

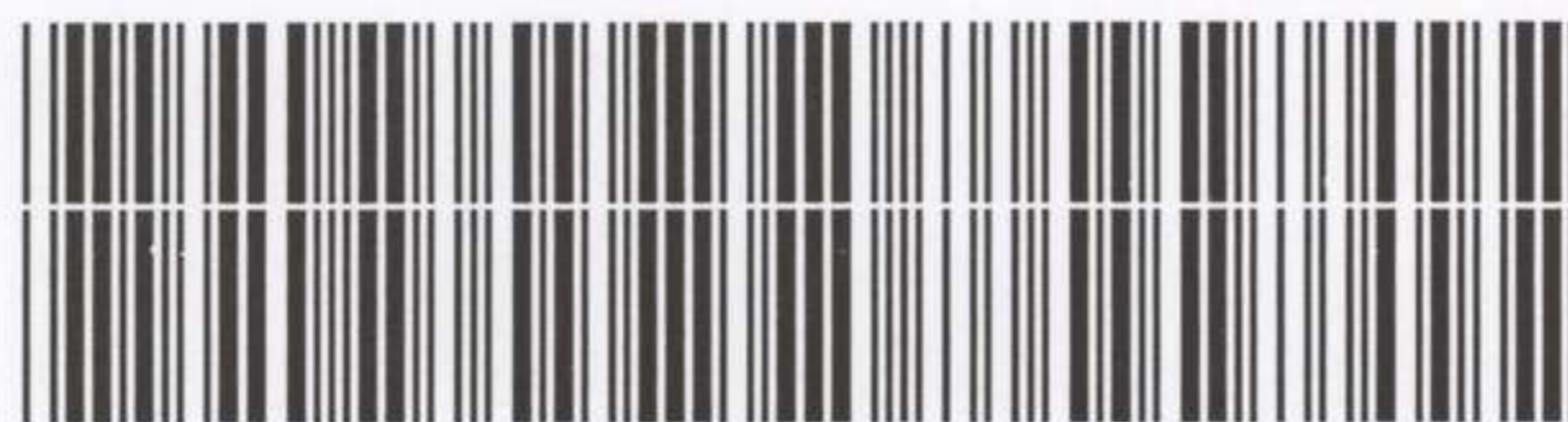
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ARMENIERS

3/10/16

Bombardment of enemy trenches carried out with good effect. Operation Order No. 12 is attached and marked Appendix A. 40

1740

4/10/16

Weather Fine O. 6. 51st Battery (Major Thorneycroft) is acting B.M. 5th Aust. Division. Battery at present commanded by (the Adjutant (Capt) of Lt. Dwyer. Capt. A. Taylor returned to 50th Bty. from Mobile Section.

1/11/16

Mobile Section (15 pdrs. B.L.C.) disbanded Guns returned to 5th D. A.C. personnel returned to Batteries. Orders received to have preparations made for a move, anticipated on the 6th inst.

2/11/16

Y5ATM Battery fired on wire in connection with forthcoming operation. all registration completed by Batteries. Weather fine.

3/11/16

Firing of Barrage by Batteries for O.C. Raid. Weather Fine observation good. The Auckland Battalion of the 2nd New Zealand Brigade raided enemy lines at 0300. This raid was successful, thus being captured two Prisoners, Brigadier General.

4/11/16

K. G. Braithwaite, B.M. & D.S.O. commanding New Zealand Division congratulated the Brigade for its work while supporting the 2nd Brigade. Operation Order No. 13 attached & MARKED.

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Commanding 13th. F.A. Bde. [Signature]

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ARMENIERS	4/11/16		Very quiet, weather strong wind - dull.	Jm
	5/11/16			Jm
	6/11/16		Operation Order No 17 was carried out with good effect. Otherwise quite observation good. O.O. No 17 marked appearance.	A 42
	7.11.16	16.00	Col. Lykes led 2nd NZ ARTY. Brigade arrived and was shown Battery positions. 2 liaison were taken over the lines. Weather Dull. Battery commanders relieving arrived at 4 pm and one section of our Batteries were relieved at 10 pm.	Jm
	8.11.16		Relieving Batteries had their other section in position by 7 pm and relief was completed by 8.30 pm. Our Batteries Wagon lines were at bandesure where the last section of each Battery arrived from 3 am and 5 am. Billings Parkis left at 6.30 AM for ROBECQ.	Jm
9.11.16		This Brigade passed the starting point at MERVILLE at 9 AM. as per order 5th D.A. arrived at ROBECQ at 2.30 pm and then proceeded to La Perriere where Wagon lines were made & men billeted. Weather fine.	Jm	

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E N ROUTE	10.11.16		The Brigade passed starting point BUSINES at 9.30 AM, and arrived at SACHIN at 2.30 pm VIA LILLES + PERNES. Horses rather very fit. Weather was fine + cold.	Jr
	11.11.16		Left Sachin VIA ST. POL, NUNCO, FREVENT. to Petit Bouret at 4 pm. This was about 21 MILES. Horses + men feeling the march. Horses Lungs were very muddy. Weather very Dull + cold.	Jr
	12.11.16		Remained at PETIT. BOURET for the rest day was spent attending to equipment and Horses, Weather cold + Damp.	Jr
	13.11.16		Left Belle and Linn at 7.30 AM. VIA. VALHOVEN DOULLENS, TALMAS, to VILLERS. BOGAGE, Lungs wet + sloppy through constant use. arrived at 4 pm. Men + Horses tired. Track roughly 20 MILES.	Jr
	14.11.16.		C.O. and Battery commanders and two specialists from Mad Co. and Batteries, sent on to relieve 1 st D.A. at LONGEVVAL. Left at 8 AM and arrived at 10 pm in a motor Bus. Brigade moved to Boumay, left at 5.30 AM and arrived at Boumay at 2.30 pm. Bilets only fair. Weather fine.	Jr

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E.N. ROUTE	15.11.16		<p>C.O. and Battery Commanders reconnoitered position and taking over 1st Australian Field Artillery Group from C.O. 1st Field Artillery Brigade. These positions are semi-covered and very muddy. Shell holes filled with liquid mud make the approaches very difficult. at 4 pm C.O. 15 FAB arrived to take over Group Bde. 15 FAB also arrived to take over from 2nd F.A. Batteries. Left ^{at 7.30 AM} Camp K2 B. near MORLAN COURT. arrived at 4 pm. ROUTE taken VIA. HEILLY. BURE. VILLE. Weather Dull. Brigade moved off at 12.30 AM. for MAMETZ and arrived at 4.30 AM. The Brigade took over Wagon Line of the 1st Australian F.A.B. Gunners moved up to Battery Position. on the Route up the following casualties occurred. 4.9th Bty. Sergeant ^{with 4 horses} W. J. [unclear] (killed) Sergeant F.A. Renshaw (name) and 5 others. Guns were taken over in the line. Our Guns were packed at Romagny and handed over to 15th FAB. C.O. returned to Wagon Line. M.O. + Adjutant and Head Qn. Staff took over from 1st FAB. C.O. 15 FAB. took over command but 13 FAB Head Qn. remained in the line with him as 15 FAB had not arrived yet.</p>	J.M.
	16.11.16			J.M.

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MAMMETZ.	17-11-16		Rations etc were unable to be sent up to the line owing to absence of the Road. 15 FAB. Head Qrs. did not arrive so Brigade Head Quarters 13 FAB. remained with C.O. 15 FAB.	PM
	18-11-16		Wagon Lines were fully & ready and very little accommodation for personnel. Weather - light fall of snow.	
	18-11-16		M.O. area Adjutant 13 FAB returned from 15 FAB G.O. Head Qrs. remaining RE dumps would not receive material for shelters, so all ranks were busy trying to procure shelter. Horses suffering from cold and food. Ammunition being transported on saddles some horses at night are being lost in shell holes. Weather very cold with frost. and pools of water had 1 1/2 inches thick of ice. Orders received to withdraw from line gradually and to be completed by the 23 rd unit to Wagon Lines. Other Brigade taking over from 4 th DIV. ARTILLERY. 13 Brigade going out on night 24/25 to Comman. Difficulties are being experienced to make men comfortable, and horses are suffering from the cold.	PM
19-11-16			PM	

A. Hoare Lt. Col. Commanding 13th. F. A. Bde. 5th. Aust. Div.

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MONTAUBAIN

20/11/16

Captain H. J. Kinn returned from hospital, 13 FAB Head Quarters Staff returned having been relieved by N.C.O.s + men of 15 F.A.B. All very wet and cold from exposure. Weather Fine + Warm. Aerial activity greater. ~~all~~ 50th + 51st + 113th: tried to withdraw one gun all reported impossible to do so in darkness as horses + gun could not be kept out of shell hole all three Batteries left their guns bogged, 49th Bty did not try, this withdrawal was tried during the night.

JM

21/11/16

Foggy day and very advantage taken of the day all guns that were bogged were withdrawn and all Batteries withdrew two guns. Condition of horses becoming bad owing to weather. Weather Fine with wind.

JM

22/11/16

Weather Fine + foggy. Hagon lines still muddy. Plane (hostile) over last evening and firing machine gun. Casualties to date are 49th Killed 1, Wounded 6 113th Bty 1 Killed + Wounded.

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51st 1 2

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MAMETZ.	23/11/16		All guns were withdrawn with the exception of one section of 50th Battery which are badly bogged in shell holes. They were left as daylight came & the position was exposed. 3 Horses lost in the effort to withdraw them. The Battery now has lost 32 Horses. It has suffered worst in this respect. Increased activity, nearly all over. Weather cold & frosty morning.	JAM
	24/11/16		50th Battery section withdrawn at day-break with the loss of one horse drowned in a shell hole. Some fire was directed upon the position this section happened to be in but no casualties occurred. Final Order for move of this Brigade & first section 5th D.A.C. to Training Area NAOURS received commencing the 25th inst. and all arrangements made. Rained during night 24/25	JAM
	25/11/16		All Batteries had great difficulty in getting out of muddy, and boggy Wagon Lines. Most Batteries could only manage 4 horse teams in means vehicle. The last ^{Battery} was not able to clear camp on to Road until 7.45 AM. (one hour & forty five minutes late) but this was entirely due to condition, both Horses & officers have done very well in moving guns & vehicle from position as satisfactorily.	JAM

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E.N. ROUTE MAMETZ	25/11/16		<p>As they have done, it has been a creditable performance. The Route MONTAUDAN, CARNOY MEAULTE, MORLANCOURT to K2 to camp. All in Tents on very muddy and wet ground. Rain all day and night. First Section 5th DAC accompanied the Brigade. Left camp at 9 AM for BUSSY, VIA HEILLY, BONNAY, LANEUVILLE</p>	AM.
	26/11/16		<p>arriving at 1 pm Weather bold & dry. Belts very comfortable. Again down bad roads. Leave was granted to 1 Officer 5 O.R. to England.</p>	AM
	27/11/16		<p>Left BUSSY 9 AM arrived NADOURS VIA QUERRIAU, RAINVILLE, VILLERS-BOCAGE FLESSLES at 230 pm. Road only fair. Horses & Mules rather tired. Weather fine & cool. Rest in the morning all in Belts. Leave was granted to 4 Officers & 19 O.R. to proceed to ENGLAND.</p>	AM
28/11/16.			<p>Routine stable exercise & cleaning up only to commence the period of heavy frost with all Batteries have a lot of cleaning & repairs to make to equipment and a good deal of equipment has been unaccountably lost in the deep mud at the SOMME. Total Casualties during the week the Brigade was in action on the SOMME are as follows:-</p>	Lt. Col. Commanding 13th. P.A. Bde. 5th. Aust.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NAOURS.	30/11/16.		<p>C.R.A. 5th Aust. Division visited the Brigade at NAOURS and the Training School at WARGNIES. during the afternoon the Instructors arrived, Brigade 69 Horses under strength. Water arrangements only at HAVERNAS and are not good. Weather Fine, Cold.</p> <p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).</p>	

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Left Group Artillery
Operation Order 13.

Ref. Sheet. Douplines 36NW2 1.10.000.

- Aerial Photos 426294.0294 - 36c 29a, b, c & d. of 16.10.16.
1. Information obtained from air photos. are to be considered.
 2. As a date and time to be notified later a raid will be made by the Auckland Bty. 2nd NZ Inf. Bde. ~~at~~ at c29c 65.60 for the purpose of:-
 - (a) Taking prisoners.
 - (b) Inflicting casualties
 - (c) Capturing any material that is possible.
 - (d) Destroying emplacements or dugouts
 - (e) Gaining information.
 3. The artillery of this group will support the raid, assisted by the 75A Bty and 6" Stokes mortar. The action will be as laid down in task table attached.
 Augac Heavy Artillery are co-operating
 4. All times will be calculated from zero.
 5. A diversion is being carried out at the same time by the Right Group Art. Tank Force at 15b.
 6. At the commencement of Phase 5 a salvo will be fired by each Bty. as shown in task table. As this will be a signal for the raiding party to rush trenches, the most accurate timing is necessary. Guns late through misfires or other causes will not fire on front line trenches but will immediately barrage.
 7. Phase 5 Barrage will be continued until the word "OUT" is received. A signal will also be arranged. This will be notified later.
 8. Batteries will remain on their Barrage line of fire until ordered to lay on to right lines, as retaliation may be ordered.
 9. Registrations will be carried out as ordered by instructions issued separately. All registrations will be checked on day of raid.
 10. Lieut AJ McDONALD is detailed as liaison officer.

to of Raid. It will be in telephonic communication with Sp. Hdqrs. It will also arrange for visual signalling from his position to "Poppy Bank", which will be manned by an officer of 113th Bty.

LIAISON OFFICER will remain with of Raid until completion of operation.

11. Detailed report by Bt's and Liaison Officers will be furnished to Sp. Hdqrs. immediately on completion of operation.

M. Miller Lieut.

for Captain Left Group Arty.

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Left Group Artillery Frank's Force.

Operation Order No 17.

1. A simultaneous bombardment will be carried out by M2Ms and Stokes Guns of 34th Div, on 6th inst from 2 to 2.30 pm and from 3.30 pm to 4 pm.
2. Heavy, Medium and 6" Mortars of Frank's Force Artillery, covered by 18-pdrs and 4.5" How. fire, will co-operate on points opposite our front.
3. The infantry have been asked to co-operate with Stokes Guns.
4. Existing M2M Beds will be utilised as far as possible.
Left Group tasks as per attached table.
5. Time will be sent from ascertained from Group Adqrs at 1.30 pm and 3.0 pm
6. Acknowledge.

Table of Tasks.

Time	Bty	Tasks	Rate	A.	PX	BX	Bombs
PHASE I							
2-0	49.	C29a 3 1/2 1/4 to C29a 46.30	BYF 1 1/4 mins.	-	24	-	-
to	113	do.	BYF 45 secs	-	-	40	-
2-30 pm	Y5A	do	1 Rd per mtr per 2 mins	-	-	-	60
	6" N.T.M.	do.	As much as can be fired	-	-	-	?
PHASE II							
3-30							
to	As above	As above			As above - 24		
4-0 pm						40	

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K Miller Lieut.,
for Adq. Left Group.

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Phase 1. Wirecutting Table of Tasks.

Phase	Time	Task	A	AX	BX	Bombs	Rate	Remarks
Phase 1	49 th to 51 st	Wire to be cut at C29c65.60 in daylight on days prior to and, if necessary, on final day.	95	5	-	-	-	
Phase 2	Bombardment							
Zero	49 th	C29c8.4 to C29c65.55	-	120	-	-	BYF 5 secs.	Front Line Trenches
to	50 th	C29c65.55 to C29c5.7	-	120	-	-		
+10	51 st	C29c5.7 to C29c4.9	-	120	-	-		
	113 th	1 gun C29c65.60 1 gun C29c8.4 1 gun C29c5.7 1 gun C29c80.65	-	-	40	-	1 Rd per gun per minute.	Front Line Trenches
	Rt Sp. How (1 sect)	C29c90.35 to C29d05.50	-	-	20	-		
	Y5A	C29c65.60	-	-	-	30	At discretion of B.B.	Wire Cutting
	6" Mortar	C29c4.9	-	-	-	15	" " " "	Front Line Trench
6" Howitzer will fire during this phase on C29c85.65 on junct. of Comm. Trenches.								
Phase 3	Bombardment of Support Trenches							
+10	49 th	C29d0.5 to C29c85.65	-	60	-	-	BYF 10 secs.	Support Trenches
to	50 th	C29c85.65 to C29c8.8	-	60	-	-		
to	51 st	C29c8.8 to C29a7.0	-	60	-	-		
+20	113 th	1 gun C29c85.65 1 gun C29c95.65 1 gun C29c8.8 sweep 1 gun C29c4.9	-	-	40	-	1 Rd per gun per minute.	Junction of C.Ts Sweeping
	Rt Sp. How.	C29c90.35 to C29d05.50	-	-	20	-		
	Y5A	STOP	-	-	-	-		Communication to
	6" Mortar	C29c4.9	-	-	-	15	At discretion of B.B.	Front Line Trench
6" Howitzer will continue to fire as in Phase 2.								

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Table of Tasks (continued)

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Phase	Time	Location	Task	A	BX	Bomb	Rate	Remarks	
Phase 2	+20	As for Phase 2.		-	72	-	-	BYF 5 secs until +22	
	to			-	72	-	-	then BYF 10 secs	
	+30			-	72	-	-	2nd per gun till +22	
				-	-	48	-	-	then 1st per gun per minute.
				-	-	24	30	-	At B's discretion
	+10			-	-	-	15	Wire cutting	
				-	-	-	-	Trout line trench	
Phase 3	+1 hour 45			-	184	-	-	Commencing with 1 salvo on Det. as for Phase 2 then damage then BYF 5 secs.	
Minutes until "OUT"			-	184	-	-	-		
Estimated to +2 hours.			-	184	-	-	-		
				-	-	120	-	2 rounds per gun per minute	
				-	-	-	-		
				-	-	60	-	2 rds per gun per min.	
				-	-	-	30	At B's discretion	
				-	-	-	15	" " "	

6" How will fire on junction of sappers at C29C80.95 during this Phase to be continued until "OUT" is received but rate of fire will be follows at +2 hours.
 18pdr Bhp - BYF 10 secs
 5.4 hows. - 1rd per gun per minute.

