

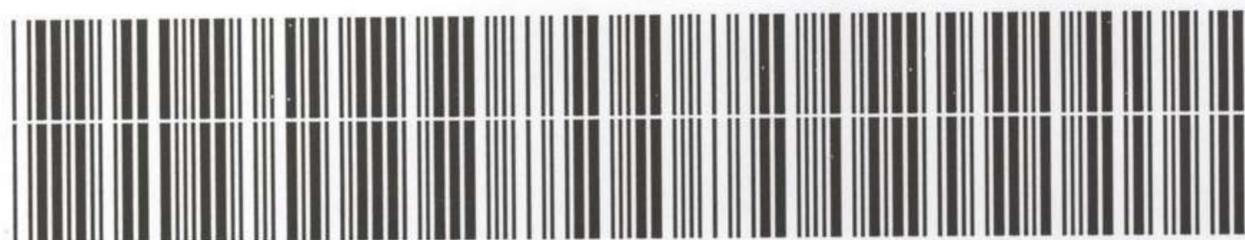
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OF

Fifth Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

FOR

Month of JULY 1918.

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	Place	1
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1st. July 18 -	Our front quiet. Enemy fire was noticeably slacker than usual and consisted of light shelling over scattered areas. Our artillery fired 350 rounds 18-pounder and 100 rounds 4.5" Howitzer harassing fire.	
2nd. July 18 -	Usual harassing fire maintained. Orders prepared for raid to be carried out at a future date in K.20.c. Sheet 62D. N.E.	
3rd. July 18 -	Harassing fire maintained during hours of darkness. Final orders issued for Minor Operation to take place 3.10 a.m. on 4th. inst.	
4th. July 18 -	3.10 a.m. Enemy Trenches raided, see O.O. NO. 5. This operation was very successful from an artillery point of view. The shooting being entirely satisfactory according to the Infantry report. Three prisoners were taken and at least 50 of the enemy killed. At the same hour successful operations were carried out on our right by the 4th. Division A.I.F. and on our left raids similar to our own were carried out. It is universally felt by our officers and men engaged in this sort of operation that we do not attack on a sufficiently large scale, we never attempt to capture his artillery though in this advance we controlled his three systems of front defences and his plans were consequently so disorganised that his opposition, had we gone on, must have been slight, and our successes considerably more important. From Official Maps compiled to 30th. June 1918 the positions of 4 occupied and 2 unoccupied batteries within 500 yards of our advanced front line are shewn. 9 p.m. The enemy attempted to counter attack on the left sector of "C" Div. Artillery but were caught in our S.O.S. barrage and failed to materialise. During the day the enemy artillery was very active especially against the infantry front line system.	
5th. July 18 -	The C.O. accompanied by the O.O. visited battery positions in 5th. F.A. Brigade. A reconnaissance was also made in order to select suitable positions for reinforcing Brigades. A minor attack is suggested for this front and two brigades of field artillery are being added to the strength of right group. 10.15 p.m. to 10.35 p.m. Counter Preparation Phase 1 B. rate B. carried out.	
6th. July 18 -	3.5 a.m. to 3.25 a.m. Same Counter Preparation carried out. There was a sharp retaliation to the above for about 5 minutes on each occasion. Hostile fire very much slighter than usual. C.R.A. visited Right Group Artillery H.Q. and made further arrangements for the accommodation of three more Brigades on the Right Group front. This is for a special stunt.	
7th. July 18 -	2.15 a.m. Gas bombardment carried out as per "C" Div. Artillery A.11/78. Target B short. 3.15 a.m. to 3.35 a.m. Counter Preparation carried out Phase 1 B.	
8th. July 18 -	2 a.m. K.21.c.30.00 gassed for 45 minutes Sheet 62D N.E. 3 a.m. K.9.d. gassed for 45 minutes. 10.15 p.m. C.P. Phase 1 B. carried out as well as the usual harassing fire.	
9th. July 18 -	2 a.m. Gas programme carried out for 45 minutes on K.21.d.00.00. 6 a.m. C.O. accompanied by O.O. made a reconnaissance of forward areas to select a new position for 105th. How. Battery, position in J.17.b. was proposed but as an Infantry Battalion is there permission has to be received from D.H.Q. before the Hows. can move forward. 6 remounts (mules) received and distributed to 105th. How. Battery	

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10th. July 18	75 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. Gas bombardment as per 2nd. D.A.H.Q. a.11/78 carried out as follows - G. short and K short. 6 a.m. C.O. and O.O. again visited forward areas in connection with the idea of getting guns right forward to do sniping and harassing back areas. The Right Group are to be strengthened by one Battery - "Z" Battery, R.H.A., and the Divisional Boundary extended South which the Right Group will take over. The enemy shelled less than usual but our fire was slightly heavier.	12
11th. July 18	10 p.m. Owing to heavy artillery fire on F.L.S. we retaliated as per Intelligence Report 11th/12th. July. 25 other ranks reinforcements received, chiefly old men from hospital.	13
12th. July 18	12.15 a.m. Operation Order No. 6 carried out. The enemy was particularly aggressive in his artillery fire and continuously shelling our Front Line System during the early morning, we retaliated.	14 16
13th. July 18	Orders received to the effect that on the night 15/16th. and 16/17th. we are to relieve the 7th. F.A. Brigade and ourselves will be relieved by the 10th. F.A. Brigade. Arrangements being made to carry this into effect.	15
14th. July 18	Lieut. N.T. KINGSMILL returned from leave. Battery Commanders visited battery positions of 7th. F.A. Brigade near VILLERS BRETONNEUX and make arrangements for the relief.	17
15th. July 18	By cutting down detachments the mutual relief of one section of each battery was carried out successfully.	18
16th. July 18	Reliefs were completed at 10p.m. and the 5th. A.F.A. Brigade became a sub-group for the first time for many months. The battery positions are all in the vicinity of BOIS L'ABBE Sheet 62D S.E. and too far back to be effective, and all batteries had to be moved forward. 13th. 15th. and 105th. Batteries are all within 2,000 yards of the front line.	19
17th. July 18	The front is fairly quiet. The chief difficulty confronting artillery is observation the ground only slopes gradually away from us and few targets are ever presentable.	20
18th. July 18	C.O. and O.O. went round batteries selecting new positions and arranging alternative positions, etc.	21
19th. July 18	The Infantry continued to harass the enemy by surprise attacks and peaceful penetrations.	22
20th. July 18	Front very quiet.	23
21st. July 18	The enemy carried out gas shelling but the concentration was not big.	24
22nd. July 18	We carried out usual night harassing fire which is carefully detailed from day to day in daily Intelligence Report.	24a
23rd. July 18	The C.O. departed for 10 days leave to ROUEN, and Major C.F. DIXON D.S.O. assumed temporary command.	25
24th. July 18	Preparations are being made to carry out a big gas concentration on the WARFUSSEE - ABANCOURT VALLEY. The C.O. went forward to choose positions.	26
25th. July 18	The enemy shelling was light excepting on roads where he was very severe.	27
27th. July 18	Quiet.	27a
28th. July 18	4.5" Hows. fired over 2,000 rounds on WARFUSSEE VALLEY. There was no retaliation. The 18-pounders carried out usual harassing fire, during the night	28 29
29th. July 18	The front remains quiet. Our field guns harass continually but it looks as though the enemy were trying to make this a quiet front.	30 31

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30th. July 18

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- Arrangements have been made for the 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade to be relieved in the line by 298th. Army Brigade R.F.A. in order that our Batteries may calibrate on the 4th. Army Calibration Range. One section per battery was relived by 10 p.m.

31st. July 18

- The remaining sections of the batteries being relieved, the command of the sub-group passed to the C.O., 298th. Army Brigade R.F.A. The 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade Headquarters was established at GLISY. The C.O. made a reconnaissance of the front line in order to choose battery positions in the forward area for future operations.

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WAR DIARY

OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

FOR

The month of JULY 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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16.	Operation Order No. 6.
17.	Intelligence Summary.
18.	Order No. 1.
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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Appendix No 1

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 30/6/18 to 6 a.m. 1/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds. 18-pdr. 4.5 How.	Target.	Map co-ordinate.	Remarks.
3 p.m.	40	Cross roads	K.29.b.20.60.	Registration.
5.30 p.m.	34	Quarry	K.9.b.80.70.	do
10 p.m.	60	Re entrant	K.25.d. K.26.c.	Harassing fire.
10.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.	80	Road activity	K.15.b.00.25.	do
1 a.m. to 3 a.m.	100	Road - Road - Road -	K.21.b. K.21.b.70.90. to K.20.b.30.25. K.21.b.70.90. to K.22.c.30.00.	do
1 a.m. to 3 a.m.	96	Trench - Shelters T.M. Battn. H.Q.	K.14.c. K.20.d.55.40. K.20.d.50.90. K.31.a.60.20.	do
3.10 a.m.	130	Shelters - C. T. - Trench -	K.26.c. K.25.c. K.25.b & a.	Concentration prior to dawn.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction from.	Remarks.
8.50 a.m.	50	15cm 10.5cm.	Front line system.	68° G.S.B. from J.17.a.28.50.) 87° G.S.B. from J.17.a.28.50.)	15cm. 10.5cm.
2 p.m.	30	10.5cm.	MERICOURT.	113° G.S.B. from J.17.a.28.50.	
2.15 a.m.	30	15cm.	K.13.b.	Unknown.	

NOTE:- During night the Hostile shelling was only over scattered areas and very light.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Enemy Aircraft more active than usual. His planes crossed our lines several times.

Our Planes displayed their customary activity.

VISIBILITY:- MEDIUM (Slight haze)

MISCELLANEOUS:- Flares. When our barrage on ALBERT Sector began the enemy fired single red rockets along the front followed by two reds and an occasional green. When our fire slackened several golden spray rockets were observed.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORTS.

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From 6 a.m. 1/7/18 to 6 a.m. 2/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds. 18-pdr. 4.5How.	Target.	Map co-ordinates.	Remarks.
10 p.m. to 1 a.m.	130	Roads in	K.31 & K.21.b.	Harassing fire
1.30 a.m. to 2 a.m.	20	Shelters	K.14.a.	do
2.40 a.m. to 11 p.m.	90	Tracks.	K.21 to K.21.c.	do
2 a.m.	28	Road	K.20.b to K.20.a.	do
2.50 a.m.	30	Shelters & Dugouts.	K.25.c & d.	do
do	10	M.W.	K.25.b.50.90.	do
do	20	Shelters	K.25.d.95.90.	do
do	20	Battn. H.Q.	K.31.a.60.20.	do
do	30	Road Junctions	K.20.b & K.20.d.	do
do	45	M.G. & Trench.	K.20.c.90.50.	do

ENEMY ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality Shelled.	Direction from.	Remarks.
6.30 a.m.	40	10.5 cm	J.27.d.	120° S.S.B.	No damage.
9 a.m.	30	10.5 cm	J.16.b.	116° S.S.B.	do
10.5 a.m.	20	15 cm	J.8.a.	No bearing.	do
9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	30	21 cm	J.16.a & BELLY.	111° S.S.B.	
11 p.m.	20	10.5 cm	J.19.	100° S.S.B.	
11.15 p.m.	39	15 cm	J.1.a.	-	

NOTE:- All S.S.B. between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. were taken from - J.17.a.20.60.
All S.S.B. between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. were taken from - J.17.a.20.60.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Continued as for the previous 24 hours. At about 7.30 p.m. two planes were brought down in flames. One was known to be an enemy plane. Our bombing squadrons again very active.

VISIBILITY:- MEDIUM. (Hazy)

MISCELLANEOUS:- Slight decrease in hostile artillery activity. There was also less movement seen in the enemy lines. Hostile balloons flew at bearings of 130° 95° 161° and 140°

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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75 SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 2/7/18 to 5 a.m. 3/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds. 18-pdr. 4.5How.	Target.	Map co-ordinate,	Remarks.
11.12 a.m.	12	Battery K.C.54.	K.27.d.50.60.	In answer to N.F. call.
10 p.m.	40	Re-entrant	K.27.a & b.	Harassing fire.
10 p.m.	20	M.G.	K.20.d.28.25.	do
10.30 p.m.	20	Trench	K.31.b.40.70.	do
11 p.m.	30	Posts	K.14.c.25.75. K.14.c.40.80. K.14.a.40.20.	do
11.45 p.m.	30	Trench	K.20.d.28.25.	do
12.5 p.m.	30	Trench	K.31.b.40.70.	do
12.30 a.m.	57	Dump.	K.21.c.80.20.	do
1 a.m.	30	Re-entrant	K.32.b.	do
1 a.m.	28	Road.	K.20.b.10.90.	do
1.30 a.m.	28	Road.	K.21.a.	do
2 a.m.	60	Tracks.	K.20.c & d.	do
2.55 a.m.	26	Tracks & Dugouts	K.20.c.	do
2.55 a.m.	20	Road.	K.20.c to K.19.d.	do
2.55 a.m.	20	Shelters & Dugouts	K.25.b.	do
2.55 a.m.	20	Battalion H.Q.	K.31.a.	do
4 a.m.	26	Dugouts	K.20.c.	do
4 a.m.	30	Tracks	K.14.a.	do
4.45 p.m.	47	Datum.	J.36.a.95.12.	Registration.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction from.	Remarks.
6 a.m. to 8 a.m.	90	77mm.	J.11.d.	110°	G.S.B. Bursts of fire.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	60	77mm.	J.29.a.	169°	G.S.B. " " "
10 a.m.	10	15cm.	BUIRE.	105°	G.S.B.
10.35 a.m.	12	77 mm.	K.7.	95°	G.S.B.
5.50 p.m.	12	21cm.	HEILLY.	112°	G.S.B.
8.30 p.m.	6	15cm.	HEILLY.	72°	
9.50 p.m.	approx.100	77mm & 10.5cm.	F.L.S.	-	Fire during heavy bombardment several divl. frontages North.
10 p.m.	100	15cm.	J.18, J.16 & J.22.	72°	do

NOTE:- All G.S.B's between 6 a.m. & 9 p.m. taken from J.17.a.28.50.
 " " " " 9 p.m. & 6 a.m. " " J.17.a.20.60.

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AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Slightly less.

One Enemy Plane brought down in flames near ALBERT,

Our Artillery Planes active all day and bombing planes between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Bombing flights, both ours and hostile, heard overhead during the night.

VISIBILITY:-

MEDIUM.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Slightly less active period.

A very heavy bombardment was heard N. of ALBERT between 9.15 p.m. and 10.15 p.m.

Hostile balloons were up from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., but none after 10 a.m.

Night very quiet.

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Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Lieut.-Colonel,
Brigade.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 3/7/18 to 6 a.m. 4/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds. 18-pdr. 4.5 How.	Target.	Map co-ordinate.	Remarks.
5 p.m.	50	Cross roads.	K.9.b.	Registration & Calibration.
5.10 p.m.	37	Datum		Regtn. & Calbn.
6 p.m.	146	Cross roads	K.9.b.	do do
10.30 p.m.	45	Road	K.21.d.	Harassing fire.
12.15 a.m.	40	Road	K.27.a.65.30.	do do
10 p.m.	100	Roads	K.27.d. & K.20.b.	do do
3.10 a.m. to 5.13 a.m.	1050	Operation Order No. 124.		
3.10 a.m. to 5.13 a.m.	Approx 3000	do	do	do

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction from.	Remarks.
7.10 a.m.	6	77mm.	J.17.a.	72°	G.S.B.
9.40 a.m.	10	10.5 cm.	D.27.	101°	F.S.B.
12.30 p.m.	30	15cm.	J.16.d.	105°	G.S.B.
8.15 p.m.	10	77mm.	K.13.b & K.7.d.	92°	G.S.B.
8.40 p.m.	10	10.5 cm.	J.17.a.	95°	G.S.B.
9.20 p.m.	20	do	K.14.a. & K.7.d.	95°	G.S.B.
9.30 p.m.	20	do	K.13.a. & K.7.d.	95°	G.S.B.
10 p.m.	15	do	J.11.c. & J.11.d.	95°	G.S.B.
3.10 a.m. to 5.13 a.m.	Slight reply to our bombardment.				

NOTE:- Between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. all bearings taken from J.17.a.28.50.
" 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. " " " " J.17.a.20.60.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile activity slightly less.
There was one air fight at 7 a.m.

Our Planes active all day.

VISIBILITY:- 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. MEDIUM.
10 a.m. to dusk HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:- The day was very quiet, there being little Artillery fire on either side.
There was a haze in the morning, which cleared later.
Balloons were seen at 125° and 43°.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE?

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 4/7/18 to 6 a.m. 5/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds.		Target.	Map co-ordinate.	Remarks.
	18-pdr.	4.5 How.			
11.20 a.m.	10		Movement.	K.3.b.	Target reported by Infantry.
5 p.m.	30		"	K.31.b.	" " "
5.20 p.m.	60		"	K.31.b.	" " "
9 p.m.	476	413	S.O.S.		
11 p.m.	60		Bank	K.14.d.	Harassing fire.
11.30 p.m.	60		Roads & Tracks.	K.20.c.	" "
12 midnt.	30		Road	K.27.b.	" "
12.30 a.m.		40	Road	K.21.c.	" "
1 a.m. to 2 a.m.	60		Road	K.15.a - K.21.b.	" "
1.30 a.m.	30		Trench	K.21.a.35.70.	" "
2 a.m.		20	Road & Dump	K.21.b.60.90.	" "
2.30 a.m. to 3.15 a.m.	30		Tracks	K.20.d. - K.21.a.	" "
3 a.m.		20	Re-entrant	K.27.a & b.	" "
3.15 a.m.	30		Road	K.22.a.	" "
4 a.m.		40	Banks.	K.25.d.	" "

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

Time.	No. of rds.	Nature of Gun or How.	Locality shelled.	Direction from.	Remarks.
6.50 a.m.	20	15 cm	J.24.b & d.	114° G.S.B.	
7.45 a.m.	10	10.5 cm	K.19.b & d.	115° G.S.B.	
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	30	10.5 cm	K.7.a.	121° G.S.B.	No damage.
9.30 a.m.	10	10.5 cm	J.10.c.	-	
1 p.m.	20	10.5 cm	J.18.b.	96° G.S.B.	
2.45 p.m.	10	10.5 cm	J.12.b.	98° G.S.B.	
8.10 p.m.	50	10.5cm & 77mm.	F.L.S.	75° - 109° G.S.B.	
12.30 a.m.	12	10.5 cm	J.16.a.	-	No damage.
1.5 a.m. to 1.15 a.m.	150	15cm, 10.5cm, 77mm.	F.L.S.		Light barrage.
1.35 a.m. to 1.45 a.m.	150	" " "	F.L.S.	" "	
1.50 a.m.	12	15 cm	J.16.a.		
2 a.m.	100	15 cm	MARRETT WOOD.	101° G.S.B.	
2.35 a.m. to 2.45 a.m.	600	15cm, 10.5cm, 77mm.	(Right Inf.Bde. F.L.S.	78° - 109° G.S.B.	Barrage

NOTE:- All bearings between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. taken from J.17.a.28.50.
 " " " 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. " " J.17.a.20.60.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Medium. Our planes active on Left Group Frontage during bombardment at 9 p.m.
 No Aerial combats or casualties reported.

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VISIBILITY:- MEDIUM.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Considerable increase in Hostile activity. Several times throughout the day large numbers of enemy were reported by Aeroplane or T.O.P. to be massing, and were engaged by our artillery fire.

Enemy Motor Lorries were very active and aeroplane observation reported several destroyed by our artillery.

At 9 p.m. the enemy attacked to the left of BERNANCOURT. The enemy barrage was very heavy and included a smoke screen. Left Group and our left flank Battery fired on S.O.S. signal. One S.O.S. rocket was fired on our front and Batteries replied to it. The firing died out at about 10 p.m.

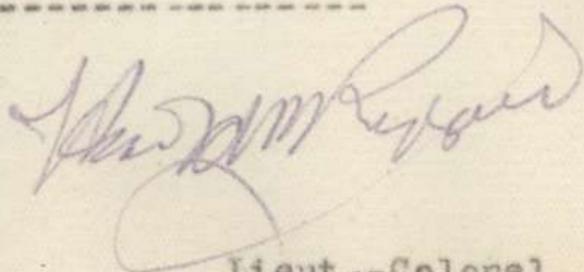
At 10.15 p.m. heavy firing, thought to be ours, was heard on the sector on our right. No flares or rockets were seen.

No results of the attacks are known yet.

An enemy balloon was reported broken loose over K.20. at 10.30 p.m.

Our heavy artillery was exceedingly active throughout the whole 24 hours.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
1st. July 1918

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TO:-
O/C's
13th & 15th. Batteries.

M.T. 734.

1. A raid is to be carried out on the night of 3rd./4th. July 1918.
2. The approximate line of fire of the 13th. & 15th. Batteries will be.

13th. Battery on line K.20.c.08.60-K.20.c.50.35.
15th. " " " K.20.a.46.32-K.20.a.90.05.
3. The O/C.13th. & 15th. Batteries on receipt of communication from this office will interview the O/C. Raid, Capt. K.R. WYLLIE at Right Battalion Headquarters & go forward with him to register.
One or two rounds only will be fired on the western end of respective lines in order that the O/C. Raid may approve of the flanks of Box Barage.
4. A short telephone message stating result will be sent to this office as soon as possible after firing.

S. L. Roberts Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, Fifth. A. F. A. Brigade.

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 OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

Appendix No 6

Reference Map -
 Sheet 62d. N.E.
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1.
INFORMATION.

On a date and at an hour to be notified later the 55th. Battalion is carrying out a raid, the points of entry at Zero plus 2 minutes being K.19.d.92.60 and K.19.d.77.25. After dealing with the Front Line Trench, the raiding party will penetrate the Support Trench, the points of entry being K.20.c.16.54 and K.20.c.10.15.

2.
ACTION.

The Artillery support will be carried out by the Right Group (less 9th. Battery, 103rd. and 105th. How. Batteries) and D.T.M.O. of "C" Divl. Artillery in accordance with Table "A" and diagram attached.

3.
RATES OF FIRE & AMMUNITION.

See Table "B" attached.

4.
LIAISON.

The Liaison Officer at Right Battalion Headquarters will accompany the Battalion Commander in the event of him going forward to the raid.

There will be no Liaison Officer with O.C. Raid.

5.
SYNCHRONISATION.

On night of raid the 3rd. (Army) Brigade, A.F.A. will send an officer to Right Group H.Q., and Batteries of 5th. F.A.B. will send an officer to 15th. Battery, on receipt of Code Wire "FIFTEENTH" to receive synchronised time.

6.
REGISTRATIONS.

Except that the 13th. and 15th. Batteries will fire one or two rounds on the Western end of their respective lines in order that the O.C. Raid may approve of the flanks of Box Barrage, no registrations are to be carried out in the immediate vicinity of points to be raided.

7.
TELEPHONE.

No communication whatever is to take place on the telephone with regard to this operation.

8.
 ACKNOWLEDGE.

S. G. Roberts

Lieut.
 Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

7th. Battery.
 8th. "
 13th. "
 14th. "
 15th. "
 9th. " Less Tables)
 103rd. " and) For information.
 105th. " Diagrams.)
 Left Group Arty.
 3rd. (Army) Brigade, A.F.A., H.Q.
 Right Infantry Brigade H.Q.
 Right Battalion H.Q.
 Right Battalion Liaison Officer.
 2nd. D.A.H.Q. (2 copies) Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
 D.T.M.O. 2nd. July 1918.
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AMENDMENT NO. 1

to

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

1. RATES OF FIRE.- Para, 1.a., - (Table "B", Right Group Artillery Operation Order No. 5) - is cancelled: and the following substituted:-

18-pdrs.-	Zero to Plus 10	-	4	rds	per	gun	per	minute.
	Plus 10 to Plus 20	-	3	"	"	"	"	"
	Plus 20 to Plus 30	-	2	"	"	"	"	"

S L Edwards Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

7th Battery.

8th "

13th "

14th "

15th "

3rd (ARMY) Bde. A.F.A. H.Q.,

Right Inf. Bde. H.Q.,

Right Battalion H. Q.,

Right Battalion Liaison Officer,

2nd. D.A.H.Q., (2 copies).

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RIGHT Group Artillery Headquarters,
3rd July, 1918.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

to

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 5.

- (Issued in conjunction with 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. Order 124).

1. (a). Attention is drawn to 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 124.
- (b). The Artillery Support for the Raid being carried out by 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade - (see Para, 2(b)) - is fully detailed in Right Group Artillery Operation Order No. 5.
2. (a). On completion of tasks for raid, allotted in Right Group Artillery Operation Order No, 5: the 18-pdr Batteries (less 9th Battery) of Right Group Artillery will from Zero Plus 30 to Plus 123, search and sweep K.25.d. and K.26. Areas are allotted as follows:-

7th Battery	- K.26.a.	} Rates of fire from Zero Plus 30 to Zero Plus 123 - ½ round per gun per minute.
8th "	- K.26.b.	
13th "	- K.26.c.	
14th "	- K.26.d.	
15th. ""	- K.25.d.	

- (b) In the event of 15th. Battery being detailed for a special task, the 13th. Battery will be prepared to search and sweep K.25.d. and Western Half of K.26.c. The 14th. Battery will be prepared to search and sweep the Eastern Half of K.26.c. and K.26.d.
This rearrangement of Areas will be notified to Batteries by wiring from this office the Code Word "CHANGE".

3. SMOKE SCREEN.

- (a). 103rd and 105th. How. Batteries are detailed for the Special Task laid down in Para, 3, (2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 124).
- (b). In the event of 103rd How Battery having insufficient 'B.S' to complete operation, the task allotted to them will be taken over by 15th. Battery, 5th. Aust. F.A. Bde.
More detailed orders will be issued in connection with this, later.
- (c) Tasks are allotted as under:-
 - (i) "If the Wind is North of an East and West Line" - 103rd How. Battery will place the Screen from K.20.c.00.00 - K.20.d.00.00 and 105th. Battery from K.20.d.00.00 to K.21.c.00.00.
 - (ii) "If the Wind is South of an East and West Line" - 103rd How. Battery will place the Screen from K.26.a.00.50 to K.26.b.00.50. and 105th. How. Bty. from K.26.b.00.50 to K.27.a.00.50.
 - (iii). The Screen will be built up from the Windward Flank.
 - (iv). The 15th. Battery will note and prepare tasks allotted to 103rd How. Battery.
- (d).(i) Rate of fire for Smoke Screen:-

3rds per gun per min. for first 3 minutes out of every 15
1 " " " " " for remainder of every 15 minutes.

- (ii) Ammunition - 4.5" How. - B.S.
- 18-pdr. - A.S.

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4. OBSERVERS.- All Battery O.P's of Right Group Artillery will be manned from dawn onward on the morning of attack.
Batteries will arrange to lay such lines as may be necessary to ensure communication without confusion.

5.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

S. L. Roberts Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
3rd July, 1918.

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to

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

1. Para, 3.b. - (Addendum No. 1 to Right Group Artillery Operation Order No. 5) - is cancelled and the following will be substituted, viz:-

"b.(i) 103rd. How. Battery will carry out Smoke Screen Task from Zero to Zero Plus 75.

(ii) 15th. Battery will take over Smoke Screen Task of 103rd How. Battery from Zero Plus 75 to Zero Plus 123.

2. 13th. and 14th. Batteries from Zero Plus 75 onwards will carry out Tasks as allotted in Para, 2.b. - (Addendum No. 1 to Right Group Artillery Operation Order No. 5).

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.-

S. L. Roberts Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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3rd (ARMY) Bde. A.F.A. H.Q.,
103rd How. Bty.
13th. Battery.
14th. "
15th. "
105th. "
War Diary.

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
3rd July, 1918.

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to

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

DUTIES OF LIAISON OFFICER.

The following are additional instructions for "Z Night":-

Short wires will be sent through to this office at the earliest moment after information re the Raid has been obtained. The message will be sent in conformance with the following code. (Code word in capital letters)

- Raid successful - "BLACK".
- Raid held up - "WHITE".
- Prisoners brought in - "RED". (Number to be stated, e.g. "RED 4")
- Our casualties slight - "YELLOW".
- Our casualties heavy - "BLUE".
- Both objectives reached - "PINK".
- First objective only reached "GREEN".
- Barrage satisfactory - "BROWN".
- Estimated enemy killed - "GREY". (number to be stated, e.g. "GREY 14")

Message to be signed as from - "SPARK".

A message might thus read -- WHITE GREEN RED 6 YELLOW GREY 10 BROWN. from SPARK.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- Liaison Officer, Right Battn. (2)
- Signal Officer (For information) Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery. *S. L. Roberts* Lieut.
- 2nd. D.A.H.Q. " " File.

ADDENDUM NO. 3

M.T. 739.

to

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

1. (a) Zero day will be 4th. July 1918.
- (b) Zero hour will be 3.10 a.m.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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S. L. Roberts Lieut. Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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Right Group Artillery Headquarters, 3rd. July 1918.

TABLE "A".

(DIAGRAM ATTACHED)

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 TO ACCOMPANY RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.

NOTE:- Artillery and Trench Mortar fire will cease at Zero plus 30 minutes

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13th. Battery. From zero onwards on line K.19.d.70.06 - K.26.a.30.85.

14th. Battery (i) At zero open with 2 Guns on Trench from K.20.c.00.82 - K.20.a.16.18.

(ii) At zero open with 2 Guns on Trench from K.19.d.70.06 - K.25.b.65.65. with 2 Guns

(iii) a. Zero to zero plus 2 mins./open on K.19.d.81.02 - K.19.d.85.12.

b. Zero plus 2 to zero plus 3 on line K.26.a.00.96 - K.20.c.04.05.

c. Zero plus 3 to zero plus 4 on line K.26.a.18.89 - K.20.c.22.00.

d. Zero plus 4 onwards on Trench from K.20.c.65.78 - K.20.d.30.35.

15th. Battery. From zero onwards on line from K.20.c.00.82 - K.20.c.60.62.

7th. Battery. (a) Zero to zero plus 2 open on line K.20.c.00.46 - K.20.c.11.78.

(b) Zero plus 2 to zero plus 3 on line from K.20.c.18.39 - K.20.c.31.71.

(c) Zero plus 3 to zero plus 4 on line from K.20.c.36.32 - K.20.c.50.66.

(d) Zero plus 4 onwards K.20.c.44.24. - K.20.c.60.62.

8th. Battery. (a) Zero to zero plus 2 open on line from K.19.d.85.12 - K.20.c.00.46.

(b) Zero plus 2 to zero plus 3 from K.20.c.04.05 - K.20.c.18.39.

(c) Zero plus 3 to zero plus 4 from K.20.c.22.00 - K.20.c.36.32.

(d) Zero plus 4 onwards K.26.a.30.85 - K.20.c.44.24.

6" Newton Trench Mortars - One Trench Mortar on each of the Targets - 1, 2 and 3.
 One Trench Mortar on a Target to be selected by the Infantry.

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TABLE "A" - (ACCOMPANYING RIGHT GROUP ARTY. O.O. NO. 5).

1. In Para, headed 'Note' after the word 'Cease' insert 'On Box Barrage'.
- 2.(a). The 13th. and 15th. Batteries from Zero to Zero Plus 2 will fire on wire - (shewing on Aeroplane Photograph noted by O's C., 13th. and 15th. Batteries) - in front of the Support Trench between the two Points of Entry.
 - (b). Rate of fire 4 rounds per gun per minute - 106 Fuzes.
 - (c). From Zero Plus 2 onwards the original Tasks will be carried out.

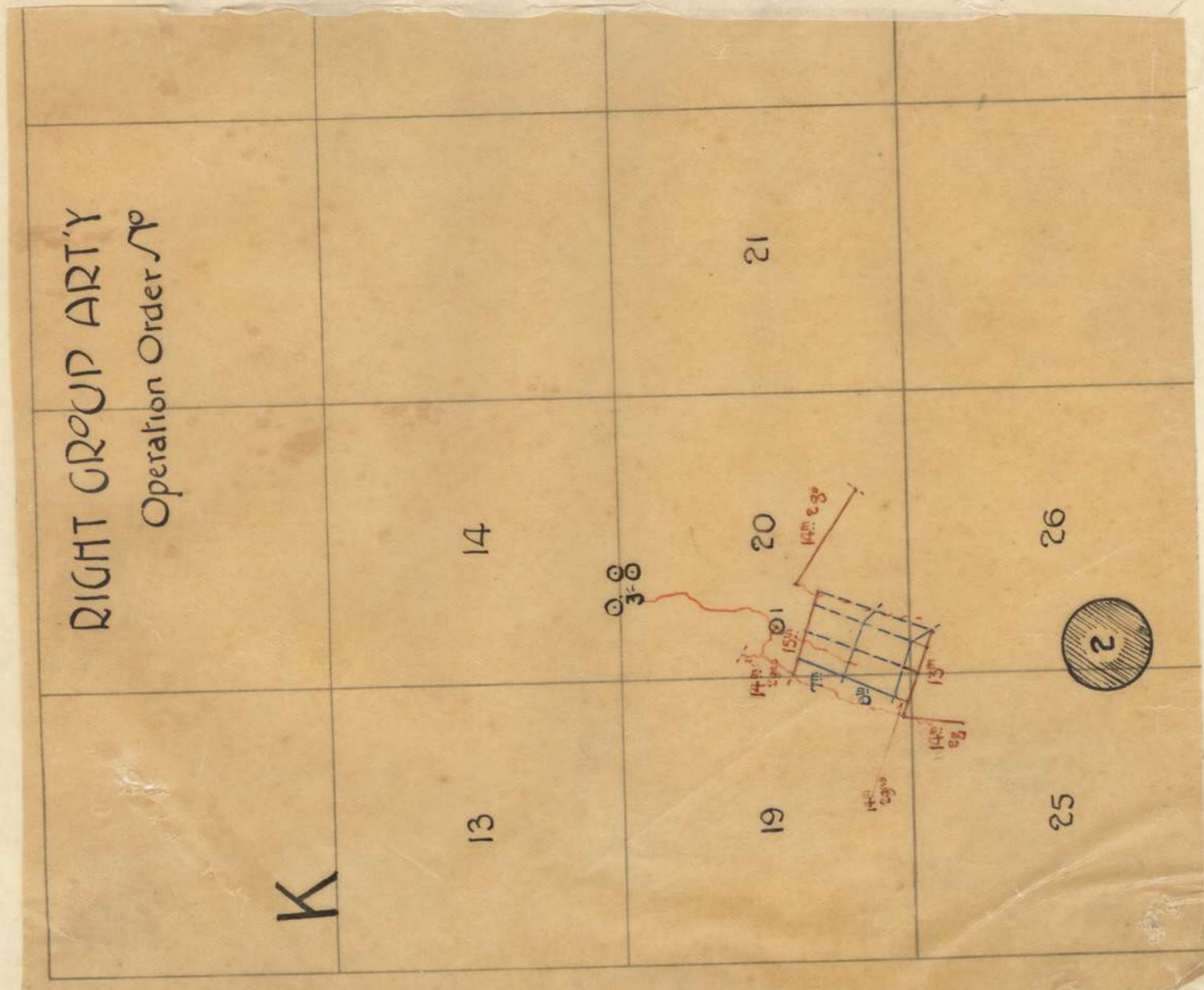
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.-

S. L. Roberts Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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- 13th. Battery.
- 15th. "
- D.A.H.Q., (2).
- Right Inf. Bde. H.Q.,
- File (2).
- 3rd. (ARMY) Bde. A.F.A. H.Q.

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
3rd JULY, 1918.



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TABLE "B".TO ACCOMPANY RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.1. RATES OF FIRE.

- (a) 18-pounders. - Zero to zero plus 10 - 4 rds. per Gun per min.
 Zero plus 10 to zero plus 15 - 3 " " " " "
 Zero plus 15 to zero plus 20 - 2 " " " " "
 Zero plus 20 to zero plus 30 - 1 " " " " "
- (b) Trench Mortars- Zero to zero plus 2 - 3 rds. per T.M. per min.
 Zero plus 2 to zero plus 10 - 2 " " " " "
 Zero plus 10 onwards - 1 " " " " "

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2. AMMUNITION.

- (a) NOTE:- From zero plus 4 to zero plus 15. 10% SMOKE shell will be used by all 18-pounders.
- (b) 18-pounders. - Zero to zero plus 10 - All "A" (50% graze)
 Zero plus 10 onwards - 50% "A" (50% graze) 50% "AX".
- 2 Guns - 14th. Bty - (Table "A" - 14th. Bty.- Para.(iii) d.)
 From zero plus 4 onwards - 50% "A". 50% "AX" (106 fuze)

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14th. AUS. TRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 149.

Ref. Map.
 Sheet 62.D. N.E. 1/20, 000.

Headquarters,
 2nd July 1918.

- INTENTION. 1. On day (Z) and at an hour (zero) to be communicated later, the 55th Battalion will carry out a minor operation against enemy defences with following objectives:-
- 1st. OBJECTIVE. (a). Enemy front line trench from K.19.d.77.25. to K.19.d.92.60.
- 2nd. OBJECTIVE. (b). Enemy front line trench from K.20.c.10.15. to K.20.c.16.54.
- OBJECT OF OPERATION. 2. (i). To capture or kill as many of the enemy as possible.
 (ii). To destroy enemy defences.
 (iii). To obtain identifications and other information.
 (iv). To create a diversion to operations being carried out elsewhere.
- STRENGTH OF PARTY. 3. The strength of party will consist of 6 officers and 200 Other Ranks.
- ARTILLERY. 4. Programme of tasks for Artillery, Medium Trench Mortars and Machine Guns is shown on attached Map (A).
- L.T.M. 5. At Zero 6 guns will fire on enemy trench K.19.d.77.25. to K.19.d.92.60. until Zero plus 3 minutes when they will lift on to enemy trenches as follows:-
 1 Gun on K.20.c.1.9.
 1 " " K.20.c.3.8.
 1 " " K.26.a.1.8.
 1 " " K.25.b.7.9.
 From Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes ^{two} guns will fire on enemy trench K.20.c.10.15. to K.20.c.16.54.
 At Zero plus 3 minutes will lift and fire on trench junction K.20.a.2.1.
 2 guns will be held in reserve to deal with any targets that the Battalion Commander desires.
- SMOKE. 6. No. 1 Special Coy. R.E. are arranging to put down smoke barrages along Brigade front. Details will be advised later.
- COMMUNICATION. 7. No. 3. Section 5th Divz Sigz Coy. are arranging for special communications.
- MEDICAL. 8. Arrangements for medical work and administrative instructions will be issued separately.
- LIAISON. 9. Artillery liaison officer will be at 55th Battalion H.Q.
- TIME. 10. Watches will be synchronised by officer from Brigade H.Q. 4 and 8 hours before Zero.
- REPORTS. 11. Will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters with greatest speed.
 12. No papers or identification of any kind except special identification discs will be carried by raiding party.
 13. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Emerick
 Captain,
 A/Brigade Major,
 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

14th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 149

Rel. Map. Sheet 82 D. N. 5. 1' 20, 000.

Issued through Signals at..... to:-
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- 53rd Battalion (zero) (2) (3) On day 1. INTERACTION.
- 54th Battalion. 2. Later, the 54th Battalion will. INTERACTION.
- 55th Battalion. 3. Enemy defences with INTERACTION.
- 56th Battalion. 4. (a) Large front line trench INTERACTION.
- 14th L.T.M. 3. 5. K. 19. 4. 35. 60. INTERACTION.
- Copy to: (b) Enemy front line trench INTERACTION.
- 5th Aust. Div. 6. 0. 18. 54. 6. INTERACTION.
- 5th M.G. Battalion. 7. INTERACTION.
- Right Group Artillery. 8. (i) To capture or kill INTERACTION.
- 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 9. (ii) To destroy enemy defences INTERACTION.
- 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 10. (iii) To observe INTERACTION.
- 8th Field Coy. R.E. 11. (iv) To create a diversion INTERACTION.
- No. 1 S.I. Coy. R.E. 12. INTERACTION.
- D.T.M.O. 2nd. Division. 13. INTERACTION.
- 14th Field Ambulance. 14. The strength of party will INTERACTION.
- No. 3. Sig. Section. 15. Other ranks. INTERACTION.
- G.O.C. 16. INTERACTION.
- Staff Captain. 17. Programs of Artillery. INTERACTION.
- War Diary. 18. and machine shown on attached INTERACTION.
- Spare. 19. 20. 21. INTERACTION.

At zero 8 guns will fire on enemy trench K. 19. 4. 35. 60. for 15 seconds, until zero plus 3 minutes when they will lift on to enemy trenches as follows:-

- 1. 1st Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 2. 2nd Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 3. 3rd Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.

At zero 8 guns will fire on enemy trench K. 19. 4. 35. 60. for 15 seconds, until zero plus 3 minutes when they will lift on to enemy trenches as follows:-

- 4. 4th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 5. 5th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 6. 6th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.

At zero 8 guns will fire on enemy trench K. 19. 4. 35. 60. for 15 seconds, until zero plus 3 minutes when they will lift on to enemy trenches as follows:-

- 7. 7th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 8. 8th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 9. 9th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.

At zero 8 guns will fire on enemy trench K. 19. 4. 35. 60. for 15 seconds, until zero plus 3 minutes when they will lift on to enemy trenches as follows:-

- 10. 10th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 11. 11th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 12. 12th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.

At zero 8 guns will fire on enemy trench K. 19. 4. 35. 60. for 15 seconds, until zero plus 3 minutes when they will lift on to enemy trenches as follows:-

- 13. 13th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 14. 14th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.
- 15. 15th Coy on K. 19. 4. 35. 60.

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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO. 1.

Ref. Ma p.
Sheet 62.D. N.E. 1/20,000.

Headquarters,
2nd July, 1918.

1. On day (Z) and at an hour (Zero) to be notified later, and in order to create a diversion to operations taking place elsewhere the 55th Battalion will carry out a "Chinese Attack" against enemy defences in K.25.c.5.7.
2. O.C., 8th Field Coy. Egrs. is arranging all details direct with the Battalion Commander concerned to get Chinamen in the "Lie position".
3. The operation will be carried out without artillery co-operation.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Emerson
Captain,
A/Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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3RD. ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN. F. A.

 OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 10.

 BY MAJOR A. P. CRISP. D. S. O.

 COMMANDING 3RD. ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F. A.

HEADQUARTERS.,
 2-7-1918.

REFERENCE MAP, FRANCE, SHEET 62.D., N.E., 1/20,000.

1. On a Date an Hour to be notified later the 55th. Battalion is carrying out a raid, supported by RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY (less 9th., 103rd, and 105th. Batteries), and D.T.M.O. of "C" Divisional Artillery.
2. In instructions as to action of Artillery, rates of fire and ammunition, are laid down in RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 6, TABLES "A" "B" and trace therewith, attached.
3. No registrations are to be carried out by Batteries of RIGHT SUB-GROUP in the immediate vicinity of points to be raided.
4. No communication whatever is to take place on telephone with regard to this operation.
5. Acknowledge.

DISTRIBUTION:-

7th.
 8th.
 9th.
 103rd. Btys. } For information.
 RIGHT GROUP.
 War Diary (4)
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 A/ADJUTANT., 3RD. ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F. A.
 RIGHT SUB-GROUP. CAPT. F. A.

Group

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No.

ORDER No. 124.

Headquarters,
22 July 1918.

1. INTENTION.

(a). On a date and at an hour to be notified, an attack is being carried out by the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade with the object of improving our observation along the MORLANCOURT VALLEY, by capturing and consolidating a position on a line K.2.a.00.25.-E.26.c.55.00.-E.26.a.30.40.

(b). In addition, the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade in simultaneously carrying out a raid on the enemy trenches in

2. ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

(a). 15th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE:

The artillery support for the attack of the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be carried out by the Left Group, plus the 5th Army Brigade R.H.A. and one 18-pdr. Battery of the Right Group, and Trench Mortars. The 58th Divisional Artillery are continuing the Barrage on the North.

The 18-pdrs. will operate as per Barrage Map attached, firing for one minute on the Start Line at plus 1 lifting on the Left one hundred yards, as shown in Barrage Map, and remaining on that line for two minutes; the whole lifting off at zero plus 3 at 100 yards per minute to the Protective Barrage Line.

At plus 10 alternate guns will jump to a line 500 yards East of Protective Barrage, remaining there till plus 20, then searching backwards and forwards irregularly to the Protective Line.

All fire will cease at Zero plus 123.

(b). 14th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE:

The raid of the 14th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be supported by the Right Group, less one Battery, and including the Trench Mortars, as on the Barrage Map; firing for one minute on the Start Line, then lifting 50 yards and remaining there for 2 minutes. A Box will then be formed from Zero plus 3 minutes to Zero plus 30 minutes.

The 18-pdrs. of the Right Group will from Zero plus 30 to Zero plus 123, search and sweep K.25.d. and K.26. in bursts of fire at 30 rounds per gun per hour.

3. SMOKE SCREEN. Two 4.5in. How. Batteries will place a smoke screen on the high ground about K.26. This screen will be adjusted in accordance with the wind and in such a manner as to prevent observation to the SOUTH.

This screen will be placed at Zero and will continue to Zero plus 123 minutes.

If the wind is N. of an E. and W. line, it will be placed from K.20.c.00. to K.21.c.00. If the wind is S. of an E. and W. line, it will be placed from K.26.a.0.5. to K.27.a.0.5. It will be built up from the windward flank.

In the event of sufficient BS. not being available, one 18-pdr. Battery, Right Group, will continue the screen. Arrangements will be made for sufficient AS. to be drawn by one Battery for this.

4. MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS.

(a). The Left Group Trench Mortars will engage targets as shown on Barrage Map from Zero to Zero plus 3. From Zero plus 3 onwards target E.26.c.35.80.

(b). The Right Group Trench Mortars will engage targets as shown on Barrage Map from Zero to Zero plus 30.

Rates of fire, --

Zero to plus 3.-As fast as possible.

Plus 3 to plus 123-1 rd. per Mortar per min.

P.T.O.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

5. RATES OF FIRE:

	18-pdrs.	4.5in. Hows.
LEFT GROUP:	Per Gun per Min.	Per How per Min.
Zero to plus 10	3	1
Plus 10 to plus 123	1	1

RIGHT GROUP:
 Zero to plus 10
 Plus 10 to Plus 20
 Plus 20 to Plus 30
 Plus 30 to Plus 123

For smoke screen first 5 minutes of every 15, 3 rounds per gun per minute - for the remainder 1 round per gun per minute.

6. NATURE OF AMMUNITION.

18 POUNDER:
 Zero to Plus 10 all T.S. will be used, 50% of Fuzes to be arranged to burst on graze.
 Plus 10 onwards to be 50% A. 50% AX.

4.5 in. HOWITZER:
 BX. 106 Fuzes as available

7. OBSERVERS:

All Battery O.P.'s of "C" Divl. Arty. will be manned from dawn onward on the morning of the attack.

8. HEAVIES:

The Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery are co-operating by engaging selected approaches, etc. and counter battery work from Zero onwards.

9. LIAISON.

- (a). The Left Group will provide a Liaison Officer of or above the rank of Captain with the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. for the operation.
- (b). The Right Group will provide a Liaison Officer to be with O.C. Raid.

10. SYNCHRONIZATION.

For the purposes of Synchronization an Officer will be at Left Group Headquarters at 3-pm. and 9-pm. and at Right Group Headquarters 15 minutes later on the day prior to the operation. An Officer with watches will be detailed from each Brigade and D.T.M.O. to be at one of the Headquarters at the above times.
 Synchronization will not be carried out by telephone.

11. Acknowledge.

[Signature] Captain,
 Acting Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

Issued at -pm. to:-

Right Group	1 - 9	4th Aust. D.A.	34	<u>Barrage Maps:</u>	
Left Group	10 - 23	8th " Inf. Bde.	35	Right Group	1 - 9
McB. Res. Bde.	24	14th " " "	36	Left Group	10 - 23
D.T.M.O.	25 - 27	15th " " "	37	D.T.M.O.	24 - 26
2nd Aust. D.A.C.	28	L.O. Left Bde.	38	R.A.	27
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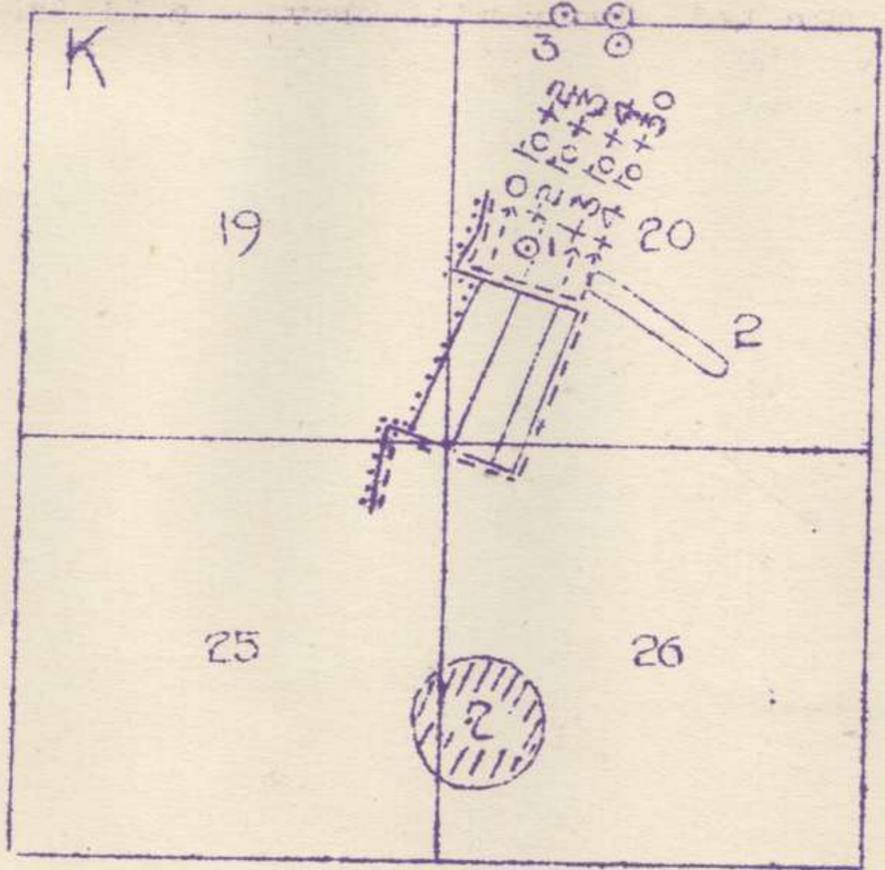
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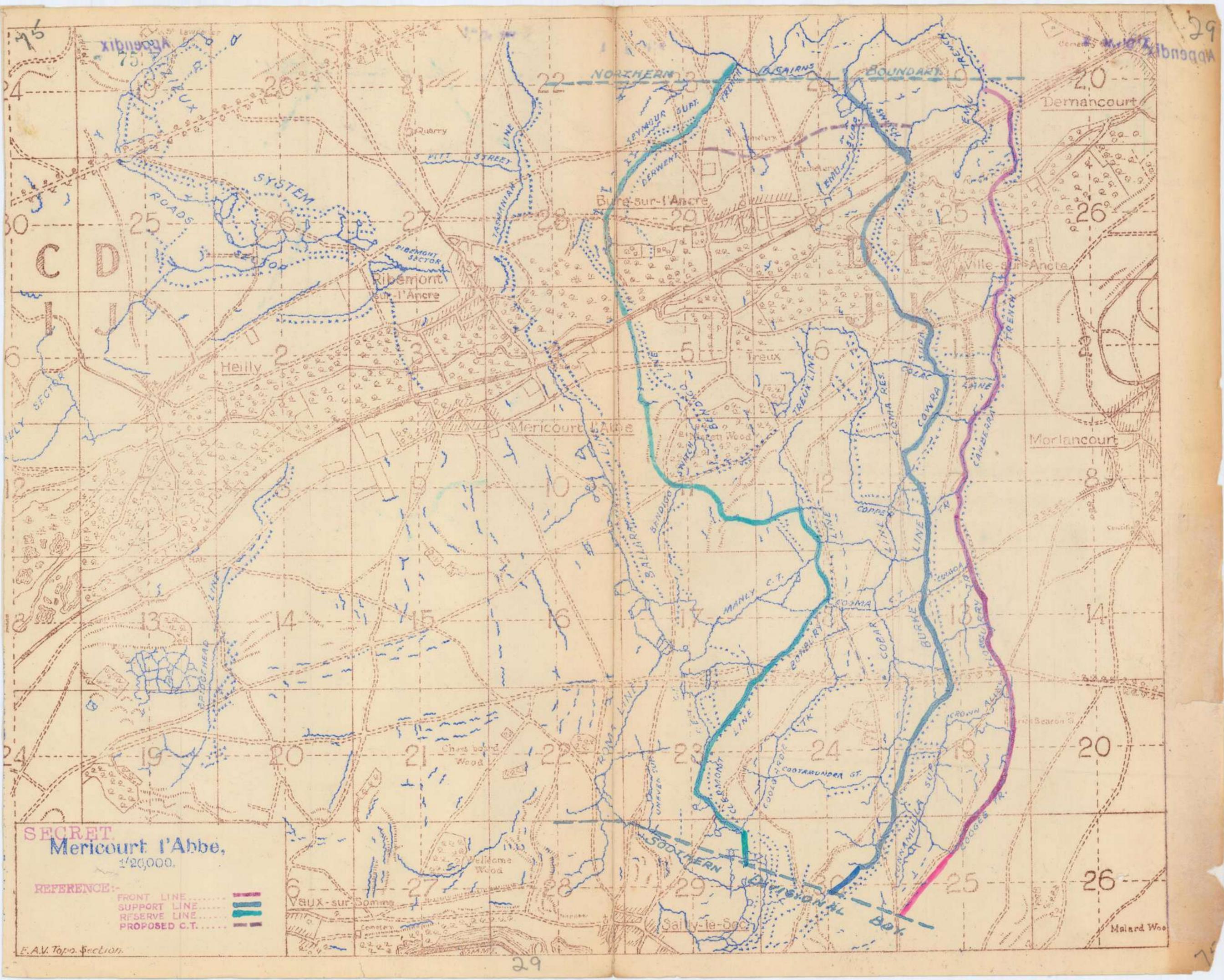
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 Portion of 62 D.N.E.
 Scale 1/20,000.
 To accompany 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q.
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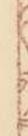
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- 18pdr Barrage ———
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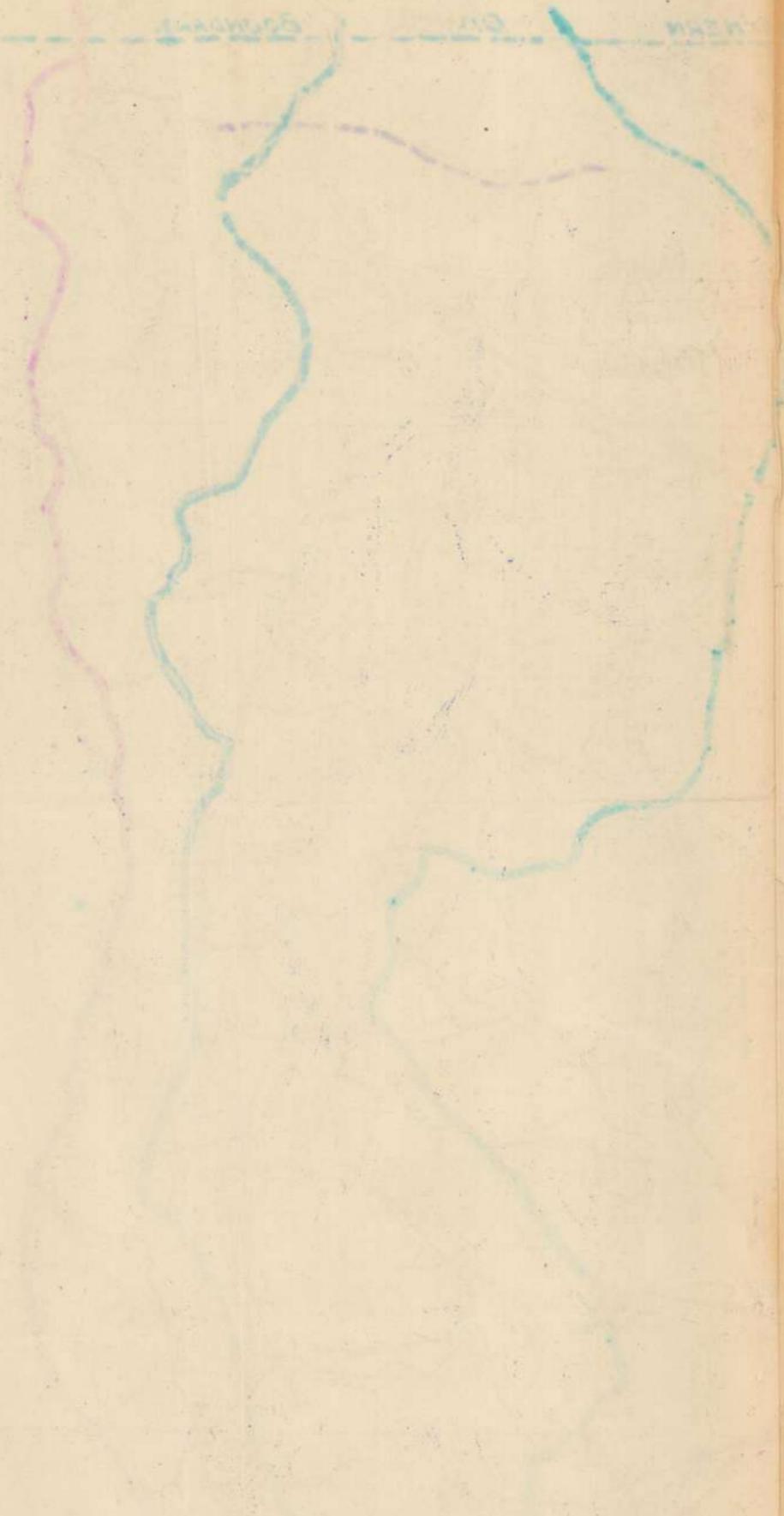


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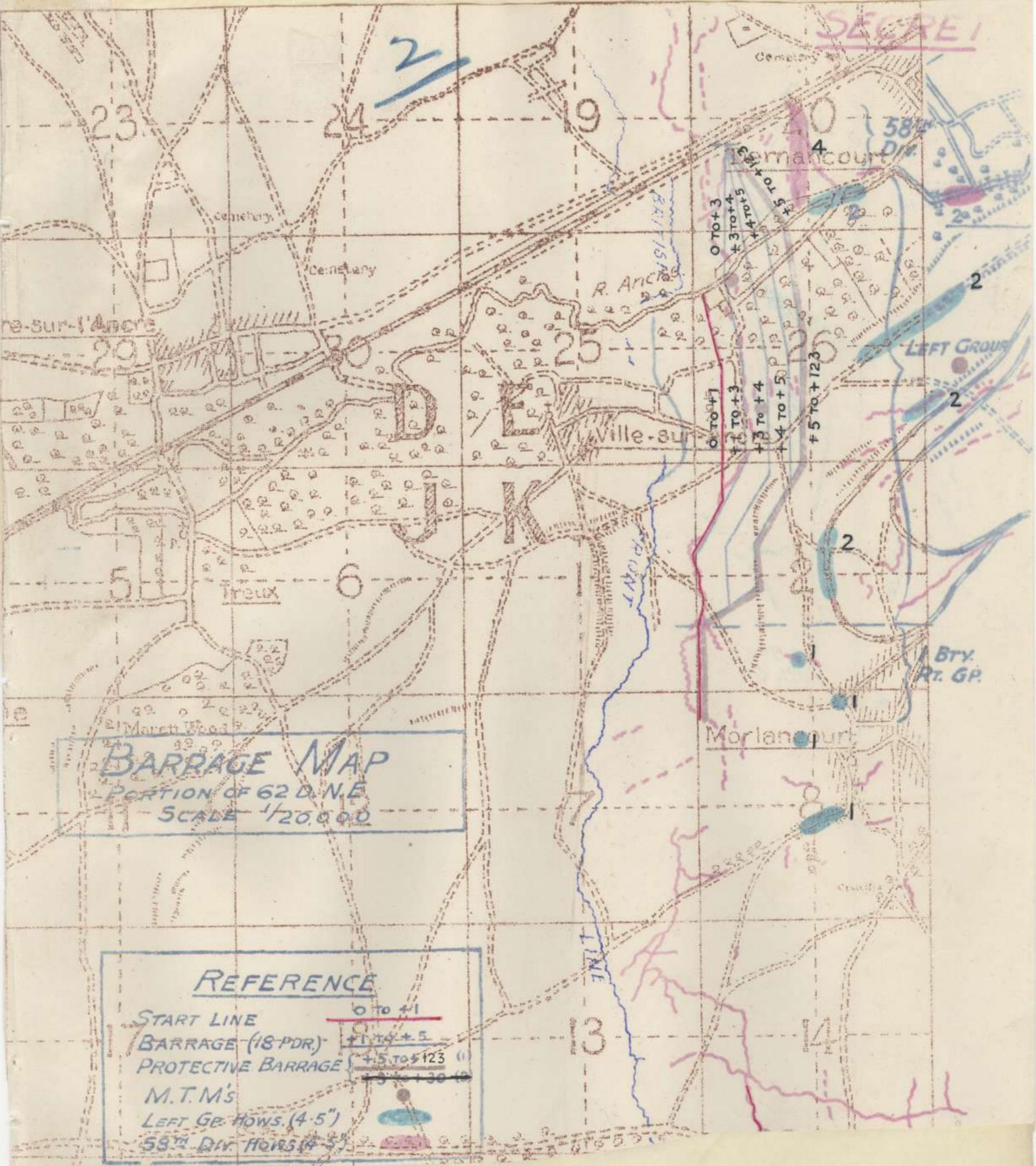
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BARRAGE MAP
 PORTION OF 62 D.N.E.
 SCALE 1/20,000

| REFERENCE | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| START LINE | 0 to +1 |
| BARRAGE (18 PDR) | +1 to +5 |
| PROTECTIVE BARRAGE | +5 to +123 |
| M.T.M.'s | |
| LEFT GR. HOWS. (4.5") | |
| 58th DIV HOWS (4.5") | |

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.S E C R E T.

Copy No. 1.....

ADDENDUM 1 to 2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 124.Headquarters,
3rd July 1918.

A.11/104.

1. Zero Hour will be
3-10am. Night 3rd/4th July 1918.
2. Acknowledge by wire. *W.R.*

R. S. ... Captain,
Acting Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

ISSUED at 2-30pm.
To all recipients
2nd Aust. Div. Arty. Order 124.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6.0 a.m. 5.7.18 to 6.0 a.m. 6.7.1918.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5" How. | Target. | Locality. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4.25 p.m. | 37 | Movement | K.21.a. | (In answer to H.F. call
Plane reported
"Mostly O.K.") |
| 8.23 p.m. | 20 | " | K.25.b. | |
| 10.15 p.m. to
10.35 p.m. | 150 | C.F. | | As ordered. |
| 11 p.m. | 40 | Shelters | K.27.d. | Harassing fire. |
| 11.15 p.m. | 20 | Banks | K.26.c. | " " |
| 11.30 p.m. | 20 | Roads | K.21.b. | " " |
| 1.45 p.m. | 20 | Banks | K.32.a. | " " |
| 1 p.m. | 40 | Shelters & Banks | K.32.b. | " " |
| 1.10 a.m. | 20 | Road | K.26.d. | " " |
| 1.20 a.m. | 20 | Banks & Roads | K.25.d & K.26.c. | " " |
| 1 a.m. | 40 | Road | K.31.a. | " " |
| 1.10 a.m. | 20 | Banks | K.25.d & K.26.c. | " " |
| 1.15 a.m. | 15 | Banks | K.25.d. | " " |
| 2 a.m. | 40 | Valley | K.21.c. | " " |
| 3.5 a.m. to
3.25 a.m. | 150 | C.F. | | As ordered. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 9.20 p.m. | 10 | 15cm | J.5.b. | 86° G.S.B. | |
| 11 p.m. | 15 | " | J.11.c & J.17.a. | 86° G.S.B. | |
| 2.15 a.m. | 12 | " | " | 86° G.S.B. | |
| 3.30 a.m. | 15 | " | " | 86° G.S.B. | |

NOTE:- All bearings taken from J.17.a.20.60.

There was slight retaliation on our F.L.S. to our C.P. but this only lasted 5 minutes.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Our patrols were unusually active all day.
Hostile activity slightly decreased.
There was no bombing heard during the night.

VISIBILITY:- LOW (owing to haze).

MISCELLANEOUS:- Hostile Artillery was unusually quiet and less movement was observed behind their lines.
Our Heavies were again very active.
While our C.P. was on the enemy fired red flares bursting into twin green, twin red, and small golden clusters, whereupon light retaliation followed on our FLS.
Hostile Balloons went up at 11 a.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. at 46° 86° and 123° but on each occasion only remained up for an hour.

One 15cm H.V. Gun flash was picked up at 93°.
John W. ...
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 6/7/18 to 6 a.m. 7/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | | Target. | Map co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5 How. | | | |
| 10 p.m. | 40 | | Road. | K.21.b. | Harassing fire. |
| 10 p.m. | | 20 | Road & Track. | K.27.a.60.15. | " " |
| 11 p.m. | 40 | | Road | K.15.a. | " " |
| 11.5 p.m. | | 20 | Road | K.20.d. | " " |
| 11.30 p.m. | 40 | | Road | K.21.b. | " " |
| 12.30 a.m. | 30 | | Road | K.21.c. | " " |
| 1.15 a.m. | 50 | | Tracks & Road. | K.21.e. | " " |
| 1.30 a.m. | | 20 | Shelters in
re-entrant. | K.25.d. | " " |
| 2 a.m. | 40 | | Tracks. | K.20.b. | " " |
| 2.10 a.m. | | 40 | Trench | K.14.c. | " " |
| 2.30 a.m. | 40 | | Road activity. | K.20.d. | " " |
| 2.45 a.m. | | 40 | Trench | K.14.d. | " " |
| 2.45 a.m. | 20 | | Road | K.20.c.15.40 to
K.25.d.60.55. | " " |
| 3.15 a.m. to
3.35 a.m. | 180 | 50 | Counter preparation. | Targets 1, 3 & 6. | |
| 2.15 a.m. | | 155 | B. Short. | | |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of
rds. | Nature of
Gun or How. | Locality
shelled. | Direction
from. | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 7.45 a.m. | 8 | 10.5 cm | J.17.a. | 96° G.S.B. | |
| 9.45 a.m. | 34 | 10.5 cm | J.17.a. | 96° G.S.B. | |
| 12.30 p.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm | -- | 83° Flash B. | |
| 3.20 p.m. | 105 | 15 cm | Not falling on
our front. | 118° G.S.B. | |
| 7.50 p.m. | 50 | 77 mm | J.30.b & K.25.a. | 109° G.S.B. | Shrapnel mostly
bursting too high. |
| 9.20 p.m. | 40 | 77 mm | J.21. | 109° G.S.B. | Thought to be Gas |
| 12.20 a.m. to
1.5 a.m. | 500 approx. | 77 mm. | J.12,3,4,7,8
and 9. | 80° Flash B. | Gas and H.E.
Intense rate of
fire. |
| 1.15 a.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm | J.4. | 109° G.S.B. | |
| 1.30 a.m. | 40 | 77 mm | MERICOURT. | 80° G.S.B. | |
| 3.45 a.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm | J.13.b. | 109° G.S.B. | |

NOTE:- 6 a.m. to 9³⁰ p.m. all bearings taken from J.17.a.28.50.
9³⁰ p.m. to 6 a.m. " " " " J.17.a.20.60.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile activity below normal.

Our Planes continue active. Several times our patrols flew low and fired M.G.'s into enemy trenches.

VISIBILITY:- Low.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Our heavies continued active. A large fire was seen in E.25.d. This was started by our heavy Artillery.

The hostile Gas and H.E. bombardment ceased as soon as our counter Batteries commenced firing.



Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Lieut.-Colonel,
Brigade.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.SECRET
Appendix 109Headquarters,
August 6th 1918.

4th A.F.A.Bde.
5th A.F.A.Bde. ✓
6th Army Bde.A.F.A.
14th Army Bde.R.F.A.
298th Army Bde.R.F.A.
2nd Aust.D.A.C.
2nd Aust.D.T.M.C.



Forwarded herewith are 7 copies of special message to the Australian Corps from the Corps Commander.

Sufficient copies are enclosed for distribution down to Artillery Batteries, etc.

The message is to be read to the troops by Battery etc., Commanders, during the late afternoon of 7th August before the troops move into battle.

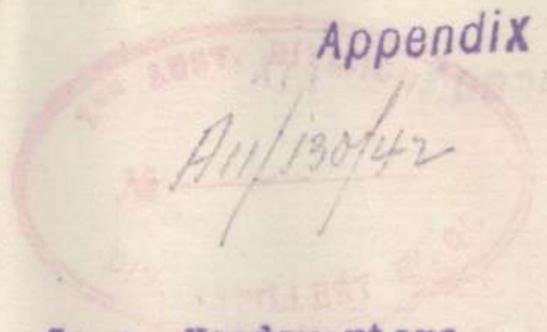
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Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS



Appendix 936

Corps Headquarters,

August 7, 1918.

To the Soldiers of the Australian Army Corps.-

For the first time in the history of this Corps all five Australian Divisions will tomorrow engage in the largest and most important battle operation ever undertaken by the Corps.-

They will be supported by an exceptionally powerful Artillery, and by Tanks and Aeroplanes on a scale never previously attempted.- The full resources of our sister Dominion, the Canadian Corps, will also operate on our right, while two British Divisions will guard our left flank.

The many successful offensives which the Brigades and Battalions of this Corps have so brilliantly executed during the past four months have been but the prelude to, and the preparation for, this greatest and culminating effort.-

Because of the completeness of our plans and dispositions, of the magnitude of the operations, of the number of troops employed, and of the depth to which we intend to overrun the enemy's positions, this battle will be one of the most memorable of the whole war; and there can be no doubt that, by capturing our objectives, we shall inflict blows upon the enemy which will make him stagger, and will bring the end appreciably nearer.-

I entertain no sort of doubt that every Australian soldier will worthily rise to so great an occasion, and that every man, imbued with the spirit of victory, will, in spite of every difficulty that may confront him, be animated by no other resolve than a grim determination to see through, to a clean finish, whatever his task may be.-

The work to be done tomorrow will perhaps make heavy demands upon the endurance and staying powers of many of you; but I am confident that, in spite of excitement, fatigue, and physical strain, every man will carry on to the utmost of his powers until his goal is won; for the sake of AUSTRALIA, the Empire, and our cause.

I earnestly wish every soldier of the Corps the best of good fortune and a glorious and decisive victory, the story of which will re-echo throughout the world, and will live forever in the history of our home land.-

John Monash

Lieut.-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

Appendix 10
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75 SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 7/7/18 to 6 a.m. 8/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | | Target. | Map co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5 How. | | | |
| 2.30 p.m. | 40 | | Zero Tree. | K.20.a.69.98. | Registration |
| 3.5 p.m. | 25 | | O.P. | K.31.b.10.60. | Target reported by Infantry. |
| 5.20 p.m. | 77 | | Zero point | K.20.a.70.95. | Registration |
| 10 p.m. to 12 p.m. | 100 | | Tracks | K.26 & K.27. | Harassing fire. |
| 10 p.m. | 20 | | Road junction | K.21.b.65.90. | " " |
| 10.30 p.m. | 20 | | " " | K.21.a. | " " |
| 11 p.m. | 20 | | " " | K.20.b. | " " |
| 11.15 p.m. | 20 | | Road and Track | K.22.d. | " " |
| 11.30 p.m. | 20 | | Shelters & T.M.'s. | K.20.b.00.45 -
K.20.d.30.40. | " " |
| 12.15 a.m. to 1 a.m. | 708 | 350 | S.O.S. Lines and forward. | | 2nd Aust. D.A. Co. Order No. 126 carried out. |
| 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. | 150 | | Tracks | K.20 & K.21. | Harassing fire. (Gas) |
| 2 a.m. | | 145 | | K.21.c.30.00. | " |
| 2.25 a.m. | | 30 | M.G. | K.31.a.20.80. | Reported by Inf. to be satisfactory |
| 2.35 a.m. | 40 | | M.W. | J.36.d.central | Reported by Inf. to be satisfactory. |
| 3 a.m. | | 145 | | K.9.d. | Gas. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 9 a.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm | K.13d & K.7.d. | 80° | G.S.B. |
| 9.20 a.m. | 11 | " | K.19. | 114° | " |
| 10.45 a.m. | 6 | " | K.19.b. | 114° | " |
| | 8 | 15 cm | K.19.b. | 115° | " |
| 11 a.m. | 20 | 15 cm | K.19.b. | 115° | " |
| 12.15 p.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm | K.19.b & c. | 114° | " |
| 2.50 p.m. | 12 | " | J.39.p. | 122° | " |
| 3.45 p.m. | 35 | " | J.24.b. & J.30. | 110° | " |
| 3.45 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm | J.19 & J.30. | 115° | " |
| 7.30 p.m. | 30 | 10.5 cm | J.24. | 125° | " |
| 8.35 p.m. | 30 | 77mm | J.29. | 119° | " |
| 9.10 p.m. | 20 | 77mm | J.29. | 119° | " |
| 9.45 p.m. | 15 | " | J.22. | 116° | " |
| 11.10 p.m. | 20 | " | J.29. | 112° | " |

Between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. there was heavy retaliation to our barrage on the sector on our right.

NOTE:- All bearings between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. taken from J.17.a.28.50.
All bearings between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. taken from J.17.a.20.60.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile much below normal.

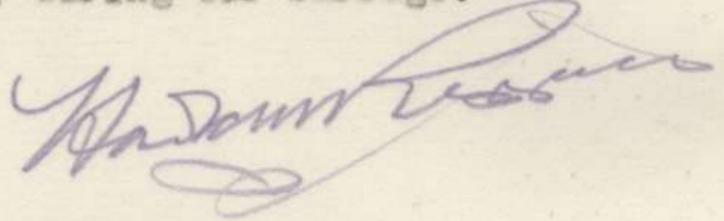
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VISIBILITY:-

to 4 p.m. LOW.
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. MEDIUM.
Then onwards LOW.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Beyond the retaliation on the sector on our right enemy artillery was quiet during the night. Our heavies were active throughout. The usual green, red and golden cluster flares were fired by the enemy during our barrage.



Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 8/7/18 to 6 a.m. 9/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 8 p.m. | 90 | Cross Roads | K.9.b.20.60. | Calibration. |
| 9.40 p.m. | 20 | Movement | Road in K.14.d. | Call from Infty. |
| 10.15 p.m. to
10.35 p.m. | 180 | 50 | C.P. | Phase 1 B. rate B |
| 10.40 p.m.
to 1 a.m. | 150 | Tracks | K.20. and K.21. | Harassing fire. |
| 10 p.m. to
12 midnt. | 60 | Cross Roads
Road
Road | K.21.b.60.90.)
K.21.a & c.
K.20.d. | " " |
| 1 a.m. to
2 a.m. | 40 | M.W. in Copse
Valley | K.26.c.30.90.)
K.25.d. & K.26.c.) | " " |
| 2 a.m. | 145 | K.21.d.30.00. | | { Ref. A.11/78 Gas
Programme carried
out. |
| 1.30 a.m. to
3.15 a.m. | 150 | Track
Road | K.21.b.
(K.22.a & K.15.b. Harassing fire.
(K.21.b & d. | |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of
rds. | Nature of
Gun or How. | Locality
shelled. | Direction
from | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 9.30 a.m. | 30 | 15cm How. | J.17. | 85° | G.S.B. |
| 10 a.m. | 10 | 15 cm | J.11. | 85° | " |
| 10.30 a.m. | 10 | 77mm | K.7. | 85° | " |
| 11.45 a.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm | J.23. | 117° | " |
| 6.50 p.m. | 25 | 15 cm | J.9. | 112° | " |
| 7.10 p.m. | 10 | " | J.9.d. | 112° | " |
| 7.10 p.m. to
7.30 p.m. | 30 | " | J.16a & b. | 112° | " |
| 9 p.m. | 20 | " | J.9.d & J.16.a. | 112° | G.S.B. |

NOTE:- All bearings taken from J.17.a.28.50.

ABRIAL ACTIVITY:- 4 Enemy Planes crossed our lines during the day, 2 being driven off by A.A. fire and 2 by our planes. 2 Enemy Balloons were noted with bearings of 83° and 67° from J.17.a.28.50.

Our Planes displayed their customary activity, freely crossing the enemy lines until after dark and commencing again at dawn.

VISIBILITY:- LOW.

MISCELLANEOUS:- The enemy showed much nervousness over our C.P. and there was a big display of single green and single and double red rockets and orange clusters. There was little retaliation.

S. L. Robb
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade. *200*
Lieut.-Colonel, *200*

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 9/7/18 to 6 a.m. 10/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 12.30 a.m. | 20 | M.W. | K.31.a.50.80. | Silenced. |
| 12.30 a.m. | 20 | M.W. | J.36.d.10.40. | " |
| 10 p.m. to
11 p.m. | 40 | G.F. | K.25.b.50.10 ⁷ | Harassing fire. |
| 11 p.m. to,
12 p.m. | 60 | { M.G.
Tracks | { K.14.c.80.75.
K.26.a, c & d. | " " |
| 12 midnt. to
1 a.m. | 70 | Tracks | K.27.a, b & c. | " " |
| 10 p.m. to
12 midnt. | 60 | { Cross Roads
M.V.
M.W. | { K.21.a.35.75.
K.26.c.40.80.
K.26.c.30.65. | " " |
| 1 a.m. to
3 a.m. | 40 | { Woods
M.G. | { K.27.a & b.
K.14.c.30.55. | " " |
| 2 a.m. | 145 | G. Short. | | |
| 3 a.m. | 145 | K. Short. | | |
| 1 a.m. to
4 a.m. | 150 | { M.G.
Tracks. | { K.20.b.15.75.
K.20 and K.21. | " " |
| 3.45 a.m. | 150 | Searching behind S.O.S. | | Special retaliation called for by the Infantry. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 11.20 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm | J.16.a & J.15.b. | 112 ⁰ G.S.B. | } from J.17.a.28.50. |
| 1.20 p.m. | 40 | " | J.18. | 94 ⁰ " | |
| 2.30 p.m. | 20 | " | J.16.a & b. | 112 ⁰ " | |
| 3.50 p.m. to
5 p.m. | 50 | " | J.16.a. | { 106 ⁰ "
112 ⁰ " | { from J.15.a.45.45.
" " J.17.a.28.50. |
| 9.30 p.m. | 40 | 10.5 cm | J.3.d & J.4.c. | 106 ⁰ " | J.15.a.45.45.
(Blue Cross Gas no damage) |
| 3.15 a.m. to
4 a.m. | | | A heavy fire was maintained on our front line and support trenches. | | |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Enemy. At 1.50 p.m. enemy plane crossed our line flying very low. After making a considerable reconnaissance he was driven back by M.G. and A.A. fire.

Ours. Very active.

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Balloons. Many balloons were up during the day.
 The following bearings taken while ascending
 from J.17.s.28.50. - 68° 86° 43° 56° 53°
 131° and 123°.

VISIBILITY:- Morning † MEDIUM.
 Afternoon - HIGH.

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S. L. Roberts *lieut*
 Lieut.-Colonel,
 Commanding, 5th. *Br* A.F.A. BRIGADE. *ack*

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 10/7/18 to 6 a.m. 11/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | 18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 10 p.m. | 35 | | M.G. | K.8.c.50.80. | Harassing fire. |
| 10.30 p.m. | 35 | | Road Junction. | K.22.a.00.00. | " " |
| 10.30 p.m. | | 25 | Banks | K.25.d. | " " |
| 11 p.m. | 40 | | Dump | K.22.c.25.70. | " " |
| 11 p.m. | | 25 | M.W. | K.26.c.30.70. | " " |
| 12 p.m. | 40 | | Dump and Tracks | K.22.a & K.22.c. | " " |
| 12 p.m. | | 25 | Road Junction | K.21.b.60.90. | " " |
| 1 a.m. | 50 | | Roads | K.21. | " " |
| 2 a.m. | 50 | | Roads | K.20. | " " |
| 2 a.m. | | 15 | Road Junction | K.15.a.95.25. | " " |
| 3 a.m. | 50 | | Road | K.15. | " " |
| 3 a.m. | 244 | | S.O.S. plus 100 to S.O.S plus 400. | Retaliation | " " |
| 3.50 a.m. | | 10 | Company M.G. | K.25.c.42.00. | " " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 9 a.m. | 30 | 15 cm | BERICOURT | 110° G.S.B. | |
| 10 a.m. to | | | | | |
| 11 a.m. | 50 | " | BERICOURT | 125° " | |
| 11.25 a.m. | 12 | 77 mm | J.18.d. | 87° " | |
| 1.15 p.m. | 10 | 15 cm | J.16. | 108° " | |
| 1.30 p.m. to | | | | | |
| 2.30 p.m. | 25 | " | HEILLY | 134° " | No damage. |
| 4.30 p.m. | 10 | " | J.15.b. | " " | |
| 5 p.m. | 15 | " | HEILLY | 134° " | |
| 5.45 p.m. | 5 | " | J.16.b. | 108° " | from J.14.d.45.45. |
| 7.30 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm | J.23. | 85° " | |
| 7.30 p.m. | 6 | 15 cm | HEILLY | 134° " | |
| 7.55 p.m. | 12 | 77 mm | J.18.d. | 108° " | |
| 8 p.m. | 20 | " | J.5.a. | 80° " | |

NOTE:- All bearings from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. taken from J.17.a.28.50.
 " " " 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. " " J.17.a.20.60.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Normal. One Enemy Aeroplane in spite of heavy A.A. fire succeeded in bringing down in flames one of our kite Balloons near BAIZIEUX WOOD.

Our Planes normally active.

VISIBILITY:-
 Morning - MEDIUM.
 Afternoon LOW.
 EVENING HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:-
 1.30 a.m. Hostile Artillery fire was active on the F.L.S. on the Sector on our Right. This sounded like retaliation to our harassing fire. No action followed.
 Our Heavies were normally active.
 Balloons were observed at 44° 46° 86° 156° 178° 173° 69° and 130°.

Handwritten Signature
 Lieut.-Colonel,
 Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

Appendix 17

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE & OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6.0 a.m. 11th July, 1918 to 6.0 a.m. 12th July, '18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

| Time. | No. of rounds. | | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5" How. | | | |
| 10 p.m. | 75 | | S.O.S. plus 100 to S.O.S. plus 500. | | Retaliation |
| 10 p.m. to 12 midnt. | 75 | | Tracks | K.26 and K.27. | Harassing. |
| 10 p.m. | | 32 | Battery. | K.27.c.15.32. | " |
| 12.15 a.m. | 450 | 75 | S.O.S. plus 200 to S.O.S. plus 500. | | Operation Order No.6. |
| 12 midnt. to 2 a.m. | 60 | | M.G. | K.14.c.40.60. | Harassing. |
| " | 180 | | Tracks. | K.20 and K.21. | " |
| 12 midnt. to 4 a.m. | | 120 | Bugouts. | K.21.a.40.65.)
K.20.e.60.45.)
K.27.a.90.45.)
K.14.c.04.95.)
M. W's. K.26.c.80.75.)
K.20.a.50.40.) | " |
| 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | 150 | | Roads and Tracks
M.G.
Cross Roads | K.15.)
K.14.c.80.90.)
K.21.a.35.75.) | " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| 9.10 a.m. | 12 | 10.5 cm | J.18.a and d. | 78° | " |
| 9.10 a.m. | 20 | " | J.23 and 24. | 113° | " Rapid fire. |
| 12 noon | 26 | " | J.23 and 24. | | " |
| | | | and J.11. | 107° | " H.V. Gun. |
| 12.50 p.m. | 12 | " | J.11.a. | 107° | " |
| 12.50 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. | 20 | " | J.23 and 24. | 113° | " Rapid bursts. |
| 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. | 23 | 77 mm | J.10 & J.11. | 85° | " |
| 4.40 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm | J.30. | 117° | " |
| 5.50 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm | J.29. | 98° | " |
| 6.15 p.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm | J.16. | 78° | " |
| 10 p.m. approx. | 200 | 77 mm & 10.5 cm. | F.L.S. | | |
| 10.30 p.m. | 20 | 21 cm | J.1.a. & J.7.b. | | |
| 11 p.m. | 10 | 15 cm | J.7.a. | 110° | " |
| 12.15 a.m. to 12.45 a.m. | 100 | 77mm & 10.5cm | F.L.S. | | Light retaliation to our barrage. |
| 12.55 a.m. | 90 | 77mm | J.18 & J.23. | (100°
(110° | " |
| 2.30 a.m. | 130 | 10.5cm & 77mm | J.29 & J.30 | 110°
108°
122° | " |
| 3.10 a.m. | 35 | 10.5cm & 77mm | J.23 & J.24. | 108° | " |

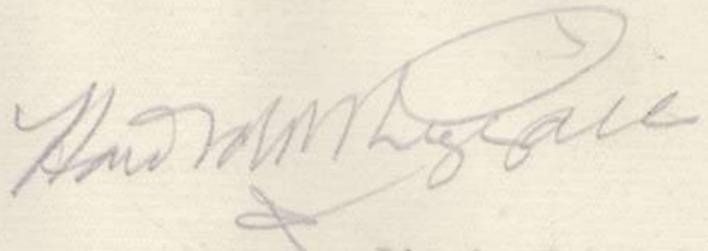
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AIRIAL ACTIVITY:-Hostile. Nil.Our observation Planes up during the finer parts of the day.VISIBILITY:-

Mostly LOW but MEDIUM at intervals.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Trans were seen from T.O.P. at 67° and 64° both going South. No other movement.

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 12/7/18 to 6 a.m. 13/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5 How. | | | |
| 1 p.m. | 10 | | M.W. | J.36.d.50.50. | Target reported by Infantry. |
| 2 p.m. | 35 | | Tri/g. Tree. | K.31.c.50.30. | Registration. |
| " | 8 | | Church | J.36.d.99.20. | " |
| 4.30 p.m. | 18 | | Datum Point | H.20.a.69.98. | " |
| 10 p.m. | 52 | | Shelters. | K.26.c.90.10. | Harassing fire. |
| 11 p.m. | 70 | | Cross Roads | K.31.b.55.10. | " |
| " | | 25 | H.Q. | K.27.d.00.20. | " |
| 11.30 p.m. | | 25 | H.Q. | K.27.a.30.70. | " |
| 12 mdnt. | 60 | | Tracks. | K.26. | " |
| 12.50 a.m. | 20 | | Road | K.21.b.16.69 to K.16.c.50.26. | " |
| 1.20 a.m. | 50 | | " | K.15.a.85.45 to K.22.a.00.00. | " |
| 1.40 a.m. | 20 | | " | K.22.a.00.00. | " |
| 2 a.m. | | 25 | Re-entrant | K.25.d. | " |
| " | 40 | | Tracks | K.21. | " |
| 2.30 a.m. | 40 | | Road | K.21.b.60.90 to K.16.d.30.50. | " |
| 3 a.m. | 60 | | " | K.15.b.45.70 to K.16.d.30.55. | " |
| " | | 35 | M.W. | K.26.c.30.70. | " |
| 3.30 a.m. | 40 | | Cross Roads | K.16.d.30.50., | " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality Shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 10 p.m. | 100 | 15 cm | J.9.b. | Unobtainable. | |
| 11.30 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm | J.10.c. | - | |
| 12.15 p.m. | 5 | " | J.3.d. | - | |
| 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. | 20 | " | J.9.b. | 106° | G.S.B. from J.15.a.42.53. |
| 1.15 p.m. | 10 | " | J.9.b. | - | |
| 3.5 p.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm | J.24. & J.30. | 118° | " T.O.P. |
| 4.20 p.m. | 40 | " | J.24. | 118° | " " |
| 4.35 p.m. | 30 | " | J.24. | 118° | " " |
| 4.35 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm | J.11.d. | 95° | " J.17.a.28.50. |
| 5.45 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm | J.23. | 116° | " J.17.a.28.50. |
| 8.45 p.m. | 200 (approx) | 77mm & 10.5 cm | F.L.S. | - | |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Low. Only 8 Enemy planes seen during the period.
 Our observantion Planes active during finer weather.
 Our patrols active 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Enemy Balloons at 53° 85° and 154°.

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VISIBILITY:- Mostly LOW, till 4 p.m. Then onwards HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:- A Great deal of movement of small numbers of men were seen. (see T.O.P. report attached) Also movement in back areas. From 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. a fire burnt near SALLY LAURETTE.
Increased activity of enemy 15 cm How., but less fire from 77 mm and 10.5 cm.
Period mostly quiet.

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Richard W. Ryan
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 6.

Reference Map
62d N.E. 1/20,000.

1.
INFORMATION. (a) On the night 11th/12th. July 1918 the 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade are carrying out a raid on the enemy trenches from E.20.c.20.00 - E.26.a.35.75.
- (b) Zero hour will be notified later.
2.
ARTILLERY SUPPORT. (a) The Artillery support is being arranged by the Left Group "C" Div. Arty.
- (b) The Right Group Artillery will create a diversion by placing a creeping barrage from Zero to zero plus 15 as follows :-

Zero to zero plus 4 - 7th. Bty. K.8.a.40.00 - K.8.c.40.60.
8th. " K.8.c.40.60 - K.8.c.40.20.
13th. " K.8.c.40.20 - K.14.a.40.80.
14th. " K.14.a.40.80 - K.14.a.80.40.
"Z" " R.H.A. K.14.a.80.40 -
K.14.a.80.00.

Zero plus 4 to zero plus 6 - All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.
Zero plus 6 to zero plus 9 - All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.
Zero plus 9 to zero plus 12- All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.
Zero plus 12 to zero plus 15- All Batteries lift one hundred yards due EAST.

103rd. How. Battery - 1 How. on K.20.d.20.05.
1 How. on K.26.b.55.25.
2 Hows on K.27.b.45.55.
2 Hows along road in K.8.d.

105th. How. Battery - 2 Hows on K.27.c.60.00.
2 Hows on K.27.c.15.32.
1How. on Dugout K.14.b.04.95.

(c) Silent Batteries will not take part.

3.
RATES OF FIRE
and
AMMUNITION.

(a) RATES OF FIRE.
18-pounder - 2 rounds per Gun per minute.
4.5 Hows. - 1 round " How " "

(b) AMMUNITION.
18-pounder - 50% A - 50% AX.
4.5 Hows. - BX.

4.
SYNCHRONISATION.

Watches will be synchronised by runner from this Headquarters,

5. Acknowledge by wiring Code Word "FUN".

DISTRIBUTION:-

7th. Battery.
8th. "
9th. " (For information)
103rd. "
13th. "
14th. "
15th. " (For information)
105th. "
"Z" " R.H.A.
3rd. (Army) Brigade A.F.A., H.Q.
Left Group Artillery H.Q. War Diary (3) File.

S. G. Roberts Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery,
11th. July 1918.

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
11th. July 1918.

Right Int. Brigade

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.
ADDENDUM NO. 1 to RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION
ORDER NO. 6.
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Zero Hour will be 12.15 a.m. 12th. July 1918.

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S. L. Roberts Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION:-

TO all recipients of
Right Group Artillery Operation Order No. 6.

Right Group Artillery Headquarters,
11th. July 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 13/7/18 to 6 a.m. 14/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3.45 p.m. | 19 | Datum Point | K.31.c.60.40. | Registration. |
| 10 p.m. to
12 midnt. | 150 | { Battery
{ Battery
{ M.W. | K.27.d.50.52.
K.33.a.30.57.
K.14.a.45.45. | Harassing fire.
"
" |
| 10.30 p.m. | 50 | Activity centre | K.14.d.84.62. | Target rpt. by Inf |
| 10.30 p.m. | 100 | Re-entrant, Banks
and Head | { K.27. K.32.
{ and K.33. | Harassing fire. |
| 10.30 p.m. | 20 | M.W. | K.31.a.95.50. | Target rpt. by Inf |
| 10.45 p.m. | 20 | Strong point | K.31.b.60.60. | " " " " |
| 12 midnt. to
2 a.m. | 131 | { Battalion H.Q.
{ M.G.
{ M.G. | { K.31.a.60.20.)
{ K.31.b.40.70.)
{ K.31.d.30.60.) | Harassing fire. |
| 2 a.m. to
4 a.m. | 150 | { Battery.
{ Battery.
{ M.G.
{ M.G. | { K.27.c.60.00.)
{ K.27.c.25.29.)
{ K.20.a.80.70.)
{ K.20.b.15.70.) | " " |
| 10 p.m. to
4 a.m. | 100 | { Battery.
{ M.W.
{ M.W.
{ M.W. | { K.26.c.65.23.)
{ K.14.d.10.90.)
{ K.14.c.62.43.)
{ K.26.a.65.63.) | " " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 8 a.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm | J.18.a. | 75° G.S.B. | |
| " | 5 | 15 cm | J.9. | | Ranged by aero-
plane. 2 H.C.Os
killed. |
| 9 a.m. to
12 noon | 60 | 10.5 cm | J.17. | 11° G.S.B. | A few rounds at
a time. |
| 1 p.m. | 6 | 15 cm | J.9. | 115° G.S.B. | (Destroyed some
AX ammunition. |
| 1.30 p.m. to
5 p.m. | 40 | 15 cm | J.9.d. | 115° G.S.B. | |
| 9.45 p.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm | SAILLY LE SEC | | Bursts of fire. |
| " | 40 | 77 mm | J.17.a.20.62. | 105° G.S.B. | " " " |
| 3 a.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm | K.30. | 107° " | |
| 3.45 a.m. | 50 | " | K.30. | 107° " | |

NOTE:- 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. all bearings taken from J.17.a.28.50.
9 p.m. to 6 a.m. " " " " J.17.a.20.60.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Little activity till afternoon.
Enemy Planes crossed our lines at 7.45 a.m. at 8.48 p.m. at 5 E.A. crossed our line near SAILLY LAURETTE, 3 returning immediately. The other two flew towards HEILLY and BONMAY and one set fire to 2 of our kite balloons between those places. Both planes escaped.

Our bombing planes were very active during the night.

VISIBILITY:-

Morning LOW.
 Afternoon MEDIUM.
 Evening HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

At 10.15 p.m. and 10.35 p.m. our artillery set fire to dumps 6° and 36° from T.O.P.
 Our heavies were active all day.
 Flashes were observed at 36° and 64° (A.A. Guns)
 Hostile balloons at 65° 171° and 176°.

Handwritten signature: Harold W. Higgins

Lieut.-Colonel,
 Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Appendix No 10

ORDER NO. 1.

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1. 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 129 and Administrative Memorandum No. 50 have been forwarded to Batteries and the instructions contained therein will be followed.

2. RELIEFS. (a) Battery Commanders will relieve corresponding Batteries in numerical sequence
(b) Completion of reliefs will be reported to this Headquarters by wiring Code Word BRONZE.

3. WAGON LINES. (a) A notification that the necessary certificates have been obtained will be forwarded to this Office.
(b) If certificates are required by the Units we are relieving Batteries will be scrupulously careful to be accurate.

4. ECHELONS. Batteries will move out with full echelons.

[Handwritten Signature]
Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- 13th. Battery.
- 14th. "
- 15th. "
- 105th. "
- File.

Fifth Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters,
14th. July 1918.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Copy No. 2

(banned) ORDER No. 129. YTRA. VIC. TUSA 00022

Headquarters,
5th Army.

Administrative instructions in connection with these exchanges

1. INFORMATION
- (a) The 2nd Aust. Div. Arty., plus the 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A., is being relieved in "C" Div. Sector by the 5th Aust. Div. Arty., plus 2 Brigades of the 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
 - (b) The 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. will simultaneously relieve the 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. in "A" Div. Sector.
 - (c) The 2nd Aust. Div. M.T.M. Batteries are to be relieved in the line by the 5th Aust. Div. M.T.M. Batteries.
 - (d) Details of these reliefs are as shown in the attached table.
 - (e) The Command of "C" Div. Arty. is to pass to the C.R.A. 5th Aust. Div. Arty. at 10 am. on 15th July. The Command of "A" Div. Arty. is to pass to the C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. at 2 pm. 15th instant.

2. GUNS. Guns will be handed over in situ in accordance with G.R.O. 3202, as amended by G.R.O. 3771.

3. RELIEFS.
- (a) Reliefs will be effected by Sections, made up of personnel at present in reserve at Wagon Lines, so as to ensure all guns being maintained in action throughout the relief.
 - (b) Brigade Headquarters will relieve simultaneously on completion of relief of Batteries.
 - (c) All fighting maps, aeroplane photos, Defence Schemes and correspondence connected with the respective roles will be handed over to incoming units in each case.
 - (d) Completion of relief will be reported to this office by wiring code word "BRONZE".

4. DISTRIBUTION. On completion of relief, the Artillery covering "C" Div. Sector will be distributed as follows:-

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Right Group.</u> | { 10th A.F.A. Brigade.
11th A.F.A. Brigade. |
| <u>Left Group.</u> | { 6th Army Bde. A.F.A.
14th A.F.A. Brigade. |
| <u>Superimposed Bde.</u> | 13th A.F.A. Brigade. |
| <u>Mobile Reserve Bde.</u> | 5th Army Bde., R.H.A. |

P.T.O.

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5.3.00

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTY. ORDER No. 129 (Continued)

5. ADMINISTRATIVE.

Administrative Instructions in connection with these exchanges will be issued separately by Staff Captain.

6. Movement of wagon lines will be carried out in all instances between 9-30pm. and 3-30am.

7. Acknowledge.

[Signature] Captain, Act. Brigade Major, 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Issued at 10.30 p.m to | |
| Right Group | 12 |
| Left Group | 13 |
| Mobile Reserve Bde. | 24 |
| 2nd Aust. D.A.C. | 29 |
| D.T.M.O. | 33 |
| 5th Aust. Div. | 36 |
| 2nd Aust. Div. | 37 |
| R.A. Aust. Corps. | 38 |
| H A. Aust. Corps. | 39 |
| C.B.S.O. Aust. Corps. | 40 |
| 3rd Aust. D.A. | 41 |
| 5th Aust. D.A. | 42 |
| 4th Aust. D.A. | 43 |
| 58th Div. Arty. | 44 |
| 9th Bde. R.G.A. | 45 |
| S.S.O. 2nd Aust. Div. | 46 |
| S.O. 2nd Aust. Div. Troops. | 47 |
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3. HELPER. 2. GUNS.

On completion of relief, the following units will be distributed as follows: Right Group, Left Group, Superintended Bde., Mobile Reserve Bde., 2nd Aust. Div. Arty.

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TABLE OF RELIEFS TO ACCOMPANY

2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 129 OF 12/7/18.

| DATE. | RELIEF OF | BY | TO BE COMPLETED BY. | REMARKS. |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 13 - 14
14 - 15 | 8th A.F.A.Bde. | 4th A.F.A.Bde. | 1 Section per Bty.
2 Sections " | To be completed by
12 midnight. |
| 13 - 14
14 - 15 | 4th A.F.A.Bde. | 14th A.F.A.Bde. | 1 Section per Bty.
2 Sections " | do.
do. |
| 13 - 14
14 - 15 | 3rd Army
B.A.C. | 5th Aus.D.A.C.
Less S.A.A.Sect. | 1 Section.
1 Section. | do.
do. |
| 14 - 15
15 - 16 | 3rd Aus.D.A.C.
Less S.A.A.Sect. | 2nd Aus.D.A.C.
Less S.A.A.Sect. | 1 Section.
1 Section. | do.
do. |
| 13 - 14 | 2nd Aust.Div.
M.T.M. | 5th Aust.Div.
M.T.M. | | do. |
| 15 - 16
16 - 17 | 7th A.F.A.Bde. | 5th A.F.A.Bde. | 1 Section per Bty.
2 Sections " | do.
do. |
| 15 - 16
16 - 17 | 5th A.F.A.Bde. | 10th A.F.A.Bde. | 1 Section per Bty.
2 Sections " | do.
do. |
| 15 - 16
16 - 17 | 3rd Army Bde.
A.F.A. | 11th A.F.A.Bde. | 1 Section per Bty.
2 Sections " | do.
do. |
| 15 - 16
16 - 17 | 11th A.F.A.Bde. | 3rd Army Bde.
A.F.A. | 1 Section per Bty.
2 Sections " | do.
do. |
| 14 - 15 | 5th Aus.D.A.C. | 3rd Army
B.A.C. | | do. |
| 14 - 15
15 - 16 | 2nd Aus.D.A.C.
Less S.A.A.Sect. | 4th Aus.D.A.C.
Less S.A.A.Sect. | 1 Section.
1 Section. | do.
do. |

Location Statement will be issued separately to Units concerned.

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ADDENDUM No. 1 to

2nd AUST. DIV. ARTY. ORDER No. 129

R f. Map 62D.N.E. 1/20,000.
Edition 3A (Local).

LOCATION LIST.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Div. Arty.,
12th July 1918.

| BRIGADE. | BATTERY. | GUN LOCATION. | WAGON LINES. | OFFICER COMMANDING. |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 8th A.F.A. Brigade. | H.Q. | 0.25.b.00.85. | N.20.a.10.10. | Lt.Col. W.G. ALLSOP, DSO. |
| | 29th | 0.28.b.25.68. | N.20.a.80.20. | Major T. SLANEY. |
| | 30th | (4) 0.26.a.70.75. | N.20.a.30.00. | Major S.J. WALKER, DSO. |
| | | (2) 0.17.c.80.60. | | |
| | 31st | 0.28.b.20.20. | N.20.a.00.20. | Major S.G. ROWE, DSO. |
| | 108th | 0.27.b.72.20. | N.20.b.20.20. | Major W.A. AUDSLEY. |
| 7th A.F. Brigade. | H.Q. | N.20.b.20.60. | N.20.c.80.80. | Major W.L. MARFELL. |
| | 25th | (4) T.6.b.50.70. | N.24.b.20.95. | Capt. D.L. DAVIS, MC. |
| | | (1) N.36.d.30.55. | | |
| | | (1) 0.34.b.40.38. | | |
| | 26th | (5) 0.27.a.70.75. | N.21.a.20.20. | Major H.J.H. GLOVER, DSO. |
| | | (1) 0.29.b.35.25. | | |
| | 27th | (2) T.6.c.60.75. | N.24.a.40.65. | Major J. DOHERTY, DSO. |
| | | (2) N.36.d.45.43. | | |
| | (1) U.2.b.98.10. | | | |
| | (1) U.3.a.20.40. | | | |
| | 107th | (4) 0.20.a.70.91. | N.19.a.80.20. | Capt. H. SOLMEY. |
| | | (2) 0.23.c.35.65. | | |

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| BRIGADE. | BATTERY. | GUN LOCATION. | WAGON LINES. | OFFICER COMMANDING. |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 11th A.F.A. Brigade. | H.Q. | I.23.d.60.20. | | Major P.J. ROSS, MC. |
| | 41st | (2) J.21.c.20.40. | I.24.b.50.80.(F) | Capt. A.V. RICHARDSON. |
| | 42nd | (4) J.21.a.90.25. | I.13.c.20.20.(R) | Major F.W. HODGENS, DSO. |
| | 43rd | J.21.c.83.83. | I.24.b.40.60.(F) | Major G.R. TURNER |
| | | | H.24.c.30.30.(R) | Capt. W.E. FOX. |
| SUPERIMPOSED BRIGADE. "C" DIV. ARTY. | 111th | (2) J.26.c.30.86. | I.23.c.80.60.(F) | |
| | | (2) J.26.c.39.94. | H.18.d.80.00.(R) | |
| | | (2) J.26.c.63.83. | I.21.b.60.50. | |
| | | | | |
| 13th A.F.A. Brigade. | H.Q. | J.1.a.10.90. | | Lt.Col. H.O. CADLY, DSO. |
| | 49th | J.3.a.50.50. | | Major H.V. CATLIFF, DSO. |
| | 50th | (4) J.8.a.90.10. | To be | Major H. RETCHFORD. |
| | 51st | (2) J.8.b.10.40. | Notified. | Major E.W. LISTER |
| | 113th | D.27.b.20.70. | | Major A.R. LESCHEN. |
| 3rd Aust. D.A.C. | H.Q. | | N.14.c.50.50. | Major A.B. SANDFORD, DSO. |
| | No.1 Sect. | | N.15.b.50.70. | Capt. A.D. GUNN |
| | " 2 " | | N.9.d.60.30. | Capt. C.G. FOXTON. |
| | " 3 " | | M.2.b.40.20. | Capt. M. YOUNG |
| 5th Aust. D.A.C. | No.1 Sect. | | H.34.b.50.70. | |

[Signature]
 Captain,
 Acting Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Divl. Arty.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE?

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Headquarters,
13th. July, 1918.

O.C's
13th. Battery Wagon Lines.
14th. " " "
15th. " " "
105th. " " "

Please note that the following reliefs are being arranged.
Orders will be issued later:-

| DATE. | RELIEF OF. | BY. | TO BE COMPLETED BY. |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 15 - 16 | 7th.A.F.A.Bde. | 5th.A.F.A.Bde. | To be completed by 12 midnight. |
| <u>16</u> → <u>17</u> | | 1 section per Bty. | Do. |
| | | 2 " " " | |
| 15 - 16 | 5th. A.F.A. Bde. | 10th.A.F.A.Bde. | Do. |
| | | 1 section per Bty. | Do. |
| 16 - 17 | | 2 " " " | Do. |

LOCATIONS OF 7th. A. F. A. BRIGADE.

| BRIGADE. | BTY. | GUN LOCATION. | WAGON LINE | OFFICER COMMANDING. |
|------------|----------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 7th.A.F.A. | Brigade. | H.Q. N.20.b.20.60. | N.20.c.80.80. | Major J.W.G. MARFELL, D.S.O. |
| | 25th. | (4) T.6.b.50.70. | N.24.b.20.95. | Capt. D.L.Davies, M.C. |
| | | (1) N.36.d.30.55. | | |
| | | (1) O.34.b.40.38. | | |
| | 26th. | (5) O.27.a.70.75. | N.21.a.20.20. | Major H.J.H.GLOVER, D.S.O. |
| | | (1) O.29.b.35.25. | | |
| | 27th. | (2) T.6.c.60.75. | N.24.a.40.65. | Major J. DOHERTY, D.S.O. |
| | | (2) N.36.d.45.43. | | |
| | | (1) U.2.b.98.10. | | |
| | | (1) U.3.a.20.40. | | |
| | 107th. | (4) O.20.a.70.91. | N.19.a.80.20. | Capt. H. SOLLEY. |
| | | (2) O.23.c.35.65. | | |

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Lieut.
Acting Adjutant, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYSECRETADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO.50

Headquarters,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.
13th July 1918.

Second Aust.Div.Artillery is being relieved by units of 4th and 5th Aust.Div.Arty. and is in turn relieving 3rd Aust.Div.Artillery in accordance with 2nd Aust.Div.Artillery Order No. 129.

AREA STORES : All Area Stores will be handed over to relieving units in this Area. All area stores of 3rd Aust.Div.Arty. will be taken over when relief of latter units take place. Receipts for all area stores handed over and taken over will be made out in duplicate, one copy being forwarded to this office within 48 hours of relief.

WAGON LINES : All wagon lines will be handed over in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates will be obtained in all cases from relieving units to this effect.

TRANSPORT : Baggage wagons from 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. will report to 4th A.F.A.Bde. on 13th inst. and to 5th A.F.A.Brigade on morning of 15th inst. These wagons will remain with units until completion of relief when they will return to 20th Company Lines.

SUPPLIES : Rations for 4th A.F.A.Brigade will be delivered to present wagon line location on 15th inst. and thereafter to wagon lines in 'A' Divisional Sector.
Rations for 5th A.F.A.Brigade will be delivered to present wagon line location until 16th inst. and to wagon lines in 'A' Divisional Sector on and after 17th inst. New Refilling point in 'A' Divisional Sector will be notified by A.A.S.C. direct to unit's Q.M.S.

AMMUNITION STATES : Immediately on moving out Brigades and D.A.C. will report by wire to D.A.H.Q. the quantity of ammunition taken out in Echelon.

DIV.TRENCH MORTARS : On relief 2nd Aust.Div.T.M.Brigade will move to RENANCOURT, where they will be in Corps Reserve, by same lorries which bring relieving Batteries up to line. Rations for Trench Mortars will be delivered by Transport from 20th Coy. A.A.S.C. which will be attached to D.T.M.O. during period T.M's remain absent from Div.Artillery area. Refilling point and time of refilling will be ascertained from 20th Coy.A.A.S.C. by D.T.M.O., who will communicate with 20th Coy.A.A.S.C. direct.

W. S. W. W.
Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 14/7/18 to 6 a.m. 15/7/18

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5 How. | | | |
| 10 p.m. to
12 mdnt. | 150 | | Battery
Battery
Tracks | K.27.c.60.00.
K.27.c.25.29.
K.26 & K.27. | Harassing fire |
| 12 mdnt. to
2 a.m. | 150 | | Battery
Battery
Tracks | K.27.d.50.52.
K.33.a.30.57.
K.20 & K.21. | " " |
| 2 a.m. to
4 a.m. | 150 | | Road and Bank
Battalion H.Q. | K.31.d.
K.31.a.60.20. | " " |
| 10 p.m. to
4 a.m. | 120 | 120 | Battery
Road | K.26.b.65.23.)
K.21.b.00.80 to)
K.16.d.05.45.) | " " |
| 12-mdnt.
12 mdnt. | | 115 | Banks
- | K.25.d & K.26.c.)
K.3.a.65.35. | "
Gas. |
| 12.35 a.m. | 25 | | M.W. | K.36.d.60.60. | At request of
Infantry. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| 8.40 a.m. | 50 | 15 cm | J.17a & b. | 114° | " |
| 10.20 a.m. | 6 | " | HEILLY | 105° | " |
| 10.30 a.m. | 30 | 10.5 cm | J.22. | 102° | " |
| 10.40 a.m. | 15 | 15 cm | J.18. | 104° | " |
| 3.30 p.m. | 40 | 77 mm | J.22. | 122° | " Bursts of fire |
| 3.45 p.m. | 30 | " | " | 122° | " |
| 5.30 p.m. | 30 | " | " | 122° | " |
| 8 p.m. | 12 | 15 cm | J.12.a. | 92° | " |
| 8.10 p.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm | J.13.a. | 85° | " |
| 8.15 p.m. | 10 | " | J.10.d. | 85° | " |
| 8.30 p.m. to
10.15 p.m. | 100 | 77mm | J.10.d J.11.c.)
J.5.d. J.11.a.) | 98° | " from
J.17.a.20.60. |

NOTE:- 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. all bearings taken from J.17.a.28.50.
9 p.m. to 6 a.m. " " " " J.17.a.20.60.

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AERIAL ACTIVITY:- At 8 a.m. to 8.15 a.m. 2 Enemy Planes patrolled above the ANCRE VALLEY at approximately 8000.

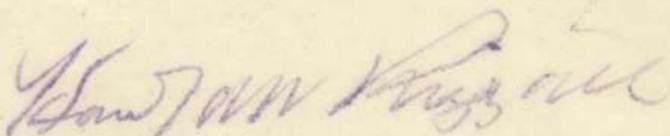
During the finer parts of the day our observation planes were active, otherwise rain prevented flying.

VISIBILITY:- Mostly LOW.

MISCELLANEOUS:- A searchlight was seen at 76° from J.17.a.20.60. Balloons at 41° 84° 122° 128° and 172°.

None up after 2 p.m.

One man was seen to enter trench at J.9.b.30.55. No other movement was seen.



Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 15/7/18 to 6 a.m. 16/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2.30 p.m. | 70 | Datum Point | | Registration. |
| 5 p.m. | 10 | M.W. | J.36.d.50.50. | Silenced. |
| 10 p.m. to
11.30 p.m. | 150 | { M.G.
{ M.G.
{ Strong Point
{ M.G. | { K.20.a.85.90.)
{ K.20.b.15.70.)
{ K.26.c.00.70.)
{ K.14.d.30.50.) | Harassing fire. |
| 11.30 p.m. to
1 a.m. | 150 | { Battery Posn.
{ Battery Posn.
{ Roads | { K.27.c.60.00.)
{ K.27.c.25.29.)
{ K.16.a. and d.) | " " |
| 11.30 p.m. to
2 a.m. | 100 | { M.W.
{ M.W. | { K.14.d.10.90.)
{ K.26.a.65.23.) | " " |
| 1 a.m. to
2.30 a.m. | 150 | { M.W.
{ M.W.
{ Activity centre | { K.14.a.45.45.)
{ K.31.a.45.85.)
{ K.14.a.80.60.) | " " |
| 2.30 a.m. to
4 a.m. | 150 | Tracks | K.20, K.21 & K.26. | " " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 9 a.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm. H.V. | J.12. | 107° G.S.B. | from J.17.a.28.50. |
| 11.30 a.m. | 15 | 77 mm | J.3. | 98° G.S.B. | " J.17.a.28.50. |
| 5.15 p.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. | J.16. | 105° G.S.B. | " J.17.a.28.50. |
| 10.45 p.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm. | J.15.a. | | Gas and H.E. |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- At 2.30 p.m. an enemy plane crossed our lines and fired one of our balloons. The enemy was otherwise very quiet.

Our scouting planes were patrolling all day.

VISIBILITY:-

Morning MEDIUM.
Afternoon HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

There was a marked decrease in hostile fire.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 17/7/18 to 6 a.m. 18/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr.4.5 How. | | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 p.m. | 21 | | Zero Point | V.1.c.30.60.)
U.6.d.75.67.) | Registration.
" |
| 6.45 p.m. to
8 p.m. | 125 | | Zero Point
Trench Junction | V.1.b.52.00.)
U.6.d.75.67.) | "
" |
| 9.45 p.m. to
11 p.m. | 2280 | 390 | Barrage. | | Right Group O.C.No. 65. |
| 11.30 p.m. | 75 | | Road | (V.7.a.00.85 -
(V.7.b.40.90. | Harassing fire. |
| 12 mdnt. | 75 | | Road | (V.12.b.00.70 -
(V.12.b.50.60. | " " |
| 12.30 a.m. | 75 | | Cross Roads | V.7.b.40.90. | " " |
| 12.40 a.m. | 75 | | " " | V.2.c.14.09. | " " |
| 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. | 100 | | Trench | (V.7.a.70.50 -
(V.7.b.50.40. | " " |
| | | | " | V.7.a.90.70. | " " |
| | | | Road ----- | (V.7.c.00.70 -
(V.7.c.90.00. | " " |
| | | | Road ----- | (V.12.d.50.99 -
(V.12.d.29.60. | " " |
| 4.45 a.m. | 1890 | 436 | S.O.S. | | |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5.45 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm | 0.26.c and d. | MARCELCAVE. | |
| 7.30 p.m. | 50 | " | 0.20. | - | |
| 10 p.m. | 20 | " | 0.3. | 103° G.S.B. from - | 0.27.a.59.79. |
| 10 p.m. | 50 | 77 mm | U.30 | - | |
| 2.15 a.m. | 10 | " | 0.21.c. | - | |
| 4.35 a.m. | approx. 200 | 10.5 cm &
77 mm | F.L.S. | | Preparatory to counter attack. |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Only a few Enemy planes seen.
Our observation planes active all day.
Balloons were seen at 63° 83° 108° and 138° from 0.27.a.59.79.

VISIBILITY:-

HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

S.O.S. was seen at 4.30 a.m. at a grid bearing 128° from 0.27.a.59.79.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | | Target. | Mapreference. | Remarks. |
|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5 How. | | | |
| 11 a.m. | 30 | 30 | 77 mm Gun. | V.8.c.80.80. | Neutralised. |
| 4 p.m. | | 5 | Zero Point | V.1.d.99.45. | Registration. |
| 7.5 p.m. | 36 | 108 | Enemy Messing | V.4.d. | |
| 9 p.m. to | | | | | |
| 9.55 p.m. | 1280 | 470 | S.O.S. | | |
| 10.10 p.m. to | | | | | |
| 10.40 p.m. | 470 | 75 | C.P. | | |
| 12.30 a.m. | | 174 | Target 13. | | |
| 1.30 a.m. | | 174 | " 16. | | |
| 2.30 a.m. | | 100 | C.P. | | |
| 3.30 a.m. | | 100 | Trenches | V.7. and U.12. | Harassing Fire. |
| 3.30 a.m. | 100 | | Trenches | V.2. | " " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. | 100 | 15 cm and 10.5 cm.) | VILLERS-BRETTONEAUX. | | Intermittent shelling. |
| 8 p.m. | | 15 cm.)
10.5 cm.)
77 mm.) | 0.36.
U.6. | | Barrage on F.L.S. |
| 9 p.m. | | 15 cm.)
10.5 cm.)
77 mm.) | F.L.S. | | Heavy Barrage. |
| 9.10 p.m. | 15 | 15 cm. | 0.23.c. | MARCELCAVE. | |
| 10.30 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm. | 0.23.c. | do | Gas. |
| 4.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. | 50 | 15 cm.)
10.5 cm.) | VILLERS-BRETTONEAUX | do. | |
| 4.30 a.m. | | 15 cm.)
10.5 cm.)
77 mm.) | F.L.S. | | Light Barrage. |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

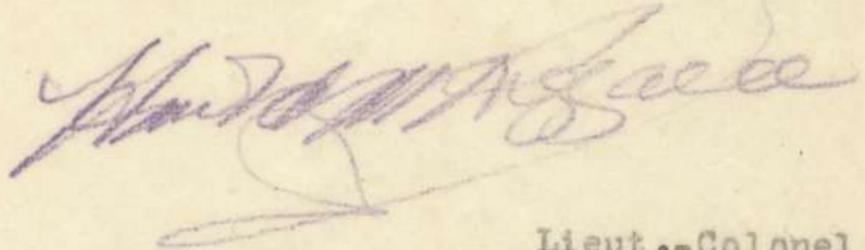
Enemy. Slight. Enemy planes only twice attempted to cross our lines during daylight. They were driven back by A.A. fire. Enemy bombing planes were active after dark.

Ours. Observation planes were active all day. Our scout patrols were very active from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and bombing planes during the night. There was considerable enemy searchlight activity against our planes. No enemy balloons.

VISIBILITY:- LOW during showers otherwise HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:- The enemy attacked on the left of the railway at
about 9.5 p.m. An S.O.S. Rocket went up at 9.7 p.m.
and our barrage commenced immediately. The Infantry
reported enemy driven off with heavy casualties at 10 pm.

At dawn the enemy fired a barrage on the trenches he
had attacked during the night. No Infantry action
followed.



Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 19/7/18 to 6 a.m. 20/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5 How. | | | |
| 6.45 p.m. | 114 | | Cross Roads | V.7.b.35.93. | Registration |
| 7.30 p.m. | | 20 | Water Tower | V.7.a.10.60. | " |
| 10 p.m. to
4 a.m. | | 100 | Trenches &
Roads. | V.7.a. & b.
V.2.b. | Harassing fire |
| 11 p.m. | 50 | | Trenches | V.1.d. | " " |
| 12.15 a.m. | 50 | | Trenches | V.2. | " " |
| 1.5 a.m. | 50 | | Road | V.7.a - V.7.c. | " " |
| 1.20 a.m. | 75 | | Road | V.7.b - V.8.c. | " " |
| 3 a.m. | 75 | | Road | V.2.c - V.8.c. | " " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of
rds. | Nature of
Gun or How. | Locality
shelled. | Direction
from. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | |
| 6 a.m to
9 a.m. | 101 | 15 cm & 10.5 cm. | 0.29. | - | - |
| 7.30 a.m. | 24 | 15 cm. | 0.27.c. | - | - |
| 11 a.m. to
12.30 p.m. | 12 | 15 cm. | 0.27.a. | - | - |
| 11 a.m. to
12.10 p.m. | 45 | 10.5 cm. | 0.27. | 86° G.S.B. | |
| 4.40 p.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. | 0.28.b. | 86° " | |
| 7.25 p.m. | 13 | 10.5 cm. | 0.23. | 86° " | |
| 9.15 p.m. | approx. 200 | 10.5cm & 77mm. | F.L.S. 0.36. | | Light Barrage. |
| 9.30 p.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm. | 0.35. | 86° G.S.B. | |
| 10 p.m. | 25 | " | 0.27. | - | - |
| 10.25 p.m. | 50 | 10.5cm & 77mm. | 0.36. | | MARCELCAVE. |
| 11.15 p.m. | 25 | 10.5cm & 15cm. | 0.4 & 0.32. | 92° G.S.B. | |
| 11.55 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm. | 0.32 & 0.33. | 92° " | |
| 12.10 p.m. to
1.20 p.m. | 50 | 77 mm. | U.5.a & b. | - | - |
| 2.30 a.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. | 0.35. | 86° " | |
| " | 40 | 77 mm. | 0.35. | ↓ | |
| 3 a.m. | 20 | 15 cm. | 0.34. | - | - |
| 3.30 a.m. | 25 | 77 mm. | 0.36. | - | - |

NOTE: - All bearings taken from T.O.P. at U.3.a.05.10.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile. Slight activity only.

CURS. Patrol and observation planes active all day. At 12.30 p.m. one of our planes brought down an enemy kite balloon in flames.

Balloons were seen at 90° 103° and 125°.

VISIBILITY:- MEDIUM and occasionally HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

At 9.15 p.m. in response to 5 white flares a medium barrage was put down on our F.L.S. in 0.36., and lasted for 10 minutes. This was repeated, but with less intensity at 9.55 p.m.

No movement was seen except enemy under cover of white flag, collecting dead and wounded left from the attack of the night 18th/19th.

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James Russell

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 20/7/18 to 6 a.m. 21/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 10 p.m. to
12 mdnt. | 140 | Cross Roads
" " | V.3.a.00.75.
V.8.a.20.20.
V.2.c.15.10.) | Harassing fire |
| 12 mdnt. to
2 a.m. | 30 | Cross Roads
Trench | V.7.c.50.40.
V.7.d.62.15.) | " " |
| 2 a.m. to
3.50 a.m. | 80 | Trench
Road in Wood | V.12.b.55.20.)
V.7.c.30.00.) | " " |
| 11 p.m. to
1 a.m. | 120 | Trenches | V.7.a and b. | " " |
| 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. | 100 | Trenches | V.8.a.and V.2.a & b. | " " |
| 2 a.m. to
3 a.m. | 80 | " | V.2.c and V.1.d. | " " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 6.30 a.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm. | 0.28.a. | Unknown | Nil. |
| 12.30 p.m. | 3 | 15 cm. | 0.29.a. | 103° G.S.B. | |
| 2.50 p.m. | 12 | 10.5 cm. | 0.27.a. | 121° " | |
| 4.45 p.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm. | 0.27.b & d | 111° " | |
| 8.45 p.m. | 28 | 10.5 cm. | 0.21.c &
0.27.a. | 133° " | |
| 9.15 p.m. | 14 | 15 cm. | 0.27.a & d. | 105° " | |

NOTE:- All bearings taken from 0.27.a.59.79.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- At 6.30 a.m. one hostile plane circled around Battery Positions but did not remain long.

Enemy Balloons were very numerous.

Our Planes very active.

VISIBILITY:- LOW to MEDIUM.

Howard ...
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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From 6am 21.7.18 to 6am 22.7.18.

OUR ARTILLERY.-

| Time. | No. of rounds. | 18-pdr 4.5" How. | Target. | Map Co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10am @ 6pm | 97 | | Movement | V.4. & V.14. | Two casualties U.7. & U.24. were seen being removed on stretch |
| 6pm | 17 | | Zero Point | V.9.d.20.30. | Registration. |
| 10pm | 30 | | Road | V.10.a. & d. | Harassing Fire. |
| 10.30pm to 11.40pm | 50 | | Road | V.3. & V.9. | do do |
| 10pm to 4am | 130 | | Trenches | V.1.d., V.2.a. & c. U.7.d., V.8.a. | do do do do |
| | | | Cross Road | V.8.c.50.95. | do do |
| Midnight to 4am | 150 | | Roads | V.9.c.35.00 to V.9.d.30.50. V.3.c.00.70. V.10.a. | do do do do |
| | | | Cross Road | V.3.a.00.75. V.8.a.20.20. | do do |
| | | | Road | V.2.c.15.10. | do do |
| | | | Trench | V.7.d.62.15. | do do |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.-

| Time. | No. of rounds. | Calibre. | Locality shelled. | Direction. | Remarks. |
|------------------|----------------|----------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 11.35am to 3pm | 30 | 10.5cm | 0.34., 0.35. & 0.36. | 115° | From T.O.P. U.28.b.99.10. |
| 12.45pm | 12 | 15cm | 0.35. | | |
| 3.5pm | 10 | 15cm | 0.35. | 104° | do |
| 3.20pm | 8 | 21cm | N.36. | 129° | do |
| 3.50pm | 15 | 10.5cm | VILLIERS BRETONNEUX | 104° | do |
| 4pm | 6. | 21cm | N.36. | 129° | do |
| 4.25pm | 23 | 10.5cm | U.4.d. | 115° | do |
| 4.35pm | 15cm | 15cm | U.4.d. | 115° | do |
| 5.40pm to 6.10pm | 36 | 77mm | V.10.a. | (115° | do |
| 6.10pm | 22 | 10.5cm | V.10.b. & c. | | |
| 6.25pm | 9 | 15cm | U.9.b. | 104° | do |
| 7.10pm | 20 | 10.5cm | U.4.d. | 115° | do |
| 9pm | 200 | | U.4.d., U.5.a. | | Barrage. |
| 9.15pm | 15 | 15cm | VILLIERS BRETONNEUX | | |
| 9.25pm | 30 | 10.5cm | U.4. | 112° | do |

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AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Very little hostile activity.

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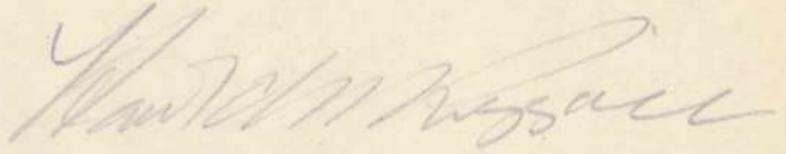
Our observation and scout planes active all day and our daylight bombing planes active between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Our night bombing planes active all night. Enemy bombing planes active between 10 p.m. & midnight.

VISIBILITY:-

Day. Medium.
Evening. High.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

At 11.50 p.m. the Enemy put down a light barrage on the French lines to our right, in retaliation to a French Barrage.
At 4.35 a.m. the enemy barraged the trenches on the sector N. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.



Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

FROM 6 a.m. 22.7.18 to 6 a.m. 23.7.18.
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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5How. | Target | Map co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 10 a.m. to
4.30 p.m. | 87 | Movement in
Trenches | V.14. V.8. & V.9. | Sniping. |
| 4.30 p.m. to
11 p.m. | 34 | Zero Point | V.9.d.25.45. | Registration |
| 11 p.m. to
1 a.m. | 220 | (Gross Roads
(Road
(Trenches | V.7.b. & V.2.c.
V.7.a. & V.12.b.
V.12.b. 40.20. | Harassing. |
| 11 a.m. | 20 | Movement | | Dispersed. |
| 11.30 a.m. | 20 | Suspected H.Q. | V.14.d.10.40. | Direct Hits. |
| 2 p.m. to
4 p.m. | 50 | Water Tower
C.P. | V.9.d. | " " |
| 10 p.m. to
2 a.m. | 145 | H.Q.
Trenches.
Roads
Tracks | V.14.d.
V.7.a. & b.
V.7.c. & V.12.d.
V.9.b. | Harassing. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

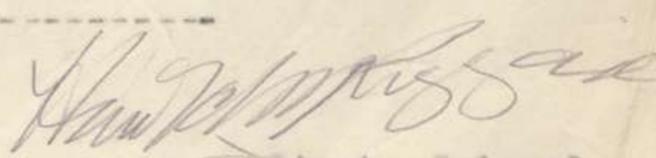
| Time | No. of
Rds. | Nature of
Gun or How. | Locality
shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5.25 p.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm. | V.6.a. | | Intermittent firing. |
| 5.30 p.m. | 40 | 77 mm. | V.9.a. 7 b. | | " |
| 9.30 to 11pm. | Gas
Barrage | 77 mm.
4.5 Hows. | Vicinity
VILLERS BRETONNEUX | 128° G.S.B.
V.2.b.99.10.) | H.W.
&
Mustard Gas
mixed. |
| 12 midnight
to 1 a.m. | Do. | Do. | do. | do. | do. |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Enemy Aircraft were more active than usual. One of our Balloons was burnt by a hostile plane during the afternoon.

VISIBILITY:-
Morning - LOW.
Midday - MEDIUM.
Afternoon HIGH TO MEDIUM.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Enemy fire during the day was light, but the Gas bombardment at night was very heavy. It is not possible to correctly estimate the number of shells that fell.

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Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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From 6 a.m. 23.7.18 to 6 a.m. 24.7.18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 Hows. | Target. | Map Co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2.45 p.m. | 20 | WINNENWERFEN | U.6.c.50.10. | Target reported by Infantry. |
| 3.50 p.m. to | | | | |
| 4.15 p.m. | 30 | Road Movement | V.7.c.3V.13.b. | Observed. |
| " " | 30 | (Re-entrant
(Road | V.18.c & d.
V.19.d.-U.24.b. | |
| 4 p.m.-5pm. | E3
16 | Movement
Movement | U.12.d.Central.
U.19.d.00.45. | Observed.
Enemy reported massing. |
| | 44 | Movement in
Wood | U.18. | |
| 6.15 p.m. | 10 | Batum Point | V.7.b.35.93. | Checking
Corrector. |
| 7.35 p.m. | 20 | Trenches | V.14.d.10.40. | |
| 9 -9 p.m. | 50 | Card Copse | V.3.a.25.20. | |
| | 50 | Framways | V.3.a. | |
| | 40 | Trenches | V.3.a. & c. | |
| 10 p.m. to
midnight. | 100 | Trenches &
Cross Roads | V. 2.a. & b.
V.8.a. & c.
V. 2.c. & d. | Harassing Fire.
" "
" " |
| 11 p.m. to
4 a.m. | 150 | Cross Roads | V.14.b.40.10.
" " V.9.d.30.50.
" " V.9.c.78.40.
" " V.9.b.40.65. | " "
" "
" " |
| | | Roads in
MARCELAVE | V.10.a,b,c & d. | " " |
| 1.30 a.m.
to 2.30am. | 50
134 | Targets 14.15.
" " " | | Gas Shoot. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of Rds. | Calibre. | Locality
Shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1-1.30pm. | 12 | 10.5 cm. | VILLERS
BRETTONNEUX | BOIS MORGEMONT | All bearings taken |
| 2.30 p.m. | 25 | 10.5 cm. | O.35 & U.5. | 87° G.S.B. | |
| 4.45 p.m. | 40 | 10.5 cm. | O.26 | 96° Flash B. | from |
| 4.55 p.m. | 12 | 77 mm. | O.35. | 115° G.S.B. | T.O.P. |
| 5 p.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. | O.19.d. | | |
| 5 - 7 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm. | O.35. | | |
| 6.45 p.m. | 15 | 77 mm. | U.9.a. & b. | 115° G.S.B. | |
| 9 p.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm. | O.19.d. | | Gas. |
| 9.40 p.m. | 30 | 77 mm. | U.9.a & b. | 96° Flash B. | Yellow X. |
| 10.55 p.m. | 31 | 10.5 cm.
How. | O.27.d. | 125° G.S.B. from
O.27.a.59.70. | |
| 4.10 a.m. | 30 | 77 mm. | O.19 & 25. | 96° Flash B. | |
| 5.55 a.m. | 80 | 10.5 cm. | U.26 & 31 | 129° G.S.B. | |
| 5.30-7-30am. | 60 | 15 cm. | T.6.b. | | |

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AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Hostile - Nil.

Ours. Active during the evening only. Rain prevented flying during the morning and afternoon.

VISIBILITY:-

LOW. (Morning)

MEDIUM. (Afternoon)

HIGH. (Evening)

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Considerable movement of small parties was seen, and engaged by 18-pounders, during the afternoon. The French reported a slight attack along their front but it did not develop further. A considerable bombardment was heard further South all day.

H. Braddon
Major,
T/Commanding 5th. A.F.A. Brigade. *ABP*

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

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From 6 a.m. 24.7.18 to 6 a.m. 25.7.18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of Rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 Hows. | Target. | Map Co-ordinate. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9am.-7.15 p.m. | 118 | Movement | V.14., V.13.)
V.4. V.2.)
V.7. V.8.) | 14th. Battery Sniping Gun. |
| 4 p.m. | 18 | Water Tower | V.9.d. | Ranging with BXT. |
| 4.5 p.m. | 26 | M.G. | U.11.a.85.70. | |
| 8.10 to 8.50 p.m. | 635 | 350 S.O.S. & Searching. | | Back from S.O.S. During Raid. |
| 11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. | 100 | Trenches | V.7, v.8 & V.2 | Harassing Fire. |
| 12.30 a.m. | 80 | Target 14. | | Gas. |
| 1.15 a.m. | 160 | Target 15. | | Gas. |
| 1.30 a.m. to 3.40 a.m. | 100 | Roads. | V.8, V.9 & V.10. | Harassing Fire. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of Rds. | Calibre. | Locality Shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | 10 | 15 cm. | VILLERS BRETONNEUX. | MORGEMONT WOOD. | |
| 12.10 p.m. | 11 | 10.5 cm. | F.L.S. V.4.d. | 105° G.S.B. | |
| 12.20 p.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm. | O.30.c. | | |
| 12.55 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. | 38 | 15 cm. | O.35 & O.36. | | |
| 2.45 p.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm. | U.10.a. | | |
| 4.30 p.m. | 10 | 15 cm. | U.5. Central | | |
| 8.8. to 8.55 p.m. | 700 | (15 cm. 10.5 cm.) | F.L.S. | 103 (mostly) | Barrage during Raid. |
| 9.10 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm. | VILLERS BRETONNEUX | | |
| | 30 | 10.5 cm. | T.5.b. | 116° | G.S.B. |
| 10.30 p.m. | 15 | 21 cm. | O.32 Central | 94° | G.S.B. |
| 10.40 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm. | CACHY. | 96° & 118° | G.S.B. |
| 12-12-15am. | 22 | 10.5 cm. | CACHY. | 105° & 114° | G.S.B. |
| 1.10 a.m. | 10 | 15 cm. | VILLERS BRETONNEUX. | | |
| 3 a.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm. | CACHY. | 114° | |
| 3.10 a.m. | 15 | 21 cm. | O.31. Central. | 97° | |
| 4.8 a.m. | 10 | 15 cm. | Villers Bretonneux. | | |
| 4.28 a.m. | 40 | 10.5 cm. | U.8 Central. | MORGEMONT WOOD. | |
| 6.25 a.m. | 21 | 10.5 cm. | U.4 & U.5. | 107° | |
| 1.10 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. | 35 | 10.5 cm. | O.28 | 107° | from O.27.a.59.79. |
| 3 pm-8.50 pm. | 60 | 15 cm. | O.26. | | |
| 8pm.-10.pm. | 100 | 15 cm. | O.21, O.22, O.23. | | |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:-

Hostile - At 10.30 a.m. & 12.30 p.m. single E.A. crossed our line but were driven back by our A.A. fire.
Ours - Active all day. Bombing Planes active at night.

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VISIBILITY:-

Morning - MEDIUM.
Afternoon-HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Report of Raid attached. Infantry reported that they were pleased with the rapidity with which the F.A. opened fire.
Hostile Balloons were up in considerable numbers.

Alan J. Dennis

Major,
T/Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 6 a.m. 25/7/18 to 6 a.m. 26/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Wagon loading
hay. | V.9.d.10.40. | All
observed
shoots. |
| 6 a.m. | 10 | | | |
| 9.15 a.m. | 10 | Movement on Road | P.35.c. | |
| 9.30 a.m. to
3.40 p.m. | 20 | Movement | V.14.d. | |
| 3 p.m. to
5 p.m. | 17 | Movement | V.12. | |
| 10 a.m. to
5 p.m. | 60 | Movement | (V.2. V.4.
V.7. V.9.) | |
| 9.50 p.m. to
12 mdnt. | 190 | Activity Centre
Trench
JAFFA TRENCH
Trenches
Activity Centre | V.4.d.30.40.
V.6.b.95.30.
(V.1.d.55.50 to
V.1.d.80.80.)
V.14.d.10.40.
V.4.d.70.70. | Harassing fire.
"
"
"
" |
| 1 a.m. to
4 a.m. | 100 | Road
M.W.
Movement Centre
Earthwork | V.2.c.
U.12.a.90.80.
V.7.b.30.50.
V.7.b.30.80. | "
"
"
" |
| 2 a.m. | 116 | Target 17. | | Gas. |
| 3 a.m. | 116 | " 8. | | Gas. |

ENEMY ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of
rds. | Nature of
Gun or How. | Locality
shelled. | Direction
from. | Remarks. |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7.10 a.m. | 22 | 10.5 cm. | 0.22 & 0.29. | 96° | G.S.B. |
| 12.30 p.m. | 30 | 15 cm. | 0.35.d. | -) | |
| 1.5 p.m. | 5 | 10.5 cm. | 0.35.d. | - | |
| 1.15 p.m. | 18 | 77 mm. | 0.35.d. | 100° | " |
| 2.15 p.m. | 20 | 10.5 cm. | 0.36.b & d. | 100° | " |
| 2.30 p.m. | 5 | " | 0.36.d. | - | |
| 3.40 p.m. | 10 | 77 mm. | 0.36.d. | 100° | " |
| 4.7 p.m. | 30 | " | 0.35.b. | 92° | " |
| 4.20 p.m. approx | 100 | " | U.1.a. | 117° | " |
| 8.30 p.m. | 500 | -- | U.6. | | Harassing shoots
(Heavy bombardment
for about 15 mins |
| 9.15 p.m. | " | 500 | -- | U.6. | do do |
| 9.30 p.m. | 30 | 10.5 cm. | VILL. BRET. | | |
| 12.50 a.m. | 20 | " | U.1.d. | 104° | G.S.B. |
| 6.30 a.m. | 20 | 77 mm. | U.6. | 106° | " |
| 6.45 a.m. | 8 | 15 cm. | 0.31.a. | - | |
| 7.12 a.m. | 20 | 77 mm. | U.2.a. | - | |
| 8.50 a.m. | 30 | " | U.(. | 120° | " |

NOTE: All bearings taken from U.2.b.95.10.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile. Little activity. At 5.50 p.m. E.A. dropped 5 small bombs on CACHY.

OURS. Below normal.

VISIBILITY:- Morning LOW.
Afternoon HIGH.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Balloons were seen at 123° 140° 148° 149° 151°
(Grid)

Movement of small parties was observed at intervals throughout the day.

H. Braddon Major,
T/Commanding, 5th. A.F.A. Brigade.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

75 From 6 a.m. 26/7/18 to 6a.m. 27/7/18.
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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | 18-pdr. | 4.5 Hows. | | | |
| 9.15 a.m. | 15 | | CRAFT TRENCH | U.11.a. | } Retaliation
asked by Infantry |
| 5.55 p.m. | | 12 | RIALT " Trench | U.11.b. | |
| 6.45 p.m. | 20 | | M.W. | U.6.c.50.00. | } Dispersing
movement.
Silenced. |
| 7 p.m. | 28 | | Enemy post. | V.7.b.35.93. | |
| 7.20 p.m. | 30 | | Zero Point. | V.7.b.35.93. | } Registration.
Harassing fire |
| 10 p.m. to
12 p.m. | | 100 | M.G.
Trenches. | V.12.a.70.40.)
V.12 and V.7.) | |
| 10 p.m. to
2 a.m. | 180 | | Trenches.
Road | V.8, V.15.c.)
V.9.d. V.14.b.) | } Harassing fire |
| 1.30 a.m. --
2 a.m. | | 130
130 | Gas bombardment. | " " | |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or Hows | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 7.55 a.m. | 7 | 15 cm. | O.25.c. | 125° G.S.B. | from O.27.c.6.8 |
| 8.22 a.m. | 5 | " | O.25.c. | 125° " " | " " |
| 2.30 p.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. | W.1.a. | U.18.c. | |
| 4 p.m. | 80 | " | Front Line
near VILLERS B. | U.18.c. | |
| 6.35 p.m. | 12 | " | U.16.d. | 108° G.S.B. | from U.2.b.99.10. |
| 8.50 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm. | O.27.c. | unknown. | |

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- One Enemy Balloon up from 10.45 to 11 a.m. at G.B. of 115° from O.27.c.60.80. and was up again from 6.30 p.m. to 7.35 p.m. and 7.50 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.

Aeroplanes inactive.

VISIBILITY:-

Morning MEDIUM
Afternoon MEDIUM and HIGH at intervals.

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T/Commanding, 5th. A.E.A. Major,
Brigade.
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Appendix No. 28

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

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From 6 a.m. 27/7/18 to 6 a.m. 28/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 12.20 p.m. | 15 | Cross Roads | V.7.b.35.93. | |
| 2.35 p.m. to | | | | |
| 2.41 p.m. | 14 | Movement | V.14.d. | Dispersed. |
| 3.7 p.m. | 7 | Cave Copse | V.9.a. | |
| 3.15 p.m. | 5 | MARCELCAVE | V.10.c.10.70. | |
| 3.26 p.m. | 12 | Headquarters | V.14.d.10.40. | |
| 3.55 p.m. | 10 | Datum | V.7.b.35.93. | Registration |
| 10 p.m. to | | { Trenches | V.2.c. | } Harassing fire |
| 1.20 a.m. | 240 | { Tracks | V.2.c and d. | |
| | | { " | V.3.a and c. | |
| 11.30 p.m. to | | | | |
| 12.15 a.m. | 25 | Road and Track | V.9.d. | " " |
| 1.3 a.m. to | | | | |
| 4 a.m. | 80 | Roads and Tracks | V.2.d. | " " |
| 12 mdnt. | 130 | Target No. 18 | V.4.d. | Gas. |
| 1.30 a.m. | 130 | " " 7 | V.34.b. | Gas. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 10 a.m. | 15 | 10.5cm How. | 0.26.d. | MARCELCAVE | (One Pit |
| 10.46 a.m. | 18 | do | 0.26.d. | " | (Slightly damaged.) |
| 11.15 a.m. | 30 | 15 cm. | V.10.b. | - | - |
| 12 noon | 30 | 77 mm. | 0.27.d. | 92° G.S.B. | from T.O.P. |
| 12.5 p.m. | 9 | 10.5 cm. | 0.29.d. | 100° " | " " 0.27.a.60.70. |
| 1.30 p.m. | 30 | 77mm & 10.5 cm. | { 0.28.c & | 92° " | } from T.O.P. |
| | | | { 0.34.a. | 99° " | |
| 1.35 p.m. | 22 | 10.5 cm. | 0.27.a. | 115° " | from 0.29.b.20.40 |
| 4.15 p.m. | 52 | 10.5 cm. | 0.28.c & b. | 130° " | " " 0.29.b.20.40 |
| 4.50 p.m. | 15 | " | 0.34.d. | | |
| 5.55 p.m. | 5 | 15 cm. | 0.22.a. | 115° " | " " 0.29.b.20.40 |
| 6 p.m. to | | | | | |
| 7 p.m. | 30 | 10.5 cm. | 0.27 & 0.35. | 99° & 102° | G.S.B. from T.O.P. |
| 7 p.m. to | | | { 0.25, 0.26, | HANGARD | } No damage. |
| 10.30 p.m. | 70 | " | { 0.31, & 0.32. | WOOD | |
| 8.50 p.m. | 10 | 15 cm. | 0.27. | 102° | G.S.B. from T.O.P. |
| 9.30 p.m. | 30 | 77 mm. | VILLERS BRETONNEAU | - | |
| 3.45 a.m. to | | | | | |
| 4.45 a.m. | 60 | 77mm and 10.5cm. | F.L.S. | | (Intermittent shelling. |
| 6.30 a.m. | 10 | 10.5 cm. | V.13. | 98° | G.S.B. from T.O.P. |

NOTE:- T.O.P. at U.2.b.95.10.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile. Two Enemy Planes seen. At 12.5 a.m. bombs were dropped in 0.26 and 0.27.

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Ours. Slight, owing to bad weather.

Balloons were seen for short intervals at 105° and 125° from 0.29.b.20.40.

VISIBILITY:- Mostly LOW.
occasionally MEDIUM.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Very little movement seen.
At 9.30 p.m. our T.M's were very active, the enemy sending us green flares which resulted in retaliation by his artillery.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 10 a.m. 28/7/18 to 10 a.m. 29/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pds. 4.5 Hows. | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. to
6.30 p.m. | 51 | Movement | V.14, 15 and 20. | Sniping. |
| 11.25 a.m. | 21 | Mill | V.4.d. | |
| 6.10 p.m. | 22 | MORCEMONT WOOD | V.7.c. | |
| 8.50 p.m. | 25 | M.W. | U.6.c.50.20. | at Request of Inf |
| 10 p.m. to
1 a.m. | 118 | Activity Centres
" "
Strong point
Cross Roads and
approaches. | V.2.c.40.50.)
V.2.c.47.22.)
V.2.c.20.85.)
V.2.c and
V.8.a. | Harassing fire.
The opening
rounds drew reply
from 10.5cm Hows. |
| 1 a.m. to
3 a.m. | 106 | Tracks | V.2. | Harassing fire. |
| 2 a.m. to
3.30 a.m. | 68 | Tracks | V.4. | " " |
| 3.30 a.m. to
4 a.m. | 20 | CARD COPSE | V.3.a. | " " |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 7 a.m. | 12 | 10.5 cm. How. | 0.26.d. | MARCELCAVE. | Rapid bursts. |
| 7.45 a.m. | 20 | " " | 0.25.d. | " " | " " |
| 9 a.m. | 10 | " " | 0.32.a & b. | HANGARD WOOD | " " |
| 10.45 a.m. | 5 | 15 cm. How. | 0.33. | 137° G.S.B. from T.O.P. | |
| 11.11 p.m. | 100 | 10.5 cm " | 0.26.d. | MARCELCAVE. | Rapid bursts. |
| 1.30 p.m. | 35 | 15 cm. " | 0.35. | " | " |
| 3 p.m. | 40 | 10.5 cm. Gun. | U.6.a & b. | 119° G.S.B. from T.O.P. | |
| 5 p.m. | 20 | 15 cm. How. | 0.35. | " | " |
| 5.20 p.m. | 15 | " " | U.16. | 120° " | " 0.27.a.59.79. |
| 6.30 p.m. | 50 | 10.5 cm. Gun. | 0.27. | " | " |
| 6.40 p.m. | 60 | " " | U.6.a & b. | 101° " | " T.O.P. |
| 7.10 p.m. to
8.40 p.m. | 170 | " " | { 0.36 and
U.6.a & b. | 117° - 120° G.S.B. from T.O.P. | |
| 9 p.m. to
9.20 p.m. | 57 | " " | 0.13, 19 & 21. | 120° G.S.B. from 0.27.a.59.79. | |
| 3.20 a.m. to
4.30 a.m. | 80 | " " | U.6.a & b. | 119° " | " T.O.P. |
| | | 10.5 cm. How | | 135° " | " " |
| 4.45 a.m. | 35 | 77 mm. Gun. | 0.35. | 107° " | " " |

NOTE: T.O.P. U.2.b.95.10.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile. Three Enemy Planes crossed our lines for a short period.

Ours. Observation Planes active all day, Scout Patrols active from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Enemy Balloons at 152° from 0.29.b.20.35.

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VISIBILITY:- Mostly LOW, at intervals MEDIUM.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Enemy activity from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. was very noticeable and suggested C.P. work on his part.

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FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

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From 10 a.m. 29/7/18 to 10 a.m. 30/7/18.

OUR ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 How. | Target. | Msp reference. | Remarks. |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11 a.m. | 10 | Water Tower. | V.9.d.25.45. | Registration |
| 3.14 p.m. to
5.20 p.m. | 171 | Datum Point. | V.7.b.35.93. | Calibration. |
| 10.30 p.m. to
1.20 a.m. | 155 | (Roads in MARCELCAVE.
Cross Roads.
Trench
Tracks & Roads.
Railway and Tracks.) | (V.10.a.15.75.
U.12.a.90.90.
V.2.d.30.30.
V.3.c.30.95.) | Harassing fire |
| 1.40 a.m. | 15 | M.G. | U.12.a.50.80. | At request of Infantry. |
| 2.30 a.m. }
5.15 a.m. }
7 a.m. | 1265
1295
72 | WARFUSEE (Concentration)
" "
" " | " "
" " | } Area Gas shoot. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 9 a.m. | 18 | 10.5 cm. How. | 0.26.d. | MARCELCAVE. | |
| 9 a.m. | 20 | " Gun. | 0.15.central. | 125° G.S.B. from 0.27.a.60.75. | |
| 9.30 a.m. to
10.30 a.m. | 30 | " " | 0.29.d.)
0.35.d.) | 119° G.S.B. from 0.29.d.77.57 | |
| 10 a.m. | 20 | 15 cm. How. | 0.27. | 119° " " T.O.P. | |
| 10.45 a.m. | 12 | 10.5 cm. Gun. | 0.33 & 34. | 118° " " " | |
| 11.35 a.m. | 12 | 77 mm. | U.4. | 115° " " " | |
| 11.50 a.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. | 0.32. & 33. | 118° " " " | |
| 1 p.m. | 10 | 77 mm. | U.9.b. | - " " " | |
| 1.10 p.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. | 0.26, 32 & 33. | 118° " " " | |
| 1.20 p.m. | 15 | 10.5 cm. How. | 0.27.d. | 98° " " " | |
| 1.30 p.m. to
2.30 p.m. | 10 | 15 cm. How. | 0.30.b. | 125° " " 0.27.a.60.75 | |
| 2.20 p.m. to
5 p.m. | 135 | 10.5 cm. How. | 0.26, 32 & 33. | 118° " " T.O.P. | |
| 1.35 p.m. to
3.30 p.m. | 32 | " Gun. | U.9.d. | 118° " " " | |
| 4 p.m. to
5 p.m. | 24 | 15 cm. How. | 0.36. | 104° " " " | |
| 6.40 p.m. | 20 | 77 mm. | 0.32.a.80.30. | - " " " | |
| 7 p.m. | 40 | 10.5 cm. Gun | 0.32.c. | 114° " " " | |
| 8.20 p.m. | 40 | " " | 0.35. | 98° " " " | |
| 8.30 p.m. | 10 | 15 cm. How. | 0.29.b. | 115° " " 0.27.a.60.75 | |
| 9.55 p.m. | 30 | " " | F.L.S. | 114° " " T.O.P. | |
| 12 mdnt. to
1.30 a.m. | 70 | " " | U.4. | 114° " " " | |
| 5.30 a.m. | 30 | 10.5 cm. Gun. | 0.27. | 98° " " " | |

NOTE:- T.O.P. at U.2.b.95.10.

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AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Hostile NIL.

Ours. Active 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Inactive during the day owing to haze. Active bombing 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

VISIBILITY:-

Morning LOW (Haze)
 Afternoon " "
 Evening MEDIUM.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

The following are carefully taken bearings to the most active hostile Batteries. (G.S.B.)

From 0.29. d.90.45.

| | | |
|----------|---|------|
| 10.5 cm. | - | 120° |
| 10.5 cm. | - | 94° |
| 10.5 cm. | - | 114° |
| 77 mm. | - | 114° |

The enemy was more active than usual in herassing back areas.

Major;
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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT.

From 10 a.m. 30/7/18 to 10 a.m. 31/7/18.

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OUR ARTILLERY :-

| Time. | No. of rds.
18-pdr. 4.5 Hows. | Target. | Map reference. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10 p.m. to
1 a.m. | 102 | (Suspected H.Q.
M.V.
M.G.
Trenches) | (V.2.b.30.80.
V.7.a.20.80.
V.7.b.40.80.
V.2.c. & V.7.a.) | Harassing
fire. |
| 1 a.m. | 60 | Roads | V.2.d & V.9.a. | do. |
| 1 a.m. | 10 | M.G. | U.12.a.90.90. | do. |
| 1 a.m. to
3 a.m. | 40 | M.G.'s. | (U.12.a.50.80.
V.1.d.80.80.
V.1.c.40.20.) | do. |
| 1.40 a.m. to
3 a.m. | 30 | Tracks. | (V.12.d.
V.3.c. and
V.4.a & c.) | do. |
| 2 a.m. | 20 | Area | V.2.c.50.50. | do. |

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :-

| Time. | No. of rds. | Nature of Gun or How. | Locality shelled. | Direction from. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 11.30 a.m. | 6 | 10.5 um. | U.12.a. | 115° | G.S.B. from U.2.b.99.10. |
| 1.50 p.m. to
4 p.m. | 35 | " | (VILLERS
BRETONGNEX) | 115° | " " do. |
| 1.50 p.m. | 12 | 15 cm. | O.28. | 145° | " " O.27.a.50.80. |
| 2 p.m. | 2 | 9.45in. H.V. | L'ABBE WOOD. | 225° | " " do. |
| 5 p.m. | 40 | 10.5 cm. | O.28. | 125° | " " do. |
| 9.15 p.m. | 4 | 15 cm. Gun. | N.34.b. | 115° | " " T.6.b.50.70. |

AERIAL ACTIVITY :-

Hostile. Only one seen all day.

Cors. Customary activity.

Balloons. Nil.

VISIBILITY :-

MEDIUM.

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