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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAVERNAS	DEC 1 st	—	2 nd FA Bde in rest for reorganization and training. Horses to be conditioned. <i>Jbth</i>	MAR.
"	2 nd	—	- do - <i>Jbth</i>	LENS. II
"	3 rd	—	- do - Sunday; Divin Service <i>Jbth</i>	
"	4 th	—	Brigade training commences. Guns available: 3, 4.5 Howitzers and 7, 18 Pds QF. 3 guns daily for use of FA School commenced at same time. 4 teams furnished daily for FA School. 2 officers and 30 other ranks from Brigade attending FA School. Visit by CRA <i>Jbth</i>	
"	5 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	6 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	7 th	—	Brigade training and F.A. School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	8 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	9 th	—	Brigade training and F.A. School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	10 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	11 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	12 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	13 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	14 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	15 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	
"	16 th	—	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>Jbth</i>	

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MAJOR

T/CMDG 2ND F.A. BDE. AIF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAVERNAS	DEC 17 TH	-	Brigade training and F.A. SCHOOL proceeding. <i>JLH</i>	MAP LENS II
"	18 TH	-	Brigade training and FA School proceeding. <i>JLH</i>	BDE ORDERS 15 and 16
"	19 TH	-	Brigade training terminated. Preparations for march to action. <i>JLH</i> See Bde Orders 15 & 16.	BDE OPERATION ORDERS 15. 16.
"	20 TH	-	Brigade route marched to BUIRE, commencing at 7.30 am. <i>JLH</i>	BDE OPERATION ORDERS 15. 16.
SOMME	21 ST	-	Brigade route marched to position of Wagon lines at S.28. <i>JLH</i> vacated by 21 ST Bde. Gun detachments sent up to relieve for 21 ST FABde detachments, also HQ staff. Positions as follows: Bde HQ, relieved 21 ST Bde at T.8.A.1.8. 4 TH Battery relieved 22 ND Battery at S.12.B.8.5. 5 TH Battery relieved 23 RD Battery at S.12.B.7.5. 6 TH Battery relieved 24 TH Battery at S.12.A.8.3. 102 ND Battery relieved 101 ST Battery at S.12.B.2.5. 2 ND Sub Det leaves 2 ND FABde. <i>JLH</i>	BDE OPERATION ORDERS 15. 16.
"	22 ND	-0900	Relief completed. 2 ND AUS GROUP comprises 2 ND FABde HQ. 1 ST 2 ND 3 RD Batteries attached. 4 TH 5 TH and 102 ND Battery. 6 TH Battery with 3 RD Aust group. Major FL BIDDLE DSO commands 2 ND GROUP. <i>JLH</i>	<i>JLH</i>
"	23 RD	-	Batteries in action. <i>JLH</i>	<i>JLH</i>
"	24 TH	-	Batteries in action. all batteries fired on SOS lines at 7.45 PM, in response to SOS signal. <i>JLH</i>	Operation Order No. 16.
"	25 TH	-	Batteries in action. 1 OR wounded. <i>JLH</i> Scheme as per Operation Order No. 16. <i>JLH</i>	Operation Order No. 16.
"	26 TH	-	Batteries in action. <i>JLH</i>	<i>JLH</i>
"	27 TH	-	Batteries in action. <i>JLH</i>	<i>JLH</i>
"	28 TH	-	Batteries in action. <i>JLH</i>	See Appendix 3/281. <i>JLH</i>

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MAJOR
I CMDG 2ND FA BDE. AIF.

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2nd AUS FA BDE AIF.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SOMME	DEC 29 th	-	<p>Batteries of 2nd FABde (except 6th Battery) in action as No. 2 Group 1st Angliae Artillery. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Batteries grouped with 2nd Group. Weather misty but cleared off at 11.00. Our batteries did not fire, except 4th, which fired 10 Ras Shrapnel & 30 Ras H.C. at N.9.C.0.9. Time 12.30. Enemy fire normal, consisting of about 12 Ras 4-2 into QUERDECOURT; about 40 Ras of 77 over LESBOUEFS and 77 and 4-2 at working parties about T2A. Also 50 Ras of 4-2 from a battery in direction of BEAULENCOURT at Mesle Trench.</p>	MAP 57C QUERDECOURT
	29 th	1830	1 st Battery fired 5A and 15AX at targets N9C and N9A, also at 1925, 2005 and again at 2030.	
		"	2 nd Battery fired 14A and 37AX, 1900 and 1930 at target roads N9A.	
			3 rd " " 18A and 54AX at N9C tracks. 4 th Battery fired at 2200, 10A & 30AX at N.9.C.0.9 to 5.6, again at 16th 5 th Battery fired at 19.30 9A at N.20.B.4.3. also at 2000.	
			102 nd Battery fired 18 BX at Roads N9A at 1530, 16 BX on road N9C, 16 BX on road N15A.	
	30 th	0530	4 th Battery fired 10A & 30AX at N24B to N20A, also fired 10A 30AX at 0030. J.B.H.	
		0530	5 th Battery fired 32AX at N20B. The other batteries did not fire. The day was very clear and the batteries placed well forward did not fire for that reason.	
			Major Steen rejoined his Battalion that day. He had been attached for artillery experience.	
			5 th Battery fired again; 10AX at N.14.B.4.0. at 2000 and again at 2030. 102 nd Battery fired 15 BX at N15.A.0.5. and 10 BX at N15A 7.5, also 20 BX at N9.A.2.4. Time 1600.	
			The enemy shelled about S.E.B. with 8", about 150 rounds, damaging telephone gear of 102 nd Battery. Time 1500 to 2100. During night many 4-2 and 77 shells fell about T2A. An 11 inch gun was reported firing on FLERS DUMP from 1500 to 2200. J.B.H.	

T. Hiddle MAJOR
CMDG 2nd FABDE AIF.

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V. 1000
Form H-1531

SECRET :

BRIGADE ORDER NO. 15

by

Major F.L. BIDDLE, D.S.O., Commanding. 17th DECEMBER 1918.

1. The 2nd F.A. Bde will relieve the 21st F.A. Bde and 101st Bty on the night 21st/22nd instant.
The 2nd Section 1st D.A.C. will relieve the 4th Section, 1st D.A.C. on the same date.
2. Units will relieve as follows: Hd. Qrs., 2nd F.A. Bde will relieve Hd. Qrs., 21st F.A. Bde and Major F.L. Biddle D.S.O., will take over command of No. 2 Group from Lt. Col. G.I. Stevenson C.M.G.
4th Battery will relieve 22nd Battery
5th Battery will relieve 23rd Battery
6th Battery will relieve 24th Battery
102nd Battery will relieve 101st Battery.
3. Relief to be complete and command handed over by 8 a.m. on 22nd instant.
4. The guns, gun limbers and stores belonging thereto of 2nd F.A. Bde will be parked at a place to indicated by the Commandant, 1st Aust. Div. Artillery School.
5. A guard as under will be placed over these guns: -
4th Battery 2 men
5th Battery 2 men
6th Battery 2 men
102nd Battery 1 M.C.O. and 2 men.
This guard will remain on duty until the guns are taken over by the 21st F.A. Brigade.
6. The guard will be moved by a Bus on Dec. 25th to rejoin their units. Separate instructions will be issued later.
7. With the exception of guns, gun limbers and the stores shown in the Handbooks as belonging to them, all wagons and other ~~equip~~ equipment will accompany the units (both incoming and outgoing) to whom they belong.
The Commandant 1st Aust. Div. Art. School will take over the guns, gun limbers and stores of the 2nd F.A. Brigade and will give a receipt for all stores to the Battery Commanders concerned, obtaining a receipt from the Battery Commanders taking over.
The Batteries of the 2nd F.A. Bde will take over the guns, gun limbers and stores in the line from the Batteries of the 21st F.A. Brigade and 101st Battery. All sections of the D.A.C. will have complete, but without ammunition.
8. An advance party consisting of Bde Commander, Orderly Officer and two linesmen from Hd Qrs and Battery Commander and two linesmen from each Battery of 2nd F.A. Bde will proceed to Wagon Lines on 21st instant and will proceed to the units they are relieving in the line that night or on the morning of 21st instant.
A motor bus will be at HAVERHAM CHURCH at a time to be notified later, to collect this party; this bus should be at Div. Art. Hd. Qrs POMMERS at about 2.30 p.m. O.C. 21st F.A. Bde will arrange for horses and necessary transport to be at Div. Art. Hd. Qrs at this hour to take this party to the various units.
9. Wagons of 2nd Section D.P.A.C. may be utilized for harness of gun teams where horses are short.
10. No Horses will be drawn until arrival in the line.

Gun or Howitzer
303 inch
303 inch
ammunition with Unit
TOTALS
Signature of Commander

Unit _____
 Place _____
 Date _____

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Army Form B. 231.

To be rendered in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.

UNIT	FIGHTING STRENGTH.											RATION STRENGTH.							Remarks.				
	This should <i>not</i> include details attached to unit, or personnel detailed to march with the Train, or any men unfit to go into action with unit.											To include Fighting Strength, Personnel detailed to march with the Train, and all Personnel and animals attached for Rations and Forage.											
	Personnel.		Horses and Mules.		Other Animals		Guns and Ammunition Wagons (stating nature)	Machines Guns.	Ambulances.	Tool Carts, Technical Carts (stating nature.)	Remarks.	Personnel.	Horses and Mules.		Other Animals.		Mechanically Propelled Vehicles			Remarks.			
	Officers	Other Ranks	Riding	Draught and Pack.	(6)	(7)							Total, all Ranks entitled to Rations.	Heavy Horses with R.G.A.	Other Horses and Mules	Motor Cars	Motor Bi-cycles	Lorries.			Tractors		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	3 Ton.	30 Cwt.	(22)	(23)	
TOTALS...																							

Ammunition with Unit:—
 .303 inch; approximate number of rounds per Man _____
 .303 inch; " " " " per Machine Gun _____
 Gun or Howitzer; approximate number of rounds per Gun or Howitzer _____

Supplies with Unit:—
 Approximate number of days' rations for men of ration strength _____
 " " " " forage for Animals " " _____
 " " " " fuel and lubricants for Mechanically Propelled Vehicles _____

Signature of Commander _____

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BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 16

by

Major W. L. BIDDLE, D.S.O., Commanding. 18th DEC 1916.

REFERENCE MAPS "TENS 11" and "AMENS 17"

1. The 2nd F.A. Brigade and 2nd Section D.A.C., and 11th F.A. Brigade and Section D.A.C., will form a ~~weak~~ column under Lt. Col. H. A. Hughes on 20th instant, and march to ARTILLERY STAGING CAMP RUINE via VILMERS-BOCAGE, MOLLIERNS, FAREVILMERS, D.16.b.9.1.
2. Starting point of column will be CROSS ROADS, FLESSALLENS. Head of column to move off at 8 a.m.
3. The head of 2nd F.A. Bde and 2nd Section D.A.C. will leave the Brigade starting point, CROSS ROADS, HAVERNAS, at 7.50 a.m. Order of march will be Headquarters, 4th Battery, 5th Battery, 6th Battery, 102nd Battery and 2nd Section D.A.C. Head of column to reach Cross Roads FLESSALLENS at 8.25 a.m. and fall in behind 4th Divisional Artillery column at 200 yards distance.
4. Distances to be maintained are: 200 yards between Brigades and 100 yards between units of Brigades. Headquarters and 4th Battery will march as one unit.
5. Halts will be made at 10 minutes to each hour, moving off again at the hour. Should any part of the column be passing through a village at 15 minutes before the hour, the D.C. of that first unit approaching the village will halt and move off again at 5 minutes to the hour to rejoin the column. Mid-day halt from 1200 to 1300.
6. Watches will be synchronised from 11th F.A. Brigade on reaching FLESSALLENS.
7. Unexpended portion of days rations will be carried by all ranks and 24 hours rations will be carried in the supply wagons. Horse bags to be carried full.
8. Drivers and brakesman only will be permitted to ride on G.S. Wagons.
9. A Billeting party consisting of Lieut. H. W. Parker and one N.C.O. from each unit will meet Adjutant 11th F.A. Brigade at 11th F.A. Brigade Headquarters MAOURS at 7.30 a.m. on 20th instant and proceed to RUINE. N.C.O.'s are to be well mounted. Party to meet Lieut. H. W. PARKER at Cross Roads HAVERNAS at 7 a.m.
10. Refilling points will be notified later.
11. Batmen will accompany officers detailed for Advance Party.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. L. Biddle

Commanding 2nd Field Artillery Brigade.

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FIELD STATE

Date: 18 Dec 1916
B/S: [unclear]
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Copy No 2

~~SECRET~~

2 Groups 1st Aust Div Art
Operation Order No 16 24/12/16
By Major F L Biddle D.S.O.

There will be a general artillery attack
by Heavy and Divisional Artilleries on
December 25th 1916. All available guns
will take part.

The attack will commence at 11:30 a.m.
and will last 2 minutes.

The action of No 2 Group will be in
accordance with table of tasks attached.
Watches will be synchronised at
10:30 a.m. 25th inst.

Acknowledge

- Copy No 1 Group Hd Qrs
- " " 2 War Diary
- " " 3 1st Aust Div Art.
- " " 4 1st Battery
- " " 5 2nd "
- " " 6 3rd "
- " " 7 4th "
- " " 8 5th "
- " " 9 10th "

J. G. Cornish
Asst

TABLE of TASKS
to accompany No 2 Group Order No 16 24/10/47

Bty	TARGETS	Rate of Fire	Amun
3 rd	STORMY TRENCH N 21 a 5.7 1/2 to N 21 a 1.6 1/2	Battery fire 3 Sec on its equivalent.	All batteries will open with salvoes of 3 rounds. First half of amun A remainder A X
4 th	" " N 21 a 1.6 1/2 to N 20 b 7.8 1/2		
5 th	" " N 20 b 7.8 1/2 to N 20 b 2.8		
1 st	BARLEY " N 15 c 5 1/2 9 to N 15 c 0.9 1/2		
2 nd	" " N 15 c 0 9 1/2 to N 14 b 4.2 1/2		
102 nd	Roads & Trench from N 15 d 0.2 to N 15 d 3 1/2 7 1/2	2 Rds per gun per MIN	B X

J. Blarney
Capt.

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War Diary

LEFT GROUP. 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

1st AUSTRALIAN DIV. ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS
S/281.
No.....
Date.....

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SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS.

26th December 1916.

No. 1. Group.
2. "
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4. "

1. The S.O.S. barrage line for Left Group 1st Anzac Artillery runs -
N.21.B.6.0 - N.21.B.1.3 - N.20.B.40.35 - N.20.A.7.0 - N.14.C.0.0 -
N.13.D.5.2 .

2. This line is allotted to batteries in two Groups as follows-

(a). Rear Batteries.

7th Battery	from	N.21B. 6.0	to	N.21.B.25.23
8th Battery	"	N.21.B.25.23	"	N.21.A.8.3.
9th Battery	"	N.21.A.8.3	"	N.21.A.37.32 .
6th Battery	"	N.21.A.37.32	"	N.20.B.92.34
4th Battery	"	N.20.B.92.34	"	N.20.B.48.35
5th Battery	"	N.20.B.48.35	"	N.20.B.06.18.
46th Battery	"	N.20.B.06.18	"	N.20.A.7.0
47th Battery	"	N.20.A.7.0	"	N.20.A.45.35
45th Battery	"	N.20.A.45.35	"	N.20.A.20.73.
37th Battery	"	N.20.A.20.73	"	N.13.D.90.04.
39th Battery	"	N.13.D. 90.04	"	N.13.D.5.2.

(b). Forward Batteries.

1st Battery	From	N. 21.B.6.0	to	N.21.B.1.3	to	N.21.A.9.3.
2nd Battery	"	N.21.A.9.3	"	N.21.A.00.34		
3rd Battery.	"	N.21.A.07.34	"	N.20.B.40.35	to	N.20.B.27.30.
42 Battery	"	N.20.B.27.30	"	N.20.A. 7.0	to	N.20.A.63.10.
41st Battery	"	N.20.A.63.10	"	N.20.A.15.80.		
43rd Battery	"	N.20.A.15.80	"	N.14.C.0.0	to	N.13.D.5.2.

Note. The above zones apply to S.O.S. work only. For normal Barrage work the Group zones laid down in Defence Scheme Appendix F. (amended) still hold good.

The 38th Battery has not been allotted a zone as it is attached to the Heavy Artillery and is therefore not available for S.O.S. work.

3. From the above it will be seen that each portion of the S.O.S. line is covered by two batteries. The object of this is twofold, first to insure there is no gap in the barrage should a battery be knocked out or forced to stop, and second to enable S.O.S. work to be carried out by the rear batteries only, the forward batteries not firing except in cases of emergency.

4. The procedure will therefore be:-
On S.O.S. being received the rear batteries only will open fire. Should an order be received from Div. Art Headquarters or should the Group Commander consider that the situation demands it, the Group Commander will order some or all the forward batteries to open.

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 Owing to their exposed position, the forward batteries ^{should} not be ordered to open fire except in cases of emergency, and these batteries will not fire on the S.O.S. without an order from their Group Commander.

5. Howitzers will fire on trench junctions and roads in rear of the enemy front line. The Howitzers of Nos. 1 and 2 Groups will fire within their own Groups normal barrage zone. As the howitzer battery of No. 4 Group is not available, the Howitzer battery of No. 3 Group will cover the whole of the 4th Aust Div. Art. normal barrage zone.
6. Rates of fire:-
 - 13-Pdrs - 4 rounds per gun per minute for 5 minutes, then 2 rounds per gun per minute or as the situation demands.
 - 4.5" Howitzers - Half above rate.
7. Ammunition.
 - 13-Pdrs. - All shrapnel.
 - 4.5" Howitzers. - All H.L.
8. The attached tracing shows the S.O.S. line and its division into battery zones.
9. The above instructions will come into operation from 12 noon on 28th December 1918. In the meantime batteries will register the S.O.S. line in their new zones.
10. NOTE :- The above does not affect the liaison barrages arranged with the Divisions on our right and left. These barrages remain as already arranged.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

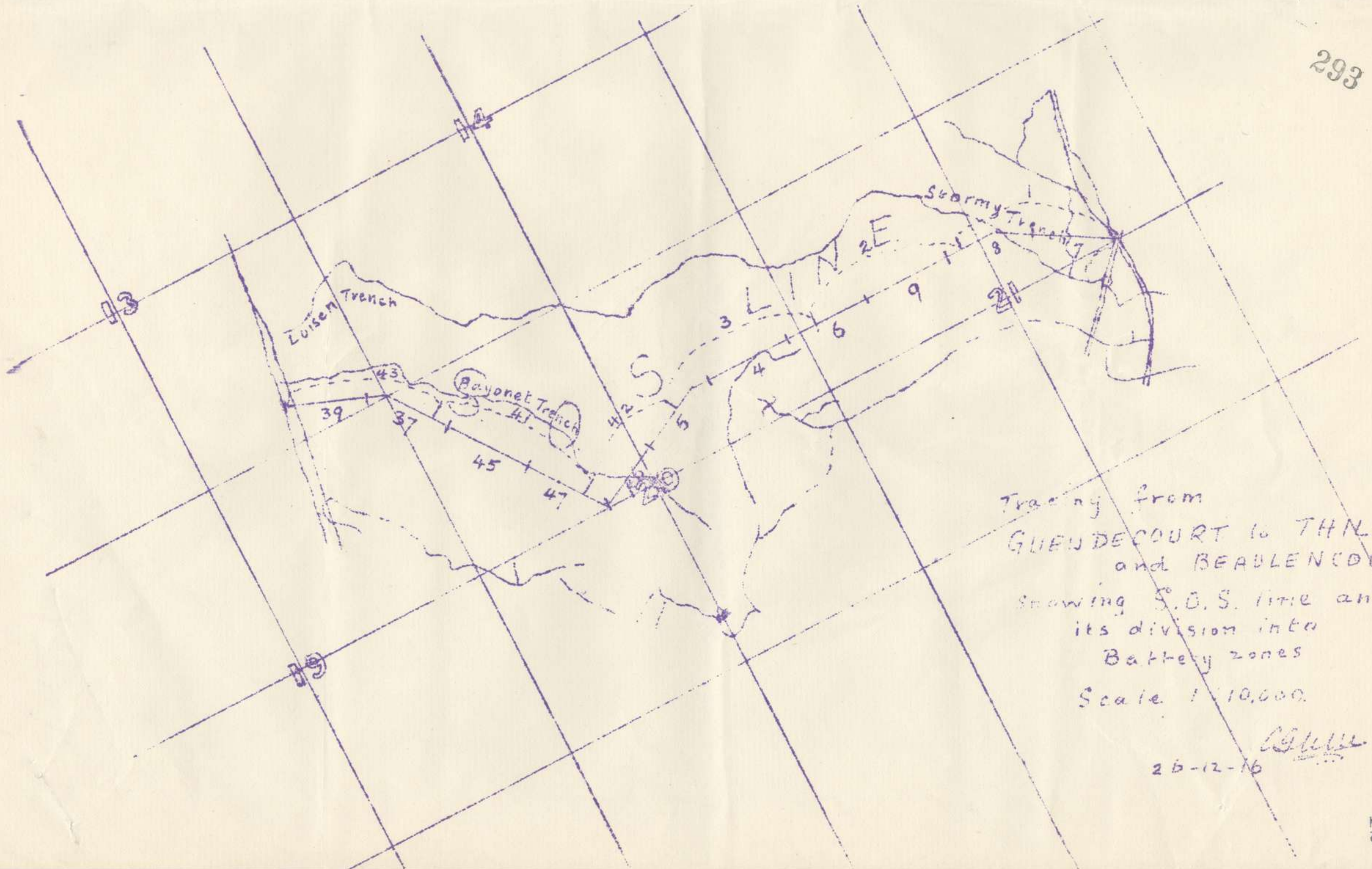
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 Sde. Major. Left Group. 1st Anzac Art.

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1st Anzac.

4th Aust. D.A.



Tracing from
 GUENDECOURT to THILLOY
 and BEAULENCOURT.
 showing S.O.S. line and
 its division into
 Battery zones
 Scale 1:10,000.

26-12-16 *[Signature]*

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1102 Group Operation Order No 17
By Major F. Biddle DSO COMMANDING.

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The number shown in the column "Total rank and file" shall be accounted for in the return of strength (to include detachments) being forwarded to the War Office (A.G.S.A.) and one copy to the Record Office on the 1st of each month.

The following Retaliation will come into operation at once
Call & Retaliation. On receipt of the call batteries will

engage enemy line as under.
Order must be posted in each gun pit in readiness for above at once

Battery	Objectives	Rate of Fire
102nd	1 Hour on Road junction N. 21 A. 24.	
How Battery	1 Hour on Trench junction BACON and STORMY TRS N. 20 B. 6 & 9.	10 Rds of BX per gun.
	1 " " " " N. 14 B. 71.	gun fire.
	1 " " " " Point on Road N. 15 A. 6 & 8.	
4th Battery	4 guns on STORMY TRENCH, N. 21 A. 58. along trench to N. 20 B. 9 & 8.	16 Rds A 48 AX per Battery
5th Battery	3 guns on STORMY TRENCH N. 20 B. 9 & 8 along trench to N. 20 B. 2 & 8.	16 Rds per minute.
After firing rounds as above Batteries will stand fast and wait orders		

30/12/16. J. B. Biddle
Capt 1102 Group

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(Unit)

Headquarters at 1st 191.....

Return of strength (to include detachments).

OFFICERS	WARRANT OFFICERS	SERJEANTS	TRUMPETERS DRUMMERS OR BUGLERS	RANK AND FILE				TOTAL ALL RANKS	HORSES	REMARKS
				FULLY TRAINED AND EFFECTIVE	SICK PRISONERS OR ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE	RECRUITS	TOTAL RANK AND FILE (SEE NOTE 4)			

Notes regarding the preparation of this return.

- (1) It is to include all men on the pay list of the unit.
- (2) Serjeants and others above that rank, also trumpeters, drummers or buglers, are not to be included in the columns for Rank and File.
- (3) Men should be shown as recruits unless they:—
 - (a) Are, in the opinion of their Commanding Officer, capable of bearing arms and sufficiently trained.
 - (b) Have completed a recruits course of musketry, in the case of men to whom this is applicable (not applicable to re-enlisted soldiers who are qualified as in (a)).
- (4) The number shown in the column "Total rank and file" must be accounted for in the three preceding columns

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Commanding.....

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COPY NO 8

OPERATION ORDER NO 18

NO 2 GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

BY MAJOR F L BIDDLE DSO CMDING.

- 1/ There will be a similar demonstration carried out on the night of DEC 31st to that held on Christmas Day
- 2/ The demonstration will commence at 11:1 PM (2301) and will last two (2) minutes.
- 3/ Action of No 2 Group will be in accordance with table of tasks attached.
- 4/ Watches will be synchronised at 10 PM 31st night.
- 5/ Acknowledge.

Issued to

- | | |
|------|--------------------|
| 1 to | 1st Battery |
| 2 | 2nd |
| 3 | 3rd |
| 4 | 4th |
| 5 | 5th |
| 6 | 102nd |
| 7 | No 2 group |
| 8 | War Diary |
| 9 | Left group 1st AA. |

J. B. Biddle
 Capt No 2 group
 1st Anzac Artillery.

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TABLE OF TASKS

Secret

To accompany W2 Group Operation Order No 18

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Battery	Targets	Rate of fire	Ammunition
3 rd	Sweep STORMY TRENCH N.21.A.5.7½ to N.21.A.1.6½	Battery fire 3 seconds or its equivalent, i.e. with 4 gun batteries 5 Rps per gun per minute.	All batteries will open fire with salvoes of shorted first half of ammunition stored; remainder HE.
4 th	Sweep STORMY TRENCH N.21.A.1.6½ to N.20.B.7.8½		
5 th	Sweep STORMY TRENCH N.15.C.5½ to N.15.C.0.9½ N.20.B.7.8½ to N.20.B.2.8. <i>gab</i>		
1 st	Sweep BARLEY TRENCH N.15.C.5½ to N.15.C.0.9½		
2 nd	Sweep BARLEY TRENCH N.15.C.0.9½ to N.14.B.4.2½		
102 nd How	2 Guns Road & Trench junction N.9.D.9.5-10 2 Guns " " " " N.9.D.7.2½	2 Rps per gun per minute	BX

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