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4th Australian Div Artillery

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	4/10/16	4 ^{pm}	<p>Extract from 4th Aust. Div. Art. R. O. :- Para 2. Lieut Col. G. H. McKing, C. in C. resumes command of the 10th A. S. A. Brigade and to take over command of the Left Group from 3/10/16 - previous command Lt. Col. W. C. Wente. (2nd A. S. A. Bde). Reference location of the above command - Sheet 28 SW. WYTSCHAETE from O 169.7 to Ypres - Comines Canal. - Batteries in the Group :- 37th Bty, 38th Bty, 39th Bty, 41st Bty, 42nd Bty, 43rd Bty, 45th Bty, 111th How. Bty, 112nd How. Bty. T.M. Bty X4A. T.M. Bty Z4A. 110th 1, 2, & 3 Belgian Batteries of 1st Belgian Regt F.A.</p>	
Field	4/10/16	4 ^{pm}	<p>Wire cutting by T.M. Battery X4A. at O 8 a 2.8 to O 8 a 3.9. Covering fire by 39th Battery on trenches and craters opposite O 25. O 26 (Trenches) One Belgian Bty covering fire on Enemy trenches opposite O 23 & O 24 (Trench) This operation reported highly successful and in addition Enemy's trenches well touched up. Slight retaliation by the Hun on our supports.</p>	Attached extract from Operation order No 1.
Field	4/10/16	6 ^{pm}	<p>After spasmodic shelling throughout the day bombardment by Hun became heavy about 6^{pm} in vicinity of O 3c and O 3d. Retaliation called for by C.O. Left Battery Barrage by 3 - 15 pds and one Howitzer Bty on communication trenches opposite O 35 O 36, O 37. at 7.20 pm Enemy ceased. Batteries allowed to stand down.</p>	

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Field	5/10/16		<p>Today the front was quiet generally with the exception of some shelling by a hostile 77. mm. Bty on our supports Oib. 4.5. Retaliation 16 rds caused a cessation of the action. It has become necessary to erect Camouflage road screens & flash covers. These are being erected under supervision of Special officer.</p>	10 th as a Bde.
Field	6/10/16	8.45 am to 1.2 noon	<p>Throughout the morning of today ^{the Hun} more than usually active on our front especially with transport. Our Artillery registered on a few targets successfully and also Retaliated on Enemy activity. Two 4.2 Enemy Batteries located & forwarded to H. Q. for attention. Weather has been dull & rainy interfering with observation.</p>	
Field	7 th / 10/16		<p>Weather again dull - morning very quiet on the front. Slight active on the afternoon of Enemy Minnewarped on our front line trenches necessitating retaliation by our Med. T. M. and 111th How. Bty. A document captured from German Prisoners indicated position of a "nest" of trench mortars. These have been verified in several cases today by bearings taken to flashes attached. All Batteries active on construction of alternative 5.9 proof gun position. It is also the intention to have all O.P.s rebuilt & strengthened. Special Working Party on the job.</p>	Extract from operation Order No 2 attached.

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Field	8/10/16		<p>Weather dull - observation difficult in the forenoon. Enemy slightly active on our Communication Trenches & Supports, with trench mortars reported & located in vicinity of Piccadilly Farm & Bois Quarante. Retaliated by a Howitzer Bty with good effect.</p> <p>Several O.T. Camouflage Trees have been put on course of construction & allotted to special Btys. The Divisional Gun School has been instructed all members of Div Artillery in the use of small box respirators now to be used by all ranks. Owing to the exigencies of the Service. Higher Control has placed the Artillery on the front on short allowance - 7 pds per gun per day. Howitzers nil.</p> <p>All Wagon lines are now completing their Stabling and roads in preparation for the winter weather. Material from Ruin "Ypres"</p>	
Field	9/10/16		<p>Bombardment of Enemy's Miners' Position in Bois Quarante by R1 Group Artillery. Heavy Artillery & Cooperation by Left Group on selected portions of his line from 4 pm to 4.45 pm. Bombardment very successful.</p> <p>(2) Registration by all Batteries of Special S.O.S. Barrage Scheme.</p> <p>Weather today generally favorable for observation. Two hostile Batteries were located & their bearings forwarded to Heavy Artillery.</p>	<p>Extract from operation order 3 attached</p>

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Field	10/10/16		<p>Results of yesterday's bombardment have today become known. Much damage done. Two hostile Batteries engaged and "scuppered".</p> <p>Today. Observation effected by dull weather. Cold weather beginning to be felt here. Much new work on new Gun positions specially designed by G.O.C. 4th Aust Div. Artillery. Notification has been received of the award of Military Medal for good work during action by two members of the 3rd Battery. Enemy Trench Mortars in the vicinity of Ben Quarante vigorously shelled a main C.T. on the right flank of our zone - the Battery located. Our T.M. with cooperation of Lewis Guns & Stokes heavily retaliated doing similar damage to Enemy's trenches & supports. This Bde now receiving an allotment of leave - 7 per weekdays to England.</p>	
Field	11/10/16		<p>Front normal today. Slight activity of Enemy Trench Mortars. An Aerial Torpedo observed firing on our supports 0365. It burst same velocity as 4.2 H.E. with a greater spread. Projectile of dumb-bell shape also seen firing from Grand Bois. Located later. It has been quite marked that for a period of about ten days he has been chiefly active with T.M. instead of other type of Gun. Several attachments of S.C.O. of the W.A.C. have made to Batteries of the group for reference.</p>	

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Field	12/10/16	6:30 p.m.	<p>During the forenoon of today the Enemy were slightly more active than usual and seemed to be carrying out a few repetitions on our front.</p> <p>A raid was made on the Enemy's trenches by 49th Bn 13th Div supported by Left Group Artillery Barrage. The 9.00 Inp Brigade reports that the Barrage was excellent evidencing high class shooting on the Bty's taking part. Much damage was done to several Co. T's by the Bombardment. Retaliate slow in coming - <u>30 minutes</u> till the 1st Hun shot was fired.</p> <p>The Establishment of Stores has been reduced by the issue of Extra Bicycles making a total of 4 per Bty + Sqdn. During wet weather in the Sector they are of no use whatever.</p>	Retract from Operations order 7 p.m. attached.
Field	13/10/16		<p>Weather dull during forenoon. Observation bad - Enemy activity practically nil during the morning. In the afternoon Enemy T. M's were active on the Right flank of our zone and were located from Piccadilly Farm. Much damage to our line generally results from our T. M. Bty's retaliation and cut wide lines in the Enemy's wire and damaged the parapets.</p>	

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Field	14/10/16		<p>Reference 4th A. D. A. R. O. Oct. 14. The name of the Group Artillery has been changed to "<u>St Eloi</u>" Group. Consequent upon a further group formation of 4th Ave. Div. Artillery. The 37th, 39th, and 112th Batteries of the group will from tomorrow 5 pm be re-grouped in the "<u>Bluff</u>" Group under Command of Lt Col Hughes. The Composition of the Group will be as before with the Exception of the Batteries named. It is necessary to extend zones of remaining Batteries and an alteration of O.P. in special Cases. All existing Ammunition and Old registrations are to be preserved in Case of Emergency.</p>	<p>10th Cable</p> <p>Operational Order 5705 Attached</p>
Field	15/10/16	7 pm	<p>During the morning front very quiet. Day bright. Observed good opportunity taken for a Shoot in conjunction with the 1st Kite Balloon Section - 112th How Bty engaged 3 Targets and Balloon Observers report Excellent shooting. During afternoon 4.40 pm T. Mo. became active and were immediately engaged & silenced. During a raid by the Inf. on our Right Group. Several Jews were located <u>peny & bearings sent to Heavy Artillery.</u></p>	

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Field	16/10/16		<p style="text-align: right;">10th a. g. a. Bde</p> <p>French mortars on both sides active. Intelligence officer of 52nd Inf. states that our mortaring was very effective. The enemy retaliated with 77^s and whizz bangs doing little damage. Some 4.2 shells coming from direction of I 32. b 4.6., burst fairly high. The smoke of these shells was of a yellowish color. During the bombardment by Right Group Art^y (in support of raid on enemy's trenches) flash bearings of 3 enemy batteries, firing in retaliation, were taken. They are as follows:- 135° True bearing from #36. d. 8. 2. 125° " " " " I 31. d 4. 2. 117 " " " " " " " "</p>	
Field	17/10/16		<p>Weather conditions for observation very poor. Flash bearings taken during the night as follows:- a battery located 150° 20' T.B. another at 159° 40' T.B. from I 32 a 9. 4. also a search light sweeping no. main land, from same spot, was observed. 9 42 Battery located at O. 15. c. 7. 5. was engaged by 42nd Battery of this group (in conjunction with the H. A.) and fired 50 rounds. The Belgian Batteries 1, 2, & 3, fired 500 rds. at an area forming a triangle bounded by Croonast Chapel, Grand Bois, and Sautken Road. Enemy retaliated by sending over 7 heavies in vicinity of Deckebusch village. Little damage done.</p>	

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Field	18/10/16		<p>Conditions bad for observation. New machine gun emplacement at O 2 d 27. Wire strong and seems to have been renewed and thickened in the vicinity of O 2 d 3.7. Smoke was seen issuing from Western edge of Crater No 2. One trench mortar (X 4 A) suffered a direct hit which blew away portion of parapet and filled one emplacement with earth and debris. Enemy's T.M.'s exceptionally active in the vicinity of O. 24, 038, 039 & 041. Front normal.</p>	10 th A.F.A. BDE
Field	19/10/16		<p>Enemy's wire strong in vicinity of Craters No 2 & 5. O 2 d 5.7 & O 2 c 9 1/2 6. Sound bearings of a 4.2 guns taken from Spoil Bank was 90° Mag. Hostile T.M. fairly active in direction of O 27 and P & O trenches. Retaliation by our artillery (69 rounds BX.) was effective.</p>	
Field	20/10/16		<p>Extract from Group Order No 6 - Ref Map. Wylschæete, Sheet 28 SW 2. Ed^o 3 Scale 1:10,000</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Intention</u> - To destroy supposed dump at Martins Farm 2. <u>Batteries</u> 111th How. and 2 Belgian Batteries 3. <u>Registration</u> Batteries will register, and complete by 4 pm today. 4. <u>Times</u> Batteries will bombard the objective in accordance with Task Tables. This was carried out with effect. <p>a hostile O.P. was observed at O. 9. 6 5.8 and reported by the Belgian Group. A box kite, the first seen since our occupation of this sector was observed at T.B. 2 130° from I 31 C 3 1/2 - 1. Two more were seen later in the day.</p>	

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Field	21/10/16		<p>our aircraft were active during the day. It was noticed that the smoke from enemy anti air craft shells gave out a reddish brown color. At 11.15 a.m. a 5.9 Battery firing from a position 120° T.B. from H 36 d 8.2. 3.15 pm 4.2 " " " 126 " " do</p> <p>Heavy and continuous rain, made the trenches in a bad state, and interfered with the activity of the T.M.'s to a very great extent. It was noticeable that the enemy's T.M.'s were also quiet probably owing to the same cause. Reconstruction of beds etc is being carried out. Enemy air craft active. A Balloon was seen to come to earth in flames in the vicinity of Kemmel Hill. Evidently bombed by our air craft.</p>	<p>10th AFA BDE.</p> <p>Retract from Operation Order No. 7 attached</p>
Field	22/10/16		<p>Some new work was observed in enemy's front line at 03d 57.</p> <p>At 12 noon today Bluff Group Artillery called for a liaison barrage (in the vicinity of trench 29) from this Group. We complied, the 38th Battery 140 rounds of "A".</p> <p>It was reported at 6 am this morning that a mine was exploded by the enemy near the Bluff, and the crater thus formed was occupied by them. This has not yet been verified. Several M.G. emplacements, machine screens, &c were located. Weather misty, and observation poor.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	10 th A.F.A. BDE.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	23/10/16		<p>Very bad light all day, rendering observation very difficult. A 77 'Dud' was found near O.P. at H 36 d 8.2. A bearing was taken from the line of entry and, was found to be 133° (T.B.) Enemy trench mortars fairly active their objective being 6.31. and Bois Carré. Elsewhere front normal. a direct hit was registered on M.G. Emplacement at 08a 3.8. by our artillery.</p>		
Field	24/10/16		<p>Fairly heavy mist and rain during most of the day. Everything exceptionally quiet on this front. observation impossible a test S.O.S scheme was carried out on the night of the 24th.</p>		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	25/10/16		<p>10th A.F.A Bde.</p> <p>Observation very difficult throughout the day, owing to bad light. A 4.2 and .77 gun were located by sound, having a true bearing of 147° 30' and 138° respectively from 132 a 84, and an anti-aircraft gun was located at 112° true bearing from H36 d 82. A searchlight was observed at a true bearing of 140° 20' from 132 a 9.4.</p> <p>Enemy machine guns and trench mortars were active at different times, the latter on the extreme right of the group. Elsewhere front normal.</p> <p><u>Extract from St. Eloi Group Artillery Order No 8:-</u></p> <p>Reference map - Ypres + Wytschaete. 1/10000</p> <p>(1) <u>Intention</u>: To cover the Registration of 9.45" Trench mortar, & in retaliation.</p> <p>(2) <u>Batteries</u>: 38th & 41st A.F.A. & Nos 2 & 3 Belgian Blys.</p> <p>(3) <u>Tasks</u>: 38th on F.L.T + support lines opposite 037 & 038. 41st on communication trench 03 c 3.2 to 09 a 5.6. Nos 2 & 3 Belgian batteries on hostile O.P.s in square 0.9, square 0.8, square 0.14, especially the following, which have been located.</p> <p>09 c 3 3 1/2 09 b 5.8 - Tree 08 b 9 1/4 08 d 7 1/4 . 1 1/2 014 d 4.4 1/2</p> <p><u>Time Table</u> will be from zero to zero plus 1 hour. Method of fire is to be for 18 pdv. & .75 batteries - bursts of fire. <u>Zero time</u> will be communicated to all concerned in the following message: - "The m.o will inspect batteries at --- today."</p>	

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Field	26/10/16		<p style="text-align: right;">10th A. F. A. Bde</p> <p>Observation fairly good throughout the day. Two 77mm batteries were located having sound bearings of 138° & 160° from 132a 8.4, also three 4.2 batteries with sound bearings as follows: - 147° 30' from 132a 8.4, 131° from H 36 c 2 1/2. 6 & 135° 30' from H 36 d 8.2.</p> <p>Enemy wire appears thin at 02 d 1.7. New sand-bags appear on No 2 crater, & a large screen was observed stretching from 09a 9.5 to 09b 16. A searchlight was seen operating from No 3 crater, and a German O.P. was discovered in a tree at 03 a 9.1 1/2.</p> <p>Our aeroplanes were active over the enemy lines during the day, and were subjected to much fire from hostile batteries and machine guns.</p> <p>The attitude of the enemy in this sector is very quiet during the day, but he is more alert at night, and maintains intermittent machine gun & rifle fire on our parapets.</p>	

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Field	27/10/16		<p style="text-align: right;">10th A.F.A. Bde.</p> <p>Light very dull, making observation very difficult. A 77 mm. battery was located, having a sound bearing of 138° from 128d. 7.5.</p> <p>Enemy wire appears good and strong except at 02d 17, where there is very little. Works appears to be going on at 09a 5.½, and along practically the whole of the Damstrasse - fresh earth being visible. The enemy front line has been strengthened in several places, noticeably at 02c 5.2 + 02c 85.</p> <p>a heavy smoke cloud, very thick + dark grey in color, was observed issuing from rear of enemy lines, true bearings of 111° from H36a 8.4, & 115° from 131c 3½. 1.</p> <p>Estimated distance behind enemy front line 3000 yards.</p> <p>a new machine gun emplacement has been located at 04d 1.7.</p> <p>For the past 24 hours, there has been a marked increase in the activity of the enemy, but there has been little sniping carried on.</p> <p>a test S.O.S scheme was carried out in the early morning of the 27th</p> <p><u>Extract from Lt. Eloi Group Artillery Order No. 9. - dated 27.10.16.</u> { Ref. maps of area + Wylechaete 1/10000.</p> <p>(1) <u>Intention</u> : To knock out gun emplacements.</p> <p>(2) <u>Batteries</u> : - 18 pdr. 38th 41st & 43rd - 5 TMs under Lieut. Anderson.</p> <p>(3) <u>Tasks</u> : - 38th Bty on 04b 6½ 5¼, 04a 54, 04a 44. 41st " " 03c 54, 03c 43, 02d 8.6. 43rd " " F.L.T. from Ruined Farm to 03b.7.1.</p> <p>Under cover of 18 pdr batteries the French mortars will engage MGEs if possible. If unable, they will fire on strong points, dug outs &c in F.L.T., + supports from Canal to Ruined Farm as their position will allow.</p> <p>(7) <u>Time & date</u> : To be communicated to all concerned in the following message : " mails close for London at to day "</p>	

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Field	29/10/16		<p>10th A.F. A. Bde.</p> <p>Observation poor during the forenoon owing to misty rain, but much cleared from then on.</p> <p>The following hostile batteries were located during the day by sound bearing:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>77 mm.</td> <td>approx. 142°</td> <td>True</td> <td>from 131c4.1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>do</td> <td>133°</td> <td>do</td> <td>128d7.5.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.2</td> <td>" 141°</td> <td>do</td> <td>131c3.1.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>do</td> <td>135°</td> <td>do</td> <td>H36d8.4.</td> </tr> </table> <p>opposite 02c51 is a small communication trench, running into to Man's Land, & concealed by barbed wire. Excavation work is being carried on here. Fresh work is visible from the canal to Ruined Farm. Enemy has a cover over his front line trench at 03d59, & at 03d38, at the latter point for about 20 yds. a green cloth screen can be seen in front of enemy's parapet at 03d1.6. A large amount of timber for constructional purposes is visible at Martin's Farm. Movement was observed at Dome House, also in communication trench from Dome House to Martin's Farm.</p> <p>Enemy trench mortars were very active during the day, particularly on Trench VII.</p> <p>There was unusual hostile artillery activity on the night of the sector from 5.45 pm to 7 pm.</p>	77 mm.	approx. 142°	True	from 131c4.1.	do	133°	do	128d7.5.	4.2	" 141°	do	131c3.1.	do	135°	do	H36d8.4.	<p>Operation Order No 10 attached</p>
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Field	30/10/16.		<p>Observations very difficult throughout the day, owing to mist and rain. a trench mortar firing in Square Wood was located at 03d.2.7.</p> <p>Movement was seen at Heile Farm, also in communication trench from Dome House to Martin's Farm. A party of about 20 Germans was seen walking in rear of a screen at 08d.9.4. Otherwise the front was normal.</p> <p>The 38th, 43rd, & 111th Batteries A.F.A, successfully co-operated with X4A Trench mortar battery in bombarding enemy trenches, in accordance with St. Eloi Group Artillery Order No. 10. Considerable damage was done to the enemy front line trenches, much wire and large quantities of timber, including whole duck boards being blown about. The enemy retaliation was feeble and uncertain.</p> <p>A light trench mortar (fish-tail) is suspected at 07c5.9. An emplacement is under construction at 02c9$\frac{1}{2}$.6 on near lip of crater with 3 loopholes. An attempt at concealment has been made by hanging sacking over wire in front. A cookhouse is suspected at 04a1$\frac{1}{2}$2$\frac{1}{4}$, as smoke rises continually from a pipe projecting above the parapet at this point. The enemy front line from 07a60 to 07a8$\frac{3}{4}$.1, is badly damaged, and apparently not repaired.</p>	<p>10th A.F.A. Bde.</p>

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																														
31/10/16. FIELD.	<p>The weather was bad for observation during the morning, but much clearer afterwards.</p> <p>The following sound bearings of hostile batteries were taken during the day:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">4.2</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">T.B.</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">164°</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">30'</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">from</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">I.32.b.7.3.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">135°</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">H.36.d.8.2.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">113°</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">O.1.a.6.3.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">127°</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">H.36.d.8.2.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">How.</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">127°</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">"</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">N.11.c.4.1½.</td> </tr> </table> <p>A number of men were seen during the day near Marten's Farm, at a true bearing of 136°55' from H.36.d.8.2. more men were also seen at 0 8 d 9.4. A searchlight has been observed operating, and is thought to be at 0 3 d 6.0. The ruins of Oosthoek Estaminet are no longer visible, and are thought to have been demolished by shell fire on 30-10-16.</p> <p>A machine gun emplacement has been found at 02C9½.6, and a 4.2 battery has been located by flashes at a true bearing of 163° from I32a9.4 & 179° from I33c6.8½.</p> <p>Test S.O.S. Schemes were carried out during the night of 30th - 31st The Xth Corps Heavy Artillery report that 10.5 F.Howitzers have been active during the 31st at 0 10 d 8.1 & 0 15 c 7.5.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume with that month).</p>	4.2	T.B.	164°	30'	from	I.32.b.7.3.	"	"	135°	"	"	H.36.d.8.2.	"	"	113°	"	"	O.1.a.6.3.	"	"	127°	"	"	H.36.d.8.2.	How.	"	127°	"	"	N.11.c.4.1½.	<p><u>Operation</u></p> <p><u>Orders</u></p> <p><u>No.11,11a,12,13.</u></p> <p><u>attached.</u></p>
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	4/10/16		<p style="text-align: right;">10th A.F.A. Bde</p> <p><u>Extract from Left Group Order No 1 dated 4.10.16.</u> Ref. map Mytechaete Edition 3D 28 S.W.2 1/10,000.</p> <p>(1) <u>Wire cutting</u>. The enemy's wire will be cut at 08 & 2.3 to 3.9.</p> <p>(2) <u>Battery</u>. The T.M. Battery 24 A Battery under Lieut. Battye will carry out the above.</p> <p>(3) <u>Covering Fire</u>:- 39th Bty will cover T.M. Bty engaged in wire cutting, by fire on enemy trenches & craters opposite our trenches 025 & 026. One Belgian Bty covering fire on enemy trenches opposite our trenches 023 & 024. One Belgian Bty covering fire on enemy trenches opposite our trenches 011.</p> <p>(4) <u>Time</u> Fire will be opened at 4.0pm & cease at 4.45pm.</p> <p>In view of the inclement weather if the above is not to be carried into effect to-day, the message - "Don't" will be sent to all concerned.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	7/10/16.		<p>10th A. F. A. Bde.</p> <p><u>Extract from Left Group Operation Order No. 2. dated 7.10.16.</u></p> <p>(1) <u>S.O.S</u> It is the intention to test the S.O.S. On receipt of <u>TEST S.O.S</u> each battery will fire 1 round + 1 round <u>only</u> per gun. If the number of the trench is given thus: - "Test S.O.S 036" only those batteries covering that trench will fire the one round per gun.</p> <p>(2) <u>Rate of Fire</u>. For this test - one round battery fire - 2 seconds.</p> <p>(3) <u>General</u>. Those concerned will be warned that where "Test" is prefixed - it is only a test as above.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	9/10/16.		<p style="text-align: right;">10th A. F. A. Bde.</p> <p><u>Extract from Left Group Artillery Order No. 3 dated 9.10.16.</u> Reference map Voormezele - Sheet 6.</p> <p>(1) <u>Intention:</u> With the object of destroying enemy's Minnewerfer known to be located in Bois Quarante, & of damaging his front line & support trenches, the Right Group will bombard same from 4pm to 4.45pm 9.10.16. Left Group artillery will cooperate. (same time).</p> <p>(2) <u>Bombardment:</u> - 39th Battery will fire on the enemy's front line trench stretching from No. 2 crater to No. 5 crater. 2 Belgian Batteries to be detailed by C.O. 7th Belgian Regiment F.A. will fire on enemy's front line trench from Piccadilly Farm to 02c 8 5. Trench mortar 24A under Lieut. Bathye will cut wire at 08a 2 8, & also in vicinity of Crater No. 2. T.M. X4A under Lieut. Anderson will cut wire in vicinity of Crater 5 (as per special instructions issued personally to O.C.T.M. Batteries).</p> <p>(3) <u>Heavy Artillery.</u> Anzac Heavy Artillery are co-operating with Right Group using 50 rounds 6" How. They will also be prepared for counter Batteries work.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	12/10/16		<p style="text-align: right;">10th A. F. A. Bde.</p> <p><u>Extract from Left Group Artillery Order No 4 dated 12.10.16.</u> Ref. maps. Voormezele Pt. Sheet 28 1/10,000. + Air Photo 6B 839.28. 08a. 23.9.16.</p> <p>(1) <u>Intention.</u> An infantry force will raid enemy's trenches between 08a 28 + 08a 39 on night of 12/13th Oct. 1916.</p> <p>Left Group Artillery will:-</p> <p>A. Group (a). Feint raid on enemy's lines from 03d. 3 1/2 8 1/2 to 03d 6 1/2. 9.</p> <p>B Group (b). Support raiding infantry by bombarding enemy's trenches + forming a box barrage about 08a 28 + 08a 3.9.</p> <p>(2) <u>Batteries</u> "A" Group for the feint raid will consist of 37th + 38th A.F.A. + T.M. X4A.</p> <p>"B" Group for support of raiding party will consist of 39th 41st 42nd 45th 111th How Bty, 2 Belgian Btys + T.M. Z4A.</p> <p>(3) <u>Time.</u> Batteries constituting "A" Group will open fire at zero time. Batteries of "B" Group will open fire 5 minutes after zero time. Zero time will be communicated to all concerned in following message - "Rations will be delivered at - - - - to night."</p>	

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Copy No: 7

LEFT GROUP (ST ELOI) ARTILLERY ORDER NO: 5

On the Field

Oct: 14th 1916REFERENCE MAP:-

WYTSCHAETE 28 S W 2 Edition 3 D 1/10,000
 YPRES 28 N W 4 Edition 2 1/10,000

1. REGROUPING - The 37th, 39th and 112th Batteries, 4th A.D.A. will from 5 p.m. 15th instant, be re-grouped in the BLUFF GROUP under Lieut: Col: F. A. Hughes, whose Headquarters are at H 23 b 6 6 (vide preliminary instructions already issued).
2. RELIEFS - The 37th Battery, 4th A.D.A., will relieve the 5th Battery 1st Divisional Artillery at H 24 c 2 3. The 39th Battery, 4th A.D.A., the 22nd Battery 1st Divisional Artillery - One section at H 24 d 7-1/2 4-1/2 and one section at H 24 d 8 7-1/2. The Relief will take place by Batteries on the night 14th/15th October. Command will pass to 4th A.D.A. at 5 p.m. on the 15th instant. Batteries will take their own guns into new positions.
3. AMMUNITION - The 37th and 39th Batteries will take with them to the BLUFF GROUP only an absolute total of 152 rounds per gun: The 112th will take over with them all ammunition on hand midday the 15th instant. After 12 noon on the 15th instant, ammunition and other Returns should be rendered by those Batteries to the BLUFF GROUP. The ammunition left in 37th Pits, viz:- 247 A. and 472 AX will be taken over by 42nd Battery, who will issue on demand to the 38th Battery 120 A. and 236 AX, and to the 41st Battery 127 A. and 238 AX. The ammunition left in 39th Pits, viz:- 351 A. & 876 AX. will be taken over by the 45th Battery, who will issue on demand to the 42nd Battery 120 A. 292 AX; to 43rd Battery 124 A. 292 AX; and to the 45th Battery 111 A. and 292 AX. Batteries will at once make the necessary demands and removals.
4. COMMUNICATIONS - The R.A.Signal Officer with Artillery Brigade Signal Officers will arrange necessary alterations.
5. LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY will from 5 p.m. on the 15th instant, consist of 38th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 45th, 111th Howitzer, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd Belgian, X 4 A. Batteries and 1 detachment Z 4 A (a total in T.M.s of 5 guns) under the command of Lieut: Col: G.H.M.King, C.M.G. and WILL IN FUTURE BE KNOWN AS THE ST ELOI GROUP
6. ZONES & NIGHT LINES - are shown on attached. 38th and 45th Batteries are allowed 20 rounds each for necessary registration, and are to report on completion. Existing A.Ps are not to be disturbed and old registrations preserved.
7. GENERAL - Operation Memo No: 2 is cancelled insofar as it conflicts with new Zones (see Sketch attached). Further instructions will be issued later re registering for cooperation in barraging.

F. A. Hughes
 Capt:
 Adj: ST ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY

No: 1 File	No:11 112th Bty
2 War Diary	12 4th A.D.A
3 37th Bty	13 13th Inf: Bde
4 38th "	14 Left Battalion
5 39th "	15 Centre Battalion

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14th. October, 1916/

L I A I S O N .

The following will be the Liaison Detail from 7.0 a.m. 14th/Oct. 1916.

A Trench Party consisting of 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant or Corporal and three telephonists for duty at Trench Oil (EU 14) will be supplied by 11th., 4th., 43rd., and 41st. Batteries - in that order starting from 14th. Oct. 1916.

Period of Duty - 24 hours starting at 7.0 a.m. The Officer will withdraw nightly to Right Battalion Headquarters (Dead Dog Farm) at 7.0 p.m., remaining there until 7.0 a.m.


Telephonists may return to Battery if Officer so directs.

The Officer relieving will proceed direct to F/I/T/ in morning and not to Infantry Headquarters.

The 46th. Battery will find Observing Party as above strength at VORMSE BERE and the Officer withdraws at 7.0 p.m. to Centre Battalion (VORMSE BERE) as Liaison Officer, returning to O.P. at 7.0 a.m.

The 38th. Battery will find Observing Party as above at SPOILS BE and the Officer withdraws to Left Battalion (SPOILS BE) as Liaison Officer at 7.0 p.m.; returning to O.P. at 7.0 a.m.

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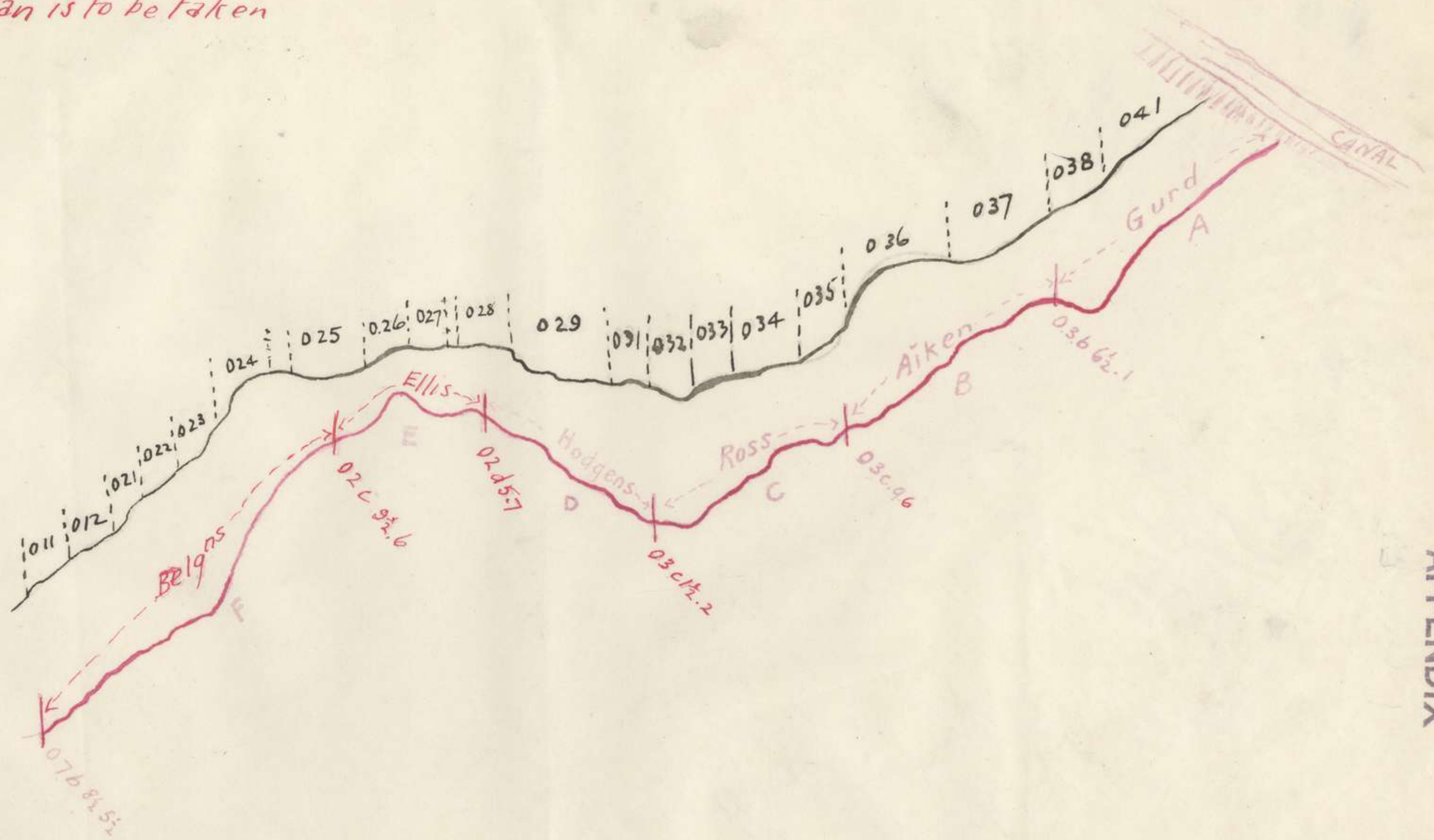
Capt. & Adj.,
LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY

No. 1	to	File
" 2	"	War Diary
" 3	"	4th. A.P.A.
" 4	"	38th.
" 5	"	41st.
" 6	"	42nd.
" 7	"	43rd.
" 8	"	46th.
" 9	"	11th.
" 10	"	13th. Inf. Bde.

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Sketch issued with Operation Memo No 2
is cancelled. This plan is to be taken
into use forthwith.

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The following zones and Night Lines etc are allotted :-

Battery	Zones	Night Lines
(A) 38th	From Canal to 0 3 b 6-1/2 1	0 4 a 5 6 & 0 4 a 2 3 0 4 a 0 2 & 0 3 b 8 1/2
(B) 43rd	From 0 3 b 6-1/2 1 to 0 3 c 9 6	0 3 b 7 1 & 0 3 b 6 0 0 3 d 3 9 & 0 3 d 1/2 6
(C) 41st	From 0 3 c 9 6 to 0 3 c 1-1/2 2	0 3 c 8 5 & 0 3 c 7 5-1/2 0 3 c 6 3 & 0 3 c 4 3
(D) 42nd	From 0 3 c 1-1/2 2 to 0 2 d 5 7	0 3 c 1 2 & 0 2 d 8-1/2 3 0 2 d 8 5 & 0 2 d 7 7
(E) 45th	From 0 2 d 5 7 to 0 2 c 9-1/2 6	0 2 d 5-1/2 7 & 0 2 d 3-1/2 6-1/2 & 0 2 d 1-1/2 7 & 0 2 c 9-1/2 6
(F) 3 Belg- ian Btys	From 0 2 c 9-1/2 6 to 0 7 b 8-1/2 5-1/2	To be notified later
111th How:	From Canal to 0 7 b 8-1/2 5-1/2	0 3 c 3 1 & 0 2 d 5 3 0 2 d 2 2 & 0 8 a 9 9
X 4 A	3 guns under Lieut: Anderson	From ST ELOI ROAD to CANAL
	3 guns (including detachment of Z 4 A) under Lieut Eades	From ST ELOI ROAD to DIEPENDAAL

O.P's are allotted as follows

38th Battery - SPOILBANK	also C	I 33 c 5-1/2 8-1/2
	CAMOUFLAGE TREE	0 2 a 7 9-1/2
41st Battery - ECLUSE	8	I 32 a 8-1/2 4-1/2
42nd	" ECLUSE 7	I 32 b 6-1/2 2-1/2
43rd	" ECLUSE TRENCH	I 32 a 2 2-1/2
45th	" VOORMEZEELE HOUSE	I 31 c 4 2
111th	" MILLMOUND	H 36 d 8 1-1/2
3 Belgian "	(As arranged)	
X 4 A	" do:	

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Field	21/10/16		<p style="text-align: right;">10th A. F. A. Bde</p> <p><u>Extract from St. Eloi Group Artillery Order N^o 7 dated 21.10.16</u></p> <p>Reference maps:- Wytschaete + Ypres.</p> <p>(1) <u>Intention</u> :- To destroy all known hostile M.G.E's.</p> <p>(2) <u>Batteries</u> :- 42nd + 45th 18 pdrs. and N^o 1 Group Belgian F.A.</p> <p>(4) <u>Bombardment</u> :- The actual bombardment of the hostile M.G.E's will take place at a date and time to be notified later, and to be conveyed in the following message:- "The Padre will preach at Manly at ----- to day."</p> <p>(7) <u>French mortars</u> will co-operate as arranged with T.M. officers.</p> <p>Task Table - Bombardment</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>42nd</td> <td>02d 86 + 02d 2 1/2 8.</td> <td>50 AX Deliberate.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>45th</td> <td>02d 1 1/2 7, 02d 17, + 02c 9.6.</td> <td>" "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belgians</td> <td>02c 73</td> <td rowspan="5" style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>02c 49</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>08a 39.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>08a 3 1/2 9 1/2</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>07b 65</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>07b 4 3 1/2</td> <td>180</td> </tr> </table> <p>T.M. as arranged personally with O.C. T.M.</p>	42 nd	02d 86 + 02d 2 1/2 8.	50 AX Deliberate.	45 th	02d 1 1/2 7, 02d 17, + 02c 9.6.	" "	Belgians	02c 73	}		02c 49		08a 39.		08a 3 1/2 9 1/2		07b 65		07b 4 3 1/2	180	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">APPENDIX.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ST. ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 10.

In the Field,
Oct. 29th. 1916.

The following operation will take place to-morrow, 30th. inst:-

Bombardment of the Enemy's Trenches in the BLUFF Sector and trenches for 300 yards South of the Canal on the ST. ELOI Sector in simulation of an attack.

TASKS. The ST. ELOI Group will co-operate with Batteries as per margin.

18-PRS.

<u>38th. Bty.</u>		
F.L.T. 0.4 a. 6½.6	Zero to Zero plus 2 hours	Front Line 0.4 a. 6½.6 to
to		0.4 a. 1½.2
0.4 a. 4.4	2 hours to 2 hours plus	Quickened Fire as above.
	2 minutes.	
<u>43rd. Bty.</u>		
F.L.T. 0.4 a. 4.4	2 Hours plus 2 minutes	Barrage lifts at 75 yards
to		per min. till on line
0.4 a. 1½.2		B. 4 c. 8.8 0.4 b. 2.4
	2 hours plus 8 minutes	Barrage jumps back to
		front line and remains
		till 2 hours plus 12 mins.
		when fire is stopped.
	2 hours plus 12 minutes to)	
	2 hours plus 48 minutes)	Pause
	2 hours plus 48 minutes to)	
	2 hours plus 50 minutes)	Front line as before.
	2 hours plus 50 minutes	Barrage again moves back
		as before.
	2 hours plus 56 minutes	Barrage jumps back to
		front line and remains
		there to Zero plus 3 hours
		when fire stops.

HOWITZERS.

<u>11th. Bty.</u>	Zero to zero plus 3 hrs.	On Communication Trenches
		1 Section on 0.4 a. 9.1
		0.4 a. 3½.4
		1 Section on 0.4 a. 9½.4
		0.4 a. 7½.4½
		and thence to 0.4 a. 5½.5
		and 0.4 a. 7.6
	Zero plus 2 hours to)	
	2 hours plus 12 minutes)	Battery on Trench junctions
	and)	from 0.4 d. 2.9 to 0.4 d. 1.6
	from zero plus 2 hours 48-mins.	
	to zero plus 3 hours.)	
	Zero plus 2 hours and 12 minutes	
	to 2 hours plus 48 minutes	Pause.

OPERATION ORDER NO.10 -contd.

TRENCH MORTARS.

<u>X. 4A</u>	zero to zero plus 2 hours	Bombardment of F.L.T. as for 18-prs., special attention being paid to junction at 0.4 a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$:4
	2 hours plus 8 minutes to 2 hours	Cease fire.
	2 hours plus 8 to 2 hours plus 12 minutes.	Resume fire.
	2 hours plus 12 minutes	Cease fire.

RATES OF FIRE.

18-prs. -

Zero to zero plus 2 hours	-	45	rounds	per	gun.
2 hours to 2 hours plus 2 minutes.	-	6	"	"	"
2 hours 2 minutes to 2 hours 8 minutes	-	12	"	"	"
2 hours 8 minutes to 2 hours 12 minutes	-	12	"	"	"
2 hours 48 minutes to 2 hours 50 minutes	-	6	"	"	"
2 hours 50 minutes to 3 hours.	-	34	"	"	"

Howitzers. -

Zero to zero plus 2 hours	-	B.Y.F. 40-seconds
Zero plus 2 hours to 2 hours plus 12 minutes	-	B.Y.F. 15-seconds
Zero plus 2 hours and 12-mins. to 2 hours plus 48 minutes-	Pause.	
Zero plus 2 hours 48 minutes to Zero plus 3 hours	-	B.Y.F. 15-seconds.

Arrangements for synchronisation of watches will be notified later.

Zero time will be notified later in the following message - "SUBMIT INDENTS DEFICIENCIES AT.....TODAY."

REGISTRATION. At earliest possible moment tomorrow, 30th. inst.

PHOTOGRAPHS. May be seen at Group Headquarters if desired.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....Lt.-Col.
Cmde. ST. ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY.

SECRET.Copy No. ¹⁰.....FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.ST. ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 11.In the Field,
Oct. 31st. 1916.

1. The following minor operation will take place on the night of 1st. November, with the object of inflicting casualties on the enemy's Ration Parties and reliefs, etc.-

2. TASKS. - ST. ELOI Group 18-pounders and .75 Batteries -

- 1 Belg. Bty. - Enfilade road 0.15 a.3.2 to 0.21 b.6.7
- 41st. " - Enfilade Canal 0.4 b.2.5 to 0.5 a.0.2
- 45th. " - Enfilade approaches to Dump on DAMSTRASSE
0.9 c.4.8 to 0.9 d.3.3
- 38th. " - Enfilade tracks in RAVINE WOOD.
0.10 a.9.1 to 0.10 a.3.4.
- 111th. " - On HOLLEBEKE.
- 1 Belg. " - Enfilade tracks and tramways
0.14 c.6.7 to 0.14 d.3.3
- 112th. " - On WYTSCHETE. (At least 2 guns must be used.)

3. TIMES. - 8 rounds will be fired on each of the above tasks at -

5.45 p.m.

6.27 p.m.

7.1 p.m. *7.1 p.m.*

7.42 p.m.

8.15 p.m.

Watches will be synchronised with this Office at 3.30 p.m. on date of operation.

4. PHOTOGRAPHS. - May be seen at Group Headquarters.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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ST. ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 11A

In the Field,
Oct. 31st. 1916.

Reference Map:-
VOORMEZELE.

INTENTION.- To breach Enemy F.L.T.

RETALIATION SCHEME "D"

Batteries:- 38th., 43rd., 112th.
Target:- F.L.T. 0.3 d.5.9½ to 0.3 d.3.8
Allotment:- 38th. - 0.3 d.5.9½ 43rd. - 0.3 d.3.8 112th. - 0.3 d.3½8½
Code:- "Retaliate Scheme 'D'"

RETALIATION SCHEME "E"

Batteries:- 41st., 42nd., 112th.
Target:- F.L.T. 0.3 c.8½.5½ to 0.3 c.6½.5½
Allotment:- 41st. - 0.3 c.8½.5½ 42nd. - 0.3 c.6½.5½ 112th. - 0.3 c.7.6
Code:- "Retaliate Scheme 'E'".

RETALIATION SCHEME "F"

Batteries:- 39th., 45th., 111th.
Target:- F.L.T. 0.2 d.2.7½ to 0.2 c.5.9½
Allotment:- 39th. - 0.2 d.2.7½ 45th. - 0.2 c.9.5½ 111th. - Craters 2&3
Code:- "Retaliate Scheme 'F'".

RETALIATION SCHEME "G"

Batteries:- 2 Belgian .75's and 111th.
Target:- F.L.T. 0.2 c.6.2½ to 0.2 c.5.½
Allotment:- 1 Belg. Bty. on 0.2 c.6.2½ 1 Belg. Bty. on 0.2 c.5.½
111th. on 0.2 c.5.½.1½
Code:- "Retaliate Scheme 'G'".

AMMUNITION.- For each scheme, 48-prs. and .75's - 50 rounds "AX" per Battery. Howitzers - 30 rounds "BX" per Battery.

GUNS.- As intention is to breach parapet, it is suggested that it may be advisable to use only one or two guns per Battery.

RATE.- Deliberate.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Wardens

Lieut.-Col.,
Cmdg., ST. ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY.

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ST. ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER NO.12.

Oct. 31st. 1916.

REFERENCE MAP. VOORMEZEELE.

- INFORMATION. 1. A mine will be blown opposite trench 026 at 5a.m. 1st. Novr. 1916.
- BARRAGE. 2. 42nd. 45th. and 39th. batteries will be prepared to barrage as under:-
 42nd. from Crater 5 inclusive to 0 2 d 7 6.
 45th. from Crater 3 inclusive to Crater 5 inclusive.
 39th. from Crater 3 exclusive to 0 2 c 8½ 5½.
- RATES. 3. Zero to zero plus 5 minutes. 3 rds per gun per min.
 Zero plus 5 min to zero plus 15 2 rds per gun per min.
 Zero plus 15 min to zero plus 30 Bty fire 10 sec.
- SIGNAL. NOTE. Zero yime will start from signal to fire.
 4. If the infantry desire a barrage a green rocket will be fired from our trenches in vicinity of 026.
 Batteries will immediately proceed as in previous para.
 Necessary watch to be kept.
- O.P. & BATTERIES. CODE. 5. Manned at 4.45 a.m.
- TELEPHONE 6. On receipt of following message from Group. Batteries will fire as in paras. 2 & 3. "BARRAGE NEW CRATER".
- TIMES. 7. Open lines to Group Hqrs. from 4.45 a.m. 1st. prox and communication tested.
 8. Check with group signallers at 4.45 a.m.
 Acknowledge by telephone.

(Sgd). G.H.M. King Lt.Col.
 Commanding St. Eloi Group.

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ST. ELOI GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 13.In the Field,
Oct. 31st. 1916.Reference Map.

VOORMEZEEL.

CO-OPERATION WITH T.M. BATTERIES.

T.M. BATTERIES. - O.C., X.4A and Z.4A will arrange that two guns from each Battery are left in positions that are not in F.L.T and that personnel sufficient for manning them (including an Officer from each Battery) are near them from dawn to dark, i.e. 6.0 a.m. to 5.0 p.m.

T.M. ACTION. In the event of enemy trench mortaring, these Trench Mortars will reply immediately, firing two for one, having first asked for covering fire through nearest telephone. Artillery Code Book to be used thus:-
11028 14048 24326
After enemy cease, T.M. will notify covering Battery that covering fire is no longer required, thus:-
11028 14050

CEASE FIRE. - Covering Battery will be responsible for ceasing fire when T.M. stops.

COVERING BATTERIES. - 38th. will cover X.4A (or T.M. Battery stationed in Northern part of ST. ELOI Sector)
39th. will cover Z.4A (or T.M. Battery stationed in Southern part of ST. ELOI Sector)

LOOK-OUT. - Covering Batteries will keep constant watch for our T.M.'s opening, and opening covering fire immediately, without waiting for T.M.'s request.

METHOD OF FIRE. - Bursts of shrapnel - but economy must be practised.

COMMUNICATION. - X.4A (or Northern Battery) has the following systems at disposal for obtaining covering fire:-
1. Company Trench Stations to E.S.29 plugging through to E.S.71 (38th. O.P.)
2. Artillery Trench Station in O.36 to 43rd. Bty. and thence to E.V.49.
3. By arrangement between Os.C. 38th. and X.4A, a direct line may be arranged between T.M. and E.S.71.

Z.4A (or Southern Battery) :-
1. Company Trench Station to E.T.10 (Centre Btn. HQrs) to E.W.3 (39th. O.P.)
2. Artillery Trench Station E.U.14 (Trench O.23) direct to E.V.49.
3. From T.M. Station E.X.4 through E.X.2 to E.V.49.

GENERAL. - Os.C., 18-pounders and T.M. Batteries should discuss the position and if thought necessary, make any further arrangements, notifying Group.

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39th.
X.4A
Z.4A

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Left Btn. D.T.M.C.

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