

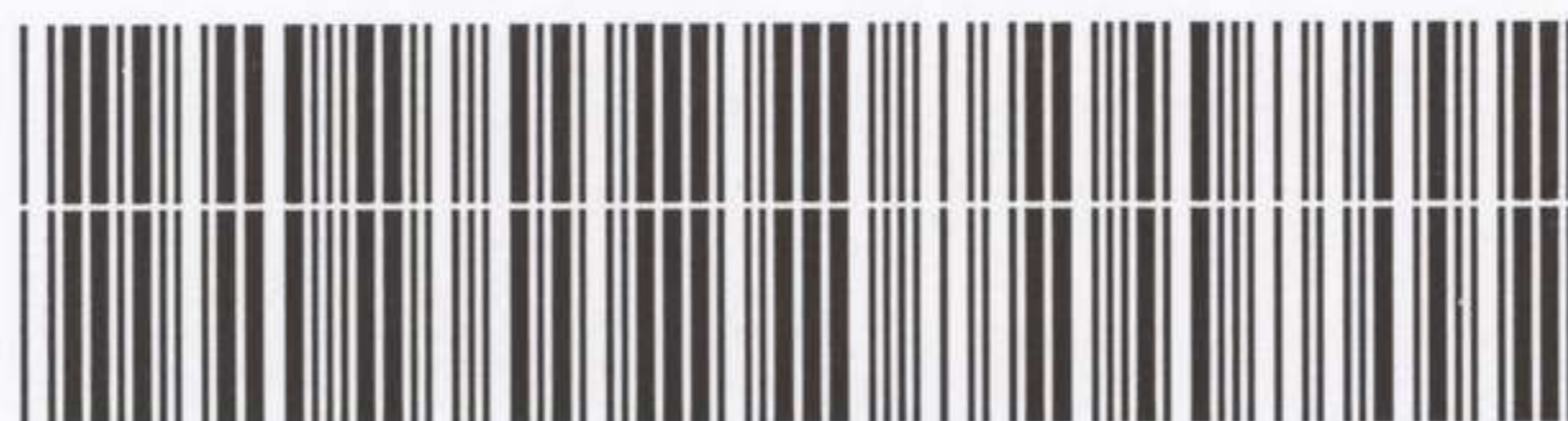
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FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEUVE EGLISE From 3 to 31st July MESSINES.	1		Refitting of Brigade was carried out at Wagon Lines.	
	2		One Section per Battery relieved Sections of 110th Brigade R.F.A., 25th Div., O.O. No. 18.	2
	3		Remaining Sections completed relief of 110th Brigade R.F.A. Command passed on completion of relief.	
	5		Registration of S.O.S. and Zero lines was carried out during the day. Enemy artillery showed marked activity during period.	
	6		Registrations were completed during the day. Enemy artillery normal.	
	7		Very little activity by our own and hostile artillery during the day.	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	8		Registration and Retaliatory fire during the day. Hostile artillery showed increased activity during the period.	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	9		Group retaliation was fired on several occasions during the day. Hostile artillery showed marked activity.	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	10		Calibration of Howitzer Battery carried out. Hostile artillery was not so active during the period.	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	11		Hostile artillery was very active during the period.	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	12		Neutralising fire brought to bear on two hostile batteries at P.26.c.30.80 & P.26.c.30.50. Retaliation was also given on several occasions. Enemy's artillery was very active on central and back areas, during the night, with guns of all calibre.	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	13		Neutralising fire was brought to bear on two hostile batteries at P.25.d.05.29 and P.26.c.30.81. Retaliation was also given on two occasions. Enemy's artillery was less active during the period.	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1

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	14		Registrations were carried out. At 12.15 a.m., all batteries opened on their S.O.S. lines, firing in all 528 rounds. Wire cutting was also carried out on Points, 0.36.a.22.40 to 0.36.a.12.02 by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Enemy's artillery fire has shown a decrease during last few days. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.	1
	15		Registrations were again carried out. Wire cutting was carried out on Points 0.36.a.22.40 to 0.36.a.12.02 and 0.36.a.50.90 to 0.30.c.62.15 by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Enemy's artillery showed a marked increase during the period. At 3 a.m. Enemy opened a heavy bombardment on Left Battalion Front and Support Lines and continued until 4 a.m. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.	1
	16		At intervals during the period, Enemy's roads and tracks were fired on. Hostile Batteries at P.26.c.30.80 and P.26.a.55.15 were fired on by Howitzer Battery and silenced and a dump blown up. Wire cutting was again carried out on Points 0.36.a.15.40 to 0.36.a.10.05 - 0.36.a.50.90 to 0.36.c.62.15 and 0.36.a.50.90 to 0.30.c.62.15 with satisfactory results - by How.Bty. Enemy's artillery still showed increased activity. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.	1
	17		At 11.15 p.m. all Batteries opened on S.O.S. lines, firing 1105 rounds. Enemy's roads and tracks in Back Areas were fired on at intervals during the period. Wire Cutting was carried out at Points 0.36.a.15.40 to 0.36.a.10.05 and 0.36.c.10.62 to 0.36.c.15.33 by Howitzer Battery. Observation was difficult but appeared to be satisfactory. KIWI FARM was set on fire during the shoot. Explosions occurred in the building later on. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.	1
	18		Enemy's roads and tracks in Back Areas were fired on at intervals during the period. Wire cutting was again carried out at Points 0.36.a.15.40 to 0.36.a.10.05 and 0.36.a.50.90 to 0.36.c.62.15 by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Enemy's artillery still continues to show marked activity. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.	2 31

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	19		<p>Enemy's roads and tracks in back areas were fired on at intervals during the period. Wire cutting was again carried out on Points 0.36.c.10.62 to 0.36.c.15.33 by Howitzer Battery. Observation was difficult but portions of wire were seen to be thrown up. Enemy's artillery again showed increased activity. 25th Battery was subjected to heavy fire during the afternoon with the result that two guns were put out of action.</p>	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	20		<p>Enemy's roads and tracks in back areas were fired on at intervals during the day. Wire cutting was again carried out on points 0.36.c.10.62 to 0.36.c.15.33 and 0.36.a.15.40 to 0.36.a.10.05 by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Enemy's artillery again showed increased activity.</p>	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	21		<p>Enemy's roads and approaches in Back areas were fired on at intervals during the period. Wire cutting was again carried out on Point 0.36.a.15.40 to 0.36.a.10.05 by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Hostile artillery again showed increased activity during the period.</p>	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	23		<p>Enemy's roads and back areas were fired on at intervals during the period. 18 pr. Batteries fired a smoke barrage from 6.58 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. in connection with a raid carried out by 112th Infantry Brigade, 37th Division. Wire cutting was again carried out on points 0.36.c.10.62 to 0.36.c.15.33, 0.36.a.50.90 to 0.36.c.62.15 0.36.a.15.40 to 0.36.a.10.05 by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Enemy's artillery showed a marked increase in activity during the period.</p>	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	22		<p>Enemy's roads and approaches in back areas were fired on at intervals during the day. Wire cutting was again carried out on points 0.36.c.10.62 to 0.36.c.15.83 by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Enemy's artillery again showed increased activity during the period.</p>	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1
	24		<p>Roads and approaches in Back areas were fired on at intervals during the day. Wire cutting was carried out on Right portion of left wire by Howitzer Battery with satisfactory results. Enemy's artillery showed increased activity during the period.</p>	INTELLIGENCE REPORT. 1

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	25		<p>Enemy's roads and approaches in back areas were fired on at intervals during the period. Corps practice barrage was carried out at 4.15 a.m. in accordance with Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 5.</p> <p>Enemy's artillery artill showed a decrease for the period. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.</p>	<p>(Just nos) oppo</p> <p>1</p>
	26		<p>Enemy's roads and approaches in Back Area were again fired on at intervals during the period. Corps practice barrage was repeated at 4.15 a.m. in accordance with D.A. Instruction No. 5. Wire cutting was again carried out between centre and left. Enemy's artillery showed a further decrease during the day. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.</p>	<p>1</p>
	27		<p>Roads and approaches in Enemy's lines were kept under consistent xxxx fire during the period. Hostile artillery showed increased activity during the period. Artillery instruction No. 7 was carried out with satisfactory results. Practice barrage in accordance with Instructions No. 5 carried out at 4.15 a.m. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.</p>	<p>2 1</p>
	28		<p>Roads and approaches &c. fired on. Hostile artillery showed marked decrease during the period. INTELLIGENCE REPORT. During the night one gunpit and one dugout were hit but without causing any damage. Practice barrage in accordance with Instructions No. 5 carried out at 3.45 a.m.</p>	<p>1</p>
	29		<p>Roads, approaches &c. fired on. Hostile artillery much quieter throughout the day. Artillery Instruction No. 8 carried out. Practice barrage in accordance with Instructions No. 5 carried out at 4 a.m. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.</p>	<p>1</p>
	30		<p>Roads, approaches &c., fired on. Wire cutting was carried out by 107th Howitzer Battery on point U.35.d.77.82 with satisfactory results. Hostile artillery again showed marked decrease during the period. Artillery Instruction No. 10 carried out. Practice barrage in accordance with Instructions No. 5 carried out at 3 a.m. INTELLIGENCE REPORT.</p>	<p>2 1</p>

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	30		<p>Operations as per D.A.O.O.27 in connection with attack on Enemy's posts in NO MAN'S LAND (Map attached) by 11th Infantry Brigade were carried out at 3.40 a.m. At Zero plus 4 hours a smoke barrage was put down by 7th F.A. Brigade in connection with the operations carried out by 37th Division D.A. Instructions No. 6.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">INTELLIGENCE REPORT.</p> <p>Lieutenants G. J. HAMMOND, H. G. ROURKE and T. MORELL promoted Captains as from 23rd June, 1917. The following are the positions occupied during July by the various Batteries of this Brigade:-</p> <p>25th. Battery U.1.a.73.41 Detached Section 0.31.d.10.36 26th. Battery 0.31.a.60.05 " " 0.31.c.49.53 27th. Battery 0.31.b.40.78 " " 0.31.b.20.40 107th. Battery 0.32.c.00.03 " " 0.31.d.90.38</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. J. ...</i> Major.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A/C.O., 7th Field Artillery Brigade.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p>

7th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX I

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

July 1917.

7th Field Artillery Brigade.
 Unit..... 6 p.m.
 INTELLIGENCE REPORT, 24 hours ending 7th July 1917.

<p>TIME. 7-7-17 5 p.m.</p>	<p><u>ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.</u> (Machine guns, Snipers, Patrols, aircraft). <i>as usual</i> During night 6th/7th Enemy Machine Gun reported to come to O.35.d.60.85. Considerable aerial activity all night. Aeroplane engagement, 2 planes observed to fall in flames but unable to state whether British or enemy machines.</p>
	<p><u>ENEMY'S DEFENCES (Front & Support Line).</u> (Trenches, Wire, Emplacements, C.P.'s, Communications)</p>
	<p><u>ENEMY'S DEFENCES (Rear Lines)</u> (Trenches, wire, emplacements, Communications) .</p>
	<p><u>MOVEMENT.</u></p>
	<p><u>OPERATIONS (British)</u> (Machine Guns, snipers, Patrols, Aircraft). Considerable aircraft activity all night and day.</p> <p><i>7/7/17</i></p> <p><i>W. Mearns 2041. 7020 Side</i></p>

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 7-7-17
To 6 p.m. 8-7-17.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

7-7-17
6.15 p.m.

One FE2 brought down by enemy anti-aircraft guns during combat with enemy patrol.

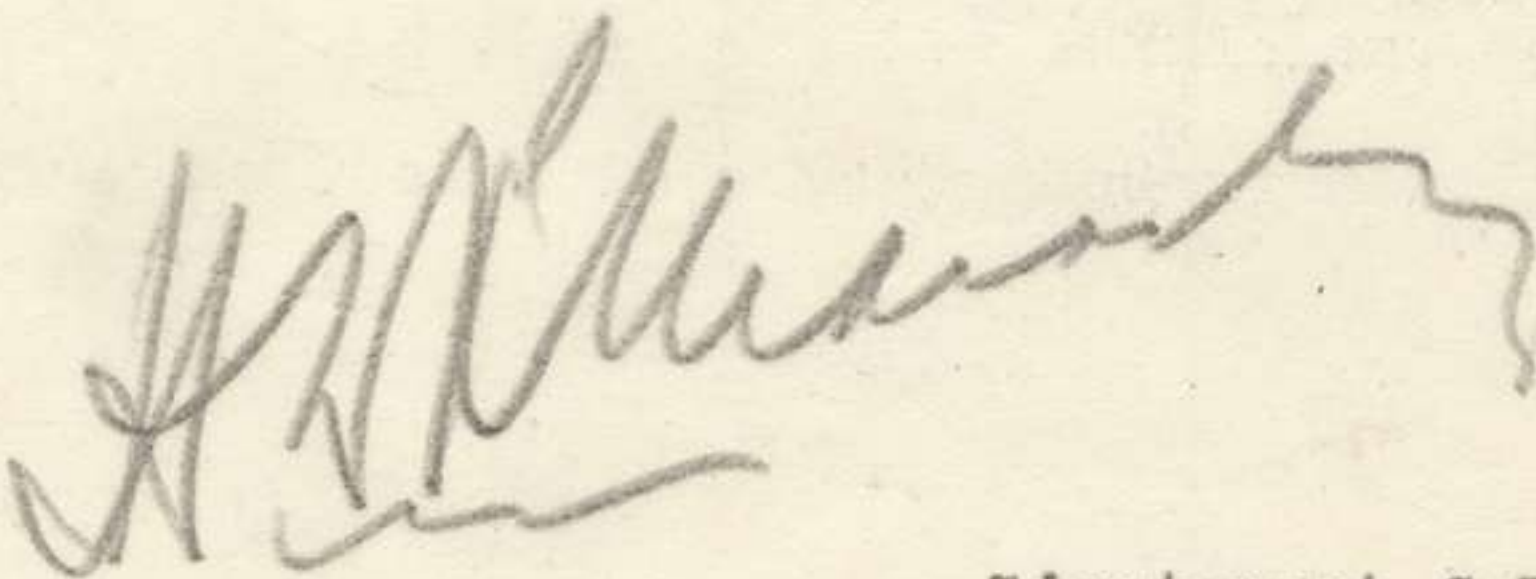
9 p.m.

Eight enemy aeroplanes patrolled Divisional Front, one flying very low.

ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

A new Communication Trench has been built leading about 30 yards ~~forward over lines.~~, from the house at O.36.a.30.20.

Towards our



Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

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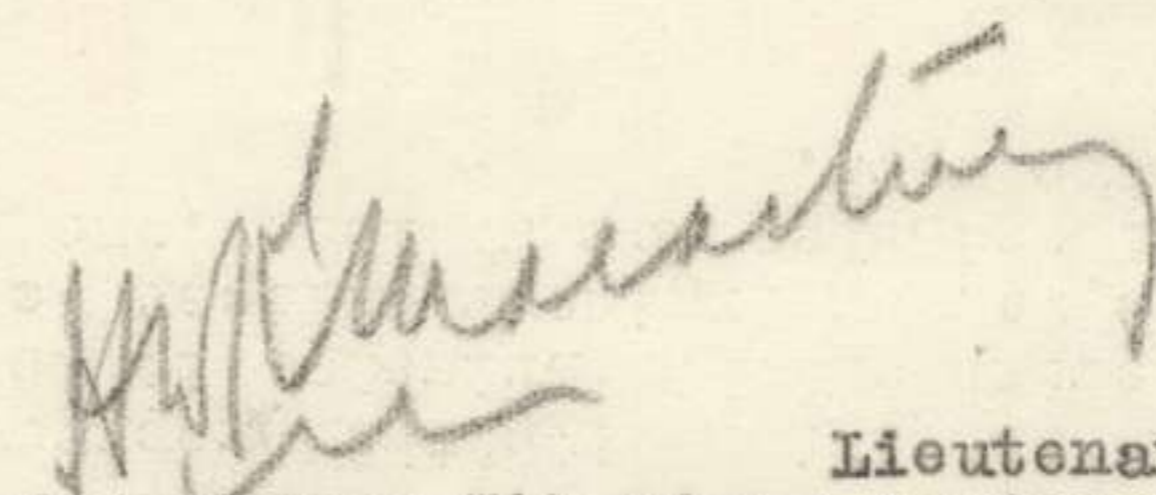
7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 8-7-17 To 6 p.m. 9-7-17.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

9-7-17 9.30 am. Flashes of 4 Guns observed from O.32.b.60.65
24 degrees Left of COMINES CHURCH.

1 p.m. Flashes of Heavy Battery observed from O.32.b.60.65
32 degrees Left of COMINES CHURCH.



Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 9-7-17 To 6 p.m. 10-7-17.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

9-7-17 6.10 p.m. 4 Rockets sent up each bursting into 4 white stars, direction of BAS WARNETON.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

10-7-17. 7th F.A. Brigade Cricket team defeated hitherto unbeaten Divisional Signals Team by 55 runs.

Visibility throughout morning poor, but improving towards afternoon.

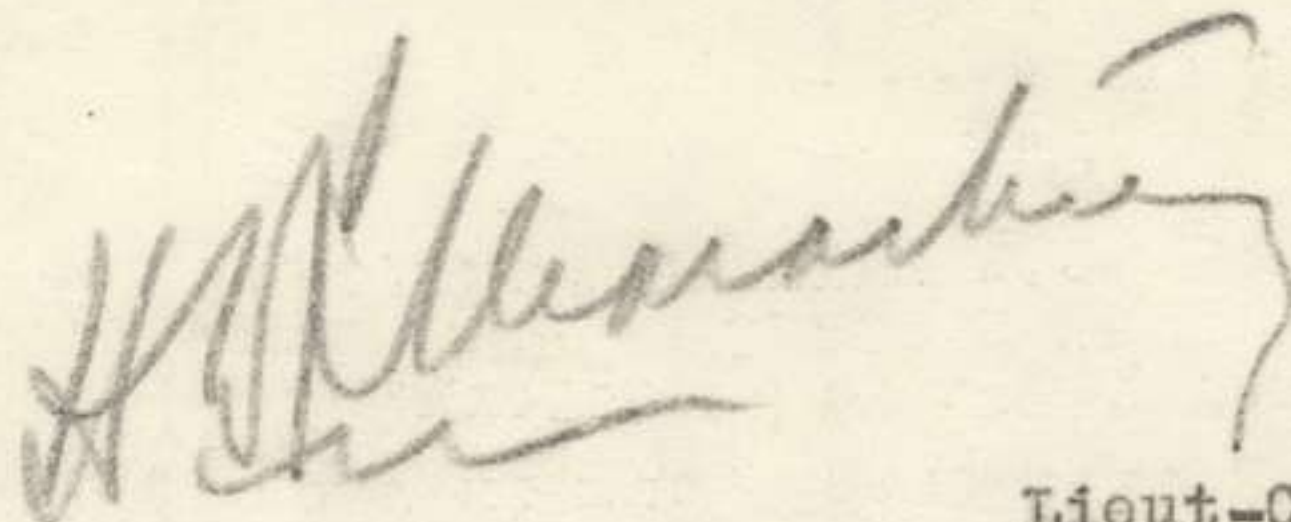
2.30 p.m. A 5.9 Howitzer observed (from O.32.b.60.65) to be firing from O.30.b.75.40 on our Front Line between O.35.d. and U.5.b. "U" Group Heavies informed and turned on. Subsequent effect observed from O.32.b.60.65 to be splendid.
Time between flash and report 8½ seconds.

3.30 p.m. Flashes of 5.9 Howitzer observed. Firing from direction V.7.b.80.90

4.30 p.m. Flashes of 4.2 Gun observed. Firing from V.7.b.80.90

Do Do. Do. Do. Do. V.7.a.80.90
This latter point is shown on Map as an enemy Dugout.

5 p.m. Smoke observed from a 4.2 Battery at about P.31.b.40.50.



Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 pm. 10-7-17 To 6 pm. 11-7-17.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Enemy aeroplanes over our Lines frequently during the day.
 3 British Balloons burned during the afternoon, enemy planes
 returning safely.
 Enemy balloons up over Sector at intervals during the day.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Visibility fair in the morning, good in the afternoon.

At 10 & 11 a.m. and 12 noon A Battery of 5.9s was observed
 from O.32.b.60.65 shelling back areas.
 Range calculated to be about 6200 yds.
 At 12.15 p.m. Heavies opened on this Battery, range
 about correct but shells falling about
 1 degree to the left.

*Direct corrected &
 fire neutralized,*

Later.

At 4 p.m.

Flashes of Bty. in action observed
 on a line to Right hand edge of
 HOUTHAM CHURCH from O.32.b.83.82.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Lieutenant-Colonel,
 Adjutant, 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 11-7-17 To 6 p.m. 12-7-17.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Enemy Artillery active on Central and Back Areas during the night, with guns of all calibre.

During the night flashes were observed 16 degrees Left of COMINES Church, of 2 guns of Heavy calibre.

12-7-17 5 p.m. Flashes observed True Bearing 100 degrees from 0.32.b.60.65. Five rounds, 5.9, on 0.32.b.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

12-7-17 1.30 p.m. Dump observed burning in 0.30.b.
3.30 p.m. Large columns of smoke arising from a point in COMINES. Apparently a dump still burning.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

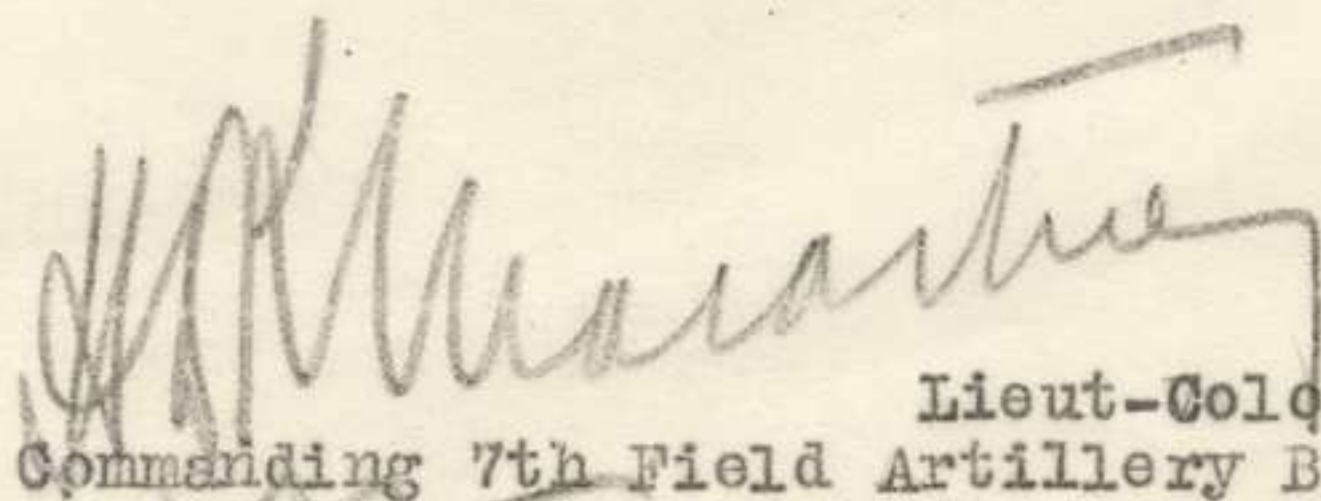
12-7-17 5.30 p.m. Two Hostile planes observed painted black and white stripes.
6 p.m. Enemy bombarded our Front Line and Support Line on the whole Brigade Sector.

OPERATIONS BRITISH.

12-7-17 3 p.m. Two British planes pursued one hostile machine over our Lines, and appeared to drive it down in the vicinity of Hill 63.

Our aeroplanes very active all day.

During afternoon, Two of our machines drove down an enemy over their Lines


Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 12-7-17 To 6 p.m. 13-7-17

HOSTILE BATTERIES IN ACTION.

Flashes were observed as follows:

During the night :

15	Deg.	Right	of	COMINES	Church	(P.34.d.29.50)	from	O.22.b.60.65	
20	"	Left	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
83	"	True	Bearing	from	O.22.b.60.65.)			
138	"	"	"	"	")			
79	"	"	"	"	")			5.9 and 4.2.
108	"	"	"	"	")			
134	"	"	"	"	")			
54	"	"	"	"	")			

11 am. 13-7-17

3 Deg. 30 min. Left of COMINES Church (P.34.d.29.50) from O.27.d.50.6
 Time between flash and report - 13 seconds. Nature 5.9.

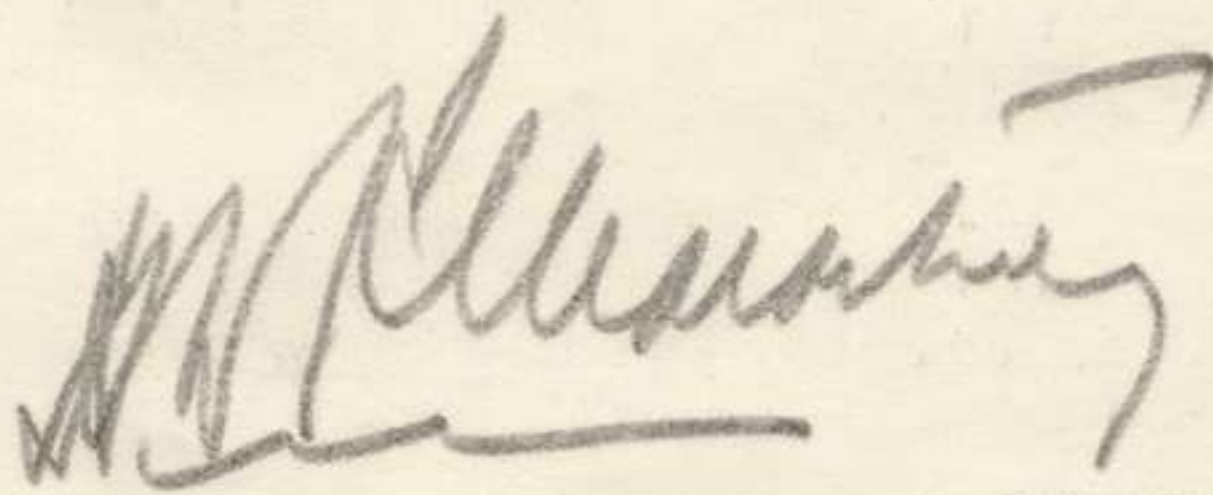
BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

12-7-17 7 p.m. Two enemy Albatross machines driven down in enemy lines by our Sopwith Patrol.

During day. Enemy aircraft rather less active, than usual.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the night an enemy Dump exploded in BAS WARNETON and one of ours in DELPORTE WOOD.



Lieut-Colonel,
 Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 13-7-17 To 6 p.m. 14-7-17.

HOSTILE BATTERIES IN ACTION.

Flashes were observed as follows :

9 a.m. Flashes were observed of a Gun judged to be firing from P.26.b.30.65.

3.30-p.m.

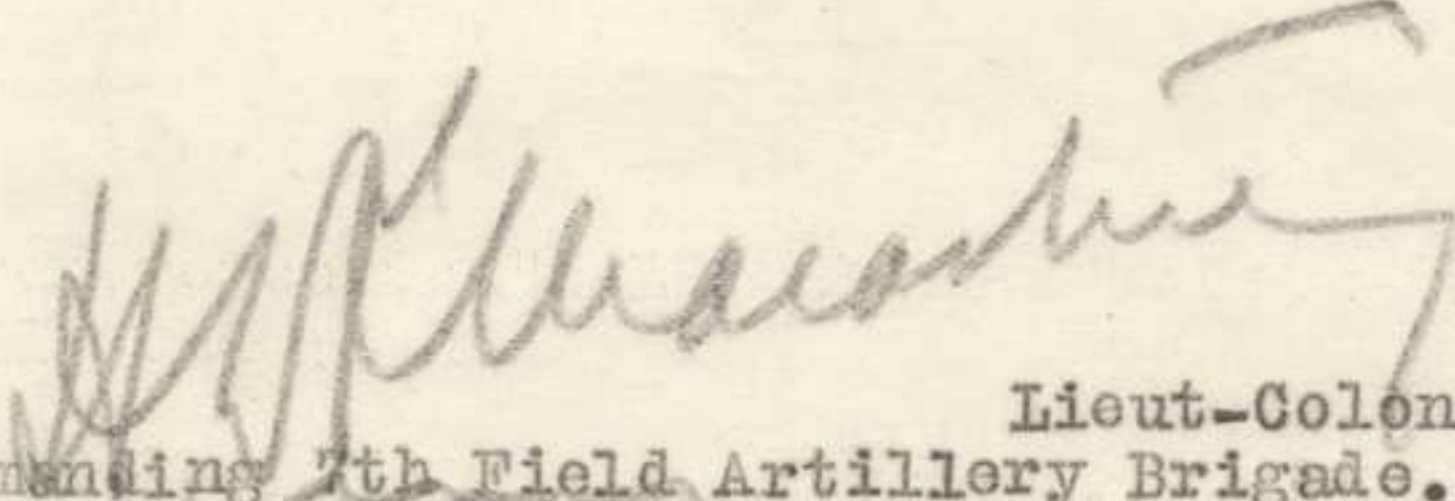
8 pm. Flashes observed 114 degrees and 119.30 degrees from O.32.b.85.55.

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

During the night our 'planes patrolled enemy lines apparently without opposition from the enemy machines.

Last night enemy 'planes dropped bombs in vicinity of the Brigade Wagon lines - no damage done.

As usual enemy planes several times during the day flew very low over our trenches without molestation. Apart from activity of this nature, however, British machines prevented enemy from coming over our lines all day.


Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 14-7-17 to 6 p.m. 15-7-17.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

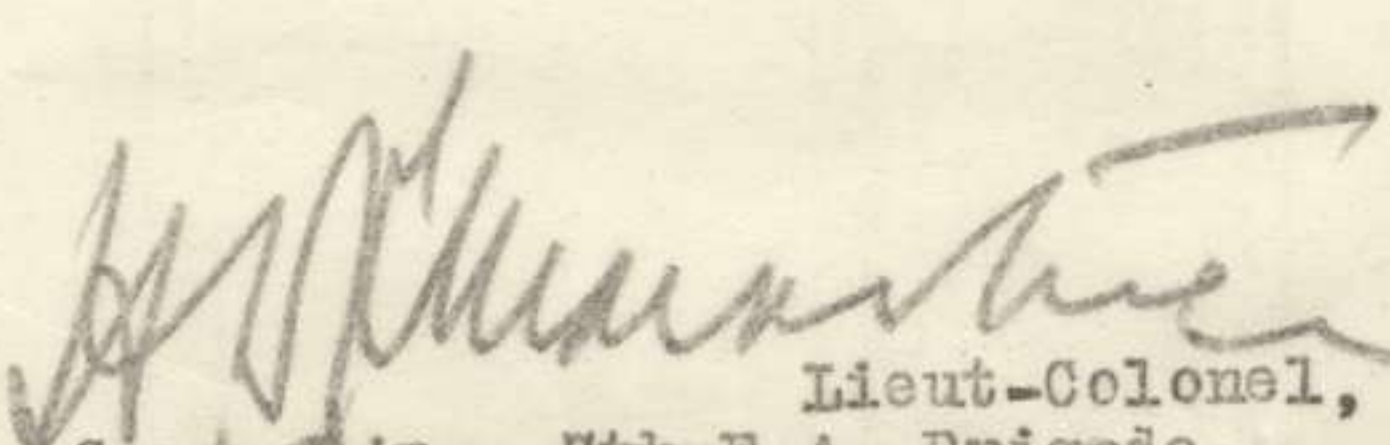
At 8 a.m. An enemy 4.2 Gun appeared to be firing from O.30.a.20.50.

11 a.m. A High velocity 13 cm. Gun flashes observed 67 degrees
True Bearing from O.30.a.20.5 0.32.b.98.73.3.50 p.m. Same Gun observed from O.32.b.60.65 (True Bearing 67
degrees) supposed to be firing from behind HOUTHEM
Church. Rounds fell in vicinity of SWAYNES FARM.
Time from flash to report 22 seconds.9 p.m. on 14th July Flashes were observed of a 4 gun Battery
which was judged to be firing from O.30.a.2.5.BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

Enemy aircraft less active than usual.

During afternoon about 10 planes attempted to fly over
our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire.MOVEMENTS OF ENEMY.4.30 p.m. Considerable movement was noticed around a house in
P.31.d.20.50.MISCELLANEOUS.10 a.m. Thick white smoke seen arising from trees 12 degrees
True Bearing from O.32.b.60.65.12.15 pm. Fire appeared to be burning in a house in this direction.
house 114

VISIBILITY POOR.



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

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 15th to 6 p.m. 16th July

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

15th--6.20pm. Flashes were observed as follows :-

15th 6 20 pm. 4.2 Battery in hedge at P.26.b.20.50
 7.10 pm. (Our heavies engaged this battery with excellent effect. Several direct hits probable)

9. 5 pm. 5.9 How. at 120 deg. True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65
 10.25 pm. H.Vel. Gun at 75 deg. True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65
 Shelling road near MIDDLE FARM. Time from flash to fall of shell - 22 seconds. Position probably in P.20.d.

16th 12.35 am. 5.9 How at 87½ deg. True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65
 Time of flight 35 secs.

11.20 am. 5.9 How. at 84½ deg. True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65
 Time from flash to report - 18 secs.

12 noon 5.9 Section at 83 deg. True Bearing from Do.
 Probably at P.26.b.60.05. Time from flash to report - 16 secs. Area shelled 0.31

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

16th. 2.30 a.m. Enemy planes dropped bombs on N.36.a.

4.30 p.m. Several enemy planes attempted an attack on our balloons but were driven off by A.A. fire without obtaining any results.

MISCELLANEOUS.

16th 12.45 pm. Large enemy dump exploded 1.30 deg. Left of COMINES Church (P.34.d.29.50) also clouds of brickdust seen to arise.

1.5 pm. Ammunition at a Bty. position exploded 80 deg. True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65.

3.50 to 4.30 pm. Volumes of smoke arising from about 1.30 deg. left of COMINES Church lasting about 15 minutes.

4.45 pm. Large fire in HOUTHEN. Flames and dense volumes of smoke lasting about an hour.

5.45 pm. Smoke again seen to arise from same point.

VISIBILITY GOOD.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Commanding 7th F.A. Lieut-Colonel,
 Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 16th To 6 p.m. 17th July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

17th Flashes were observed as follows :-

2.20 am.	True Bearing 102 degrees from	O.32.b.60.65
4 a.m.	" " 98 " "	" "
2.10 p.m.	" " 67.30 " "	O.32.b.98,73
2.30 "	" " 54.30 " "	" "
3.5 "	" " 101.30 " "	" "

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

16th 7.10 p.m. One enemy plane brought down by British machines.

During the night very little aerial activity, but at 9.15 p.m. an enemy plane was flying low over MESSINES VALLEY at O.31.d. and fired a number of machine gun bullets of the tracer type.

17th 1.45 p.m. An enemy balloon descended at T.B. 74.30 degrees from O.32.b.98.73.
Another descended at T.B. 102.30 deg. from same point.

During the day great aerial activity on both sides. Several combats but no definite results observed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

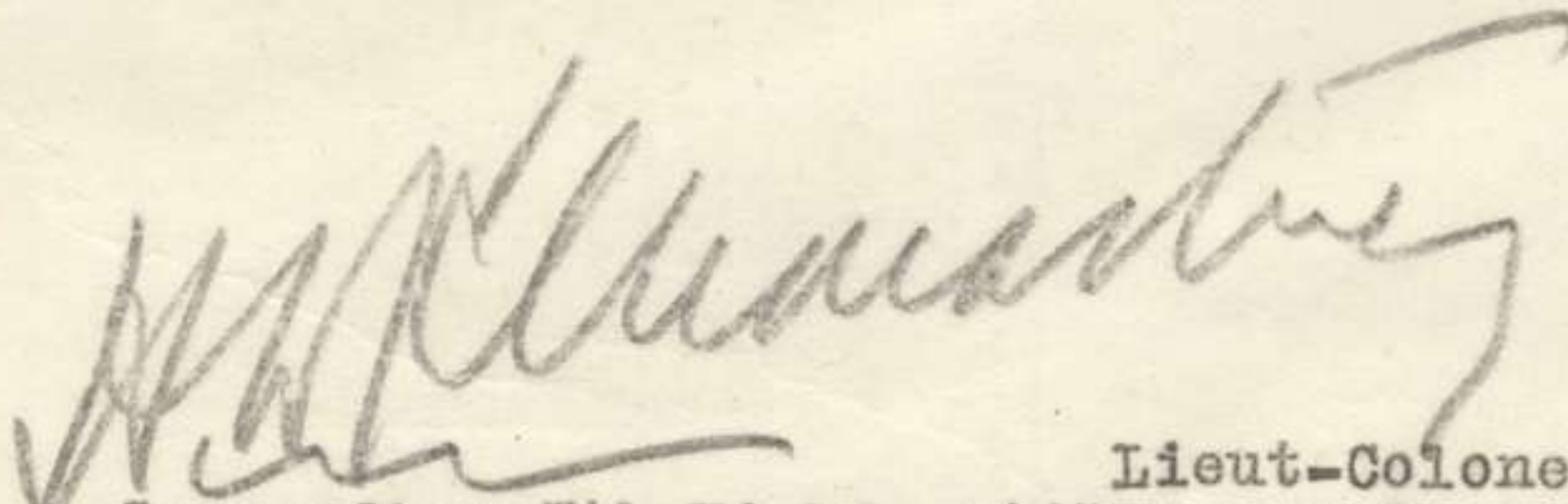
16th 6.30 p.m. Smoke seen on three occasions arising from 2 deg. Right of COMINES Church (P.34.d.29.50) from O.32.b.60.65.

10 p.m. Double green and double red rockets seen on extreme left of our Sector and to the left in adjacent sector. Several observed at irregular intervals for 20 minutes.

17th 2.30 p.m. Fire observed in COMINES. Possibly an ammunition dump.

4.30 p.m. Our 4.5" Howitzers, whilst firing on Wire in vicinity of KIWI FARM, set the building on fire. It burned for little over an hour.

VISIBILITY POOR. (Either cloudy, or sun-hazy) -At intervals GOOD.


Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 17th to 6 p.m. 18th July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

17th 9.50 p.m. Flashes observed at 63 deg. and 67 deg. True Bearing from O.32.b.60.65.

18th 1 a.m. During a Gas bombardment of MESSINES RIDGE flashes were observed 89 deg. and 94 deg. T.B. from O.32.b.60.65.

11.35 a.m. A 4.2. firing in the direction of L'ENFER WOOD appears to be situated at P.32.a.6.5.
ALSO, see heading HOSTILE FIRE.

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

Very little activity during night and day. Early this morning one enemy plane flew very low over our front line.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A trench at U.5.b.25.77 - U.5.b.45.50 is an enemy strong point, strong held.

MISCELLANEOUS.

17th 4.30 p.m. As previously reported, our 4.5" Hows. set fire to KIWI FARM. Later, an explosion took place in the building indicating the possible presence of a Bomb or L.T.M. Ammunition Store,

later explosion occurred at

7 p.m.

VISIBILITY POOR.

W. K. ...
Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 pm. 18th to 6 pm. 19th July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

18th 6.45 pm. Flashes observed 59 deg. True Bearing from
O.32.b.70.70.

19th 8.30 am. Flashes from 4.2 Battery observed 121 deg. T.B.
from O.32.b.60.65.

10.15 am. Flashes from 5.9 Gun observed 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. from
O.27.c. This gun appears to be at P.33.a.2.7.

1.25 pm. Flashes observed 118 deg. T. B. from O.32.b.60.65.

MISCELLANEOUS.

19th 7.50 am. Fire observed burning at 90 deg. T.B. from
O.32.b.60.65.

Aircraft inactive owing to unfavorable weather conditions.

VISIBILITY POOR.

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Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 pm 19th to 6 pm 20th July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

Flashes were observed as follows:

19th	6.30 pm.	104 degrees True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65. Two guns appeared to be in action. They fired persistently all night. This bearing was confirmed each time a flash appeared. Area shelled most heavily by these guns - MESSINES.
	10 pm.	94.30 degrees True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65.
	10.50 pm.	98 Degrees " " " "
20th	2 a.m.	85 " " " "

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

During morning very few planes of both sides were fairly active.

During afternoon very little aerial activity owing, possibly, to the heavy ground mist.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

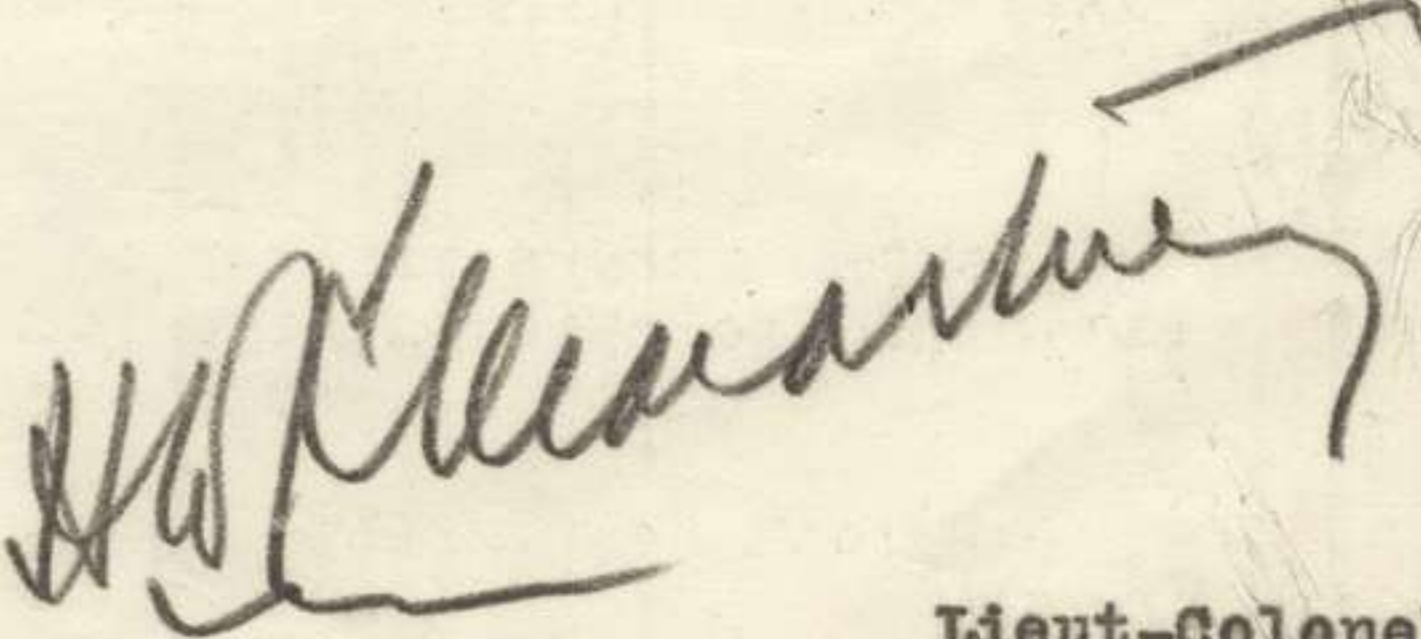
20th 3.30 pm. An enemy train was seen moving along railway line at V.10.d.90.70 in direction of LILLE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

20th 4 p.m. An enemy dump exploded near HOUTHEM Church. Cause unknown.

During night a searchlight was observed faintly at 99 deg. True Bearing from 0.32.b.60.65.

VISIBILITY FAIR.


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

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 pm 20th to 6 pm. 21st July

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

20th 9 p.m. Flashes from Anti-aircraft Battery observed
55.30 Deg. T.B. from O.32.b.60.65.

11 pm. Flashes of 77mm observed 89 deg. T.B. from
O.32.b.60.65 shelling our front and support line.

21st 11.30 a.m. Flashes of 5.9 How. Bty. observed at P.20.d.5.7
shelling O.31.c and d.

12.15 pm. 5.9 Flash at 104.30 deg. T.B. (at U.2.Central)

12.45 pm. Flashes of 5.9 How. observed at P.20.c.20.50
shelling O.31.d.

4.20 p.m. Flashes of 4.2. Bty. observed at P.32.b.30.67
shelling FANNY'S FARM, O33.a. -Reported from two
different O.Ps.

4.30 p.m. Flashes observed 92 deg. T.B. from O.55.c.90.42.

Observations made at 12.45 pm, 4.20 and 4.30 pm.
were telephoned (per message) to Heavy Artillery.

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

8.50 pm.
20th 6.15 p.m. Hostile balloon descended at 101.30 deg. T.B.
from O.32.b.60.65

Less aerial activity than usual.

MISCELLANEOUS.

20th 6.15 p.m. Large fire seen burning near HOUTHEM, locality
P.26.a.5.1.

21st 12.35 a.m. Red very light seen opposite our Sector,
this was followed by Artillery fire (about 50
rounds) from direction of COMINES.

6 p.m. Large fire observed 84 deg. T.B. from O.32.b.60.65.

PROGRESS REPORT ON WIRE-CUT.

VISIBILITY FAIR.

During the day the 4.5" Hows fired 100
rounds on Centre and 100 rounds on right
wire. The shoot on Centre wire was satis-
factory and gaps were widened. Right,
difficult to observe, but quantity of wire
was thrown in the air. Left Coy Comm.
says Centre and Left wire would not
prove obstacle to Infantry.

[Signature]
Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE

From 6 pm 21st to 6 p.m. 22nd July 1917.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE

22nd. Flashes observed of small Field gun 66 Deg 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ min T.B.
 from 0.32.b.60.65.
 Flashes from four gun Battery observed 102 Deg 30 min T.B.
 from 0.32.b.60.65.
 Flashes observed of a 4.2" gun 107 Deg T.B. from 0.32.b.60.65.

Balloons and Aircraft

22nd Much aerial activity during the day.
 6.30 a.m. 13 Enemy Planes over our F.L. System.
 9.0 a.m. Enemy Planes very low over our Front Line. Dropped red lights.
 10 a.m. 6 Balloons oposite this Divisional Front.

Miscellaneous

Seven Enemy search lights in vicinity of Wervicq and Comines
 were active during the night.

9.40 pm. Signalling Lamp observed on Warneton Church.

Usual red and green Verey lights fired during the night.

Enemy Movement

10.30 a.m. Enemy O.P. observed at 0.36.c.2040 in a Steel Tree.
 Flashes of the periscope being visible.

VISIBILITY FAIR.

W. H. ...
 Lieut-Colonel,
 Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 22nd to 6 p.m. 23rd July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

22nd. 9 pm Flashes observed from a Battery at O.30.c.50.60

23rd Flashes were observed as follows :

2 am.	66 and 81 deg.)	True Bearing from O.32.b.60.65.
4.30am.	99.30 deg.)	
4.45am.	105.30 deg.)	
6 pm.	86 deg.)	

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

Enemy aircraft has been very active all night and day. Several came over into the back areas during the night, presumably on bomb-dropping expeditions.

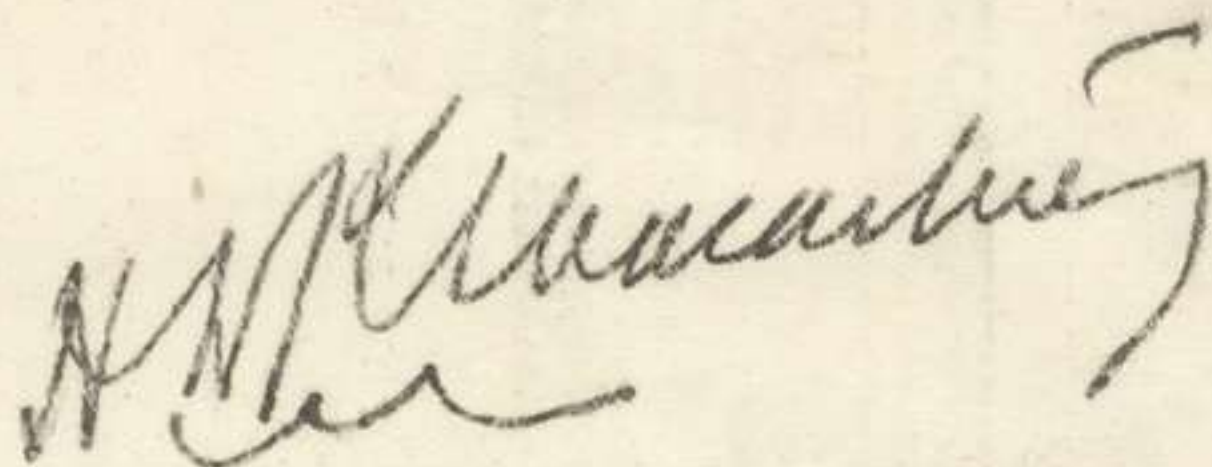
22nd 6 to 9 pm. Two enemy planes flew at low altitude over our front line system near GAPAARD.

8 pm. A British plane came down about O.28.a.

23rd 4.30 am. A Fokker flew at low altitude over L'ENFER WOOD at O.25.d, observing effects of fire, apparently, of previous afternoon and night.

11.30 am. In a combat with two enemy planes, one of ours was driven down in flames.

VISIBILITY BAD.



Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 pm 23rd to 6 pm 24th July.

Hostile Batteries active.

23rd. 6.20 pm	Flashes observed	86	deg.	T.B.	from	0.32.b.60.65
9 pm.	"	93	"	"	"	"
9 pm.	"	106	"	"	"	"
9 pm.	"	111	"	"	"	"
24th 2.15 pm.	"	87	"	"	"	"

Balloons and aircraft.

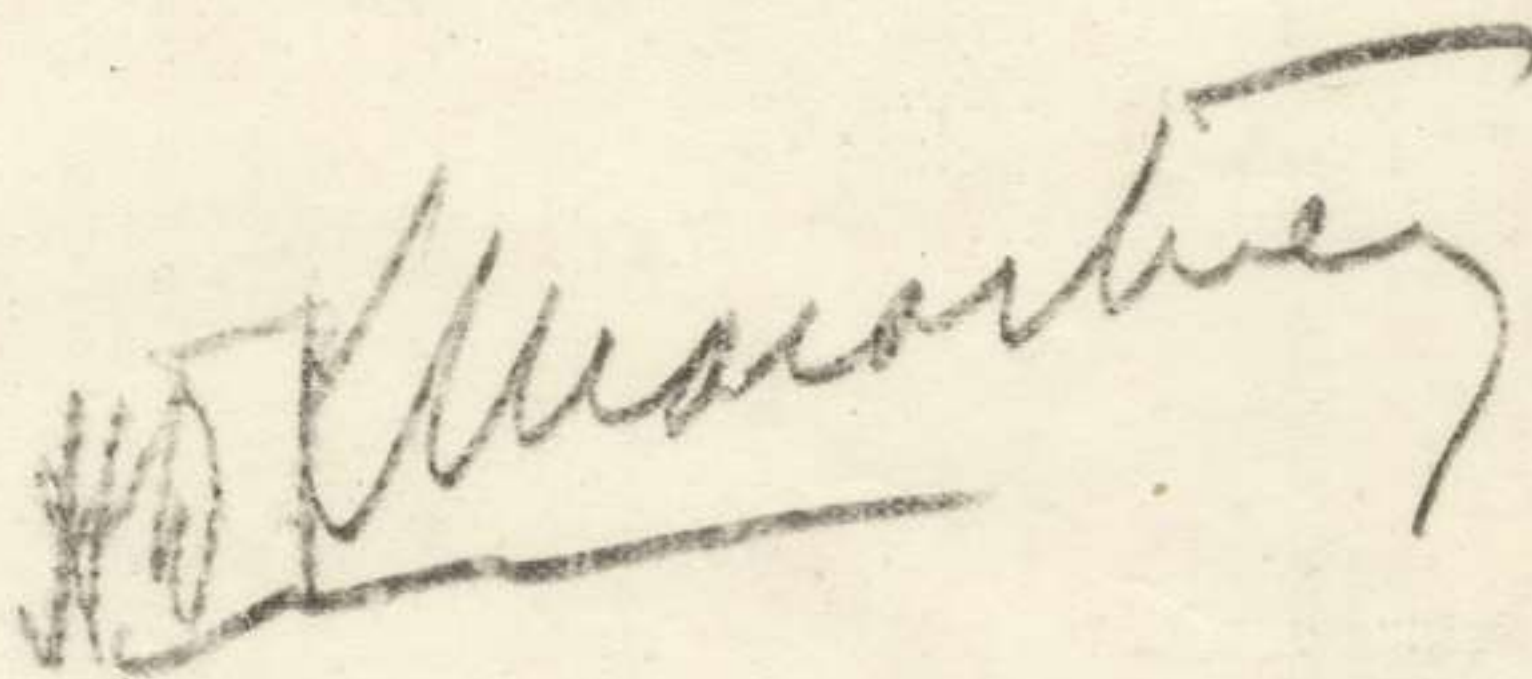
23rd. 6.15 pm. Enemy planes very low over front line system.
6 to 7.30 pm Enemy plane, apparently observing fire, flew over 0.25.d. 30 rds. fired, no apparent damage.

Aerial activity not so great as usual.

Miscellaneous.

23rd 12.10 am. Enemy Dump blown up at 82 deg. from 0.32.b.60.65

VISIBILITY POOR.



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

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 p.m. 24th to 6 p.m. 25th July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

During the night Flashes were observed from O.32.b.60.65, as follows:-

	56	degrees	True	Bearing
	65	"	"	"
	53	"	"	"
	78	"	"	"

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

24th 7 to 7.30 p.m. Three enemy planes patrolled our Front Line and fired several times on the garrison.

25th 4.15 a.m. An enemy plane flew very low over MESSINES.

Several British balloons up at intervals during the day.

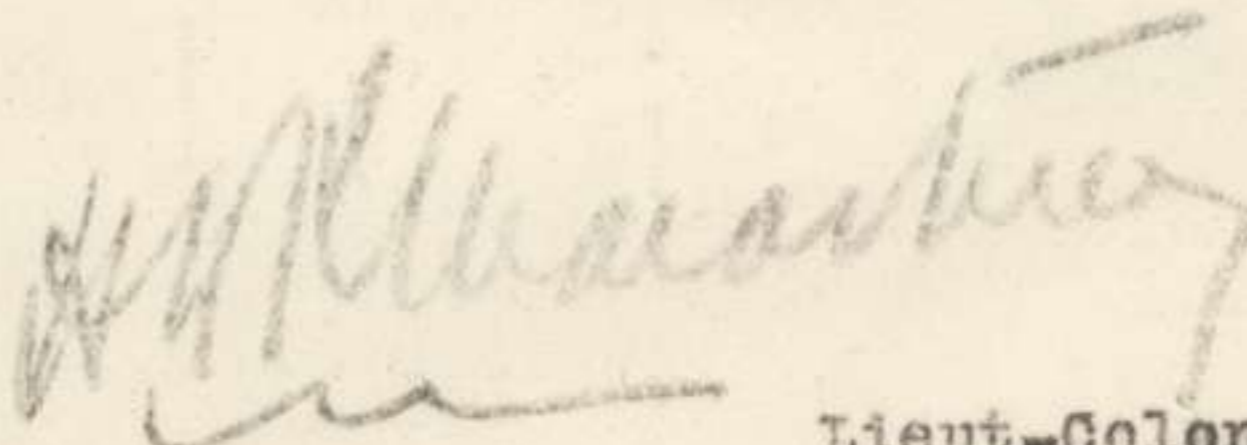
ENEMY MOVEMENT.

24th 7.30 p.m. A suspected O.P. at O.36.a.30.25. This house has a window facing our Front Line, which is partly screened with bramble.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the day enemy Machines Guns on the Brigade Sector were unusually active.

VISIBILITY POOR.


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

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 am. to 6 pm. 26th July .

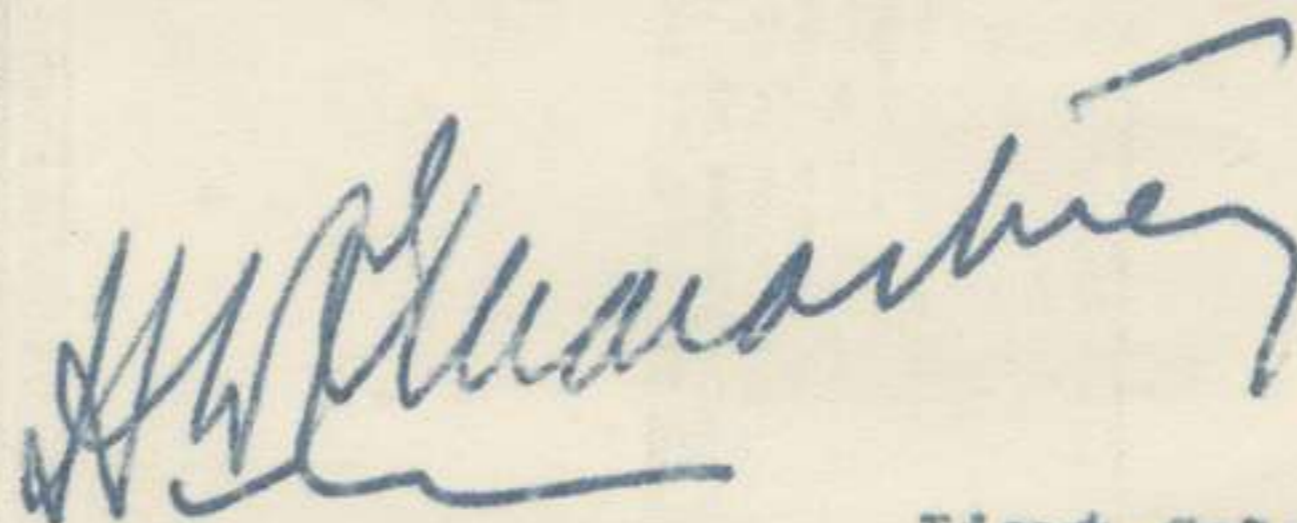
MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY.

4.15 p.m. to 4.25 pm. Light appeared in a house 114.30 deg. T.B. from O.32.b.60.65, apparently signalling.

5.50 pm. Working party observed at O.30.c.95.30.

Very little AERIAL ACTIVITY during the period.

VISIBILITY BAD.



Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 am. 26th to 6 pm. 27th July.

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

Aerial activity rather less than usual, owing possibly to heavy haze.

- Several enemy balloons were up during the day.
- 4 pm. One of our planes was driven down in a combat with an enemy machine, and landed in our lines.
- 5.50 pm. Two enemy machines flying low over our front line were driven off by A.A. gunfire.

Movement of the enemy.

7.30 a.m. A party of three of the enemy was seen walking from trench at O.30.c.9.4 towards house at O.30.d.50.05. Movement has previously been noticed along this route, possibly a track back to Billets.

During last night an Infantry Patrol located a Pineapple position at O.35.d.60.80.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 9 a.m. A fire, apparently caused by our Artillery fire, was observed at 100 deg. True Bearing from O.32.b.60.65.
- 9.15 am. Column of white smoke seen, - from P.33 to V3.
- 10.30 am. Smoke seen arising from about V.5.b. Probably dump exploded.
- 5.15 pm. Two fires observed between COMINES and WERVICQ.

VISIBILITY FAIR.

H. J. Chant
Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 am. to 6 pm. 28th July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

2.20 pm. Flashes observed from Heavy Batteries at 101 and 98.30 degrees True Bearing from O.32.b.60.65.

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

Aircraft during the period were generally inactive.

MOVEMENTS OF THE ENEMY.

11.30 a.m. Flashes, apparently from a periscope or helio observed at intervals 2 degrees Right of COMINES Church (P.34.d.29.50)

MISCELLANEOUS.

5 p.m. Large volumes of smoke seen arising from position in direction of COMINES CHURCH.

VISIBILITY POOR - Owing to heavy haze.

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

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1337th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 am. to 6 pm. 29th July.

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

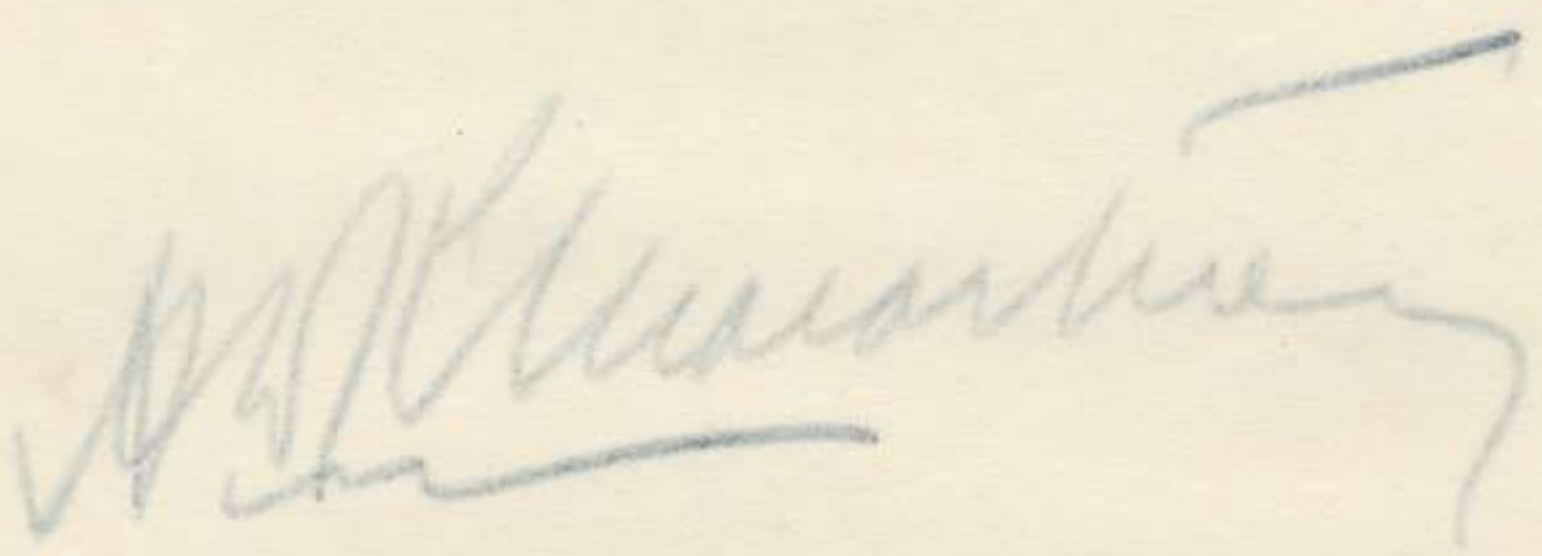
Aeroplanes of both sides fairly active in the early morning.

Weather conditions unfavourable during greater part of the day.

MISCELLANEOUS.

12 noon. Dense clouds of-smoke seen in enemy back areas. Appeared to be small dumps burning.

VISIBILITY VERY POOR) - Observation at times almost impossible.



Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade. - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 am. to 6 pm. 30th July.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

Flashes were observed 66.30 degrees True Bearing and 70 degrees 30 minutes T.B. from O.32.b.60.65.

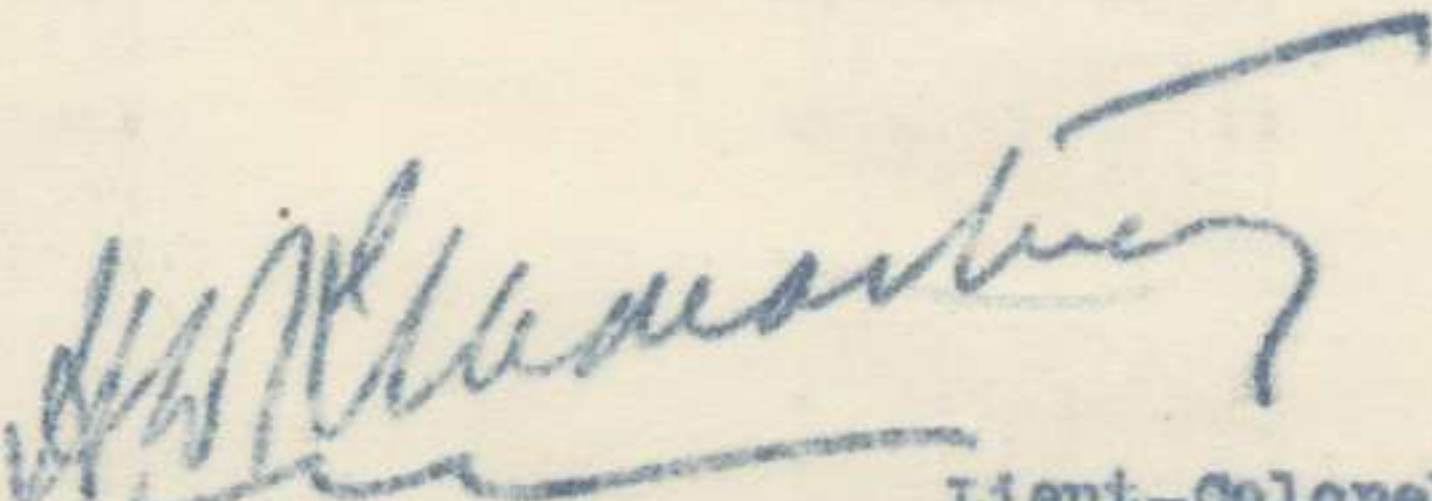
BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

Owing to weather conditions aircraft was generally inactive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 1 pm. what appeared to be a smoke barrage was put down by the enemy in WARNETON LINE during our Registrations on enemy lines.

VISIBILITY BAD.


Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th Field Artillery Brigade - INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 am. to 6 pm. 31st July 1917.

HOSTILE BATTERIES ACTIVE.

At 4 p.m. An 8" gun fired on 0.31.b. from direction of East of COMINES.

BALLOONS AND AIRCRAFT.

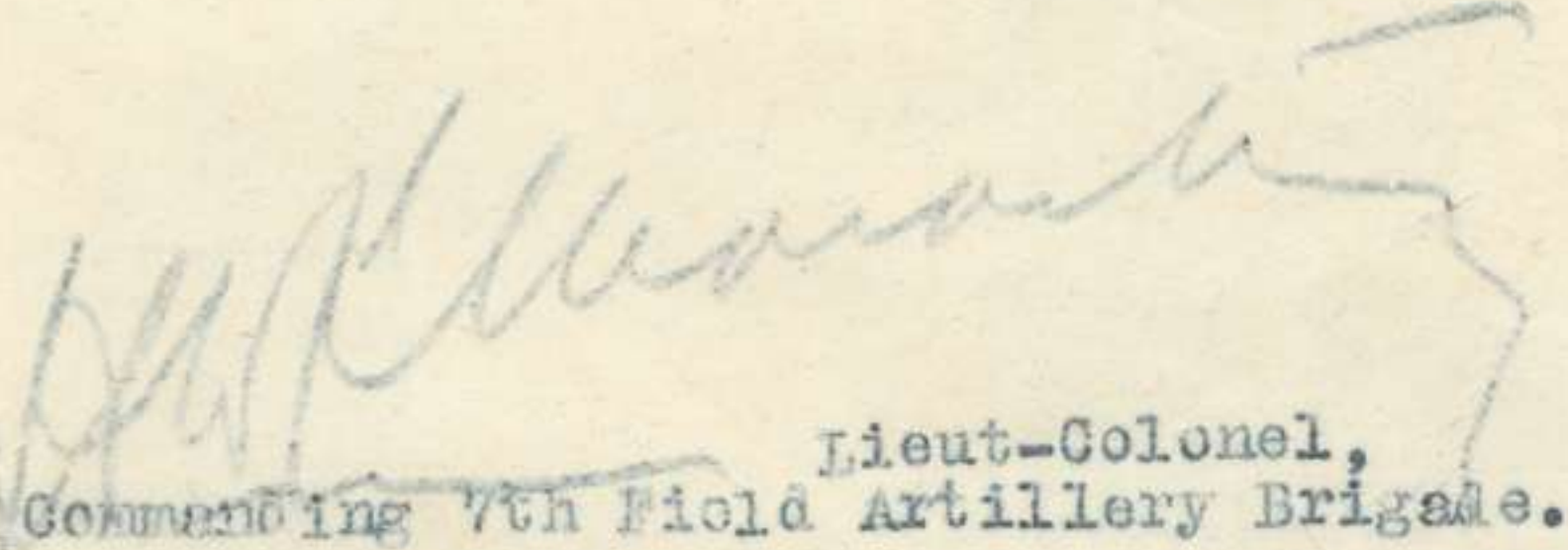
During early morning enemy planes flew low over our Trenches.

British machines were very active all day over the enemy trenches. At times weather conditions made aerial activity very difficult.

MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY.

During the day enemy parties were seen coming and going over the track in P.31.c. 27th Battery was ranged on to this track with good effect. 20 rounds were fired, and during remainder of the day the track was not seen to be used.

VISIBILITY BAD.


Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

7th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX II

OPERATION ORDERS.

July 1917.

(S E C R E T)
-----*W.S. Nichols*
3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M./S/184/47.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Artly. Opertn. Order No.26.

Patrols will be active in NO MAN'S LAND on Y-Z
night up to Zero hour.

The Artillery fire previous to Zero hour will be
not less than 200 yards beyond our front line.

W.S. Nichols

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

Headquarters.
27.7.17.

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Distribution:

7th & 8th F.A.Bdes. 9, 10th & 11th Infy Bdes.
242nd Army Bde, R.F.A. Division "G".
B.Mjr (File).

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
-----OPERATION ORDER No. 27.Map. Refs:

- (1) Warneton Map "C", attached.
(2) Warneton Map "D" attached.

(1)

INTENTION.

In conjunction with other operations to be carried out by Flank Divisions on "Z" Day, the 3rd Australian Division intend to:-

- (a) Create a diversion and make the enemy think that a serious attack is intended,
(b) carry out an attack on enemy posts established in NO MAN'S LAND and gain the upper hand there.

(2)

INFANTRY

On "Z" Day, at Zero hour, two Battalions of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will:-

PROGRAMME.

(a) Mop up the enemy's posts and works in NO MAN'S LAND opposite that portion of our front extending from O.35. central to U.5.d.5.4,

(b) establish posts 3 to 8, marked in RED in ROMAN NUMERALS on attached map and dig the line "C", "D", "E", "F" and "G", marked in RED - Map "D".

(3)

ARTILLERY
PROGRAMME.

Artillery action will be as follows:-

- 18 Pounders.

At Zero hour to Zero plus 3 mins.

7th A.F.A. Bde. will barrage from U.5.b.30.65.
to O.35.d.50.70.

as shewn in GREEN on Map "D".

8th A.F.A. Bde. will barrage from U.5.b.30.65.
to U.5.d.70.88.

as shown in BLUE on Map "D"

242nd Army Bde,) 1 Bty will barrage
R. F. A.) from U.5.d.70.88.
) to U.5.d.70.58.

) 2 Btys will barrage
from O.35.d.50.70.
to O.35.b.38.18.

as shewn in YELLOW on Map "D".

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ARTILLERY
PROGRAMME.

18 Pounders (contd.).

(Contd)

Zero plus 3 minutes:

The barrage will advance at 100 yards per two minutes from Point "Y" (junction of 7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades) picking up the remaining guns as it advances until it comes to rest on the WARNETON LINE, where it will remain until Zero plus 1 hour, ⁽⁵⁰⁾ minutes.

At Zero plus 1 hour 50 mins. the barrage advances at the rate of 100 yards a minute for 5 mins. It then stands until Zero plus 2 hours 5 mins, when it jumps back to the WARNETON LINE.

Fire ceases at Zero plus 2 hrs 10 minutes.

The New Zealand Divisional Artillery are carrying out an operation at the same Zero hour and will continue their 18-pdr barrage from U.12.a.38.50. Southwards until Zero plus 2 hrs 10 mins. - Rate of fire 1 round per gun per minute.

From Zero plus 55 minutes to Zero plus 1 hr 45 mins. 50% of Smoke Shells will be used in the barrage.

Rate of Fire:

Zero	to Zero plus 9 mins	- 4 rds p.g. p.m.
Zero plus 9 mins	to Zero plus 30 mins	- 2 ditto
Zero plus 30 mins	to Zero plus 55 mins	- 1 "
Zero plus 55 mins	to Zero plus 1 hour	- 3 "
Zero plus 1 hour	to Zero plus 2 hrs 10 mins	- 1 "

4.5" Howitzers.

7th A.F.A. Bgdo.

4 Hows.	Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes.	On Posts O.35.b.7.5. O.35.d.78.90. 20% Smoke Shells.
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3 rounds per How. per minute.

ditto	Zero plus 3 mins to Zero plus 15 mins and from Zero plus 55 mins to Zero plus 1 hr 30 minutes.	Put Smoke Barrage on:- Post. O.35.b.7.5. Points. O.36.a.28.20. " O.36.a.28.56. O.36.a.44.74. 100% Smoke Shells.
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Rate of fire.

Zero plus 3 mins to Zero plus 15 mins.	- 3 rds per How. per min.
Zero plus 55 mins to Zero plus 1 hr. 30 mins.	- 2 rds per How. per min.

2 Hows;	Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes.	U.5.b.85.10. (20% Smoke Shells.) 3 rds per How. per minute.
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4.5" Hows. (contd)

7th A.F.A. Bde (contd)

2 Hows.)	Zero plus 3 mins)	1 How. KIWI FARM. (
) to Zero plus 1)	1 How. KINGSCLERE (H. E.
) hr. 30 mins.)	FARM & Trenches (
		about U.6. central	

1 round per minute *per how*

242nd Army Bgde. R.F.A.

4.5" Howitzer Battery, 242nd Army Bgde, R.F.A., will put up smoke barrage from Zero hour to Zero hour plus 15 mins, and from Zero hour plus 55 mins. to Zero hour plus 1 hour 30 minutes on:-

Posts 16 & 17.)	1 Howitzer on each
Points U.12.a.40.36.)	Post & Point.
U.12.a.70.60.)	
U.12.b.00.85.)	
U. 6.d. 2. 2.)	

3 rounds per How. per minute.

8th A. F. A. Bde.

4.5" Howitzer Battery, 8th F. A. B. will barrage from Zero hour to Zero hour plus 2 hrs 10 mins:-

U.6.c.35.58. to U.12.a.38.50.

Rate of fire.

Zero to Zero)	3 rds per How.)	50% Smoke Shells.
plus 15 mins)	per minute.)	50% H. E.
Zero plus 15)		
mins to Zero)	1 rd per How.)	50% Smoke Shells.
plus 2 hrs)	per minute.)	50% H.E.
10 mins.)		

(4)

3" STOKES MORTARS.

Bombard areas shewn on Map "D" in PURPLE. - Detailed instructions have been issued to all concerned.

11th Infantry Brigade. - Southern area with Smoke Bombs.

10th Infantry Brigade. - Northern area.

9th Infantry Brigade. - Will be used to thicken barrage on Posts 8, 9, 10, 13 and Trench joining these posts.

(5)

S.O.S. ORDERS & LINES.

Before Zero. - Up to Zero minus 15 mins. action will be normal.

After Zero plus 1 hr 50 mins.) - As shewn on Map "D" in BLUE DOTTED LINE.

After Zero plus 2 hrs 10 mins.) - As per Map "C".

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242nd Army Brigade, R. F. A. will superimpose the 7th and 8th A. F. A. Brigades, as shewn on Map "C".

S.O.S.
ORDERS &
LINES.

Howitzer S.O.S. Barrage will be put down as per Map "C".

S.O.S. will be operative at any time before Zero hour minus 15 minutes and after Zero plus 1 hr 50 mins, and will extend along whole Divisional Front. Rockets will immediately be acted upon without waiting for telephonic confirmation.

Should S.O.S. Signal go up between Zero minus 15 mins and Zero plus 1 hr 50 mins, tasks will not be interfered with, but rate of fire increased.

(6)
HEAVY
ARTILLERY.

The Brigadier-General, Heavy Artillery, is arranging for Counter Battery work from Zero hour onwards ~~xxxxxx~~ and previous to Zero hour should the enemy put up a heavy barrage on our front line system.

(7)
LIASON
OFFICERS.

One Officer to each Forward Battalion Headquarters in the line, taking part in the operation.

8th F.A.B. will detail the Officer for RIGHT BATT.
7th " " " " " " " " LEFT "

They will report before dark on "Y" Day.

(8)
SYNCHRONISA-
TION OF
WATCHES.

Arrangements have already been notified.

(9)
REPORTS.

Reports to RAVELSBERG CAMP.

(10)

This Operation Order cancels Operation Order No.26, and Map which accompanied same.

(11)

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters.

W.A. Nicholls
Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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Issued at 8 p.m.
26.7.17.

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New Z. Div. Art.
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Bde Mjr.

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242nd Army Bde.
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S.O.S. Lines after 2000 +

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25(11)

2 Hrs 10 mins

2 Hrs 6

6 Hrs 107 36

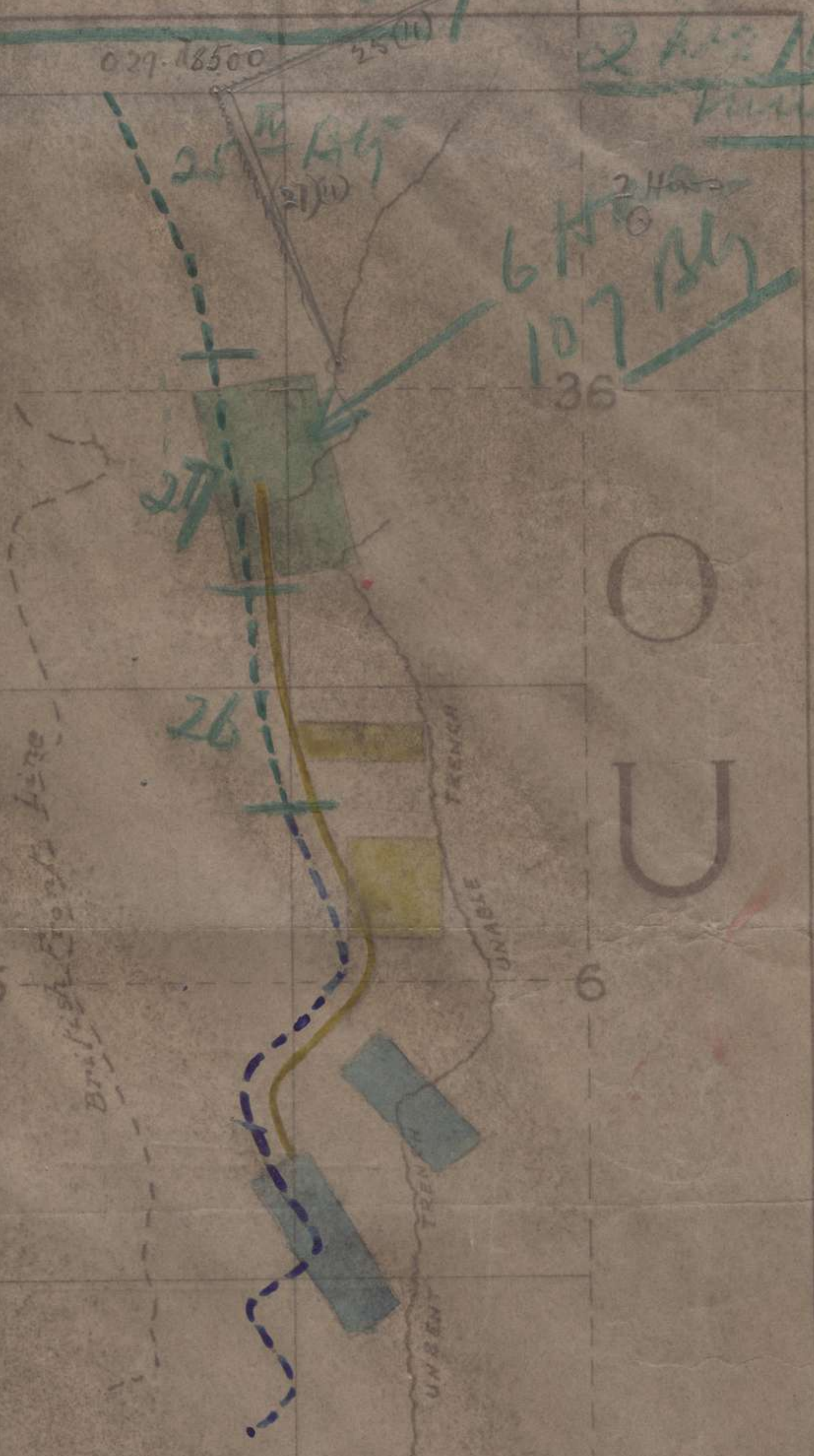
MAP C

REFERENCE

Green dotted line 7th Bde 18 Prs
 Do Block " " 45 Hons

34 Yellow Line 242nd Bde 18 Prs
 Do Block " " 45 Hons

Blue dotted line 8th Bde 18 Prs
 Do Block " " 45 Hons



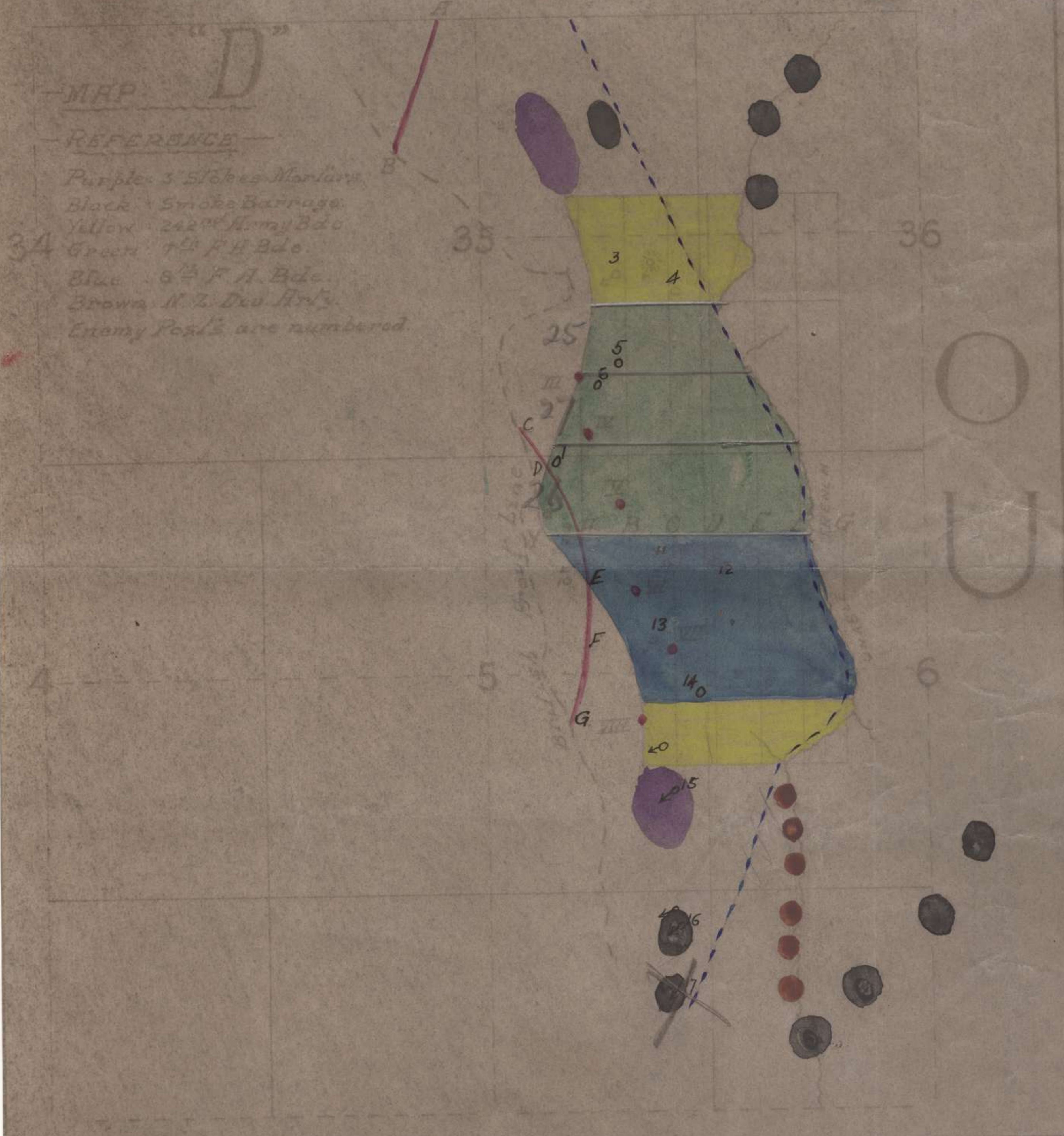
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S.O.S. between zero + 1.50 mins
to zero + 2.10 mins along Blue
dotted line in Blue Section.



MRP

"D"

REFERENCE

- Purple: 3 Stokes Mortars
- Black: Smoke Barrage
- Yellow: 242nd Army Bde
- Green: 7th FH Bde
- Blue: 6th FA Bde
- Brown: M.Z. Div Arty
- Enemy Pos's are numbered.

Appendix No 9

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SECRET

B.H.O. 00/27

3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M./S/184/51.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Operation Order No.27.

ADDITION.

Four Howitzers, 7th. A.F.A. Brigade, referred to on page 2, will continue firing from Zero plus 15 minutes to Zero plus 55 minutes at the rate of 1 round per howitzer per 2 minutes; H.E. being used.

The Howitzer Battery of the 242nd Army Brigade R.F.A. referred to on page 3, will continue firing from Zero plus 15 minutes to Zero plus 55 minutes; rate of fire being 1 round per howitzer per 2 minutes. - H.E. will be fired.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(V. J. D. ...)

Headquarters,
29-7-17.

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

Distribution:-

7th. F.A. Brigade.
242nd. Army Bgde. R.F.A.
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11th. Inf. Bgde.
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Division "G".

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SECRETTHIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.B.L/S/184/52.Ref. my B.L/S/184/49 dated 27-7-17.Re Para. 4.

Zero hour for 30th. inst. will be 3 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.Headquarters,
29-7-17.*H. L. Fleming*
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H.2. Div. Artly.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTLY.

B.M/S/184/53.

Ref. Map "D" attached to 3rd. Aust. Div. Artly.
Operation Order No. 27 of 28-7-17.

Amendment to Map "D".

FOR.

"BROWN", N.Z. Divisional Artillery.

READ

"BROWN" 8th. A.F.A. Brigade Howitzers.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,
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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M. /S/184/54.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Operation Order No. 27.

Amendment.

Page 3.

242nd Army Bgde. R. F. A.

The 4.5" Howitzer engaging Post 16 will, during the smoke barrage to be put up by the 4.5" Howitzer Battery of the 242nd Army Brigade, R.F.A., fire 50% H.E. and 50% B.S., instead of 100% B.S.

Post 17 will not be engaged - The 4.5" Howitzer detailed for this Post will be used to form a smoke screen on House at V.l.c. 45.42.

ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Done.
V.l.c. 45.42.

Headquarters.
29.7.17.

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B.M./S/184/32.

To
7th & 8th F.A. Brigades
& 242nd Army Brigade R.F.A.

Practice Barrages will take place, commencing on 25th inst.
Roughly 30 rounds per gun will be used for each of these
barrages. This should be saved from the daily allotment of
ammunition.

Headquarters
24-7-17

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

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7th F.A.B.H. CFB.
24th July 1917.

To
Battery Commanders

Battery Commanders will arrange to save from the allot-
ment for the 24th & 25th inst., the number of rounds required for
this Practice Barrage.

W. Hammond Capt.
Adjutant 7th F.A. Brigade.

Appendix

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A/32

7th Field Artillery Brigade,
21st July 1917.

To
Battery Commanders.

With reference to attached 3rd AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, INSTRUCTION No.4, Paragraph 4. the
Tasks allotted are as follows :

Post at O.35.d.70.85 27th Battery - 6 Guns .

Trench at O.36.a.18.10 26th Battery - 4 Guns

Trench at O.36.a.42.68 26th Battery - 2 Guns,
25th Battery - 2 Guns.

Post at O.35.b.62.60 25th Battery - 4 Guns.

Reference Paragraph 5, watches will be synchronised
at Group Headquarters at 5.30 a.m. on 23rd instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G Hammond

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th Field Artillery Brigade.

3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 4.

Reference Map:

1/10000 - Special Sheet - 8150/5.

1. A daylight raid will be carried out by the 112th Infantry Brigade (37th Division), at 7 a.m. on 23rd instant. - Objective RIFLE FARM. *12/4/17*

2. 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate.

3. Artillery to take part:

7th A. F. A. Brigade.

4. TASKS:

mine Put up a smoke barrage from Zero - 2 ^{mind} till Zero plus 30 on points along CINEMA ROAD (0.35.d. - 0.36.a.) and along German trench system in 0.36.a.

Points are as follow:-

- 6-27 Post at 0.55.d.70.85.
- 4-26 Trench at 0.36.a.18.10.
- 2-28 Trench at 0.36.a.42.68.
- 2-25 Post at 0.35.b.62.60.
- 4-25 Ten rounds per ~~post~~ ^{point} per minute - 18-pdr Smoke Shell.

~~Fire will be ceased on orders from 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters.~~

5. Watches will be synchronised with 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters, who will synchronise with 37th Divisional Artillery, at 5 a.m. on 23rd instant.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Headquarters.
21.7.17.

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

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Instrs Nos. 2 & 3.

7th Field Artillery Brigade.

25.7.17.

Reference 3rd D.A. Instruction No. 5.24th July 1917.

In connection with the attached Instruction No. 5 the 18-pdr. Batteries of this Brigade will open on the GREEN LINE as follows :-

25th Battery. O.35.d.53.75 to O.35.d.45.42

27th Battery. O.35.d.45.42 to O.35.d.35.10

26th Battery. O.35.d.35.10 to U.5.b.26.71.

The Barrage will then advance in accordance with attached Instructions.

Watches will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters at 11 p.m. this night, and on nights 25th/26th and 26th/27th.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

G. Hammond Capt

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

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1. 25th Battery
2. 26th Battery
- 3 27th Battery.
4. 107th Battery (For information)
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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 5.

1. There will be a practice barrage at 4.15 a.m. on the mornings of 25th, 26th & 27th instants.

18-pdr barrages will be put down at Zero Hour, as per map attached (Map "B").

7th F. A. Bde on	GREEN line.	} 2 - 18 pdr Btys on North.
8th F. A. Bde on	BLUE line.	
242nd Army Bde,) R.F.A. on)	YELLOW line	

The barrage will advance at 100 yards per minute from point Y (junction of 7th & 8th A.F.A. Bdes), picking up the remaining guns as it advances, until there is finally a straight line barrage on the Line "C".

On 25th July:

Barrage will start at Zero Hour as laid down, remaining for two minutes: It will then advance at 100 yards a minute to Line "E", - jump back to Line "C", remain there for one minute, and then Cease Fire.

On 26th July:

Barrage will open at Zero Hour as laid down, remaining for one minute: It will then jump to Line "D" - remain for one minute, when it will start creeping back at 100 yards a minute, until it regains the position it opened on at Zero Hour, remaining for one minute, then Cease Fire.

On 27th July:

Same as for 25th July.

2. Infantry will be at least 300 yards West of the opening barrage line.

3. Rate of fire - 3 rounds per gun per minute.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. A. Nicholls

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

Headquarters.
24.7.17.

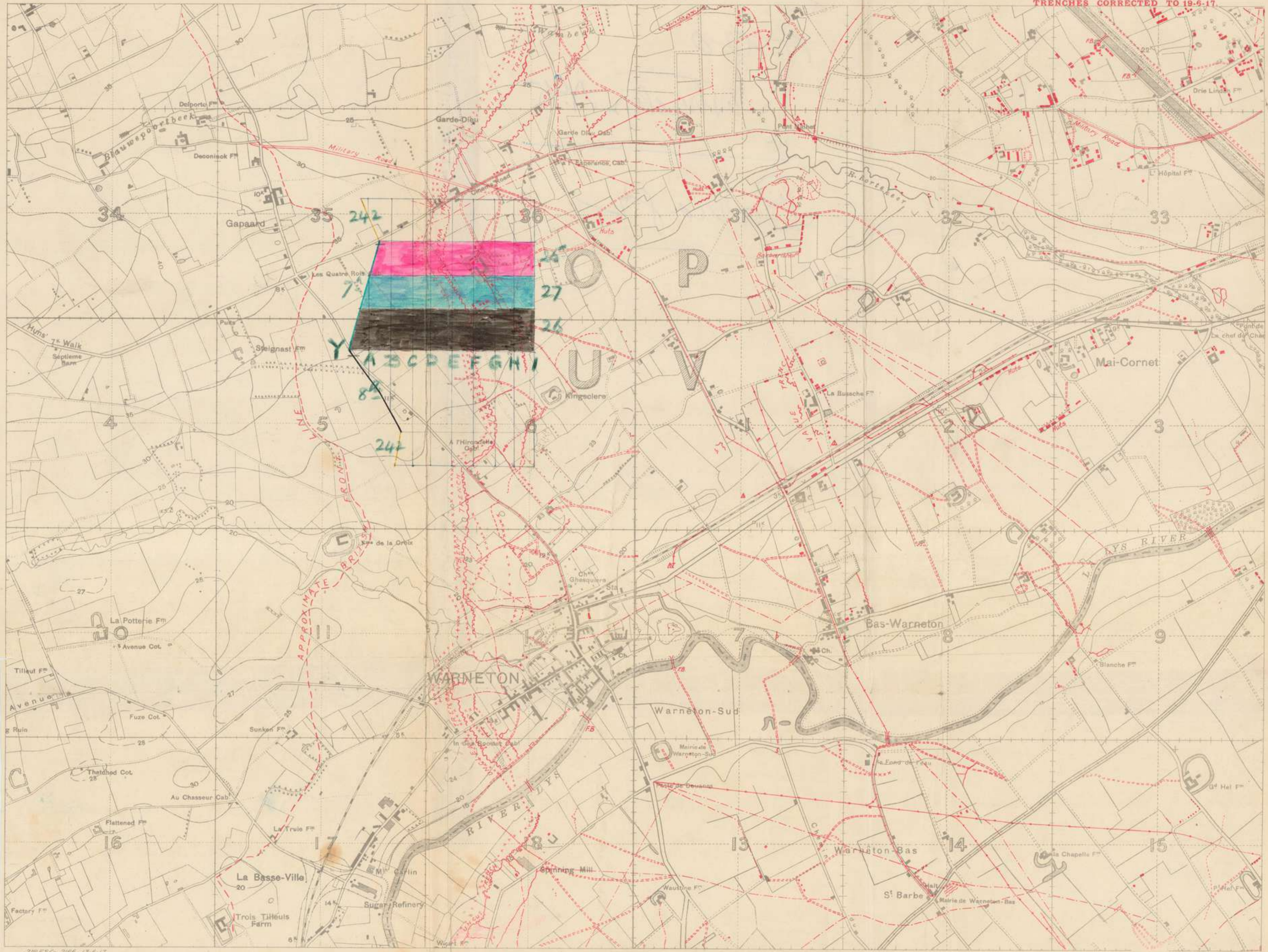
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10th Infy Bde.	R.F. A.	11th Infy Bde.
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Map B

WARNETON

TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 19-6-17



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Instruction N°5

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Appendix No 2

25.7.17.

B.M./S/184/49.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Artly. Instruction No.5, and Map "B".

1. Practice Barrages will be continued until further Orders.

2. Barrage for 28th inst.
Time of Zero Hour.
 (3.45 a.m.)

Barrage will be put down on line "F" and remain there 1 minute; then jump back to line "Y", remain 1 minute; then jump forward to line "C", remain 1 minute; then jump forward to line "E"; then CEASE FIRE.

3. Barrage for 29th inst.

Time of Zero hour to be notified later.

Haw.
 Barrage will open at Zero hour on line "G"; then jump in succession to lines "B", "C" and "D"; remaining one minute on each line; then CEASE FIRE.

4. Barrage for 30th inst.
Hour

Time of Zero/to be notified later.

Barrage will open at Zero hour on line "E"; then jump in succession to lines "I", "H" and "F"; remaining one minute on each line; then CEASE FIRE.

5. Rate of Fire.

3 rounds per gun per minute.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W L Fanning Captain.

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

Headquarters.
 27.7.17.

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 Bde Mjr.

37th Divsn "G".

N.Z. Divsn "G".

25.7.17.

THRID AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTLY.B.M/S/184/50.Ref. my B.M/S/184/49 dated 27-7-17.Re Para. 3.

Zero hour for 29th. inst.

will be 4 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.Headquarters,
28-7-17.

L. J. Nicholas
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Map attached of "NO MAN'S LAND".

1. The following Bombardments will take place on the 27th. inst. by Divisional Artillery:-

~~8 a.m. to 12 noon.~~

12 noon to 3 pm

7th. F.A. Brigade.

4.5" Hws. - Trench between Posts 10 & 13. 100 rds.
 Trench from Post 9 running)
 N.E. to U.5.b.34.94.) 100 rds.
 Posts 5 & 6 & CONSTELLATION. 100 rds.

242nd. Army Brigade,
R.F.A.

4.5" Hws. - Posts 15.14. Communication)
 Trench U.5.b.98.04 to U.6.a.22.43) 200 rds.
 With offshoot to West.)
 Communication Trench U.6.a.0.0.)
 to U.6.a.50.22.) 100 rds.

8th. F.A. Brigade.

4.5" Hws. - Wirecutting round WINDMILL)
 Post 13) 200 rds.
 Posts 11 & 12.) 100 rds.

Wirecutting on WARNETON LINE will not be carried out on the 27th. inst.

2. H.A. have been asked to bombard as under:-

~~8 a.m.~~

3 pm to 7 pm

Post 3	9.2" Hws.	-	-	50 rds.
Post 13	9.2" Hws.	-	-	100 rds.
Constellation	6" Hws.	-	-	100 rds.
Aeroplane (U.6.a.25.34)	6" Hws.	-	-	50 rds.
Posts 7, 8, 9 & 10.	6" Hws.	-	-	150 rds.

Acknowledge

Headquarters,
25-7-17.

A. A. Nicholls

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8th. F.A.B.	242nd. Army Bde.	9th. Infy. Bde.
10th. Inf. Bde.	R.F.A.	11th. Inf. Bde.
War Diary.	Staff Captain.	Bde. Mjr. (File)

Map to 2nd. Anzac H.A. only (3 maps). Map previously sent to 7th.
 8th F.A.B. & 242nd. Army Bgde. R.F.A.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
26th July, 1917.

S E C R E T.

B.M./S/184/44.

With reference to practice barrage as carried out for the last two mornings, the Infantry have reported that rounds have been falling short in U.5.d. as far South as U.5.d.54.30. On the other hand, no rounds have been reported short falling on our front line about U.5.b.23.73, which, if the barrage is correctly placed, according to the map issued, they should inevitably do, owing to the error of the gun.

Brigade Commandors will please have all barrages, put down by their Batteries, carefully checked.

Special Assembly Trenches are being dug 150 yards West of the opening of the barrage, therefore rounds falling on our present front line will not endanger our troops at Zero hour "Z" day.

For the practice barrage at 4.15 a.m. on 27th instant, Liaison Officers with Battalions will observe the barrage from a position within 100 yards West of the Assembly Trenches, proposed to be occupied by the raiding party on "Z" day, and will forward a special report on the position of this barrage to D.A.H.Q. Reports are required under the following headings:-

1. Did any rounds fall in the proposed Assembly Trenches?
2. Did the barrage appear to cover posts 8, 9, and 10?
3. Where did rounds fall in our present front line trench, giving co-ordinates?
4. Gaps in the barrage.

The Artillery Liaison Officers will ask Battalion Commandors for help of the Infantry Officers in the line for the purpose of making this report.

W. H. Nicholls Major, R.A.
Brigade-Major, R.A.
3rd Australian Division.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 8.

Reference Map:

Map issued with Div. Art. Instrn. No. 7.

The following Bombardments will take place on the 29th. inst. by Divisional Artillery:-

12 noon to 3 p.m.

7th. F.A. Brigade.

4.5" Hows. - Trench between Posts 10 & 13	-	50 rds.
Trench from Post 9 running)	
N.E. to U.5.b.84.94.)	50 rds.
Posts 5 & 6 & CONSTELLATION.	-	50 rds.

242nd. Army Brigade,
R.F.A.

4.5" Hows. - Posts/	15.	
14. Communication)	
Trench U.5.b.98.04 to U.6.a.)		100 rds.
52.43. With offshoot to West)		
Communication Trench)	
U.6.a.0.8. to)	50 rds.
U.6.a.50.82.)	

8th. F.A. Brigade.

4.5" Hows. - Post 13)	
Post 11 & 12)	100 rds.

2. H.A. have been asked to bombard as under:-

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Post 3	8" Hows.	50 rds.
Post 13	8" Hows.	50 rds.
Constellation	6" Hows.	100 rds.
Aeroplane (U.6.a.25.34.)	6" Hows.	50 rds.
Posts 7, 8, 9, 10.	6" Hows.	150 rds.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,
28-7-17.

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

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 9.

Ref. 3rd. Aust. Div. Art. Instruction No. 5, and
"Map B" attached thereto.

- 1. Practice Barrages will be continued until further orders.
- 2. Zero hour for each day will be notified later.
- 3. Barrage for 31st. instant.

Barrage will open at Zero hour on Line "B", then jump in succession to lines "A", "Y", and "D" remaining one minute on each line.

- 4. Barrage for 1st. August.

Barrage will open at Zero hour on Line "F" then jump in succession to lines "D", "E", and "G" remaining one minute on each line.

- 5. Barrage for 2nd. August.

Barrage will open at Zero hour on Line "B" then jump in succession to lines "E", "G" and "I" remaining one minute on each line.

- 6. Rate of Fire.

3 rounds per gun per minute.

- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.A. Manning Capt

Headquarters
29.7.17.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No.10.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instrn No. 8.

- 1. The 7th & 8th A. F. A. Brigades and 242nd Army Brigade, R. F. A., will repeat bombardments. - 30.7.17.

Time. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- 2. The Heavy Artillery has been asked to bombard as under:-

Time - 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Post 3.	8" Hows.	50 rds.
Post 13.	8" Hows.	50 rds.
Constellation.	6" Hows.	100 rds.
Aeroplane (U.G.a. 25, 34)	6" Hows.	100 rds.
Posts, 7, 8, 9 & 10.	6" Hows.	200 rds.

- 3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. D. Nichols

Headquarters.
29.7.17.

Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aus. Divsn.

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War Dir.	Staff Capt. in.	Bde Mjr.

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7th Field Artillery Brigade,
25th July 1917.

To
Battery Commanders.

Reference attached D.A. Instruction No. 6, the 18-pdr.
Batteries of this Brigade will shoot on points as under :-

27th Battery. Post at O.35.d.70.85 6 Guns.

26th Battery. Trench at O.36.a.10.10 4 Guns.

26th Battery. " " O.36.a.42.69 2 Guns.

25th Battery. " " Do. 2 Guns.

25th Battery. Post at O.35.b.52.60 4 Guns. *59/16*

The 4.5" Howitzer Battery will shoot 2 Hows. on
each Target allotted to that Battery.

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Watches will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters
on "Z" Day at Zero plus 1 hour. — minus 3 hours —

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

G. Hammond

Captain,
Adjutant, 7th F.A. Brigade.

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INSTRUCTION No. 6.

Ref. Maps-

28 SW. 2. 1/10000.
28 SW 4.

1. On "Z" Day (to be notified later) at Zero plus 4 hours, the 63rd Infantry Brigade, 37th Division, will carry out an operation, with objectives as follow:-

O.29.a.40.05. - BEEK FARM - House at O.23.d.05.65 (exclusive).

2. The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate with the Artillery of the 37th Division.

3. Artillery to take part:

7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

4. Tasks:

Put up a smoke barrage with 18-pdrs from Zero minus 5 minutes onwards on points along CINEMA ROAD, O.35.d. - O.36.a., and along German trench system in O.36.a.

Points are as follow:-

- 27 a - Post at O.35.d.70.85.
- 26 u - Trench at O.36.a.18.10.
- 26 23 -> Trench at O.36.a.42.69.
- 25 2 -> Post at O.35.b.62.60.

Ten rounds per point per min. - 18 pdr Smoke Shell.

4.5" Howitzers:

From Zero minus 5 minutes onwards.

1 Battery will bombard

- FEATHER FARM (O.30.c.40.80), 2 Hrs
- ARROW FARM (O.30.c.50.75), and 2 "
- PIKE HOUSE (O.30.c.50.75). 2 "

Rate of Fire: - 1 round per How. per minute.

5. Fire will be ceased on orders from 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters.

6. The 37th Divisional Artillery will supply the smoke shells necessary.

7. Orders regarding synchronisation of watches have been issued.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Headquarters.
25.7.17.

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242 nd Army Bde R.F.A. - 9th, 10th & 11th INFY Bdes.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M./S/184/40.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Instruction No.6.

The following amendment having been received from the 37th Divisional Artillery, the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No.6 is altered as follows:-

- (a) ADD 5 minutes to all timings throughout in connection with barrages and bombardments.

The barrages will thus open at Zero and not at Zero minus 5 minutes.

- (b) Zero referred to corresponds to Zero plus 4 hours with reference to Corps operations.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.A. Nicholls

Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Div.Headquarters.
26.7.17.Distribution:

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37th Div. Art.
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9th, 10th & 11th Infy)
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