

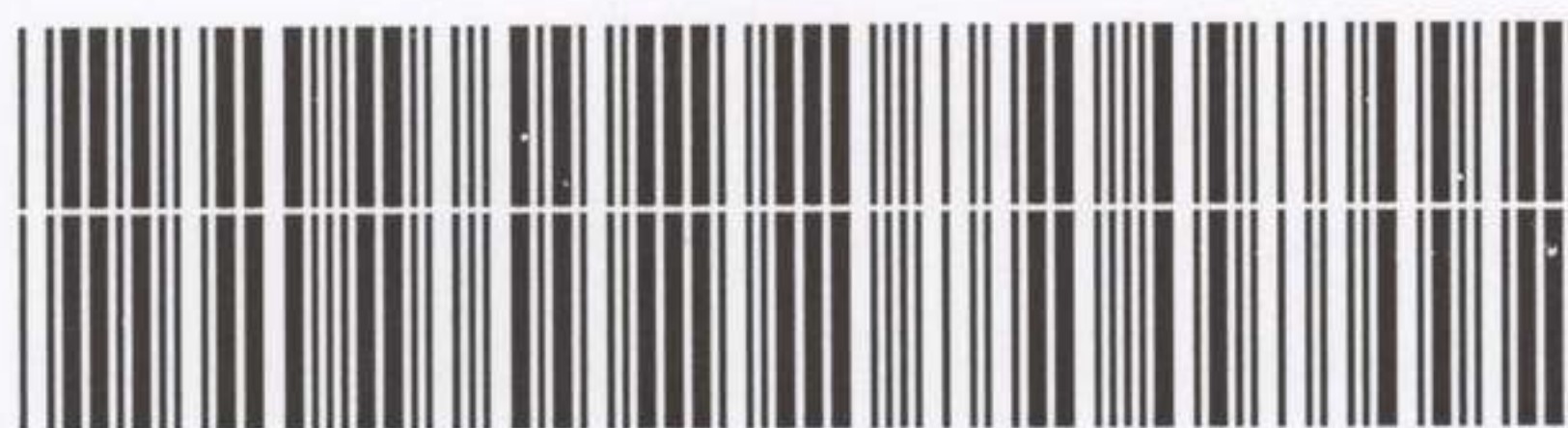
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DICKEBUSCH	1/11/16		Nothing unusual during day. In the evening this group bombarded with five sharp bursts of fire at irregular intervals at enemy traffic-ways tramways etc. No Retaliation.	
	2/11/16		Great aeroplane activity. Group trying to keep down machine gun fire at our planes. Partially successful. Little Retaliation asked for by infantry, was carried out with good effect on support and front line trenches. The C. O. and Adjutant visited O. P. S.	
	3/11/16		again great aerial activity. Our White Balloon at RENINGHELST broke its moorings, and drifted rapidly into enemy country. Observers escaping by parachute. Our anti-aircraft made very bad shooting, attempting to bring down the balloon. Our aircraft attempted to destroy it, but were apparently driven off by enemy anti-aircraft guns.	
	4/11/16		morning quiet. Little French mounting going on. Bombardment as per Operation Order No 19 to commence at 3.15 pm instead of 2 pm as in order. The operation was very successful, the communication and front line trenches being very much damaged. The Registration of the 9.45 T. M. which was covered by the operation, was an utter failure owing to faulty changes.	

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DICKEBUSCH	5/11/16		Sector quiet. Nothing to report.	
5	6/11/16		Normal activity. Little French mortaring.	
	7/11/16		Very bad weather. Extremely heavy rain. Bad day for observation. In the evening, late, a report came through saying that trenches were flooded, and parapets falling in. Artillery were ordered to stand by, and keep down any fire which enemy may direct against our front line trenches, as it was imperative that they should be repaired that night. Trenches were repaired and enemy did not show any signs of knowing anything unusual was taking place.	
	8/11/16		Normal activity. Nothing important to record.	
	9/11/16		Morning quiet generally, except for anti-aircraft work. Three tanks came over and got a warm reception. Our planes were heavily shelled also. During the afternoon 12 in Howitzer was firing at enemy anti-aircraft guns. Two tanks came over flying under four of our planes, and the big gun fired when tanks were immediately above. It was apparently not discovered as nothing came over.	
	10/11/16		Tanks again active. Much anti-aircraft work on both sides. Had officers' mess carts, and one guide per Battery at Headquarters at 10.45 am. To take relieving officers to Batteries. Officers did not arrive. At 2 pm Relieving	

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DICKEBUSCH	10/11/16		BATTERY Commanders, and one Subaltern, and 3 Telephonists from BATTERY arrived. C. O. and Adjutant relieving also arrive from 2 pm to 3 pm. This (DIEPENDAAL) Group co-operated with ST. ELOI Group and Divisional French mortars, and bombarded machine gun emplacements and French mortar positions in the HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Rahent, with good observed results. Very little retaliation.	
	11/11/16		None Telephonists arrive, to relieve our Telephonists. Day quiet, very little shooting. Nothing of importance to record.	
	12/11/16		Section very quiet 12 in Howitzer being shifted to new position. Relief continues. Batteries being relieved by sections, one tonight and one tomorrow night. Relief by sections completed by 8 p.m.	
	13/11/16		Handing over completed by 12 noon as regards ammunition and information. Gun relief to be completed tonight. Relief completed by 7 pm and the Brigade moved into Billets at BOESCHEPE.	

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45th Battery.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DICKEBUSCH	11/11/16 To 14/11/16		<p>During this period the 45th Battery was still under the Command of Lt. Colonel King in the St. Eloi Group in a position at H, 35, d, 4, 750. During this period, no major operations were carried out, action mostly consisting of retaliatory measures. On the night of 12th Nov, one section was relieved by 1 section of the 41st Division Bty detailed for this position, our section going to BOESCHEPE area to billet. On night of 13th Nov. remaining section was relieved and joined up the Battery at BOESCHEPE where it again came under Brigade control.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DICKENBOSCH	1st to 13/11/16		<p>During the above period only Retaliatory measures were adopted by our Batteries. The ammunition allotted being limited to a few rounds per gun per day. The building of new Gun Emplacements was greatly delayed by intermittent rain. The front generally made by our Batteries for Ammunition to the SOMME Front.</p>	
	14/11/16		<p>at 8 am this Brigade, as part of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, moved off and marched via GOBERSVELDE. KRUYSTRAETE. LE COQDE. PAILLE. FLETRE. The Batteries were billeted in farm Houses. Horses and Personnel stood the march, (which was a short one very well, weather conditions very good for marching.</p>	
	15/11/16		<p>at 9.50 am. the Brigade as part of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery moved off and marched off via MERVILLE. ST. VENANT. BUSNES. WILLERS. BOURECOQ, and thence to Billets in ST. HILAIRE. This was a long march and Horses and men were tired. Owing to crossing of three Railway Lines, the column was halted and started, often causing more strain than usual on</p>	

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"ON THE MARCH"	15/11/16		The horses. This was the first Australian force to be billeted at ST HILAIRE. Good marching. Weather conditions excellent.	
	16/11/16		March continued. Brigade (Division) moving via AMES, AUMERVAL, BELLIMONT, PERNES, VAL HUON, ANTIN, and thence to Billets. This Brigade was billeted at HOVELIN. A long march, but weather conditions ideal for marching. Horses and personnel standing march well.	
	17/11/16		March continued. Brigade moving via BAINNEUL, AUX COMAILLAS, AVERDOINGT, MAIZIERES, MAGINCOURT, SUR-CAUCHE, HOVID, HOUVIGNEUL, to Billets in ROZIERES. Horses and Personnel stood march well. Again excellent weather.	
	18/11/16		March continued, Brigade moving via REBREUVIETTE, BOUQUEMAISON, HTEVISEE to Billets in GROUCHES. Very poor Billets indeed for both men and Horses. Very cold weather. Bleet with strong wind. Two men and 3 Horses evacuated to ambulance. otherwise nothing eventful to report.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
"ON THE" MARCH	19/11/16		march continued via DOULWENS & BEAUVAIL to Billets in TALMAS. Bad weather prevailed with extreme cold and driving rain. Good Billets for both men and horses	
	20/11/16		C.O., adjutant, Battery Commanders, and two telephonists from Battery and Headquarters, moved by motorbus and train to LONGUEVAL to become acquainted with positions and conditions which Brigade was to move to. march continued. Brigade moving via VILLERS-BOCAGE, MOLLIENS-OU-BOIS, ST GRATIEN, QUERRIEU, to Billets in BONDAY.	
	21/11/16		Brigade rested at Bonday Billets. Cleaning of harness and vehicles carried out.	
	22/11/16		march resumed. Brigade moving via MERRICOURT L'ABBE, TREUX, and thence to Billets in VILLE-SOUS-CORBIE.	
	23/11/16		march continued. Brigade moving via MEVALTE, MAMETZ, and thence to wagon lines immediately north of MONTAUBAN. First section of each Battery was sent up to relieve a section of each Battery of 22 nd Brigade. Guns and rights being handed over.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONGUEVAL	24/11/16		Relief of 22 nd Brigade completed, and responsibility for sector taken over. Weather too misty for any observation or registration	
	25/11/16		Fog continues. Very little observed shooting can be done.	
	26/11/16		Observation still bad. Sun shone for a little time whereupon aeroplanes became active on both sides. One of our machines was hit by anti-aircraft and came down in flames but under control.	
	27/11/16		Two A.O.S. calls were received, and fire was opened but in each case enquiries made, showed that it was not in our sector.	
	28/11/16		Heavy fog all day. Practically no artillery activity at all. C.O. left to command Training school for 4 th Avs Divisional artillery.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONGUEVAL	29/11/16		<p>Poor observation. Activity below normal, except for two outbursts by enemy on our sector, each of five minutes duration.</p>	
	30/11/16		<p>again misty weather. Very little activity. Observation poor. Lieut H. J. F. COE. No 4th Australian Divisional artillery Training School, as Instructor. Lieut G. W. Goldfinch to be acting adjutant during absence of Lieut COE. Captain J. R. Ellis O.C. 45th Battery to command Brigade (temporarily) during absence of the C.O. Lieut-colonel R. L. R. Rabett.</p>	

Adj. Goldfinch

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DISPENDAAL GROUP FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 17

BY

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

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
November 1st. 1918

SECRET.

RETALIATION. 1. In future minor retaliation will not be indulged in. When enemy action is sufficient to justify retaliation it will be given in one or more of the three following schemes. The order will be "RETALIATION SCHEME "A" 3 or RETALIATION SCHEMES "A" and "C". Should one Battery have a task each of two schemes ordered it will fire with one section one each scheme, each section using the full number of rounds for a battery.

"SCHEME A."

48th. Battery on N 18 b 2 8 to N 18 b 2 8 1/2
1 gun, 110th. How. Bty. " " " "
44th. Battery on N 18 b 7 9 to N 18 b 7 1/2 9
1 gun, 110th. How. Bty. " " " "

"SCHEME B."

40th. Bty. on O 7 c 8 1/8 7 to O 7 c 3 3/4 7 1/2
46th. " " O 7 c 8 3/4 7 1/2 to O 7 c 4 8 1/2
1 Sec. 110th. How. Bty. on O 7 c 4 8 1/2

"SCHEME C."

47th. Bty. on O 7 b 4 1/2 4 to O 7 b 5 4 1/6
46th. " " O 7 b 5 4 1/2 to O 7 b 6 1/16
1 Sec. 110th. How. Bty. on O 7 b 4 3/4 4 and on S 7 b 6 1/4-4 1/4

AMMUNITION

2. Unless otherwise ordered the following will be the expenditure for each scheme ordered :-

2 or ZX or A and AX = 50 Rds. per Bty.
B or BX = 30 " " "
Trench Mortars = as available

TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.

3. WILL ~~should~~ co-operate firing on front line with an occasional round into wire.

RATIO OF FIRE.

4. WILL ~~should~~ be deliberate, shooting observed for accuracy.

REPORTS.

5. On completion of scheme all batteries engaged should make a short report of the results obtained.

J. G. G. G.
.....Lieut.
A/ADJUTANT. DISPENDAAL GROUP.

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DIEPENDAAL GROUP FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 18

BY

LIEUT. COL. H. L. R. RABETT, S.M.C.

SECRET

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
1st. November 1916

TRENCH MORTARS. 1. In future two 2" Trench Mortars per Battery, whose positions are not in the Front Line; will be left in position and personnel (including an Officer) sufficient to man these guns, will be near them from dawn to dark.

RETAIATION 2. In the event of the enemy Trench Mortaring these Trench Mortars will reply immediately, firing two for one, having first asked for covering fire through the nearest Artillery Trench Station, or failing these through Company Headquarters to Battalion, then to Group Headquarters.
Message to read thus :-

" 11028, 14049, 24326 (Map reference)
vide Code Book. "

The Battery giving covering fire will be responsible for ceasing fire when Trench Mortar stops and the T.M. Officer will be responsible for sending a message to the Group Headquarters that covering Fire is no longer needed.

CODE NUMBER. 3. The following new number is to be added to the 4th. AUS. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY CODE :-

" 14050 - Covering fire is no longer needed".

and all Code Books will be amended accordingly.

COVERING FIRE. 4. Covering fire will be at the rate of :-

Section Fire 30 Seconds.

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.....Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT - DIEPENDAAL GROUP.

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6	46th. "	11	T.M. "Y" Battery
7	47th. "	12	124th. Inf. Co;
8	48th. "		

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DIEPENDAAL GROUP FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 19

BY

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COMMANDING

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HEADQUARTERS,
NOVEMBER 1st, 1916.

REFERENCE OPERATION ORDER No. 13 paras 1 to 6

OPERATION. 1. The operation therein referred to will take place on the 4th. November at 2 p.m. and will last one hour.

TIME. 2. Watches will be synchronised with Group Headquarters at 10-15 a.m. and again at 12-45 p.m. 4th. November.

TASKS. 3. In addition to the tasks enumerated in Operation Order No. 13 para 2. :-

110th. How. Bty. will Between Zero and Zero plus 10 minutes fire 15 rounds BX on each of the ^{known} enemy Trench Mortar positions :- *following*

- O 8 a 65 45)
- O 7 b 70 20)
- O 8 a 65 20 (20))
- O 7 c 60 30)

(If these targets are not registered, registration will be carried out as unostentatiously as possible and report made to this Office on completion.

46th. Battery will throughout the operation remain in observation of GRAND BOIS and BOIS QUARANTE to engage any Trench Mortars that may open from these places.

This Battery is allotted 200 A and AX for this purpose.

Buttery
No. 1 Belgian ^{enfilades} Communication Trench N 7 c 1 1 to N 13 a 6 1/2 6

Y4A, T.M. Battery to receive orders from the D.T.M.O. direct.

TIME TABLE. 4. 44th. and 46th. Batteries and No. 1 Belgian Battery will fire 12 bursts, each of three rounds gun fire, during the period Zero to Zero plus 1 hour, these bursts of fire not to be at regular intervals.

AMMUNITION. 5. Total expenditure of ammunition not to ~~exceed~~ **EXCEED**
150 rounds per Battery 18-Pdr.
60 " " " " 4.5" How. Bty.
to come from Group allotment.

RETALIATION. 6. REFERENCE PARA. 6 OPERATION ORDER No. 13
Group Commanders will order Retaliation Schemes "A" "B" or "C" (vide O.O. 17) as may be necessary, in event of enemy reply being very violent during operation or being sustained after Zero plus 1 hour.

OPERATION ORDER No. 19 (Contd.)

RETALIATION
(Contd.)

In the latter case full use will be made of the Medium Trench Mortars which will continue to be manned for the purpose.

CO-OPERATION 7.

ST. ELOI GROUP and Infantry 3rd Mortars are participating.

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REPORTS.

8. All Batteries will man their O.P's and reports will be sent at least every five minutes to Group Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....Lieut.
for. A/ADJUTANT, *Prof. [Signature]* HESPENDAAL GROUP
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OPERATION ORDER No. 20

BY

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

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HEADQUARTERS,
November 8th. 1916

RELIEFS
ARTILLERY.

1. The relief by the 41st. DIVISION will take place on the nights of the 10/11th and 11th/13th. November. Details will be issued later.

Guns will not be exchanged. Officers and telephonists from 41st. Divisional Artillery will arrive at Batteries and Group Headquarters for attachment on evening of 8th. November.

Battery Commanders will see that all records and information to be handed over are ~~xxxxx~~ completed by noon on the 8th. ~~xxxx~~ November.

RELIEF
INFANTRY.

2. 122nd. Infantry Brigade relieves 123rd. Infantry Brigade in ST. ELOI Sector on 8th. and 9th. November.
Relief to be completed by 7 a.m. 10th. November.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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M. Doe
Lieut.
 A/ADJUTANT, DIEPENDAAL GROUP.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 21

BY

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

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HEADQUARTERS
November 8th. 1918

LIAISON
BARRAGES.

1. Extract from Appendix "B" DEFENCE SCHEME
If the ST. ELOI Sector is attacked to DIEPENDAAL
GROUP will barrage as follows :-

- 44th. Bty. on C 2 c 7 3 to C 6 a 2 0
- 44th. " " Support Lines in rear of above
- 48th. " " Support Line C 9 a 4 5 to C 9 b 5 3
- One Section, 110th. Bty. (How.) on COMMUNICATION
TRENCH, C 6 a 7 5 to C 2 a 30 55

CODE CALL

2. The code call to ask for above barrage is
"PICCADILLY" the effect being to extend the
DIEPENDAAL GROUP BOUNDARY to ~~xxxxxxx~~ C 2 c 7 3

REGISTRATION

3. Battery Commanders will carry out the necessary
Registrations, record them in the Registration book
as "LIAISON BARRAGE PICCADILLY" and advise this
Office on completion of the registration.

Battery Commanders are reminded to explain in
detail to Relieving Battery Commanders the exact
procedure when "PICCADILLY" is received and also
when "HELP F F 14" is received.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 12 ST. ELOI GROUP

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A/ADJUTANT- DIEPENDAAL GROUP

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DIEPERDAAL GROUP FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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COMMANDING

HEADQUARTERS,
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On November the 10th. instant the following minor operation will take place.

INTENTION 1. To endeavour to destroy certain known M. G. Emplacements and Trench Mortar positions.

TASKS. 2. Batteries as detailed will destroy the following M.G. Emplacements and T. M. Positions :-

- 47th. Battery (N 12 d 9 0 1/4
(O 7 c 1 2
- 48th. " N 13 b 9 2 1/3
- 48th. " (O 13 a 0 9
- (1 gun) (O 7 d 2 0
- 110th. How. " (O 7 d 35 15
(O 13 a 30 20
(O 13 c 30 60 (or 15 35)
(O 13 b 70 50

AMMUNITION ALLOTMENT 3. 18-Pdr. Batteries, 30 rounds AX on each target alisted in para 2.
OF. 4.5" How. Battery, 50 rounds BX on each target alited.

RATE OF FIRE 4. Fire will be deliberate and observed for effect.

ADDITIONAL TASKS. 5. 46th. Battery after destroying above target will engage any other than the above-mentioned Trench Mortar positions Ammunition alited for task 100 AX
48th. Battery covering fire see para 7

TRENCH MORTARS. 6. "Y" Battery in addition to task alited by D.T.M.C. will cut wire round the HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR SALIENT.

COVERING FIRE 7. Covering Fire for Trench Mortars will be given as fellows
46th. Battery 200 rounds A and AX on Front Line Trench and contents of HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR SALIENT.
48th. Battery (3 guns) 100 rounds A and AX on Support Trench from O 13 a 0 9 to O 7 c 5 1 and back as far as N.W. edge of GRAND BOIS

RATE OF FIRE FOR PARA 7. 8. Expenditure will be distributed from Zero to Zero plus 1 hour.

CO-OPERATION. 9 The BELGIAN GROUP will be firing on Enemy's O.P.'s The ST. MLOI GROUP and DIVISIONAL TRENCH MORTARS will be firing on Support+Front Line Trench and T.M. and M.G. positions.

COUNTER BATTERY. 10. The 10th. CORPS HEAVY ARTILLERY has been asked to do Counter Battery work.

ZERO TIME. 11. Zero time will be at 2 p.m. All fire will cease at Zero plus 1 hour. Watches will be synchronised with GROUP HEADQUARTERS at 12 Noon and again at 1 p.m. on 10th. instant.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

BY.

LIEUT-COL. R. L. S. BARNETT, D.M.S.

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COMMANDED

HEADQUARTERS,
November 8th. 1918.

RELIEF.

- (a) Battery Commanders 1 Subaltern and 3 Telephonists from 41st. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, per Battery in the line, will arrive at DISPERDAL CROSS HEADQUARTERS at 2.45 p.m. on the 10th. instant.
- (b) Battery Commanders will arrange for their Cooks carts (to convey baggage) and also 1 guide per Battery to be at this Headquarters at 2.45 p.m. on this date.
- (c) A list showing which Batteries hand over to each of the 41st. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, and also a list showing which Wagon Lines are taken over by 41st. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY is attached.
- (d) In the case of the 45th. Battery the gun positions are not handed over to the Battery which is taking over the Wagon Lines.
- (e) In the case of the 12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS the Brigade Headquarters is to be handed over to the 190th. Brigade, 41st. Division but the wagon lines are to be handed over to the 187th. Brigade, 41st. Division.
- (f) The Reliefs will take place on the nights of 12/13th. and 13/14th.

APPENDICES.

1. Two lists referred to in Para (c) Scale of 1 each per Battery
secret Circular G/374 scale of 1 per Battery.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. J. Coe

..... LIEUT.
ADJUTANT, 12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 8

BY

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

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
November 13th. 1916

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REFERENCE SHEETS HAZEBROUCK 5A. 11. 17 - 1/100, 000

- INTENTION.** 1. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery will on relief by 41st. Divisional Artillery, proceed by route march to join 4th. Australian Division in accordance with March Table issued with 4th. A.D.A., Order No. 41.
- COMMAND.** 2. On and after 14th. November the command of the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery will devolve temporarily on LIEUT. COL. G. H. M. KING, C.M.G., 10th. Ass. F.A.BDE.
- MARCH.** 3. The 12th. Australian Brigade will march from BOSSCHEPE via GODEWAERSVELDE, KRUYSTRAETE, LE COQ DE PAILLE, FLATRE, STRAZEELE, VIEUX BERQUIN.
- STARTING POINT.** 4. The starting point will be the Road Junction immediately North of the "B" in BOSSCHEPE. Units will pass the starting point as follows :-
- | | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS | 8 a.m. |
| 45th. Battery | 8.1. a.m. |
| 46th. " | 8.4. a.m. |
| 47th. " | 8.7. a.m. |
- Units must not reach the starting point before the appointed time.
- TRANSPORT.** 5. First Line Transport will accompany its respective Units. (This includes cook-carts and water-carts) Second Line Transport will be massed under instructions issued by an Officer, to be detailed by 45th. Battery and will march immediately in rear of the last Unit of the Brigade.
- BAGGAGE GUARD.** 6. A baggage guard of 2 men per baggage wagon and 1 N.C.O. (who may be mounted) will be detailed. No other man, except the brakeman, may ride on a G.S. wagon when loaded.
- DISMOUNTED PARTY.** 7. Dismounted parties of Units will march immediately in rear of their batteries but in front of acting battery Captain.
- DIVISIONAL STARTING POINT.** 8. The head of the Brigade will pass Divisional starting point at LE COQ DE PAILLE one mile N.N.E. of FLATRE at 10.15 a.m.
- HALTS.** 9. The Brigade will halt for 10 minutes at 11 a.m. and thereafter at every clock hour.
- SUPPLIES.** 10. Units will march on the 14th. with rations for the 15th. in the Supply wagon, the rations for the 14th. ~~rations~~ being carried regimentally. Supply Rail Head for the 15th is STEENWERCK for the 16th., LILLERS. Refilling Point on the 14th. at the end of the march will be decided by

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SUPPLIES
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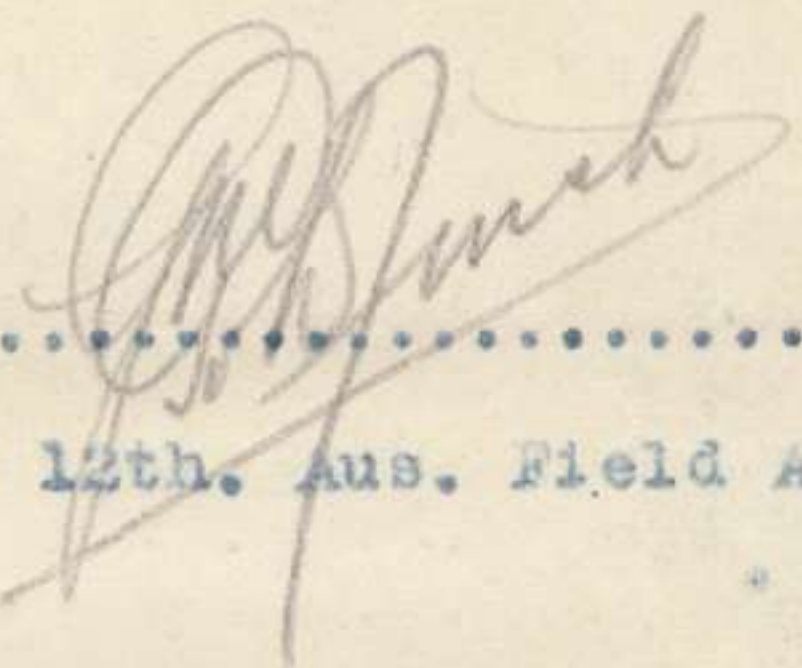
10. the Supply Officer and notified later to all concerned.

MARCH
DISCIPLINE.

11. Stringent action will be taken by all Officers with regard :-

- {a) To any offences against March Discipline
- {b) The column will be inspected along the Route by many very senior Officers, and the Brigade Commander expects all ranks to be carefully instructed, that the greatest attention be paid to turnout and March Discipline on the first and all succeeding days. There must be no straggling or falling out.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



.....Lieut.

For A/Adjutant, 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Bde

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- 6 47th. Bty.
- 7 D.A.H.Q.

12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 9.

BY

LIEUT. COL. R. L. S. HABBETT, C. M. G.

COMMANDING.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS.
November 14th. 1918

REFERENCE MAP SHEET A, HAZENBROUCK.

MARCH. 1. The 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY will resume to march on the 13/11/18 in accordance with March Table issued with D.A.M. G. Order No. 41.

ROUTE. 2. The 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade will march from NEUF BERQUIN, via NERVILLE, ST. VENANT, SUENES, LILLERS and thence to billets.

STARTING POINT. 3. Road Junction, about 200 yards S. W. of first "M" in NEUF BERQUIN.
Heads of Units will pass starting point as under :-

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS	9.10	a.m.
45th. Battery	9.11	"
46th. "	9.14	"
47th. "	9.17	"

HALTS. 4. First halt at 9.50 a.m., thereafter at 10 minutes to clock hour.
Mid-day meal, 12.30 to 1.30 p.m.

REFILLING POINT. 5. Will be notified later.

BILLETING PARTIES. 6. Same personnel as before to parade at BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS at 7.55 a.m. Battery Commanders will see that Billeting parties, carry rations for men and feed for horses.

VEHICLES. 7. Extract from D.A.O.G. No. 42
Attention is called to bad loading and over-loading of G.S. vehicles. This is to be given immediate attention. Unauthorised people were, in many instances, riding luggage vehicles. This is to be stopped and disciplinary action taken against offenders.

BAGGAGE TRAIN. 8. Immediately on reaching billets Battery Commanders will send back an M.C.O. to guide Battery Baggage Train to Billets. This will be done each day.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 6 47th. "
- 7 AUS. D.A.M.G.

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 12th. Aus. F. A. BRIGADE.

Mr Goldreich

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 10

BY

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

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS, October 15th. 1916.

SECRET

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 5A HAZEBROUCK. No. 11 LENS.

MARCH. 1. The 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade will resume its march on 26/11/16 in accordance with March Table issued by 4th. Aus. D.A.H.Q., Order No. 41.

STARTING POINT. 2. ROAD JUNCTION about 500 yards S. E. of the "E" in ST. MILAIRE. Heads of Units will pass starting point as under :-

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS	7.45 a.m.
45th. Battery	7.46 a.m.
46th. "	7.49 a.m.
47th. "	7.52 a.m.

ROUTE. 3. The 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade will march from ST. MILAIRE, via PERVAY, AUMERVAL, BELLIMONT, PERNES, VALHOUN ANTIEN thence to billets.

HALTS. 4. First halt at 9:50 a.m. and thereafter at 10 minutes to clock hour. Mid-day meal 12 noon to 1 p.m.

BILLETING PARTIES. 5. Same personnel as before to parade at Brigade Headquarters Office at 7.30 a.m. Attention of Battery Commanders is again drawn to rationing the billeting parties.

BAGGAGE TRAIN. 6. O. C. 47th. Battery to detail an Officer to Command Baggage Train on 16/11/16.

TOWN PICQUET. 7. When the Brigade halts for the night of the 16/17th. November O. C. 46th. Battery will detail a Picquet consisting of:-

- 1 Officer
- 2 N. C. O's
- 10 Men

to parade the village, see that all men are in their billets by 9 p.m. and Estaminets and Cafes closed. Officer to report to BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS on completion of duty.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 5 46th. "
- 6 47th. "
- 7 4th. Aus. D.A.H.Q.

.....Lieut. Adjutant, 12th. A. F. A. BRIGADE.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 11

BY

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

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS
November 16th. 1916

SECRET.

REFERENCE SHEET LENS 11

MARCH. 1. The 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade will resume its march on 17/11/16 in accordance March Table issued by 4th. Aus. D.A.H.Q., Order No. 41.

STARTING POINT. 2. Road Junction about 500 yards West of the let. "M" in MAGNICOURT EN COMTE.
Heads of Units will pass starting points as under :-

Brigade Headquarters	8 a.m.
45th. Battery	8.1. a.m.
46th. "	8.4. a.m.
47th. "	8.7. a.m.

ROUTE. 3. (BAILLEUL - AUX - CORNAILLES) - AVERDOINGT - MAZIERES - (MAGNICOURT - SUR - CANCHE) - (HOUVIN - HOUVIGNEUL) - thence to billets.

HALTS. 4. First halt will be at 9.30 a.m. and thereafter 10 minutes to clock hour.
Mid-day meal 11.50 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BILLETING PARTIES. 5. Billeting parties to be at B. H. Q. at 7.30 a.m.

BAGGAGE TRAIN. 6. O. C. 45th. Battery to detail an Officer to command Baggage Train on 17th. Nov.
Baggage will move immediately in rear of Brigade

TOWN PICQUET. 7. When the Brigade halts for the night 17/18th. O.C. 47th. Battery will detail a picquet consisting of :-

- 1 Officer
- 2 N. C. O's
- 10 Men

to patrol the village till 9 p.m. when all men are to be in their billets and Estaminets and Cafes cleared.
Officer to report to B. H. Q. on completion of duty.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Rabett
.....Lieut;
A/Adjutant, 12th. A.F.A. BRIGADE

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- 6 47th. "
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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER 12

BY

LIEUT. COL. R. L. R. RABETT, C. I. C.

COMMANDING.

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS,
November 17th. 1916

REFERENCE SHEET 11 LENS.

- MARCH.** 1. The 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade will resume its March on the 18/11/16 in accordance with March Table issued by 4th. Aus. D.A.H.Q., Order No. 41.
- STARTING POINT.** 2. The first "R" in REBREUVRETTE
Heads of Units will start starting points as under :-
- | | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Brigade Headquarters | 9. 45 a.m. |
| 46th. Battery | 9 46 " |
| 47th. " | 9 49 " |
| 48th. " | 9 52 " |
- ROUTE.** 3. ABRE, ABRES, BOUQUEMAISON, RTE. VISEE, BOUT-DESPRES, MILLY, DOULLES, AMPLIER, ORVILLE.
- HALTS.** 4. The first halt will be at 9.50 a.m. and thereafter at 10 minutes to the hour.
Mid-day meal to be notified on the march.
- BILLETING PARTIES.** 5. Billeting Parties to be at B.H.Q. at 7.10 a.m.
- BAGGAGE TRAIN.** 6. O.C. 46th. Battery to detail an Officer to Command Baggage Train on 18/11/16.
- TOWN PICQUET.** 7. When the Brigade halts for the night 18/19th., O. C. 46th Battery will detail a picquet consisting of :-
- | |
|--------------|
| 1 Officer |
| 2 N. C. O.'s |
| 10 Men |
- to patrol the village till 9 p.m., when all men are to be in their billets and Estaminets and Cafe's cleared.
Officer to report to B.H.Q. on completion of duty.
- RUGS.** 8. Rugs will be carried on limbers and wagon bodies instead of G.S. wagons.
- SUPPLIES.** 9. (a) On and after the 18th. Inst., it is proposed to arrange for the Supply Column to dump the fodder and rations for each Unit at some convenient ~~inxxxxxx~~ spot in each billeting area.
(b) The following personnel will march immediately in rear of B.H.Q. :-
- | |
|---|
| LIEUT. DARDELL |
| Q.M.S. 47th. Battery |
| 1 representative from each battery and B.H.Q. |

as soon as billeting area is notified to Brigades, this party will proceed to the billeting area, there to wait (at the Church as a rule) for the Supply Column.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 12 (Continued.)

SUPPLIES.
(Contd.)

- (b) On arrival at billets batteries will send to Dump for Supplies.
- (c) On arrival of Supply Column, Lieut. DARBELL will take over Supplies, for the 12th. Aus. F.A. Brigade and be responsible for the issue to batteries.
- (d) The Supply Officer will hand Lieut. DARBELL a list showing the distribution to batteries.
- (e) Units are asked to detail the same party from day to day.
- night
- (f) From tomorrow (12th. Inst.) the loading numbers attached to Divisional Train from each battery will be attached to the Supply Column for the remainder of march, this man to assist the Supply Officer in loading and unloading lorries.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Lieut.
 A/Adjutant, 12th. Aus. F. A. B. IGADG.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY
AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE
OPERATION ORDER No. 13.

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LIEUT. COL. R. L. S. ROBERT, C.M.G.

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
November 10th. 1916

SECRET.

REFERENCE SHEETS LESS II, ANIENS 17

MARCH. 1. The 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade will resume its march on the 19/11/16 in accordance with March Table issued by 4th. Aus. D.A.H.Q., Order No. 41.

STARTING POINT. 2. The 2nd. Div. GROUND. Heads of Units will start pass starting point as under :-

Brigade Headquarters	6.40 a.m.
45th. Battery	6.41 "
46th. "	6.44 "
47th. "	6.47 "

ROUTE 3. BILLY, DOULLENS, BEAUVAR, LA VICOQUE, TALMAS, and thence to billets in TALMAS and VILLERS-BOCAGE.

HALTS. 4. First halt will be at 11.30 a.m. and thereafter 10 minutes to the clock hour. Mid-day meal to be notified later.

BILLETING PARTIES. 5. To be at 47th. Battery Wagon Lines at 6.30 a.m. 19/11/16

TOWN PICQUET. When the Brigade halts for the night of the 19/11/16, 6. 46th. Battery will detail a picquet consisting of :-

- 1 officer
- 2 S. C. O's
- 10 men

to patrol the village till 9 p.m. when all men are to be in their billets and Metmagins and Cafes cleared. Officer to report to B.H.Q. on completion of duty.

SUPPLIES. 7. Some personnel to march in rear of B.H.Q. and to proceed to Billeting area when same is notified to Brigade to place the dump.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... *J. H. ...* Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Bde

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 14.

BY

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

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
November 19th. 1916.

SECRET.

MARCH. 1. The 12th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade will resume its march on the 20th/11/16 in accordance with March Table issued by 4th. Aus. D.A.H.Q., Order No. 41.

STARTING POINT. 2. Road Junction about 300 S.E. of the "B" in TA IMAS
Heads of Units will pass ~~starting~~ starting point as und
~~XXXXXXXXX~~ -er :-

Brigade Headquarters	9 a. m.
45th. Battery	9 1 am.
46th. "	9 4 "
47th. "	9 7; "

ROUTE. 3. VILLERS - BOCASSE, MOLLIERNS-AU-BOIS, ST GRATIEN, QUERRIEN, and thence to billets in BONNAY.

HALTS. 4. First halt at 9.50 a.m. and thereafter at 10 minutes to clock hour.
Mid-day meal 12.50 to 2 p.m.

BILLETING PARTIES. 5 To be at B.C/Q. at 6.50 a.m..

BAGGAGE TRAIN. 6 O. C. 45th; Battery to detail an Officer to command Baggage Train on 20/11/16

TOWN PICQUET. 7. Town picquet as laid down be detailed by 47th. Battery

8. Attention is drawn to D.A.H.Q. Order No; 47

COMMAND. 9. Lieut. LEVY, 45th. Bty. will command the 12th. A. F. A. Brigade ~~until it goes into action.~~ until it goes into action.

..... Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 12th. A. F. A. Brigade

12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 15

BY

LIEUT. F. LEVY

HEADQUARTERS,
November 21st.16

SECRET.

ADMINISTERING

The 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (less the 11th. A. F. A. BRIGADE and No.1 Section D.A.C.) will resume its march on the 22nd. November 1916.

- STARTING POINT. 2. The 12th. AUS. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE will pass the Railway Crossing 1000 yards S.E. of BONNAY at 9 a.m.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 3. Brigade Headquarters
45th. Battery
46th. "
47th. "
- ROUTE. 4. Starting Point- MERICOURT, TREUX, VILLE, and thence to camps in K Area.
- HALTS. 5. First halt at 10. 50 a.m. and then as usual.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 6. Billeting Parties as previously detailed will parade at B.H.Q. at 7.30 a.m. and will meet the Staff Captain 500 yards North of MORLANCOURT on VILLE- MORLANCOURT ROAD.
- SUPPLIES. 7. LIEUT. DARDELL and party as previously detailed will proceed to Dump position, to be notified later.
- TRANSPORT. 8. Transport Column will march in rear of Brigade under the control of one Officer to be detailed by the 46th. Bty.
- HARNESS FITTING. 9. Attention has been drawn by the VETERINARY OFFICER to the fact that due care is not being paid to the fitting of breast harness. Breast collars should be at least 2 fingers above point of shoulder.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....; Lieut.
For A/Adjutant, 12th. Aus. F. A. Brigade

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 16

BY

LIEUT. F. LEVY

ADMINISTERING

S E C R E T.

HEADQUARTERS,
November 22nd. 1916

REFERENCE MAP 1/40,000

- 1. The 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, (less the 11th. A.F.A2 Brigade and No. 1 Section, 4th. Aus. D.A.C.) will resume its march on the 23rd. November 1916 as laid down in D.A.O.O. No. 47 (1) attached hereto.

STARTING POINT. The 12th. AUS. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE will pass the road 2. Junction at K 8 b 4 8 1/2 at 6.15 a.m.


ORDER OF MARCH. 3.	BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
	45th. Battery
	46th. "
	47th. "

COMMAND. 4. LIEUT. DARDELL will take Command of the remaining portion of * the Brigade which remains behind.

- 5. Reference D.A.O.O., No. 47 (1) para 4.
LIEUT. DODDMEADE will report to D.A.H.Q. at 8 a.m. 23/11/16

ORDER. 6. ~~EXE~~ D. A. O. O.; No. 47 (1) enclosed herewith.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Lieut.
 For A/Adjutant, 12th. Aus. F.A. Brigade

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 17.

BY

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

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
November 23rd 1916

SECRET.

RELIEF. 1. The 12th. A. F. A. Brigade relieves the 22nd. A. F. A. Brigade in the Line on 22nd./24th. November. Half of each Battery personnel will be relieved each day. Relief to be completed by noon 24th. Inst.

ZONES AND BARRAGE. 2. The Brigade S.O.S. Barrage is from N. 20, a, 7 1/4, 0. to N. 20, b, 4 1/4, 1. This is divided into Right Centre and Left Battery Barrages as follows :-

- RIGHT 46th. Battery from N. 20, b, 4 1/4, 1 to N. 20, b, 2, 0 3/4.
- CENTRE 47th. Battery from N. 20, b, 2, 0 3/4, to N. 20, a, 9 3/4, 1/2.
- LEFT 45th. Battery from N. 20, a, 9 3/4, 1/2, to N. 20, a, 7 1/4, 0.

REFERENCE above :- TRENCH MAP GEUDELCOURT and BAPAUME.

RATES OF FIRE. 3. In the event of the S.O.S. signal being received, 18-pdr willfire as under :-

10 Minutes	4 rounds per gun per minute
5 "	2 " " " "
5 "	1 " " " "

LOOKOUT MEN. 4. Battery Commanders will see that there is always an S.O.S. Sentry on Duty.

O.P.'s. 5. In reference to D.A.O.O., No. 47, para 16, 45th. Battery will man the Brigade O.P. from 9 a.m. 24th. Inst. to 9 a.m. 25th. Inst. (This O.P. will be finally taken over from the 22nd. Brigade at 12 noon on the 24th. Inst.)
46th. Battery to man O. P. from 9 a.m. 25th. Inst. to 9 a.m. 26th. Inst. and so on 24 hour shifts in rotation of Batteries.

RELIEFS. 6. B. C.'s will detail one man who knows the road to the Battery positions to be at BARETZ Cross Roads F 5 c 7 3 at 9 30 a.m. 24th. Instant.

MOUNTED ORDERLIES. 7. O's C. 46th. and 47th. Batteries will detail one mounted orderly each to report to D.A.H.Q. at 3 p.m. on 24th. Inst. These men will be rationed by and attached to D.A.H.Q. and must know the position of the Brigade.

AMMUNITION 8. O. C. 45th. Battery will take over the ammunition at 14th. Battery, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade at S 11 d 3 7 1/2
O. C. 46th. Battery will take over ammunition at 15th. Bty 5th. A.F.A. Brigade at S 11 d 4 7.
This ammunition to be taken over and receipts given *by noon 24th inst*

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OPERATION ORDER No. 17 (Continued)

CHANGE OF POSITION.

- 9 On and about the 25th? Inst. :-
- (a) The 47th. Battery will take over the Centre Battery Position in 15th. R.H.A. Brigade. Detail will be notified later.
- (b) On a date to be notified later the 45th. Battery will exchange position with the 38th. Battery, 10th A.F.A. Brigade . Details to be notified later.

LOCATIONS 10.

- (a) D.A.H.Q., POMMIERS REDOUBT
- (b) 15th. A.F.A. Brigade, H. Q. S 16 d 4 7
- (c) 15th. A. F. A. Brigade, Wagon Line (Tempy) S 21 c and S 27 a
- (d) 15th. A.F.A. Brigade will take over Wagon Lines of 15th. R.H.A. Brigade when the latter are relieved.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....*J. H. ...*.....Lieut.
 A/Adjutant, 15th. Ais. F. A. BRIGADE.

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- 7 4th. A.D.A.H.Q.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 18

BY

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

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,
November 25th. 1916

SECRET

REFERENCE GUEUDECOURT TO BAPAUME 1/10, 000

1. A minor operation will shortly take place when ground and weather permits to clear up the situation in N 20 and consolidate our Line.

PLAN OF
ATTACK.

2. The Infantry plan is as follows :-

- (a) A strong attack on HILT TRENCH from about N 20 d 0 9 on the left to a point as close as possible to an enfilade Barrage (by 12th. A.F.A. Bde) along the Sunken Road.
- (b) Six minutes an attack on the SUNKEN ROAD from the direction of PETROL LANE.

TASKS.

3. As per attached schedule.

REGISTRATION.

4. Registrations to be carried out as seen as circumstances permit. Trenches will be cleared for a period, to be notified later, ~~in~~ to enable this registration to be made. The earlier portion of the period will be allotted to H.A. for registration, during which hours no 18-Pdr registration will take place in this vicinity. The Trenches will remain cleared after H. A. registration to enable F. A. to register.

PRACTICE.

5. As 12th. A. F. A. and 21st. A. F. A. Brigades barrage up SUNKEN ROAD is very close to our Front Line, it is proposed to have a practice on the morning of the operation for Infantry assaulting parties to observe.

ORDERS.

6. Full orders later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


LIEUT.
 A/ADJUTANT 12TH. AUS. FIELD ARTILLERY BDE

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T A S K S H E E T.

FIRST PHASE

<u>BATTERY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TARGET.</u>
45th.	0 te + 3 Mins.	N 20 d 15 30 te N 20 d 50 65
46th.	0 te + 3 Mins.	N 20 d 50 65 te N 20 b 65 00 (On SUNKEN ROAD enfilade)
47th.	0 te + 3 Mins	N 20 d 35 55 te N 20 d 15 65 (HILT TRENCH)

SECOND PHASE.

45th.	+ 3 Mins te + 6 Mins.	Same as First Phase
46th.	+ 3 " " + 6 " "	" " " "
47th.	+ 3 " " + 6 " "	Lifts 100 yards per minute till on Line N 20 b 80 85 N 20 b 20 75 (New Trench) and remain.

THIRD PHASE.

45th.)	+ 6 Mins. te + 1 Hour	Lift te and search road from N 20 b 85 15 te N 21 a 05 30
46th.)		
47th.	+ 6 Mins. te + 1 hour	As for Phase 2

RATES OF FIRE

0.0. te 0.10	4 rounds per gun per minute
0.10 te 0.15	2 " " " " "
XXXXXXXXXX	
0.15 te 0 + 1 Hour	1 round per gun per minute

AMMUNITION

50 % H. E. 50 % T. E.

NOTE : Good observation all the way up SUNKEN ROAD can be obtained from N 20 d 0 1.

..... *J. H. Roe* Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 12th. Ais. F.A. BDE.

12th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION ORDER No. 19

BY

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

COMMANDING.

Headquarters, November 27th.

SECRET.

RELIEFS. 1. The 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade relieves the 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade in the Right Sector on the 28th. Inst. and the night of the 28th./29th. Inst.

ZONES AND NIGHT SHOOTING. 2. Pending new arrangements of the Zones coming into force, the 24th. Brigade 18-Pdr. Batteries and the 38th. Battery will not fire at night except on response to S.O.S., or ~~xxx~~ at the CO. Brigades discretion. All routine night shooting will be undertaken by the remaining 18-Pdr. Batteries.

The 12th. Aus. F. A. Brigade is allotted the Zone from N 19 b 5 8 to LARD TRENCH for night shooting to harass the enemy.

AMMUNITION. 3. Ammunition to be maintained at or near the gun is :-
A and X 600 rounds per gun.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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