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Artillery Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	2/3/18	1918	3rd Aust. Batt. Q. 5/4/67/1 giving date of 2 nd day saboteur of commencement of operations detailed in 00.47.	
"	1st		9th Aust. Inf. Bde Raiding Party Order No. 1. giving objects of operations, the artillery action during operation, machine gun times + barrage sabo disposition of various storming parties + their objectives.	Appendix 2 MAP showing area to be raided
"	2nd		9th Aust. Inf. Bde Communication giving dates of 2 nd + A days + times for commencement of operations on 2 day.	
"	2/2/18		Left Group Artillery O.O. No. 4 - giving particulars of various tasks to be carried out by batteries of Left Group Artillery. including 8th SA Bde, 6th ADA Bde + 2 Bty of 7th ADA 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 1/10000 28 SW 1/20000
"	28/2/18		Left Group Artillery O.O. No. 4. Addendum No. 1 giving coordinates at which gaps are to be made in the enemy wire + also particulars of targets to be engaged in the event of the alternate gas program (given with O.A.A. O.O. No. 43) being carried out.	
"	3rd		3rd Aust. Batt. Q. O.O. No. 48. Referring to the withdrawal of 7th ADA Bde Batteries immediately after second raid + also to the 6th ADA Bde remaining in their positions as defensive sub group. I Robertshead	28 SW 36 NW 1/20000

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MARCH				
Lushfield	3rd	12	3rd Aust Bde in reference to OO. N° 48. (CRA to Co.)	
		13	Left Group Artillery OO. N° 5. - giving details of harassing shoots to be carried out during Z & A nights with objects as set out thereon.	
	4th	14	Left Group Artillery in reference to OO. N° 5. - showing reallocation of tasks as set out in OO. N° 5. owing to immediate withdrawal of 7th A.S. Bde batteries after raid on "A" night.	
	4th	15	Left Group Artillery OO. N° 6. - issuing instructions regarding SOS lines to be used by 6th A.S. Bde at the time acting as a defensive sub group; also giving in the event of Bty being called upon to fire the rate of fire & SOS procedure.	
	4th	16	Left Group Artillery OO. N° 7. - giving alteration in procedure after the support line bombardment.	
	4th	18	9th A.S. Bde communication giving time for second raid.	
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MARC	4th	19	9th A.I. Bgde - report on enemy trenches on the night of 3/3/1918.	
WARNETON SECTOR.	4th	20	3rd Aust. Division - Divisional Commander's report on minor offensive on March 3rd/4th 1918.	
	5th	21	3rd Aust. Division - Divisional Commander's report on minor offensive on March 4/5th 1918.	
	7th	22	3rd Aust. Div Artillery - Letter from C.R.A. forwarding congratulatory message from 9th Aust. Inf Bgde Commander. The Raids referred to in the foregoing documents were carried out on the nights March 3rd & 4th respectively. The Artillery, comprising the left Group Artillery including 8th Div Bgde, 6th Div Bgde, & 2 Btys of the 7th Div Bgde covered both assaults. The barrages in each were opened well to time and the infantry had nothing but good to say of their covering artillery, in addition to which they report many casualties by artillery fire to the enemy. The 31st Bty, co-operated with the MESSINES Group Arty. in a raid on KIWI Farm.	
	11th			
	11th		Batteries were relieved by batteries of the 2nd Div Artillery and withdrawn to wagon lines in the vicinity of BAILLEUL; HQ at first located at 28 Rue de LILLE but in 2 days forced to withdraw from the town to a farmhouse near BAILLEUL station as on the 13th inst the Hun commenced to shell Bailleul very heavily with long range guns. Draining was carried out while in rest according to memo attached to 23-3-18. in the March 23rd when order came to move south as follows	

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In the field.	20/2/18		Ammunition expenditure for this period 7991A 9590AX, 217AS.	
	to		Y282 BX 71A BC BR. 50 BSK 16 BN.	
	23/3/18		Weather conditions 0 High wind 20 to 30 M.P.H. Squally with low visibility. Temperature Day 35° night 30°	
	23/3/18	to 22/3/18	Records for this period for ammunition and weather not available at present having been left in store and now believed in the enemy's hands.	
Bailleul	23/3/18		On Saturday 23rd March being a half holiday most of the Brigade were playing football etc. when an order was received at 3.1 pm. that the Brigade would move by road to the scene of the German offensive on the SOMME. At 5.40 pm the Brigade was on the move and travelled to MORBEQUE via VIEUX-BERQUIN and LA MOTTE.	
MORBEQUE	24/3/18		Continued march via AIRE to FONTES.	
OSTREVILLE	25/3/18		Via ST HILAIRE, LIERES, AMES, FERFAY AUMERVAL, PERNES VALHONN BRYAS, to OSTREVILLE	

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HUMBERCOURT	26 th		March continued via ST. POL, NUNCQ FREVENT, DOULLENS, MONDICOURT, to HUMBERCOURT.	
	27 th		Via PAS, THIEVRES, MARIEUX, PUCHEVILLERS, HERISSART BEAUCOURT MONTIENY, BENENCOURT, FRANVILLERS. and went into action on N.W. and close to BONNAY. on the river ANCRE. Locations as follows. H.Q. In a field at I10c7.4. 29 th at I17a15.60 30 th I13b9.4 31 st . 49 th at I11c5.1 29 th at I24b3.2. 108 th I17a1.9. As the Brigade approached this area all sorts of wild rumours were heard but on arrival at Franvillers the C.I.A. briefly outlined the situation as follows. The Boche had crossed the SOMME at CERISY. and threatened to advance along the bank of the SOMME; the brigade was therefore to go into action N.W. of BONNAY so as to cover the valley of the SOMME and N.E.S. of it. The Brigade remained in these positions without firing until 10pm. 28 th inst when orders were received for the batteries to be in position East of the ANCRE by daylight 29 th inst. The 29 th Bty J.29.a.6.6., 108 th J.21.c.0.8, 30 th I.13b.9.4. and the 31 st a position of readiness at I23d.5.8; on night 29/30 th inst 30 th moved forward into position at I15b.7.4.	France 62 ^D 1/40000
BONNAY	27 th			
	28 th			
	29 th			

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between SOMME AND ANCRE RIVERS.	29th		On the 29th there was practically no artillery activity on the front beyond registration of a few rounds fired on movement and harassing fire during the night.	
do.	30th	12:15pm	At 12:15pm. 30th the Boche attacked, at 12:15pm ^{in seven waves} after a preliminary bombardment but was absolutely thrown back without penetrating our piequet lines; guns in action at K20 & 3.6. were engaged with good effect and had to be withdrawn that night. On reports received from ^{an} 11th Infantry Bgde. who were in the same place as the 8th A.B. HQ. at J 19 b 85. enemy infantry concentrations were smashed up by the artillery fire of the Brigade at SAILLY-LAURETTE. K25-26-31-27 and 33	map of France 62 D $\frac{1}{40000}$
do.	31st	11am	A second attack developed at 3pm. but with no success; during the night each Bty fired 100 Rds. harassing fire to catch his mopping up parties. At this hour there was a concentration of our artillery on 12 enemy guns in action. at K 3 d 85. in which the brigade participated firing 120 Rds per bty. at 11am. the 7th A.B. which had until then been covering the 10th A. Bgde. on our left was switched across and came under the 8th A.B. as a sub group the whole group covering the 11th A. B. front which extended 4000 yards Southwards to the SOMME. SOS. lines were then laid down. Cavalry Camps at Q 9 a. 17. & Q 9 a. 25. were fired on causing them to be evacuated.	J. Brakeheart

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RIGHT DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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Ref. Maps : 28 S.W.
1/20,000 : 36 N.W.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

As at noon 2.3.18.

(All previous lists cancelled.)

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

COMMANDED BY BRIGADIER GEN. H.S. GRIMWOLD C.M.G.

3rd. AUST. DIVSL. ARTY. H.Q. - RAVLSBERG - S.17. Central.

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY. - C.O. LT. COL. W.G. ALLSOP. D.S.O.

8th. F.A. BRIGADE. Headquarters. Wagon Lines.
T.21.d.40.44. T.21.d.3.1.

BATTERY POSITIONS. WAGON LINES.

25th. Battery. U.26.c.2.9. (4 guns.) B.14.a.3.6.
U.27.c.3.0. (2 guns.)

26th. Battery. U.14.b.48.36. (6 guns.) B.14.c.8.8.

27th. Battery. U.13.c.90.34. (5 guns.) B.14.c.9.6.
U.15.d.30.65. (1 gun.) Anti-tank defence.

107th. Battery. U.26.b.78.65. (6 Hows.) B.8.c.00.50.

29th. Battery. U.14.b.80.62. (4 guns.) T.27.b.3.6.
U.14.b.52.75. (2 guns.)

30th. Battery. U.7.a.95.20. (3 guns.) T.26.c.2.8.
U.1.d.90.00. (2 guns.)
U.2.d.50.75. (1 gun.) Anti-tank defence.

31st. Battery. U.7.c.51.57. (4 guns.) T.27.a.55.60.
U.1.d.63.14. (2 guns.)

108th. Battery. U.4.c.50.10. (3 Hows.) T.27.c.7.2.
U.20.a.05.45. (2 Hows.)
U.14.d.30.56. (1 How.)

6th. ARMY F.A. BRIGADE.

16th. Battery. U.7.a.51.23. S.30.c.6.6.

17th. Battery. U.14.a.2.2. S.30.d.2.7.

18th. Battery. U.3.c.70.00. B.1.B.1.5.

106th. Battery. U.14.a.40.60. T.14.b.2.2.

6th. B. A. C. - T.8.c.9.1.

P.T.O.

LOCATION STATEMENT

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3rd. AUST. MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS.

D.T.M.O. CAPT. R.S. SCARR.M.C.

Headquarters:

5th. Aust. M.T.M. Battery - Headquarters - 10 Rue de la Gare NIEPPE.
C.7.e.98.56.

Battery Control - U.28.b.70.22.
5/1 T.M. - U.28.b.70.25. In action.
5/2 T.M. - U.29.a.14.43.) In course of
5/3 T.M. - U.23.a.50.10.) construction.

6th. Aust. M.T.M. Battery - Headquarters - U.14.b.99.10.

Battery Control - U.10.a.75.60.
6/1 T.M. - U.10.d.95.10. In action.
6/2 T.M. - U.10.b.97.53.) In course of
6/3 T.M. - U.10.b.90.53.) construction.
Alternative position. C.4.e.95.95. In action.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN F.A. Co.

C.C. Major T.B. JAMES. D.S.O.

Headquarters. - S.30.e.3.7.

No.1. Section. - S.30.a.0.0.

No.2. Section. - A.12.b.7.6.

"B" Section. - B.0.a.9.7.

7th. F.A. BRIGADE.

C.C. LIEUT. COL. W. CHURCHUS. D.S.O.

Headquarters: - B.11.d.15.48.

Wagon Lines. - B.11.d.15.48.

867th. Coy. 3rd. Aust. Divsl. Train. - B.8.a.4.0.
ROMAIN DUMP (18 pdr. and 4.5" How.) - B.2.a.6.8.
DOLLOU DUMP (S.A.A. and T.M.) - B.2.e.5.7.
AMMUNITION RAILHEAD - CONNAUGHT SIDING.
30th. MOBIL WORKSHOPS. - T.21.b.3.6.
3rd. Aust. Mobile Vet Section. - F.3.d.5.7.
D.A.L.C.S. 3rd. Aust. Division. - B.1.d.1.8.
3rd. Aust. Div. Salvage Coy. - B.7.d.7.3.

N.B. Any alteration to above Location Report must be immediately reported to this office.

Headquarters,
2. 3. 1918.

Alfred
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 16

Reference map:
PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000.

Brigade Headquarters:
2nd March 1918.

1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve and take over the nucleus garrisons in the Northern part of the Second Zone at present furnished by the 37th Battalion A.I.F.

2. The 36th Battalion is detailed for this duty, and will relieve the personnel of the 37th Battalion under arrangements to be made mutually between C.Os. concerned.

3. (a) The relief will be completed by 9.0 p.m. 3rd March.
(b) Completion of relief will be reported by wire in code to Brigade Headquarters.

4. All trench stores, maps, log-books and information concerning the Posts will be taken over on relief.

5. The Headquarters of the 36th Battalion will remain as at present - at RED LODGE.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Handwritten signature: J. E. Fain

MAJOR
Brigade Major
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

Distribution.

Copy No.	To whom.
1-3	Brigade Headquarters.
4	Brigade Signal Section.
5	33rd Battalion.
6	34th Battalion.
7	35th Battalion.
8	36th Battalion.
9	9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.
10	9th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Bty.
11	9th Field Company A.E.
12	10th Field Company A.E.
13	37th Battalion A.I.F.
14	10th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
15	11th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
16	15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
17-18	3rd Australian Division.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Map Ref: 28 S.W.) 1
36 N.W.) 20,000.

-- OPERATION ORDER No.48. --

1. The 26th and 107th Batteries will be withdrawn from Left Group immediately after raid on "A" night, and return to positions previously vacated in Right Group.
2. The 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A. Batteries will remain in present position as a defensive Sub-Group under the command of the C.O., 6th Army Brigade, A.F.A., Lt-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Sub-Group Headquarters will remain as at present (T.21.d.2.1.), but preparations will be made for an immediate occupation of LA PETITE MUNQUE FME (T.23.d.8.8.) as a Headquarters, if ordered.
The Sub-Group will be superimposed over the Left Group, 3rd Aust. Div. Art. front, and come under orders of Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP, D.S.O., who will issue necessary instructions regarding S.O.S. 400 rounds per gun and 300 rounds per How. will be maintained at Battery positions.
ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

J.P. Hayfords

Headquarters.
5.3.1918.

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

Distribution:

- R.A., Aust. Corps.
- 6th Army Bde, A.F.A.
- Right Art. Group.
- ✓ Left Art. Group.
- Divsn. "G".
- 3rd Aust. D.A.C.
- C.R.A.
- B.M., R.A.
- S.C., R.A.
- R.O., R.A.
- War Diary.
- FILE.

ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 213.

by
G.O.C.R. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

APPENDIX

3rd. March. 1918.

1. FIRING OF GAS SHELL.

The gas shell is rapidly becoming one of the most formidable of weapons used by the Artillery. Its full power, however, cannot be developed without a knowledge of the role which each type of shell is destined to perform.

2. DETAILS OF GAS SHELL.

The attached Table - Appendix 1. - gives sufficient detail of each shell to ensure its correct use, and will serve as a guide to all gas shelling carried out in this Corps.

3. ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS

When gas shelling is contemplated, the Corps Chemical Advisor will arrange for wind readings to be sent half-hourly to the Headquarters concerned from Zero minus three hours until the completion of the bombardment. The final decision as to whether the bombardments may take place will be made on these reports.

4. M.P.I.

The M.P.I. of the 4.5 inch Howitzer and 60 pounder gun should be 15 or 20 yards to windward of the target, and that of the 6 inch Howitzer 30 to 40 yards.

5. SURPRISE EFFECT.

C.G., C.D.R., V.N., J.L., J.B.K. should be used for surprise effect only. They should be fired in concentrated bursts of three or four minutes duration at the opening of a bombardment. Their persistency is practically nil, and the German drum, when new, gives good protection against them for four or five hours; hence if K.S.K. is fired first, the enemy adjusts his protection without having casualties, and is safe during a fairly long bombardment of lethal shells which may follow.

V.N., J.L., J.B.R. in strong concentrations cause immediate death; in low concentrations they cause very little inconvenience. The width of the lethal zone (under appendix 1, column 3 (a) of C.G., P.C., N.C., and C.B.R., is about 50 yards, that of V.N. about 10 yards.

With a wind velocity of four or five m.p.h. an unprotected man would become a serious casualty at about 1000 yards from the area of a heavy bombardment with the above gases. Severe lachrymation would be caused by P.G. and N.C. at about 1200 yards, and, as the effect of P.G. and N.C. is cumulative to a certain extent, an unprotected man would become a casualty.

6. NEUTRALIZATION OF HOSTILE BATTERIES AND WEARING DOWN PROTECTION.

For this purpose P.C., N.C., P.S., and K.S.K. are useful, as a much slower rate of fire can be used, and their persistency and lachrymatory effect are greater.

P.G., N.C. and P.S. are also lethal, and even in low concentrations penetrate the German drum.

7. SHORT BOMBARDMENTS.

Bursts of lethal. C.G., C.D.R., V.N., (vide appendix 1. Col. 3 (a) - 3 minutes.

Rest.

Steady fire. P.G., N.C., or P.S. (Vide app. 1. col. 3 (b). 10 - 12 mins. 15-25 mins.)

APPENDIX

1. PROLONGED BOMBARDMENTS.

For prolonged bombardments the methods employed should be somewhat as follows :-

- (a) Bursts of lethal G.G., C.B.R., V.N. (vide appendix 1. Col. C (a) 3 minutes.
- Rest 10 or 12 minutes.
- Steady fire F.G. or N.C. or P.S. or K.S.K., (Vide app. 1. col. C (b) 30 mins.
- Rest 15 minutes.
- Steady fire K.S.K.(vide app.1. col. C (b) 30 mins.
- Slow rate. (1/2 r. to of steady fire) K.S.K. 30 mins.
- Burst of lethal G.G., C.B.R., V.N. or I.G., N.C. or P.S. 3 minutes.

(b) Repeat procedure as above, or with variations.

2. INDENTS FOR CHEMICAL SHELL.

Indents for Chemical shell should be carefully worked out in conjunction with appendix 1 and the foregoing instructions.

Acknowledge on form attached.

(Sgd.) H.D.K. Macartney.
Lt. Col. A.I.F.
Staff Officer Australian Corps.

APPENDIX 1.

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1.	2	3		4	5	6			7	8		9	
		(a)	(b)			(a)	(b)	(c)		(a)	(b)		
C.G.	RED WHITE RED	1	1		Slight	5 mins	-	hours	4 - 5	2000 yds	300 (e) 220 (d) 160 (c)	-	Under 7.
P.G.	WHITE WHITE	3	2	2		3	3	hours	100	5 - 6 2000 yds.	250 (e) 180 (d) 130 (c)	150 (c) 120 (d) 75 (c)	Under 10.
N.C.	WHITE RED WHITE	5	3	1		2	5	hours	120	10 - 12 3000 yds.	250 (e) 180 (d) 130 (c)	150 (c) 120 (d) 75 (c)	Under 10.
C.F.R.	RED	2	4		Slight	5 mins.	Nil.		3	2000 yds.	300 (e) 220 (d) 160 (c)	-	Under 7.
P.S.	WHITE	4	5	3		4	3	hours	100	5 1000 yds.	-	150 (c) 120 (d) 75 (c)	Under 12
V.N.	WHITE RED	1 ?	6		Nil	15 mins.	60		2	400 yds.	300 (c) 220 (d) 160 (c)	-	Under 5.
J.L.	RED RED	1 ?	7		Nil	10-15 mins.	?		2	400 yds	300 (c) 220 (d) 160 (c)	-	Under 5.
J.B.R.	RED RED RED	1 ?	7		Nil	10-15 mins.	?		2	400 yds.	300 (c) 220 (d) 160 (c)	-	Under 5.
K.S.K.	No bands-	-	-		1	10-20 hrs.	48		15-20	2000 yds	-	120 (c) 100 (d) 60 (c)	Under 12.

NOTE :- C.G., P.G., and N.C. are not yet available.

APPENDIX

EXPLANATION OF TABLE SHOWN IN APPENDIX 1.

1. Symbols for gases.
2. Color bands round middle of shell.
3. (a) shows the order of lethal value of a high concentration which will cause death in a few minutes.
(b) Shows the order of lethal values of a lower concentration which is strong enough to cause casualties and necessitates the wearing of a respirator.
4. N.C., P.G., and F.S. penetrate the German mask even in low concentrations. N.C. penetrates a little better than P.G. or F.S. A new German drum gives protection against the other gases; but C.G. and C.D.R. will penetrate a drum which has been worn for four or five hours.
V.N. penetrates a drum but not in sufficient concentration to cause casualties.
5. Shows the order of value as lachrymators.
Shows persistency values.
(a) gives the time after which unprotected Infantry could pass over the area which has been gassed.
(b) gives the time after which digging could be carried on with safety by unprotected men in an area that had been gassed.
(c) gives the time after which trenches and shelters (not deep dugouts) would be clear of gas after the termination of a bombardment.
6. Gives the depth of the zone in the direction of the wind in which masks would have to be worn.
Gas shell should never be fired to fall nearer than 100 yards to our own troops.
6. (a) Gives the number of rounds per hour required under figure 3. (a) for
 - (c) 4.5" How. at 5000 yards on 16 yards front.
 - (d) 60 pounder at 6000 yards on 20 yds. front.
 - (e) 6" How. at 6000 yards on 30 to 40 yards front.
 (b) Gives the number of rounds per hour required under figure 3 (b) for.
 - (c) 4.5" How. at 5000 yards on 16 yards front.
 - (d) 60 pounder at 6000 yards on 20 yds. front.
 - (e) 6" How. at 6000 yards on 30 to 40 yards front.
7. Gives the wind velocity above which it is practically useless to fire gas shell

APPENDIX

APPENDIX 2.

4.5" Howitzer.

Column A gives the number of rounds required per gun on a front of 16 yards.

Column B gives the number of rounds per gun when four or more guns are engaging a continuous front.

Correction has been made in column A for inaccuracy of fire which does not apply when a broad front is being engaged.

Below 5000 yards guns must sweep.

Range	Rounds required		Range	Rounds required.	
	A	B		A	B
1000	20	20	4000	45	45
1500	20	20	4500	55	55
2000	25	25	5000	65	65
2500	30	30	5500	75	75
3000	40	40	6000	100	80
3250	50	50	6500	120	85
3500	40	40	7000	150	80

60-pdr.

20 yards front.

6" Howitzer 26-cwt.

30 to 40 yards front.

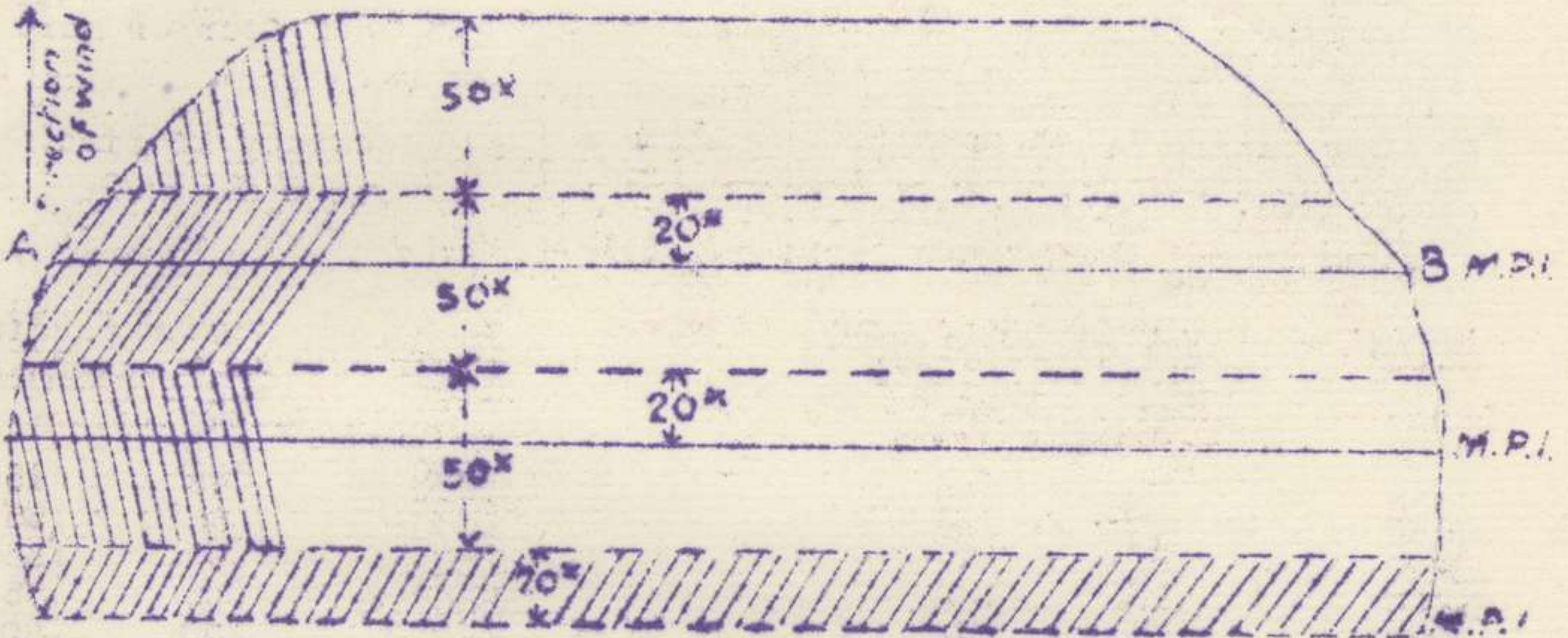
Range	Rounds required	Range	Rounds required.
	B.		B.
1000	25	1000	10
2000	25	2000	10
3000	25	3000	10
4000	30	4000	10
5000	30	5000	15
6000	35	6000	20
7000	50	7000	25
8000	50	8000	30
9000	55	9000	42
10000	70	10000	53
		11000	65

Further information in regard to 60 pounder and 6" How 26-cwt. is not yet available.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX 3.METHOD OF GASSING A TARGET WHOSE DEPTH IS GREATER THAN 50 YARDS.

V.N., U.L., J.E.R. should NOT be used for this purpose.



The area should be dealt with as a succession of zones 50 yards in depth.

The zone to leeward will be gassed first. The range should be shortened (or lengthened) as the case may be AGAINST the wind.

The nature of the target allows of surprise on the first zone only, so that the bombardment should commence with a burst of lethal for 3 minutes on line A-----B and then each zone should be dealt with as suggested in para 7, except that each zone could be subjected to a 3 minute bombardment (Appendix 1, col. 8 (a) after 60 or 80 minutes under appendix 1, col. 8 (b)).

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX

To
Groups.

The following has been received through Third Australian Division and is forwarded for information and guidance when reporting on Hostile Artillery in Intelligence Summaries.

"It is of the greatest importance that information with regard to the attitude of the enemy ^{artillery.} should be as accurate and as full as possible.

The enemy's power to resist our attack or to attack himself depends on the strength of his artillery, and the success of our dispositions both for attack and defence depends to a large extent on our knowledge of the movements of his artillery. Our knowledge of his artillery depends on :-

- (a) Information derived from examination of photographs and air reconnaissance.
- (b) Information gained by examination of prisoners, captured documents etc.
- (c) Evidence afforded by the location of active hostile batteries.
- (d) Deductions made from the volume and direction of hostile fire.

Information under (a), (b), and (c) is chiefly obtained from R.F.C. and Intelligence Corps, and Field Survey Companies.

Information under (d) is constantly being received from all sources, but the importance of careful reports on hostile fire is, perhaps, not yet sufficiently realised.

Information telephoned to C.B.S.O. that the enemy is shelling any given place will secure neutralising fire being brought to bear on the battery or batteries suspected, but it only provides a limited amount of information as to the strength and attitude of the hostile artillery.

Again, a list of localities shelled, number of rounds, calibre etc. in an Intelligence report is of great value, but most of it has already been sent by telephone, and the most important item - the intention of the enemy or a guess at it, is not put on record.

Artillery fire, in quiet periods or during preparation for a Battle, may be classed under various headings :-

DESTRUCTIVE SHOTS on batteries, trenches, wire, strong points, etc.

HARASSING FIRE and sniping.

REGISTRATION of important points.

DATUMING and calibration.

FLEETING OPPORTUNITIES - working parties etc.

It should be possible, in many cases at least, to place a report of hostile fire under one of the above headings, and some such method of classification would be of the greatest value.

Headquarters,
3.3.1918.

A. H. H. H.
Lieutenant.
Reconnaissance Officer.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S E C R E T.



Divisional Headquarters,
3rd March, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 72 A.

Anti-Aircraft Defence.

Reference General Staff Circular No. 71A.



The following instructions are forwarded for guidance:-

1. TRANSPORT. No extra transport will be provided for these additional guns

It is considered that the guns should always be ready for immediate action when the Unit is on the move, and therefore the guns with their mountings should be carried on the top of the load in selected vehicles of the Unit, so that they can be lifted off and mounted in a few seconds.

When on the march arrangements should be made to dispose the available guns in depth along the column. This applies also to movement by Mechanical Transport.

2. MAGAZINES & STRIPS. The magazines and strips issued with the extra guns should be loaded as far as possible with tracer and Armour piercing S.A. ammunition in the proportion of one round tracer to four rounds Armour piercing in every five rounds. If sufficient Armour piercing ammunition is not available, the proportion should be one round tracer, two rounds Armour piercing and two rounds ordinary S.A. ammunition in every five rounds.

The magazines and strips thus loaded should be specially marked and, as far as possible, kept entirely separate from other magazines and strips.

The Magazines, Strips and belts of guns, which are already in possession of the Units, and which are detailed primarily for Anti-Aircraft work, should be loaded and marked as laid down above.

Geo. E. Street

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION.

- A.Q. 1.
- G.R.A. 8.
- C.R.E. 1.
- 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. 6.
- 10th -do- 6.
- 11th -do- 6.
- 3rd Aust. Pnr. Bn. 1
- D.M.G.O. 1.
- 23rd A.M.G. Coy. 1.
- 3rd Aust. Div. Train. 1.

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Copy No. *24*.....

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.4

⑨

Issued by Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLSOP, DSO., Cndg.

Ref. Maps.

28th. February, 1918.

WARRINGTON)
and DEUILMONT) 1/10,000
28 S.7. 1/20,000

INFORMATION. 1. Two Raids will be carried out on successive nights by the 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, at Zero hours to be notified later, on nights 3rd/4th. March (first raid) and night 4/5th. March (second raid) in accordance with 3rd. D.A.H.C. O.C. No.47, a copy of which has been issued to each Battery covering the raids.

INTENTION. 2. The LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY reinforced by the 6th. Aust. A.F.A. BRIGADE and by the 26th. and 107th Batteries of the RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY will cover both Raids. Instructions as to the positions to be occupied and the moves thereto by the reinforcing Batteries, are contained in Appendix 1 of 3rd. D.A.H.C. O. C. No.47, referred to in para 1 of this order.

WIRE CUTTING 3. Wire cutting is to be done gradually daily, and to be completed by 6 p.m. 2nd. March, 1918. Points where wire is to be cut are as under:-

- (a) U.18.a.07.90 to U.11.d.90.20
- (b) U.18.a.25.30 to U.18.a.20.66
and
U.18.a.05.58 to U.18.a.22.44
- (c) U.12.d.42.00 to U.12.d.30.22
- (d) U.18.a.60.30 to U.18.a.47.90

The tasks of cutting wire between these points are allotted to batteries as follows:-

On 1st. March	-108th. Bty.	will engage	A & C.
" "	106th. "	" "	B & D.
" 2nd. "	107th. "	" "	B.
" "	108th. "	" "	A & C.
" "	106th. "	" "	D.

Not more than 100 rounds will be expended on any one target on any one day.

B.Cs. will report results of wire cutting to this office daily.

B.Js. will make the necessary arrangements for clearance of trenches during the wire cutting direct with 9th. Infantry Brigade (9th. Inf. B.H.C. at U.20.a.50.90)

On the completion of each shoot, B.Cs. will telephone this office, together with Batteries' positions call, the code word 'ZAMPA' so that the Infantry in the line may re-garrison the trenches.
over.

- TASKS** 4. Tasks for Batteries for 'Z' and 'A' nights will be identical. Tables of tasks and tracings showing Battery zones therefor are attached hereto.
- DURATION OF RAIDS** 5. Each Raid will last until Zero plus 50 mins. when all guns of the Group cease fire, unless orders for continuance of fire are received.
- FUZES** 6. ^{Fuses} NO Instantaneous (106) will be used during the Raids, except during the last ~~5~~ mins. as shown in the table for 18,-pounders.
- S. O. S.** 7. S.O.S. will be inoperative on the front to be raided from Zero minus 50 mins. to Zero plus 60 mins. on both Raid nights.
- LIAISON OFFICERS WITH O. C. Raid.** 8. Capt. W.A. AUDSLEY, is detailed as Forward Liaison Officer with O.C.Raid (Lt-Col. MILNE, DSO.) for the first raid, and Liout. M.F. CROMBIE for the second Raid, and on receipt of this order, will at once get into touch with, and make the necessary arrangements to proceed with the O.C.Raid to his H.Q. on the nights of the Raid.
A direct telephone line for the Raid to 3rd. D.A.H. 2 is being arranged for these Forward Liaison Officers.
- ALTERNATIVE GAS PROGRAMME.** 9. Direction and velocity of wind will be given from this office every hour from 7 p.m. on (Z) and (A) days. If gas shell is not to be used the code word "MURDO" will be sent through the phone.
- SYNCHRONISATION.** 10. An Officer from each Battery will be detailed to synchronise at 108th. Battery position - (U.14.aa (U.14.c.50.10) at 6.30 p.m. on 3rd. and 4th. March.
- COMMAND.** 11. Command of Artillery during Raids will devolve on C.R.A., 3rd. Aust. Div. H.Q., RAVELSBERG.
- REPORTS.** 12. Until Zero hour on both 3rd. and 4th. reports to LEFT GROUP Art. H.Q. (T.21.d.2.1.). From Zero to completion of each operation, to 3rd. D.A.H.Q. RAVELSBERG.

Acknowledge by wire.

E. J. White
Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

Issued at

Distribution on back hereof.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

Copy No. 1	3rd. D. A.S.	by D.A.I.S. (for information)	
2	C.O., 6th. Aust. P.M.C.	Runner	do
3.	Night Group Party.	D.A.I.S.	do
4.	Northern (Messines) Group	do.	do
		(without tracing)	
5.	9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	D.A.I.S.	do
6.	Lt. Col., Church, D.S.O.	do.	do
7.	16th. Battery	Runner	
8.	17th. do.	do	
9.	18th. do.	do	
10.	105th. do.	do	
11.	25th. do.	do	
12.	25th. do.	do	
13.	27th. do.	do	
14.	107th. do.	do	
15.	29th. do.	do	
16.	30th. do.	do	
17.	31st. do.	do.	
18.	108th. do.	do	
19/20.	Squad Liaison Officers (2)	do (for information)	
21.	C. O.		
22.	S.C.R.A.	D.A.I.S. (without	
23.	War Diary (without tracing)	tracing).	
24.	do.	do.	
25.	do.	do.	
26.	Spere	do.	
27.	Spere	do.	
28.	File.	do.	

TABLE OF BATTERY TASKS

18 - Pounders..

Batty.	Task	OBJECTIVE	Time	Rate	Ammn.	Remarks
27th.	BOMBARD	U.18.a.17.25 to U.18.a.17.40	Zero to Zero plus 1 min.	4 r.p.g.p.m.	12 'A'	
26th.	do.	U.18.a.17.40 to U.18.a.14.59	do.	do.	12 'AX'	
29th.	do.	U.18.a.14.59 to U.18.a.07.75	do.	do.	do.	
18th.	do.	U.18.a.07.75 to U.18.a.03.91	do.	do.	do.	
30th.	do.	U.18.a.03.91 to U.11.a.97.06	do.	do.	do.	
31st.	do.	U.11.a.97.06 to U.11.a.90.18	do.	do.	do.	
17th.	do.	U.11.a.90.18 to U.11.a.80.30	do.	do.	do.	
25th.	do.	U.11.a.80.30 to U.11.a.82.70	do.	do.	do.	
16th.	do.	U.11.a.82.70 to U.11.b.70.03	do.	do.	do.	
27th.	BOMBARD	F.L.T. U.18.a.29.51 to U.18.a.30.47	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 4	4 r.p.g.p.m.	37 'A'	2 rcs. per 'AS' per Bty. in 1st. Salvo on Front line
26th.	do.	F.L.T. U.18.a.30.47 to U.18.a.25.66	do.	do.	37 'AX'	
29th.	do.	F.L.T. U.18.a.25.66 to U.18.a.17.80	do.	do.	2 'AS'	
18th. (4 guns)	do.	F.L.T. U.18.a.17.80 to U.18.a.11.97	do.	do.	do.	
18th. (2 guns)	do.	Strong Point - U.12.c.31.06	do.	do.	do.	
30th.	do.	U.18.a.11.97 to U.12.c.10.15	do.	do.	do.	
31st.	do.	U.12.c.10.15 to U.11.a.96.24	do.	do.	do.	
17th.	do.	U.11.a.96.24 to U.11.a.87.37	do.	do.	do.	
25th.	do.	U.11.a.87.37 to U.11.a.90.74	do.	do.	do.	
16th.	do.	U.11.a.90.74 to U.11.b.80.06	do.	do.	do.	

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Table for 13 - pounders (cont'd)

Batty.	R A N G E	S U B J E C T I V E	T I M E	R A T E	A M N.	Remarks
27th.	BARRAGE	U.18.a.52.42 to U.18.a.48.61	Zero plus 4	4 r.p.g.p.m.	12 'A'	
26th.	do.	U.18.a.48.61 to U.18.a.45.77	to Zero plus 5		12 'AX'	
29th.	do.	U.18.a.45.77 to U.18.a.55.94	do.	do.	do.	
18th.	do.	U.18.a.55.95 to U.12.c.30.10	do.	do.	do.	
30th.	do.	U.12.c.30.10 to U.12.c.25.25	do.	do.	do.	
31st.	do.	U.12.c.25.25 to U.12.c.14.39	do.	do.	do.	
17th.	do.	U.12.c.14.39 to U.12.c.03.50	do.	do.	do.	
16th.	BOMBARD	FLP. U.11.a.86.42 to U.11.b.01.06	Zero plus 4	2 r.p.g.p.m.	246 'A'	
25th. (5guns)	do. <i>Enfilade</i>	Rly. Amb. U.11. :09.42	to Zero plus		246 'AX'	
25th. (1gun)	do.	to U.12.c.50.92	45			
		U.12.c.45.80	do.			
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27th.	BARRAGE	^{77.66} U.10.a.75.66 to U.18.a.70.76	Zero plus 5	4 r.p.g.p.m.	12 'A'	<i>36 A</i>
26th.	do.	U.18.a.70.76 to U.18.a.56.88	to Zero plus 3		12 'AX'	<i>36 AX</i>
29th.	do.	U.18.a.56.88 to U.12.c.50.03	do.	do.	do.	
18th.	do.	U.12.c.50.03 to U.12.c.40.17	do.	do.	do.	
30th.	do.	U.12.c.40.17 to U.12.c.35.34	do.	do.	do.	
31st.	do.	U.12.c.35.34 to U.12.c.30.54	do.	do.	do.	
17th.	do.	U.12.c.30.54 to U.12.c.20.70	do.	do.	do.	
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27th.	BARRAGE	^{95.74} U.10.a.95.74 to U.18.a.86.96	Zero plus 8	4 r.p.g.p.m.	12 'A'	
26th.	do.	U.18.a.86.96 to U.12.c.76.02	to Zero plus 9		12 'AX'	
29th.	do.	U.12.c.76.02 to U.12.c.67.19	do.	do.	do.	
18th.	do.	U.12.c.67.19 to U.12.c.60.34	do.	do.	do.	
50th.	do.	U.12.c.60.34 to U.12.c.50.47	do.	do.	do.	
31st.	do.	U.12.c.50.47 to U.12.c.45.65	do.	do.	do.	
17th.	do.	U.12.c.45.65 to U.12.c.35.81	do.	do.	do.	

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Batty.	T I M E	O B J E C T I V E	T I M E	R T E	Amn.	Remarks
27th.	BARRAGE	U.12.b.10.80 to U.12.d.05.00	Zero plus 9 to Zero plus 45	3 r p g p m.	216 'A' 216 'AX'	
26th.	do.	U.12.d.05.00 to U.12.e.03.17	do.	do.	do.	
29th.	do.	U.12.e.03.17 to U.12.e.05.34	do.	do.	do.	
18th.	do.	U.12.e.05.34 to U.12.e.74.47	do.	do.	do.	
30th.	do.	U.12.e.74.47 to U.12.e.66.60	do.	do.	do.	
31st.	do.	U.12.e.66.60 to U.12.e.56.77	do.	do.	do.	
17th.	do.	U.12.e.56.77 to U.12.e.46.95	do.	do.	do.	
27th.	BARRAGE	In 100 yard lifts every minute	Zero plus 45 to Zero plus 50	3 r.p.g.p.m.	90 'AX'	50, 106 fuzes
26th.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
29th.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
18th.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
30th.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
31st.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
17th.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.

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TABLE OF BATTERY TASKS.

4.5" Howitzers.

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Batty.No.	of Hows.	Task	OBJECTIVE	Time	Rate	Ammn.	Remarks
107th.	4	BOMBARD	U.12.c.48.00 to U.12.c.36.24	Zero to Zero	2 r.p.g.p.m.	32 BX	
107th.	2	Form Smoke screen	U.18.a.05.00 to U.18.b.85.45 and V.15.a.08.76 <i>U-18 c 90.92 to U18 b 85.45 and V13 a 10.65</i>	Zero to Zero plus 45	3 r.p.g.p.m. to Zero plus 8 l.r.p.g.p.m. thereafter	61 BX	61 BX
107th.	4		Dugout along Rly. from U.12.c.17.66 to U.12.c.50.90	Zero plus 4	<i>2 r.p.g.p.m. to zero plus 8 r.p.g.p.m. thereafter</i>	180 BX	} <i>as per alternative Gas Programme.</i>
107th.	6	SEARCH	Commencing on line - U.12.a.85.10 to U.12.d.40.25 and advancing by 100 yd. lifts every min. for 5 mins.	Zero plus 45 to Zero plus 50	2 r.p.g.p.m.	60 BX	
106th.	5	BOMBARD	U.18.a.70.88 to U.12.c.46.21	Zero to Zero plus 4	2 r.p.g.p.m.	48 BX	
	1	do.	U.12.c.50.52	Zero plus 4	do.	do.	
	36	do.	POWER GROUP-T.M.-M.G.- and Dugout as per Appendix 5, D.A.O.O. 47.	to Zero plus 3			
	6	do.	CHURCH DUGOUTS, as per Appendix 5, D.A.,O.O. 47	Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 45.	1 r.p.g.p.m.	222 BX	} <i>ditto</i>
	6	do	Commencing on line - U.12.d.05.30 to U.12.d.40.25 and advancing by 100 yd. lifts every min. for 5 mins.	Zero plus 45 to Zero plus 50	2 r.p.g.p.m.	60 BX	
108th.	6	BOMBARD	U.18.a.75.65 to U.12.c.48.00	Zero to Zero plus 4.	2 r.p.g.p.m.	48 BX	
	6	do.	BRIDGE Group as per D.A.,O.O. 47 Appendix 3.	Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 8	do.	48 BX	} <i>ditto.</i>
	6	do.	SPECIAL Group as per D.A.,O.O. 47 Appendix 3.	Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 45	1 r.p.g.p.m.	222 BX	
	6	SEARCH	Commencing on line - U.12.d.05.10 to U.12.d.40.25 & advancing by 100 yd. lifts every min. for 5 min	Zero plus 45 to Zero plus 50	2 r.p.g.p.m.	60 BX	

Note:- All ammunition figures are interchangeable with these appendix 4 'A' should Gas be ordered.

APPENDIX

War Diary

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ADDENDUM No. I.

to

LEFT GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

PARA 3 - The actual points at which wire is to be cut, are as follows: i.e., gaps are to be cut at each of these points.

- U.18.a.20.47
- U.18.a.20.60
- U.12.c.05.10
- U.12.c.35.08
- U.18.a.64.60

ALTERNATIVE GAS PROGRAMS:

In the event of Gas being ordered, tanks are allotted as follows:-

- 107th. Bty. - Targets 'B' & 'E' as per D.A.O.O. 47 (Appendix A.)
- 106th. " - " 'C' & 'E' " " "
- 100th, " - " 'A', 'D', 'E' " " "

Acknowledge.

E. Griffith Adjutant,
Left Group Artillery.

Distribution:-

All recipients of Left Group O.O. No. 4.

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Copy No.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
RAIDING PARTY ORDER No. 1.

Reference Maps :
BAS WARNETON 1/10,000.
Special trench Plan 1/5,000.

Bulford Camp.
1st March, 1918.

MENTION. 1. (a) On "Z" and "A" days at Zero hours to be communicated later, the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Raiding Party will enter the enemy trenches in the vicinity of WARNETON in Squares U.12.c. and U.18.a.
(b) The area to be raided on both occasions is bounded as follows :-
Southern boundary: River LYS.
Northern boundary: Line through U.12.c.00.20 and U.12.c.00.37.
Eastern boundary: Line N.W. and S.E. through U.12.c.70.05.

OBJECTS. 2. The objects of the raid are :-
(a) To capture or kill as many of the enemy as possible;
(b) To damage or destroy material or defences;
(c) To obtain equipment, identifications, documents and other information.

STRENGTH OF RAIDING PARTIES. 3. Each raiding party will consist of 300 men drawn equally from the four Battalions of the Brigade.

ARTILLERY ACTION. 4. (a) The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery and the 6th (Aust.) Army Brigade will bombard enemy defences on "Z minus 1" and "Z" days, and during the progress of the two raids.
At ZERO artillery opens barrage on wire 50 yards in front of enemy front line.
At ZERO plus 1 minute barrage lifts to enemy front line.
At ZERO plus 4 minutes barrage lifts to area between front and support lines.
At ZERO plus 5 minutes barrage lifts to support line.
At ZERO plus 8 minutes barrage lifts to a line 50 yards East of support line.
At ZERO plus 9 minutes barrage lifts to final protective line and forms box.
At ZERO plus 35 minutes withdrawal of infantry commences.
At ZERO plus 45 minutes barrage lifts Eastward to search for a depth of 500 yards through WARNETON.
At ZERO plus 50 minutes Divisional Artillery cease firing.
(b) As much Corps Heavy Artillery as possible has been allotted to counter-battery work.
(c) Counter-battery work will commence at ZERO and continue until ZERO plus 60 minutes.

MACHINE GUN ACTION. 5. 10 machine guns will barrage the line U.12.d.45.10 to U.12.c.90.72.
2 machine guns will fire on bridge over LYS at U.18.b.00.55 and
1 machine gun will fire on road at U.12.d.55.60.

Notes and times

**MACHINE GUN
ACTION
(contd.)**

Rates and times of fire as under:-

ZERO plus	3 minutes to	ZERO plus	10 minutes	FIRE.
"	10	"	"	CEASE.
"	15	"	"	FIRE.
"	20	"	"	CEASE.
"	25	"	"	FIRE.
"	30	"	"	CEASE.
"	35	"	"	FIRE.
"	40	"	"	CEASE.

CEASE FIRE at ZERO plus 40 minutes.
Rate of fire .. RAPID.

**ORGANISATION
and ACTION
of INFANTRY.**

8. (a) The raiding parties for "Z" and "A" days will be composed of :-

- (i) Raid Headquarters.
- (ii) Right Assault Party.
- (iii) Left Assault Party.

O.C. Raid : Lieut.-Col. J.A. MILNE, D.S.O., 36th Bn

O.C. Right Assault Party: "Z" day: Capt T.W. TOLLIS 33rd Bn

"A" day: Capt R. SAYERS 35th Bn

O.C. Left Assault Party: "Z" day: Capt F.E.W. BUSHELLE 33rd Bn

"A" day: Capt B.G. BRODIE 34th Bn

(b) The following is the detailed composition and action of infantry parties :-

Raid Headquarters

	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
O.C. Raid and one other Officer.	2		
1 N.C.O.		1	
4 Signallers.			4
4 linesmen.			4
8 runners.			8

Total .. 2 1 16.

Headquarters at U.17.b.75.30.

The Right Assault Party will deal with that portion of the enemy defences lying between WARNETON ROAD and River LYS.

The Left Assault Party will deal with that portion lying to the North of WARNETON ROAD.

Right Assault Party.

	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
Headquarters.			
O.C. Assault ..	1		
2 runners. ..			2
2 Signallers ..			2
16 stretcher bearers			16

Total 1 - 20.

TASK: To hold gap in wire and parapet at E, evacuate wounded to Advanced Aid Post and escort prisoners to our front line.

No. 1 PARTY (wire party)

	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
1 Officer	1		
1 Officer			
1 N.C.O.		1	
4 scouts			4
3 bombers			3
2 bayonet men			2
2 runners			2
2 tape men			2

TASK: To effect an entry through enemy wire at E (Scouts lead tape men over NO MAN'S LAND to E); clear trenches in vicinity of point of entry and hold gaps until raiders have left enemy's trenches.

No. 2 Party (Right Covering Party).

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 N.C.O.
- 2 Lewis Gunners
- 1 rifle bomber
- 1 bomber
- 1 bayonet man

TASK: To take up position at A (approximately); after strong point D has been captured to take up position 50 yards North East of D, covering River bank, and ready to operate against enemy machine guns on Southern bank of River.

No. 3 Party (SPINNEY party).

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 N.C.O.
- 1 bayonet man
- 2 bombers

TASK: To attack and mop up enemy observation post at B, mop up ditch on South side of road and when completed join parapet party at E as escort to prisoners.

No. 4 Party.

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 Officer
- 2 N.C.Os.
- 3 bayonet men
- 2 bombers
- 1 demolition man
- 1 runner
- 1 carrier

TASK: To attack Machine Gun Post at D. When completed mop up shell-holes South of C.T. E and K.

No. 5 Party (Front line storming party).

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 N.C.O.
- 2 bayonet men
- 1 bomber
- 1 demolition man

TASK: Enter front line at E and storm South to D

No. 6 Party (Left front line storming party).

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 N.C.O.
- 2 bayonet men
- 1 bomber
- 1 demolition man
- 1 carrier

TASK: Enter front line at E and work North to F including WINDMILL and ruins immediately South of F and in rear of enemy front line.

No. 7 Party (Right second line storming party).

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 N.C.O.
- 2 bayonet men
- 2 bombers
- 1 demolition man
- 1 grenadier

TASK: Mop up trench from K to J including shell-holes South of G.

No. 8 Party.

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 Officer
- 2 N.C.Os.
- 4 bayonet men
- 4 bombers
- 1 runner
- 3 demolition men
- 2 carriers

TASK: Mop up C.T. E to K, thence working round trench East of Q to L, demolishing strong point Q.

No. 9 Party (Left Second Line storming party).

Officers. N.C.Os. Men.

- 1 Officer
- 2 N.C.Os.
- 3 bayonet men
- 3 bombers
- 1 runner
- 2 demolition men
- 1 carrier

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and ACTION
of INFANTRY
(contd).

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No. 9 Party (contd.)

TASK: Mop up trench from K to M; then assist in reducing strong point Q.

No. 10 Party (Blocking party at "P").	Offs.	N.C.Os.	Men.
1 N.C.O.		1	
2 Lewis Gunners			2
1 bayonet man			1
1 Bomber			1
1 grenadier			1

TASK: To block O.T. at P and with L.G. be ready to sweep ground North East in case of attack overland from WARNETON.

No. 11 Party (Right flank covering party).	Offs.	N.C.Os.	Men.
1 N.C.O.		1	
2 Lewis Gunners			2
2 Bombers			2
1 grenadier			1
1 bayonet man			1

TASK: To take up position in vicinity of O ready to sweep bridge South East of O and ground North East, and to assist if necessary Lewis Gun at P in case of attack from WARNETON.

TOTAL RIGHT ASSAULT PARTY .. 5 Offs, 14 N.C.Os, 99 men.

LEFT ASSAULT PARTY.

Headquarters.	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
O.C. Assault	1		2
2 runners			2
2 signallers			16
16 stretcher bearers			

TASK: To hold gap in wire and parapet at G, evacuate wounded to Advanced Aid Post and to escort prisoners to our front line.

No. 12 Party (Wire party).	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
1 Officer	1		
1 N.C.O.		1	4
4 scouts			3
3 bombers			2
2 bayonet men			2
2 runners			2
2 tape men			

TASK: To effect an entry through enemy wire at G (Scouts lead tape over NO MAN'S LAND to G), clear trenches in vicinity of point of entry and hold gap in wire and parapet until raiders have all left enemy trenches.

No. 13 Party (Left Covering Party).	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
1 N.C.O.		1	
2 Lewis Gunners			2
1 Bomber			1
1 bayonet man			1
1 grenadier			1

TASK: To take up a position in NO MAN'S LAND in vicinity of G; keep flank clear, covering junction of trench and railway North of G.

No. 14 Party (Front line storming party).	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
1 N.C.O.		1	
2 bayonet men			2
2 bombers			2
1 grenadier			1
1 demolition man			1
1 carrier			1

TASK: To mop up trench from G to H and from block at H.

No. 15 Party (Right front line and road party).	Officers.	N.C.Os.	Men.
1 N.C.O.		1	
3 bayonet men			3
2 bombers			2
1 demolition man			1
1 carrier			1

TASK: To mop up front line from G to F, thence along road to I, clearing ruins South of road at I.

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and ACTION
of INFANTRY
(cont).**

No. 16 Party (Left O.T. storming party).

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1 Officer	1		
1 N.C.O.		1	
4 bayonet men			4
3 bombers			3
2 demolition men			2
1 runner			1

TASK: To mop up O.T. from G to M and to be prepared to assist No. 20 party - then demolition men to report with explosives to party at R.

No. 17 Party (Pill-box party).

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1 Officer	1		
1 N.C.O.		1	
2 bombers			2
2 bayonet men			2
3 demolition men			3
1 runner			1

TASK: To mop up and destroy dugouts at I, mop up angle G-F-I, and mop up along road running North West from I on North side of O.T.

No. 18 Party (Left second line storming and blocking party).

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1 N.C.O.		1	
2 bayonet men			2
2 bombers			2
1 grenadier			1
1 demolition man			1

TASK: To mop up trench from M to N, thence to form a block at N.

No. 19 Party ("R" Pill-box party, divided into "A" and "B" parties).

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
<u>"A" Party -</u>			
1 Officer	1		
1 N.C.O.		1	
5 bayonet men			5
3 bombers			3
2 demolition men			2
1 runner			1
1 carrier			1
<u>"B" Party.-</u>			
1 N.C.O.		1	
3 bayonet men			3
2 bombers			2
2 demolition men			2
1 carrier			1

TASKS: "A" Party - To attack and destroy pill-box North of trench at R and effect entry into supposed tunnel.

"B" Party - To attack pill-box South of trench at R and effect entry into supposed tunnel.

No. 20 Party (Left flank covering party).

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1 N.C.O.		1	
2 Lewis gunners			2
2 bombers			2
1 bayonet man			1
1 grenadier			1

TASK: To take up position at S, keeping flank clear and being ready to operate against any attack from the direction of WARNETON.

TOTAL LEFT ASSAULT PARTY .. 5 Offs, 10 N.C.Os, 102 men.

FIGHTING PATROLS.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
<u>Right Patrol.</u>			
1 Officer	1		
1 N.C.O.		1	
15 other ranks			15
<u>Left Patrol.</u>			
1 Officer	1		
1 N.C.O.		1	
15 other ranks			15
Total ..	2	2	50.

ORGANISATION
and ACTION
of INFANTRY
(contd)

Fighting Patrols (contd).

TASKS: To take up a position behind our front line. On return of raiding party fighting patrols will move into NO MAN'S LAND and engage enemy patrols, bring in any wounded, prisoners and salvage that may be in NO MAN'S LAND and in vicinity of tapes.

Two runners from each patrol will report to Raid Headquarters 30 minutes before ZERO.

These parties cover defences until reoccupation by normal garrison.

CHECKING PARTIES.

<u>No. 1 Party.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1 Officer	1		
2 N.C.Os.		2	
2 runners			2
Take up position at U.17.a.30.21 and check returning raiders as per instructions to be issued separately.			
<u>No. 2 Party.</u>			
1 Officer	1		
2 N.C.Os.		2	
Take up position at Brigade H.Q. (U.20.a.5.9) and check as for No. 1 Party.			
Total ..	2	4	2

APPROACH
ROUTE.

7. Dybtrain to RACINE DUMP; thence via VANCOUVER to AU CHASSEUR CABARET and overland to FACTORY as already reconnoitred.

EVACUATION
ROUTE.

8. Via SUGAR FACTORY, AU CHASSEUR CABARET, VANCOUVER to Brigade Headquarters (U.20.a.5.9).

ASSEMBLY
POINT.

9. SUGAR FACTORY, U.17.b.55.53.

ADVANCED
ASSEMBLY
POINT.

- 10.(a) Right Assault Party.
In vicinity of U.17.b.98.40.
(b) Left Assault Party.
In vicinity of U.17.b.80.80.

MEDICAL.

11. To Advanced Aid Post at U.17.d.5.8; thence A.F.M.S. arrangements to the nearest point of trench tramway; thence to junction of tranline and road at U.19.b.2.5. via DEAD HORSE CORNER, Relay Post (U.21.a.3.9); thence by motor ambulance to UNDERHILL FARM (T.18.d.5.3).

TELEPHONES.

12. Telephone lines will be run from the Headquarters of O.C. Raid to O's C. Right and Left Assault Parties at E & G.

SPECIAL TRENCH
PLAN.

13. Special 1/5,000 trench plan is attached hereto.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. MILNE, Lieut.-Col.
O.C. 9th Australian Infantry
Brigade Raiding Party.

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DISTRIBUTION.

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4	Brigade Signal Section.
5-7	O.O. Raid.
8	33rd Battalion.
9	34th Battalion.
10	35th Battalion.
11	36th Battalion.
12	9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.
13	9th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery.
14	10th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.
15	10th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Bty.
16	11th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Bty.
17	10th Field Company A.E.
18	9th Aust. Field Ambulance.
19	Left Group Artillery.
20	Captain T.W. Tollis.
21	Captain J.E.W. Buskelle.
22	Captain B.G. Brodie.
23	Captain R. Sayers.
24-25	3rd Australian Division.
26	C.R.A. 3rd Australian Division.
27	Liaison Officer "G" Branch.
28	10th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
29	11th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
30	15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
31-34	War Diary.
35	File.

1. 3. 1918.

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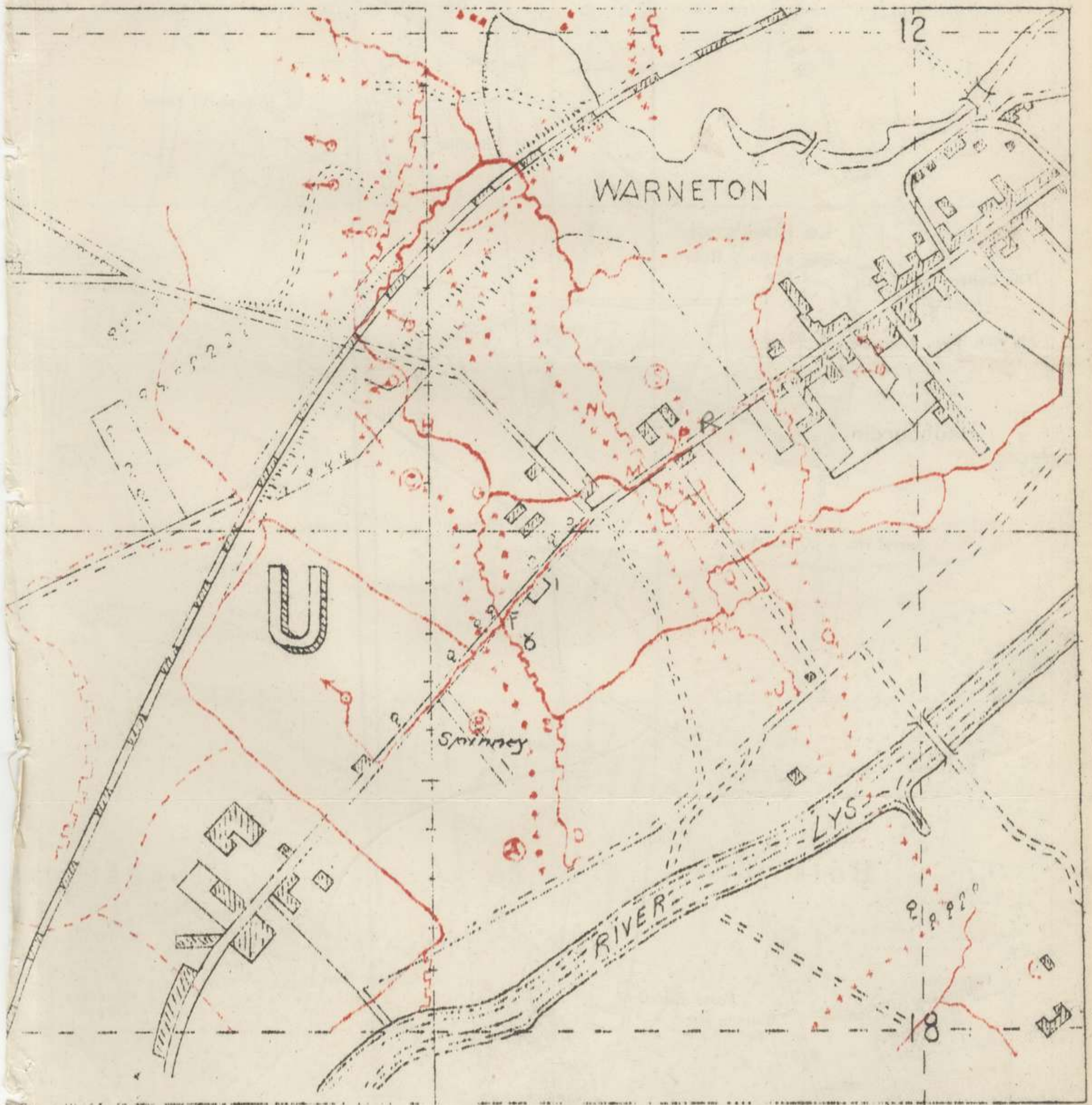
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To all recipients of
9th Australian Infantry Brigade
Order No. 15, dated 28.2.1918.

Reference 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.
15 dated 28th February 1918:

"Z" day = 3rd March.

"A" day = 4th March.

ZERO hour for "Z" day will be *11.45 pm*

ZERO hour for "A" day will be *notified later*

ACKNOWLEDGE. *by wire ✓ AA*

J. E. Fair

9th Australian Infantry Brigade

MAJOR
Brigade Major
A.I.F.

Brigade Headquarters.
2nd March, 1918.

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APPENDIX

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To all recipients of

9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 15
dated 28th February 1918.Reference 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order
No. 15 dated 28th February 1918.~~ZERO hour for "A/B" night will be 12.50 a.m.~~~~ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.~~*J. B. [Signature]*9th Australian Infantry Brigade MAJOR
Brigade Major
A.I.F.

Brigade Headquarters.

4th March 1918

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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 "

" " 6 "

as follows :-

Btys.	Objective.	Total ex- pend. of Ammun. 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" How.	Square U.12.d.	2 rds per gun	{ Sudden bursts of fire.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

J. H. Laiffair

Headquarters.
3.3.1918.

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

To all recipients of Operation Order 47.



SECRET.

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 5.

Issued by Lieut. Colonel W.C. WILSON, D.S.O., Cmdg.

3rd, March, 1918.

Reference Maps:-

- and (ARNHEM)
- BRULMOND) 1/10,000
- 28 S.W. 1/20,000

INTENTION. 1.

With a view to catching the enemy's working parties and inflicting further damage on his system. Batteries of Left Group will carry out the shoots detailed below on nights 4, 2 and 4 at the times stated.

18- under 2. BATTERY ZONES.

Line drawn through the following co-ordinates:-

- 30th., 31st. & 16th. From U.11.d.90.52 to U.12.b.00.27 U.12.c.06.14 to U.12.d.00.80 Called 'Y' ZONE.
- 26th., 29th., & 17th. U.12.c.06.14 to U.12.d.00.80 U.12.a.20.73 to U.12.c.00.32 Called 'Y' ZONE.
- 25th., 27th. & 18th. U.12.a.20.73 to U.12.d.00.30 U.12.a.25.30 to U.12.d.00.85 Called 'Z' ZONE.

TASKS

- 3. The 30th., 26th. & 25th. Batteries will fire on F.L.T. in their own zones. The 31st., 29th., and 27th. Batteries will fire on Support Line in their own zones.
- 29th. and 27th. Batteries searching C.T. between Front Line and Support Line in their own zones, with one gun each.
- 16th. and 17th. Batteries will search C.Ts. and tracks in their own zones, East of S. Line as far East as N. and S. grid line through U.12.central.
- 18th. Battery will search C.T. and tracks in 'Z' Zone, East of Support Line back as far as U.12.d.central.
- 106th. How. Battery will fire on roads and dugouts in 'Y' Zone in U.12.d.
- 107th. How. Battery will fire on roads and dugout in 'Z' Zone in U.12.d.
- 108th. How. Battery will fire on all known F.Ls. in 'Y' and 'Z' Zones.

LINES.

- 4. Three shoots will be carried out on each night at the hours stated, i.e.-
 - Zero plus 2 hours
 - " " 4 "
 - " " 6 "

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REFS AND
UNITION.

5. All guns will be employed and four rounds per 16-pounder and 2 rounds per 4.5" How. fired each time in short bursts.

ACKNOWLEDG.

E. Griffith

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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1. 3rd. D. A. H.
2. C.O., 6th. Aust. A.F. Bde.
3. Right Group Artyl.
4. Northern (Messines) Group.
5. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
6. 16th. Battery.
7. 17th. do.
8. 18th. do.
9. 106th. do.
10. 25th. do.
11. 26th. do.
12. 27th. do.
13. 107th. do.
14. 29th. do.
15. 30th. do.
16. 31st. do.
17. 108th. do.
18. C.O.
19. S.C.R.A.
20. War diary.
21. do.
22. do.
23. Spare.
24. Spare.

To. All Batteries.
Left Group Artillery.

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Reference O.O., No. 5.

Owing to the withdrawal of 26th & 107th Batteries immediately after the Raid on "A" night the 29th Battery will take on the tasks laid down for the 26th ~~and 107th Batteries~~ Bty., and 17th. will do that for the 29th., as well as its own, being allotted 48 rounds per shoot instead of 24.

The 108th. Battery will take on the task allotted to 107th and will use 24 rounds per the shoot.

E. Griffith

LIEUTENANT.,
Adjutant., Left Group Artillery

4-3-1918.

S. O. S.

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 6.

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Issued by Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLEN, D.S.O., Cmdg.

Ref. Maps.

4th. March, 1918.

7 WIMBORNE	}	1/10,000
WIMBORNE		
28 S.W.		

INTENTION

1.

Immediately on conclusion of the Raid on "A" nights the 26th. and 107th. Batt'ries will be withdrawn from Left Group, and return to positions previously vacated by Right Group, and will come under the command of Right Group Headquarters.

ARMY BRIGADE.

2.

The 6th. Army Brigade will remain in present positions, and will form a Sub-Group under Lieut. Col. H. E. COHEN, C.R.G., D.S.O., (Headquarters, T. 21. d. 2. 1.) This Sub-Group Headquarters will remain at its present location for the present, but preparations will be made for an immediate occupation of La LITTE MURUE Fnc. (T. 23. d. 8. 8.) as a R.P. if ordered. Command of 6th. Army Brigade Batt'ries will pass from Left Group to Lieut. Col. Cohen, at 6 p.m. 5th. instant.

S. O. S.

3.

This Group will be superimposed over the Left Group, 3rd. Aust. Div. Arty. Front, and come under the orders of Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLEN, D.S.O., and the arrangements for S.O.S. are as follows:-

16th. Battery- U. 11. b. 75. 20 - U. 11. b. 77. 03 -
U. 11. b. 81. 24 - U. 11. b. 87. 04 -
U. 11. d. 90. 96 - U. 11. b. 75. 23.

17th. Battery- U. 11. d. 94. 80 - U. 11. d. 91. 67 -
U. 11. d. 87. 57 - U. 11. d. 85. 46
U. 11. d. 94. 45 - U. 11. d. 92. 25

18th. Battery- U. 12. c. 05. 15 - U. 18. a. 07. 95 -
U. 18. a. 10. 86 - U. 18. a. 18. 74 -
U. 18. a. 23. 64 - U. 18. a. 16. 50.

106th. Battery- U. 18. a. 69. 71 - U. 18. a. 51. 21 -
U. 18. a. 60. 96 - U. 12. c. 36. 18 -
U. 12. c. 30. 35 - U. 12. c. 24. 56.

These are the S.O.S. points for individual guns and batteries will lay on these lines at the conclusion of the Raid, and will be prepared to open on them in the event of being ordered to do so from this Group.

Superimposed. Batteries will not open on the S.O.S. signal, but only UPON ORDERS FROM THIS GROUP.

RULES.

4.

S.O.S. rates for guns and howitzers will be as follows :-

18-pdrs.	3 rds.	per gun per min	- 1st.	5 mins.
	2 "	" " " "	2nd.	5 mins.
	1 "	" " " "	3rd.	5 mins.

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RATES

4 Cont'd.

4.5" How. - 2 rds. per how. per min - 1st. 5 mins.
 1 " " " " " " 2nd. 3 3rd.
 - 5 mins.

All fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes, unless the S.O.S. signal is repeated, when the maximum rate of 3 rds. per gun and 2 rds. per 4.5" how. will be resumed, and the programme as set out above, repeated.

AMMUNITION. 5.

400 rounds per gun and 300 rounds per how. will always be maintained on the position.

COMMUNICATIONS.

6. The signal Officer 6th. Army Brigade will get into touch with the Signal Officer Left Group, and arrange communications.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Griffith
 Lieutenant,
 Adjutant, Left Group Artly.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. 3rd. D.A.M.C.
2. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3. Right Group Artly.
4. Right (Machine) Group Artly.
- 5/9. 6th. Army Brigade.
10. 25th. Battery.
11. 26th. do.
12. 27th. do.
13. 107th. do.
14. 29th. do.
15. 30th. do.
16. 31st. do.
17. 108th. do.
18. C. O.
19. S.C.M.C.
- 20/ 22. War Diary.
- 23/2 5. Spare.
26. File.

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY
OPERATION ORDER No. 7

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Issued by Lieut. Col W. G. ALLISON, D.S.O., Cmdg.

4th. March. 1918.

INTENTION. 1. From information received it has been considered necessary to make an alteration in the Artillery programme for 'A' Night, and the following tasks will be carried out by batteries of Left Group, tonight.

TASKS 2. The 18-pounder barrage opens at Zero as per O.O. No. 4 50 yards West of German Front Line and remains for 1 min.. The 16th. and 25th. batteries programme remains the same as laid down in O.O. No. 4. The remaining batteries at Zero plus 1 lift 50% of guns (alternate) to Front Line and 50% to Support line and remain on those lines to Zero plus 4.

At Zero plus 4, the guns on the Front Line lift to Support Line and remain with the guns already there until zero plus 8. At Zero plus 8, batteries lift to the box as per O. O. No. 4. time table plus 9 to plus 45. Zero plus 45 to zero plus 50 as per O. O. No. 4

The 18th. Battery will place only one gun on the Strong Point at U.12.c.51.06
Tasks for how. batteries remain unchanged as per Operation Order No. 4.

BOMBARDMENT. 3. Destructive shoots will be carried out as per O. O. No. 5. and also at 7 p.m. 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. using 25% A.S.

ZERO HOUR. 4. Zero hour will be 12.50 a.m.

Acknowledge.

E. Griffith
Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

- DISTRIBUTION.
- 1. 3rd. D.A.H.C.
 - 2. 9th. Aust. F.A. Bde.
 - 3. Right Group Arty.
 - 4. Northern (Messines) Group.
 - 5/ 9. 6th. Army Brigade.
 - 10. 25th. Battery.
 - 11. 26th. do.
 - 12. 27th. do.
 - 13. 107th. do.
 - 14. 29th. Battery
 - 15. 30th. do.
 - 16. 31st. do.
 - 17. 108th. do.
 - 18. C. O.
 - 19. S.C.A.A.
 - 20. War diary.
 - 21. do.
 - 22. do.
 - 23. File
 - 24. Spare.

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

COMMUNICA TO O.C., No. 7.

Para 2, sub-para. 2.

At zero plus 5. Batteries will lift from the support line direct, omitting the 100x lifts as per O.C., No. 4. and continue firing on the box from zero plus 5 to zero plus 45.

Para. 2.

After 7 p.m., 9 p.m., & 11 p.m. read "on 'A' night".

L. Griffith

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

4-3-1918.

To all recipients of O.C. No. 7.

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APPENDIX

4th March 1918
B.M. NO. 32/11

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REPORT ON RAID CARRIED OUT BY 9TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE AT 11.45 p.m. 3.3.1918.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th March, 1918.

The enemy trenches in the vicinity of WARRINGTON were
successfully raided last night at 11.45 p.m.

The assembly in NO MAN'S LAND was accomplished
without incident by 11.40 p.m. despite a display of lights sent up by
the enemy, and the artillery barrage opened promptly at the Zero hour.

The Right and Left Assault Parties then proceeded
to carry out their allotted tasks. The co-ordination of teams was in
every way satisfactory, being facilitated by the excellence of the
wire-cutting carried out by the artillery during the past few days.
Both Right and Left Assaulting Parties passed through the enemy wire
without difficulty and entered the front line trench, following
closely a most accurate and well-directed barrage.

The Right Party entered the enemy trench at E,
moving to both flanks and to the front along the communication trench
E K, practically unopposed. Two of the enemy in a shelter on the
North side of this communication trench, half-way between E and K,
were captured, and eight were killed in the large dugout at K. A
German officer who put up a fight in the communication trench E K was
disposed of. A machine gun and crew which was located near D was
compelled to retire and disappeared into a deep dugout, which was
later bombed, on the ground overlooking the River LYS
between J and D. Meanwhile the trenches at L, Q and K were taken
and dugout at Q demolished. Front line trench D E was searched but
none of the enemy were encountered.

Satisfactory progress had in the meantime been
made by the Left Assaulting Party which, too, had encountered little
resistance in the front line. The communication trench to M was
dealt with and found to contain large dugouts in which a number of
the enemy who refused to come out to surrender were disposed of by
bombs. In this communication trench one officer and six other
ranks were captured and, in addition, two enemy dead were counted.
Evidence would appear to show that of the group of dugouts at R, one
to the South of the road was destroyed, whilst one to the North was
entered. The statement is definitely made, however, that these dug-
outs are unconnected by tunnels. Except at I and R, the enemy was
disinclined to offer any serious resistance to the raiders and many
were seen in the light caused by our bursting shells to be running
to the rear. Several casualties are known to have been inflicted on
the enemy whilst retiring in this manner.

While the front line trench is deep, dry and
fire-stepped, it would appear that it is normally held lightly. It
is not provided with shelters and is unrevetted.

Communication trenches are of similar construc-
-tion with a row brick and concrete dugouts for the accommodation of
the trench garrison.

The second line is apparently the main fire
trench, containing several deep tunnelled dugouts all of which were
bombed.

In addition to capturing one officer and ten
other ranks (1 wounded) the raiders succeeded in bringing in a
machine gun and inflicting on the enemy a loss of at least 50
killed irrespective of possible artillery casualties beyond the
western limits of the area raided.

Normal identification was obtained. (233 R.I.L.)

Our casualties were extremely light in compar-
-ison with the size of the raiding party employed (300 all ranks)

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REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE 9th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE AT 11.00 P.M. 2.3.1918.

being so far as is at present known

2 other ranks killed

1 Officer and 15 other ranks wounded, of which all excepting four are very light cases.

At the time of writing there appears to be doubt as to the whereabouts of Lieut. H. Ikin, 36th Battalion, who was last seen clearing out the dugouts at H.

Starting at 12.20 a.m., the withdrawal from the enemy trenches was carried out under cover of the raid fighting patrols held in reserve.

The normal line dispositions were resumed at the conclusion of the operation at 1.30 a.m. today.

H. Ikin

9th Australian Infantry Brigade

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Major
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



Divisional Headquarters,
4th. March, 1918.

Headquarters,
Australian Corps.

S.G.6/48.

MINOR OFFENSIVE - NIGHT, MARCH 3rd./4th., 1918.

1. - Further to telegraphed reports, I beg to submit more detailed information as to the progress of above operation. -

2. - PLAN.
 The general organization of the enterprise differed in no material respect from that of a similar enterprise carried out on the night, February 10th/11th, 1918, - See my report thereon No.S.G.6/46 of February 11th. - The principal difference was that the Assaulting Infantry was last night increased to a total of three hundred (300) of all ranks. - All other Arms and Services were co-ordinated on lines almost exactly following the arrangements previously in force, and which had proved satisfactory. -

3. - EXECUTION.
 ZERO Hour was fixed for 11.45 p.m. -
 The Assembly in NO MAN'S LAND was accomplished without incident by 11.15 p.m. despite a display of lights by the enemy. - Our Artillery barrage and counter-battery programme opened promptly at ZERO. -
 Our Right and Left Assaulting parties proceeded to carry out their allotted tasks; - an outstanding feature of the Operation being the very satisfactory co-ordination of the twenty different storming parties and the execution of the whole programme minutely to time table. -

The wire cutting by our Artillery was found to have been most satisfactorily carried out, and the Divisional Artillery barrage was declared by our Infantry to have been most accurate throughout. -

The front line trench was entered immediately on the barrage lifting, and the various parties stormed to their allotted flanks. - Very little opposition was met in the enemy's front line. - The first two prisoners were made immediately on the North side of the main communication trench, and eight enemy were killed in a large dugout at "K" (See plan attached to Orders). - An enemy officer, who showed fight near this point, was killed. - A Machine Gun and crew located near "D" was driven to cover and there disposed of. - Meanwhile, trenches at "L", "Q" and "K" were taken, and dug-out at "Q", which was large and of concrete - used either as a Headquarters or a Store, was completely demolished by explosives. - Practically very few enemy were met with in his front line trench by either Assaulting Team. -

In the main communication trench, a number of large dugouts were found in which a number of the enemy, who refused

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to surrender, were disposed of by bombs and demolition charges. - In this same trench, one officer and six other ranks were captured, and several enemy dead were counted. - The group of dugouts at "R" were destroyed, while another dugout to the North of "R" was entered and mopped up. - There was no evidence to confirm the suspicion that these several dugouts were connected by tunnels; except at "I" and "R", the enemy offered no serious resistance. - His general disposition was to run before our Assaulting troops, and several casualties are known to have been inflicted on him while he ran in this manner. -

The Front Line trench is deep, dry and fire stepped, but appears to be normally held lightly. - It contains no shelters and is unrevetted. - Communication trenches are of similar construction and contained brick and concrete dugouts for the accommodation of the trench garrison. - The second line is obviously the main fire trench and contained several deep tunnelled dugouts, all of which were thoroughly bombed. -

Our captures comprised one officer and ^{eleven} other ranks, all of whom were brought in. - Four of these were evacuated to Casualty Clearing Station. - We also brought in a 1908 Heavy Machine Gun, two Light Machine Guns and a quantity of smaller booty, including several bags of papers, maps and documents. - It is definitely known that two enemy officers were killed, - one by revolver and one with a bayonet, - and, irrespective of very probable Artillery casualties beyond the limits of our Infantry action, the number of enemy killed by bomb, bayonet and bullet certainly exceeds fifty. -

The Identification was 228. R.I.R. - Normal. -

The outstanding feature of the Operation was the absence of any serious resistance by the enemy. - Unlike the previous occasion, he did not stand to fight; nor did he attempt any counter-attack. - It is also apparent that his works were not nearly as strongly held as on the previous occasion. - This accounts for the lesser number of casualties inflicted and captures effected. -

Our withdrawal commenced at 12.20 a.m. and was carried out under cover of Raid Fighting Patrols held in reserve for that purpose. - The normal dispositions of the line were resumed by 1.30 a.m. - There was no damage to our works, and our normal defensive garrisons suffered no casualties whatever. -

The enemy artillery re-action was almost negligible, but, during the continuance of the Raid, he brought a light minenwerfer bombardment upon our left Battalion close to the DOUVE. -

4. - OUR CASUALTIES.

Our total casualties incidental to the Raid were as follows:-

		<u>Officer.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed.	-	2.
Wounded.	<u>1</u>	<u>18.</u>
			<u>Total. 21.</u>

Of the wounds, the majority were very slight, - the worst case being a broken arm. -

There is some doubt as to the fate of one officer and his runner who, up to the time of this report, had not been satisfactorily accounted for. - All the remainder of the Raiding

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Teams are reported as fully accounted for. -

The total casualties are therefore very small, having regard to the large size of the Raiding force. -

5. - I consider that the Operation reflects the greatest credit upon the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade; the spirit of the troops and the enthusiasm and dash with which they carried through the Operation being exemplary. - Much credit is due in particular to Lieut.-Colonel J. A. MILNE, D.S.O., for his painstaking preparation of the force and for his strong and capable leadership. -

Other Services and Departments co-operated most efficiently; the rapidity and accuracy of the communications being most satisfactory. -

J. H. H. H. H.
Major-General.
Commanding Third Australian Division.



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REPORT ON RAID CARRIED OUT BY 9TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE AT 12.50 a.m. 5TH MARCH, 1918

Reference map:

Special 1/5,000
(part of Sheet 28).

Brigade Headquarters.
5th March, 1918.

The enemy trenches covering WARMETON from the South West were again raided this morning at 12.50 a.m.

The approach march to LA BASSE VILLE and the assembly in NO MAN'S LAND were carried out without interruption, although the enemy was active with machine guns, firing over the forward system and sweeping approaches.

At Zero hour, 12.50 a.m., the artillery barrage opened and proceeded according to plan. Owing to the number of guns which had been detailed for other tasks, the front line barrage appeared rather thin. The raiders commenced to close up on the barrage. The passage of NO MAN'S LAND proceeded satisfactorily and a listening post of two men in the SPINNEY was dealt with.

The tape line to Point M was not laid exactly to the required point in consequence of which the first 30 yards of the route from M to K had to be overland. As a result, there was a little delay in reaching K. The Point M was found to be strongly organised with a machine gun covering the gap in the wire with a party of bombers evidently detailed to assist in its defence. The machine gun was rushed and captured, its crew killed, and the dugout which was found nearby was bombed. A machine gun firing from D was troublesome but was eventually bombed back to the ground between D and J.

The communication trench M K was quickly cleared, including two dugouts about midway between M and K, and the deep dug-out at C was bombed. Five of the enemy were killed at the dugout at L. The communication trench Q P was then cleared and a Lewis Gun was held in readiness at P.

The Left Assaulting Party was met by considerable organised opposition at the point of entry G in the shape of a machine gun and bombers. This party was also subjected to onfilade machine gun fire from the North East. At this point the O.C. Left Assaulting Party was severely wounded and later died. Forcing an entry at G so delayed parties that there was not sufficient time to reach K and deal with the dugouts there.

In all cases, front line parties reached their objectives and carried out their allotted tasks.

During the occupation of the enemy trenches a hostile local counter-attack was launched from a North Easterly direction (and probably from the dugout at R) as well as along the WARMETON Road. Another local counter-attack was attempted by the enemy from the South from the river bank between D and J. On the latter occasion the enemy was observed to form up in line kneeling when attacking one of our parties with bombs.

With the exception of mopping up N and R all allotted tasks were duly carried out.

The enemy appeared to be organised for strong resistance, as indicated by the fact that he had strong bombing parties at E and G, each with a machine gun covering those points, and also had ready counter-attacking positions on both right and left flanks.

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As a result of interviews with Officers who took part in the raid, it is believed that a conservative estimate of the number of enemy killed by the raiding party would put the figure at 40, whilst dugouts at J, two between J and K, one at Q and one at I, which each held a number of the enemy, were bombed causing additional casualties.

Normal identification was established (228 R.I.R.).

During the raid hostile artillery responded feebly. Hostile machine guns were very active from South of the River LYS and WARETON. Enemy trench mortars were only moderately active.

Normal line dispositions were resumed at 3.0 a.m.

No casualties were suffered by the normal trench garrisons.

Our losses, as far as can be ascertained at present, pending final check, are :-

	Officers.	Other ranks.
Killed	1	5
Wounded	1	21

The two machine guns captured are of the light pattern.

J. T. ...

9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F. Major

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Brigade Major

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5th. March, 1918.

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Headquarters,
Australian Corps.

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MINOR OFFENSIVE - NIGHT, MARCH 4th./5th., 1918.

1. - In amplification of reports already telegraphed during the night and this morning - my G.1. to G.5. - , I beg to submit the following further particulars as to above Operation. -

2. - PLAN.

The organization of the enterprise and the plans for the action and co-ordination of all Arms and Services were in all respects identical with those employed during the Operation of the preceding night, with the exception that a slight alteration was made in the timing of the 18-pdr. Artillery barrage and of the Machine Gun barrage with a view to bringing a portion of the fire behind the enemy objectives at an earlier moment; so as to prevent his withdrawal such as occurred on the preceding night. -

3. - EXECUTION.

(a). ZERO Hour was 12.50 a.m. -

This cylinder gas bombardment upon FRELINGHIEN planned to take place at 12.40 a.m. was abandoned by the Special Brigade owing to the adverse conditions of the wind. -

The approach march to LA BASSE VILLE and the assembly in NO MAN'S LAND were carried out without interruption, although the enemy was active with machine guns, firing over the forward system and sweeping approaches. -

In the following paras. reference letters are to the points as marked upon plans attached to the Brigade Orders for the Operation.

(b). At ZERO hour, 12.50 a.m., the artillery barrage opened and proceeded according to plan. - Owing to the number of guns which had been detailed for other tasks, the front line barrage appeared rather thin. - The raiders commenced to close up on the barrage. - The passage of NO MAN'S LAND proceeded satisfactorily and a listening post of two men in the SPINNEY was dealt with. -

The tape line to Point "E" was not laid exactly to the required point in consequence of which the first 30 yards of the route from "E" to "K" had to be overland. - As a result, there was a little delay in reaching "K". - The point "E" was found to be strongly organised with a machine gun covering the gap in the wire with a party of bombers evidently detailed to assist in its defence. - The machine gun was rushed and captured, its crew killed, and the dugout which was found nearby was bombed. - A machine gun firing from "D" was troublesome but was eventually bombed ^{back} to the ground between "D" and "J". -

The communication trench "E K" was quickly cleared, including two dugouts about midway between "E" and "K", and the deep dugout at "Q" was bombed. - Five of the enemy were killed at the dugout at "L". The communication trench "Q P" was then cleared and a Lewis Gun was held in readiness at "P". -

The Left Assaulting Party was met by considerable organised opposition at the point of entry "G" in the shape of a machine gun and bombers. - This party was also subjected to enfilade machine gun fire from the North East. - At this point, the O.C. Left Assaulting Party was severely wounded and later died. - Forcing an entry at "G" so delayed parties that there was not sufficient time to reach "R" and deal with the dugouts there. -

Thus, the whole of the objectives, as planned, were reached by all parties with the exception of the point "R". -

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(c). During our occupation of the enemy trenches, a hostile local counter-attack was launched from a North Easterly direction (and probably from the dugout at "R") as well as along the WARNETON Road. - Another local counter-attack was attempted by the enemy from the South, from the river bank between "D" and "J". - On the latter occasion, the enemy was observed to form up in line kneeling when attacking one of our parties with bombs. -

The enemy appeared to be organised for strong resistance, as indicated by the fact that he had strong bombing parties at "E" and "G", each with a machine gun covering those points, and also had ready counter-attacking positions on both right and left flanks. -

As a result of the interrogation of the officers who took part in the enterprise, it is ascertained that a very conservative estimate of the number of enemy killed by the raiding party is forty (40). - This is exclusive of casualties probably inflicted by our Artillery and by our Infantry action with bullet and bomb beyond the range of our penetration. -

At least five dugouts viz:- one at "E", two between "E" and "K", one at "Q" and one at "I", all of which held a number of the enemy, were thoroughly bombed. -

There is no doubt that this caused the enemy many additional casualties in addition to the forty enumerated above, as having actually been seen by the Officers concerned. -

We captured and brought in two light machine guns and a quantity of smaller stores. -

The Identification established was 228. R.I.R. Normal.

A total of about twelve (12) prisoners were actually taken by the various parties, but all resisted capture energetically and refused to be brought in. - Time did not permit of any other action, but to dispose of them and leave them behind. -

(d) During the raid, hostile artillery responded feebly. - Hostile machine guns were very active from South of the River LYS and WARNETON. Enemy trench mortars were only moderately active. -

(e) Normal line dispositions were resumed at 3.0 a.m. - No casualties were suffered by the normal trench garrison. -

4. - OUR CASUALTIES.

Our losses, so far as can be ascertained at present, pending a final check, are :-

		<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed. ...		1.	3.
Wounded ...		1.	21.

Total. 26.

5. - Although the actual result of the Operation, in the number of prisoners captured, was not nearly so satisfactory as that of the previous night, the enterprise may be considered to have been extremely satisfactory from the point of view of the fighting spirit and determination of the troops engaged, and of the total damage inflicted upon the enemy. - The co-ordination of all Arms and Services was excellent. -

These two actions have, apart from other advantages, operated greatly to benefit the moral and fighting spirit of the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade and of the whole Division. -

J. H. Monash
Major-General.

Commanding Third Australian Division.

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REPORT on PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION of prisoners belonging to the 1st and 3rd Coys., 228th R.I.R. taken on the 3rd March in U.12.a. and U.18.a.

The Attack. The attack did not come as an entire surprise, as our preparatory wire cutting operations had prepared them for this. Apparently the 225th R.I.R. was to have carried out a raid last night which had been forestalled by our attack.

Order of Battle. From North to South, 226th R.I.R. - 225th R.I.R. - 228th R.I.R. (Normal). South of the River the 5th Bav. Divn. was relieved two or three days ago by a Saxon Division (identity not known). There is no evidence to support this.

Dispositions. The 1st Bn. is in the line with the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Coys. in the front line, and the 3rd Coy. in UNCLEAN TRENCH. Two companies of the 3rd Bn. are in WARNETON, the dug-outs near the CHURCH still being used, and the other two Companies are at BEAU CHENE. The 2nd Bn. is at LE BLATON.

Reliefs. The men had come in to the line on February 26th, and were expecting to be relieved on the night of the 4/5th March. Nothing definite is known of a Divisional relief or of the presence of a relieving Division.

Route to the Trenches. The route via COMINES is not always used. There is an alternative route which is more direct. The river is crossed some distance from the front line, and the left bank followed. The crossing may be at FME. BLANCHE or in V.9.b. Another prisoner said his company crossed near WARNETON, perhaps at V.7.c.35.70 where tracks show in photographs.

Machine Guns. Normally 3 per Coy., but 2 had been borrowed the day before from the support company, bringing the total in front line up to 5 (light pattern).

Company Strengths. Trench strength nominally 80, but at time of attack was 35.

Transport. Ration limbers and field cookers go from LE BLATON to COMINES and then along the main COMINES - WARNETON ROAD. They stop some distance from the village. The time varies somewhat, but as a rule transport starts in order to arrive at COMINES about six or seven (German time). The personnel of the field kitchen is billeted in the ABBATOIR.

Bn. H.Q. Just outside LE BLATON on the left side of the LINSELLES Road

Troops in Rear. No information could be obtained, except that a Battalion Transport Driver, who had been "Combed out", stated he had heard that the regimental transport lines had been taken by some new Artillery which had arrived.

WARNETON Tower. This is still known as the Observation Tower, but general opinion is that it is no longer used.

Names of Officers. 228th R.I.R. - Col. SCHMIDT; 1st Bn. - Capt. BULOW; 3rd Coy. - Lieut. WAGNER.

Leave. Leave was open and had not been closed of late.

Moral and Personal Notes. The moral of the prisoners is particularly poor, and they are of inferior intelligence and physique. Of the 6 men interrogated, one had returned from leave on March 1st; two had been with the regiment since February 27th; one had been with the regiment since December, 1917; one had been a groom from October 1914 to March 3rd, 1917, and had suddenly been taken to the front line yesterday, the reason given being, that the company was short of men.

One of the men who had joined the 228th R.I.R. on February 27th had been wounded twice in 1915 (one wound disabling his left hand), and again, severely, in September, 1916, as a result of which he

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could not now raise his right arm higher than his elbow, and could not shoulder or carry a rifle. He remained in hospital till November, 1917, in the Feldrekrutdepot till February 25th, 1918, and joined the 228th R.I.R. on the 27th February. This prisoner stated that the shortage of men necessitated his carrying on, and that there were several in his company who had been two and three times wounded and were not really fit for duty. He complained bitterly of the casual treatment received in hospital where a man "is patched up anyhow and pushed off again".

General. Nothing has been seen in this sector by prisoners which might denote an offensive action, and the presence of gas is emphatically denied.

REPORT on the PRELIMINARY and FURTHER EXAMINATION of an officer commanding 1st Coy., 228th R.I.R. captured during last night's raid.

The prisoner would not talk much on military or tactical subjects. He had just returned from 3 weeks leave. He is intelligent and his moral is good.

Dispositions. One platoon from each company is detached for ration carrying, each platoon taking it in turn to do this.

Gas. Prisoner had been through a gas mine attack on the ARRAS front in September and had experienced gas shell attacks in the northern sector, but their gas masks were efficient and no casualties occurred in his company.

Gas masks are tested at regular and definite intervals. Gas pistols are no longer used for filling gas chambers, instead there are 3 or 4 containers (like dry cells) with fuzes attached. These are ignited, whereupon the containers explode filling the chamber with gas. Prisoner was positive that gas is really used to test masks, in support of which he stated that a strong smell of gas remained on the clothes for some time after.

Prisoner knew of Yellow Cross Gas and had attended a demonstration of how clothes impregnated with this gas should be disinfected with chloride of lime.

REPORT on the PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION of a private of the 7th Coy., 162nd I.R. captured on the night of the 3rd/4th March in O. 17.d.

Particulars. Prisoner belongs to the 1918 Class and has been with this Regiment since August, 1917. He was on the southern flank of his platoon with one other man and a light machine gun when captured. He is of moderate intelligence, but has little knowledge of the enemy's dispositions and can give no locations. His moral is indifferent.

Order of Battle. From North to South, 76th R.I.R. - 162nd I.R. - 163rd I.R. (Normal).

Dispositions. The 162nd I.R. has 4 companies holding the line in the following order from north to south, 5, 6, 7, 8. Two companies of the 1st Bn. are in support at HOUTHEN, the remaining companies being in rest at COUCOU and QUATRE MONDES. The two-echelon

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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To.

B.G., R.A.,
Corps H. Art.
7th & 8th A.F.A. Bde.
3rd Aust. D.A.C.
3rd D.T.M.C.
6th Army Bde, A.F.A.

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The following congratulatory message which has been received from Brigadier-General C. ROSENTHAL, C.B., C.M.G., commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, is quoted for your information:-

" Would you kindly accept, on behalf of the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Raiding Parties employed on night 3rd/4th and 4th/5th March, my keen appreciation of the accurate Field Artillery barrage put down on these nights. Officers and men were unanimous in their eulogy, and I think perhaps your gunners (including the assisting 6th Army Brigade) would be pleased to know of the confidence their brothers-in-arms of the Infantry have in them.

Enemy Artillery action caused the raiders no trouble, and this points to well arranged and effective Counter-Battery work. This, too, was much appreciated by the Infantry; and I should be glad if you would so inform the B.G., R.A., Corps Heavy Artillery."

W. J. M. Wade

Headquarters.
7.3.1918.

Brigadier-General,
Cmdg 3rd Aust. Divsⁿ. Artillery.

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Ref. Nos: 28 S.W. - 36 N.W. -)
27 S.E. - 35 N.E.) 1/20,000.

----- OPERATION ORDER No. 48. -----

1.
Artillery
Relief.

In confirmation of 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artillery Warning Order, dated 28.2.1918. - The 3rd Australian Divisional Artly will be relieved in the line by the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery as follows :-

- 11.3.1918. - 1 Section per Battery of 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery will relieve 1 Section per Battery of 3rd Aust. Divsl Artly.
- 12.3.1918. - 2 Sections per Battery of 2nd Aust. Div. Artly will relieve 2 Sections per Battery of 3rd Aust. Div. Artly.

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Right Group.

Headquarters 5th A.F.A.Bde relieves Headquarters 7th A.F.A.Bde.
14th Battery relieves 20th Battery.
105th " " 107th "

LEFT GROUP.

Headquarters 4th A.F.A.Bde relieves Headquarters 6th A.F.A.Bde.
13th Battery relieves 25th Battery.
15th " " 27th "
10th " " 29th "
11th " " 30th "
12th " " 31st Bty.
104th " " 108th Battery.

3rd Aust D. A. t locations are as per location list issued herewith.

Reliefs will be completed by 2 p.m. each day, and a report rendered to D.A.E.Q.

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Guns will be taken over in 'Situ' in accordance with C.R.O. 3202 of 17.1.1918. - Batteries being relieved will take over guns of relieving Batteries. Advanced parties for this purpose (including 1 Officer per Battery) will be sent back to respective Wagon Lines in NEARIS Area on 11th March.

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The 3rd Aust. D.A.C. will be relieved by the 2nd Aust D.A.C. on 12th March; relief to be completed by 12 noon, at which time the Officer Commanding the 2nd Aust D.A.C. will assume responsibility for ammunition supply.

The personnel at present supplied by 3rd D.A.C. at Dumps will be relieved as follows:-

	Ofcers.	N.C.Os.	O.Rs.	Bty Guides.
ROHARIN.	1	3	16	8
DOU DOU.	-	2	7	-

Relief to be completed by 12 noon on 11.3.1918.

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Relief of T.M. personnel will take place on the 12th March; relief to be completed by 12 noon, at which time the D.T.M.O., 2nd Aust.Div. will assume command of the Trench Mortars in the line. T.Ms. will be handed over in 'Situ' - D.T.M.O., 3rd Aust. Divsn to make necessary arrangements to take over mortars from D.T.M.O., 2nd Aust. Division & billets.

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6. Personnel. All personnel on relief will move to their present Wagon Lines.
7. Ammunition. All Batteries moving out of the line will move with full echelons.
8. Wagon Lines. The 3rd Aust. Divs'l. Artillery and the 2nd Aust. Div. Artly will exchange Wagon Lines. - Exchange will take place on the 12th March, and will be completed by 4 p.m. - Detailed arrangements will be made by Staff Captains concerned.
9. Command. Command of Batteries will pass on completion of reliefs. Command of Groups will pass at 3 p.m., 12th instant. Command of Field Artillery covering Right Division will pass from C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division, to C.R.A., 2nd Aust. Division, at 10 a.m. on the 13th March, 1918.
10. 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. The office of 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters will close at 10 a.m. on 13th March, 1918, at RAVELSBERG, and re-open at the same hour at 50 RUE DE LILLE, BAILLEUL.
11. Attention is drawn to G.H.Q. Circular No. 2 of 14.1.1917.
12. *H.V.* Please acknowledge receipt.
- H. Grayfair*
Major.
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.
- Headquarters.
5 .3.1918.

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7/13. Left Group Art.
14. 2nd Aust. Div. Art.
15. 5th Aust. Div. Art.
16. 38th D. Art.
17. 52nd H.A.G.
18. C.B.S.O. Corps H.A.
19. 3rd Aust. D.A.C.
20. 3rd Aust. D.T.M.O.
21. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
22. 10th " " "
23. 11th " " "
24. 3rd Sq. A.F.C.
25. 6th Balloon Coy.
26. "M" Sound Ranging Sec.
27. S.S.O., 3rd Aust. Div.
28. 867th Coy. A.S.C.
29. 3rd Aust. Div. Signals.
30. R.A. Sig Ofcr.
31. C.R.A.
32. B.M., R.A.
33. S.O., R.A.
34. R.O., R.A.
35/37. War Diary.
38. FILE.

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8th. Aust. F. A. BRIGADE.

MARCH ORDER

Issued by Lt. Col. G. AINSOP, D.S.O. Cmdg.

Reference Maps.

Sheets 27, 28, 36, 36A. 1/20000

7th. March, 1918.

1. INTENTION. Wagon Lines of 8th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will move to the MERRIS AREA on the 12th. March. Wagon Lines allotted in this Area are as follows:-

- 20th. Battery - A.2.c.9.7
- 30th. do. - A.2.d.8.9
- 31st. do. - A.2e.a.7.8
- 108th. do. - A.3.c.5.9

2. STARTING POINT. ROAD JUNCTION. S.29.a.10.55

3. ROUTE. STARTING POINT, thence along BAILLEUL ROAD to S.27. central. The 31st. Battery from this point will proceed via BAILLEUL to S.29.a.7.8., and 20th., 30th., and 108th. Batteries will turn S.W. along Road in S.27.c. to respective Wagon Lines.

4. STARTING TIMES. 31st. Battery - 11.30 a.m.
20th. do. - 11.37 a.m.
30th. do. - 11.44 a.m.
108th. do. - 11.51 a.m.

5. DISTANCES. Between each Battery - 100 yards
Between each 6 vehicles - 25 yards

Attention is directed to Routine Order 566 para 12 dated 16th. February, 1918.

6. ADVANCE PARTIES. Wagon Line Advance Parties should report to New Wagon Lines at MERRIS Area on 11th. inst. Area Commandant MERRIS, can supply billeting lists for each Horse Standing if required. Horse Standings should be circled before occupation.

7. EXAMINE REAR PARTIES. An Officer will be left at each Wagon Line to hand over to incoming units. Lines must be left in a scrupulously clean condition, and a clearance certificate obtained from incoming units.

8. AREA STORES. Triplicate lists of Area Stores and Camp equipment will be prepared forthwith. On completion of hand over receipts copy will be forwarded to this office.

9. TRANSPORT. 867th. Co. A.S.C. will detail Baggage Wagon to report to Battery Wagon Lines by 5 p.m. 11th. inst. The following additional transport will be made available:
Each Battery - Sp.m. - 11th. inst. - 2 G.S. Wagon detail by Sgt. D.A.C.

Additional transport will not march with face turn.

10. RAILROAD. STEAM ENGINE, from 4th. Div. - Last Train.

11. REMAINING POINTS:-

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APPENDIX

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11. REFILLING
POINT.

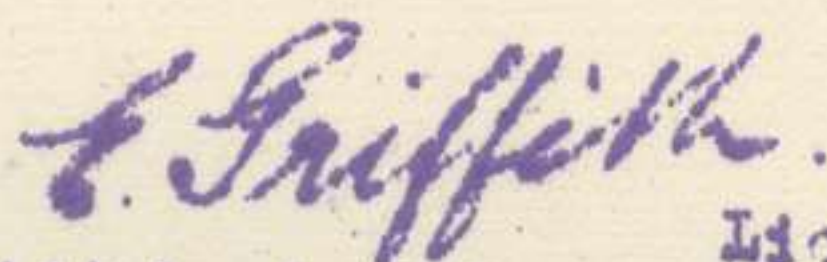
STATION. F.12.a.8.5.

Guides and loaders will report there at 10.50 a.m. daily commencing 15th. instant.
 867th. A.S.C. will deliver to Headquarters 8th. P.A. Brigade 29th., 30th. 108th. Batteries.
 D.A.S. will arrange with 867th. A.S.C. to deliver from Refilling Point to all other units, commencing 15th. inst.

12. MISCELLANEOUS.

D.A.D.O.S., O.O. Australian Corps Troops, BAILEYVILLE.
 R.E. material - Units will report direct on C.R.E. 4th. Aust. Division, HARRIS, for any R.E. material required. I.O., 30th. Light Mobile Workshop T.21.b.5.6.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Lieutenant,
 Adjutant, 8th. Aust. P.A. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

1. Sr. D.A.S.
2. S.C.R.A.
3. 29th. Battery
4. 30th. Co.
5. 51st. Co.
6. 108th. Co.
7. C. O.
8. War Store
9. Co.
10. Co.
11. File
12. Spare.

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ARTILLERY GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATIONS ORDER No. 86

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..ORDN. I.I.D.

..I.I.D. NO. 1-10,000

1. An intended raid is to be carried out by the 57th. Battalion on enemy's front line, at a point approximately where NIROMDILLE Road crosses enemy's front line, at U.S.C.05.95, at a time and date to be notified later.
2. Wire cutting, if necessary, will be carried out by the 50th. Battery assisted by the 113th. battery and the 9th. Medium T... Battery.
3. Points of entry will be at U.S.C.07.90 and U.S.C.10.97.
4. Lines in enemy's wire if necessary to do so will be cut at these points.
5. Wire cutting, if required, and registration will be carried out on the 10th. instant.
6. It is desired that as little attention as possible be given to this place. When this registration takes place, wire will also be cut at U.S.C.05.50 - Notification of this will be issued separately.
7. The following officer is appointed as Liaison Officer for the Raid -
Lieut. J.M. JUMBOON - 113th. Battery.
This officer will accompany O.C. Raid and will be with him in the Front Line system, when the raid takes place.
8. Light T. S. - Machine Gun and Medium T...s. are participating. Counter Battery work by Heavy Artillery has also been arranged. During the raid 106 fuses will not be used.
9. The tasks for batteries during the operation are as shown in the attached task table.

10. Rates of fire -

Time	Rate	Caliber	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
0 to 5	plus 5	18-pdr.	4 rds.	per gun	per min.	
		4.5	Nov. 5	"	"	"
5 plus 5	to "	15	18-pdr.	3	"	"
		4.5	Nov. 5	"	"	"
5 plus 15	" "	20	18-pdr.	3	"	"
		4.5	Nov. 2	"	"	"
5 plus 20	" "	30	18-pdr.	2	"	"
		4.5	Nov. 1	"	"	"

Should it be required to cease fire sooner than 30 minutes, the signal previously used as S.O.S. Signal that is Parachute Light burning RED over GREEN over YELLOW, will be fired from Front Line system by Liaison Officer - As soon as this signal is observed fire will immediately stop and Sec. I.I. notified.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(S-3) A. V. BULL, Lieut. for Maj. LESLIE'S Group Artillery.

TASK TABLE

(To accompany M.G.A.O.O. No. 86.)

FILE	BATTERY	TASK
PHASE 1.	Bombard Enemy's Front Line Trench	
ZERO TO ZERO plus 2 mins.	1-18pdr. Bty. 3rd. Div. Art.	U.5.d.85.45 to U.5.d.90.65
	50th. Bty.	U.5.d.90.65 to U.5.d.98.85
	51st. "	U.5.d.98.85 to U.6.a.15.00
	49th. "	U.6.a.15.00 to U.6.a.30.15
	1 Section 4.5 Hows 3rd. Div. Art.	Sweep UNBENT TRENCH from U.6.c.40.10 to U.6.c.35.60
	115th. Bty. 5 Hows	Sweep UNABLE TRENCH from U.6.c.35.60 to U.6.a.5.4
	1 How. P.M. emplacement	at U.6.c.35.53
	1 " " "	" " U.6.b.02.42
	1 " " "	" " U.12.b.12.95
	9th. H.T.M. Bty.	1 Mortar P.M. emplacement at III/I 0.56.c.66
	1 " "	WINGSLIP U.6.b.25
	1 " "	on Front Line Trench at U.6.a.25.75
	<u>BOX BARRAGE</u>	
PHASE 2. 2 plus 2 to 2. plus 30 or until ordered to cease	1 -18-pdr. Bty. 3rd. Div. Art.	U.5.d.25.50 to U.6.c.25.55
	50th. Bty.	U.6.c.25.55 to U.6.a.40.70
	51st. "	U.6.c.40.70 to U.6.c.30.95
	49th. "	U.6.c.30.95 to U.6.a.20.15
	1 Section 4.5 How. 3rd. Div. Art.	} As for Phase 1.
	115th.	
	9th. H.T.M. Bty.	

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

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OPERATION ORDER No. 9.

Issued by Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLSOP, D.S.O., Cmdg.

9th. March, 1918.

Reference LESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY O. O. No. 96, copy of which is attached hereto.

The 31st. Battery is detailed for the tasks set out for 10-pdr. Battery, 3rd. Aust. Divn. and the 108th. Battery will carry out the task for the section of Hows., 3rd. Aust. Division.

Registration will be carried out by the Liaison Officer referred to in para 7, and Batteries will hold themselves in readiness and will be advised when he is ready for them.

This registration will be carried out on the 10th. inst.

Should it be required to cease fire before Zero plus 30, as per last sub-para of para 10, Batteries will be advised from this office.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. G. Allsop

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:

1. 3rd. D.A.H.Q.
2. Right Group Arty.
3. Lessines Group Arty.
4. 6th. Inf. Brigade.
5. 25th. Battery.
6. 27th. do.
7. 29th. do.
8. 30th. do.
9. 31st. do.
10. 108th. do.
11. C.O.
- 12/ 12. War Diary.
15. Spare.

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 9.

Issued by Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLSOP, D.S.O., Cmdg.

11th. March. 1918.

1. INTENTION.

On nights 11/12th. and 13/14th. March, 1918, the Div. Australian Division intends raiding enemy trenches.

The one 18-pdr. Battery and one 4.5" Howitzer Section detailed to assist in raid on night 11/12th., as per O.O. No. 8. will also be made available on night 13/14th.

The remaining Batteries of Left Group will also assist in creating a diversion on enemy trenches in U.I.I.d., U.I.I.c., and U.I.I.a., at Zero hour on both nights.

The 25th. Battery will take over the S.O.S. lines of 31st. Battery on both nights from Zero hour until Cease Fire at Zero plus 30.

2. TANKS.

PHASE I. Zero to Zero plus 5.

All Batteries, except 31st. Battery and one Section 4.5" Hows., will open on their S.O.S. points as per O.O. No. 3 sweeping Fire will be employed.

PHASE II. Zero plus 5 to Zero plus 13.

All fire will creep Eastward in 100 yd. lifts every 2 minutes.

PHASE III. Zero plus 13 to Zero plus 15.

Drop back to S.O.S. Points as in Phase I.

Tasks for 31st. Battery and 1 sect. 4.5" Hows. are as per separate D.O's.

3. RATES of FIRE FOR DIVERSION.

Zero to Zero plus 5	-	3	F.p.g.p.m.	&	2	F.p.h.p.m.
Zero plus 5 to Zero plus 10	-	2	F.p.g.p.m.		2	F.p.h.p.m.
" " 10 " "	"	1	F.p.g.p.m.		1	F.p.h.p.m.
" " 13 " "	"	3	F.p.g.p.m.		2	F.p.h.p.m.

Proportion 75% 'AX' 25% 'A'

4. SYNCHRONISATION.

The MESSINES Group Artillery will synchronise with the 31st. Bty. direct, and the remainder of Left Group Batteries will be synchronised under arrangements to be made by this office.

5. ZERO HOUR.

ZERO Hour will be notified later from this office.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

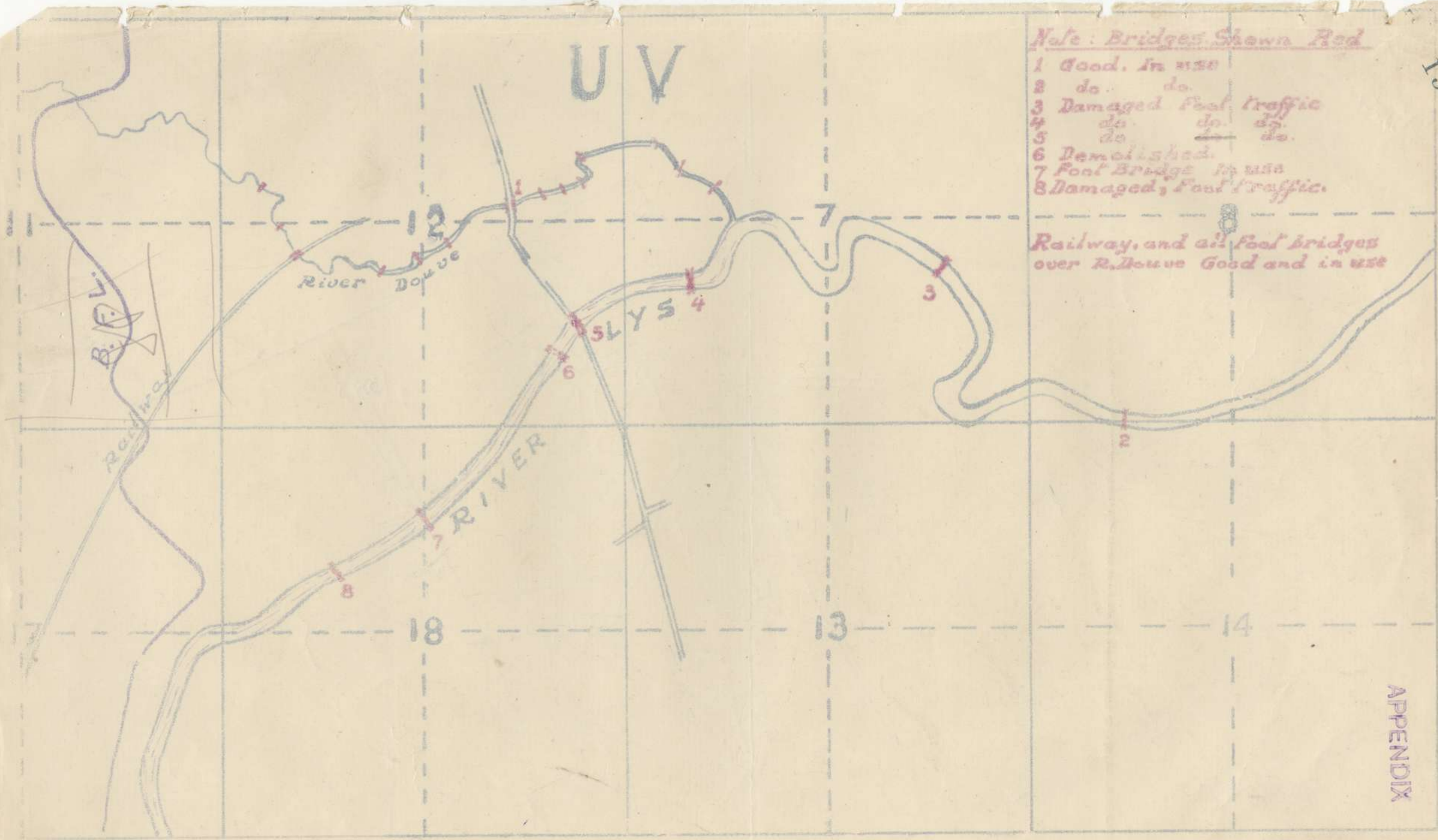
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Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Left Group Arty.

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As per Operation Order No. 8.

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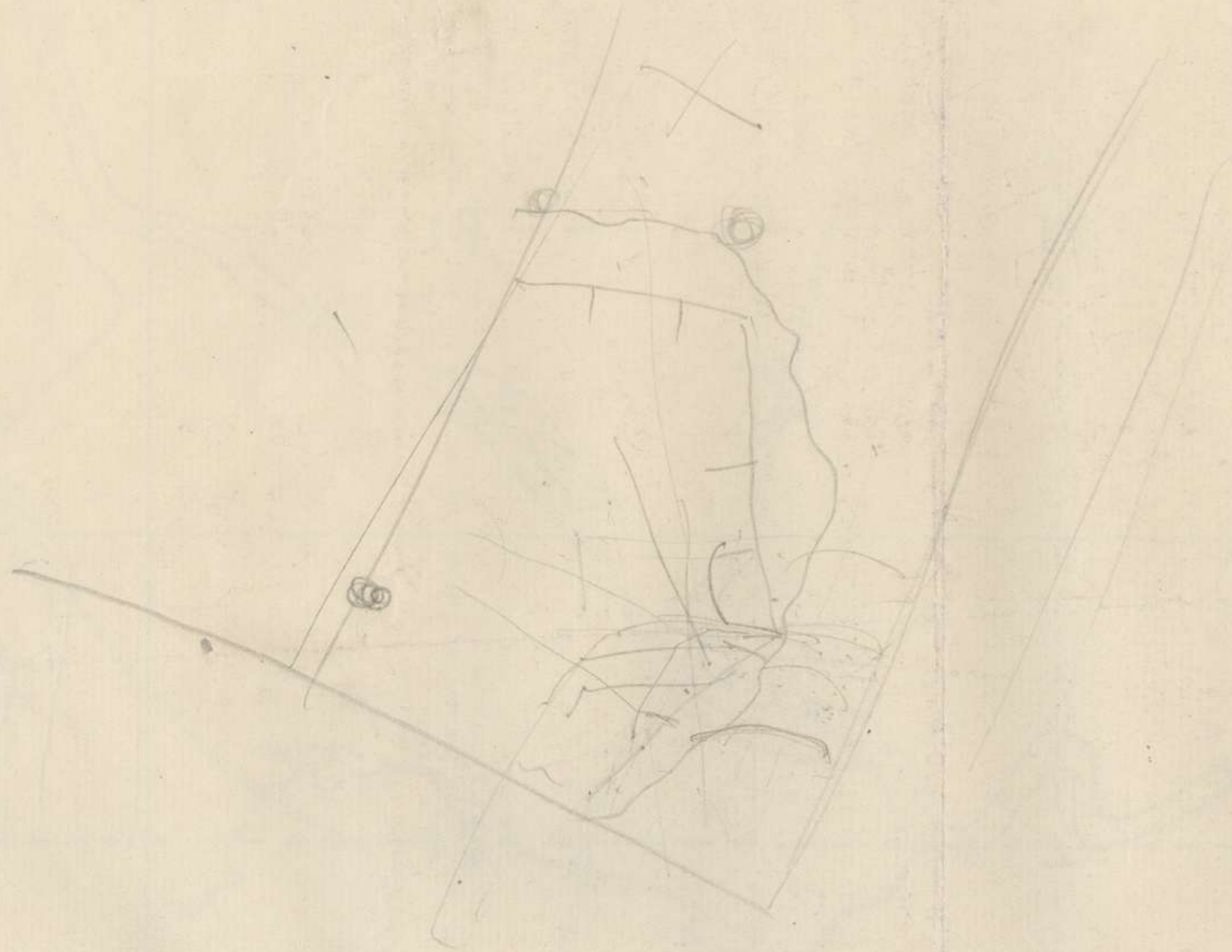


Note: Bridges Shown Red

- 1 Good. in use
- 2 do. do.
- 3 Damaged Foot traffic
- 4 do. do. do.
- 5 do. do. do.
- 6 Demolished.
- 7 Foot Bridge in use
- 8 Damaged, Foot traffic.

Railway, and all Foot bridges over R. Douve Good and in use

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8th. INST. ... BRIGADE.

INSTRUCTION No. 3. Issued by Lieut. Col. G. ALLROP, D.S.O. Cmsg.

14th. March, 1919.

1. The attached SYLLABUS of TRAINING is for a fortnight only, and further training will be based on work done by Batteries, and subjects laid down in Brd. D.A. TRAINING MEMORANDUM previously issued to Batteries.
2. Section gun Drill and other Parades set out in the SYLLABUS for Sections will be conducted by Section Commanders.
The Lectures as set out will always be given by an Officer, and Battery Commanders will insure that each Officer of the Battery gives at least one Lecture.
3. The Battery Staff, not employed at the Brigade School, will be trained in their various duties, their standard of Signalling kept up, and their employment with the Battery in Mobile Warfare must be practised. This Training will be carried out daily by the Officers who would normally be the R.O.
4. On the afternoons devoted to Sports, Batteries will organize definite Sports, i.e. Football matches, Races, etc., and an Officer should be detailed from each Battery to take this matter in hand.
5. Lectures by Officers who have attended the Overseas School will be given from time to time and all Officers without exception, will attend. Senior N.C.O.s must also be given the opportunity to attend these Lectures.
6. Batteries will detail their LEVIS GUN Detachments for instruction under Lieut. BRAKE, who will hold Parades at 30th. Battery Wagon Line every morning commencing on MON DAY, 18th. instant. The 31st. Bty. Detachment will be attached to, quartered, and rationed by, the 30th. Battery from the 17th. instant.
7. Lectures and Parades, except where otherwise stated, will be for all ranks, the Guard, Cooks, and Stabmen excepted, and where Lectures are set out for the afternoon Parades of two hours, Batteries will break the Lectures by instructing in, and paying attention to, those subjects pointed out in B.M./442/5 as requiring special attention.
8. Where a Battery is detailed for a Route March, the Route to be followed will be selected by the Battery Commanders. The starting time and place, and Route to be followed will be sent to Brigade Headquarters. The Dismounted Parades as set out in the Syllabus will be inspected by the C.O., and Batteries will be expected to be able to March past in Sections, Column of Pairs, as the C.O. may instruct.

L. Griffith
 LIEUTENANT,
 Adjutant., 8th. Inst. ... Brigade.

Day and Date.	Rank.	Battery	6.30 - 7.45 am.	9 - 11 a.m.	11.15 am-12.30pm.	2 - 4 p.m.	Remarks.
THURSDAY, 14-3-1918.	Gnrt.	All Btys.	Stables.	General Cleaning up of Billets Vehicles, etc.			Lectures by ADJUTANT, & R.M.O. to 29th. & 30th Batteries. 31st. & 100th. Batteries:- Improvements to Billets, Systemising Packing of kits and Keeping of Billets. Harness Clg.
	Dvrs.	"	Stables.	Exercise	Stables.		
FRIDAY, 15-3-1918.	Gnrt.	All Btys.	Stables.	Laying and Fuze Setting.	Standing Gun Drill.		31st. & 100th. Btys.: Lecture by ADJT., and R.M.O., 29th. & 30th. Btys.: Improvements to Billets, Systemis- ing of Packing of kits and Keeping of Billets. Harness Clg.
	Dvrs.	"	Stables.	Exercise	Stables.		
SATURDAY, 16-3-1918.		ALL BATTERIES:	Exercise and General Cleaning up of Gun Parks, Vehicles, and Camps.				

8th. AUSTR. F.A. BRIGADE - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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Day & Date	Ranks	Battery	6.30 - 7.45 am.	9am - 11 am.	11.15 am-12.30pm	2pm - 4 pm.	Remarks	
MONDAY 18-3-1918.	Gnrs	29th. All Batter- ies.	Stables.	Standing Gun- Drill.	Laying & Fuze Set- ting.	Lecture on DISCIPLINE by B.C.s. Sect. Gun - Drill.	One Sec- tion each. Lecture on MANOEVRES.	
	Dvrs		Stables.	Riding Drill & Exercise.	Stables	Harness Clg) Riding Drill) Lecture on) MANOEVRES.)		
TUESDAY 19-3-1918.	Gnrs	All Batt- eries.	Stables.	Laying & Stand -ing Gun Drill	Sec. Gun-Drill.	Sec GunDrill	Harn ss Clg.) On Sec. each. Riding Drill) LECTURE by Lectur on) D.A.G.O. for MANOEVRES) 29th. Bty. 2/4pm.	
	Dvrs		Stables.	Riding Drill & Stabl s. Exercise. Stables.				
WEDNESDAY 20-3-1918.	Gnrs.	30th.	Stables	Parade March- ing Order Dis- -mounted 10am	Stables.	SPORTS.		
		29th.) 31st.) 108th)	Stables	Sec. GunDrill. & Laying.	Laying.			
	Dvrs.	30th.) 29th.) 31st.) 108th)	Stables	As for Gnrs. Driving Drill & Exercise.	Stables. Stables.			SPORTS.
			Stables.					
THURSDAY, 21-3-1918.	Gnrs.	29th.) 30th.) 31st.) 108th)	Stables.	Route March Sections Marching Drill.	Route March Battery Gun Drill.	GUNNERY) LECTURE) All Batteries. by B.C.)		
	Dvrs.	29th.) 30th.) 31st.) 108th)	Stables.	Route March Riding Drill	Route March.	LECTURE ON) All Batt- DRESS and) ries. TURNOUT.)		
			Stables.		Stabl s.			

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DAY & DATE.	R/TKS.	Battery.	6.30 - 7.45 am.	9 - 11 a.m.	11.15am-12.30pm.	2 - 4 p.m.	Remarks.	
FRIDAY, 22-3-1918.	Gnrs.	22th.)	Stables.	LECTURE by ARTIFICERS Laying Parade March- ing Order - Dismounted. 10 a.m. Driving Drill	Fuz Setting & Laying. do. do.	Battery Gun Drill. do. do.		
		108th.) 30th.) 31st.)	Stables Stables					
	Dvrs.	All Btys.	Stables		Stables	Harness Clg.		
SATURDAY, 23-3-1918.	Gnrs.	108th.)	Stables.	Parade March- ing Order Dis- mounted 10am Laying.	Battery Gun Drill.	Battery Gun Drill.	SPORTS.	
		29th.) 30th.) 31st.)	STABLES.					
	Dvrs.	111th. Btys.	Stables.	Exercis .	Stables.			
SUNDAY, 24-3-1918.			USU L B PARRA. SUPPLY. CHURCH PARADE. Place of Parade, Hour and Number of men to be sent will be notified later.					
MONDAY, 25-3-1918.	Gnrs.	30th.)	Stables.	LECTURE BY ARTIFICERS	Laying and Battery Gun Drill.	Battery Gun Drill.	All Batteries LECTURE by B.C. on ANATOMICAL CORRELATIONS.	
		31st.)						
		29th.) 108th.)	Stables.	Parade March- ing Order Dis- mounted. 10am	Laying and Battery Gun Drill.	Battery Gun Drill.		
	Dvrs.	108th.) 29th.) 30th.) 31st.) 108th)	Stables. Stables. Stables. Stables.	Standing Gun Drill. Dismounted Parade. Riding Drill & Exercise.	Battery Gun Drill. Stables. Stables.	Battery Gun Drill. Stables.		

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TUESDAY

Day & Date.	Units.	Battery.	6.30 - 7.35 am.	9 - 11 a.m.	11.15am-12.50pm	2 - 4 p.m.	Remarks.
WEDNESDAY, 26-3-1918.	Gnrs.	30th. 29th.) 31st.) 108th)	Stables.	Route March Officers and Senior B.C.O.s under B.C.s. on T.S. RIGGING - vice F.A.T., Sec. 222-224. Driving Drill	Route March. Officers and Senior B.C.O.s under B.C.s - ANTI-TANK DE- FENCE.	Battery Gun Drill	Lecture by D.A.G.O.
	Dvrs.	All Btys.	Stables.	Driving Drill	Stables.	Harness Clg. Riding Drill & Driving Drill.)	One section Tech.
THURSDAY, 27-3-1918.	Gnrs.	All Btys.	Stables.	Battery Gun Drill; laying	Laying and Fuz setting.		
	Dvrs.	All Btys.	Stables.	Driving Drill.	Stables.		SPORTS.
FRIDAY, 28-3-1918.	Gnrs.	31st. 29th.) 30th.) 108th)	Stables.	Route March.	Route March.		All Batteries Battery Gun Drill.
	Dvrs.	All Btys.	Stables.	Lecture on AMMUNITION Exercise	Standing Gun Drill. Stables.		Driving Drill. 31st. Bty. 2/4pm:- Harness Clang.
SATURDAY, 29-3-1918.	Gnrs.	108th. 29th.) 30th.) 31st.)	Stables.	Route March. Battery Gun Drill.	Route March. Officers and Senior B.C.O.s F.A.T Sec. 219.		All Batteries: Dismounted Parade March Past in sections- 2/3p.m. Harness Clg. 3/4 p.m.
	Dvrs.	All Btys.	Stables.	Riding Drill	Stables.		
SUNDAY, 30-3-1918.	Gnrs.	All Btys.	Stables.	Battery Gun Drill.	Cleaning up Gun Park, Vehicles, & Camp.		SPORTS.
	Dvrs.	All Btys.	Stables.	Exercise.	Stables.		
SUNDAY, 31-3-1918.	USUAL BATTERY ROUTINE. CHURCH PARADE: Place of Parade, Hour, and Number of men to be sent will be notified later.						

MARCH ORDER

8th. Aust. F. A. Brigade, Issued by

Lieut. Col. W.S. ALLSOPE, B.S.O. Cndg.

24th. March, 1918.

Reference Map HAMBROUKE 5a.

1. INTENTION. The 8th. F.A. Brigade will move by road to-day, 24th. inst., staying the night 24/25th. at ISBERGUES Area.
2. STARTING POINT. Starting Point - T. Roads 1 kilo S.W. of HONBROQUE.
3. ROUTE. Via AIRS.
4. ORDER OF MARCH.
Headquarters,
31st. Battery,
108th. Battery,
30th. Battery,
29th. Battery.
5. TIME. Time of Passing Starting Point:-
Headquarters - 2 p.m.
31st. Battery 2.5 p.m.
108th. Battery - 2.10 p.m.
30th. Battery - 2.17 p.m.
29th. Battery - 2.24 p.m.
6. ADVANCE PARTIES. Advance parties of one Officer and groos and one other rank will report to Lieut. BRAKE at Headquarter at 11 a.m. and proceed to LAMBRESI.
7. BAGGAGE WAGONS. Batteries will send guides for Buggage wagons to CHURCH, HONBROQUE, at 10 a.m. to-day, 24th. inst. No other transport will be available.
8. REFILLING POINT. Refilling Point for 25th. inst. - T. Roads due North of last 2. in ISBERGUES. Batteries will send guides and loaders there at 5 p.m. 24th. inst.

*E. Griffith*Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 8th. F. A. Brigade.

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- To
- 7th. Corps R.A.
- 189th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
- 27th. Heavy Artillery.
- 35th. Divisional Artillery.
- 3rd. Division "G"
- 7th. R.F.A. Brigade.
- 8th. A.F.A. Brigade. ✓
- 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 10th. " " "
- 11th. " " "

Copy to HQ

The artillery covering the front of the 3rd. Australian Division is now situated as follows.

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8th. Artillery Brigade Group - Headquarters I.10.d.5.0. consisting of 2 18 pounders and one 4.5" How battery in the BONNAY area with advanced sections forward covering the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade (Headquarters BONNAY) holding the line on the River SOMME from AUBIGNY to BOUZENCOURT (J.34.d.)

7th. Artillery Brigade Group - Headquarters FRANVILLERS. consisting of four 18 pounder batteries and one 4.5" How Battery in HEILLY area with advanced sections covering the front of the 11th and 10th Infantry Brigades from SAILLY le SEC to RIBEMONT.

189th. Army Field Artillery Brigade, Headquarters D.21.e.9.3. consisting of ten 18 pounder guns and three 4.5" Hows. are in action in Squares D.21.b. and d. and D.20.d. These are also covering the last mentioned front by enfilade fire.

27th. Heavy Artillery consisting of two 6 inch How batteries of four guns each and one battery 60 pounder (5 guns) are attached to the Divisional Artillery.

W. J. Nicholls

Headquarters,
28.3.1918.

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

27th March.

The 50th. Battery took up a position across the River Ancre covering part of the front between Ribemont and Sailly-le-Sec. This Battery was in touch with the G.O.C. 11th. Infantry Brigade.

The remaining Batteries of the Brigade took up a position covering the Southern Bank of the Somme from Corbie to Sailly-le-Sec.

The First Cavalry Division reported that the Germans are digging in in K.13.d., K.14.c. and d., and that the enemy is being continuously reinforced from Morlancourt, and that his artillery is increasing. This Division is clearing the woods in K.25.d., and K.26.c.

In order that the Brigade may be employed to hold the line of the Somme on its North Bank between Sailly and Corbie, reconnaissances were made to select approach routes and positions which would give command of the crossings of the River by existing or new bridges. The Corps on our right reported that the enemy had crossed the S Somme from North to South at Cerisy. This may be in connection with the rumoured attack along the valley of the Somme by the 1st. German Division, which seems to be further substantiated by statements by Uhlans at Chipilly this morning. For this reason our Batteries are paying particular attention to our flank on the River.

This afternoon the First Cavalry Division captured a prisoner 500 yards East of Sailly Laurette. He belonged to 3rd Company 1st Pioneer Battalion 1st Division, and stated that the 5th Reserve Division are on the Right, and there are five German Divisions in reserve. Prisoner thought that the Germans would continue to attack here for several days.

Owing to the enemy having crossed the Somme from North to South at Cerisy, and the left Flank of 19th Corps being driven back, the First Cavalry Division has been withdrawn from the present line held by it and is crossing the river to operate Easterly on the South of it. Our instructions as to forming a defensive flank on the North Bank of the Somme still hold good.

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28th. March.

Information has been received from the C.R.E. that the following emergency routes are under construction:- J.7.a.7.6. to J.7.d.4.5 - I.17.d.1.8 thro' I.18. over railway to MERICOURT - CORBIE Road - I.24.b.1.9 to I.17.d.2.9, the latter route is complete.

In the event of the Infantry being pressed back and the guns being forced to withdraw, the following instructions have been issued.

The Howitzer Battery being of least use at close range will withdraw first, followed by the most advanced 18-pdr battery until the whole Brigade has withdrawn.

Positions to which batteries will retire, will be notified later. No withdrawal is to take place however, without orders from Headquarters, and in the event of communication being stopped, retirement will only take place as a last resort.

Owing to the enemy having crossed the SOMME at CERISY, our Brigade Front has been increased as far as AUBIGNY The 29th., 31st., & 108th. Batteries will cover the front from SAILLY-le-SEC to AUBIGNY. The 30th. Battery will cover the front held by the 11th. Infantry Brigade from SAILLY-le-SEC to MERICOURT.

The R.F.C. reported the following enemy movements this morning.- 3,000 men were seen ~~marshing~~ advancing west from BRAY; troops in parties of 30 were moving South from Cross Roads at K.20.b. Two Batteries were located in position at K.28.d. and K.31.b.; also 500 infantry at K.26.d. The enemy appeared to be advancing south of the SOMME.

the enemy

This afternoon/were reported to be actively digging in on a line K.1.d.central due south to 19.b.cent. This operation was harassed by our batteries. Later reports state that the enemy is developing an attack from CERISY S.W. to La MOTTE and his advance is being supported by artillery North of the Somme.

Our Front Line now runs - J.35.c.0.8 - J.35.a.5.2 - J.35.a.8.6 - J.29.d.1.0 - J.29.b.5.0 - J.23.d.6.0 - J.23.b.8.0 - J.23.b.6.6 - J.17.d.4.0 - J.17.d.2.4 - with patrol lines 400 yds. in advance.

Information has been received from First Cavalry Division that 39th. Division have taken WIENCOURT and part of BAYON VILLERS and are advancing on La MOTTE.

The enemy's trench line now runs - K.1.d.5.9 - K.7.cent. - K.13.a.8.0 - K.19.cent. - and no artillery fire is to be directed West of that line.

Our Front line now runs - J.6.cent. - J.12.cent. and is still advancing. Later Infantry reports show our line established at J.35.d.5.5 - J.35.b.9.8.

The Infantry will endeavour tomorrow to establish posts thro' K.19. and K.25. to G.36.cent.

At present our S.O.S. lines are as follows along Grid line -

27th. Bty. K.7.a. to K.13.c.00.50
26th. " K.13.c.00.50 to K.19.c.
25th. Bty. K.19.c. to K.31.a.00.50
30th. Bty. K.31.a.00.50 to Q.1.c.30.80

The How. batteries are superimposed over whole front

K.7.c. 40 10 30 80



29th. M a r c h, 1918.

Before daylight this morning the batteries took up the following positions.

One 18-pdr. battery about J.21.b.

The How. Bty. about J.20.d.

One 18-pdr. battery took up a position of readiness about I.29.b. from whence it could engage any hostile movement observed.

The Brigade is responsible for the 11th. Infantry Brigade Front, South of the BRAY-CORBIE Road, and is prepared to switch South to cover the 9th. Infantry Brigade holding the line of the SOMME. The C.O. of the Brigade established his Headquarters with the C.O., 11th. Infantry Brigade.

30th. M a r c h, 1918.

This afternoon under cover of a heavy bombardment the enemy attacked our line from K.20. and 26. Visibility was very bad owing to rain and barrage smoke, but our batteries opened fire with great effect and the attack was completely repulsed, heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy.

Health Report for week ending noon 7. 3. 18.

8th F.A. Bde. 3rd Aust Div.

Number of cases of principal cause of sick evacuations	Nil
General Remarks on health of troops.	Good.
Prevalent diseases	Respiratory troubles Septic troubles
Infectious diseases (No of evacuations)	Nil.
Skin diseases (No of evacuations)	Scabies - 2.
Date of last disinfection of blankets.	16. 1. 18. 24. 1. 18.

Date:- 7. 3. 18.

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

Health Report for week ending noon. 14.3.18

8th F.A. Bde. 3rd Aust Div.

Number of cases of principal cause of sick evacuation

P.U.O. — 2

General remarks on health of troops

Good

Prevalent diseases

Septic troubles
Respiratory troubles.

Infectious diseases
(no of evacuations)

Nil

Skin diseases
(no of evacuations)

Scabies. — 1

Date of last disinfection of blankets

16 — 1 — 18

24 — 1 — 18

Date: — 14.3.18.

J. M. S. ^{for} Capt
R.M.O. 8th F.A. Bde

Health Report for week ending noon. 21. 3. 18.

8th F.A. Bde 3rd Aust Div.

Number of cases of principal cause of sick evacuation.	P. U. O. — 1 Septic foot — 1 Septic arm — 1 Tonsillitis — 1 Scabies — 1 Bronchitis — 1 Influenza — 1
General remarks on health of troops.	Good
Prevalent diseases	Diarrhoea Septic troubles. Respiratory troubles.
Infectious diseases (no of evacuations).	Nil
Skin diseases (no of evacuations)	Scabies — 1.
Date of last disinfection of blankets.	16-1-18 24-1-18.

Date: - 21- 3 - 18

H. W. Seeley Capt
R.M.O. 8th F.A. Bde