

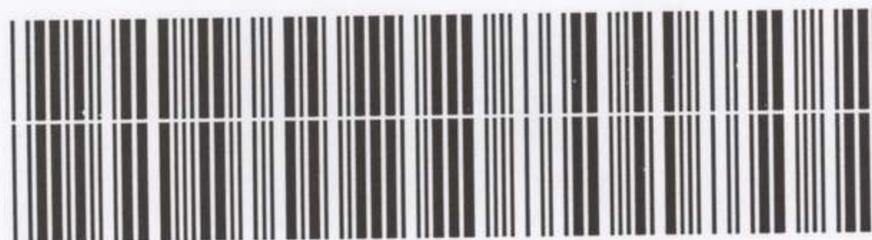
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January 1917



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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LARKHILL.	1916. 29Dec		7th. F.A. Brigade consisting of 3-18pounder Batteries and 1-4.5 Howitzer Battery left LARKHILL, SALISBURY PLAINS and entrained at AMESBURY Station for SOUTHAMPTON as follows:- Headquarters, 3.55 p.m., 25th. Battery 3 pm. and 3.55 p.m. 26th. Battery 8.20 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. 27th. Battery 10.20 a.m. and 11.35 a.m. 107th. Battery 12.50 p.m. and 1.55 p.m. arrived at SOUTHAMPTON and embarked for HAVRE.	
HAVRE	30Dec		Arrived and disembarked at HAVRE. Headquarters, 25th, 26th, and 27th Batteries proceeding to Rest Camp at SANVIC for the night. 107th. Battery remained at the Docks.	
	31Dec 1917		Brigade entrained at HAVRE for BAILLEUL. Journey took about 30 hours.	
STRAZEELE	1 Jan		Arrived BAILLEUL and detrained. Brigade then marched to STRAZEELE for concentration.	
	6 Jan		Re-organization of Divisional Artillery, 2 Brigades with ⁴⁻⁶ gun batteries, 27th. Battery was divided, a section being attached to 25th. and 26th. Batteries. 36th. Battery 23rd. Brigade was transferred and became 27th. Battery. A section from 109th. Battery 9th. Brigade was transferred and attached to the 107th. Battery to complete.	
	9 Jan		Party consisting of C.O., QO., 4 B.Cs. 4 Subalterns, 56 telephonists, 46 gun detachments and 6 Batmen left STRAZEELE at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to Headquarters, Right Group Artillery, Left Division, ARMENTIERES, and were attached to Headquarters and Batteries for instruction	

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	1917 13 Jan		2. prior to taking over the line. Second party consisting of Adjutant, 8 Subalterns, 48 gun detachment left STRAZEELE and proceeded to ARMENTIERES to relieve first party which returned to STRAZEELE.	
	17 Jan to 19 Jan		Reliefs by Batteries were carried out, Commands of Batteries passed at 10 a.m. on 19th. 25th. Battery relieved B Battery 175th. Brigade R.F.A. 26th. Battery A Battery 152nd Bgde R.F.A. 27th. Battery A Battery 175th. Bgde R.F.A. and 107th. Battery D Battery 175th. Bgde R.F.A.	
ARMENTIERES.	20 Jan		Command of Group passed at 10 a.m. 7th. Brigade F.A. A.I.F. relieving 175th Brigade R.F.A. O.O.1 carried out on enemy's front & support Line Intelligence report Regristration of targets was carried out during the day. Retalliation was called for frequently during the day.	Appen.1 " 2
	21 Jan		Intelligence report Regristration of targets was carried out during the day. Retaliation was called for frequently during the day.	" 2
	22 Jan		Intelligence Report. O.O.2 carried out on enemy Front and Support Lines, and communication trenches,	" 2 " 1

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ARMENT IERES.			3.	
	22 Jan		and to give covering fire to Trench Mortars. Assistance given to Left Group with Howitzer Battery.	
	23 Jan		Intelligence Report. Registrations were carried out during the day.	Appen. 2
	24 Jan		Intelligence Report. Retaliation fire was given several times during the day.	" 2
	25 Jan		Intelligence Report. Retaliation fire was given during the day.	" 2
	26 Jan		Co-operation with Left Group in Left Group O.C.3 Intelligence Report.	" 2
	27 Jan		Retaliation fire was given during the day. Registrations were also carried out. O.C.3 ⁶ was carried out on enemy lines to give ^{covering} fire to Trench Mortars, whose object was to cut enemy's wire and destroy parapet. Object was attained.	1
	27 Jan		Intelligence Report. Retaliation and registration fire was carried out during the day.	" 2
	28 Jan		Intelligence Report.	" 2

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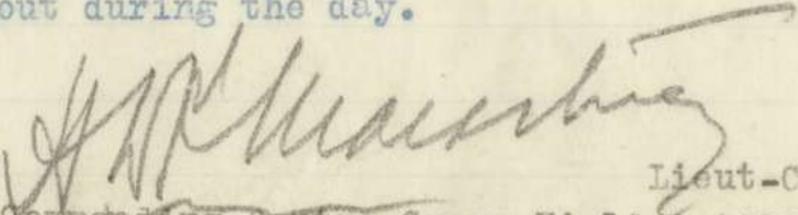
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMEN-TIERES.	28Jan		Retaliation and regristration fire was carried out during the day.	
	29Jan		O.O.4 was carried out on enemy's Front Line & Support Lines, and Communication Trenches, and to give covering fire to Trench Mortars ,whose object was to destroy enemy's wire¶pet. Remarks on O.O.4 appear in the Intelligence Report.	Appen.1. " 2
	30Jan		Retaliation fire and counter Battery work were also carried out. O.O.5 was carried out on enemy's Front Line and to give covering fire to Trench mortars whose object was to cut enemy's wire and destroy parapet. Object was attained. Intelligence Report.	" 1 " 2
	31Jan		Retaliation and regristration fire was carried out during the day. O.O.6.was carried out on enemy's Front Line and Support Lines, also Minenwerfer positions and to give covering fire to Trench Mortars whose object was to cut wire and destroy enemy's parapet. Object was attained. Intelligence Report.	" 1 " 2
			Regristration and retaliation fire was carried out during the day.	


 Lieut-Colonel
 Commanding Centre Group Field Artillery.

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APPENDIX NO. I

CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

7th. F.A. Brigade A.I.F.
3rd. Australian Division.

OPERATION ORDERS.

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3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery

Operation Order No.1

Ref. Map. Sheet 36 N.W. 2 & 4

15-1-1917

- (1) 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the Left Sector Artillery, 2nd. Anzac, in the line, on nights 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, instant.
- (2) The relief will be carried out according to programme attached.
- (3) One Section per Battery, 8th. F.A. Brigade will go into action after dark on the night 16/17, and will come under the command of the O. C. Left Group for tactical purposes. All arrangements to be made between O.C. Left Group and O.C. 8th. F.A. Brigade.
- (4) All arrangements for the relief will be made between Os. C. Groups, and Os. C. relieving Brigades.
- (5) Completion of the relief of each Section will be reported as follows:-
" No. - Section received their Rations."
- (6) No equipment will be exchanged.
- (7) The following will be taken over by relieving Units:-
Wireless Sets. Communications.
List of Code Calls. All Trench Maps.
Aeroplane photos.
Registrations and Log Books.
All Trench Stores.
- (8) The 3rd. Australian D.A.C. will be responsible for the supply of Ammunition from 12 noon on 18th. instant.
- (9) The following Dumps will be taken over by the D.A.C. at 12 noon on the 18th. instant.
Trench Mortar Dump - 25, Rue NATIONAL, from No.1 Section New Zealand D.A.C.
Artillery Dump -L'EPINETTE from No. 1. Section, New Zealand D.A.C.
Grenade & Bomb Dump- PLACE VICTOR HUGO, From No.3 Section 34th. D.A.C.
Returns shewing amounts handed & taken over to reach D.A.H.Q. by 9 a.m. on the 19th. instant.
- (10) Acknowledgem

{Sgd.} W.A. Nicholls.
Major R.A.
B.M. 3rd. Aust. Div. Arty.

7th. F.A. Brigade, Headquarters,
16th. January 1917.

O.C.
Batteries.

Forwarded for your information.

LEFT DIVISION. ARTILLERY
 RIGHT GROUP INTELLIGENCE REPORT
 from 1 p.m. 15-1-17 to 6 p.m. 19-1-17

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Time

Report.

18-1-17

Searchlights.

5.35 pm 112°
 9.8 pm 107°
 9.11 pm 143°
 9.16 pm 130°
 9.40 pm 130°
 10.2 pm 113°
 10.15 pm 127°
 10.30 pm 108°
 10.55 pm 135°
 10.57 pm 114°
 11.28 pm 130°
 11.47 pm 112°

True Bearings
 from
 CHERRY BLOSSOM

10.16 pm Gun Flash seen 106° T.B. from CHERRY Bl.

19-1-17

3.18 am Searchlight 130° T.B. from CHERRY Bl.
 3.55 am do. 122° T.B.

6.30 am Considerable noise of heavy rolling stock heard from direction of PERENCHIES. Much shunting and engines whistling heard.

9.50 am 3 men seen on road T13C 50.25. This road is apparently much used - tracks can be clearly seen.

Retaliator called for frequently during the day.

Enemy transport roads fired on at irregular intervals from 12 noon.

N. Newall

Lt Col
 Comdg Right Group

RELIEF OF LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY-2ND ANZAC IN THE LINE BY 3RD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

PROGRAMME OF RELIEFS.

LEFT GROUP.

DATE	TIME	Units Left Sector Artillery.	Units going into Action.	Position.	Wagon lines.	Remarks.
16th Jan.	between 6-10 p.m.		1 Section 29th. Battery.	C.20.b.70.25.	B.27.d.1.8.	
			1 Section 30th, Battery	C.25.b.45.65.	B.28.d.6.8.	
			1 Section 31st. Battery.	C.27.a.10.85.	B.21.a.2.2.	
			1 Section 108th. Battery.	C.26.b.9.6.	B.14.c.8.2.	
17th Jan.	between 6 - 10 p.m.	1 Section 2nd. Battery.	1 Section 29th. Battery.	I.2.a.45.95.)		
		1 Section 9th. Battery.	1 Section 30th. Battery.	C.25.b.45.65.)		
		1 Section 5th. Battery.	1 Section 31st. Battery.	C.27.a.10.85.)		
		1 Section 6th. Battery.	1 Section 108th. Battery.	C.26.b.9.6.)		Same as above.

18th Jan. between
6-10 p.m. Same as for 17th. January.

Command of Batteries will pass at 10p.m. 18th. January.

Command of Group will pass at 10 a.m. 19th. January.

RELIEF OF LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY 2nd. ANZAC IN THE LINE BY 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

PROGRAMME OF RELIEFS

RIGHT GROUP.

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Date	Time	UNITS LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY	UNITS GOING INTO ACTION.	POSITIONS	WAGON LINES.
17th.	Between 6 - 10 p.m.	1 Section B/175	1 Section 25th. Battery	I.1.d.85.60	H.1.b.5.9.
		1 Section A/152.	1 Section 26th. Battery	I.26.c.55.25.	B.26.d.4.4.
		1 Section A/175.	1 Section 27th. Battery	C.27.c.8.9.	B.26.d.4.4.
N. B. One Section 107th. Battery already in action.					
18th.	Between 6 - 10 p.m.	1 Section B/175	1 Section 25th. Battery	I.1.d.85.60)	As above.
		1 Section A/152	1 Section 26th. Battery	I.26.c.55.25.)	
		1 Section A/175	1 Section 27th. Battery	C.27.a.68.80)	
		1 Section D/175	1 Section 107th. Battery	C.26.c.00.10.)	H.1.b.5.5.

19th. Same as for 18th. January.

Command of Batteries will pass at 10 p.m. 19th. January.

Command of troops will pass at 10 a.m. 20 th. January.

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RIGHT GROUP LEFT DIVISION ARTILLERY SCHEME FOR 20th Jan 1917.

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Ref. WEZ MACQUART MAP.TIME 12 noon to 12-20 p.m.Wire Cutting and Bombardment of Parapet.x Aust. 2" T.M. Battery will cut wire at I.II.c.52.60.
(2 mortars)II-55a.m. to 12 noon.26th. Aust. Bty. R.F.A. (4 Guns A.X.) will bombard
support line27th. " " " (4 Guns) A.X. I.II.c.74.20. to
80.33.107th. " " " (4 Guns) B.X.)
2 rounds per gun per minute.12 noon to 12 20 p.m. R.F.A.
27th. Aust Bty. will fire on enemy F.L.&S.L. in
I.II.c. 20 rounds $\frac{1}{2}$ A. $\frac{1}{2}$ A.X.26th. " " " will fire on enemy F.L.&S.L. in I.
17.a. 20 rounds A.X.12.5. p.m. to 12. 10.p.m.3" Stokes Mortars are requested to bombard enemy F.L.
I.II.c.63.58. to 56.65. at rapid rate of fire.

Watches will be synchronised at Group H. at 10-30 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) H. D. K. Macartney.

Lieutenant-colonel R.F.A.
Commanding Right Group
Left Division Artillery.

18.1.17.

Distribution.

- Copy No 1. R.M.F.A. Left Div.
 2 B.M. 11th, Inf Div.
 3 26th. Bty.
 4 27th, Bty.
 5 107th, Bty.
 6 D.T.M.O.
 7 O.C. Stokes Mortar Bty. 11th. B de.
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AMENDMENT TO RIGHT GROUP LEFT DIVISION ARTILLERY SCHEME
No. O.O/1.

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For time 11.55 a.m. to 12 noon read :-

11.55 a.m. to 12 noon.

26th Battery A.F.A. (4 guns) A.X.)	will bombard support line
27th Battery A.F.A. (4 guns) A.X.)	I. 11.c.74.20 to 80.33
107th Battery A.F.A. (4 guns) A.X.)	

2 rounds per gun per minute.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd). G.J.Hammond. Lt.
 Adj. Right Group.
 for Lieutenant-Colonel.
 Commanding Right Group.
 Left Divisional Artillery.

19-1-17.

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Reference. Trench Map HOUPLINES. Sheet 36 N.W. 2 & N.E. 1 (parts of) edition 6c, and BOIS GRENIER, sheet 36 N.W. 4. edition 6c.

Zero Hour - 12 noon.Phase 1.Zero to Zero plus 2 mins.

25th Battery bombard -
 F.L. I. 11. a. 57.65 to I. 11. a. 65.98 (3 Guns)
 S.L. I. 11. a. 92.50 to I. 11. b. 00.80 (3 Guns)

27th Battery bombard -
 F.L. I. 11. a. 57.65 to I. 11. a. 57.30 (4 Guns)
 C.T. I. 11. a. 57.30 to I. 11. a. 85.20 (2 Guns)

26th Battery bombard -
 C.T. I. 11. a. 87.40 to I. 11. a. 97.40 (2 Guns)
 F.L. I. 11. a. 60.30 to I. 11. a. 37.27 (2 Guns)
 F.L. I. 11. c. 60.60 to I. 11. c. 45.47 (2 Guns)

107th How. Battery bombard -
 I. 5. d. 55.67
 I. 5. d. 43.57
 I. 5. d. 35.45.
 I. 11c. 90.50
 I. 11c. 75.28
 I. 11c. 85.20.

Left Group 18-pr. Battery -
 F.L. I. 5. d. 45.85 to I. 5. d. 28.60 (3 Guns)

Rate of Fire - 18pdrs & Hows. 4 rounds per gun per minute.
 1 round Shrapnel - remainder H.E.

Phase II.Zero plus 2 mins to Zero plus 4 mins.

25th Battery bombard -
 F.L. I. 11. a. 65.98 to I. 5. c. 75.20 (3 Guns)
 S.L. I. 11. a. 90.50 to I. 11. b. 00.80 (3 Guns)

27th Battery bombard -
 C.T. I. 11. a. 60.30 to I. 11. a. 85.20 (2 Guns)
 S.L. I. 11. a. 85.18 to I. 11. a. 90.35 (4 Guns)

26th Battery - Targets as in Phase I.
 107th Battery - Targets as in Phase I.

Left Group 18 pr. - Targets as in Phase I (3 Guns)

Rate of Fire - 18 prs & Hows. 2 rounds per gun per minute H.E.

Phase III.Zero plus 4 mins. to Zero plus 6 mins - Barrage.

25th Battery bombard -
 F.L. I. 11. a. 65.98 to I. 5. c. 75.20 (3 Guns)
 S.L. I. 11. b. 00.80 to I. 11. b. 00.98 (3 Guns)

27th Battery - Targets as in Phase II.
 26th Battery bombard -
 C.T. I. 11. a. 88.40 to I. 11. a. 95.43 (2 Guns)

Phase III (Contd),

Left Group and remainder of 28th Bty. stop firing during this Phase.

107th How. Battery.- Targets as in Phase I & II.

Rate of Fire - 18 pr. and 4.5" Hows. 2 rounds per gun per minute.

Phase IV.

Zero plus 6 minutes to Zero plus 20 minutes.

25th Bty.)
27th Bty.) Targets as in Phase III.
107th Bty.)

26th Bty. Targets as in Phase I.

Left Group 18-prs. Targets as in Phase I & II.

Rate of Fire - 18-prs. and 4.5" Hows. 1 round per Gun per minute.

At Zero plus 2 mins, 2" Mortars will cut wire at I.11.a.60.65.

Watches will be synchronised at 10 a.m. 22.1.17.

(Sgd). H.D.K. Macartney.

Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding Right Group Field Artillery.

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- 5. 27th Bty.
- 6. 107th Bty.
- 7. D.T.M.O.
- 8. File.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

WIRE CUTTING.

Reference Maps HOUPLINES & BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000.

1. X. 3. A. T. M. Battery will cut wire in accordance with and covered by the fire of the Artillery mentioned in Task Table attached.
2. Date - 26.1.17.
Time. - 3 to 3.30 p.m.
3. Watches will be synchronised at 9 a.m. and 12 noon at Group Headquarters.
4. Officers in O.Ps. are to endeavour to locate Minenwerfer and Enemy Gun positions during Enemy retaliation.
5. Acknowledge.

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| 5. | 107th Bty. |
| 6. | X. 3. A. Bty. |
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TASK TABLE.

Reference Maps, HOUPLINES & BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000.

RIGHT GROUP.

Battery.	Guns.	Position.	Time.	Date.	Task.	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition.		Remarks.
								A.	AX	
<u>PHASE I.</u>										
25th	2		Zero to	26-1-17	Sweep Enemy F.L.	Covering Fire	Short bursts of fire	20		
"	2		" plus 10	do	I.5.c.73.15 to I.5.d.20.52					
"	2		do	do	Search.	do	do			
"	2		do	do	C.T.I.5.d.13.70. to I.5.d.75.00	do	do			
107th.	2		do	do	Sweep	do	do			
"	2		do	do	F.I.III.A.60.40. to I.II.a.60.40.	do	do			
"	2		do	do	Minerwerfer positions and Trench Junctions	do	do	12	12	
"	2		do	do	I.5.d.35.45.	do	do			
"	2		do	do	I.5.d.05.10.	do	do			
"	2		do	do	I.II.a.75.27.	do	do			
<u>PHASE II.</u>										
25th.	4		Zero plus		I.5.d.15.10. to I.5.d.50.50	do	do	10	10	Sweep S.L.
"	2		10 to plus	do	I.II.a.90.46. to I.II.a.90.00.					
107th.	6		20	do	I.5.c.68.10. (where BECQUE de la BLEUE LEAVES enemy lines)	do	do	12	12	
<u>PHASE III.</u>										
107th.	6		Zero plus	do	Stand by. If however, Enemy Minerwerfer disclose their position during the Enemy retaliation, these positions are to be engaged.	do	do		20	
X 3 A/ T.M.	2		20 to plus	do						
			30	do						
			Zero plus	do	Cut wire at					
			5 to " 30	do	(i) I.II.a.60.72. (ii) I.II.a.63.91.	do	do		40	

Appendix, No. 1.

(sgd) H. D. K. Macartney.
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Right Group Field Artillery

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.O.O. No. 4.Reference - WEZ MACQUART 1/10,000.Destruction of Enemy Saps & Wire.

1. The Y.3.A T.M. Battery will destroy saps and enemy wire at :-

- (1) I.5.d. 28.78
- (2) I.5.d. 27.69
- (3) I.5.d. 20.58

covered by Artillery fire in accordance with the attached Task Table.

2. Date 29.1.1917.
Zero Hour 12 noon.
3. Watches will be synchronised at 9 a.m.
4. Acknowledge

(Sgd). H. D. K. Macartney.
Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding Right Group Field Artillery.

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| 4. | 25th Bty. |
| 5. | 26th Bty. |
| 6. | 27th Bty. |
| 7. | 107th Bty. |
| 8. | D.T.M.O. |
| 9. | T.M. Bty. Y 3 A. |
| 10. | File. |

Reference - WEZ MACQUART
1/10,000/

TASK TABLE.

A. Bombardment.
B. Barrage.

Right Group.

Battery.	Guns.	Position.	Time.	Date.	Task.	Nature of fire.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition			Remarks.
								A.	AX.	BX.	
25th	3		Zero to	29-1-17.	<u>PHASE I.</u>		Short bursts not to exceed 3 rounds per gun per minute.	18	18		
do	3		" plus 10.		F.L. I.5.c.90.38 to I.5.d.07.52.	A					
27th	4		do		S.L. I.5.b.50.55 to C.29.d.50.10	A					
107th	1		do		F.L. I.5.c.90.38 to I.5.c.72.18	A					
	1		do	I.11.b.00.97)	A	Short bursts not to exceed 2 rounds per gun per minute.	10	15	20	To be observed if possible.	
	1		do	I.5.d.10.09.)							
	1		do	I.5.d.35.47)							
	1		do	I.5.b.52.77)							
25th	3		Zero plus 10 to Zero plus 20.	29-1-17	S.L. I.5.d.10.09 to I.5.d.20.38	A					
26th	2		do	do	C.T. I.5.d.10.09 to I.5.d.50.05	A					
107th	1		do	do	I.5.d.50.70)	A	40 rounds.				
	1		do	do	I.5.d.45.55)						
T.Ms. Y 3 A	4		Zero plus 3 to zero plus 30.	do	Destroying Slaps & Wire. (1) I.5.d.28.78. (2) I.5.d.27.69 (3) I.5.d.20.58.						
107th.	6		Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 30.	29-1-17.	<u>PHASE III.</u> Stand by ready to engage H. W. or Battery positions disclosed during the enemy retaliation.					30	To fire only if specially ordered, or if advantageous targets are visible from O.P.
Total							Total rounds.	63	68	60	

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Commanding Right Group/Artillery.

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APPENDIX No I.

COPY NO 10.

CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO 5.

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SCHEME FOR PRACTICE BARRAGE TO COVER
DESTROYING OF ENEMY'S SAPS AND
CUTTING WIRE. by T.Ms.

Reference Map. WEZ MACQUART - 1/10,000

B.M./256 Copy issued
to Batteries.

1. The Y.S.A. Battery T.Ms. will destroy Enemy Saps and cut wire at the following points.-
 - (1) I.5.c.95.41.
 - (2) I.5.c.92.32.
 - (3) I.5.c.89.25.
2. Artillery will practice a Creeping Barrage in order to cover the T. Battery, in accordance with the attached Task Table.
3. Infantry Officers ordered to observe the fire will be detailed to O.Ps. from II. IIth. Infantry Brigade.
4. Date 30.I.1917.
Zero Hour - 2 p.m.
5. Watches will be synchronised at 9 a.m. and 12 noon.
6. Acknowledge.

(sgd) H. D. K. Macartney.

Lieutenant-Colonel.

Commanding Centre Group Field Artillery.

- Distribution:-
- No 1. C.R.A.
 2. C.P.A.
 3. IIth. Inf. Bde
 4. 25th. Bty.
 5. 26th. Bty.
 6. 27th. Bty.
 7. 107th. Bty.
 8. D.T.M.O.
 9. Y.S.A. Battery.
 10. FILE.

Reference Map WEZ MCQUART. I/10,000

TASK TABLE.

CENTRE GROUP
(late Right)A. Bombardment.
B. Barrage.

Bty	Guns	Time	Date	TASK.	Nature	Nature Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.			Remarks.
								A.	AX.	EX.	
<u>PHASE 1.</u>											
25th.	6	Zero to Zero plus 1 min.	30.1.17	F.L.I. 5.d. 25.60. to I.5.b.28.15.		B	3 rounds	18			
26th.	6	Zero plus 1 to Zero " 2	do	F.L.I. 11.c.60.68. " I.11.c.45.00.		B	p.g.p.m. do	18			
27th.	5	Zero plus 2 to Zero " 3	do	F.L.I. 11.a.65.97. " I.11.a.55.35.		B	do	15			
<u>PHASE 11.</u>											
25th.	6	Zero plus 3 to Zero " 4	30.1.17	Lift 50 yards from 1st. Phase		B	3 rounds p.g.p.m.	18			
26th.	6	Zero plus 4 to Zero " 5	do	Lift 50 yards from 1st. Phase		B	do	18			
27th.	5	Zero plus 5 to Zero " 6	do	Lift 50 yards from 1st. Phase		B	do	15			
<u>PHASE 111.</u>											
25th.	6	Zero plus 6 to Zero " 7	30.1.17.	Lift 50 yards from 2nd. Phase		B	3 rounds p.g.p.m.	18			
26th.	6	Zero plus 7 to Zero " 8	do	Lift 50 yards from 2nd. Phase		B	do	18.			
27th.	5	Zero plus 8 to Zero " 9	do	Lift 50 yards from 2nd. Phase		B	do	15.			
<u>PHASE IV.</u>											
25th.	6	Zero plus 9 to Zero " 10	30.1.17.	Lift 50 yards from 3rd. Phase		B	4 rounds p.g.p.m.	24.			
26th.	6	Zero plus 10 to Zero " 11	do	Lift 50 yards from 3rd. Phase		B	do	24			
27th.	5	Zero plus 11 to Zero " 12	do	Lift 50 yards from 3rd. Phase		B.	do	20			
107th.	2	Zero plus 10 to Zero " 30	30.1.17	M.W. SPARROW'S NEST I.5.d.05.10		A	Observed)				M.W. Positions lately repor- ted active.
	2	do	do	I.5.d.35.40.		A	do)		50		
	2	do	do	BRUNE RUE I.5.b.45.77.		A	do)				
Y.3.A T.M.	4	Zero to Zero plus 30.	30.1.17	SAPS & ENEMY WIRE - (1) I.5.c.96.41 (2) I.5.c.92.32. (3) I.5.c.80.25.					221.	50	
										50	

(Sgd) H.D.K. Macartney.

SECRET.CENTRE GROUP ARTILLERY.

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OPERATION ORDER No 6.

To practice bombardment and lift and cover T.M. Shoot.

Reference:- WEZ MACQUART I.10.000

1. Y.3.A.2" T.M. Battery will cut wire at I.II.c.65.90. and destroy enemy parapet at I.II.a.60.10. covered by Artillery in accordance with the attached Task Table.
2. Date for operation - 31/1/17. Zero hour 2.30 p.m.
3. Watches to be synchronised at 1 p.m.
4. An Officer from each Battery will observe the shooting of his Battery from the front line, and will report in writing the result to B.H.Q. on conclusion.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) G.J. Hammond.

Lieutenant-Colonel

Commanding Centre Group Artillery.

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Reference Map WEZ MACQUARTO

TASK TABLE
Centre Group.

A. Bombardment

B. Barrage.

BATTERY	NUMBER OF GUNS	NATURE OF GUNS	TIME	DATE	TASK	NATURE OF FIRE	RATE OF FIRE	:AMMUNITION.			
								A.	AX.	EX.	
Ist. SHOOT. 25th.	6	18 pdr	Zero to " plus 2	31/1/17.	F.L.I. 5.d. 32.77 to I. 5.d. 00.47	A	3 rounds per gun per min.	18	18		
26th.	6	"	Zero plus 2 to " " 4	"	F.L.I. II.c. 57.60. to I. II.c. 45.10	A	do	18	18		
27th.	6	"	Zero plus 4 to " " 6	"	F.L.I. II.c. 65.95 to I. II.c. 40.30	A	do	18	18		
2nd. SHOOT. 25th.	6	"	Zero plus 6 to " " 8	"	S.L.I. 5.d. 50.67 to I. 5.d. 10.30	A	2 rounds per gun per min.	12	12		
26th	6	"	Zero plus 8 to Zero " 10	"	S.E.I. II.c. 95.73. to I. II.c. 72.17.	A	do	12	12		
27th.	6	"	Zero plus 10 to " " 12	"	S.L.I. 5.d. 08.20 to I. II. a. 93.80.	A	do	12	12		
3rd. SHOOT. 107th.	2	How	Zero plus 10 to " " 30	"	77 m.m. at L'AVENTURE	OBSERVED				This is an enemy enfilade gun. 60	
	1	"	do	"	M.W. at BRUNE RUE) I. 5. b. 45.80.)						
	1	"	do	"	M.W. I. 5.d. 35.40.)						
	1	"	do	"	M.W. I. 5.d. 05.10.)						
	1	"	do	"	M.W. I. 11.c. 80.25.)						
Y3A T.M. 4			Zero plus 2 to " " 30		Cut wire at I. II.c. 60.90 and destroy Enemy parapet at I. II. a. 60.10.			90	90	60	
								Total 240 Rounds.			
								40			

(Sgd) H. B. K. Macartney. Lt-Co. d.

APPENDIX No 1.

CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

7th. F.A. Brigade A.I.F.
3rd. Australian Division.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION)- RIGHT GUORP FIELD ARTILLERY.

From 6 p.m. 19/1/17 to 6 p.m. 20.1.17.

INTELLIGENCE.

TIME	REMARKS.
6.43 p.m.	Searchlights were seen from CHERRY BLOSSOM at 147° M.B.
8.3	" " " " " " " " 148° " "
8.55	" " " " " " " " 122° " "
9.55	" " " " " " " " 122° " "
10.25	" " " " " " " " " " " "
6.20 pm.	" " " " " " " " 118° " "
7.3 "	" " " " " " " " 118° " "
8.3 "	" " " " " " " " 148° " "
8.38 "	" " " " " " " " 118° " "
2.15 am.	" " " " " " " " 140° " "
2.25 "	" " " " " " " " 150° " "
3.25 "	" " " " " " " " 118° " "
4.5 "	" " " " " " " " 125° " "
4.31 "	" " " " " " " " 118° " "
9.35 "	Flash. Gun flash seen at 107° s0' T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.
12 noon	From BRIGHTON - suspected explosion of Ammn. Dump slightly left of PORT EGAL.
2.30 pm.	From BRIGHTON - Men seen on road T.13.c.50.25 Tracks plainly seen.
3 to 3.30 pm	Concentrated bombardment in Locs 6 & 7 mostly in Loc 6. Retaliation called for frequently during the day. Enemy transport Roads fired on at irregular intervals.

(Signed) H.D.K. Macartney
 Commanding, Right Group Field Artillery. Lieut-Colonel.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 20.1.17 to 6.p.m. 21.1.17.

TIME	REMARKS.
9 p.m.	Searchlights active throughout the night, but activity not abnormal. T.B.132°. This light was observed on the same bearing for 20 to 25 minutes, and appears to be on the LOMME ROAD.
9.15 p.m.	Gun flash observed, true bearing 107°. Observation was only fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. before 11 a.m. and after 3 p.m. observation was difficult.
	----- Enemy's guns were active throughout the night. Localities 6, 7, and 1 appear to be the main objectives. Retaliation was called for frequently during the day and night. When enemy's strong points and transport roads were fired on. -----

(Signed) H.D.K. Macartney Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding, Right Group Field Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE REPORT.
From 6 p.m. 21/1/17 to 6.p.m. 22.1.17.

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TIME	REMARKS.
3.30 p.m.	Two Enemy Aeroplanes flying in a circle over Localities 7 and 8 Gap ^G & H. Infantry reported large working party in I.17.a.35.80 26th. Battery fired 1 round gun fire time shrapnel into No Man's land. Infantry Company Commander reported cries and orders were heard and party dispersed. He considered that the firing was effective and that some of the party were certainly hit.
12.47 p.m.	Retaliation was asked for on Loc 1 and Loc 2 at these times and in each case had the required effect of silencing the hostile guns. Bearing taken of searchlight 21.1.17 indicates that it was travelling along road passing through I.17.b. and on two nights in succession it has been seen at I.17.b.68.39 Number of enemy seen in sap running I.11.b.55.45 to I.17.b.35.81 by Infantry. Enemy's parapet considerably damaged opposite Post D. and apparently breeched at I.11.a.57.37 From CHERRY BLOSSOM O.P. Searchlights were active during the night in M.Bs. 140° 122° 159° 138° 118° 147° 108° . Heavy bombardment on Left Sector. Assistance was given with Howitzer Battery.
2.20 p.m.	
4.12 p.m.	

(Signed) H.D.K.Macartney Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding Right Group Field Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE.

From 6.p.m. 22.1.17 to 6 p.m. 23.1.17.

TIME	REMARKS.
10.am to 4 p.m.	During the day two enemy aeroplanes, ^{were observed} at various times, circling over CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES ARMENTIERES and HOUPLINES, and circling to and fro across our front.
12 noon.	Infantry reported flashes in vicinity I.11.d.40.35. Shot registered for future occasions.
1.50 pm.	Fire seen coming from Enemy battery from Direction of I.l.c.50.55, I.l.c.20.20, I.l.d.45.40 Reported by infantry Enemy working parties in dug outs and trenches in Loc.of I.6.c.80.80 Enemy working parties observed in Sap commencing I.17.a.43.96 and I.17.a.18.58 Reported that road running I.23.a.0.8. to I.12.d.0.7. is being used for enemy transport and communication to trenches. From M.B. taken at I.10.b.98.98 on track of 77 mm. shell through parapet, the enfilade Battery is placed along M.B. 60 degrees from that point. Searchlights were active during most of the night, particularly a light which showed frequently at 118° M.B. also one at 140° M.B. Searchlights 140° M.B. was seen at 7.5 p.m. 7.35 p.m. 7.40 pm. 7.47 pm. 7.57 pm. 9.15 pm. " 110° M.B. " " " 7.6 p.m. Searchlight 118° M.B. " " " 7.40 p.m. 8.28 p.m. and 3.37 a.m. Searchlight 132° M.B. " " " 4 a.m.
8.30 a.m.	A Train was heard from the direction of PEREMCHIES and BRENTWOOD No.1. During the greater part of the day observation was impossible owing to Mist.

(Signed) H.D.K.Macartney Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding Right Group Field Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 23/1/17 to 6 p.m. 24/1/17.

TIME	REMARKS.
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 pm.	Enemy Aeroplanes observed over our lines trenches and circling between Battery position H.G.9. also F.L. Trench.
11 a.m.	Smoke from Railway Engine rising from PERENCHIES.
12.50 p.m.	Enemy Aeroplane flying over Battery position G.O.11
3.0 pm.	Smoke observed 200 yards W. of LA HONGRIE FARM.
6.20 pm.	Signalling Lamp observed from CHERRY BLOSSOM T.B.135 Degrees.
6.56 pm.	Steady light 6 mins. observed from CHERRY BLOSSOM T.B. 126 degrees.
7.to 7.30 pm.	Eight red rockets sent up from opposite Locality 3 - Several burst into two stars.
	Searchlights were active at irregular intervals during the night. Enemy's Fire was mainly directed against HOUPLINES ROAD and CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES.
	10.5 c.m. Battery in direction of PERENCHIES; 77 mm. in direction of LA PREVOTE active and fired a considerable number of rounds over the sector.

(Signed) H.D.K.Macartney Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding, Right Group Field Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - RIGHT GROUP F.A.

I N T E L L I G E N C E .

From 6 p.m. 24th. Jany. 1917 to 6 p.m. 25th. Jany. 1917.

TIME	REMARKS.
<u>24.1.17.</u>	
5.45 p.m.	Gun Flash was observed T.B.86 deg. Time of report 8 secs. (From CHERRY BLOSSOM)
9.07 p.m.	Gun Flash was observed T.B.146 Deg. Time of report 8 Sec. (" " ")
9.57 to	
10.2 pm.	A light was observed flashing through a signal lamp, 48 deg. R. of PERENCHIES SPIRE.
2.45 a.m.	Gun Flashes observed T.B.125 deg. firing to Right of our Sector. (From CHERRY BLOSSOM)
	Searchlights were active at irregular intervals during the night, and from 4.46 a.m. to 4.50 a.m.
	Searchlights were seen at T.B.118 deg. and 140 deg. (From CHERRY BLOSSOM)
	During the night Enemy shelled vicinity of Farm DES JARDIN and I.2.b.5.8. at irregular intervals, with 5.9
<u>25.1.17.</u>	
10.00 a.m.	Enemy aeroplanes circled over CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES, ARMENTIERES and HOUPLINES, flying at times a great height over 25th. Battery. position: Enemy aeroplane was flying over 26th.Bty. position also during the morning.
3.51 p.m.	Movement was observed at about I.17.Central.
	3 Screens and freshly turned earth were observed immediately south of LA HONGRIE FARM. Although the sun was shining brightly, observation was indifferent during the day owing to a heavy ground mist.

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Commanding Centre Group Field Artillery.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - RIGHT GROUP.

INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 25.1.17 to 6 p.m. 26.1.17.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
3.50 p.m.	Working Party observed at edge of wood I.18.b.
1.55 p.m.	Movements noticed near LA HONGRIE FARM.
7.55 p.m.	From CHERRY BLOSSOM - Searchlight showing 140 deg. T.B.
8.10 p.m.	do do 130 " T.B.
8.13 p.m.	do do 140 " T.B.
8.25 p.m.	do do 145 " T.B.
8.41 p.m.	do do 140 " T.B.
8.55 p.m.	do do 143 " T.B.
9.40 p.m.	do do 135 " T.B.
10.05 p.m.	do do 98 " T.B.
11.32 p.m.	do do 130 " T.B.
12.40 p.m.	do do 130 " T.B.
	Enemy aeroplanes active over ARMENTIERES AND HOUPLINES - retired after being engaged by Anti-Aircraft Guns.
	Searchlights were active during the night.

(Signed) H.D.K. Macartney Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding, Right Group Field Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 26.1.17 to 6 p.m. 27.1.17.

TIME	REMARKS.
10.a.m.	Smoke observed from Enemy's Lines I.17.a.
9.38 p.m.	Large working party reported I.17.a.25.60. dispersed by fire from 26th. Battery.
1.30 p.m.	Flashes observed from Water Tower PERENCHIES.
4.15 p.m.	Machine gun located at I.17.a.06.53
	Searchlights were observed from CHERRY BLOSSOM at short intervals during the night, bearings as follows:- 145 deg. 140 deg. 80 and 84 deg. (True bearing.)
	During the night the Sector was very quiet with the exception of machine guns which were active at various times.
	Between 7.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. on the 26th.1.17 several 77mm shells were landed in our sector, no casualties occurred.
	During the last three days a large working party has been observed at I.5.d.28.66.
	From 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 27th. 1.17. the Sector on the left was shelled with 5.9 and 77 mm. Sector on the right was also shelled during the morning.
	Enemy aeroplanes were again active over the sector. Observation was difficult owing to the ground mist.

(Signed) H.D.K. Macartney Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding, Right Group Field Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY,

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 6 p.m. 27.1.17 to 6 p.m. 28.1.17.

TIME	REMARKS.
11.20 pm. 3.29 a.m.	<p>Machine Gun located at I.17.a.06.53 was engaged and silenced.</p> <p>Large working party reported active at I.17.a.20.60 was engaged by 26th. Battery and Lewis Gun and completely dispersed. Infantry report Artillery Fire very effective.</p> <p>Searchlights were observed 13 deg. L of PERENCHIES at '.3 and 8.10 pm. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery was not very active during the day. Retaliation directed against Enemy Trenches opposite Localities 1, 2 and 3 was observed to burst over enemy's supports. Infantry report seeing Duckboards flying in the air in enemy trenches during our retaliation fire.</p> <p>Enemy's machine guns were inactive during the night, With the exception of two cases mentioned there were no searchlights during the night, xxx and very few very lights.</p>
8.30 a.m.	Working party I.5.d.28.66 was engaged by 25th. Battery and completely dispersed.

(Signed) H.D.K. Macartney Lieutenant -Colonel.
 Commanding, Centre Group Field Artillery.

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CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE. from 6.p.m. 28th. January to 6 p.m. 29th. January 1917.

TIME	REMARKS.
11.22 a.m.	Working Parties located in Enemy's trenches opp. Loc. 1 Parties dispersed by Fire from 26th. Battery
3.10 p.m.	Red Air Balloon (about 4 ft. in height) descended near Distillery I.4.a. Searchlights observed from CHERRY BLOSSOM true bearings 108° 127°
12.30 p.m.	Two flashes (apparently gun flashes) were observed on true bearing 149° 10 min from C.26.b.38.22 Enemy Batteries Located by Flashes from BRIGHTON T.B.113° and T.B.115° from EDINBURGH CASTLE.
6.5 to 8.30 p.m. on the 28th.	Enemy commenced Heavy Bombardment at 6.5 p.m. on the support and Sub. Lines of the Centre Group with 5.9 and 77 mm. Bombardment ceased at 8.30 p.m. but enemy kept up slow rate of fire with 77 mm until 9.15 p.m. This was due to our Heavy firing on the left Sector. One 18 pdr. Battery and Howitzer Battery assisted Left Group with raid on the Night of the 28th. Y.3A Medium Trench Mortar Battery carried out a shoot for the purpose of cutting enemy's wire, at I.5.d.20.78., I.5.d.27.69., & I.5.d.20.58. 18 pdr. Batteries and Howitzer Battery assisted. The effect of the Trench Mortar Battery on parapet and wire of enemy's lines, was very good. Much timber was seen flying in the air also one of the enemy. The fire of the Howitzer Battery (107th.) was observed from the F.L. at Loc.6. All rounds fell in the enemy's trenches and considerable damage done. Duckboards and sandbags were thrown in the air. There was no retaliation to our shoot with the exception of a few 77 mm shells. There was no Minenwerfer retaliation.
12.noon	Arrangements were made for the 107th. How Battery to engage target at I.18.a.20.20 at 3.30 p.m. today by aeroplane observation, but owing to aeroplane difficulty shoot could not be carried out. Enemy aeroplanes were again active over ARMENTIERES. Two bombs were dropped but as far as can be ascertained the damage done was slight.

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(Signed) H.D.K. Macartney Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding Centre Group Field Artillery.

CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

5.30 p.m. 29/2/17 to 5.30 p.m. 30/1/17.

TIME	REMARKS.
7.53 p.m.	Trench Mortar Position located at I.16.d.55.30 was engaged by the 26th. Battery with effect.
9.50 am a.m.	Several men seen walking in open on the south side of LA HONGRIE FARM fired on and dispersed
10.15 am.	Constant stream of men seen walking along fence I.20.4.b.93.45 going in Southwest direction.
1.30 p.m.	Smoke observed in the vicinity I.11.b.70.30.
7.40 a.m.	Steam Tractor observed moving along PERENCHIES - LOMME road towards LOMME.
1.24 p.m.	Two Steam Tractors observed moving in the same direction.
4.10 p.m.	Four flashes in quick succession observed on true bearing 155° from C.26.b.38.22. Time of flash to report 8 secs.
	Searchlights observed from CHERRY BLOSSOM T.B.110°, 108°, 115°, & 127°.
	Enemy's Artillery was inactive during the night.
	Visibility fair.

(Sgd.) H.D.K. Macartney. Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding, Centre Group Field Artillery.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

INTELLIGENCE.

From 6.p.m. 30.1.17 to 6 p.m. 31/1/17.

TIME	Remarks.
10.a.m.	Gun flashes observed T.B.102 deg. from LELLANT.
7.10 p.m.	Pineapple thrower reported active I.16.d.85.80. It was engaged by 26th. Battery and silenced. This caused heavy retaliation.
4.30 p.m.	Cook-house located I.17.a.22.35 was fired on by the 26th? Battery Infantry report fire effective. Enemy movement observed in hedge I.18.d.75.15 This spot has been registered.
7.50 a.m.	Steam tractor observed moving from PERENCHIES towards LOMME. 2 enemy captive balloons observed at 30 degR. of PERENCHIES and 45 deg. L of PERENCHIES. Searchlights observed at T.B. 108 and 130 deg. from CHERRY BLOSSOM.
	Trench Mortar shoot was carried out for the purpose of cutting Enemy wire at I.5.c.93.37. The effect of the shoot was very good, gaps being cut in the wire. This shoot was covered by 18 pounder Batteries and Howitzer Battery. The Artillery fire was effective on the Enemy Trenches- duckboards were thrown into the air. There was very little retaliation to the Trench Mortar shoot.

(Signed) H.B.K. Macartney Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding, Centre Group Field Artillery.

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APPENDIX

Secret

The raid to be carried out by 42nd.

B.M.S./11/11

Battalion of 11th. Infantry Brigade at point I.5.c.95.37. will
take place on the night of 30th/31st. January.

Zero Time will be notified as follows :

" CAR WILL ARRIVE AT " — " "

. Acknowledge.

W. A. Nicholls

Headquarters,
27.1.17.

Major R.A.
B.M.R.A. 3rd. Aust. Div.

SECRET.

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Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
28th. January 1917.To:-
Battery Commanders,

The following "SECRET" memo has been received, and is forwarded for your information:-

" Reference my Left Group Operation Order No.3 par.8 The following has been received from 3rd. D.A.H.Q.

" With reference to 10th. Inf. Bde. Order No.13 dated 22nd. January par.13 (c).

Until the message that the S.O.S. is again operative is given by the 10th. Inf. Bde., no guns will answer S.O.S. calls between the following lines:-

S of a line drawn due E & W through C.23 central.

N of a line drawn due E & W through C.29.c.&d. Central
Immediately "Cease Fire" is sent through guns will be relaid on their S.O.S. lines.

27-1-17.

Sgd. W.A.Nicholls, Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn. "

In the Field
28-1-17.

Sgd. A.D.Gunn Lieut. For. Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding, Left Group Artillery."

Acknowledge

C. Hammond

Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

AZ.2.A

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
28th. January 1917.SECRET.To:-
Battery Commanders.

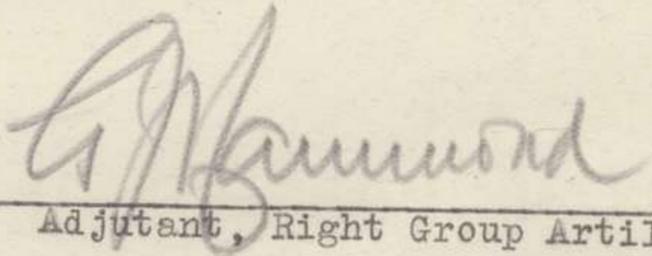
The following "SECRET" memo has been received and
is forwarded for your information:-

"The car will arrive at 6 p.m."

Acknowledge.

28/1/17.

Sgd. D. Coles Lieut.
for Lieut-Colonel.
C.O. Left Group Artillery."



Lieut.
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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SECRET.

Repeat to units urgent

B.M./S/21.

II Anzac Heavy Artillery.
 Right Group.
 Centre Group.
 Left Group.
 D.T.M.O.

Reference the Raid to be carried out by the 42nd. Battalion, 11th. Infantry Brigade, it has been ~~decided~~ to carry this out on the night of 31st January/1st. February.

The extra 24 hours will allow further steps to be taken with regard to ascertaining that the necessary wire-cutting has been satisfactorily completed.

Zero Hour will be notified later.

Headquarters,
 29.1.1917.

W.A. Nicholls
 Major R.A.
 B.M.R.A. 3rd.Aust.Div.

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Centre (late Right) Group Artillery Hdqrs.
29th. January 1917.

G.O.2

Will you kindly inform me for the information of
the C.R.A., if the wire is sufficiently cut for raid set
out ~~in your reports~~ 30/31. (BO 32)
I would like to have the information before 10 a.m.
30/1/17.

G. Hammond
In Lieut. Colonel
Commanding, Centre Group Artillery.
A. J. D.

B. 77/23

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.

Headquarters,
30/1/17.Mail closes at 4 am on 1st instant. *proximo**H. H. G. G. G.*Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A. I. F.

Distribution.

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War Diary

G.O.C.

3rd Australian Division

41st Battalion

42nd Battalion

43rd Battalion

44th Battalion

11th Trench Mortar Battery

11th Machine Gun Coy.

Centre Group Artillery

10th Inf. Brigade

9th Inf. Brigade

Lieut. DUNBAR, 42nd Battalion

Capt. OSWALD, 43rd Battalion

Capt. LEAHY, Bde. School

Lieut. R. JAY, 42nd Battalion

Lieut. M. MELLAND, 42nd Battalion

O.C. 11th Bde. Signal Section.

Bde. Raiding School.

9th Field Ambulance

C. R. A.

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(1180) Wt. W429/M438. 7,500m. 5/16. P.P.Ltd.
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Army Form C. 348.

MEMORANDUM.

From

From

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ANSWER.

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3 Guns from L.G.

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Headquarters
 Centre Group Artillery
 30th Jan 1917

O/c
 25th Battery.

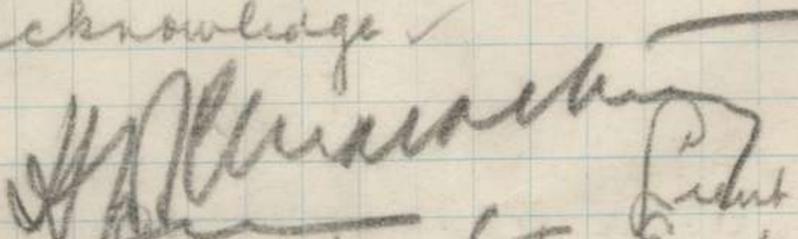
With reference to Operation
 Order No 3. Please make the
 following alteration:

Phase III 25th Battery to be
 altered to:-

4 guns Barrage from I S d 55.05 -
 I S d 55.50

2 guns Enfilade from I S d 16.58 -
 I S d 28.44

Acknowledge ✓


 Commanding Centre Group Art

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Headquarters

Centre Group Artillery

30th Jan 1917

Battery Commanders

With reference to operation
order no 3. This order will
now be carried out on the
night of 31st January / 1st February 1917
zero hours will be
notified later
ack

W. H. Stewart Lieut - Col
Commanding Centre Group Artillery

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B.M.S/21/1.

O.C.
CENTRE GROUP .*ackd*

Reference your O.O.3. dated 21.1.17., I suggest the following alteration with a view to your programme fitting in with that of 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade --

PHASE III. - 25th. Battery, to be altered to :

4 guns, barrage from I.5.d.55.05. - I.5.d.55.50.

2 " enfilade " I.5.d.16.58. - I.5.d.28.44.

Acknowledge.

Headquarters,
30.1.1917.

W. D. Nicholls

Major R.A.
B.M.R.A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Hq. quarters,
31/1/17

Reference 11th Brigade Order No. 32, para 22.
Watches will now be synchronised at 11 p.m. 31/1/17 and
1 a.m. 1/2/27 and not as stated in the above mentioned para.

A. H. Hutton

Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf, Bde, A.I.F.

Distribution -

3rd Aust. Division.
41st Battalion
42nd Battalion
43rd Battalion
44th Battalion
11th Trench Mortar Battery
11th Machine Gun Coy.
Centre Group Artillery
Lieut. G.H. DUNBAR, 42nd Battalion
Capt. G.H. OSWALD, 43rd Battalion
Lieut. R.W. MAY, 42nd Battalion
Lieut. E. YELLAND, 42nd Battalion
Captain J. LEAHY, Bde. School.
9th Inf. Brigade
10th Inf. Brigade.
O.C. 11th Bde, Signal Section.

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Centre Group Artillery Headquarters,
31st. January 1917.

To:-
O.C.,
G.O.11

Referring to O.O.3 instructions regarding Lieut.
Colquhoun acting as Liason Officer, are hereby cancelled.

Acknowledge

S Hammond
Lieut.
Adjutant, Centre Group Artillery.

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SECRET.

Centre Group Artillery Headquarters,
31st. January 1917.

To:-
Battery Commanders,

Mail for O.O.S. closes 4 a.m. on 1st. Prox.
Acknowledge as follows:-

"Car arrived safely".

Please inform Major Church
[Signature]

Lieut.
Adjutant, Centre Group Artillery.

25 ✓
26 ✓
27 ✓
107 ✓
8012

Centre Group Artillery Headquarters,
31st. January 1917.

SECRET.

To:- Battery Commanders,

(1) Watches will be sent to this Office to be
synchronised at 11 p.m. this day and 3 a.m. tomorrow morning
(1st. Feb.)

(2) Absolutely no unnecessary telephoning is to
take place between the hours of 6 p.m. this day and 6 a.m.
tomorrow.

(3) Acknowledge. "Sparks Received."

25 ✓
26 ✓
27 ✓
107 ✓
8012

Please inform Major Church
[Signature]

Lieut.
Adjutant, Centre Group Artillery.

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Centre Group Artillery Headquarters,
31st. January 1917.

To:-

Battery Commanders & G.O.12.

Ammunition to be used for O.O.3 will be 25% A and 75% AX.
and NOT as notified in Task Table.

G. Hammond
Lieut.
Adjutant, Centre Group Artillery.

A/Z.36. Secret

31-1-17

Ob. H. G. 9. 00/3

Referring to Secret memo re change in Phase III 003. You are hereby notified that that memo is now cancelled & that the original orders stand good.

Acknowledge - A/Z.36.

G. Hammond
Adj. G. A.