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THIEUSHOOK Q29C3545 Sheet 27	1/8/18		<p>Fine &amp; warm, light winds varying from N.E. to S. visibility poor all day on account of haze.            Shorting during the day - nil.            At night - 60 rds harassing fire on DERMOT HOUSE, SLOGAN FARM. + NOOTE BOOM.            Battery strength:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1309 735 2725 957"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Duty</th> <th>Employed</th> <th>Detached</th> <th>Ret</th> <th>Leave</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Rk.</td> <td>171</td> <td>44</td> <td>13</td> <td>6</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Duty	Employed	Detached	Ret	Leave	Officers	6		3			Other Rk.	171	44	13	6	3	<p><i>[Signature]</i> See appendix.</p>
	Duty	Employed	Detached	Ret	Leave																	
Officers	6		3																			
Other Rk.	171	44	13	6	3																	
			<p>casualties: 3<sup>rd</sup> Coy. P.O. / Pdr Bond R. Mr. Mayhead R and Mr. O. Dougal R wounded by bomb dropped from aeroplane whilst digging position for mine and guns preparatory to battery moving to new position near FLETTRE. Bond &amp; Mr. Dougal admitted to hospital, Mayhead returned to duty after wound -ation.</p>																			
			<p>Returned to unit. Lieut. A.H. Downey returned to duty after 14 days at rest camp at WIMMEREUX, near BOULOGNE.</p>																			
			<p>Honours and Awards. Extract from "The London Gazette Supplement" No 30812 dated 25 July 1918. vide AIF LIST No 304 30-7-18            Grade de la Couronne. Lieut. Col. John Herbert Hurst.            Croix de Guerre. Lieut. Col. Hurst. Lieut. G.B. Rowe.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>																		

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THIEUS HOOR 929c3848 Sheet 27	2-8-18		<p>W. catches Wet with only occasional stoppages. Visibility nil owing to mist.</p> <p>Tactical borounds Harassing fire on DERMOT HOUSE, F4c 9550. F16d by F17a 40. in neighbourhood of CUTTERSTEENE and NOOTE BOOM.</p>	J.M.																		
	3-8-18		<p>The strength of the Battery was 9 officers &amp; 24 ORs detailed as follows</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>offro</td> <td>Sutly</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>On leave</td> <td>Employed</td> <td>Detached</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>O.Rs.</td> <td>161</td> <td>12</td> <td>3</td> <td>44</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table>	offro	Sutly	Sick	On leave	Employed	Detached		6					O.Rs.	161	12	3	44	3	J.M.
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			<p>casualties 1 OR wounded in the leg by accident, while a rifle was being cleaned, the trigger was pulled &amp; as the rifle was loaded, it fired. Court of Enquiry convened, found: B.O. Spring fully of magazine weather. Cloudy and cold. Visibility good. Temperature 60°F.</p>																			
			<p>Tactical</p> <p>10-15am Successful datum on HULLEBERT FARM, near BLEU. 5 rds expended</p> <p>3-50pm " " NOOTE BOOM. 14 rds expended. OK on house, which was damaged</p> <p>6-42pm Neutralization of AA14. 12 rds expended</p> <p>10pm 60 rounds harassing fire on KISMET HOUSE, F4c 9550, + F9a 1045</p>																			
	4-8-18	3-40pm to 4-15pm	<p>10 rds datum on HULLEBERT FARM + 10-55pm to 11pm. 12 rds on F11d 8685-7570 (neutralization) — 1 am 1-7 am 1-30 am 2 am 2-30 am + 3 am.</p>																			
	5-8-18		<p>63 rds fired on Concentration on F14b 9550-15a 1550</p>	J.M.																		

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THIEUSHOUK	5-8-18		<p>Strength. The strength of the battery is:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>Sixty</td> <td>Left</td> <td>Leave</td> <td>Detached</td> <td>Employed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORs</td> <td>162</td> <td>12</td> <td>3</td> <td>12</td> <td>44</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Gun Strength</u> No 4 gun removed to Ordnance. Cut off gear went out of action causing a violent run up damaging stuffing box and gland of recuperator. No 3 gun pulled out owing to a list of 8° 20' high on left. Put in in same put at a bearing of 130° grid.</p> <p><u>Weather</u>. Very wet all day. Visibility poor.</p> <p><u>Communications</u> Telephone communication between O Pand Battery and Brigade and battery disconnected for 12 hours. Communication maintained by visual signalling.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> 11pm to 3am bombardment harassing fire on NOOTE BOOM and other targets in vicinity of NOOTE BOOM.</p>	Officers	Sixty	Left	Leave	Detached	Employed	ORs	162	12	3	12	44	<p>Jan</p>
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices												
THIEUSHOUK Sheet 27 SE Q29C 3545	6.8.18	10am	<p>The strength of the Battery was <del>officers ORs detailed as follows:-</del> Duty Sick Leave Detached Employed</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>officers</td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORs</td> <td>164</td> <td>10</td> <td>3</td> <td>12</td> <td>44</td> </tr> </table> <p>Gunn strength No 3 guns in position and reported ready for action.  <u>Weather</u>. Cloudy with sunshine at intervals. Stiff breeze blowing from SW. Temperature 55° F.  <u>Tactical</u>.</p>	officers	6					ORs	164	10	3	12	44	J. H. M.
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ORs	164	10	3	12	44											
		11am	12 rounds darning on HULLEBERT FARM, near BLEU.													
		3.30pm, 3.50pm, 4.20pm	Bursts of 12 rds on F11d 3580, near NOOTE BOOM.													
		3pm	8 rounds darning on F9a 5585, house near OUTER STEENE.													
		4.35, 4.55 + 8pm	Bursts of 12 rounds each on F9b 3587 F10a 2085.													
		10.30pm to 3am	Harassing fire 50 rounds on NOOTE BOOM, F12a 75, F12a 34, F11d 9505, in the vicinity of CEMETERY.													
			<u>General</u> . His Majesty the King visited the IV Corps area + proceeded through area as per attached slip.	Vide Appendix.												

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices															
THIEUSHOOK Q 290 3545 Sheet 27	9/8/18		<p><u>Weather</u> Fine &amp; warm - visibility fair - wind light S.W. temp 60°. Fog at night.</p> <p>5 Guns in action 1 in workshops.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u></p> <p>5.50pm. 12 rds Concentration on F1465570, OUTERSTEENE AREA.</p> <p>6.45pm 9 rds fired on Hostile Battery - FB13 - on receipt of NF call.</p> <p>8.35pm 3 rds Concentration on F1465570.</p> <p>11pm to 3am 8/8/18. 80 rds Harassing Fire on NOOTE BOOM, F11 d 9505, F12 a 7.5., &amp; F12 a 3.4. (X rds &amp; houses in the vicinity of NOOTE BOOM)</p>	J. May.															
			<p><u>Battery Strength</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>Officers</u></td> <td colspan="4">Duty Leave, Sick Employed Detached.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Other Ranks</u></td> <td>159</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>12.</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Officers</u>	Duty Leave, Sick Employed Detached.				<u>Other Ranks</u>	159	5	6	44					12.	J. May.
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			<p><u>Weather</u> Fine but overcast most of day with from fair to poor visibility. Temp 66° F.</p> <p><u>Gun Strength</u> 5 guns in action 1 in workshop.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> 12.15 am 9 rounds gun fire on targets 1000 yds to the left of OUTER STEENE Fgt 35 to F10 a 2085.</p>																

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THIEUSHOEK	8-8-18	12.25	<p>9 rounds gun fire concentration on targets to the left of                      OOTTERSTEENE F9b35 F10a 2085.                      11 AM to 3 am 80 rounds harassing fire on targets near NOOTE                      Boom and between OOTTERSTEENE and NOOTE Boom.                      General No 2 gun out of action.</p>	J.M.																		
	9-8-18		<p>The strength of the Battery was 9 officers 226 OR detailed as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="616 1038 2464 1239"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Duty</th> <th>Sick</th> <th>Leave</th> <th>Employed</th> <th>Detached</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>officers</td> <td>6</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O.Rs.</td> <td>159</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>44</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Weather Fine, but cloudy with breeze blowing from NW. to N.                      Temperature 60°F.                      Gun strength. 4 guns in action, 1 out of action owing to glands slipping in cut off gear + gun running back, damaging recuperator. one in workshops.                      Tactical 2.45 pm + 3.35 pm Bursts of 4 rounds intense at each time on the STEAMMILL in X24C, SW. of BAILLEUL.                      4.10 pm - 4.50 pm. Bursts of 3 rounds each time on house at F11d 37.                      7.30 pm Datum shoot with N°6 Observation Section on HAUTE MAISON. 8 rounds. N.P.I. + 12" of target.                      10 pm to 3 am. 80 rounds harassing fire on F10b 2570, F17a 6590, F4c 9550, + F11 b 9516 NOOTE BOOM + the vicinity.</p>		Duty	Sick	Leave	Employed	Detached	officers	6	-	-	-	3	O.Rs.	159	5	6	44	12	J.M.
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THIEUSHOOK Sheet 27 Q29C3545	18/8/18		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine &amp; warm - visibility fair - light N.W. wind Temp. 65°</p> <p><u>Gun Strength</u> Three guns in action, one dismounted owing to carriage being sent to N. 12 O.M.W. for repairs. &amp; 2 out of action owing to stripping of gland in cut off gear and gun running back and damaging recuperator.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u></p> <p>11.20 am 8 rds datuming on NOOTE BOOM</p> <p>11.45 am &amp; 11.56 am. 4 mins. intense on area Aid &amp; Arc. South of BAILLEUL. - during Concentration.</p> <p>12.20 pm. &amp; 12.40 pm. Concentration of 3 mins intense at former time and 1 rd at latter time on area South of OUTERSTEENE.</p> <p>4.55 pm. 20 rds on F2d41 on receipt of LL call from Brigade.</p> <p>7.15 pm 8 rds on Hostile Battery FB71 with balloon observation</p> <p>11.30 to 3 am 80 rds Harassing Fire on F1062095, F11d3585; DERMOT HOUSE apparatus &amp; NOOTE BOOM.</p>													
	11-8-18		<p><u>Strength</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>Duty</td> <td>Leave</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>Employed</td> <td>Detached</td> </tr> <tr> <td>165</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td>44</td> <td>14</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Officers	Duty	Leave	Sick	Employed	Detached	165	5	5	44	14		H.P.S.
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<p>THIEUSHOOK Sheet 207 Q29c3545</p>	<p>11.8.18</p>		<p><u>Weather</u>. Fine and clear with good visibility. Temp 70°F. <u>General</u>. I.O. reported numerous explosions in enemy territory near NEUF BERQUIN.</p>	<p>J.P.M.</p>
			<p><u>Tactical</u>. 1.31pm. 3 rounds fired on target near DERMOT HOUSE in answer to NF call from aeroplane. 11pm to 3am. 80 rounds harassing fire on targets near VERITY CROSSING, NOOTE ROOM, F12a 7545, and F10b 2590. Railway crossing near SLOGAN FARM.</p>	
	<p>12.8.18</p>		<p><u>Weather</u>. Sultry and misty all day. Visibility nil. Temperature 70°F. <u>Gun Strength</u>. Four guns in action. No 1 reported ready for action at 3pm. <u>Tactical</u>. 10.30 am. 5 rounds concentration on FB 62, near NOOTE ROOM. 11am. 5 rounds concentration on FB 164 near NOOTE ROOM. 4.15pm. 1 round concentration on F12a 7035 near NOOTE ROOM. 3.50pm + 5.30pm. 4 rds each time on F12a 8570 to 8045, near NOOTE ROOM. 10.30pm to 2am. 80 rounds harassing on hedges + tracks in the vicinity of NOOTE ROOM.</p>	<p>J.P.M.</p>

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THIEUSHOIK SHEET 27 Q29C3545	13/8/18		<p><u>Strength</u> <del>Officers</del> <del>D.R.</del> detail as follows.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>Duties</td> <td>Sick</td> <td>Employed</td> <td>On leave</td> <td>Detached</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>166</td> <td>4</td> <td>44</td> <td>5</td> <td>3 14</td> </tr> </table>	Officers	Duties	Sick	Employed	On leave	Detached	6	166	4	44	5	3 14	J.M.
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			<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine &amp; warm - visibility good. Temp 70°. Wind light N.W.</p>													
			<p><u>Gun strength</u> 4 guns in action, 1 in workshops 1 out of action owing to teeth bevelled pinion of automatic cut off gear being broken.</p>													
			<p><u>Tactical</u> 4.30pm 10 rds on HAUTE MAISON with visual observation</p>													
			<p>5.30pm 20 rds on OUTERSTEENE.</p>													
			<p>7.35pm - 8pm 30 rds on OUTERSTEENE</p>													
			<p>9.3pm 6 rds on Hostile Bty. FB 71</p>													
			<p>11pm to 3am 80 rds fired during harassing fire on area at NOOTE BOOM</p>													
			<p>11.45. 11.55pm. 2.20 + 2.40 am Concentrations of 5 rds on F20 d 15.15.</p>													
			<p>1.30 am. Concentration 14 rds on Small Square in BAILLEUL re operation Order No 97.</p>													
			<p><u>General</u> Orders received from Brigade that this battery would put 50 rds per day into OUTERSTEENE - with visual observation. (Subsequent amended to read for 1 day only)</p>													

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THIEU SHOU Q2903545	14	8-10	Battery strength							231
			Officers	Duty	Leave	Sick	Detached	Employed	Eff. Strength	
			150	6	7	15	44	9	231	
Weather			Fine and warm but had visibility owing to ground mist. Temp 70° F.							
Gun strength			No 4 returned from workshop at 9 am but had to be sent back at 3.30 pm owing to misfit. No 2 still out of action owing to evaporator trouble. No 1 out of action for 4 hours owing to pressure escaping.							
Tactical			2 to 2.30 pm 20 rounds fired on BITTERSTEENE with usual observation from MONT DES CATS. Good bursts observed among the village ruins. @ 2.0 pm 3 rounds fired on hostile battery near BAILLEUL in answer to aeroplane call. 7.15 pm to 8 pm 19 rounds fired on TERAPIN HOUSE with observation from No 6 observation group. Shot unsatisfactory owing to another battery firing at same time.							

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THIEUSHOUK. Q29c 3545	14-8-18		Tactical 11pm to 3am 82 rounds fired on crossings F10d4015, F10a 3333 F16a 8095, F4c 9550 between BAILLUEL and CUTTERSTEENE	J.M.
	15-8-18		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine, but overcast and cool, visibility poor till 4 pm owing to ground mist. Temp. 62° F.</p> <p><u>Guns strength.</u> Four guns in action. One at workshops, and one out of action owing to recuperator trouble.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u></p> <p>5pm to 7.30pm. Destructive shoot carried out on DERMOT HOUSE, and suspected <del>at</del> <u>Eng</u> <del>posts</del> <u>posts</u> in vicinity thereof. Observed by No 6 Cross Observation Group + KILGOBBIN O.P. (2ASB). 98 rounds expended 29 ranging rounds including 1 O.K. + 5 N.O. rounds. Delay was caused in ranging owing to another battery firing in vicinity of target. During F.F.E. No 32 Ballon section reported considerable damage done to target. The M.P.I. was well on target and at least 30% of the rounds fell into the actual enclosure. What appeared to be a concrete structure in front of target was completely destroyed by 2 direct hits. Two wooden edifices adjoining were also completely demolished. During the shoot walls, brick &amp; wooden material were repeatedly thrown up.</p> <p>7.35pm 6 rounds were fired on S50b 23 (BAILLEUL) in answer to an NF call. Plane sent down N.T. at 7.40 (i.e. battery silenced).</p> <p>10.20pm to 2 am 80 rounds here assy fired on MOOTE BOOM - hedges in vicinity, and on active area around F12a 24 near CEMETERY.</p>	J.M.

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THIEUSHOUK Q29c 3545, Sheet 27	16-8-18		<p>The O.O.S. signal was sent up at 5.15 am, and orders were received to open fire, which was done immediately. 54 rounds were expended.</p> <p>Weather Fine &amp; warm, visibility poor all day until 5 pm when it became fair</p> <p>Gun strength No 2 gun reported in action 5 now in action &amp; 1 in workshops</p> <p><u>Tactical</u></p> <p>2.31 pm. 6 rds on Hostile Battery FB 71 on receipt of NF call</p> <p>5.45 pm to 7 pm 25 rds on Terrapin House. Being commencement of a destructive shoot allotted to this battery, but had to be abandoned owing to poor visibility.</p> <p>11 pm to 2.30 am. 80 rds Harassing Fire on F12a 7045, F11, a 9.1, F11d 3.9. and F4c 9550. - Roads &amp; Road junctions in the vicinity of NOOTE BOOM and VERITY CROSSING.</p>	J.M.
	17-8-18		<p>Weather Fine and clear with good visibility Temp 67° F</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> 9.30 am 10 rounds datuming on TERRAPIN HOUSE</p> <p>10.30 AM to 12.30 pm 81 rounds destructive shoot on TERRAPIN HOUSE with observation from No 6 Observation group. One OK reported during ranging in fire for effect observation reported rounds well on target</p>	J.M.

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THIEUSHOOK. 92903546	17-8-18		1pm to 6pm. 150 rounds fired on area in vicinity of BELLE CROIX FARM. Observations reported enemy seen taking cover also several explosions	J.M.
	18/8/18		7-15pm. 9 rounds concentration on hostile battery near BAILLEUL 10pm to 3am. 80 rounds. Harassing fire on 500 yds square, centre of activity to right of OUTER STEENE	J.M.
			Weather. Fine - good visibility - Strong NW + W winds Temp 60°	J.M.
			Tactical. 11am to 2pm. 361 rds fired on Barrage lines & Protective Barrage lines in support of operations carried out by 9th & 29th Divisions - Capture of HOEGENACKER RIDGE and village of OUTER STEENE.	
			3.10pm to 3.20pm. 6 rds on CLAPBANK XROADS. X29613.	
			3.25pm to 4.10pm 110 rds on S.O.S lines	
			6.10 to 7.10 pm 91 rds on S.O.S lines with 200+ left up to +1000+	
			7.25pm to 7.41pm 31 " " S.O.S. lines " " " "	
			8.37pm to 10pm 157 " " S.O.S. lines " " " "	

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THIEUSHOUK Q29C3545 Sheet. 27	18-8-18		<p>12 midnight to 2.30am. 80 rds Harassing Fire on X 30 d 1530. to F<sup>0</sup>12a 7.5. - F5b 4555 to F11 69.2.</p> <p>4am to 4.50am. 39 rds on S.O.S lines + 200<sup>x</sup> left up to +800<sup>x</sup>.</p> <p><u>General</u> At 8.40pm. Orders received from Brigade to move the 2 rear guns up to the forward position at FLETRE. Work commenced on the dismounting at 9pm. + proceeded during the night.</p>	Jdy.
	19-8-18		<p><u>Weather</u> Fine and clear with good visibility. Temperature 67<sup>o</sup>F</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> 10.52am to 11.45AM. 64 rounds fired on S.O.S lines. 2.40pm to 3.40pm. Registration shoot by guns from new positions on FLETRE on target F17a 7095 NOOTE BOOM. Satisfactory.</p> <p>4.44pm 3 rounds fired on hostile battery near BAILLEUL in answer to aeroplane call.</p> <p>10pm to 3.20am. 80 rounds fired on FRISCO FARM and hedges surrounding. Harassing fire.</p> <p><u>General</u> 2h mt No 1 gun and No. 3 gun commenced to pull out to move to new position at LE BUIERRE near FLETRE</p>	Jdy.

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FLETRE Wilib 9005 Sheet 27	20/8/18		<p>Tactical 18/8/18 Contd - Capture of Hoegenacker Ridge operations were viewed from Hilgoblin and Luttersteele } O.P. by: 906. AA- &amp; 60. 36<sup>th</sup> (Aust) Brigade</p>	
		12.30pm	8 rds Concentration on <del>Hostile</del> Hostile Battery FB83	
		12.50pm	6 do " " " " F17a9010	
		1.15pm	6 do " " " " FD13	
		1.20pm	6 " " " " FD23	
		2pm	6 " " " " AA 21	
		2.27pm	6 " " " " FD 22	
		2.40pm	22 " " " " F6c5.8.	
		3.5pm	6 " " " " FD 10	
		3.40pm	6 " " " " FD 11	
		4pm	6 " " " " FD 41	
		5.45pm	6 " " " " FD 41	
		7.50pm	24 " " " " FD 21 & FD 22	
		8.40pm	24 " " " " AC 11 & 12	
		8.50pm	25 " " " " FD 21 & FD 22	
		11.15pm to 2.30am	80 Harassing fire on F23 C8520 - ORB HOUSE - DOBOIS FARM - A14 & 2055 -	
		1.50 am to 2pm	22 rds on Counter Barrage Target (C) FD44.	
			General Bty C. Post moved to new position at FLETRE & Rest moved to old position at THIEVSHOOK.	
			All 4 forward guns reported in action	

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LE BEURRE	21-818		<p>Battery strength                      officers 7                      ORs 162                      1 9 16 42 230</p> <p>Duty Sick Leave Detached Employed Eff. Sgt.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm visibility poor in early morning but cleared to fair during afternoon.</p> <p>Tactical 1140 am to 1146 am 12 rounds fired on enemy battery 1000 yds south of NOOTE BOOM</p> <p>1140 am to 1153 am 20 rounds fired on FRISCO FARM.</p> <p>155 pm to 2. 6 pm 12 rounds fired on hostile battery at PONT WEMEAU</p> <p>7.30 pm 15 rounds fired at hostile battery to the south of BAILLEUL</p> <p>11 pm to 3.20 am 80 rounds harassing fire on RDU BOIS FARM, HUK HOUSE and cross road in F23c 3520 A14b 2055. PONT WEMEAU and LE BEQUE</p> <p>General Battery position shelled with 15 cm H at different intervals throughout day and night. Direction of sound BAILLUEL sector. No damage done to personnel or property.</p>	JMG

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<p>LA BEURRE FLETRE W 11 &amp; 9005 Sheet 27</p>	<p>22/8/18</p>		<p><u>Weather</u>:- Hot. moderate S W to W wind Temp 80°                      Visibility fair.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> 10.25 am to 1.40 pm Destructive shoot with Aeroplane                      Observation on A14c 8099. 4 guns registered.                      8.12 pm. 8 rds on hostile battery position FB55. on receipt                      of W.F. call.</p> <p><u>Gun State</u> 4 guns in action in new position one in workshop                      and one temporarily out of action owing to recuperator being                      sent to work shops for repairs.</p> <p>11.30 pm to 3.30 am. 80 rounds harassing fire on F23b 8545 to F24c                      2000, F23a 1590 to F23c 3520. A13c 6555, 9075. at PONT WEMEAU and                      neighbourhood of NOOTE BOOM.</p>	<p>J.M.</p>
	<p>23-8-18</p>		<p><u>Weather</u> Lower temperatures than previous days but still                      warm. Visibility fair.</p> <p><u>General</u> No. 6 gun again in action. No 5 enroute to battery                      position.</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> 10.30 am. 6 rounds fired on hostile battery in answer                      to aeroplane call.</p>	<p>J.M.</p>

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LABEURRE W 1169005.	23-9-18		11.40 am to 12.25 pm 21 rounds harassing fire on hostile battery near BAILLEUL	J.M.
			12.13 pm. 6 rounds fired on hostile battery to right of DOULIEU.	
			1.27 pm. 2.10 pm 20 rounds harassing fire on hostile battery near BAILLEUL	
			1.38 pm. Test XX on 2000 infantry advancing through DOULIEU.	
			2.35 pm. 25 rounds harassing fire on hostile battery A 4 d. 4690 in BAILLEUL sector	
			4.8 pm. 4.30 pm 24 rounds harassing fire on hostile batteries near PONT NEMEAU.	
			4.20 pm. 4.45 pm 20 rounds harassing fire on hostile battery near LABEGUE.	
			6.40 pm. 9 rounds fired on hostile battery in answer to aeroplane call near BAILLEUL.	
			6.51 pm. 9 rounds fired on hostile battery in answer to aeroplane call near GAUL FARM.	
			7.30 pm. 7 rounds fired on above target.	
			Reconnaissance of Motesen Ridge for O.P. by Major Maubets MG. heavily shelled throughout; a suitable position was found at Ince Farm in close proximity to existing support line trenches.	

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LA BUIERRE W 116 9005 FLETRE	23-8-18	8-15pm	<u>Tactical.</u> 9 rounds fired on hostile battery in answer to airc. call. near BENEFIT ROW.	Daily.
		8-30pm	9 rounds fired on above target.	
		12-30am	to 3-20am 80 rounds harassing on DOULIEU Cross Roads	
	24-8-18		<u>Weather</u> Day opened with drizzling rain but cleared towards midday. Good view that obtaining for some days previously. Visibility good.	Daily.
			<u>General</u> No 5 gun returned from workshops and mounted reported for action at 2pm.	
			<u>Tactical</u> 2-15pm to 2-19pm 20 rounds fired on hostile battery in DOULIEU sector Orders from Brigade	
			2-35pm to 2-39pm 20 rounds fired on hostile battery in DOULIEU Sector Orders from Brigade	
			6-24pm 6 rounds fired on hostile battery in answer to aeroplane call. in BAILLEUL sector.	

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LABEYERRE Wt 9005 FLETRE	24-8-18	7-24 pm	12 rounds fired on hostile battery in BAILLEUL sector.	July
		7-54 pm	12 rounds fired on hostile battery in BAILLEUL sector in answer to aeroplane call.	
		8-31 pm	12 rounds fired on hostile battery in BAILLEUL sector in answer to NF call.	
		9 pm	16 rounds concentration on RUE de la GARE BAILLEUL	
		11 pm to 2 am	40 rounds harassing fire on FRISCO FARM and vicinity.	
	25-8-18	Tactical	2-45 pm 16 rounds concentration on hostile battery near PONT WEMEAU	
		FD 24	3-5 pm. 16 rounds fired on hostile battery	
		hostile battery	3-15 pm. 16 rounds concentration on FD 11.	
		near PONT WEMEAU.	3-25 pm. 16 rounds concentration FD 21.	
		(aeroplane call)	3-35 pm 6 rounds on hostile battery firing	

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LEBEURRE	25-8-18		6-55pm to 7-15pm 10 rounds fired on house and surroundings in F30a 0099 in answer to call from Forward Observing Officer. KILGOBBIN O.P. Reported rounds well on target and movement ceased. [Reconnaissance of substructure for suitable O.P. - Unsuccessful by O.C. Butler & Keith Phillips]	
	26-8-18		10pm to 3-30am 40 rounds harassing fire on FRISCO FARM and F30a 0099. 10 either Day opened dull and wet. Cleared during day. Visibility dull but cleared towards evening. Tactical 2-30pm to 2-59 rounds fired on hostile battery in BAILLEUL Sector. 4-25pm 3-10pm 9 rounds fired on AC 2 Concentration at each burst. 10-57pm 16 rounds fired on battery as a counter battery operation. 11-30pm 12 rounds fired on NOOTE BOOM Concentration. 12 to 2am 40 rounds harassing fire on WARM FARM A15a 3510	

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LEBEURRE	27-8-18		<p>Battery strength Officers 6 ORs 150 Duty Employed Lds Detached Leave 6 41 6 16 16</p> <p>Weather Overcast with occasional showers.</p> <p>Operations. Operation order No 100. Objective to take LAUDICK from L2C11 through Bowen Cottages to RUE MONTIGNY. The battery had no set task but had numerous calls from aeroplanes to neutralise active hostile batteries.</p> <p>Tactical 6.5 am 6 rounds on FB 80 6.24 " 9 " " on FD 7 7.17 " 6 " " " AA 60 10.41 " 6 " " " A20c0770968 11.14 am to 12.55 pm 84 rounds on FD 48 &amp; FD 49 12.36 pm to 12.41 pm 9 " " " FD 21, FD 22, F26 660 3.50 pm, 4.15 pm, 5.15 pm, 5.45 pm concentrations on AA 85, A20c0771, 0968 F24c5055, 3248 FD 22 hostile batteries in BAILLEUL &amp; DOULIEU Sectors 32 rounds fired.</p>	

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LE BEURRE	27-8-18		<p>4.26pm 6 rounds fired on hostile battery in answer to aeroplane call.</p> <p>5.9pm and 5.27pm 15 rounds fired on AA and LB hostile batteries in BAILLEUL sector and RUE PROVOST sector.</p> <p>6.25pm 21 rounds fired on F24a 0205 with observation from KILGORBIN O.P. T.O.O reported rounds well on target.</p> <p>7.55pm 3 rounds fired on hostile battery A4a 79 in BAILLEUL sector.</p> <p>11pm to 3.30am 4 rounds harassing on LE VERRIER and vicinity.</p> <p>Lieut C P R Dodgson detached as Liaison Officer with left Brigade Centre Division as liaison officer. 36 Aust Bgde. RGA.</p>	
	28-8-18		<p>Weather - Wet. occasional stoppage<sup>(of rain)</sup> - Visibility Nil owing to Mist.</p>	
		3.30pm	<p>Tactical 12 rounds fired on A.A. 85 - Near La Becque</p>	

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Le Beurte	28-8-18	5.5 pm	<p><u>Tactical</u> 12 rounds fired on A.A. 85 - Near La Beque } concentration</p>	
		7.10 pm	12 rounds fired on A.A. 85 - Near La Beque }	
		11 pm 2 am	20 rounds fired on La Rose Farm } Harrassing	
		11 pm 20 gun	20 rounds fired on La Beque Farm }	
29-8-18			<p>Battery Strength                      Officers Duty Sick Leave Detached Employed                      Other ranks 150 5 16 16 42</p>	
			<p>Weather Morning opened fine with few clouds. High wind. Visibility only fair owing to ground mist.</p>	
			<p>General Battery and precincts shelled at three intervals of about 15 mins duration with 10 cm HV Gun. No damage to personnel. 3 shells damaged by falling shrapnel case.</p>	
			<p>5.00 KILGUBBIN reported all villages in front our fire including the town of ESTAIRES.</p>	
			<p>Tactical 2.11 pm to 2.25 pm 2.5 rounds fired on hostile battery AA45, BAILLEUL Sector.</p>	
			<p>3.56 pm 6 rounds fired on AA2.</p>	
			<p>4.1 pm 8 rounds fired on FD22, hostile battery.</p>	

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LE BEURRE	29-8-18		<p>430 pm 1 round fired on DOULIEU.</p> <p>517 pm 3 rounds fired on L 56 27 hostile battery near DOULIEU</p> <p>548 pm 3 rounds fired on AC 3 near LE VERRIER</p> <p>617 pm 615 pm 652 pm 9 rounds fired on hostile batteries near DOULIEU</p> <p>11 pm to 4 am 40 rounds fired on X roads in Art harassing fire</p> <p>Operation Order No 101 (attached) Battery had no set task but received numerous NF calls from p lanes. All objectives gained</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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LeBeurre	30.8.18.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Morning opened cloudy but cleared up later in the day. Warm - fresh breeze - Visibility very poor owing to heavy haze and ground mist.</p> <p><u>General</u> 3.00 Kilgobbin O.P. reports fires still raging in enemy lines - numerous explosions in ESTAITES which is apparently completely destroyed.</p> <p>Capt Mac Bride went out to reconnoitre country ahead and to ascertain to what extent our Infantry patrol had pushed forward - The Boche showed little inclination to fight and retired quickly before our advancing patrols, burning almost everything in the country evacuated. Large quantities of ammunition and equipment were abandoned by the enemy -</p> <p>At 6.30pm Mont de Lille was still in enemy possession - we holding Baillout. and <sup>line</sup> ran approximately south of Baillout to Cemetery (east of Noot Boom) ul F 12 a. - enemy showed some small resistance at latter point - probably a detached post covering the retirement.</p>	

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La Beauce	30-9-18	1:30 pm	<p><u>Tactical</u></p> <p>3 rounds fired on AA 85 - Near LA Becque - from Bde. (10:45 am Orders were received from Brigade not to open fire unless instructed by Brigade.)</p>																
	31-8-18		<p><u>Battery Strength</u> 9 Officers 228 Other Ranks.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>6</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>O. Rs.</td> <td>152</td> <td>2</td> <td>20</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>42</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Weather</u> - Overcast. Sunny at intervals - light rain during early morning. Visibility poor owing to haze from firing ranging in enemy line (accompanied also by numerous explosions.)</p> <p><u>Tactical</u> - Battery still silent owing to guns being well out of range consequent on enemy withdrawal.</p> <p><u>General</u> - Acting under instructions received from Brigade Lt Col Morrison's reconnaissance roads <del>from</del> East of Bailleul from Thornton-Waterloo Rd to Bailleul. Armed cores Rd. 400 personnel inspection found that the aforementioned</p>	Officers	6	1	2		O. Rs.	152	2	20	12					42	
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LeBeurre	31-8-18		<p>roads were issued of repair with the exception of Bailleul-Armentieres Rd which although covered with debris would be cleared at an early hour and would permit of the heaviest traffic passing along it.</p> <p>Reports were also received that Ravelberg Ridge has passed into our hands. oc today with Lieut. Mitchell remaining Ravelberg Ridge. Bailleul area.</p>	<p>How</p>

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LE BEURRE	Aug. 1		<p><u>General Review of work for August 1918</u></p> <p>The most important features of the month's work were the capture of the HOEGENACKER. RIDGE &amp; the consequent withdrawal of the enemy towards BAILLEUL from the MERVILLE SALIENT, day by day. As a result of this the battery moved forward to a position near FLETRE. The general type of work was Counter - Battery Harassing Fire on Communication &amp; particularly by night &amp; the destruction of TERRAPIN &amp; DERMOT HOUSES, which had both been used as strong points &amp; O.P.'s by the enemy. This was done at the request of the Infantry who expressed complete satisfaction of the work carried out in subsequent conversation. LIAISON was established during the month with the Infantry Brigade Battalion &amp; Companies during operations &amp; two (2) officers were detached for a week each from this battery as Liaison Officers to the 3rd Brigade RGA. Liaison shows the appreciation of the Infantry for the artillery support during the period. Enemy prisoners statements also confirm this. Appendix also shows the expenditure of ammunition by the Corps during the past 3 months.</p>		
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			<p>Review of Month's work (Continued) August 1918.</p> <p>During the period datuming of gas was carried out daily with H.A. Rangey (see also Observator Group, Balloon &amp; ground observator from O.P.). The B.C. &amp; Reconnaissance Office rechecked all country to support front line for O.P.S. &amp; gas positions for future <del>operations</del> advance towards BAILLEUL.</p> <p>The only difficulties met with during the month were occasioned by recuperators becoming repeatedly out of action. These had to be sent to workshops. During the month however an average of 5 gas out of 6 in action was maintained.</p> <p>Lieut O'Neill attended Army Physical School at SELLES  " Cameron " " Army Prep School at TILQUES.  In addition several NCOs attended Artillery &amp; Gas Courses, as well as Continuation War &amp; Courses.</p> <p>one officer &amp; 4 OR's proceeded to WIMMEREUX (BOULOGNE)  Rest Camp. Post billets moved up from LÉCKE to BERTENACRE</p> <p>Weather, health &amp; moral - excellent. <small>(about 40 members of this unit were mobilised during night)</small>  Clothing - very good. Equipment complete.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G. J. ...  In the Field 31/8/18</p>	

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1. With reference to Second Army No. A/1944 dated 5.8.18 addressed to Corps and Divisions, the following will be the arrangements for H.M. the King's visit so far as the XV Corps is concerned.
2. Place Sheet 27 P.35.b.3.6. Time 3.55p.m. G.O.C. XV Corps and Staff, G.O.C. 9th Division and Staff, G.O.C. 29th Division and Staff meet H.M. the King.
3. 4.5p.m. H.M. the KING proceeds via the ST. SYLVESTRE CAPPEL - HAZEBROUCK road to LA BREARDE, and thence via LA BREARDE - LONGUE CROIX road to sheet 27 V.3.c.8.2.
4. Place. Sheet 27 V.3.c.8.2. Time 4.10p.m. 6th Battn. K.O.S.B. will march past H.M. the King in column of route. The Battalion will be drawn up on the LONGUE - CROIX - LA BREARDE road on the North side of the road in Column of Fours with the Head of the Battalion at the Cross Roads at V.3.c.8.2. The Battalion to be in position at 4.0p.m. The King's Car will halt, His Majesty will get out and the Battalion will march past him in Column of Roure. After the Battalion is past the King will re-enter his Car and proceed along the LA BREARDE - LONGUE CROIX road to the Cross Roads at U.22.d.5.9.
5. Place Cross Roads, U.22.d.4.9. Time 4.20p.m. The G.O.C. 31st Division and Staff and G.O.C. 40th Division and Staff will meet H.M. the King.
6. After leaving U.22.d.5.9. H.M. the King will proceed along the main road to EBBLINGHEM and thence out of the XV Corps Area.
7. It is His Majesty's wish that no troops shall line the road and no Ceremonial Parades take place, but H.M. desires to see as many troops as conveniently reach the route without interfering unduly with their normal duties. Divisions will arrange that any troops billeted in the vicinity of the route which will be taken by H.M. shall be on the road at the time the King's Car passes. These troops are not to be drawn up in any formation but will group along the North or West side of the road as the case may be. As H.M.'s Car passes they will come to attention and cheer as H.M. passes.
8. The 29th Division will arrange for the 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers to be on the LONGUE CROIX - WALLON CAPPEL road about U.16.d. This Battalion will not be drawn up in line along the road but will be scattered along the West side of the road and will come to attention and cheer as H.M. passes.
9. Any Artillery or Corps Troops who are billeted in the vicinity of the roads should be on the line of route and cheer H.M. as he passes.
10. The A.P.M. XV Corps will arrange that the Route followed by the King is kept clear of Traffic.

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Sd. G. FRITH, Brig-General, D.A. & Q.M.G. XV Corps.

- 08s.C. 2nd Aust Siege Battery
- 155 Siege Battery RGA
- 353 Siege Battery RGA
- 140 Heavy Battery RGA
- 151 Heavy Battery RGA

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No. 91539

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Date

1. For information and necessary action.
2. Please see para. 9.

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Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A. Captain R.A.A.



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OPERATION ORDER NO. 97/  
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1. X Corps are firing a concentration on Support Companies' billets in BAILLEUL on night 13/14th August.  
The billets are in cellars on either side of the street from S.20.c.35.40 to S.26.a.35.75.
2. XV Corps H.A. will co-operate by firing a concentration on small square in S.13.d.5.0.
3. Batteries will fire as under :-  
ZERO to ZERO plus 6: All hows. that can bear -  
H.E. delay fuzes - Rate INTENSE  
ZERO plus 6 to ZERO plus 16: All 6" Hows. that can bear -  
Gas Shell lethal - Rate RAPID.  
ZERO to ZERO plus 16: All 60-pdrs. that can bear -  
Shrapnel if possible, otherwise H.E. -  
Rate RAPID.  
At ZERO plus 1, 359 S.B. will fire 1 round.
4. ZERO hour will be 1.30a.m.
5. Watches will be synchronised from this Office at 12 midnight 13/14th August.
6. If the weather is unfavourable for gas, notice will be given from this office about 10.0p.m. 13th August.  
In this case the programme will stand as arranged from ZERO to ZERO plus 6, at which time firing will cease.
7. All Batteries of 36 Bde will fire on small square in S.13.d.5.0.
8. Please ACKNOWLEDGE by wire. at above rates and times.

13/8/18.

*Approved by*  
Captain R.A.A.  
Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A.

Copy No. 1	2 A.S.B.
2	155 S.B.
3	353 S.B.
4	140 H.B.
5	151 H.B.

## 36TH (AUSTRALIAN) BRIGADE RGA OPERATION ORDER NO. 98.

Reference map 1/20,000: 300 NE Edition 7a.  
 27 SE Edition 30.  
 and 1/10,000: map 'A' attached (151 H.B. only).  
 Sketch 'b'.

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 R.G.A.

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Date .....

- on 18<sup>th</sup> Aug.*
1. At ZERO hour ~~at~~ (to be notified later) the 9th and 29th Divisions are carrying out an operation to extend our front Southwards along the HOEGENACKER RIDGE.
  2. The first objective is shown by a RED line on Sketch 'B' attached. When this line has been secured, a further advance will be made on the right to the line shown in BLUE on Sketch 'B'.
  3. After the capture of the BLUE line the boundary between the divisions will run F.3.b.20.10 to F.3.b.20.60 to X.26 central, and thence as at present.
  4. 151 H.B. will put up an enfilade creeping shrapnel barrage in accordance with special barrage map 'A' (issued to 151 H.B.). Corrector will be chosen to give 25% of bursts on graze. From 0 plus 90 to 0 plus 180, 151 H.B. will harass the roads and approaches to the area of operations at a slow rate.
  - \* 5. The additional support by Batteries will be in accordance with Table 'C' attached.
  6. Counter-Battery work is being arranged by the C.B.S.O. from ZERO onwards. X Corps H.A. are co-operating in this.
  7. At 0 plus 90 infantry patrols will push out and try to reach OUTERSTEENE. There will be no fire West of line F.4.a.O.O. to F.10.a.O.O. to F.9.c.O.O. after 0 plus 90.
  8. The final protective barrage will be laid down at plus 500 yards from the infantry front line in battery sectors, except that fire will not be brought to bear within the line F.4.a.O.O. to F.10.a.O.O. to F.9.c.O.O.  
 Protective Barrage lines for batteries will therefore be as follows :-  
 155 S.B. From F.9.d.70.82 to F.10.a.O.O. to F.4.c.O.3.  
 X 2 A.S.B. From F.4c.O.3. to F.4.a.85.56  
 353 S.B. From F.4.a.85.56 to X.28.d.75.90.  
 All howitzers on conclusion of tasks allotted in Table 'C' when not engaged in Counter-Battery work, will fire on the protective barrage at a normal rate up to ZERO plus 3 hours. Once every hour Batteries will search out to ~~and~~ back from, in 200 yard lifts, a distance of 1000 yards from the final protective barrage. Times for this will, if possible, be ordered from this Office.
  9. S.O.S. lines will be laid down on the final protective barrage line, until Infantry Brigadiers ask for them to be brought within the line F.4.a.O.O. to F.10.a.O.O. to F.9.c.O.O.

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10. A contact patrol, marked with black flag on trailing edge of under plane and coloured streamer on tail, will go over at ZERO plus 30 minutes and at ZERO plus 70 minutes. A counter-attack patrol will watch the front from ZERO hour onwards until dusk. A RED VERY LIGHT dropped from the 'plane means that the hostile infantry is about to attack.

11. The following light signals will be used :-

Objective gained:	BLUE SMOKE, rifle grenade.
Lengthen range 100 <sup>x</sup>	WHITE changing to GREEN. rifle grenade.
S.O.S. by day	RED SMOKE, Rifle grenade
S.O.S. by night:	Ordinary S.O.S. signal.
S.O.S. if in mist:	Short blasts on Stromoes horn in addition to light signals.

12. Watches will be synchronised by this office.

13. Batteries PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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*W. H. L. L. L.*  
 Captain R.A.A.  
 Adjutant 30th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A.

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36TH (AUSTRALIAN) BRIGADE RGA. OPERATION ORDER NO. 90: TABLE 'C'.

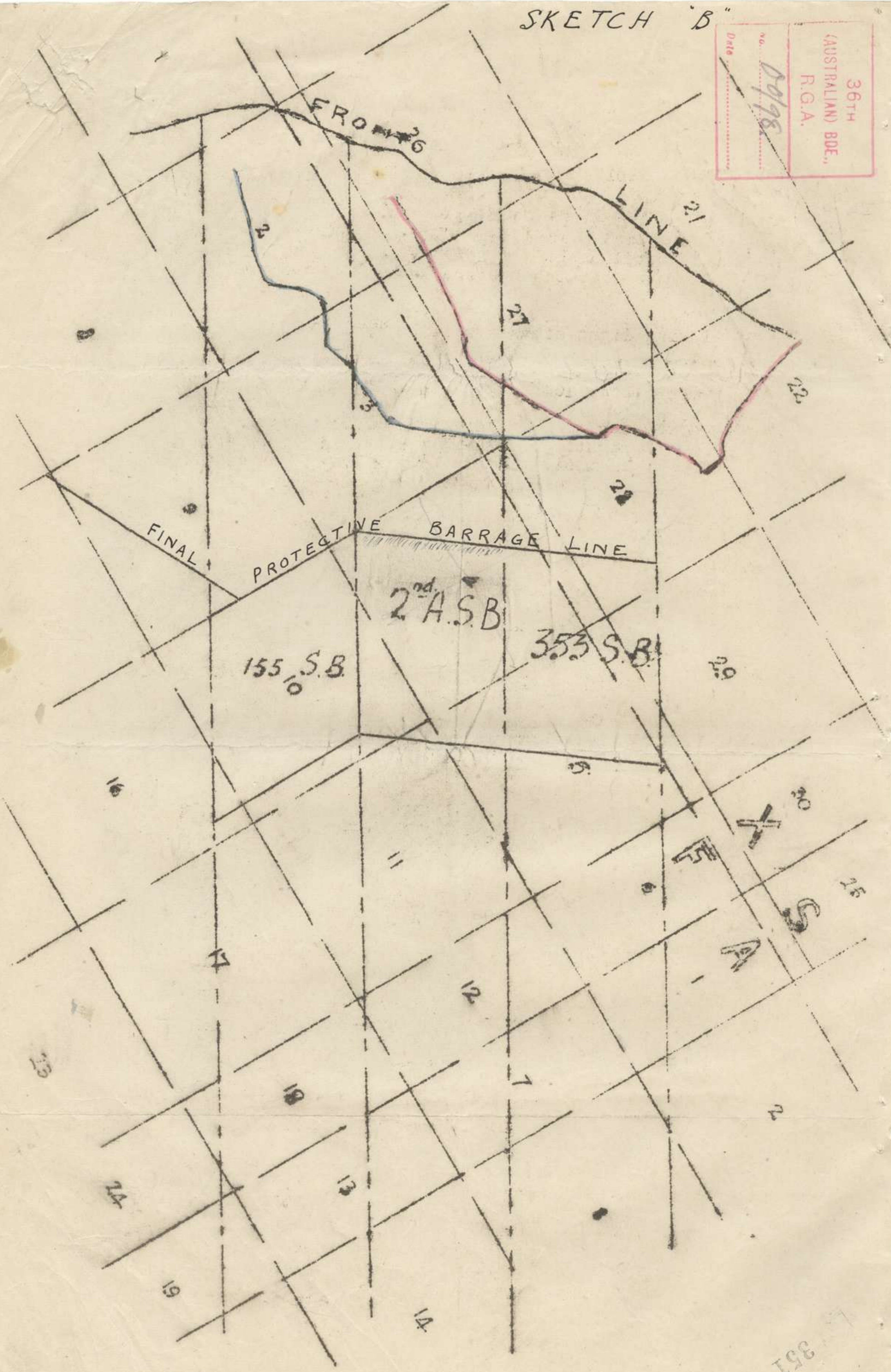
Battery	No. of guns	Nature	Time		Target	Rate of fire	Fuze	Remarks.
			From	to				
155 S.B.	2	8" hows	0	0+70	BULL FARM (1 gun): AUK HOUSE (1 gun).	INTENSE 0 to 0+10	( 50% delay ( and 106	
353 S.B.	1	6" hows	0	0+70	X.29.c.0.5.	NORMAL	( 106	
	2	6" hows	0	0+70	CLAPBANK.	0+10 to 0+70	( 106	
	4	56" hows	0	0+12	Area about X.28.b.5.8. to X.28.b.9.7.	INTENSE	(	
2 Aust SB.	6	9'2" hows	0+12	0+60	X.28.b.9.7 and X.28.b.9.5. to 9.0	NORMAL	( 50% ( delay ( and	
			0	0+70	F.4.c.5.7. to F.4.c.4.3. to F.4.b.7.0 to F.4.b. 9.7.	NORMAL 0 to 0+50 INTENSE 0+50 to 0+70	( 106 (	
140 H.B.	4	60-pars	0+40	0+180	Infilade roads, tracks, and approaches to area of operations.	In bursts average normal.	Shrapnel	Not to fire within 250' of H.A. final protective carrage line.

Batteries as they finish their tasks will be available for Counter-Battery work, if required.

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SKETCH "B"

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R.G.A.No. 00/98/15  
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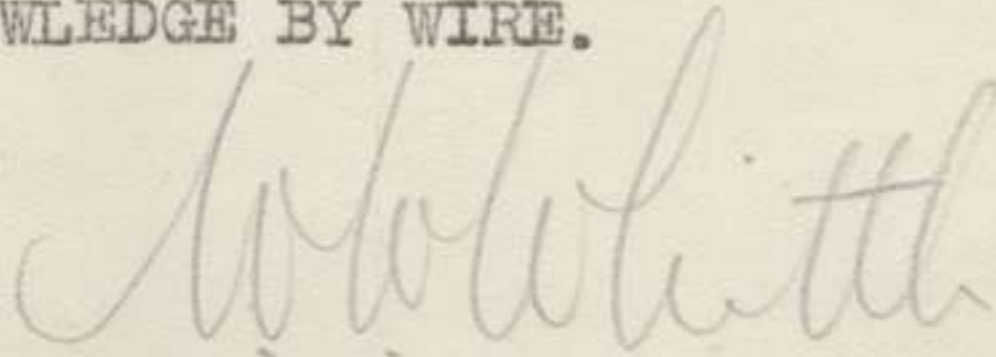
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With reference to para. 1 - 36th (Aust) Brigade RGA.  
 00/98 ZERO hour will be 11.0a.m. on 18th August.

Should it be necessary for any reason to cancel the  
 operation the following code will be used, "CHURCH PARADE  
 CANCELLED".

In the event of the operation having to be postponed  
 the code will be "CHURCH PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE AT .....  
 DETAILS FOLLOWING."

Please ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.



18/8/18.

Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A. Captain R.A.A.

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36TH (AUST) BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 100.

- The enemy is holding the line of the LAUDICK from L.2.c.1.1. through BOWERY COTTAGES to RUE MONTIGNY.  
It is proposed to turn this position from the North.
- The objective will be from BECKET CORNER along East Edge of enclosures along the Road through BISHOP'S CORNER to L.9.a.2.3. The 61st Division are extending this from L.9.a.2.3. through L.14.b.7.7. to L.14.d.8.2.
- ZERO hour will be 10.0a.m. 27/8/18.
- The signal that the various objectives have been reached will be THREE WHITE VERY LIGHTS fired in quick succession.
- Hostile Batteries will be engaged from ZERO as under :-  

140 Heavy Battery RGA.	2 guns A.27.b.54.18
	2 " G.4.a.24.35
151 Heavy Battery RGA.	2 guns G.3.c.85.99
	2 " G.1.b.54.49.

N.B. This table is liable to revision by telephone.

6. RATES OF FIRE.

Zero to Zero plus 10	INTENSE
Zero plus 10 to Zero plus 25	RAPID
Zero plus 25 to Zero plus 70	NORMAL
Zero plus 70 to Zero plus 130	SLOW - or as ordered.

7. AMMUNITION. Hows. 106 Fuze. - 60-pdrs. 50% T.S. 50% H.E.

- NF and ANF Zones are allotted from Zero hour till further orders as follows :-  

155 S.B. Squares A19, 20, 25.
<del>151 H.B. Squares A21, 26, 27.</del>

9. NF calls will be answered as follows :-

(a) Zero to Zero plus 130.

On receipt of a NF call, Batteries concerned will turn on a fire unit. Not more than 50% of the fire units of any one Battery will cease firing (owing to having to switch to a new target) at any one time. On receipt of a NT call, fire on that target will at once be stopped, and in the absence of a NF call, fire will again be turned on to the programme target.

Brigades will report all NF calls taken in by them to C.B. Office, after having ascertained that the Battery concerned has taken up the call.

When a NF call is taken up, the rates as laid from zero will commence, viz. zero hour for such targets will be time of opening fire.

(b) ZERO plus 130 onwards.

By as many guns as the Battery has in action up to a maximum of 4 (fire unit per call 4 guns).

Rates:- 1st 3 minutes INTENSE.  
Next 7 minutes RAPID, and stop at end of 10.

minutes, or on receipt of NT.

ANF. Calls will not be sent before zero plus 130. They will be answered as laid down in Counter Battery Instructions.

10. Please ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE.

*W.W. White*

26/8/18.

Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A.

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36th. (Aust) Brigade R.G.A. Operation Order No. 101

Reference : Sheet 36a N.F. : Edition 7a: 1/20000.

1. Our new line now runs from the neighborhood of DENVER along the road to BISHOP'S CORNER, thence to CUTLET CORNER.

2. It is proposed to continue the attack to capture the line BOWERY COTTAGES - RUE PROVOST, on the 29th. August at 1.30 p.m.

This attack will be carried out by 120th Infantry Brigade from the line DENVER - BISHOP'S CORNER.

The forming up line will be roughly between L.2.d.0.7 and L.2.d.9.9.

3. Targets will be engaged as under :-

140 Heavy Battery.

- 1 gun AC22
- 1 gun AC23

151 Heavy Battery.

- 2 guns AC41
- 2 guns AC42.

4. Rates of Fire.

Zero to zero plus 10	INTENSE.
Zero plus 10 to Zero plus 30	RAPID.
Zero plus 30 to Zero plus 60	NORMAL.
Zero plus 60 to Zero plus 90	SLOW (or as ordered).
Zero plus 90	STOP.

5. Ammunition.

60-pdrs. 50% H.F. 50% T.S. If possible.

6. Zones.

From Zero to further orders, zones for answering N.F. calls are detailed as follows:-



36th. Brigade Zone AC.

7. N.F. Calls will be answered as follows :-

(a) Zero to zero plus 90.

On receipt of a N.F. Call, batteries concerned will turn on a fire unit. Not more than 50% of the fire units of any one battery will cease firing (owing to having to switch to a new target) at any one time. On receipt of an N.T. call, fire on that target will be at once stopped, and in the absence of a N.F call, fire will again be turned on to the programme target.

Batteries will report all N.F calls taken in by them. When a N.F call is taken up, the rates as laid down from zero will commence, viz, zero hour for such targets will be time of opening fire.

(b) From zero plus 90 onwards.

By as many guns as the Battery has in action up to maximum of 4 (fire units per call 4 guns).

Rates. - 1st 3 minutes INTENSE.  
Next 7 minutes RAPID and stop at end of 10 minutes, or on receipt of N.T.

A.N.F. calls will not be sent before zero plus 90; they will be answered as laid down in C.B. Instructions.

8. Zero hour 1.30 p.m. August 29th.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W.W. White* Captain RAA.



AMMUNITION STATEMENT - THREE MONTHS.

EXPENDITURE.

- MAY -				- JUNE -				- JULY -			
Nature of Piece	A'vge No. in action	Rds. per Gun	Total No. of Rnds. Tonnage	A'vge No. in action	Rds. per Gun	Total No. of Rnds. Tonnage	A'vge No. in action	Rds. per Gun	Total No. of Rnds. Tonnage		
18-pdr.	150	1569	232400 2905	173	1611	279440 3493	177	1628	288180 3602		
4.5" How.	50	1348	67410 1498	58	1429	82935 1843	58	1385	80370 1786		
60-pdr.	15	2580	38700 1548	20	1928	38575 1543	20	1895	37900 1516		
6" gun	10	1101	11010 734	9	991	8925 595	7	848	5940 396		
6" How.	47 <del>23</del>	2207	103720 5186	60	1899	113960 5698	56	2088	116980 5849		
8" How.	15	1799	23990 2399	14	1180	16530 1653	16	1110	17770 1777		
9.2" gun	2	382	764 191	2	226	452 113	2	260	520 130		
9.2" How.	4	1521	6083 869	6	1220	7322 1046	9	965	8687 1241		
12" How.	3	644	1932 773	7	343	2406 1203	8	438	3502 1402		
12" Gun.	-	-	- -	1	96	96 48	1	82	82 41		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296</b>		<b>486009 16103 Tons 350</b>			<b>550641 17235</b>	<b>354</b>		<b>559911 17739</b>		

Total Tonnage Light Ammn. 15,127 tons. Total tonnage 51,077.  
 " " Heavy " 35,950 " Total rounds 1,596,561.  
 Rounds 18-pdr. & 4.5" 1,030,715  
 " Heavy 565,845.

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XV Corps C.A. 1/83.

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No. A210

Date.....

36th Brigade RGA.

1. The statement overleaf shows, by natures, the amount of gun ammunition fired on the front of the XV Corps during the month of May, June and July, the average number of rounds per gun for each nature and the total tonnage which this expenditure represents.
2. With the exception of the 9'2" Gun, the 12" Howitzer and 12" gun which are on railway mountings and to which ammunition is sent direct by rail, the whole of this ammunition has had to be carried by lorry from railhead to Divisional Refilling Points in the case of 18-pdr. and 4'5" and to the guns in the case of other natures.
3. The transport of the gun ammunition expended during these three months is equivalent to 16,000 lorry loads.
4. These statistics may be of interest in showing the work of the Artillery and the Mechanical Transport during the past quarter.

20/8/18.

SD. X X X  
Brigadier General,  
D.A. & C.M.G., XV Corps.

*Man... 21/8*

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O's.C. 2nd Aust Siege Battery  
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Date.....

Copy of XV Corps H.A. No. Sc-495-Am dated 21/8/18  
 forwarded for your information.

The figures given below will show the amounts expended  
 by Batteries of this Brigade during June from 19th to 30th,  
 and during ~~the~~ the month of July :-

	2nd Aust. S.B.	155 S.B.	353 S.B.	140 H.B.	151 H.B.
19th to 30th June	1,662	5,241	3,659	4,222	4,862
July 1918	4,112	11,521	13,116	10,942	10,926
Totals	5,774 Rds.	16,762	16,775	15,164	15,788

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W.W. Whittle

Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A.  
 Captain R.A.A.

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SECRET.29th Division No. C.G.S.51/107.

XV Corps Heavy Artillery.

Will you please accept my sincere thanks for your co-operation and very effective support during the minor operations of the 19th and 20th instant.

The work of the counter batteries on the evening of the 19th was very effective, the enemy shelling of OUTERSTEENE and the ridge being practically stopped one hour after calling on you for assistance.

(sd) H.KNOX.  
Brigadier-General.  
Commanding 29th Division)

20th August, 1918.

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XV Corps H.A. No. GM/2/101  
21/8/18.

1st Brigade, RGA.  
33rd Brigade, RGA.  
36th Brigade, RGA.  
45th Brigade, RGA.  
64th Brigade, RGA.  
"X" Brigade, RGA.

For your information.



H.Q.H.A., XV Corps.  
21st August, 1918.

Major.  
Brigade Major Heavy Artillery XV Corps.

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XV Corps H.A.  
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XV Corps H.A: No. GM/2/101.  
9th. Div. No. G.S.20/94.

I wish to thank you for the valuable support which you gave us in the capture of HOEGENACKER RIDGE on the 13th instant. German Artillery Officers who were captured expressed great admiration for the accuracy of the British Artillery fire on the 18th.

22/8/18.

(SD). H.H. TUDOR. Major-General,  
Commanding 9th (Scottish) Division.

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- 1st. Brigade, RGA.
  - 33rd. Brigade, RGA.
  - 36th. Brigade, RGA.
  - 45th. Brigade, RGA.
  - 64th. Brigade, RGA.
  - "X" Brigade, RGA.
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For your information.

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H.Q. H.A. XV Corps.  
22nd. August, 1918.

Major,  
Brigade Major, Heavy Artillery, XV Corps.

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G.O.C. XV Corps H.A.

9th Div. No. G.S.20/95.

I have great pleasure in forwarding to you the following extract from the report on the operations of the 18th instant by the G.O.C. 27th (Lowland) Brigade :-

"The Infantry attribute the success of the operation to the efficiency of the Artillery.  
"All Officers and men of Lowland Brigade would respectfully request that this opinion may be conveyed to the gunners "who helped us."

24th August 1918.

SD. H.H.TUDOR, Major General,  
Commanding 9th (Scottish) Division.

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- O's.C. 2nd Aust Siege Battery
  - 155 Siege Battery RGA
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36TH  
 (AUSTRALIAN) BDE  
 R.G.A.  
*Gibbs*  
 Date.....

For your information.

26/8/18.

*W. Whittle*

Captain R.A.A.  
Adjutant 36th (Aust) Brigade R.G.A.

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Aerial photo. showing Dermot House. Taken previous to 15 August 1918. Shot by 2 R.S.

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