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TABLE "A".

Artillery Support for Raid by 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers.

(1) 18 pdrs.

(a) Tasks.

Battery

	Time.		From. To. Objective.				
27th	Zero	Zero	Shellholes 50yds. plus radius of 3. Q.34.c.64.68 .	Zero plus 3	Zero plus 15	Road Q.34.c.8.9. to Q.34.b.1.2.(3 guns) Hedges about Q.34.a.95.20. (3 guns)	
134th (2 guns)	"	"	Q.34.c.75.67 to Q.34.c.95.77.	"	"	Q34.b.8.1. and 25.35.	
135th (2 guns)	"	"	Shellholes at Q.34.c.45.66.	"	"	Shellholes at Q.34.c.40.85	
A/104th (2 guns)	"	Zero	Enclosure plus Q.33.d.95.95 to 15 Q.34.a.2.2.	"	"		
B/104th	"	"	Line of Shellholes Q.34.a.75.20 to Q.34.a.3.5.				
C/104th (Forward Section)	"	"	Shellholes Q.34.c.13.68 to 25.85.				
C/104th (4 guns)	"	"	Shellholes and House in area 50 Yds radius from Q.34.d.47.60.				
504th	"	"	Edge of wood Q.28.c.0.0.- 50.15.- Q.34.a.70.95.				

3rd D.A.

6th	"	"	Shellholes 25 yds radius from Q.34.c.35.70.		
49th	"	"	Shellholes Q.34.c.97.65.- Q.34.d.25.50.		
1 Battery	"	"	Shellholes Q.34.d.55.60.-95.60.		

(b) Rates of Fire.

	From	To.					
27th, 134th, 135th, 6th Bty's.	Zero	Z. Plus	3	...	4	R. P. G. P. M.	
	Z. plus	3 Z. "	8	...	3	" " " " "	
	Z. F	8 Z. "	12		2	" " " " "	
Remainder	Zero	Z "	6		3	" " " " "	
	Z plus	8 Z "	12		2	" " " " "	

TABLE "A" Continued.

All Batteries ... Z Plus 12 Z plus 15 ... 1 r.p.g.p.m.

(1) 18 pdrs. (contd).

(c) Ammunition.

5th Battery	zero	Z.plus 1	H.E. 106 fuze
	Z.plus 1	Z.plus 3	Time Shrapnel.
	Z " 3	Z " 12	Percussion Shrapnel
	Z " 12	Z " 15	Time Shrapnel

27th, 134th 135th Battys.	Zero	Z " 1	H.E. 106 Fuze
	Z.plus 1	Z " 3	Time Shrapnel
	Z " 3	Z " 16	75% T.S. 25% H.E.

504th & Forward Section
C/104th Bde

Time Shrapnel throughout
75% Time Shrapnel 25 % H.E.

Remainder

TABLE "A" Contd.3. 4.5. Hows.(a) Tasks.Battery.

	Time From	To	Objective.
86th	Zero	Zero plus 15.	1 How. on each Q.34.d.35.80., 30.85 Q.34.b.3.0., 3.1., 25.25., 45.45.
D/104th	"	" " "	House Q.34.b.0.2. (Hows) Enclosure Q.33.d.95.95. to Q.34.a.2.2. (2 Hows). Edge of Wood Q.34.a.05.55. to 10.65 (2 Hows).
1 Battery 3rd D.A.	"	" " "	Copse Q.34.d.70.85. (2 Hows) Shellholes about Q.34.b.75.00 (2Hows) Shellholes about Q.34.b.95.20 (2Hows)

(b) Rate of Fire.

Zero to Zero plus 4 mins. 3 r.p.g.p.m.
 Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 12 2 r.p.g.p.m.
 Zero plus 12 to Zero plus 15..... 1 r.p.g.p.m.

(c) Ammunition.

H.E., 106th Fuze.

(3) 6" Hows.

2 Hows. each on (a) Shellholes at Q.34.a.75.86.
 (b) Shellholes at Q.34.a.85.22.
 (c) Old Rifle Butt at Q.28 .e.45.15.

Rate of Fire.

Section fire 30 secs. from Zero to Zero plus 15 minutes.

Ammunition.

H.E. 106 Fuze.

(4) Trench Mortars.

1 - 9.45" T.M. will fire at enclosure and houses in Q.28.d.
 1 - 6" Newton will fire on House Q.33.b.65.60.

(5) Counter Batteries will be requested to neutralise hostile Batteries
 from Zero plus 3 minutes until hostile fire ceases.

TABLE "B".3" Stokes Mortars. (3 Guns)Rate of fire.

Zero to Zero plus 12 minutes.

1 gun at Q.34.c.65.35. will fire on junction Z to Z plus 5 mins.
of Roads at Q.34.d.40.65.

2 guns at Q.33.d.75.40 will fire on edge 5 r.p.g.p.m. from
of wood from Q.34.c.10.75 to Q.34.c.1.6. Z to Z plus 5 to Z plus
include small out building at Q.34.c.10.75. 12.

TABLE "C".Machine Guns.

- (a) Two guns firing from Front Line trench about Q.34.c.80.35. direct
on to shellholes Q.34.c.8.7.
- (b) Two guns firing from Front Line Trench about Q.34.c.15.40 direct
into shellholes Q.34.c.35.70.
- (c) Six guns in position in Hill Trench to barrage area in Q.33.b. and
Q.34.a.
- (d) 3rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps are arranging to place a barrage
of four guns on to neighbourhood of Road junction Q.34.b.3.4.

Enemy withdrawal from Pacaut Wood. August 5th-15th 1918.

The Battalion went up into the Pacaut Sector on the night of the 3rd/4th August by march route from Gantrainne and Busnettes to take over from the Rifle Brigade.

"B" Coy.	Front Line.
"C" Coy.	Support Line.
"D" Coy.	Canal Bank.
"A" Coy.	In Reserve.

H.Q. was at Stink Inn.

Map Sheet 36A. S.E. 1/20,000.

The relief started at 10:30 p.m. and was finished at 1:30 a.m. Aug. 4th. The Rifle Brigade told us on taking over that it was suspected that the enemy were going to withdraw as their patrols on the last two nights had found no trace of him. Accordingly Cos. were notified and told to pay special attention to patrolling. Accordingly on the night of the 4th strong patrols were pushed out and report enemy line unoccupied. On the early morning of the 5th however the enemy put down a heavy barrage on the front Co. and the King's Own lasting about 15 minutes at the same time attempting to raid the posts held by the King's Own in Pacaut Wood. The rest of that day was fairly quiet. At dusk fighting patrols were sent up from "C" Co. and pushed out into the enemy advance line which they occupied. Patrols continued to creep forward. The night 5/6th and all day the 6th and in the evening of the 6th "C" Co. was in possession of La Panmerie and the King's Own and Essex were half way through Pacaut Wood. Posts were established on the N. edge of La Panmerie for the night and the line ran back from there to the original line held by the Division on our right. At 1 a.m. on the morning of the 7th "C" Co. captured two prisoners of the R. Grenadier Guards. The prisoners were Alsations and talked French preferable to German. On being questioned at Bn. H.Q. they said that the enemy were still

holding the N. edge of Pacaut Wood but were to withdraw during the night. They were immediately sent on to Brigade H.Q. and at 4:30 a.m. orders were received from Brigade for the pursuit which was to take the form of "peaceful" penetration. Orders were at once issued to Cos. to assemble. Zero hour being at 8 a.m.

"C" Co. under Capt. A.D. Macdonald, M.U. was to be the leading Company and was to assemble in the posts held during the night 6/7th. "B" Co. under Capt. T.H. Robinson was to assemble in Front Line and became Support Co. "A" Co. under 2nd Lt. C. Dunlevy M.C. moved up from Brigade Reserve Line to the Support Line, and became Bn. Reserve. "D" Co. under Capt. S. Clarke M.C., remained on the Canal Bank and became Brigade Reserve. Two objectives were laid down by the Brigade. - 1st and 2nd Yellow Lines. At 8 a.m. "C" Co. in touch with the King's Own on the left but with their right in the air moved forward followed closely by "B" & "D" Cos. The opposition consisted mainly of scattered enemy snipers and an occasional Machine Gun Team. By 9:30 a.m. the first Yellow Line had been reached with only a few casualties which included 2nd. Lt. P. Deschamps who had joined the Battalion about 3 weeks previously. At 9 a.m. the enemy artillery came to life and put down a very nasty barrage of 4.2 H.E. and Whizz Bangs on La Pannerie which fell right into the midst of "A" Co. However "A" Co moved forward and only lost one or two wounded. This went on till about 10 a.m. when it stopped. Meanwhile the Division on the right who had only come into the line on the night of the 6/7th had not moved and apparently knew nothing about the proceedings. This left "C" & "B" Cos. right flanks very much exposed and accordingly 2nd. Lt. J.E.S. Malpass with a platoon of "A" Co. was sent up to form a defensive flank and get in touch with the Division on the right. This was carried out successfully and Brigade was informed at 11 a.m. that the first Yellow Line had been reached.