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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Artillery

**Item number:** 13/35/13

**Title:** Headquarters, 7th Australian Field  
Artillery Brigade

November 1917



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WAR DIARY

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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	<u>WAR DIARY.</u>			
	28			
	November			
	1st		This period was occupied by vigorous training	
	2nd		of Gun-layers and Signallers, overhaul of equipment	
	3rd		and vehicles, and improvement of Wagon Lines.	
	4th		Positions of Brigade Headquarters and Batteries	
	5th		were as follows :-	
	6th		Brigade Headquarters - 28 Rue de Lille,	
	7th		BAILLEUL.	
	8th		25th Battery - B.l.b.20.80 (Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20000)	
			26th Battery - S.11.c.70.20 ) Sheet 28 S.W.	
			27th Battery - S.12.a.95.50 ) 1/20000.	
			107th Battery - T.26.b.Central)	
	8th		Orders were received at 5 p.m. that the Divisional Artillery would take over from the 8th Divisional Artillery in the line, in the Sector stretching from the DOUVE to the LYS, by 5 p.m. on the 9th. Details for relief are shown in Operation Order No.1 attached.	
	9th		Relief as per Operation Order No.1 was completed.	
	10th		48 rounds were fired on Targets shown in Intelligence Report at the request of the Infantry. The 107th How. Battery fired 54 rounds on enemy Batteries and also expended 50 rounds for the purpose of calibrating.	
	11th		Enemy Artillery showed increased activity, nearly 400 rounds falling on the Group Sector from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registrations and Calibrations, together with harassing fire on enemy roads and approaches were carried out by our Batteries during the period. 203 rounds were expended.	
	12th		Enemy Artillery activity continued, 400 rounds being fired on the Group Sector from 6 a.m. to 6 pm. Our fire was practically nil.	
	13th		33 rounds were fired by our 18-pdrs. for the purpose of Registration.	
	14th		Visibility throughout the day was very low, and Artillery activity on both sides was practically nil.	
	15th		The enemy fired 400 rounds on the Group Sector from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 125 rounds were fired by our Batteries for the purpose of Registration, and on Hostile Batteries as per Intelligence Summary.	
			From 11th to 15th inclusive, Silent Periods were observed along the whole Army Front.	
	16th		Visibility was very poor on this day. Enemy Artillery activity was below normal.	
	17th		Right Group Artillery Instruction No.1, with Map, was issued for the purpose of dealing with hostile T.Ms. Fire in accordance with this Instruction was subsequently found to be very effective and enemy T.M. activity was kept well under control until 10 December when Offensive Programmes were commenced with the object of destroying hostile T.Ms. Visibility very poor, Hostile Artillery normal, Our Fire as per Intelligence Reports attached.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

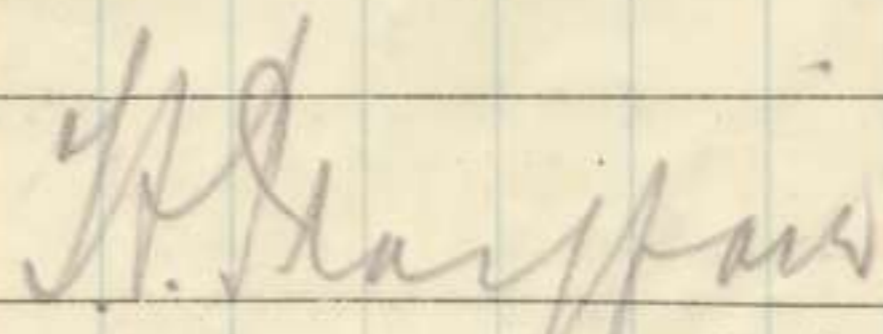
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	November.			
	18th			Visibility was very poor on this day. Our own and enemy Artillery activity low.
	19th			Visibility was bad during this day and hostile Artillery activity was normal.
	20th.			Right Group Artillery Instruction No.2 (attached) was issued with the object of harassing enemy Batteries within range, by means of Gas and H.E. Fire was directed on these Batteries at irregular intervals throughout the day and night. These bombardments were apparently very successful as the next Counter-Battery Map issued, showed the first three positions to have been abandoned by the enemy. Visibility was poor on this day, and our own and enemy fire was below normal.  From 16th to 20th inclusive, Silent Periods were observed along the whole Army Front.
	21st			Enemy Artillery was normal. Visibility was bad, and our own fire was small.
	22nd			Our Batteries carried out tasks as per Right Group Artillery Instruction No.2. Enemy Artillery activity was normal.
	23rd			Right Group Artillery T/3/61, an addition to Right Group Artillery Instruction No.1, was issued as a means of retaliation for enemy shelling of areas in rear of our trenches. Enemy Artillery showed greatly increased activity; from 6 am. to 6 pm., approximately 850 rounds were fired on the Group Sector. Our Batteries carried out fire on enemy Batteries as per Right Group Artillery Instruction No.2.
	24th			Our Batteries fired in accordance with Right Group Artillery Instruction No.2. Otherwise our own and enemy Artillery activity was very much below normal.
	25th			Visibility was poor during the day. Enemy Artillery activity was normal. Our Batteries carried out fire as per Instruction No.2.
	26th			Right Group Artillery Instruction No.3 was issued on the information that considerable movement took place on the FRELINGHIEN - LA CROIX AU BOIS Road, of enemy troops. The Infantry were asked to send the Code-word "Bang-bang" if traffic was heard on the above Road. This Code-word was sent on at least two occasions and fire, as per the Programme issued, was carried out. On the night of the 26th, fire on enemy Batteries in accordance with Instruction No.2 ceased.
	27th			Visibility was poor during the day. Enemy Artillery activity was normal.
	28th			Test Concentrations on S.O.S. Lines were carried out. Results were satisfactory. Visibility was, on the whole, good.
	29th			Visibility was very good. The 107th Battery attempted a Registration in conjunction with the 32nd Kite Balloon Section. Results were unsatisfactory owing to low visibility from the air.

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			<p>November 30th</p> <p>The enemy carried out a heavy area shoot on C.2.d. One Section of the 26th Battery was in position in this Area but no damage was done to material or personnel.</p> <p>On the night of the 30th Nov./1st December 1917, two very successful raids were carried out by the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade in the vicinity of WARNETON. Over one hundred of the enemy were killed, and prisoners were secured on both occasions. Details of the Artillery action for the raids are attached. The Right Group Artillery created a diversion during both raids in accordance with Right Group Artillery Operation Order No.2.</p> <hr/> <p>When Batteries first moved into the area they had not yet recovered from the strain of the PASS-CHENDAELE campaign, and the general policy during the first few weeks was to give vigorous retaliation for enemy action but not to engage in any offensive action ourselves, as a result of which the personnel might be prevented from regaining their full strength. Early in the next month the normal policy of offensive action was resumed. At no period however was there any loss of opportunities afforded by the enemy and Officers at O.Ps. were instructed to fire on the enemy wherever he was seen. Fire was directed on enemy roads on which traffic had been heard by the Infantry. From reports received from the latter, this fire was apparently very successful and effective on a number of occasions.</p> <p>Batteries were split up into Sections throughout the period and positions are on the whole were not shelled by the enemy. Exceptions were a Section of the 26th Battery at U.26.d.85.80 and a Section of the 107th Battery at C.7.d.20.30. The Battery shelling the latter position was located and silenced by Heavy Artillery; it was necessary to shift two Guns in the former position to a new position at U.26.e.69.20, which move was carried out on the night of 26th/27th November 1917.</p> <p>The period was also fruitful in the instruction of a large number of young Officers in O.P. and trench duties.</p> <p>A large quantity of work was done in improving Battery positions. In this the Brigade was largely assisted by parties of Infantry from the 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.</p> <p>Casualties in the Right Group were Nil, but the 25th Battery, detached in the Left Group, suffered two casualties on the 11th November - two Gunners being wounded.</p> <p>During the period, the 25th and 27th Batteries were detached in the Left Group under the command of Lieut-Colonel W.G.ALLSOP D.S.O.</p>	<p>November 30th</p>
			<p style="text-align: right;">                       Major,                      Acting C.O., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Bde.                 </p>	

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SECRET.

Copy No.....  
8th November 1917.

7TH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER NO.1

Reference Maps:- Sheet 36 N.W.)  
Sheet 28 S.W.) 1/20,000.

1. INFORMATION. The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will take over from the 8th Divisional Artillery by 5 p.m. 9th November 1917.

2. GROUPS. The Artillery covering the front of the 8th Division is divided into 2 Groups.

Right Group. - 26th Battery 7th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 3rd Battery R.F.A.

107th Battery 7th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 57th Battery R.F.A.

Left Group.- 25th Battery 7th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 1st Battery R.F.A.

27th Battery 7th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 32nd Battery R.F.A.

29th Battery 8th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 5th Battery R.F.A.

30th Battery 8th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 33rd Battery R.F.A.

31st Battery 8th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 26th Battery R.F.A.

108th Battery ~~to take over~~ 8th A.F.A. Brigade to take over from 55th Battery R.F.A.

3. COMMAND. Major T.A.J. PLAYFAIR D.S.O. will take temporary Command of Right Group with the Staff of the 7th A.F.A.

Colonel H.D.K. MACARTNEY will take temporary Command of the ~~Left~~ Group with the Staff of the 8th A.F.A. Command of Groups will pass at 5 p.m. and of Batteries on completion of relief.

4. GUNS. Guns will be handed over "in situ" with sights and cases, Breech and Muzzle covers and Aiming posts.

5. PERSONNEL. Officers and all personnel to take over at Gun positions will report mounted at 8.30 a.m. on 6/11/17 at Group Headquarters as follows:-

Right Group. - B.11.d.1.3. Sheet 36 N.W.  
Left Group.- T.21.d.30.10 Sheet 28 S.W.

6. WAGON LINES. Wagon Lines to remain unchanged until further orders.

7. BATTERY POSITIONS. Battery Positions are as follows:-

3rd Battery. - C.2.central (2 guns.)  
C.2.d.15.10 (2 guns.)  
26<sup>R</sup> - c.26.d.85.80 (2 guns.)

57th. Battery. - C.8.c.16.75 (2 Hows.)  
107<sup>R</sup> - C.7.b.85.40 (2 guns.)  
C.7.d.20.30 (2 guns.)

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7. BATTERY POSITIONS Contd.

1st. Battery. -	U. 26. b. 30. 00	(4 guns.)
	U. 27. c. 13. 00	(2 guns.)
3rd. Battery. -	U. 8. d. 55. 40	(6 guns.)

8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY ~~XXXX~~ BEARER.

*C. J. Mitchell*

Adjutant, 7th Field Artillery Brigade. Captain.

Issued at: - 10.15 p.m.

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Right Group Headquarters,  
11th November 1917.

To  
Battery Commanders.

Silent Periods will be observed along the  
Army Front as follows :-

11-11-17.	E Day	6 pm. to 6.30 pm. 9 pm. to 9.30 pm.
12-11-17	F Day	6.30 pm. to 7 pm. 9 pm to 9.30 pm.
13-11-17	G Day	7 pm. to 7.30 pm. 9 pm to 9.30 pm.
14-11-17	H Day	7.30 pm. to 8 pm. 10 pm. to 10.30 pm.
15-11-17.	I Day	6 pm. to 6.30 pm. 10 pm. to 10.30 pm.

Sgd. - G.J.GREENSHIELDS Capt.  
Adjutant, 7th Aust.F.A.Brigade.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



Divisional Headquarters,  
11th November, 1917.  
(Q.127/150)

Headquarters,  
3rd Aust. Div. Artillery.  
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The following letter from D.A.G., A.I.F., No. 60/57 dated 10th instant, is repeated for your information and necessary action:-

"I am to ask that a general report on the work of Major W.A.R. PEART, 1st Divisional Artillery, who died of wounds (gas) on 3-11-17, be forwarded to this Office together with any other information which might be of interest from a record standpoint. The report should cover the period that he was working with your Division viz:- 10-7-16 to 31-8-17, and is required for transmission to the Commandant, Royal Military College, Duntroon, of which Major PEART was a graduate".

(Sgd) ROBT. E. JACKSON, Lt-Col.  
A.A. & Q.M.G., Third Australian Division.



T/S/O.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
13th November 1917.

To  
Battery Commanders.  
Left Group (For information).

Support to be obtained from Left Group.

1. Code Call - HELP PLAYFAIR'S C.  
One 18-pdr. Battery will barrage along a line straight  
line from U.24.a.25.78 to U.24.c.40.78.
2. Code Call - HELP PLAYFAIR'S D.  
Barrage along bank of River from U.30.a.65.50 to  
U.29.b.40.00.

On receipt of orders - Concentrate C or D Sector, the  
26th and 107th Batteries will open on normal S.O.S. Lines  
along the whole Sector referred to, but will be ready to con-  
centrate on any portion of it as ordered from Group Head-  
quarters according to the situation.

*W. J. ...*  
Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
~~4th Aus. Field Artillery Brigade,~~  
 12th November 1917.

To :-  
 3rd D.A.H.Q.

A Copy of Left Group, 38th D.A. Circular -  
 "Mutual Support on flanks" - was received today.

On comparing the arrangements given for  
 mutual support with Appendix 4 of our Defence Scheme,  
 some differences will be noticed:-

(A) 38th D.A. Code Call when Group on left is  
 attacked reads "Help GK6".  
8th D.A. Defence Scheme. For above,  
 support Call is "Help LE TOUQUET".

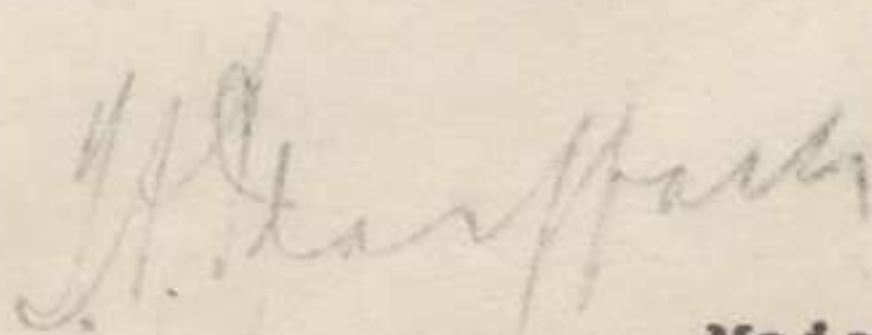
(B) 38th D.A. Action by Group on left if Left  
 Group, 38th D.A. is attacked.  
18-pdrs. One Battery C.17.a.20.70  
 to C.17.a.72.00.  
4.5" Hows. C.17.a.73.97  
 C.17.a.97.65  
 C.17.a.57.40  
 C.17.a.80.31  
 C.17.a.95.20  
 C.17.a.41.61

Call, "Help GS26".

8th D.A. Defence Scheme.

18-pdrs. One Battery on Enemy Front  
 Line Trench from C.17.a.50.20  
 to C.23.Central.  
4.5" Hows. One section from C.17.a.  
 60.90 to C.17.a.30.45.  
 Two sections on CELIA  
 SUPPORT, C.17.a., and CELL  
 RESERVE, C.17.d.

Would you please advise us as to the correct  
 readings.



Major,

~~Lieut Colonel,~~  
 Commanding ~~4th Aus. Field Artillery Brigade.~~  
 RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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D.4.

LEFT GROUP :- 38th D.A.  
Mutual Support on Flanks.

"A" Action by Left Group 38th D.A. when :-

1. Centre Group 38th D.A. is attacked :

A/121. One section barrage enemy front line trench

I.17.a.20.60. :- 16.d.60.95.

D/121. 1 How. I.16.d.65.70.

1 How. I.17.a.00.00.

Call "Co-operate BOIS GRENIER".

Rate of fire - S.O.S. rates.

2. Group on Left is attacked :-

A/121. on enemy front line C.17.a.10.60. :- C.11.b.20.90.

D/121. 1 section on CELIA ROW and CRESCENT in C.11.d.

Call : "Help G K.6."

Rate of fire : S.O.S. rates.

"B" Action by Centre Group 38th D.A. when Left Group 38th D.A. is attacked :-

18 pdrs. One battery barrage enemy front line trench

I.17.a.00.27. :- 11.c.48.00.

4-5" Hows.

Two Hows. bombard I.17.a.39.54. and I.11.c.82.25.

Call : "Co-operate ARMENTIERES".

Rate of fire : S.O.S. rates.

"C". Action by Group on Left if Left Group 38th D.A. is attacked :-

18 pdrs.

One battery C.17.a.20.70. :- 72.00.

4-5" Hows.

C.17.a.73.97.

97.65.

57.40.

80.31.

95.20.

41.61.

Call : "Help G S.26.

Rate of fire - S.O.S. rates.

*R. A. [Signature]*

for Lieut. Colonel R.A.

Commanding Left Group 38th D.A.

9th Nov. 1917.

*W. - A/in  
D/121  
38 DA  
Right Group 38 DA  
Centre Group 38 DA*

*Help G K.6.*

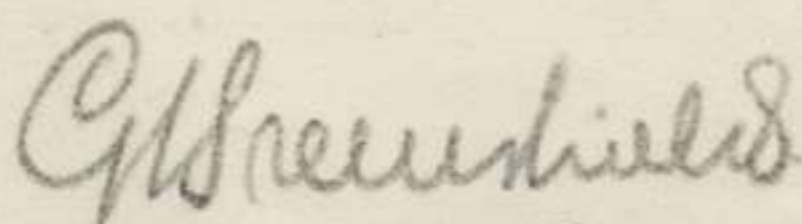
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
13th November 1917.To  
LEFT GROUP,  
38th Divl. Artillery.

With reference to your D.4 - "Mutual Support on flanks", we have asked 3rd Australian D.A.H.Q. for information regarding our Code Call for support as per your Paragraph 2. This should read "Help LE TOUQUET", instead of "Help GK6".



Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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S/2/20.

To. Right Group, 3rd Aus. Div. Art.

Ref. your T/3/8 of 12th inst. re "Mutual Support on Flanks".

Re para (A). - HELP GK6 should read  
HELP LE TOUQUET.

Re para (B). - Amend 8th Divisional Artillery  
Defence Scheme to read as required  
by Left Group, 38th Div. Art.

Headquarters.  
13.11.17.

*W. B. Nicholls*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aus. Division.

*Show me the contents  
L. G. to read D. S.  
Defence Scheme  
Amended  
G. B.*

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*Col. M. ...*

To  
Headquarters,  
7th Aust. F. A. Brigade.  
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Reference attached.

Please forward report as requested for the period Major  
W.A.R. PEART was under your Command in the 7th Aust. F. A. Brigade,  
viz:- 23-1-17 to 6-7-17.

*H.S. Smith*

Captain  
Staff Captain R.A.,  
3rd Australian Division.

Headquarters,  
13-11-17.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
16th November 1917.

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To  
Lieut-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY,  
Commanding Left Group Artillery.

Forwarding Report on Major W.A.R. PEART  
as requested.

*C. Greenhill*

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Captain,

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MAJOR W.A.R. PEART joined the 11th Battery, 2nd Australian Division, and served in FRANCE in the ARMENTIERES Sector until promoted Captain and appointed D.T.M.O., 3rd Australian Division in July 1916. This Division was at that time training in ENGLAND. In November 1916 he was appointed to command the 36th Battery, 23rd F.A. Brigade, 3rd Australian Division. This Battery he brought to FRANCE with the Divisional Artillery in December 1916. In January 1917, a re-organization of the Divisional Artillery took place and in the re-distribution, Captain PEART was appointed to command the 27th Battery, 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade. This Battery Captain PEART commanded in the ARMENTIERES Sector until March 1917 when he became Battery Captain under Major H.B. TAYLOR, an Officer transferred from the 1st Australian Division.

Captain PEART remained with this Battery whilst in action at PLOEGSTEERT in April, and again at the same place in May and June 1917, which latter included the very trying operations leading up to and including the capture of MESSINES.

Later the Battery left the MESSINES Area and from here Captain PEART was recommended for appointment to the Staff, and as a preliminary measure, he was attached to the Headquarters of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade under Brigadier-General CANNON C.B.. He performed the duties of Staff Captain to this Brigade during the operations commencing on 31st July 1917 and resulting in the capture of a series of Posts along the WARNETON LINE, and intended as a demonstration for the main Operations taking place East of YPRES. During these later Operations the Australian Divisional Artilleries suffered very heavy casualties in Officers, which fact necessitated the withdrawal of all available Artillery Officers from Staff Training. Captain PEART was therefore



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appointed to command a Battery of the 1st Australian F.A. Brigade and received promotion to Major.

He took part in the Operations leading up to the capture of GLENCORSE and POLYGON WOODS, and later the capture of ZONNEBEKE and PASSCHENDAELE.

He suffered from the effects of a Gas Shell and died from Gas poisoning on the 3rd November 1917.

Major PEART had shown marked ability and would probably have made a most successful Staff Officer. He was markedly courageous and, under many difficult, trying and highly dangerous circumstances, had set a fine example to the men under his command.

He was a valuable Officer with a really good technical knowledge of his profession.

Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding 7th Aus. F. A. Brigade.

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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No.196.

By  
G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC.

15th November 1917.

1. The following silent periods will be observed on the whole Army front:-

- Nov.16th "J" Day - 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.  
9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.
- Nov.17th "K" Day - 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.  
10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
- Nov.18th "L" Day - 6.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Nov.19th "M" Day - 7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
- Nov.20th "N" Day - 7.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.  
9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

- 2. Vigorous Counter-Battery work will be continued.
- 3. The restrictions hitherto placed on destroying Roads in the enemy's territory are cancelled. Special attention will be paid to destroying those in use by the enemy.
- 4. The usual programme of Harassing Fire will be continued.

Egd. - R. N. SEYS, Major R.A.  
S.O.R.A. 1st ANZAC.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
16th November 1917.

To  
Battery Commanders.

The above, received through 3rd Aus. D.A.H.Q. is forwarded for your information and compliance.

Please acknowledge by wire.

*G. G. G. G.*

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Captain,

SECRET.

17-11-17.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.INSTRUCTION No.1.1. RETALIATION SCHEME.

Herewith Map showing Retaliation Areas for Hostile Trench Mortar Shoots. It is divided into two areas - DEULEMONT and FRELINGHIEN.

Areas to be searched by Divisional Artillery are shown in Green, those by Heavy Artillery in Purple. Sub-areas for Divisional Artillery are shown as FA, FB, FC, and DD, DE.

2. ORDERS.

Area or Sub-Area to be searched will be notified together with duration of Shelling and a Zero Hour.

Example :-

Strafe FRELINGHIEN - 15 minutes.  
Zero Hour - 10.20 p.m.

3. GUNS.

Strafe FRELINGHIEN - 26th and 107th Batteries:-

FA Areas - 1 Gun.  
FB " - 3 Guns.  
FC " - 2 Guns.

Strafe DEULEMONT - 26th and 107th Batteries:-

DD Areas - 2 Guns.  
DE " - 4 Guns.

If a Sub-area alone is ordered all available Guns will be brought to bear on this.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

3 rounds per Gun per minute for first minute. Thereafter 1 round per Gun per minute.

5. AMMUNITION.

18-pdrs. - 75% H.E. 25% Shrapnel.  
4.5"Hows. - 100% H.E.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

Sgd. - G.J.GREENSHIELDS. Capt.,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
23rd November 1917.

To  
All recipients of Right Group  
Artillery Instruction No.1

1. MAP.

Herewith Map showing LA TACHE Retaliation Scheme  
for Hostile shelling in rear of our Trenches.

2. ORDERS.

Orders to open fire will be similar to example  
given in Instruction No.1

3. GUNS.Strafe LA TACHE.

26th Battery. - One Gun on each Target.

107th Battery - 2 Hows. - TA.  
2 " - TB.  
2 " - TC.

4. RATES OF FIRE.)

AS per Instruction No.1.

5. AMMUNITION.)6. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

Sgd. - G.J.GREENSHIELDS. Capt.,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

20-11-17.

LIGHT CRUZE ARTILLERY.INSTRUCTION NO. 2.

Ref. Map. Deulemont 1/10000.

1. GAS.

It is intended to harass the enemy by firing bursts of Gas Shell and H.E. mixed at irregular intervals throughout the day and night. One Section per Battery should be used for this purpose.

2. ENEMY POSITIONS.

Enemy positions within range are :-

BA 15	-	10 cm. How.	-	D.S.C. 60.18.
BA 31	-	77 mm. Gun.	-	D.7.s.70.04.
BA 33	-	10 cm. How.	-	D.7.B.59.95.
BA 44	-	77 mm. Gun.	-	D.S.s.55.75.

3. PROGRAMME.

Battery to fire	Enemy Bty.	Date	Time	Ammunition	Rate of Fire.	Nature of Fire.
107th	BA15	21-11-17	9am.	25 Lethal 25 H.E.	4 R.C.M.	Gas first, then H.E.
do.	do.	do.	11pm.	do.	do.	H.E. first, then Gas.
26th	do.	do.	9am.	25 H.E. 25 Shrap.	do.	H.E. and Shrap mixed.
do.	do.	do.	11pm.	do.	do.	do.
107th	BA31	do	10am.	25 Lethal 25 H.E.	do.	Mixed.
do.	do.	do.	10pm.	do.	do.	Gas first, then H.E.
26th	do.	do.	10am.	25 H.E. 25 Shrap.	do.	H.E. and Shrap mixed.
do.	do.	do.	10pm.	do.	do.	do.
107th	BA33	22-11-17	8am.	25 Lethal 25 H.E.	do.	Gas first, then H.E.
do.	do.	do.	5pm.	do.	do.	H.E. first then Gas.
26th	do.	do.	6am.	25 H.E. 25 Shrap.	do.	H.E. and Shrap mixed.
do.	do.	do.	6pm.	do.	do.	do.
107th	BA44	do.	9am.	25 Lethal 25 H.E.	do.	Gas first, then H.E.
do.	do.	do.	4pm.	do.	do.	Mixed.
26th	do.	do.	9am.	25 H.E. 25 Shrap.	do.	H.E. and Shrap mixed.
do.	do.	do.	4pm.	do.	do.	do.

Programme for 23rd will be as for 21st instant, and for 24th as for 22nd instant, and so on, the last shoot to be on the 26th instant.

If weather conditions are unfavourable for the employment of Gas, H.E. and Shrapnel only will be used; but it is desired to use Gas if possible.

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4. SYNCHRONISATION.

To be arranged between Battery Commanders concerned. If the telephone is used for this purpose, it must be immediately preceding the shoot.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*Captain*

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Captain,

DISTRIBUTION :-

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- 2 107th Battery.
- 3 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
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26-II-17.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No.3.

Reference Maps - Sheet 36 N.W.2. I/10000.  
Sheet 36 N.E.1. I/10000.

I. INFORMATION.

It has been ascertained that considerable movements of enemy troops take place on the FRELINGHIEM-LA CROIX AU BOIS Road. East of LA HOULETTE the enemy is reported to march in companies, and between LA HOULETTE and FRELINGHIEM in Platoons.

It is stated that in dull weather Troops are brought up to the entrance of the road into FRELINGHIEM in Motor Lorries. Our own Infantry have reported sound of traffic on the above road about 7.15 p.m.

2. INTENTION.

It is intended to use short, sharp bursts of fire along the road with the object of inflicting casualties. Gas will also be used if weather conditions are favourable. The Infantry will be asked to send a Code Word if traffic is heard.

3. "STRAFE TRAFFIC FRELINGHIEM".

On the above order being given by Group Headquarters together with a Zero hour, Batteries will act as follows with all available guns;-

- Zero to Zero plus 1 minute. - Search Road from C. II.d.62.55 to C.I8.b.00.95.
- Zero plus 1 min. to Zero plus 2 minutes. - do. do. from D.I3.a.50.05. to D.I3.d.70.25.
- Zero plus 2 mins. to Zero plus 3 minutes. - do. do. from C.I8.b.00.95. to D.I3.a.50.05.

This Operation will be repeated from :-

- Zero plus 15 mins to Zero plus 18 mins.
- " " 30 " " " 33 "
- " " 45 " " " 48 "
- " " 57 " " " One Hour.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

- 18-pdrs. - 5 Rounds per gun per Minute.
- 4.5 Hows. - 4 " " How " "

5. AMMUNITION.

- 18pdrs. - 75% Shrap. 25% H.E.
- 4.5 Hows.- 50% Lethal, 50% H.E.

Gas will be fired before H.E. if conditions are favourable for its employment. If conditions are unfavourable, 100 H.E. will be used.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

*G. S. Newsham*  
Captain,

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

T/3/62.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
27th November 1917.

To  
3rd Aus. D.A.H.Q.

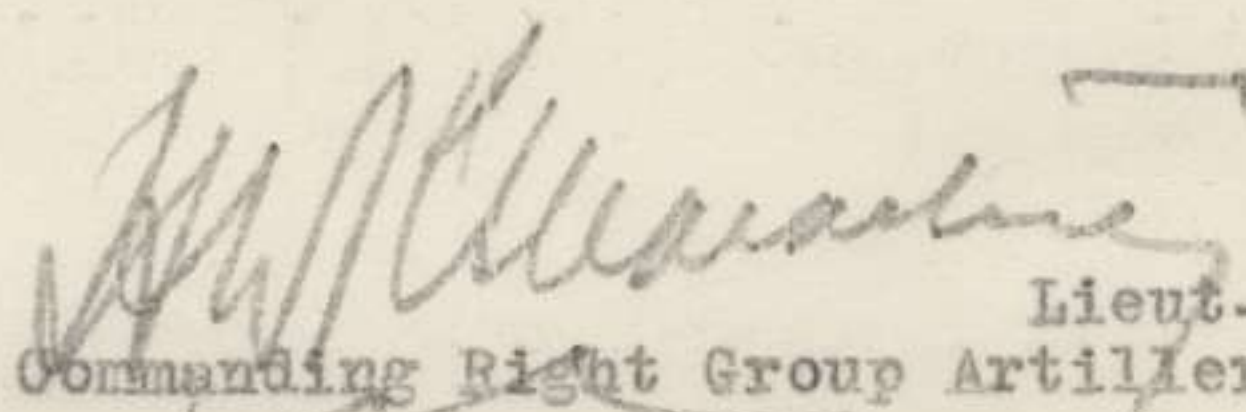
With reference to your S.2/38 it was arranged with the 9th Infantry Brigade that one Rocket should be sent up from each Battalion front between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on 26th November 1917. Battery Commanders were ordered to report by telephone the time, and sector from which each Rocket was sent up immediately it was observed. No shooting was to take place as a result. Although both Batteries had been warned and were keeping a special look-out, neither Rocket was seen. The Officer on duty at the O.P. (SURREY FARM), who had been similarly warned also failed to observe any Signal.

This procedure was repeated between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on 27th November 1917 except that Batteries were not informed of the time and were to fire two rounds Gunfire on the Sector on which the Rocket was seen.

I was myself visiting Batteries at the time the Rockets were sent up (from the Right Battalion at 12.43pm. and the Left Battalion at 12.28pm.) but observed no Signal. I know that Batteries were especially on the alert at the time, but no rocket was seen and no barrage fired.

Reports from F.O.Os. are attached and seem to prove that the Signals were of such a character - possibly owing to the high wind prevailing on both days - as to preclude the possibility of their being seen by Batteries in daylight.

The Infantry are arranging to issue a Red Flare to Battalions, which they consider may prove satisfactory. A test with this Signal has been arranged for the day after tomorrow.

  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding Right Group Artillery.





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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Copy No. 4

Divisional Headquarters,  
27th November, 1917.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 66.

Map Reference. 1/10,000 Sheet WARNETON. Edition 2B. German  
Trenches corrected to 7-10-17.

1. INTENTION.

The 10th A.I. Brigade intend to carry out two Raids on the night of 30th Nov./1st Dec., entering the enemy's lines in the vicinity of WARNETON, and penetrating about 150 yards. The Infantry propose to move as far North as U.11.d.97.75 - as far South as U.11.d.90.35 - and as far East as the points U.12.e.12.75 U.12.e.25.65, the Area to be mopped up being more or less in the shape of a triangle.

The first Raid will take place at an hour to be decided by the C.O.C., 10th A.I. Brigade and notified to all concerned. It will probably be between sunset and moonrise.

The second Raid will take place about six or seven hours later.

The intention is that the Artillery barrage shall go down at ZERO, and the Raiders enter at plus 3, remaining in about 20 minutes.

Wire will be cut by the Divisional Artillery on the 30th November, using 106 Fuze, in the vicinity of U.11.d.85.68 and U.11.d.85.50.

The C.O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will consult the Artillery and clear his front line where necessary to allow for the wire cutting.

2. ARTILLERY.

Artillery for the immediate support of the Raid will be as follows:-

Divisional Artillery, less 1 Battery of 18-pdrs. and 1 Battery of Howitzers.

Kindly made available by 5th Aust. Division -  
12 18-pdrs.  
6 4.5 Hows.

The details of the Artillery plan will be prepared by the C.R.A. working in conjunction with the G.O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The proposal is, with the above Artillery, to engage the enemy's front: from U.17.b.98.63 to

U.11.b.75.30

special attention being paid to the Area just North of IN DEN ROOSTER CABT - to trench about U.12.a.41.25 - to the Area about the SPINNEY, U.18.a.10.60 to the Area East of FME. DE LA CROIX about U.11.b.90.60 - to the SPINNING MILL U.16.e.95.83 - to the Area about WIGART FARM, U.18.e.30.05 - and to the Area South of the second "N" in WARNETON about U.12.e.90.40.

The above Areas contain Machine Guns, MINENWERFER etc., as shown on Maps circulated to those concerned.

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ARTILLERY.  
(CONT.)

C. R. A. will arrange for the Heavies to co-operate where possible in the above tasks.

He will also arrange that the Machine Gun at U.11.d.85.87 shall be engaged during the first three minutes. The Artillery at plus 3 will then be so lifted that this gun may be captured by the Infantry.

At plus 3 a box will be formed. Artillery fire will continue till plus 40 when it will begin to slacken. At plus 45 it will stop, except counter-battery work which will continue to plus 50.

The Artillery Plan for the second Raid will be similar to the above, subject to such modification as the G.O.C., 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. may wish with regard to the Machine Gun at U.11.d.85.87. If the first Raiders succeed in capturing this gun the Artillery supporting the second Raid might remain on the enemy's trench at U.11.d.90.98 instead of lifting the mean point of impact 50 yards beyond it.

3. DIVERSIONS.

The C.R.A. will arrange for Artillery Diversion by the two Batteries supporting the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. Front.

The 5th Aust. Division have kindly agreed to create diversions on their front in accordance with detailed arrangements to be made between the respective Divisional C.R.A.s, and the Trench Mortar Officers, working in conjunction.

Lieut. VARLEY will supply the 5th Aust. Division with the necessary Smoke Bombs for one or two Stokes Mortar diversions between the DOUVE and some point near the HIRONDELLE ROAD.

If possible some wire cutting will be done by the 5th Aust. Division in the same vicinity.

4. S.O.S.

S.O.S. on the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. Front will be inoperative from ZERO to ZERO plus 45 of both Raids.

On the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. Front it will be operative throughout, i.e., if the S.O.S. is called for it will be answered and the diversion shoot will cease.

5. COUNTER-BATTERY WORK.

C.R.A. will arrange with the Heavy Artillery for the maximum amount of Counter-Battery work possible, commencing five minutes before ZERO with Gas Shell, and continuing to ZERO plus 50 for both Raids.

6. STOKES MORTARS.

The Stokes Mortars of the 11th A.I. Bde. will be made available if required, and a proportion of those of the 9th A.I. Bde. if further Mortars are required. Details will be arranged by Captain ANDERSON, Stokes Mortar Officer of the 10th A.I. Bde., working in conjunction with Lieut. VARLEY and the Brigadiers concerned.

Stokes will engage the following targets, using Smoke and other Bombs in accordance with the weather conditions:-

Trench and M.G. Emplacement about U.17.b.00.60.

Machine Guns about U.18.a.05.65.

Machine Guns, etc., in the vicinity of IN DEN ROOSTER CABT.

Smoke from ZERO to ZERO plus 3 will, if the weather conditions are suitable be employed against the Machine Gun about U.11.d.90.35.

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Lieut. VARLEY will so arrange the type of his Bombs that the smoke shall have cleared completely from here at plus 3.

The foregoing are in addition to Stokes action with regard to Divisions.

7. MACHINE GUNS.

The D.M.G.O. will arrange for a Machine Gun Barrage, as outlined at the Conference yesterday, to fire at full rate, with intervals as follows:-

From plus 3 to plus 10	Fire.
" " 10 " "	13 Stop.
" " 13 " "	20 Fire.
" " 20 " "	23 Stop.
" " 23 " "	30 Fire.
- Plus 30 Cease.	

8. POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF SECOND RAID.

In the event of the G.O.C. 10th A.I. Bde. not wishing to undertake the second Raid, he will arrange to notify all concerned direct, except as follows:-

5th Aust. Div. will be advised by 3rd Aust. D.H.Q.  
Heavy Artillery " " " " C.R.A.

The remainder by G.O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.

9.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*E. H. Jackson*

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

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2. "G" Staff.  
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8. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
9-13. 10th -do-  
14. 11th -do-  
15. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
16. A.D.M.S.  
17. D.M.G.O.  
18. 23rd A.M.G. Coy.  
19. Div. Signal Coy.  
20. A.P.M.  
21. Lieut. VARLEY.  
22. I ANZAC CORES.  
23. 5th Aust. Division.  
24. 38th (Welsh) Division.  
25. Military Board, C.M.F.  
26-28. War Diary.  
29. File.  
30. Spare.



## APPENDIX.

3rd Aust. Div. Art. Operation Order No. 38.

Distribution:-Copy No.

1. 1st Anzac Corps.
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3. 3rd Aust. Div. "G".
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- 9/18. Left Art. Group.
19. 38th Div. Art.
- 20/23. 5th Aus. Div. Art.
24. S.C., R.A., 3rd Aus. Div.
25. 52nd H.A. Group.
26. 1st Anzac H.A.
27. D.T.M.O., 3rd Aus. Div.
28. 3rd Aus. D.A.C.
29. 9th Aus. Infy. Bde.
30. 10th ditto.
31. 11th ditto.
32. 69th ~~Sq~~ Sqdrn, A.F.C.
33. No. 6 Lite Bal. Coy.
34. "M" Sound Ranging Section.
35. R.A. Sig. Ofcr, 3rd Aus. Div.
36. C.R.A.
37. B.M., R.A.
38. R. Ofcr.
- 39/41. War Diary.
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## 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

--- OPERATION ORDER No. 38. ---

Ref. Maps:- 28 S.W.4 (PROLOGUE). } 1/10,000.  
Special Sheet, BRISTOL. }

1.  
INTENTION.

On the night 30th Nov/1st Dec., the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade intend carrying out two raids, entering enemy trenches at U.11.d.85.68, and U.11.d.85.50., and penetrating along trench to U.11.d.90.35. and U.11.d.97.75., and in depth to U.12.c.12.75. and U.12.c.25.65.

The 108th 4.5" How. Battery will cut wire opposite points of entry, on the 30th instant, using 106 fuzes.

The 1st raid is to be carried out by the 39th Battalion; the 2nd raid by the 40th Battalion.

2.  
ZERO TIMES.

Zero times will be notified later. The 2nd raid will probably take place six or seven hours after the 1st raid.

3.  
ARTILLERYCO-OPERATION.

The Left Group, 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery, plus two 18-Pdr Batteries and one 4.5" How. Battery, made available by the C.R.A., 5th Australian Division, under the command of Lt-Col. W.G. Allsop, D.S.O., will co-operate, as per Task Table "A" and Diagram attached.

The Right Group, 3rd Aust. Div. Art., under Lt-Col. H.D.K. Macartney, will create a diversion on the Right Group Front.

Corps Heavy Artillery has been asked to bombard strong points, M.G. Posts, and approaches, as per Task Table "B" and diagram attached.

The Staff Officer, Counter Battery, has promised the maximum amount of Counter Battery work possible, commencing at Zero Hour and continuing until Zero plus 50 minutes.

The 5th Australian Div. Artly has been asked to cut gaps in wire at about A L' HIRONDELLES CREST., on the 30th instant, and also to create a diversion about this area at Zero Hour of both raids.

The Artillery action as above will be repeated for the second raid.

4.  
LIAISON.

The C.O., Left Artly Group will detail 1 Officer, not above the rank of Captain, to act as Liaison Officer with the C.C., each raid; the 8th A. F. A. Bde. Signalling Officer to arrange necessary communications.

5/. Rate of Fire.

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5.

RATE OF FIRE.

18-Pdrs.

Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes.	- 4 rds per gun per min.
Zero plus 3 mins. to Zero plus 18 minutes.	- 3 ditto.
Zero plus 18 mins. to Zero plus 40 minutes.	- 2 ditto.
Zero plus 40 mins. to Zero plus 45 minutes.	- 1 ditto.
Zero plus 45 minutes.	- STOP FIRING.

4.5" Hows.

Zero to Zero plus 23 minutes.	- 2 rds per gun per min.
Zero plus 23 mins. to Zero plus 45 minutes.	- 1 ditto.
Zero plus 45 minutes.	- STOP FIRING.

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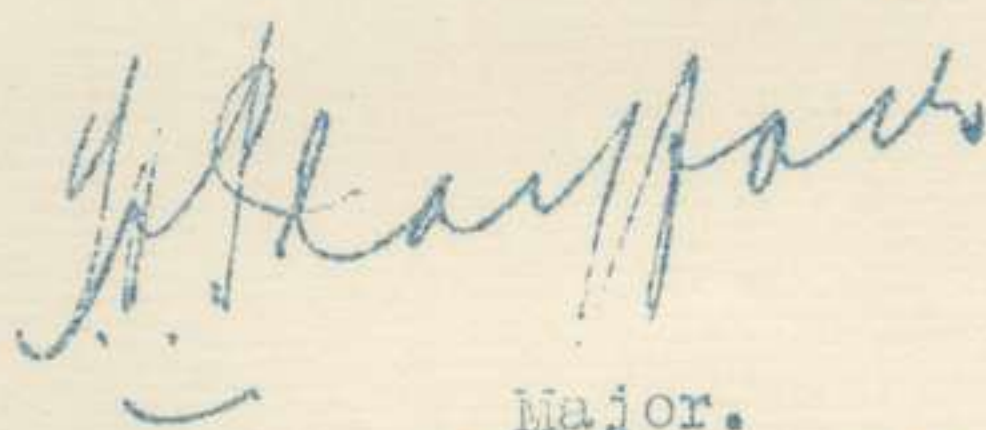
S.O.S.

S.O.S. on the Left Group front will be inoperative from Zero minus 15 minutes to Zero plus 45 minutes of both raids.

S.O.S. on the Right Group front will be operative throughout.

7.

ACKNOWLEDGE receipt.



Major.

for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Div. Art.

Headquarters.

Issued at 5 p.m., 28.11.17.

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PHASE I.

Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes.

30th Bty.	1 Gun enfilade Trench	U.18.a.05.66.	to 19.50.
	1 Gun sweep Trench	U.18.a.07.76.	to 10.80.
	4 Guns barrage Trench	U.18.a.15.85.	to U.12.c.10.03.
27th Bty.	6 Guns barrage Trench	U.12.c.10.03.	to U.12.c.00.20.
29th Bty.	6 Guns ditto.	U.12.c.00.20.	to U.11.d.88.38.
25th Bty.	6 Guns ditto.	U.11.d.88.38.	to U.11.d.90.54.
31st Bty.	6 Guns ditto.	U.11.d.90.54.	to U.11.d.97.73.
5th Aus. )	5 Guns ditto.	U.11.d.97.73.	to U.11.d.99.96.
Div.Art. )	1 Gun bombard M.G.	U.11.d.87.87.	
	5 Guns search Trench	U.11.d.99.96.	to U.11.b.78.12.
	1 Gun enfilade Trench	U.11.b.78.29.	to U.11.b.63.26.
108th 4.5" )	1 How bombard M.G.	U.18.a.05.66.	
How. Bty. )	1 How ditto.	U.18.a.21.82.	
	1 How " T.M.	U.12.c.42.11.	
	1 How " M.G.	U.12.c.49.22.	
	1 How " Trench	U.12.c.12.75.	
	1 How " "	U.12.c.25.65.	
4.5" Hows, )	2 Hows " "	U.12.a.47.20.	to U.12.c.50.99.
5th Aus. Div )	1 How " M.G.	U.12.a.45.29.	
Artly. )	1 How " Trench	U.11.b.79.19.	
	1 How " M.G.	U.11.b.85.65.	
	1 How " T.M.	U.12.a.09.61.	

Table "A" continued next Sheet.  
PHASE II.

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PHASE II. Zero plus 3 mins. to Zero plus 45 mins.

30 the Bty.	As in Phase I.	
27th Bty.	ditto.	
29th Bty.	6 Guns enfilade	U.12.c.12.08. to U.12.c.34.40.
25th Bty.	6 Guns "	U.12.c. 34.40. to 56.77.
31st Bty.	2 Guns barrage	U.12.56.77. to 62.89.
	4 Guns enfilade	U.12.c.62.89. to 39.91.
5th Aus. )	6 Guns enfilade	U.12.c.39.91. to U.11.d.99.96.
Div. Art. )	5 Guns as in Phase I,	U.11.d.99.96. to U.11.b.78.12., except that a portion
		of the barrage will be placed beyond trench between
		U.11.d.99.96. and U.11.b.81.00., as in Phase II diagram
		attached.
	1 Gun enfilade trench	U.11.b.78.29. to U.11.b.63.26.
108th How. )	1 How bombard M.G.	U.18.a.05.66.
Bty. )	1 How " Trench	U.18.a.10.60.
	1 How " M.G.	U.18.a.21.82.
	1 How " Trench	U.12.c.30.06.
	1 How " T.M.	U.12.c.42.11.
	1 How " M.G.	U.12.c.49.22.
5th Aust. )	Hows - AS for Phase I.	
Div. Art. )		

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## 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Amendment No.1. to 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Operation  
Order No.38.

Ref. TABLE "A".


down  
Cancel task laid/for two 18-Pdr Batteries of the  
5th Australian Divsl Artillery in Table "A", Phase II, and  
Paragraph 1 of Addendum No.1, and substitute the  
following :-

6 Guns	bombard	U.12.c.39.91. to U.12.a.06.01.
5 Guns	"	U.12.a.06.01. to U.11b.80.10.
1 Gun	" trench	U.11.b.78.29. to U.11.b.63.26.

The task for 5th Aust. Divsl. Hows. remains as laid  
down in Table "A", Phase II.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters.  
29.11.17.

  
Major.  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Addendum No.1. to Operation Order No.38.

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1.  
INTENTION.

The Infantry propose to enter shell hole and capture machine gun at U.11.d. 87.87.-- The 5th Divsl Battery flank barrage will be placed as shown in GREEN on PHASE II Diagram, 100 yards distance from this point.

2.  
AMMUNITION.

Ammunition expenditure to be :-

50% "A"  
50% "AX"

"A" to be 75% bursts on graze.

3.  
SYNCHRONISA-  
TION OF  
WATCHES.

One Officer per Battery from Left Group Artillery and 5th Australian Divsl. Artly Batteries co-operating will report at 8th A. F. A. Brigade Headquarters (T.21.d.3.1.), at 2 p.m. on the 30th instant.

One Officer per Battery of Right Group will report at Right Group Artly Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. on the 30th instant, to receive signal time from a Staff Officer from 3rd Aust. Divsl. Artly Headquarters

4.

If it is thought advisable to cancel the second raid, the code word "HOBART" will be wired to all concerned.

5.

106 Fuzes will not be used in barrage.

5.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. J. Fair*

Headquarters.  
29.11.17.

Major.  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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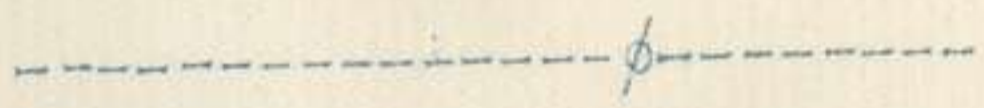
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-- TABLE "B". --

1st ANZAC Corps Heavy Artillery has agreed to bombard the following points :-

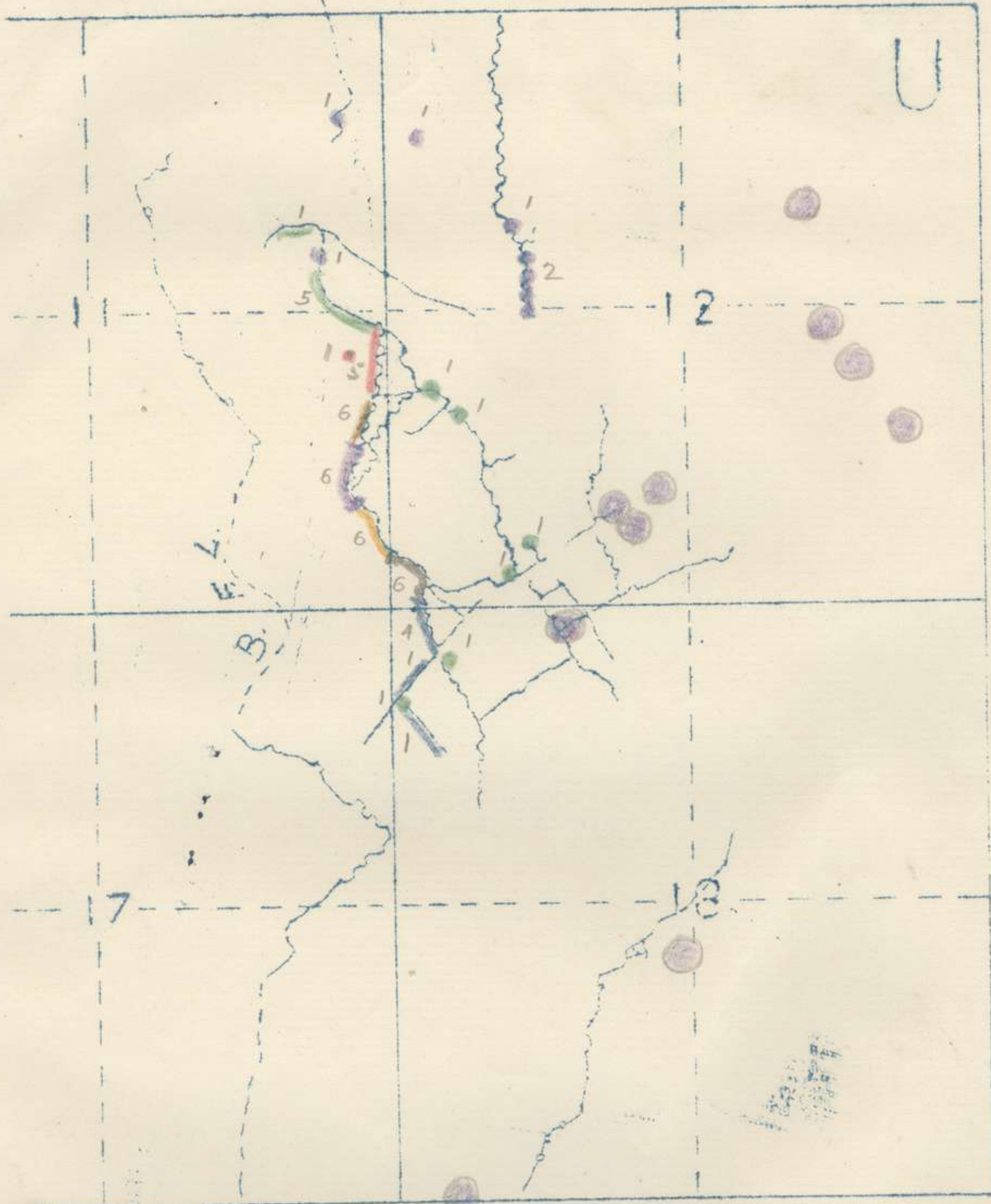
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Road Junction.	U.12.d.45.97.
Road Junction.	U.12.d.55.80.
Road Junction.	U.12.d.7.6.
T. M.	U.12.c.74.34.
T.M.	U.12.c.80.25.
Trench.	U.18.a.55.95.
WICART FARM.	U.18.c.15.00.
SPINNING MILL.	U.18.c.94.84.
TOWER.	U.12.c.9.4.



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Phase I

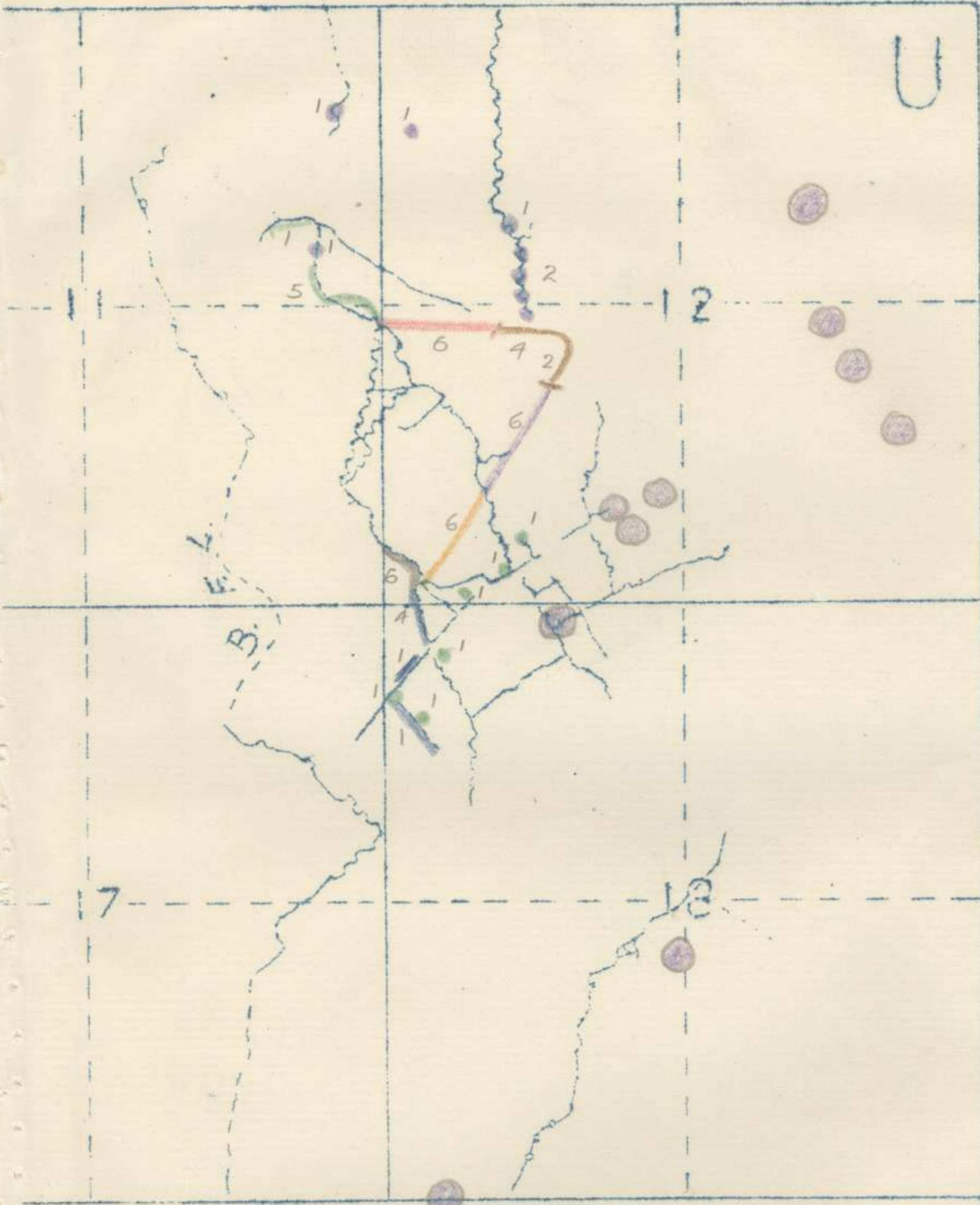
Reference :-

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|------------|---|---------|--|--------------------|
| 30th Bty.  | - | BLUE.   |  |                    |
| 27th Bty.  | - | BLACK.  |  |                    |
| 29th Bty.  | - | YELLOW. |  | 5th Aus. Div. Art. |
| 25th Bty.  | - | PURPLE. |  | Bty.               |
| 31st Bty.  | - | BROWN.  |  | 1-18 Pdr/- RED.    |
| 108th How. | - | GREEN.  |  | 1-18 " - GREEN.    |
| Bty.       |   |         |  | 1 How Bty- PURPLE  |

M.A.



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Phase II

Reference :-

- |            |   |         |   |                    |
|------------|---|---------|---|--------------------|
| 30th Bty.  | - | BLUE.   | — |                    |
| 27th Bty.  | - | BLACK.  | — |                    |
| 29th Bty.  | - | YELLOW. | — | 5th Aus. Div. Art. |
| 25th Bty.  | - | PURPLE. | — | Bty.               |
| 31st Bty.  | - | BROWN.  | — | 1-18 Pdr/- RED.    |
| 108th How. | - | GREEN.  | — | 1-18 " - GREEN.    |
| Bty.       |   |         |   | 1 How Bty- PURPLE. |

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

1. INFORMATION.

The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade intend to carry out two raids on the night of 30th Nov/1st Dec., entering the enemy's lines in the vicinity of WARNETON and penetrating about 150 yards. The Infantry propose to move as far North as U.11.d.97.75 - as far South as U.11.d.90.35 - and as far East as the points U.12.c.12.75 U.12.c.25.65, the area to be mopped up being roughly in the shape of a triangle.

The first Raid will probably take place between Sunset and ~~Sunrise~~ <sup>MOONRISE</sup>, the second about 6 hours later. The G.O.C. 10th Australian Infantry Brigade has power to prevent the second Raid if he so wishes.

The first Raid will be carried out by the 39th Battalion, the second by the 40th Battalion.

ZERO HOURS for both Raids will be notified later.

2. ARTILLERY.

The Left Group Artillery, plus 2 18-pdrs. Batteries and 1 4.5" How. Battery of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery. will constitute the Artillery for the raid.

3. DIVERSION.

The Right Group Artillery will create a diversion as per Task-Table attached.

*during both raids*

4. GAS.

Gas will not be used if the wind at ground level has a greater velocity than about 10 f.s. and is not blowing towards the enemy. If conditions are unfavourable for Gas, H.E. will be used instead.

5. S.O.S.

Will be operative throughout on the Group front. The Signal will be acted on immediately and tasks as per Operation Order stopped.

6. SYNCHRONISATION.

Arrangements will be notified later.

7. ACENO LEDGE By wire.

*G. J. ...*

Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

Issued at.....

DISTRIBUTION :-

- Copy No. 1/3 26th Battery.
- 4/6 107th Battery.
- 7/10 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 11 Left Group Artillery.
- 12 3rd Aust. D.A.H.C.
- 13/16 WAR DIARY.
- 17 FILE.
- 18 Spare.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY TASK-TABLE - OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

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BATTERY	TILE	TARGET	AMMUNITION	RATE OF FIRE.
26th and 107th.	Zero to Zero plus 1.	C.11.d.62.55 to )	18-pdrs. 75% Shrap. ) 4.5"Hows. 25% H.E. ) 100% H.E. )	4 rds. per Gun per Min.
		C.18.b.00.95. )		
	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 2	D.13.a.50.05 to )		
		D.13.d.70.25. )		
Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 3.	C.18.b.00.95 to )			
	D.13.a.50.05. )			

The above Operation will be repeated from Zero plus 11 to Zero plus 14.

107th Battery	Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 20	Wood (N.E. of LAUNDRY) in C.5.	B.C.B.R. 50% B.N.C. 50%	4 rds. per Gun per Min.
26th Battery	Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 29	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	2 rds. per Gun per Min.
	Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 20	Do. Do.	Shrap. 25% H.E. 75%	4 rds. per Gun per Min.
	Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 29	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	2 rds. per Gun per Min.
107th Battery.	Zero plus 30 to Zero plus 35	Search DEULEMONT.	B.C.B.R. 50% H.E. 50%	4 rds. per Gun per Min.
26th Battery	Zero plus 35 to Zero plus 45	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	2 rds. per Gun per Min.
	Zero plus 30 to Zero plus 35	Do. Do.	H. E. 100%.	4 rds. per Gun per Min.
	Zero plus 35 to Zero plus 45	Do. Do.	Do. Do.	2 rds. per Gun per Min.

*Est. as indicated.*

Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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Addendum No.1 to Operation Order No.2.

1. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH No.1.

If it is thought advisable to cancel the second Raid, the Code Word "HOBART" will be wired to all concerned.

2. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH No.3.

One Officer per Battery of Right Group will report at Right Group Artillery Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. on the 30th instant, to receive Signal Time from a Staff Officer from 3rd Aust. Divl, Artillery Headquarters.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

*W. W. W. W.*

Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION :- To all Recipients of Right Group Artillery  
Operation Order No.2.



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RAIDS

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
30th November 1917.

To  
Battery Commanders.

Reference Operation Order No.2.

Zero hour for the Operations mentioned will be :-

1st Raid - 5.15 p.m.

2nd Raid - 1 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE IMMEDIATELY, quoting T/3/90.

*W. S. ...*

Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY ETC.

Reference Maps:- Sheet 36 N.W., and sheet 28 S.W.

Corps Depot - LA CROICHE SIDING - A.6.b.  
Ammunition Railhead - CONNAUGHT SIDING - O.I.D. T.26.c.3.5.

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION REFILLING POINTS:-

ROMARIN - B.4.a.6.5. - 18-pdrs. & 4.5" Hows.  
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AMMUNITION.

Ammunition is normally sent up to Battery positions by Railways. The Staff Captain is arranging with Ammunition Railhead for the necessary tracks.

The alternative system of supply is by Wagons from ROMARIN DUMP.

Batteries will be notified the time when trucks will arrive at ROMARIN DUMP, and will arrange to have sufficient personnel there to act as guides and loaders.

ESTABLISHMENT.

The present establishment at Gun positions is 300 rounds per 18-pdr gun, and 200 rounds per 4.5" Howitzer. Batteries are responsible that they do not get below this establishment.

ALLOTMENT.

An allotment of Ammunition to cover a certain period will be given to Batteries periodically, and Batteries will be notified when this amount will be sent up.

EXPENDITURE.

Expenditure will depend on the allotment for the period, except in cases of S.O.S. Batteries will, if possible, adjust subsequent expenditure to cover amount expended on an S.O.S.

ECHELONS.

Echelons must at all times be kept full, and will not be taken to Battery Positions except in cases of emergency. This Office will be notified when echelons are being brought up, so that arrangements can be made to refill at ROMARIN.

DUMPS.

D.A.C. personnel at Dump are as follows:-

ROMARIN - 1 Officer and 10 men.

R. E. MATERIAL.

Corps R.E.Park is at STEINWERCK STATION - A.12.a.9.4.  
Division R.E.Dump is at DE SHULE - B.1.b.2.3.

Division R.E.Dump is connected by Light Railways, and material for Batteries can be sent forward by Rail, under arrangements between Staff Captain, and Officer i/e Light Railways, CONNAUGHT SIDING.

Indents will be submitted by orderly, in duplicate, to this Office, and will then be passed to C.R.E. for counter signature.

Bricks and rubble can be obtained from ruined Villages and houses on authority from C.R.E. obtained by application through this office.

*C. J. ...*

Captain.  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP.INTELLIGENCE.

8.30 p.m. 8/11/17 to 8.30 p.m. 9/11/17.

OUR FIRE.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>ROUNDS.</u>	<u>TARGET.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
25	Rounds B.X.	Zero Point	on taking over of Command.

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HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>ROUNDS.</u>	<u>CALIBRE.</u>	<u>AREA SHELLED.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
1.15 a.m.	50	77mm	C.2	
5.15 a.m.	20	10.5cm.	C.2	
1.--p.m.	15	4.2	C.2.d.	Gun wheel of No.2 gun damaged.

*Greenhills*

Adjutant, 7th Field Artillery Brigade. Captain.

GENERAL.

Aerial Activity.

Very little aerial activity by the enemy during the day.

M.G's. T.M's. or O.P's.

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Movement.

N I L

New or undetermined work.

N I L.

Flashes.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Seen from</u>	<u>True bearing</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
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N I L.

*C. Greenhill*

Adjutant, Right Group Field Artillery. Captain.

Right Group Artillery.INTELLIGENCE REPORT.8.15 p.m. 9/11/17 to 6 p.m. 10-11-17.OUR FIRE.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>No. of rounds.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
10.18 p.m.	V.25.b.5.5.	24	Retaliation. 26th.Bty.
	D.2.a.7.7.	24	do do
8.-- p.m.	D.5.c.00.20	30	Counter Bty. 107th.Bty.
9.-- p.m.	V.24.b.	24	do do
4 p.m.	Calibration.	49.	

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
10.15 p.m.	40	G.2.c.	4.2	Gas & H.E.
12.15 p.m.	200			
to 3 p.m.	24	U.27.a.	5.9	
3.15 p.m.	14	C.9.d.60.50	7.7 cm.	Apparently registration.
4.10 p.m.	15	G.2.d.	4.2	
4.-- a.m.	30	WRE-INGHINC.8.c.80.70	7.7 cm.	Gas & H.E.
6.30 a.m.	20	do	do	H.E.

GENERAL.

Visibility bad.

Hostile Batteries.

Flash of 4.2 Battery observed 89°30' T.B. from SURREY FARM.

*W. S. Marshall*

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Captain.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 11/11/17.OUR FIRE.

Registration and calibration, and Harassing fire were carried out by group during period. 203 rounds expended.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Damage.</u>
A.M.					
9.35	Ploegsteert Village U.25 c & d.	77mm	FRELINGHEIN	10	
10.	RABEQUE FARM C.8.c.75.95	77mm	do	15	
10.	U.2.d.	10cm	do	20	
10.45	C.19.a.	5.9	LA CROIX	40	
11.45	Gunnery Farm C.2.d.25.20	77mm	FRELINGHEIN	30	
12 noon	RABEQUE FARM C.8.c.75.95	77mm	do	10	
1.35	PLOEGSTEERT WOOD U.27.a.	H.T.M.	LAUNDRY WOOD	10	
1.45	DESPIERRE FARM	77mm	FRELINGHEIN	5	
2 pm.	Road about C.1.d.4.4.	77mm	LA HOULETTE	20	
2.10	La BIZET BRICKWORKS.	5.9	LA CROIX	10	
2.15	PLOEGSTEERT VILLAGE C.1.b.	77mm	LA HOULETTE	50	
2.40	HYDE PARK CORNER	21 cm	St MARGUERITE	10	
2.50	PLOEGSTEERT VILLAGE C.1.b.	77mm	FRELINGHEIN	15	
3 p.m.	U.2.c.	10 cm.		20	
3 to )	Vicinity C.7.b.	4.2	FRELINGHEIN	50	
3.15 )	C.8.c.80.90 & C.14.a.86.92	4.2	"	20	
4.30	U.2.central	10 cm.	"	25	
4.30	C.14.e.86.92	77 mm.	"	20	

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.Aircraft & Balloons.

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Enemy Aeroplanes (three) active over out trenches.

*Greenfield*

Adjutant, 7th Field Artillery Brigade. Captain.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 12/11/17.OUR FIRE.

6 rounds were fired by 18-pdrs ranging on Zero Line.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Direction of fire.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Damage</u>
6 to 7 a.m.	Vicinity C.8.c.	77 H.E. & Gas.	South of FRELINGHIEN.	110	Off. Mess kitchen destroyed
noon to 3.30 pm.	Vicinity C.7.d.50.50.	5.9 H.E.	-do-	40	
1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	C.7.d.	8 inch.	Behind DOULEMONT	150	
1.30 pm.	C.7.c.	10 cm.	FRELINGHIEN.	40	
5 p.m.	C.7.b.	10 cm.	-do-	70	

GENERAL.

Visibility bad in early morning, clearing later and becoming good.

Aircraft & Balloons.

Balloons active, very little activity by planes.

*Arthur Field*

Captain.  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERYINTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 13th November 1917.OUR FIRE.

33 Rounds were fired by 18-pdrs. ranging on Zero Line.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Time	Area shelled	Calibre	Direction	Rds.	Damage.
11.30 am.	C.3.c.	4.2	FRELINGHAM	40	Nil
12.45 pm.	RESERVE FARM	4.2	Do.	45	-

A marked decrease was noticeable throughout the day in enemy Artillery fire. Generally very quiet.

GENERAL.

Visibility bad in the morning, but improved later.

At 11 a.m. a Fire was observed burning in C.11.b.2.4.

AIRCRAFT.

Aircraft activity on both sides was about normal.

At 9 a.m. an enemy plane flew very low over our trenches in this Sector.

*C. J. [Signature]*

Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.



RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 14th November 1917.OUR FIRE.

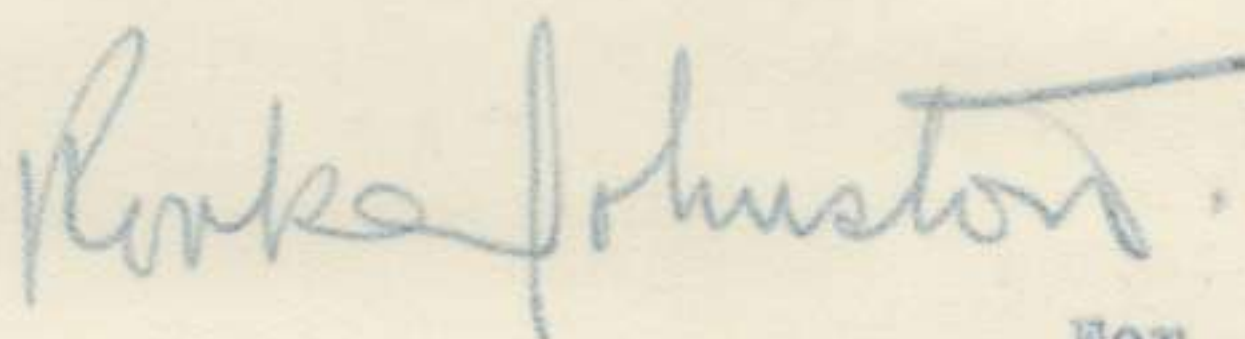
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HOSTILE FIRE.

Except an occasional round (77mm H.E.) which fell on Supports in E Zone, hostile Artillery was quiet, and activity below normal.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very low, aircraft inactive, and Sector quiet.



Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Lieutenant,  
For Captain,

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 15-11-17.

Visibility Fair, at times Good.Aircraft activity normal. Enemy more active in morning.  
Balloon observed over WARMSTON at 1 p.m.

Nothing unusual to report.

*Roik Johnston*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

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HOSTILE FIRE.

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 15-11-17.

Time	Rounds	Nature	Area or Objective shelled	Direction	Remarks.
9.30 a.m.	20	4.2	Front line, C zone.	-	-
10 a.m.	30	4.2	T.Ms. in G zone.	-	-
10 to 10.30am	30	4.2	C.3.e.	FREELINGHAM.	-
10.30 a.m.	25	77mm	Front Line E & F Zones.	-	-
11 a.m.	10	5.9s	C.13.b.	PERENCHIES.	-
11 to 11.45am	40	5.9	C.7.d.	FREELINGHAM	Salvoes.
11.30 a.m.	12	5.9	C.7.d.	PERENCHIES.	do.
11.30 a.m.	20	5.9	Billets in C.13.b.	-	do.
12 noon.	15	77mm	C.4.b & d.	50 degrees from C.9.d.30.40 T.B.	-
12.15 p.m.	30	77mm	F & G zones	-	-
12.25 p.m.	20	77mm	D & E zones	-	-
12.32 p.m.	20	77mm	Front line, F & G zones	-	-
12.50 p.m.	15	77mm	Inf. party in C.14	120 degrees from C.9.d.3.4.	T.B. -
1 to 4 p.m.	100	5.9.	U.27.a.	FREELINGHAM.	-
1.50 p.m.		4.2	BUTCHER'S SHOP.	90 degrees from C.9.d.3.4.	T.B. -
1.30 to 2.15 p.m.	40	4.2	C.2.e.	FREELINGHAM.	-

The Bearings given are, in all cases, Sound Bearings.

*Robert Johnston*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

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AAA

Intelligence Report to 6 am.  
 aaa / Our fire nil aaa  
 Hostile fire above normal aaa  
 At intervals during night  
 enemy shelled back areas with  
 gas and H.E. The shelling at  
 times becoming fairly heavy and  
 between 4 am & 4:30 am D & E zones  
 received about 100 H.E.  
 directed against trenches aaa  
 again at 5:30 am. some 50  
 shells fell on trenches in E zone  
 aaa General intelligence nil  
 aaa visibility bad aaa

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Time	

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.  
OUR FIRE.

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 15-11-17.

Time	Position of Target.	Reasons for firing.	Rounds	Result of Shoot.
<u>26th Battery.</u>				
1.30 p.m.	Hostile Batteries at D.7.b.70.50 & D.8.a.60.50	Retaliation.	60	
<u>107th Battery.</u>				
1.45 p.m.	Do.	Do.	60	
3 p.m.	Zero Point.	Registration.	5	

*Rooke Johnston*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 16-11-17.

OUR FIRE.

Nil.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Time	Rounds	Nature	Area or Objective shelled	Direction	Remarks.
11am to 12 noon.	40	4.2	U.27.a.		FRELINGHIEM.
4 p.m.	10		77 H.E LATOQUET STATION		Do.

Sector very quiet all day.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very poor, aircraft inactive; nothing unusual to report.

*Robert Johnston*  
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery. Lieutenant.

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G.T.2 R.A.

Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number.

AAA

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Intelligence Report to 6 am.  
aaa 1 Our fire nil aaa  
Hostile fire normal aaa  
9.30 pm. 20 mines on D zone  
do. 40 Gas shells on back areas  
10.30 pm. 80 4.2 gas on La Forget Station  
11 pm. 20 4.2 H.E. on F zone.  
11.30 to 12 mid. 120 gas & HE on back areas  
1.30 am 35 gas shells in vicinity Le Bizet  
2.30 am 15 4.2 H.E. " " TILLEUL  
6.30 am. 50 5.9s scattered on back areas.  
aaa Direction of fire mainly PRELINGHIEM  
aaa Intermittently throughout night  
mines were unusually active on  
whole sector aaa Visibility at  
daybreak bad owing to mist aaa

From	GK 54
Place	
Time	7.45 am

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 17-11-17.

OUR FIRE.

Time	Target	Reasons for firing	Rounds	Results.
<u>26th Battery.</u>				
12 noon.	Bty. at D.7.a.70.04	Retaliation (Group order)	24	Remarks. Shoot in co-operation with Heavy Artillery.
2.30 p.m.	Bty. at D.7.d.15.75	-Do-	26	
<u>107th Battery.</u>				
12 noon.	Bty. at D.7.a.70.04	-Do-	100	
2.30 p.m.	Bty. at D.7.d.15.75.	-Do-	100	

HOSTILE FIRE.

Time	Rounds	Nature	Area or Objective shelled	Direction	Remarks.
8 to 8.30am	30	4.2 H.E.	C.14.a.		FRELINGHIEN.
11 a.m.	15	Gas	C.9.a.		
11.30 am.	40	77mm	C.2	Central N. of	FRELINGHIEN.
2.30 p.m.	50	4.2	U.26.d.		-do-
3 p.m.	5	A.8	Time H.E-C.8.c.		
3.20 to 3.40	50	Gas	C.8.a.		N. of FRELINGHIEN.
3.30 p.m.	30	77mm	C.1.d.		FRELINGHIEN.
3.30 p.m.	20	Gas	GASOMETER CORNER		N. of FRELINGHIEN.
2 p.m.	40	4.2 H.E.	South of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD.	) ) )	DEULEMONT.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very poor owing to Mist, aircraft inactive. Nothing unusual to report.

*Robert Johnston*  
 Lieutenant,  
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.



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TO } *G.T.2 R.A.*

Sender's Number. *77* Day of Month *18* In reply to Number. *AAA*

Intelligence Report to 6 ans. aaa  
 Our fire At 9.30 pm. retaliation  
 shot against pineapple in wood, C.I. B. was  
 given at respect of infantry and during  
 night hostile Bty. positions at Dpt. 70.64  
 D. 7d. 15.75 was strafed aaa  
 Total expenditure 18 fms. 100 rds 45 How  
 20 rds. aaa Hostile fire below  
 normal aaa At 10 pm. a few 4.20  
 7 gas are dropped in C2C aaa At  
 10 pm. Our front line, received about  
 30 4.20 from direction of KRELINGHIEN  
 aaa Otherwise quiet aaa

From *G.K.54*

Place *7.45 am*

Time *Johnston Lt.*

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

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6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 18-11-17.

OUR FIRE.

At 3 p.m., the 107th Battery fired 47 rounds on Zero point, for the purpose of checking Calibration and Line.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Time	Rounds	Nature	Area or Objective shelled	Direction	Remarks.
8.25 am.	25	Gas	Vicinity C.14.a.	FRELINGHIEN	
8.40 am.	30	Gas	C.14.b.9.9	-do-	
10 a.m.	20	4.2	C.7.b.	-do-	
10 a.m.	40	Gas	C.2 Vicinity	T.B.102deg. from C.9.d.30.40.	
1 p.m.	50	77mm	C.1.d.	FRELINGHIEN	
1.30 pm.	8	4.2	C.8.Central	-do-	
1.35 to ) 2.5 p.m.)	18	77mm	BUTCHER'S SHOP	T.B.103deg. from C.9.d.30.40.	

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very poor, making observation impracticable. Nothing unusual to report.

AIRCRAFT.

At 8.15 a.m. An enemy plane flew at a very low altitude over the front line system on Group Sector and was engaged by our Machine Guns.

*Robert Johnston*  
 Lieutenant,  
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO } GT2 RA

Sender's Number. \* 7/10 Day of Month. 19 In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Summary to Comd.  
 aaa our fire, 187 hrs 48 rds  
 4.5 Hrs 72 rounds retaliation  
~~against~~ against  
 enemy Tps in FRELINGHIEH daa  
 hostile fire normal aaa At  
 10.30 pm about 50 5.92 were  
 scattered on back areas and  
 during night some 200 gas  
 shells fell in vicinity C.S.C &  
 C.S.C. daa Direction North of  
 FRELINGHIEH daa Visibility  
 poor aaa

From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place GK54  
 Time 7.45 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W. G. S. Kellys Capt  
 Censor. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 19-11-17.OUR FIRE.

N i l .

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility bad, improving slightly towards afternoon.

2 p.m. Fire burning behind DURIEZ FARM. Dense white  
 smoke clouds arising from Aircraft ~~one enemy~~ balloon up over Right of  
 PRELINGHIEN. No hostile aeroplane  
 activity.

*Rock Johnston* Lieutenant,  
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

19th November 1917.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

DURATION	DIRECTION	Rounds.	Nature	LOCALITY	NATURE Barrage, destructive etc.	REMARKS as to effect
6 to 6.30 a.m.	FRELINGHIAN	80	4.2 Gas	C.2.c.		
6.20 a.m.	do	28	5.9 Gas	C.14.a and C.13.b.		
9 a.m.	do	30	4.2 Gas	C.8.a.		
10.10 a.m.		4	4.2 H.E.	C.9.d.6.7.		
10.15 a.m.		3	do	do		
10.20 to 10.25am.		3	Light M.W.	C.10.c.		
10.15 a.m.	S.E. of FRELING- HIAN	30	Gas	LE BIZET and MOTOR-CAR CORNER		
10.45 a.m.		4	Light M.W.	C.10.c.		
1.20 p.m.		4	77mm H.E.	Front Line in C.4.d.		
2 to 2.10 p.m.		6	4.2 H.E.	C.9.d.6.d.		
2.15 p.m.		3	do	do.		

*Rowe Johnston*  
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery, Lieutenant.

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	By.....			By.....

TO { GT2 R.A.

Sender's Number. \* T/12 Day of Month. 20<sup>th</sup> In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to 6 am  
 aaaa & own fire. 18 pdr's fired  
 50 rounds and how. 72 rounds  
 retaliatory fire against  
 DEVLEMONT area and the title  
 here below normal aaaa  
 During night about 60 5.90  
 and 42.0 were scattered on  
 back areas. Cra. receiving  
 general gas shells aaaa direction  
 PRELIMINARY aaaa otherwise  
 very quiet night aaaa  
 Visibility poor aaaa

From GK54  
 Place  
 Time 7.45 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Johnston  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 20-11-17.

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OUR FIRE.

At 12.30 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 15 rounds on Zero point  
for the purpose of ~~sensing~~ registration.

At 3.53 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 36 and Hows. 72 rounds;  
retaliatory fire directed at enemy T.Ms. ~~in F.B.~~ *in Frelingheim Circle.*

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility poor. A quiet day.

AIRCRAFT.

Aircraft of both sides active during day. At 3.15 p.m.  
5 enemy planes were active ~~over~~ over our Front Line.

*Rowley Johnston*

Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

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Right Group Artillery,  
20th Novr. 1917.

DURATION	DIRECTION	Rounds	Calibre	LOCALITY shelled.	NATURE of shelling	REMARKS.
11.15 to 11.35am.	FRELINGHIEN	12	77mm	C.9.d.		
12.40 p.m.		2	4.2	C.9.d.7.6.		
3.10 p.m.		15	do	do.		
3.15 p.m.	73.30 T.B. from SURREY FARM.	25	4.2	PLOEGSTEERT		Engaged by heavies with good effect.
3 to 6 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	80	5.9	Apparent Target, Road at HYDE PARK CORNER.		

*Rourke Johnston*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {                      G T 2    R A.                      }

Sender's Number. * 7/15	Day of Month. 21st	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Report to 6 am  
 aad our fire nil aad  
 Hostile fire, except for  
 an occasional 4.2 on  
 back areas from direction  
 of N of FRELINGHIERN there  
 was no enemy activity aad  
 Between 8 pm & 8.30 pm  
 about 20 4.2s fell on  
 front line in Bone  
 aad Visibility Bad  
 aad

From	GK 54
Place	7.50 am
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Johnston Lt.	
Censor	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 21-11-17.

OUR FIRE.

At 9 a.m., in compliance with instructions issued by Group, 18-pdrs. and Hows. each fired 50 rounds against enemy d.s How. at D.2.c.00.18.  
At 10 a.m. the Operation was repeated against an enemy 77mm gun at D.7.a.70.04.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Nil. Visibility bad. Weather unfavourable for aerial activity.

Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery. Lieutenant,

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HOSTILE SHELLING.

Right Group Artillery,  
21st November 1917.

DURATION.	DIRECTION.	Rounds	Nature	LOCALITY SHELLED.	REMARKS.
9.5 a.m.	75° T.B. from SURREY FARM	20	4.2	PLOMESTERT WOOD.	
9.15 to 9.30 am.	-	30	4.2	C.2.d. Objective apparently Section of Bty. at C.2.d.2.1	Damage Nil.
9.45 a.m.	N. of FRELINGHIE	25	4.2	C.8.c.40.65	do.
10.25 am.	80° T.B. from SURREY FARM.	10	4.2	Vicinity CAMPAC DUMP.	This Bty. was later engaged by our Heavies. Effect apparently good. Volumes of smoke seen to arise from vicinity of position.
10.48 am.	N. of FRELINGHIE	20	4.2	C.8.c.40.65	Damage Nil.
10.55 am.	Bty. appears to be in D.7.a.52.30 along trees.	50	4.2	C.14.c.	
11 to 11.30	-	50	5.9	Bty. section as above.	Damage Nil.
11.15 am.	N. of FRELINGHIE	18	4.2	C.8.c.40.65	do.
11.40 a.m.	75° T.B. from SURREY FARM.	30	4.2	C.2 and C3.	
2 to 2.30pm	FRELINGHIE	30	4.2	Gas & H.M. LE BIST	
2.30 to 2.40	-	25	5.9	Bty. section as above.	Damage Nil.
2.43 pm.	N. of FRELINGHIE	20	5.9	C.2.d.	
3.5 pm.	do.	20	4.2	C.8.c.40.65.	

*Robert Johnston* Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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"A" Form  
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	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO } G T 2 R.A.

Sender's Number. * 7/19.	Day of Month. 22-	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Report to ban  
aaa 9ur file 18 hrs & 4.5 hours.  
each fired 50 rounds against  
example 4.2 hrs at 02.00.18 aaa at  
4 hrs the operation was repeated  
against 77m gun at 07a. 70.04 aaa  
4 hrs to 10 hrs. 50 42 gas fell in vicinity  
of C.S.C  
4 ants 4 30m 25 gas shells on C2d.  
At intervals during night enemy  
shelled back areas with 5.9 HE and  
4 2 HE & gas, about 300 in all. aaa  
Fire was erratic & came from  
direction of PRELINGHIEN aaa

From	G K 54
Place	
Time	7.50 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Johnston Lieut

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 22-11-17.OUR FIRE.

- 8.45 a.m. At request of Infantry, How. Battery fired 60 rounds at enemy T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEU as retaliation.
- Noon. 18-pdrs. fired 64 rounds, registration and calibration.
- 8 a.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. each fired 50 rounds against an enemy 4.2 How. at D.7.b.59.95, and repeated the operation at 4 p.m. *Flash.*
- 9 a.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. each fired 50 rounds against an enemy 77mm gun at D.8.a.53.75, and repeated the operation at 5 p.m.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very low. Nothing unusual to report.

AIRCRAFT.

Enemy balloons were up all day and at 9 a.m. 5 enemy planes were active over our front line system.

*Rourke Johnston* Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

Right Group Artillery,  
22nd November 1917.

DURATION.	DIRECTION.	Rounds	Nature	LOCALITY SHELLED.	REMARKS.
9 to 10.15 am.	LAUNDRY	35	4.2 HE & Gas.	Vicinity of ESTAIR FARM	Intermittent and somewhat erratic.
9.15 a.m.	FRELINGHIE	8	5.9	C.8.e.30.80	Two 4-gun salvos. Damage Nil.
9.30 a.m.	Do.	20	4.2	C.3.c.8.7.	area shoot. No damage.
10.5 to 10.25 am.	N. of FREL'HIE	24	4.2	C.8.c	Damage Nil
2.15 p.m.		15	5.9	C.7.d	" "

*Rourke Johnston* Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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	At.....m.		Service.	From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO } GT2 RA

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

# 7/24. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Situation Report aaaa

(a) Hostile artillery activity above normal

(b) Rather more intense during day aaaa

C.S.C. area received a good deal of attention while front & support lines on whole sector were subjected to intermittent shelling nearly all day by 4.20 & 77m & firing from behind FRELINGHIEN aaaa

(c) No damage sustained by Btys.

(d) Unusually heavy shelling with g scattered over back areas during night

(e) nil

(f) nil.

From GK54 6

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Johnston Rest.

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO } GT2 RA.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

# 7/22 23<sup>rd</sup>

Intelligence Report to cam.

~~18 p.m. 44~~ fired 100 rounds on our fire hill.

Hostile fire aaaa Gas shelling of back areas unusually heavy aaaa

6 p.m. 15 rds. 77m HE vicinity LE TOUQUET STATION

7 p.m. 100 " 42 gas in back areas

8 p.m. 30 " 42 gas in back areas from gun 72° T.B. from SURREY FARM

8.30 to 9 p.m. 50 42 gas on back areas (At 8.47 p.m. CB 50 was informed of activity of this gun)

9 p.m. 40 rds. 77 gas on back areas

9.30 p.m. 10 " 5. of HE vicinity PRABECQUE AVENUE

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO } Continued

Sender's Number. \* 7/22 Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

9.45 to 10 pm. Continued shelling of back areas with 4.2 gas & HE. Direction 68° & 70° T.B. from SURREY FARM.

11.30 pm. 50 rds. 4.2 gas & HE in vicinity MOTOR CAR CORNER from direction as above.

3 am. 20 rds 4.2 on back areas from direction of DEVUE MONT. aka At other periods Sector was quiet aka

From GK 54  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Johnston Lt.

\*This line should be erased if not required.



RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. 23-11-17.OUR FIRE.

At 9 a.m. in compliance with instructions issued by Group, 18-pdrs. and Hows. each fired 50 rounds against enemy 4.2 How at D.2.c.00.18.

At 10 a.m. the Operation was repeated against an enemy 77mm Gun at D.7.a.70.04. *Flash.*

Between 1.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 35 rounds and Hows. 25, for purposes of Registration and Calibration.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Good.

*Hostile shelling very persistent on our front and support lines during the day.*

AIRCRAFT.

One enemy balloon up nearly all day over FRELINGHIEN and one over DEULEMONT.

Our planes active all day, but enemy planes showed little activity. Once during morning 4 enemy machines succeeded in finding their way over our lines and penetrated as far as LA CRECHE, flying at a high altitude.

*Rufus Johnston*

Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

Right Group Headquarters,  
23rd November 1917.

DURATION.	DIRECTION	Rounds	Nature	LOCALITY.
10. am.	FRELINGHIEN	20	77mm Gas	C.8.c.
10.15 am.	F'HIEH & D'MONT.	-	77mm & 4.2	Front line from C.4.d to U.23.a.
10.30 am.	do. do.	150	do.	Front & Support lines C.10.d to C.16.b.
10.40 am.	do. do.	30	do.	Front & Support Lines in C.4.d.
10.45 am.		6	77mm H.E. & Gas	C.9.d.
do.		x50	77mm H.E.	Front & Support Lines in U.28.d.
10.50 am.	do. do.	100	77mm & 4.2	Front & Support Lines in C.4.d to U.28.b.
10.55 a.m.	do. do.	50	4.2 H.E. & Shr.	Front & Support lines in C.10.a and b.
11 am.	Behind FRELINGHIEN	50	4.2 & 77mm H.E.	C.16.b. F. & S. Lines.
1.15 p.m.	do. do.	30	77mm Gas	Vicinity C.8.c.
1.30 p.m.	do. do.	30	do.	do.
2 p.m.	do. do.	30	do.	do.
2.20 p.m.	do. do.	130	77mm H.E. & Gas	C.8.c vicinity
2.40 p.m.	Do. DEULEMONT	40	77mm Shrap.	F.L. in C.4.b.
2.50 p.m.	Do. FRELINGHIEN	20	77mm Gas and H.E.	U.26.a.
3 p.m.	Right of F'HIEH.	30	Gas and H.E.	LE BIZET.
3.15 p.m.		30	do.	Vicinity C.8.c.
3.25 p.m.	Behind FRELINGHIEN	45	4.2 H.E. & Gas	U.26.a and-
3.40 p.m.	do. do.	20	77mm Gas	Vicinity C.8.c.
3.45 p.m.	do. do.	15	77mm H.E.	U.26.a.

*Rowke Johnston* Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer Right Group Artillery.

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	To .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....
	By .....			

TO } GTZ. RA.

Sender's Number. \* 7/25. Day of Month. 24 In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to 6am  
 aaa Our fire, 15 pdrs  
 \* Hows each fired 50 rounds  
 against an enemy 7 guns  
 at 07a 70.04 bat 10 pm  
 aaa The operation was  
 repeated against a 4.2  
 How at 02c 00.10 at 11 pm  
 aaa Hostile fire very  
 quiet, except for a little  
 activity around 0.2.9  
 nothing to report aaa  
 Enemy planes active on  
 bombing operations during  
 early part of night aaa

From GK 54  
Place  
Time 7.45 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) R. J. ... Lt.

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 24-11-17.

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OUR FIRE.

8 a.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. each fired 50 rounds against an enemy 4.2 How. at D.7.b.59.95 and repeated the Operation at 4 p.m.

9 a.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. each fired 50 rounds against an enemy 77mm Gun at D.8.a.53.75 and repeated the Operation at 5 p.m.

HOSTILE FIRE.

At 8.30 a.m. about 30 Light T.Ms. fell in our Front Line system about the centre of Group Sector.  
Otherwise, an unusally quiet day.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility poor. Nothing unusual to report.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes were fairly active during early morning, but no enemy machines were seen, and weather afterwards rendered flying impracticable.

*Rourke Johnston*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO } *GT2 RA*

Sender's Number. *7/28* Day of Month *25<sup>th</sup>* In reply to Number. *AAA*

*Intelligence Report to 6 am  
aaa & our fire nil aaa  
Hostile fire, ~~6pm~~  
6pm to 7:30 pm 20 rds. 4:2 time HE  
fell on MOTOR CAR CORNER  
6pm to midnight 20 rds 4:2 HE. in  
vicinity of C2d.  
from direction of FAE LINGHIEN aaa  
otherwise very quiet night aaa*

From *GK54*  
Place  
Time *7:30 am*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *R Johnston Lt.*

Censor. Signature of addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.  
\*This line should be erased if not required.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am to 6 pm - 25-11-17.OUR FIRE.

At 9 a.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. each fired 50 rds. against enemy 4.2 How. at D.2.c.00.18.

At 10 a.m. the Operation was repeated against an enemy 77mm Gun at D.7.a.70.04.

HOSTILE FIRE.

DURATION.	DIRECTION	Rounds	Calibre	Area Shelled.	Remarks.
10.30 am.	LAUNDRY	8	T.M.	Front line C.4.d.	
11 a.m.	From C.11.cent.	8	77mm	-	
12 noon	From U.30.b.	15	4.2	South of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD.	
12.30 pm.	DEULEMONT	20	5.9	East edge of Do.	Do.
1 p.m.	behind F'HIEU	30	4.2	LE BIZET	
1.30 pm.	S. of D'MONT.	20	4.2	C.4.a.	
3.20 p.m.	S. of Do.	25	4.2	PLOEGSTEERT.	

Otherwise Sector quiet.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility poor.

AIRCRAFT.

Weather rendered flying impracticable.

*Rourke Johnston*

Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO } *GTE RA*

Sender's Number *7/31* Day of Month *26<sup>th</sup>* In reply to Number. **AAA**

*Intelligence Report to 6 am AAA  
Own fire 18 pds 7 Hows each  
fired 50 rds on enemy gun at D7a7004  
at 10 pm and an hour later 50  
rds each on another gun at D2C.00.18  
aaa Hostile fire below normal  
aaa From 12.30 am to 2 am  
20 4.2s fell in back areas  
coming from ~~120~~ 120° TB from  
SURREY FARM aaa From  
midnight to 6 am. about 40  
4.2 gas shells fell in C2 Central  
coming from same direction AAA  
otherwise quiet aaa*

From *GK54*  
Place  
Time  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)** *R Johnston*  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 26-11-17.

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OUR FIRE.

At 8 a.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. each fired 50 rounds against an enemy 4.2 How. at D.7.b.59.95, and repeated the operation at 4 p.m.

At 9 a.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. each fired 50 rounds against an enemy 77mm Gun at D.8.a.53.75 and repeated the operation at 5 p.m.

At 11 a.m. 18-pdrs. fired 30 rounds on Zero point - Registration.

HOSTILE FIRE.

A very quiet day.

From 3 to 4.30 pm. about 100 rounds 4.2s, fired from direction of FRELINGHIEN fell in U.26.c and d. The Section of 18-pdrs. in this locality received a few rounds, and one man was killed and another severely wounded. Otherwise no damage.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility fair, bad during afternoon.

AIRCRAFT.

Activity normal on both sides. About 3 p.m. an enemy machine was over Section of 18-pdrs' position in U.26.

*Rowley Johnston* Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.



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	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....			By.....
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Intelligence Report to 6 am  
 aaaa our fire nil aaaa  
 hostile fire  
 8.30 to 9.30 pm 65 rts. 4.2's & 5.90  
 on front line ( ) from  
 direction of FRELINGHIE N aaaa  
 From 6 to 10 pm enemy kept up  
 an intermittent fire with 4.2  
 ggs & H.E. on C2D aaaa  
 During early morning a few  
 4.2's were dropped in back  
 areas aaaa otherwise a  
 quiet night aaaa

From	GK 54	
Place		
Time		

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 27-11-17.OUR FIRE.

At 2.30 p.m. the Hows. fired 30 rounds on Zero point - checking Calibration and Line.

At 4.30 p.m., in compliance with instructions issued by Group Headquarters, 18-pdrs. and Hows. each fired 50 rounds on an enemy Battery at V.25.b.38.65.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Nil. Visibility, generally poor; at intervals good.

*Rowley Johnston*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

Right Group Headquarters,  
27th November 1917.

DURATION	DIRECTION	Rounds	Nature	LOCALITIES SHELLED	REMARKS.
8.30 to 9 a.m.	DEULLEMONT	30	4.2 H.E.	U.28.b.	
9.45 a.m.	do.	10	do.	do.	
10.10 a.m.	FRELINGHIEN	6	77mm H.E.	LE TOUQUET STATION.	
10.15 a.m.	70° T.B. from SURREY FARM	30	77mm H.E.	U.28.b and d.	
10.25 a.m.	do.	40	do.	do. do.	
10.30 a.m.	FRELINGHIEN	10	4.2 H.E. & Gas	LE TOUQUET STATION.	
do.	do.	10	4.2 Gas	C.9.c.	
10.45 a.m.	70° T.B. from SURREY FARM	10	77mm H.E. & Gas	C.3.b.	
11 a.m.	80° T.B. from SURREY FARM	8	4.2 H.E.	C.3.c.	
12 noon	-	12	Light M.W.	Front line C.4.d.	
1.30 p.m.	DEULLEMONT	12	5.9. H.E.	U.22.d.	
1.40 p.m.	-	25	77mm H.E.	Front Line C.4.d.	
do.	-	15	do. do.	" " C.20.d.	
2.30 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	100	4.2 H.E. & Gas	C.2.d.	
3 to 4 p.m.	do.	150	do.	do.	
3 p.m.	70° T.B. from SURREY FARM.	25	do.	C.3.b.	
3.30 p.m.	do.	40	do.	C.3.a and b.	
4 p.m.	-	100	4.2, 77mm H.E. and Gas.	U.27.b. and C.3.a & b.	

*[Signature]*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

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6 am. to 6 pm. - 23-11-17.OUR FIRE.

The following shoots were carried out in accordance with orders from Group Headquarters for the purpose of testing Group Concentration :-

18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. :-

12.30 p.m.	18 rds. on Enemy Front Line	G Zone.
12.35 p.m.	12 rds. " " " "	H Zone.
1.5 p.m.	12 rds. " " " "	G Zone.

N.B. - "G" Zone U.29.d. to C.5.d. - "H" Zone C.5.d to C.11.c.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility good, though at times becoming very low.

AIRCRAFT.

At 12.30 p.m. one enemy plane flew over C.2.d. at fairly high altitude.

At 1.20 p.m. three enemy machines were over our front line system at high altitude.

Our planes showed normal activity.

At 2.40 p.m. one of our captive balloons broke away from about NEUVE EGLISE and drifted over the enemy lines, our A-A Guns failing to bring it down.

*Rowke Johnston*  
Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

HOSTILE SHELLING.

Right Group Headquarters,  
28th November 1917.

DURATION	DIRECTION	Rounds	Calibre	LOCALITY SHELLED	REMARKS.
8 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	75 25	4.2 ) 5.9 )	Vicinity C.2.d.	
11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	-	20	4.2	C.1.d	Battery in vicinity of DELENELLE FARM.
12.30 to 2.35 p.m.	South of DEULEMONT	300	4.2 H.E.	C.8.a. (Tramline)	

*R. K. Johnston* Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer Right Group Artillery.

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO	G 72 RA			
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* 7/38	28			

Intelligence Report to 6am AAA  
 our fire kil aaa Hostile  
 fire aaa from 6 pm to  
 midnight about 30  
 4.20 fell in C2d, 7  
 during early morning  
 another 20 rds. in same  
 locality aaa Direction  
 FREL INCH IEN aaa At  
 intervals during night  
 C2d. was lightly shelled  
 with 4.2 gas about 50 in all  
 aaa otherwise night quiet aaa  
 Hostile aircraft active on  
 bombing operations during early  
 part of night aaa

From	G K 54	
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Time	7.50 am	
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
28th November 1917.

To  
The Reconnaissance Officer,  
3rd Aus. D.A.H.Q.

The following messages were wired to the  
Counter Battery Staff Officer to-day:-

At 1.45 p.m. 4.2 How. firing from D.27.d.  
on our Front and Support Rate 4 rounds a minute  
Observed from SURREY FARM O.P.

At 5.45 p.m. 4.2 How. firing H.E. and  
Gas from 72 degrees True Bearing from SURREY FARM,  
shelling mainly MOTOR CAR CORNER and LE BIZET Rate  
3 rounds a minute.

*Robert Johnston* Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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TO	G T 2	RA	
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Sender's Number. * 7/43	Day of Month. 29 <sup>th</sup>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Report to Comd AAA  
 Our fire nil'aaa Hostile  
 fire below normal aaa  
 6.20 pm. 50 4.2 HE & gas on CID  
 9 pm 15 77 HE on NICHOLSON  
 AVENUE & supports from behind  
 FREEMINGHLEN  
 9.30 pm 10 4.2 HE on P.L. system  
 (U.28.) gun flashes 50 degs. & 40-10  
 degree TB from SURREY FARM  
 10 pm 20 4.2 & 77 HE on  
 NICHOLSON AVENUE and  
 DESPIERRE FARM.  
 10.30 pm. 20 77 HE on Supports  
 (U.28.) gun flash 50 deg.  
 TB from SURREY FARM aaa

From	
Place	GK 347
Time	7.35 am

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S E C R E T.

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L.423.

Livens Gas Projector Attack by "L" Special Coy., R.E.

Ref.- 3rd Aust.Div.Order S.G.13/176. dated 21.11.17.  
Trench Map Sheet 28.S.W.4.(PLOEGSTEERT)  
1/10,000.

1. LOCATION OF GUNS AND TARGETS.

The guns and targets are located as follows :

<u>Site.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>Description.</u>	<u>No.of bombs allotted.</u>
Between U.11.c.5.1. and U.17.a.5.6.	U.12.c.3.1.	IN DEN ROOSTER CABT.	102 C.G.
	U.12.c.2.4.	Battalion H.Q.	102 C.G.
	U.12.c.3.6.	Dug-outs in Embankment	101 C.G.

2. ZERO HOUR.

The guns will be loaded and ready to fire by 12 midnight on the 25th/26th instant. The latest hour for firing before dawn would be 5.45 am. Zero Hour would therefore be at 5.45 am. on the 26th.

3. PRECAUTIONS.

All troops should be withdrawn from the line of fire and for 300 yards to either flank. Troops on flanks should adjust their box respirators just before Zero, and should not remove them until satisfied there is no Gas about. Arrangements for withdrawing Posts etc., could be made direct between O.C. "L" Spec.Coy. R.E. and the Brigade holding the line. Troops on the flanks should not start to move back to re-occupy posts until Zero plus 30 minutes.

4. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Officer firing the guns will be in telephonic communication at AU CHASSEUR CABARET and will send a priority wire at Zero to O.C. "L" Coy. R.E. at 10th Brigade H.Q.(G.I.2) who will in turn send a wire to the Artillery Group concerned. A Rocket Signal could be fired at Zero if considered . . . desirable.

5. WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The guns will not be fired unless the wind is between N.W. and S.S.W. If weather conditions are unfavourable at Zero minus 2 hours, the Officer of "L" Special Coy.R.E. i/c of the guns will inform the Infantry Company Commander in the line that the guns will not be fired, and that he will not be required to withdraw his posts. The Artillery will be informed by wire. Otherwise it will be taken for granted the discharge will take place at the specified Zero. The final decision as to whether weather conditions are favourable at Zero Hour is left to the Officer firing the guns.

c. CODE.

The following code will be used :-

- Guns have been fired - HAVRE.
- Guns have not been fired- DIEPPE.

23.11.1917.

(Sgd.) H.L. NORBURY Lieut RE.  
O.C. "L" Special Coy., R.E.

## 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET.

- OPERATION ORDER NO. 37. -

Ref. Map:-  
28 S.W. 4. (PLOEGSTEERT)  
1/10,000.

1.

INTENTION.

It is intended to fire 300 gas drums from our trenches, probably on night 25/26th instant, as per 'L' Special Company R.E. Order (copy attached).

2.

ACTION OF ARTILLERY.

Left Group Artillery will co-operate as follows :-

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1-4.5" How. Battery  
will fire two rounds per gun, gun fire, on approaches in U.12.b. & d. - mean point of impact to be 300 yards East of gas targets.

(b). At Zero plus 30 minutes.

All Batteries will concentrate on to gas targets and approaches for two minutes.

(X) except that half the number of guns will search concentrate as in back 300 yards East of gas targets.

Rate of fire for (b) and (c) - 2 rds per gun per min.

3.

LOCATION  
'L' Coy.

The O.C., 'L' Company will be situated at 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters during operation.

4.

ACKNOWLEDGE.-

Headquarters.

*H. Langford*  
Major.  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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(b). At Zero plus 30 minutes.

All Batteries will concentrate on to gas targets and approaches for two minutes.

(c) At Zero plus 2 hours.

All Batteries will concentrate as in (b) for 10 minutes, (x)

Rate of fire for (b) and (c) - 2 rds per gun per min.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INSTRUCTION No. 27.

Ref. Maps. -

28 S.W. 4 (FLOEGSTELT)  
Edition 6A.  
1/10,000.

and Special Sheet, MARLBORON,  
(part of Sheet 28)  
Edition 2B.  
1/20,000.

1. On Zero Night and at Zero Hour, to be notified later, the 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade intends carrying out two raids on the enemy's trenches between U.11.d. 90.35. and U.11.d. 97.75. and penetrating to U.12.c.12.75. and J.12.c.25.55.
2. The 1st raid is to be carried out, in darkness, by the 39th Battalion, under Captain BOOTH.  
The 2nd raid is to be carried out, in moonlight, by the 40th Battalion.
3. The Left Artly Group, plus two 18-Pdr Batteries and one 4.5" How. Battery of the 5th Aust. Div. Artly, will co-operate; the Right Art. Group will create a diversion.  
(Detailed instructions will follow).
4. On Zero Day (probably 30th inst), the 108th Howitzer Battery will be required to cut two gaps in enemy wire at points:-  
U.11.d.89.50.  
U.11.d.95.70.

400 rounds 4.5" ammunition with 106 fuzos have been issued today, and 100 rounds, with 106 fuzes, are available at dump, if required. Registration is not to take place before Zero Day, but a reconnaissance will be made and communications arranged.  
The G.O.C., 10th Aust. Infy Brigade has agreed to vacate our Front Line on Zero Day; the G.O., Left Art. Group to advise the G.O.C., 10th Infy. Brigade the co-ordinates between which he requires our Front Line vacated.

5. AMMUNITION.  
Dumps to be at Battery positions by 12 noon, 30th inst :-  
18-Pdr. - 600 rds per gun.  
4.5" How. - 500 rds per gun.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

*J.H. Stauffer*

Headquarters.  
27.11.17.

Major.  
for B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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TO { *Rybr fmp 8th Div Arty*

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*Herewith arrangement for  
 material support - h/f fmp  
 38 Div.*

*Philly [unclear]  
 for her to [unclear]  
 camp, h/f fmp  
 38 Div.*

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Mr. J. H. Miller  
Australian Imperial Force  
The Australian  
Mess.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 29-11-17.OUR FIRE.18-pdrs.

9 am. 12 rds. on Working party at C.12.c.  
 9.30 am. 12 " " " " " C.5.d.3.3.  
 11.15 am. 2 " " " " " do.  
 12.20 12 " on S.O.S. Test.  
 12.30 p.m. 8 " on S.O.S. Test.

Working parties were in each case dispersed.

4.5" Hows.

3.15 p.m. 5 rds. on C.11.d.65.52 - Registration by Balloon. Unobserved owing to low visibility.  
 5.45 p.m. 30 rds. on M.W. at C.11.c.60.50 - Retaliation at request of Infantry.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Activity below normal.

At 8.30 a.m. a few 4.2s were dropped at the junction of LEBEQUE AVENUE and GUNNER ROAD.; and at 11.20 a.m. about 10 5.9s fell in U.26.a.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility was good, except at rare intervals when it became very low.

AIRCRAFT.

Between 2 pm. and 2.30 pm. two enemy balloons were seen to ascend at 85 and 65 degrees respectively, True Bearing from SURREY FARM. Altogether there were three enemy balloons up during the day.

Enemy aircraft showed continuous activity throughout the day, and succeeded several times in penetrating well into the back areas. Several bombs were dropped.

Our machines were normally active.

MOVEMENT OF ENEMY.

At 8.7 a.m. several of the enemy were observed on road at C.12.b.25.27 walking towards Farm DUGRANDE VERQIEN. Working parties observed and fired on during morning.

*H. P. Radford*  
 Lieutenant,  
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.



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APPENDIX

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 am. to 6 pm. - 30-11-17.

OUR FIRE.

At 9.15 a.m. 18-pdrs. fired 4 rounds on a working party at U.5.d.30.25 and dispersed it.

Between 5.15 and 6 p.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5"Hows. each fired 492 rounds on WOOD in C.5. and DEULEMONT - as per Right Group Operation Order No.2.

HOSTILE FIRE.

C.2.d. (location of one Section 18-pdrs.) received a somewhat severe Area shoot during the day. About 20 rounds per 1/2-hour fell during the greater part of the day - 4.2s from direction of FRELINGHIEN - but no damage was sustained by material or personnel.

Also :-

10.25 am.	15	77mms.	fell in	C.8.a.
10.45 am.	10	do	do	do
1.40 to )	60	do	do	C.7.b.
2.15 pm.)				
4.25 to )	100	4.2 H.E.	fell in vicinity of	GUNNER'S FARM.
4.55 p.m. )				

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Fair, becoming low during afternoon.

AIRCRAFT.

Enemy balloon up during morning.

Hostile aeroplanes active in the morning over our front line system and back areas.

Our machines normally active.

*H. Radford*

Lieutenant,  
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

*H. M. 2nd*

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*made Nov 1917*

T/3/9.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,  
4th December 1917.

To  
Battery Commanders.  
Left Group Artillery.

Reference T/3/9 of 13th November 1917.

It is notified for information that "HELP  
PLAYFAIR'S 'C' " will now read "HELP PLAYFAIR'S 'H' "  
and "HELP PLAYFAIR'S 'D' " will read "HELP PLAYFAIR'S 'F' ".

*C. Sheehy*

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Captain,  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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TO } G72. R.A.

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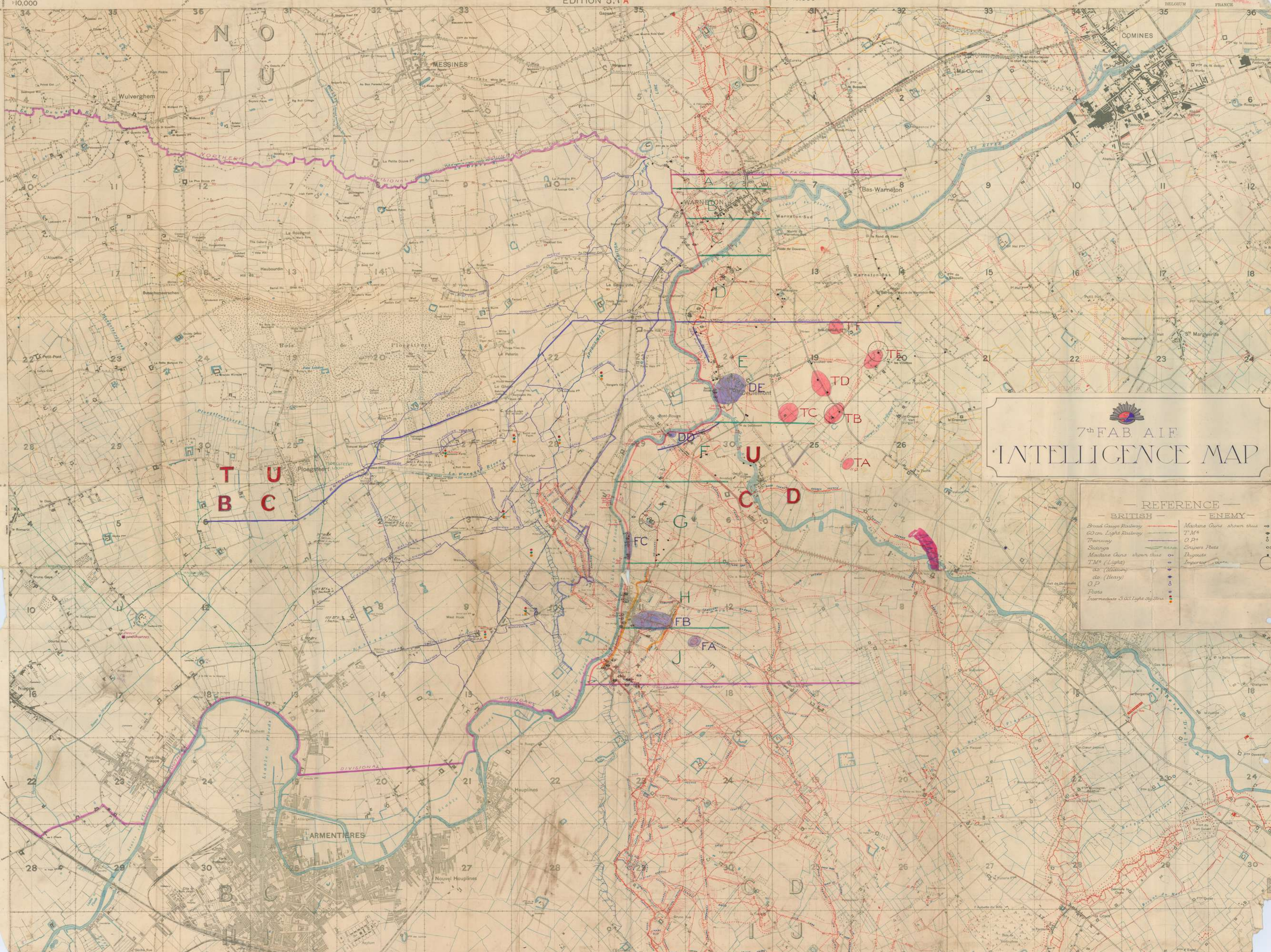
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 about 50 420 + 77m  
 fired on back areas from  
 direction of FRELINGHEM  
 during early part of night,  
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 Area shelled chiefly 02d area

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**INTELLIGENCE MAP**

REFERENCE	
BRITISH	ENEMY
Broad Gauge Railway	Machine Guns shown thus
60cm Light Railway	T.M.G.
Tramway	O.P.
Stations	Sinners Posts
Machine Guns shown thus	Digouts
T.M.G. (Light)	Impress
O.P. (Heavy)	
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TREASURY.



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