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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BECOURT.	17/17		Routine of Camp. Church parades held	Jm
	27/17		Lt Col HO Baddy DSO & Lt G H Miller having returned from leave today again resumed duty as C.O. & Adjutant respectively.	Jm
BEHENCOURT	31/17		Brigade moved to Behencourt which town provides accommodation for the whole Brigade. Bunks are not of the best & were dirty in places.	Jm
	17/17		Batteries conducting routine of cleaning & overhauling equipment. 15% leave to men granted daily a bigger percentage for leave to men granted to England has been allotted the Brigade.	Jm
	27/17			Jm
	27/17		50 th Bty calibrated their guns on BEAUCOURT Range in morning. In afternoon Bq. Gen Napier conducted instructional shoot Gen Burdwood present.	Jm
	27/17		49. 57. & 113 rd Btys calibrated. Weather fine. Advice received that Bde is to move north about 10 th inst.	Jm
	27/17		Instructional shoot Beaumont Range for subalterns of Brigade by C.O. In afternoon Gen Hobbs inspected officers NCO & gunners.	Jm
	31/17		Orders issued for track north. Lieut EW Young DSO by Coy took over Bde signal subsection.	Jm
SARTON.	17/17		Brigade left BEHENCOURT at 5.30am arrived SARTON at 10am	Jm
ETREE WAMIN.	17/17			SARTON 6am . . . ETREE WAMIN noon

Commanding 13th. F.A. Bde. 5th Aust. Lt. Col. Jm

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HERNICOURT	12/7/17		Bde left ETREE-WAMIN at 7am arrived HERNICOURT 11.30am.	JH
	13/7/17		Days rest at HERNICOURT Equipment overhauled.	
AMETTES.	14/7/17		Brigade left HERNICOURT. at 3am arrived AMMETTES at 9.15am.	JH
WITTES.	15/7/17		" " AMETTES . 6.45am " WITTES 10am.	JH
STAPLES	16/7/17		" " WITTES 6.15am " STAPLES 10.30am.	JH
			Preliminary orders received to day re occupation of positions in front of YPRES and attachment of Brigade to 75th DAAZ	JH
STEENVORDE	17/7/17		Brigade left STAPLES at 5.15am Arrived STEENVORDE area at 9.30am	JH
H12C near VLAMERTIGHE.	18/7/17		" " STEENVORDE at 5am " Temporary WL SE of VLAMERTIGHE at 9.30am. B. O. B. Commanders inspected positions to be occupied shortly.	JH
			<u>Notes on Route March</u> Each days journey was fairly short though early starts daily were necessary in order to fit in with other traffic. Health of troops good. Evacuation	JH

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			<p>is chiefly injuries Horses kept their condition well.</p> <p>6 were evacuated + 2 destroyed mostly on account of ticks.</p> <p>The weather was fine the first few days but rain fell intermittently during the latter part of the trek.</p> <p>b. O. suspected gun positions + dumps again. 12cs 113rd Bty went into position during night.</p>	JHM
	19/7/17			JHM
	20/7/17		<p>b. O. + staff went up to HQ (The Ramparts 18d 1.7 sheet 28NW). The section of 113rd Bty arrived at Battle position without incident. No 2 sec of 113rd Bty left wagon lines at 8pm and arrived at Battle Position at 3 am. The delay was caused by shelling + blocks of traffic. The ammunition of the Bty was blown up. about 4000 rds in all. The day was fairly quiet.</p>	JHM
	21/7/17		<p>The 3rd sec of the 113rd Bty moved from wagon lines later than the other 2 sections and was unsuccessful in getting into action. The morning hostile fire was above normal, afternoon increased and activity + during the night several sharp series were fired by the Hun, including gas shell in several of them.</p>	JHM

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ypres.	22/7/17.		Operation order marked appendix 86 attached. The morning was rather quiet on this sector. Afternoon there was great aerial activity + increased artillery of heavy calibre.	86 JW
	23/7/17.		Weather fine. quiet during the morning. The 113th Bty moved from Bty position to old position No 44 at 13d 0550. Detail of Specialists for the offensive operation instructed to report T13/10. is attached. app 87. Sections of the 18th Div arrived in position without incident. Over Night. Conference of Group Commanders during afternoon. Extract from 15th Div Defence Scheme marked app. 88 & 89 attached.	87 JW
	24/7/17		Very quiet morning at 1hr a daylight raid was carried out. The 113th Bty fired on junction of trenches throughout. The 18th Div of the 15th + 16th Div Artys assisted by the 14th + 13th Aus FABdes 2 off + 6 off were taken prisoners. The identification was normal. Six Bavarians. Attached is memo laudatory marked appendix 90. Concentration Order attached marked appendix 91.	88-89 JW 90 91

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>YPRES</u>	<u>25/7/17</u>		<p>Operations - quiet day, Rainy during the morning, visibility good later. Amendment issued on W. line move for 2 day. is attached & marked appendix No. 92. Amendment No. 2 Order No. 1 is attached marked Appendix 93. Operation Order No. 2 issued with addendum is attached & marked appendix 94. The second section of 18 pdr. Batteries arrived at Battle position & reported "London" at 10.15 pm. Order received cancelling the move of the third section of 18 pdr. Batteries from the Wagon Lewis to Battle position.</p>	<p>app. 92 " 93 " 94</p>
	<u>26/7/17</u>		<p>Returned at Battle position preparing & clearing up of positions. Hostile Artillery quiet all day. Order cancelling moves of sections from W. L. attached & marked appendix 95. Rate of fire for 4.5 How. for operation is attached marked appendix 96.</p>	<p>app. 95 app. 96</p>
	<u>27.7.17</u>		<p>Hostile Arty. active throughout the day. Shelling of Road leading through YPRES shooting was very accurate. Casualties were slight. Operation No. 3 is attached marked appendix 97. The operation was cancelled, as information was received that</p>	<p>app. 97</p>

Commanding 13th. F.A. Bde. 5th Aust. Div. Lt. Col. [Signature]

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YPRES.	27.7.17		There were no enemy to be seen at the front line & supports. Later reports that corps on our left patrols were unable to enter because front line from which they were heavily fired on. VIII. Corps is on our left. noticeable absence of gas shell throughout the day attached March Table at 10 from Wagon Luis (Juss) to Battery Battle position is marked Appendix 98	JHM Appendix 98
	28.7.17		Quiet day. Cameron was carried out a successful raid zero hour was 7 pm (daylight) results 6 prisoners 2 machine guns. 50 th Bty + 113 th How Bty were the only Batteries of this Brigade which fired during raid. Lieut Vaughan was interviewed by the b.o. He is transferred to this Bde. from 5 th Div. Lt. Fry has been transferred to 5 th Div. Lieut MacMullen of 50 th Bty. proceeded on leave	JHM
	29.7.17		Quiet day. Rain fell during the day. 50 th Battery had 4 gas attacks during the afternoon. commander at 49 th Bty. The b.o. had a conference with Battery commander at 49 th Bty. position. The b.o. attended at 10 am conference of Brigade commander held at 70 th Bde. Room. Quiet day. Zero Hour order received	JHM
	30.7.17		Quiet day. Zero Hour order received	JHM

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YPRES	31.7.17.		<p>The Ypres offensive commenced this morning at 3.50 am. The timing of the opening burst of fire was good. This Brigade was detailed for special tasks (distant Barrage, strong points which might have held up the attacking forces & cooperation with aircraft, owing to weather conditions it was impossible for the planes to locate hostile batteries. Communication was by runner & consequently very slow. Other ways of signalling from forward was impossible owing to the hostile arty fire & the haze which hung about all day. rain fell during the later part of the day. Lt. Bennett of 51st Bty was detailed to take charge of a subsection which was to follow the Infantry up as close as was feasible. Unfortunately the road at Coop Tsa. 88. (Reference Sheet 28 N.W.) was not completed when the subsection was ready to cross no man's land. Lt. Bennett sent his horses & gun detachment under cover whilst he with the HQ. carried out a reconnaissance for a track across no man's land & for a position. It was not until 11.36 am that this subsection was got into action. Lt. S. H. O. WILSHIRE of 113th Bty who was acting as Brigade F.O.V. was killed before he had commenced his duty. He was going through the communication trench up to Cambridge trench. Lt. GREGORY was detailed to take his place.</p>	

W. Coffey (continued)
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YPRES.	31/7/17.		<p>The following were the casualties for this day by Batteries. 49th Bty, 7 O.R. 50th Battery, Nil. 51st Battery 4 O.R. 113th Bty. 1 O.R & Lt. Wilshire. & Brigade Headquarters 1 O.R. Effective strength 19 Off. 734 O.R. Total 753. The line at conclusion of the first days fighting was approximately C 19 central - C 19 d 0 0 along Road South to C 25 cent. to the dump at C 25 d 6 0. (reference map FREZENBERG edition I) 2 Counter attacks were repulsed.</p> <p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month).</p>	L.H.

13 th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade Secret Order No. 44.

Headquarters,
July 2nd 1917.

Refer ence ALBERT Combined Sheet 1/40,000 and AMIENS 1/100,000

- 1.- The 13th. F. A. Brigade will march from the BECOURT Area to BEHENCOURT Area on July 3rd. 1917, in accordance with march table to be issued later.
- 2.- A distance of 500 yards will be kept between Batteries.
- 3.- All units will move with full echelons of 18-pdr and 4.5" Q.F. ammunition.
- 4.- Train waggons will be delivered at waggon lines at 2 0 p.m. today 2nd July.
- 5.- To assist with transport of equipment consequent on the shortage of horses, the following G.S. Waggons will be detailed by 5th. D.A.C. They will report to waggon lines at 12 noon, July 2nd. and will report back to D.A.C. immediately on conclusion of the march.
 - To each Brigade H.Q. 1 G.S. Waggon.
 - To each Battery 1 G.S. Waggon.
- 6.- Refilling point for the 3rd. inst. will be notified later.

[Signature]
Captain,
for Adjt., 13th. F.A. Bde.

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13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade Secret Order No 45.

Headquarters,
July 2nd 1917.

Reference ALBERT Combined sheet 1/40,000 AMIENS 1/100,000 LENS 1/100,000

- 1.- Referring to para 1 of 13th. Bde. Secret Order 44, units of the Brigade will be formed up in their gunparks ready to move off at 8.0a.m. tomorrow the 3rd inst.
- 2.- Route will be - ALBERT-AMIENS Road - FRANVILLERS to BEHENCOURT.
- 3.- Attention is directed to BECOURT CAMP Standing Orders No 18 & 19 Units will detail parties as under to remain behind to comply with the above orders.

Brigade H. Q.	1 N. C. O. and 2 men.
49th Battery	1 N. C. O. and 6 men
50th Battery	1 N. C. O. and 6 men.
51st Battery	1 N. C. O. and 6 men.
113th Battery	1 N. C. O. and 6 men.

The Brigade Orderly Officer will take charge of this party and will furnish report on arrival at BEHENCOURT that this camp was left in a thoroughly clean condition.

- 4.- *Jan* Billeting parties as under will report to the Adjutant at tomorrow the 3rd. inst.

Each Battery 1 Officer and 1 N. C. O.

Captain,

for Adjt., 13th. F. A. Bde.

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15th. A.F.A. BRIGADE OFFENSIVE OPERATION ORDER No. 1

Headquarters,
22.7.1917.

- 1. ATTACHMENT. The Brigade which is attached for tactical reasons to the 15th Divisional Artillery will probably participate in an offensive operation.
- 2. BOUNDARIES. The Divisional and Brigade Boundaries and Objectives i.e. BLUE, BLACK and GREEN LINES are shown on the map accompanying this order.
- 3. INTENTION. The Brigade is allotted a special task. These instructions are issued separately as Appendix ~~XXXX~~ "A"
The 15th. Division intend capturing positions to be known as the BLUE, BLACK and GREEN LINE. The 44th and 46th Infantry Brigades are to capture the BLUE LINE on the right and the 44th on the Left. The 45th Inf. Bde. will capture the GREEN LINE.
Tanks are co-operating.

4. DISPOSITIONS. Brigade Headquarters and Batteries will occupy the following positions:-

Unit.	LOCATION	Posn.No.	POSITION CALL	CODE NAME.
B.H.Q.	I 8 d 1 7		E Y 57	C H E W
49th. Bty.	I 9 d 35 85	91	E K 63	H A D D O C K
50th. Bty.	I 9 d 9 2	49	E K 43	E C H O
51st Bty.	I 3 d 30 05	92	E I 51	H E A T H E R
113th. Bty.	I 3 d 05 50	44	E I 45	E X I L E

Position numbers and calls are as shown above. These and code names already issued are only to be used. Units will only be referred to in this way over the telephone. Strict instructions to this effect are to be given to Specialists.

5. ORDERS. Regarding these offensive operations, attention is directed to 15th Div. Arty. Preliminary Instructions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 which have been issued with amendments and appendices.

6. OBSERVATION POSTS.

NEW POTIJZE	I 3 d 25 35	E K 65
HEDGE TRENCH No. 1	I 10 a 55 15	E K 67
	I 10 c 5 5	E P O 30
RED TILE HOUSE	I 3 d 65 30	E K 31

The above O.Ps are allotted to the 5th. Div. Arty. In addition to the above "BIG O.P." is a good O.P. (I 3 c 9 0) Batteries will decide before occupation of positions which of the above are suitable O.Ps, or others if considered suitable, so that no delay will occur when Batteries come into action.

7. PREPARATION OF POSITIONS

All preparations are to be made, including construction of gun positions, allotment of billets, dugouts, etc., and O.Ps should be ~~connected~~ connected by telephone prior to occupation, so that fire may be opened without unnecessary delay when Batteries come into action. Constructional works and ammunition dumps should be carefully camouflaged. Ammunition should be protected from splinters and weather as far as is possible. The available billets and dugouts are to be equally distributed amongst the Batteries to whom they are most suitable. The senior Officer concerned will be responsible that they are, *so allotted*

8. AMMUNITION.

Each position is to contain the following ammunition:-

18-pdr 1148 rds per gun 75% A 25% AX
 4.5" How. 982 rds per how. BX

This ammunition is to be in position prior to "Z" Day. If positions do not contain this amount at present, an immediate report is required. All waggons and limbers are to be kept filled and when returning to the waggon lines, they are to be refilled at re-filling points.

8. REGISTRATION. On occupation of positions, Batteries will register under the cover of the bombardment and then remain silent.

9. TASK Task Tables for Batteries are as shown in attached appendix "A"

10. ZONE CALLS Brigade Wireless Operators will be attached to the 49th Battery, remaining there until recalled. The operator from 5th. D.A.H.Q. will remain at B.H.Q. All zone calls received will be answered immediately and will be passed to Batteries and B.H.Q. for similar action.

11. HOSTILE

12. MOVES. After completion of tasks allotted, Batteries will move to a position west of and close up to the BLUE LINE, and between ODER HOUSE, FRIEDENBURG ROAD and the YPRES-BOULBRIE Railway, in accordance with the attached table - Appendix "B". This move will commence at Zero + 9hrs 15 min.

A second move may be ordered to the vicinity of BLACK LINE between the Northern Divisional boundaries and the YPRES-ZOBBE-BASSE ROAD.

It will be understood that no move will take place if communication is lost with B.H.Q. without orders.

Batteries when advancing will be accompanied by their firing battery waggons. They will be followed later by the first line waggons and water carts.

SUPPLY

will return to old Battery positions, refill and supply ammunition to the new positions. Waggons and limbers, when on returning to the waggon lines will refill at H 17 c 7 4 and remain filled.

The 5th. D.A.C. will send a party of three (3) men per Battery to act as ~~guards~~ guards on the ammunition left at the positions. These parties will collect the ammunition at suitable spots for collection by Battery waggons. They will report under an officer at Zero + 6 hrs.

Lieut. W.F. OSMOND will remain in charge of all fighting positions of the Brigade and will remain there with the guards until all positions are cleared. He and the guards will then return to their units. This officer will forward a certificate to B.H.Q. when all ammunition has been cleared. He will make himself acquainted with the positions of all Batteries and their ammunition dumps prior to "Z" Day.

A forward dump will be formed as soon after Zero as possible by the D.A.Cs at about I 5 a 3 5. The 5th D.A.C. portion of the dump will be drawn on after the old positions have been cleared to complete all positions east of the NO MANS LAND to an establishment of 500 rds per 18pdr and 300 rds per 4.5" How. after which, batteries will refill in the ordinary way from a new refilling point which will be established on "Z" Day at H 17 d 7 4.

14. W.L. MOVES.

On the morning of "Z" Day the whole of the waggon lines will march to new waggon lines about H 17 c in accordance with the attached march table appendix "C".

Batteries will move forward in accordance with instructions contained in para 12 above. Limbers and firing battery waggons of the 51st Bty. moving from the Waggon lines in sufficient time to arrive at the Battery position

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11. HOSTILE BATTERIES.

B. Cs are to be thoroughly acquainted with all hostile Batteries in their zone.

12. MOVES.

After completion of tasks allotted, Batteries will move to a position close to the BLUE LINE, and between the Northern Divisional Boundaries, the YPRES - ZONNEBEKE ROAD in accordance with attached table - appendix "B" This move will commence at Zero + 9 hrs 15 min.

A second move will ~~possible~~ be ordered. It will be understood that no moves will take place if communication is intact with Batteries without orders. Batteries, when advancing will be accompanied by their firing Battery waggons they will be followed later by the first line waggons and water carts.

13. AMMUNITION SUPPLY

Ammunition will be emptied from vehicles, when waggons will return to old Battery positions, refill and supply ammunition to the new positions. Waggons and limbers, when on returning to the waggon lines will refill at H 17 c 7 4 and remain filled.

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14. W.L. MOVES.

On the morning of "Z" Day the whole of the waggon lines will march to new waggon lines about H 17 c in accordance with the attached march table appendix "C".

Batteries will move forward in accordance with instructions contained in para 12 above.. Limbers and firing battery waggons of the 51st Bty. moving from the Waggon lines in sufficient time to arrive at the Battery position

at zero + 9 hrs 15 min., the remaining Batteries will move in the following sequence at 45 minutes interval.
49th. 50th. and 113th.

Route to be followed :- H 12 c 10 65 YPRES to MENIN GATE to Battery positions.

15.- O.Ps

After the advance, every Battery, finding a good O.P. will report it the same ~~evening~~ evening in writing and not by phone.

16. RELIEF.

From the commencement of the Artillery bombardment onwards, Artillery work will be continuous throughout the 24 hours. It is important that all officers and men should get regular rest and Battery Commanders must so organise reliefs that each individual has 8 hours rest in the 24. Bombardment programmes should also permit of guns being "rested".

17. SUPPLIES.

Attention is directed to 15th. D.A. Prelim. Instr. No. 7. All water bottles will be filled and every opportunity taken to replenish them. Unconsumed portion of rations for "Z" day and "Z" + 1 in addition to one days emergency ration in addition will be carried by all east of YPRES on "Z" Day.

Water will be stored at Battery positions prior to "Z" Day ready to be taken on when the advance commences.

Each Battery will carry one trench bridge on one of its waggons. Instructions for drawing these bridges will be issued later.

18. MEDICAL

Attention is directed to para 1 of 15th. D.A.P.I. No. 3.

19. VETERINARY.

Attention is ~~directed~~ directed to para 111 of 15th. D.A. Prelim. Instr. No. 3.

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Attention is directed to para 8 of 15th. D.A.P.I. No. 5

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Reference map.- 1:10,000 FREZENBURG Trench Map issued herewith.

BTY	TIME from	TIME to	TASK	REMARKS.
49th ①	Zero	+ 54 min.	Commence I 6 b 90 25 to I 6 b 73 77. Lift or drop by 50 yerd increases to ^{or decreases} trench J 1 a 5 4 to J 1 a 2 9	Search forward and backward 50 yards each
50th	"	"	Commence I 6 b 73 77 to C 30 d 52 52. Lift or drop by 50 yd. increases to ^{or decreases} trench J 1 a 2 9 to D 25 c 15 45	minute to the STUTZPUNKT line, as shewn and sweep saxshen
51st	"	"	Commence C 30 d 52 52 to C 30 d 35 85. Lift or drop by 50 yd increases to trench ^{or decreases} D 25 c 15 45 to D 25 c 00 95.	this line, until + 54 minutes.
49th ②	+ 54 min to	+ 1 hr 23 min	D 25 c 00 95 to D 25 a 55 50	Enfilading trench.
50th	"	"	D 25 a 55 50 to D 19 c 90 15	
51st	"	"	D 19 c 90 15 to D 19 c 8 8	
49th ③	+ 1 hr 23 min to	+ 6 hr 48 min.	D 26 b 55 20 to D 26 b 1 7	Sweep trench.
50th	"	"	D 26 b 1 7 to D 20 c 8 2	
51st	"	"	D 20 a 80 45 to D 20 a 67 80	
49th ④	+ 6 hr 48 min to	+ 7 hr 8 min.	Bombard BOSTIN FARM (approx. D 20 d 8 2)	
50th	+ 6 hr 48 min to	+ 7 hr 28 min.	Bombard VANISACKERE FARM (approx. D 21 a 20 65)	
51st.	"	"	Bombard DOUCHY FARM. (approx. D 15 c 10 15.)	
49th ⑤	+ 7 hr 8 min to	+ 7 hr 28 min.	Sweep across valley D 27 a 80 75 to /D 21 d 0 4	

113th Bty. Bombardment of points as shewn on the attached 1:10,000 FREZENBURG Trench Map Edition 1 corrected to 11.7.17.

B. Cs will arrange to overlap when registering and ensure that there are no gaps. Batteries firing on flanks of Brigade Zone will distribute their fire so that the Brigades fire overlaps flank Brigades fire. (by 50 yards)

RATES OF FIRE.

18-pdr. 2 rounds per gun per min. till + 50 min. then 4 rounds per gun per min. till + 54 min. then 2 rounds per gun per min till 6 hrs 44 min. then 4 rounds per gun per min. till 6 hrs 48 min. then 2 rounds per gun per min.

4.5" Hows. 2 rds per how per min.

Ammunition to be expended - half T.S. with long corrector

APPENDIX "B"

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Bty.	Move at	to	Expected to be in action by
51st	+9hrs 15 min	Vicinity of	+12 hrs 15 min
49th	+10 hrs	BLUE LINE	
50th	+10hrs 45 min	"	
113th	+11hrs 30 min	"	

ROUTE to be taken - No.3 Track and across NO MANS LAND.

APPENDIX "C"

Bty	From	To	S.Point.	Time	ROUTE
51st	Wagon Lines	H 17 d	x Rds.	Zero - 2hrs 45min	Zero
49th	"	"	H 7 c	Zero - 2hrs 35min	Zero + 10'
50th	"	"	"	- 2hrs 25min	Zero + 20'
113th	"	"	"	- 2hrs 15min	Zero + 30'

ROUTE. - H 13 a 55 85 along track to H 14 a 55 95 to
H 14 a 95 50 - thence by main road to H 14 b 45 75, to cross
roads H 16 d 15 15 to destination.

H 8 a 5, 3 to H 8 d 7, 3 thence by track to H 16 a 45 90
to H 10 d 5, 4 thence by track to H 17 a 10, 65 to
H 17 a 50, 55, to H 17 c 80, 75

ADDENDUM No. 1 to ORDER No. 1Headquarters,
22.7.17

- 1.- Communications. All Batteries must commence operations on "Z" Day with mobile equipment complete.
- 2.- Visual Signalling. It is proposed to establish a receiving station for DD-DD messages at above I 9 b 1 9. F.O.Os and the Intelligence officer will be able to send ~~msg~~ messages back by this means, ~~or~~ if they are unable to maintain communications until the Brigade moves at Zero +9hrs 15 min.
- 3.- F.O.Os With reference to Preliminary Instructions No. 1 para 8 (ii) a Forward Observation Officer per Battery will be pushed forward in sufficient time for him to be at his forward observing station with a line laid out to the forward position of his battery by the time it gets there. Forward observing stations should admit of a view all over the ground as far as the GREEN LINE.
- 4.- Detail. Reference para 2 D.A.P.I. 2 each Battery will detail one man 49th, 50th Btys one telephonist, and 51st and 113th Btys one linesman. The place at which these men are to report will be notified later. These linesmen are to be provided with telephones.
5. Messages. The attention of all F.O.Os and Intelligence Officers is directed to para 5 of ~~xxxxxxx~~ D.A. Instructions 5 containing alternative routes for sending messages back. These are to be thoroughly understood.
From Zero hour all messages to be transmitted by wireless should be first put into B.A.B. Code before being handed in at the wireless station. If messages are handed in in clear, wireless operators have orders to encipher them, thus causing delay in enciphering and deciphering them.
Messages transmitted by other means than wireless are, whenever possible, to be sent in B.A.B. Code. They may, however be sent in clear, if the tactical situation is sufficiently critical to warrant no waste of time.
Messages sent by Pigeon Post will be sent in clear.
6. Communications. Communications with the Brigade prior to the move will be maintained by buried cable from B.H.Q. to house about I 9 b 1 9 and from there by ground line to Batteries. An exchange is established at this building-called "E X". Should Battery lines be disconnected, orderlies are to be sent to this point to receive messages. It is proposed that two buried cables will be available from B.H.Q. to MILL COTTAGE (I 5 a 0 7). These will be available for the Brigade F.O.O. and Intelligence Officer who will have them pointed out by the Brigade Signal Officer one hour prior to Zero time.
7. Liaison. Capt. W. J. KNOX M.C. is detailed as Liaison Officer to the 45th Infantry Brigade.
8. Intelligence Off. Lieut. R. A. BENNETT will act as Intelligence Officer. Instructions regarding this duty will be issued later but attention is called to para 8 (ii) of D.A.P.I. No. 1.
9. Brigade F.O.O. Lieut. S. H. C. Whitshire is ~~xxxxxxx~~ detailed as Brigade F.O.O. He will work in close co-operation with the Intelligence Officer but will have his own party and will not hesitate to call on Batteries for fire or inform B.H.Q. of matters of interest.

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Adjt., 13th. A. F. A. Bde.

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Appendix 87.

13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

T13/10

Headquarters,
23.7.17.

- 1. Reference addendum No. 1 to Offensive Order No.1 para 4.
DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. This detail will report mounted to 51st
 Battery Wagon Lines at 8 Oam. tomorrow morning the 24th. inst.
 They will carry 24 hours rations. The 49th. and 50th. Battery men
 will carry flags and one empty D 11 reel.

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 13th. Aus. F. A. Brigade.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS No. 4.

Ref. Map 1/20000 sheet 28 Belgium 28NW

Headquarters,
23.7.1917.

1. The following extract from 15th. Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme dated 22.6.17 is published for information and action.

"S.O.S. Arrangement."

In the event of immediate support being required by the Infantry in any other sector the following Signals will be made:-

- (i) By telephone or visual signalling. "S.O.S." without preamble, followed by the call of the section, e.g., "S.O.S. C 29 1."
- (ii) By "S.O.S." Signal fired successively until the Artillery barrage opens. In order to keep a permanent lookout for this signal, one O.P. per Sub-Group will be manned at night.

(For the above purposes, the 13th. and 14th. F.A. Brigades will be considered as a sub-group.)

The following will sleep at the O&P:-

1 Officer and 3 responsible N.C.Os., with necessary telephonists.
An Officer or N.C.O. will always be on the look out. The Officer is responsible that a sharp look out is kept all night."

(iii) Batteries will man their own O.Ps. Details are as follows

Night	25/26th.	49th. Battery.
"	26/27th.	50th. Battery.
"	27/28th.	51st. Battery.

A director should be taken which will be set up in daylight and sandbagged so as to prevent movement, so that the direction can be quickly reported.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Miller Lieut. & Adjt.,
13th. Aus. F.A. Brigade.....

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13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS No. 5

Ref Map 50000 sheet Belgium 28 N W Headquarters, 23.7.1917.

1. The following Brigades are responsible for the defence of the Divisional Front :-

71st. Bde. R.F.A., 14th. F.A. Bde., and one Brigade of 16th. Div. Arty. Sub. Group.

These Brigades are placed under the tactical command of Lieut. Colonel. H. W. A. CHRISTIE C.M.G., R.F.A. for the purpose of the defence of the line.

2. This Brigade is superimposed on the ^{front} covered ^{by} front of the 14th. Aus. F.A. Brigade, who are responsible for the defence of the line from I 5 d 8 7 to I 5 b 5 3 to I 5 b 40 55.

3. S.O.S. Lines are allotted as follows :-

49th. Bty. - I 5 d 8 7 - I 5 b 65 00
50th. Bty. - I 5 b 65 00 - I 5 b 50 25
51st. Bty. - I 5 b 50 25 to I 5 b 40 55
113th. Bty. will fire on front line trench at trench junction between I 6 c 0783 and I 5 b 5 6

4. Rates of fire are as follows:-

18-pdr. Four (4) rounds per gun to commence.
4.5" Hows. Two (2) rounds per How. to commence.

5. This Brigade will only open fire in the event of an attack on a large scale.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
24.7.1917.

- O. C. 49th. Battery.
- 50th. Battery.
- 51st. Battery.
- 113th. Battery.

The following laudatory letters from the Army Commander and G.O.C. R.A. XIX Corps are forwarded for your information, please.

J. Miller Lieut. & Adjt.,
13th. Aus. F. A. Brigade.

Fifth Army No. 9/1510.

XIX Corps.

The Army Commander wishes to express his satisfaction at the good work done in arranging and handling the very large amount of ammunition which has been brought into the Army Area during the last six weeks.

The work carried out in this connection reflects great credit on all concerned owing to the punctuality of completion of the necessary dumps and the adequate arrangements made at Rail-heads and the smaller dumps to protect the ammunition against damage.

Excellent service has been rendered, often under very difficult and dangerous conditions, by the railway personnel, mechanical transport drivers, ordnance artillery and other personnel employed in off-loading and dumping duties; and by the labour Companies and Native West Indian Troops employed at rail-heads.

19.7.17.

Sgd. M. SARGENT Major-General,
D.A. & Q.M.G. V Army.

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- C.R.A. 15th. Division.
- 16th. Division.
- 36th. Division.
- 35th. Division.
- 61st. Division
- 5th. Aust. Division.

The G.O.C. R.A. has great pleasure in forwarding this letter.

He well knows under what difficulties and often severe shelling the ammunition supply has been carried out, and congratulates all ranks on the successful result of their work.

Sgd. W. J. BEDDOWS Captain R.A.

21.7.17.

for G.O.C. R.A. XIX Corps.

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15th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

T13/2/4

Headquarters,
24.7.1917.

¹³
Of C. Batteries,

Reference 15th. D.A. No.B.M./5/24/1 dated 22.7.17, which
has been issued with maps.

The targets on which concentration will be made from
and including the 25th. inst. are as follows :-

No. 18	- - - -	11	45a.m.
20	- - - -	2	10p.m.
17	- - - -	2	45p.m.
19	- - - -	3	10p.m.
16	- - - -	3	50p.m.

Acknowledge.

J. Miller Lieut.,
Adjt.; 15th. Aus. F. A. Bde.

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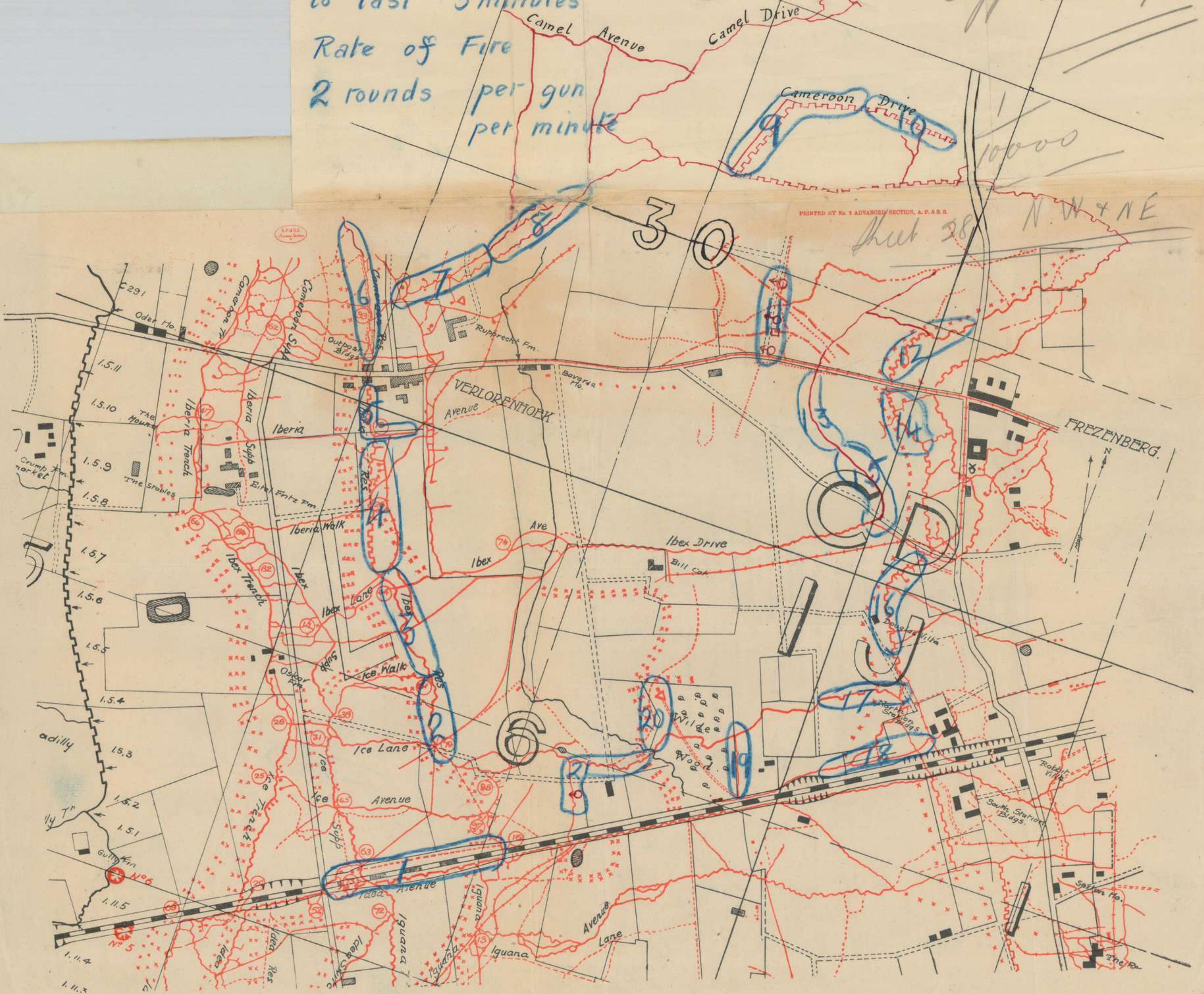
CONCENTRATION BOMBARDMENT

Each bombardment
to last 3 minutes

4.5 Hows.

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Rate of Fire
2 rounds per gun
per minute



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Message

.....DIVISION.
Map reference
or Mark on Map
at back.

1. My Company has reached.....
 Platoon
 2. My Company is at..... and is consolidating.
 Platoon
 3. My Company is at.....and has consolidated.
 Platoon
 4. Am held up by M.G. at.....
 5. I need:—Ammunition.
Bombs.
Rifle Grenades.
Water.
Very lights.
Stokes shells.
 6. Counter attack forming up at.....
 7. I am in touch with.....on Right
 Left at.....
 8. I am not in touch with..... on Right
 Left
 9. I am being shelled from.....
 10. I estimate my present strength at.....rifles.
 11. Hostile Battery
 Machine Gun } active at.....
 Trench Mortar }
- Time..... m. Name.....
Site..... Platoon.....
Company.....
Battalion.....



*Appendix G
Amendment G2*

Amendment No. 1 to Offensive Operation Order No. 1 (22.7.17)

24.7.1917.

1.- Appendix "C" is cancelled and the following substituted:-

Regt.	From	To	S. Point	Time	Route
51st.	Wagon lines		H 7 c 55 50	Zero hour	H 8 a 7 3 - H 8 d 2
49th	"	H 17 d	"	Zero + 6 min	H 16 a 45 00 - H 10 c
50th	"	"	"	Zero + 12 min	H 17 a 10 05 - to
115th	"	"	"	Zero + 18 min.	H 17 a 50 55 - H 17 c

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Adjt., 15th. Aus. F. A. Bde.

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18TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.
No. _____
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Memorandum No. 2 to Offensive Operation Order No. 1 (22.7.17)

22.7.1917.

- 1. Para 13 "AMMUNITION SUPPLY", last sub para. 2nd line.
for 15 a 55 read 19473

J. Miller Lieut.,
Mjt. 18th. A.F.A. Bde.

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Amendment No. 3 to offensive Operation Order No. 1 (22.7.17)

Headquarters,
25.7.17.

Reference Appendix "A" 15th. A.S.A. Brigade O.O. No. 1.

Rates of fire for 4.5" hows.

Delete existing rates and substitute the following :-

- X H Zero to Zero + 8 min. 3 and one half rds per how per min.
- Zero + 8 min to Zero + 54 min. - 1 rd per how per min.
- Zero + 54 min to Zero + 1 hr 39 min - 1 rd per how per 2 min.
- Zero + 1 hr 39 min to Zero + 6 hr 39 min. - 1 rd per how per min.

Amended map is also issued to O. C. 115th. Battery herewith.
Please acknowledge receipt.

J. Miller
Lieut. & Adjt.,
15th. A.S.A. Brigade.

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Amendment No. 4 to Operation Order No. 1 (22.7.1917).

Reference Amendment No. 3 of 21.7.1917. RATES OF FIRE.

The following rates of fire will now be used :-
4.5" Howitzer.

Period	Rate of fire
Zero to +10min.	2 1/2 rds per gun per min.
Plus 10 min to plus 30min	1 rd per gun per min.
" 30 " " " 50 "	2 rds per gun per min.
" 50 " " " 1hr 10min	1/2 rd per gun per min.
" 1hr 10min " " 1hr 5min	2 rds per gun per min.
" 1hr 5min " " 2hr 10min	1 rd per gun per min. All P.E.
" 2hr 10min " " 3hrs 24min.	1/2 rd per gun per min.
" 3hrs 24min " " 7hrs 8 min.	2 rds per gun per min.
" 7hrs 8min " " 7hrs 40min.	1 rd per gun per min.
" 7hrs 40min " " 8 hrs 20min.	1/2 rd per gun per min.
8 hrs 20min " "	

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16-pdr DISTANT BARRAGE.

Period	Rate	Nature	Remarks.
Zero to + 58min	3 rds per gun per min		
+58min to + 1hr 19min	1rd " " "		Infantry advancing
+ 1hr 19 min to + 2hr 19min	3rds " " "		" halted
+2hr 19min to +6hr 24min	1rd " " "		" advancing
+6hr 24min to +7hr 40min	3rds " " "		" halted
+7hr 40min to +8hr 30min	1/2rd " " "		" advancing " halted.

Nature of shell

1/2 F.S. with long corrector 1/2 H.S.

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Lieut. & Adj.,

15th. Aus. F. A. Brigade.

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15th. AUSTRALIAN F. A. BRIGADE OFFENSIVE OPERATION ORDER No. 2

Headquarters,
25. 7. 1917.

1. It has now been decided that after the GREEN LINE is captured, an advance to a red line is to be made. The position of this line is D 16 d 6 3 - D 16 a 9 0 - D 9 d 9 0 - D 9 d 2 4.
Barrages will not be required for this advance. As soon as this line becomes the line of resistance, protective barrages will be 300 yards in front of it. After Zero + 8 hours 30 minutes, it will only be put down in the case of a S.O.S. Call.
2. Referring to para 10 of Offensive Operation Order No. 1 (22. 7. 17) in addition to answering Zone calls, during the advance of the Infantry, Batteries must take every opportunity of dealing with machine guns etc., which are located, as instructed in para 4 of 15th. D.A. Prelim. Instr. No. 10 .
3. O.C. 49th. Battery will detail one mounted orderly to report to N.C.O. in charge Signals at GOLDFISH CHATEAU at Zero hour on "Z" Day. This orderly must be acquainted with the positions of B.H.Q. and Battery Waggon Lines before arriving.
4. There will always be 12 rifles in each Battery position, and all Bandoliers must be filled.
5. Brigade Headquarters will move during Zero day to a dugout at I 11 b 2 7.
6. From Zero + 4 hrs 15 min. till the Batteries are established ^{near} the BLUE LINE, 5 Div. T.M. Personnel will be available for the purposes of ammunition supply etc.
7. One subsection of the 51st. Battery, under Lieut. R. A. BENNETT will at zero plus one hour 15 minutes leave the Battery position and follow as close behind the Infantry as is feasible, with the intention of occupying a position close in rear of the BLACK LINE.
The object of this is to -
(a) Cut wire south of the BREMEN Redoubt
(b) Deal with enemy machine guns which may be troublesome.
8. Special attention is called to 15th. D.A. Preliminary Instructions No 10 which have already been issued to Batteries.

29 Acknowledge.

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Appendix 94

Appendix No. 1 to Offensive Operation Order No. 2

29.7.1917.

1. Communications.

With reference to para 5 of 15th. B.A. Preliminary Instructions No. 3.

(a) Two message dogs have been allotted to 5th. Division. All ranks should be warned that dogs carrying message patches on their collars are not to be ~~detained~~ detained, except for the purpose of having the message read by an officer.

(b) All runners should be instructed to carry their messages in the top right hand pocket.

(c) Forward Signal Stations must be clearly marked. Operators and linemen must be instructed ~~to call up~~ to call up continuously on lines that are apparently down. The lines may be earthed and the call up may jam power buzzers.

Distribution to

All recipients of O.O. No. 2

J. Miller

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15th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE,

113/14

Headquarters,
26.7.1917.

- O. C. 49th. Battery.
- 50th. Battery.
- 51st. Battery.
- 113th. Battery. - for information.

The moves of 1 section of each 19-pdr Battery of this brigade to Battle Positions ordered for the night 25/26th. July are postponed until the night 26th/27th. July.

All guns must be in action by dawn on the 27th. inst.

Acknowledge.

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15th. Div. F. A. Bde.

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15th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
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Reference No. 3 to Offensive Operation Order No. 1 (22.7.17)

Headquarters,
15.7.17.

Reference Appendix "A" 15th. A. A. Brigade O.C. No. 1.

Rates of fire for 4.5" hows.

Delete existing rates and substitute the following :-

- X X Zero to Zero + 5 min. 2 and one half rds per how per min.
- Zero + 5 min to Zero + 54 min. - 1 rd per how per min.
- Zero + 54 min to Zero + 1 hr 32 min - 1 rd per how per 5 min.
- Zero + 1 hr 32 min to Zero + 8 hr 30 min. - 1 rd per how per min.

Amended map is also issued to O.C. 113th. Battery herewith.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Miller

Lieut. & Adjt.

15th. A. A. Brigade.

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FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE
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APPENDIX 97
15th AUSTRALIAN F.A. BRIGADE OFFENSIVE OPERATION ORDER No. 3
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Headquarters,
27.7.1917.

1. The 7th. Cameron Highlanders (44th. Infantry Brigade) are to carry out a raid on the enemy's trenches on 28th. July. The strength of the raiding party will not and exceed two companies.
2. Artillery programme is attached.
3. Zero hour will be notified later.
4. Please acknowledge receipt.

J. Miller Lieut. & Adj.,
15th. Aus. F.A. Brigade.

TASK TABLE

Bty.	Time	Task	Rate of fire.
15th.	Zero to Zero + 0min.	125K RESERVE from I S a 07 00 to I S d 00 74	2 rds per gun per min. from zero to zero + 15 min. 1 rd per min from zero + 15 to zero + 20min.
	Zero + 0min to Zero + 10 min.	4 Hows. IDEA AVENUE from I S c 55 40 to I S d 32 70. 2 Hows block Gmn. Trench, I S d 25 97 to I S b 43 05	2 rds per min from zero + 20 to zero + 40min. 1 rd per min from zero + 40 to zero + 50min.

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APPENDIX 98

15th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
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15th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.

Headquarters,
20.7.1917.

1.- The Three 18-pdr Batteries of this Brigade will move to Battle Positions by Sections as shown in appended table.

2.- One Section of each Battery will move on the nights as shown below :-

Night 23rd/24th.
Night 24th/25th.
Night 25th/26th.

3.- All Batteries are to be in ^{action} ~~position~~ by dawn on 26th July.

4.- On completion of moves each night, this office will be notified by code message.

Code word - LONDON.

Bty	S. POINT	Time passing S. POINT	ROUTE	DESTINATION
49th x	xroads	8 00pm	VLAMERTICRE -	BATTLE POSITION.
50th x	"	8 03pm	YPRES ROAD	"
51st x	"	8 06pm	"	"

ACKNOWLEDGE

J. Miller
Lieut.,
Adjt., 15th. A.F.A. Brigade

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