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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>LE BIZET.</u>	DECEMBER			
	1st.		Our Artillery fire and that of the enemy was particularly quiet. Our Artillery at 2.45 pm. dispersed an enemy working party. Visibility was very low becoming worse during the afternoon.	
	2nd.		Another very quiet day: enemy fire practically nil. Our Howitzers fired 20 rounds at the request of the Infantry on a Minenwerfer position with good results. Visibility was good during the morning becoming low in the afternoon.	
	3rd		36 rounds were fired on active M.W. positions. This M.W. was causing trouble on our Front Line opposite FRELINGHIEN, but our fire succeeded in silencing it. Enemy Artillery showed increased activity, 300 rounds falling on the Group Sector from 6 am. to 6 pm. Aeroplane activity was above normal on both sides throughout the day, our A-A defence being good.	
	4th		110 rounds were fired by our Batteries on enemy M.W. positions in the DEULEMONT area. Enemy activity was below normal. S.O.S. Signal practice was carried out during the day without Artillery action following. Visibility was particularly bad and it was difficult to see any distance. Results of this practice are attached to Copy No.1. Arrangements for mutual support on flanks were made, as per attached. (Attached to Copy No.1 only).	
	5th		Registration shoot by our Howitzers was carried out on FRELINGHIEN Cross-Roads, by balloon observation. Registrations were also effected by 18-pdrs. on hostile M.W. positions. Enemy fire was principally confined to Back Areas, 150 rounds being fired. Visibility was good; a large number of enemy balloons were up during the day. In the afternoon, several small balloons, presumably released from aeroplanes, drifted over our lines from the direction of FLEURBAIX. Whilst over the back areas the balloons dropped newspapers printed in French and published in occupied French territory. They continued to drift with the wind until well out of sight over enemy territory in the direction of MESSINES. Instructions, as per attached, were issued, as to action to be taken on receipt of S.O.S.	

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	6th.		<p>Our 18-pdr. Battery carried out registration by balloon observation of PONT ROUGE BRIDGE, 24 rounds being expended; they also dispersed several working parties during the day and 80 rounds were directed against two M.W. positions. The Howitzer Battery expended 51 rounds in registering a barricade in U.29.d.85.00, which was found to be of strong structure. It was intended by the Infantry to send out a patrol to examine this barrier closely, and it was necessary that it should be registered beforehand. Hostile Artillery fire was above normal, 200 rounds being directed against a Section of our Hows. in C.7.d.; 150 rounds of ammunition and one gun-pit were destroyed and one Howitzer slightly damaged. 240 rounds also fell in the vicinity of LE BIZET and on our Front line and communication trenches. Aircraft on both sides was very active.</p> <p>Operation Order No.3 - attached - was issued for the purpose of allowing the Infantry patrol to examine a crossing over the River LYS at U.29.b.55.29 at 5.30 p.m. A thorough examination could not be carried out, and it was decided to repeat the Order on 7th instant.</p>	
	7th.		<p>At 8 a.m. 30 rounds were fired on a M.W. position in U.30.a. At 5.30 p.m. 160 rounds were expended in repetition of Operation Order No.3 of 6th December. This enabled the Infantry to get all the information required, it being found that the bridge had been badly damaged and broken in the centre. During the day the Howitzers expended 36 rounds on a House at C.11.b.20.50 where movement was observed - supposed O.P. Direct hits were obtained. Hostile Artillery fire was quiet; 25 rounds fell in C.7.d. directed against a section of the howitzer Battery. No damage was done.</p>	
	8th.		<p>Our Artillery expended 65 rounds in registrations and against enemy movement. Hostile fire was considerably below normal. Daily strafes were commenced on this date as per Instructions attached.</p>	
	9th.		<p>Our Artillery expended 210 rounds on Roads and M.W. positions in FRELINGHIEN, the shooting being very effective. Hostile Artillery activity was below normal, 60 rounds falling on the Group Sector. Visibility was poor.</p>	

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	DECEMBER.			
	10th.		<p>150 rounds were expended on enemy Working Parties, billets and dugouts. Hostile fire was above normal, 1200 rounds falling on the Group Sector, 1000 of which comprised a destructive shoot against the centre section of the 26th Battery which had been registered by aeroplane observation during the morning. Little damage was done, one dugout being destroyed and one Dialsight slightly damaged. Aeroplanes were very active on both sides all day, and our lines were crossed several times by hostile machines. At 2.45 p.m. a flight of seven Gothas flew over the Sector and dropped bombs in the Wagon Line area, wounding several men and horses of the 25th Battery.</p> <p>Instruction No.4 was issued for the purpose of dealing with hostile Trench Mortars, Machine-Guns, and occupied Dugouts. Tasks were to be carried out from the 10th to 15th inclusive.</p>	
	11th.		<p>On the night 10th/11th December, the Centre Section of the 26th Battery moved its position to C.l.d.83.70.</p> <p>Our Artillery carried out registrations and fire in accordance with Instruction No.4. Shooting was effective and casualties were caused. Hostile fire Nil, Visibility very low.</p>	
	12th.		<p>Registrations were effected, together with the usual harassing fire as per Instruction No.4. Enemy shelling was light, 30 rounds only falling on the Group Sector. There was great activity in the air all day. At 2.10 p.m. seven Gothas flew over the Sector at a fairly low altitude and dropped bombs in the back areas. On the way out, one became detached from the remainder and was engaged by our Scouts. In the fight that ensued the Gotha took fire and crashed in pieces just inside our lines on the bank of the River LYS.</p>	
	13th		<p>Our 18-pdrs. expended 200 rounds on enemy Roads and Approaches, in addition to the usual harassing fire, and 10 rounds on T.Ms. in PRELINGHIEN Area. Howitzers fired 200 rounds, including 70 Gas, on Billets, LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE, direct hits being obtained. Hostile fire was about normal. Visibility low.</p>	

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	DECEMBER.			
	14th		58 rounds were expended as per Instruction No.4, several working parties being dispersed. Enemy fire was again very quiet.	
	15th		We carried out usual harassing fire, but shoot as per Instruction No.4 was cancelled for this day and the Offensive Programme, for the time being, ceased. Enemy Artillery were active but caused no damage to our material or personnel. Air activity was above normal, and our A-A fire consistently proved effective.	
	16th		Our Artillery directed 210 rounds against Roads, T.Ms. and points of activity with good effect. Enemy fire was again above normal, C.2. Central and C.1.d. being shelled. The objective, however, appeared to be the Railway Line, and although a large number of rounds fell close to the centre Section of the 26th Battery, no damage was caused. Group Artillery Instruction No.5, operating from 18th to 21st December inclusive, was issued - copy attached. Instructions were received that the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery would take over from the 3rd Aust. Divisional Artillery in the line, relief to be completed by 12 noon on the 21st December. Details of the relief are shown in Operation Order No.4 attached.	
	17th		Artillery of both sides very quiet, Visibility being poor all day.	
	18th		Our Artillery carried out Programme as per Instruction No.5. Hostile Artillery was active, 400 rounds falling on the Group Sector as per Intelligence Report attached.	
	19th		Programme continued in accordance with Instruction No.5. Visibility low all day.	
	20th		Usual harassing fire on roads and approaches, and bridges, was carried out, 300 rounds being expended. Enemy fire was below normal. 2 Sections each of the 26th & 107th Batteries were relieved by 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	DECEMBER.			
	21st		Relief was completed as per Operation Order No.4 attached. Orders were received that the 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade, with the 29th Battery of the 8th Brigade, and A/147 Battery R.F.A. would take over the ARMENTIERES Sector from 23rd instant. Details for the relief are shown in 3rd Aust. D.A. Operation Order No.40 attached.	
	22nd.)		Relief as per Operation Order No.40 completed.	
	23rd)		There was very little artillery activity on either side. Registrations were carried out by 18-pdr. Batteries.	
	24th			
	25th		Further registrations were carried out. Enemy T.Ms. were active during the day. Visibility was low.	
	26th		Artillery fire as per Intelligence Summary attached. Visibility was fair and aeroplane activity normal.	
	27th		Registrations were effected by 18-pdrs., 96 rounds being expended. An active enemy 77mm Gun was located at C.18.b.90.54 by the Infantry, and engaged by 18-pdrs. with good effect. An explosion was caused. Enemy fire was normal, 270 rounds falling on the Group Sector during the day. Enemy and our own activity in the air - about normal.	
	28th		181 rounds were expended on registrations and 100 rounds on enemy working parties during the day. Enemy Artillery was active, 500 rounds falling on the Group Sector from 6 am. to 6 pm., 300 of which were directed on I.8.a and b. and close to one of our Batteries; no damage was caused. Aeroplane activity on both sides normal. At 8.30 a.m. an enemy machine, flying very low, fired into Gunpits at L'ARMEE. Instruction No.1 and Operation Order No.1. were issued: copies attached.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	DECEMBER.			
	29th		Our fire as per Operation Order No.1. was carried out. Enemy fire was below normal.	
	30th		Our Artillery expended 275 rounds on active T.Ms. at C.24.a.78.83, the shooting proving effective. Registrations were also carried out. Enemy fire consisted of 120 rounds which fell principally in C.22 and C.21. Visibility was poor and there was no activity in the air. Operation Order No.2 was issued, copy of which is attached.	
	31st		Our fire - as per Intelligence Summary, Operation Order No.1 and Operation Order No.2. Enemy fire was directed on Trench system principally at C.22.b.& d. and I.15.d., 200 rounds falling between 6 am. and 6 pm. Visibility was low. At 11.30 a.m. a small enemy balloon (paper) descended in C.20.c.	
			(A Map of the Sector occupied up to 21st December 1917 was enclosed with November WAR DIARY. One of the Sector covered from 23rd instant onwards is attached.)	
			During the period the Brigade occupied the Sector stretching from the DOUVE to the LYS. A great deal of attention was paid to Offensive action which proved most effective and but which meant continuous harassing of the enemy. No opportunity afforded by the enemy was missed, and Officers at the O.P. were instructed to fire on all movement. While in this Sector the considerable amount of work was done in the improvement of positions and Wagon Lines. In the Right Group there were no casualties, but the 25th Battery, detached in the Left Group, had six casualties while exercising horses, caused by a bomb dropped from a Gotha.	
			Up to the time of going into the ARMENTIERES Sector, the 25th and 27th Batteries were detached in the Left Group under the command of Lieut-Colonel W.G. ALLSOP D.S.O. While in the ARMENTIERES Sector, similar offensive action was taken. Batteries were split up into Sections and, on the whole, positions were not shelled; except in the case of the 27th Battery at LA CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES, but on one day only did the shelling appear to be of a destructive nature.	

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	DECEMBER.		<p>A Scheme that was practised on this front was to run out a single Gun per Battery to a forward position early in the morning, shoot it all day, and return to original positions. On one occasion only did the enemy appear to pick these Guns up, but all succeeded in regaining their permanent positions without loss or damage.</p> <p>While occupying the ARMENTIERES Sector, the 29th Battery of the 8th Brigade and the A/147 Battery R.F.A., were attached to this Brigade under the command of Lieut-Colonel H.D.K. MACARTNEY D.S.O.</p> <p>During the occupation of the DOUVE-to-the-LYS Sector, Infantry Officers were attached to Batteries for the purpose of seeing for themselves the action of the Artillery during Operations. Period of attachment was 4 days and, in all, 11 Infantry Officers saw service with this Brigade.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. Harpau</i> Major, A/C.O., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.</p>	

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 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

(SECRET)

S.2/38/7.

To.
 Right & Left Art. Groups.
 3rd Aus. Div. "G".

Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the 4th instant Practice S.O.S. Signals will be fired on both the 9th and 10th Australian Infantry Brigade fronts. - No action by the Artillery will ensue.

Group Commanders will arrange details with their Infantry Brigade Commanders, and warn adjoining Groups.

Adequate precaution will be taken :-

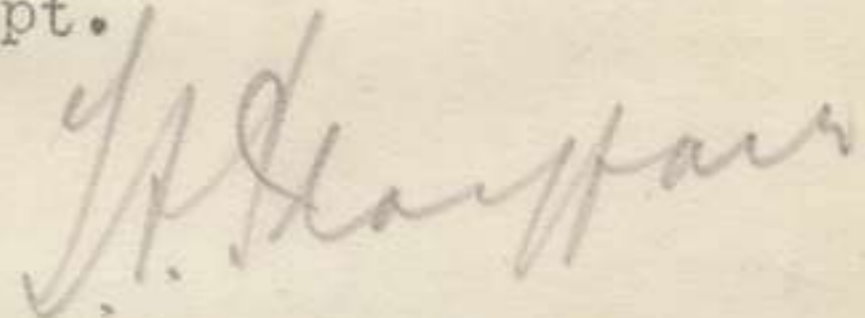
- (a) To prevent Batteries replying to the practice signals.
- (b) To prevent any confusion between practice and real signals.
- (c) To prevent any conversation over the telephone that would suggest to the Bosch that it is an "S.O.S." signal being fired.

A report will be submitted to this office immediately after the practice :-

- (1) As to visibility of signals.
- (2) Time taken by Infantry to confirm by telephone.
- (3) Suggesting ^{if necessary} any improvements.

If it is decided to carry out a practice at night, further instructions will be issued.

Please acknowledge receipt.



Headquarters.
 2.12.17.

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

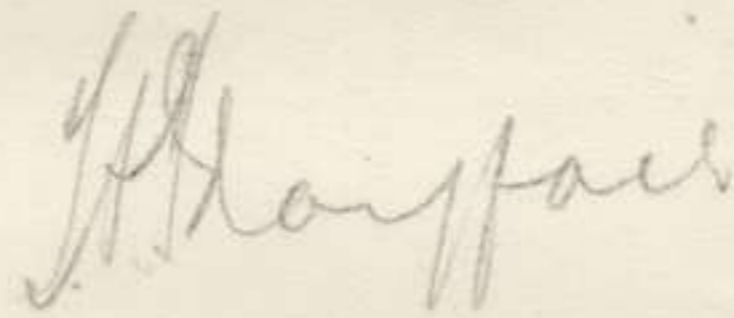
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,
4th December 1917.

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

In reply to your S.2/38/7 of 2nd instant :-

- (1) One S.O.S. Rocket only was seen by O.P. Officer at SURREY FARM at 10.15 a.m. on "G" Sector.
- (2) Neither Rocket was seen by Battery Rocket Guards.
- (3) Visibility was very low, owing to heavy ground mist. From Group Headquarters, trees could just be seen 400 yards away.
- (4) F.O.O. Reports will be forwarded later.



Major,
Acting C.O., Right Group Artillery.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS
 NINTH INFANTRY BRIGADE
 3-DEC. 1917
 B.M. NO. 35728
 A.I.F.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd December, 1917.

- 35th Bn.
- 36th Bn.
- 9th M.G. Coy.)
- 7th Field Arty. Bde.)
- 115th Inf. Bde.) for information.
- 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.)
- 3rd Aust. Division.)

1. Owing to the unsatisfactory visibility of the light signals used in recent practice daylight "S.O.S." calls, it has been decided to test the daylight visibility of the "S.O.S." Rifle Grenade Signal at present in use, i.e. the RED-GREEN-YELLOW. To-morrow, 4th instant, one "S.O.S." Signal will be fired from each of "A" and "B" Battalion fronts.

Details are as follows :-

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Point from which "S.O.S." signal is to be fired.</u>
"A" Bn. front	10.15 a.m.	Post 9 (G.4.d.80.85) <i>G Sector</i>
"B" Bn. front	10.30 a.m.	Junction of UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH and the Front Line. (U.23.c.83.50). <i>E Sector</i>

O's.C. 35th and 36th Battalions respectively will be responsible that these rockets are fired as directed above.

2. No artillery will respond to these practice calls.

3. To prevent any confusion between the above practice signal and possible real "S.O.S." calls, immediately the practice signals have been fired the Headquarters of each Battalion in the line (35th and 36th Battalions) will call up the 7th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters and ask "Did you see where that one went to?" - no mention being made of "S.O.S."

4. A report as to the visibility of the signals will be submitted to Brigade Headquarters by 35th and 36th Battalions, immediately after the practice has been carried out. Any suggestions for duplicate transmitting stations will be contained in this report.

5. In order to record the relative visibility of the signals, 35th and 36th Battalions will make the following arrangements :-

- (a) An Officer and a trained observer will be stationed near Battalion Headquarters.
- (b) N.C.O's or trained observers will be stationed along a line between Battalion Headquarters and the point from which the rocket is to be fired, at intervals of approximately 400 yards.

The reports of the above regarding the visibility of the signal at the point from which they are observing should provide useful information, and will be included in the Battalion report.

(2)

5.(cont) (c) Any further arrangements G.O's. may wish.

6. Battalions in the line will obtain correct signal time from Brigade Headquarters Signal Office at 8 a.m. to-morrow 4th instant.

G. Hooten

Major.
Brigade Major.
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

EMR.

(S E C R E T.)

HEADQUARTERS, 8TH F.A. BRIGADE, A.I.F.	
No.	S/121
Date	

To
Batteries, Left Group, Arty.
10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (for information)
Right Group 3rd. Divsl. Arty. do.
Right Group 5th. Divsl. Arty. da.

Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the 4th. instant.
PRACTICE S.O.S. Signals will be fired on both the 9th. and 10th.
Aust. Inf. Brigade Fronts. NO ACTION BY THE ARTILLERY WILL ENSUE.

The Signal to be used is the existing S.O.S. Signal.

Batteries will take every precaution, that no mention, that this is an S.O.S. Signal will be made over the telephone and in confirmation by the Infantry, the words "DID YOU SEE WHERE THAT ONE WENT TO" will be used.

Batteries will report to this office immediately after the practice, on wire form, stating only the number of this memo, on the following points :-

- (a) As to visibility of signal.
- (b) Time taken by Infantry to confirm by telephone.
- (c) Suggesting, if necessary, any improvements.

In addition to the above wire, Batteries will report by telephone immediately on seeing the rocket. If it is decided to carry out a Practice at night, further instructions will be issued.

If the signal is seen by Batteries, the single word ~~XXX~~ "ALPHA" will be used in the telephonic communication referred to above.

Battery O.P. will report on time and visibility of the signal to respective batteries, and this will be included under heading (d) in wire.

As this is a test mainly as to visibility, Batteries will ensure that a strict rocket guard is kept.

E. Griffith

Lieutenant,
Adjutant, Left Group Artillery.

3/12/1917.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

To
Right & Left Artillery Groups.
Etc.

Owing to the foggy state of the weather this time of the year, and the fact that S.O.S. Signals might quite possibly not be seen, it is very important that all S.O.S. Lines direct through from Companies to Batteries are tested at least once an hour, and that any S.O.S. Signal sent up is confirmed at once by wire direct from Company Headquarters to the Batteries. Should the S.O.S. line be cut from Companies to Battalions, Battalion Commanders should communicate direct to Batteries, as every Battery is in direct communication with Battalion Headquarters.

Action on receipt of any S.O.S. message or S.O.S. Signal on the Divisional Front will be as follows :-

All Batteries will open at once on their S.O.S. Lines; fire being concentrated only by orders from Group Commander when it has been ascertained from which Sector or Sectors the rocket was sent up.

Headquarters,
5-12-17.

Signed - W.A. NICHOLLS,
Major R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divn.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,
6th December 1917.

To
Battery Commanders.

With reference to the above, there are no lines at present through to Companies; but it is intended to commence the work of linking one Company in each Battalion to the 26th Battery direct, very shortly, when lines will be tested as ordered.

Lines from Battalions to Batteries will be tested at least every half-hour.

C. W. Nicholls

Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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Copy No.....
6-12-17

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 3.

1. INTENTION.

Under cover of a bombardment to-night, 6th/7th December 1917, the 36th Battalion intends sending a patrol to examine a crossing over the RIVER LYS at U.29.b.55.29.

There is a great deal of work going on there at night, building Machine Gun and Trench Mortar emplacements and a Barrier. These will be bombarded by the Right Group Artillery as per Task-table attached.

2. Zero hour - 7 p.m.

3. RATES OF FIRE.

18-pdrs. - Zero to Zero plus 10 3 rounds per gun per minute.

- Zero plus 10 to Zero plus 20. 1 round per gun per minute.

4.5."Hows. - Zero to Zero plus 10 2 rounds per gun per minute.

- Zero plus 10 to Zero plus 20. 1 round per gun per minute.

4. REGISTRATION.

Registration is being carried out by the 107th Howitzer Battery to-day, from S.A.P. SAP at U.29.a.5.1.

5. SYNCHRONISATION

Watches will be synchronised at 107th Howitzer Battery at 5.30 p.m.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

(Sgd.) G. J. GREENSHIELDS,
Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

Issued at.....

DISTRIBUTION: - Copy NO. 1..26th Battery
2.107th Battery
3.9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
4.36th Battalion
5.3rd. Aus. D.A.H.Q.
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6-12-17.TASK-TABLE - As per Right Group Artillery Operation Order No.3.

Time	Guns	Target	Ammunition		
			A.	AX.	BX.
<u>107th Howitzer Battery.</u>					
Zero to Zero plus 4.	1	T.M. at U.29.b.67.20			6
Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 20.	1	Road & Trench Junction at U.30.c.00.85.			22
Zero to Zero plus 20.	2	Barrier, U.29.b.85.00			60
Do.	1	T.M. at U.29.d.75.55			30
Do.	1	T.M. at U.30.c.12.97.			30
<u>26th BATTERY.</u>					
Zero to Zero plus 20.	1	M.G. & T.M. at DURIEZ FARM, C.5.d.	40		
Do.	1	M.G. at U.29.d.46.23.	20	20	
Do.	1	T.M. at U.30.a.15.20.		40	
Do.	1	TRENCH, U.30.a.40.26.	20	20	
			80	80	150

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(Sgd.) G. J. GREENSHIELDS
 Captain,
 Adjutant. Right Group Artillery.

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APPENDIX.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY
7th December 1917.To:-
Battery Commanders,

1. Task-table as per Operation Order No.3 dated 6th instant, will be repeated to-night.
2. Zero hour will be 5.30 p.m.
3. Watches will be synchronised at 107th Battery position by an Officer of the 26th Battery who will obtain exact time from Battalion Headquarters this afternoon.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

(Sgd.) G. J. GREENSHIELDS,
Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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APPENDIX.

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*war diary.*RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,
8th December 1917.To
Battery Commanders.

Daily strafes, as per map attached, will be carried out commencing at 6 p.m., 8th December 1917.

Two targets are to be engaged by bursts of fire at irregular intervals during day and night. Gas shell will be used by Howitzers, not more than 12 rounds of Gas to be fired in one burst. The Officer Commanding 107th Battery to make necessary correction for wind.

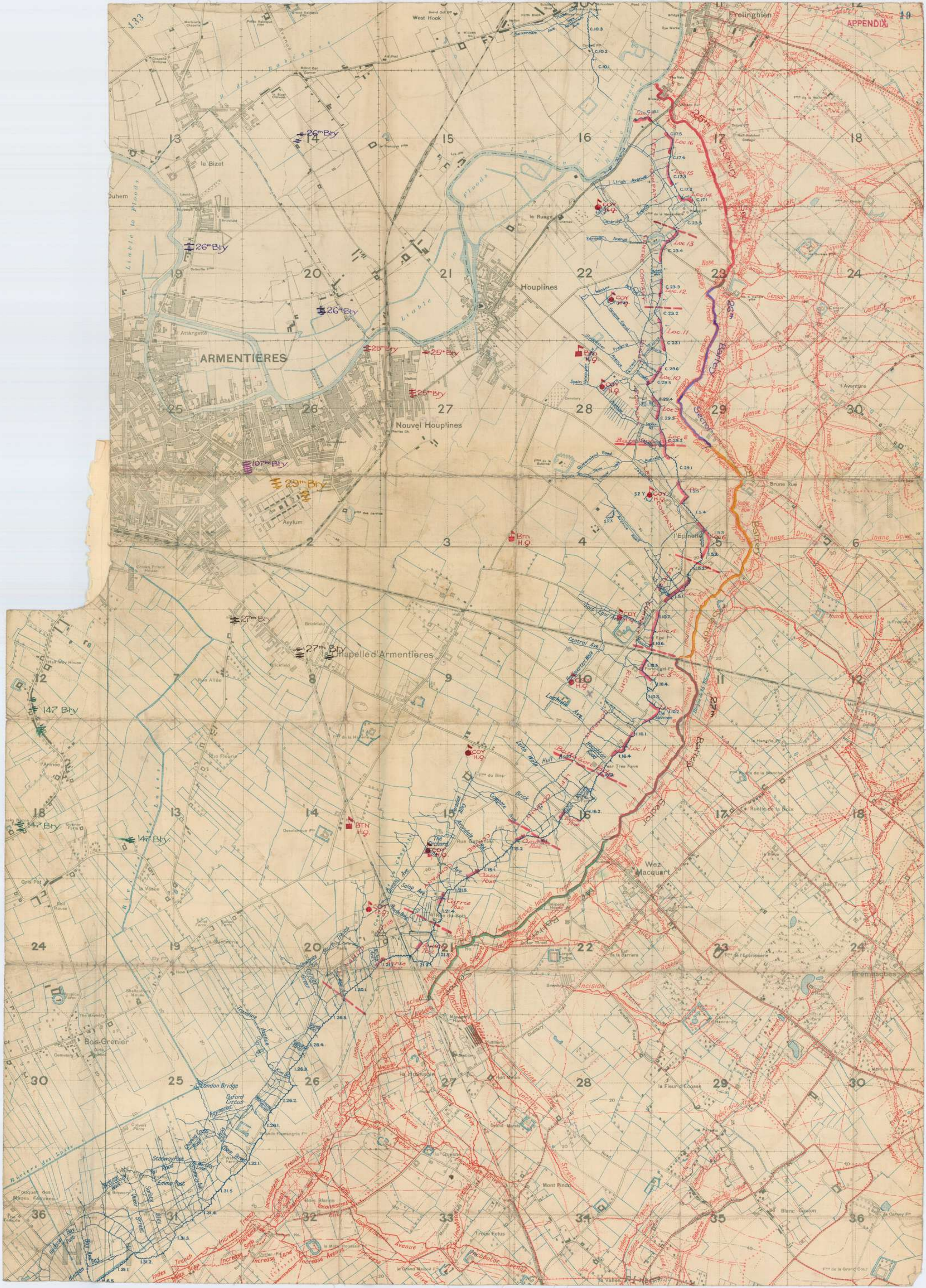
Ammunition.

18-pdrs. 200 rounds per 24-hours.

4.5" Hows. 100 rounds per 24-hours.

In addition, the Howitzer Battery will engage located H.V. positions, using if possible, 200 rounds per day, of H.V.

Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.



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school.	École	École	École	Hôpital	Hôpital	Peuplier	Poplar tree.
related.	Cable sous-marin	Submarine cable	Dynamiterie	Hôtel-de-Ville	Town hall.	Phase	Light-house.
mining	Calvaire, Calv.	Calvary.	Dynamiterie	Huilleries	Callery.	Pilier, Pilr	Post.
reef	Canal de	Canal.	Ecluse	Huilerie	Oil factory.	Plaines d'essence	Drill ground.
barry.	dévochement	Drainage canal.	Ecluse	Imprimerie, Impr ^e	Printing works.	Pompe	Pump.
asylum.	Canal d'irrigation	Irrigation canal.	Ecole	Jetée	Pier.	Ponceau	Culvert.
reef	Fab ^e de caoutchouc	Rubber factory.	Eglise	Laminerie	Rolling mills.	Post	Bridge.
reef	Carrière, Carr ^e	Quarry.	Embarcadere, Embarc.	Ligne de haute	High water mark.	Poste de garde	Drawbridge.
reef	de gravier	Gravel-pit.	Estaminet, Estam ^t	Laisse	Inn.	Station de garde	Coast-guard station.
reef	Caserne	Barracks.	Etang	de basse mer	Low	Poterie	Pottery.
reef	Champ de courses	Race course.	Fabrique, Fab ^r	Maison Forestière	Forester's house.	Poudrière, Poudr ^e	Powder magazine.
reef	Drill ground	Rifle range.	Fab ^r de produits chimiques	Me ^l P ^o	Malt-house.	Magnain à poudre	Powder magazine.
reef	tir	Building yard.	Fab ^r de salence	Mairie	Marble works.	Prise d'eau	Water supply.
reef	Chantier	Ship yard.	Faissonerie	Marais	Marsh.	Prise d'eau	Pit-head, Shaft, Well.
reef	Chantier de construction	Ship-way.	Ferme, Ferm ^e	Marais salant	Salt marsh.	Prise d'eau	Artesian well.
reef	Chapelle, Ch ^{ap}	Chapel.	Filature, Fil ^o	Marché	Market.	Prise d'eau	Ventilating shaft.
reef	Charbonnage	Colliery.	Fonderie, Fond ^r	Mars	March.	Prise d'eau	Boring.
reef	Château d'eau	Water tower.	Fonaine, Font ^{aine}	Moulin	Mill.	Prise d'eau	Quay, Platform.
reef	Chausée	Causeway.	Forêt	Moulin, M ^{oulin}	Monastery.	Prise d'eau	Cattle platform.
reef	Chemin de fer	Railway.	Forme de radoub	Moulin, M ^{oulin}	Monastery.	Prise d'eau	Goods platform.
reef	Cheminée, Ch ^{eminée}	Chimney.	Fosse	Mur	Wall.	Prise d'eau	Junction.
reef	Café	Cafe.	Fosse	Mur	Wall.	Prise d'eau	Refinery.
reef	Cimetière, Cim ^{etière}	Cemetery.	Fosse	Mur	Wall.	Prise d'eau	Sugar refinery.
reef	Clocher	Belfry.	Fosse	Mur	Wall.	Prise d'eau	Foot-rot factory.
reef	Clouerie	Nail factory.	Fosse	Mur	Wall.	Prise d'eau	Foot-rot factory.
reef	Cochonerie	Porc-sus.	Fosse	Mur	Wall.	Prise d'eau	Foot-rot factory.
reef			Fosse	Mur	Wall.	Prise d'eau	Foot-rot factory.

Rolling mill.
Lighthouse.
Light-house.
Drill ground.
Pump.
Culvert.
Bridge.
Drawbridge.
Coast-guard station.
Post.
Pottery.
Powder magazine.
Water supply.
Pit-head, Shaft, Well.
Artesian well.
Ventilating shaft.
Boring.
Quay, Platform.
Cattle platform.
Goods platform.
Junction.
Refinery.
Sugar refinery.
Foot-rot factory.

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Operation Order

No. 22.

For 9/13/17

Ref. Map. Sheet 36 N.W. -

Intention To bombard Strong Point at
C.5.d. 30.95.

Time 2 pm to 2.45 pm.

Trench Mortars The Heavy Bty will carry out
the task from their position at
C.4.d. 10.50 and fire as many
rounds as possible.

Artillery. The Right Group will give
retaliation fire if required.

Infantry. The Right Brigade will withdraw
their personnel from the
danger sector.

Distribution

B.M. 3 DAHQ
3. Heavy T.M. Bty
Right Group Art.
Right Bde. Inf.
File.

R. J. Scan CAPT.
D.T.M.O. 3rd AUS. DIV.

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To Capt. J. F. A. B. (Right Group)

8. 12. 17.

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Reference attached
Operation Order No 22:-

Will you please
 Arrange with your Brigade
 O.P. Officer to observe the
 shoot + give rehabilitation
 with 4.5 Hours if required.



R. L. Scan
 CAPT.

D.T.M.O. 3RD AUS. DIV.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,
9th December 1917.

To

Officer Commanding,
107th Battery.
Officer on duty, Group O.P.

From 2 pm. to 2.45 pm. to-day the Heavy Trench Mortar Battery will bombard Strong Point at C.5.d.30.95, from their position at C.4.a.10.50.

The Officer Commanding 107th Battery will have one section in readiness to give retaliation fire if the Heavy Trench Mortar Battery is strafed by the enemy; but will await orders from Group Headquarters before opening fire.

The Officer on duty at the Group O.P. will immediately inform this Headquarters if the Trench Mortars are shelled by the enemy.

A. Wrentham

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Captain,

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WJ

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,
11th December 1917.

To

9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

3rd DA (for information)

1. A large number of Working Parties have lately been seen or heard in the enemy trenches between FRELINGHAM and DEULEMONT.

It is desired to catch these and it is requested that in all cases the co-ordinate should be sent through to Artillery Group Headquarters by Infantry Observers or Patrols. e.g. - W.P. C.5.e.80.90.

2. If traffic is heard on the FRELINGHAM - DEULEMONT Road, the Map square should be sent through with Code Word "Belabour", e.g. "Belabour C.11.b." - when that portion of the road in C.11.b. would be swept by 18-pdrs.

W. J. [Signature]

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Captain,

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S E C R E T .

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,
14th December 1917.

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

With reference to 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.28, the following is a copy of the Scheme submitted by the Officer Commanding the 107th Howitzer Battery for the Bombardment with Gas of Dugouts on the night 14th/15th December 1917 :-

107th How. Battery in Conjunction with 26th Battery.

Zero hour. 10.30 p.m.

Zero to Zero plus 3. 4.5" Howitzers bombard Dugouts with BNC at 3 rounds per How. per minute.

Zero plus 8 to Zero plus 10. 18-pdrs. bombard Dugouts with 50% H.E. and 50% Shrapnel, at mixed; at 4 rounds per Gun per minute.

Owing to weather conditions being unfavourable for the employment of Gas, 4.5" Howitzers will use all H.E. instead.

Major,
Acting C.O., Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 4.

Reference Maps :- Special Sheet, DEULEMONT.

1. OFFENSIVE PROGRAMME.

An Offensive Programme as per attached Task-Table will be carried out from 10th to 15th December 1917 inclusive.

2. AMMUNITION.

Tasks are in addition to the programme at present being carried out, and the whole of the present allotment of ammunition will be expended.

3. GAS.

Gas will not be used if conditions are unfavourable, H.E. being used instead.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

W. J. M. ...

Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION :-

- Copy No. 1 26th Battery.
- 2 107th Battery.
- 3 3rd Aus. D.A.H.Q.
- 4 9th Aus. Inf. Bde.
- 5 FILE.
- 6, 7, 8 WAR DIARY.
- 9) Spare.
- 10)

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TASK-TABLE - As per Right Group Artillery Instruction No.4.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>4.5"Hows.</u>	<u>18-pdrs.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Decr. 10th.	Destroy T.M. at U.29.b.96.10. Gas by night - dugouts at V.25.c.35.25.	Keep M.G. and T.M. emplacements at DURIEZ FARM (to be destroyed by Div. T.Ms), and U.29.b.96.10 under fire at irregular intervals through- out day and night.	
11th.	Destroy T.Ms. at U.30.a.4.3. and C.11.b.25.30. Also bring fire to bear on probable O.Ps. & T.Ms. in FRELLINGHIEN.	At 6.30 p.m. place a creeping barrage along road from U.24.d.40.34 to V.19.c.88.94. Direct bursts of fire at irregular intervals on T.Ms. at U.30.a.40.30 & C.11.b.25.30	Barrage to be submitted by O.C. 26th Battery
12th	Destroy T.M. at U.29.d.45.22 Direct fire on T.M. emplace- ments in DEULEMONT, particu- larly known emplacement at U.24.c.75.20. At 7 p.m. strafe FB 15 mins.	Creeping barrage along road from V.25.c.45.16 to V.25.b.60.70 Creeping barrage along road from C.6.d.34.99 to C.12.b.96.00. At 7 p.m. strafe FB - 15 minutes.	Barrages to be submitted by O.C.26th Battery.
13th	Bombard LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE (not to interfere with Heavy Arty. shoot. 8 p.m. strafe DE, 15 mins.	Bursts of fire on LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE. 8 p.m. strafe DE 15 minutes.	
14th	Bombard DOLLS HOUSE (U.24.c) Also U.24.c.80.80, U.24.c.76.52, U.24.c.72.92. 10.30 p.m. Gas on dugouts about V.25.b.44.64.	Barrage road from U.30.c.20.52 to C.6.b.25.45. Bursts of fire in conjunction with Gas bombardment by 107th Bty. (Details to be arranged between Bty.Commanders).	Scheme to be submitted by O.C.107th Battery.
15th	Bursts of fire with H.E. during day and Gas at night on Trench Tramways at V.19.c.03.43 C.6.b.60.30 C.5.a.94.37.	Bursts of fire with shrapnel during day and night on Trench Tramways at V.20.a.62.67 V.19.c.03.43 C.6.b.60.30 C.5.a.94.37.	

C. J. Mansfield
 Captain,
 Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 5.

Reference Map: Target Map, Special Sheet - DEULEMONT.

1. OFFENSIVE PROGRAMME.

An Offensive Programme as per attached Task-Table will be carried out from 17th to 21st December inclusive.

2. GAS.

Gas will not be used if conditions are unfavourable, H.E. being used instead.

Gas Bombardments as per Task-Table will be submitted to Group Headquarters by the Officer Commanding 107th Howitzer Battery, for transmission to D.A.H.C.

Gas is not included in the Ammunition Allotment on Task-Table.

3. AMMUNITION.

Tasks are in addition to shooting at all enemy movement and centres of activity. The latter shooting will be carried out with the ammunition available after Tasks have been completed. The full allotment will be used each day.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

C. W. Mansfield

Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION :	Copy No. 1	26th Battery.
	2	107th Battery
	3	3rd Aus. D.A.H.C.
	4	5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
	5	FILE.
	6, 7, 8	WAR DIARY.
	9, 10	Spare.

TASK-TABLE - As per Right Group Artillery Instruction No.5.

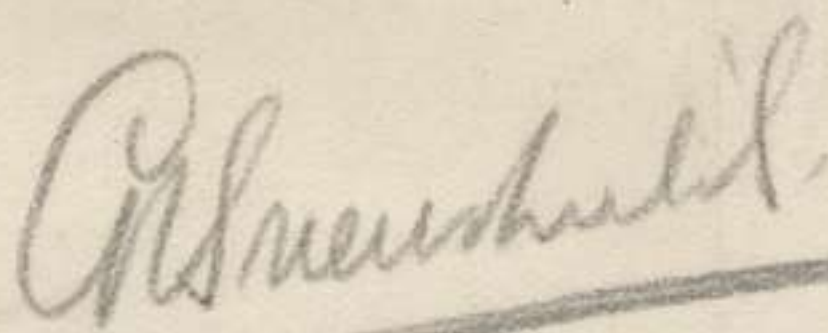
<u>Date.</u>	<u>4.5" Hows.</u>	<u>18-pdrs.</u>	<u>Ammunition, each Battery.</u>
Decr. 17th	Bursts of fire through- out night in DEULEMONT.	At 4.45pm. block Cross Roads at point - V.19.c.86.92 by bursts of fire at frequent intervals and then search road to V.20.a.30.98.	100 rounds.
18th	Destroy T.M. at U.24.c.70.20 Gas after 10 p.m. on Dugouts at T.30.b.45.64.	At 7 pm. creeping barrage on road from U.30.c.20.65 to C.6.b.20.50	100 rounds.
19th	Strafe T.Ms. active on 16th & 17th December, (Co-ordinates to be given later). Gas on known dugouts in CERTIFIED TRENCH (C.5.d)	Search Trench Tramway leading from DEULE MANSIONS (C.6.b.) to DURIEZ FARM, and Lump at DEULE MANSIONS.	100 rounds.
20th	Gas after dusk on DYE WORKS (C.11.c.56.60) and BRIDGE HOUSE (C.11.c.58.80)	At 7.30 p.m. creeping barrage on road from C.11.d.63.55 to C.12.c.90.00.	100 rounds.
21st	At 6 p.m. strafe DE - 15 minutes with 4 Guns. At the same time, Gas on dugouts at V.20.a.45.15. 2 Guns.	At 6 p.m. strafe DE - 15 minutes - 6 Guns.	How's: 68 18-pdrs: 102

W. Greenhill

Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.
18th December 1917.To
Officer Commanding,
107th Battery.Reference Right Group Artillery
Instruction No.5.With reference to the Programme to be
carried out on the 19th instant, the 107th Howitzer
Battery will shoot on enemy T.Ms. at U.29.b.70.30.

Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. Captain,

Shot on one : 2
at C17a.2.7.

SECRET.Copy No.
17-12-17.RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.OPERATION ORDER No. 1.1. RELIEF.

The 7th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be relieved in the line by the 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigade as follows :-

20-12-17 - Two Sections per Battery of the 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade will relieve two Sections of (per Battery) of the 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade.

21-12-17 - One Section per Battery of the 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade will relieve one Section (per Battery) of the 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade.

Right Sections and Centre Sections of Batteries will be relieved on the 20th, the Left Sections on the 21st.

2. DETAILS OF RELIEF.

Headquarters, 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade, relieved Headquarters, 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade.

14th Battery relieves 25th Battery.
105th Battery relieves 107th Battery.

Reliefs will be completed by 12 noon each day.

3. GUNS.

Guns will be handed over 'in situ', Sights and Aiming Posts only will be handed over with Guns.

4. MAPS & PHOTOGRAPHS.

All Maps, Photographs etc., will be handed over on relief except those Maps specified in this Office T/3/145 of 10th December 1917.

5. AMMUNITION.

Receipts for all Ammunition handed over will be obtained and will be forwarded to Group Headquarters. Batteries will withdraw with full echelons.

6. PERSONNEL.

All personnel, on relief, will move to their present Wagon Lines.

7. WAGON LINES.

Batteries of the 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade will occupy new Wagon Lines according to Instructions which will be issued separately.

8. COMMAND.

Command of Batteries will pass on completion of relief. Command of Right Group Artillery will pass at 12 noon, 21st December.

The Code Word "BOHEMIA" will be wired by Batteries to Group Headquarters on completion of relief.

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9. HEADQUARTERS.

The Office of the 7th Aus. F.A. Brigade will close at B.11.d.10.30 at 12 noon, 21st December, and will reopen at same time and date at a location to be notified later.

10. Please ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. W. Smith

Captain,
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:

- Copy No.1 26th Battery.
- 2 107th Battery.
- 3 5th Aus. F.A. Brigade.
- 4 FILE.
- 5)
- 6) WAL. DIARY.
- 7)
- 8)
- 9) Spare.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

(SECRET)

WARNING ORDER. - 21.12.17.

To. Divsn "G".
✓ 7th & 8th A. F. A. Bdes.
3rd Aus. D.T.M.O.
38th Div. Art.

Ref. Map:- HOUPLINES.
36 N.W.2 & N.E.I
(parts of).

The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieving the 38th Divisional Artillery in the line in the area immediately South of the RIVER LYS.

Probable arrangements will be as follows :-

Headquarters, 7th A.F.A. Bde. will relieve Headquarters, 121st Brigade. (H.4.d.35.60.).

✓ 25th Bty.	relieves	97th Bty.
26th "	"	A/121st Bty.
27th "	"	B/121st "
29th "	"	C/121st "
107th "	"	D/121st " (This Battery has four Hows in the line, but 107th Battery will put six Hows in the line).

The D.T.M.O., 3rd Aust. Division, will get into touch with the D.T.M.O., 38th Division, tomorrow 22nd instant, with a view to taking over immediately on receipt of orders.

Trench Mortars in the line consists of two 9.45" T.Ms. and four 6" T.Ms.

One Section may be ordered to relieve one Section in the line on the night, 22.12.17.

Battery Commanders, 1 Subaltern per Battery, and any personnel they may require, will visit the Battery positions they will occupy in the line, tomorrow, 22nd instant. They will call at Headquarters, 121st Brigade, at H.4.d.35.60. before 11 a.m., where guides will meet them from 38th Divisional Artillery to show them positions to be occupied.

No further movements beyond those enumerated above will take place until further orders are issued.

A/147th Battery, 38th Divisional Artillery, at present attached to Centre Group, 38th Divisional Artillery, will, on Headquarters, 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery taking over, be attached to Left Group, under Lt-Col. H.D.K.MACARTNEY.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

W. B. Richards

Major, R.A.,

B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Division.

Headquarters.
21.12.17.

This order sent by telephone to all batteries night of 21st Dec. 1917. C. W. Mansfield, Capt Adjt 7th Aust AA Bde.

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11.15 pm
21/12/17*

Mutual Arrangements

*Major
Richards
to be sent*

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYOPERATION ORDER NO.40.

Ref. Map.HOUPLINES

36 N.W.2. & N.E.1.(parts of).

In confirmation of 3rd Aust.Divl.Artillery Warning order dated 21.12.17., details of Relief will be as therein mentioned.

1 Sect.per Bty.will relieve 1 Sect.in the Line,on the night 22nd/23rd December.

2 Sects. will relieve 2 Sects.in the Line on the night 23rd/24th December.

D.T.M.O., 3rd Aust.Division will take over from D.T.M.O., 38th Division 9.45" T.M. & 6" T.M. Batteries covering the front of the 3rd.Aust.Divl.Artillery. Relief will be completed by 10 a.m. 24th December.

In-going Batteries will relieve with their guns.

Wagon Lines remain unchanged.

Ammunition supply arrangements will remain unaltered.

Command of Batteries will pass on Relief.

Command of Groups will pass from C.O., 121st.Brigade, to C.O., 7th A.F.A.Brigade at 10 a.m., 24th December 1917.

Command of Artillery covering the Divisional Front will pass to the C.R.A., 3rd.Australian Division at 10 a.m. on the 22.12.17.

Headquarters, 3rd.Aust.Divl.Artillery will remain at STEENWERCK, - Para.10 of 3rd.Aust.Divl.Artillery Operation Order No.39 is hereby cancelled.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

(Sgd.) W.D.NICHOLLS.,

Headquarters,
22.12.1917.

Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd.Aust Division.

DISTRIBUTION ;

1. 3rd.Aust Division "G"
2. 7th A.F.A.Brigade.
3. 8th " "
4. 3rd.Aust.D.T.M.O.
5. 38th.Divl.Artillery.
6. 3rd.D.A.C.
- 8/7. R.A. Sig.Offer. 3rd.Aust.Divn.
- 8/10. WAR DIARY.
11. FILE.

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3rd Australian Artillery Group,
26th December 1917.

APPENDIX.

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BATTERY ZONES AND NIGHT LINES.

From 12 noon, 27-12-1917, Battery Zones will be as follows - - in all cases Boundaries will be East and West lines through the Co-ordinates mentioned - :-

25th Battery - C.23.c.15.95 to RIVER LYS.
 26th Battery - C.29.c.20.40 to C.23.c.15.95.
 29th Battery - I.10.b.98.40 (Railway) to C.29.c.20.40.
 27th Battery - I.16.c.30.65 to I.10.b.98.40 (Railway).
 A/147 Battery - I.20.d.50.30 to I.16.c.30.65.

Night Lines, from same time and date will be :-

25th Battery - Cover Localities 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17.
 Also cover Locality 1 with one Gun.
 26th Battery - Cover Localities 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12.
 29th Battery - Cover Localities 4, 5, 6, & 7.
 27th Battery - Cover Post EILEEN and Localities 1, 2, & 3.
 A/147 Battery - Cover Posts ANNIE, AUDRIE, CARRIE, CISSIE,
 and CYNTHIA.

In case of S.O.S. being received without any definite Locality being given, Guns will sweep 1 degree.

Howitzer Night Lines :-

2 Howitzers - Search WELZ MACQUART.
 1 Howitzer - Search INANE ABBEY.
 1 Howitzer - Search INANE DRIVE.
 1 Howitzer - Search CELT DRIVE.
 1 Howitzer - Search CELIA STREET.

Batteries will be responsible for carrying out Shoots requested by the Infantry, within their own Sectors.

Previous instructions regarding action by Batteries in case of S.O.S. together with the Locality being given, will hold good - i.e. Batteries will cover the Locality mentioned and the Locality on either side, until ordered to concentrate when more definite information is gained.

G. J. ...
 Captain,
 Adjutant, 3rd Australian Artillery Group.

DISTRIBUTION :-

Copy No. 1	25th Battery.
2	26th Battery.
3	27th Battery.
4	107th Battery.
5	29th Battery.
6	A/147 Battery.
7	3rd Aus. D.A.H.Q.
8	9th Aus. Inf. Bde.
9	11th Aus. Inf. Bde.
10, 11, 12	WAR DIARY.
13	FILE.

SECRET.Copy No.
28-12-17.3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.INSTRUCTION No.1.1. INTENTION.

It is intended to use single Gun or Section Positions for doing the majority of the day's shooting of each Battery.

These positions will be selected at distances which will not draw fire upon normal Battery positions.

The idea is that Batteries should move Guns in the early morning just before enemy observation would be possible, carry out shoots during the day, and move back on to their normal night-lines at dusk.

In order to carry out this purpose, Batteries will conserve a portion of their daily ammunition allotment, and will, by intercourse with the Infantry, find out what targets are available, or require strafing.

2. DETAILS OF MOVE.

On 31st December 1917 movement of Guns, and Shooting, will take place, positions to be occupied being as follows :-

25th Battery	-	One Gun at C.27.d.30.90.
26th Battery	-	One Gun at C.21.a.70.60.
27th Battery	-	One Gun at I.8.c.80.55.
29th Battery	-	One Gun at I.3.c.20.70.
107th Battery	-	One How. at I.3.c.30.80.

Guns are to be in position by 7 a.m. and will return to their Battery Positions at 4.30 p.m.

Where possible Guns should be man-handled to positions, or a single pair of wheelers employed.

It is to be clearly understood that no Gun or Howitzer is to be off its night-lines during the hours of darkness.

3. AMMUNITION.

18-pdrs. will have 300 rounds - each Gun - on these positions, and the Howitzer 100 rounds, by the night of 30th/31st December 1917.

4. These moves should be utilised as an exercise for Section Commanders in the selection of actual Gun positions, laying out Lines of Fire, Registration, and in shooting their Guns when in position.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

M. W. ...
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 3rd Aus. Artillery Group.

DISTRIBUTION:- No. 1 25th Bty. No. 6 A/147 Bty.
2 26th Bty. 7 9th Inf. Bde.
3 27th Bty. 8 11th Inf. Bde.
4 29th Bty. 9 3rd D.A.H.
5 107th How. Bty. 10, 11, 12. WAR DIARY.
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28-12-17.

3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.

OPERATION ORDER No. 1.

Reference Map :- 1/20000 36NE 36NW

1. INTENTION.

On 29th and 31st December 1917, the 3rd Australian Artillery Group will bombard a Company Headquarters and a Battalion Headquarters, as follows :-

- (a) At 6.30 p.m. on 29th December 1917, enemy Company Headquarters at I.5.d.5.7. will be bombarded by -
 - 27th Battery - 50 rounds Shrapnel.
 - 29th Battery - 50 " "
 - 26th Battery - 50 " "
 - 107th Battery - 50 " H. E.

- (b) At 6 a.m. on 31st December 1917, enemy Battalion Headquarters at J.C.d.9.6. will be bombarded by -
 - 27th Battery - 50 rounds Shrapnel.
 - 29th Battery - 50 " "
 - 1 Section 107th Bty. - 50 " H.E.

Reference (b) 29th and 107th Batteries will arrange to carry out their Tasks from a position in I.3.c. and the 27th Battery from a position in I.3.c.; the number of 18-pdrs. per Battery to be used for Task (b) is left to the discretion of Battery Commanders concerned.

2. RATES OF FIRE.

For 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. - 4 rounds per Gun per Minute.

3. SYNCHRONISATION.

Batteries will be synchronised by telephone with Group Signal Office - by Batteries - at 6 p.m. on 29th and at 5 a.m. on 31st instant.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

[Handwritten signature]
for Captain,
Adjutant, 3rd Australian Artillery Group.

- DISTRIBUTION :-
- Copy No. 1 25th Battery.
 - 2 26th Battery.
 - 3 27th Battery.
 - 4 29th Battery.
 - 5 A/147 Battery.
 - 6 107th How. Battery.
 - 7 3rd Aus. D.A.H.C.
 - 8 9th Aus. Inf. Bde.
 - 9 11th Aus. Inf. Bde.
 - 10, 11, 12 WAR DIARY.
 - 13 FILE.

SECRET.

COPY No. 12
30-12-17.

3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.

OPERATION ORDER No.2.

Reference Maps - 36 N.W., 36 N.E. and 28 N.E. 1/20000.

1. INSTRUCTION No.1.

With reference to 3rd Australian Artillery Group Instruction No.1, of 28th December 1917, Tasks as per attached Programme will be carried out by single Guns of the 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, and 107th Batteries, from their detached positions, on the 31st December 1917.

2. REGISTRATION.

All Guns, and the Howitzer, are to be registered by 10 a.m. on 31st December 1917.

3. AMMUNITION.

Except when otherwise stated in the attached Programme, 18-pdrs. will use 75% Shrapnel and 25% H.E., and the Howitzer will use 100% H.E.

After the ammunition required for the Programme has been allowed for, the balance of the allotment for the day will be expended at the discretion of Officers in charge, preference being given to Movement, active M.P. positions and active Batteries.

4. RATES OF FIRE.

4 rounds per Gun - or How. - per minute.

5. SYNCHRONISATION.

Instructions have already been issued for Watches to be synchronised by telephone at 5 a.m. on 31st December 1917.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE By wire.

A.C. Rawford
Adjutant, 3rd Australian Artillery Group. Captain,

DISTRIBUTION:-	No.1	25th Bty.	No.6	A/147 Bty.
	2	26th Bty.	7	9th Inf. Bde.
	3	27th Bty.	8	11th Inf. Bde.
	4	29th Bty.	9	3rd D.A.H.Q.
	5	107th How. Bty.	10,11,12	WAR DIARY.
			13	FILE.

PROGRAMME for Shoot on 31st December 1917 - as per Operation Order No.2.

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<u>Targets</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>			<u>Zero Hours.</u>
	<u>per 18-pdr.</u>	<u>4.5" How.</u>		
Active Battery at D.13.b.4.7.	10	5	}	10.15 a.m. - and repeat shoot on these Batteries at 12.30 p.m.
" " " D.14.d.70.25	10	5		
" " " D.21.e.45.50	10	5		
" " " D.13.d.52.25	10	5		
" " " J.19.b.95.25	10	5		
Road from C.18.d.6.5. to C.181d.5.6.	5	-		11.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
Hutments at D.13.a.45.30 & D.19.a.30.00	10	50% Inc. 5	}	1.30 p.m.
" " D.19.a.30.00	10	50% A. 5		
Search & Sweep THE LAGUARE.	10	10		2 p.m.
Cross - Roads at D.13.a.50.03.	10	10		4 p.m.
Dump at J.13.c.45.45	10	50% Inc. -		3 p.m.

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APPENDIX.

3rd Australian Artillery Group,
31st December 1917.

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

Forwarding herewith a small enemy Balloon which
descended in C.20.c. about 11.30 a.m. this morning.

McRae
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Australian Artillery Group.

7th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE - SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES FOR 1917.

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Month	Killed in Action.	Died of Wounds.	Died of Gas Poisoning	Died of Disease	TOTAL DEATHS	Wounded in Action.	Wounded (Gas)	TOTAL WOUNDED	TOTAL CASUALTIES	Invalid. &c. to ENGLAND.
JANUARY	-	1	-	-	1	6	-	6	7	5
FEBRUARY	2	-	-	-	2	6	7	13	15	15
MARCH	-	2	-	-	2	4	-	4	6	10
APRIL	1	-	-	-	1	5	1	6	7	9
MAY	-	1	-	-	1	12	-	12	13	7
JUNE	6	4	-	-	10	32	40	72	82	28
JULY	6	1	-	-	7	20	6	26	33	21
AUGUST	3	-	-	1	4	14	-	14	18	34
SEPTEMBER	17	9	-	-	26	127	11	138	164	58
OCTOBER	12	9	1	-	22	49	6	55	77	77
NOVEMBER	2	-	-	1	3	4	7	11	14	34
DECEMBER	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	6	11
TOTALS.	49	27	1	2	79	285	78	363	442	309

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

TO } GTR 2. RA.

Sender's Number. * 1/50. Day of Month. 1st In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to 6 am
aaa on file 18 pds &
4.5" Howo. each fired 480"
rounds on wood in C.S. and
DEULEMONT - as per Operation
order aaa Howo. fire
Between 5.15 & 5.30 (25) 5.9 & 4.2 HE on
frontline system from North of
FRELINGHIEN
6.35 pm. (30) 4.2 on PLORESTEERT.
gas flash 70 deg. & 72.40 deg
T.B. from SURREY FARM aaa
Report sent to C.B.S.O. aaa
7.30 pm. flash observed at 70.20
deg. & 70 deg. T.B. from
SURREY FARM firing on back

From _____
Place _____
Time _____

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	By.....			

TO

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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areas aaa
 8.30 to 10 pm About (150) 4:20 & 770
 on back areas aaa guns firing
 from opposite sector on our
 right aaa
 11.30 pm. 10 77 HE on DESPIERE FARM
 3.30 am. (20) 5.9 HE. PLOEGSTEERT
 WOOD and (30) 5.9 HE. on
 LE BIZET from behind
 FRELINGHIEN aaa
 5 am. (15) 4.20 on supports from
 guns 70 degs & 72.40 degs T.B.
 from SURREY FARM aaa
~~During night~~ During night
 also about 20 4.2 HE & gas
 fell in C.13d. and C.2.
 Central & C.2d. received

From			
Place			
Time			

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TO

3

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Usual attention aaaa A
 4.2 High velocity gun was very
 active throughout the night
 firing H.E. & gas on to C. 2. d.
 from direction left of
 FRELINGHIEN aaaa
 Miscellaneous
 Between 5.30 & 5.45 pm enemy
 put up a display of red & green
 rockets & this morning at
 5.30, 6 red lights bursting
 into greens were sent up
 opposite sector aaaa no
 apparent action followed aaaa

From	GK54
Place	
Time	

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 K. K. [Signature]

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 1-12-17.OUR FIRE.

At 1.45 p.m. a Working Party was observed - from SURREY FARM - at C.5.d.35.30. 4.5" Hows. fired 18 rounds and dispersed it.

At 3.15 p.m. the same Battery fired 24 rounds on a dugout at C.11.d.05.80 from which smoke was seen to arise - evidently a Boche cookhouse. Ranging was carried out from SURREY FARM and several direct hits were observed.

HOSTILE FIRE.

9.30 a.m.	5 Minnies on C.28.b.	
10 a.m.	12 4.2 H.E. on C.16.d.	from approximately D.13.c.
11.40 a.m.	25 8inch on U.22.d.)	On each of these occasions
12.10 p.m.	25 8" on U.22.d.)	the Counter-Battery Staff
		Officer was informed by
		wire and the Heavies
		succeeded in each case in
		silencing enemy Guns.
		Direction - WARNETON.

1.30 p.m.	10 5.9 H.E. on U.22.d.	
4 p.m.	7 4.2 H.E. on C.16.d.	from approximately D.13.c.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very low, becoming worse during afternoon.

AIRCRAFT.

At 8 a.m. One enemy balloon was observed, but later had to descend owing to very low unfavourable weather conditions.

At 8.30 am. One enemy plane over our Front line. Weather conditions later rendered flying impracticable.

H. P. Adams Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

H. P. Adams

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TO	GT2	RA	
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Sender's Number * 1/53.	Day of Month. second	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Summary to 6am.
Our fire Between 7.45 and
8.30 pm 18 pars fired 92 rds
and hows 372 rds on
traffic on FRELINGHIEN road
aaa Hostile fire normal
9.10 pm 10 rds 4.2 HE on C8A
9.45 pm 30 " 77 HE on C2d from
S of FRELINGHIEN
9.55 pm 20 rds 4.2 HE & gas on C8C.
aaa During night back area are
lightly shelled with 4.2s & 77mm
fire being somewhat scattered and
C2d received more than usual
attention during early part of night
by 4.2s from direction FRELINGHIEN

From	GK54	
Place		
Time		

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

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 2-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

At 3.35 p.m. the Howitzer Battery fired 20 rounds retaliation - at request of Infantry - on to M.Ws. at C.11.c.60.50.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Except slight M.W. activity on our front line at intervals throughout the day, the Sector remained exceptionally quiet.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility good, but becoming low during afternoon.

AIRCRAFT.

Both sides showed normal activity in the air during the morning. Weather afterwards became unfavourable for flying.

McRae Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

H. H. J.

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

TO { GTZ RA

Sender's Number. * 7/55 Day of Month. third In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to base AAA
 on fire 15 mins + 4.5 hours
 each fired 150 rounds on
 enemy roads AAA
 Hostile fire AAA
 Between 6 pm + 12 midnight
 about 25 gms from direction
 of FRELINGHIEVE fell in C2d area
 5.30 am. 40 sqs on our front line
 from direction of FRELINGHIEVE
 6 am 20 4.2 HE gas + 25
 77 HE on f.c. system
 from direction of DEVLEMONT
 otherwise a quiet night.

From
 Place GK54
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) K. Radford
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 3-12-17.OUR FIRE.

From 3.15 to 5 p.m. 4.5" Hows. fired 36 rounds retaliation on M.Ws. at C.11.b.25.30 and C.11.c.50.60. Shoot was effective and was the means of stopping the fire of the hostile M.Ws.

The Hows also fired 31 rounds on Zero point - Registration.

HOSTILE FIRE.

8.30 a.m.	5	4.2 H.E.	C.2.c & d.	from direction of FRELINGHIEN
10 a.m.	30	4.2	C.7.b (Area shoot)	" " do.
11.30 a.m.	25	5.9	U.25.a.	
do	10	77mm H.E.	C.9.b.	
noon.	15	77mm H.E.	C.9.a.	from direction of FRELINGHIEN.
do.	30	4.2 H.E.	U.25.a.	
1 p.m.	30	77mm Shrp.	U.22.	
1.30 p.m.	20	U.28.b 4.2	U.28.b.	
do.	10	77mm H.E.	C.3.d.	from direction of FRELINGHIEN.
2 p.m.	30	77mm H.E.	C.4.a.	" 85° T.B. from SURREY FME.
2.30 p.m.	15	77mm H.E.	F.L.in C.4.a.	" 85° T.B. " do.
3.30 p.m.	20	4.2 H.E.	Spt.Line in C.4.d	from 70° T.B. from do.
4 p.m.	20	4.2	Do	Do. Do. Do. Do.

At 3.15 p.m. hostile light M.Ws. became active on our front line firing from opposite FRELINGHIEN, but fire from our 4.5" Hows. succeeded in silencing them.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Good.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

From 9 to 9.30 a.m. some movement was noticeable in CERTIFIED TRENCH, C.5.d.35.20.

From 1.30 to 2.15 p.m. a few of the enemy were observed in the vicinity of the Cenetry in C.11.b.

AIRCRAFT.

Aeroplanes of both sides were very active throughout the day. Our A.A. defence was good.

A. C. Raaford Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 4-12-1917.OUR FIRE.

At 3.30 p.m. 18-pdrs answered Zone Call, firing 50 rounds on hostile Battery at V.20.d.55.32. - Unobserved.

At 4.30 p.m. 18-pdrs. and 4.5"Hows. fired 24 and 86 rounds respectively on enemy M.Ws. in DEULEMONT Area.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
2.15 to 2.55 pm	FRELINGHIEN	20	5.9 H.E.	C.7.d.2.2.
This shoot was observed and registered by aeroplane.				
3 to 3.30 pm.	FRELINGHIEN	50	5.9 & 4.2	C.l.e.
4.30 p.m.	-	10	4.2 H.E.	Supports C.4.d.
5 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	25	4,2 H.E. & Gas	Supports C.10.d.
5.15 p.m.	do.	100	4.2 & 77 H.E.	Front and Support lines in C.4.d.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Good: during afternoon: low during morning.

AIRCRAFT.

One balloon over and FRELINGHIEN and two over PERENCHIES throughout the day.

Hostile aeroplane activity below normal.

A. C. Raper
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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

TO {

Sender's Number * 7/61	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Own fire 18 lbs 42 rds and
 4.5 hours 100 rds on traffic
 on FRELINGHIEN Road. aad
 Hostile fire normal aad
 6 pm 15 770 on C4 b & d
 6.45 pm 50 4.2 x 770 on U29a
 8.30 pm 25 77HE on supports in
 C4 b. & d. direction of FRELINGHIEN
 11.10 pm 30 4.2 HE gas on supports in
 2.30 am 18 770 on U29a from
 direction S of FRELINGHIEN
 3.30 am 40 770 HE on front line in
 C4 b & d from direction of DEULEMONT.
 5 am 20 4.2 HE on front line
 in U23 b & d from direction
 50 degrees TB. from SURREY FARM

From aad also an occasional M.W. along
 Place front line of sector aad
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) **SK 54 KLR admont**
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5-12-17.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. carried out Registration of hostile M.W. Area.

During morning 4.5" Hows. carried out Registration of FRELINGHIEN Cross-Roads, by balloon observation. 33 rounds. Several O.Ks. were reported.

At 12.45 p.m. the Hows. fired 20 rounds on a hostile M.W. at C.11.c.85.95.

At 3 p.m. Hows. registered on Zero line firing 26 rounds, and another registration was effected at 3.45 p.m. on PONT ROUGE BRIDGE - 4 Rounds.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration.</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Locality shelled.</u>
10 to 10.30am.	FRELINGHIEN	15	4.2 H.E.	-GUNNER'S FARM Support line in C.4.c.
12 noon.	FRELINGHIEN	6	77 H.E.	C.4.d.
12.30 pm.	C.11.c.85.95	4	M.W.	C.10.d. Engaged and silenced by 4.5" Hows.
1.10 p.m.	S. of F'HIEN.	50	4.2 Gas.	GUNNERS FARM, C.2.d.
1.20 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	6	77 H.E.	C.9.a.
1.40 p.m.	S. of F'HIEN	10	77 H.E.	C.9.d.
do.	do.	10	do.	LONG AVENUE.
2.25 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	10	77 H.E.	C.9.d.
3.30 p.m.	-	20	4.2	GUNNER'S FARM, C.2.d.
During day.	FRELINGHIEN	33	77 H.E.	C.2.d. (Scattered)

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Good.

AIRCRAFT.

Large number of enemy balloons up during the day. Enemy planes also very active, but our A.A. defence proved most effective.

Our own balloons very numerous, and our Aeroplanes active throughout the day.

In the afternoon, several small balloons came over our lines from the direction of about FLEURBAIX and blew back over into enemy lines again near MESSINES. When over back areas, newspapers - printed in French and published in occupied French territory - were dropped.

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

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

TO { GTZ. RA.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1/64.	sixth		

Intelligence Report to 6 am
 War zone. Hows fired 42
 rds. on traffic on FRELINGHIEN-
 DEVLEMONT Road during early
 part of night. Also a
 shot against hostile MWS
 in DEVLEMONT area was carried
 out at midnight, 18 pds. firing
 56 and Hows 72 rounds. Area
 hostile fire below normal was
 from 6 to 8 pm. 30 4.2 HE in CSC.
 2.30 am 25 4.2 gas in CSC.
 otherwise a quiet night

From	GKJ4
Place	
Time	

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 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 6-12-17.OUR FIRE.~~18-pdrs.~~ 18-pdrs.

- 24 rounds - Registration by balloon observation - on PONT ROUGE BRIDGE.
 10 rounds - Dispersed party of enemy at C.11.b.45.85, observed from O.P., SURREY FARM.
 14 rounds - Dispersed party of enemy in CERTIFIED TRENCH, C.12.a.
 80 rounds - Directed against 2 M.Ws. at C.11.e.60.80 and C.11.a.80.10. Request of Infantry.

4.5" Hows.

- 51 rounds - Registration. This registration was out on a barricade in U.29.d.85.00; it was found to be of strong structure. The 6" Hows. might be asked to shoot on this point. There is a splendid O.P. for observing, target, at U.29.a.5.1. to which a line is laid through Battalion. During this registration one round was observed to fall on a T.M. while it was firing. It immediately ceased fire.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
9.30 am.	S. of F'HIEN.	15	4.2	C.10.a.5.7.
9.30 am. to 12.30 pm.	S. of D'MONT.	200	5.9 H.E.	Destructive shoot against R. Section of How.Bty. in C.7.d. 150 rds. amm. destroyed, 1 pit destroyed, and 1 Gun slightly damaged.
10 am. to 12 noon.	FRELINGHJEN	100	4.2 & 5.9	C.13.a.
10 a.m.	S. of F'HIEN	20	4.2	C.9.a.9.5.
10.10 am.	Do.	40	4.2	LA FLENCQUE FARM
10.40 a.m.	Do.	8	77mm	C.10.e.2.8.
11.5 a.m.	Do.	30	4.2	LA FLENCQUE FARM.
1.25 p.m.	Do.	10	77mm	C.Trench in C.10.e.
1.40 p.m.	Do.	15	77mm	F.Line in C.4.d.
2.30 p.m.	Do.	10	77mm	C.Trench in C.10.e.
4 p.m.	-	6	M.W.	F.Line in C.10.d.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Fair, at times Good.

AIRCRAFT.

Balloons and aeroplanes of both sides showed usual fine, weather activity, and our A.A. defence again proved very effective.

A. Chappin
 Lieutenant,
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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TO { GT2. RA.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Report to 6am. aaa
 our fire. 18 pds. of 4.5" Hows fired 160 & 150
 rounds respectively on MG. & TM. targets
 as per Operation Order 4-3 aaa
 Hostile fire normal aaa
 10 pm. } 60 77mm HE on LE TOURQUET STATION &
 to 10.30 pm } supports from direction of FRELINGHIEN
 aaa During night about 70
 4.2s were scattered on back areas,
 and LE TOURQUET STATION and
 DESPIERE FARM received several
 4.2s & 77mm from direction of
 FRELINGHIEN aaa Front and
 support lines in
 also received an occasional 77mm.
 aaa Otherwise sector quiet aaa

From	GKS-4
Place	
Time	

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 7-12-17.OUR FIRE.18-pdrs.

At 8 a.m., 30 rounds on M.W. in U.30.a.
 At 5.30 p.m. 160 rounds - repetition of Operation Order
 No.3 of 6th Dec.

4.5" Hows.

12.15 p.m. - 34 rounds against M.W. at C.11.e.75.90.
 2 direct hits observed, and one explosion
 caused. Casualties seen carried away.
 2 p.m. - 36 rounds on house at C.11.b.20.50 where
 movement was observed - supposed O.P.
 2 direct hits obtained; no further movement
 seen.
 3.45 p.m. - 48 rounds on A-A Battery at D.1.e.2.4.
 Flash observed from O.P.
 3.15 to 4 pm. - 86 Rounds on Barrier at U,29.d.17.97 in
 connection with Operation at 5.30 p.m.
 5.30 p.m. 150 rounds - repetition of Operation Order
 No.3 of 6th December.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
8.30 a.m.	From about D.15.	8	4.2	C.22.b. & C.16.d.
10.30 a.m.	FRELINGHIEN	20	77mm	C.10.Central
1 p.m.	Do.	12	77mm	C.16.d.
2.30 p.m.	-	10	77mm	C.22.
3 to 3.30 pm.	FRELINGHIEN	50	77mm	U.27.e.
3.55 to) 4.10 p.m.)	From about D.15.	25	4.2	C.7.b. Directed against 107th Bty. Left Section. No damage done.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility at times Fair.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes showed great activity all day.

Enemy aircraft normally active.

A. C. Radford
 Lieutenant,
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { GTR RA.

Sender's Number. 1/69. Day of Month. eighth In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to base AAA
 Our fire nil aaa
 Hostile fire below normal aaa
 During night a few guns
 fell in G2 b + d and
 about 40 in V23 b + d.
 from direction of FRELINGH!ENaa
 Otherwise sector quiet aaa

From GK54
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) K. Radford
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 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 am. to 6 pm. - 8-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

- 18-pdrs. 11 rounds - Registration of DEULEMONT Cross-Roads by balloon observation; with satisfactory results.
- 20 rounds - Directed against DURIEZ FARM where movement was observed.
- 4.5"Hows. 35 rounds - On heavy M.Ws. in C.11.d. which were shelling C.10.b.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Considerably below normal.

From 2.45 pm to 3 pm.	37	4.2	H.E. & Gas	fell	in	C.7.e.
At 4 o'clock	8	77mm		"	"	C.9.b.
From 4 pm to 5 pm.	12	4.2		"	"	C.7.e.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Fair.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes very active all day, and one observation balloon up.

Very little enemy activity observed, although conditions were most favourable for flying.

Richardson

Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 9-12-17.OUR FIRE.

- 6 am. 18-pdrs. fired 100 rounds on FRELINGHIEN- LA HOULETTE Road.
- 2.30 pm. 18-pdrs. fired 14 and 4.5"Hows. 42 rounds on- area shoot on Trench Mortars in FRELINGHIEN.
- 2 pm. Hows. fired 18 Gas shells on buildings in LES ECLUSES and on FARM DU GRAND VERQUIN.
- At 2.45 and 3.45 p.m. 4.5"Hows. fired 17 and 20 rounds respectively on enemy M.Ws. at C.5.e.60.50 and U.30.e.20.20., silencing both of them.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
11.30 a.m.	FRELINGHIEN	6	5.9 H.E.	C.2.
12 noon	From about	D.14-3	5.9 H.E.	C.2.
do.	" "	D.7. 5	5.9.H.E.	C.3.
1.30 p.m.	" "	D.7 8	5.9 Time H.E.	High bursts over Trenches in C.4.
2.50 to 3 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	20	4.2	C.2.d
3.15 p.m.	Do.	30	4.2.	U.26.d.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Poor.

AIRCRAFT.

Weather rendered flying impracticable. No planes seen.

O. O. McKeown
 Captain,
 Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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"A" MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { GT2 RA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 7/78.	Ken R.		

Intelligence Report to 6 am. Aaa
 our fire 18 pdr fired 105 rounds
 and 4.5 How. 48 rds. harassing
 fire on enemy roads & billets
 etc. also How. fired 24 rounds
 on each of 2 ~~MWS~~ MWS. at
 U30C 20.20, and C5C 60.50. Aaa
 Hostile fire aaa except for
 light shelling of back areas
 with 4.2 & 7.5 Gas during night,
 & a few 4.2 H.E. in vicinity of
 C2d. Recor remained
 very quiet at

From	GK54
Place	San
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am to 6 pm. - 10-12-17.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 20 rounds on enemy working party at C.12.d.05.60 and dispersed it.

4.5" Hows.

	48 rounds	Gas on enemy billets, dugouts etc.
	50 "	H.E. on dugouts at V.25.e.40.62.
	19 "	H.E. on " " U.29.b.95.10.
At 4.15	22 "	H.E. on T.M. at C.11.e.50.50. An explosion was observed.

Also 7 " Registration on Zero point.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration.</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
7 am to 5 pm.	From behind FRELINGHIEN	1000	5.9 H.E.	C.2.Central.
Destructive shoot against Centre Section of 26th Battery; registered by aeroplane observation in the morning and shelled intermittently throughout the day. One dugout was destroyed and one Dial Sight slightly damaged.				
During day.	From behind FRELINGHIEN.	150	5.9 H.E.	C.14.a.
Intermittently throughout the day, in bursts of 15.				
9 to 11.30 am.	From behind FRELINGHIEN.	30	5.9 H.E.	LE BIZET

FLASHES of 5.9s were observed during the day as follows :-

9.40 a.m.	79.30 degrees	T.B. from	SURREY FARM.
11.10 a.m.	100	" " "	" "
4.30 p.m.	72.30	" " "	C.2.d.10.30.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Good.

AIRCRAFT.

Balloons up during the day, on both sides of the Line.

Both enemy and our own Aeroplanes were very active all day, our lines being crossed several times by hostile machines.

At 2.45 p.m. a flight of 7 Gothas flew over the Sector at a medium altitude and dropped bombs in the Wagon Lines area, wounding several men and horses.

Miniature balloons, believed to have been released by the Gothas, were again visible this afternoon, and newspapers written in French, were again dropped from them.

A. Chadford
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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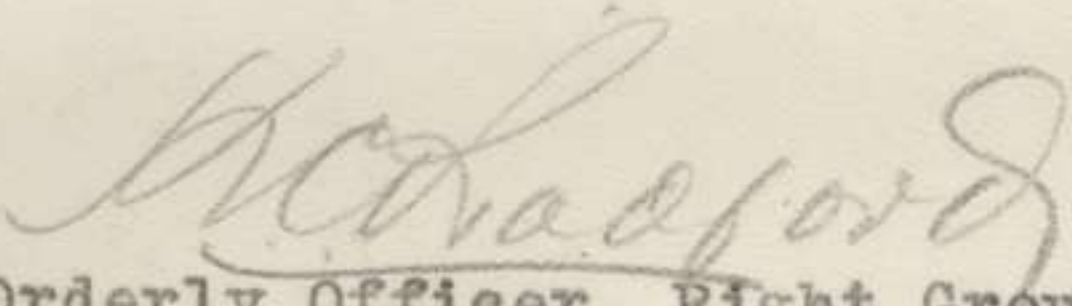
RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY,
10th December 1917.

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

INTELLIGENCE.

During a Traffic Strafe on Road in DEULEMONT
by the 18-pdrs. last night, a burst of 10 rounds was
fired just as transport was arriving in DEULEMONT.

Infantry Patrols report that great consternation
was caused among the Boche, men shouting and teams gallop-
ing along the cobble roads.


Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
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TO { *GT2 RA.*

Sender's Number. * <i>1181</i>	Day of Month. <i>eleventh</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*Intelligence Report to G.A.M. and
 During early part of night 18 pds.
 fired 75 rds. & Hows. 56 rds. on
 traffic on FRELINGHIEN road and
 235 rds. by 18 pds. & 60 rds. by Hows.
 were directed against enemy roads
 billets & points of activity. and
 Hows. also fired 326 rds including
 gas on MW. area around
 FRELINGHIEN and Hostell fire
 normal and During early part of
 night about 50 sq H.E. fell in back
 area from direction N. of FRELINGHIEN
 and at 6.30 pm. 10 rds. 77 gas
 on supports in C10 and
 12 midnight. 60 4.2 H.E. & gas on*

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front line in U 2 8 from direction of FREMINGTON aaa At 2.30 am. 15 4.20 fell in C 10 a 4 C			
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From		
Place	AK 54	
Time		

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am to 6 pm. - 11-12-17.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 38 rounds - Registration.

4.5"Hows.

12.45 p.m. 7 rounds on zero point - Registration.
 2.30 p.m. 12 rounds on Train moving along trainline
 at C.12.b.50.10. Train moved off into
 back areas and did not return.
 2 p.m. 16 rounds on T.M. at U.30.a.40.30 - Regis-
 tration obtained.
 2.45 p.m. 20 rounds on T.M. at C.11.b.25.30 - Regis-
 tration obtained and a small explosion
 caused.
 5 p.m. 30 rounds on T.M. at C.11.c.50.55.

HOSTILE FIRE.

No hostile shelling whatever has been reported on this
 Sector during the day, except about 3 4.2s on
 LE TOUQUET STATION.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very low.

AIRCRAFT.

Very little activity in the air owing to unfavourable
 weather conditions.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Liaison Officer reports that enemy is busily at work
 during the night on his front line, DURIEZ FARM, UNKNOWN FARM
 and the buildings in FRELINGHIEN. Infantry patrols say that
 traffic of a heavy nature is heard throughout the night, and
 sounds as though Iron Railings were being brought up.

McL...
 Lieutenant,
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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TO { RT2 RA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* T/85	12		

Intelligence Report to base. aaa
 Our fire was hours fired
 20 rounds on Taps in FRELINGHIAN area
 62 " " " " DEULEMONT area
 84 " " " " THE LAUNDRY
 24 " " Taps CUC 55 55.
 24 rounds on U.S. 2. U.S. 30. AAA
 18 rounds fired 75 ads. on Taps.
 in FRELINGHIAN area aaa
 20 rounds on Taps in DEULEMONT
 area aaa 5 rounds strafing
 staff in FRELINGHIAN area aaa
 200 200 general harassment fire on
 enemy roads & approaches aaa
 400 lbs aaa fire except for a few
 770 lb vicinity of. in only for night.

From _____
 Place CRK 54
 Time _____

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 am. to 6 pm. - 12-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs.

19 rounds on Zero point - Registration.

4.5"Hows.

24 rounds on LES ECLUSES Buildings (Gas).
30 rounds - Registration on M.G. position at U.29.d.55.22.
30 rounds - Registration of T.M. position at U.24.c.75.20.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
11 a.m.	FRELINGHIEN	10	77mm	C.10.b.40.30.
3.30 p.m.	78 degrees T.B. from SURREY FM.	4	5.9cm.	C.2.d.20.40.
3.35 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	10	5.9cm	C.8.c.
3.35 p.m.	-	7	Heavy M.W.	Trench at C.15.d.50.50.
3.40 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	4	5.9cm.	C.2.Central.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility low, at times Fair.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes showed great activity all day.

At 2.10 p.m., 7 Gothas flew over this Sector at a fairly low altitude and dropped bombs in the back areas. On the way out, one became detached from the remainder, and on its return towards the Line, was attacked by one of our Scouts. In the fight that ensued the Gotha took fire and crashed in pieces just inside our lines on the bank of the River.

OBSERVATION OF THE ENEMY.

Liaison Officer reports that sound of moving transport and Light Railway Trucks is heard nightly in and around FRELINGHIEN. Also, traffic is heard on the FRELINGHIEN - LA HOULETTE Road.

Cross bearings to the Searchlight which has been reported frequently of late, determine its position as U.30.a.30.10.

C. Wheelwrights Capt
J. W.

Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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TO { *GK2 RA*

Sender's Number. * <i>7/87</i>	Day of Month <i>13</i>	In reply to Number.	<i>AAA</i>
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Intelligence Report to base. *aaa*
 Our fire *aaa* 18 pads, fired
 72 rounds on *TM*. ~~Base~~ this
 FRELINGHIEN & DEVELLEPOINT areas
 and 48 rds. harassing fire on
 enemy roads & approaches *aaa*
 4.5 hours. fired 30 rds. on *TM*.
 at C.S. 50.67 and ~~46~~ rounds
 gas bombardment of enemy billets
 & points of activity *aaa* also
 211 ~~46~~ rds. against FRELINGHIEN
 and DEVELLEPOINT *TM* areas *aaa*
 Hostile fire *aaa* except for
 about 40 Heavy *TM*s on extreme
 left of sector during early part of
 night, this sector remained quiet.

From *GK2*
 Place *GK2*
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *K. Redford*
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am to 6 pm - 13-12-17.OUR FIRE.18-pdrs.

200 rounds on Enemy Roads and Approaches - usual harassing fire.
10 rounds on Trench Mortars in FRELINGHIEN Area.

4.5"Hows.

72 rounds Gas shoot on Billets, points of activity etc. as per our Instruction No.4.
45 rounds on LAUNDRY - 5 direct hits obtained.
45 rounds on SOAP HOUSE - 4 direct hits, and building further ruined.
20 rounds on T.M. at C.5.d.34.52. This T.M. stopped firing immediately and did not open again.
35 rounds on T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN AREA.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration.</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
12 noon	BRICKFIELDS	60	4.2 H.E.	C.4.d.
1.30 p.m.	-	4	M.W.	Rear of Trench System in C.10.b
3 p.m.	BRICKFIELDS	10	4.2 H.E.	U.28.d.
3.20 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	15	4.2.	C.2.d.
3.30 p.m.	N of B'FIELDS	10	5.9 H.E.	C.4.b and d.
do.	C.5.d.	3	T.M.	C.4.Central
3.40 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	10	77mm	C.2.d.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very low, aircraft inactive. Nothing unusual to report.

A. C. Radford
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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

TO { G.T.2 R.A.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>7/92</u>	<u>fourteenth</u>		

Intelligence Report to 6 am. aaaa
 Our force aaaa 15 pdr:-
 47 rds. on DEVLEMONT T.M. area
 60 " " DURIEZ FARM
 10 " " T.M. at C.H.C. 55.55.
 217 " Harassing fire on roads & approaches AAA
 4.5 hours.
 60 rds. on T.M. at C.H.C. 55.55.
 100 " " DEVLEMONT T.M. area.
 30 " " DURIEZ FARM
 30 " " roads & hills in DEVLEMONT area
 Hostile fire aaaa during night & host
 35 4.20 gas & HE fell in C.8.6 & d.
 6 pdr to 7 pdr. 40 7 pdr on C.2.d. & C.7.c
 1.15 am to 1.40 am. 35 4.2 HE. on C.2.d.
 2. am. 20 7 pdr on C.2.d.

From direction FRELINGHVEN.

Place G.K.S.U.

Time

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am to 6 pm. - 14-12-17.OUR FIRE.18-pdrs.

9.35 a.m. 12 rounds on working party at C.5.d.27.77.
 9.53 a.m. 12 " " " " do.
 12.30 pm. 36 " " " " C.5.b.53.87.

In each case the shoot had good effect and the working parties were dispersed.

70 rounds - various registrations.
 1.30 p.m. 10 " on T.M. at C.11.a.60.10.
 do. 10 " on T.M. at C.11.c.85.80.

During day - 200 rounds harassing fire on the FRELINGHIEN - LA HOULETTE Road.

4.5"Hows.

In accordance with instructions contained in 3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery Instruction No.28 :-

10 rounds on U.24.c.76.52) Observation very difficult,
 10 rounds on U.24.c.80.80) but rounds appeared to fall on
 10 rounds on U.24.c.72.92) or about these points.
 32 rounds on DOLLS HOUSE. Three direct hits obtained
 and considerable damage done.

1.30 p.m. 20 rounds on T.M. at C.11.a.60.10.
 do. 20 " " " " C.11.c.85.800

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
10 a.m.		3	Light T.M.	C.10.d.2.3.
11.25 a.m.	FRELINGHIEN	8	77mm H.E.	C.9.d.20.38.
11.30 to	From about	20	4.2 H.E. &	C.7.b & C.7.a.
11.35 a.m.	D.13.		Gas.	
2.15 to	FRELINGHIEN	20	4.2 H.E.	C.2.d.
2.40 p.m.				
3.15 p.m.	N.E of F'HIEN.	10	77mm H.E.	C.10.Central.
3.50 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	5	4.2.	C.2.d.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Fair.

AIRCRAFT.

Weather conditions unfavourable for flying. No planes observed.

M. H. A. P. O. R.
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Lieutenant,
 Artillery.

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

TO

BTZ RA

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

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T/96

15

Intelligence Report to Comd. Aaa
 from the U.S. 1st Div. field
 70 rounds damaging road as
 per report from No 28 Aaa
 4.5 hours prior 30 rds on T.M.
 at CAC 85 80 and 30 on T.M.
 at CAC 85 10 Aaa Hostile fire
 6 to 9 pm. 50 rds on C. 2. d. firing
 9.30 pm. 10 4.2 pm on tank Aaa
 " 30 4.2 HE on front end
 subject tank No 28 Aaa
 11 pm to 2 am. 10 4.2 HE on C. 2. d.
 2.45 am 15 7.7 HE on CSC

From

GK 54

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am to 6 pm - 15-12-17.OUR FIRE.

At 9.15 a.m. 18-pdrs. fired 28 rounds, and dispersed a working party at C.6.d.00.60.

During day, 18-pdrs. fired 65 rounds on Zero Point - Registration and Calibration.

4.5" Hows.

12.50 p.m. 46 rounds on active T.M. at C.11.e.55.85. at request of Infantry. Fire neutralised and considerable damage done to buildings in close proximity.

4.10 p.m. 20 rounds on active T.M. at C.17.a.17.70. Observation difficult, but fire was neutralised.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
10.30 am.	DEULEMONT	50	4.2	C.1.b. and D.
10.30 to	do.	25	5.9 H.E.	C.14.b. & d.
11.15 a.m.				
11.30 a.m.	do.	250	4.2 H.E. & Gas.	C.3.e.
11 am to 1 pm.	FRELINGHIEN	450	4.2	C.2.d and C.3.e.
During day, intermittently	Do.	55	4.2	C.7.e.
3.15 to 4.15pm	S. of F'HIEN	70	4.2 H.E.	C.7.b.

One flash of direction 71.30 degrees True Bearing from SURREY FARM was observed several times during the day.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Fair.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes active all day. At 11.30 a.m. three enemy machines appeared over our lines but were driven off by our Anti Aircraft Batteries. Enemy planes otherwise inactive.

A. C. Hayward
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

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TO {	GK 54 RA	
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Sender's Number. * T/98.	Day of Month. October	In reply to Number. AAA
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Intelligence Report to base. aaa
 Own fire aaa 18 pms. fired
 200 rds harassing enemy roads
 and approaches aaa 4.5" Howo,
 hil aaa Hostile fire aaa
 7 to 9 pms. 100 4.2 on C2d from FREILINGHIEN
 10.30 pms 50 4.2 HE gas on back areas
 11.30 pms 50 4.2 8.5.9 HE on back areas
 12.30 to 1 am an occasional 4.2
 falling on front & support lines
 aaa During night about
 50 4.2 HE gas fell in C8a, and
 about 25 in C7b aaa
 otherwise quiet aaa

From	GK 54	
Place		
Time		

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 16-12-17.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 200 rounds on Road near FERME DU GRAND VERQUIN and Road in U.30.b and d. and U.25.c - harassing fire.

4.5"Hows. fired 10 rounds on active T.M. in SOAP HOUSE, (C.5.c.). Activity, which was observed from Group O.P., ceased: but observation was too difficult for a destructive shoot.

HOSTILE FIRE.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the enemy shelled C.2. Central and C.1.d. with 8", 5.9, and 4.2 H.E. - about 450 shells in all. The objective appeared to be the Railway Line, although a large number of rounds fell very close to the Centre Section of the 26th Battery. Damage Nil.

The following hostile shelling was also reported during the day :-

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
10.a.m.	S.E. of F'HIEN.	50	5.9, 4.2, & 77mm H.E.	Trenches in C.10.
Do.				
10.4 a.m.	Do.	50	do.	Trenches in C.16.b.& d.
The above concentrations lasted one minute only.				
9 am to 1 pm.	S. of WARNETON	75	5.9	House at C.2.b.60.55.
Intermittent shooting. Appeared to be a registration of the building, by balloon observation (about D.1) No damage was caused.				
1.15 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	10	4.2	U.28.d.
3.10 p.m.	do.	5	Heavy M.W.	C.9.d.80.60.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility fair in the morning, becoming very low in the afternoon.

At 8.30 p.m. night of 15th/16th December, talking and laughing were heard by Infantry Patrols at C.11.a.72.10.

AIRCRAFT.

At 12.30 p.m. 3 enemy planes, flying above the clouds, made their way over our lines and into the back areas. On their return they were engaged heavily by Anti-aircraft fire, but succeeded in reaching enemy lines flying at a low altitude. safely

A.C. Bradford
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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TO {	G.T.2 R.A.	
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* Sender's Number. T/100	Day of Month. 17 th	In reply to Number.	A A A
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Intelligence Report to 6 am
aaa Our fire aaa 18 hrs.
fired 270 rounds harassing fire
on enemy roads & approaches,
24 rounds on TMs in FRELINGHIEN
area, and 14 rounds on TMs in
DEVLEMONT area aaa 4.5 hours.
fired 96 rounds, including gas,
~~in~~ harassing fire on enemy
bills, + points of activity, 72
rounds on TMs in FRELINGHIEN area
and 42 rounds on TMs. in DEVLEMONT
area aaa Hostile fire aaa Except
for a few sigs. on back areas from
behind FRELINGHIEN and half-a-dozen
TMs. shrap over trenches in C.10.d.

From This sector remained quiet aaa
Place GK54
Time

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

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E, 1187.)

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am to 6 pm - 17-12-17.OUR FIRE.18-pdrs. Nil.

During the morning the 415th Hows, according to programme, fired 96 rounds (including Gas) on a Headquarters at V.25.d.70.50 and on LE DRAGON FARM at V.26.a. At 1.45 p.m. the Hows. fired 35 rounds on a Dugout at C.5.d.40.55 where movement and a smoking chimney were observed. Four direct hits were obtained, no further movement was seen, and smoke ceased to issue from the dugout.

HOSTILE FIRE.

During the morning an occasional 5.9. H.E., from the direction of North of the BRICKFIELDS, fell in C.27., otherwise the Sector remained quiet all day.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very poor in the morning, improving to Good in the afternoon.

AIRCRAFT.

Very little flying in the morning, but during the afternoon, aeroplanes of both sides showed great activity. At about 3 p.m. a fight took place, at a comparatively low altitude, between 5 enemy machines and one British. Although the engagement lasted some fifteen minutes, no definite result was accomplished by either side.

Several other combats took place in the course of the afternoon, but no machines were observed to be brought down.

At 3.30 p.m. a British plane landed in C.14. under control.

W. Bradford
Captain,
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO	RT2 RA.	
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* Sender's Number. T/102	Day of Month. 18 th	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Report to Gen. on our fire area 18 pds. fired 270 rounds on cross roads at V9C 8692, and searching road to V20. U. 30. 98 area 45 Hows fired 96 rounds (including gas) ~~harassing~~ harassing fire on enemy billets ~~in~~ between (LES ECLUSES) and centres of activity area also 102 rounds in bursts during night on DEVLEMONT area hostile fire area during night about 30 5.95 + 77mm from direction of Rhine FREINCHEN 1st in C2d area otherwise quiet.

At 2 am. flares (possibly aeroplanes signals) were fired by the enemy opposite the station area.

Time OK 54

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(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 18-12-17.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 10 rounds on T.Ms. in FRELINGHEEN at 12 noon.

4.5" Hows, according to programme, fired 48 rounds H.E. and 48 rounds Gas, on Billets (LES ECLUSES) and points of activity.

Also 40 rounds on T.M. position at U.30.b.45.64. Observation was difficult, but the shoot appeared to be effective and the ground in the vicinity of the co-ordinate given, considerably damaged.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration.</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
9 am to 3.45pm.	FRELINGHIEN	200	4.2 H.E. & Gas.	C.2.d. Majority of rounds fell in the immediate vicinity of the Railway Line.
12 noon to 4pm.	Do.	100	U.26.c and d. 4.2 H.E.	U.26.c and d.
2.15 to 3.15 pm.		60	4.2 H.E.	C.2.c.
3 to 3.30 p.m.	From about D.7.c.	45	4.2 H.E.	C.8.a and b.

Sound ranging was taken of the 4.2 Hows. shooting on U.26.c and d. and C.8.a. and b. and read 105 degrees True Bearing from SURREY FARM.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibilitiy Good.

AIRCRAFT.

Aeroplanes of both sides showed great activity all day, and our A-A fire, on several occasions, appeared to be very effective.

At 11 a.m. a fight between 5 enemy and one British machines took place over our lines, with no definite result.

A. C. Raaford
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
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TO { GT2 RA

Sender's Number. 7/105. Day of Month. 1945 In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to 6 am. aaa
 Our fire was 18 pms. fired
 256 rounds harassing fire on
 enemy roads & approaches and 14
 rounds on TMs in FRELINHIEU area
 aaa 4.5 hours. fired 162 rounds
 (including gas) on dugouts at
 U30 to 4.5 by and 35 rounds on
 TMs in FRELINHIEU area aaa
 4.20. All in 0.15 to aaa at
 12 midnight a few M/Ws fell
 in C.B. from direction 73° T.B
 from ~~direction~~ SURREY FARM
 aaa vector otherwise fire
 aaaa

From GT2 RA
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)** AC Redford
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 am. to 6 pm. - 19-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

At 4.15 p.m. the 4.5" Hows. fired 40 rounds on hostile T.M. at C.17.a.2.7.

18-pdrs. - Nil.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
3 p.m.	FRELINGHIEN	10	77mm	C.3.a.
3 to 3.30 pm.	"	50	4.2 H.E.	C.4.d.
3.30 p.m.	DEULEMONT	5	5.9 H.E.	C.9.d.
4.30 p.m.		30	M.W.	C.10.a.
4.30 to 5.30pm.	FRELINGHIEN	50	77mm	C.8.a.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Low.

AIRCRAFT.

Normal activity on both sides. Nothing of interest to report.

McHarford
 Lieutenant,
 Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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4.2's. ~~felt~~ were scattered during night on front line & back was a/c. C2d received an occasional 4.2 gas shell a/c up to 12 midnight enemy MWS. were unusually active about 100 rds. being fired off on to LE TOUQUET and our front line from positions in the LAUNDRY, BUTCHERS SHOP and FRELINGHIEN. ~~See~~

From	GK 54
Place	
Time	

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 20-12-17.OUR FIRE.

. 18-pdrs.:

9.15 a.m. 58 rounds on Approaches and Bridges opposite
FRELINGHIEN. Concentration at request of
Infantry.
2.29 p.m. 20 rounds on enemy post at C.11.a.3.3.
" 12 " on T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN AREA.

4.5"Hows:

9.15 a.m. 62 rounds on Approaches and Bridges opposite
FRELINGHIEN. Concentration at Request of
Infantry.
9.40 a.m. 60 rounds Gas on T.Ms. in FRELINGHIEN Area.
2.30 p.m. 48 rounds Gas " " " " "
3.40 p.m. 40 rounds on T.M. at U.29.b.70.30 in accordance
with Offensive Programme.

HOSTILE FIRE.

At 7.30 a.m. about 35 M.Ws. fell in vicinity of trenches in
U.23.

At 3 p.m. a burst of 6 4.2s Gas was directed against C.2.c
from direction of FRELINGHIEN.

Otherwise a very quiet day.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very low all day.

No AIRCRAFT activity whatever.

A. C. R. S. P. O. S.

Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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Infantry Commanders report that the 18-pdrs. retaliation
last night against active T.Ms. was most effective, and
succeeded in silencing the hostile fire quickly on each
occasion.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP - INTELLIGENCE.

6 am. to 6 pm. - 24-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 10 rounds on CENSOR FARM (C.24.c.5.5.) for purposes of Registration, but visibility was too low to obtain any satisfactory results.

HOSTILE FIRE.

Except for 2 5.9s which fell on C.10.c. at 12.10 p.m. from direction of 70 degrees True Bearing from C.27.b.70.91, this Sector remained quiet.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility very low all day.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Infantry report movement and sound of Transport during the night in I.27.b., also sound of Transport moving near Cross-Roads I.22.b.99.75.

Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Aust. Divl. Arty. Group.

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TO {		<i>3rd Div DA</i>				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		
* <i>1114</i>		<i>25th</i>		<i>AAA</i>		
<i>Intelligence Report to base aaa Our fire hit, Hostile fire hit aaa Rektor quiet all night</i>						
From		<i>G.S. 26</i>				
Place						
Time						
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) <i>K. H. ...</i>		
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3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.6 am. to 6 pm. 25-12-17.OUR FIRE/

At 9.30 a.m. the 26th Battery fired 7 rounds on CENSOR FARM in C.24.c. where movement was observed, with effective results.

At 12 noon, the 18-pdrs. fired 90 rounds on an active T.M. at C.29.d.6.7. at request of Infantry, who later reported that the hostile fire was completely silenced.

During the day the 18-pdrs. carried out registrations on Zero points - firing 67 rounds. The Hows., for a similar purpose, fired 20 rounds on LA HONGRIE FARM.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
10.30 a.m.		8	L.T.M.	C.29,a & c.
10.45 a.m.	143 degs.	9	4.2.	I.15.b.40.95.
during morning	PERENCHIES & PREMESQUE.	40	4.2.	LEITH WALK, & LILLE POST.
11 a.m.		4	L.T.M.	C.29.a & c.
11.50 a.m.		10	L.T.M.	C.23.c.
12 noon		12	L.T.M.	C.24.c.
12 noon to 1 p.m.		10	77mm	C.28.d.
12.43 p.m.	103 degs.	10	4.2.	EILEEN POST I.16.a.
1.45 pm.		5	4.2.	I.5.a.

The Bearings shown are Sound Bearings (True Bearings) from I.15.b.68.95.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility variable, but generally low.

H. C. Radford
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Aus. Artillery Group.

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TO { 3rd DASHQ

Sender's Number. * T/118	Day of Month. 26	In reply to Number.	A A A
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Intelligence to be sent to
our fire net
Huddle fire at intervals during
night about 25 4.25 pm
direction. Cannon from left
H. complement 4.2 guns fired
6 pds on T2 to at 9.30 pm between
H and 4.30 am 2 5.7 guns
fired on T9 a to + C from
WEZ YACUBAT

From	9526		
Place			
Time			

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3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

6 am to 6 pm. - 27-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

- 11.45 a.m. Hows. fired 10 rounds in response to a Zone Call (NF) on target at C.17.b.30.10.
- 1.10 p.m. Hows. fired 30 rounds on an active T.M. at C.23.d.20.70. Shoot was observed from O.P. at C.26.d.38.86, and reported to be well on the Target.
- 3 p.m. Hows. fired 45 rounds on an active T.M. at C.30.a.45.22. Light was poor, but shoot appeared to be well directed.
- 2.35 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 20 rounds on C.18.a.1.0. where Infantry reported a 77mm Gun was active. At 2.50 pm. a new location - C.18.b.90.54. was given, and on 20 rounds being fired, an explosion was caused. Infantry report that shoot was very satisfactory.

18-pdrs. also fired 10 rounds registration of CENSOR FARM and 86 rounds registrations of Zero points.

HOSTILE FIRE?

<u>Duration.</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
9.40 to 10 a.m.	T.B. 65 deg. from C.27.b.7.9.	15	77mm	C.21.b.7.4.
10 to 10.15 a.m.	CROIX AU BOIS.	15	4.2	C.21.d.
10.20 a.m.	T.B. 65 deg. from C.27.b.7.9.	10	77mm	C.22.b.7.4.
10 am to 1 pm.	T.B. 83 deg. from C.27.b.7.9.	50	4.2. H.V.C.22.a.	
11.15 a.m.		20	L.T.M.	Supports in C.22.d.
do.		20	77mm	C.27.b.
11.30 to 11.35	BRUNE RUE.	6	L.T.M.	C.28.a. Central.
1.5 p.m.		5	L.T.M.	C.22.d.
1.30 p.m.		50	4.2	C.22.c.
2.15 to 2.35 pm.	CROIX AU BOIS	30	4.2.	C.22.d.
1.30 p.m.	Flash T.B.53 deg. from C.27.b.7.5.	50	4.2.	C.22.c.

Bearings, except where otherwise stated, are Sound Bearings.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility Fair.

AIRCRAFT.

Activity on both sides normal.
At 8 a.m. one E.A. flew over Battery position at I.8.a.8.4. at a very low altitude.

W. C. ...
Lieutenant,
Captain,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Aus. Artillery Group.

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO } 312 DA

Sender's Number. * 7/231	Day of Month. 20	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Report to Comd AAA
 4th fire. 18 pdrs. fired 20
 rounds on working party at
 1.21. B 85.20 and 40th fire
 and ~~20~~ During night 15 590 HE
 were dropped in C.21 a. and
 at 8.45 pm to 9.55 pm harassing fire
 was directed against BILLE Road,
 and Railway in I.8 Central,
 7.30 pm. 10 4.2 300 HE. Harassing fire
 on "Heep's Green Square" and
 throughout night HOPLINE was shelled
 intermittently with 4.2 HE & gas coming
 from about OURSIAS. (C) about 4.30
 rounds in all AAA 5.30 am

From about 2 pdrs HE 4.2 gas & HE fell
 Place on Heep's Green Square and
 Time otherwise quiet

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

R. Radford Lt

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(18965.) Wt. W12952/M1294. 187,500 Pads. 1/17 M.C. & Co., Ltd. (E. 818.)

3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 am. to 6 p.m. 28-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

At 10.45 a.m. 18-pdrs. fired 50 and 4.5" Hows. 25 rounds on C.24.a.70.25 to C.24.d.60.95 - where Infantry reported a large working party.

Group
During morning 18-pdrs. dispersed two working parties - one at C.30.a.45.22 (10 rounds by Hows.) and another in C.23.d. (15 rounds by 18-pdrs.)

During the day, visibility being exceptionally good, 18-pdrs. carried out various registrations, expending in all 181 rounds.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
6.30 to 7 a.m.		30	4.2.H.E.	C.14.Central.
9.30 a.m.		10	4.2.H.E.	C.22.d.
9.50 a.m.		4	L.T.M.	C.23.a. & c.
10.a.m.		5	L.T.M.	C.28.b. & d.
10.20 a.m.	From about D.19.a (Sound)	8	77mm	C.21.b.
12.35 p.m.	From about D.13.a. (Sound)	10	4.2	C.22.b.
2 p.m.	ESCOBECQUES	20	4.2.	O.P. at I.14.b.48.15. Several direct hits obtained.
2.45 to 3.15pm		20	4.2.H.E.	C.22.c.
3 p.m.	From about D.13.a (Sound)	15	4.2 H.E.	C.22.a.
3 p.m.		10	4.2.H.E.	I.4.a.5.9. (DISTILLERY). Apparently Ranging.
10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.	110 degs. T.B.) from I.8.a.7.3.) (--Flashes--)	300	4.2 & 5.9.	I.8.a & b. Area shoot directed against 27th Battery.

From 2.30 to 2 p.m. flashes of a 4-gun Battery of 5.9 Hows. were observed at 45.50 degrees T.B. from C.26.d.35.95. Area shelled unknown.

AIRCRAFT.

Enemy balloons up during morning.
Aeroplanes of both sides very active all day.
At 8.30 a.m. one E.A., flying very low, just above the tree-tops, fired into Gunpits at L'ARMEE.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Two Germans were seen walking in what appeared to be a small trench at C.18.d.8.5.
Movement observed on Road at C.18.d.5.6 during day.

VISIBILITY GOOD.

H.M. 15/11
W.C. 15/11
Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Aus. Artillery Group.

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TO { 228 DH HQ

Sender's Number. * 1/300 Day of Month. 29th In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to 6 am. Caa
 Our fire nil add Hostile fire
 8.30 pm. 8 rds. 4.2 gas on I 8 to 2.4.
 9.30 pm. 15 " 77 sharp harassing
 fire on road & railway at I 8 central
 10 pm. 10 4.2 harassing fire on
 road & railway at I 8 central
 in I 9 a & b.
 12.15 to 1 am. 30 rds. 4.2 gas on
 same locality.
 4 am. 6 rds. 4.2 gas on same
 locality.
 During night about 50 4.2 gas
 fell in the ASYLUM Caa

From
Place
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AAA

At 9.35 pm. flash of 5.9 How
was observed by 8 dead T.B.
and at 10.20 pm. flash of 4.2
gun. was observed at 109
depos T.B. both firing on
Sector to our left. Bearings
taken from C2/d 75.15.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 am. to 6 pm. 29-12-1917.

OUR FIRE.

At 2 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 20 rounds on Road at C.18.d.6.5 where small parties of the enemy were observed. Observation was difficult but shoot appeared to be effective.

At 2.45 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 17 rounds (Incendiary Shells) on a Dugout at C.24.a.20.25 where Infantry reported M.W. active. Several direct hits were observed.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
9.30 a.m.	80° T.B.	5	4.2.	C.27.d.
11.20 a.m.	66° T.B.	70	77mm	C.21.a.
11.30 a.m.	85° T.B.	6	5.9	C.16.8.
1.30 p.m.	" "	10	5.9	do.

Bearings shown are Sound Bearings from C.27.b.7.9.

3.15 p.m.		4	T.M.	I.5.c.60.70 No damage caused.
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AIRCRAFT.

Two enemy balloons up during the morning.
Aeroplane activity normal on both sides.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Movement is observed along the road, at intervals, at C.18.d.6.5. Men walk from here to communication trench at C.18.d.5.6. and then disappear into trench.

Towards dusk considerable movement takes place along the road leading from cross-roads at D.13.a.50.03 to FRELINGHIEN.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry report a M.G. active at C.11.d.70.48.

VISIBILITY LOW.

A. C. Raaford

Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Aus. Artillery Group.

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TO } 3rd Div HQ

Sender's Number. * <u>1/236</u>	Day of Month. <u>30th</u>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Intelligence Report to 6 am.
 aaa 10m fire at 6.30 pm
 18 rds fired 150 and 4.5" Hows
 50 rds on a Company Headquarters
 at I 5d 57 a.m. 8 pm 18 rds.
 fired 15 rds on traffic route at
 D 14 aaaa 9.30 pm 15 rds.
 on traffic route at D 13 a 50.08 aaa
 11.25 pm 18 rds fired 20 rds.
 on M.A. at I 21 6.40 02
 aaa

From	
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Hostile fire			
6 pm	18 rds. 4.2	on I9d.	
8.25 pm	10 " 5.9	on C22 from	
		direction of QUESNOY	
8.30 pm	6 rds 4.2	on road I8a & I9c	
9.30 pm	10 " 4.2	on I15b & I16a	
10.50 pm	10 " 4.2	on road I8a & I9c	
11.25 pm	10 " do.	do do.	
11.30 pm	18 " 4.2	on I9d	
12.12 am	4 " 4.2	on I9d	
12.30 am	25 " 4.2	on C22c	
1.15 am	30 " 4.2	on I9d	
4 am	25 " 4.2	on C22c	
5 am	20 " 4.2	on C25b	aaa
		briefly harassing fire from	
		direction of QUESNOY	

From	
Place	G.526
Time	

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3rd Australian Artillery Group.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 30-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 50 rounds and 4.5"Hows. 25 rounds on Battery at C.24.a.78.83 which Infantry reported active. Shoot was effective, and an explosion was caused. - 10.25 a.m.
At 12.15 p.m. 18-pdrs. again- Hows. put 50 rounds on same target and again silenced the enemy fire.

At 12.15 p.m. 18-pdrs. fired 50 rounds on active M.W. at Les 4 Hallots Farm in C.23.d. and 30 rounds on active M.W. at C.29.b.90.90. Infantry report fire silenced and shot very effective.

M.Ws. at C.29.d.50.02 and C.23.d.30.22 were engaged by 18-pdrs. 36 rounds being fired, at 12.40 p.m., and about the same time 20 rounds were expended in silencing others at C.11.b.60.95 and C.11.b.80.80.

Hows. silenced another M.W. active at I.11.a.75.20 - 6 rounds.

18pdrs. expended 12 rounds and Hows. 18 rounds on Registrations.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
10.15 a.m.	About D.19.c.	6	4.2 H.E.	C.22.a.
10.20 a.m.	do.	4	4.2 H.E.	C.21.d.
11.20 a.m.	-	7	4.2	FARM DE BIEZ, I.15.b.
11.30 p.m.	About D.19.d.	20	4.2 H.E.	C.10.a.
12.5 p.m.	do.	20	4.2 H.E.&	C.22.d.
12.15 p.m.		4	Gas.	
			77mm	LILLE Road at I.16.a.3.3.
12.15 p.m.		30	L.T.M.	C.22.b.
12.25 p.m.	About D.13.a.	10	77mm H.E.	C.22.a.
12.45 p.m.	An occasional round from a M.W. in WEZ MACQUART - in FARM DE BIEZ.			
1 p.m.		5	77mm Gas	C.22.d.
1.5 p.m.	About D.19.a.	10	77mm Gas	C.22.b.
4.15 p.m.		12	M.T.M.	I.15.Central.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

VISIBILITY BAD, no aircraft activity; nothing unusual to report.

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Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Aust. Artillery Group.

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TO } 3rd DA HQ

Sender's Number. * 7/3/238 Day of Month. 31st In reply to Number. AAA

Intelligence Report to 6am
aaa our fire nil aaa
Hostile fire
7pm. 10 rds 42 gas & HE on C27a
flash observed 64° T.B. from [9c4152
8 to 11pm. 50 rds 42 & 77 gas & HE in C27c
(area shoot)
9pm. 8 rds 77m gas & HE on C21d
flash observed 80° T.B. from
[9c4152. from flash report. 11 rds.
9:30pm 10 rds 42 HE on C21c from
direction 64° T.B. from [9c4152
10pm. 5 rds 77m gas on C27c from
about L'AVENTURE FARM
12:45am. 15 rds 42 gas on C23a aaa
~~7:50am~~ 4 obs via quiet.

From
Place C526
Time

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3rd AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY GROUP.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. - 31-12-17.

OUR FIRE.

At 6 a.m. 18-pdrs. fired 100 and 4.5"Hows. 50 rounds on a Battalion Headquarters at J.8.d.9.6.

During the day, according to Programme contained in Operation Order No.2, 18-pdrs. fired 420, and 4.5" Hows. 55 rounds on Batteries, Roads, Hutments etc.

18-pdrs. also carried out the following shoots :-

- 35 rounds on enemy O.P. at C.23.b.49.26 several direct hits obtained, and building badly damaged.
- 81 rounds on Support trenches in C.23.d, C.24.a and D.13.a. where movement was observed - Effects good.
- 42 rounds on road at C.24.a. and E.18.d. where movement was observed.
- 81 rounds on Machine Gun emplacements in C.23.c.and d. at request of Infantry.
- 20 rounds on party of enemy seen running towards House at I.17.b. 35.20.
- 20 rounds on enemy personnel observed at I.22.b.52.00.
- 49 rounds on Trench from les 4 HALLOTS FARM to C.23.d.83.22 - Enemy were observed moving along this trench. Fire very effective - at least two casualties caused.

69 rounds were expended by 18-pdrs. during the day on various Registrations.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u> a.m.	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
11.40-12-11.50-	84° T.B.			
12.45 p.m.	from C.27.b.70.91			
11.40 a.m.		15	4.2. Gas	C.22.b and d.
2.30 to 3pm.	PERENCHIES	6	L.T.M.	I.15.d.8.7.
2 45 p.m.	140° T.B. from I.9.c.41.52.	100	4.2 & 5.9	I.15.d.
	directed against I.21.a.4.2.			an occasional round of 4.2 H.E.

BEARINGS ARE SOUND BEARINGS.

VISIBILITY POOR LOW and very little aircraft activity.

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Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, 3rd Aus. Artillery Group.