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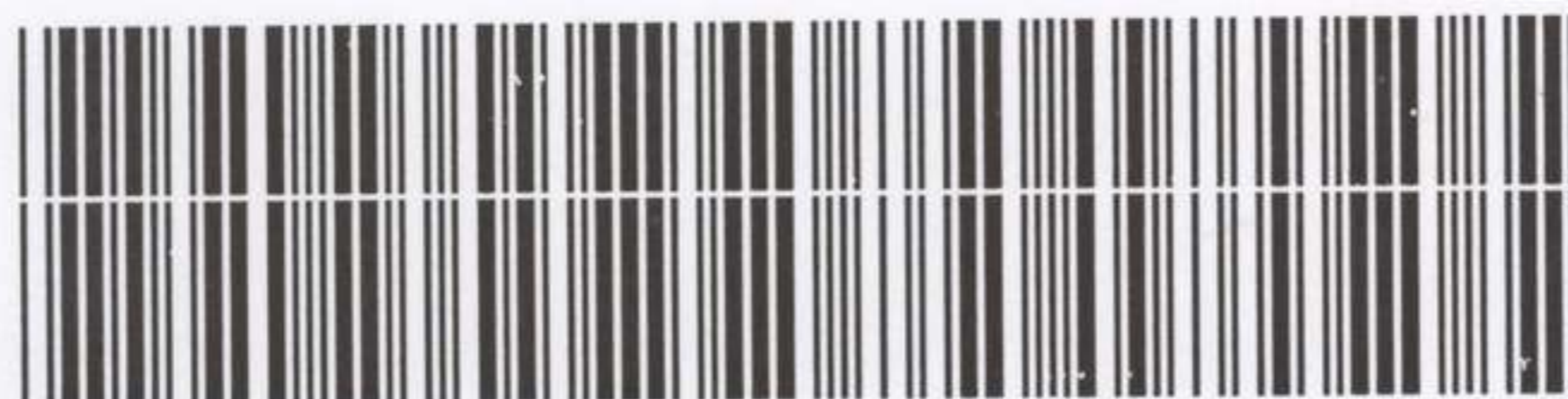
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Artillery

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Title: Headquarters, 12th Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

April 1917



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12TH (ARMY)
AUSTRALIAN F.A. BDE.
No.
Date

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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AUSTRALIAN F.A. BDE.
12TH (ARMY)
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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/4/17		45 th and 46 th Batteries remain attached to Advanced Guard Artillery, 47 th Battery being in reserve in Bapaume. Headquarters remaining at N.I.C. 1.9 near Le BARQUE.	
	5/4/17		4 th Aus. Division Artillery assumed Command of Left Sector 1 st ANZAC Artillery at Midday today. 2 nd Aus. Divisional Artillery instead of being relieved by 4 th Aus. Divisional Artillery remain in the line to work with 4 th Aus. Divisional Artillery, 2 nd D.A.H.Q. moving to "The Dingle" near POZIERES.	
	6/4/17		The Artillery is to be divided into three Groups, one of which Lieut Colonel R.L.R. Rabbett is to command. Major F.V. Richards from on Command 119 th How. Battery taken on strength of 12 th (Army) Aus. F.A. Bde and assumed Command of 112 th How. Bty. C.O. went forward to make a final reconnaissance of Battery positions for the Group which he will command.	
	7/4/17		B.H.Q. moved to position at I.I.d. 7.7. near VAULX VRAUCOURT. At 7 a.m. Lieut Col. R.L.R. Rabbett assumed Command of G. Group, Left Sector 1 st ANZAC Artillery in addition to Commanding 12 th (Army) Aus. F.A. Brigade. Preparations are being made for an attack on the HINTENBURG LINE. Heavies cutting wire during the day and Field Guns preventing repairs to wire during the night.	

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			<p>Aeroplanes very active today, one hostile machine making repeated efforts to cross into our back country.</p> <p>8/4/17 Batteries of G. Group carried out Operation Orders 4 and 5 and bombarded various positions of the enemy's line from 3 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. all available guns opened an intense bombardment of the enemy line. Retaliation very weak.</p> <p>An aeroplanes very active during afternoon. Enemy planes turned by Anti Aircraft fire. Heavies wire cutting reported very effective.</p> <p>9/4/17 C.O. visited Infantry Brigade to perfect Liaison Arrangements.</p> <p>From 11.30 a.m. to 11.40 a.m. an intense bombardment of enemy front line. Retaliation weak.</p> <p>From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. bombardment of whole Anzac Front. Reported as most effective.</p> <p>4.30 p.m. large bodies of enemy seen moving near Chateau at U12.e. 15.40.</p> <p>Nine Batteries turned on with good observed results.</p> <p>At 12 midnight morning orders issued for an attack at 4.30 a.m. 10th instant. Attack in conjunction with Tanks and no preliminary bombardments. Gunners not sanguine as to results. Attack postponed 24 hours.</p> <p>Group communication disorganised by Tanks moving in the NOREUIL VALLEY. practically every wire from Group H. Ins. to Brigades and Batteries being cut.</p> <p>45th Battery placed under orders of C.O. 16th Battalion.</p> <p>Ob. 45th Battery went forward with telephone to railway cutting at C5d76.</p>	

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			<p>Infantry patrols reported Full House in HINDENBURG. LIVE and returned with an Officer and 2 other tanks as prisoners. Officer stated enemy attack impending. Not believed, but preparations made to repulse same. Attack did not eventuate.</p> <p>10/4/17 Batteries of G Group ordered to keep quiet, rest the Gunners and sort ammunition. This was to prevent fire being directed on NOREUIL VALLEY where Tanks were waiting further attack. This afternoon High Velocity 8" enemy shell landed in dug-out of 4th A.F.A. Bde H 2, killing C.O., Adjut. Orderly Officer, and Doctor and destroying Brigade Records</p> <p>Casualties Lieut Col. B.A.G. WATTS. I.S.O. Lieut. H.G. HARDING Lieut G.K. DAVENPORT Capt. B.H. MACK (A.F.M.C.)</p>	

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	10/4/17 11/4/17		<p>Major St CLAIR assumed Temp. Command. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>Attack on HINDENBURG LINE took place at 4.30 a.m. and appeared to go in accordance with programme until midday.</p> <p>At 12.2 p.m. reports were received that Infantry were coming back, and vacating the HINDENBURG LINE.</p> <p>From this time on to 1.45 p.m. there were continual changes of Barrage, and many conflicting reports. Once the Infantry Brigadier wanted a Barrage in a place which upon information at hand was absurd. The C.O. had the matter referred on 'Clear Line' back to G.O.C. 1st A.M.A.C. who decided in favour of C.O.</p> <p>Our losses were heavy in the Infantry. Heavy casualties were inflicted on enemy. Tanks a failure, as most of them were hit before Zero hour, whilst in no mans land. Inclement weather. Destructive bombardment of BULLECOURT. Began by Howitzers.</p>	
	12/4/17		<p>Major McCAY, G.C. 46th Battery, carried out a thorough reconnaissance of enemy wire in Group Sector.</p> <p>At 5.43. Instructions received to put thin Barrage between HENDLECOURT and KEINCOURT as British Division on left were sending patrols into BULLECOURT. Orders to cease fire at 6.30 p.m.</p>	

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	13/4/17		Telegram arrived advising that 300 Remounts were available for this Brigade. Brigade will still be 123 horses under strength when these 300 arrive. Wastage has been muchly increased owing to Remounts being scarce as remaining horses were given so much extra work.	
	14/4/17		NOREUIL VALLEY where G Group Gun positions are located heavily shelled all the morning by guns of all calibres. Gas shell arriving 30 minutes. This is on account of negligence of Anti-Aircraft and R.F.C. on afternoon of 11 th inst. when two enemy planes flew at very low altitude over the Valley whilst guns were all firing an S.O.S. These enemy planes hovered against the wind over the valley for 15 minutes, and were not engaged by anti-aircraft, nor did any of our planes approach them.	
	15/4/17		About 4.30 a.m. this morning heavy firing was heard. On enquiry O.P.s reported Group Sector still quiet. At 4.45 S.O.S. Barrage was ordered by Brigade Major 4 th A.I.A.H.G. as the enemy had broken through on right of Sector and were almost up to the guns of "M" Group on right of G Group. Gunners took their Breech Blocks and retired.	

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	15/4/17		<p>About 5.30 a.m. Officers and men of 1st Aus Div. Artillery (M. Group) began to arrive at Q Group H. 2 and reported that all their guns were in the hands of the enemy who was advancing rapidly. All Maps, papers, and Breach Blocks had been got away.</p> <p>At 6 a.m. Left Sector H. 2 ordered all teams of Q Group to be harnessed ready. At 6.10 a.m. this order was sent per mounted Orderly to Wagon Lines.</p> <p>Shortly after this Left Sector H. 2 ordered the C.O. to retire Q Group to position near BEUQUATRE. Teams and Transport were at once ordered up.</p> <p>Enemy half a mile from Q Group H. 2's.</p> <p>At 6.45 a.m. word was received that the Infantry were Counter Attacking and the C.O. asked permission not to retire. Granted. Teams stopped and parked where they could quickly go on to Batteries if necessity should arise.</p> <p>By 10 a.m. situation was again normal. Enemy left 1500 dead and 300 prisoners together with 3 M.G.'s.</p> <p>Four 18 pdr guns destroyed by Gun Cotton, and one Howitzer damaged. All guns were recaptured, a few guns were found.</p>	

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	15/4/17		<p>with unexploded gun cotton in them. Prisoners stated they were simply sent over to scupper guns. Escort of two Platoons with two M Gs. each, told off for escort to the Group during the night and Anti-Aircraft work during day. 46th Battery withdrawn from NOREUIL VALLEY and placed so as to cover Valley in case of a repetition of the Attack. This morning the officer to take charge of Signals Subsection arrived. — 2/Lieut O. M. NEALE. This Signal Subsection should improve Communications</p>	
	16/4/17		<p>At 5 a.m. reports were received that the enemy was repeating his attack of yesterday. Daylight showed two strong enemy Patrols which were effectively dealt with by Infantry without Artillery Support. Remainder of day Normal.</p>	
	17/4/17		<p>I Section per Battery withdrawn to Wagon lines for a rest. Very necessary owing to continual shelling of NOREUIL VALLEY. Remounts arrived at FRECHENCOURT.</p>	
	18/4/17		<p>Normal.</p>	

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	19/4/17		Night 18 th /19 th exceptionally quiet and NOREUIL VALLEY not shelled at all.	
	20/4/17		Attack on HINDENBURG LINE put off 9 days. In the evening NOREUIL VALLEY was heavily shelled with Gas Shell. Remounts allotted to Forward Batteries arrived being sufficient to complete these Batteries to Establishment. The B.A.C. being left 100 animals short. 45 th Battery withdrawn to defensive position in I. 2. near 46 th Battery. C.O. inspected the Remounts, 5 horses have only one eye each, and one other had to be evacuated with disability.	
	21/4/17		C.R.A. 2nd Aus. Division assumed Command of The Left Sector. 1 st A.A.C. Artillery at 12 noon. Promotion to Temp/Major. Promulgated. Capt J.R. Ellis. 45 th Battery " R.C. McCay. 46 th "	
	22/4/17		In response to a report sent in on the lack of co-operation on the part of the Anti/Aircraft Artillery an A.A. Officer visited Group Headquarters to discuss means of closer co-operation. Col. H. W. Lloyd. G.O. 5 th A.F.A. Bde. resumed duty from return.	

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	22/4/17		On return from leave. Aerial Activity most marked on both sides.	
	23/4/17		Enemy Aerial Activity very marked. In the morning an enemy plane flying at an exceptionally low altitude came over. I. 1. b. and as the Anti Aircraft Section in I. 2. c. were without ammunition and as none of our planes were in the vicinity this plane was able to make an uninterrupted Survey of the Country. Several messages were intercepted reporting traffic on the road near VAULT -YRACOURT, also. ranging enemy Batteries on G th Group Batteries in MOREUIL VALLEY. As a result one gun was knocked out by a direct hit, and another pit knocked in, killing a Gunner. Several large bodies of enemy were fired on and dispersed. Four enemy Batteries were engaged by Counter Batteries and silenced. Enemy Aeroplanes again ranging Enemy Battery on MOREUIL VALLEY. Three direct hits obtained on pits of 45 th Battery, 150 Rounds of Ammunition Exploded. In the afternoon enemy plane again ranging Enemy Battery on	
	24/4/17			

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	24/4/17		<p>MOREUIL VALLEY. Two medical Orderlies killed in entrance to 4th A.F. Bde Headquarters. One dead, and another wounded.</p> <p>Enemy airmen undisturbed by Anti-Aircraft guns, none of our planes appeared in the vicinity.</p>	
	25/4/17		<p>At a very early hour. Pay Sergeant slightly wounded with fragment of H.E.</p> <p>During the morning several parties of enemy and some Horse Transport engaged with satisfactory results. In the early afternoon enemy offensive, direct hit on a gun pit in the MOREUIL VALLEY.</p> <p>Batteries in the valley relieved by Batteries which had been resting in the wagon lines.</p>	
	26/4/17		<p>The Infantry Escort requested permission to withdraw two Machine Guns. The C.O. did not think this justifiable, therefore the four guns remained.</p>	
	27/4/17		<p>Normal days, usual preparations being carried on for the attack on HINDENBURG LINE.</p>	
	30/4/17			

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 Adjutant 12th (Army) Aus F. A. Brigade

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12th. (ARMY) AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 3

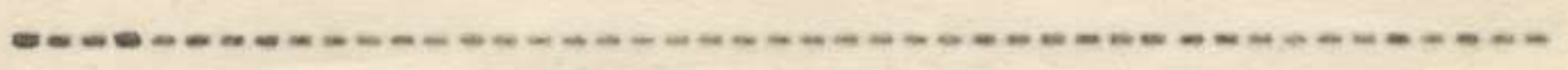
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LIEUT. COL. R.L.R. RABETT, C.M.G.

COMMANDING

Headquarters,
April 8th. 1917

S E C R E T.



- o 1. Lieut. Colonel R.L.R. RABETT, C.M.G. Commanding 12th. (ARMY) AUS. F. A. BRIGADE assumes command of "Q" Group Left Sector, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY at 7 a.m. 7/4/17, vide Left Sector, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY ORDER No. 1.
- 2. The 45th. and 46th. Batteries will be grouped with 12th. (ARMY) AUS. F. A. BRIGADE from 7 a.m. 7/4/17 and will be under command of Lieut. Col. R.L.R. RABETT as from that hour.
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Lieut.

ADJUTANT, 12th. (ARMY) AUS. F. A. BRIGADE.

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 - 4 5th. A.F.A. Bde
 - 5 45th. Bty.
 - 6 46th. "
 - 7 47th. "
 - 8 4th. A.D.A.

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LEFT SECTOR 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY
Q GROUP

Order No. 1.

BY

LIEUT. COL. R.L.R. RABETT, C.M.G.

SECRET.

COMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS,
April 6th. 1917

1. Attention is drawn to Left Sector, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY ORDER No. 1 and INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.
2. Reference Operation Order No. 1, para 3 (Left Sector 1st. Anzac Artillery), the batteries of "Q" Group will remain on their present S.O.S. Lines as ordered by 5th. A.F.A. BRIGADE pending 4th. A.D.A. coming into action.
3. Reference Instructions No. 1, para 5 (Left Sector, 1st. Anzac Artillery) Brigade Commanders will render the report required as soon as possible including view report asked for.
4. Reference para 6 a (Instructions No. 1.) the bombardment of the whole area detailed will take place in accordance with ~~INSTRUCTIONS,~~ ~~INSTRUCTIONS.~~ Task Order to be issued to C.O., 4th. A.F.A. Brigade.
5. The 5th. A.F.A. Brigade will perform the whole task mentioned in para 6 B a, reporting progress in Daily Report on condition of wire. This will start forthwith and the amount of ammunition will be regulated in accordance with para. 8 Instructions No. 1.
6. Brigades will report compliance with para 6 d, para 6 e, Instructions No. 1.
7. Daily Wire report will be rendered to Group Headquarters, I 1 d 88 not later than 4.30 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. H. ...
.....Adjutant,
Q Group, Left Sector, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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 - 5 45th. Bty
 - 6 46th. "
 - 7 47th. " (For Information)
 - 8 4th. A.F.A. Bde
 - 9 4th. A.D.A. HQ.
 - 10 "P" Group
 - 11 "M" "
 - 12 Spare

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LEFT SECTION 1st ANZAC ARTILLERYQ GROUPOrder No. 2BYLIEUT. COL. R.L.R. RABETT. C.M.G.SECRETCOMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS

April 7th 1917

1. The following establishment of ammunition will be maintained at Gun positions until further orders:
- | | | |
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| Q.F. 18 pdr. | 600 | rounds per gun |
| Q.F. 4.5. in. How. | 400 | " " " |
- Proportion as nearly as possible 60 A to 40 AX
Wagon lines to be maintained filled.
2. Dumping will start at once.
No ammunition other than that maintained at the guns will be dumped on advance of "A" Echelon D.A.C. without order. On the guns advancing each Divisional Group will be responsible for clearing all Ammunition left on vacated positions.
Empty cartridge cases and ammunition boxes will be returned to "A" Echelon Dumps. All vehicles returning from gun positions will be loaded with empties.
Battery Commanders will be held responsible that all empty cases are cleared from gun positions as early as possible. If necessary a request to be sent to "A" Echelon D.A.C. to assist for this purpose. Batteries to requisition through their Brigade Head Quarters.
3. The following returns to be rendered to Group Head Quarters F.A. Brigades.
- AMMUNITION RETURN showing receipt and expenditure for 24 hours and amount on hand -
By wire at 11 a.m. daily. This information to be confirmed in writing as soon as possible.
 - CASUALTIES
By wire at 11 a.m. daily - Confirmed as above.
 - NO. OF GUNS AND HOWITZERS OUT OF ACTION
By wire at 5 p.m. daily.
 - APPROXIMATE EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION
from 12 noon till 6 p.m.
By wire at 5 p.m. daily
 - WEEKLY STATEMENT OF GUNS OUT OF ACTION
A specimen form will be sent later.

N.B.. D.A.C. will assist in carting empties.


.....Adjutant
Q Group, Left Section, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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4 5th A.F.A. Brigade

5 45th Battery

6 46th "

7 47th "

(For information)

8 4th A.F.A. Brigade

9 4th A.D.A.H.Q.

10 "P" Group

11 "M" Group

12 Spare.

LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY"Q" GROUP ORDER No. "3"

Headquarters
7th April, 1917.

1. There will be a combined
Hewitzer bombardment of BULLECOURT by
all available 4.5" Hews. today, as follows:-

2	p.m.	to	2.15 p.m.
4	p.m.	to	4.5 p.m.
5.10	p.m.	to	5.20 p.m.
2. RATE OF FIRE Two rounds per Hew. per minute.
3. AMMUNITION "B"X"
4. TARGETS. 4th Brigade will engage "Q" Group
zone. 5th Brigade will engage "M" Group
zone, as defined in Instructions No.1.,
para 6A.
5. Watches will be synchronized from
Group Headquarters to Brigade at 1.15 p.m.

J. H. G. G. G.
Lieut. Col.
C.O. "Q" Group, L.S.A.A.

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LEFT SECTION 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

No. 20

: Q. GROUP

ORDER No. 4

BY

LIEUT. COL. R.L.R. RABETT. C.M.G.

SECRET

COMMANDING

Headquarters
April 7th 1917

REFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS No. 1. para 6 C.

1. H.A. are wire cutting as follows :-

Front Line Wire	U 28 b 40 76	to	U 30 a 45 10
Back " "	U 22 d 00 25	"	U 23 c 5 2
	U 23 d 17 03	"	U 30 a 4 8

and destructive bombardment

Front Line	U 28 b 1 9	"	U 30 b 5 1
Back Line	U 22 d 00 25	"	U 30 b 5 1

Commencing with tonight the F.A. are responsible for prevention of all repair during hours of darkness.

"M" Group will not be available for night 7th/8th. For that night zones for prevention of repair are allotted as follows :-

"P" Group	- U 28 b 40 76	to	U 29 b 2 6
"E" GROUP	- U 29 b 42 6	"	U 30 b 5 1

For night 8/9th and subsequently "P", "Q" and "M" Groups will operate on their own zones

At least 190 rounds A and AX per 300 yards of Front must be fired between 8.30 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. nightly.

This fire will be in very short but constant bursts.

50 % A and 50 AX.

2. Prevention of repair to wire.

Zone 4th F.A.B.	U 29 a 46	-	U 29 b 2 3
" 5th " "	U 29 b 2 3	-	U 30 a 30 15
" 12th F.A.B.	U 30 a 30 15	-	U 30 b 40

Batteries will search back to Front trench and also fire occasional rounds on the back trench.

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED

4th & 5th F.A.B. will each fire	370 rounds
12th F.A.B. will fire	250 "

Re this order 45th & 46th will do the right and left half of the 12th F.A.B. task.

3. S. O. S. CALL

5th F.A.B. will be responsible for the whole divisional front in case of an S.O.S. call.

Should additional fire be needed

4th F.A.B. will fire on line

C 5 b 70 25 - C 6 a 90 15

104th How. Battery will fire less 1 gun on sunken road in C 5 3 and 1 gun on road junction C 6 a 55 10

4. BOMBARDMENT OF BULLECOURT 8th instant and night 8th/9th

This will take place as follows by all available Howitzers of all Groups.

Times	11. a.m.	to	11.10 a.m.
	1.15 p.m.	to	1.40 p.m.
	2.30 p.m.	to	2.40 p.m.
	3 p.m.	to	3.5 p.m.

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5. 5. p.m.	to	6.15 p.m.
8 p.m.	to	8. 5 p.m.
8.30 p.m.	to	8.35 p.m.
10 p.m.	to	10. 7 p.m.
11.35 p.m.	to	11.40 p.m.
4.50 a.m.	to	4.45 a.m.

SCALE OF FIRE 1 round per gun per minute
AMMUNITION B.X.
GROUP ZONES 4th F.A.B. will fire on "M" Group Zone
 5th F.A.B. " " " " "Q" Group Zone
 If Gas shells are available further instructions will be given.

J. H. ...

.....Adjutant

Q. Group, Left Section, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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| | 5 | 45th Battery |
| | 6 | 46th " |
| | 7 | 47th " (For information) |
| | 8 | 4th A.F.A. Brigade |
| | 9 | Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery |
| | 10 | "P" Group |
| | 11 | "K" Group |
| | 12 | Spare |

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Q GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

SECRET

ORDER No. 5

Headquarters
5/4/17

1. BOMBARDMENT

Each Group will bombard enemy's front line and support lines outside their zones with all available guns and howitzers from 3 p.m. to 5.10 p.m.

RATE OF FIRE 15 pdrs. 4 rounds per gun per minute
4.5 in. Hows. 2 " " " " "

<u>ZONES</u> 18 pdrs.	4th F.A. Brigade				
	From U. 30 a 44	to	U 29	b	35 50
	5th F.A. Brigade				
	From U. 29 b 35 50	to	U 29	a	35 50
	12th F.A. Brigade				
	From U. 29 a 35 50	to	U 29	a	4 5

4.5 in. Hows.	4th F.A. Brigade				
	From U. 30 a 44	to	U 29	b	3 7
	5th F.A. Brigade				
	From U. 29 b 37	to	U 29	a	4 5

TARGETS

Howitzers will fire on trench junctions Machine Gun positions and 105th How. also on road running back from U 29 a 35 50 18 pdrs. are to bombard trenches within the limits of their zones.

12th Brigade Batteries are allotted targets as under :-
48th Bty. on front line trench in Brigade Zone
46th " " rear " " " " "

AMMUNITION

1spdr. proportion 60 A to 40 AX
4.5 in. Hows. BX.

[Signature]
.....Adjutant
Q. Group, Left Sector, 1st Anzac Artillery.

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ORDER No. 6

HEADQUARTERS

April 8th 1917

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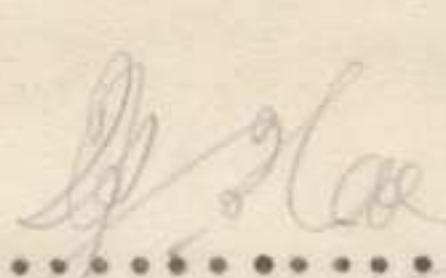
1. Previous orders re S.O.S. Lines are duly cancelled after 7 p.m. this evening.
2. Q Group will be responsible for covering the Infantry of the 4th Inf. (Aus.) Brigade for S.O.S. purposes.
3. The 5th A.F.A. Brigade are detailed for this purpose.
4. The dividing line between Groups on their S.O.S. Barrage lines will be the road C. 5 a 50 - U 23 d 18 inclusive for both Groups (N.B. 4th Inf. Brigade are on the right of the road)
5. 5th A.F.A. Brigade will find a Liaison Officer with the 4th Inf. Brigade near NORIEL and will establish the necessary telephonic communication. This Officer will send back as soon as possible information as to where the Inf. Brigadier wishes the barrage line to be established.
6. In the event of a serious attack Brigades will reinforce distributing the fire of their Batteries along the whole front. For this purpose the 12th (Army) A.F.A. Brigade will act as follows.

45th Battery will fire to the right of

C 5 b 95

46th Battery will fire from

C 5 b 95 to the left.
7. Enemy works are in progress from U 23 b 9 2 to U 17 c Central. 4th A.F.A. BDE. will arrange to keep this work under observation during the day opening fire at once if any movement is observed. During the whole 9 hours of darkness, 12 bursts of 40 rounds will be fired at irregular intervals.


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 Adjutant, Q, Group, Left Sector
 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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	9		Left Sector, 1st Anzac Artillery
	10		"P" Group
	11		"M" Group
	12		2nd D.A.C.

"Q" GROUP LEFT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

SECRET ORDER No. 7 A

HEADQUARTERS
April 8th 1917

1. BOMBARDMENT 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

All available Howitzers will bombard BULLECOURT inside their group zones tomorrow 9/4/17.

RATE OF FIRE Q. GROUP 2 rounds per gun per minute

ZONE North of road U 27 b 75 to U 28 a 50 25
South of line U 28 a 50 25 to Church .

2. PREVENTION OF REPAIR TO WIRE AND FRONT AND SUPPORT TRENCHES

M Group will be in action for this purpose from night 8th/9th inclusive onwards.
Each Group will therefore work in its Zone laid down in instructions No.1 para 4.

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED

Owing to the depth of the front the 4th and 5th F.A.B.s will each fire 650 rounds, ~~max~~ Zones as per last nights order.

3. SHELLING APPROACHES Night 8th/9th and onwards.

4th F.A.B. will fire 480 rounds as per instructions issued on new trenches near REINCOURT From information just received co-ordinates of these trenches are from U 17 a 55 to U 24 a 01
5th F.A.B. will fire 600 rounds on Approaches to the Group Zone
46th Battery will fire 410 rounds on Approaches near REINCOURT
Ammunition A. and AX in bursts of fire on Approaches

BOUNDARIES between Groups will be as follows :-
"P" and "Q" Group U. 29 a 46 to cross roads U 17 a 52
"Q" and "M" Groups U. 30 a 44 to cross roads U 18 d 03 10

4. All night shelling to be in short, sharp bursts through hours of darkness, at irregular intervals.

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1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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- 5 45th Battery
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- 7 47th " (For information)
- 8 4th A.F.A. Brigade
- 9 Left Sector, 1st Anzac Artillery
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- 11 "M" Group
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ORDER No. 8

HEADQUARTERS
April 8th 1917

1. BOMBARDMENT

The operation detailed in order No. 5 will be repeated
tomorrow from 5.30 a.m. to 5.40 a.m.
and 11. a.m. to 11.10 a.m.

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Adjutant, Q Group, Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery.

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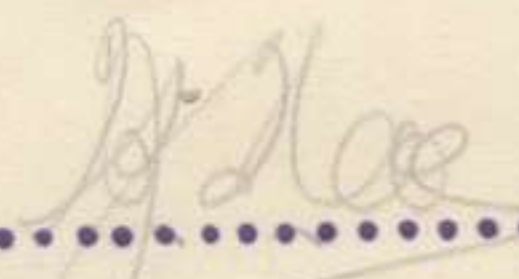
ORDER No. 9.

Headquarters,
April 8th. 1917

S E C R E T.

1. Re order No. 8 Bombardment for 11a.m. to 11. 10 a.m. read 11.30 a.m. to 11. 40 a.m.
2. During this bombardment Hewitzer batteries instead of tasks previously detailed will shell BUBLECOURT, Q Groups allotted portion.
3. Rates of Fire as previously ordered.
4. Order No. 7, para. 1. is now cancelled.
5. During bombardment referred to in Order No. 9 para 1. batteries will practice Lifts.

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ADJUTANT, Q GROUP, LEFT SECTOR,
 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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 - 10 M Group
 - 11 P "
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APPENDIX

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ORDER No. 10

Headquarters
April 9th 1917

SECRET

1. In addition to other work there will be a general bombardment of the whole front from 3 p.m. to 3 p.m. and thereafter in short bursts of fire till dark on front and support lines and ground up to 500 yards in rear will be thoroughly searched with H.E.
2. AMMUNITION To be expended on this task.

18 pr.	60 rounds A and AX per gun
Howa.	40 " AX " "
3. ZONE AND TARGETS As laid down in order No. 5 special attention being paid to ground in rear. 12th A.F.A. batteries, 45th Coy. battery, front and rear line trenches. 46th battery search between trenches and up to 500 yards in rear of support trenches. Howitzers will fire on HEINCOURT and work in vicinity.
4. REPORTS Special attention will be paid to movements observed and half hourly reports will be rendered by Groups and 12th A.F.A. brigade batteries from 3.30 p.m. and onward to this office till dark.

J. Lee
..... Lieut.

Adjutant, Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery
G. Group.

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 - 6 46th "
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 - 8 5th A.F.A. brigade
 - 9 Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery
 - 10 "A" Group
 - 11 "B" "
 - 12 2nd D.A.C.

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ORDER No. 11.

HEADQUARTERS
April 24th 1917

ORDER

1. No firing is to take place tonight south of -arrage line ordered in para 2.
2. -arrage line for use if required

4th A.F.A.-de. U 30 e 25 85 to U 24 e 3 3 to
U 24 e 2 4

5th A.F.A.-de. U 26 e 2 4 to U 23 d 25 70

18th A.F.A.-de. U 23 d 05 70 to U 23 e 28

45th -ty. Right half and 45th -attery Left Half of
18th A.F.A.-de. -arrage Line

3. 4th A.F.A. -de. will shell approaches and roads north of 4th and 5th -de- -arrage lines.
5th A.F.A. -de. will shell REINFORCEMENT defence works.
45th -attery is detailed for special duty under orders of C.C. 18th -attalion.
45th -attery will shell approaches and roads north of 18th A.F.A.-de -arrage Line, paying special attention to the cross roads at U 23 d 05 75.

4. AMMUNITION

4th A.F.A.-de.	will fire	500	rounds
5th " " "	" " "	500	"
45th -attery	" " "	150	"
45th " "	as ordered.		

This firing to start on receipt of order and continue in bursts of fire at frequent intervals throughout the hours of darkness.

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Adjutant, G Group, Left Sector
1st ANZAC BATTALION.

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 - 5 5th A.F.A.-de.
 - 6 45th -ty.
 - 7 45th " "
 - 8 47th " (for information)
 - 9 Left Sector H.Q.
 - 10 "G" Group
 - 11 "P" Group
 - 12 2nd B.A.C.
 - 13 Inf -de. 4th
 - 14 Spare

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Q GROUP LEFT SECTOR 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

ORDER 12

Headquarters April 9th. 1917

SECRET.

1. Re Instructions No. 2 and No. 2 Adenda.
First Barrage
 Barrage required in Artillery Instructions No. 2 para 5 will be as follows :-

4th. A.F.A. Bde	U 24 c 5 3	be-	U 22 d 65 55
5th. A.F.A.	U 23 d 65 55	--	U 23 d 05 70
			U 23 c 8 8
12th. " "	U 23 c 8 8	--	U 23 c 2 9
46th Bty. LEFT HALF			
45th. " RIGHT "			

2. SECOND BARRAGE
 XXXX Barrage required in para 7 will be as follows :-

4th. F.A.	U 18 d 62	-	U 18 Central	-	U 18 c 8 9
5th. "	U 18 c 8 9	-	U 17 d 5 5		
12th. "	U 17 d 5 5	-	U 17 c 6 2		
46th Bty LEFT HALF					
45th. " RIGHT HALF					

3. Howitzers unless bombarding BULLECOURT will be on the following points :-

<u>1st. Barrage</u>	105 How.	On Sunken Road	U 23 a
	104 "	From U 23 d 05 70	• U 24 c 5 4
<u>2nd. Barrage</u>	104 How.	On Road	U 17 b
	105 "	From U 17 d 5 7	- U 18 a 9 2 -- U 18 d 7 4

4. It is now known that the Front Line enemy trenches are held fairly strongly.

5. Operation outlined in Adenda to Artillery Instructions No. 2 will take place at Zero hour (4.30 a.m.) as ordered.
 Rate

6. Rate of fire in both cases :-

18 Pdr	3	Rounds	per gun	per minute
4.5 Hows.	2	"	"	" "

7. Barrage is not to be put on unless ordered, but batteries must be ready to open fire at once.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

J. H. Lee
Lieut.

Q GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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| 7 | 46th. " | 12 4th. Inf. de |
| | | 13 47th. (for Inf.) |
| | | 14 Spare |

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HEADQUARTERS

9/4/17

S E C R E T

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1. Gold beater skin balloons carrying important information may be expected shortly to come over our lines from the direction of the German Lines. All such balloons ~~complet~~ with papers attached to them should be forwarded at once to the 1st Anzac Corps Headquarters.
 2. Owing to the proximity of the German Line of the Headquarters of 4th and 12th Infantry Brigades, great care is to be taken that no conversation on subjects of a secret nature are indulged in over the telephone to these two brigades or to Liaison Officer there.

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..... Lieut.
 Adjutant, Q Group Left Sector
 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

Q. G R O U P

LEFT SECTOR

1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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HEADQUARTERS
9/4/17

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1. SIGNAL TIME will be sent out to all Brigades at 10. a.m. by the Group Intelligence Officer to an Officer of the Brigade.
 2. Clips for Ammunition ^{18pd} are urgently required in England and every effort is to be made to salve the same. They should be returned with the empty cartridge cases.

J. Lee
..... Lieut.

Adjutant, Q Group, Left Sector, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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with reference to Task Table issued to Batteries.

1. During the night Batteries will fire as usual for preventative work and searching approaches in short bursts. Ammunition to be expended. 500 rounds per brigade (A and AX)

45th. & 46th. Batteries. 200 rounds per Battery A and AX
 4.5 Hows. 150 " " " " BX
 Targets. 4th. A.F.A. Bde on trenches in front and rear Line and on wire from U 29 a 4 6 - U 30 a 4 4.
 104th? How. on machine gun positions and trench junctions on this front.
 5th. A.F.A. Bde will fire on approaches to Group Zone.
 45th. and 46th. Batteries will pay special attention to Cross Roads, Road junctions and any place where movement was specially noticed to-day in rear of Hindenburg Line.
 45th? Right Half and 46th. Left Half of Group Zone.

2. Re Task 4.30 a.m. to 4.45 a.m. Great care must be taken that no firing takes place South of wire a Line 300 yards North of the Hindenburg Line.

ZONES. 4th. A.F.A. Bde on the right between Line U 30 g 3 8 - U 18 d 7 2 and Line U 23 d 7 3 - ~~U 18 c 3 2~~ U 18 c 3 2
 5th. A.F.A. Bde on the left between Line U 23 d 7 3 - U 18 c 3 2 - and Line U 23 c 2 9 - U 17 c 5 2
 45th. and 46th. Batteries as for Task 1. provided that no fire takes place within 300 yards of the Hindenburg Line.
 In this back firing must not be entirely confined to roads

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED

18 Pdrs 2 rounds per gun per minute
 4.5 Hows. 1 " " " " "

3. S.O.S. BARRAGE as in para 5a of Left Sector Artillery Order No. 4

4th. A.F.A. Bde U 30 25 85 - U 24 c 2 4
 5th. A.F.A. " U 24 c 2 4 - U 23 d 05 70
 12th. A.F.A. " U 23 d 05 70 - U 23 c 2 8
 45th. Bty Right Half and 46th. Battery Left Half on 12th. A.F.A. Barrage Line.

4. S.O.S. BARRAGE after a final objective as in para 5 of Left Sector ARTILLERY Order No. 4

4th. A.F.A. Bde U 18 d 5 2 - U 18 Central - U 18 c 8 9
 5th. " " U 18 c 8 9 - U 17 d 5 5
 12th. " " U 17 d 5 5 - U 17 c 5 2
 45th. Battery Right Half and 46th. Battery Left Half of 12th. A.F.A. Barrage Line.

5. The 14th. and 104th. Batteries are to be kept available for wireless calls and therefore the whole of their Brigade Barrage Line must be covered by the other Batteries of their Brigades.

If the 14th. and 104th. Batteries are not required for wireless calls they will thicken the fire on their Brigade Barrage Line.

Battery Commanders must be prepared to act on their own initiative but must keep Group Commanders fully informed of any they may take.

From 5.30 a.m. to 5.40 a.m. 14th. Battery will fire on line U 18 c 5 3 to U 18 d 2 2 with time shrapnel to act as a guide for steering the tanks. Rate of fire 2 rounds per gun per minute

Every effort is to be made by all observing officers and Battery Commanders to keep Group Commanders fully informed regarding the situation.

.....Lieut.
 Adjutant, G. Group, Left Sector 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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ORDER No. 14

Headquarters
11th April 1917

S E T

1. Previous S.O.S. Lines are cancelled.
The following will be the S.O.S. Line for night 11th to 12th.

4th F.A. <i>B</i>	C 6 b	95 10	-	C 6 a	79
5th " " "	C 6 a	79	-	U 29 d	45 75
45th Battery	U 29 d	45 75	-	U 29	Central
46th " "	U 29	Central	-	U 29 a	50
104th How.	distributed along 4th F.A. <i>B</i> front				
105th " " "	5th and 12th F.A. <i>B</i> 's Fronts .				

2. General arrangements for the Artillery defence of the line will be as ordered in Left Sector Anzac Artillery Order No. 2 of the 8th April, modified as above.

3. The dividing line between Groups is now U 29 a 50. All Batteries of Q Group will answer S.O.S. call on Signal received.

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 - 9 2nd D.A.C.
 - 10 "R" Group
 - 11 "P" Group
 - 12 4th Inf. de.
 - 13 47th Bty.
 - 14 Spare.

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Q. GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

APPENDIX 29
1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 15

HEADQUARTERS
13th April 1917

SECRET

1. It is probable that the attack of morning of 11th will be repeated in the near future under an Artillery Creeping Barrage.
2. Field Artillery are responsible for the following :-
 - (a) Wire cutting round BULLECOURT Salient (P. Group)
 - (b) Prevention of repair to wire (P, Q, & M Groups)
 - (c) Constant shelling of roads and approaches (P, Q, & M Groups)
 - (d) Frequent bombardment of BULLECOURT (Q Group)

3. ZONES FOR "Q" GROUP

4th A.P.A. de.	U 30 a 4 4	-	U 29 b 65 50
5th " " "	U 29 b 65 50	-	U 29 a 85 55
12th " " "	U 29 a 85 55	-	U 29 a 4 6

4. "Q" Group will be responsible for the systematic destruction of the houses in BULLECOURT inside Corps boundary. This task is allotted as follows :-

104th Hov. Bty. all houses North of the Line U 27 b 8 6 - U 28 a 8 6 and East of the road running through U 27 b 6 0 - U 27 b 9 9 - U 22 c 3 1 and thence to HENDECOURT.

105th Bty. all houses south of the line U 27 b 8 6 and East of the road running from U 27 b 6 0 - U 27 b 9 9.

This destructive fire will commence at once and every round must be carefully observed, progress to be reported daily at 6 p.m. to Group Headquarters. Ammunition to be expended 500 rounds BX per Bty per day.

5. 18 pdrs. will not shoot by day except at living targets and for calibration etc., or calls from infantry. They will be reserved for shelling at night.
6. Fire for the prevention of repair to wire and shelling of approaches will be the same as for night 11th/12th.
7. Ammunition Dumps at Gunpits must be filled up to :-

18 pdrs. 500 rounds (A and AX) in proportion laid down.
 4.5. Hovs. 400 " (BX)
 This amount must be at Gunpits by 12 midnight 13th inst., and Dumps must be kept up to this amount from then onward till further instructions are issued.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

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 Adjutant, "Q" Group, Left Sector, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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1st ANZAC

APPENDIX
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ORDER No. 16

SECRET

Headquarters
April

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1. The 104th How. Battery will bombard BULLECOURT between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. today. It will be responsible for the systematic destruction of houses inside the CORPS BOUNDARY (Instructions No. 1 para 4 and 6a) Ammunition to be expended 500 rounds per Battery. Bombardment to be deliberate and all rounds ~~xxxx~~ observed for effect.
 2. Heavy Artillery cannot cut any more wire after 2 p.m. on the 13th inst.
 3. All previous wire cutting zones for Groups are cancelled, and the following substituted :-

P Group U 28 c 00 95 to C 48
 U 29 b 5 4 " U 30 b 1 5
 The latter with enflade fire

Q Group One Battery
 U 28 b 9 9 to U 29 a 4 6
 U 30 a 1 3 " U 30 a 4 2

M Group U 28 c 8 8 to U 28 b 2 8

There are already reported Lanes cut as follows :-

and at U 28 b 7 8 to 9 8
 U 29 b 3 4 " 5 4

While the wire from U 29 b 8 4 to U 30 a 4 4 and round BULLECOURT is much damaged.

4. 105th How. Battery will cut wire for Q Group and as far as possible will be relieved from other work.
5. Groups will send in a wire report on the places they have been cutting on the evening of the 13th inst. and will concentrate on getting two 40 yard lanes cut in their Zones. Ammunition supply unlimited. This last task must be carried out with the greatest energy.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

.....Lieut.
 Adjutant, Q GROUP, LEFT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 17

Headquarters

April 13th 1917

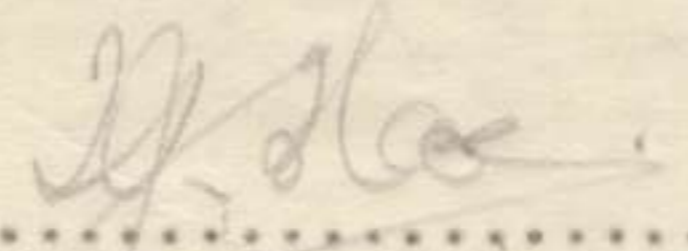
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1. Re Bombardment and shelling of Roads and Approaches it is to be noticed that HENDECOURT is now outside the CORPS BOUNDARY and therefore need not be shelled by Q GROUP.
2. In continuance of Left Sector Order No. 16 para 1. it is to be noted that this order cancels previous orders of bombardment of BULLECOURT.
104 How. Battery will be responsible for shelling the whole of BULLECOURT East of main Road.
U 27 6 0 5 to U 27 6 9 9 to U 22 c 3 1 thence towards HENDECOURT.
105th How. Battery will be responsible for wire cutting.
3. The HINDENBURG Line will be attacked again on Sunday 15th inst.
4. A Barrage Map will be issued with Zones marked on it. Boundaries for Q Group are as follows :-

U 29 a 1 6 to U 23 a 40 15 to U 18 b 0 7
U 30 a 1 1 " U 24 c 10 25 " U 18 d 3 4

Details of Barrage will be notified as soon as possible. Batteries are advised to have Datum Points registered in their probable zone and calibrations verified.
5. For the final protective Barrage of Q Group
U 18 d 3 4 to U 18 b 0 7
At least 18 guns will be required.
6. Prevention of repair to trenches and wire will take place as usual. It is notified for information that the boundaries of the Zone remain as follows for Q Group :-
U 29 a 4 5 to Cross Roads U 17 a 3 2
U 30 a 4 4 " " " U 18 d 03 10
and subdivision for Brigades are as previously ordered.
Ammunition to be expended 500 rounds per Brigade (A & AX)
45th and 46th 300 Rounds.
Batteries to fire alternate nights by mutual agreement.
7. For S.O.S. Lines see Group Order No. 14 para 1.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE


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AMENDMENT TO ORDER No. 17

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HEADQUARTERS
April 13th 1917

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Para 6 of Q Group Order No. 17 is cancelled, and the following substituted:-

TASKS

4th A.F.A. B de. will fire on Front Line and Support Trenches, and on the wire, for prevention of Repair to Trenches and wire in the whole of Q Group Zone, from U 29 a 4 6 to U 30 a 4 4.

5th A.F.A. B de. will fire on Approaches to Group Zone.
12th " " will fire on Approaches to Group Zone.
(45th and 46th Batteries will carry out 12th rigade Task on alternate nights, beginning with 45th battery tonight)

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED

<u>4th A.F.A. B de</u>	800 rounds
5th " "	500 "
12th " "	350 "

acknowledged by wire.

..... Lieut.
Adjutant, Q Group Left Sector,
1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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APPENDIX 23
FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 18

HEADQUARTERS
14th April 1917

SECRET

Attached Resume Herewith.

1. DEFENCE

Barrage Line for Q Group.

U 29 a 50 to U 29 Central to C 6 b 95 10

This is divided up as follows :-

- 4th F.A.B. C 6 b 95 10 to C 6 a 79
- 5th " " " C 6 a 79 to U 29 d 45 75
- 45th Bty. U 29 d 45 75 to U 29 Central
- 46th Bty. U 29 Central to U 29 a 50
- 104th How. ty. distributed along 4th F.A.B. Front.
- 105 " " " " 5th and 12th F.A.B. Fronts

2. Liaison Officer is at present provided by "P" Group.

3. Attention is drawn to Rates of Fire for S.O.S. call. Battery Commanders will make their own alterations in Rate of Fire unless other orders are received.

4. All Officers must know the lights for S.O.S.

5. OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS

(a)1. Prevention of repair of wire and trenches on whole Group Front.

4th A.F.A. Bde.

(a)2. Shelling Approaches on whole Group Front.

5th A.F.A. Bde. and 12th A.F.A. Bde.

(b) Wire Cutting.

5th A.F.A. Bde.

(c) Bombardment of BULLECOURT

4th A.F.A. Bde.

(d) AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED.

Prevention of repair to wire and defences.

4th A.F.A. Bde. 850 rounds.

Road Shelling.

5th A.F.A. Bde. 900 "

12th A.F.A. Bde. 600. "

(e) 5th A.F.A. Bde. will devote a large proportion of their rounds to the REINCOURT defences.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

G. F. Robert Thomas Major.
Q Group, Left Sector, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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3 Q" GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 20

HEADQUARTERS

April 15th 1917

Re LEFT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 5

1. "Q" Group is to be prepared to extend its Barrage Lines to aid in the Defence of the Group on its Right of Left.
2. "Q" Group will therefore be prepared to extend its Barrage to U 28 Central or to D 1 a 0 0
3. "P" Group is prepared to extend its Barrage to U 30 b 0 2 and "M" Group is prepared to extend its Barrage to U 30 ea 20
4. If Right Division 5th Corps attacked
 - A. All Barrages extend to the LEFT
If "M" Group attacked, that is LAGNICOURT
 - B. "P" and "Q" Groups extend to RIGHT
If "Q" Group attacked, that is NOREUIL
 - C. "M" and "P" Groups extend to ~~LEFT~~ LEFT and RIGHT respectively.
If "P" Group attacked, that is LONGATE
 - D. "M" and "Q" Groups extend to LEFT.
arrages
5. These ~~arranges~~ will be as follows, and will be known by the following names :-
 - A. "HELP "P" BARRAGE"
U 30 b 0 2 to U 29 Central to U 28 Central
 - B. "HELP "M" BARRAGE"
When the S.O.S. Lines will be extended by the Right Battery of the 4th A.F.A. Bde. to D 1 a 0 0.
 - C. When NOREUIL attacked
S.O.S. Lines.
6. The Zones for these Barrages will be as follows :-
 - A. "HELP "P" BARRAGE" 4th A.F.A. Bde.
U 30 a 0 2 to U 29 Central
5th A.F.A. Bde
U 29 Central to U 28 b 8 0
12th A.F.A. Bde.
U 28 b 8 0 to U 28 Central
 - B. "HELP "M" BARRAGE" as detailed in para. 5
 - C. S.O.S. Lines as already ordered.
to
7. Re para 6. A Barrage line ~~will~~ be known as NOREUIL Barrage is also to be prepared from C 10 a Central to C 17 b 0 5. 10th, 11th, 45th, 46th batteries will divide this line working from Right to Left in the order named. 10th How. will sweep the whole Line. Other Batteries will sweep ground in front of the Barrage Line at the lowest angle of sight which will clear the crest.

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- 8. This Last arrage will not be put up except at the request of the Infantry or on an order from DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS.
- 9. It is of the utmost importance to prevent the enemy obtaining a footing in the villages of LONGATE and LAGNICOURT.

C. F. Robert Thomson.....Major.

Q Group, Left Sector, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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Q. GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER NO: 19

HEADQUARTERS
16th April 1917

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REFERENCE R.A. 1st Anzac Instructions No. 97 and Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery Instructions No. 3 and Notes on Barrage Map which have been issued to Batteries.:-

1. LIAISON OFFICER.
The Liaison Officer with the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade is now found by Q Group.
Lieut. Raymond 45th Battery has been detailed for this duty.
Headquarters 5th Aus. Inf. Bde. are in NOREUIL;
 2. Re Left Sector, 1st Anzac Artillery, Artillery Instructions No. 5
 - (a) Para 11.
Visual signalling must be arranged from at least one O.P. per Brigade to its Battery.
45th Battery will do this for 12th Brigade.
Numbers of Batteries and positions of O.P.'s to be notified to Group as soon as possible.
 - () Para. 12.
Lieut. Fowler 10th Battery is detailed for this duty.
Group is to be notified as soon as all arrangements for signalling are completed, with a report stating the O.P. with which it is intended to keep up communication.
 - (c) Para. 14.
The Batteries of the 12th F.A. Brigades will be available after 2.49 to reinforce the Right Flank protective Barrage. Hows. not engaged on other Barrage work will also be prepared to assist.
 - (d) Para 16.
104th and 105th Hows. may be required to assist in Counter Battery work throughout the operation.
During protective Barrages
11th, 45th, 46th Batteries will each detail one section to assist the N.F. calls and Zone Calls.
 3. The following Batteries will be required for the final Barrage :-
12th(4 guns) 13th(4 guns) 14th(5 guns) 15th(6 guns)
Total 19 guns
 4. Wireless masts must be established near the 11th Battery and 105th How. Battery. The third must be at Group Headquarters.
 5. Zones for Barrage work are as follows :-
4th Bde. on Right - 5th Bde. in Centre - 12th Bde. on Left, of Group Zone.
Right Flank of Zone. U 30 a 1 1 to U 24 c 1 2 to U 18 d 12 04.
4th F.A. Bde.
Dividing Line between 4th F.A. B. and 5th F.A. B.
~~U 29 a 1 6 to U 23 a 40 15 to U 17 d 95 65~~
U 29 b 42 28 to U 23 d 56 46 to U 18 c 70 25
5th F.A. Bde.
Dividing Line :- U 29 a 70 43 to U 23 c 90 86 to U 18 c 30 45
12th F.A. Bde.
Left Flank :- U 29 a 1 6 to U 23 a 40 15 to U 17 d 95 65
- After 2.49 :- 10th and 11th Batteries (less one section 11th Bty;) detailed for N.F. and Zone Calls) will stand fast.
45th and 46th will fire on Right Flank Barrage if required.
45th Bty. U 30 b 3 5 to U 24 d 3 7. 46th Bty. U 24 d 3 7 to U 18 d 4 0
6. After 2.49 :-
Barrage will be as follows :- 15th Bty on Right Flank, followed by 14th, then 13th, then 12th, the latter on the left.
Right Flank :- U 18 d 12 04 to U 18 d 4 5.
15th Battery

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15th Battery .
 Boundary Line U 18 c 8 2 to U 18 d 30 85
 14th Battery
 Boundary Line U 18 c 50 35 to U 18 b 20 15
 13th Battery
 Boundary Line U 18 c 2 55 to U 18 b 1 4
 12th Battery
 Left Flank Boundary U 17 d 95 65 to U 18 b 05 70

7. On the Barrage firing at least 80 per.cent. of A is to be expended.
8. All preparations must be completed by the evening of the 16th.
9. The three sections of 18 pdr. Batteries detailed in para 2.(d) are available for N.F.calls and zone calls during protective Barrages, but not during Creeping Barrages, except for action against Tanks, and in case of extreme urgency. When detached for this purpose the remainder of the Battery will quicken up and distribute it's fire to permit of this being done.
10. Re Addenda to Left Sector, 1st Anzac Artillery Instructions, issued to Batteries tonight, attention is drawn to Rates of Fire laid down.
11. EQ" GROUP HOW. BATTERIES

104th How. Bty. will detail one section to engage the hostile Battery throughout the operations and with the other two Sections will perform the duties laid down for the first Q Group Battery.
 105th How. Bty. will perform the duties laid down for the second Q Group How. Bty.

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 Q Group, Left Sector, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

15th Battery

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Q GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 21

Headquarters
April 16th 1917

S E C R E T

1. LEFT SECTOR "Q" GROUP Order No. 20, para 7 is hereby cancelled.

2. NOREUIL Barrage Line will be as follows :-

46th Battery	C.17	0 5	to	C 17	a 5 9
45th "	C.17	a 5 9	to	C 11	c 2 1
10th "	C.11	c 2 1	"	C 10	d 85 40
11th "	C 10	d 85 40	"	C 10	d 6 6
14th "	C 10	d 6 6	"	C 10	d 2 8
15th "	C 10	d 2 8	"	C 10	a 8 2
13th "	C 10	a 8 2	"	C 10	a 5 5

How. Batteries will Barrage 200 yards to the North of this Line. 105 Battery on the Right 104th on the Left.

3. "p" "q" and "M" Groups are arranging to test the Flanks of their Barrages as at the following hours, so as to ensure there being no gaps :-

Zero
 33 to 36
 2.15 " 2.18
 2.49 " 2.54
 Final protective arrage.

This test will take place at 4 p.m. tomorrow 17th inst.

4. All tents dumps and boxed ammunition especially which is very easily seen from the air, are to be CAMOUFLAGED at once. In lieu of any better form of camouflage, light brushwood scattered about is useful. There is a plentiful supply of this on the forward area.

.....C. F. Robert Thomson.....Major.

"Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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SECRET.

Headquarters
April 16th. 1917.

1. The Right Boundary of the Division has been changed to the following :-

From S.W. to I 4 Central as before, thence along a Line drawn through C 23 5 5 - C 18 c 8 3 - C 18 5 5 0 - D 7 Central.

The 5th. Aus. Inf. Bde is extending its Front to the Line as above on night 17/18th.

"M" Group will be responsible for Artillery Defence of the extension of Front, vide Instructions, para 2.

2. Batteries are to arrange to test the Flanks of their Barrages as at the following hours, so as to ensure there being no gaps :-

- Zero
- 23 to 36
- 2-15 to 2-18
- 2-49 " 2-54
- Final Protective Barrage

Both Battery Commanders are to meet at the same O.P. and report to Group when a satisfactory result has been obtained.

3. Reference operations

Where zones of two Batteries are shown as being sounded by a Line both Batteries are responsible for covering this Line by firing on it so as to ensure no gaps in the Barrage

4 H.A. will be cutting wire tomorrow 18th. Inst. between U 29a 4 6 and U 29 3 5.

M Group will cut wire U 29 7 4 to U 30 a 3 2

Q Group from U 28 5 7 to U 29 a 1 6

P Group will continue on wire around BULLECOURT.

105th. Bty will expend 500 rounds on this task.

104th. " " " " " " Bombardment of BULLECOURT

5. The following is a List of supposed O.P's :-

- U 30 b 7 6 - U 23 b 0 2 - V 25 a 0 5 - U 24 a 0 2 -
- V 25 d 8 8 - V 26 c 8 9 - V 26 d 9 9 - V 26 d 0 9 -
- V 26 c 80 95 - V 25 d 70 75 - V 25 d 80 75 - V 25 a 70 60
- V 30 b 7 6 - U 24 a 0 2 - U 17 d 5 4 - U 16 c 8 2 -
- U 16 c 7 3 - U 15 b 45 10 - U 15 b 25 35 - U 15 b 10 60

These will be taken on drastically immediately prior to the operations. Meanwhile Batteries will please try and confirm these and locate others and keep them under observation.

Acknowledge.

A. J. Robert Thomson Major.

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LEFT SECTOR

FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER NO. 23.

Headquarters
18th April 1917

SECRET

1. S. O. S. ARRANGES

Arrangements must be made by all Batteries in a Group and also by the Flank Batteries of all Groups to overlap 50 yards on both Flanks on to the next Battery Zone. S.O.S. Lines will remain as at present, except that each Battery will extend its Lines of fire 50 yards to both Flanks with the exception of Flank Batteries in the NOPEUIL BARRAGE which will only extend fire 50 yards inwards.

2. No firing is to take place tonight south of the enemy support Trench between the hours of :-

- 12.15 to 1.15 a.m.
- 2. to 3 a.m.
- 5.15 to 6 a.m.

3. Owing to alteration in division boundary, the boundary between "P" and "Q" Groups for firing on Approaches will be :-

Between "Q" and "P" Groups :-
U 29 a 4 6 to V 13 c 0 2

C 3 5 5 5 to W 30 d 2 7.

Acknowledge.

A. F. Robert Thorne Major.

"Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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1. The 7th Inf. *B* Brigade relieved the 5th and 3th *B* Brigades last night 19th to 20th.
2. Lieut. G. Adams will relieve Lieut. G. Raymond as Liaison Officer before 3 p.m. today 20th inst.
3. 4th F.A. *B*. will make a thorough reconnaissance of the enemies wire first thing tomorrow morning :-
From U 28 *g* 8 6 to U 30 a 4 4
A report to be rendered to Group as soon as completed.
4. Attention is drawn to Left Sector, 1st Anzac Artillery Order No. 3 and Administration Order No. 3.
5. Report called for in Left Sector Order No. 3 para 7 commencing on April 21st will be rendered to 12th Brigade Headquarters by 45th and 46th Batteries by 4 p.m. daily.
6. On account of withdrawal of Batteries S.O.S. Zones will be as follows :-
Normal S.O.S. line U 29 a 5 0 to U 29 Central to C 6 9310
This is divided as follows :-

10th Bty.	C 6 <i>b</i> 95 10	to	C 6 a 8 9
13th "	C 6 <i>b</i> 0 8	to	U 29 d 55 05
15th "	U 29 d 7 4	to	U 29 Central to U 29 a 5 0

HELP "M" *B* BARRAGE
Same as for S.O.S. Lines, but 10th *B*ty. extends it's right flank to D 1 a 0 0;
HELP "P" *B* BARRAGE
10th *B*ty. C 6 *b* 95 10 to U 30 c 40 15
13th " U 30 c 6 0 to U 29 Central to U 29 a 9 0
15th " U 29 d 90 95 to U 29 Central to U 26 Central
MOREUIL *B*ARRAGE
45th ty. C 17 *b* 0 5 to C 17 a 40 95
45th " C 17 a 60 85 to C 10 d 90 85
10th " C 11 d 1 2 to C 10 d 40 75
13th " C 10 d 6 6 to C 10 a 90 15
15th " U 10 *b* 05 05 to C 10 a 5 5
104th How. will *B*arrage roads, strongpoints etc. 200 yards in rear of these lines.
7. TASK PROGRAMME
104th How. will fire 400 rounds daily on wire cutting mainly on the spur in U 28 *B*. This *B*ty. will not fire on back country except for opportunity targets, and will not fire more than 400 rounds daily on routine shooting.
8. 5th F.A. *B*. will expend 500 rounds nightly on offensive operations shelling roads and country behind lines, including recently constructed trenches if within range in U 30 *B* V 19, and V 13 and will also keep REINCOURT defences under observation during the day, firing on it if necessary.
9. 10th *B*ty. will expend 500 rounds nightly on prevention of repair to wire and trenches on the HIDDEN WIRE Line, especially the wire between U 29 a 8 7 and ~~XXXXXX~~ U 30 a 5 4.
10. Attention is drawn to Left Sector 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY Instructions No. 7 and No. 8.
11. Batteries being relieved today will go back into action on 24th and the night 24th / 25th April.

G. F. Robert Thomas Major.
Q GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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Q GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 25

HEADQUARTERS
April 21st 1917

1. The R. A. 2nd Aus. Division will take command of the Left Sector. 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY as from noon on the 21st April.
2. If wind is favorable on night 21st/22nd, the 5th Army Special Company R. E. will discharge gas on QUEANT at 3 a.m. "M" Group will arrange for a rapid burst of fire on QUEANT and trenches in front of it, and approaches to QUEANT in D 2 a and b at 3.30 a.m. on April 22nd.
3. 7th Brigade Front is for convenience for patrolling purposes divided into Sectors as follows :-

Right Sector from Div. Boundary to the Railway at C. 6 c 4 3 exclusive
Centre Section from above railway/C. 6 c 4 3 up to road C. 5 a 7 7 to U 29 a 9 7 inclusive.
Left Sector from above road exclusive to left Div. Boundary.

In accordance with instructions received through Artillery Liaison Officer Artillery Fire will cease on the night of the 21/22nd on the different Sectors of the 7th A I Brigade Front as follows :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
21/22	26th Bn	Right	11.30 p.m.	1 a.m.
"	27th "	Centre	1 a.m.	2.30 a.m.
"	25th "	Left	10 p.m.	11.30 p.m.

Care must be taken that for this purpose watches synchronise. Divisional Signal Time should therefore be obtained by Batteries firing near the Infantry Front from Group H.Q. each evening about 7 p.m.

4. TASKS for tonight and tomorrow will be the same as detailed for today.

ACKNOWLEDGE

..... *G. F. Robert Thomson* Major.

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LEFT SECTOR

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ORDER No. 26

Headquarters

April 22nd 1917

SECRET

1. 46th Battery will find Officer for 5th Brigade Tactical O.P. tonight 22nd/23rd.
5th F.A.B. will find this Officer on the nights of the 23rd/24th, 24th/25th, 25th/26th, and 45th night of 26th/27th and 46th night of 27th/28th.
2. Major Harbottle will take over Liaison Officer in place of Lieut. Adams on the morning of the 23rd April before noon.
3. Attention is drawn to 5th Army S.O. 301/5 issued to Batteries today. O.C. Batteries are responsible that their O.P.'s are manned from dawn till dusk, and that a vigilant watch is maintained by F.S.O.'s. Also that communication is maintained between O.P.'s and Batteries.
At night the two Brigade Tactical O.P.'s within the Group are responsible, and the Officer in charge must see that a vigilant watch is maintained and prompt action taken when necessary. Both tactical O.P.'s must be able to watch over the front of Q. Group Sector.
4. S.O.S. signals will be established as before at Company H.Q. in the Line and in Support, and Battalion H.Q.
5. It is notified for information that
 - (a) The present forward line of resistance will be known as "The Front System".
 - (b) The Corps Support Line will be known as "The BEAUMETZ - MORCHIES-VAULX Line".
 - (c) The Corps main Line will be known as "The BEUGNY-YTRES Line".

Villages close in near of each Line will be prepared and defended as supporting points to that Line.
6. Batteries in touch with wireless Stations must act on Zone Calls and especially N.F. calls, without waiting for further orders.
7. The Infantry Escort for Q Group is posted as follows :-
One Platoon with Lewis Gun at C.17 0 9 6
One Platoon with Lewis Gun at C.16 3 2 9
8. Attention is drawn to Left Sector, 1st ANZAC Artillery Instructions No. 6 paras. 5, 9, 10.
Re PARA 5. - After the 5th F.A.B. have been withdrawn, the final protective barrage Line must be covered by the 4th F.A.B. in U 18 B and d
The 12th F.A.B. are still responsible to thicken the line in U 24 B and d.
4th F.A.B. will render report to Group as soon as possible of Zones allotted to each Battery, care being taken that each Battery must overlap by 50 yards on to the Battery zone on either flank.
9. After the 5th F.A.B. are again in action (Instruct. No. 6 para 9) Q Group will Barrage U 24 d 3 8 to U 30 5 1. This will be divided as follows :-

45th Bty.	U 30 5 1	-	U 30 3 5
46th "	U 30 4 3	-	U 30 3 8
10th "	U 30 3 7	-	U 24 d 3 2
11th "	U 24 d 3 0	-	U 24 d 3 3
12th "	U 24 d 3 4	-	U 24 d 3 9
10. Table of Cessation of Artillery Fire for 22nd to 23rd inst.

Date & Night of	Unit	Sector	Time	
			From	To
22/23rd	28th Bn.	Right	1 a.m.	2.30 a.m.
"	27th Bn.	Centre	10 p.m.	11.30 p.m.
"	25th Bn.	Left	11.30 p.m.	1 a.m.

- 11. 5th F.A.B. will perform the task tonight detailed in Order No. 24 para 9 instead of the 10th Battery.
- 12. Attention is drawn to M. 31 dated 21st April which has been forwarded to Brigade Commanders for compliance. Certificates to be rendered direct to D.A.

ACKNOWLEDGE

A. F. Robert Thomson.....Major

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ORDER No. 27

Headquarters
23-4-17

SECRET

1. Q Group Order No. 26 para B. is cancelled.
2. TASKS for tonight 23rd/24th :-
10th Bty. will tonight fire for prevention of repair to wire and trenches on the HINDENBURG Line.
5th F.A. B. will shell roads and country behind Lines as usual.
3. Table for cessation of Artillery Fire for 23rd to 24th inst.

Date Night of	Unit	Sector	Time From	Time To
23rd/24th	25th B n	Right	10.30 p.m.	12 midnight
"	27th B n	Centre	12 midnight	1.30 a.m.
"	28th B n.	Left	1.30 a.m.	3.00 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE

A. J. Robert Thomson..... Major,

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LEFT SECTOR

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ORDER NO. é 28

Headquarters
24th April 1917

SECRET

1. Attention is drawn to Left Sector 1st ANZAC Artillery Instructions No. 9 dated 22nd April 1917.

2. Defensive Barrages from 9 a.m. on the 25th inst. will be as follows :-

(i) NORMAL S.O.S. D 1 c 2 4 - U 29 Central-U 29 a 8 0

<u>Battery</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Special Points</u>
10th By.	D 1 c 2 4 - C 6 b 3 5	D 1 c 2 4 - C 6 b 9 0
13th By.	C 6 b 3 5 - U 30 c 15 20	Astride road C 6 a 6 9
15th By.	U 30 c 15 20 - U 29 Central - -U 29 a 8 0	Astride road U 29 d 7 7
104th How.	D 1 é 2 4 - U 29 a 8 0	D 1 c 2 4 - C 6 b 9 0

(ii) HELP "P" BARRAGE D 1 c 2 4 - U 29 Central -U 28 a 8 0

<u>Battery</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Special Points</u>
10th By.	D 1 c 2 4 - C 6 a 6 9	D 1 c 2 4 - C 6 b 9 0
13th By.	C 6 a 6 9 - U 29 Central - -U 29 a 8 0.	Astride road C 6 a 6 9
15th By.	U 29 a 8 0 - U 28 a 8 0	Left Gun on U 28 Central
104th How.	D 1 c 2 4 - U 28 a 8 0	Astride road U 29 a

(iii) HELP "M" BARRAGE D 7 d 1 7 - D 1 c 2 4 -U 29 Central -
-U 29 a 8 0

<u>Battery</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Special Points</u>
10th By.	D 7 d 1 7 - D 1 c 2 4	D 7 d 0 8 - D 7 a 5 1
13th By.	D 1 c 2 4 - C 6 a 6 9	D 1 c 2 4 - C 6 b 9 0
15th By.	C 6 a 6 9 - U 29 Central - -U 29 a 8 0	Astride Road U 29 d 7 7
104th How.	D.7 d 1 7 - U 29 a 8 0	D 7 a 4 5 - D 7 a 4 8

(iv) CLOSE DEFENSE BARRAGE C 18 a 0 5-C10 a 9 8
200 yards in advance of this Line

<u>Battery</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Special Points</u>
10th By.	C 18 a 0 5 - C 11 d 0 3	C 11 d 3 0 - C 11 d 0 3
13th By.	C 11 d 0 3 - C 10 b 9 1	C 11 d 0 3 - C 11 c 8 4
15th By.	C 10 b 9 1 - C 10 a 9 8	Astride road C 10 b 6 3
104th How.	C 18 a 0 5 - C 10 a 9 8	C 11 d 0 3 - C 11 c 8 4

3. ORDERS FOR DEFENSIVE BARRAGES :-

When covering a large Front, unless otherwise ordered Batteries should always lay on to the Special Point with Lines of Fire parallel. This enables fire to be switched at once on to any threatened point.

Howitzer Batteries should as a rule lay 200 yards beyond the 18 pdr. Barrage Line. This is especially necessary in close Barrages.

4. Left Sector

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4. Left Sector, ANZAC Artillery Instructions No. 9 para 10.

This refers to "P" Group only.

5. Left Sector, ANZAC Artillery Instructions No. 9 para 11

This refers to C 3/135 of 19th April and not to C 3/135 of 20th April -Authority :- Conversation with Brigade Major

6. Table of cessation of Artillery Fire for 24th to 25th inst.

Date Night of	Unit	Sector	Time	
			From	To
24th/25th	28th Bn. } 8th Bn. }	Right	No. cessation	
"	27th Bn.	Centre	11 p.m.	12.30 a.m.
"	25th Bn.	Left	12.30 a.m.	2.00 a.m.

7. TASKS for tonight will be the same as detailed for last night.

ACKNOWLEDGE

.....A. F. Robert Thomas.....Major

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"Q" GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

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ORDER No. 29

Headquarters
23th April 1917

SECRET

1. Attention is drawn to "Q" Group Order No. 28 paras. 2 & 3.

14th Bty. will take over arrages allotted to 15th Battery

12th " " " " " " 10th "

104th How. " " " " " " 104th How.

11th Bty. " " " " " " 15th Battery.

2. TASK ORDERS

4th P.A.B. will expend 600 rounds nightly on offensive operations shelling roads and country behind lines, including recently constructed trenches if within range in U 30 B., V 19 and V 13 and will also keep REINCOURT defences under observation during the day, firing on it if necessary.

3. 14th Bty. will expend 600 rounds nightly on prevention of repair to wire and trenches on the HINDENBURG line especially the wire between U 29 & 8 7 and U 30 & 5 7.

4. Brigades will notify to Group as soon as the reliefs mentioned in Left Sector Order No. 5 are complied with.

5. Attention is drawn to "Q" Group Order No. 29, para. 3.

6. Table of cessation of Artillery Fire for 25th to 26th inst.

Date Night of	Unit	Sector	Time	
			From	To
25th/26th	27th Bn.	Centre	12.30 a.m.	3.00 a.m.
	25th Bn.	Left	10.30 p.m.	12 m/n.

ACKNOWLEDGE

.....*A. J. Robert Thomas*.....Major.

"Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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"Q" GROUP LEFT SECTOR

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ORDER NO. 30

Headquarters
26th April 1917

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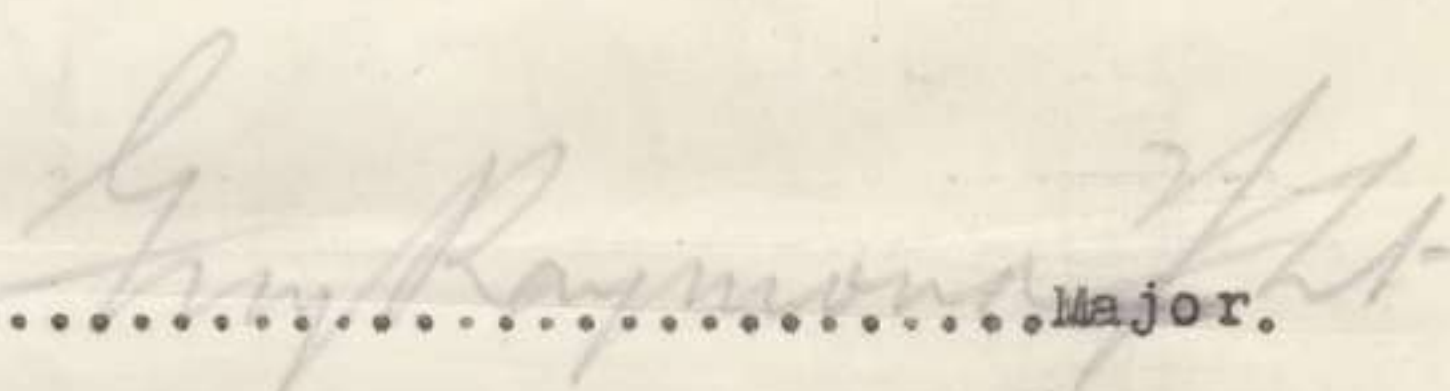
1. Reference "Q" Group Order No. 25 para 3. The Centre will now be referred to as the Right Sector.
2. Table of Cessation of Artillery Fire for 26th to 27th inst.

Date Night of	Unit	Sector	Time From	To
26th/27th	27th Bn.	Right	12 m.n.	1.15 a.m.
"	26th Bn.	Left	10.30 p.m.	12.m.n.

3. TASK ORDERS

Tasks for tonight will be the same as detailed for last night.

A C K N O W L E D G E


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 "Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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"Q" GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

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ORDER NO. 31

Headquarters

26th April 1917

SECRET

1. "Z" day for the forthcoming operation not having yet been fixed, opportunity should be taken at once to register all batteries at present in action on an additional datum point, at least 30" clear of the Zero Line. Batteries at present out of the line should also carry this out as soon as possible after again going into ~~xxxxx~~ position.
2. In order to deal with all known Machine Guns before "Z" day destructive bombardments will be carried out on 27th., 28th. and 29th inst. by fire of 105th Howitzer Battery as follows :-
- (a) 5 "Q" GROUP M.G.'s at U 30 a 10 75, U 30 a 55 70 and U 30 a 4 3
- () Ammunition allowance -Up to 50 rounds per M.G. daily.
- (c) Visibility permitting, these bombardments will be carried out at the following times :-
- 27th inst. between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.
28th inst. between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.
29th inst. between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- (d) Battery will use all its guns.
- Report will be made on completion of above bombardments.
4. Before the above bombardments take place, the instructions contained in para (1) will be carefully and satisfactorily carried out.

ACKNOWLEDGE

.....A. F. Palat. Thomas.....Major.

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ORDER NO. 32

Headquarters
27th April 1917

SECRET

1. Table of cessation of Artillery Fire for 27th to 28th
inst. :-

Date Night of	Unit	Sector	From	Time	To
27th/28th	27th <i>B</i> n.	Right	10.45 p.m.		12.15 a.m.
"	28th <i>B</i> n.	Left	12 m.n.		1.30 a.m.

2. TASK ORDERS :-

4th A.F.A. *B* Co. will tonight, do the Task allotted to the
14th attery in *q* Group Order No. 29 para 3.

ACKNOWLEDGE

A. F. Robert ThomasMajor.

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ORDER NO. 33

Headquarters
27th April 1917

SECRET

1. Lieut. DARDMELL will relieve Lieut. G. ADAMS as Liaison Officer at 7th Aus. Inf. Brigade Headquarters NOREUIL, by noon on 28th inst.
2. The 47th attery will relieve and take over from 45th attery their guns, sights, and Aiming Posts tomorrow the 28th inst.
 47th *B*attery wagon line will move up to BEUGNATRE.
 The 45th attery will move back to BAPAUME, and take over the ground and billets at present occupied by the 47th *B*attery.
 Officers Commanding will arrange remaining details and report when relief has been completed.

ACKNOWLEDGE

pa *Guy Raymond* / Lieut.
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SECRET

Headquarters
26th April 1917

In accordance with ruling of G.O.C. E.A. 1st Anzac .-
in event of enemy aircraft appearing over vicinity of Gun Position
and their not being promptly engaged by the Anti-Aircraft
Artillery; it is the duty of Battery Commanders and Brigades
to report the presence of the Planes to Group Headquarters, for
transmission to Anti-Aircraft Section.

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..... Lieut.
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ORDER NO. 34

Headquarters
28th April 1917

SECRET

1. Attention is drawn to the following :-
Left Sector 1st ANZAC Artillery Instructions Nos. 11 and 12 and also ammendment to para. 4 Special Instructions for F.O.O's Parties 23/4/17.

2. Table of cessation of Artillery Fire for night 28th/29th inst.

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Times of cessation</u>
Right	11. p.m. to 12.30 a.m.
Left	1 a.m. to 2.30 a.m.

3. TASK ORDERS

4th F.A.B. as in "q" Group Order No. 29 para 2. of the 25th inst.

14th Battery as in "q" Group Order No. 29 para 3. of the 25th inst., except that special attention will be transferred to wire between roads in -

U 29 b 35 30 and U 30 a 45 20

ACKNOWLEDGE

for *Guy Raymond* / Lieut
"Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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ORDER NO. 33

Headquarters
26th April 1917SECRET

1. Tonight, 28th/29th, April, if weather conditions are suitable, a gas bombardment of REINCOURT LEZ CASNICOURT will be carried out at Zero hour, which will be notified later in code.
2. The Howitzer Batteries of "P", "Q", and "R" Groups will carry out the bombardment, areas being allotted as follows :-

"P" GROUP REINCOURT village north of a line U 24 a 0 8 - U 24 b 0 7.

"Q" GROUP REINCOURT south of a line U 24 a 0 4 - U 24 b 0 2

10th How. Bty. REINCOURT village between the two above lines.
3. 250 rounds, 4.5" gas shell are allotted each Group.
4. Rate of fire :- Four rounds per Howitzer per minute. Fire will be by salvos.
5. If the wind remains in the west, each Group will commence at the western edge of its area, remaining there until Zero + 5, and then traversing across to the eastern edge. In event of a change, fresh orders will be issued, if necessary, by this office.
6. ZERO
From + 15 to Zero + 30 the village will be kept under 18 pdr. I.S. fire by "P" and "Q" Groups at the rate of 12 rounds each per minute, the whole village being methodically searched. From Zero + 30 to Zero + 60, the village will be kept under bursts of Schrapnel. For this purpose, the boundary will be the road U. 24 a 15 50 - U 24 a 4 4 - U 24 a 55 35 the northern portion to "P" Group, the southern portion to "Q" Group.

"Q" GROUPS TASK viz:- Southern portion of village will be carried out by 4th A.F.A. Bde.

Watches will be synchronised from this office twice previous to the operation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

for *Guy Reynolds* Lieut.
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1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER NO. 36

Headquarters
28th April 1917

S E C R E T

1. At 12 noon tomorrow 29th inst. a combined operation will be carried out by the 12th Battery, and the 105th How. Bty. against dug-outs in Trench running from D 2 a 1 9 to D 1 d 5 5.
2. The 12th Bty. will place a smoke cloud over two or three deep dug-outs in this Trench, selected from aeroplane photographs made available to Battery Commanders concerned. Smoke to be followed by shrapnel fire. Blocks in the Trench will be formed by the 105th How. Bty.
3. Thirty to forty rounds of Smoke shell to be used for each cloud. No of rounds of shrapnel to be left to the discretion of O.C. 12th Bty.
4. O.C. 12th Bty. will arrange Details, and O.C. 105th How. Bty. will arrange to co-operate with him.
5. A Special Report to be rendered to this office by O.C. 12th Bty., on completion.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

G. Raymond
2/Lieut
 "Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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SECRET

Headquarters
29th April 1917

4th A.F.A. Brigade

5th A.F.A. Brigade

Battery Positions etc.

Please furnish *b*y noon tomorrow 30th inst.

Report showing :-

- (a) Co-ordinate of present *B*attery position.
- (b) Co-ordinate of Zero Line
- (c) Co-ordinate of intersection with German F.L.T. of extreme switch Line.
 - i. Right for all Guns
 - ii. " " 4 "
 - iii. Left " all Guns
 - iv. " " 4 "
- (d) Co-ordinate of *B*rigade (Tactical) and *B*attery O.P's.

Wm Raymond
2/Lieut.
 "Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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"Q" GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER NO. 37

Headquarters
29th April 1917

SECRET

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- 1. Table of cessation of Artillery Fire for night of 29th/30th insts.

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Times of Cessation</u>
Right	1.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m.
Left	10.00 p.m. "11.30 p.m.

- 2. TASK ORDERS Night 29th/30th insts. Same as for 28th/29th insts.

ACKNOWLEDGE

for 2/Lieut
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"Q" GROUP LEFT SECTOR

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ORDER NO. 38

SECRET

Headquarters
30 April 1917

1. TASK ORDERS Night 30th April/1st May, will be carried out by 4th F.A.B. as follows :-

(a) 600 Rounds on offensive operations, shelling roads and country behind enemy lines, including newly constructed trenches in -
U 30 b. V 19 a, b, c, and d
V.13 d and V 20 a and c.

() 600 Rounds on prevention of repair to wire and trenches in the HINDENBURG Line, especially between damaged portion in U 29 b. and road in -
U 30 a & b 3.

TACTICAL

2. 5th F.A.B. C.F. C 9 d 5 9 will be manned as follows :-

One Officer from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Night 30th April/1st May 46th Bty
1st/2nd May 47th Bty., 2nd/3rd, 3rd/4th, 4th/5th and 5th/6th
May by 5th F.A.B. Officer in each case to be accompanied by 1 N.C.O., to act as Observer, and two Telephonists with Telephone. Tour of duty for N.C.O. and Telephonists will be from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m.

3. Reference "Q" Group Order No. 19 para. 2 of the 15th inst, 47th Bty. will carry out Task allotted to 45th Bty.

4. Table of Cessation of Artillery Fire for 30th April/ 1st May

<u>Sector</u>	<u>Times of Cessation</u>
Right	12. m.n. to 1 a.m. 2. a.m. to 3.30 a.m.
Left	10.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

5. Gas bombs from Projectors will be discharged from Railway Line a out C. 4 b . and C 5 a. on to HINDENBURG Line about U 29 a, and c. at 1 a.m. on night 30th April /1st May. Precautions previously ordered for similar operations will be observed.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Guy Raymond
..... 2/Lt out
"Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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