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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Artillery

**Item number:** 13/36/21

**Title:** Headquarters, 8th Australian Field  
Artillery Brigade

February 1918



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	31/7/18		<p>5) <u>Communication 8<sup>th</sup> ABde HQ. to all Batteries.</u>            Allotting to batteries positions for preparation in expectation of arrival of reinforcements            Batteries to take part in minor offensive previously referred to</p>	
	4/2/18		<p>6) <u>Right Group Artillery Instruction Nos.</u>            Issued to batteries of right group Artillery the object being to mislead the enemy as to            the scene of the projected raid</p>	Maps referred to Sent to Batteries Only.
	4/2/18		<p>7) <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Australian D.A.H.Q.</u>            Communication re programme of gas + Smoke Shell combined, proposed for purposes            of projected raid</p>	
	4/2/18		<p>8) <u>Communication 8<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ (left group) to D.A.H.Q.</u>            Submitting proposed programme for gas + Smoke bombardment by 4<sup>th</sup> How Battery</p>	
	5/2/18		<p>9) <u>H.O. left Group to C.O. 6 Army 7<sup>th</sup> Bde.</u>            Giving coordinates for battery positions to be occupied by 6 Army Bde on            coming into the line to reinforce left group for raid.</p>	
	7/2/18		<p>10) <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Australian D.A.H.Q.</u>            Forwarding to left group Artillery maps showing wire cutting necessary</p>	



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Lubbers	5/2/18		<p>for raid and also calling attention to the necessity for an immediate selection of O.P.'s. Report of Battery Commander on possibilities of O.P. attached 10<sup>th</sup> Australian Inf Brigade</p>	<p>MAP FOR WIRE CUTTING APPENDIX I.</p>
"	7/2/18		<p>Retification of Co-ordinates between which the Infantry require wire cut. 11<sup>th</sup> Australian Divisional Artillery. O.D. No 44.</p>	
"	7/2/18		<p>In reference to move of 6<sup>th</sup> A Brigade into the line &amp; positions to be occupied. In accordance with the terms of this order the Brigade moved into the line on the night 7/2 February &amp; came under the order of C.O. left Group. at Major S.G. ROWE D.S.O.</p>	
"	7/2/18		<p>12) 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A. C.O. K.V.1. Order by C.O. to A.F.A. Bde in reference to positions to be occupied.</p>	
"	7/2/18		<p>13) 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian D.H.Q. In reference to additional Batteries of Right Group also brought in to reinforce left Group for raid.</p>	
			<p>14) 10<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade. In reference to Liaison Officer reporting to O.C. Raid.</p>	

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In the field	8/2/18		<p>15) 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian D.A.H.Q.                      In reference to 00.43. Giving dates of Y &amp; Z days</p> <p>16) 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian D.A.H.Q.                      In reference to additional operation to be carried out on the night of the raid at zero + 5 hours 45 min. also rates of fire.</p> <p>17) 3<sup>rd</sup> D.A.H.Q.                      Giving zero hour for raid.</p> <p>18) 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian D.A.H.Q. 0.0 43.                      Giving full details of raid task for 18 pdr. 4.5 Hows + Nearies together with an alternative gas programme. Maps attached showing full details for each gun</p>	<p>MAP 1/10000                      28 Sec. 1/20000                      APPENDIX                      3.2</p>
	8/2/18		<p>19) Left Group Artillery 0.0 No.1. issued by Major S.G. Rowe D.S.O.                      Giving details of wire cutting operations to be carried out on "Y" day with detached tanks attached</p>	
	8/2/18		<p>20) Left Group Artillery 0.0 No.2.                      Giving details of operation to be carried out, giving barrage tasks for 18 pdr + tasks for 4.5 Hows.</p>	<p>TRACINGS.                      Showing full details                      APPENDIX                      3.</p>

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In the Trench	11/2/18		<p>(21) 10<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade order No 88.          Giving details of Raid &amp; Chinese attack, Tasks for trench mortars and machine guns with Appendix I showing <del>map</del> track to Enemy line          Description of Raid.          In accordance with plan the 8 FA Bde 6<sup>th</sup> Army FA Bde &amp; 2 Battalions of the 7 FA Bde covered the raid on the night of 10<sup>th</sup> February. The artillery plan as laid down in various orders attached hereto was carried out in detail. The zero hour 10pm saw the eighteen pounder barrage fall well to time. The infantry reported the work as excellently done, &amp; the barrage good &amp; that many casualties were inflicted by our fire.</p>	<p>TRACING          SHOWING DETAILS          APPENDIX A.</p>
"	11/2/18		<p>(22) Third Australian D.H.Q.          Detailed reports of minor offensive carried out by 10<sup>th</sup> infantry brigade on night of 10<sup>th</sup> Feb '18, giving particulars of execution of raid, prisoners taken casualties inflicted &amp; casualties suffered.</p>	
	17/2/18		<p>(23) Special Order by Gen Sir W.B. Birdwood KCB. etc.          Message of Congratulation to all ranks engaged in success 10/2/18.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lulhe Field	27/2/18		<p>Left Group Artillery O.O. No. 3. Issued by Lt Col W. G. Allsop. D.S.O.</p> <p>Giving information as to new S.O.S. lines to be laid on by each gun of the various batteries of 8th F.A. Bde.</p>	MAP 28 SW 1/10,000
"	28/2/18		<p>Left Group Artillery Instruction No. 1.</p> <p>This Counter Preparation Scheme was drawn up with a view to cutting off all enemy communication in the event of his showing signs of concentration for an offensive. The targets allotted to Batteries are those which were previously submitted by BCs acting in their respective zones, each zone representing the lines running East West through either flank of the front covered by them on S.O.S. lines.</p>	
	26/2/18		<p>Two Australian D.A.A. warning order.</p> <p>Giving notification of projected relief by 2nd Australian D.A. of 3rd Australian D.A. instructions as to guns &amp; ammunition</p>	

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FEBRUARY

8th FA Bgde - AIF

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WARNETON SECTOR.	24th		① 3rd Aust. SAHQ. Warning order - giving information of projected raid to be carried out by 9th A. S. Bgde at the time covered by Left Group Artillery.	
28. SW.	20th		② 3rd Aust. SAHQ. O.O. No. 45. - giving details of shoot to be carried out on Quadrangle V. 13. d. 30. b. s. on night of 21/22nd Feb. Tasks for 18 Pdrs & 4.5 Hows appended. This spot as shown by aeroplane photographs was extensively used by the enemy and it was thought as an ammunition dump.	
V. 12 x	24th		③ 3rd Aust. SAHQ. O.O. No. 46. - Having reference to the positions to be occupied by the 6th Aust Army Bgde. on coming into the line under command of CO. Left Group for the purpose of raiding operations referred to in 3rd SAHQ. Warning order.	
V. 18.	27th		④ (Copy) 3rd Aust. SAHQ. communication giving date of 'W.' day	
	27th		⑤ 3rd Aust. SAHQ. O.O. No. 47 - giving particulars of raids & cooperative operations on flanks, also detailed tasks for Batteries of Left Group Artillery & also plan for working of Heavy Artillery attached hereto addenda 1, 2, 3, 4 to O.O. No. 47.	
			Maps showing wire to be cut, barrage lines of 18 Pdr. tasks allotted to 4.5 Hows, French mortars & Heavy Artillery	
			J. Brakehead	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	28/2/18.	(9)	Left Group Artillery. O.O.No.4.  Giving particulars of various tasks to be carried out by batteries of Left Group Artillery, including 8 F.A.Bde. 6 F.A.Bde. & 2 Btys.of 7th.F.A.Bde. This order contains details of spots at which it was necessary to cut enemy wire, length of time of each raid, names of officers to act as forward Liaison with the Infantry.	WARNETON DEULEMONT 1/10,000 28 S.W. 1/20,000
	28/2/18.	(10)	Left Group Artillery. O.O.No.4. Addendum No.1. Giving Co-ordinates at which gaps are to be made in the enemy wire, and also particulars of targets to be engaged in the event of the alternate gas programme (given with D.A.H.Q. O.O. No.47) being carried out.	
<p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month.)</p>				



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>List of Appendices.</u>	
			1) Map showing the places at which it was necessary to cut wire for raid	PART OF No 10
			2) <u>Tracings attached DASHO OO No 43</u>	PART OF No 18
			1) Showing wire cutting trench mortars + 4.5 Hows	
			2) Showing Barrage holes for 18 pounders during operation.	
			3) Showing work to be done by 4.5 Hows during the operation.	
			4) Showing tasks allotted to Heavies + Mics during raid.	
			3) <u>Tracings attached Left Group Artillery OO No 2</u>	PART OF No 20
			1) 18 pounder Barrage Showing portion of front allotted to each Battery.	Appendix 1
			2) 4.5 Howitzers tasks Showing portions of trench Septan + various strong points etc to be fired upon during operation.	
			4) <u>Tracing issued by 10th Infantry Brigade with Order No 88</u>	PART OF 21.
			Showing the disposition of all fire during operation + also marking zones to be covered by machine guns throughout the raid.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>5) <u>Medical Officers weekly reports from Oct 1. 18 to 28 2. 18.</u>                      From these it will be seen that the general health &amp; condition of the men of the Brigade is excellent. In comparison with corresponding period of 1917 great improvement mainly in the RMO's opinion owing to the greatly modified weather conditions prevailing during 1918.</p>	
			<p>6) <u>Statement showing Brigade strength in men &amp; horses.</u>                      Details showing by weekly figures                      The general condition of horses is good &amp; there is only a very small percentage which show lack of condition. The amount of hard continuous work done by horses has been small nevertheless when it has been necessary to do work of this kind it has been found that the animals stand it very well &amp; it is only in isolated instances that real falling away is noticeable.</p>	
			<p>7) <u>Statement of Ammunition received &amp; expended during month</u>                      Classified</p>	

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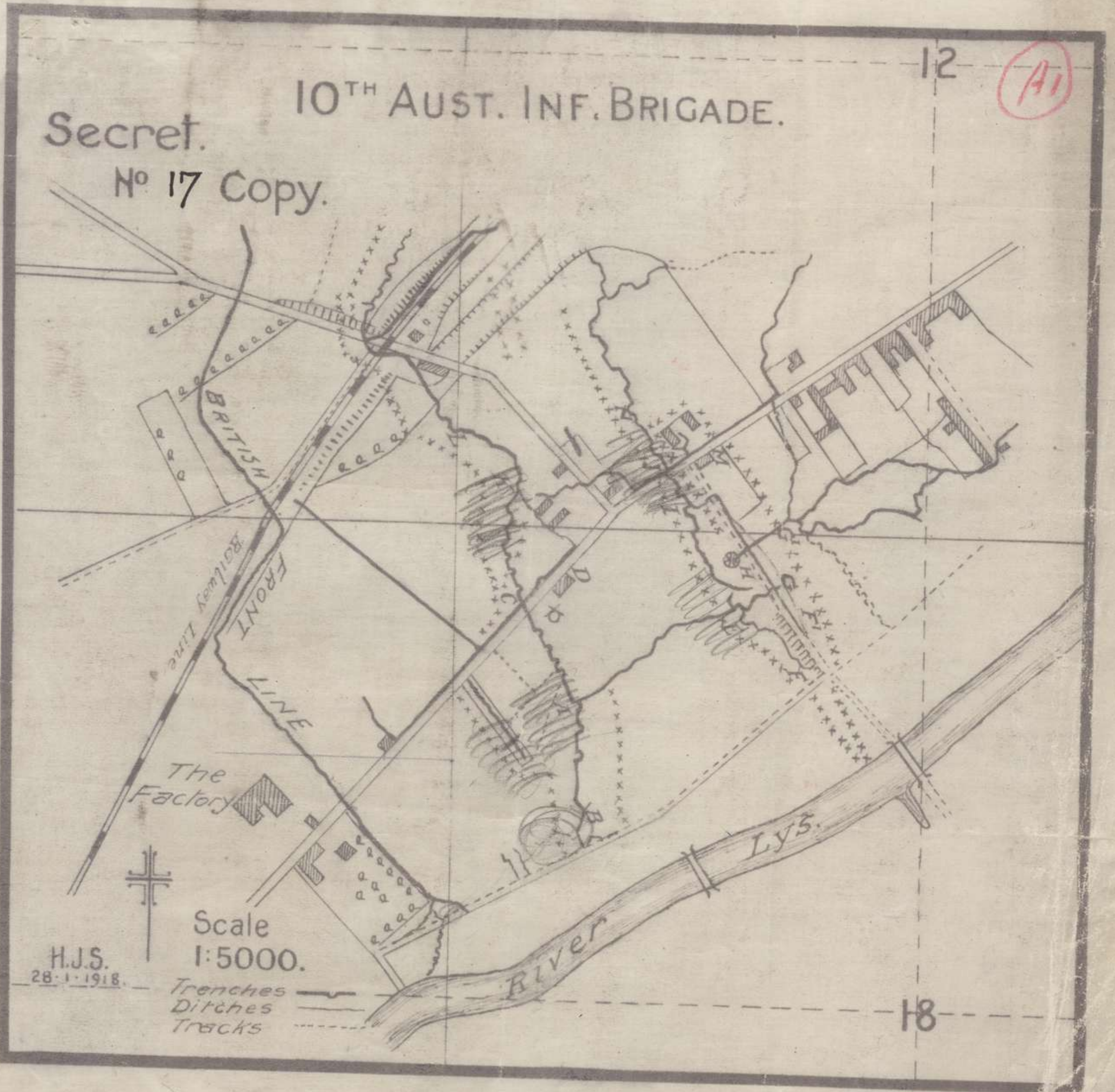
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Trenches  
Ditches  
Tracks

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2nd Group

MAP "A"

Part of Sheep's

Warnefont and Deulemont

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Appendix 1

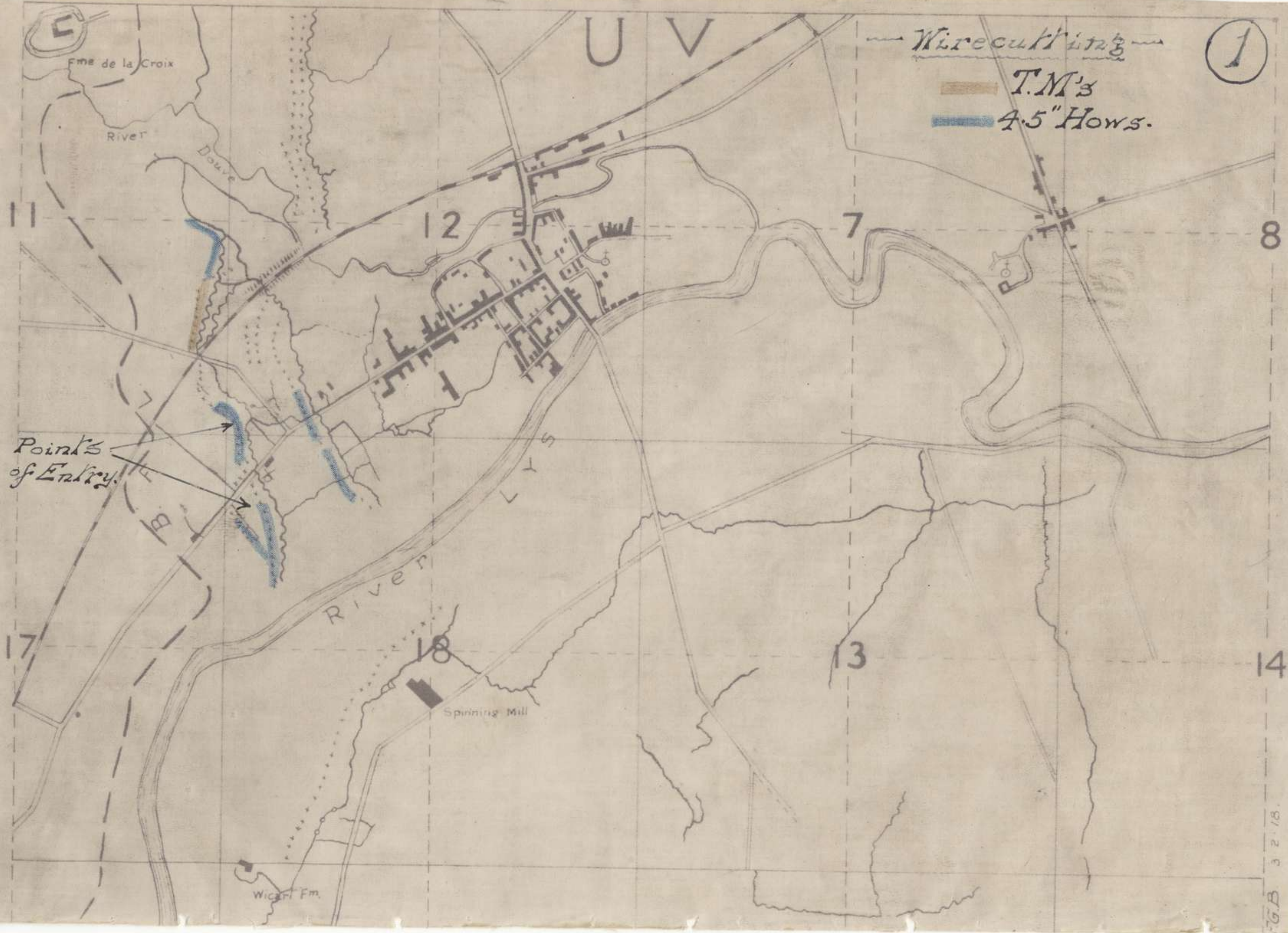


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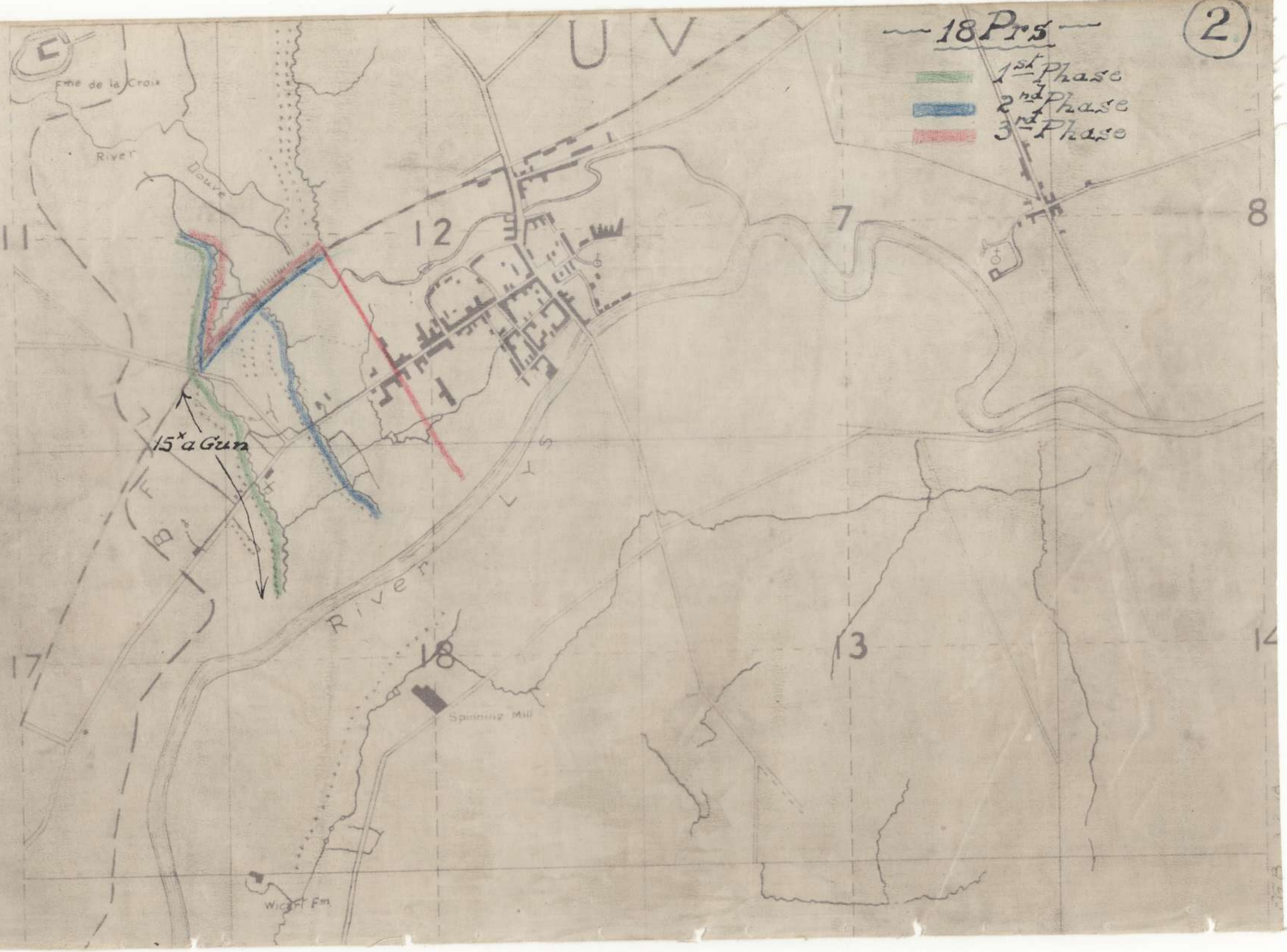
MAP "A"

Appendix 2.1

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Warnefont and Deulemont

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18 Pns

1st Phase  
2nd Phase  
3rd Phase

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Appendix 2.

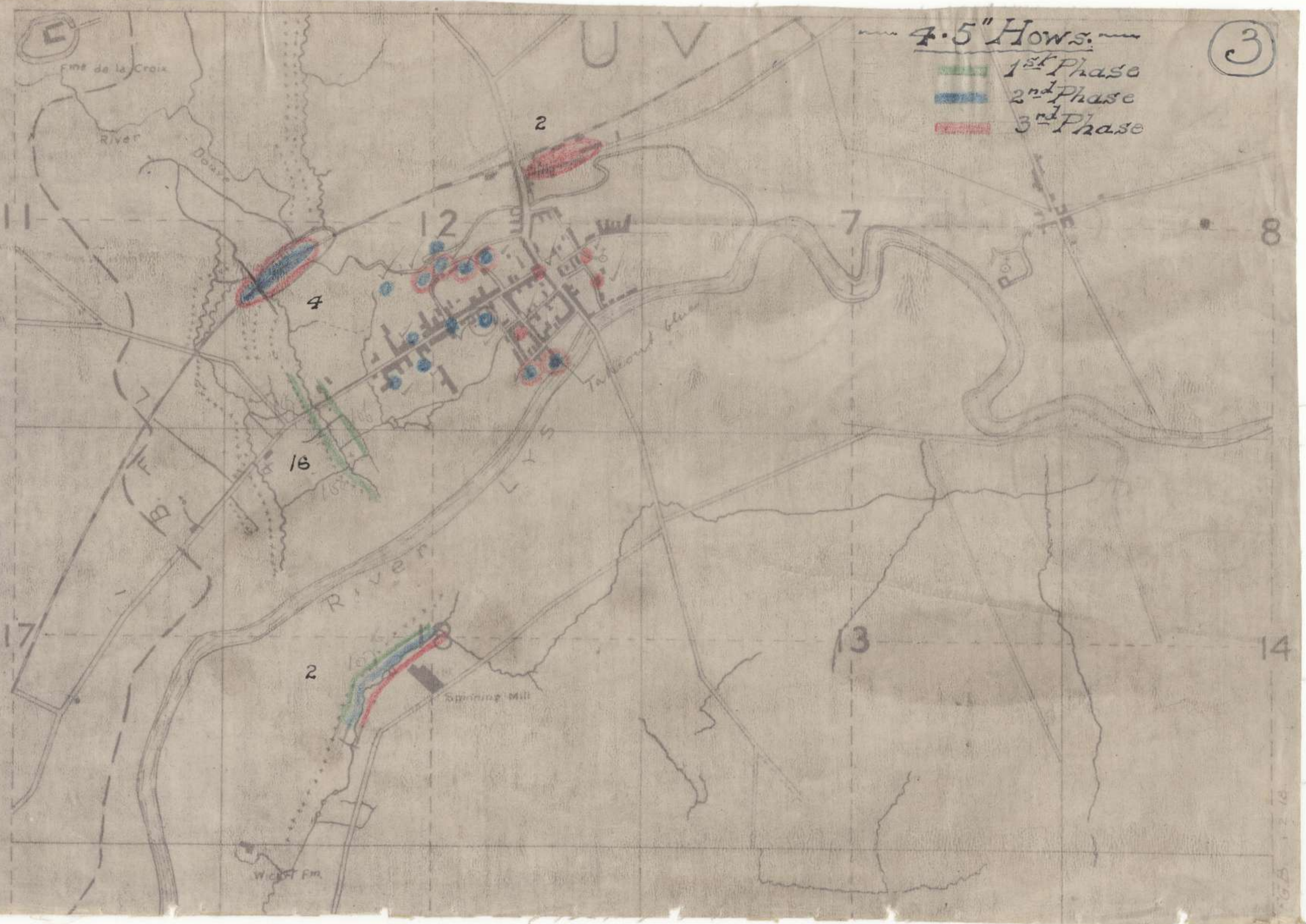
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Part of Sheel's

Warnefont and Deulemont

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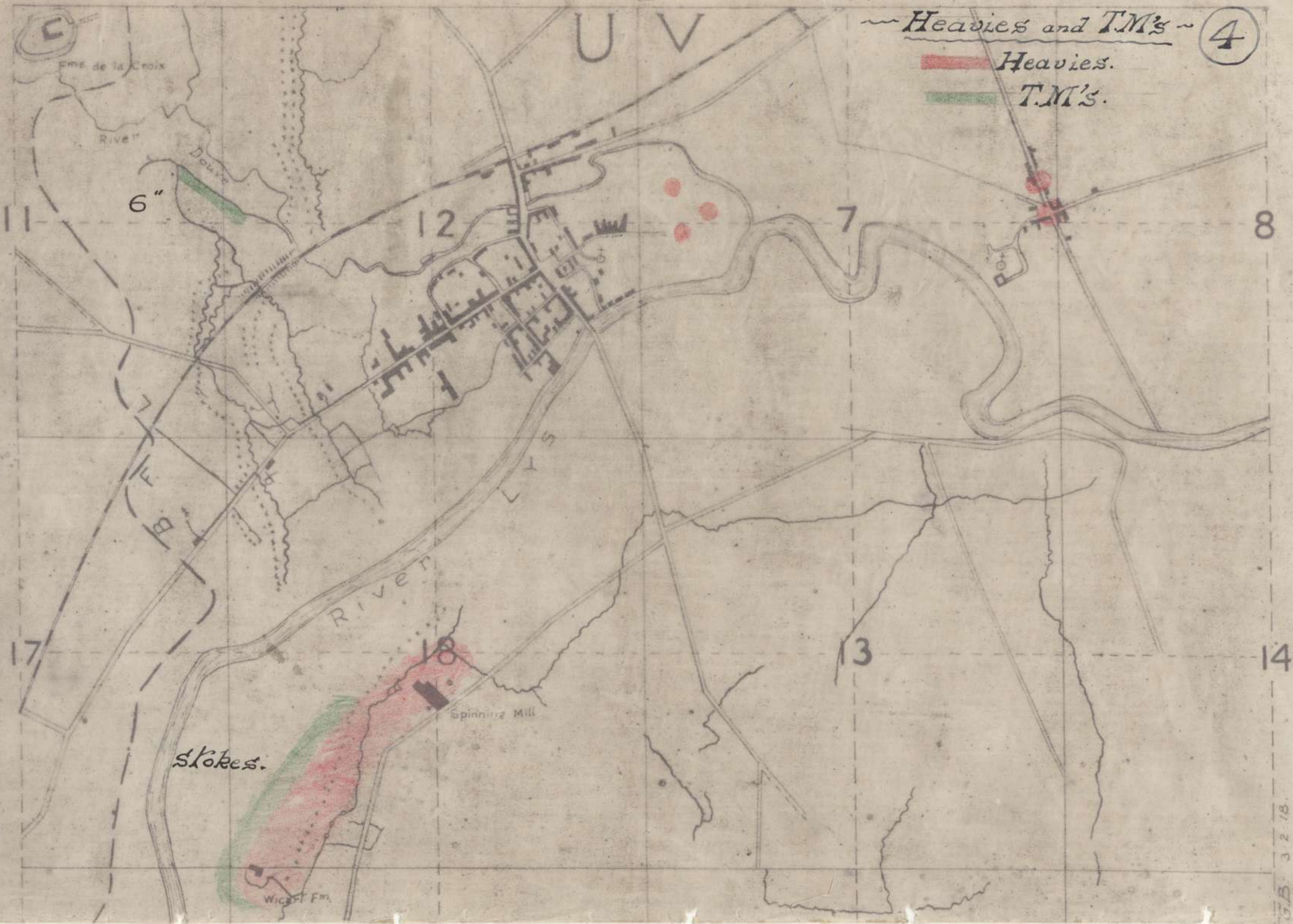
4.5" Hows.  
 1st Phase  
 2nd Phase  
 3rd Phase

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Part of Sheel's  
Warneford and Deulemont  
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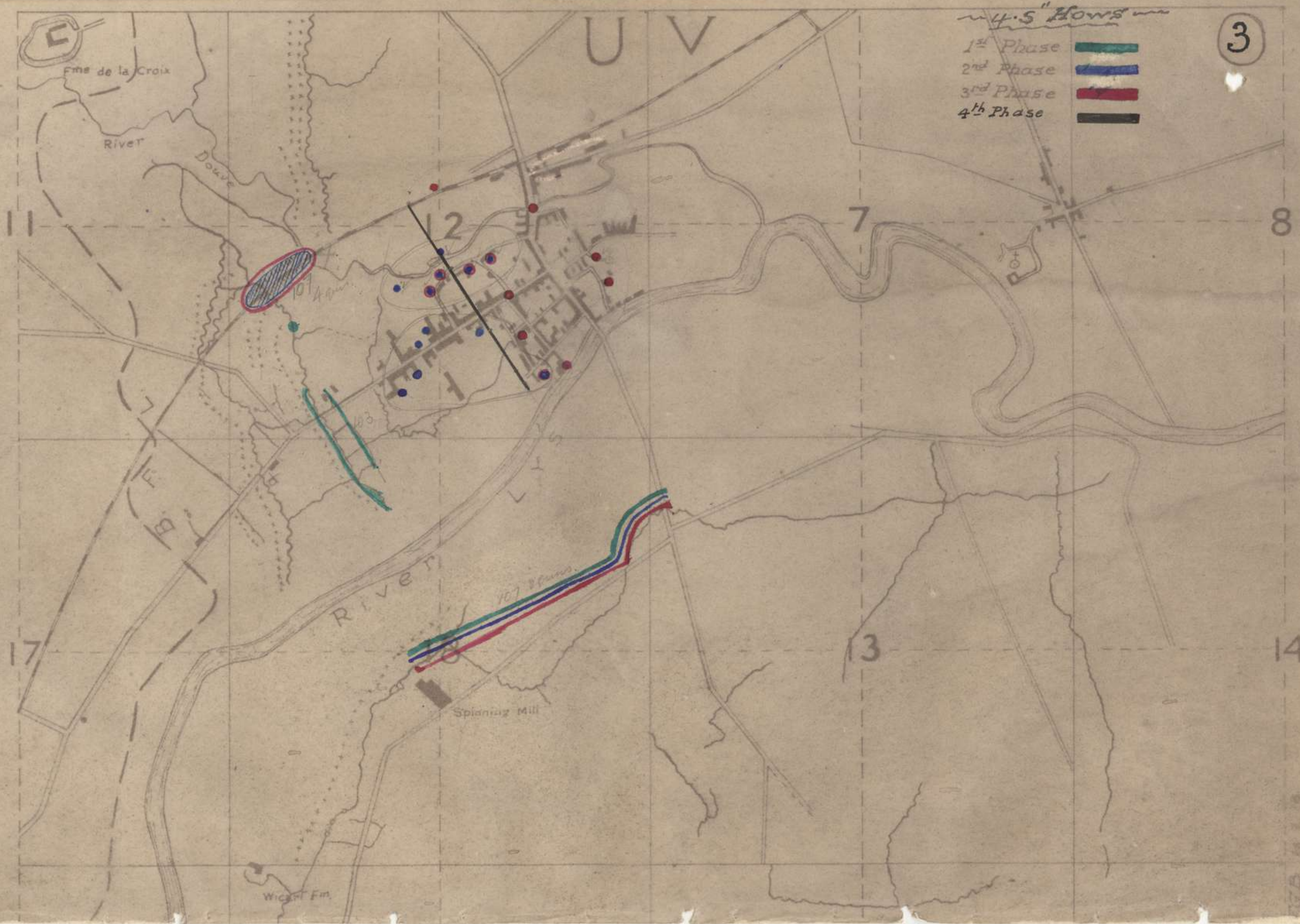


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Part of Sheela  
Warnefon and Deulemont  
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MAP "A"  
Part of Sheel's  
Warnefont and Deulemont  
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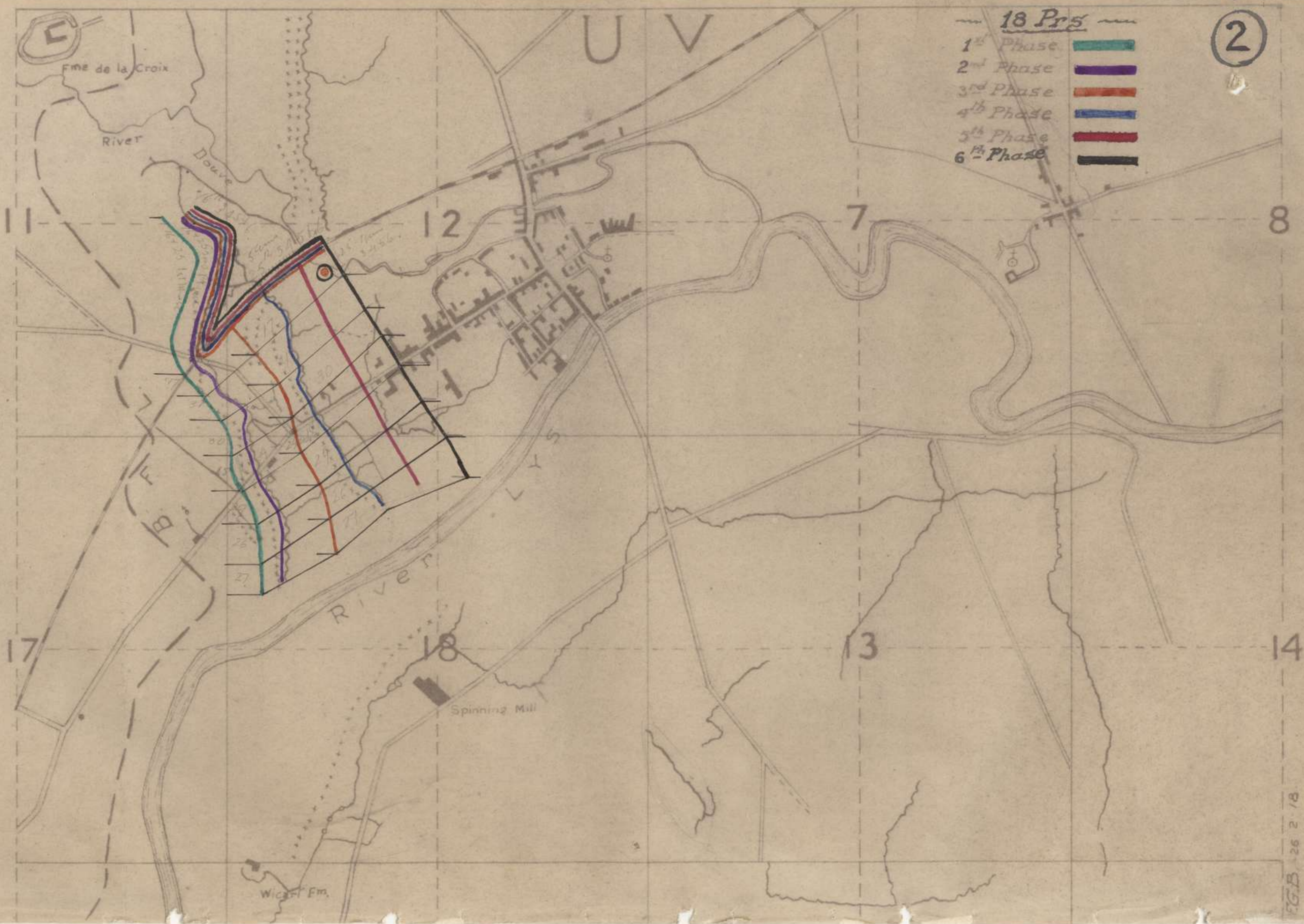


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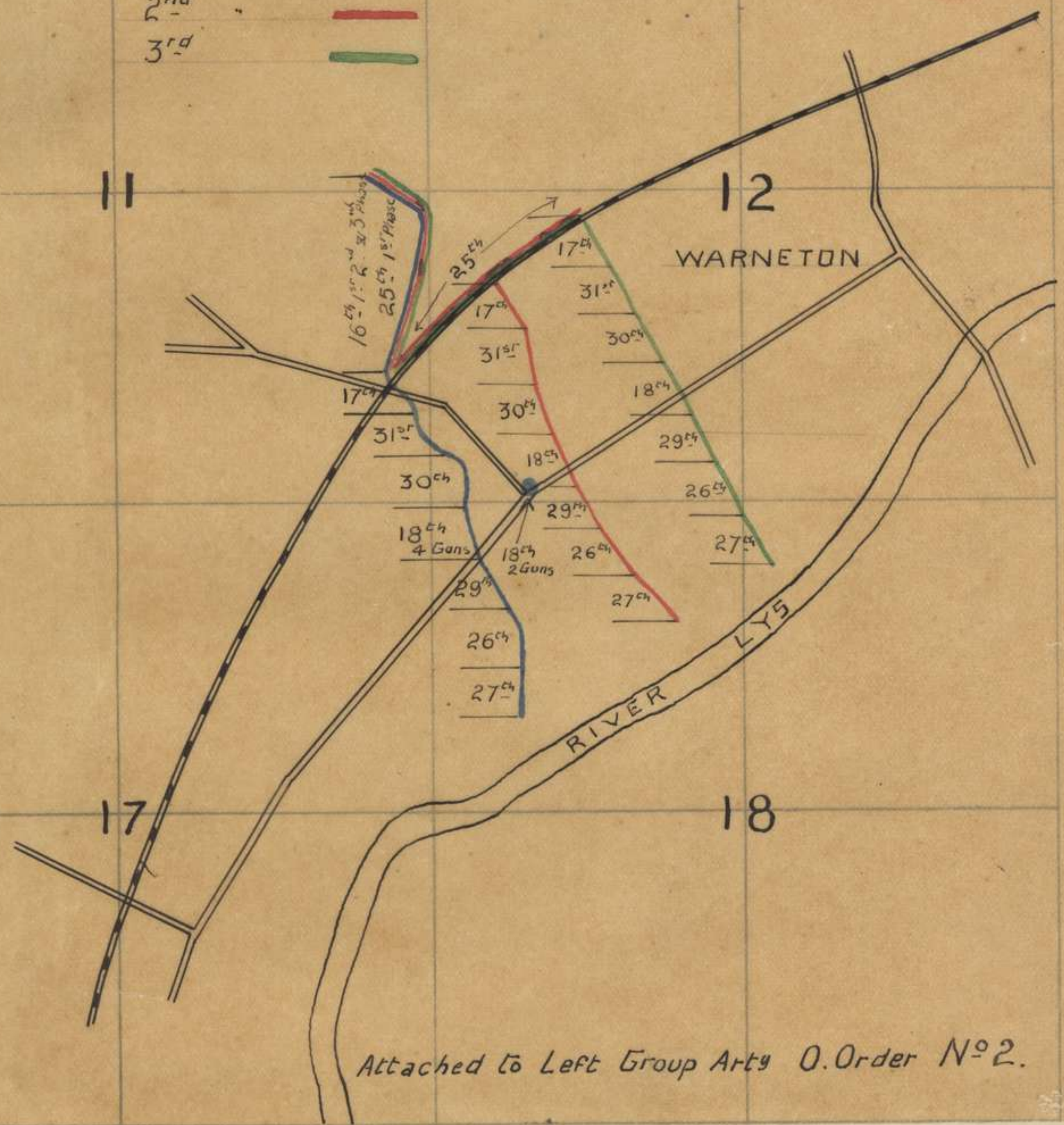


Appendix 2

18 Pdr's

1<sup>st</sup> Phase —  
 2<sup>nd</sup> —  
 3<sup>rd</sup> —

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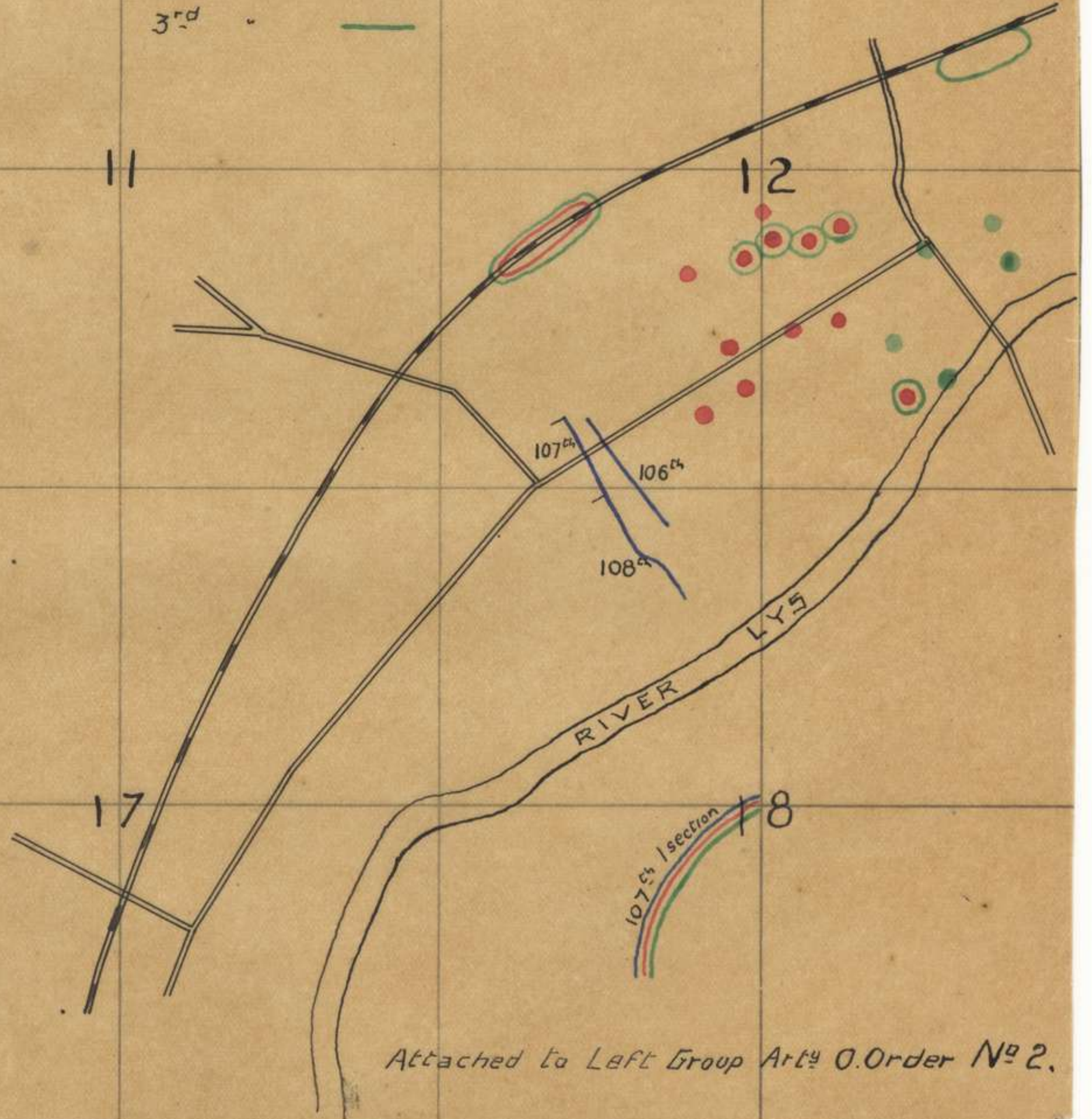


Attached to Left Group Art'y O. Order N°2.



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1<sup>st</sup> Phase ———  
 2<sup>nd</sup> " ———  
 3<sup>rd</sup> " ———



Attached to Left Group Art<sup>y</sup> O. Order N<sup>o</sup> 2.

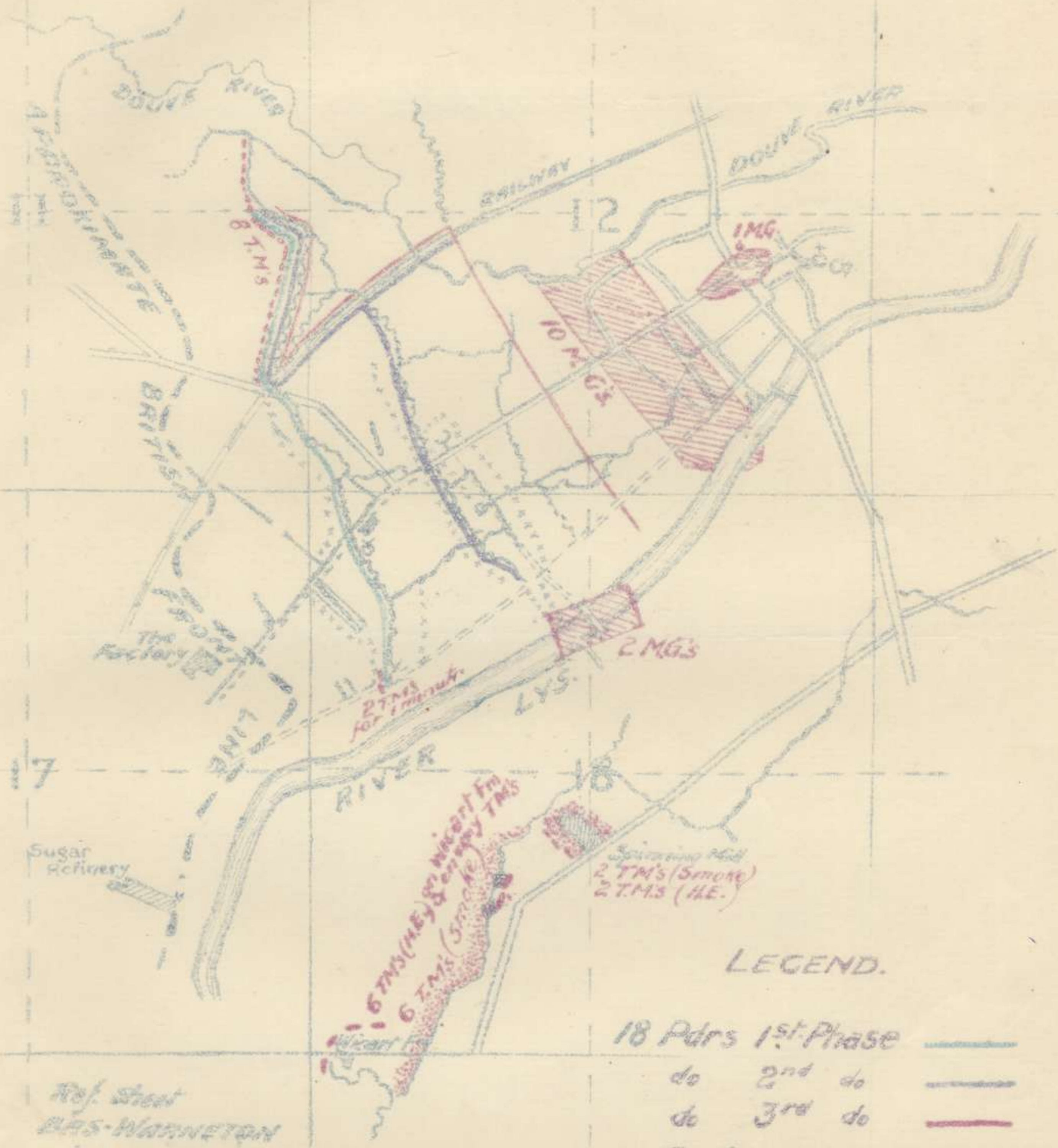


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- 18 Pdrs 1<sup>st</sup> Phase
- do 2<sup>nd</sup> do
- do 3<sup>rd</sup> do
- T.M.'s Smoke
- do HE.
- M.G.'s.

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Health Report for week ending noon. 7.2.18

8<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div.

Number of cases of principal  
cause of sick evacuation.

P.O.O — 1

General remarks on health  
of troops

Good

Prevalent diseases.

Respiratory troubles

Infectious diseases  
(number of evacuations)

Nil

Skin diseases  
(number of evacuations)

Nil

Date. 7.2.18.

*J. M. Kelly* Capt.  
R.M.O. 8th F.A. Bde. A.I.F.



Health Report for week ending 14. 2. 18  
of 7. A. Bde. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div.

Number of cases of principal cause of sick evacuations.	Nil
General remarks on health of troops.	Good.
Prevalent diseases.	Respiratory troubles
Infectious diseases (number of evacuations).	Nil
Skin diseases (number of evacuations).	Scabies — 1.

Date. 14. 2. 18.

A. M. Smith Capt.  
R. Q. 8th F. A. Bde. A. I. F.



Health Report for week ending noon 21.2.18

8<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div.

Number of cases of principal cause of sick evacuations

Follicular tonsillitis - 2.

General remarks on health of troops

Good.

Prevalent diseases

Respiratory troubles

Infectious diseases  
(no of evacuations)

Nil.

Skin diseases  
(no of evacuations)

Nil.

Date of last disinfection of blankets of unit

16-1-18.  
24.2.18.

Date: - 21.2.18.

+ J. U. Soeij



Health Report for week ending noon 24. 1. 18.  
 8<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. 3<sup>rd</sup> Arist Div.

Number of cases of  
 principal cause of sick  
 evacuations

Persistent diarrhoea — 2  
 Myalgia (? P.O.O) — 1.

General remarks on health  
 of troops.

Good.

Prevalent diseases

Boils.  
 Diarrhoea

Infectious disease —  
 number of evacuations

Tramps — 1.

Skin diseases — number  
 of evacuations

Itch.  
 Pityriasis Rosea — 1.

Date:— 24. 1. 18.

H. M. Green Capt.  
 R.M.O. 8th F.A. Bde. A.I.F.



Health Report for week ending noon. 28. 2. 18.

8<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aest Div.

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Number of cases of principal cause of sick evacuations.	Bronchitis — 1. Influenza — 1.
General remarks on health of troops.	Good.
Prevalent diseases	Septic troubles Respiratory troubles
Infectious diseases (No of evacuations).	Nil.
Skin diseases (No of evacuations).	Eczema. — 1. Scabies — 1.

Date: - 28. 2. 18.

H. M. O. *H. M. O.* Capt.  
R.M.O. 8th F.A. Bde. A.I.F.



Health Report for week ending noon. 30-1-18.

8<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div.

Number of cases of principal cause of sick evacuations.

P.U.O. — 6.

General remarks on health of troops.

Good.  
Diarhoea cases on the decrease.

Prevalent diseases.

Boils  
Diarhoea

Infectious diseases  
number of evacuations

Nil

Skin diseases  
number of evacuations.

Scabies — 1.

Date: 30-1-18.

a/ J. W. Miller Capt.  
R.M.O. 8th F.A. Bde. A.I.F.

N13. Owing to the brigade moving on the 31<sup>st</sup> instant, this return is rendered 24 hours earlier than the usual time.



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8<sup>th</sup> L Bregalle  
Statement showing strength of Men + Horses February 1918

	PERSONNEL			HORSES	
	O	NCO's	MEN	RIDE	DRAUGHT
6/2/18	33	124	659	163	489
6/2/18	34	126	657	162	487
9/2/18	34	127	658	162	487
13/2/18	34	125	669	161	484
16/2/18	34	127	668	161	482
20/2/18	34	126	668	161	478
23/2/18	34	126	666	169	477
27/2/18	34	127	670	169	477

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 670  
 831

Appendix b.



Date.	Ammunition Received.														Ammunition Expended.												
	A.	AX.	AX	AX	AS	AT.	BX.	BCBR	BSK	BNC	BPS	BVN	BS.	A.	AX.	AX	AX	AS	AT	BX	BCBR	BSK	BNC	BPS	BVN	BS	
February.			106	103												106	103										
1st.														97	131												
2nd.	40													103	309					40							
3rd.	600	1800												473	372			1		154							
4th.	400	300						450						126	96					25							
5th.		100												90	102					38							
6th.	1200	1200						900						34	164												
7th.	2000	2000			100		450							99	246			12		73							
8th.	4070	2893			190		972							157	445					105							
9th.	956	900			20		3332	170					104	306	134			1		166	10		40	50			
10th.	<del>1018</del>						1018	100						812	1135			100		2001							
11th.	24	48												311	433	42		62		2351	244	48				4	3
12th.														331	1772			2		1214							
13th.														44	84			2									
14th.	600	1800												63	165					105							
15th.														194	324					80							
16th.														159	249					140							
17th.														182	275					115							
18th.														267	234			15		159							
19th.			800				100	200			50	200		86	213					165							
20th.	200	1400												38	95	229		3	8	100	50						
21st.	100	700												66	198					20							
22nd.														81	437	473		20	28	92	176		64				
23rd.								50						123	188					140							
24th.														126	295					275	30			50			
25th.														163	407	10				131			40				
26th.	400	1100		300			450							83	151	7				150							
27th.	1443	1369												94	341			4		102							
28th.	1471	1471			60		900							301	149					112							

Appendix 28



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8th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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## MARCH ORDER

Issued by Lieut. Colonel W. G. ALLSOP, D. S. O., Commanding.

Reference Maps :- January.  
28th. ~~January~~ 1918.

HASTEBROUCK Sa.  
Sheet 56 A. 1/40,000  
Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000  
Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000

- INTENTION 1. The 8th. F.A. Brigade (less guns and portion of personnel detailed in O.O. No.1), will march from present wagon lines to new wagon lines in T.27 and T.28. (near ROUJIN) on the 31st. instant; as per March Table and Location statement attached to 3rd. D.A.H.C. O.O. No.42.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 2. Headquarters  
29th. Battery  
30th. Battery  
108th. Battery  
31st. Battery
- STARTING POINT. 3. T roads at CHURCH, VIEUX BERQUIN.
- TILES. 4. Times for passing Starting Point will be as under:-  

Headquarters	-	1 p.m.
29th. Batty	-	1.5 p.m.
30th. do.	-	1.15 p.m.
108th. do.	-	1.25 p.m.
31st. do.	-	1.35 p.m.
- ROUTE. 5. STARTING POINT - LE VERRIER - STEINWERCK.  

Head of the Column is not to pass T Roads at LE GRAND BEAUMARE (~~Sheet~~ A.22.a.2.8.) until 7th. F.A. Brigade is clear of STEINWERCK.  
The senior Officer will be in command of the column and responsible that this instruction is carried out.
- DISTANCES. 6. Distances will be maintained on the march as set out in my A/911 dated 27.12.1917.
- DRESS & TURNOUT. 7. Marching Order.
- MARCH DISCIPLINE. 8. March discipline will be strictly observed in accordance with 3rd. Divisional Standing Order for War, and the column will halt at ten minutes before each hour moving off on the hour, unless such halt falls when passing through a town.
- RATIONS & FORAGE. 9. The unconsumed portion of rations and forage for the 31st. will be carried. Rations and forage for the 1st. February will be delivered to new wagon lines on the 31st. instant. Batteries will send guides and loaders to Refilling Point (Sheet 36 B.8.a.4.3.) daily at 9 a.m. commencing on the 31st. inst.
- TRANSPORT. 10. One A.S.C., G.S. wagon per battery will report to present wagon lines by 6 p.m. 31st. instant.  
over.



ADVANCE PARTIES.

11. Wagon Line Advance Parties of one officer, Q.M.S. and four other ranks per battery will report at new wagon lines by 8 a.m. on the 31st. inst. and take over camps, area stores, etc., statement of all area stores taken over will be forwarded to reach this office by 10 a.m. 1st. February. Incoming and outgoing units will retain any Gun boots now in possession.

REAR PARTY.

12. Rear Party consisting of one officer per battery will remain behind at present wagon lines to hand over Guns and all area stores to incoming batteries of 2nd. Divisional Artillery, receipts being obtained therefor, and forwarded to this office. Wagon lines are to be left in a thoroughly clean state before batteries move off, and a certificate that such has been done will be forwarded to this office by 10 a.m. on the 1st. February, 1918. A similar certificate will also be obtained from incoming units on taking over the lines vacated by batteries.

AMMUNITION.

13. Batteries will march out with Echelons full. Ammunition wires and states as per instructions issued will be rendered by units. An accurate count of ammunition taken over will be made by batteries.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

14. Ammunition supply will be as per D.A./4/471 of 9.12.1917, except for daily bulk allotment which will be notified later.

LOCATIONS.

15. Railhead :- STEINWERCK.  
Refilling Point :- Sheet 36. B.8.a.4.3.  
867th. Coy. 3rd. Aust. Div. Train :-  
"GREEN JACKET LINES" Sheet 36. B.8.a.9.4.  
(Move to be completed by 31st. inst.)  
3rd. Aust. Mob. Vet. Section :-  
Will be as ~~present~~ at present - Sheet 36. B.8.d.5.7.  
D.A.D.O.S. Stores : Will be located at Sheet 36. B.1.d.1.8. (Move to be completed by 29th. inst.)  
3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy. Will be located at Sheet 36 - B.7.d.7.3.

CLAIMS.

16. All claims on batteries for damage done will be settled before vacating present lines and certificates obtained that the owner has no further claim against the Battery.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

17. Batteries will send an orderly to this office at 9 a.m. on the 31st. instant to synchronise watches.

REPORTS.

18. Reports to Head of the column.  
Acknowledge.

Lieut. Colonel,  
C.O., 3rd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.



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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPECIAL PARTY

Appendix

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ORDER No. 1.

28th January 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :- Sheet 28 1/40,000  
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WAHNETON Part of Sheet 20 1/10,000 Ed. 2 B.  
Trench Plan 10th A.I.Bde 1/5,000.

MISSION

1. On 'Z' DAY at ZERO HOUR the 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party will raid enemy's trenches between the following points :-

U.18.a.28.55 - U.18.a.70.85  
U.12.c.50.25 - U.12.c.10.15

'Z' DAY and ZERO HOUR will be notified later.

OBJECT

2. The objects of the raid are as follows:-

- (i) To kill or capture as many of the enemy as possible.
- (ii) To damage and destroy his defensive system.
- (iii) To capture and destroy material.
- (iv) To obtain identification of enemy's troops.
- (v) To capture documents.
- (vi) To lower the enemy's morale.
- (vii) To raise our own morale.

ARTILLERY PROGRAMME

3. Artillery programme and scheme of wire cutting will be notified later.  
Machine Guns will assist with a barrage along a line from U.12.d.45.15 to U.12.c.95.75.  
Light Trench Mortars will co-operate by firing on SPINNING MILL U.18.c.95.85, and WICART FARI U.18.c.23.10, using some smoke to make screen along active parts of enemy front line between above 2 positions.

CHINESE ATTACK

4. A diversion in the form of a Chinese Attack has been arranged to take place opposite the enemy's trenches NORTH of the Road in U.11.d. Details of the attack are in the hands of Lieut. E.M. BARKER.

APPROACH

5. On 'Z' DAY at a time to be notified later the 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party will assemble at ROMNEY CAMP fully equipped in every particular in accordance with 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party Order No.2, less bridges and mats which will be sent by the Light Railway to AU CHASSEUR CABARET and picked up there.

The party will fall in in order of parties as laid down in para.10 hereof and will preserve that order throughout the approach to our front line.



APPROACH  
(Cont'd)

5. Entrainment will take place at CONNAUGHT SIDING and the party will proceed by Light Railway to RACINE DUMP and detrain there.

Troops will then move by VANCOUVER TRACK to AU CHASSEUR CABARET thence overland to FACTORY by taped OVERLAND ROUTE.

At ZERO MINUS 40 MINUTES Assaulting Teams will commence to move out into NO MAN'S LAND and form up on jumping off tapes laid previously by scouts.

ASSEMBLY

6. Teams will form up on the tapes in two lines of single rank with a distance of 30 yards between lines in the order in which they will enter the enemy's trenches, commencing from the right of front line and continuing from right of rear line, according to the numbers of their parties.

PRECAUTIONS

7. After leaving RACINE DUMP absolute silence must be preserved. No smoking or lights of any description will be allowed under any circumstances.

Although the assembly in NO MAN'S LAND will be covered by patrols supplied by scouts of raiders, every precaution must be used to prevent the enemy's gaining any knowledge of our intentions, and the greatest care used in moving in NO MAN'S LAND. Surprise will be keynote of success.

ACTION AT ZERO.

8. At ZERO HOUR PLUS 1 MINUTE Assembly Teams will move to their objectives. This will allow time for the Chinese Attack diversion to operate, and for that reason no movement of the teams whatsoever must take place between ZERO HOUR and ZERO PLUS 1 MINUTE.

POINTS OF ENTRY

9. Assaulting Parties will enter enemy's trenches by gaps cut in his wire at the following places.-

RIGHT PARTY U.18.a.23.60 (Point A in Special Map)  
LEFT PARTY U.12.c.05.05 (Point K " " " " )

COMPOSITION OF PARTIES

10. The composition and duties of the parties will be as follows:-

<u>H.Q. RAID PARTY.</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Captain	F. E. FAIRWEATHER		
	1 N.C.O., 4 Runners,		
	2 Signallers, 4 Linesmen	1	11

RIGHT ASSAULTING TEAM.

O.C.-	Lieut. W. HUNTER		
	2 Runners, 2 Signallers,		
	10 Stretcher Bearers, with		
	8 stretchers.	1	11



COMPOSITION  
OF PARTIES  
(Cont'd)

10.

RIGHT ASSAULTING TEAM (Cont'd)OfficersO. R.No. 1 PARTYWire and  
Parapet  
Party.Lieut. N. E. DIXON  
1 N.C.O., 4 Scouts &  
Wire cutters, 2 Bombers,  
2 Bayonet men, 2 Runners,  
2 Tape men.

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To effect an entry into the enemy's trenches at "A" and cover the passage of the remaining parties through the enemy's wire, then to act as parapet men and Reserve Stretcher Bearers.

No. 2 PARTYRight Cover-  
ing Party.1 N.C.O., 2 Lewis Gunners,  
1 Grenadier, 1 Bomber,  
1 Bayonet man.

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To cover the right flank in NO MAN'S LAND and the entry of No. 4 Party through the enemy's wire at "B", thence to move to "B" and establish a block there; also to engage any hostile machine guns firing across river and to cover withdrawal of our own troops from enemy's line.

No. 3 PARTYSPINNEY  
Storming  
Party.1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,  
2 Bombers.

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To clear SPINNEY.

No. 4 PARTYRight Flank  
Storming  
Party.1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,  
1 Bomber, 1 Carrier,  
1 Demolition man.

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To rush M.C. emplacement at "B", and thence storm North along enemy front line to "A" junctioning with No. 1 Party at "A".

No. 5 PARTYLeft Flank  
Storming  
and Block-  
ing Party.1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet men  
2 Bombers, 1 Carrier,  
1 Demolition man.

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7

To storm enemy's front line NORTH from "A" to "C" and effecting a junction with No. 12 Party at "C" thence storming EAST along WARETON ROAD to "D" clearing ditch and possible emplacement.

No. 6 PARTYRight End  
Line Storm-  
ing and  
Blocking  
Party.1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,  
2 Bombers, 2 Grenadiers

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To storm enemy's second line from Point "E" SOUTH to "F" and establish a block there.

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No. 7 PARTY Lieut. W. G. H. C ROWE  
Right C.T. 3 N.C.Os, 5 Bayonet men,  
and 2nd Line 5 Bombers, 1 Grenadier,  
Storming 1 Carrier, 1 Runner,  
Party. 2 Demolition men. 1 18

To storm Right Communication Trench from "A" EAST to "E", thence dividing into two parties, one under Lieut. C ROWE storming to "G" thence to PILLBOX at "H", leaving a Blocking Party of 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R. at "G", thence to "I"; the other party under a N.C.O. storming along 2nd Line to "I", thence effecting a junction with No. 13 Party at "J".

No. 8 PARTY 1 N.C.O., 2 Lewis Gunners,  
Right Cover- 2 Bombers, 1 Grenadier,  
ing Party. 1 Bayonet man. - 7

To establish a position in vicinity of "F<sup>1</sup>" protecting RIGHT FLANK from counter attack and to engage any hostile machine guns on right bank of river.

TOTAL RIGHT ASSAULTING TEAM 3 30

LEFT ASSAULTING TEAM.

O.C. - 2nd Lieut. E. J. H. SCHLITZ.  
2 Signallers, 2 Runners,  
10 Stretcher Bearers with  
8 stretchers. 1 14

No. 9 PARTY 2nd Lt. A. J. B. CHURCHILL  
Wire and 1 N.C.O., 4 Scouts and  
Parapet Wire Cutters, 2 Bombers,  
Party. 2 Bayonet men, 2 Runners,  
2 Tape men. 1 13

To effect an entry into enemy's trench at "K" and cover the passage of the remaining parties through enemy's wire, then to act as parapet men and reserve stretcher bearers.

No. 10 PARTY. 1 N.C.O., 2 Lewis Gunners,  
Left Cover- 1 Grenadier, 1 Bomber,  
ing Party. 1 Bayonet man. - 6

To cover the left flank in NO MAN'S LAND and the entry through the enemy's wire also to engage hostile machine guns and cover withdrawal.

No. 11 PARTY 1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,  
Left Front 2 Bombers, 1 Grenadier,  
Line Storming 1 Carrier. - 6  
& Blocking  
Party.

To storm enemy front line NORTH from "K" to "L" and establish a block at "L".



COMPOSITION OF PARTIES (Cont'd)

LEFT ASSAULTING PARTY (Cont'd)		Officers	O. R.
		2	39
<u>No.12 PARTY</u>	1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet men,		
Right Front	2 Bombers.	-	5
Line Storming Party.			
To storm enemy's front line SOUTH from "K" to "C" and junction with No. 5 Party at "C".			
<u>No.13 PARTY</u>	1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet men,		
Left C.T.	2 Bombers, 1 Carrier,		
Storming	2 Demolition men,		
Party.	1 spare man.	--	9
To storm and clean up left communication trench from "K" to "J" and pill boxes in C.T. and junction with No. 7 Party at "J".			
<u>No.14 PARTY</u>	2ndLt. F. J. EASON		
Pillbox	(1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet		
Storming &	(a) (men, 2 Bombers, 1		
Clearing	(carrier, 1 Demolition		
Party.	(man, 1 Runner.	1	3
	(b) (1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet		
	(man, 1 bomber, 1 demo-		
	(lition man.	-	4
To storm and clean up C.T. from "J" to "M".			
(a) Party cleans up pillboxes on NORTH side of road at "M".			
(b) Party cleans up pillbox on SOUTH side of road at "M".			
<u>No.15 PARTY</u>	1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,		
Left 2nd Line	2 Bombers, 1 Grenadier.	-	5
Storming and Blocking Party.			
To storm 2nd Line NORTH from "J" to "N" and establish a block at "N", then to assist No.14 Party with pillboxes.			
<u>No.16 PARTY</u>	1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,		
Right Front	2 Bombers, 2 Lewis		
Line Storm-	Gunners, 1 Grenadier		
ing Party.		-	7
To take up a position in vicinity of "N" to cover left rear from counter attack and also engage hostile machine guns.			
<u>TOTAL LEFT ASSAULTING TEAM</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>77</u>
<u>SPECIAL PARTY</u>	2ndLt. E. M. BARKER		
	1 N.C.O., 10 men.	1	11
To operate Chinese Attack.			
<u>SCOUT &amp; INTELLIGENCE</u>	2ndLt. D. I. JOHNSON	1	-



SUMMARY.

	Officers	O.S.
H.Q. Raid Party ... ..	1	11
Right Assaulting Team ...	3	80
Left " " ... ..	3	77
Special Party ... ..	1	11
Scout & Intelligence Officer	1	-

TOTAL ASSAULTING TROOPS 9 179

PARAPET PARTIES

11. The leading parties of each team must devote their entire energy to effecting an entrance into the enemy's trenches, and secure the entry by breaking down any initial local resistance. While making such an entry they will be covered by the leading stemming and blocking parties and by the Lewis Guns of the flanking parties in NO MAN'S LAND.

DELAYS

12. Should any delay occur in the passage of the enemy's wire all ranks not otherwise engaged will lie down and take such cover as is afforded by the ground till the advance can be continued.

WITHDRAWAL

13. Withdrawal will take place at ZERO PLUS 3. The withdrawal of parties from the enemy line will be covered by the parapet parties and the Lewis Guns in NO MAN'S LAND - Parties numbered 1 & 2 and 9 & 10.

COMMUNICATION

14. Communication will be by telephone lines from H.Q., O.C. RAID across NO MAN'S LAND to H.Qs., O's.C. ASSAULT. Should these fail communication will be by runner. Communication must be maintained at all costs and frequent reports sent to O.C. RAID. Too much emphasis cannot be laid on this point.

H.Q. of O.C. RAID will be at pillbox at U.17.b.75.45  
H.Q. of O's C. ASSAULT will be at a convenient position in enemy's parapet near points of entry.

When the withdrawal from enemy's line is complete O's.C. ASSAULT will report personally to O.C. RAID.

MEDICAL

15. The Regimental Aid Post for the raid will be situated at U.17.d.32.90 in ULTIMO DRIVE - 20 yards NORTH of junction of this trench with LA BASSE VILLE-WARNETON ROAD. The evacuation of wounded will be by 2 OVERLAND ROUTES to THE FACTORY, thence by OVERLAND ROUTE to AU CHASSEUR CABARET, thence by VANCOUVER TRACK tramline, using special stretcher trucks. At CANPAC DUMP evacuation will be arranged by 11th Field Ambulance.

STRETCHER BEARERS

16. In addition to stretcher bearers included in raiding party, the C.Os 37th and 38th Battalions will provide 8 bearers each to carry back from R.A.P. to tramline and push trollies from there to CANPAC DUMP.

RETURN

17. On returning to our line all troops will evacuate as speedily as possible by taped OVERLAND ROUTE to THE FACTORY thence leading due WEST to VANCOUVER TRACK in vicinity of AU CHASSEUR CABARET thence by VANCOUVER TRACK to RACINE DUMP where they will be conveyed by steam train to COMNAIGET SIDING.

An officer detailed by 37th Batta. will supervise entraining at R.C.I.S.







## 10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPECIAL PARTY Appendix

ORDER No.: 2.

28th January 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :- Sheet 28.  
 BAS WARETON Part of Sheet 28 1/10,000  
 WARETON " " " 28 1/10,000 Ed. 2 B  
 Trench Plan 10th A.I. Bde. 1/5,000.

DRESS

1. The dress, arms and equipment to be worn and carried by all members of 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party will be as under:-

Dress (a) ALL RANKS.

Imperial pattern tunic and breeches, puttees, leather boots, steel helmet, warm underclothing

(b) All faces will be blackened.

(c) No letters, papers or documents, except as hereinafter provided will be carried by any members of the Special Party and no colours, identity discs, badges or other marks whatsoever which would lead to the identity of the troops concerned are to be worn on any part of the person or uniform at all except:-

(i) All members of the Right Assaulting Team will wear a white band (12" X 2") around the right upper arm.

(ii) All members of the Left Assaulting Team will wear a white band (12" X 2") around the left upper arm.

(iii) All runners will wear in addition a white band (8" X 1½") around the right cuff.

(iv) All stretcher bearers will wear a white band (12" X 2") on right forearm with letters "S.B." thereon in red.

(d) All ranks will wear greatcoats until reaching RACINE DUMP, where they will be dumped and be available for their owners on returning.

Equipment labels will be issued showing the man's number, name, Company, and Battalion, before leaving ROLNEY CAMP. ALL RANKS must securely attach this label to the greatcoat by tying the string through the top button hole.

(e) Special identification discs bearing a number and letters only will be tied by cord round neck of each member of raiding party.

Before leaving billet each member will be given the special disc and a linen triplicate in exchange for his own two discs. The duplicate of the special disc will be securely tied to the man's two ordinary discs and left in billets. On returning from the raid the original 2 ordinary discs will be returned to the owners in return for the special disc worn during the operation. The triplicate will be handed in at checking point as detailed in para. 16. Order No. 1.

ARMS

2.

(a) OFFICERS and No. 1 of each Lewis Gun Team will carry revolver fully loaded and 12 spare rounds of ammunition in trousers pocket.

(b) BOMBERS will carry a knobkerry and 12 Mills grenades each.

(c) GRENADEIERS will carry rifle with bayonet fixed and special cup attachment, 50 rounds S.A.A., 25 rounds of special blank ammunition, 10 rifle grenades and 5 spare rounds each.



(d) CARRIERS will carry rifle and bayonet, 50 rounds S.A.A. and 12 Mills Grenades each.

(e) DEMOLITION MEN, will carry rifle and bayonet, 50 rounds S.A.A., demolition charge and two 'P' bombs each.

(f) RUNNERS will carry rifle and bayonet and 50 rounds of S.A.A.

(g) SPECIAL PARTY. All other ranks will carry rifle and bayonet with 50 rounds S.A.A.

(h) LEADS GUNNERS. In addition to the arms mentioned in sub para (a) above, the No.1 of each gun team (i.e. Parties No.2,8,10, and 16) will carry the gun and 1 full magazine.

The N.C.O. in charge and No.2 will each have 2 full magazines in a haversack carried "Anzac" fashion in addition to a rifle and bayonet and 50 rounds S.A.A.

(i) SIGNALERS & LINESMEN, SCOUTS & TAPMEN will each carry a rifle and 50 rounds of S.A.A.

(j) SPARE MEN will each carry rifle and bayonet, 50 rounds S.A.A., 1 Stokes shell and 1 'P' bomb.

(k) STRETCHER BEARERS will carry 1 knobkerry each.

(l) In addition to the above all ranks except those mentioned in sub para.2 (a), (b) and (c) hereof will carry 2 Mills grenades, one in each upper pocket of the tunic.

In each case where a rifle and bayonet is ordered to be carried the bayonet will be fixed on the rifle and painted and the magazine will contain 5 cartridges, cut-offs to be open and safety catches back.

### EQUIPMENT 3.

(a) Small Box Respirators will be worn by ALL RANKS in the "ALERT" position.

(b) Each officer will carry 1 electric torch, Army message book (with no identifying marks) and a luminous watch.

(c) The leading bayonet man of each party will carry an electric torch strapped on to the barrel of his rifle, in a convenient position for switching on or off with the left hand. Any other torches in possession of members of the party should be carried.

(d) The scouts of No.1 and 9 Parties will each carry 1 pair of wiring gloves and 1 pair of large wire cutters each.

All Officers and N.C.Os should carry 1 pair of small wire cutters each.

(e) Two scouts of Parties No.1 and 9 will each carry 1 straw mat and the remainder of these parties two more straw mats between them.

(f) Demolition men and carriers will each carry two empty sandbags for the purpose of collecting and bringing back captured documents &c.

(g) Stretcher Bearers will work in teams of two and each team will be equipped with electric torch, stretcher and such bandages and other stores as the Medical Officer may consider necessary.

(h) ALL RANKS will carry First Field Dressing.

4. On return to our lines all surplus stores will be left at a dump to be established at THE FACTORY.

5. A C K H O N E D G E. ✓

F. L. FAIRWEATHER Captain  
O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Party.

### DISTRIBUTION

Same as for 10th A.I. Bde. Special Party Order No.1



## 10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPECIAL PARTY

## ORDER No. 3

28th January 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :-

Sheet 28 1/40,000

BAS WARNETON Part of Sheet 28 1/10,000

WARNETON " " " 28 1/10,000 Bl.2

Trench Plan 10th A.I.Bde 1/5,000

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- Appendix 4
- INTENTION 1. As laid down in para. 4 of 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party Order No.1 a CHINESE ATTACK will be arranged to take place in conjunction with the main operation on 'Z' NIGHT.
- 'Z' NIGHT and ZERO HOUR will be notified later.
- LOCALITY 2. This attack will take place NORTH of the main attack on a front of 75 yards from U.l.l.d.65.75 to U.l.l.d.65.90.
- OBJECTS 3. The objects of the diversion are as follows:-
- (i) To deceive the enemy as to our actual intentions.
  - (ii) To draw fire.
  - (iii) To induce the enemy to put down his S.O.S. in wrong locality.
  - (iv) To avoid casualties.
  - (v) To lower the enemy's morale.
- ARTILLERY ACTION 4. Enemy's wire will be cut, and our barrage will extend along his front line system, opposite this locality. Exact Artillery programme will be notified later.
- COMPOSITION OF PARTIES 5. 2nd Lieut. E. M. BARKER is detailed to supervise the attack and he will have with him a party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to assist. This party will include 2 stretcher bearers.
- SPECIAL STORES. 6. Special camouflage figures will be used and a supply of these has now been secured from Special R.E. Works Park, WIMEREUK.
- TRAINING 7. The training of the CHINESE ATTACK Party in the use of the figures and a careful reconnaissance of NO MAN'S LAND in vicinity of Locality laid down in Para.2 hereof will be commenced forthwith.
- PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS. 8. On 'Z' MINUS 1 NIGHT 2nd Lieut. E.M. BARKER, with so many of his Party as he may consider necessary, will proceed from ROMNEY CAMP by wheeled transport to CANPAC DUMP thence by WARNETON TRACK to junction of WARNETON TRACK with EGMONT AVENUE. He will take with him 30 special figures and such other appliances as are necessary to ensure their proper working. These will be left at or near junction of WARNETON TRACK and EGMONT AVENUE and carefully camouflaged. The party will then proceed by overland route to our Front Line in vicinity of U.l.l.d.30.90 thence into NO MAN'S LAND and prepare or improve such positions as may be required to ensure the reasonable safety of the men operating the figures, and a proper working of the figures on 'Z' NIGHT.
- APPROACH 9. On 'Z' NIGHT, at a time to be notified later CHINESE ATTACK Party will assemble at ROMNEY CAMP and proceed by route laid down in Para.8 above and pick up figures at junction of WARNETON TRACK and EGMONT AVENUE. The party will then proceed by overland route to our front line in vicinity of U.l.l.d.30.90 and



APPROACH

9. (cont'd) thence across NO MAN'S LAND to locality laid down in para. 2 hereof. The party will then commence laying the figures.

The figures will be irregularly spaced and echeloned over the front as laid down in para. 2 hereof.

PRECAUTIONS

10. Absolute silence must be maintained and no smoking or lights of any description permitted under any circumstances after leaving CAMPAC DUMP on both 'Z' MINUS ONE and 'Z' NIGHTS. It is highly important that the enemy's suspicions be not aroused until desired.

DETAILS OF ATTACK

11. C.O. 40th Battalion A.I.F. will supply covering patrols on 'Z' MINUS ONE and 'Z' NIGHTS.

12. At ZERO MINUS 20 MINUTES figures and operators will be in position and covering patrol will withdraw.

13. At ZERO MINUS 3 MINUTES two figures will be raised for TEN SECONDS. This should attract the enemy's attention.

14. At ZERO HOUR ALL figures will be raised and will then be lowered and raised at irregular and uncertain intervals. At least 50% of the figures must always be upright.

15. At ZERO PLUS 20 MINUTES all figures will be lowered, and operators will return to a safe position in our own lines.

WITHDRAWAL

16. At ZERO PLUS 1 HOUR or so soon as enemy's fire permits 2nd Lieut. BARBER will arrange for salvage of all figures from NO MAN'S LAND. The party will be checked at EGMONT DUMP and will withdraw by WARETON TRACK.

MEDICAL

17. Evacuation of wounded will be overland route to EGMONT AVENUE thence by EGMONT AVENUE, USEFUL LANE, and DOUVE RIVER DUCKBOARDS to R.A.P. at U.10.a.20.60, thence via DUCKBOARD TRACK, MESSINES ROAD to HYDE PARK Advanced Dressing Station, where 11th Field Ambulance will arrange evacuation. C.O. 40th Battalion will arrange for 4 stretcher bearers to be at disposal of 2nd Lieut. BARBER to assist in evacuation of wounded to R.A.P.

REPORT

18. At ZERO PLUS 20 MINUTES or so soon thereafter as possible 2nd Lieut. BARBER will report to O.C. RAID by telephone from nearest signal office.

ARMS & EQUIPMENT.

19. Arms and equipment will be as laid down in 10th A.I.Bde. Special Party Order No.2.

SPECIAL

20. Attention is directed to 10th A.I.Bde. Special Party Order No.1, paras.19,20,22.

21. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓ *200*

F. D. FAIRWEATHER Captain

O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Party.

DISTRIBUTION.

Same as for 10th A.I.Bde. Spec. Party Order No. 1



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6th Aust. AFA Brigade

Herewith for information copy of instructions issued to Batteries of this Group in connection with reinforcing positions selected for Batteries of your Brigade.

The position numbered 2 in the table of allotment, at the foot <sup>thereof</sup> is the one at present under ~~your~~ consideration for alteration. The coordinate given was the position first selected but subsequently changed as advised in my letter to you of 5/2/18.

Major



APPENDIX

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RIGHT DIV. ARTY. DEFENCE SCHEME (Contd)

APPENDIX V.

HEAVY ARTILLERY DISTRIBUTION

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<u>BATTERY</u>	<u>NATURE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>BOOMBARDMENT GROUPS.</u>			
<u>52nd H.A. GROUP - Lt-Col. E. WIGHTON, D.S.O. - B.17.a.80.</u>			
259th Siege	6" How. (4)	B.6.c. Central.	600
264th "	9.2" How. (4)	(U.19.d.05.70.	680
		(T.18.a.2.5.	650
366th "	9.2" Gun. (1)	T.28.a.28.97.	as
<u>12th H.A. GROUP - Lt-Col. H.J. KELSALL, - N.20.d.4.</u>			
70th Siege	8" How. (6)	0.13.c.6.4.	450
319th "	6" How (4)	0.9.c.05.85.	55
285th "	6" How. (4)	0.19.b.2.3.	50
253rd "	6" How (4)	0.13.d.35.62.	50.
<u>COUNTER-BATTERY GROUPS</u>			
<u>51st H.A. GROUP - Lt Col. H.W. LOCKHART - N.20.d.2.</u>			
99th Siege	12" How. (2)	(0.19.a.0.8.	670
		(N.13.d.36.85.	55



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To C.O. Right Group.

HEADQUARTERS, 8TH F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F. S, 217.
No. ....
Date .....

Attached is a copy of Instructions issued from 3rd. D.A. H.Q., and also a Map showing wire to be cut by Howitzer Batteries forwarded for your information; the 107th. Battery will be one of the Howitzer Batteries concerned.

*J. Brake* *new*

8-2-1918.

MAJOR.,  
A./ C.O., Left Group Arty.



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HEADQUARTERS, 8TH F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.	
No.	8/224
Date	

To  
 All Batteries,  
 Left Group Artillery.  
*Right Group Bty (Information)*

The undermentioned Battery Positions selected for reinforcing this Group, for operations shortly to take place, are allotted to Batteries at present in the line, for the purposes of preparing platforms, trail beds, approaches, telephone controls and shelters. The positions will also be suitably camouflaged.

The work of preparation is to be treated by batteries as particularly urgent and must be proceeded with immediately. A daily progress report on work done will be furnished to reach this office at 7 p.m. each day.

The centre line of platforms or pits should be laid out on WINDMILL (U.18.a.20.80) Total arc of fire at least 30° for each pit.

Scheme of communications has been prepared, and it will be necessary for the new positions to be connected to present Battery exchanges for O.P. lines, Batteries will give the utmost assistance to Group Signal Officer in regard to arrangement of communications.

R.E. material required will be requisitioned for by Batteries concerned, but as there will be delay probably in supply, all material possible must be salvaged for the above purposes of preparation.

Allotment.

1.	18-pdr.	- 6 guns	- U.14.b.48.36	- allotted	- 29th. Bty.
2.	do.	do. <sup>16</sup> A	<del>U.7.a.51.23</del>	do.	30th. do.
3.	do.	do. <sup>17</sup> B	U.7.c.51.67	do.	31st. do.
4.	4.5" How.	do. <sup>106</sup>	U.14.a.40.60	do.	108th. do.
5.	18-pdr.	do. <sup>18</sup>	U.8.c.70.00	do.	27th. do.
6.	4.5" How.	do. <sup>107</sup>	U.26.b.78.65	do.	25th. do.

U7d.45.38.

*Prowe*

Major,  
a/c. O., Left Group Artillery.

Headquarters,  
3-2-1918.

*U7d.45.38 for U7a.1123*



HEADQUARTERS, 3TH F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.
No. S./217/1.
Date.....

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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3.4/20.

To Right & Left Arty. Groups.

A Raid will be carried out shortly on the Divisional Front, smoke being used.

Group Commanders will, from the 5th. instant, arrange to put over gas shell combined with a few smoke, whenever conditions are favourable.

Proposed programme to be submitted to D.A. H.Q. by 6 p.m. 4-2-18.

Headquarters,  
3-2-1918.

(SGD) W. A. NICHOLLS, Major, R.A.  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division

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To O.C. 108th. Bty.

Reference the above.

Please forward to this Office by 2 p.m. tomorrow, 4th. instant, a proposed programme extending over 5 days, and commencing on the 5th. instant.

Lieutenant.,  
A. Adjutant., Left Group Arty.

3-2-1918.



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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

Appendix

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INSTRUCTION No.1.

Reference Maps - 28 S.W.4, 28 S.E.3, 36 N.W.2, 36 N.E.1.  
1/20,000.

1. INTENTION.

With the idea of misleading the enemy in the forthcoming raid, it is intended to carry out a daily bombardment with Gas and Smoke Shell mixed.

2. TARGETS.

Areas as colored on the attached Map are to be searched and swept in accordance with the Programme given below.

3. AMMUNITION.

Gas and Smoke mixed. One smoke shell to be fired in each Salvo. 18-pdrs. will use all Shrapnel.

4. RATE OF FIRE.

4 rounds per Gun or How. per minute.

5. PROGRAMME.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bty.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>
5th Feb.	107th	12 noon.	LES ECLUSES Area	15 Lethal 15 Lachy. 6 Smoke
do.	26th	12.30 pm.	Do.	10 Shrap.
6th Feb.	107th	2.30 pm.	TOLLCROSS Area	15 Lethal 15 Lachy. 6 Smoke.
do.	26th	3 p.m.	Do.	10 Shrap.
7th Feb.	107th	1.30 pm.	FME DU GRAND VERQUIN.	15 Lethal 15 Lachy. 6 Smoke.
do.	26th	2 p.m.	Do.	10 Shrap.

This Programme will only be carried out if weather conditions are favourable for the employment of Gas.

The 107th Battery Commander will report 30 minutes before Zero hour on each day, to Group Headquarters, if weather conditions are favourable. If no report is received, it will be taken for granted that weather conditions are favourable and the shoot will be carried out.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

*A. C. ...*  
Licut.,  
For G.O., RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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- 3. D.A.H.Q. 9 FILE.
- 4. 11th Inf. Bde, 10 Spare.



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To. 3rd. D. A. H. Q.  
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 108th Bty. (for information).  
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HEADQUARTERS,  
 8TH  
 F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.  
 No. S/217/1  
 Date

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Reference your S4/20.

Herewith amended programme of Gas and Smoke shoots as required in above memo.

Thursday. 5th Feby.	Headquarters.	V.7.b.97.04.	100rds
Wednesday. 6th "	Dugouts and Vicinity.	U.12.b.5.4.	100 rds.
Thursday 7th "	" " "	V.13.a.2.9.	50.rds.
Friday 8th "	Tracks & Dugouts. BAS WARNETON.		50 rds
	Tracks & T.M. positions in U.12.d.		50 rds.
Saturday. 9th "	Tracks and Dugouts Mound & vicinity.	V.7.a.	100 rds.

The above to be engaged intermittently during the hours of daylight and of dark.

The shoots will only be carried out when conditions are favourable and such will not be so considered unless wind is between T.B. of 240 and 300 degrees and of velocity between 3 & 8 m.p.h.

No shoots will be commenced without sanction of this Headquarters.

*Howe*

Major.  
a/c.o., left Group Artillery.

4-2-1918.



The Adjutant  
8th Fab

Report on proposed wire cutting programme as per 10th Aust Infantry Brigade special map.

I visited all likely OP's with Officers of the Raiding Party concerned this morning & found that the best results were to be obtained from U 16 G, 85 62.

From this point an excellent view of the FL portion of the wire is obtainable also CT junction at U 12 C 07 08. That portion of wire at Unclean Trench is difficult to discern owing to the ruins of buildings & debris.

Further forward than the above mentioned OP the ground slope downwards & observation is not so good owing to trees & hillocks in the ground, whilst the Company Commander of the sector & also the Officers of Raiding party stated that the actual front line only consisted of posts where observation was very limited.

in addition has the disadvantage of being unapproachable in day light. The Officers of raiding party agreed that the OP selected will give the best results and I have arranged to have them present during the shoot, so that the wire can be cut in the exact spot which they require.

Telephone communication with the Battery is very easily established and I have made all arrangements for this & will not require the services of the Signalling Officer.

William Audsley Capt  
of 108th Bty

4/2/18.



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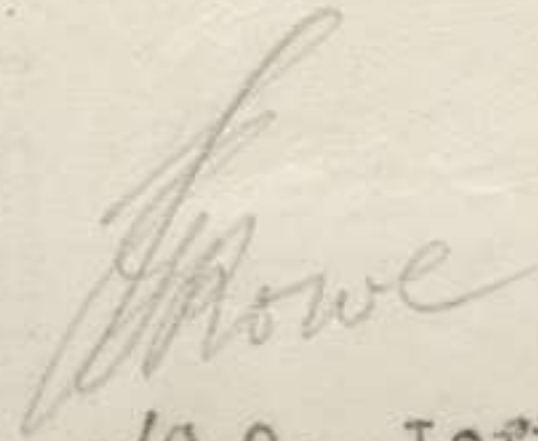
To  
C.O.,  
6th. Aist. A.F.A. Brigade.

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The following are the co-ordinates  
of positions selected for batteries reinforcing this Group :-

A.	U.7.d.45.38
B.	U.7.e.51.67
C.	U.8.e.70.00
D.(Hows)	U.14.a.40.60

The first mentioned position differs  
from the one previously given you by 3r . D. A. H. Q.



Major,  
a/C.O., Left Artillery Group.

Headquarters,  
5/2/1918.



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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5th February 1918.

*S/240*

C.O.,  
Left Group Artillery.

Reference our conversation today  
the points between which our lines are to be cleared for wire-  
cutting are as under.-

U.17.b.80.05 to U.11.d.54.37

Will you please advise whether any  
change in the above is necessary.

*U17 b 72.00 to Unit 2409*

*R Lambert*

Captain  
Brigade Major  
10th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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SECRET.Ref. Map. - Sheet 28.S.W.  
1/20,000.OPERATION ORDER No. 44.

1. The 6th. Army Brigade A.F.A., on coming under the orders of the C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division, will take up positions, as below, for offensive operation to be carried out shortly :-

18-Pdrs.

Occupy positions at :-

- 1 Bty. - U.7.c.51.67.
- 1 Bty. - U.8.c.70.00.
- 1 Bty. - Position to be chosen about U.14.a.7.6.

4.5" Hows.

- 1 Bty. - U.14.a.40.60.

2. Batteries will move into action on the night 7th/8th. Feby., move to take place during hours of darkness.

On arrival into action Batteries will come under the orders of the O.C., Left Group, 3rd. Aust. Div. Artillery; headquarters at T.21.d.20.10. (O.C. - Major S.G. ROWE, D.S.O.).

3. The R.A. Signalling Officer will arrange necessary communications.
4. Acknowledge by wire. *Handwritten initials: RB*

Headquarters,  
7.2.1918.

*Handwritten signature: W.B. Nicholls*

Major R.A.,  
E.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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SIXTH ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

Ref. Map Sheet 28 S.W.  
1/20,000.

OPERATION ORDER KY 1.

1. The Brigade will take up positions for an offensive operation to be carried out shortly as follows:-

16th Battery. One of the following positions to be chosen by the O.C. of the Battery:

- U.14.a.7.6.
- U. 2.c.4.3.
- U. 7.a.2.3.
- U.7.c.51.67
- U.8.c.70.00
- U.14.a.40.60

17th Battery.

18th Battery.

106th Battery.

2. The Brigad will move into action on the night of 7/8th February 1918. The move is to take place during the hours of darkness. On arrival in action Batteries will come under the orders of the O.C. Left Group, 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, whose Headquarters are at T.21.d.2.1.

3. O.C. Signals will render such co-operation and assistance to the Signal Officer, Left Group 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, as the latter may require.

4. Arrival into action is to be reported to Left Group, 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, and to this office.

5. One sub-section B.A.C. (18 Pdr) is placed at disposal of O.C. 16th Battery and Howitzer sub-section B.A.C. is placed at the disposal of O.C. 106th Battery. They will arrange direct with the O.C. 6th B.A.C. as to employment.

6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 1 p.m.  
February 7th 1918

*H Roberts*  
Adjutant, 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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- To Right Group.
- Left Group.
- 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.)
- 10th. " " " ) For inf.
- 11th. " " " )
- 3rd. Aust. Divn. "G" )

Reference Operation Order No. 43.

The Right Group Batteries will move into their new positions on the night 8th./9th. February, 1918.

Move will take place during the hours of darkness.

*W. B. Nicholls*

Headquarters,  
7.2.18.

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.



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Copy No.....

10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 88



7th February 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :- Sheet 28 1/40,000  
BAS WARWETON 1/10,000  
10th A.I.Bde Special Plan 1/5,000

OPERATION

1. On 'Z' DAY and at ZERO HOUR, both of which will be notified later, a party drawn from 37th and 38th Battalions, under Captain F. E. FAIRWEATHER M.C., 38th Battalion, will raid enemy trenches between the following points--

U.18.a.28.55 - U.18.a.70.85  
U.12.c.50.25 - U.12.c.10.15.

This raid will be supported by simultaneous diversions in form of a CHINESE ATTACK by 37th and 38th Party between U.11.d.65.75 and U.11.d.65.90; there will also be a demonstration by Division on our left, at the same hour.

OBJECTS OF RAID

2. Objects of the raid are,
  - (a) To kill and capture enemy.
  - (b) To destroy material and defences.
  - (c) To obtain identifications and other information.

INFANTRY ACTION

3. Details of infantry action, equipment, &c., are contained in 10th Australian Infantry Brigade Special Party Orders Nos 1, 2, and 3 of 28th January 1918.

WIRE CUTTING

4. Wire will be cut on Z MINUS 1 DAY and 'Z' DAY in places opposite our front, as under--
  - (a) U.18.a.25.30 to U.18.a.20.70 and round S. end of SPINNEY
  - (b) U.18.a.10.90 to U.11.d.98.14.
  - (c) U.11.d.84.45 to U.11.d.80.99
  - (d) In front of enemy second line from U.18.a.62.74 to U.18.a.91.50, and also from U.12.c.46.02 to U.12.c.35.21

The cutting will be observed by both Artillery and raiding Officers. The latter will report to O.C. RAID whether there are sufficient gaps cut. If necessary O.C. RAID will arrange with C.O. Left Group to repeat the cutting on afternoon of 'Z' DAY. In any case the gap opposite left Battalion front will be widened on 'Z' DAY afternoon as it is desired to give enemy the impression that raid will take place there.

The wire cutting on each day will be covered by a bombardment covering a wide area, and Division on our North has agreed to cut wire in several places simultaneously with our shoots.

During wire cutting "A" and "B" Battalions will clear their front lines in certain localities to be notified. A separate memo will be issued to cover this action.



ARTILLERY ACTION

5. <sup>5th</sup> The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, assisted by Army Brigade will bombard enemy trenches &c., during Z MINUS ONE and Z DAYS and during progress of raid. Tasks are as set out on attached map, Appendix 2.

Howitzers and Heavy Artillery targets are as shown in Artillery Order 43. 6" and 9.45 Mortars are allotted targets as shown on Map.

As many heavies as possible have been allotted to counter battery work.

From ZERO to ZERO PLUS 4 MINUTES artillery bombards E.F.L. PHASE 1.

" ZERO PLUS 4 to ZERO PLUS 8 MINUTES - enemy second line, and forms portion of box barrage. PHASE 2.

" ZERO PLUS 8 to ZERO PLUS 45 MINUTES - box barrage. PHASE 3.

At ZERO PLUS 30 withdrawal of Infantry commences.

" ZERO PLUS 45 MINUTES - 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. cease fire.

" ZERO PLUS 60 MINUTES - counter battery ceases.

Details of Artillery Action are contained in 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 43

MACHINE GUNS

6. 10th Australian Machine Gun Coy. will barrage with 10 guns in rear of trenches raided as shown on attached map, Appendix 2. 2 Guns will fire on bridge over LYS at U.18.a.99.59 and 1 gun will enfilade road at about U.12.d.50.80.

Time Table for M.G. fire as under .-

ZERO PLUS 3 to ZERO PLUS 10	- FIRE
ZERO PLUS 10 to ZERO PLUS 13	- CEASE
ZERO PLUS 13 to ZERO PLUS 20	- FIRE
ZERO PLUS 20 to ZERO PLUS 25	- CEASE
ZERO PLUS 25 to ZERO PLUS 30	- FIRE
ZERO PLUS 30 to ZERO PLUS 35	- CEASE
ZERO PLUS 35 to ZERO PLUS 40	- FIRE

Cease firing at ZERO PLUS 40.

TRENCH MORTARS

7. The 9th, 10th and 11th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Batteries under Captain R.C.N. ANDERSON, 10th A.L. T.M. Battery, will cover the raid by fire on enemy trenches and Machine Gun and Trench Mortar emplacements according to attached map, Appendix 2.

Both H.E. and Smoke will be used.

Lieut. A. S. VARLEY, 9th A.L. T.M. Battery will assist in supervision of employment of Smoke.

Rate of fire of Light Trench Mortars.-

SMOKE 8 rounds rapid, then 1½ rds. per gun per minute. till ZERO PLUS 45.



TRENCH MORTARS (Cont'd)

7.

Rate of fire (Cont'd)

- H. E. 8 rds. per gun per minute from ZERO to ZERO PLUS 4
- 3 rds. per gun per min. from ZERO PLUS 4 to ZERO PLUS 45.
- 8 guns of 10th A.L.T.M. Battery will fire H.E. on enemy front line from U.11.d.84.40 to U.11.b.'8.30
- 2 guns 10th A.L.T.M. Battery fire H.E. at rapid rate on Machine Gun at U.18.a.30.33 from ZERO to ZERO PLUS 1, then switch at ZERO PLUS 4 on to SPINNING MILL.
- 4 guns 10th A.L.T.M. Battery place smoke screen along E.P.L. from WICART to SPINNING MILL.
- 2 guns 10th A.L.T.M. Battery on SPINNING MILL with H.E. from ZERO to ZERO PLUS 45
- 2 guns 11th A.L.T.M. Battery fire H.E. SPINNING MILL
- 4 guns " " " " H.E. on WICART FIVE
- 2 guns " " " " H.E. on T. M. emplacements at U.18.c.65.54.

Captain R.C.N. ANDERSON will issue detailed orders to all concerned

SIGNAL COMMUNICATION 8.

Communication from O.C. RAID to O.C. ASSAULT (RIGHT and LEFT) will be by telephone and runners. From O.C. RAID to Brigade Headquarters will be by wire - 2 routes - and Power Buzzer and Amplifier as in Appendix 1 attached.

Should all these means fail runners kept in reserve at Hqs O.C. RAID will be used.

S.O.S. 9.

The S.O.S. Signal will be inoperative on the 10th Infantry Brigade Front from ZERO MINUS 30 MINUTES to ZERO PLUS 60 MINUTES. This applies to M.G. as well as to Artillery.

BRIGADE HEAD-QUARTERS 10.

Advanced Brigade Headquarters during the raid will be situated at U.20.a.50.65.

PRISONERS 11.

Prisoners who may be captured will be deprived by searchers of any papers or documents they may have and will be sent back under escort to Advanced Brigade Headquarters where they will be interrogated by Lieut. J.J. HERBERTSON (attached 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade). Care will be taken that prisoners do not converse among themselves on the way.

REPORTS 12.

Progress of raid will be reported by wire to Advanced Brigade Headquarters.  
 O.C. RAID will submit a written report of the raid to Brigade Headquarters by Noon on Z PLUS 1 DAY.

SYNCHRONIZATION 13.

Raiders watches will be checked at Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. on 'Z' DAY. A Staff Officer has been detailed by 3rd Australian Division to visit Artillery and Infantry Brigade Headquarters concerned during the late afternoon of 'Z' DAY to synchronise watches.



ASSISTANCE  
OF BGDE  
UNITS.

14. C.O. Right Battalion will arrange to have all approach routes kept clear of traffic from ZERO MINUS 3 HOURS to ZERO PLUS 1½ HOURS. C.O.'s "A" and "B" Battalions will arrange for Lewis Guns to fire on gaps in enemy wire during night 'Z' MINUS 1, and on 'Z' NIGHT till covering patrols of raiders are in position. Details to be arranged direct with O.C. RAIDERS. C.O. "B" Battalion will give such assistance in the way of covering patrols, stretcher bearers, as may be asked for by O.C. RAID to assist CHINESE ATTACK Party. C.Os 37th and 38th Battalions will provide 8 stretcher bearers each to assist in the carrying. These will report to O.C. RAID at Raiders' Camp at 10 a. m. on 'Z' DAY.

Instructions re clearing certain parts of our front line will be issued under separate memo.

15.

ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓ *per*

*R. Lambie* Captain  
Brigade Major  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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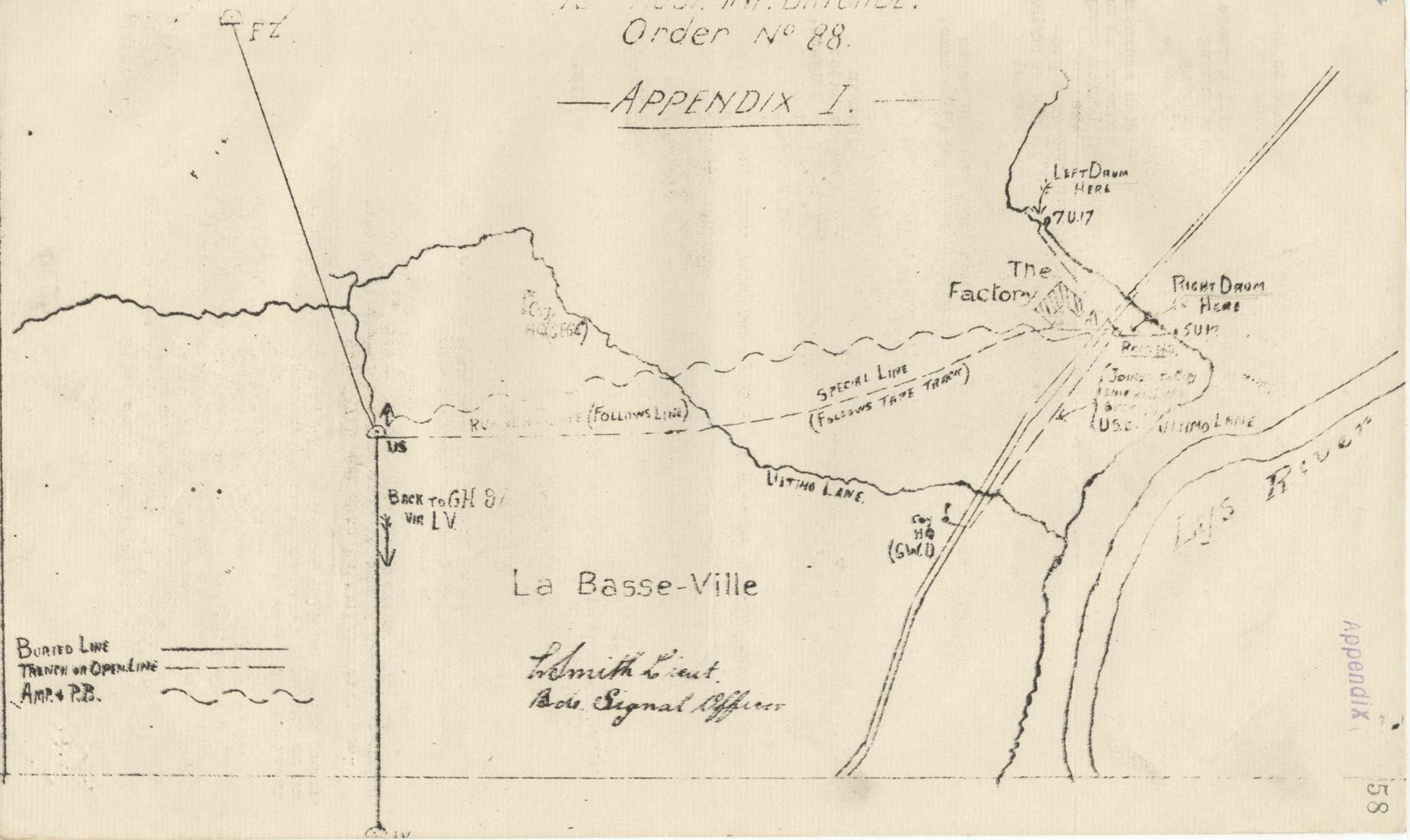
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| 2   | Brigade Major                                    |   |
| 3   | Staff Captain                                    |   |
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| 5)  | 3rd Aust. Division by D.R. at 9 a. m. on 8/2/18. |   |
| 6)  |  |   |
| 7   | O.C. RAID.                                       | ) |
| 8   | 37th Battn                                       | ) |
| 9   | 38th Battn                                       | ) |
| 10  | 39th Battn                                       | ) |
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| 20  | C. R. A.   | ) |
| 21  | C. R. E.   | ) |
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- By Runner at 8 a. m. on 8/2/18.
- By D. R. at 9 a. m. 8/2/18.



1st Div. Mt. Drigade.  
Order No 88.

— APPENDIX I. —



BURIED LINE —————  
 TRENCH OR OPEN LINE - - - - -  
 AMP. + P.B. ~~~~~

La Basse-Ville

L. Smith Lieut.  
Ad. Signal Officer

Appendix I



Appendix

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
8th February 1918.

SECRET

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HQRS., 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery.

Will you please arrange for the  
Artillery Liaison Officer mentioned in para.14, 3rd Aus.  
Div. Artillery Order No.43 to report to Captain F. E.  
FAIRWEATHER M.C. at ROMNEY CAMP - opposite CONNAUGHT SIDING -  
not later than 5 p.m. on 'Z' DAY.

*oc left sep*

*Please arrange*

BM/151/21

*W. S. Dillall  
Liaison RA  
9/2/18*

*R. Lambie*

Captain  
Brigade Major  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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Ref Maps WARNETON & DEULLEMONT } 1/10,000  
28 S.W. } 1/20,000.

To all recipients of 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery O.O. 43.

Reference O.O. No. 43.

"Y" Day will be 9th. February 1918.

"Z" Day will be 10th. February, 1918.

*W. B. Nicholls*

Headquarters,  
8.2.18.

Major R.A.  
B.M., R.A. 3rd. Aust. Division.

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To all recipients of 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery O.O. No. 43.

At Zero plus 5 hours and Zero plus 5 hours 45 minutes on "Z" Day all 18 pounders and 4.5" Hows. will open on the scene of the raid for one (1) minute. This applies to all Batteries of original Left Group only.

RATE OF FIRE 4 rounds per gun per minute per 18 pounder and 2 rounds per gun per minute per 4.5" How.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*W. B. Nicholls*

*W. B. Nicholls*

Headquarters,  
9.2.18.

Major R.A.  
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To. ~~Right Art~~  
Left Art. Group. ✓  
Aust. Corps H. Artly.  
3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.  
5th Aust. Div. Art.  
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Ref. Operation Order No.43.

ZERO HOUR WILL BE - 10 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. ✓ *HL*

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Headquarters.  
10.2.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.



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10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters  
8th February 1918.

Reference 10th Australian Infantry Brigade  
Order No. 88 of 7th instant, and Special Party Orders of January  
28th, "Z" day will be the 10th instant.

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

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*R. Lambert* Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.1.

Issued by Major S. G. ROWE, D. S. O., Commanding

Reference Map - Sheet WARETON, 1/10,000. 8th. February, 1918.

- ATTENTION: 1. The Left Group Artillery, reinforced by the 6th. Aust. A.F.A. Brigade, and by the 26th. and 107th. Batteries of the Right Group, will cover the Raid the subject of 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.C. Operation Order No.43, a copy of which is attached hereto for each Battery.
- TASKS "Y" Day. 2. On the day preceding the Raid known as "Y" Day wire-cutting combined with a general bombardment will take place. Detailed tasks for Batteries of Left Group are contained in Schedule I attached.  
Programme for "Y" Day will be repeated on the morning of "Z" Day, as far as the objectives and tasks are concerned, but the duration of the bombardment will only be one hour.
- WIRE CUTTING 3. Battery Commanders carrying out the wire-cutting will furnish a written report to Left Group Headquarters on completion of each shoot as to whether the wire has been satisfactorily cut. Wire cutting on the afternoon of "Z" Day will also take place opposite the scene of the Chinese Attack mentioned in 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.C. Operation Order No. 43.
- TRENCHES TO BE CLEARED. 4. Particulars of trenches which will be cleared during the preliminary bombardment and wire cutting will be communicated to Batteries before "Y" Day.  
Battery Commanders allotted wire cutting tasks will, in addition to the above mentioned written report, notify Left Group Headquarters by wire, immediately on completion of each shoot, so that Infantry Brigade in the Line may re-garrison the trenches. The code word "GOOD-OH" with Battery's position call, will be used for the purpose of such notification.
- TASKS FOR RAID. 5. Tasks allocated for each Battery for the actual Raid, will be issued later.
- SYNCHRONISATION for "Y" Day. 6. Watches will be synchronised at 108th. Battery position (U.14.c.50.10) at 8 a.m. on "Y" Day.
- REPORTS. 7. Reports to Left Group Headquarters (T.21.d.20.10.)

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*S. Rowe*  
Major,  
C. O., Left Group Artillery.

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2	C.O., 6th. Aust.A.F.A.Bdo.	do.	Runner
3	Rt. Circp Artly.	do.	D.R.L.S
4	Notthorn(Messines)Gp.Art.	do.	do.
5	10th. Aust.Inf. Bdo.	do.	do.
6	Lt.Col.W.Churchus,D.S.O.	do.	do.
7	16th. Battery	By Runner	
8	17th. do.	do.	
9	18th. do.	do.	
10	106th. do.	do.	
11	25th. do.	do.	
12	26th. do.	do.	
13	27th. do.	do.	
14	107th. do.	do.	
15	29th. do.	do.	
16	30th. do.	do.	
17	51st. do.	do.	
18	108th. do.	do.	
19	Forward Liaison Officer	(for information)	
20	C.O.		
21/23	War diary.		
24	File.		
25	Spare		
26	Spare.		

These are allocated for each battery for the actual work.

It is suggested that a copy of this list be distributed to each battery.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

1st Lt. \_\_\_\_\_



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SECRETTENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,  
9th February 1918.

Reference 10th Australian Inf. Brigade

Order No. 23 ZERO HOUR for the operation will be 10 p.m.ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*R. Lamb* Captain  
Brigade Major  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Same as for 10th A.I. Bde. Special Party Order No. 1 with following additions.

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184th Trench Coy.  
9th M.H.C. Coy.  
9th A.I. T.M. Battery  
11th A.I. T.M. Battery



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## LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

## OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Issued by Major S. G. ROWE, D.S.O., a/c.o.

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Reference Map : Sheet WARRINGTON, 1/10,000 9th. February, 1918.

- INTENTION. 1. 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. Operation Order No. 43 and the Raid referred to in Left Group Artillery Operation Order No. 1, will be carried out on "Z" Day, the 10/2/1918, at an hour to be notified later.
- COMMAND. 2. Command of the Artillery during the Raid will devolve upon the C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division - Headquarters RAVELLSBERG.
- TASKS. 3. Detailed tasks for Batteries are contained in Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 heretc; Schedule 2, 10-pdrs Schedule 3 - 4.5" Howitzers. Tracing showing Battery Tasks is attached for all Batteries.
- DURATION OF RAID. 4. Raid will last until Zero plus 45 mins. when all guns, except those in Counter-battery work, cease fire unless orders regarding their continuance are received.
- INSTANTANEOUS FUZES. 5. NO instantaneous fuzes will be used during the Raid.
- S.O.S. Signal. 6. S.O.S. Signal will be incorporative on the front to be raided from Zero minus 30 mins. to Zero plus sixty minutes.
- LIAISON OFFICER with O.G. Raid. 7. Lieut. C.L.G. PARKINSON is detailed as Liaison Officer to accompany the O.G. Raid (Captain F. D. FAIRWEATHER, M.C.) and will report by 4 p.m. 9-2-1918, to this Headquarters for instructions. A direct line to 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q. is being arranged for this Liaison Officer.
- ALTERNATIVE GAS PROGRAMME. 8. Direction and velocity of the wind will be phoned from this office every hour from 7 p.m. on "Z" DAY. If gas shall be not to be used the code "Ref. Appendix "B" NAPOO" will be sent through by phone.
- SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. 9. An Officer from each Battery will be detailed to synchronise watches at 108th. Battery Position (U.14.c.50.10) at 6.30 p.m. on "Z" DAY, 10/2/1918.
- REPORTS. 10. Until Zero hour "Z" Day, reports to Left Group Artillery Headquarters (T.21.d.20.10) From Zero hour to completion of Operation, reports to ~~3rd~~ Headquarters, 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.Q., RAVELLSBERG.

Acknowledge by wire.

S. Rowe

Major,  
a/c.o., Left Group Artillery.

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- 3. Right Group Artillery by D.R.L.S. do.
- 4. Northern (Messines) Grp. Art. by D.R.L.S. do.
- 5. 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. do. without map.
- 6. Lt-Col. W. Churchus, D.S.O. do. for information.
- 7. 16th. Battery by Runner do.
- 8. 17th. do. do.
- 9. 18th. do. do.
- 10. 100th. do. do.
- 11. 85th. do. do.
- 12. 86th. do. do.
- 13. 27th. do. do.
- 14. 107th. do. do.
- 15. 29th. do. do.
- 16. 30th. do. do.
- 17. 31st. do. do.
- 18. 100th. do. do.
- 19. Forward Liaison Officer do. (for information)
- 20. C.O. do.
- 21. War diary (without map)
- 22. do. do.
- 23. do. do.
- 24. File. do.
- 25. Sparc. do.
- 26. Sparc. do.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 Lt-Col. W. Churchus  
 6th. Aust. A.F.A. Bde.

dated at 2 p.m. 9-2-1918.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,  
11th. February, 1918.

Headquarters,  
Australian Corps.



MINOR OFFENSIVE - NIGHT, FEBRUARY 10th/11th, 1918.

1. I beg to forward hereunder a more detailed report of raid carried out by this Division during last night. -

2. PLAN.

(a). The programme was planned to commence one day before ZERO Day by a systematic cutting of the enemy wire before his Front and Second lines, - not only over the frontage to be attacked, but over an extension of same towards the North. - The Left Flank Division concurrently carried out wire cutting at various points on its front. - All wire cutting was carried out by 4.5 howitzers with 106 fuses assisted by 6" Trench Mortars, and attention was distracted from the actual wire cutting by a simultaneous organised bombardment by the whole of the Divisional Artillery of selected enemy works and approaches. -

(b). The Artillery action during the actual raid was as follows:-  
The Divisional Artillery carried out an advancing barrage which came to rest 100 yards beyond the furthest point of penetration, and was maintained there until the close of the operation. - The reinforcing Army Brigade kept under fire the enemy's front line to the Northward of the point of attack, and also provided a Northern flank barrage which was chiefly in enfilade. - The Artillery of the Left Flank Division carried out diversion bombardments within a Zone 1,500 yards to the North of the point of attack. - The Corps Heavy Artillery bombarded trench intersections by which the enemy could reinforce and engage selected targets in rear. - The counter-battery groups engaged with gas all enemy batteries likely to come into action against us, from ZERO onwards for one hour. -

(c). The 10th. Machine Gun Coy. put down a belt of fire beyond the area to be penetrated, and also brought harassing fire upon approaches which could be used by counter-attacking troops. -

(d). The three Light Trench Mortar Batteries of the Division were employed to engage machine gun positions which might interfere with the assault and, also, to put down a VARLEY smoke barrage on the South bank of the river to cover our assault from view of the enemy position on that bank. -

(1). P.T.O.



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(e). The Infantry Assaulting Force consisted of 9 officers and 179 other ranks, and was divided mainly into two assaulting teams operating respectively on the North and on the South of the Road leading into WARNETON. - Each of these teams was divided into eight separate parties, and to each of these sixteen parties was assigned a definite role, task and objective. - The total duration of our occupation of the enemy position was to be 26 minutes, and the total penetration of the enemy's works, measured from his front line, was to be 250 yards, on a total frontage of 500 yards. -

(f). Appropriate arrangements were made for the Approach March and withdrawal by overland routes (not known communication trenches), for special signalling communications, - both by wire and by wireless, for evacuation of wounded, for custody and interrogation of prisoners and for rapid transmission of information. -

### 3. EXECUTION.

(a). The whole of the programme, as planned, was carried out in its entirety. - The wire cutting proved thorough and successful at the first attempt, and our patrols sent out for the purpose on the night preceding that of the raid reported that clear, practicable lanes had been cut. - The Assaulting Troops, who were drawn in equal quotas from the 37th. and 38th. Battalions of the 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade and placed under the command of Captain F. M. FAIRWEATHER, M.C., 38th. Battalion, assembled without incident or interference, and the action of the Artillery and Infantry synchronised precisely at the ZERO hour which was fixed for 10.0 p.m. - During the advance across NO MAN'S LAND, it was found that a number of the enemy had, to escape our barrage, moved forward into shell holes; - at least 30 of these were killed and some taken prisoner. - The Right Assaulting team met strong opposition from the outset, and the several parties had to fight their way to their final objectives. - Several dugouts in the enemy's Second Line South of the WARNETON Road were bombed with phosphorus and stokes bombs and demolition charges. - The Left Assaulting team met practically no opposition in the Front Line, but strong resistance in the Second Line. - They also bombed a number of dugouts in and near the Second Line, and report that three of them were definitely demolished. - In addition, two others were found to have been demolished by our Artillery. - Of the prisoners taken, several parties totalling 12 in all attempted to escape while being taken across NO MAN'S LAND, and had to be dealt with. - A conservative estimate of the number of enemy killed by revolver, bomb and bayonet by the Infantry, - apart from those (undoubtedly numerous) which had become casualties from our Artillery fire before our Assault had reached the enemy's position, - is a total of 102. - This figure is arrived at by a careful interrogation of each of the 16 storming parties. - - In addition, we captured and brought in 33 prisoners of whom 8 were wounded; also 3 machine guns, 1 "pineapple" mortar and a considerable quantity of smaller booty. -



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- (b). Two minutes before the time fixed for withdrawal, a strong counter-attack developed along the WARNETON Road; but this was repulsed by rifle fire and the withdrawal of our troops, without molestation, was thereby covered.
- (c). The enemy put up a thoroughly good fight and their moral is considered to have been good. - There was no disposition readily to surrender. - So far as is known, the whole garrison, within the territory penetrated by us, was disposed of by capture or otherwise. - There is good reason to believe that the Company Commander, who, according to prisoners, occupied a dugout near the Front Line just North of the WARNETON Road, was killed. -
- (d). Simultaneously with the actual assault on the frontage under attack, a special party of Infantry carried out a 'dummy' attack with the use of silhouette figures on a Front about 400 yards North of the real objective. - This is believed to have had the result of further dislocating and dispersing the enemy Artillery re-action. -
- (e). Our Infantry are enthusiastic as to the accuracy and punctuality of our Divisional Artillery action; - that the action of our Heavy Artillery was also effectual was evidenced by the fact that the enemy's Artillery action was feeble, scattered and ineffective. -

4. OUR CASUALTIES.

Our total casualties incidental to the raid were 31, distributed as follows :-

Killed. ....	6.
Died of Wounds. ....	1.
Unaccounted for. ....	2.
Wounded. ....	5.
Slightly Wounded....	17.
<u>Total.</u>	<u>31.</u>

Of the two unaccounted for, both are officers of whom one is believed to have been killed, and the other was seen returning through our wire wounded, - but has not yet been traced up to the hour of this report. - Of the 17 slightly wounded cases, 3 are officers. - My A.D.M.S. considers that, of these 17 cases, only a very few will require evacuation from FRANCE; the injuries being in the main abrasions and flesh wounds. -

- 5. I cannot speak too highly of the excellent work done by all the staffs and services concerned; nor of the accuracy and rapidity in the transmission of information. - I wish particularly to commend the careful direction of all details by the G.O.C., 10th. Brigade, who was largely responsible for framing the plan, and of the fine leadership and painstaking training of his men by Captain FAIRWEATHER who commanded the Infantry during the operation. - The offensive spirit, determination and gallantry of the troops, who took part in the actual assault, left nothing to be desired. -

*J. J. Macrae*  
 Major-General.  
 Commanding Third Australian Div



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SPECIAL ORDER

By General Sir W. B. HIRWOOD, K. C. D., K. C. S. I., K. C. M. G., O. I. D.,  
D. S. O., A. D. S.

Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,

12th February, 1918.

1.- The corps commander desires to announce and record his appreciation of the operation carried out on the night 10/11th February by the 3rd Australian Division.

2.- The operation consisted of a raid, carried out by a special party under Capt. FAIRWEATHER, M. G., drawn from the 37th & 38th Battalions, 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. It was completely successful and resulted in the capture of 33 prisoners, 3 machine guns, and one mortar, and caused the enemy 190 estimated casualties.

3.- The success of the raid was due to the presence of three conditions essential to all military success -

- (i) Thorough preparation
- (ii) Efficient co-operation of all arms
- (iii) The dash, gallantry and determination of the men.

4.- General HIRWOOD congratulates and thanks all the officers, N. C. O.'s and men concerned.

Such operations, carried to a successful issue, enhance the morale and esprit de corps of the units from which the men come and establish for them valuable tradition. Conversely, the effect on the enemy reduces his morale and steadily lowers his fighting efficiency.

G. L. B. WHITE, B. C. S. I.,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Ref. Maps: WARLETON & ) 1  
 DEULEMONT ) 10,000.  
*28 SW. - 1/20,000*

--- OPERATION ORDER No.43. ---

1. On the day (to be known as "Z" Day) and an hour (to be known as Zero Hour), both to be notified later, the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will carry out a raid on the enemy's trenches between the following points :-

- U.18.a.28.55.      U.18.a.70.85.
- U.12.c.50.25.      U.12.c.10.15.

2. A diversion in the form of a Chinese Attack has been arranged to take place opposite the enemy's trenches North of the road in U.11.d.

3. The 3rd Australian Divs'l Artillery, reinforced by the 6th Army Brigade, will cover the raid. Positions as per Appendix I, attached. The B.G., H.A., is arranging assistance to be given by the Corps H.A.

4. All Field Batteries taking part will be attached to Left Group (C.C., Major S.G. ROWE, D.S.O.), Headquarters at T.21.d.20.10. - who will allocate the tasks to the Batteries under his command.

5. Command of the Artillery during the raid will devolve upon the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division. - Headquarters, RAVELISBERG.

6. On the day preceding the raid, known as "Y" Day, wire cutting combined with a general bombardment will take place - Detailed tasks as per Appendix II.

Battery Commanders carrying out the wire cutting will be accompanied by Infantry Officers carrying out the raid, who will render a report before the raid as to whether the wire has been satisfactorily cut.

Programme for "Y" Day will be repeated on the morning of "Z" Day, as far as the objectives and tasks are concerned, but the duration of the bombardment will only last one hour.

In addition to the above, wire cutting will take place opposite the scene of the Chinese Attack on the afternoon of "Z" Day.

7. Tasks for the actual raid are given in Appendix III, and 4 Maps are attached showing :-

- (a) Wire cutting to be carried out (Marked I).
- (b) 18-Pdr Bombardments with lifts ( " II).
- (c) 4.5" " " " ( " III).
- (d) H.A. & T.Ms. " ( " IV).

The 10-Pdr barrage opens at Zero Hour on the enemy's front line trenches, remains for 4 mins - lifts to support line - remains 4 mins and then forms a box round the objective.

8. Counter Battery work will start at Zero Hour and cease at Zero plus 60 mins, unless requested to continue.



- 9. Raid will last until Zero plus 45 mins, when all guns except those on C.B. work cease fire unless orders regarding their continuance are received.
- 10. No instantaneous fuzes will be used during the raid.
- 11. The Infantry Brigade in the line will please arrange to clear the necessary trenches during the preliminary bombardment wire cutting and raid. Trenches affected will be communicated verbally to the Infantry Brigadier concerned.   
particulars of
- 12. Incoming Batteries will dump their Echelons at their positions.
- 13. The S.O.S. Signal will be inoperative on the front to be raided from Zero minus 30 minutes to Zero plus 60 mins.
- 14. O.C., Left Group, will detail one Officer not above the rank of Captain as Liaison Officer to accompany the O.C., Raid (Captain F.L. FAIRWEATHER) M.C.   
Lt Col. W. CHURCHUS, D.S.O., will act as Liaison Officer at 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade (Headquarters - U.20.a.50.85.).
- 15. R.A. Signalling Officer will arrange for a direct line from both Liaison Officers to 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.
- 16. Direction and velocity of the wind will be phoned from this office every hour from 7 p.m. on "Z" Day. If gas shell are not to be used, the code "Ref. Appendix 'B' NAPOO" will be sent through by phone.
- 17. Watches will be synchronised by a Staff Officer from 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. who will visit Left Group Headquarters at 6 p.m. on "Z" Day.
- 18. Reports to 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q., RAVELSBURG.
- 19. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*W.A. Nicholls*

Major, R.A.,

Headquarters.

B.M., R.A., 3rd Australian Division.

Issued by D.R.L.S. at 4 p.m. on 7.2.1918.

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3.	H.A.? Aust. Corps " "	29.	6th Balloon Coy. " "
4/6.	Right Art. Group. " "	30.	3rd Div. Signals. " "
7/13.	Left Art. Group. " "	31.	R.A. Sig. Ofcr. " "
14/18.	6th Army Ede. " "	32.	C.R.A.
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20.	R.A., 5th Aust. Divn. (No map)	34.	S.C., R.A. (no map)
21.	10th Aust. Inf Ede (with map)	35.	R.O., R.A. " "
22.	9th " " " (no map)	36.	WAR DIARY. (map)
23.	11th " " " " " " " " " " " "	37.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
24.	D.T.M.O. 3rd Aust. D. (with map)	38.	" " " " " " " " " " " "
25.	3rd Aust. D.A.C. (no map)	39.	FILE.
26.	52 H.A.G. (with map)		



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ARTILLERY AVAILABLE - FIELD ARTILLERY.

-- APPENDIX I. --

Ref. Maps : WARNETON & DEULEMONT.  
1/10,000.

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Nature.	Battery.	Bde.	Guns.	Position to be occupied.	To be occupied on	To withdraw.
18-Pdrs.	31st.	8th.	6	Present.		
	30th.	"	6	Present.		
	29th.	"	6	Present.		
	25th.	7th.	6	Present.		
	26th.	"	6	Move to U.14.b.48.36.	Night X/Y.	Night <del>L/B.</del> 2/A
	27th.	"	6	Present.		
	"A"	Army Bde.	6	U.7.d.45.38.	Night W/X	do. A/B
	"B"	"	6	U.7.c.51.67.	Night W/X	do.
	"C"	"	6	U.8.c.70.00.	Night W/X	do.
	"D"	Army Bde.	6	U.14.a.40.60.	Night X/Y.	Night <del>A/B.</del> 2/A
4.5" Hows.	107th.	7th.	6	Move to U.26.b.78.65.		
	108th.	8th.	6	Present.		
	"D"	Army Bde.	6	U.14.a.40.60.	Night W/X	ditto. A/B.

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"Y" DAY. - 18-Pdrs. and Trench Mortars.

## APPENDIX II.

Ref. Maps : WANNETON &amp; DEULEMONT. 1/10,000.

Battery.	Task.	Objective.	Time.	Amun.	Total.	Remarks.
Left Group Batteries.						
2 18-Pdr.Guns.	Keep WANNETON TOWER under intermittent fire with smoke shell and shrapnel to blind enemy's observation.	WANNETON TOWER.	10 - 11.30am Repeat 2 - 3.30 pm.	50 A 100 AS	50 A. 100 AS	
3 Batteries.	Bombardment	Steady strafe of WANNETON trench system & WANNETON in area bounded by RIVER DOUVE on the N & E. River LYS on S.	ditto.	75 AX 25 A per.Bty per hr.	675 AX 225 A	
<u>Trench Mortars.</u>						
6" (2)	Wire cutting.	Cut wire in front of trench U.11.d.90.45. to U.11.d.97.72.	ditto.	300	300	
9.45".	Bombardment.	M.Gs. & T.Ms. about the GASOMETEK - U.12.c.98.24.		50	50	

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"Y" DAY.

Ref. Maps : WARNETON & LEULEMONT. - 1/10,000.

-- 4.5" Hows. --

Battery	Task.	Objective.	Time.	Amtn.	Total.	Remarks.	
108th.	Wire cutting with 106 fuze (2 Hows).	Wire in front of trench U.12.c.08.16. - U.18.a.14.97.	10-11.30 am. & repeated	300	600 (106 fuzes)	Special attention to wire at junction of communication trenches with front & support lines respectively.	
	ditto.	U.12.c.40.20. - U.12.c.52.00.	2-3.30 p.m.	300			
	Bombardment with delay action H.E. (2 Hows)	Known T.M. emplacements and M.Gs. between LA BASSE VILLE - WARNETON Road (exclusive), and ARMENTIERES - COMINES Railway (inclusive).			100	100 delay action	All known T.Ms. in areas mentioned are given in Appendix "A" attached.
107th.	Wire cutting with 106 fuze (4 Hows)	Wire in front of trench U.18.a.24.70. to U.18.a.30.30. and wire from U.18.a.10.55 to U.18.a.25.45.	ditto.	600	900 (106 fuzes)	Ammunition for wire cutting is not limited and more may be expended if wire is not satisfactorily cut.	
	ditto (2 Hows)	U.18.a.56.94. to U.18.a.70.76.		300			
"D"	Wire cutting (2 Hows)	Cut wire in front of trench U.11.d.97.72. to U.11.b.9.C.	ditto.	300	300 (106 fuzes.		
	Bombardment with delay action H.E. (2 Hows)	Known M.Gs. & T.Ms. N. of RIVER DOUVE in Triangle formed by ARMENTIERES - COMINES Railway (exclusive) - a line drawn from U.11.b.85.55. to U.12.b.40.35. and Bosche front line.			150	150 delay action	All known T.Ms. in areas mentioned are given in Appendix "A" attached.
	Bombardment with delay action H.E. (2 Hows)	Known T.M. & M.G. emplacements between LA BASSE VILLE - WARNETON Road (inclusive) & RIVER LYS.			100	100 delay action.	

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"Y" DAY. - HEAVY ARTILLERY -

Ref. Maps: WARNETON & DEULEMONT.  
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--- APPENDIX II. ---

Battery.	Task	Objective	Time	Ammun.	Total	Remarks.
Heavy Artillery.	Bombardment.	Trench Mortar emplacements and Dug-outs -				SPINNING MILL -
		SPINNING MILL.	10-11.30 a.m.	200 (9.2")	200	U.18.c.96.92.
			repeat			U.18.c.97.92.
		WICART FARM.	2-3.30 p.m.	200 (6")	200	U.18.c.98.72.
						U.18.c.71.32.
						U.18.c.71.52.
						U.18.d.10.83.
						U.18.d.07.85.
						WICART FARM -
						U.18.c.25.05.
						U.24.a.15.97.
						U.24.a.64.35.

Bombardment Programme for "Y" Day, as far as the Objectives are concerned, will be repeated on "Z" Day.

Time (if visibility permits) - 11 a.m. - 12 noon.

Ammunition in proportion, viz :-

- 95 A. 100 6" T.M.
- 235 AX. 20 9.45" T.M.
- 40 AS. 600 4.5" with 106 fuze.
- 100 9.2" Hows. 100 Delay Action. 4.5" How.
- 100 6" How.

In addition "D" Battery, Army Brigade, and 6" T.Ms. will cut wire on their Sector from 2-3 p.m., "Z" Day.

Ammunition :

- 80 rds 4.5" How.
- 60 " 6" T.Ms.

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"Z" DAY. - 18-Pdrs.

APPENDIX III.

Ref. Maps : WARNETON & DAULMONT.  
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Battery.	Task.	Objective.	Time.	Ammun.	Total.	Remarks.
2 Btys.	Bombard.	Front line trench from U.11.d.86.42. to U.11.b.81.06. (30 yds. a gun.)	Zero to Zero plus 4 mins.	4 rds per gun p.min.	94 A 94 AX 4 AS	Detailed tasks allotted by C.O., Left Group.
7 Btys. *	Bombard.	Front line trench from U.11.d.86.42. to U.18.a.30.30. (15 yds. a gun).	Zero to Zero plus 4 mins.	do.	322 A 336 AX 14 AS	* 2 guns being de- tailed to bombard strong point at U.12.c.31.0 .
1 Bty.	Bombard.	Front Line trench from U.11.d.86.42. to U.11.b.81.06. (70 yds. a gun).	Zero plus 4 mins to Zero plus 8 mins.	4 rds per gun per min.	48 A 48 AX	2 rds. smoke shell per Bty. in first salvo on front line only.
1 Bty.	Enfilade.	Railway embankment U.11.d.89.42. to U.12.c.50.92. (70 yds. a gun).	Zero plus 4 mins to Zero plus 8 mins.	do.	48 A 48 AX	
7 Btys.	Bombard.	Support trench from U.12.c.22.70. to U.18.a.80.62. (15 yds. a gun).	Zero plus 4 mins to Zero plus 8 mins.	do.	336 A 336 AX	
1 Bty.	Bombard.	Front line trench from U.11.d.86.42. to U.11.b.81.06. (70 yds. a gun).	Zero plus 8 mins to Zero plus 45 mins.	2 rds per gun per min.	222 A 222 AX	
1 Bty.	Enfilade.	U.11.d.89.42. to U.12.c.50.92. (70 yds. a gun).	Zero plus 8 mins to Zero plus 45 mins	1 rd per gun per min.	111 A 111 AX	
7 Btys.	Barrage.	Line U.12.c.50.92. - U.18.b.10.80. (15 yds. a gun).	Zero plus 8 mins to Zero plus 45 mins	2 rds per gun per min.	1554 A 1554 AX	

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Battery.	Task.	Objective.	Time.	Ammutn.	Total.	Remarks.
2 Btys. (less 1 Sectn) 1 Bty.	Bombard.  do.	Support Line U.12.c.39.32. to U.18.a.79.68. (35 yds a How.) <i>78.66.</i> U.12.c.46.21. - U.18.a.72.88. (33 yds a How)	Zero to Zero plus 4 mins.	2 rds per gun per min.	128 BX. <i>100</i> <i>28</i>	Detailed tasks allotted by C.O., Left Group. No instantaneous fuzes viz. 106, to be used throughout raid.
1 Bty.	Bombard.	TOWER GROUP T.M. M.Gs. and Dug-outs.	Zero plus 4 mins. to Zero plus 8 mins.	do.	148 BX.	TOWER GROUP.- U.12.c.82.22. U.12.d.20.50. U.12.d.25.50. U.12.c.95.30.
1 Bty.	do.	BRIDGE GROUP T.Ms., M.Gs., & Dug-outs called Target "A" in alternative gas programme Appendix "B"			48 BX or as per expenditure in Gas Programme.	U.12.d.5.3. U.12.c.90.44. U.12.d.08.52.
1 Bty. (less 1 Sectn)	do.	Dug-outs along railway from U.12.c.17.66. to U.12.c.50.90. called Target "B" in alternative gas programme - Appendix "B".			48 BX or as per expenditure in gas programme.	Co-ordinates of BRIDGE T.Ms. & Dug-outs.- U.12.d.25.85. U.12.d.15.80. U.12.d.00.88. U.12.d.00.77. U.12.c.95.68. U.12.c.80.70.
1 Bty.	Bombard	CHURCH Dug-outs (4 hows), and search Dug-outs (2 Hows) from U.12.c.54.30. to U.12.c.85.42. called Target "C" in alternative Gas programme, Appendix "B".	Zero plus 8 mins to Zero plus 45 mins.	1 rd per gun per min.	222 BX or as per expenditure in gas programme.	Co-ordinates of CHURCH Dug-outs - U.12.d.74.85. U.12.d.15.80. 80.73. U.12.d.50.75. U.12.d.40.48.
1 Bty.	do.	SPECIAL GROUP. - T.Ms., M.Gs. & Dug-outs, called Target "D" in alternative gas programme, Appendix "B".	ditto	ditto	222 BX or as per expenditure in gas programme.	SPECIAL GROUP - U.12.d.25.85. U.12.d.15.80. U.12.d.00.77. U.12.c.95.68. U.12.c.50.30. U.12.c.60.34.
1 Bty (less 1 Sectn).	do.	Dug-outs along railway from U.12.c.17.66. to U.12.c.50.90. <i>(Target B)</i>	ditto	ditto	148 BX	



"Z" DAY.

4.5" Hows (continued)

Map Ref: WARNETON & DEULLEMONT.

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APPENDIX III.

Battery.	Task.	Objective.	Time.	Ammun.	Total	Remarks.
1 Section	Form Smoke Screen.	U.18.central to U.18.e.65.4V.	Zero to Zero plus 45 mins.	3 rds per gun per min till Zero plus 8 mins, 1 rd p.g. p.m. thereafter.	61 EX 61 BS	50% ES 50% EX
<u>TRENCH MORTARS.</u>						
6" (2)	Bombard	Group of Dug-outs from U.11.b.72.32. to U.12.a.12.10.	Zero to Zero plus 8 mins.& Zero plus 35 mins to Zero plus 45 m.	32  40	72	

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HEAVY ARTILLERY. -

Battery.	Task.	Objective	Time	Amtn (appr)	Total (appr)	Remarks.
Heavy Arty. Under orders of B.G., H.A.	C.B. Work.	H.Q. Supports V.8.a.0.1. and V.7.d.94.24.	Zero to Zero plus 60 mins			
1 Sec 60 pdr. 1 Sec 6" Hows	Bombard- ment.	MOUND Dug-outs (3) V.7.a.20.22. and V.7.a.38.03. V.7.c.22.98.	Zero to Zero plus 50 mins.	H.E. or Gas H.E.	60 (60pdr) 100 (6")	Gas Shell will only be used on H.Q. Support if wind is Westerly.
1 Sec 60 pdr				H.E. or Gas Shell.	60 (60pdr)	
2 Secs 60 pdr. 1 Sec. 6" Hows.		T.M. & M.G. emplacements at SPINNING MILL. U.18.c.96.92. U.18.c.97.82. U.18.c.96.72. U.18.c.71.62.		H.E. or Gas H.E.	120 (60pdr) 100 (6")	Gas Shell will only be used on MOUND Dug-outs if wind is Westerly between N.W. & S.W.
		U.18.c.71.52. U.18.d.10.83. U.18.d.07.95.				
1 Sec. 6" How.		T.M. & M.G. emplacements at RICART FARM. U.18.c.25.05. U.24.a.15.97. U.24.a.64.85.		H.E.	100 (6")	Gas Shell will only be used on SPINNING MILL emplacements if wind is between W. & N.

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North of River DOUVE in  $\triangle$  formed by ARMENTIERES - COMINES Railway (exclusive) - line drawn from U.11.b.85.55. to U.12.b.40.35. and Besche Front Line.

T.M. Emplacements.

U.12.a.8.5. (Just N. of  $\triangle$ )  
 U.12.b.35.35.  
 U.12.a.28.54.

M.G. Emplacements.

U.11.b.80.15.  
 U.11.d.80.40.

Between LA BASSE VILLE - WARNETON ROAD (inclusive) and RIVER LYS.

U.12.c.82.22. T.  
 U.12.d.2.5. T.  
 U.12.c.95.30. T.  
 U.12.d.5.3. T.

U.12.c.30.02. F.S.  
 U.18.a.20.85. F.S.  
 U.18.a.3.3. F.S.

U.12.c.33.02. (not recently active).

U.12.d.90.40. (South of LYS).

Between LA BASSE VILLE - WARNETON ROAD (exclusive) and ARMENTIERES - COMINES RAILWAY (inclusive)

U.12.c.80.98. E.  
 U.12.c.55.72. D.R.  
 U.12.c.30.07. F.S.  
 U.12.c.48.25. F.S.  
 U.12.c.46.53. F.S.  
 U.12.c.35.52. F.S.  
 U.12.c.8.7. B.

U.11.d.98.40. F.S.  
 U.11.d.95.30. F.S.  
 U.12.c.23.15. F.S.

U.12.c.2.0. (Not recently active).

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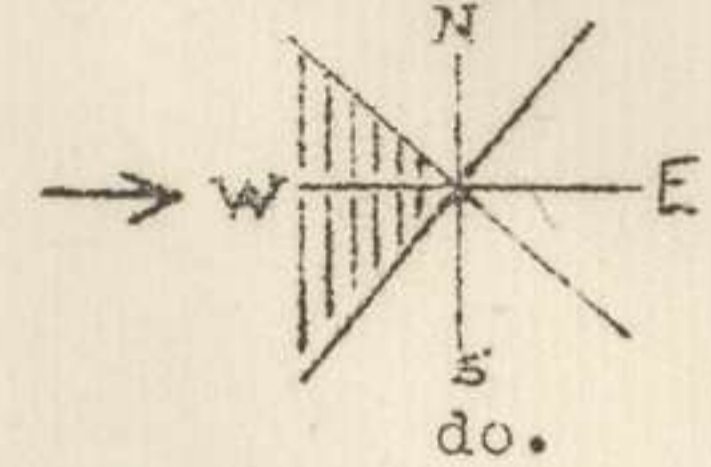


APPENDIX "B".

ALTERNATIVE GAS PROGRAMME FOR 4.5" Hows.

	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>TYPE OF GAS SHELL.</u>	<u>AMMUN.</u>
TARGET "A".	Zero plus 4 mins. to Zero plus 8.	BCBR.	48
TARGET "C"	Zero plus 8 mins to Zero plus 45 mins.	75% EGBR. 25% H.E.	166 56
TARGET "D"	Zero plus 8 mins to Zero plus 13 mins.	100% EGBR.	30
	Zero plus 13 mins to Zero plus 45 mins.	75% H.E. 25% S.K.	150 50

DIRECTION OF WIND.  
Only if direction of wind  
is between N.E. & S.W. and  
over 4 miles per hour.



M.P.I. to be placed 16 yards to windward of the Objective.

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TASK TABLE for 18-Pounders

Reference Map : Sheet WARNETON 1/10,000.

"Y" DAY.

Battery	No. of guns	Task	Objective	Time	Ammunition	Total	Remarks
17th. Battery	2	Keep WARNETON TOWER (U.12.c.90.43) under intermittent fire with Smoke and shrapnel to blind enemy's observation.	WARNETON TOWER (U.12.c.90.43)	10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and repeat from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	25 "A" 50 "AS" 25 "A" 50 "AS"	100 "AS" 50 "A"	
29th. Battery	4	Steady "Strafe" of WARNETON Trench system and WARNETON	(a) Trench system and portion of WARNETON in area within Battery Zone "C" extending to the East as far as the western bank of the River LYS.	10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and repeat from 2 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.	75 AX per Bty. 25 A per hour	675 AX 225 A	Appendix
	2	do.	(b) Trench system and portion of WARNETON in area within Battery Zone "B" extending to the East as far as the western bank of the River LYS.				
30th. Battery	5	do.	Same as contained in (b) for 29th. Battery.	10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. & repeat 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	75 AX per Bty. 25 A per hour		
31st. Battery	2	do.	Same as contained in (b) for 29th. Battery	10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. & repeat 2 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.	75 AX per Bty. 25 A per hour		
	2	do.	Trench system & area in U.11 and 12 bounded on the south by southern boundary of "A" Bty. zone, on the East and north by the River DCUVE, and on the West by the enemy P.L.T.	" "			over

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TASK TABLE for 18- Pounders

"Y" DAY.

Battery	No. of guns	Task	Objective	Time	Amn.	Total	Remarks
51st. Battery (contd)	2	Steady "Strafe" of WARNETON Trench system and WARNETON.	Trenches and portion of WARNETON in U.12.b and d. and V.7. bounded on the South by Southern boundary of "A" Battery Zone and on the North and East by the River DOUVE.	10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. & repeat 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	75 AI 25A per Batty. per hour.		

SCHEDULE I

4.5" Hows. "Y" Day.

108th. } Bombardment and wire cutting, the detailed tasks for which are as allotted in  
 107th. } 3rd. D.A.H.S. Operation Order No.43 - Appendix II, - 4.5" Howitzers.  
 106th. }

Bombardment programme for "Y" Day as far as the objectives are concerned, will be repeated on "Z" Day.

Time, if visibility permits, - 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Ammunition in proportion, viz :-

- 95 A.
- 255 AX
- 40 AS
- 600 4.5" with 106 Fuze.
- 100 4.5" Delay action.

In addition, 106th. Battery will cut wire in same place as on "Y" Day, from 2 to 3 p.m. "Z" Day.

Ammunition -- 80 rounds - 4.5" Hows.

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TABLE OF BATTERY TASKS @ 18-pdr.

Ref; maps: Sheet WARELTON 1/20,000

"Z" DAY RAID

Battery	Task	Objective	Time	Armn. & rate of fire.	Total	Remarks
16th. Bty.	Bombard	Front Line Trench from - U.11.d.86.42 to U.11.b.31.06. - (60yds. a gun)	Zero to Zero plus 4 mins.	4 rds. p.g.p.m.	47 A 47 AX 2 <del>AS</del>	2 rds. smoke shell per Bty. in first salvo only on F.L.
25th. Bty.	do.	ditto	ditto	do.	47 A 47 AX 2 AS	ditto
27th. Bty.	do.	Front Line Trench from -U.18.a.30.30 to U.18.a.30.47	ditto	do.	46 A 48 AX 2 AS	ditto
26th. Bty.	do.	F. L. T. from U.18.a.30.47 to U.18.a.27.66	ditto	do.	do.	ditto
29th. Bty.	do.	F. L. T. from U.18.a.27.66 to U.18.a.24.17.82	ditto	do.	do.	ditto
18th. Bty.	4 guns do.	F. L. T. from U.18.a.17.82 to U.18.a.12.99	ditto	do.	do.	) ditto ) ditto
	2 guns do.	Strong Point at - U.12.e.31.06	ditto	do.	do.	
30th. Bty.	Bombard	F. L. T. from U.18.a.12.99 to U.12.e.(7.16	ditto	do.	do.	ditto
31st. Bty.	do.	F. L. T. from U.12.e.07.16 to U.11.d.97.28	ditto	do.	do.	ditto
17th. Bty.	do.	F. L. T. from U.11.d.97.28 to U.11.d.86.42	ditto	do.	do.	ditto

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Battery	Task	Objective	Time	Amn. & rate of fire	Total	Remarks
16th. Bty.	Bombard	F.L.T. from U.11.d.86.42 to U.11.b.81.06	Zero plus 4 min to Zero plus 3	4 rds. p.g.p.n.	48 A 48 AX	
25th. Bty.	Enfilade	Railway Embankment from U.11.d.89.42 to U.12.c.50.92 (70yds. a gun)	ditto	ditto	do.	
27th. Bty.	Bombard	Support Trench U.18.a.80.62 - U.18.a.67.77	ditto	ditto	do.	
26th. Bty.	do.	" " U.18.a.57.77 - U.18.a.57.92	ditto	ditto	do.	
29th. Bty.	do.	" " U.18.a.57.92 - U.12.c.47.06	ditto	ditto	do.	
18th. Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.47.06 - U.12.c.40.22	ditto	ditto	do.	
30th. Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.40.22 - U.12.c.35.38	ditto	ditto	do.	
31st. Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.35.38 - U.12.c.32.57	ditto	ditto	do.	
17th. Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.32.57 - U.12.c.22.70	ditto	ditto	do.	
16th. Bty.	Bombard	F.L.T. from U.11.d.86.42 - U.11.b.81.06	Zero plus 4 min to zero plus 45	2 rds. p.g.p.n.	222 A 222 AX	
25th. Bty.	Enfilade	Railway Embankment from U.11.d.89.42 to U.12.c.50.92	ditto	1 round p.g.p.n.	111 A 111 AX	
27th. Bty.	Bombard	Line from U.18.b.10.30 - U.18.b.00.96	ditto	2 rounds p.g.p.n.	222 A 222 AX	
26th. Bty.	do.	" " U.18.b.00.96 - U.12.c.92.12	ditto	do.	do.	
29th. Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.92.12 - U.12.c.85.27	ditto	do.	do.	
18th. Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.85.27 - U.12.c.75.44	ditto	do.	do.	

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SCHEDULE 2 (cont'd)

Battery	Task	Objective	Time	Amn. & rate of fire	Total	Remarks
30th.Bty.	Bombard	Line from U.12.c.76.44 - U.12.c.67.60	Zero plus 8min to Zero plus 45	2 rounds p.g.p.m.	222 A 222 AX	
51st.Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.67.60 - U.12.c.59.76	ditto	do.	do.	
17th.Bty.	do.	" " U.12.c.59.76 - U.12.c.50.92	ditto	do.	do.	

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SCHEDULE 3.  
TASKS - 4.5" Hows.

Battery	Task	Objective	Time	Amun.	Total	Remarks
106th.	Bombard	CHURCH Dugouts (4 Hows) and search dug-outs (2 hows) from U.12.b.54.30-U.12.b.85.42 called target "C" in alternative Gas programme Appendix "B" above mentioned	Zero plus 8 to zero plus 45 mins.	1 rd. p.g.p.m.	222 BX or as per expenditure in Gas programme	
108th.	do.	SPECIAL GROUP - T.Ms. M.Gs. and dugouts called Target "D" in alternative Gas programme Appendix "B" above mentioned.	ditto	do.	ditto.	
107th. less 1 section.	do.	DUG-OUTS along railway from U.12.c.17.66 to U.12.c.50.90	ditto	do.	148 BX.	
107th. (1 Sect)	Form Smoke screen	U.18 central to U.18.c.65.47	Zero to Zero plus 45 mins.	3 rnds. per gun till zero plus 8 min 1 rd. p.g. per min. thereafter	61 BX 61 BS	50 $\frac{1}{2}$ BS 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ BX

## NOTE :-

Alternative Gas Programme for 4.5" Howitzers is shown in Appendix "B" to 3rd. Aust. D.A.H.C. Operation Order No.43.



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SCHEDULE 3.

"Z" DAY RAID

TASKS - 4.5" Howa.

Battery	Task	Objective	Time	Ammn.	Total	Remarks
106th.	Bombard	Line - U.12.c.46.21 - U.13.a.72.88	Zero to Zero plus 4 mins.	2 rnds. D.G.P.M.	48 BX	No 106 or other instantaneous fuzes to be used throughout raid.
103th.	do.	Support Line from U.13.a.78.66 to U.13.a.52.99	ditto	ditto	48 BX	<u>TOWER GROUP</u> Co-ordinates as per Appendix III, 3rd. D.A.H.C. O.O. 43.- Remarks Column
107th. less 1 Section	do.	" " from U.13.a.52.99 to U.12.c.39.22	ditto	ditto	32 BX	<u>BRIDGE</u> T.Ms. etc. ditt
106th.	do.	<u>TOWER GROUP</u> , T.Ms. M.Gs. and Dugouts	Zero plus 4 mins to zero plus 8 mins.	2 rnds. D.G.P.M.	48 BX	<u>CHURCH</u> dug-outs ditto <u>SPECIAL GROUP</u> - ditto
103th.	do.	<u>BRIDGE GROUP</u> : T.Ms. M.Gs. and Dug-outs called TARGET "A" in alternative gas programme Appendix "B" of 3rd. D.A.H.C. O. O. No. 43	do.	do.	48 BX or as per ex- pendi- ture in Gas pro- gramme.	
107th. less 1 section.	do.	<u>DUG-outs</u> along Railway Front from U.12.c.17.66 to U.12.c.50.90	do.	do.	48 BX	

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OPERATION ORDER No. 3.

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Reference Maps:-

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Reference 3rd. D.A.H.Q. S 319/5

The following co-ordinates are the spottings of new S.O.S. lines. These will be taken into force from 12 noon 23rd. instant.

Ammunition and method of fire for 108th. Battery will be as laid down in S.319/5.

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25th. Battery.

U.23.b.70.65  
U.17.d.66.00  
U.17.d.80.35  
U.17.d.95.80  
U.18.a.30.05  
U.18.a.72.25

29th. Battery.

U.18.a.25.31  
U.18.a.25.47  
U.18.a.24.62  
U.18.a.13.82  
U.18.a.23.87  
U.12.c.07.06

31st. Battery.

U.11.d.95.95  
U.11.d.85.98  
U.11.b.85.10  
U.11.b.75.10  
U.11.b.76.30  
U.11.b.87.20

27th. Battery.

U.11.d.95.23  
U.18.a.25.54  
U.12.c.00.17  
U.11.d.92.31  
U.11.d.94.389

30th. Battery.

U.11.d.95.66  
U.11.d.94.70  
U.11.d.90.63  
U.11.d.90.50  
U.11.d.85.37

108th. How. Bty.

U.18.d.57.83  
U.12.c.46.00  
U.12.c.42.10  
U.12.c.33.26  
U.12.c.27.46  
U.12.c.16.68

ACKNOWLEDGE,

*E. Griffith*  
Lieutenant,  
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

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| 1. File           | 9. Right Group Art.       |
| 2. 3rd. D.A.H.Q.  | 10. 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 3. 25th. Battery. | 11. Defence Scheme        |
| 4. 27th. do.      | 12/14. War diary.         |
| 5. 29th. do.      | 15. Spare.                |
| 6. 30th. do.      | 16. spare.                |
| 7. 31st. do.      |                           |
| 8. 108th. do.     |                           |



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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. I.

COUNTER PREPARATION SCHEME.

Appendix  
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23.2.18 (70)

- In accordance with Right Divisional Artillery Defence, Section 12, the undermentioned targets and areas are set out for Batteries to engage.  
Counter preparation will be put into force by Batteries immediately on receipt of the message

" COUNTER PREPARATION "

- The daily expenditure of ammunition for this purpose will be allotted by Group.
- In pursuance of instructions already issued, Intelligence Maps and Battery Intelligence Summaries will be kept up to date, and any necessary amendments made to the Battery List of Targets, etc., for the Counter Preparation Scheme  
Any other Targets known to Batteries, should be added to the lists and Group advised.
- On Counter Preparation being ordered, together with the amount of ammunition to be expended, Batteries will keep up an intermittent and harassing fire on all targets throughout the day and night, carrying out observed shoots wherever possible, and the greatest vigilance must be shown by all O.P. Officers.

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Battery                      N a t u r e                      T a r g e t s.  
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29th. Bty.                      All Active T.Ms. & M.Ss.  
                                    All known & suspected O.Ps.  
                                    F. & S. system in 'C' Zone.

- ROADS :
- U.12.c.15.18 to
  - U.12.c.30.02
  - U.12.c.30.02 to
  - U.18.a.15.85
  - U.12.d.90.18 to
  - U.13.a.15.38
  - U.18.b.90.38 along road
  - N.W. to V.14.a.30.90
  - then South to V.14.a.35.40
  - V.7.d.35.00 to
  - V.13.b.60.37
  - V.7.c.25.02 to
  - V.7.d.10.00.
  - V.7.d.10.00 to
  - V.13.b.60.38
  - V.15.a.00.42 to
  - V.9.d.10.21
- TRACKS :
- Running North from -
  - V.13.b.15.40
  - V.14.a.35.90 to
  - V.8.d.50.20



Battery	Nature	Range
29th.	Comm. Trench.	V.16.b.90.38 to limit of range
	Comm. Trench.	V.14.b.98.36 to V.15.b.25.18
	Trench.	V.15.b.25.18 to V.9.c.35.20
	Trench.	V.13.b.90.40 to V.13.b.91.91
	Strong Point.	<del>V.13.b.91.91</del> V.13.a.20.92.
30th.	All Active T.Ms. & H.Gs. All known & Suspected O.Ps.	
	Trenches.	F.L. & support systems in 'B' Zone
	Comm trenches.	Loading from Front to Support and supports to WARRETON.
	Roads.	In WARRETON.
	Road.	V.8.c.05.88 to V.8.c.40.20
	Track.	Long river from U.12.d.80.45 to V.7.d.50.74 thence South to V.7.d.81.18
	Trench Railway. Railway.	V.7.c.20.65 to V.7.c.63.17 From F.L. to Northern Bty. Zone boundary.
	Bridges.	U.12.d.75.53 to V.7.c.35.70 and V.7.d.55.75
	Dead Ground.	As per Battery Sketch.
	Dug-outs.	U.12.c.55.15 V.7.c.86.51 V.7.c.89.55 V.7.c.86.45 V.7.c.91.43 V.7.c.92.39
31st.	All Active T.Ms. & H.Gs. in 'A' Zone. All known & suspected O.Ps. (Gasometer Area).	
	Machine Gun "ARTHUR".	U.11.b.80.15
	Railway	U.12.c.40.81 to V.7.a.15.60
	Roads.	U.12.a.53.22 to U.12.b.32.32 U.12.b.30.59 to U.12.d.43.60 U.12.b.44.28 to V.7.a.40.60 U.12.d.25.85 to U.12.d.46.94 U.12.a.45.12 to U.12.d.60.66 U.12.d.60.86 to V.7.b.00.95
	Tracks.	U.12.b.55.30 to V.7.a.20.62 U.12.c.50.09 to V.12.a.05.05 U.12.a.00.60 to U.12.a.56.21 In area surrounding V.7.a.30.05 V.7.a.48.18 to V.7.b.18.60 V.7.a.45.60 to V.7.a.97.35 V.7.a.50.10 to V.7.b.00.25 V.7.b.00.25 to V.7.b.42.10 V.7.a.79.04 to V.7.b.07.00
	Trenches.	U.11.b.60.30 to U.11.d.98.88 U.11.b.77.27 to U.12.c.30.90 U.12.a.37.60 to U.12.c.47.89

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31st. Concrete Dug-outs. U.12.b.30.50  
 U.12.b.45.47  
 U.12.b.55.30  
 U.12.b.65.39  
 U.12.b.70.30  
 U.12.b.92.33  
 V.7.a.04.41

Dug-outs. U.12.a.75.02  
 V.7.a.10.53  
 V.7.a.18.57  
 V.8.a.30.18

Plank bridges. V.7.a.30.25  
 V.7.a.43.15

25th. All active T.H. & H.Gs. in 'D' Zone.  
 All known and suspected D. Ps.

Trench Junction U.18.b.01.06

VAGABOND TRENCH. V.13.b. and V.14.c.

Road and track. U.18.b.50.10

Cross Roads. V.20.a.30.98  
 V.14.c.85.51

Roads. V.14.a.37.30 to V.20.b.60.65  
 V.14.b.98.39 to V.19.b.70.60

All No Man's land in U.18.c. & U.23.b. on Eastern  
 of River LYS.

Dug-outs. U.14.c.93.40  
 V.14.b.93.45  
 V.14.d.45.90  
 V.14.a.20.35  
 V.14.a.20.00  
 V.14.a.32.21 93.

Bridge. V.8.c.47.04  
 Farm. V.14.b.92.00

Chemin du Temple  
 Quadrangle  
 Waustive Farm  
 C.T. from Waustive Farm to Vagabond Trench  
 St. Barbo.

25th. Trench.  
 Telephone House, Poste de Douanes and road between them  
 Spinning Mill and Wisart Farm.

27th. All Active Trench Mortars and H.Gs. in 'B' & 'C' Zones.  
 Dead Ground as per sketch.  
 All Tracks and Railways in 'D' Zone.

108th. Cross Roads BAJ WARRETON.  
 Track Junction V.7.a.85.40

Mound, tracks and dugouts  
 in vicinity of V.7.a.35.75  
 Dug-outs. U.12.b.75.30  
 U.12.c.94.70

Dug-outs as per 31st. Programme  
 Trench Junction U.12.c.70.00.  
 U.12.c.25.45

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108th.

Collars  
 All Active Trench Mortars and M.Gs.  
 Quadrangle  
 Wastive Farm.  
 Mairie de Earnaten Sud  
 St. Barbe  
 Trench junctions in Vagabond Trench.  
 Bas Earnaten.  
 Dug-outs - Tower Group - Bridge Group )  
 along Railway front - Special Group ) in O.O.  
 Church dug-outs ) No. 2.

also any other known dug-outs.

*L. Griffith*  
 Lieutenant,  
 Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

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2. 3rd. D. A. H. Q.
3. Right Group Arty.
4. 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
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7. 27th. do.
8. 29th. do.
9. 30th. do.
10. 31st. do.
11. 108th. do.
12. War diary.
13. do.
14. do.
15. Spare.
16. do.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

WARNING ORDER - 24.2.18.

HEADQUARTERS,  
8TH  
F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.  
No. 9/347  
Date

Right Group.  
Left Group.

A raid will shortly be undertaken by the 9th. Infantry Brigade on or about 3.3.18. About 500 men will take part.

The points of entry and the objective are the same as undertaken previously by the 10th. Infantry Brigade on 10th. February, 1918.

The 6th. Army F.A. Brigade will be available as before for reinforcing this Divisional Artillery and will occupy the same positions as previously occupied.

The Batteries of the Right Group will reinforce the Left Group and will occupy the same positions as before.

The 18 pounder barrage will be slightly altered, and will open 50 yards short of the enemy's Front Line Trench; jump to his Front Line Trench; jump 100 yards; jump to Support Line; and from thence jump to the box.

Wire cutting will be done as before by 4.5" Hows. and will be covered by a bombardment of the whole area.

Between now and "Y" Day the Left Group can arrange to put over rounds of 4.5" How with 106 fuzes on the wire, this need not be made noticeable, and not more than 50 rounds per day will be fired on this wire cutting until further orders.

Two special points requiring destruction by 4.5" Hows are :-

- U.12.c.3.5. ) See aeroplane photo - 3.B.A. 198 - 16-2-18.
- U.18.a.24.35

Acknowledge.

Headquarters,  
24.2.1918.

(Sgd) W. A. Nicholls, Major, R.A.,  
B.M. R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division.

To  
All Left Group Batteries.

Reference the above.  
This information is for Battery Commander only.

The 108th. Battery will comply with instructions in last two paras, but the whole fifty rounds mentioned will not be put on the points of entry, but some placed at other coordinates.

After the instructions in my 3/347 have been carried out, 30 rounds per target per day should be fired on the targets mentioned as requiring attention.

*E. Guffin*  
Lieutenant,  
Adjutant, Left Group Artly.

Headquarters,  
24-2-1918.



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Ref. Operation Order No. 46.

"W" Day will be 28th. February, 1918

ACKNOWLEDGE (S.4/67.)

HEADQUARTERS, 8TH F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.	
No.	S/347
Date	1/24/18

(Sgd) T. A. Playfair, Major  
for B.M., R;A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

Headquarters,  
26-2-1918.

To  
Left Group Batteries.

Forwarded for information.

Acknowledge.

*E. Griffith*

Lieutenant,  
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery

27-2-1918.



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HEADQUARTERS,
8th
F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.
No. S/357
Date

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

WARNING ORDER -- 26-2-1918.  
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- The Second Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the Third Australian Divisional Artillery on 'A' (Right) Divisional Front between the 11th. and 13th. March, 1918. Relief will take place as follows:-

Relief of	By	Sections per Battery.	Date.	New C.R.A. takes Command.
3rd. Aust.) D.A. )	2nd. Aust.) D.A. )	1 2	11th. March. 12th. March.	10 a.m.
3rd. Aust.) D.A.C. )	2nd. Aust.) D.A.C. )	-	12th. March.	13th. March.

- Guns will be taken over 'in situ', Vide General Routine Order No. 3202 of 17th. January, 1918.
- Detailed orders concerning the above will be issued later.
- All Batteries moving out of the line will move with Echelons full.
- On Relief, the 3rd. Aust. Divsl. Artillery will concentrate in the MERRIS area.
- ACKNOWLEDGED.

Headquarters,  
26-2-1918.

(Sgd) R.E. FANNING, Major.,  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

To all Batteries,  
Left Group Artillery.

Forwarded for information.  
Please acknowledge.

26-2-1918

*E. Griffith*  
LIEUTENANT.,  
Adjutant., Left Group Artillery.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

--- OPERATION ORDER No. 45. ---

Ref. Map: BAS WARNETON,  
1/10,000.

1. INTENTION. Weather conditions being favorable, the Left Group, 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will carry out a minor bombardment against the THE QUADRANGLE at V.13.d.30.65. on the night 21st/22nd February.

2. ZERO HOUR. Zero Hour will be 10.45 p.m.

3. SCHEDULE. Schedule of Tasks and rates of fire attached.

4. WIND. Reports as to velocity and direction of wind will be received from 3rd Aust. D. A. H. Q. half-hourly from 8.45 p.m. until Zero Hour.

5. SYNCHRONISATION. Watches will be synchronised under Group arrangements.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
W.A. Nicholls

Headquarters,  
20.2.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Time	Nature of Gun.	Target.	Nature of Projectile.	Rate of Fire.	Ammuntn. Rds.	Remarks.
10.45 p.m. to <sup>50</sup> 10.55 p.m.	4.5" Hows.	V.13.d.30.65	BCBR.	4 rds p.g. p.m.	120	
10.50 p.m. to 11 p.m.	do.	do.	do.	2 rds p.g. p.m.	120	
10.45 p.m. to 11 p.m.	18 - Pdrs	do.	AX with ) 106 Fuze) Incendiary.		50 10	In bursts of rapid fire.
11.45 p.m.	do.	do.	AX	4 rds p.g. p.m.	50	

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3rd Aust. Div. Art.

Operation Order No.45.

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2. 3rd Aust. Divsn. "G"  
4/5. Right Art. Group.  
7/13. Left Art. Group.  
14. 9th Inf. Bde.  
15. 10th " "  
16. 11th " "  
17. R.A. Ssg. Officer.  
18. C. R. A.  
19. B.M.; R.A.  
20. S.C.; R.A.  
21. R.O.; R.A.  
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Ref. Map: Sheet 28 S.W.  
1/21,000.

--- OPERATION ORDER No. 46. ---

1. The 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., on coming under the orders of the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division, will take up positions, as below, for offensive operation to be carried out shortly :-

18-Pdrs -

Occupy positions at :-

- 1 Bty. - U.7.a.51.23. <sup>16</sup>
- 1 " - U.7.c.51.67. <sup>U12 a 20 20.17</sup>
- 1 " - U.8.c.70.00. <sup>18</sup>

4.5" Hows.

- 1 Bty. - U.14.a.40.60. <sup>106</sup>

2. Batteries will move into action on the night W/X; move to take place during hours of darkness. - The date of "W" day will be notified as soon as possible.

On arrival into action Batteries will come under the orders of the O.C., Left Group, 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery; Headquarters at T.21.d.20.10. (O.C. Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O.).

3. The R.A. Signalling Officer will arrange necessary communications.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. ✓ *HL*

*W.A. Nicholls*

Headquarters.  
24.2.1918.

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Australian Division.

Distribution:

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  - 2. 3rd Aust. Div. "G"
  - 3/7. 6th Army Bde, A.F.A.
  - 8/10. Right Art. Group.
  - 11/17. Left Art. Group.
  - 18. 38th Div. Art.
  - 19. 4th Aust. D. Art.
  - 20. 3rd Aust. Div. Signals.
  - 21. R.A. Sig. Ofcr.
  - 22. C.R.A.
  - 23. B.M., R.A.
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Ref. Maps: WARNETON & } 1/10,000.  
          DEULEMONT.    }

28 S.W.           1/20,000.  
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--- OPERATION ORDER No. 47. ---

1. Two raids will be carried out on successive nights by the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, each raiding party consisting of approximately 300 men. The 1st raid will take place on a date to be notified, which will be known as "Z" Day; the 2nd raid the following day, to be known as "A" Day.

Zero Hour for each operation will be notified later.

On each occasion the enemy trenches will be raided between the following points :-

U.12.c.00.20.                   U.12.c.33.37.  
U.18.a.28.55.                   U.18.a.70.85.

and penetrating along communication trench to U.12.c.75.05.

The objects of the raids are as follow:-

- (i) To capture or kill as many enemy as possible.
- (ii) To damage or destroy material and defences.
- (iii) To obtain identifications, documents and other information.

2. Simultaneously, the Division on our Left intends carrying out raids on enemy trenches opposite its Divisional front.

The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will carry out an operation against the enemy on their front on the same day and at an hour to be notified.

3. The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, reinforced by the 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., will cover the raids. - Positions as per Appendix I, attached.

The B.G., H.A., is arranging assistance to be given by the Corps Heavy Artillery on each occasion.

4. All Field Batteries taking part will be attached to Left Group (C.O., Lt-Col. W.G. ALBOP, D.S.O.) - Headquarters at T.21.d.20.10. - who will allocate the tasks to the Batteries under his command.

5. Command of the Artillery during the raids will devolve upon the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division. - Headquarters - RAVELSBURG.

6. Wire cutting is being carried out gradually as per Warning Order, dated 24.2.1918., and will be completed by "Y" Night, when the gaps will be inspected by an Infantry Officer who will render a report as to whether the wire has been satisfactorily out.

7. The artillery action will be exactly similar for both raids. Calibration will be checked where possible on datum points not on front to be raided. Necessary registration, reduced to a minimum will be carried out under Group arrangements and every effort made to avoid giving indication of forthcoming operation.



O.O. 47.

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7 (contd) Tasks for actual raids are given in Appendix II, and 4 Maps are attached showing :-

- |     |                                |            |
|-----|--------------------------------|------------|
| (a) | Wire cutting boom carried out  | (Marked I) |
| (b) | 18-Pdr Bombardments with lifts | ( " II)    |
| (c) | 4.5" Bombardments " "          | ( " III)   |
| (d) | R.A. " "                       | ( " IV)    |

The 18-pdr barrage opens at Zero Hour 50 yards West of the German front line; remains for 1 minute; lifts to enemy front line; remains for 3 minutes; lifts 100 yards; remains for 1 minute; lifts to support line; remains for 3 mins; lifts 100 yards; remains for 1 minute; lifts to form a box round objective for 36 minutes, then searching beyond for 5 minutes to a depth of 500 yards.

8. Counter Battery work will start at Zero Hour and cease at Zero plus 60 minutes, unless requested to continue.
9. Each raid will last until Zero plus 50 mins, when all guns except those on C.B. work cease fire unless orders regarding their continuance are received.
10. No instantaneous fuses will be used during the raids, except during the last 5 minutes, as shown in Task Table for 18-pdrs.
11. Incoming Batteries will dump their echelons at their positions.
12. The S.C.S. Signal will be inoperative on the front to be raided from Zero minus 30 minutes to Zero plus 60 minutes.  
(for each raid).
13. The G.O., Left Group, will detail one Officer, not above the rank of Captain, as Liaison Officer to accompany the O.C. of the Raid, (Lt-Col. MILNE, D.S.O).  
Lt-Col. W. CHURCHUS, D.S.O. will act as Liaison Officer at 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters (U.20.a.50.90), during both raids.
14. R.A. Signalling Officer will arrange for a direct line from both Liaison Officers to 3rd Aust. D. A. H.Q.
15. Direction and velocity of the wind will be phoned from this office every hour from 7 p.m. on "Z" Day. If gas shells are not to be used, the code "Ref. Appendix 'A' NAPCO" will be sent through by phone.
16. Watches will be synchronised by a Staff Officer from 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q., who will visit Left Group Headquarters at 6 p.m. on "Z" Day and "A" Day.
17. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. ✓ 100

*W. G. H. H. H. H.*

Headquarters,  
27.2.1918.

Major,  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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3.	H.A., Aust. Corps.	" "
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7/13.	Left Art. Group.	" "
14/18.	6th Army Bde. A.F.A.	" "
19.	R.A.; 38th Divn.	(no maps)
20.	R.A., 5th Aust. Div.	" "
21.	52nd H.A.G.	(with maps)
22.	C.B.S.O.	" "
23.	10th Aust. Inf. Bde.	{ no maps
24.)	9th " " "	{ with maps)
25.)	9th (for O.C., Raid)	(no maps)
26th	11th Aust. Inf. Bde.	(no maps)
27.	D.T.M.O.	(with maps)
28.	3rd Aust. D.A.C.	(no maps)
29.	Corps Chemical Advisor.	(no maps)
30.	3rd Sq. A.F.C.	(no maps)
31.	6th Balloon Coy.	(no maps)
32.	"M" Sound Rg. Section.	(no maps)
33.	3rd Div. Signals.	{ no maps }
34.	R.A. Sig. Ofcr.	(no maps)
35.	O.R.A.	{ with maps }
36.	B.M., R.A.	" "
37.	S.C., R.A.	{ no maps }
38.	R.O., R.A.	" "
39.	War Diary.	{ with maps }
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Addendum No. 1. to Operation Order No. 47.

Attached are (1) Amendment to Appendix III - 4.5" Hows.  
(2) Additional page to Appendix III. (Objectives should be colored blue on Map No. 4 (H.A).)

Note also - Para. 2 of C.O. 47. - Hour for 11th Bde operation will be 10 minutes before Zero Hour for 9th Bde operation.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. H. ...*

Major.

for B.M. R.A., 3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters.  
28.2.1918.

Distribution - All recipients of C.O. 47.

(1) Appendix III - 3rd Page - 4.5" Hows - U.13.a.10.65. should read V.13.a.10.65. in objective column.

(2) Additional Page :-

Appendix III - "4" DAY. - FRANCH MONTELS. - 6". --

No Guns.	Task.	Objective.	Time	Amun.	Total	Remarks.
4	Bombard	U.12.a.65.70. U.12.a.85.77. U.12.a.10.14. U.12.b.06.80.	Zero to Zero plus 6 mins.	2 rds per gun per min.	48	
4	"	"	At Zero plus 20 mins.	8 rds per gun.	32	Burst fire.
4	"	"	At Zero plus 30 mins.	8 rds per gun.	32	ditto
4	"	"	At Zero plus 40 mins.	8 rds per gun.	32	ditto

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Addendum No. 2. to Operation Order No. 47.

With a view to misloading the enemy, the following combined gas and smoke shoots will be carried out on X/Y night. Direction and velocity of wind will be phoned from this office 30 minutes before each shoot, and wind may be considered favorable if blowing from any Westerly bearing. If wind is unfavorable Group Commander will postpone shoots indefinitely and report to D.A.H.Q.

Objective.	Time	Amn. n.	Total Rds.	Remarks.	
Area U.12.c.9.6. U.12.c.85.20. U.12.d.0.2. U.12.d.05.60.	7 p.m. <i>Blow</i>	50% 50% Lachrymatory Irritant	18-pdrs. - 24 rounds each shoot.	4.5" Hows - 50 rounds each shoot.	Each shoot in sudden bursts of fire.
Area U.12.b.40.35. U.12.b.42.20. U.12.b.65.24. U.12.b.65.40.	9 p.m. <i>Blow</i>	50% 50% Lachrymatory Irritant	18-pdrs. - 24 rounds each shoot.	4.5" Hows - 50 rounds each shoot.	Each shoot in sudden bursts of fire.
Area U.18.c.6.7. U.18.c.75.55. U.18.c.99.90. U.18.c.85.99.	10.30 pm <i>Blow</i>	Smoke.	18-pdrs. - 24 rounds each shoot.	4.5" Hows - 50 rounds each shoot.	Each shoot in sudden bursts of fire.
Area U.12.d.35.60. U.12.d.40.85. U.12.d.55.85. U.12.d.55.62.	12.15 pm <i>Blow</i>	50% 50% Lachrymatory Irritant	18-pdrs. - 24 rounds each shoot.	4.5" Hows - 50 rounds each shoot.	Each shoot in sudden bursts of fire.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. *ER*

Headquarters.  
28.2.1918.

*J. J. Stewart*  
Major.  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

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Addendum No. 3 to Operation Order No. 47.

The combined gas and smoke programme ordered for X/Y night will be repeated on Y/Z night.

ACKNOWLEDGED by wire *MS*

*J. H. Fairfax*

Headquarters,  
1.3.1918.

Major.  
for B.L., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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Addendum No. 4 to Operation Order No. 47.

Destructive shoots will be carried out on "Z" and "A" nights at

Zero plus 2 hours.	
" " 4 "	as follows :-
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Btys.	Objective.	Total expend. of Ammutn, each shoot.	Remarks.
9 Btys 18-Pdr.	Square U.12.c.	4 rds per gun	(Group Commander (to arrange detailed ( tasks.
3 Btys 4.5" Hcw.	Square U.12.d.	2 rds per gun	( Sudden bursts of ( fire.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*J. H. Laiffair*

Headquarters.  
3.3.1918.

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for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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Operation Order 47.

"Z" Day will be - 3.3.1918.

Zero Hour for "Z" Day will be - 11.45 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. (S.4/67/1).

*A. Haffner*

Headquarters.  
2.3.1918.

Major.  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.