4. R.F.C. have been asked to provide two aeroplanes for counter-battery work.
5. 9th Kite Balloon Section are assisting, if weather permits.
6. Groups will communicate direct with R.F.C. and K.B.S. as to their requirements.
7. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 9-30am. and 2-30pm.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

H.R. Branch

Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.
8. R.A.51st Divn.) For in-
9. 5th Aus.Div "G") forma-
10. 34th Divn. "G") tion.
11. 51st Divn. "G")
12. File.
13. War Diary.
14, 15, 16, Spare.

Issued at 9.45 p.m. to:-

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| Copy No. 1. | 32nd H.A.Group. |) For in-
) forma-
) tion. |
| 2. | 52nd H.A.Group. | |
| 3. | H.Q.R.A.2nd Anzac. | |
| 4. | 42nd Sqdrn. R.F.C. | |
| 5. | 9th Kite Balloon Sec | |
| 6. | R.A.5th Aus Divn. | |
| 7. | R.A.34th Division. | |

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 14.

14/9/16.

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Ref: Trench Map Sheet 36 S.W. 1., 2., 1/10000.
36 N.W. 2., 4., 1/10000.

1. The Programme of Operations will be continued tomorrow, 15th Sepr.
2. The Heavy Artillery will carry out Bombardments and Counter-Battery Work, and will co-operate in Divisional Raids.
3. Bombardments.

5-0 p.m. 32nd H.A.Group. DISTILLERY) 30 rds. (1 howitzer).
PETIT MARAIS)

LA HOUSOIE) 30 rds. (1 howitzer).
LE QUESNE)

Ranging on first target in each case and switching to second target when registered.

52nd H.A.Group. RADINGHEM 30 rounds.
LE BAS CHAMPS 30 ..
LA VALLEE 30 ..
LE PARADIS 30 ..

Rate of fire, as rapid as is consistent with accuracy.

Between 2-45 p.m. 32nd H.A.Group. Area C.17.a.3.2. - C.17.a.20.35 -
and 4-15 p.m. C.17.a.40.45. - C.17.a.45.30. (Houses in
CHICKEN RUN) 30 rounds.

5-0 p.m. 32nd H.A.Group. LES 4 HALLOTS 30 rounds.

4. Counter-Battery Work.

52nd H.A.Group will stand by for counter-battery work. This will be their primary role, and guns must be withdrawn from bombardment tasks if necessary.

32nd H.A.Group may also be called upon when not engaged on bombardment.

5. R.F.C. and 9th Kite Balloon Section are assisting, if weather permits. Groups will communicate with them direct as to their requirements.
6. Raids. Orders as to Heavy Artillery participation in Raids during night 15th/16th September will be issued separately.
7. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 2 p.m.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

UPP Brancher
Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 8.30 p.m. to:-

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| Copy No. 1. 32nd H.A.Group. | 8. R.A.51st Divn.) For |
| 2. 52nd H.A.Group. | 9. 5th A.Div. "G") infor- |
| 3. H.Q.R.A.2nd Anzac.) For | 10. 34th Divn. "G") mation. |
| 4. 42nd Sqdrn. R.F.C.) infor- | 11. 51st Divn. "G") |
| 5. 9th Kite Balloon Sec.) mation | 12. File. |
| 6. R.A.5th Aus Divn.) | 13. War Diary. |
| 7. R.A.34th Division.) | 14, 15, 16, Spare. |

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. - 15.

15/9/16.

Ref: Trench Map Sheets 36 S. 1., 2., 1/10,000.
38 N. 2., 4., 1/10,000.

1. Raids are being carried out by 5th Australian, 34th, and 51st (Highland) Divisions during night 15th/16th September.
2. Heavy Artillery will co-operate.
3. Zero times of raids will be communicated to Groups under separate cover.
4. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 8 p.m.
5. Details of action during Raids as under:-

(1) Raid by 5th Australian Division.
(50th Battalion. O.1.a.50.80. to O.1.a.65.90.).

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	0.00 to 0.20	LE BRIDOUX (O.1.b.38.70).	15 rds.
		and C.T. through it.	
		STRAWBERRY HOUSE (O.1.b.27.60).	15 rds.
		and C.T. through it.	
	0.20 to 0.45	Trench and tram junction	15 rds.
		(O.2.a.15.69).	
		Trench junction	15 rds.
		(O.1.b.97.46).	
<u>52nd H.A.Group.</u>	0.00 to 0.20	DATUM HOUSE (O.1.a.92.41)	20 rds.
		WHITE HOUSE (O.1.b.00.35)	

Stand by for Counter-battery work.

(2) Two combined Raids by 34th Division.
(102nd Brigade. (a) I.20.f.95.85. to I.21.c.20.10).
(b) I.16.d.60.90. to I.16.b.60.00).

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	0.03 to 0.30	DISTILLERY	25 rounds
		LA HOUSOIE	25 rounds

Also stand by for Counter-battery work.

52nd H.A.Group. Stand by for Counter-battery work.

(3) Two combined Raids by 51st (Highland) Division.
(152nd Brigade. MUSHROOM SALIENT & RAILWAY SALIENT).
(153rd Brigade. C.29.c.48.75. and C.29.a.50.50).

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	0.00 to 0.40	L'AVENTURE (C.30.central)	30 rds.
		Road junction and trenches about I.12. central	30 rds.

Also stand by for Counter-battery work.

52nd H.A.Group. Stand by for Counter-battery work.

6. Special attention to be given, in all counter-battery work, to hostile batteries which barrage our front opposite the several objectives of raids.

7. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 11.10 a.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 32nd H.A.Group.
2. 52nd H.A.Group.
3. H.Q.R.A. 2nd Anzac)
4. R.A. 5th Aus. Div.) For
5. R.A. 34th Division) infor-
6. R.A. 51st Division) national

- H.R. Branch*
- Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.
7. 5th A. Div "G") For infor-
 8. 34th Divn "G") mation.
 9. 51st Divn "G")
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 - 12, 13, 14 Spare.

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 16.

16/9/16.

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Ref: Trench Map Sheets 36 S.W. 1., 2., 1/10,000.
36 N.W. 2., 4., 1/10,000.

1. The programme of operations will be continued to-day, 16th September.
2. The Heavy Artillery will carry out Bombardments and Counter-battery work, and will co-operate in Divisional Raids.
3. Bombardments.

2-40 p.m.	<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	PERENCHIES (Southern portion)	50 rds.
		LES 4 HALLOTS	30 rds.
		LE MAISHIL	30 rds.
	<u>52nd H.A.Group.</u>	CHATEAU DE FLANDRE FARM and grounds.	30 rds.
12-30p.m.		FOURNES	30 ..
		BEAUCAMPS	30 ..
2-40p.m.		ESCOBECQUES	30 ..
		BOIS DE VERLINGHEM	30 ..
5-10p.m.		QUESNOY	30 ..
(10 rds per target on each occasion).			
6-0 p.m.		LOMPRET	30 ..

4. Counter-Battery Work.

52nd H.A.Group will stand by for counter-battery work. This will be their primary role and guns must be withdrawn from bombardment tasks if necessary

32nd H.A.Group may also be called upon when not engaged on bombardment.

5. R.F.C. and 9th Kite Balloon Section are assisting, if weather permits. Groups will communicate with them direct as to their requirements.

6. Raids. Night 16th/17th September.

- (1) Raid by 5th Australian Division.
(30th Battalion. N.11.a.40.65).
combined with simultaneous Dummy Raid
(15th Brigade. N.9.c).

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	0.00 to 0.13	Fmo: de MOUQUET Ruined Building (N.11.a.57.00).	13 rds. 13 rds.
	0.13 to 0.40	Fmo: de MOUQUET (Trench junction (N.11.c.99.52.	17 rds. 22 rds.
<u>52nd H.A.Group.</u>	0.00 to 0.30	(C.T. N.15.a.77.10. (to N.15.d.00.52. C.T. N.15.c.11.99. to N.15.c.63.91.	30 rds. 30 rds.

Stand by for Counter-Battery Work.

- (2) Two simultaneous raids by 51st (Highland) Division.
(153rd Brigade. C.17.a.7.1).
(154th Brigade. I.5.c.7.2).

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	0.00 to 0.40	FRELINGHIEN Trench I.12.a.12.72.)	30 rds. 30 rds.
		to 52,90. and house I.12.a.46.96.)	

Also stand by for Counter-Battery Work.

52nd H.A. Group.

Stand by for Counter-Battery Work.

- 7. Rare times of Raids will be communicated to Groups under separate cover.
- 8. Special attention to be given, in all counter-battery work, to hostile batteries which barrage our front opposite the several objectives of raids.
- 9. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 2 p.m. and 7-30 p.m.
- 10. Acknowledge by wire.

HR Branches

Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 11.0 a.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 52nd H.A. Group.
- 2. 52nd H.A. Group.
- 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.
- 4. 42nd Squadron, R.F.C.
- 5. 9th Kite Balloon Section.
- 6. R.A., 5th Australian Div.
- 7. R.A., 34th Division.
- 8. R.A., 51st Division.
- 9. 5th Australian Div "G."
- 10. 34th Division "G."
- 11. 51st Division "G."
- 12. File.
- 13. War Diary.
- 14.)
- 15.) Spare.
- 16.)

End Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 17.

16/9/16.

Ref: Trench Map Sheets 36 S.W. 1., 2., 1/10,000.
36 N.W. 2., 4., 1/10,000.

- 1. In continuation of Programme, Heavy Artillery will carry out bombardments and Counter-Battery Work on 17th September, and will co-operate in Divisional Raids during night 17th/18th September.
- 2. Bombardments (17th September).

52nd H.A.Group.

3-0 p.m. WEZ MACQUART (TILE WORKS & CHIMNEY) 30 rounds.
 PREMESQUES 30 rounds.
 Fme: DU CHASTEL 20 rounds.
 LES 4 HALLOTS 20 rounds.
 LES CURSINS 20 rounds.
 LA HOULETTE 20 rounds.
 LE HAUT QUESNOY 20 rounds.
 BERNIERE Fme. 20 rounds.

5-0 p.m. to 6-45 p.m. Front line trench about I.26.b.8.8. 60 rds.

(Group will get into touch with Infantry concerned as to exact points to be shelled).

52nd H.A.Group.

7-30 a.m.; 12-50 p.m.; 4-20 p.m.

HERLIES
 OORON (O.31.c.4.5).
 ENNETIERES
 FORT ENGLOS
 VERLINGHEM and LA CROIX
 House (D.7.d.20.95).

} 10 rounds each
 } on each occasion.

3-0 p.m. LA VALLEE and road to ENNETIERES 30 rounds

3. Counter-Battery Work (17th September)

The arrangements for Counter-battery work and co-operation with R.F.C. and K.B.S. will be similar to those on 15th and 16th inst.

4. Raids. (Night 17th/18th Sept).

- (1.) Raid by 5th Australian Division.
 (15th Brigade. N.10.c.)
 combined with a Dummy Raid
 (14th Brigade. N.6.c.)

Details will be issued later.

- (2.) Raid by 34th Division.
 (101st Brigade. I.32.a.5.3. to I.32.a.6.5).

52nd H.A.Group.

0.00 to 0.40. LA MOTTE ROUSSAIN Fme: (I.32.d.08.55).
and C.T. South of it.....30 rounds

Trench junctions
 I.32.d.69.67.)
 I.32.d.90.92.) } 50 rounds.

52nd H.A.Group. Stand by for Counter-Battery Work.

(B.) Raid by 51st (Highland) Division.
(1st Brigade. O.17.c.97.30).

32nd H.A. Group.

0.00 to 0.40	Fme: DU CHASTEL and trenches in vicinity	30 rounds.
	L'AVENTURE and trenches in vicinity	30 rounds.

52nd H.A. Group. Stand by for Counter-Battery Work.

5. Zero times of Raids will be communicated to Groups under separate cover.
6. Special attention to be given, in all counter-battery work, to hostile batteries which barrage our front opposite the several objectives of raids.
7. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 2 p.m. and 7.50 p.m.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

W.R. Branch
Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 10.0 p.m. to:-

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| | 2. | 52nd H.A. Group. |
| | 3. | H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac. |
| | 4. | 42nd Squadron, R.F.C. |
| | 5. | 9th Kite Balloon Section. |
| | 6. | R.A., 5th Australian Divn. |
| | 7. | R.A., 34th Division. |
| | 8. | R.A., 51st Division. |
| | 9. | 5th Australian Div. "G." |
| | 10. | 34th Division "G." |
| | 11. | 51st Division "G." |
| | 12. | File. |
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Appendix No. 3.
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 18.

17/9/16.

Ref: Trench Map Sheets 36 S.W., 1., 2., 1/10,000.
36 N.W., 2., 4., 1/10,000.

1. Reference 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 17:-

(1) The portion of front line trench to be bombarded by 32nd H.A.Group between 5 p.m. and 6-45 p.m. will be

I.22.a.7.9. to I.16.d.0.1.
and net I.26.b.8.8. as originally arranged. *

(2) Additional simultaneous Raids will be carried out during night 17th/18th Sept. by 34th Division (102nd Brigade. I.26.b.95.80. to I.27.a.15.95).
I.16.d.30.60.

Heavy Artillery will co-operate as under.

32nd H.A.Group. 0.04 to 0.25. DISTILLERY 20 rounds.
LA HOUSOIE 20 rounds.

52nd H.A.Group. Counter-Battery Work.

(3) Heavy Artillery co-operation in 5th Australian Division Raid and Dummy Raid will be as under:-

32nd H.A.Group. 0.00 to 0.30
ROUGES BANCS and C.T. running
South from that point.....25 rds.
Trench and road junction
N.16.a.88.58.....25 rds.

52nd H.A.Group. Counter-Battery Work.

- 2. Zero times of Raids will be notified later.
- 3. Acknowledge by wire.

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Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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- 2. 52nd H.A.Group.
- 3. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.
- 4. R.A., 5th Australian Div.
- 5. 5th Australian Div. "G."
- 6. R.A., 34th Division.
- 7. 34th Division "G."
- 8. File.
- 9. War Diary.
- 10.)
- 11.) Spare.
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2nd Anzac H.A.
No.8/24.

Second Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery.

Headquarters, H.A.:----- FORT ROMPU. (H.7.d.65.35.)

32nd H.A.Group.

Headquarters:----- BAC ST.MAUR.(H.13.c.25.90.)

Battery.	No. of Guns.	Nature.	Gun Position.	Extreme Range.	Arc of fire (true bearings).	Ammn.	Horse or Tractor.	Night Lines.
87 Siege(North)	2	6" How; 30cwt.	H.6.d.45.80.	8,000 ^x	45° to 105°	H.E.	T.	Fme: DU CHASTEL; L'AVENTURE.
87 Siege(South)	2	6" How; 30cwt.	H.18.b.22.50.	8,000 ^x	85° to 155°	H.E.	T.	DISTILLERY; I.33.d.05.50.
155 Siege(North)	2.	6" How; 26cwt.	H.11.d.70.55.	10,100 ^x	90° to 160°	H.E.	T.	LE BAS HAU; I.22.d.40.30.
155 Siege(South)	2.	6" How; 26cwt.	H.15.d.80.30.	10,100 ^x	130° to 210°	H.E.	T.	LES CLOCHERS; DELAPORTE.

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52nd H.A.Group.

Headquarters:----- BAC ST.MAUR.(H.13.b.28.42.)

							Wagon Lines.	Night Lines.
147 Heavy	4.	60 pdr.	G.30.a.85.35.	10,500 ^x	95° to 155°	H.E.	S. G.20.d.5.7.	N.12.a.80.55; N.23.b.90.55
2/1 Lance (North)	2.	60 pdr.	G.19.b.70.70.	10,500 ^x	55° to 130°	H.E.	S. H.13.b.3.6.	N.17.b.30.75; N.21.b.95.45
2/1 Lance (South)	2.	60 pdr.	H.11.a.00.00.	10,500 ^x	90° to 150°	H.E.	S. H.7.d.8.1.	H.13.a.50.00 - 55.20; J.1.d.35.35. I.34.c.80.60; I.18.c.30.00.

HR Branches
Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major, 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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20/9/16.

Second Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery.

The following additions will be made to 2nd Anzac H.A, No.8/24, dated 20/9/16, under heading 52nd H.A.Group:-

Battery.	No. of Guns	Nature.	Gun Position.	Extreme Range.	Arc of Fire (true bearings)	Ammn.	Wagon Lines.	Night Lines.
1/1 North Midland (North)	2.	4.7"	C.19.d.45.50.	10,500 ^x	60° to 120°	H.E. S.	H.8.d.0.5.	I.12.b.95.85; I.12.d.10.90.
1/1 North Midland (South)	2.	4.7"	H.20.b.55.40.	10,500 ^x	100° to 160°	H.E. S.	H.8.d.0.5.	O.3.b.75.27; O.7.a.40.40.

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HR Branches
Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major, 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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Copy No. 10.....

2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 19.

29/9/16.

Ref: Trench Map Sheet 38 S.W. 2, 1/10,000, Edition C (redrawn) C.

1. A Raid will be made by the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on enemy's trenches about N.6.c.3.3. on night 30th Sept/1st October.
2. Zero hour (viz hour at which artillery open fire) will be 10 p.m.
3. Heavy Artillery will co-operate as under:-

<u>32nd H.A.Group.</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>No. of rds.</u>
<u>Time.</u>	<u>Front line trench</u>	
Zero to conclusion of operations	N.5.d.40.19. to 65.02.	up to 100.

(2 howitzers: rate of fire as rapid as is consistent with accuracy).

52nd H.A.Group.

Zero to 0.40 BAS MAISNIL
and C.T. running through it 30 rds (1 gun).

4. Remaining guns, 52nd H.A.Group stand by for counter-battery work.
5. Any Registration required to be carried out forthwith; if possible to-day.
6. 32nd H.A.Group will detail a Liaison Officer, to report at Hd.Qrs., 14th Australian Infantry Brigade at 9-30 p.m. on 30th September.
7. Watches will be synchronised with this office at 9 p.m. 30th Sept.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

HR Brancher
Major, R.A.,
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

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Issued at.....p.m. to:-

- Copy No. 1. 32nd H.A.Group.
 2. 52nd H.A.Group.
 3. 60th H.A.Group.)
 4. H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.)
 5. 5th Aus: Division "G.") For information.
 6. R.A., 5th Aus: Division.)
 7. 14th Aus: Infantry Bde.)
 8. Liaison Officer (thro' O.C. 32 H.A.G).
 9. File.
 10. War Diary.
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2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Order No. 20.

29/9/18.

1. A combined counter-battery operation will take place, weather permitting, on September 30th
2. The guns lent for the above from other Corps will be allotted positions by O.C., 32nd H.A.Group who will also arrange for wireless stations at each gun position.
3. Guns will act singly.
4. At an hour to be notified later, 3 aeroplanes will observe for batteries firing on hostile batteries as under, expending 40 rounds at each target:-

<u>Plane A.</u>	155 S.X.	1 gun	J.19.c.0.5.
	160 South	gun	I.24.d.75.00.
	160 North	gun	J.31.a.9.6.
<u>Plane B.</u>	155 S.X.	1 gun	0.10.b.8.8.
	168	1 gun	0.25.d.1.3.
	171	1 gun	0.21.a.9.3.
<u>Plane C.</u>	170	1 gun	J.25.c.00.65.

5. On completion of the above, at an hour to be fixed by O.C., 32nd H.A. Group, as soon as possible after the last gun has finished its task, all batteries will simultaneously fire 5 rounds as rapidly as consistent with accuracy on N.29.c.0.5., and after getting general observations and correcting if necessary, will, at another time to be fixed by O.C., 32nd H.A.Group, fire 5 more rounds on N.24.d.35.50.
6. 147th Heavy Battery will take part in the operation mentioned in 5, and will fire 5 rounds per gun at each objective.
7. The 52nd H.A.Group will stand by for any other counter-battery work as may be required of them.
8. Watches will be synchronised with O.C., 32nd H.A.Group as soon as R.F.C. notify that the 'planes are going up.
9. Acknowledge by wire.

W.R.B. Branch
Major, R.A.
Brigade Major,
2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Issued at 5.15 p.m. to:-

Copy No. 1.	32nd H.A.Group.	} For information.
2.	52nd H.A.Group.	
3.	60th H.A.Group.	
4.	H.Q., R.A., 2nd Anzac.	
5.	R.A., 5th Aus: Division.	
6.	R.A., 34th Division.	
7.	R.A., FRANKS' Force.	
8.	5th Aus: Div. "G."	
9.	34th Division "G."	
10.	FRANKS' Force "G."	
11.	42nd Squadron, R.F.C.	
12.	9th Kite Balloon Secn.	
13.	File.	
14.	War Diary.	
15, 16.	Spare.	

RESULT OF RAIDS.

RA 6/17
18-9-16

Night 15th/16th September.

No. of raid.	Division.	Strength of raiding party.	Point of entry.	German regiment opposed.	Result.
1.	38th	2 officers and 50 other ranks.	28:C.22.a. ^o .8	235th Reserve.	Our raiders found the Canadian dugouts strongly held and the enemy alert. There was some bombing but no prisoners or identifications were obtained.
2.	29th	3 officers and 30 O.R.	28:I.12.a.0.8	362nd	Raiders entered German trenches and brought back two prisoners, one of whom was killed on the way back.
3.	19th (58th Bde)		36:C.4.a.7.5.	38th Reserve	Raid unsuccessful owing to heavy hostile fire
4.	19th (56th Bde)		28:U.22.c. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.	23rd Reserve	A successful raid; 5 prisoners taken and twelve of the enemy killed.
5.	19th (57th Bde)		28:U.15.a.3.8	51st Reserve	A successful raid; 8 of the enemy killed.
6.	36th (107th Bde)		28:N.36.d.2.7	121st	Both raids were successful and one prisoner was brought back in each case for identification purposes.
7.	36th (109th Bde)		28:N.30.c.5.0	26th Divn.	
8.	51st (153rd Bde)	1 offr 30 O.R.	26:C.29.a.4.5.	10th Reserve	One raid successful, but prisoner was killed on the way back over 'No Man's Land'. The other raid did not succeed owing to the enemy's strong wire.
9.	(153rd Bde)	1 offr. 30 O.R.	26:C.29.c.5.7.	- do -	
10.	51st (152nd Bde)	1 offr 30 O.R.	26:I.11. ^a .4.3.	156th	A complete success; one prisoner was brought back and about 50 Germans were killed.
11.	-do-	1 offr. 30 O.R.	36:I.11.c.4.3	156th	Raid failed owing to the enemy's wire not being sufficiently cut.
12.	34th (102nd Bde)	1 offr. 30 O.R.	36:I.16.d.6.9	229th Reserve	Raiders penetrated hostile trenches but encountered no enemy.
13.	- do -	4 offr. 120 O.R.	36:I.26.b. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.	231st Reserve	Wire was not sufficiently cut.
14.	5th Aus. (14th Aus. Bde)	2 offr. 60 O.R.	36:O.1.a.5.8.	230th Reserve	Raiders penetrated hostile trenches easily but found only one dead German. All the dugouts and the trenches had been badly knocked about by our artillery fire. Identifications were obtained.

Appendix No. 2.

Night 16th/17th September.

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No of raid.	Division.	Strength of raiding party.	Point of entry.	German regiment opposed.	Result.
1.	4th Gordon. 11th Canadian Inf. Bde.	50 men	28:0.3.b.6.0.	74th Landwehr.	Raiders failed to penetrate trenches owing to a strong hostile barbed wire attack. Both successful. One machine gun captured and eight prisoners.
2.	-do-	100 men	Crater No 2.	27th Division.	
3.	-do-	50 men	28:0.2.c.5.1.	-do-	
4.	10th Canadian Inf. Bde.	25 men	28:0.7.b.5.4.	-do-	Successful. Eleven prisoners taken and about twenty Germans killed.
5.	-do-	25 men	28:0.7.c.5.9.	-do-	
6.	-do-	25 men	28:N.12.d.3.1.	-do-	
7.	12th Canadian Inf. Bde.	40 men	28:N.24.c.7.1.	Junction 26th and 27th Divs.	Successful. Three prisoners taken, one of whom has since died; and ten Germans killed.
8.	51st Divn. 153rd Bde.	1 offr 30 O.R.	36:0.17.a.7.1.	22nd	Successful raid by 5th Gordons. One prisoner taken and 25 Germans killed.
9.	154th Bde.	1 offr. 30 O.R.	36:I.5.c.7.2.	156th	Raiding party of 9th Royal Scots found front line almost empty and were met by heavy rifle fire from the hostile support trenches. One German was killed and an identification obtained, but no prisoners taken.
10.	5th Aus. 8th Aus. Inf Bde.	3 offrs. 59 O.R.	36:N.11.a.4.6.	20th Bav. Res.	A successful raid in which two prisoners, some rifles and equipment were brought back. Twelve dead Germans were counted.

The Army Commander wishes to thank Corps and Divisional Commanders for the trouble taken in organizing the raids carried out on the last two nights, and hopes they will convey his appreciation of the work done to all concerned in carrying them out, and his congratulations on the success achieved.

17th September, 1918.

C. H. Stanington
H.G., G.S.,
Second Army.

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