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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	31-7-17.		<p>The following were the casualties for this day by Batteries. 49th Bty. I.O.R. 50th Battery NIL. 51st Battery 4 O.R. 113th Bty I.O.R. + LT. WILSHIRE + Brigade had 9 O.R. Effective strength 19 off. 734 O.R. Total 753.</p> <p>The line at conclusion of the first days fighting was approximately C19 central. - C19d00 along Road south to C25 cent. to the dump at C25d60 (reference map. FREZENBERG. edition I.) 2 bomb attacks were repulsed.</p>	J.M.
	1-8-17.		<p>There was no further counter attacks during the night. This Brigade kept up a very slow rate of fire from dawn till 5 am. at 3 pm a strong counter attack was launched & was repulsed with heavy losses. The Brigade fired on S.O.S. until 5 pm. Forward gun was ordered back but owing to the wet weather the ground being very wet, it was left after several attempts were made to withdraw it, but without success. Casualties were as follows. 49th Battery NIL. 50th Bty I.O.R. 51st Bty NIL. 113th Battery NIL. Effective strength 22 off. + 793 O.R.</p>	J.M.
	2-8-17.		<p>Forward gun withdrawn by Lt. BENNETT. S.O.S. was fired at 3 pm to 5 pm. Weather dull. Hostile artillery quiet. Area searches were fired throughout the day & night by the 18 pdr. Batteries. Howitzer Battery carried out destruction of strong holds on. Batteries are busy carting ammunition.</p>	J.M.
	3-8-17.		<p>Weather Dull & wet during the afternoon a H.V. Gun fired on the POTIGZE Road. Chapl. Thornthwaite of 50th Bty. was hit but is remaining on duty.</p>	J.M.

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YPRES.	4.8.17.		Quiet day. Hostile Artillery barraged from C 6 to 80 to BAYARIA. HOUSE (Ref. Map. FREZENBERG edition N. 1) Batteries of the Brigade are camping out area searches & sator firing salvo during the night. S.O.S. Luis for support of Division on our right is attached marked Appendix 99. Scheme for resting of Batteries attached Appendix 100.	Jm. app. 99. " 100
	5.8.17.		Routine as for previous days. Hostile Arty. was active in the forward area. FREZENBERG was heavily shelled with 4.2 & 5.9 How. from the right. ZONNEBEKE. (Reference Map. FREZENBERG edition 1.) S.O.S. signal was sent on the right of this Divisional Front. (16 th Division) and at 9:23 pm an S.O.S. signal was observed on our front. All Batteries fired on S.O.S. Luis until ordered to stop at 10.13 pm. our front at this time was reported as normal. Programme of Artillery Searcher which are carried out throughout the 24 hours is attached & marked Appendix 101	Jm. app. 101
	6.8.17.		Effective strength for 5 th unit officers 27 and O.R. 796 Quiet day. Area searches were carried out. Routine as for previous days. Visibility was only fair.	Jm. app. 102
	7.8.17		Programme of work for Batteries is attached & marked Appendix 102 Hostile Artillery was active throughout the day. I 3 d & 6. was shelled intermittently throughout the 24 hours, with HV gun & 5.9. Casualties were as follows W.O. MAHONY was killed. B. KEG. Artillery 1. O.R. of 50 in B. 27 off. 459 O.R	Jm.

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Y PRES	8-8-17		<p>Visibility was good during morning, only fair during the afternoon. Area searches were carried out in accordance with Div. Group Order. Hostile Artillery during the morning was normal, but it increased from 3 pm to 4 pm. On the forward areas & Battery positions. Effective strength of the Bde is 786 all ranks.</p>	<p>PM</p>
	9-8-17		<p>Visibility poor. Area searches were fired as similar to previous days. Brigade received orders to move to forward positions east of our old line in IS bed & ammunition carrying commenced to the above position by the 5th Aust. D. A.C. 15th RFA D.A.C. 16th RFA D.A.C. (d/cap reference) Frequenting to road position I.</p>	<p>PM</p>
	10/8/17		<p>Routine as for previous days. Hostile Art. quiet.</p>	<p>PM</p>
	11/8/17		<p>Increased Hostile activity MENIN Road being the principle target. POTITZE ROAD received its usual attention. Orders (preliminary) received for attack on REJ dotted line. Following officers transferred to the Brigade: Thimble W. Brumton A.G.A. and from this Bde. to 5th D.A.C. Thimble W.F. Osmond.</p>	<p>PM</p>
	13/8/17		<p>Full day much Aerial activity both Hostile & our own. Batteries did good work silencing Hostile Batteries.</p>	<p>PM</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	14/8/17		<p>Lieut Skinner was evacuated ill. Lieut Paughan 50th Bty was wounded @ 10 O.R. wounded, in moving guns forward. Above Order is attached & marked appendix 103. Orders received & issued by this office for forthcoming operations (under 16th D.A. Instructions) marked appendix 104. Last night the following guns were moved to forward positions. 2 guns of 49th BATTERY, 2 guns of 50th BATTERY, 3 guns of 51st BATTERY and 2 of 113th How. BATTERY. Great difficulty was experienced in moving these guns from POTIJZE ROAD to position at I 5 b + d. The track taken was down old woman land. It was very soft going the ground being very spongy. It compares favorably with the same during last DECEMBER (1916) of 50 + 51 BATTERY reported BATTERY in forward position at 9 pm.</p>	<p>app. 103 app. 104 PM</p>
	15/8/17		<p>^{Battery came under heavy fire} ^{HE shed bomb ammunition which fell the road} Propaganda of bombardment is attached & marked app. 105. Propaganda of gas shell is attached & marked app. 106. Instructions dealing with P.O. for forthcoming operation is attached & marked appendix 107. Hable, ^{admission} ^{sheet}</p>	<p>app. 105 app. 106 app. 107 PM</p>

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YPRES.	16/8/17		<p>Zero Hour was 4.45 am for operation. The attack was carried out by 48th Infy. Bde on the Right & 49th Infy. Bde (16th Div.) on the left. They were in the same as before, then Infantry having been driven back. Hostile Artillery was rather quiet ^{only 1 or 2} barrages was put down down on the FREZENBERG RIDGE. This barrage lasted only a couple of hours. The F.O. (Lt Brett) sent useful information through. During the afternoon the observation was good. and our counter Batteries fired throughout the afternoon. The Brigade fired on S.O.S. lines at 10.20 am & stopped at 11.30 am. opened again at 5.20 pm & ceased fire at 6.20 pm. also another S.O.S. was sent up from our front line at 9.5 pm all Batteries opened immediately & ceased fire at 9.25 pm. The front was reported all quiet & normal. Observation good. Aerial activity on both sides, Hostile Artillery was quiet.</p>	<p>Will Jm</p>

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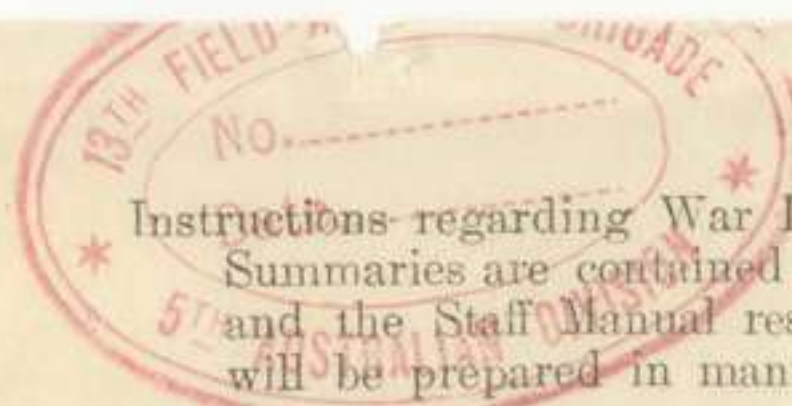
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	18/8/17		Quiet day. Batteries firing Area Searches throughout the night. Batteries are having a quiet time in their forward positions. Hostile Artillery quiet. Good observation. The CO visited the Wagon Lines.	The
	19/8/17		Routine as for previous days. Hostile Artillery quiet throughout the day programme of Bombardments attached & marked app.	The app. 108
	20/8/17		Capt. W. J. KNOX M.C. was wounded and died of wounds received in Action. Lieut J. F. Sauer - Webb was killed & Lieut Brewster was wounded, all above officers were in 50th Coy. Hostile Artillery increased & was intense from 4 pm to 8 pm & then eased until 11 pm when once again the fire became intense main objectives were POTITZER Rd. at I 3 b + d & I 4.	The app. 109
			programme of bombardments attached & marked app. 109	The app. 109
			programme of gas shell bombardment attached & marked appendix 110	The app. 110
			programme of Bombardment ending 4.30 am on 21/8/17 attached & marked appendix 111	The app. 111

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YPRES	21/8/17.		<p>Visibility good. Hostile Artillery about normal. Order for co operation with Division on the Right is attached & marked appendix 112.</p> <p>Order for gas discharge Target D25 to 68 is attached & marked 112 appendix 113</p> <p>Orders which were issued today for furthering operation is attached & marked appendix 114</p> <p>Orders were received to evacuate 111 Homes of the Brigade & to draw new accounts, on account of these Homes condition it was advised that they be evacuated.</p> <p>The U.S. INF. BDE. attacked on the Division Right & the 14th Div. Bde. attached on the left of the Divisional sector (15th Div. Bde.)</p> <p>The 6th of Division carried out the attack on the Right of the 15th Division. The 15th Divisional front boundaries were as follows. YPRES ROLLERS RLY. Southern Rdy. and the Northern Boundary ^{a line from D29 cent.} 14 Cent. (Map Reference FRENZBERG edition No 2)</p>	<p>app 112 Recd.</p> <p>appendix 113 app 114</p>
			<p><i>Moaddy</i> Lt. Col. Commanding 13th. F.A. Bde. 5th. Aust. Div.</p>	



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YPRES	22/8/17		Zero Hour for II phase was 4.45 am all Batteries had 6 guns each in action. The How (113 th Bty) carried out a bombardment of a hostile Bty. with gas shell prior to Zero. A steady rate of fire was kept up throughout the day until 2.45 pm when fire was stopped. The infantry met with a quantity of machine gun fire. The line at present occupied by the 15 th Division is under fire. Casualties in this Brigade since coming into this sector are as follows Officers killed 3 Other ranks killed 15 Officers wounded 3 Other ranks wounded 58	9th
	23/8/17		Quiet day. The Brigade was transferred to Benke Sub-Group. (Group commander Lt Col. Johnson CMC) of 23 rd Army Brigade. Attached programme of Bombardment for the 24 th inst marked appendix 115	app. 115.
	24/8/17		Group commander & Co visited the Batteries programme of Bombardment is attached and marked appendix 116 Quiet day. visibility fair.	app 116.
	25/8/17		Operation Order to capture GALLIPOLI. FME. (DISD. map ref. 2) issued Attached & marked appendix 117 Our Infantry took GALLIPOLI but was driven out by enemy counter attack	app 117

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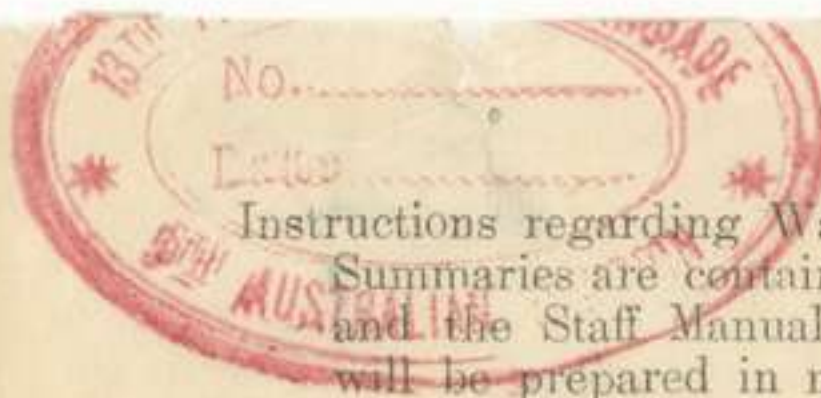
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Y PRES	26/8/17		Operation orders received. The Brigade fired smoke placing masks in front of strong posts where it is known machine gun fire was directed. Operation Order is attached & marked appendix 118. Artillery quiet, Visibility bad. programme of bombardment is attached & marked app. 119	app. 118 M
	27/8/17		very wet day Operation were carried out. by Dursion on our left. Artillery on both sides were very active. The casualties since coming into this sector are as follows. Officers killed 3 OR killed 15. Officers wounded 3 OR wounded 65. Operations for today is attached & marked appendix 120 - S.O.S. Can at 8 p.m fire opened for half an hour then quiet.	app. 119 M
	28/8/17		Quiet day. Weather becoming much colder and very wet. so that personnel are having an very uncomfortable, but men are remarkably cheerful & doing well. - all guns are camouflaged but very little protection is possible for detachments. Slight shelling of Battery position and vicinity -	app. 120 M

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VPRES	29/8/17.		<p>New Group Command. vicinity Batter Road Gisborne. C.M.G. 231st Army R.F.A. Bde. All Batteries firing night tasks. including searching areas roads and preventing repair to wire. 100 rounds per gun per 24 hours to be fired by each 18pr & 50lbs per 4.5 how. in this way. (Appendix 121)</p>	
	30/8/17.		<p>All Battery wagon lines are improving and much hard work is in progress. Laying of bricks for standings and roads are progressing, also where material can be had - harnum shelters are being erected. Still wet and much colder - still cool & wet. Hostile shelling much less than formerly but VPRES & forward areas received bursts of fire. Action continuing as before.</p>	
	31/8/17		<p>Clearing up slightly and quite fine on the evening. Some aerial activity including an enemy patrol of 1 large GOTHA machine and 9 ALBATROSS flew over VPRES. and disappeared in clouds. POTISZE & Road in vicinity received a large amount of hostile shelling. Gun tasks continue as before.</p>	

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13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
4. 8. 1917.

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

In order that all 18-pdr Batteries will not be required to carry out the night shooting at present prescribed, each VBattery will do all the night firing alternatively, commencing with the 49th. Battery from this date (Night 4/5th August)

This Battery will do all this shooting for this Brigade. Night salvoes as laid down in Instructions No.7 of 3.8.17 will be fired at 1 30am., 2 5am, and 4 15am. Each time, this Battery, covering the whole Brigade front will fire 3 series of salvoes as prescribed searching up 3 times at each of the times shewn above.

About 250 rounds will be fired on the wire in front of BREMEN LINE in salvoes as prescribed during the night.



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Headquarters,
4th. August 1917.

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MUTUAL SUPPORT

In the event of the Division on our right being attacked.
S.O.S. Call - "SAVE QUINCE"

Batteries will barrage a line as under -

49th. Battery.	D 25 b 7 1 - D 25 b 55 30
50th. Battery.	J 2 a 38 - D 26 c 15 35
51st. Batteries	D 25 b 45 30 - D 25 b 45 55

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13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE'S INSTRUCTIONS No. 7

Headquarters,
3rd August 1917.

1.- S.O.S. Lines are as follows :-

49th. Battery.- D 25 b 7 1 - D 25 b 55 50
 18-pdr. Battery.- D 25 b 55 50 - D 25 b 45 55
 50th. Battery.- D 25 b 7 1 - D 25 b 45 55

4.5" Howa 1 section - D 25 a 70 85
 1 section - Band in road D 25 a cent.
 1 section - House at D 25 a 70 55

2.- The following is the detail for fire for Batteries :-

(a) 18-pdrs. Area searches.

BY DAY. 1 Salvo on S.O.S. Lines followed by 9 lifts each to GREEN LINE, 1 salvo per lift at 50 seconds interval.

Times - 6 00am, 6 40am, 6 30pm,

T.S. 50% on grazes.

BY NIGHT. As for day, but Batteries commence 50 yards longer range than S.O.S. range.

Also fire occasional salvos on the wire in front of BREWER LINE in the Brigade Zone. Irregular times at D. Co discretion but to be distributed throughout the night.

(b) 4.5" Howa. Concentration shots.

On concrete shelters at -

Locations	Times
D 25 e 50 55	7 30am
D 25 e 10 65	8 25am
D 25 e 05 80	9 15am
D 25 e 70 85	10 00am

Gun positions at -

D 25 e 55 75	11 05am
D 25 a 15 10	11 35am

House at -

D 25 a 65 55	1 00pm
BOBBIE FARM	4 45pm
BREWER SHEDS	5 15pm.

Each concentration will last 3 minutes. Rate of fire 2 rounds per How. per min.

3.- In addition to the above, one 18-pdr Section salvo is to be fired every 15 minutes day and night along on the YPRES - BOULERS Railway between D 25 e 5 5 and the point where the YPRES - BOULERS Railway crosses the FRESZBURG - ZENNEBEKE ROAD.

One gun will fire H.E. without delay, and one gun/shrapnel. (time)
 A different range will be on each gun at each salvo and the ranges will be constantly varied.

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ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1 to 13th BRIGADE INSTRUCTIONS No. 7

Re para 2 - AREA SEARCHES.

Amend times to read 5 30am., 6 30am., and 7 45pm. *(By day)*

By Night times to read as follows :-

12 45am., 1 35am., and 3 45am.

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Re para 2 (G) Concentrated shoot 4.5 Hours

These are to be fired 10 minutes later than shown

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Times of firing 3.00pm to 11.00pm.

Order to be followed is as follows :-

Bty	Date.
49th	3rd August
50th	4th "
51st	5th "
49th	6th "
50th	7th and so on.

4. In addition to the above B. Co will fire remaining ammunition up to at least 75 rounds per gun or how, on wire (at night) or strong points at their own discretion.
5. All previous instructions will be superseded by this memo.

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Headquarters,
7th Aug. 1917.

1.- The following is the detail for fire fir Batteries :-

(a) 18prs. Area searches.

BY DAY. 1 Salvo on S.O.S. Lines followed by 9 lifts to GREEN LINE, 1 Salvo per lift at 30 seconds interval.

Times - 6.40 am, 7.30 am, & 8.55 am.

T.S. 50% on graze.

BY NIGHT. As for day, but Batteries commence 50 yards longer range than S.O.S. range.

Times - 11.35 pm, 12.15 am, & 2.35 am.

Also fire occasional salvos on the wire in front of BREMEN LINE in the Brigade Zone. Irregular times at B. Co. discretion but to be distributed throughout the night.

(b) 4.5" hows. Concentration shoots.
On concrete shelters at -

Locations	Times.
D 26 c 35.70	8.10 am
D 26 c 55.65	9.35 am
Trench junction at	
D 26 d 30.95	10.50 am
Machine Gun at	
D 27 a 6.4.	1.30 pm
EOSTIN FARM	
D 20 d 50.15	5.3 pm
Bridge at	
D 26 c 85.75	5.35 pm

Each concentration will last three (3) minutes.
Rate of fire two (2) rounds per how. per minute.

2.- In addition to the above, one 18pdr Section Salvo is to be fired every 15 minutes day and night along on the YPRES & MOULERS Railway between D 26 c 5.6. and the point where the YPRES-MOULERS Railway crosses the FRIEZENBURG - ZONNEBEKE ROAD.

One gun will fire H.E. without delay, and one gun fire Shrapnel. A different range will be on each gun at each salvo and the ranges will be constantly varied.

Times of firing 8.0 pm to 11.0 pm

roster is as follows :-

51st Bty	8th August
49th	9th "
50th	10th "
51st	11th "
49th	12th "
50th	13th " and so on.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE. INSTRUCTIONS No. 8

Headquarters,
12th August 1917.

1. The brigade will move to forward positions on the night of 13th/14th August.
Move table as follows :-

Battery	Route	Starting Time.
49th. 3 guns	POTIJEE ROAD	8.0pm
50th 3 "	" "	8.30pm
51st 3 "	" "	8.40pm
113th. 3 "	" "	9.0pm
49th 3 "	" "	8.0pm 3.0am
50th 3 "	" "	8.30pm 3.30am
51st 3 "	" "	3.40am
113th 3 "	" "	4.0am

2. All Batteries will register on the 14th inst.
3. Each Battery will leave a guard on all ammunition dumps.
4. Reconnaissance of route will be made to-morrow the 13th inst.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade Instructions No. 11

Headquarters,
14th. August 1917

Communications

1.- One F.O.O. from the Brigade will be detailed and will be accompanied by the following party:-

H. C. Os	1 (not below the rank of Corporal)
Telephonists	2
Linesmen	4

Linesmen will be posted along the line where they will be most useful. They should have two telephones with them and will work in pairs.

The following is the detail for the SubGroup Intelligence Off. and will report at 10.00am on the 15th. inst., at 70th. Bde H. Q. at R ANPARTS.

49th. Bty.	1 telephonist with phone.
50th. Bty.	1 linesman with pliers and tape.
51st. Bty.	1 telephonist with phone
115th. Bty.	1 linesman with pliers and tape.

2.- Advanced Intelligence Officers and F.O.Os may hand in tactical messages at any of the Divisional Signal Stations.

3.- BRIGADE FORWARD STATIONS.

Infantry Brigade Forward Stations will be established under Bde. arrangements at approximately the following points :-

- RIGHT BDE. Vicinity of VAMPIN (D. 28. a. 0. 5.) or South of BREMER REDOUBT.
- LEFT BDE. Vicinity of DELVA FARM (D. 20. a. 1. 5.) or IBERBAIN (Map D. 19. b. 2. 2.)

4.- T WIRELESS SYSTEMS.

Each Artillery Sub group will lay and maintain one circuit forward from Cable Road (BAYARIA HOUSE) for observation purposes. Communication by telephone is however likely to be extremely precarious, and too much reliance is not to be placed on it. Earth return laddered or multiple lines may be laid in emergency. No messages are to be buzzed over such lines, and field telephones should be used if possible. All ranks must have it impressed on them most carefully that only code or the most guarded conversations are permissible over such lines. These lines will be replaced by metallic circuits at the earliest opportunity.

5.- WATSON FANS.

Watson Fans have been issued on the scale of 150 per Bde. These will be waved by the troops in the front line to show their position to contact aeroplanes.

6.- RUNNERS.

Runners will carry their messages either in the despatch case provided for the purpose or in the right breast pocket. (Messages will not be carried in the Gas helmet satchel.) If a wounded runner is found, it is the duty of the man who discovers the message to take steps to expedite its transmission to the addressee.

7.- DOGS.

Two message dogs have been supplied to the Division. All ranks should be warned that dogs carrying messages, though in their possession are not to be detained, except for the purpose of having the message

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read by an Officer. This method of communication is not reliable. Messages sent by this means should be sent in code.

Acknowledge.

J. Miller

Lieut. & Adj.,

15th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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51st. Battery.

Zero to Zero + 10min. Sweep Hill 37.

D 20 a 5 7 - D 20 a 50 95 - D 20 b 0 7 - D 14 d 0 0.

Zero + 10 to Zero + 65 min. Sweep spur from VAN ISACKERE FARM to the S.E. as follows :-

D 21 a 1 6 to D 21 a 65 05 to D 21 b 05 45 to D 21 a 45 90

50th. h. Battery.

Zero to Zero + 65min. Sweep WINDMILL CABT. HILL from the railway to 300 yards north-westwards as follows:

D 21 d 5 3 - D 21 d 1 7 - D 21 b 4 0 - D 21 d 8 6.

49th. Battery.

2 Sect. Zero to Zero + 45 min. Sweep from level crossing at D 26 b 9 4 to 200 yards N.W. as follows :-

D 26 b 85 30 - D 26 b 6 6 - D 27 a 00 45 - D 26 b 75 75.

2 Sect. Zero + 45min to Zero + 65 min. Reinforce the barrage between WINDMILL HILL and VAN ISACKERE FARM as follows :-

D 21 d 1 7 - D 21 a 7 1 - D 21 d 25 90 - D 21 a 90 25.

1 Sect.

Zero to Zero + 65min. on VAN ISACKERE FARM.

From Zero + 65 to Zero + 70 batteries will sweep the following line:-

49th. Bty. D 21 d 65 40 - D 21 a 95 20.
50th " D 21 a 95 20 - D 15 c 0 2
51st " D 15 c 0 2 - D 15 c 05 10 - D 15 a 1 1.

From Zero + 70 to Zero + 2 hrs 50 min. Search and sweep by lifts of 100 yards every two mins up to a distance of 1200 yards beyond the DOTTED RED LINE. Then searching and sweeping backwards and forwards between this line and the WINDMILL HILL - OTTO FARM line until ZERO + 2 hrs. 50 mins.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Miller

Lieut. & Adjt.,
13th. Aus. F. A. Bde....

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13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
12th. August 1917.

Os. C. Batteries,

Programme of bombardment for 24 hours ending 4.30am on 14th inst.

BY DAY. The 18pdrs. of the Brigade will fire Area searches lifting 100 yards every 30 seconds, from the line D 25 b 7 1 - D 25 b 50 45 until they cover the GREEN LINE. Boundary will be parallel to the Railway. One (1) salvo to be fired at each lift. Times of firing :-
6.30am, 7.30am, 7.0pm.

BY NIGHT. 18 pdrs will fire area searches exactly similar to their day ones, but commencing 50 yards beyond the line - D 25 b 7 1 - D 25 b 50 45. Times of firing :-
10.5pm, 11.20pm, 4.10am.

Section salvos will be fired every 1/4 hour on the Light Railway and area as follows :-
Railway :-
D 20 c 6 5/4 - D 20 c 50 45 - D 20 c 05 70.

Area :-
D 26 a 6 5 - D 26 a 85 50 - D 20 d 45 05 - D 20 d 20 35.
The first three salvos to be fired on to the railway, the fourth being fired in the area.
Roster for above :-
50th Battery 8.30pm to 11.45pm inclusive
51st " 12 mid. - 2.0am "
49th " 2.15am - 4.15am "

BY DAY. The 4.5" How. Battery will concentrate on the following objectives at the times shown :-
M.G. emplacement at D 26 b 5 3 at 7.15am
Concrete shelters at D 26 c 15.30 at 8.0am
BIT WORK at D 25 b 85 05 at 9.5am
BREMEN REDOUBT at 9.40am
M.G. emplacement at D 26 c 92 77 at 11.15am
House at D 26 a 65 55 at 3.10pm
BOSTIN FARM at 3.0pm
M.G. at D 20 c 92 45 at 3.45pm
M.G. at D 26 a 65 52 at 4.20pm

Each concentration to last three (3) minutes. Rates of fire two (2) rounds per How. per minute.

BY NIGHT. 4.5" Hows. will fire on the same points as by day, fire being distributed throughout the night. Times - at B. Co. discretion.

AMMUNITION. Ammunition allowed - 100 rounds per gun or how. per 24 hours, of which 50 rounds are to be fired by night. Until further orders 18 pdrs will fire as much AX as possible - at least 75% AX and 25% A, the latter 25% on graze.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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APPENDIX 106 Copy No. 2

13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
15th. August 1917.

O. C. 113th. Battery,

- 1. Reference XIX Corps Artillery Instructions No.9 para 10. The hostile battery to be engaged with chemical shell on the night 15th/16th August is :-

Target No.4. D Z 37 at D 22 d 63 38 - D 22 d 63 64.

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- 2. It is important that the full number of rounds allotted to each target is fired, and in the event of a shortage of ammunition, Group Commanders will cut out a target rather than fire a fewer number of rounds on any target.
- 3. A mixture of B.V.N. and B.C.B.R. must not be fired on any one target, it must be either all B.V.N. or all B.C.B.R.
- 4. ZERO hour will be notified later.
- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

TIME TABLE FOR CHEMICAL SHELL BOMBARDMENT. *Appendix 106*

A.	From	To.	
A.	Zero minus 4 hours.		Burst of fire of 60 B.C.B.R. or B.V.N. shell per target at most rapid rate possible.
B.	Zero minus 3 hrs. 46min.	Zero minus 2hrs. 46min.	Slow continuous fire, or bursts of fire about every 5min, with B.S.K. or B.S.P. at rate of 160 rounds per target per hour.
C.	Zero minus 2hrs. 46min.		Bursts of fire of 60 B.C.B.R. or B.V.N. shell per target at most rapid rate possible
D.	Zero minus 2hrs. 35min	Zero minus 1hr. 20min.	Slow continuous fire, or bursts of fire about every 5min, with B.S.K. or B.S.P. at rate of 160 rounds per target per hour.
E.	Zero minus 1hr. 20min.		Burst of fire of 60 B.C.B.R. or B.V.N. shell per target at most rapid rate possible.
F.	Zero minus 1hr. 6min.	Zero minus 16 min.	Slow continuous fire, or bursts of fire about every 5 min., with B.S.K. or B.P.S. at rate of 160 rounds per target per hour.
G.	Zero minus 16mi n.		Burst of fire of 120 rounds B.C.B.R. or B.V.N. shell per target at most rapid rate possible.

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Addendum No. 1 to
13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade Instructions No. 11.

Headquarters,
15th. August 1917.

1. Referring to para 1. Lieut. B. B. BRETT is detailed as F.O.O. He will be in position one (1) hour before Zero. The following detail will be made by batteries :-

H.O.O.	}	From 49th. Battery
Telephonists		" 50th "
2 Linesmen		" 51st "
1 "		" 113th "

Each Battery will supply one telephone. Tape and pliers will be carried by each linesman.

The place and time that the above detail will report will be notified later.

2. S.O.S. lines are as laid down in ~~para 11~~ para 11 of the 13th. inst. Batteries will be responsible from 5pm to-night the 15th.

3. Ammunition to be used.
(a) Distant Barrage - 50% T.S. with long corrector, 50% H.E.
(b) Protective Barrage - 50% T.S. with long corrector, 50% H.E. without delay.

4. Rates of Fire, are shown in attached table.

5. Distant Barrage. Any holdens, buildings or places likely to harbour machine guns in the vicinity of the tasks allotted are to be constantly searched.

6. Resting of Guns. Battery Commanders will make the usual arrangements for resting guns.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. Miller
Lieut. & Adj.,
13th. Aus. F. A. Bde.....

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Programme of Bombardment for 24 hours ending 4.30 a.m. 20 August 1917.

Area searches will be fired by the 18^{pd} Batteries of this Brigade as follows - commencing from a line D22 c 20.65 - D15 d 35.35 and dropping 100 yards every 30 seconds until reaching D27 a 65.75 - D20 b 9.3.

The above area is subdivided amongst Batteries as under:-

"A" D22 c 20.65 to D21 b 95.20

D27 a 65.80 to D21 c 4.3.

"B" D21 b 95.20 to D21 b 70.75

D21 c 4.3 to D21 c 15.80

"C" D21 b 70.75 to D15 d 35.35

D21 c 15.80 to D20 b 9.3.

Times 9.10 pm, 10.20 pm, midnight, 1.50 am, 3.5 am, 4.0 a.m.

Section Salvoes will be fired at the Triangle D26 b 2.4 - D26 b 4.1 - D26 b 9.4 every 1/4 hour throughout the night - one gun H.E without delay, & one T.S. Different range to be put on each gun at each salvo and ranges constantly varied.

The 5th Battery will fire on the above. Times of firing 8.30 pm to 4.30 a.m.

All 18^{pd}s will fire occasional salvoes on the wire in front of BREMEN REDOUBT and also on BREMEN REDOUBT itself.

Concentration points for Howitzers are as follows:-

Target No 10

D27 a 65.85

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Target No 27

Fire is to be distributed throughout the night.

Ammunition:-

18 pdrs. 75% AX 25% A = 100 rds
4.5" 50 rds

After firing tasks above, remaining "A" or "AX" up to 100 rounds per gun is to be used to search valley e.g. WINDMILL CABARET.

J. Miller Lieut.
Adjutant 13th D A Bde

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Programme of Bombardment for 24 hrs ending 4.30 am 21/8/17.

Reference to Programme of Bombardment ending
4.30 am 20/8/17.

Similar area searches will be carried out on
the zones allotted at the following times:-

11.20 pm. 1.0 a.m. 2.25 a.m.

In addition, the following area will be searched
by lifts of 100 yards every 10 seconds.

"A" D26a 1.9 to D26a 9.4.

D21d 2.2 to D21c 95.65

"B" D26a 9.4 to D26a 75.90.

D21c 95.65 to D21a 65.20.

"C" D26a 75.90 to D20c 55.35

D21a 65.20 to D21a 35.70.

Times of firing - 12.5 a.m. 3.5 a.m.

2. Section salvos ordered in para 3 of Pro-
gramme of Bombardment ending 4.30 am 20/8/17
will be fired by the 49th Bty

3. Concentration points for Hows will be:-

Target No 10, D22a 2.4

D27a 65.85 D15d 95.00.

Target No 27 D21b 60.95.

Fire is to be distributed throughout the
night, at the discretion of B Co's

4. Ammunition to be expended:-

100 rds per 18 pdr. 25% A 75% AX

50 rds per How BX

5. The expenditure of the allotted ammunition is left
to the discretion of B Co's. Part of it is to be used in
reaching valley east of WINDMILL CABARET.

J. Miller
13th F. A. Bde.

Miss [unclear]

My dear [unclear] I have just received your letter of the 12th and am glad to hear from you.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will get better soon. I am writing to you to let you know that I am still in the same old place.

I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same old place and doing the same old things.

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Yours truly,
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Appendix 110
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1. A chemical shell bombardment will be carried out on 21st August, as follows:-

113th Bty. DZ 19 at D22a2.3.
 Time Table.

From	To	Action
12.40 am.		Bursts of 60 BCBR or BVN at most rapid rate possible
12.55 am	1.30 am	Slow continuous fire with BPS at rate of 160 rds per hour
1.35 am		Burst of 60 BVN at most rapid rate possible
2.0 am	2.45 am	Slow continuous fire with BPS at rate 160 rds per hour.
2.55 am.		Burst of 60 rounds BVN at most rapid rate possible.
3.10 am	4.10 am	Slow continuous fire with BPS at rate of 160 rds per hour.
4.20 am		Burst of 60 rounds BVN at most rapid rate possible.

2. The above bombardment will be followed by a short bombardment from ~~4.20 am to 4.50~~ 4.40 am to 4.50 am as follows:-

(a) 18 hrs search forward, ^{forward} from present SOS line at 100 yds every minute, the following areas:-

49th Bty. ~~D26b 28.20 to D26b 28.5~~ D26c 1530 to D25d 9075

D26b 9.4 to D20d 8.0.

50th Bty. ~~D26b 28.5 to D26a 80.85~~ D25d 9075 to D25b 7015

D20d 8.0 to D20d 7.6.

51st Bty. ~~D26a 80.85 to D20a 40.20~~ D23d 4075 to D22b 7015
 to D28b 5560

D20d 7.6 to D20b 6.1

113th Bty will also fire on BERRY FARM.

Rate of fire 2 rds per gun per min. J. Miller to

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Programme of Bombardment for 24 hrs ending 4:30am 22/8/17.

Area searches will be fired as shown below commencing at most distant range and dropping 200 yards every 10 seconds to lowest elevation of the area.

Times. 10.45 p.m. and 1.30 a.m.

49th Bty - D22a 7.0 to D22a 35.60 to D26c 55.60 to D26a ~~1.4~~³⁰

50th Bty - D22a 35.60 to D16c 0.1 to D26a ~~1.4~~³⁰ to D26a 1.4

51st Bty - D16c 0.1 to D15d 7.6 to D26a 1.4 to D25b 85.80.

In addition to the above the 18 pdr Batteries will fire the following area searches lifting 100 yds every minute.

Times of firing 12.15 a.m. 2.40 a.m. 3.45 a.m.

49th Bty - D26c 55.60 to D26a ~~1.4~~³⁰ D21d 60.35 to D21d 15.75

50th Bty - D26a ~~1.4~~³⁰ to D26a 1.4 D21d 15.75 to D21a 70.25

51st Bty - D26a 1.4 to D25b 85.80. D21a 70.25 to D21a 35.65

Section Salvoes will be fired at the Triangle D26b 20.40 - D26b 4.1 - D26b 9.4 every 1/4 hour throughout the night - One gun HF without delay, & one gun T.S. A different range to be put on each gun at each salvo & range to be varied throughout.

Times of firing - 8.30 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.

The 50th Bty will fire the above.

4 18 pdrs will also fire occasional salvoes on the wire in front of BREMEN REDOUBT & also on BREMEN REDOUBT itself.

5 The 113th Bty will fire on the following points throughout the night.

Height 1010, 27.37. Houses at D15d 60.00,

D22a 2.4. D15d 95.00. D21b 60.93.

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6. Ammunition to be expended - 100 rds per 18 pdr gun. 50 rds per How. per 24 hrs. The use of the remaining rounds to make up these quantities is left to discretion of B Co. Part is to be used to search the valley East of WINDMILL CABARET.

Bdvs to use 25% A 75% AX

The triangle referred to in para 3. must be made untenable.

7. Acknowledge.

J Miller Lieut.
 Aug 13th F.A.B.D.E.

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13th Austr. Field Artillery Brigade

Headquarters

20th August 1917.

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In the event of the Division on our right requiring assistance, the following action will be taken:-

CODE CALL "SAVE QUINCE"

49th Bty - D26c 5.5 to J2608

50th Bty - D26c 15.35 to D25d 79

51st Bty - D25d 79 to D25b 50.55.

Acknowledge.

J. Miller, Lieut & Adj. 13th Aus. F. A. Bde.

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13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

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Headquarters,
22.8.1917.

1. 100 Gas projectors are to be discharged on the 17th. Div. front today the 21st. inst. from about 0 30 to 5 7 if the wind is favourable.

Target - BORNH FARM. D 25 b 5 8

2. The exact hour of discharge is not to be later than 10pm. The exact hour will be notified later.

3. Gas Alert precautions will be observed by all troops in D 25 a and D 19 c.

4. The night firing programme will be as usual, except that the Centre Sub group will pay particular attention to the BORNH FARM neighbourhood after 10pm on the 21st. inst.

5. Acknowledge.

J. Miller

Lieut. Col.

13th. Aus. F. A. Brigade.

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1. Attention is directed to 15th I. A. Preliminary Instructions Nos 1 & 2 which have been issued to Batteries and also the tasks issued separately to the 50th and 113th Batteries.
2. The 49th and 51st Btys will fire smoke shells on the points enumerated in their allotted task for the first hour and then 50% A and AX. The 50th Bty will participate in firing the Breaching Barrage with the 18-pdr Batteries of the 16th Div. Art. B.
3. The 113th Battery will fire upon its allotted task in the Standing Barrage.
- A. On the conclusion of the tasks laid down i.e. at zero + 2 hrs 30 min - all Btys will again come under 13th Bde. and will be prepared to deal with counter attacks.
5. Lieut B. W. R. Webster is detailed to act as J. O. O. and will be in position in the vicinity of FREZENBURG LINE (C.25.C) before zero hour. He will report his arrival to Bde H Q. and will be accompanied by the following party:
 - 49th Bty: 2 linesmen with 1 phone.
 - 50th Bty: 2 linesmen with 1 phone, 1 J. O. O. not below rank of Corporal.
 - 51st Bty: 1 telephonist with 1 phone
 - 113th Bty: 2 linesmen with 1 phone.
 These men, with the exception of those of the 51st Bty, will be utilised to maintain communication and will be posted where they can best perform their duty.
6. Lieut. Webster's attention is specially directed to para 5 of I. A. No 2. in addition

to the whole orders, with which he must be acquainted.

7. The Lightbulb Group F.O. is authorized to use any F.O.O line.

8. The detail shown in para 5 will report to Capt. Webster at whatever time he requires them.

9. Please acknowledge.

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J. M. Kelly Capt & Adjt.
13th Div. I. A. Brigade

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13th Aust. F.A. Brigade

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Headquarters
24.8.17

The following tasks will be carried out tonight by the 18 pdr Batteries of this Brigade:-

Sweep the line D20c 70.20 to D20a 65.40
Times of firing: 50th Bty 9pm - 12 midnight
51st Bty 12midn - 2am
49th Bty 2am - 4am.

60 rounds per gun will be expended on the above task. In addition, 40 rounds per gun will be expended as under by Batteries searching the valley running N.W. from D19d 9.9 to D19d 40.45.

2. Ammunition to be expended in proportion of 25% A and 75% AX

3. 113th Bty will engage BERRY FARM, ZEVENCOTE BUILDINGS, and search valley running N.W. from D26a 46.65.

Times of firing:

9.15pm	9.25pm	9.55pm	10.0pm	10.10pm
10.20pm	10.30pm	10.40pm	10.50pm	11.5pm
11.35pm	11.45pm	12.5pm	1.0am	1.15am
1.25am	1.35am	1.50am	2.10am	2.25 2.15am
2.25am	2.35am	2.50am	3.0am	3.15am
3.20am	3.40am	3.55am	4.10am	4.15am
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1. The following tasks will be carried out tonight 25/26th Aug. by 18th Div Bty of this Brigade.

Sweep line D20c 70.20 - D20a 65.40
Times of firing 51st Bty 9pm - 12 midn.
49th Bty 12 midn - 2 am
50th Bty 2 am - 4 am.

2. 60 rounds per gun will be expended on the above task. In addition 40 rounds per gun will be expended as under by Batteries searching the valley running N.W. from D19d 9.0 to D19d 40.45.

3 Ammunition expenditure 25% A 75% AX.
A. 113th Bty will engage DELVA FARM, VAN ISACKERE FARM, ZEVENCOTE BUILDINGS.

Times of firing:-
9.15pm - 9.25pm 9.55pm 10.0pm. 10.10pm 10.20pm
10.30pm. 10.40pm 10.50pm 11.5pm. 11.35pm 11.45pm
12.5 am 1.0 am 1.15am 1.25am 1.35am 1.50am
2.10am 2.15am 2.25am 2.35am 2.50am 3.0am
3.15am 3.20am 3.40am 3.55am 4.10am 4.15am
4.25am. 4.30am 4.35am.

50 rds per How to be used

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Capt 13th I A Bde
Lieut.

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11.32 am 11.30 am 11.28 am
3.12 am 3.30 am 3.11 am 3.22 am 4.10 am 4.12 am
5.10 am 5.12 am 5.22 am 5.32 am 5.20 am 5.00 am
12.20 am 1.00 am 1.12 am 1.52 am 1.32 am 1.20 am
10.20 am 10.40 am 10.20 am 11.20 am 11.32 am 11.40 am
10.12 am 10.22 am 10.22 am 10.00 am 10.10 am 10.20 am

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13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Headquarters,
25.8.1917.

T13/2/23

Cs C. Batteries,

Reference this office memo T13/2/22 of even date.

Zero hour will be 11 p.m.

Watches will be synchronised at 8 15 p.m.

Acknowledge by wire.

A Taylor Lieut.,
for Adjt., 13th. A.F.A. Brigade.

13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

T/3/2/22

Headquarters,
August 25th 1917.

1. The 44th Infantry Brigade is to capture GALLIPOLI on the evening of the 25th inst.
2. Zero Hour will probably be about 8.30 p.m.
3. The action of the Brigade will be as follows:-
All 18-pdr Batteries will fire Smoke Shell as in attached Task Table until +30 min, after which these Batteries will return to S.O.S. lines - the 50th Bty carrying out Area Searches as prescribed in Task Table.
4. S.O.S. Lines from Zero Hour will be as under.
49th Bty - D25b 40.95 to D19d 25.75
50th Bty - D19d 30.35 to D19d 3.6
51st Bty - D19d 25.75 to D19b 25.05 to D20a 0.8
113th Bty - House at ZEVENCOTE in D20c
5. Acknowledge by wire.

Distribution:-

Copy No 1	to	Ob 49 th Bty
2		Ob 50 th
3		Ob 51 st
4		Ob 113 th
5		File
6-8		War Diary
9.		Spare.

J. Miller Lieut. & Capt.,
13th Aus. F. A. Bde.

Task Table

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Time	Qty	Target	Rate of Fire	Ammunition
Zero to +30 min.	49th 50th 51st	D20a 60 85 to D14c 45 10 D14c 45 10 to D14c 4 4 D14c 4 4 to D14c 3 7	Zero to +2 min 4 rds per gun per min +2 min to +15 min 2 " " " " " +15 min to +16 min 4 " " " " " +16 min to +27 min 2 " " " " " +27 min to +30 min 1 " " " " "	} Smoke shell.
+30 min to 2 hours	49th 51st 50th	S.O.S lines as follows D25b 40.95 to D19d 25.75 " " " " D19d 25.75 to D19b 25.05 to D20a 08 Area searched as follows - From S.O.S line to the line D20c 9.9 to D20d 00 65 (lefts of 100 yds each 2 min)	} 1 round per gun per min. lefts of 100 yds each 2 minutes.	} 50% A 50% AX 25% A 75% AX
Zero to +2 hours	113th	Small work at D20a 85.45	Zero to +30 min 2 rds per hour per min +30 min to +2 hrs 1 " " " " "	} All B.X.

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13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.
Headquarters
26-8-1917

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1. The Fifth Army is continuing the attack on 27th August 1917.
2. The attack is to be carried out by 61st Division.
The 15th Div is to form a defensive flank on the right of 61st Divn. from D14C04 Southwards.
3. The 61st Divn is to make a pause of 30 minutes on 1st Objective (Dotted Red line) and one of 4 hours on 2nd Objective (Solid Red line).
4. Tanks are co-operating in the attack of 61st Divn.
5. The 49th & 51st Batteries will bombard the following points from zero to plus 30 minutes with smoke shell:-
51st Bty - Hill 37 and Otto Farm.
49th Bty - Windmill Cabaret & Abraham Heights.
The 50th Bty will participate in the "Creeping Barrage".
At plus 30 minutes the 49th & 51st Btys will be prepared for engaging movement. And ~~at~~ 51st Bty at +1 hr 38 min. (50th Bty) (113th Bty)
6. Batteries taking part in "Creeping" and standing barrages will revert to Sub. Group Commanders at plus 1 hour 6 mins. and plus 2 hours respectively.
7. Zero hour, and orders for synchronising watches will be issued later.
8. Acknowledge by wire

Distribution:-
 copy 1 to D649
 2 50
 3 51
 4 113
 5 File
 6-8 War Diary
 9 Spare.

J. M. M. Lieut.
 Capt., 13th F A B Coy.

Table of Tasks.

Time	Bty	Task.	Rates of Fire	Ammunition
Zero to +30 mins.	49 th Bty	3 guns on each target (a) WINDMILL CABARET. HILL D210 (b) ABRAHAM HEIGHTS DISB. (c) HILL 37 in D20a (d) OTTO FARM - DISC - DISC	Zero to +2 min. 4 rds per gun per min	Smoke Shell.
" " " "	49th Bty		+2 min to +30 min. 3 " " " "	
" " " "	51 st Bty		Zero to +2 min 4 " " " "	
Zero to +1 hr 6 min.	50 th Bty	Creeping Barrage as shown in attached FREZENBURG MAP 1:10,000 Edition 2.	+2 min to +30 min 3 " " " "	T.S. Long Corr. 60% on gaze.
Zero to +3 min.	113 th Bty	Task No 3 } As shown in attached Task No 10 } FREZENBURG MAP 1:10,000 Task No 17 } Edition 2.	Zero to + 5 min. 2 " " " "	
+3 min to +28 min.	"		+ 5 to +1 hr 6 min. 1/2 " " " "	
+28 min to +2 hrs.	"		Zero to + 5 min. 2 " " how " "	
			+ 5 min to +2 hrs 1/2 " " " "	B.X.

^{6⁵⁷} Additional

+ 30' to +1 hr. 38 min ~~49th Bty~~

HILL 37. in D20a

1 Rd per Gun per Minute

SMOKE SHELL.

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13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade. 33

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13/2/24

Headquarters

26th August 1917

Reference - Trezenburg 1:10,000

1.

The following tasks will be carried out by 18 pdrs of this Brigade tonight 26/27th August.

Sweep line D20c 7020 - D20a 6540.

Times of firing 49th Bty - 9pm - 12midn.
50th Bty - 12midn - 2am.
51st Bty - 2am - 4am.

2.

60 rounds per gun will be expended on the above task. In addition, 40 rds. per gun will be expended as under by Batteries searching valley running N.W from D19d 9.0 - D19d 40.45

3.

Ammunition to be expended 25% A 75% AX.

4.

The 113th Battery will engage DELVA FARM, VAN ISACKERE FARM and LEVENCOTE BUILDS.

Times of firing:

1.15am. 1.25am 1.35am 1.50am. 2.10am
2.15am 2.25am 2.35am 2.50am. 3.0am. 3.15am
3.20am 3.40am 3.55am. 4.10am 4.15am 4.25am
4.30am 4.35am.

5.

Ammunition for Hows - 50 rounds per How BX

J. Miller Lieut.
Adj. 13th Av. F.A. Bde.

13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade
 13/2/26

Headquarters
 27.8.17

- In consequence of GALLIPOLI not being in our possession previous instructions regarding attacks to be carried out by 61st Div on 27th inst. are amended.
- Tasks for this Brigade are as shown on appended Task Table.
- All Batteries will have more ammunition than is required for their tasks and should therefore increase the speed in order to make up for deficient guns.
- The F.O. will be detailed by 51st Battery. He will be prepared, after tasks are completed, to engage hostile movements, and will furnish whatever information is available to this office.

Table of Tasks.

Time	Bty	Task	Rate of Fire	Ammunition
Zero to +1hr 38min	49 th	2 guns Mask HILL 37.	2 rds per gun per min	Smoke Shell 512 rds
" " +30 min	"	2 guns Mask WINDMILL CABARET HILL	" " " " " "	
" " +30 min	50 th	3 guns Mask ABRAHAM HEIGHTS.	" " " " " "	Smoke Shell 300 rds
" " +30 min	"	2 guns Mask OTTO FARM.	" " " " " "	
" " +1hr 38 min	"	5 guns Mask Line HILL 37 from D20a 79 th GALLIPOLI HOUSE to MARTHA HOUSE.	" " " " " "	Smoke Shell 980 rds
" Order to STOP	113 th	Bombard GALLIPOLI COPSE	Zero to +30 min 2 rds per how per min +30 min to STOP 1 rd per how per min	

Please acknowledge receipt by wire.

Mellor Lieut.,
 Adj. 13th FA Bde

Ammunition

13/2/27.

Headquarters
29.8.1917.

Bombardment from 9pm 29.8.17 to 6am. 30.8.17.
Reference Map - Trezenburg Map 1:10,000.

1. The tasks for 18 pdr Batteries of this Brigade are as follows:-

Sweep line D14 c 4.0 to D 20 c 8.5
Ten (10) salvos per hour will be fired at irregular intervals on the line D 19 b. 7.0 to D 19 d 8.5

2. The following periods are allotted for firing:-

- 49th Bty - 9pm - 12 midnight
- 50th Bty - 12 midn - 3 a.m.
- 51st Bty - 3 a.m. - 6 a.m.

3. The minimum expenditure will be 100 rounds per gun - 25% A 75% AX.

4. The 113th How. Battery will fire on the following objective

Targets (as numbered on map)

- No 1 - DELVA FARM
- 2 - ZEVENCOTE BUILDINGS & ROAD JUNCTIONS
- 3 - HILL 37 (ROAD)
- 4 - DOCHY FARM
- 5 - EMPLACEMENTS at DISC 35.15 to D 21 b 40.80
- 6 - VAN ISACKERE FARM
- 7 - DUG-OUTS at BOETHOEK
- 8 - TRACK JUNCTION & DUG-OUT - D 15 d 45.20
- 9 - DUGOUTS at D 15 d 70.00
- 10 - FORTIFIED SHELL HOLES, D 20 a 20.70
- 11 - EMPLACEMENT at D 14 d 50.05 to 45.35
- 12 - EMPLACEMENT at D 20 b 45.60

- Target No 1 - 9pm
- 2 - 10.5pm
- 3 - 11.20pm
- 4 - 12.30am
- 5 - --
- 6 - 12.50am
- 7 - 1.15am
- 8 - 2.40am
- 9 - 3.20am
- 10 - --
- 11 - 4.50am
- 12 - 5.25am

Each concentration will last 5 minutes.
Allotment - 5 rounds per Howitzer each shoot.

5. Please Acknowledge.

J. Miller Lieut & Adj. - 113th H.A. Bty