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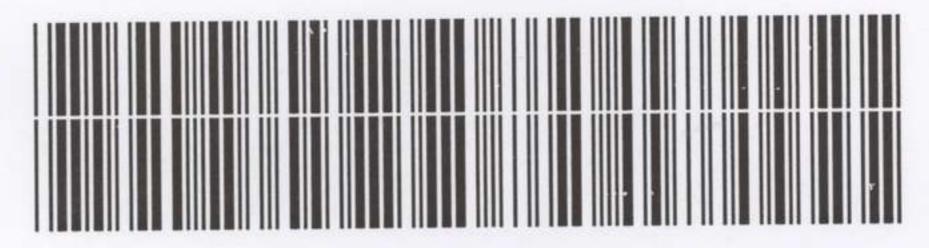
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Artillery Brigade

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OF

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| 1.7.1 | | | e still in action in front of HAZEBROUCK | | |
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| | fne | 4.0 1 | ttery engaged Trench and Camouflage in | F.8.central at | |
| | lre | quent | ntervals. A sniper gave trouble to Inf | antry and was | |
| | eve | mouall | located in a tree about F.1.a.3.3, 45th | . Bty. put a | |
| 92923 | Sylve | my A 9 | hrapnel over tree which had the desired | ellect. An | |
| - August | FS | h 2 1 | gun was spotted by our O.P. firing fro | m building in | |
| | 5 6 | i rect | this target was immediately engaged by | 112th. Battery | |
| | Bat | tary w | its being obtained. It was then engaged th T.H. Shell, after a few rounds the h | by the 47th. | |
| | bur | ning. | nd ammunition exploded | ouse started | |
| 2.7.7 | 8 Ene | mv mov | ment on road F.8.b.8.2, party was dispe | was and served | |
| | ies | infli | ted. Vicinity of 45th. &46th. Btys. h | rsed and casualt= | |
| | wit | h 8 in | n. No Casualties? | cantra piterred | |
| 3.7.1 | | | t. Nothing to Report. | | |
| 4.7.1 | 8 Dur | ing th | the absence of Lieut. Col. H.W. Lloyd | CMGDGGG | |
| | lea | ve, th | brigade is temporarilly commanded by Ma | ior F.T. VOUT PR WO | |
| 5.7.1 | 0 10 | PoloT | Nothing to report. | | |
| 8.7.1 | 8 Dul | l day; | enemy artillery consequently fairly acti- | ve as his floshes | |
| | are | 1100 | ssily spotted. Our F.O.O. however observ | ed on animar from | |
| | Dus | 0 011 6 | Will ch we lired 240 rds. It did not onen | again | |
| | nar | assing | I'e was increased 100 % throughout the | and earliest | |
| 9.7.1 | O . DAT | L, inc. | ned to rain? 5.9 Hows straffed 112th | Battenut | |
| | AL | TT OD | 1. 4th. and 6th. Battalion are going to | attack and | |
| 70 0 7 | OCC | upy en | ly trenches on their immediate front | | |
| 10.7.1 | o Dul | 1 Weat | r no great activity. There is to be no | shooting in | |
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| 11.7.18. | Briga | ide Fr | isoners were ont. Infantry of numerous | cannot get out | g the mor | ning on t Brigade F | the Right Front | | | | |
| 12.7.18. | A2 12 | G O. CJ | ock the 6th. | Battalion occi | upied ene | my trench | 150 yds | | | | |
| | cover | ed th | e operation. | ous postis. 45 | | | | | 1 1 1 | | |
| 13.7.18 | Nothi | ng to | report excep to Report. | t Aeroplane sho | oot by 11 | 2th. Batt | ery. | | | | |
| 15.7.18. | Haras | sing | Fire increase | d 100% Enemy | Relief m | ooted. En | emy | | | | |
| 17.7.18. | Nothi | ng to | nore active to | | | | | | | | |
| 18.7.18. | Hosti Lieut | le Ar | tillery showing | ng more activity returned from | ty than u | sual. | -1 | | | | |
| | comma | nd of | Brigade, At | 7.15a.m. 29th. | Division | on our 1 | eft | | | 44 | |
| | parti | cipat | fully. 112 | h. Battery ass | sisted by | putting | down a | | - | | |
| 20.7.18. | Smoke | Barr | age. The re | st of the day | was quiet | t. | | | | | |
| 21.7.18. | Dull : | wet w | eather. Infan | ry mopped up M | ERRIS kil | lling 56 | and | | 10000 | | |
| | Brass | Band | in attendance | rade held at B | spoilt a | good par | ade. | | | | |
| 22.7 18. | Weath | er sti | ll bad, heavy | rain falling ut a most suac | at fireque | ent interv | vals. | | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | | |
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| | answe | red XX | Call at 3.5 | F.7.b. All Ba p.m. The Br | igade sun | ported Tr | nfantry | | | | |
| | which | attac | ked and captu | red GERBEDOEN carried out | FARM. an | enemy str | rong | | | | |
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| 24.7.18 | A ve | ry qu | iet day. | beyond 112th. Batte | erv doing a C. | Battery shoot | | | | |
| | on F. | 6.23 | (C.B Map |) and harassing fir | e throughout th | ne night the | | | | 2 22 15 |
| | is no | thing | to repo | rt. | | , | | | | |
| 5.7.18. | | | | were busy on Counter | Battery work | shboting on | | 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | | |
| | F.8.a | . and | F.8.b.6 | .5. In each case Hos | stile Batteries | were silenced. | | | | |
| | Haras | sing | Fire was | increased by 50 %. | | | 1 | | | |
| 6.7.18. | 112t | h. Ba | ttery ag | ain busy on Counter | Battery and Ae: | roplane shoots | | | | |
| | in al | l cas | es shoot | s were most success | ful. During day | rkness special | | | | |
| | atten | tion | was paid | to tracks, roads a | and centres of a | activity. | | | 2010 | |
| E | Wagon | Lin | es were : | inspected by Major. H | E. CAMPBELL. | | | | | |
| 7.7.18. | All° | batte | ries ansi | wered an XX Call, av | erage time take | en in getting | 1 | | | |
| | into | actio | n was 3 r | minutes. When due a | lldwance for Ri | ight Switch | | | | |
| | 1s ma | de th | e time re | ecorded must be cons | sidered satisfac | ctory. | | | | |
| | Haras | sing | Fire agai | in increased by 100% | . Enemy activit | v much below | | | | |
| | norma. | L. Ou | r planes | active, Enemy plane | s practicallt | Jil - One | | | | |
| | plane | nowe | ver cause | ed annoyance by maki | ng a low reconr | nai sance over | | | | |
| | Darte | ry po | sitions . | lust about dusk. | | | | | | |
| 8.7.18. | At 1 | 0.30a | .m. Gener | ral Sir. W.R. BIRDW | OOD K.C.B., K.C. | S.I.K.C.M.G. | | | | |
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| 28.7.18. | Later our Wagon Line | es were inspected everything very satisfactory | |
| 29.7.18. | A quiet day on this | Front. 112th. Battery did another very good | |
| | Aeroplane Shoot. All | Batteries responded to an N.F. Call, time | |
| | taken to respond aga | ain being very satisfactory . Aeroplane Activity | |
| | still much below nos | emal, with the showery weather ground visibili | |
| | -ty is impossible. V | Vithbthe exception of the 179th. Army Brigade | |
| | R. F.A. previously me | entioned, the disposition of troops on this | |
| | front has not been a | altered during the month. | |
| 30.7.18 | This morning at 12.1 | .5a.m. we fired in support of 10th. Battalion | |
| | | with exceptionally light casualties. Our | |
| | front line was estab | clished some 400 yds. in fromt of the village. | |
| | Lieut.F. Sharp acted | l as F.O.O. and did excellent work. | |
| | | wn we put down another barrage starting on | |
| | | and searching back 500 yds, the idea being | |
| | to break up any pro | jected enemy counter attack. Dt may or may | |
| | | s object, certainly no attack was delivered | |
| | by the enemy. | | |
| 4 | Banemy artillery quit | e lively on our Front and Support Lines and | |
| | STRAZEELE throughout | the afternoon. Evidently retaliation for | |
| | | cause visibility was bad, and prevented us | |
| | | flashes. 179th. Army Brigade R.F. ZA. pulled | |
| | | evening, we have mounted guards over their | |
| | positions and taken | over all ammunition. | |
| | | led at Headquarters and in company with C.O. | |
| | visited all batterie | es, and, during the afternoon a visit was | |
| - | paid to the Wagon Li | nes. At 11.9a.m. all Batteries that could | |
| | bear responded to ar | N. F. Call. O.K. was received from plane at | |
| | 11.16a.m. Enemy 5.9 | busy in close vicinity of 45th. Battery, no | |
| | material damage done | or or or or used or depoter as use | |
| | | gade received orders that it would be relieved | |
| 1 | by the 17th Brigade | R.F.A. on the nights 1/2nd., 2/3rd., prox. | |
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Appendix | DECRET! 12th. AREY BRIGADE AUST. P. Addition to Order No. 13. 1. Reference Order No. 13 of 22.6.18., para. 9 a & b. 0.C. 48th. Battery will detail Liaison Officer with the Right Attacking Company, 2nd, Aust. Inf. Battalton. 2. Acknowledge. Adjutant, Azth. Amy Brigade, must. F. n. 25.6.18.

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12th. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

Reference RETEREN Map Edition 1 A Local.

1. (A) The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade, in conjunction with troops on the left, is capturing the enemy outpost line and consolidating on or about the objective line shown on the attached map, on the night 23/24th. June.

(B) The attacking troops will consist of 2 companies, and.

Battalion,

(C) Zero hour will be notified later.

(m) The two left posts of the 3rd. Battalion are being withdrawn by Zero minus 15.

2. This operation will be supported by the following Field Artillery.-

1st. Aust. F. A. Brigade.
1sth. Army Brigade Aust. F.A.
2nd. Aust. F.A. Brigade.
3 6" Medium Trench Mortars.

3. (A) The attached Barrage diagram shews the lifts for la pdrs, final protective barrage and objective.

(B) The 5th. Divisional Artillery are joining with each

lift of the barrage on the LETEREN BECQUE.

(C) Flank Guns of Brigades and Batteries will fire on the same coordinates. Os.C. 46th. and 47th. Batteries will arrange to check flank guns with End. and 1st. A.F.A. Brigade flank batteries respectively.

O.O. and. Aust. F.A. Brigade will arrange for an maner's overlap of 25 yds. on the METEREN BECQUE.

4. The frontage of the barrage is divided into 4 lanes A.B. D. as shewn on the attached diagram. These lanes are mkin allotted as follows:-

Lane A. - 1 lopdr. Bty., lst. Aust. F. A. Brigade.
Lane B. - 2 lopdr. Btys., lst. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

Lane C. - 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F.A.

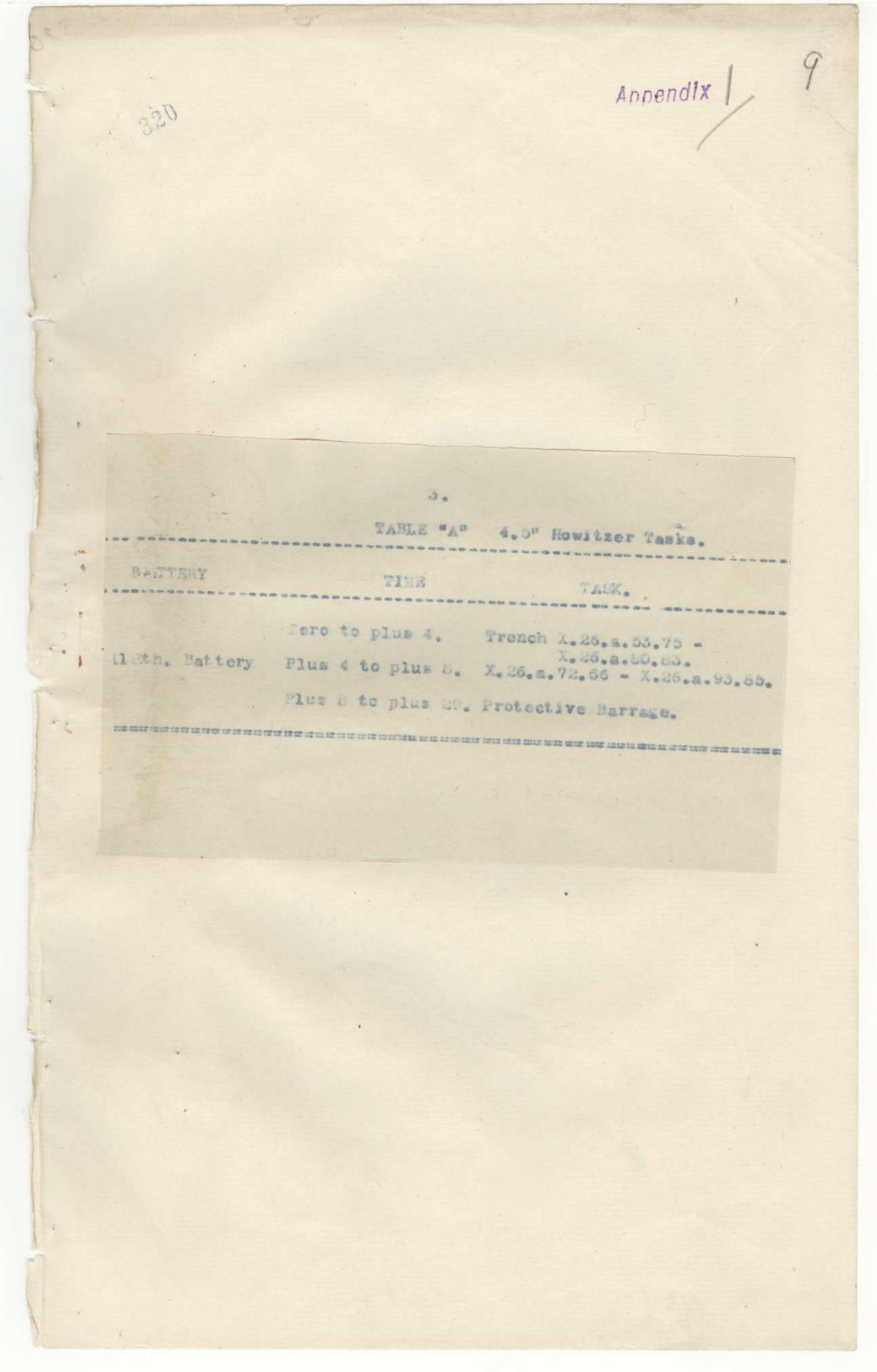
Lane D. - 2nd. Aust. F. A. Brigade

On lifting to the protective barrage, each How. Bty. will be distributed across its own brigade lane.

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6. Rates of fire will be as follows:lardrs. 4 rds. per G. per Minute. Zero to plus 10. Plus 16 to plus 16 Plus 16 to plus 29 Stop Firing. Plus 29. 4. DHOWE. 4 rds, per H. per ... Zero to Plus 4. Plus 4 to Plus o Plus 8 to Plus 29 Stop Firing. Plus 29. Ammunition :-18 pdrs. - 50% A and 50% AX with 106 fuze. 4.5 hows. - 105 fuze. 8. At Zero plus 1 hour all batteries will return to th normal S.O.S. Zones. 9. (a) The 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A. will supply a Liaison Officer with the Right Attacking Company, (to be detailed later) and the End. Aust. F. A. Brigade with the Left attacking Company. These Officers will get in touch with Commany Commanders as soon as possible after the objective is reached. (b) The End. Aust. F. A. Brigade will supply a liaiso officer with Headquarters and, Battalion. All three Brigades will be responsible for maintaining telephonic and alternative communication with this officer. The Liaison Officer, Left Infantry Brigade, dill synchronise watches with all three Brigades at Zero minus 6 hours, 3 hours, and 1 hour. ACKNOWLEDGE by Wire. My Lay mondiseut.

Adjutant, 1/th. Army Brigade Aust. F. 11. 22.6.18.



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12th ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY.

Order No.14. by Lieut. Col. H.W.LLOYD C.M.G., D.S.O. COMMANDING

Headquarters

26.6.18.

- (a). In order to distract attention and to draw the fire of the enemy's guns from the area of operations being carried out by the Division on our Right, that portion of the 1st. Aust.Div.Arty. not detailed for tasks in 1st. Aust. Div. Arty Order No. 47, will carry with out a "Chinese Bombardment" in the vicinity of MERRISS on the morning of the 28th. June .
 - (b). ZERO for this Bombardment will synchronise with ZERO Hour for the operation of the Division on our Right, and will be notified to Batteries later.
- 45th, and 46th, Batteries will fire on Lane "B" as per 2. attached trace.
- RATES OF FIRE. 3.
 - (a) Zero to +6 4 rds per gun per Minute. +6 to +13 3 " " " " " " +13 to +17 4 " " " " +17 to +20 2 " " " " " "
 - (b) +20 to +50 STOP FIRING. +50 to +70 Repeat entire programme. All battery will open fire at Zero minus time of Flight.
- 4. AMMUNITION -

- 50% H.E. with 106 fuze. Zero to +6 50% H.E. Delay Action.

(fired from alternate guns).

+6 to +20. 50% H.E.Delay Action.

50% Shrapnel (fired from alternate guns.)

- (a) Should the S.O.S. go up on the Divisional Front during this bombardment, the bombardment will immediately cease, and batteries will return their S.O.S. Lines.
 - (b) From Zero minus 30 mins. to Zero plus 90 mins. the 1st Aust. F.A.Bde. will be responsible for the S.O.S.Zone of the 64th Army Bde R.F.A.
 - (c) At ZERO plus 90 mins. all batteries of the 1st Aust. Div.Arty will return to their normal S.O.S. Lines.
- Watches will be synchronised with B.H.Q. later. 6.
- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) GUY RAYMOND. Lt.

Adjutant, 12th. Army Brigade Aust.F.A.

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2. 45th Battery.

3. 46th Battery.

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13th. AREY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

ARRESTER TO ORDER NO.14.

by

LIEUT. COL. H. W. LLOYD C. H. C., D. S. C.

COMMANDING

Headquarters. 27.6.16.

1. Delete Para.4. and substitute the following .-

AMBUNITION

Zero to +6) 50% H.E. with 106 fuze, 50% H.E. Delay and +50 to +58) Action. (Fired from alternate guns.)

+6 to +20) 50% H. S. Delay Action and +56 to +70) 50% Shrapnel

2. Add the following para .-

The following action will be taken by the Infantry.

(a) Aseries of short blasts to be given on two Strombos Horns, situated near the front line, at Zero plus 5 and at Zero plus 55. This will not be taken as the S.O.S. Signal during the operation.

F.O.Os.will report on the effectiveness of these horns as an S.O.S. Signal.

(b) A front Line post will, fire a rifle grenade Signal (not 5.0.5.) at Zero plus 55.

ACKNOWLEDGE by Wire.

Adjutant, 12th. Frmy Brikade Aust. F.A.

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12th, ARMY BRIGEDE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

ORDER NO. 17.

by.

LIEUT. COL. H. W. LLOYD C. H. G., D. S. O.

COMMANDING

Headquarters 2.7.18

I. The Sth. Battalien will raid the enemy position in F.1.a. and defences in the immediate vicinity of house at F.1.a.5.5 on the evening of End. July 1918.

- 2. Object of raid to kill Germans, take prisoners and obtain identif
- 3. The raid will consist of 4 Officers, Capt C.T. LOVET in command and 40 O.Rs, including 2 telephone operators. Two Lewis Machine Guns will be taken.
- 4. 12th. Army Brigade will co-operate with 45th and 47th. Batteries, tasks as shown on Trace 'R' attached.
- 5. RATES OF FIRE.-

Zere to Z + 3 6 Rounds per gun per minute + 3 to +15 4 " " " " " +15 to Stop 2 " " " " "

- 6. STOP The operation is expected to be finished at Zero +15 minutes Batteries will however continue to fire as ordered in Para. 5 until STOP is ordered, or in the event of communications failing, a RED ove RED over RED Rocket is observed.
- 7. AMMUNITION -

Zero to 2 + 1 50% A. 50% A.X. (106 fuze) Z + 1 to Stop 50% A. 50% A.X.

- 8. F.O.O. Lieut E.V. DODDEMEADE 112th. Battery will arrange direct with O.C. Raid for limison with Raiding party.
- 9. ZERO HOUR Will be 11.30p.m.

10. Watches will be synchronised at B. H.Q. at 6.30p.m. and 10.30p.m.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE by Wire.

Adjutant, 12th, Army Brigade Aust, F. A.

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12th. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIRED ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 18.

by MAJOR E. L. VOWLES

Tempy/ Commanding.

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l. There will be a concentration of Artillery Sire by both Heavy and Sield "Artillary on the area enclosed by lines joining the live points :-Falsadada7 - Falsada6a4. - Falsaba2.5. - Falsadal9. - Falsada0.2 on Sthe Julye

3. Commencing at 4 s.m., all guns (less 9.2" and 12") and all Hows, that can bear (18 pers. within 7,500 yards, and 4.5" Hown, within 7,000 yard) will fire Gun Bire for 4 minutes.

There will be no fire on the above area during the previous night.

AMEGNITION -

18 pare. H.R. 106 Faze. Gas Shell(CSR) r weather is suitable and Wind 4.5"Howe? Detwoon MORTH and SCUTH-WEST through WEST. Otherwise 105 Faze H.E.

Time will be synchronised at B.H. Q. at 10.15 p.m. end 11.45 p.m. on the sthis July.

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12th ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

> ORDER NO. 19.

> > by

MAJOR E. VOWLES M. C.

COMMANDING.

Headquarters 9.7.18.

1. On the night 9/10th, July the 4th, and 6th, Battalions are attacking and capturing the enemy's positions as shown in RED on attached trace.

2. The 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A. will assist as shown in attached trace.

3. RATES OF FIRE.

Zero to Z +4 Z +4 to Z +20 Z +20 to Z+30

Z + 30

Zero to Z +4 Z +4 to Z +20 Z+20 to Z+30 Z + 30

AMMUNITION. -18 pdrs.

4.5 hows.

18 pounders. 4 rounds per gun per minute. Stop. 4.5 Hows. 3 rounds per how. per minute.

50 % Shrapnel 50% H.E. (106) to be fired from alternate guns. BXX except on target F.1.a.5.4 and F.1.a.8.3

when BX will be used.

5. ZERO HOUR 11.30 p.m. 9th. instant.

Stop.

Watches will be synchronised at B. H. Q. at 7p.m. and 10p.m. 9th.inst. 6.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

P. Matt Lieut.

Acting/Adjutant, 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A.

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12th. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY Order NO 23.

____ Table Map T.S. 209 of 15.6.18 attached.

21.7.18.

1. 11th, Battalion are to take GERBEDOEN FARM on the evening of the 21st. inst.

2. Tasks.

Zero to Z + 2 45th, & 46th, Btys. will fire on Cross Roads F.1.b.70.

47th. Bty. will fire on road F.1.b.75.20to F.2.a.50.10 112th. Bty. will fire on GERBEDOEN FARM.

Z+2 to Z+7. 45th, Bty. will fire a standing barrage on F.2.a.80.30 to F. 2.a. 70.00.

46th. Bty. will fire on road F.1.d.05.55 to F.1.d.45.85 47th. Bty. will fire a standing barrage on F.2.z.70.00 to F.2.c. 60.75.

112th. Bty. 3 hows. will fire on MERRIS. 2 hows will fire on FERRIS-CUTTERSTEENE Road, from D.1.d.05.35 to F.1.d.70.15.

Z+7 to Z +10. 112th. Bty will fire on OUTTERSTEENE.

18 pdrs. will stop at Zero +7 and 4.5 hows at Zero + 10.

-3. Rate of Fire .-

Zero to 2+2 18 pdrs. 4 rounds per gun per minute.

won " 4.5 hows. 2 Z+2-to Z + 7 18 pdrs. 2 " " " how " Z + #to Z+10 4. Shows. 2 " 11 11

Ammunition .-

50 % A 50 % AX. 18 pdrs. MERCE BAX except when shooting on MERRIS when 4.5 hows. (101) will be used.

Zero hour will be 7 p.m.

Watches will be synchronised with this office at 6p.m. 6.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE by Wire.

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