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Summary of Events and Information

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	<u>1918.</u>			
	July	1st.	<p>11.50 a.m. Brigade O.P. ( Lieut. W.M. MCKENZIE) reports enemy 4.2 Battery doing registration on squares E.6.A. and E.5.B. with aeroplane observation. Divisional Artillery Headquarters notified.</p> <p>2.00 p.m. "Shell Storm" fired by all Batteries on to E.12.B.90.85. to F.7.A.30.95. to F.7.A.00.50. <u>Rate of fire :-</u> 18-Pdrs.- 5 rds. per gun per minute for 2 minutes. 4.5" Hows. 3 rds. per How. " " " 2 " "</p>	<p>Sheet 27 S.E 1/20000 ----- 36A.</p>
		2nd.	<p>1.30 p.m. Enemy 4.2 Battery apparently registering in square E.6.C.10.40., firing from F.14.A. Counters notified.</p> <p>2.40 p.m. Forward Observation Officer (Lieut. C.J. GATES) reports ammunition dump exploded in F.14.A., caused by fire from Heavy Batteries engaging abovementioned 4.2 Battery. Counters informed.</p> <p>11.30 p.m. Two minutes concentrated shoot carried out by all Batteries on following points :-                      1st. Battery - F.1.C.15.55. to F.1.C.20.75.                      2nd. Battery - F.1.C.20.50. to F.1.C.25.80.                      3rd. Battery - F.1.C.10.50. to F.1.C.10.85.                      101st. Battery - F.1.C.35.35. to F.1.C.40.75.  <u>Rates of Fire :-</u> 18-Pdrs. 5 rds. per gun per minute. 4.5" Hows. 2 rds per.How. pam.                      During the day 2nd. Battery ran one gun forward, roving between PRADELLES and STRAZEELE, and shshoots were carried out with Thermit on to houses at E.12.B.40.10., F.7.A.89.15., F.7.B.05.90., F.1.B.50.00., all of which were burned to the ground.</p>	<p>1/20000.</p>
		3rd.	<p>9.15 a.m. O.C. 1st. Battery reports 5.9 Hows. shelling W.15.C. from sound bearing 144° true, taken from W.15.C.70.40. Counters informed.</p> <p>9.35 a.m. Above 5.9 Hows. now ceased firing.</p> <p>10.00 a.m. 1st. Battery report that above shelling has recommenced. Counters notified. F.O.O. (Lieut. A.N. LEWIS) reports this hostile Battery is firing on a bearing 4° 10' right of MERRIS CHURCH, taken from E.6.Central.</p> <p>5.00 p.m. All Batteries carried out two minutes bombardment on Trench and Machine Gun positions as under :-                      1st. Battery - E.6.D.90.00. to F.1.C.00.10.                      2nd. Battery - E.6.D.80.00. to F.1.C.00.10.                      3rd. Battery + E.6.D.70.00. to F.1.C.20.00.                      101st. Battery - E.6.D.90.05. to F.7.A.15.95.  <u>Rates of Fire:-</u> 18-Pdrs. 5 rds. per gun per minute. 4.5" Hows. 3 rds per How. per min.</p>	

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	July	3rd.	<p>5.30 p.m. A number of the enemy were seen crawling away from the area of the above shoot. 101st. Battery searched Hedges in F.7.A. and B. with 30 rounds 106 fuze.</p> <p>6.00 p.m. Enemy 4.2 Hows. firing on E.6.A. from Grid bearing 133° taken from E.6.Central. Counters informed.</p> <p>6.15 p.m. Brigade O.P. reports that party of enemy entered house at F.14.A.40.95. Divisional Artillery Headquarters notified. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds on to this Target in conjunction with a Heavy Battery.</p>	<p><u>SHEETS</u></p> <p>27. S.E 1/20000 ----- 36A. 1/20000</p>
		4th.	<p>12.15 a.m. Battalion Liaison Officer (Lieut. A.N. LEWIS) reports enemy 5.9 Hows. shelling E.6.A. from Grid bearing 127° taken from E.5.a.05.95. Counters notified.</p> <p>11.53 a.m. Test "L.L." call received :- XX. F.A. 1000 GAV. COL. S.E. F.1.D.3.3. Sent to all Batteries by 11.56 a.m.</p> <p>1st. Battery reported fired at 11.59 a.m. 2nd. " " " " 12 noon. 3rd. " " " " 12.01 p.m. 101st. " " " " 11.59 a.m.</p> <p>9.02 p.m. Enemy put down heavy barrage on the Battalion front on MONT de MERRIS and extending East and West of it.</p> <p>9.05 p.m. Infantry Brigade Liaison asks for "Counter Preparation" All Batteries ordered to open fire, 101st. Battery to use gas.</p> <p>9.08 p.m. All Batteries ordered to open fire on S.O.S. lines. Order by Brigade Major.</p> <p>9.19 p.m. Brigade Major, Divisional Artillery Headquarters, orders "Counter Preparation." All Batteries instructed accordingly.</p> <p>9.35 p.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports that enemy is still shelling front line but bombardment has eased off.</p> <p>9.40 p.m. Infantry Brigade Liaison gives "ALL Batteries Stop Firing." Batteries notified and ordered to stand by on S.O.S. lines. 3rd. and 101st. Batteries are out of communication and bicycle orderly is despatched to them.</p> <p>9.50 p.m. Communication regained with 3rd. and 101st. Batteries, and both are ordered to "Stop" and stand by on S.O.S. lines. O.C. 3rd. Battery reports that they have been shelled very heavily with 4.2 gas during above bombardment.</p>	

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	1918.			
	July.	4th.	<p>9.55 p.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports the enemy attacked on Battalion front . He was driven off on the Right but no word has been received from the Left. Brigade Major notified.</p> <p>10.00 p.m. Brigade Major orders that all harassing fire to be increased 100% to-night.</p> <p>10.10 p.m. Orders re increase of harassing fire cancelled.</p> <p>11.45 p.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports enemy movement near hedge running from E.12.B.25.40. to E.12.B.25.90. 1st. Battery ordered to fire 30 rounds "AX" on to this point.</p>	<p>SHEETS.</p> <p>27.S.E.</p> <p>1/20000.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>36A.</p> <p>1/20000.</p>
		6th.	<p>12.10 p.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports enemy 5.9 How. shelling E.5.A. from True bearing of 132° taken from E.6.Central. Counters informed.</p>	
		7th.	<p>11.00 a.m. Two minutes intense fire put down by all Batteries on following points :-</p> <p>1st. Battery - F.1.C.20.60. to F.1.C.25.85.</p> <p>2nd. Battery - F.1.C.20.45. to F.1.C.20.60.</p> <p>3rd. Battery - F.1.C.25.85. to F.1.A.25.15.</p> <p>101st. Battery - F.1.C.35.35. to F.1.C.40.70.</p> <p>Rates of Fire:- 18-Pdrs. 5 rds. per gun per min. 4.5" Hows. 3 rds. per How. per min.</p>	
		8th.	<p>3.00 a.m. Two minutes intense fire put down by all Batteries on points detailed in Operation Order No. 49.</p> <p>10.50 a.m. Brigade O.P. reports enemy 4.2 How. firing 2 rounds per minute on to E.6.C. from direction of BLEU. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>11.05 a.m. Brigade O.P. reports enemy Batteries firing from following true bearings 148° 20' (4.2), 113° (4.2), 152° (77 mm.), All bearings taken from E.6.C.7.7. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>Above shelling stopped at 11.50 a.m.</p> <p>6.50 p.m. Brigade O.P. reports 4.2 How. firing on E.6.C. from true bearing 124° taken from E.6.C.7.7. Counters notified.</p>	
		9th.	<p>1.00 a.m. Operation Order No. 50 carried out.</p> <p>4.00 p.m. Brigade O.P. reports enemy 8" How. firing on to E.5.A. from Grid Bearing 122° 30' taken from E.6.C.7.7. Counters informed</p> <p>4.40 p.m. Above 8" Hows. still firing at 1 rd. per minute. Counters informed.</p>	

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	July	9th.	<p>10.50 p.m. Battalion Liaison reports that 8" How. previously reported at 4 p.m., again active on E.5.a. Counters notified.</p> <p>11.30 p.m. Operation Order No. 51 carried out by all Batteries.</p> <p>11.49 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer reports all objectives taken in above operation.</p>	<p>SHEETS.</p> <p>27.S.E. 1/20000.</p> <p>----- 36A. 1/20000.</p>
		10th.	<p>1.30 p.m. Brigade O.P. reports enemy 4.2 How. Battery firing from Grid bearing 144° taken from E.6.C.7.7. 101st. Battery ordered to engage with observation from O.P. and to fire 100 rounds if target is found.</p> <p>4.00 p.m. 1st. Battery reports that a section of enemy 5.9 Hows. are shelling W.21.B. from True bearing 128° taken from W.15.C.70.30. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>5.00 p.m. 101st. Battery ordered to fire observed shoot on to house at F.1.C.35.30.</p> <p>8.30 p.m. O.C. 101st. Battery reports that above shoot has been carried out and house completely destroyed.</p>	
		11th.	<p>11.30 a.m. 3rd. Battery reports that enemy 5.9 How. H.E. were falling in W.21.D. Counter Batteries notified. Shelling from 126° True bearing taken from W.21.D.00.10.</p> <p>12 noon Brigade F.O.O. requested that E.12.B. C. &amp; D. be not fired on as patrols were exploiting hostile posts in those areas.</p> <p>1.00 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports 70 unwounded prisoners taken from E.12.B. C. &amp; D.</p> <p>1.30 p.m. Counter Batteries state that they engaged hostile 5.9 How. Battery at 12.35 p.m. and at 1.20 p.m. Presumably this is the Battery reported active at 11.30 a.m.</p> <p>3.00 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports that we are occupying Eastern Line of Copse E.12.B.25.85. and whole of E.12.A. and also E.12.C. South to road running through E.12.D.00.95.</p> <p>3.15 p.m. Batteries ordered not to fire at all unless orders received from this office.</p> <p>3.40 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports one of the enemy's posts at E.12.B.86.90. has been rushed and 7 prisoners taken by our Infantry.</p> <p>4.05 p.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports enemy has thrown up two red flares at about F.1.C.00.00. and is active with machine gun fire from this vicinity.</p> <p>5.30 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports we are establishing posts at E.12.B.30.90., E.12.B.20.30., E.12.D.20.90. and thence line runs West along road to E.12.C.00.85.</p> <p>8.35 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports hostile 4.2 How. Battery shelling E.6.C. from Grid bearing 124° taken from E.6.C.7.7. Counters notified.</p>	
				<p><i>R. Ashdown</i></p> <p>Captain.</p> <p>Adjutant. 1st. A. Brigade</p>

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	<u>1918.</u>			
	<u>July. 12th.</u>			<u>SHEETS.</u>
		4.45 p.m.	1st. Battery report having engaged Machine Gun position at E.12.B.888. with good results.	27. S.E.
		7.45 p.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy 77 mm. Batteries firing from Magnetic bearings of 152° 30' and 167° taken from E.6.B.20.20. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds neutralizing fire on to known position in F.14. A. & B. and F.19.B.	1/20000. ----- 36A.
		9.10 p.m.	Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer asks for 4.5" How. fire on to Eastern edge of CELERY COPSE at the rate of 2 rounds per gun per minute until the order is given to "STOP". 101st. How, Battery instructed accordingly.	1/20000.
		10.00 p.m.	101st. Battery repeated series on CELERY COPSE at rate of 2 rounds per how. per minute until 10.15 p.m.	
	13th.	8.30 p.m.	In view of patrol activity no unobserved shooting is to take place West of Central North and South Grid line through F.1. and F.7. Batteries notified.	
	14th.	8.45 a.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy working party at F.14.A.35.95. 101st. Battery ordered to engage with 30 rounds.	
		3.30 p.m.	Hostile 77 mm. gun shelled V.19.A. with about 50 rounds. This gun is apparently run well forward but owing to low visibility cannot be located.	
		5.00 p.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports flashes of 5.9 How. Battery on True bearing 128° taken from E.6.C.7.7. Counter Batteries notified.	
	15th.	6.15 a.m.	Infantry Brigade reports areoplane down in E.14.B.35.22. and a number of the enemy congregated near it. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds. Observed shoots carried out by 3rd. Battery as under:- Machine Guns ) E.12.B.87.52. to E.12.87.88. 30 rounds "AX". and Posts. ) F.1.C.30.70. 20 rounds.  Observed shoots carried out by 101st. Battery as under:- Machine Guns and Posts. ( F.1.D.60.25. to F.1.D.60.35. 20 rounds. ( F.7.A.10.78. 20 rounds. ( F.7.A.10.98. 20 rounds. Enemy Post F.7.A.10.50. 20 rounds.	

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	1918. July 15th.		<p>6. Observed shoot carried out by 1st. and 2nd. Batteries as under :-  Heavily manned ) E.12.D.60.80. ( One gun on each point  enemy Posts. ) E.12.D.65.70. ( and remaining guns on the  E.12.D.75.80. enclosed area. 40 rds "AX" 10 "A".</p> <p>2.00 p.m. Enemy shelled front line and supports on MONT de MERRIS for 10 minutes from direction F.21 and F.22. Counters notified.</p> <p>3.10 p.m. Enemy again shelling MONT de MERRIS and our Brigade O.P. had to be evacuated.</p> <p>3.15 p.m. Above shelling now ceased but cannot get into communication with O.P.</p> <p>3.25 p.m. Communication again established with O.P.</p> <p>7.00 p.m. Intense burst of fire put down by Batteries for three minutes as follows :-  1st. Battery. - F.7.C.40.78. to F.7.C.55.90. All "AX".  2nd. Battery - F.7.C.40.95. to F.7.C.40.78. All "AX".  3rd. Battery - F.7.C.60.70. to F.7.C.65.85. All "AX".  101st. Battery - F.7.C.40.78.- F.7.C.15.82. )  F.7.C.65.83.- F.7.C.45.98.- )  F.7.C.60.70. ) All "BX".</p> <p><u>Rates of Fire:-</u> 18-Pdrs. 4 rounds per gun per minute.  4.5" Hows. 3 rounds per how. per minute.</p> <p>101st. Battery report that when firing on to hedge at F.7.A.10.68. a party of 4 of the enemy was dislodged, apparently from a Post.. A man was also noticed to leave F.7.A.40.45. when that location was fired on.  3rd. Battery caused casualties in <del>next</del> enemy post at E.12.B.87.52, and blew up small ammunition dump at F.1.C.30.70.</p> <p>9.00 p.m. Intense burst of fire put down by Batteries of this Brigade for three minutes as follows :-  1st. Battery - F.7.B.40.78. to F.7.B.55.90. All "AX".  2nd. Battery - F.7.B.40.95. to F.7.B.40.78. All "AX".  3rd. Battery - F.7.B.60.70. to F.7.B.65.85. All "AX".  101st. Battery - F.7.B.40.78.- F7.B.15.82. )  F.7.B.65.83.- F.7.B.45.98. )  F.7.B.60.70. ) All "BX".</p> <p><u>Rates of Fire :-</u> 18-Pdrs. 4 rounds per gun per minute.  4.5" Hows. 3 rounds per how. per minute.</p>	<p><u>SHEETS.</u>  27.S.E.  1/20000.  -----  36A.  1/20000.</p>
			<p><u>Rates of Fire :-</u> 18-Pdrs. 4 rounds per gun per minute.  4.5" Hows. 3 rounds per how. per minute.</p>	<p><i>R. Whitcomb</i>  Captain.  Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p>



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	July	15th.	<p>9.30 p.m. "Counter Preparation" ordered to be put down by Brigade Major, Divisional Artillery Headquarters.</p> <p>9.32 p.m. Order for "Counter Preparation" cancelled by Brigade Major.</p>	<p>SHEETS. 27.S.E. 1/20000. ----- 36A. 1/20000.</p>
		16th.	<p>4.00 a.m. Batteries repeated intense burst of fire of three minutes duration put down at 9 p.m. on 15th. inst.</p> <p>2.00 p.m. 101st. Battery engaged centres of activity round F.8.D.30.00. to F.8.D.40.50., firing 40 rounds.</p> <p>4.00 p.m. 101st. Battery repeated above shoot, firing a further 40 rounds.</p>	
		17th.	<p>5.00 a.m. Batteries of this Brigade fired on hedges and posts as under till 5.30 a.m. with effective results.</p> <p>2nd. Battery - F.1.C.60.30. to F.1.C.60.60. ) 4 rds. p.g.p.m. 1st. Battery - F.1.C.50.30. to F.1.C.50.50. ) All "AX" 3rd. Battery - F.1.C.40.30. to F.1.C.40.60. ) 101st. Battery - F.1.C.62.30. to F.1.C.75.62.</p> <p>Batteries fired observed shoots during day on following targets :-</p> <p>1st. Battery. - Hedges and Posts F.1.C.50.30. to F.1.C.50.50. 2nd. Battery - do. F.1.C.40.30. to F.1.C.40.60. 3rd. Battery - do F.1.C.60.30. to F.1.C.60.60. and F.1.C.30.70.</p> <p>20 rounds "AX" fired on each of above.</p> <p>3.00 p.m. 3rd and 101st. Batteries fired 30 rounds each on to suspected enemy work at F.8.A.42.99. to F.8.A.40.91.</p> <p>10.00 p.m. Increase of harassing fire by 50 rounds per gun and how. orderd by Divisional Artillery Headquarters on account of suspected enemy relief.</p>	
		18th.	<p>12.25 p.m. Enemy party reported at F.14.D.2.8. 3rd. Battery ordered to fire 30 rounds. 1st. and 3rd. Batteries ordered to carry out observed shoot, each battery expending 40 rounds "AX" on each of following targets:-</p> <p>Hedges at F.1.C.30.40., F.1.C.40.70. to F.1.C.60.30. North to Road. Hedges and Machine Guns, E.12.B.80.90. and vicinity.</p> <p>101st. Battery fired 30 rds. on Machine Gun position at F.1.C.80.70.</p>	

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	1918. July	18th.	<p>12.40 p.m. O.G. 3rd. Battery reports that a 4.2 How. Battery is firing from Grid bearing 124° taken from W.21.D.25.25. Area shelled W.28.A. Counters notified.</p> <p>4.30 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports 101st. Battery have exploded large enemy dump at F.14.B.30.85. in rear of silent battery position at F.14.A.90.60. 101st. Battery ordered to fire further 30 rounds on to this target.</p>	<p>SHEETS. 27. S.E. 1/20000. ----- 36A. 1/20000.</p>
		19th.	<p>5.30 a.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports large enemy working party at LYNDE FARM, F.13.A.15.70. 3rd. and 101st. Batteries ordered to fire 30 and 20 rounds respectively.</p> <p>3.50 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy anti-aircraft Battery in action at F.14.C.40.40. 101st. Battery ordered to engage with observation from F.O.O. Above shoot effectively silenced the A/A Battery.</p>	
		20th.	<p>6.03 p.m. Divisional Artillery Headquarters orders 1st. and 3rd. Batteries to open fire at half S.O.S. rates on barrage line detailed in Operation Order No. 58.</p> <p>6.10 p.m. Brigade Major orders Batteries to search back 500 yards from barrage line.</p> <p>6.13 p.m. Brigade Major orders Batteries to change from half rates S.O.S. to "Counter Preparation" rates, i.e. 1 rd. p.g.p.m.</p> <p>6.50 p.m. Brigade Major orders Batteries to drop back to barrage line and continue at full S.O.S. rates of fire.</p> <p>6.52 p.m. Brigade Major orders "STOP" and "Stand down."</p>	
		21st.	<p>8.30 a.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports considerable enemy movement in F.14.D., F.20.B. and F.21.A. Brigade Major informed and 3rd. Battery ordered to fire on any parties within range. Working party also reported near CELERY COPSE, on road F.7.C. 1st. Battery fired 30 rounds and dispersed party. Some of enemy seen to take cover behind bank on the road. Being out of our zone 64th. (Army) Brigade, R.F.A. asked to engage target.</p> <p>8.45 p.m. 101st. Battery ordered to fire 10 rounds on each of enemy Machine gun positions:- F.1.C.30.30. - F.1.C.40.30. - F.7.A.15.70.</p> <p>10.15 p.m. Brigade Liaison Officer advises raid by 119th. Infantry Brigade on to buildings from Railway E.12.B.50.30. to E.12.D.60.60.</p> <p>10.30 p.m. Brigade Major cancelled Operation Order No. 60 re S.O.S. and reverts to O.O. No. 39. Anti-Tank Gun at E.4.D.00.80. handed over to 64th. (Army) Brigade, R.F.A. and this Brigade takes over new gun at W.29.D.20.80. 2nd. Battery moved 4 guns into new position at W.22.C.60.60.</p>	

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	1918. July, 22nd.		<p>3.44 p.m. Test "L." call received - "X.X. F.A. 30 M.T. 7.D.9.7." Message received by all Batteries at 3.47 p.m.</p> <p>1st. Battery reported fired at 3.52 p.m. 2nd. " " " " 3.51 p.m. 3rd. " " " " 3.50 p.m. 101st. " " " " 3.53 p.m.</p> <p>5.10 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy putting down a barrage of 77 mm. and 4.2 on our patrols in F.7.A.</p> <p>5.15 p.m. Left Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer requests that no firing be done West of the line F.2.B.50.40. to Railway Crossing at F.7.D.90.70., between 9.30 p.m. and dawn as patrols are operating in this area during the night. Batteries notified. 2nd. Battery moved two remaining guns forward to W.22.D.20.30.</p> <p>12 m/night Provisional S.O.S. lines given to Batteries as follows :- 1st. Battery - 3 guns F.7.C.30.95. to F.7.A.40.05. 3 " F.8.C.15.45. to F.8.C.30.45. 2nd. Battery - F.7.C.10.73. to F.7.C.20.95. 3rd. Battery - F.8.C.70.95. to F.8.A.85.20. 101st. Battery - F.8.C.40.50. to F.8.C.70.95.</p>	<p><u>SHEETS.</u></p> <p>27. S.E. 1/20000. ----- 36A. 1/20000.</p>
	23rd.	1.50 a.m.	<p>Left Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer reports our line now runs as follows : E.12.B.8.8. - F.7.A.2.8. - F.1.C.4.3. - F.1.C.45.75. - F.1.Central.- F.1.B.75.15. - F.2.A.10.30. All Batteries notified.</p>	
		10.30 p.m.	<p>101st. Battery ordered to fire on bridge over METEREN BECQUE at F.8.A.90.15. at frequent intervals during the night.</p>	
	24th.	8.15 a.m.	<p>Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy 77mm. Battery in action at F.14.D.0550. 101st. Battery ordered to engage with 30 rounds, and Counters notified.</p>	
		10.15 a.m.	<p>Counter Batteries advise that they are putting down a concentrated shoot with 10 Batteries on F.B.61. at 10.35 a.m. Brigade F.O.O. advised.</p>	
		12.45 p.m.	<p>Enemy 5.9 How. shelling forward section of 2nd. Battery. Two casualties and one gun damaged.</p>	
		2.45 p.m.	<p>Brigade F.O.O. gives grid bearing 128° from E.6.C.7.7. to above hostile battery.</p>	
		3.50 p.m.	<p>Enemy 4.2 Hows. shelling STRAZEBLE from Grid bearing 135° taken from E.6.C.7.7. Enemy 4.2 shelled W.22.D.35.10. causing one casualty in 2nd. Battery. Counters engaged this hostile Battery with observation.</p>	<p><i>W.A. Thomson</i> Captain. Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p>

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	<u>1918.</u>			<u>SHEETS.</u>
	July	25th.	3.10 p.m. 2nd. and 3rd. and 101st. Batteries put down concentrated shoot on F.9.A.83.61. for 2 minutes at 4 rounds per gun and how. per minute.	27.S.E. 1/20000.
		26th.	2.15 p.m. 2nd. 3rd. and 101st. Batteries put down concentrated shoot on F.3.D.10.65. for 2 minutes at 4 rounds per gun and how. per minute. 4.00 p.m. 3rd. Battery carried out observed shoot on house in F.1.C.30.30. Six direct hits were obtained on the target. 5.30 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports enemy 4.2 How. Shelling STRAZEELE from vicinity GAUL FARM.	----- 36A. 1/20000.
		27th.	7.00 p.m. Enemy 5.9 How. Shelling W.21.D, from True bearing 140° taken from W.21.D.25.25. Counter Batteries notified. 8.45 p.m. Burst of fire put down as follows on enemy area of activity - 2nd. Battery - F.8.B.20.20. to F.8.B.30.40. 3rd. Battery - F.8.B.10.30. to F.8.B.20.45. 101st. Battery - F.8.B.40.10. to F.8.B.60.20. 4 rounds per gun and how. per minute for 2 minutes.	
		28th.	8.00 a.m. Visibility very bad owing to mist. 4.00 p.m. Shell storm on enemy area of activity <del>for</del> carried out as under for three minutes; - 101st. Battery - F.8.D.25.00. to F.8.D.30.30. 3rd. Battery - F.14.B.30.80. to F.8.D.25.00. 2nd. Battery - F.14.B.55.90. to F.8.D.50.20. 4.15 p.m. Brigade F.O.O. reports above concentrated shoot appeared effective. 7.30 p.m. Shell storm carried out as under for three minutes. 1st. Battery - F.8.C.10.80. to F.8.A.20.00. 2nd. Battery - F.8.C.20.80. to F.8.C.30.95. 3rd. Battery - F.8.C.25.75. to F.8.C.40.95. 101st. Battery - F.8.C.20.75. to F.8.C.30.95. Rate of fire 4 rounds per gun per minute. During the night all harassing fire to be increased 50% and following bridges to receive attention ; - F.8.A.90.10. F.8.C.83.96.	
				<p><i>R.A. Thomson</i> Adjutant, 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Captain.</p>

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	1918.			
	July, 30th.	12.15 a.m.	Batteries carried out Operation Order No. 61 in support of attack on MERRIS by 10th. Aust. Inf. Battalion.	<u>SHEETS.</u>
		12.30 a.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports very light artillery retaliation by the enemy and that first batch of prisoners being sent down.	27.S.E.
		1.00 a.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports objectives gained on Right Company front	1/20000.
		1.10 a.m.	Two <del>ENEMY</del> 4.5" Hows. from 101st. Battery ordered to fire 40 rounds on to N.E. end of CELERY COPSE to Railway Line F.7.C.5.8. to F.7.A.5.2.	36A.
		1.20 a.m.	All 18-Pdr. Batteries ordered to slow down rate of fire gradually and cease fire at 1.45 a.m. 101st Battery ordered to continue at slow rate of fire on above line with two hows.	1/20000.
		1.25 a.m.	Batteries lifted out 100 yards on to Protective Barrage.	
		1.35 a.m.	Batteries lifted out 50 yards on to Protective Barrage. Batteries ordered to fire at this increased range when fire on Protective Barrage is renewed.	
		2.10 a.m.	Fire on Protective Barrage reopened at 2 rounds per gun per minute.	
		2.20 a.m.	Batteries cease fire.	
		6.30 a.m.	Fire again opened on Protective Barrage, for two minutes.	
		6.50 a.m.	Above repeated for three minutes.	
		7.30 a.m.	Batteries fired on Protective Barrage for one minute in every twenty owing to heavy mist prevailing.	
		1.30 p.m.	Enemy putting down light barrage on E.6. <del>77mm</del> with 77 mm 4.2, and 15 cm. H.E. and gas from direction OUTERSTEENE and DOULIEOU.	
		3.00 p.m.	Heavy enemy barrage 77 mm. 4.2 gas and 5.9 H.E. from direction OUTERSTEENE, DOULIEOU, and BLEU	
		3.30 p.m.	Enemy shelling eased off	
		4.45 p.m.	Concentrated shoot as follows carried out:- 1st. Battery - F.8.D.10.10. to F.8.D.15.45. ) 3 rounds 2nd. Battery - F.8.D.20.10. to F.8.D.30.45. ) per gun 3rd. Battery - F.8.D.95.10. to F.8.D.95.50. ) per minute 101st. Battery - F.8.D.30.15. to F.8.D.45.45. ) for 3 minutes.	
		5.05 p.m.	101st. Battery fired 100 rds. gas on F.8.D.40.80. to F.9.C.00.80. to F.8.A.90.30. to F.8.B.40.10. Area of enemy activity.	
		7.15 p.m.	Brigade F.O.O. reports heavy enemy barrage now falling in front of MERRIS	

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Adjutant. 1st. F. A. Brigade.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. July 30th.		<p>8.30 p.m. All Batteries put down shell storm on Bridges and vicinity from F.8.C.70.65. to F.8.A.97.07. to F.8.B.00.30. 4 rounds per gun per minute for 3 minutes.</p> <p>9.30 p.m. 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries opened fire on Protective Barrage as laid down in Operation Order No. 60, for 10 minutes. 101st. Battery fired gas shell into F.8.D.</p> <p>9.15 p.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports enemy 5.9 How. shelling E.12.B. from True bearing 140° taken from E.12.B.90.90. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>10.15 p.m. Battalion Liaison Officer reports enemy shelling W.30.D. with 5.9 H.E. and gas from Grid bearing 139° taken from W.30.D.85.15. Counter informed.</p>	<p>SHEETS.</p> <p>27. SE.</p> <p>1/20000.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>36A.</p> <p>1/20000.</p>
			<p><i>R. W. Thomson</i> Captain. Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p>	
			<p><i>Michael Byrne</i> Lieut. Col. T/C. O. 1st F A Brigade A.I.F.</p>	
			<p><i>R. W. Thomson</i> Captain. Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p>	

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 36.

By Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O. Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
4th July 1918.

1. Operation Order No. 36, para 5, Scheme "C", will be amended to read as follows :-

18-pdrs. East of North and South road through  
E.12.B.Central.

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

*R. H. Thomson* Captain.  
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 47.By Major J.C. SELMES D.S.O. Temp'y Commanding.Headquarters,  
4th July 1918.

- 1.. There will be a concentration of Artillery Fire by both Heavy and Field Artillery on the area enclosed by lines joining the five points, - F.19.D.3.7.-19.C.8.4.-25.B.2.6.-25.D.1.9.-26.A.0.2. on 5th July .
2. Commencing at 4 a.m. all guns of the 1st, 3rd and 101st Batteries will fire gun fire for four minutes.
3. There will be no fire on above area during the previous night.
4. AMMUNITION.

<u>18-pdrs.</u>	H.E. 106 fuze.
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	Gas shell if weather is suitable and wind between North and South West through West., otherwise 106 fuze H.E.
5. Time will be synchronized from this Office at 9.50 p.m. and 11.20 p.m. on 4th July.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E .  
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Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 48

By Major J.C. SELMES D.S.O. - Temp'y. Commanding.

Headquarters,  
4th July 1918.

1. All previous orders re COUNTER PREPARATION are cancelled, and the following substituted, to come into force at 12 mid-night 4th/5th July 1918.
2. Counter preparation may be either -
  - (a) Ordered by 1st Aus. Div. Arty. Headquarters;
  - (b) Order by Brigade Commanders in reply to a heavy hostile bombardment.
3. In the event of 2 (a), details as to areas for targets and expenditure for ammunition will be ordered. Should these details not be given, Batteries will fire on their own zones as detailed in para 5.
4. The Brigade Zone for Counter Preparation is as follows :-
 

Right Boundary. Line joining E.5.D.25.40 and F.14.B.00.90

Left Boundary. Line joining W.30.D.00.00 and F.8.B.65.45.
5. In the event of 2 (b) being ordered Batteries will carry out the following programme :-
  - (i) 18-pdr. Batteries. Search and sweep all hedges, houses, trenches, roads and apparently open ground East of line allotted in (ii) to a depth of 1000 yards,
  - (ii) 1st Battery. E.12.B.85.98 to F.1.C.10.50.
  - 2nd Battery. E.12.B.55.45 to E.12.B.85.98
  - 3rd Battery. F.1.C.10.50 to F.1.A.45.00
  - 101st How. Battery. Search and sweep all roads and approaches to MERRIS, East, South East and South to limit of range. Special attention to be paid to likely places of assembly for troops and the valley in F.8.A. and C.
6. Fire will be in irregular bursts of short duration and intervals will be irregular.
7. Expenditure of ammunition of ammunition will be at the rate of 60 rounds per gun and How. per hour.
8. 600 rounds of gas shell will be kept at 101st battery position, and a proportion of this will be used during counter preparation whenever conditions are favorable.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E .

*A. H. Howland* Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 49.

By Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O., Temp'y. Commanding.

Headquarters.  
7th July 1918.

1. All guns of the 1st. Field Artillery Brigade will put down ~~as~~ a shell storm on points as under at 3 am. on 8th July for 3 minutes.

2. T A S K S .

- 1st Battery. F.1.C.20.60. to F.1.C.25.90.
- 2nd Battery. F.1.C.20.45. to F.1.C.20.60.
- 3rd Battery. F.1.C.25.00. to F.1.A20.25.
- 101st Battery. F.1.C.35.35 to F.1.C.40.70.

3. AMMUNITION :-

- 18-pdrs. AX.
- 4.5" Hows. BX.

4. RATES OF FIRE :-

- 18-pdrs. 4 rounds per gun per minute.
- 4.5" Hows. 3 do. do. do.

5. Watches will be synchronised from this Office at 11 p.m. this day.

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

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 50.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D.S.O., Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters,  
8th. July, 1918.

1. In view of a pending operation the following bombardment will take place by Batteries of 1st. F. A. Brigade on night of 8th/9th. July, 1918, at 1 a.m.  
Posts are being withdrawn from E.6.B.70.25. and 80.40. to enable this to be carried out.
2. Tasks are allotted as under :-
- |                     |    |                 |                   |              |
|---------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <u>3rd. Battery</u> | :- | E.6.B.80.20.    | to                | E.6.B.91.30. |
| <u>1st. do.</u>     | :- | E.6.B.85.21.    | to                | E.6.B.90.30. |
| <u>2nd. do.</u>     | :- | F.1.A.00.00.    | to                | F.1.A.00.30. |
| <u>101st. do.</u>   | :- | 1 How. on       | E.6.B.92.20.      |              |
|                     |    | Remaining Hows. | from F.1.C.10.97. |              |
|                     |    |                 | to F.1.A.10.30.   |              |
3. AMMUNITION :- 18-Pdrs. "AX" (106 and Non-delay).  
4.5" Hows. "BX" (106 fuze).
4. RATES of FIRE :- 18-Pdrs.
- |             |    |              |    |                            |
|-------------|----|--------------|----|----------------------------|
| Zero        | to | Zero plus 3' | -  | 3 rds. p.g.p.m.            |
| Zero plus 3 | to | " "          | 5' | - Pause.                   |
| Zero        | "  | 5 to "       | "  | 7'                         |
|             |    |              |    | - 3 rds. p.g.p.m.          |
|             |    |              |    | ZERO PLUS 7' - CEASE FIRE. |
- 4.5" Hows.
- |      |    |              |   |                            |
|------|----|--------------|---|----------------------------|
| Zero | to | Zero plus 7' | - | 2 rds. p.h.p.m.            |
|      |    |              |   | ZERO PLUS 7' - CEASE FIRE. |
5. TIME :- Watches will be synchronised from this office at 10 p.m.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*M. J. Selmes* Captain.  
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			5.	1st. Battery.
			6.	2nd. "
			7.	3rd. "
			8.	101st. "
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			10.	War Diary.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 51.By Major J. C. SEIMES. D.S.O., Temporarily Commanding.Headquarters,  
9th. July, 1918.Ref. Map : Sheet 27 S.E. 1/20,000.

1. (a) On the night 9th/10th. July, 1918, the 4th. and 6th. Aust. Battalions are attacking and capturing the enemy's positions on the approximate line shewn in RED on the attached diagram.  
(b) The boundary between the Battalions will be the road running from E.6.B.8.6. to F.1.B.6.1.
2. The 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade and the 12th. Aust. Army Bde.F.A. will assist as shewn on the attached diagram.
3. Tasks are allotted to 1st. Aust. F. A. Bde. as per attached Table "A" and diagram.
4. Rates of Fire and ammunition are as per Table appended.
5. Watches will be synchronised with 1st. F. A. Bde. H.Q. at 4.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. this day.
6. ZERO HOUR will be 11.30 p.m. 9th. July.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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Captain.  
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|          | 5.) |                        |
|          | 6.  | Arty. Liaison Officer. |
|          | 7.  | 1st. Battery.          |
|          | 8.  | 2nd. "                 |
|          | 9.  | 3rd. "                 |
|          | 10. | 101st. "               |

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TABLE "A". (To accompany Operation Order No. 51).

18-Pdrs.	Zero to Zero plus 2'	Zero plus 2' to Zero plus 4'	Zero plus 4' to STOP.
2nd. Bty. 1st. F.A.B.	E.6.D.95.30. to E.6.D.93.78.	E.6.D.95.30. to E.6.D.93.72. to F.1.C.00.78.	E.6.D.95.30. to F.1.C.33.65.
1st. Bty. 1st. F.A.B.	E.6.D.93.78. to E.6.B.88.23.	F.1.C.00.78. to F.1.A.30.05.	F.1.C.33.65. to F.1.C.45.75. to F.1.C.60.80.
3rd. Bty. 1st. F.A.B.	E.6.B.88.23. to F.1.A.00.30. to F.1.A.40.45.	F.1.A.30.05. to F.1.A.62.37.	F.1.C.60.80. to F.1.Central.

RATES OF FIRE.AMMUNITION.

Zero to Zero plus 4'	- - 4 rds. p.g.p.m.	50% "A"; 50% "AX" (106 fuze) to be fired by alternate guns. Guns firing shrapnel on barrage lines will add 75 yds. below 4000 yds. and 50 yds. above 4000 yds, to bring M.P.B. above M.P.I. of H.E. barrage.
Zero plus 4' to Zero plus 20'	- 3 " "	
" " 20' to " " 30'	- 2 " "	
ZERO PLUS 30'	- STOP.	

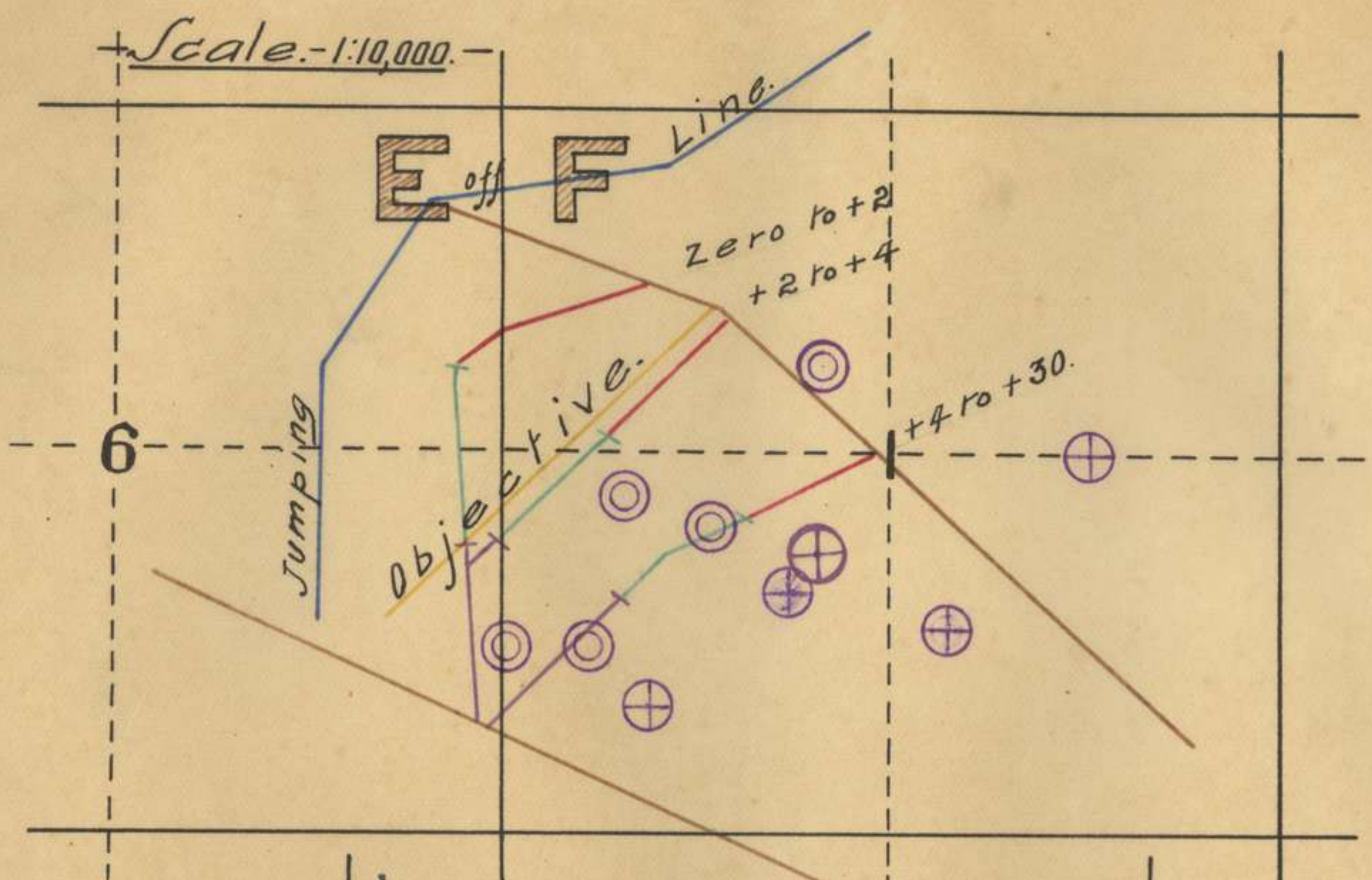
4.5" Hows.	Zero to Zero plus 4'.	Zero plus 4' to STOP.
101st. Bty. 1st.F.A.B.	1 How. F.1.C.00.47. 1 " F.1.C.32.87. 1 " F.1.C.25.50. 1 " F.1.C.55.80. 1 " F.1.A.85.28. (Not 106 fuze)	1 How. F.1.C.40.35. 2 Hows. F.1.C.80.62. to F.1.C.78.75. 1 How. F.1.D.25.52. 1 How. F.1.B.55.00.

RATES OF FIRE.AMMUNITION.

Zero to Zero plus 4'	- - 3 rds. p.h.p.m.	"BX". (106 fuze).
Zero plus 4' to Zero plus 20'	- 2 " "	
" " 20' to " " 30'	- 1 rd. "	
ZERO PLUS 30'	- STOP.	

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101 <sup>st</sup> How	⊙	= Zero to Zero + 4
101 <sup>st</sup> How	⊕	= Zero + 4 to Stop
	—	= Flanks of Batteries
	—	= 1 <sup>st</sup> Battery
	—	= 2 <sup>nd</sup> do
	—	= 3 <sup>rd</sup> do

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 52.

By Major J. C. SEIMES D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
14th July 1918.

1. The following aeroplane shoot will be carried out by the 10th Howitzer Battery on 15th instant. Battery concerned will be notified when the aeroplane goes up.
2. Code Call. "Q 2".  
Target. F.8.A.43.98 - 40.89.  
Southern extremity of target to be ranged on.  
Air photograph 4B.2128 (copy attached).  
Ammunition. Up to 250 rounds.  
Battery position W.21.C.4.0  
Wireless Mast W.21.C.4.0
3. Procedure in regard to ammunition will be as per attached extract from Counter Battery instructions.
4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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## FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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## OPERATION ORDER NO. 53.

By Major J. C. SEIMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
14th July 1918.

1. All previous orders referring to S.O.S. are cancelled and the following substituted.
2. Boundaries for 1st. A.F.A. Brigade will be as follows :-  
Right Boundary. Line joining E.12.A.60.10 and F.8.C.25.10.  
Left Boundary. Line joining E.6.D.70.85 and F.8.B.05.05.
3. The S.O.S. will be a standing barrage for all batteries. 101st Howitzer Battery will sweep 30 minutes. Batteries are allotted the following frontages :-  
2nd Battery. E.12.D.30.90 to E.12.B.60.10.  
1st Battery. E.12.B.60.10 to E.12.B.85.30.  
3rd Battery. F.1.C.28.28 to F.1.C.45.50  
101st Battery. 1 Howitzer on F.7.A.00.17.  
                   1       do.       F.7.A.00.30.  
                   1       do.       F.7.A.10.80.  
                   1       do.       F.7.A.00.55.  
                   1       do.       F.7.A.30.97.  
                   1       do.       F.1.C.40.00.
4. Strombos Horns have been placed at selected platoon Headquarters in the Outpost Zone, with relay posts at selected Company Headquarters. When the ordinary S.O.S. light signal is likely to be obscured by smoke or mist a series of blasts of 10 seconds duration will be given on the Strombos Horn. Troops should be warned that the warning for a cloud gas attack is a continuous blast.
5. (a) Rates of Fire :- For S.O.S.  

<u>18-pdrs.</u>	First	3 minutes	-	5 rounds	p.g.p.m.
	Next	5 "	-	4 "	"
	"	10 "	-	3 "	"
	"	5 "	-	4 "	"

Thereafter, 2 rounds p.g.p.m. in accordance with the situation.

4.5" Hows. Half rates for 18-pdrs.

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

(b) Batteries will always open on S.O.S. with A.X., so as to avoid keeping fuzes set. The change to shrapnel will be made :-

  - (i) In case of standing barrage.  
When the B.C. has determined the corrector setting.
  - (ii) In case of Batteries switching from task to task on a wide front.  
At the conclusion of the first task.

(c) First Battery will keep 100 rounds per gun of 106 fuzes, and will use these for S.O.S.

All Brigades./-

Operation Order No. 53.

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

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.12 . AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 53.

By Major J. C. SEIMES D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
15th July 1918.

1. Para 3 of Operation Order No. 53 will be deleted and the following substituted :-

"The S.O.S. Lines for Batteries of 1st. F. A. Brigade will be :

2nd Battery. E.12.D.30.90 to E.12.B.60.10

1st Battery. E.12.B.60.10 to E.12.B.85.30

The 1st Battery will fire for three minutes on above line then lift out 250 yards for three minutes, then drop back to starting line for three minutes and thence add and drop alternately every three minutes.

3rd Battery. F.1.C.28.28 to F.1.C.45.50.

101st Battery. 3 Hows. on F.7.A.00.50 to F.7. A.10.80 and at end of three minutes will lift up to the line F.7.A.00.10 to F.7.A.30.30 on which they will remain for three minutes, then drop back to starting line for three minutes and so on alternately.

3 Hows on line F.7.A.30.95 to F.1.C.52.10. They will remain on this line for first three minutes, then lift out 200 yards and remain for three minutes, then drop back to starting line for three minutes and so on alternately.

2. This amendment will come into force immediately.

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

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 54.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D. S. O., Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters,  
16th. July, 1918.

1. All previous orders re "HARRINGTON" Schemes are cancelled.
2. If enemy harassing fire becomes particularly violent, Corps Headquarters may order all Guns. and Hows. to open fire on one of several prepared Schemes.
3. 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will have four schemes - A, B, C and D.
4. If fire is required in accordance with the above, the code word "HARRINGTON" will be sent, followed by the letter A, B, C or D according to which Scheme is to be fired, and the time at which fire is to be opened.
5. Each Battery will have two areas for each Scheme, and on receipt of the code message will open fire for five minutes at the time given with all guns and howitzers at a rapid rate, firing for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes on all roads and tracks in each of these areas successively.

6. Areas are allotted as follows :-

	1st. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mins.	2nd. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mins.
<u>Scheme "A".</u>		
18-Pdrs.	East of North and South Grid through F.1.C.50.50.	F.7.A.
4.5" Hows.	Hedges and approaches to MERRIS in F.7.B.	All roads in F.8.A.
<u>Scheme "B".</u>		
18-Pdrs.	F.7.B.	F.1.D.
4.5" Hows.	F.8.A.	F.1.D.
<u>Scheme "C".</u>		
1st. and 2nd.) Batteries. )	F.2.C.	All Batteries in
3rd. and 101st.) Batteries. )	F.2.D.	F.8.A.
<u>Scheme "D".</u>		
18-Pdrs. & 4.5" Hows.	All Batteries in F.8.C.	All Batteries in F.8.B.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 55.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O., Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters,  
17th. July, 1918.

1. A Gas Bombardment will be carried out by the 1st. Aust. Divisional Artillery when weather conditions are favorable, either tonight or on a date which will be notified by this Headquarters.
2. Targets for 10st. How. Battery will be rectangles shewn below and will be referred to by numbers given to them :-
- Target No. 1. - F.14.A.25.45.- 50.45 - 45.95-20.90.  
do. 2. - F.7.C.25.30.- 50.30 - 50.60 - 30.60.  
do. 3. - F.8.D.00.80.- 30.80 - F.8.B.30.30.-  
to F.8.B.00.30.
3. (a) Rates of Fire :- 3 rounds per How. per minute.  
(b) Each series will last four (4) minutes.
4. Table of Tasks :-
- | <u>Target No.</u> | <u>Half-Battery.</u> | <u>Commence at.</u>      |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.                | 101st. Battery.      | Zero.                    |
| 2.                | do.                  | Zero.                    |
| 2.                | do.                  | Zero plus 50 min.        |
| 1.                | do.                  | Zero plus 1 hr. 40 min.  |
| 1.                | do.                  | Zero plus 2 hrs. 5 min.  |
| 2.                | do.                  | Zero plus 2 hrs. 20 min. |
| 3.                | do.                  | do.                      |
| 1.                | do.                  | Zero plus 3 hrs. 10 min. |
| 2.                | do.                  | Zero plus 3 hrs. 55 min. |
5. Provisions of XVth. Corps D.89/1/A. will be observed.
6. The following wire will be sent to all concerned on the date on which it is decided bombardment will take place :-

"O.O. approved commence."  
"Operation Order No. 55 will be carried out (date) commence (Zero hour)?"

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- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Selmes*  
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade. Captain.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 56.

By Major J. C. SELMES D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
17th July 1918.

1. On a date and at a Zero hour to be notified later the 9th Division is carrying out an Operation.
2. From Zero minus 1 hour to Zero plus 1 hour 25 minutes Batteries of 1st. F. A. Brigade will be prepared to fire on S.O.S. lines of Brigade on our left, should necessity arise.
3. Frontages are allotted as follows :-  
3rd Battery. F.l.C.45.45 to F.l.C.62.72  
2nd Battery. F.l.C.62.72 to F.l.C.85.95  
1st Battery. F.l.C.85.95 to F.l.B.10.20  
101st Battery. F.l.B.10.20 to F.l.B.60.60
4. A C K N O W L E D G E .

*M. J. Robinson*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st F. A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO.57.

By Major J. C. SEIMES. D.S.O. - Temp'y. Commanding.

Headquarters,  
18th. July, 1918.

1. There will be a concentration of Artillery fire by both Heavy and Field Artillery on the area enclosed by lines joining the four points  
F.14.D.3.2. - F.20.A.6.8. - F.20.D.1.7. - F.20.D.5.9.  
on the 18th. July.
2. Commencing at 10.35 p.m., 3rd. and 101st. Batteries will fire gun fire for two minutes.
3. There should be no fire on the above area during the previous eight hours.
4. AMMUNITION:- 18-Pdrs. H.E. (106 or 101 Fuze.)  
4.5"Hows. Gas Shell if weather suitable,  
and Wind between North and South-  
-West, through West; otherwise H.E.
5. Watches will be synchronised with this Office at 6.45 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. 18th. July 1918.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 58.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
19th. July, 1918

1. It is most probable that the enemy will counter attack in order to endeavour to re-instate himself in the positions won from him to-day.
2. S.O.S. Zones, until further orders will be altered as follows :-
  - 2nd. Battery.  
First 3 mins. E.12.B.70.20. to E.12.B.80.50.  
Second 3 mins. All guns lift 200 yards East.  
Third 3 mins. " " " 200 yards East.
  - Then drop back to starting line and repeat.
  - 101st. Battery.  
First 3 mins. 3 Hows. E.12.B.95.90. to F.1.C.10.00.  
3 Hows. F.1.C.40.35. to F.1.C.40.10.  
Second 3 mins. All Hows. lift 200 yards East
  - Then drop back to starting line and repeat.
  - 1st. Battery.  
Barrage line F.2.A.00.15. to F.2.A.50.35.
  - 3rd. Battery.  
Barrage line F.2.A.50.35. to F.2.B.00.70.
3. In the event of a general attack on the Divisional front it may be necessary to revert to S.O.S. Zones as detailed in Amendment to Operation Order No. 53., and Batteries must be prepared to revert to them if ~~required~~ ordered.
4. Rates of Fire. Same as for S.O.S.
5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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## OPERATION ORDER NO. 59.

By Major J. C. SEIMES. D. S. O., Temply Commanding.

Headquarters,  
23rd. July, 1918.S. O. S.

1. All previous orders referring to S.O.S. are cancelled and the following substituted.

2. Boundaries for 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will be as follows:-

<u>Right Boundary.</u>	Line joining	E.12.A.60.10. and
		F.8.C.25.10.
<u>Left Boundary.</u>	Line joining	E.6.D.70.85. and
		F.8.B.05.05.

3. The S.O.S. lines for Batteries of 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will be :-

<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	F.7.C.10.75. to F.7.C.20.92.
<u>1st. Battery.</u>	F.7.A.25.10. to F.7.A.45.30.

The First Battery will fire for three minutes on above line, then lift out 250 yards for three minutes, then drop back to starting line for three minutes, then add and drop alternately every three minutes.

<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	F.7.A.92.87. to F.1.D.00.20.
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<u>101st. Battery.</u>	3 Hows. F.7.A.95.60. to F.7.A.95.85. and at end of three minutes will lift out 200 yards and will remain for three minutes, then drop back to starting line for three minutes, and so on alternately.
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3 Hows. F.7.A.90.15. to F.7.B.05.20. They will remain on this line for three minutes, then lift out 200 yards and remain for three minutes, then drop back to starting line for three minutes, and so on alternately.

4. Strombos horns have been placed at selected Platoon Headquarters in the Outpost Zone, with relay posts at selected Company Headquarters.

When the ordinary S.O.S. light signal is likely to be obscured by smoke or mist a series of blasts of 10 seconds duration will be given on the Strombos horn.

Troops should be warned that the warning for a cloud gas attack is a continuous blast.

5. (a) Rates of Fire :- For S.O.S.

<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	First 3 minutes	-	5 rounds p.g.p.m.
	Next 5 "	-	4 " "
	" 10 "	-	3 " "
	" 5 "	-	4 " "

Thereafter, 2 rounds p.g.p.m. in accordance with the situation.

4.5" Hows./-

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4.5" Hows.

Half rates for 16-Pdrs.

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

(b) Batteries will always open on S.O.S. with AX., so as to avoid keeping fuzes set. The change to Shrapnel will be made:-

(i) In case of Standing Barrage.  
When the B.C. has determined the corrector setting.

(ii) In case of Batteries switching from task to task on a wide front.  
At the conclusion of the first task.

(c) First Battery will keep 100 rounds per gun of 106 fuzes, and will use these for Sq O. S.

6. (a) All Brigades will be prepared to shoot on any part of the whole Divisional front if required.

(b) In the event of the enemy attack being definitely localised Brigades may be ordered by Divisional Artillery Headquarters to switch some, or all, guns to the threatened zone, and as these guns are switched, the next Brigade may be ordered to switch a proportion of guns to cover the front from which guns have just been switched.

(c) If the attack is definitely localised, and the Infantry Brigade Commander, through his Liaison Officer, asks for guns to be switched from one Brigade zone to another, Artillery Brigade Commanders are authorised to switch one Battery at once and report their action to Divisional Artillery Headquarters.

(d) Any Brigade which is assisting another will be prepared to drop back at once to its own S.O.S.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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AMENDMENT TO

OPERATION ORDER NO. 59.

By Major J. G. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
25th. July, 1918.

S. O. S.

1. Delete para 5 (a) and substitute the following :-

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

	<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	<u>4.5" Hows.</u>
First 5 mins. -	4 rds. p.g.p.m.	4 rds. p.g.p.m.
Next 10 " -	3 " "	3 " "
" 20 " -	4 " "	3 " "
" 15 " -	2 " "	1 " "

Thereafter, as required.

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

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO.60.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O., Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters,  
28th. July, 1918.

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1. (a) The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade is capturing MERRIS and consolidating on or about the objective line shown on attached map.
  - (b) The attacking troops will consist of 2 Companies of the 10th. Battalion.
  - (c) Method of attack will be the envelopement of MERRIS by the attacking troops moving out on either flank along the objective line and consolidating.  
Then mopping up MERRIS by troops moving from East to West.
2. Date and Zero Hour will be notified later.
  3. This operation will be supported by the following Artillery :-
    - 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade.
    - 12th. (Army) Brigade, A. F. A.
    - 64th. (Army) Brigade, R. F. A.
    - 179th. (Army) Brigade, R. F. A.
  4. The attached barrage map shows :-
    - (i) Barrage starting line and lifts for 18-pdrs., and 18-pdr. final protective barrage line (in RED).
    - (ii) As the barrage moves forward guns reaching RED Line will remain on it and will commence forming the final protective barrage. From Zero plus 13 minutes on, all guns will be on the final protective barrage line.
  5. (i) Ammunition will be as follows throughout :-
    - 50% "A"; 50% "AX".
  - (ii) M.P.I. of H.E. shell to be on target.  
M.P.I. of shrapnel fired at ranges under 4000 yds. to be plus 75 yds.  
M.P.I. of shrapnel fired at ranges of over 4000 yds. to be plus 50 yds. *This is not to be M.P.B. directly above HE burst. Shrapnel will be fired with normal corrector. M.P.B. 10' above L of S.*
  - (iii) RATES of FIRE :-
 

Zero	to Zero plus 3	-	4 rds. p.g.p.m.
Zero plus 3	to Zero plus 13	-	3 rds. p.g.p.m.
Zero plus 13	to Zero plus 18	-	4 rds. p.g.p.m.
Zero plus 18	on	-	2 rds. p.g.p.m.
  6. 101st. How. Battery will be detailed for the following special task :-
    - 4/4.5" Hows from :-  
Zero to Zero plus 1 hour - Inside rectangle F.1.C.80.40 to 80.60. to F.1.D.10.60. to 10.40. at 1 rd. p.g.p.m.
    - 2/4.5" Hows from :-  
Zero plus 2 hours 15 minutes to dawn (4.15 a.m.) inside rectangle F.1.C.80.40. to 80.60. to F.1.D.10.60. to 10.40. at 1/2 rd. p.h.p.m.

Ammunition - All H.E. - 101 type fuze.
  7. At dawn (4.15 a.m.) on Zero day Batteries will open on final protective barrage lines and search and sweep 500 yds. beyond in lifts of 100 yards.
    - For 5 minutes - Rapid Rate.
    - For 5 minutes - Slow Rate.
    - Then STOP.

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8. (a) At 4.30 a.m. on Zero day Batteries will revert to S.O.S. lines as follows :-

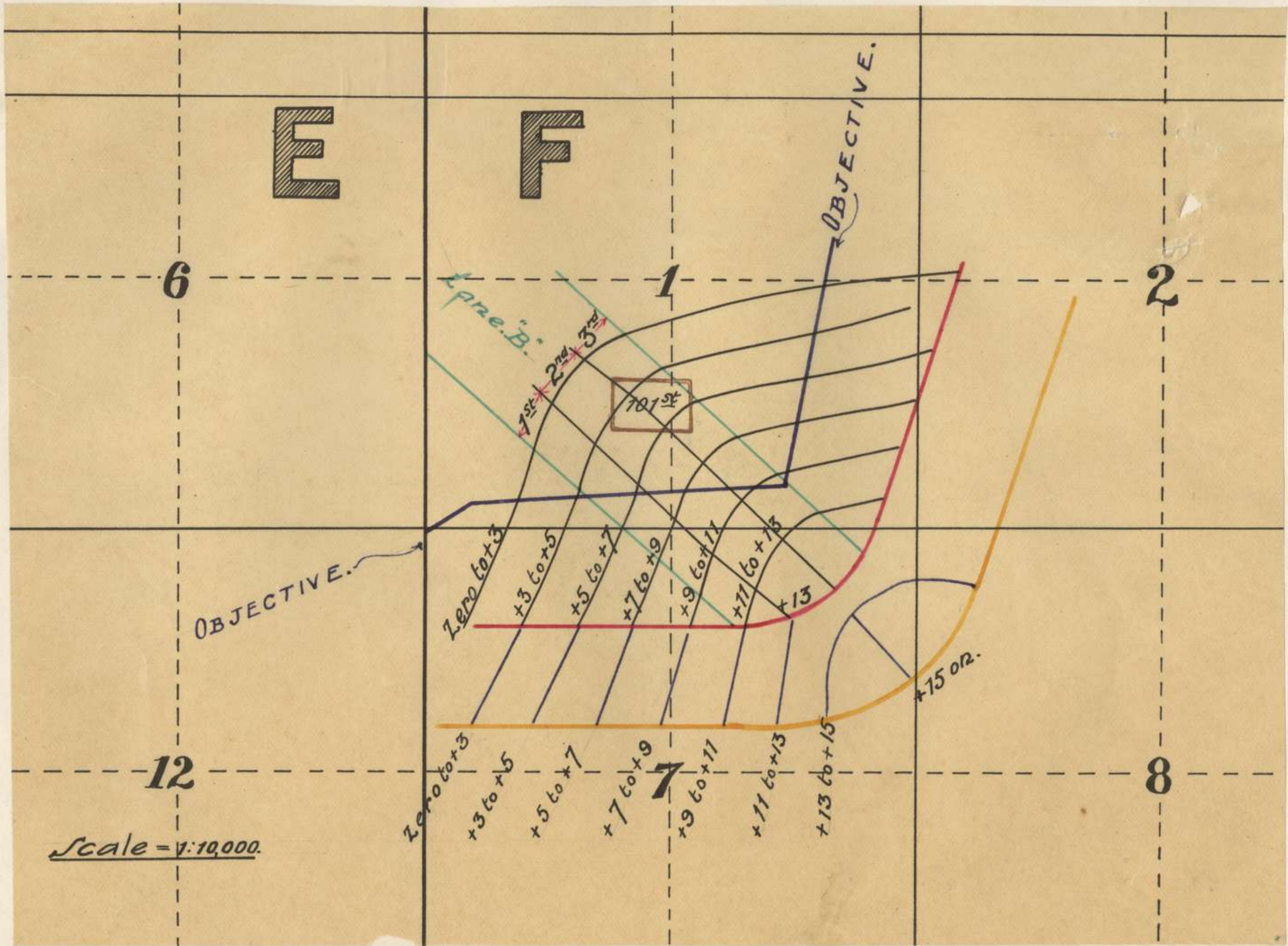
<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	As per Operation Order No. 59.
<u>1st. Battery.</u>	As per Operation Order No. 59.
<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	F.7.B.55.61. to F.7.B.65.80.
<u>101st. Battery.</u>	3 Hows. - F.7.A.90.15. to F.7.B.00.20. 3 Hows. - F.7.B.15.42. to F.7.B.35.55.

- (b) Rates of Fire → ) As per  
(c) Lifts for 1st. and 101st. Batteries.) Operation Order No. 59.

9. Flank guns of Brigades and Batteries will fire on same co-ordinates.
10. Watches will be synchronized with this Headquarters at 4 hours and 2 hours before Zero.
11. LIAISON :- Lieuts. J.C. DONOHUE, M.C. and W.M. MCKENZIE will report to Right Attacking Company H.Q. E.12.B.9.8., under instructions to be issued later from this office  
L. Samuels  
1st. and 101st. Batteries will supply necessary signallers and telephones to be detailed with later instructions.
12. All Batteries will ensure that they have a good registration of MERRIS CHURCH.  
Only registration absolutely necessary will be permitted and then, should be carried out as discreetly as possible. Registration must be completed by 6 p.m. 28th. instant.
13. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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ADDENDUM TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 60.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
29th. July, 1918.

1. Reference para 2 :-
  - (a) The operation will be carried out on the night 29th/30th. instant.
  - (b) Zero Hour will be ~~notified later.~~ *12.15 am. 30th July.*
2. Light Signals to be used by the Infantry during the operation are as follows :-
  - Local S.O.S. Rocket changing from RED to WHITE to RED.
  - Reached Objective. Rocket changing from RED to WHITE to GREEN.
  - Consolidation advanced. Rocket changing from GREEN to WHITE.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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AMENDMENT TO

OPERATION ORDER NO. 60.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
29th. July, 1918.

1. Reference para. 7 of Operation Order No. 60.  
The action ordered in the above para. will take place at 3.45 a.m. as well as at 4.15 a.m.
2. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 61.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
30th. July, 1918.S. O. S.

1. All previous orders referring to S.O.S. are cancelled and the following substituted.
2. From 8 p.m. to-night the 1st. A. F. A. Brigade Zone for S.O.S. will be as follows :-

<u>Southern Boundary.</u>	Line joining F.1.C.00.70. and F.8.Central.
<u>Northern Boundary.</u>	Line joining F.2.A.05.25. and F.9.A.00.90.

3. S.O.S. lines are allotted to Batteries of 1st. A. F. A. Brigade as under, and will be a continuous barrage :-

<u>1st. Battery.</u>	F.7.B.95.95. to F.2.C.15.20.
<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	F.7.B.80.70. to F.7.B.95.95.
<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	F.2.C.40.50. to F.2.C.67.77.
<u>101st. Battery.</u>	F.2.C.30.10. to F.2.C.60.50.

4. Strombos horns have been placed at selected Platoon Headquarters in the Outpost Zone, with relay posts at selected Company Headquarters.

When the ordinary S.O.S. light signal is likelt to be obscured by smoke or mist a series of blasts of 10 seconds duration will be given on the Strombos horn.

Troops should be warned that the warning for cloud gas attack is a continuous blast.

5. (a) Rates of Fire for S.O.S. will be :-

	<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	<u>4.5" Hows.</u>
First 5 mins. -	4 rds. p.g.p.m.	4 rds. p.h.p.m.
Next 10 " -	3 rds. "	3 " "
" 20 " -	4 " "	3 " "
" 15 " -	2 " "	1 " "

Thereafter, as required.

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

(b) Batteries will always open on S.O.S. with "AX", so as to avoid keeping fuzes set. The change<sup>o</sup> shrapnel will be made :-

- (i) In case of Standing Barrage.  
When the B.C. has determined the corrector setting.
- (ii) In case of Batteries switching from task to task on a wide front.  
At the conclusion of the first task.

All Brigades/-

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

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. Richardson*  
 Captain.  
 Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 62.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
30th. July. 1918.

1. All previous orders re "HARINGTON" Schemes are cancelled and the following substituted.
2. If enemy harassing fire becomes particularly violent, Corps Headquarters may order all Guns and Hows. to open fire on one of several prepared Schemes.  
The boundaries for 1st. A. F. A. Brigade are :-
 

<u>Southern Boundary.</u>	Line joining	F.7.A.00.50. and F.8.C.70.60.
<u>Northern Boundary.</u>	Line joining	F.2.A.00.50. and F.3.C.50.30.
3. 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will have four Schemes, A, B, C and D.
4. If fire is required in accordance with above, the code word "HARINGTON" will be sent, followed by the letter A, B, C or D, according to which Scheme is to be fired, and the time at which fire is to be opened.
5. Each Battery will have two areas for each Scheme, and on receipt of the code message will open fire for five minutes at the time given, with all guns and hows. at a rapid rate, firing for 2½ minutes on all roads and tracks in each of these areas successively.
6. Areas are allotted as follows :-

<u>Scheme "A".</u>	<u>First 2½ mins.</u>	<u>Second 2½ mins.</u>
<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	East of North and South Grid through F.2.C.90.90.	East of Central North and South Grid in F.7.B.5.5.
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	Hedges and approaches to MERRIS in F.7.B.5.5. East of Central North and South Grid line.	All roads in F.8.A. to Brigade Boundary.
<u>Scheme "B".</u>	<u>18-Pdrs.</u>	East of Central North and South Grid line in F.7.B. 5.5.
<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	F.8.A.	F.2.D. F.8.B.
<u>Scheme "C".</u>	1st. and 2nd.) Batteries. )	East of North and South Grid line through F.2.C.90.90.
3rd. and 101st.) Batteries. )	F.2.D.	All Batteries in F.8.A.
<u>Scheme "D".</u>	<u>18-Pdrs. &amp; 4.5"</u> <u>Hows.</u>	All Batteries in F.8.C. to Brigade Boundary.
		All Batteries in F.8.B.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.OPERATION ORDER NO. 63.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
30th. July, 1918.

1. All previous orders re COUNTER PREPARATION are cancelled, and the following substituted, to come into force on the receipt of this order.
2. Counter Preparation may be either -
  - (a) Ordered by 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Headquarters.
  - (b) Ordered by Brigade Commanders in reply to a heavy hostile bombardment.
3. In the event of 2 (a), details as to areas for targets and expenditure of ammunition will be ordered. Should these details not be given, Batteries will fire on their own zones as detailed in para 5.
4. The Brigade Zone for Counter Preparation is as follows :-
 

<u>Southern Boundary.</u>	Line joining	F.7.A.00.50. and F.8.C.70.60.
<u>Northern Boundary.</u>	Line joining	F.2.A.00.50. and F.3.C.50.30.
5. In the event of 2 (b) being ordered, Batteries will carry out the following programme :-
  - (i) 18-Pdr. Batteries. Search and Sweep all hedges, houses, trenches, roads, and apparently open ground East of line allotted in (ii) to a depth of 1000 yards, and likely places of assembly, especially valley in F.8.A. B & C., and F.2.D.
  - (ii) 1st. Battery. East of line F.7. Central to F.7.B.75.65.
  - 2nd. Battery. F.7.B.75.65. to F.2.C.25.30.
  - 3rd. Battery. F.2.C.25.30. to F.2. Central.
  - 101st. Battery. Search and sweep all hedges in F.8.D. & B. Special attention to be paid to likely places of assembly for troops and the valley in F.8.A. B & C. and F.2.D.
6. Fire will be in ~~burst~~ irregular bursts of short duration and intervals will be irregular.
7. Expenditure of ammunition will be at the rate of 60 rounds per gun and how. per hour.
8. 600 rounds of gas shell will be kept at 101st. Battery position, and a proportion of this will be used during Counter Preparation whenever conditions are favorable.

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

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

Distribution :- Normal.

TASK NO. 71.

By Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O. Temporary Commanding.

Headquarters,  
30th June 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 am. on 2nd July 1918, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E : -

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No. of rds
<u>1st.</u>	12.30 a.m.	Search Road F.l.D.00.40 to F.l.D.80.10.	20
	1. 00 a.m.	" " " " "	20
	2. 30 a.m.	Vicinity of F.l.D.25.50.	30
	3. 15 a.m.	Search Road F.l.D.80.10. to F.8.A.55.65.	30
	3. 45 a.m.	Houses F.8.A.00.40.	20.
	4. 20 a.m.	Sweep Road F.l.C.75.65 to F.l.C.80.90.	20
	5. 00 a.m.	" " " " "	20
<u>2nd.</u>	6. 15 a.m.	Sweep Road F.l.C.75.65 to F.l.C.80.90.	20
	9. 00 a.m.	House F.l.C.95.65.	20
	10.45 a.m.	Road F.l.C.38.35 to F.l.C.42.70.	30
	2. 00 p.m.	" " " "	30
	3. 45 p.m.	Hedge F.7.A.40.95. to F.l.C.45.30.	30
	5. 00 p.m.	Houses in F.l.C.55.80.	30
<u>3rd.</u>	6. 00 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.B.30.85 to F.7.B.60.70 and	30
	7. 15 p.m.)	F.l.D.80.10. to F.l.D.35.25.	30
	8. 00 p.m.	Search Road and Trench F.8.A.55.65 to F.8.B.00.35.	20
	9. 30 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.A.40.95 to F.7.B.05.95 and	30
	10.15 p.m.)	F.l.C.82.35.	30
	11.00 p.m.	Sweep Area F.8.A.40.30. and vicinity.	20
	11.45 p.m.	Search Railway in F.8.C.	20
<u>101st.</u>	4. 00 p.m.	House F.8.B.25.12.	20
	8. 30 p.m.	Hedge F.2.C.45.02 to F.8.A.72.85	20
	10.00 p.m.	Road F.7.B.05.85 to F.l.D.00.30	20
	10.45 p.m.	Tramway F.7.D.95.65.	30
	4. 00 a.m.	Road F.8.A.55.65 to F.8.B.25.10.	30
	5. 00 a.m.	Junction F.7.B.05.85 to F.7.B.65.65.	30
	5. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.l.D.05.35 to F.l.D.80.10.	20

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

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

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

*J. Selmes*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Distribution. Normal.

## FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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TASK NO. 72.

By Major J.C. SEIMES., D.S.O. - Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
1st July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 am. 3rd July 1918, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E : -

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds.
<u>1st.</u>	7. 00 p.m.)		20
	8. 15 p.m.)	Search Road F.2.C.00.00 to F.8.B.00.30.	20
	9. 00 p.m.)		20
	10.45 p.m.)	Area round F.1.D.30.60.	30
	11.30 p.m.)	Hedges F.7.B.55.35. to F.8.A.25.15.	30
	12.10 a.m.)	Search and sweep Southern half F.7.A.	30
	12.30 a.m.)	Houses and vicinity F.8.A.00.40.	20
<u>2nd.</u>	1. 00 a.m.)		25
	1. 40 a.m.)	Search area E.12.B.70.55 to F.7.A.10.50	25
	2. 30 a.m.)	to F.7.A.10.95.	25
	3. 00 a.m.)	Search road F.1.C.30.80. to F.1.C.80.60.	20
	3. 45 a.m.)	Sweep road F.1.C.80.60. to F.1.C.80.90.	20
	4. 20 a.m.)	Search House and vicinity F.1.C.35.35.	30
<u>3rd.</u>	5. 00 a.m.)	Sweep road F.7.A.40.90. to F.1.C.45.30.	30
	7. 00 a.m.)	Search road F.7.B.05.85. to F.7.B.65.65.	20
	8. 45 a.m.)		20
	10.00 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.B.30.10. to F.9.A.105.50.	20
	12 noon )	Sweep area F.8.C.70.50. to F.8.D.45.45 to	30
	2. 30 p.m.)	F.14.B.25.80.	30
	4. 00 p.m.)	Search railway in F.8.D.	30
<u>101st.</u>	5. 30 p.m.)	Sweep Copse vicinity F.8.D.45.90.	20
	3. 00 p.m.)	Hedge F.7.A.98.10. to F.7.B.10.85.	20
	5. 30 p.m.)	Houses F.8.A.00.40.	20
	9. 00 p.m.)	Road F.7.B.10.85. to F.8.A.30.30.	20
	10.30 p.m.)	Road and trench F.8.A.60.70 to F.8.B.25.10	30
	11.00 p.m.)	do. do. do.	30
	4. 00 a.m.)	House and vicinity F.1.D.30.50.	20
4. 45 a.m.)	Hedge F.8.C.35.90..	30	

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

4.5" Hows. "BX".

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

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

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

Distribution. Normal.

## FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIFADE.

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TASK NO. 73.

By Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
2nd July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 am. on 4th July in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds
<u>1st.</u>	6. 00 a.m.	Search road F.2.C.00.00. to F.8.B.00.30.	20
	8. 50 a.m.)		20
	11.10 a.m.)	Area round F.1.D.30.60.	20
	1. 30 p.m.	Hedges F.7.B.55.35. to F.8.A.25.15.	20
	3. 00 p.m.	Search Railway in F.7.D.	15
	4. 15 p.m.	House and <del>railway</del> vicinity F.8.A.00.40	20
<u>2nd.</u>	7. 00 p.m.	Search area around F.1.D.30.60.	20
	7. 45 p.m.)		20
	9. 40 p.m.)	Search Southern half F.1.C.	30
	11.00 p.m.)		30
	11.45 p.m.)	House F.7.A.05.80. and vicinity.	20
	12.30 a.m.)		20
	12.50 a.m.	Road F.1.C.40.00 to F.1.C.45.30.	30
<u>3rd.</u>	1. 30 a.m.	Search road F.7.B.05.85. to F.7.B.65.65.	30
	2. 15 a.m.)	do. do. F.8.B.30.10. to F.9.A.15.50.	30
	3. 00 a.m.)	do. do. do. do.	30
	3. 45 a.m.	Sweep Area F.8.D.60.85 to F.8.B.75.22	20
	4.30 a.m.	Search Railway in F.8.D.	20
	5. 00 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.25.10.	30
	5. 30 a.m.)		30
<u>101st.</u>	6. 00 p.m.	Houses F.8.A.40.30.	20
	10.00 p.m.	Railway in F.8.C.	20
	11.30 p.m.	Tramway F.7.C.60.90.	30
	4. 00 a.m.	House F.1.D.25.50.	20
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.80.10 to F.8.A.55.65.	30
	5. 15 a.m.	do. do. F.8.A.55.65 to F.8.B.25.10	30
	5. 45 a.m.	Sweep Road F.7.D.90.60. to F.8.A.30.30.	20

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

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

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

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

Distribution. N o r m a l .

## FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

## TASK NO. 74.

By Major J.C. SEIMES. D.S.O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
3rd July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 am. 5th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E : -

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds.
1st.	6. 15 p.m.)	Area F.7.B.50.95 to F.7.B.70.85 to	20
	7. 00 p.m.)	MERRIS - OUTERSTEENE Road.	20
	8. 30 p.m.)	Search MERRIS - OUTERSTEENE Road from	20
	9. 40 p.m.)	MERRIS to F.1.D.85.10	20
	10.15 p.m.	Road F.7.B.10.90 to F.8.A.30.30	20
	11.00 p.m.	Hedge F.7.B.60.35 to F.8.A.25.15	15
	11.40 p.m.	Hedge F.7.D.70.95 to House F.8.A.20.15	15
2nd.	11.15 p.m.)	Sweep Hedges F.1.C.35.35 to F.1.C.40.75	25
	12.30 a.m.)		25
	12.55 a.m.	Hedges F.1.C.95.00 to F.1.C.80.40	25
	1. 30 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.1.C.55.70 to F.1.C.60.95 and	30
	2. 20 a.m.)	F.1.C.80.95 to F.1.C.80.65	30
	3. 15 a.m.)	Search and sweep northern half F.7.A.	30
	4. 00 a.m.)		30
3rd.	6. 30 a.m.	Search Railway in F.8.C.	20
	7. 40 a.m.	Sweep road F.7.B.60.70 to F.8.A.30.30	20
	10.00 a.m.	" " F.8.D.45.60 to F.8.B.50.15	20
	12 noon	Sweep Copse F.14.B.30.82 to F.8.D.40.30	30
	2. 00 p.m.	Houses F.8.C.15.85 and vicinity	30
	4. 00 p.m.	Road F.7.B.10.90 to F.7.B.65.70	30
101st.	3. 00 p.m.	Hedge F.7.A.98.10 to F.7.B.10.85	20
	6. 00 p.m.	Houses F.8.A.00.40	20
	10.00 p.m.	Road F.7.B.10.85 to F.8.A.30.30	30
	11.20 p.m.	Road and trench F.8.A.60.70 to F.8.B.25.10	30
	4. 00 a.m.	House and vicinity F.1.D.30.50	20
	4. 45 a.m.	House F.1.D.80.05	20
	5.15 a.m.	Hedge F.8.C.35.90	20

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

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

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

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

Distribution. Normal.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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TASK NO. 75.

By Major J.C. SEIMES D.S.O. Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
4th July 1918.

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

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds	
<u>1st.</u>	11.00 p.m.)	Sweep road F.7.C.85.95 to F.7.B.05.90	30	
	12.15 a.m.)		30	
	1. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Hedge F.7.B.55.35 to F.7.B.60.70	20	
	1. 45 a.m.)		20	
	2. 15 a.m.)	Search Railway in F.7.A. and C.	30	
	3. 00 a.m.)	Search road F.1.D.05.40 to F.8.A.60.70	30	
	4. 00 a.m.)		30	
	<u>2nd.</u>	6. 15 a.m.)	Sweep area E.12.B.75.85 to E.12.B.70.50 and F.7.A.10.50. to F.7.A.12.95	30
		7. 30 a.m.)		30
		9. 00 a.m.)	Hedge F.1.C.30.50.35 to F.1.C.40.70	20
11.00 a.m.)		20		
2. 00 p.m.)		Search and sweep area around F.1.D.30.60	30	
2. 45 p.m.)			30	
<u>3rd.</u>	5. 00 p.m.)	Search road F.7.B.05.85 to F.8.A.30.30	30	
	6. 30 p.m.)		30	
	7. 20 p.m.)	Hedge F.7.D.70.92 to F.7.B.80.25	20	
	8. 30 p.m.)		20	
	9. 00 p.m.)	Search railway in F.7.D.	30	
	10.15 p.m.)	Road and trench F.8.A.60.65 to F.8.B.25.10	30	
	11.15 p.m.)		30	
	<u>101st.</u>	8. 30 p.m.)	Headquarters F.8.C.70.30	25
10.00 p.m.)		House F.7.A.90.10	25	
11.00 p.m.)		Sweep road F.7.B.98.70 to F.8.A.30.30	30	
4. 00 a.m.)		Vicinity of F.1.D.30.55	30	
5. 00 a.m.)		Road F.8.A.55.65 to F.8.B.25.05	30	
5. 15 a.m.)		Railway F.8.C.	30	

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

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

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

*M. J. Seimes*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Distribution. Normal.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 76.

By Major J.C. SEIMES. D?S.O. Temp'y. Commanding.

Headquarters.  
5th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 7th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds.
<u>1st.</u>	11.30 p.m.)		20
	12.15 a.m.)	Search road F.2.C.00.00 to F.8.B.00.30	20
	1. 30 a.m.)		20
	2. 00 a.m.	Area round F.1.D.30.60.	30
	3. 00 a.m.	Hedges F.7.B.55.35 to F.8.A.25.15	30
	3. 45 a.m.	Search and sweep southern half F.7.A.	30
	4. 30 a.m.	Houses and vicinity F.8.A.00.40.	20
<u>2nd.</u>	7. 00 a.m.)		25
	9. 00 a.m.)	Search area E.12.B.70.55 to F.7.A.10.50	25
	10.30 a.m.)	to F.7.A.10.95	25
	12 noon.	Search road F.1.C.30.80 to F.1.C.80.60	20
	2. 45 p.m.	Sweep Road F.1.C.80.60 to F.1.C.80.90	20
	4. 30 p.m.	Search Houses and vicinity F.1.C.35.35	30
	6. 00 p.m.	Sweep Road F.7.A.40.90 to F.1.C.45.30	30
<u>3rd.</u>	8. 00 p.m.)	Search road F.7.B.05.85 to F.7.B.65.65	20
	9. 15 p.m.)		20
	9. 45 p.m.	Search Road F.8.B.30.10 to F.9.A.15.50	20
	10.15 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.8.C.70.50 to F.8.D.45.45 to	30
	11.00 p.m.)	F.14.B.25.80	30
	11.30 p.m.	Search Railway in F.8.D	30
	12 mid'ni't	Sweep Copse vicinity F.8.D.45.90	20
<u>101st.</u>	3. 00 p.m.	Hedge F.7.A.98.10 to F.7.B.10.85	20
	5. 30 p.m.	Houses F.8.A.00.40	20
	9. 00 p.m.	Road F.7.B.10.85 to F.8.A.30.30.	20
	10.30 p.m.	Road and trench F.8.A.60.70 to F.8.B.25.10	30
	11.00 p.m.	do. do. do.	30
	4. 00 p.m.	House and vicinity of F.1.D.30.50	20
	4.45 p.m.	Hedge F.8.C.35.90.	30

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

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

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

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

Distribution. Normal.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 77.

By Major J.C. SEIMES. D.S.O. - Temp'y. Commanding.

Headquarters.  
6th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 8th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds.
<del>3rd.</del>	7. 30 a.m.	Search road F.7.B.05.85 to 65.65.	20
	8. 45 a.m.	Search Road F.7.B.65.65 to F.8.A.35.30	20
<u>1st.</u>	11.30 a.m.	Sweep Hedges F.7.B.65.85 to F.1.D.80.10	20
	2. 00 p.m.)	Sweep road F.1.C.80.65 to 80.965	20
	3. 45 p.m.)		20
	5. 00 p.m.	House and vicinity of F.1.C.95.65	20
	6. 15 p.m.)	Sweep line F.1.D.78.12 to F.8.A.00.50	20
	7. 00 p.m.)		20
<u>2nd.</u>	11.00 p.m.)		25
	11.45 p.m.)	Sweep hedges and road F.1.C.40.35 to	25
	12.30 a.m.)	F.1.C.42.70.	25
	1.15 a.m.	Sweep hedge F.7.A.10.50 to F.7.A.15.95	20
	2. 00 a.m.	Dugouts F.1.C.50.00 to F.1.C.52.20	20
	3. 00 a.m.)	Search and sweep road F.1.C.25.85 to	20
	3. 30 a.m.)	F.1.C.80.60.	20
	4. 15 a.m.	Vicinity of F.1.D.25.55.	20
<u>3rd.</u>	7. 30 p.m.)	Sweep area F.7.D.98.75 to F.8.C.35.95	25
	8. 45 p.m.)		25
	9. 20 p.m.)	Search road F.8.A.60.65 to F.8.B.25.10	25
	9. 45 p.m.)		30
	10.30 p.m.)	Sweep wire F.8.C.60.80 to F.8.A.95.30	20
	11.15 p.m.)		20
	11.40 p.m.	Search road F.7.B.65.70 to F.8.A.30.30	20
<u>101st.</u>	4. 30 p.m.	Dugouts F.8.C.60.80.	25
	6. 00 p.m.	Sweep road F.7.B.65.70 to F.8.A.35.30	20
	10.00 p.m.	Sweep area round F.1.D.25.55	20
	10.30 p.m.)	Sweep enemy wire F.8.C.60.80 to F.8.A.95.30	20
	11.20 p.m.)		20
	3.30 a.m.	Search Railway and Tramway F.7.D.	20
	4. 00 a.m.	Search Railway F.8.C.	20
	4. 40 a.m.	Dugouts F.1.C.50.00 to F.1.C.52.20.	20

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".  
4.5" How. "BX".

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

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

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

Distribution. N o r m a l .

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 78.

By Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O. Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters.  
7th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 9th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds.
<u>1st.</u>	11.00 p.m.	Search Road F.2.C.00.00 to F.8.B.00.30	20
	11.50 p.m.)	Area around F.1.D.30.60.	20
	12.30 a.m.)		20
	2. 00 a.m.	Hedges F.7.B.55.35 to F.8.A.25.15.	20
	3. 15 a.m.	Search Railway in F.7.D.	15
	4. 00 a.m.	House and vicinity of F.8.A.00.40	20
<u>2nd.</u>	8. 00 p.m.	Search area around F.1.D.30.60.	20
	8. 45 p.m.)		20
	9. 30 p.m.)	Search Southern half F.1.C.	30
	10.20 p.m.)		30
	11.15 p.m.)	House F.7.A.05.80 and vicinity.	20
	11.40 p.m.)		20
	12 m'night.	Road F.1.C.40.00 to F.1.C.45.30	30
<u>3rd.</u>	8. 00 a.m.	Search road F.7.B.05.85 to F.7.B.65.65	30
	10.30 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.B.30.10 to F.9.A.15.50	30
	12 noon. )		30
	2. 30 p.m.	Sweep Area F.8.D.60.85 to F.8.B.75.22	20
	4. 00 p.m.	Search railway in F.8.D.	20
	6. 30 p.m.)	Search road F.8.A.60.65 to F.8.B.25.10	30
	8. 00 p.m.)		30
<u>101st.</u>	6. 00 p.m.	Houses in F.8.A.40.30.	20
	10.00 p.m.	Railway in F.8.C.	20
	11.30 p.m.	Tramway F.7.C.60.90.	30
	4. 00 a.m.	House F.1.D.25.50.	20
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.80.10 to F.8.A.55.65.	30
	5. 15 a.m.	Search Road F.8.A.55.65 to F.8.B.25.10.	30
	5. 45 a.m.	Sweep road F.7.D.90.60 to F.8.A.30.30.	20

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

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

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

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

Distribution. N o r m a l .

12  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 79.

By Major J.C. SEIMES. D.S.O. - Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters.  
8th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 10th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	rds. No of
<u>1st.</u>	7. 00 p.m.)		20
	8. 20 p.m.)	Search road F.2.C.00.00 to F.8.B.00.30	20
	9. 00 p.m.)		20
	9. 45 p.m.)	Area around F.1.D.30.60	30
	10.30 p.m.)	Hedges F.7.B.55.35 to F.8.A.25.15	30
	11.00 p.m.)	Search and sweep Southern half F.7.A.	30
	11.45 p.m.)	Houses and vicinity F.8.A.00.40	20
<u>2nd.</u>	7. 00 a.m.)		25
	9. 00 a.m.)	Search Area E.12.B.70.55 to F.7.A.10.50	25
	10.30 a.m.)	to F.7.A.10.95	25
	12 noon.	Search Road F.1.C.30.80 to F.1.C.80.60	20
	2. 45 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.1.C.80.60 to F.1.C.80.90	20
	4. 30 p.m.)	Search Houses and vicinity F.1.C.35.35	30
	6. 00 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.7.A.40.90 to F.1.C.45.30	30
<u>3rd.</u>	12.30 a.m.)	Search Road F.7.B.05.85 to F.7.B.65.65	20
	1. 10 a.m.)		20
	1. 45 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.B.30.10 to F.9.A.15.50	20
	2. 20 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.8.C.70.50 to F.8.D.45.45	30
	2. 50 a.m.)	to F.14.B.25.80	30
	3. 15 a.m.)	Search Railway in F.8.D.	30
	4. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Copse vicinity F.8.D.45.90	20
<u>101st.</u>	3. 00 p.m.)	Hedge F.7.A.98.10 to F.7.B.10.85	20
	5. 30 p.m.)	Houses F.8.A.00.40	20
	9. 00 p.m.)	Road F.7.B.10.85 to F.8.A.30.30	20
	10.30 p.m.)	Road and trench F.8.A.60.70 to F.8.B.25.10	30
	11.00 p.m.)		30
	4. 00 p.m.)	Houses and vicinity of F.1.D.30.50	20
4. 45 p.m.)	Hedge F.8.C.35.90	30	

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

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

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

*M. J. H. M. M.*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Distribution. Normal.

## FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

TASK NO. 80.

By Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
9th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 11th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds.
<u>1st.</u>	7. 45 a.m.	Search Road F.7.B.05.85 to 65.65	20
	9. 00 a.m.	Search Road F.7.B.65.65 to F.8.A.35.30	20
	11.45 a.m.	Sweep Hedges F.7.B.65.85 to F.1.D.80.10	20
	2. 15 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.1.C.80.65 to 80.95	20
	4. 00 p.m.)		20
	5. 15 p.m.	House and vicinity of F.1.C.95.65	20
	6. 30 p.m.)	Sweep Line F.1.D.78.12 to F.8.A.00.50	20
	7. 15 p.m.)		20
<u>2nd.</u>	11.15 p.m.)		25
	12 m'night)	Sweep Hedges and road F.1.C.40.35	25
	12.45 a.m.)	to F.1.C.42.70	25
	1. 30 a.m.	Sweep Hedge F.7.A.10.50 to F.7.A.15.95	20
	2. 15 a.m.	Dugouts F.1.C.50.00 to F.1.C.52.20	20
	3. 15 a.m.)	Search and sweep road F.1.C.25.85	20
	3. 45 a.m.)	to F.1.C.80.60	20
	4. 30 a.m.	Vicinity of F.1.D.25.55	20
<u>3rd.</u>	7. 45 p.m.)	Sweep area F.7.D.98.75 to F.8.C.35.95	25
	9. 00 p.m.)		25
	9. 35 p.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.65 to F.8.B.25.10	25
	10.00 p.m.)		30
	10.45 p.m.)	Sweep Wire F.8.C.60.80 to F.8.A.95.30	20
	11.30 p.m.)		20
	11.55 p.m.	Search Road F.7.B.65.70 to F.8.A.30.30	20
<u>101st.</u>	4. 45 p.m.	Dugouts F.8.C.60.80	25
	6. 15 p.m.	Sweep Road F.7.B.65.70 to F.8.A.35.30	20
	10.15 p.m.	Sweep Area round F.1.D.25.55	20
	10.45 p.m.)	Sweep enemy wire F.8.C.60.80 to	20
	11.35 p.m.)	F.8.A.95.30	20
	3. 45 a.m.	Search Railway and Tramway F.7.D.	20
	4. 15 a.m.	Search Railway F.8.C.	20
4. 45 a.m.	Dugouts F.1.C.50.00 to F.1.C.52.20	20	

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

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

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

*M. J. Selmes*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Distribution. N o r m a l .

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 81.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
10th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 12th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	rds. No of
<u>1st.</u>	1. 00 a.m.	Sweep Hedge F.8.A.40.82 to F.2.A.45.05	25
	1. 40 a.m.	Sweep Road F.1.C.95.50 to F.1.D.30.78	25
	2. 30 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.40 to F.1.D.80.13	25
	3. 45 a.m.)		25
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.8.A.00.50 to F.8.A.32.30	25
	5. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Track in Northern Half of F.7.A.	25
	5. 30 a.m.)		25
<u>2nd.</u>	8. 00 p.m.)	Hedge and Road F.7.A.40.95 to F.1.C.45.30	25
	9. 45 p.m.)		25
	10.00 p.m.)	Sweep Hedge F.7.A.10.50 to F.7.A.10.95	25
	10.30 p.m.)		25
	11.20 p.m.	Search from F.7.A.15.60 to F.7.A.78.00	25
	11.45 p.m.)	Hedge and Road F.7.A.40.95 to F.1.C.45.30	25
	12.20 a.m.)		25
<u>3rd.</u>	6. 00 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.05.40 to F.1.D.75.15	30
	6. 40 a.m.)	Sweep vicinity of F.1.D.25.50	20
	7. 15 a.m.)		20
	7. 45 p.m.)	Search Railway Line F.7.A.	25
	10.30 a.m.	Search Railway Line F.7.C.	25
	2. 30 p.m.	House and vicinity F.8.A.40.30	25
	4. 00 p.m.	Search Road F.8.A.58.65 to F.8.B.25.10	25
<u>101st.</u>	6. 00 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.05.40 to F.1.D.75.15	30
	7. 00 a.m.	House F.1.D.25.50	20
	10.30 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.C. and D.	30
	11.45 p.m.)		30
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.80.10 to F.8.A.60.65	20
	5. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.A.20.00 to F.8.A.60.65	20
	5. 40 a.m.)		20

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

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

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

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

Distribution. N o r m a l .

12  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

## TASK NO. 82.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
11th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 13th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds
<u>1st.</u>	7. 00 p.m.)	House F.l.C.95.65	25
	8. 00 p.m.)	House F.l.D.25.55	25
	8. 40 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.B.05.85 to F.l.D.05.35	30
	9. 30 p.m.)	to F.7.B.60.70 to F.l.D.80.10	30
	10.15 p.m.)		30
	11.00 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.A. and C.	20
	11.45 p.m.)		20
<u>2nd.</u>	6. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.l.D.00.50 to F.l.D.30.75	30
	6. 45 a.m.)		30
	7. 30 a.m.)	Search Road F.l.D.00.40 to F.l.D.80.10	25
	10.00 a.m.)	Sweep Hedges F.7.B.20.90 to F.l.D.25.30	25
	2. 00 p.m.)		25
	4. 00 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.l.C.82.35 to F.7.B.05.85	25
	5. 00 p.m.)		25
<u>3rd.</u>	12.15 a.m.)	Sweep F.8.C. North of Railway Line.	25
	1. 00 a.m.)		25
	2. 15 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.8.D.10.15 to F.8.D.45.55	20
	2. 45 a.m.)		20
	3. 20 a.m.)	Sweep along METEREN BECQUE from	25
	4. 00 a.m.)	F.8.C.65.62 to F.8.B.00.30	25
	4. 45 a.m.)	Tracks and Hedges Northern Half of F.7.B.	20
	5. 30 a.m.)		20
<u>101st.</u>	6. 15 a.m.)	Search along Railway in F.8.C.	30
	7. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.C.78.60 to F.8.B.25.10	20
	10.00 p.m.)	Buildings F.8.B.70.20	20
	11.00 p.m.)	Search Road F.l.D.35.30 to F.l.D.80.10	30
	11.45 p.m.)		30
	4. 45 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.C.00.75 to F.8.A.30.30	20
	5. 30 a.m.)		20

3. AMMUNITION :- 18-pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "X".  
4.5" Hows. "BX".

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

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

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

Distribution. N o r m a l .



FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 83.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
12th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 14th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds
<u>1st.</u>	6. 00 a.m.)	House F.1.D.60.20	20
	7. 30 a.m.)		20
	10.45 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.40 to F.1.D.80.15	25
	3. 00 p.m.)	Search Road F.7.B.05.88 to F.7.B.65.65	25
	4. 30 p.m.)		25
	5. 00 p.m.)	Sweep Hedges F.1.D.55.22 to F.1.D.65.65	20
	6. 00 p.m.)	and house and vicinity F.1.D.25.55	20
	7. 15 p.m.)		20
<u>2nd.</u>	12.15 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.1.D.00.55 to F.1.D.55.20	30
	1. 00 a.m.)	to F.1.D.40.75	30
	1. 45 a.m.)		30
	2. 30 a.m.)	Search and sweep Area F.7.B.30.85 to	20
	3. 00 a.m.)	F.7.B.60.70 to F.1.D.80.10 to F.1.D.35.25	20
	3. 40 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.7.C.85.95 to F.7.B.05.90	20
	4. 15 a.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.A.	20
	5. 00 a.m.)		20
<u>3rd.</u>	7. 45 p.m.)	Sweep Northern Half of F.8.A.	20
	8. 20 p.m.)		20
	9. 00 p.m.)		20
	10.15 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	30
	10.45 p.m.)		30
	11.30 p.m.)	Vicinity of F.8.C.55.45	20
	12.15 a.m.)	Road F.8.A.00.50 to F.8.A.35.30	30
<u>101st.</u>	6. 00 a.m.)	House F.1.D.60.20	20
	6. 45 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.65 to F.8.B.25.10	20
	10.30 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.7.C.85.95 to F.7.B.05.90	30
	11.00 p.m.)		30
	11.30 p.m.)	Railway Line in F.7.C.	30
	5. 00 a.m.)	Road F.7.C.00.70 to F.8.A.32.30	20
	5. 45 a.m.)		20

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

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

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

*J. C. Selmes*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Distribution. N o r m a l .

12  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 84.

By Major J. C. SELMES D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
13th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 15th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds
<u>1st.</u>	8. 00 p.m.	Sweep Hedge F.8.A.40.82 to F.2.A.45.05	25
	9. 45 p.m.	Sweep Road F.1.C.95.50 to F.1.D.30.78	25
	10.00 p.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.40 to F.1.D.80.13	25
	10.30 p.m.)		25
	11.20 p.m.	Search Road F.8.A.00.50 to F.8.A.32.30	25
	11.45 p.m.)	Sweep Tracks in Northern Half of F.7.A.	25
	12.20 a.m.)		25
<u>2nd.</u>	6. 00 a.m.)	Hedge and Road F.7.A.40.95 to F.1.C.45.30	25
	6. 40 a.m.)		25
	7. 15 a.m.)	Sweep Hedge F.7.A.10.50 to F.7.A.10.95	25
	7. 45 a.m.)		25
	10.30 a.m.	Search from F.7.A.15.60 to F.7.A.78.00	25
	2. 30 p.m.)	Hedge and Road F.7.A.40.95 to F.1.C.45.30	25
4. 00 p.m.)		25	
<u>3rd.</u>	1. 00 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.05.40 to F.1.D.75.15	30
	1. 40 a.m.)	Sweep vicinity of F.1.D.25.50.	20
	2. 30 a.m.)		20
	3. 45 a.m.	Search Railway Line F.7AA.	25
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Railway Line F.7.C.	25
	5. 00 a.m.	House and vicinity F.8.A.40.30.	25
	5. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.8.A.58.65 to F.8.B.25.10	25
<u>101st.</u>	6. 00 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.05.40 to F.1.D.75.15	30
	7. 00 a.m.	House F.1.D.25.50.	20
	10.30 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.C and D.	30
	11.45 p.m.)		30
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.80.10 to F.8.A.60.65	20
	5. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.A.20.00 to F.8.A.60.65	20
	5. 40 a.m.)		20

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

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

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

*J. Selmes*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Distribution. Normal.

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## FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX 2

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## TASK NO. 85.

By Major J. C. SEIMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
14th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 16th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rd
<u>1st.</u>	1. 00 a.m.)	House F.1.D.60.20	20
	1. 40 a.m.)		20
	2. 30 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.40 to F.1.D.80.15	25
	3. 15 a.m.)	Search Road F.7.B.05.88 to F.7.B.65.65	25
	4. 00 a.m.)		25
	4. 30 a.m.)	Sweep Hedges F.1.D.55.22 to F.1.D.65.65	20
	5. 10 a.m.)	and house and vicinity F.1.D.25.55	20
	5. 50 a.m.)		20
<u>2nd.</u>	7. 45 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.1.D.00.55 to F.1.D.55.20 to	30
	8. 30 p.m.)	F.1.D.40.75.	30
	9. 50 p.m.)		30
	10.30 p.m.)	Search and sweep Area F.7.B.30.85 to	20
	11.15 p.m.)	F.7.B.60.70 to F.1.D.80.10 to F.1.D.35.25	20
	11.45 p.m.)		20
	12.15 a.m.)		20
	12.45 a.m.)		20
<u>3rd.</u>	6. 15 a.m.)	Sweep Northern Half of F.8.A.	20
	7. 00 a.m.)		20
	11.00 a.m.)		20
	2. 00 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	30
	3. 30 p.m.)		30
	5. 00 p.m.)	Vicinity of F.8.C.55.45	20
	7. 00 p.m.)	Road F.8.A.00.50 to F.8.A.35.30	30
<u>101st.</u>	6. 45 a.m.)	House F.1.D.60.20	20
	8. 00 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.65 to F.8.B.25.10	20
	10.30 p.m.)		30
	11.15 p.m.)		30
	4. 00 a.m.)	Railway Line in F.7.C.	30
	4. 30 a.m.)	Road F.8.C.00.70 to F.8.A.32.30	20
5. 45 a.m.)		20	

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

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

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

*W. J. Seimes*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Distribution. N o r m a l .

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 86.By Major J. C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.Headquarters.  
15th July 1918.

1.. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 17th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds
<u>1st.</u>	6. 30 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.80.15 to F.8.A. 55.65	30
	7. 15 a.m.)		30
	11.00 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.B.05.90 to F.7.B.30.85 to	20
	2. 00 p.m.)	F.1.D.35.25 to F.1.D.05.35	20
	3. 45 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.A.30.30 to F.8.A.55.65	20
	5. 00 p.m.)	Sweep Area round F.8.A.45.85	20
	6. 30 p.m.)	Search and sweep vicinity F.1.D.25.55	20
7. 30 p.m.)		20	
<u>2nd.</u>	1. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Area Round F.1.D.25.55	30
	1. 45 a.m.)		30
	2. 30 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.1.D.00.50 to F.1.D.35.75	30
	3. 00 a.m.)		30
	3. 40 a.m.)	Sweep area F.7.B.05.90 to F.7.B.30.85 to	20
	4. 15 a.m.)	F.1.D.35.25 to F.1.D.05.35	20
5. 00 a.m.)		20	
<u>3rd.</u>	8. 00 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.8.C.	20
	8. 45 p.m.)		20
	9. 30 p.m.)	House and vicinity F.8.A.40.30	20
	10.15 p.m.)	Sweep F.8.D.50.50 to F.8.D.30.00	30
	10.50 p.m.)		30
	11.30 p.m.)		30
12.15 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.40 to F.1.D.80.15	30	
<u>101st.</u>	10.30 p.m.)	Sweep F.8.D.50.50 to F.8.D.30.00	20
	11.40 p.m.)		20
	3. 00 a.m.)	Railway in F.7.D. and F.8.C.	30
	3. 40 a.m.)		30
	4. 30 a.m.)		30
	5. 15 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.A.25.15 to F.8.A.60.65	20
6. 00 a.m.)		20	

2nd Battery will also do observed shoot on 16th July on M.G. at  
F.1.C.40.30

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

4.5" Hows. "BX".

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

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

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

Distribution. N o r m a l .

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 87.By Major J. C. SEIMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.Headquarters.  
16th July 1918.

1. Harassing Fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No of rds
<u>1st.</u>	8. 00 p.m.	Sweep Hedge F.8.A.40.82 to F.2.A.45.05	25
	9. 45 p.m.	Sweep Road F.1.C.95.50 to F.1.D.30.78	25
	10.00 p.m.)	Search road F.1.D.00.40 to F.1.D.80.13	25
	10.30 p.m.)		25
	11.20 p.m.	Search Road F.8.A.00.50 to F.8.A.32.30	25
	11.45 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	25
	12.20 p.m.)		25
<u>2nd.</u>	6. 00 a.m.)	Sweep vicinity F.1.D.25.55	25
	6. 40 a.m.)		25
	7. 15 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.50 to F.1.D.35.80	25
	7. 45 a.m.)		25
	10.30 a.m.)	House F.1.D.60.20.	25
	2. 30 p.m.)	Vicinity of House F.1.C.95.65	25
	4. 00 p.m.)		25
<u>3rd.</u>	1. 00 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.05.40 to F.1.D.75.15	30
	1. 40 a.m.)	Sweep vicinity F.1.D.25.50	20
	2. 30 a.m.)		20
	3. 45 a.m.	Search Railway Line in F.7.A.	25
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Railway Line in F.7.C.	25
	5. 00 a.m.	House and vicinity F.8.A.40.30	25
	5. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.8.A.58.65 to F.8.B.25.10	25
<u>101st.</u>	6. 00 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.05.40 to F.1.D.75.15	30
	7. 00 a.m.	House F.1.D.25.50	20
	10.30 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.C. and D.	30
	11.45 p.m.)		30
	4. 30 a.m.	Search Road F.1.D.80.10 to F.8.A.60.65	20
	5. 00 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.A.20.00 to F.8.A.60.65	20
	5. 40 a.m.)		20

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution. Normal.

## FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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TASK NO. 88.

By Major J. C. SELMES D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.

Headquarters.  
17th July 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19th July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE.

Battery.	Time.	Target .	No of rds.
<u>1st.</u>	1. 00 a.m.)	House F.l.D.60.20	20
	1. 40 a.m.)		20
	2. 30 a.m.)	Search Road F.l.D.00.40 to F.l.D.80.15	25
	3. 15 a.m.)	Search Road F.7.B.05.88 to F.7.B.65.65	25
	4. 00 a.m.)		25
	4. 30 a.m.)	Sweep Hedges F.l.D.55.22 to F.l.D.65.65	20
	5. 10 a.m.)	and house and vicinity F.l.D.25.55	20
	5. 50 a.m.)		20
<u>2nd.</u>	7. 45 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.l.D.00.55 to F.l.D.55.20	30
	8. 30 p.m.)	to F.l.D.40.75	30
	9. 50 p.m.)		30
	10.30 p.m.)	Search and sweep Area F.7.B.30.85 to	20
	11.15 p.m.)	F.7.B.60.70 to F.l.D.80.10 to F.l.D.35.25	20
	11.45 p.m.)		20
	12.15 a.m.)		20
	12.45 a.m.)		20
<u>3rd.</u>	6. 15 a.m.)	Sweep Northern Half of F.8.A.	20
	7. 00 a.m.)		20
	11.00 a.m.)		20
	2. 00 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	30
	3. 30 p.m.)		30
	5. 00 p.m.)	Vicinity of F.8.C.55.45	20
	7. 00 p.m.)	Road F.8.A.00.50 to F.8.A.35.30	30
<u>101st.</u>	6. 45 a.m.)	House F.l.D.60.20	20
	8. 00 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.65 to F.8.B.25.10	20
	10.30 p.m.)		30
	11.15 p.m.)		30
	4. 00 a.m.)	Railway Line in F.7.C.	30
	4. 30 a.m.)	Road F.8.C.00.70 to F.8.A.32.30	20
5. 45 a.m.)		20	

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

• 4.5" Hows. "BX".

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution. N O R M A L .

1st FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 89

By Major J. C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Temp'y. Commanding.

Headquarters,  
18th. July, 1918.

1. Harrassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 20th. July 1918 in accordance with Task Table below.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery	Time	T A R G E T	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	6.30 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.80.15 to F.8.A.55.65	30
	7.15 a.m.)		30
	11.00 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.B.05.90 to F.7.B.30.85 to	20
	2.00 p.m.)	F.1.D.35.25 to F.1.D.05.35	20
	3.45 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.A.30.30 to F.8.A.55.65	20
	5.00 p.m.)	Sweep Area round F.8.A.45.85	20
	6.30 p.m.)		20
	7.30 p.m.)	Search and sweep vicinity F.1.D.25.55	20
<u>2nd.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Sweep Area round F.1.D.25.55	30
	1.45 a.m.)		30
	2.30 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.1.D.00.50 to F.1.D.35.75	30
	3.00 a.m.)		30
	3.40 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.B.05.90 to F.7.B.30.85 to	20
	4.15 a.m.)	F.1.D.35.25. to F.1.D.05.35	20
	5.00 a.m.)		20
<u>3rd.</u>	8.00 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.8.C.	20
	8.45 p.m.)		20
	9.30 p.m.)	House and vicinity F.8.A.40.30	20
	10.15 p.m.)		30
	10.50 p.m.)	Sweep F.8.D.50.50 to F.8.D.30.00	30
	<del>12.15 a.m.)</del>		30
	11.30 p.m.)		
	12.15 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.40. to F.1.D.80.15	30
<u>101st.</u>	10.30 p.m.)	Sweep F.8.D.50.50 to F.8.D.30.00	20
	11.40 p.m.)		20
	3.00 a.m.)	Railway in F.7.D. and F.8.C.	30
	3.40 a.m.)		30
	4.30 a.m.)		30
	5.15 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.A.25.15 to F.8.A.60.65	20
	6.00 a.m.)		20

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

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

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

*R. Ashmore*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st. Aust. F.A. Brigade.

Distribution - Normal

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 90.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
19th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	8.30 p.m.	Sweep Hedge F.8.A.40.82. to F.2.A.45.05.	25.
	9.00 "	Sweep Road F.1.C.95.50. to F.1.D.30.78.	25.
	10.00 " )		25.
	10.40 " )	Search Road F.1.D.00.40. to F.1.D.80.13.	25.
	11.20 " )	Search Road F.8.A.00.50. to F.8.A.32.30.	25.
	11.50 " )		25.
	12.30 a.m.)	Search Railway Line F.7.D.	25.
<u>2nd.</u>	7.00 a.m.)		25.
	10.00 " )	Sweep vicinity F.1.D.25.55.	25.
	2.00 p.m.)		25.
	3.30 " )	Search Road F.1.D.00.50. to F.1.D.35.80.	25.
	5.45 " )	House F.1.D.60.20.	25.
	6.30. " )		25.
	7.00 " )	Vicinity of House F.1.C.95.65.	25.
<u>3rd.</u>	1.00 a.m.)		30.
	1.40 " )	Bridge at F.8.B.02.30.	20.
	2.30 " )	Search Road F.1.D.05.40. to F.1.D.75.15.	20.
	3.15 " )	Search Railway Line in F.7.C.	25.
	3.50 " )	House and vicinity of F.8.A.40.30.	25.
	4.20 " )		25.
	5.00 " )	Bridge at F.8.C.55.45.	25.
<u>101st.</u>	10.45 p.m.	Search Road F.1.D.05.40. to F.1.D.75.15.	30.
	11.30 "	Bridge at F.8.B.02.30.	20.
	1.00 a.m.	do.	30.
	3.00 "	do.	30.
	4.00 "	Search Road F.1.D.80.10. to F.8.A.60.65.	20.
	5.00 " )		20.
	5.45 " )	Bridge at F.8.C.55.45.	20.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution :- Normal



FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 91.

By Major J. G. SELMES? D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
20th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	House F.1.D.50.20.	20.	
	1.40 " )			
	2.30 " )	Search Road F.1.D.00.40. to F.1.D.80.15.	25.	
	3.15 " )			
	4.00 " )	Search Road F.7.B.05.88. to F.7.B.65.65.	25.	
	4.30 " )			
	5.10 " )	Sweep Hedges F.1.D.55.22. to F.1.D.65.65.	20.	
	5.50 " )			
	<u>2nd.</u>	7.45 p.m.)	Sweep Area F.1.D.00.55. to F.1.D.55.20. to F.1.D.40.75.	30.
		8.30 " )		
9.50 " )				
10.30 " )		Search and Sweep Area F.7.B.30.85. to F.7.B.60.70. to F.1.D.80.10. to F.1.D.35.25.	20.	
11.15 " )				
11.45 " )		20.		
12.15 a.m.)				
12.45 " )				
<u>3rd.</u>		6.15 a.m.)	Sweep Northern half of F.8.A.	20.
		7.00 " )		
	11.00 " )			
	2.00 p.m.)	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	30.	
	3.30 " )			
	5.00 " )	Vicinity of F.8.C.55.45.	20.	
	7.00 " )			
	<u>101st.</u>	6.45 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.B.02.30.	20.
		8.00 " )		
		10.30 p.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.25.10.	30.
11.15 " )				
4.00 a.m.)		Hedges F.14.B.30.85. to F.8.D.40.30.	30.	
4.30 " )				
5.45 " )		Hedges F.14.A.50.40. to F.14.A.45.55.	20.	

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. M. Thomson*

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

Distribution :- Normal.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 92.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
21st. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

<u>1st.</u>	6.45 a.m.)	Search Doad F.1.D.00.35. to F.8.A.60.65.	30.
	7.30 " )		30.
	10.00 " )	Search Road F.7.B.10.90. to F.8.A.35.30.	20.
	2.00 p.m.)		20.
	4.00 " )	House F.1.D.60.22.	20.
	5.30 " )	House and vicinity F.1.D.25.55.	20.
	7.15 " )	Search Track from F.1.D.25.55. to F.1.D.65.65.	30.
<u>2nd.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.1.D.00.35. to F.1.D.80.15.	30.
	2.00 " )		20.
	2.45 " )	Sweep Area F.1. D.35.75. to F.1.D.65.65. and	20.
	3.20 " )	F.1.D.55.20. to F.1.D.00.50.	20.
	3.50 " )		20.
	4.30 " )	Sweep Road F.7.B.10.90. to F.1.D.00.40.	30.
	5.30 " )	Vicinity of House F.1.C.95.65.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	8.00 p.m.)	Railway Line in F.7.C.and D.	20.
	9.00 " )		20.
	9.40 " )	Bridge F.8.C.45.12.	30.
	10.30 " )		30.
	11.10 " )	Bridge F.8.C.55.45.	30.
	11.45 " )		30.
	12.30 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.70. to F.8.B.25.10.	30.
<u>401st.</u>	10.00 p.m.)	Bridge at F.8.C.45.12.	20.
	11.00 " )		20.
	12.30 a.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.70. to F.8.B.25.10	20.
	4.00 " )		30.
	4.30 " )	Bridge at F.8.C.55.45.	30.
	5.30 " )		30.
	6.00 " )	Railway line in F.7.D.	30.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Selmes*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

Distribution :- Normal.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 93.

By Major J. C. SEIMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
23rd. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	8.30 p.m.)	Selected Targets in F.7.B. Particular attention to Roads, Tracks, and Hedges.	20.
	9.00 " )		20.
	9.40 " )		20.
	10.15 " )		30.
	11.00 " )		30.
	12. m/night)		30.
	12.30 a.m.)		30.
<u>2nd.</u>	2.00 p.m.)	Sweep and Search Roads and Bridges in F.8.B.  Search Railway Line in F.8.C. and D. and Bridge at F.8.C.60.35.	20.
	4.00 " )		20.
	5.15 " )		20.
	6.00 " )		20.
	6.45 " )		20.
	7.30 " )		20.
	8.15 " )		20.
<u>3rd.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Roads and Bridges in F.8.B. and C.    Roads and Tracks in F.8.A.	30.
	1.40 " )		30.
	2.15 " )		30.
	2.45 " )		30.
	3.30 " )		20.
	4.10 " )		20.
	5.15 " )		20.
<u>101st.</u>	10.00 p.m.)	Bridge at F.8.C.60.40.  Bridge at F.8.B.00.35.  Railway line in F.8.C. and D.  OUTTERSTEENE.	20.
	11.45 " )		20.
	11.30 " )		30.
	3.45 a.m.)		30.
	4.30 " )		20.
	5.00 " )		20.
	5.45 " )		30.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDG E.

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

Distribution :- Normal.

12 FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 94.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S.O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
23rd. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.7.D.95.70. to F.8.A.60.65.	30.	
	1.45 " )		30.	
	2.30 " )	Search Railway line in F.7.D.	30.	
	3.20 " )		30.	
	3.50 " )	Sweep Hedges F.7.D.75.95. to F.7.B.65.65.	20.	
	4.30 " )		20.	
	5.15 " )	Sweep Hedge F.7.B.60.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	20.	
	<u>2nd.</u>	9.00 p.m.)	Search Railway in F.9.C.	20.
		9.45 " )		20.
		10.30 " )	Sweep Road F.9.C.45.15. to F.9.C.30.65.	30.
11.00 " )		House F.15.A.65.70.	30.	
11.40 " )		Sweep Hedge F.9.C.15.05. to F.8.D.95.45.	30.	
12.15 a.m.)			20.	
12.45 " )		Sweep Road F.9.C.30.70. to F.9.A.15.45.	20.	
<u>3rd.</u>	6.30 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.C.60.40.	30.	
	7.15 " )		30.	
	3.00 p.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.25.10.	20.	
	4.30 " )		20.	
	6.00 " )	Bridge at F.8.B.00.35.	20.	
	7.30 " )		20.	
	8.30 " )	Sweep Hedge F.7.B.60.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	20.	
	<u>101st.</u>	10.30 p.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.00.50. to F.8.A.35.30.	20.
11.30 " )		20.		
3.00 a.m.)		Bridge F.8.C.60.40.	30.	
3.45 " )			30.	
4.30 " )		Sweep Road F.8.C.75.60. to F.8.B.30.10.	30.	
5.15 " )			20.	
5.50 " )		Railway in F.7.D.	20.	

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution :- Normal.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 95.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
24th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	6.30 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.B.65.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	30.
	7.30 " )	to F.1.D.40.25. to F.7.B.30.85.	30.
	11.00 " )	Search Road F.7.B.10.85. to F.8.A.00.50.	20.
	2.45 p.m.)		20.
	4.30 " )	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	20.
	6.30 " )		20.
	8.30 " )	House F.1.D.25.55.	30.
<u>2nd.</u>	1.00 a.m.	Cross Roads F.9.C.45.15.	30.
	2.15 " )	Search Railway in F.8.D.	30.
	2.45 " )		30.
	3.30 " )	Sweep Line F.9.C.25.95. to F.9.A.40.60.	30.
	4.00 " )	Sweep Hedge F.15.A.85.80. to F.9.C.75.25.	20.
	4.40 " )		20.
	5.45 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	20.
<u>3rd.</u>	8.45 p.m.)	Bridge at F.8.B.05.35.	20.
	9.30 " )		20.
	10.15 " )	Sweep Area F.8.A.80.00. to F.8.B.25.10. to	30.
	11.00 " )	F.8.B.05.35.	30.
	11.40 " )	Vicinity of F.8.A.00.45.	20.
	12 m/night)		30.
	12.30 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	30.
<u>101st.</u>	9.00 p.m.	Vicinity of F.1.D.60.22.	20.
	10.00 " )	Bridge at F.8.C.60.35.	20.
	11.15 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	30.
	4.00 a.m.	Road Junction F.8.B.30.15.	30.
	4.30 " )	Railway Line in F.8.C.	30.
	5.15 " )		20.
	6.00 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	20.

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

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

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

*W. Johnson* Captain.  
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

12 FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 96.

By Major J. G. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
25th, July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	9.00 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.7.D.95.70. to F.8.A.60.65.	30.	
	9.45 " )		30.	
	10.30 " )	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	30.	
	11.00 " )		30.	
	11.40 " )	Sweep Hedges F.7.D.75.95. to F.7.B.65.65.	20.	
	12.15 a.m.)		20.	
	12.45 " )	Sweep Hedge F.7.B.60.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	20.	
	<u>2nd.</u>	6.45 a.m.)	Search Railway in F.9.C.	20.
		7.45 " )		20.
		11.00 " )	Sweep Road F.9.C.45.15. to F.9.C.30.65.	30.
2.45 p.m.)		House F.15.A.65.70.	30.	
4.30 " )		Sweep Hedge F.9.C.15.05. to F.8.D.95.45.	30.	
6.30 " )			20.	
8.30 " )		Sweep Road F.9.C.30.70. to F.9.A.15.45.	20.	
<u>3rd.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.C.60.40.	30.	
	1.45 " )		30.	
	2.30 " )	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.25.10.	20.	
	3.20 " )		20.	
	3.50 " )	Bridge at F.8.B.00.35.	20.	
	4.30 " )		20.	
	6.15 " )	Sweep Hedge F.7.B.60.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	20.	
<u>101st.</u>	10.30 p.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.00.50. to F.8.A.35.30.	20.	
	11.30 " )		20.	
	3.00 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.C.60.40.	30.	
	3.45 " )		30.	
	4.30 " )	Sweep Road F.8.C.75.60. to F.8.B.30.10.	30.	
	5.15 " )		20.	
	5.50 " )	Railway in F.7.D.	20.	

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution :- Normal.

APPENDIX  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

12

TASK NO. 97.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
26th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Search Road F.1.D.00.40. to F.1.D.80.15.	30.
	1.45 " )		30.
	2.20 " )	Search Railway in F.7.D.	30.
	2.50 " )		30.
	3.30 " )	Search Road F.8.A.00.45. to F.8.A.35.30.	20.
	4.00 " )		30.
4.40 " )	House F.1.D.25.55. and vicinity.	30.	
<u>2nd.</u>	9.00 p.m.)	Search Railway in F.9.C.	20.
	9.30 " )		20.
	10.15 " )	Sweep Road F.14.B.28.80. to F.8.D.45.55.	30.
	10.50 " )		30.
	11.30 " )	Cross Roads F.9.C.45.15.	30.
	12 M/night	Bridge F.8.A.95.15.	20.
12.40 a.m.	Search Road F.8.B.00.30. to F.8.B.30.15.	30.	
<u>3rd.</u>	6.15 a.m.	Bridge F.8.A.95.15.	20.
	7.00 " )	Search Railway Line in F.8.C.	20.
	11.00 " )		20.
	2.00 p.m.	Bridge at F.8.C.55.50.	30.
	3.45 " )	Road Junction F.8.B.30.15.	30.
	5.00 " )		20.
6.45 " )	Hedges F.7.B.65.70. to F.1.D. <del>80.10</del> 80.10.	20.	
<u>101st.</u>	7.30 p.m.	Railway Crossing F.8.D.45.60.	20.
	10.00 " )	Area F.8.A.80.00. to F.8.B.25.10.	30.
	10.45 " )		30.
	11.50 " )	Bridge at F.8.C.55.50.	30.
	12.30 a.m.	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.25.10.	20.
	1.15 " )	Sweep Road F.8.D.50.60. to F.8.B.50.18.	20.
	2.00 " )		30.

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

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

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

*R. Richardson*  
Captain.  
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

Distribution :- Normal.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 98.By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.Headquarters,  
27th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target..	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	6.30 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.7.B.65.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	30.
	7.30 " )	to F.1.D.40.25. to F.7.B.30.85.	30.
	11.00 " )	Search Road F.7.B.10.85. to F.8.A.00.50.	20.
	2.45 p.m.)		20.
	4.30 " )	Search Railway Line in F.7.D.	20.
	6.30 " )		20.
	8.30 " )	House F.1.D.25.55.	30.
<u>2nd.</u>	1.00 a.m.	Cross Roads F.9.C.45.15.	30.
	2.15 " )	Search Railway in F.8.D.	30.
	2.45 " )		30.
	3.30 " )	Sweep Line F.9.C.25.95. to F.9.A.40.60.	30.
	4.00 " )	Sweep Hedge F.15.A.85.80. to F.9.C.75.25.	20.
	4.40 " )		20.
	5.45 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	20.
<u>3rd.</u>	8.45 p.m.)	Bridge at F.8.B.05.35	20.
	9.30 " )		20.
	10.15 " )	Sweep Area F.8.A.80.00. to F.8.B.25.10.	30.
	11.00 " )	to F.8.B.05.35.	30.
	11.40 " )	Vicinity of F.8.A.00.45.	20.
	12 m/night)		30.
	12.30 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	30.
<u>101st.</u>	9.00 p.m.	Vicinity of F.1.D.60.22.	20.
	10.00 " )	Bridge at F.8.C.60.35.	20.
	11.15 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	30.
	4.00 a.m.	Road Junction F.8.B.30.15.	30.
	4.30 " )	Railway Line in F.8.C.	30.
	5.15 " )		20.
	6.00 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.15.	20.

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

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

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

*Al Thomson* Captain.  
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

Distribution :- Normal.



12  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 99.By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.Headquarters,  
28th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	9.00 p.m.)	Sweep Road F.7.D.95.70. to F.8.A.60.65.	30.	
	9.45 " )		30.	
	10.30 " )	Search Railway line in F.7.D.	30.	
	11.00 " )		30.	
	11.40 " )	Sweep Hedges F.7.D.75.95. to F.7.B.65.65.	20.	
	12.15 a.m.)		20.	
	12.45 " )	Sweep Hedge F.7.B.60.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	20.	
<u>2nd.</u>	6.45 a.m.)	Search Railway in F.9.C.	20.	
	7.45 " )		20.	
	11.00 " )	Sweep Road F.9.C.45.15. to F.9.C.30.65.	30.	
	2.45 p.m.)		30.	
		4.30 " )	Sweep Hedge F.9.C.15.05. to F.8.D.95.45.	30.
		6.30 " )		20.
	8.30 " )	Sweep Road F.9.C.30.70. to F.9.A.15.45.	20.	
<u>3rd.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.C.60.40.	30.	
	1.45 " )		30.	
	2.30 " )	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.25.10.	20.	
	3.20 " )		20.	
	3.50 " )	Bridge at F.8.B.00.35.	20.	
	4.30 " )		20.	
	6.15 " )	Sweep Hedge F.7.B.60.70. to F.1.D.80.15.	20.	
<u>101st.</u>	10.30 p.m.)	Search Road F.8.A.00.50. to F.8.A.35.30.	20.	
	11.30 " )		20.	
	3.00 a.m.)	Bridge at F.8.C.60.40.	30.	
	3.45 " )		30.	
		4.30 " )	Sweep Road F.8.C.75.60. to F.8.B.30.10.	30.
		5.15 " )		20.
	5.50 " )	Railway in F.7.D.	20.	

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

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

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

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

Distribution :- Normal.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 100.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
29th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	1.00 a.m.)	Search Road F.7.B.65.70. to F.8.A.32.30.	30.
	1.40 " )		30.
	2.15 " )	Sweep Area F.8.A.40.80. to F.8.B.00.30. to F.8.B.10.62. to F.2.C.48.05.	30.
	2.50 " )		30.
	3.30 " )	Search Railway in F.7.D.	30.
	4.10 " )		20.
4.40 " )	Sweep Road F.8.A.32.30. to F.8.A.60.65.	20.	
<u>2nd.</u>	9.00 p.m.	F.8.A.90.10. )	20.
	9.40 " )	F.8.C.83.96. ) Bridges over	20.
	10.20 " )	F.8.C.74.83. )	20.
	10.50. " )	F.8.C. <del>58.62.</del> 58.62. ) METEREN BECQUE.	20.
	11.30 " )	F.8.C.50.47. )	20.
	12 m/night )	F.8.C.52.26. )	20.
	12.30 a.m.	Search Railway line in F.8.D.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	6.15 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.C.65.50. to F.8.B.30.10.	20.
	7.00 " )		20.
	11.00 " )	Sweep Road F.8.D.45.60. to F.8.B.50.20.	20.
	3.00 p.m.)		20.
	4.20 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.10.	30.
	6.00 " )		30.
	7.45 " )	Railway in F.7.D.	30.
<u>101st.</u>	10.00 p.m.	Bridge at F.8.A.90.10.	20.
	11.00 " )	Bridge at F.8.C.55.45.	20.
	11.40 " )	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.30.10.	30.
	3.45 a.m.)		30.
	4.20 " )	Search Railway in F.7.D.	30.
	5.00 " )	" " " F.8.C.	30.
	5.45 " )	Vicinity of House F.8.A.42.30.	20.

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution :- Normal.

12

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 101.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
30th. July, 1918.

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

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.	
<u>1st.</u>	6.15 a.m.)	Sweep Hedge F.2.C.55.40. to F.2.A.70.00.	25.	
	7.00 " )		25.	
	11.00 " )	Search Road F.8.A.00.45. to F.8.A.35.30.	20.	
	2.00 p.m.)		20.	
	3.45 " )	Search Railway in F.7.D.	20.	
	5.30 " )		20.	
	7.00 " )	Sweep Area F.7.C.85.95. to F.7.D.65.80. to F.7.A.95.42.	30.	
	7.45 " )		30.	
	<u>2nd.</u>	12.45 a.m.)	Sweep Area F.8.B.85.15. to F.9.A.12.15.	30.
		1.30 " )	to F.9.C.10.80. to F.8.D.80.85.	30.
2.10 " )		Search Railway in F.9.C.	20.	
2.50 " )		Cross Roads F.9.C.45.15.	20.	
3.30 " )		Sweep Road F.8.B.95.82. to F.3.C.50.40.	20.	
4.15 " )		KISMET HOUSE and vicinity F.9.B.10.35.	30.	
5.00 " )		Sweep Road F.9.C.30.65. to F.9.A.15.50.	20.	
5.40 " )		Bridge at F.2.D.40.15.	20.	
<u>3rd.</u>	8.00 p.m.)		20.	
	8.40 " )	Sweep Road F.2.D.20.25. to F.2.D.45.85. and	20.	
	9.15 " )	Search back 200 yards.	20.	
	10.00 " )		20.	
	10.35 " )	Bridge at F.8.B.00.35.	30.	
	11.15 " )	Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.30.10.	30.	
	11.50 " )	Search Railway in F.7.D.	30.	
	12.15 a.m.)	" " " F.8.C.	30.	
<u>101st.</u>	10.15 p.m.)	Bridge at F.2.D.40.15.	30.	
	10.45 " )	Road Junction F.8.B.30.10.	20.	
	11.30 " )	Sweep Area F.8.B.85.15. to F.9.A.12.15. to F.9.C.10.80. to F.8.D.80.85.	30.	
	3.00 a.m.)		30.	
	3.40 " )	Bridge at F.8.B.00.35.	30.	
	4.20 " )	" " F.8.A.95.10.	30.	
5.00 " )	Railway Crossing F.8.C.76.60.	20.		

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

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

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.TASK NO. 102.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
31st. July, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Brigade for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 2nd. August, in accordance with Task Table below.

2. TASK TABLE :-

Battery.	Time.	Target.	No. of Rds.
<u>1st.</u>	8.00 p.m.)	Search Road F.7.B.65.70. to F.8.A.32.30.	30.
	8.40 " )		30.
	9.15 " )	Sweep Area F.8.A.40.80. to F.8.B.00.30. to F.8.B.10.62. to F.2.C.48.05.	30.
	10.00 " )		30.
	10.35 " )	Search Railway in F.7.D.	30.
	11.15 " )	Sweep Road F.8.A.32.30. to F.8.A.60.65.	20.
11.50 " )	20.		
<u>2nd.</u>	6.15 a.m.	F.8.A.90.10. )	20.
	7.00 " )	F.8.C.83.96. )	20.
	11.00 " )	F.8.C.74.83. )	Bridges over
	2.15 p.m.	F.8.C.58.62. )	
	3.45 " )	F.8.C.50.47. )	METEREN BECQUE.
	5.30 " )	F.8.C.52.26. )	
	7.45 " )	Search Railway Line in F.8.D.	30.
<u>3rd.</u>	12.45 a.m.)	Sweep Road F.8.C.65.50. to F.8.B.30.10.	20.
	1.30 " )		20.
	2.10 " )	Sweep Road F.8.D.45.60. to F.8.B.50.20.	20.
	2.50 " )		20.
	3.30 " )	Bridge at F.8.A.90.10.	30.
	4.15 " )	Railway in F.7.D.	30.
	5.00 " )		30.
	<u>101st.</u>	10.00 p.m.	Bridge at F.8.A.90.10.
11.00 " )		" " F.8.C.55.45.	20.
11.40 " )		Search Road F.8.A.60.65. to F.8.B.30.10.	30.
3.15 a.m.)			30.
3.45 " )		Search Railway in F.7.D.	30.
4.30 " )	" " " F.8.C	30.	

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4.5" Hows. "BX".

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

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 26.By Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Temp'y Commanding.Headquarters.  
5th July 1918.

1. Instruction No. 21 of 19/6/18 is cancelled.
2. In future the duties of Battalion Liaison and Brigade O.P. will be combined.
3. Tour of duty will be 5 days.
4. Duties will consist of 2 Officers, 2 telephonists and 2 linesmen. Each battery furnishing an Officer will supply half of the detail of other ranks and 1 telephone.
5. Reliefs will take place at Battalion Headquarters at 7 a.m. daily, commencing 10th. July, 1918.
6. During the hours of daylight, or while visibility permits of observation, the "O.P." situated on the MONT DE MERRIS at E.6.C.7.7. will be continuously manned. Telephone lines are already laid.
7. One Officer will always be at Battalion H.Q., and Officers will mutually arrange reliefs for Front Line O.P. during their tour of duty.
8. Forward of Battalion H.Q. all movement will, as far as possible, be reduced to a minimum.
9. In the event of enemy action developing at any time, an Officer next for duty as F.O.O. will receive instructions from Brigade Headquarters to go forward and man auxiliary O.P. situated in a tree at W.28.A.20.40. Telephone lines are already laid.  
This Officer will take with him two telephonists and ~~one~~ two cyclist orderlies and he will keep Brigade Headquarters advised as to the development of enemy action.
10. In the event of enemy action developing the Officers at Battalion Headquarters will be available for full Liaison with Battalion Commander, and will as early as possible advise Brigade Headquarters of all alterations in the situation. Should telephonic communication fail from Battalion H.Q. messages can be sent to auxiliary O.P. for transmission to Brigade Headquarters.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 27.By Major J.C. SEIMES. D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.Headquarters.  
9th July 1918.BATTLE POSITIONS.

1. Battery Commanders will report whether lines of fire are laid out and definitely marked at these positions.
2. Scaled sight boards are to be obtained or made and erected at these positions.
3. AMMUNITION. The same precautions as to storage apply equally to Battle Positions as to Normal Positions. B. Cs will see that this is affected as also sorting, reporting compliance by 12 noon on the 11th July 1918.

INFANTRY POSTS.

Battery Commanders will take immediate steps to have all fighting maps of the Battery which are being used, correctly marked with the line of posts on the whole Divisional Front and will report compliance with these instructions by 6 p.m. 10th instant. Line of Posts as at 10 p.m.. 9th July is attached, and B. Cs will be prepared to switch on to any portion of the Divisional Front.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters.

9th July 1918.INFANTRY POSTS.

Posts from N. to S. are : -

X.20.D.45.30	E. 6.B.90.50
X.26.B.20.98	E. 6.B.70.25
X.26.A.95.95	E. 6.B.70.00
X.26.A.65.80	E. 6.D.50.80
X.26.A.20.75	E. 6.D.50.57
X.26.A.35.38	E. 6.D.45.35
X.26.A.15.18	F. 6.C.95.33
X.25.D.95.95	E.12.A.85.85
X.25.D.70.80	E.12.A.75.65
X.25.D.40.70	E.12.A.40.60
X.25.D.20.50	E.12.A.40.30
X.25.D.10.32	E.12.C.10.98
X.25.C.80.25	E.11.D.45.68
X.25.C.65.20	E.11.D.50.38
X.25.C.45.10	E.11.D.00.30
F. 1.A.35.68	E.11.C.70.00
F. 1.A.20.60	E.11.C.20.00

This cancels this Office 38/41 of even date.

*M. Thomson*

Captain.

Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 23.By Major J. C. SKIMES D.S.O. - Temporarily Commanding.Headquarters.  
14th July 1918.O.P. and LIAISON DUTIES.

1. Instruction No. 26 is cancelled.
2. Owing to reorganisation of Infantry Brigades holding the line, the present Centre Battalion Headquarters becomes the Right Battalion Headquarters and 1st. Field Artillery Brigade will do alternate duty with 64th (Army) Brigade, R.F.A., in providing Liaison Officer.
3. Tour of duty at Battalion Headquarters will be for five days.
4. The Brigade O.P. will be manned daily from 4 am. to 9 pm. by an Officer according to roster attached, but when Liaison Officer at Battalion Headquarters is from this Brigade, the O.P. and Liaison duties will be combined by two Officers as at present.
5. Officers doing O.P. or Liaison duty will take one telephonist and two linesmen with a telephone.
6. In the event of enemy action developing at any time, an Officer next for duty as F.O.O. will receive instructions from Brigade Headquarters to go forward and man auxiliary O.P. situated in a tree at W.28.A.20.40. Telephone lines are already laid. This Officer will take with him two telephonists and two cyclist orderlies, and he will keep Brigade Headquarters advised as to the development of enemy action.
7. In the event of enemy action developing the Officers at Battalion Headquarters will be available for full Liaison with Battalion Commander, and will as early as possible advise Brigade Headquarters of all alterations in the situation. Should telephone communication fail from Battalion Headquarters messages can be sent to Auxiliary O.P. for transmission to Brigade Headquarters.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. J. Skimes*  
 Captain.  
 Adjutant 1st A.F.A. Brigade.

Captain.

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FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.Headquarters.  
14th July 1918.13. ROSTER.

1. Cancel previous Roster and substitute the following :-

15th July	1st Battery.	5th August	2nd Battery.
16th do	2nd do.	6th do.	3rd do.
17th do	3rd do.	7th do.	101st do.
18th do	101st do.	8th - 12th Aug	2nd do.
19th - 23rd July	3rd do.	13th do.	1st do.
24th July	1st do.	14th do.	3rd do.
25th do	2nd do.	15th do.	101st do.
26th do	101st do.	16th do.	1st do.
27th do	1st do.	17th do.	2nd do.
28th do	2nd do.	18th - 22nd Aug	1st do.
29th July - 2nd Aug.	101st do.	23rd do.	3rd do.
3rd August	3rd do.	24th do.	101st do.
4th do	1st do.		

2. See para 4 of Instruction No. 28.

BATTALION LIAISON ROSTER.

1. Right Battalion Headquarters.

19th to 24th July.	1st Battery.
24th to 29th do.	64th (Army) Brigade R.F.A.
29th July to 3rd August.	3rd Battery.
3rd to 8th August.	64th (Army) Brigade R.F.A.
8th to 13th do.	101st Battery.
13th to 18th do.	64th (Army) Brigade R.F.A.
18th to 23rd do.	2nd Battery.
23rd to 28th do.	64th (Army) Brigade R.F.A.
28th August to 2nd Sept.	1st Battery
2nd to 7th September.	64th (Army) B rigade R.F.A.

2. Tour of duty will be for five days and reliefs will take place at 7 a.m.

*Macintosh*

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INSTRUCTION NO. 29.

By Major J. C. SEIMES. D. S. O., Temply Commanding.

Headquarters,  
19th. July, 1918

1. In the event of an attack by the enemy on this front, in order to obtain full use of Field Artillery available, all Batteries must be prepared to turn the fire of their units at right angles to their normal front, either Right or Left.
2. It is considered advisable that gun limbers should be kept in proximity to Battery positions, and that a limited number of teams should be maintained in the neighbourhood of Battery positions, in the event of battle being imminent, so that guns may be moved on an emergency, to deal with critical situations.
3. All Battery positions whether "battle" or "normal" positions must have an O.P. prepared ready for occupation, close to Battery; preferably sufficiently close for voice control.  
In the event of enemy breaking through owing to disorganisation which ensues, control would be almost entirely in hand of Battery Commanders. They must clearly understand that their duty is to turn their fire on to any of the enemy who should succeed in breaking the line, irrespective of whether they are at the time occupied in firing a barrage on the front or not.
4. Battery Commanders will take steps accordingly and advise this Headquarters of locations of these positions of assembly.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 30.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D. S. O., Temp'y Commanding.

Headquarters,  
28th. July, 1918.O.P. and Liaison Duties.

1. All previous Instructions under this heading are cancelled and the following substituted.
2. From 28th. July, 1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade will not supply an Officer at Battalion Headquarters, but will be responsible for whole of Liaison work at Right Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
3. Two Officers will be detailed, as in Roster attached, for duty at O.P. on MONT DE MERRIS. O.P. will be manned by one Officer and the other Officer will remain at TIFLIS HOUSE, E.4.B.95.80. The Officer at TIFLIS HOUSE will be in communication with Centre Battalion Headquarters at E.5.B.70.40. These Officers will arrange to relieve each other at O.P.
4. Tour of duty will be four days.
5. O.P. Officers will take with them the following personnel and equipment, half of which will be provided by each Battery supplying the Officers.:-
 

Four Telephonists	2 at TIFLIS HOUSE.
	2 at O.P.
Four Linesmen	Will remain at TIFLIS HOUSE
	and maintain lines to O.P.
	and Battalion Headquarters.

*Two telephones Two Lucas lamps two signalling telescope.*
6. Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer will be detailed direct from this office and tour of duty will be for five days.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. A. Richardson* Captain.  
Adjutant 1st. A. F. A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
28th. July, 1918.

O. P. ROSTER.

29th. July	to	2nd. August, 1918.	-	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.
2nd. August	"	6th. " "	-	1st. and 2nd. Batteries.
6th. "	"	10th. " "	-	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.
10th. "	"	14th. " "	-	1st. and 2nd. Batteries.
14th. "	"	18th. " "	-	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.
18th. "	"	22nd. " "	-	1st. and 2nd. Batteries.
22nd. "	"	26th. " "	-	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.
26th. "	"	30th. " "	-	1st. and 2nd. Batteries.
30th. August	"	3rd. September	"	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.
3rd. September	"	7th. " "	-	1st. and 2nd. Batteries.
7th. "	"	11th. " "	-	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.
11th. "	"	15th. " "	-	1st. and 2nd. Batteries.
15th. "	"	19th. " "	-	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.
19th. "	"	23rd. " "	-	1st. and 2nd. Batteries.
23rd. "	"	27th. " "	-	3rd. and 101st. Batteries.

Four of duty will be for four days, and reliefs will take place at 9 p.m.

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