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**WAR DIARY**

OF

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL MEDIUM TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES.

FOR

JUNE

1918

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*R. A. Woodland*

Captain.

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BATTERIES,  
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WAR DIARY

1st Aust. Div. Medium Trench Mortar Batteries Army Form C. 2118.

or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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<p>Les Coteaux V.I.C.8.6 (Sheet 27. France)</p>	<p>June 30.</p>		<p>Following telegrams received, addressed to D.T.M.A. dated 28/6/18.            From Army Commander: "Please convey my congratulations to troops who took part in successful enterprise this morning"            From Corps Commander: "Congratulations on successful enterprise"            "DIV" "DIV" "DIV" Commander sends his congratulations to all ranks taking part in this morning's operations"  <u>Weather</u> throughout the month - very favorable.  <u>Scheme of Relief</u> - 1 Battery in line at a time - reliefs being effected every 7 days. Battery out of line employed in training. Signalling, physical exercises and route marches in the mornings and recreational training in afternoons.  <u>Ammunition</u> - transport of - G.S. Wagons supplied by 1st Aust D.A.C.  <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="3">T.M.G.-6" Newton</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Bombs</td> <td>Charges</td> <td>C.Parts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>On hand 30/5/18</td> <td>676</td> <td>705</td> <td>710</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Received 1st Aust D.A.C. Dump</td> <td>3136</td> <td>3179</td> <td>3144</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>3812</u></td> <td><u>3884</u></td> <td><u>3854</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Expended</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fired</td> <td>3082</td> <td>3082</td> <td>3082</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><del>3099</del></td> <td><del>3164</del></td> <td><del>3139</del></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Destroyed</td> <td>15</td> <td>82</td> <td>57</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><del>3117</del></td> <td><del>3246</del></td> <td><del>3196</del></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>715</u></td> <td><u>720</u></td> <td><u>715</u></td> </tr> </table> </div> </p>		T.M.G.-6" Newton				Bombs	Charges	C.Parts	On hand 30/5/18	676	705	710	Received 1st Aust D.A.C. Dump	3136	3179	3144		<u>3812</u>	<u>3884</u>	<u>3854</u>	<u>Expended</u>				Fired	3082	3082	3082		<del>3099</del>	<del>3164</del>	<del>3139</del>	Destroyed	15	82	57		<del>3117</del>	<del>3246</del>	<del>3196</del>		<u>715</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>715</u>	<p>Fullerton ..... CAPTAIN D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.</p>
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# WAR DIARY

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# WAR DIARY

OF

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL MEDIUM TRENCH MORTAR BATTERIES.

FOR

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1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	FIRING RETURNS & REPORTS - for Month
2	HONOUR & AWARD - Action for which commended. Lieut H.W.Bryan M.C.
3	" " Lieut V.Mulroney M.C. & O/Ranks
4	Gauge for 6" Newton Bombs.- Application for.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 115.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries 6am 31/5/18 to 6am 1/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Aust M.T.M. Bty.	6 to 8 pm	E.II.A.5.4. to " 7.4.	25	Enemy Post & M.G. Position, new trenches and dugout.
		E.II.D.10.10.	26	Group of buildings in trees known centre of activity.
		<i>Total</i>	<i>51</i>	Target engaged at request of Infantry.

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Intelligence Summary. Battery firing gas shells into W.27. -flash bearing 103° grid from E.II.A.4.9.

A 77mm, apparently a new gun, firing on our position at Strazeele railway at 2 pm onwards - flash bearing approximately 115° grid from E.II.A.4.9. At 10.30 pm this gun fired a number of rounds on enemy post in vicinity of E.II.B.5.4.

On each occasion golden rain flares were fired from E.II.B.9.1.

Aerial Activity - Normal.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N°116

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties. 6.am 1/6/18 to 6.am 2/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T.M.Bty	4.30.am	Zero Line N° 3 Gun	5	Satisfactory registration

Relief. - 1st Bty relieved 2nd Bty in Line at 10 pm 1/6/18.

Activity Report .-

Shelling normal on whole front.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 117.  
 1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries 6am 2/6/18 to 6am 3/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT
1st Aust M.T.M. Bty.	6 pm to 2 am	E.11.B.54.03.	186	14 rds registration during the evening - remainder during Stunt.
		E.12.A.30.65		
		" 15.60		
		E.8.C.80.95		
		" 52.20		
		" 52.30		
	1 to 1.40 am	E.6.Central	75	In accordance with Operation Order N° 35.
		E.8.D.91.88		
		E.1.A.50.00		
	1 to 1.45 am	" 35.10	84	ditto.
		E.1.A.16.14.		
		" 86.30		
		" 46.40		
		" 50.00		
" to 35.10				
" 3 20.15 to				
" 24.40				

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1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties From 6.am 2/5/18 to 6.am 3/6/18

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T. Bty	1 to 2 am	X.20.D.15.15 Road in X.26 A. Trenches & Post at X.26.A.90.70 to X.26.A.40.40	60	On enemy Posts, trenches & roads during Stunt.

O. C. Bty reports nothing very much in the way of retaliation, stunt appeared very successful.

Activity Report. - More than normal owing to stunt, but retaliation not heavy.

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DAILY FIRING REPORT & REPORT N° 118.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties From 6.am 3/6/18 to 6.am 4/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT
1st Aust M.T.M. Bty.	Midnight to 3.am	Farms & roads in 2534a. F.I.A.	20	On enemy movement
	9. pm	Road Junct: at X.20.D.05.05	4	Two hits on centre of junction Registration.
	2.30 to 3.15.am	Posts & Trenches X.26.A.7. to X.26.A.4.8.	16	In response to Infantry request.
	3.30 am	Farm at X.20.D.2.2.	10	Enemy M.G. & Snipers, have been operating from this position and Infantry want it attended to.
All effective shoots.			50	
Intelligence Summary.				
Infantry report that H <sup>4</sup> Gun blew out M.G. at X.20.C. 244; 9.I. and burnt out farm also on night of Stunt.				
Activity Report.				
Heavy intermittent shelling E.5.B. & E.6.A.&B.				
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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 119.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties. from 6.am 4/6/18 to 6am 5/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T.M. Bty	2. to 3 pm	E.6.C. & E.12.A.	17	Registration Series-satisfactory.
	1.15 am	K.20.D.80.20	4	Post in hedges.
	2.am	K.26.A.7.8.to K.26.A.4.7.	10	) In response to Trenches.) Infantry.
	2.15.am	K.20.C.95.05.	6	Road Junction-satisfactory.
	3.am	K.20.D.20.25.	10	Farm "
		Total	47	

Activity Report. - Heavy enemy shelling on whole Front.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 120.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties 5.am 5/6/18 to 5.am 6/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T.M. Bty	11.30 pm	E.II.B.54.03	10	At request of Infantry. Satisfactory.

Activity Report.

Normal.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT NO 1-2.122

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 6<sup>30</sup> am 8/6/18 to 6<sup>30</sup> am 8/7/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Aust M.F.M. Bty	9.30 pm	E.6.D.70.65	5	House
	to	" 90.85	10	"
	3.15 am	F.I.C.15.85.	5	"
	3.20 to	F.I.B.75.15.	5	Farm & Xroads
	3.45 am	F.I.A.85.25.	5	Xroads.
		" 45.38.	5	House.
	11 pm to	X.20.C.60.10	10	Enemy Post
	12.20 am	" 90.20.	10	" "
		X.20.D.10.10.	10	Ewe Farm
		" 20.30.	10	Post.
	Total	75		

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Details of report not to hand.

Activity Report--

Enemy shelling during day, below normal. Intermittent during night.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N°123.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties 6am 8/6/18 to 6am 9/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT?
2nd Battery	3.30 to 6 pm	E.II.A.65.35	10	New trench & M.G. emplacements. 2 direct hits observed.
		E.II.B.5.4.	34	Enemy outpost & M.G. emplacement. A number of direct hits obtained.
		E.II.B.50.50.	10	Outpost & M.G. emplacement. Several direct hits.
		The above were called for by Infantry. They were excellent shoots. At E.II.B.5.4. the enemy were about 15 strong and were forced to evac., thus affording excellent sniping to our Infantry. Several seem to be badly wounded from T.M. fire. Our Infantry are to occupy these posts to-night. (E.II.B.5.4. & E.II.B.50.00.)		
	3.30 pm	E.II.C.10.15	10	M.G. in sleeping house, shooting unobserved. At request of Inf.
Total			64	

Activity Report. Enemy activity during day, quiet. Intermittent shelling on Strazeele Rly Station during night.

Gas -- At about 3.30 am some 50 or 60 gas shells fell in E.II.4.C & D. coming from direction of OUTERSTEENE.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 124.  
1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 6am 9/6/18 to 6am 10/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.	
2nd Battery	6 pm to 3.30 am	E.II.D.7.9.	10	Copse where a lot of work was going on, also M.G. emplacement. Several direct hits.	
		E.II.D.7.9. to E.II.B.65.05	10	On enemy Outposts & M.G. emplacements.	
		E.II.B.65.93 to E.II.D.35.75	10	Enemy Trench and new work, and suspected M.G. Position; several direct hits were obtained.	
		The above shoots were called for by Infantry.			
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	8 pm	E.6.D.2.8.	6	On house - registration.	
	3.15 am	X.20.D.12.12.	5	" " "	
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Activity Report.-- Quiet during day ; through the night , intermittent on Strassele.					
Gas. A few shells in B.4.G & D.					
Total 41.					
				CAPTAIN	
				D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.	

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 1ST  
 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
 T.M.R. 125  
 No. 9/6/18  
 Date

TO, 1st Aust Divl Arty:

6" NEWTON POSITIONS ----- FRONT LINE.

A revised list of Gun Positions, arcs of fire, etc., made up-to-date - for Front Line - is enclosed.

Several alterations have been necessary, but the whole of the Front Line remains well covered.

Principal Alterations are:-

N° 3 Gun Position at W.30.D.75.99/ to X.25.A.45.90., owing to old positions being blown out.  
N° 4 from X.I9.C.98.42. to X.I9.A.95.55.

Position at X.I9.D.28.90. BLOWN OUT-an ~~alternative~~ alternative emplacement - not further required.

*H. H. Morris*

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TABLE OF BATTERY POSITIONS, ARCS OF FIRE, ETC.

FRONT LINE.  
Ist Aust Divl M.TM. Bty.

Location	Alternative Positions	True Zero Lines	Zero Point	Arcs of Fire.	O.P. Location	Station Call
N° 1 Gun. E.5.C.25.15	E.5.C.08.23. E.5.C.25.15.	90° 94° 125°	E.6.C.5.I. E.6.C.50.05. E.II.B.7.I.	E.I2.A.9.2. to E.6.A.9.I E.I2.A.6.I.toE.6.C.70.99. E.I7.B.8.8.toE.I2.A.98.50	E.II.A.4.8.	E.S.26
N° 2 Gun. <del>X.25.A.45.90</del> W.30.B.3.7.		171°	E.6.D.70.98.	E.6.C.70.65.toF.I.C.7.9.	W.30.B.65.05.	
N° 3 Gun. X.25.A.45.90.	W.30.D.70.99.	165° 105°	F.I.B.10.25. X.26.C.20.20.	F.I.C.2.9.toF.2.A.05.35. F.I.B.90.05.toX.26.A.45.10	W.30.B.65.05.	
N° 4 Gun. X.19.A.95.55		126°	X.20.D.05.03.	X.26.A.5.2.toX.20.D.7.7.	X.19.D.9.9.	

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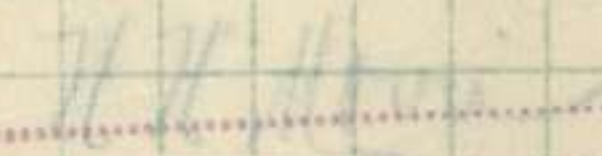
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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 126.  
1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 3am 10/6/18 to 3am 11/6/18

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
3rd Battery	8 pm	E.II.D.35.40.	6	Enemy Outpost & M.G. Position, two direct hits obtained.
	11 pm	K.20.C.7.I.	7	Enemy Trench.
	2.30 to 2.45 am	K.20.C.98.06	6	On Roads.
		K.20.D.25.55.	6	Enemy Trench.
<b>Activity Report.</b> - During day very quiet - intermittent shelling during the night round Strazeele Rly and in E.4.C. & D. by 5.9s , 4.2s, & 77 mm				
<b>Aerial.</b> Normal.				

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT No 127.  
 1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bty - 6am 11/6/18 to 6am 12/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	No of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery	3 pm	E.II.B.55.40	10	Enemy Outpost & M.G. Position. Several direct hits.
	5.30 pm	E.II.B.7.I.	10	Ruined house, supposed M.G., several direct hits.
	9 pm	E.II.B.7.I. to E.II.D.55.90.	15	System of Outposts & M.Cs, direct hits obtained.
	9.30 pm	E.II.D.3.4.	15	Enemy Outpost & M.G. Position, several direct hits, setting fire to a small dump of flares
	10.30 to 3.30 am	F.I.B.75.15	30	On occupied houses & roads, unobserved.
	2.30 to 3 am	E.20.D.02.10 " 12.18 " 25.35	5 5 5	Occupied house, shooting unob- served " " " served On enemy Post.
Activity Report.				
During day very quiet, during night scattered shelling by 4.2s & 77mm round Strazeele Rly. Observation very clear Aerial. - Enemy planes very active, at 3.30pm one plane flew very low over Strazeele Rly Station.				
				<i>H. K. [Signature]</i> CAPTAIN D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 128. <sup>130</sup>  
 1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 6am 12/6/18 to 6am 13/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery	8 pm to	E.II.B.75.45	30	Enemy Trench & M.G. Position. Several direct hits obtained.
	Midnight to	" 7.I.		
		E.II.B.7.I.	30	Enemy M.G. Post in trench.
		to		
		E.II.D.5.7.	33	This series in conjunction with Infantry Operation. On enemy M.G. Position in trenches. A successful operation.
		" 5.7.)		
		" 3.4.)		
	10 pm to	F.I.C.2.7.	20	Houses & road.
	3. am	"		
		F.I.B.7.I.	20	Houses & Xroads.
	2.30 am	X.20.C.98.06	5	Xroads.)
		" 80.10	10	Trench } Harassing fire.
		X.26.A.45.85	10	" }
		" 50.75	5	" }
<u>Activity Report</u>			163	
Quiet during day; intermittent shelling on Strazeele Station during night with 77mm, 4.2s and occasionally 2.5.9.				

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 131.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batterys 6am 13/6/18 to 6am 14/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery	7.30 pm	E.12.C.95.45	10	Houses.
	9 pm	E.17.B.05.70	6	Enemy Post.
	2. am	E.1.B.7.I.	10	Houses & Xroads.
	10 pm	E.20.C.98.08	5	Xroads.
		E.20.D.05.10	5	House
	2.30 am	" 28.35	10	Trench
		" 12.18	5	House.
		" 05.10	5	House.
Total.			56	Destructive & harassing shoots.

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Activity Report.-

Enemy shelling very quiet and scattered during the day and night. Barrage put down on Strazeele Station about 3.am lasting for about half an hour.

Aerial. Enemy planes very active during morning of 14th, flying low over Station.

*A. K. Davis* CAPTAIN

D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N° 132.  
 1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bty. - 6am 14/6/18 to 6am 15/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery WAR DIARY JUNE 1918 APPENDIX N° I REPORT 132.	5 to 6 pm	E.12.A.90.20	15	House!
		" 50.45	20	Enemy Post, -several dispersed.
		E.12.B.95.50	10	House.
	10.30 to 11.30 am	F.I.C.3.7.	20	Houses & Roads.
	10.30 pm to 2.30 am	F.I.B.7/I.	20	Xroads.
	2.30 am	X.20.C.98.07	5	Xroads.
		X.20.C.78.07	10	Enemy trench.
		X.26.A.60.75	10	" "
		X.20.C.70.15	5	" Post.
				Harassing fire.

Activity Report. -

Enemy shelling during day below normal. Scattered over Strassele Rly Station during the night. 2.30am a heavy barrage was put down across Rly Station, lasting about half an hour.

Aerial.- Enemy Planes very active during the day, flying very low over Station Railway. One plane over low this morning about 6 to 7am

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 133. 16/6/18

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties 6am 15/6/18 to 5am 16/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery	3.30 to 4 pm	E.12.A.50.45	20	Post. )
		" 70.30	20	House. ) Harassing shoots.
		E.12.C.95.80	21	Post. )
1st Battery	1.30 to	E.6.D.9.8.	6	Road ditto
	2.30 am	F.I.A.	14	"
	1.40 to			
	2.30 am	F.I.A.	11	Crossroads. ditto
	12.15 to	X.20.D.03.11	10	Ewe Farm.) At request of
2.30 am	" 14.19	10	Farm. ) Infantry, during raid.	
<i>Total</i>			112	

1st Battery relieved 2nd Battery in line at 10 pm 15/6/18.  
Activity Report.- Quiet, generally.

Aerial Enemy Planes active along front at dusk 15/6/18.

..... CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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D.T.M.O.,  
1st  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
No. T.M.R. 135.  
Date 16/6/18.

To,  
1st Aust Divl Arty.

The following guns were placed in Reserve yesterday and completed, with 20 rounds at each position by midnight:-

N° 4	W.21.D.98.65.	True Bearing	145°
N° 5	W.22.C.40.60.	" "	135°
N° 6	W.23.A.62.75.	" "	120°
N° 7	W.23.A.88.70.	" "	100°

The above, with the following, make 7 Guns in all in Reserve, and are numbered as shown. They are all supplied with ammunition and manned with a guard, and ready for action.

N° 1	W.26.D.60.45.	True Bearing	120°
N° 2	W.26.D.60.55.	" "	82°
N° 3	W.21.C.45.35.	" "	114°

Map showing Reserve Positions is attached.

*W. H. Harris*  
FOR D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV. CAPTAIN



DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 136.  
 1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 6am 16/6/18 to 6am 17/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Battery	1 to 3.30 am	E.12.A.	50	Intermittent fire kept up for 2 hours forward of our Posts while <del>was</del> -vacated, same were vacated.
	11 pm to 2.30 am	E.6.D.9.8.	10	Road
		E.6.A.	10	"
		F.I.C.15.25.	10	"
		F.I.A.30.15	10	Trenches.
		F.I.B.	10	Vicinity of Farm Gerbedoen.
		X.20.D.98/47	12	Xroads.
		X.20.C.98.07.	10	"
		Ewe Farm	20	Farm
		Total	142	The Above series were harassing shoots.

Activity Report. - Quiet, generally - a little retaliation after Mortar had been firing for about an hour on E.12.A.

*K. H. Mair*

..... CAPTAIN  
 D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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FIRE REPORT AND REPORT NO. 137.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries 6am 17/6/18 to 6am 18/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N <sup>o</sup> of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Battery	5 to 4.30am	E.12.A.	50	After relief was completed harassing fire was kept up on this area.
	2.30 am	E.6.D.9.8. Gerbedoen Fm	10	Road.
			10	Farm ditto
	3.am	X.20.0.98.07	5	Xroads. Our Patrols were active around this position until a late hour this morning.
		Total	55	

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*H. H. Mouri*  
 CAPTAIN  
 For D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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D.T.M.O.  
1st  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
No. T.M.R. 138  
Date 18/6/18

To,  
1st Aust Divl Arty.

Intelligence Summary 6.am 17/6 to 6.am 18/6.

Hostile Activity. - Artillery.-

Continuous shelling all day on buildings around position E.5.C.3;2; Two direct hits on building in rear of N°1 Position -E.5.C.5.12.- Dislodged bricks, buried mortar breaking one guy and clino bubble. Bed replaced, also clino.  
Barrage with shells of all calibres up to 5.98, including T.Ms, put down from W.30.B.3.7. to Rlwy at 9.9pm.  
Similar barrage at 10.30 pm along Strazeele - Vieux Berquin Road.  
Shelling around Railway yard during night was consistent.  
Some ammunition destroyed at W.30.B.3.7. details not yet to hand.

*H. H. Harris*  
CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.



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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 139.  
1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties 6am 18/6/18 to 6am 19/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Battery	10.30 pm	E.6.D.9.8.	5	Farm
		F.I.B.9.2.	5	Gerbedoen Fm
	3.am	F.I.A.80.25	5	Xroads
	10.5 pm to	X.20.C.98.07	10	Road
	2.am	X.26.A.70.95	10	"
		Total	35	Patrols & working parties were active on this <del>sector</del> sector, so only limited programme could be carried out.

Activity Report--

Considerable shelling by enemy in vicinity of Station & Coy H.Q. at E.II.A.3.9. (approximately). Building at latter which was used as an O.P. was set on fire & is now useless as such. Several other buildings were set on fire. During operation at 12.45 am by 29th Dix: yard at Station was shelled with 4.2s & 5.9s and two fires started. Remainder of front reported quiet.

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*J. H. [Signature]*  
 CAPTAIN  
 D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 140.  
1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties 6am 19/6/18 to 6am 20/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T.M. Bty	9.00m	E.12.A.6.4.	7	Snipers Post. Registration rds and reported satisfactory by Inf: in outposts.
	9.30	E.12.A.50.45	3	ditto.
	12.30 to 1.45 am	E.12.A.6.4.	90	In support of Operation by Inf: 18 rds for first 5 minutes, then lifted to extreme range & harassing fire kept up at rate of 2 rds per minute for 15' & thereafter 1 rd per minute until 1.45 am.
		"	15	
	12.30 to 12.35 am	E.12.A.50.45.	15	After 15 rds Mortar out of action by bed breaking.
	5.00m	X.26.D.4.4.	5	Registration of new position.
		Total	120	

Activity Report -

Considerable 5.9 shelling in vicinity of Station yard all day. Fairly heavy shelling along road opposite position at E.10.B 85.95. (road in E.II.A. & C.)  
Aerial. Enemy plane flew low over Station.

*K. H. Harris*  
 ..... CAPTAIN  
 For D.I.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 143.  
1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar batteries 6am 20/6/18 to 6am 21/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T.M. 5 am Bty		K.26.3.5.	7	scarp cottage.) Registrations, Herbedoen Fm. ) all satisfactor Farm. ) y
		P.I.B.9.2.	4	
		K.26.B.45.50	5	
		Total	16	

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..... CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 146.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries 6am 22/6/18 to 23/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T.M. Bty.	4.45 am	F.I.B.9.2.	10	Gerbedoen Fm - Registration 3 direct hits.
	3.30 am	X.20.D.25.56.	10	Trenches. Registration
	4 am	X.20.D.02.10) " 12.20)	20	Ewe Farm ) Registration - Building.) 3 direct hits.
		Total	40	

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*[Signature]*  
CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.G. 1st AUS. DIV.



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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 148.  
1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties 6am 23/6/18 to 6am 24/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	NO OF Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T. M.Bty	9. pm	E.12.C.50.90	2	Bed lifted after 2nd round . New position at E.5.C.05.10. to engage this target.
<p>In this mornings Operation on Left Brigade Front 1st Aust M.T. M.Bty co-operated in bombardment with five 6" Newton Mortars and fired a total of 267 rounds in accordance with task laid down in Brigade Order.</p>				
	12.30 to	Gerbedoen Fm	30	From NO 3 Gun at X.25.A.45.90.
	12.30 to	X.26.A.05.05	5	From N°4 Gun at X.25.B.30.55.
	12.30 to	X.26.A.11.18	5	Zero to plus 3.
	at	X.26.C.45.45		Barrage was lifted on to trench
		to X.26.C.85.80	16	from zero plus 3 to zero plus 10
				At request of Infantry harassin
			fire	was kept up from zero plus 10 8
	to zero plus	20 on enemy M.G. & Posts running along hedges, trees and		road at X.26.C.9050
		to		also road at I.26.D.25.85.
		CAPTAIN 95.30	37	

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N°148

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties. 6am 23/6/18 to 5am 24/6/18

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	No of Rounds	REPORT.
1st Aust M.T. M.Bty	12.30 to 1.26 am	Ewe farm X.26.B.40.45 and X.26.D.15.90	40  36	From N°5 Gun at X.I9.B.45.05 and kept up harassing fire for 50 minutes around farms at
	12.30 to 12.32am	X.20.D.33.74 at X.20.D.34.40 and X.26.B.75.95	16  47	From N°6 Gun at X.I9.B.50.37 es and lifted barrage on to trench
	12.30 to 12.34 am	Trenches at X.20.D.10.30 X.20.D.25.36	34	From N°7 Gun at X.I9.D.25.40
	and on	X.20.D.99.10	6	
		Total	269	Total for operation, 267 rds.

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*D. J. M. O.* CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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OPERATION ORDER for night of 23rd- 24th June 1918;

By Capt H.H.Morris M.C. actg D.T.M.C. 23rd June 1918.

N°1 Gun - Lieut Lawn M.M.

Will fire from zero to zero plus 2 on trenches at X.26.A.05.05. and trenches at X.26.A.11.18. (45)  
From zero plus 2 to zero plus 10 Gun will fire on trenches at X.26.C.45.45. to X.26.C.85.80. Stop.

N°2 GUN - Lieut H.W.Bryan M.C.

Will fire from zero to zero plus 4 on trenches at X.20.D.10.30., X.20.D.25.36., X.20.D.11.38., X.20.D.19.40. Stop.

N°3 Gun - Lieut C.S.Johnston. -

Will fire from zero to zero plus 6 on Ewe Farm in X.20.D.05.13. Stop.

N°4 Gun - Lieut F.B.C.Bugby.

Will fire from zero to zero plus 2 on house in X.20.D.33.74.

From zero plus 2 to zero plus 4 on trenches in X.20.D.25.36. and X.20.D.34.40. Stop.

Gun at X.25.A.45.95.-

From zero to zero plus 6 Gun at X.25.A.45.95. will engage trench running from F.I.A.30.60. to F.I.A.70.30.

Rate of fire - Maximum.

25% Delay cartridge.

Detachments will "stand by" to engage targets at request of Infantry.



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Extract from Intelligence Summary N° 68, From 6am 23/6/18 to 6 am 24/6/18  
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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OUR OPERATIONS. In support of the operations carried out by our Left Brigade and Division on our left a creeping barrage was put down, its lights synchronising on the METELEN BECQUE WITH THOSE COMPRISING the barrage carried out by Artillery supporting the left flank of the attack. In conjunction with this 18-pdr. barrage three ~~4.25~~ 4.5" How Batteries bombarded trenches X.26.A.93.70; to X.26.A.68.95.; X.26.A.53.75. to X.26.A.80.83.; X.20.C.76.03. to X.20.C.93.15. and X.20.C.95.07. from zero to zero plus 4 minutes, and from plus 4 min. to plus 8 min. trenches X.26.A.40.55. ~~to~~ X.26.A.93.85. to EWE FARM and finally at plus 8 lifting and merging into the 18-pdr. protective barrage.

In addition 5 ~~M.M. & M.M.~~ M.T.M.'s co-operated by engaging enemy's trenches and strong points at X.26.A.05.05 / II.18; X.26.C.45.45/85.80. Gerbedoen Farm and later at the request of the infantry kept up harassing fire from plus 10 to plus 20 on enemy's M.G.s and posts from X.26.C.90.50 to X.26.C.95.80. and road at X.26.D.25.85., a total of 269 rounds of 6" Newtons being expended in this operation.

At the request of the infantry fire was maintained on the final protective barrage for an additional 15 minutes to that pre-arranged, half at normal and half at slow rates.

In order to increase the enemy's disorganisation caused by the above operation all harassing fire was increased by 100 % throughout the night.

X To X.26.A.72.66; X.26.<sup>1</sup>.72.66. to X.26.A.93.85.



DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 149.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties 6am 24/6/18 to 6am 25/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Aust M.T. M.Bty	8.00 pm	F.I.3.6.I.	20	House.
	4.30 am	X.26.3.30.45.	10	Registration.
		<i>Total.</i>	<i>30</i>	
2nd Bty relieved 1st Bty in Line at 10.00 pm 24/6/18.				
Activity Report.-				
----- Very quiet during day. 10.30pm enemy out down barrage e on E.S.C.. Intermittent shelling in vicinity of Strazeele Station Aerial . with 5.9s & 4.2s during early morning. ----- Activity nil				

*R. Howard*

CAPTAIN

D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 151.  
 1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries 6am 25/6/18 to 6am 26/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery	11.12 pm	F.I.C.3.9.	20	Road & houses.
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		F.I.B.6.1.	23	Farm & Xroads.
		F.I.A.80.25	3	Building
		F.I.B.46.1.	10	Xroads.
	3.am	X.26.B.33.50.	20	Houses & road.
	" 46.10	10	House & road.	
	Total.		92	The above series were harassing shoots.
Activity Report. - During day intermittent enemy shelling with 8" shells in vicinity of E.4.D.65.70. otherwise quiet.				
Intermittent bursts of firing with 4.2s in vicinity of Strazeele Station during night & early morning.				
Aerial Activity - Enemy activity, normal.				
				<i>S. J. ...</i> CAPTAIN D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT

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1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries 6am 26/6/18 to 6am 27/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery.	3.45 pm	B.12.D.8.3.	17	Enemy Post. Flares observed to be set on fire, burning for some minutes.
	to 8.45 pm	B.12.C.7.2.	19	
		B.12.C.55.30.	25	Effective on copse, believed to be occupied.
		" 52.84.	15	
		" " )	15	EFFECTIVE ON HOUSE. 2 direct hits on house.
		to B.12.C.53.68		
		" 52.92.	10	Effective on hedges.
	4.45 am	B.12.D.35.88.	20	
		Total	121	The above were fired from Right Section. Reports from Centre & Left not yet to hand
			121	

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Activity Report. Enemy shelling during day much below normal. Intermittent shelling round Strazeele Station during night and early morning with 4.2s & 77 mm.

Aerial. Enemy planes much more active.

*R. H. ...*  
CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.O., 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN & REPORT N°153. Further Report.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties. 6.am 25/6/18 to 6.am 27/6/18

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery	2.30 pm to 3. am	F.I.A. 85.20	25	Ruined house, -supposed H.G.
		F.I.B. 55.10	5	House.
	" 55.70.	5	Minenwerfer Position.	
	F.I.C. 85.90	30	H.G. Position.	
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	X.26.B.46.10.	20	Houses & Trenches.	
	X.26.V.15.80.	20	" " "	
X.26.B.33.50.	20	" " Roads.		
" 40.30.	10	House & road.		
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	Total		135	

The above are harassing and destructive shoots from Centre & Left Positions, making total number of rounds fired by 2nd Bty for 24 hours to 6.am 27/6/18 = 256.

  
 ..... CAPTAIN  
 D.T.M.O., 1st AUS. DIV.

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RESERVE POSITIONS - 6" Newton Mortars - Arcs of Fire etc.

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 26/6/18.

Location	True Zero Lines	Arcs of Fire.	
<u>FRONT RESERVES.</u>			
<u>N°1 GUN.</u> W.26.D.60.45.	120°	E.9.B.4.9.to E.4.A.4.5.	
<u>N°2 GUN.</u> W.26.D.60.55.	82°	E.4.A.4.5.to W.28.A.I.7.	
<u>N°3 GUN.</u> W.21.C.45.35.	114°	W.28.C.5.3.to W.22.D.5.I.	
<u>N°4 GUN.</u> W.21.D.98.65.	145°	E.4.A.65.70.to W.29.B.25.02.	
<u>N°5 GUN.</u> W.22.C.40.60.	135°	E.4.B.7.8.to W.29.B.I.4.	
<u>N°6 GUN.</u> W.23.A.62.75.	120°	W.30.A.4.6.to W.24.B.35.25.	
<u>N°7 GUN.</u> W.23.A.88.70.	100°	W.24.D.25.35.to W.I8.D.6.2.	
<u>N°8 GUN.</u> W.I8.A.20.85.	115°	X.I9.A.2.9.to X.I3.B.01.65.	
<u>REAR RESERVES.</u>			
<u>N°1 GUN.</u> W.I5.D.30.02.	130°	W.28.A.7.6.to W.22.A.98.10	N°1 GUN.
W.I5.D.65.05.	88°	W.23.A.3.2.to W.I7.A.30.15.	N°2 GUN.
W.I5.D.55.35.	80°	W.23.A.30.85.to W.I7.A.05.75.	N°3 GUN.
W.II.A.28.01	184°	W.I6.D. .5.to W.I7.D.01.35.	N°4 GUN.
W.II.C.45.85.	160°	W.I7.C.5.I.to W.I8.C. 5.70.	N°5 GUN.
W.II.C.55.80.	122°	W.I8.C.2.6.to W.I2.D.25.20.	N°6 GUN.

Location.- Reserves H.Q.  
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W.21.B.22.70.

REFERENCE MAPS.- Sheet 27.S.E. Ed 4A  
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To, D.D.O.S.  
A.H.Q.  
2nd Army.

D.T.M.O.
1st
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
I55
No. 27/6/18
Date

The following defective ammunition is reported:-

Nature of Bomb - 6" Newton Mortar.

Markings - - - On shell- 30/5/18  
E.R.H.  
80/20  
6" T. How.

" - - On top of shell - Mk. 111.  
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as shewn on rough diagram attached;

The above would only slide half way down the ~~shell~~ piece, where it jammed and considerable difficulty ~~was~~ was experienced in extracting it.

Several similar bombs have jammed lately and ~~caused~~ caused much delay at a time when T.M. fire was depended upon in conjunction with an Infantry operation. Other bombs have been found too small and caused abnormal (short) rounds.

*R. A. Howland*

CAPTAIN

D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.



DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 154.  
 Ist Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar \*tleastam 7/6/18 to 6am 28/6/18.

Battery	Time of Firing	Target Sheet	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Aust M.T.M Bty	2.30 to 3.30 pm	E.12.C.52.92.	10	House & M.G.
		" 52.84	20	House.
		" 52.68	10	Hedge- M.G.I abnormal round
		" 25.25	15	House -M.G.I " "
		" 52.68	7	Hedge -M.G.I " "
	4.40 to 5.am	E.12.B.45.02	10	House.
		E.12.A.97.28	10	"
	3.pm to 2.am (2.am)	F.I.C.9.4.	13	Registration on MERRIS Church
		E.5.D.9.9.	7	" " House & M'werf
	3.pm to 2.40 am	" "	40	2 direct hits. ) These targets
" "		40	House & M'werf. ) supplied by	
" "		40	Inf:	
3.40 am	" I.C.85.30	40	M.G.	
	F.I.A.85.20	20	M.G.	
	F.I.B.55.12.	20	Road.	
10.pm	X.26.B.8.3.	3	Registration.	
Total			225	Except for 3 abnormal rounds the above series were very effective harassing & destructive shoots.

Activity Report -  
 Enemy - normal  
 Aerial - Enemy active.

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APPENDIX N° I REPORT 159 (159)

WAR DIARY JUNE 1918.

To,  
1st Aust Divl Arty.

D.T.M.O.
1ST
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
No. 159.T.M.R.
Date 29/6/18.

Report on recent Operation by Infantry on  
 morning of 28th June 1918.- Operation by 1st Aust  
 Divl M.T.M.Bty at request of Infantry. -

The 10th Battalion carried out an unexpected operation at 6.15.am -28/6/18 - in conjunction with 29th Div on their right, and, have again moved their Posts forward completing same by 6.pm.

We had several targets to engage; Lieut H.W.Bryan M.C. at N°4 GUN fired 80 rounds and Lieut V.Mulroney M.C. at N°1 GUN engaged the Posts that the C.O. 12th Bn pointed out, firing 62 rounds. From the latter, one Post, that had been worrying the Infantry a great deal, was blown out and the enemy were compelled to evacuate another. The Colonel of the Infantry observed the shooting and expressed considerable pleasure with the results.

Details of firing were submitted in my report N°154 dated 28/6/18.

*J. A. Howland*  
 CAPTAIN  
 D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.



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APPENDIX N° I REPORT 157.

WAR DIARY JUNE 1918.

To, 1st Aust Divl Arty.

D.T.M.O.,	
1st	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION	
No.	T.M.R. 157.
Date	28/6/18.

Location of 6" Newton Mortars.

Table of 6" Newton Mortar Positions in  
Front Line, Reserves and Second Zone is enclosed.

All previous Tables are cancelled.

*[Signature]* CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.



TABLE of 6" Newton Mortar Positions - Arcs of Fire etc - FRONT LINE

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 28th June 1918.

N° of GUN	Location	True Zero Line	Zero Point	Arcs of Fire.	O.P. Location
1	E.5.C.4.I.	125°	E.II.B.75.15	E.18.A.02.80 to E.12.B.1.4	E.II.A.40.98.
2	E.5.D.02.07.	114°	E.I2.B.45.01	E.I2.D.1.1 to E.I2.B.85.85	E.5.D.93.55.
	(53)		F.I.C.10.95	E.I2.B.45.80 to F.I.D.3.4.	
3	W.30.D.53.87	162°	<del>E.6.B.75.05</del>	<del>E.I2.B.1.8 to F.I.B.01.55</del>	W.30.B.85.25.
4	X.25.A.45.90.	165°	F.I.B.10.25.	F.I.C.2.9 to F.2.A.05.35.	W.30.B.10.35.
	Alternative.				
4	X.25.B.30.55.	118°	X.26.D.4.4.	F.2.B.2.1 to X.27.A.20.15.	
5	X.19.D.25.45	113°	X.26.B.3.6.	X.26.D.3.5 to X.21.C.1.3.	X.19.D.9.9.
<u>Location of:-</u>		Battery H.Q. In the Line - ) E.4.D.3.3.			
		Right Section - - - - )			
		Centre Section - - - - ) W.24.C.60.45.			
		Left Section - - - - ) X.19.A.33.90.			

Reference Maps Sheet 27 S.E. Ed 4a  
 " " 36A N.E. Ed 7a.



SECOND ZONE POSITIONS - 6" Newton Mortars -

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Bties - 28th June 1918.

N° of Gun.	Location	True Zero Line	Arcs of Fire.
1	W.25.B.50.35	115°	E.2.B.6.I. to W.27.A.5.I.
2	W.25.B.45.55.	83°	W.27.C.3.9. to W.21.C.I.8.
3	W.20.A.I.9.	120°	W.26.B.95.70. to W.21.A.95.40. (21)
4	W.20.A.I5.98.	91°	W.20.A.80.00. to W.15.C.8.9.
5	W.8.D.6.8.	120°	W.15.D.4.5. to W.10.C.5.4.
6	W.8.D.60.85.	92°	W.16.A.3085. To W.10.A.4.8.

*R. H. ...* CAPTAIN  
D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° **158**

1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries 6am 28/6/18 to 29/6/18

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.	
2nd Battery	3 pm to 10.40 pm	E.I2.A.40.28	45	M.G. Post	
		" 94.28	20	18 men reported crawling from dugout at E.I2.A.95.36, which was hit by bombs. 1 abnormal round.	
			E.I2.A.83.34	14	(approximately) On wire.
			E.I2.B.03.46	21	M.G. Post. 2 abnormal rounds.
			E.I2.B.52.84	25	M.G. in house - 1 direct hit, 1 dud.
			to E.I2.C.48.84		
			E.I2.C.45.68	20	M.G. Posts in hedge. Several direct hits on hedge.
	6 pm to 3 am	E.6.D.90.85	94	Fired at request of 10th Bn on house, T.M., and centre of enemy activity.	
	6 pm to 5 am	F.I.A.3.3.	6	On enemy Post in orchard.	
		" 85.20.	30	M.G. Position.	
	F.I.C.85.90	10	" "		
5 am	X.26.B.23.50	10	Houses - Registration.		
Activity Report.					
Enemy			<i>total</i> 295		
Aerial					
Normal during day - Barrage during night of 4.28 about every half hour on the Station and to the rear.					
Normal					

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*R. G. Woodland*  
CAPT  
D.T.M.C. 1st AUG. DIV.

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DAILY FIRING RETURN AND REPORT N° 162.  
1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries Cam 28/9/6/18 to 30/6/18

Battery	Time of Firing	Target	N° of Rounds	REPORT.
2nd Battery	11.15am	E.12.A.98.40.	20	Dugout in culvert, -several direct hits.
	to	E.12.B.07.36.	20	M.G.Post, -several direct hits
	4.30 pm	E.12.A.95.33.	27	Trenches & M.G.Post.Trench & Post completely destroyed.
		E.12.B.05.85 & ) E.12.B.25.92. )	31	M.G.Posts in compound & in hedges.Hedges cut up & several of the enemy seen to crawl away. 1 short round.
		98		
1st Battery	2:am to 4.30 am	E.6.D.95.90.	40	House & Strong Point in MERRIS.
		E.I.A.85.30. )	50	On houses, Xroads and M.G. Positions.
		E.I.B.85.80. )		
		E.I.B.60.15. )		
	Total	188		

Activity Report.- Enemy.

Heavy shelling on Right Bde Sector this morning.

Intermittent shelling with 5.9s on Left Bde Front.

Relief.-

1st Battery relieved 2nd Battery in Line at 10 pm on 29/6/18.

*[Signature]*  
D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.

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APPENDIX N° 2 WAR DIARY, JUNE, 1918.

-- 1st Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries. --

--- HONOUR AND AWARD. ---

LIEUT. H. W. BRYAN --- Military Cross.

Action for which commended:-

At W.30.D.7.9. (Sheet 27, France) NORD HELF, W. of STRAZEELE. This officer, while in charge of N° 3 Gun, has done most excellent work during his term in the line from 3rd inst. to 7th idem, under exceptionally trying circumstances. His gun emplacement is in a very exposed position, and in the enemy "Barrage Line," necessitating repeated journeys through same.

On the morning of the 4th May, 1918, in the face of M.G. and Shell-fire, he personally led his men to gun position with ammunition-himself carrying 2 bombs, weighing 54lbs. each - and conducted a destructive shoot on to M.G. Positions And Snipers' Posts. From gun position he had to again pass through this heavy bombardment to the O.P. When 40 rounds of 6" Newton Ammunition had been fired by his detachment report came from infantry that the M.G. position and Snipers' Post had been blown out.

Also on 5th MAY, 1918, at 4.15 am- under a violent heavy artillery barrage - he again led his men to gun position, again carrying two bombs, and conducted a shoot of 50 rounds on to Strong Points At X Roads and Snipers Post - destroying them.

By his coolness and bravery - under most trying circumstances - he set a most magnificent example and inspired his men in a very difficult and dangerous task, resulting in the total destruction of strong positions held by the enemy, which - with the Snipers' Posts - were causing a great deal of trouble on that part of our front.



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APPENDIX N° 3 WAR DIARY, JUNE 1918.

-- Ist Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries. --

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--- HONOURS AND AWARDS. --------  
-- MILITARY MEDALS. -------  
11052 (T/Bdr) Eric William DENNISS. Ist Aust M.T.M. Bty.-----  
Action for which commended:-

At X.I9.D.28.90. on the afternoon of 25/5/18 a heap of timber, against which was stacked a large quantity of ammunition, was set on fire by enemy shells. This N.C.O. ran over and put out the fire by throwing the timber and debris to one side; his prompt action saving the ammunition and possibly a number of lives. The work was done under heavy enemy shell fire, and his courage was of a very high standard.

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4548 Gnr. Edward McGuire CORRIGAN ) and Aust M.T.M. Bty.  
2950 " James McNULTY )

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Action for which commended:-

At W.30.D.75.99. (Sheet 27, France) NORD HELF, E. of STRAZEELE on 28th MAY, 1918:-

These two men were acting as garrison on N° 3 Gun (W.30.D.75.99.) At about 10 pm an incendiary shell landed in the ammunition pit, which contained nearly 100 6" bombs - most of them detonated and fused - and set fire to the charges. These two men at once dashed forward and attempted to extinguish the fire at the risk of their lives, knowing that the bombs were ready for firing. They both sustained numerous burns. By their very prompt action they saved a number of rounds and showed very exceptional courage and devotion to duty deserving of the highest praise.



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--- Ist Aust Divl Medium Trench Mortar Batteries. ---  
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--- HONOURS AND AWARDS. ---  
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M.C. and --- MILITARY MEDALS. ---  
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Lieut. Vivian MULRONEY ----- 2nd Aust M.T.M. Bty.  
10011 Cpl(A/Sgt) Edmund Joseph AUCKETT 2ND Aust M.T.M.Bty.

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Awarded M.M. on 15/5/18 Div Arty R.O. 68 15/5/18  
(No change in rank)

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At MOOLENACKER, S.E. of METEREN, on 29th May, 1918, at about 9 pm this Officer and N.C.O. showed conspicuous courage. While the Gun of their Section Was in action At MOOLENACKER a premature occurred. The two men working the Gun had their legs blown off and the ammunition nearby exploded and set fire to the rest of the dump, which was in danger of being blown up at any minute. Lieut Mulroney & Sgt. Auckett were some distance away at the time, but immediately they saw the fire rushed forward to the Gun Position, heedless of danger. The ground they crossed is exposed to full view of the enemy and continuously swept by M.G. fire. After attending to the injured men and carrying them to a point in trenches where they could be moved to dressing station, they then returned and attempted to save all possible ammunition. One dump ~~at~~ at Gun Pit was destroyed, the exploding bombs making a hole 8ft. deep And 14 ft across, the gun bed being completely buried. Notwithstanding that this officer and N.C.O. were also partially buried they extricated themselves and finally saved one of the other dumps of ammunition from destruction.

Their very prompt action, fearlessness of the danger existing and extreme devotion to duty merits them the highest possible commendation.

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APPENDIX N°4  
WAR DIARY - JUNE 1918.

D.T.M.O.,  
1st  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
T.M.R.141  
20/6/18  
Date.....

To, The Staff Captain  
1st Aust Divl Arty.

6" Newton Bombs - Gauge for.

It has been found that bombs supplied for above vary in size. The majority are correct but, in some instances have occurred of some being too large and jamming in the Piece, and of others being too small causing an escape of gas and consequently an abnormal (short) round.

These differences in size cannot be detected till the bomb is placed in/ the Piece and, in the case of small bombs, the gun crew scarcely have time to step aside before the bomb leaves the muzzle, as it slips down the barrel so quickly.

Could it be possible to have gauges issued - say 1 per gun - for testing bombs before preparing them for firing?;

*W. H. Moore* CAPTAIN  
For D.T.M.O. 1st AUS. DIV.