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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>The Remainder of the Heavy Artillery are divided up into (1) A Reinforcing Group of one 15" Howitzer 1 Bty 9.2 Hows 1 Bty 8" Hows 1 60 Pz Bty.</p> <p>(2) A Counter Bty Machine group of 12" Howitzer Bty 1 9.2" 1 8" & 2 6" Machine Btys.</p> <p>(3) A Counter Bty Gun Group of 4 60 Pz Btys & 1 4.7 Gun Battery.</p> <p>(4) A Long Range group of 2 6" Mks VII batteries.</p>	
	13	4.30 to 1.40 PM.	A concentrated bombardment of the hostile trenches in N.36. 031 & T.6. was carried out by the Heavy Artillery of the Corps assisted by the Left Artillery.	<p>11/20/18 Operation order No 38. & 685/148 19/1/18</p>
	13.	2 PM	208 th Siege Battery (6" Hows) was transferred from 15 th Corps to us.	
	18 th	2.30 - 3.30 pm.	Concentrated bombardment of hostile trenches in U.15.c. and U.21.a by Heavy Artillery of XIV th Corps assisted by Right and Centre Artillery.	
	18 th		G.O.C. R.A. 29 th Division took over command of the Left Artillery from G.O.C. R.A. 17 th Div, who then became G.O.C. R.A. Morlan Court.	
	22 nd		Bombardment ordered for 18 th took place on 22 nd instead.	
	28 th		G.O.C. 17 th D.A. took over command of the Centre Artillery from G.O.C. R.A. 17 th Div. G.O.C. 20 th D.A. took over command of the R.A. at Morlan Court.	<p>2/1/18</p>
	27 th		29 th Division attacked enemy's trenches at 5.30 am. from N. 36.d.4.2 - N. 35.d.8.0, covered by divisional artillery, supported by 3 Army Bns, and flanking fire from 1 st Jags. Attack successful, final line being N. 36.d.2 1/2 - 2 - 36.d.0.4 - 35.d.5.2 - T. 5.8.9.8 1/2.	<p>8076</p> <p>11/20/18</p>

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XIVth Corps Artillery Operation Order No. 35.

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Ref. XIV Corps Map Y.24. of 30-12-16.
1/10,000.

31st December 1916.

1. On 2nd January 1917 from 1-20 p.m. to 1-55 p.m. there will be a concentrated bombardment by all Siege Batteries (less 18" Howitzer) of the XIVth Corps Heavy Artillery of LANDSTRUM and LANDWHER Trenches from T.6.a.0.9. to N.35.d.00.65. also of the communication trench from N.35.d.05.75. to 10.55.

2. Tasks for this bombardment are allotted as follows :-

- 1 - 9.2" Howitzer Battery. Strong Point N.35.d.22.46. to 05.54.
- 1 - 8" Howitzer Battery. Trench T.6.a.0.9. to N.35.d.75.00.
- 3 - 6" Howitzer Batteries. Trench N.35.d.75.00. to 22.46.
- 1 - 6" Howitzer Battery. Trench N.35.d.05.54. to 00.65.
- 1 - 6" Howitzer Battery. Communication Trench-N.35.d.05.75. to 10.55.

3. Fire will be intense for the whole of the 35 minutes bombardment.

Total allotment of ammunition (exclusive of registration)

is :-

9.2" Howitzers.	120 rounds.
8" Howitzers.	100 ..
6" Howitzers.	560 ..

4. The Left Artillery will assist in this bombardment as follows :-

18-prs - will search the trenches being bombarded by the Siege Batteries, and all ground 100 yards in front and 200 yards in rear of them, as well as the trenches on the immediate flanks.

4.5" Hows. will make stops at T.6.a.05.93. and N.35.c.95.68 - two Batteries on each place.

Ammunition allotment for Left Artillery (exclusive of registration) -

18-prs	2100 rounds (of which 25% may be Shrapnel)
4.5" Hows.	560 rounds.

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5. F.O.O's of 18-pr Batteries will keep a very sharp look out for movement, both during and after the bombardment. Any movement seen is to be engaged at once.

6. Watches will be synchronized from Corps Headquarters at 10 a.m. on the 2nd.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

AW Bartholomew

Major.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

Issued at 6-0 a.m.

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| Copy No. 1. R.A. Fourth Army. | 9. Left Division. |
| 2. XIVth Corps "G". | 10-12. Right Artillery. |
| 3. XIVth Corps "Q". | 13-16. Left Artillery. |
| 4. XVth Corps "G". | 17-18. XIV Corps Heavy Artillery. |
| 5. XVth Corps R.A. | 19. 9th Squadron R.F.C. |
| 6. 1st ANZAC "G". | 20. No.15. Balloon Coy. |
| 7. 1st ANZAC R.A. | 21. File. |
| 8. Right Division. | 22. .. |
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XIV CORPS ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 36.

Ref. XIV Corps Map Y.26 of 2-1-17.
1/10,000

4th January 1917.

1. On 8th January from 1 p.m. to 1.40 p.m. there will be a concentrated bombardment by 3 Heavy Howitzer Batteries and 5 Medium Howitzer Batteries, assisted by the Right Artillery, of the system of Trenches in U.S.d.

2. Tasks for this bombardment are allotted as follows :-

- 1 Heavy How. Bty. Trench Junctions U.S.d.63.24. and 62.28 and trench connecting these trench junctions.
- 1 Heavy How. Bty. Trench U.S.d.49.53. to 46.70.
- 1 Heavy How. Bty. Trench U.S.d.46.70. to 47.83.
- 1 - 6" How. Bty. Trench Junction U.S.d.50.15.
- 1 - 6" How. Bty. Trench Junction U.S.d.45.22.
- 1 - 6" How. Bty. Trench Junction U.S.d.20.57.
- 1 - 6" How. Bty. Trench Junction U.S.d.37.80.
- 1 - 6" How. Bty. 1 Section. Trench Junction U.S.b.33.04.
1 Section. Trench 25 yards each side of U.S.d.48.93.
- 1 - 4.5" How. Bty. Trench 50 yards each side of U.S.d.54.44.
- 1 - 4.5" How. Bty. Trench 50 yards each side of U.S.d.37.40.
- 1 - 4.5" How. Bty. Trench 50 yards each side of U.S.d.13.71.
- 1 - 4.5" How. Bty. Trench 50 yards each side of U.S.d.30.92.

18-prs will search all communication trenches in the bombarded area, the communication trench running East from U.S.d.47.80. and all trenches adjoining the bombarded area.

3. Total Ammunition allotment (exclusive of registration)

9.2" Howitzer.	...	240 rounds.	
8" Howitzer	...	120 ..	
6" Howitzer	...	720 ..	
4.5" Howitzer	...	640 ..	
18-prs	...	2400 ..	(of which 25% may be Shrapnel).

4. F.O.O's of 18-pr and 60-pr Batteries will keep a sharp look out for any movement both during and after the bombardment. Any movement seen is to be engaged at once.

5. To have the minimum of registration on the bombarded area itself on the 8th January Batteries will find the error of the day, and do all registration possible on points outside the area to be bombarded.

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6. Watches will be synchronized from Corps Headquarters at 10 a.m. on the 8th.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Alv Bartholomew

Lieut. Colonel.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

Issued at 6-0 a.m.

Copy No. 1. R.A. Fourth Army.
2. XIVth Corps "G".
3. XIVth Corps "I.G."
4. XIVth Corps "Q".
5. XVth Corps "G".
6. XVth Corps R.A.
7. 1st ANZAC "G".
8. 1st ANZAC R.A.
9. Right Division.
10. Left Division.
11-13. Right Artillery.
14. Left Artillery.
15-16. XIVth Corps Heavy Arty.
17. 9th Squadron R.F.C.
18. No. 15 Balloon Coy.
19-21. File.

XIV CORPS ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 37.

6th January 1917.

1. The Artillery of the XIVth Corps will take over the defence of the line from the Artillery of the XVth Corps as far South as U.20.b.3.2. at 8 a.m. on the 10th instant, and from U.20.b.3.2. to U.26.c.7.3. at 2 p.m. on 13th instant.

2. The Right Artillery, consisting of the Guards Divisional Artillery, covering our new Right Division Front, will take over the defence of the line from U.26.c.7.3. to U.20.b.3.2. at 2 p.m. on the 13th instant.

The Centre Artillery, consisting of 20th and 29th Divisional Artilleries (less 1 Battery of 29th D.A.) under the command of G.O.C., 20th Divisional Artillery, will take over the defence of the line covering our new Centre Division from U.20.b.3.2. to U.2.c.1.1. at 11 a.m. on the 10th instant.

The Left Artillery, consisting of 17th Divisional Artillery and 1 Battery of 29th Divisional Artillery, will take over the defence of the line covering our new Left Division from U.2.c.1.1. to N.35.c.6.6. at 11 a.m. on the 10th.

3. The reliefs of Batteries will be as follows :-

(i) Guards Divisional Artillery will take over 5 - 18-pr Batteries and 2 - 4.5" Howitzer Batteries "in situ" from 8th Divisional Artillery, XVth Corps, and will bring up one Battery from rest to occupy a new position already selected.

(ii) 20th Divisional Artillery will take over 5 - 18-pr Batteries and 2 - 4.5" Howitzer Batteries "in situ" from Guards Divisional Artillery, and will move one 18-pr Battery to an unoccupied position in the present Guards Artillery area.

20th Divisional Artillery will pull out of the line 5 - 18-pr Batteries and 2 - 4.5" Howitzer Batteries, and will hand them over to 8th Divisional Artillery, XVth Corps, in exchange for the Batteries taken over

by the Guards Divisional Artillery.

(iii) 29th Divisional Artillery will remain in their present positions or change later to such positions as are necessary which will have been vacated by 20th Divisional Artillery.

(iv) 17th Divisional Artillery will remain in their present positions or change later to such positions as are necessary which will have been vacated by 20th or 29th Divisional Artilleries.

The times of these reliefs will be for -

- (i) Half detachments night 11th/12th and half detachments night 12th/13th in the case of batteries taken over "in situ", and the complete Battery will go into action between the 10th and 13th instant.
- (ii) Detachments morning of 9th instant in the case of Batteries taken over "in situ", and the complete Battery will go into action on night 8th/9th.
- (iii) As necessary.
- (iv)

All other details of relief will be arranged direct between G.O's.C.R.A., concerned, but guns taken over either "in situ" or out of the line will be taken over with their Sights, and all Stores actually necessary to fire them.

4. The Heavy Artillery will continue to cover the front as at present until 2 p.m. on the 13th instant, except that the Right Divisional Group will cover as far South as U.20.b.3.2. from 8 a.m. on the 10th.

At 2 p.m. on the 13th the distribution will be as follows :-

Present Right Divisional Group will become Centre Divisional Group.

Present Left Divisional Group (less one 6" Howitzer Battery) will remain Left Divisional Group.

The 6" Howitzer Battery from Left Divisional Group and a 6" Howitzer Battery from the XVth Corps will be the Right Divisional Group without a Headquarters. It will be directly

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under the G.O.C., Right Artillery for all tactical purposes, but will be administered by O.C. Left Divisional Group. The 6" Howitzer Battery of XVth Corps will come under the orders of XIVth Corps at 2 p.m. on the 13th instant.

The Reinforcing Group will be so placed that it can concentrate on any part of the front covered by the Right and Centre Artilleries, and some guns should be able to cover the Left Division front.

The Counter Battery and Long Range Gun Groups will remain as at present.

5. All registration of new fronts must be completed and all new telephone communications must be in working order before the hours of taking over.

New telephone lines must be laid from the 2 - 6" Howitzer Batteries of the new Right Divisional Group direct to the Headquarters of G.O.C. new Right Artillery.

6. For mutual support the guns of Divisional Artilleries in the new line must be so sited that 2 complete Divisional Artilleries can concentrate on any part of the German line opposite our Right and Centre Divisions. In the event of the 20th Divisional Artillery being switched over on to the Right Division Front, the 29th Divisional Artillery must be able to cover the whole of the Centre Division Front, and guns should be so sited that if concentrated fire is required on Left Division Front at least half of the 29th Divisional Artillery should be able to assist.

7. All reliefs and change of commands when completed will be reported by wire to R.A. XIVth Corps.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Aw Bartholomew
Lieut. Colonel.

Issued at 12 noon.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

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| Copy No. 1 R.A. Fourth Army. | 8. 20th Division. | 15. 9th Squadron R.F.C. |
| 2. XIVth Corps "G". | 9. 20th Division R.A. | 16. A.D.S. XIVth Corps. |
| 3. XIVth Corps "Q". | 10. 29th Division. | 17. A.D.O.S. XIV Corps. |
| 4. Guards Division. | 11. 29th Divn. R.A. | 18. C.A.P. XIV Corps. |
| 5. Guards Divn. R.A. | 12. Heavy Artillery. | 19. File. |
| 6. 17th Division. | 13. R.A. 1st ANZAC. | 20. .. |
| 7. 17th Division R.A. | 14. R.A. XVth Corps. | 21. .. |

XIV CORPS ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 38.

Ref. ROCQUIGNY Trench Map 1/10,000. 9th January 1917.

1. On 13th January from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a steady concentrated bombardment by the Heavy Artillery XIVth Corps assisted by the Left Artillery.

2. Tasks for this bombardment are allotted as follows :-

Heavy Hows.	2 Btys.	Sunken Road and ERSATZ Trench N.36.c.65.35. - 60.45. - 40.55.
	1 Bty.	Trench Junction N.36.d.9.2.
	1 Bty.	Trench Junction O.31.c.05.05.
6" Hows.	1 Bty.	Trench Junction T.6.a.0.9.
	1 Bty.	Trench Junction N.36.d.50.15.
	1 Bty.	Trench T.6.a.40.90. - 55.95.
	1 Bty.	Trench N.36.d.25.20. - 30.25.
	1 Bty.	Trench T.6.a.75.98. - N.36.c.90.00.
	1 Bty.	BAVARIAN Trench.
4.5" Hows.	1 Sect:	Trench T.6.a.05.90. - 15.90.
	1 Sect:	Trench N.36.c.9.0. - N.36.d.0.1.
	1 Sect:	Trench N.36.d.65.05. - 70.00.
	1 Sect:	Trench N.36.d.90.00. - 95.05.
18-prs.	Will search all bombarded portions, communication trenches and tracks throughout the bombardment and during the remainder of the night.	

3. Ammunition allotment (exclusive of registration) :-

9.2" Hows.	320.
8" Hows.	320.
6" Hows.	960.
4.5" Hows.	480.
18-prs.	As required. (only 25% of total fired may be Shrapnel)
60-prs.	As required.

4. Registration to be carried out during daylight of the 13th. This registration should be very deliberate, and be extended over the whole day with intervals between Batteries, so as to give no indication of an impending bombardment.

5. G.O's.C. Left and Heavy Artillery will arrange with the Left Division for any necessary clearing of trenches.

6. Watches will be synchronized from Corps Headquarters at 2 p.m. on the 13th.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Am Bartholomew

Lieut. Colonel.
Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

Issued at 6 a.m.

Copy No. 1.	R.A. Fourth Army.	9.	20th Division.
2.	XIVth Corps "G".	10.	17th Division.
3.	XIVth Corps I.G.	11.	29th Division.
4.	XIVth Corps "Q".	12.	Right Artillery.
5.	XVth Corps "G".	13.	Centre Artillery.
6.	XVth Corps R.A.	14-16.	Left Artillery.
7.	1st ANZAC "G".	17-18.	Heavy Artillery XIV Corps.
8.	1st ANZAC R.A.	19.	9th Squadron R.F.C.
		20.	No.15 Balloon Coy.
		21-23.	File.

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Reference Operation Order No. 38 of to-day's
date.

- (1) The Bombardment ordered will take place on the
13th instant from 12-40 p.m. to 1-40 p.m., and not from
7 to 9 p.m.
- (2) Tasks and allotment of ammunition will be as
originally ordered.
- (3) Registration will take place during the morning.
As little as possible should be on the actual targets to
be bombarded.
- (4) Watches will be synchronized at 10 a.m. on the 13th.
- (5) ~~ACKNOWLEDGE.~~

Alv Barkholmen

R.A. XIVth Corps.

Lieut. Colonel.

9th January 1917.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

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XIV CORPS ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.39.

Ref. Map Y.24. dated 9-1-17, 1/20,000
and Aeroplane Photos taken 5-1-17. 14th January 1917.

1. On 18th January from 2-30 to 3-30 p.m. there will be a concentrated bombardment of the hostile trenches in U.15.c. and U.21.a by the Heavy Artillery of the Corps assisted by the Right and Centre Artillery.

2. Tasks for this bombardment are as follows :-

Heavy Howitzers.	1 Battery.	Junction of Trench and Sunken Road at U.15.c.7.4. and 50 yards of trench North and South of the Junction. (Aeroplane photo should be studied for this task, not the Map.)
	1 Battery.	Trench Junction U.21.a.85.55. (Aeroplane photo should be studied for this task, not the Map.)
	1 Battery.	1 Sect: Trench Junction U.21.a.5.4. 1 Sect: Trench Junction U.21.a.6.5.
6" Howitzers.	1 Battery.	Trench U.15.c.30.75. to 45.65.
	1 Battery.	Trench Junction U.15.c.5.6. and down the trench to 40.55.
	1 Section.	Trench U.21.a.80.75. to 65.80.
	1 Battery.	Trench U.21.a.4.3. to 3.2.
4.5" Howitzers.	1 Battery.	(Centre Artillery) Trench U.15.c.70.05. to U.21.a.75.85.
	2 Btys.	(1 Bty Centre Artillery) (1 Bty. Right Artillery) Trench U.21.a.55.80. - 60.55.
	1 Battery.	(Right Artillery) Trench U.21.a.20.15. to 10.00.
18-pr. (Enfilade fire)	1 Bty (Right Artillery)	U.15.d.00.50. to U.15.c.75.30.
(Enfilade fire)	1 Bty (Centre Artillery)	U.15.d.00.10. to U.15.c.65.10.
Remaining Batteries.		Search all communication trenches leading from the trenches to be bombarded, and all trenches adjoining the bombarded area.

3. Ammunition allotment. (Exclusive of registration).

Heavy Howitzers.	360 rounds in all.
6" Howitzers.	560 rounds in all.
4.5" Howitzers.	640 rounds in all.
18-prs.	2 enfilade batteries 360 rounds of H.E. per Battery.
Remaining Batteries	500 rounds per Battery including night firing when 25% of total ammunition fired in the 24 hours will be shrapnel.

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4. Counter-Battery work will be carried on vigorously during the bombardment and will continue afterwards if necessary.
5. During the night of 18th/19th the whole of the bombarded area will be kept under 18-pr fire to prevent any repair of trenches.
6. A sharp look out will be kept by P.O.O's of 18-pr and 60-pr Batteries for any movement, which if seen will be engaged immediately.
7. Any clearing of Trenches necessary will be arranged direct by G.O's.C.R.A. concerned with 20th Division.
8. Watches will be synchronized from Corps Headquarters at 10 a.m. on the 18th.
9. Acknowledge.

Alv Bartholomew

Lieut. Colonel.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

Issued at 8-0.p.m.

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| Copy No. 1. R.A. Fourth Army. | 10. 20th Division. |
| 2. XIVth Corps "G". | 11. 29th Division. |
| 3. XIVth Corps "Q". | 12-14. Right Artillery. |
| 4. XIVth Corps I.G. | 15-17. Centre Artillery. |
| 5. 1st ANZAC "G". | 18. Left Artillery. |
| 6. 1st ANZAC R.A. | 19-20. XIVth Corps Heavy Artillery. |
| 7. XVth Corps "G". | 21. 9th Squadron R.F.C. |
| 8. XVth Corps R.A. | 22. No. 15 Balloon Coy. |
| 9. Guards Division. | 23-25. File. |

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G.O.C., R.A.,
14th CORPS.

No.

Date. 16 JAN. 1917

Left Artillery.
G.O.C., R.A., 29th Division.

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G.O.C., R.A., 29th Division will take over the command of the ~~left~~ Artillery from G.O.C., R.A., 17th Division at 10 a.m. on the 18th instant.

G.O.C., 17th Divisional Artillery when relieved will become G.O.C., R.A., MORLANCOURT.

Alfred B. ...

R.A. XIVth Corps.

Lieut. Colonel.

16th January 1917.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

Copies to :-
XIVth Corps "O".
XIVth Corps "Q".
Right Artillery.
Centre Artillery.
XIVth Corps Heavy Artillery.
17th Division.
20th Division.
29th Division.
A.D.S. XIVth Corps.

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G.O.C. A.
14th CORPS.
No. 155/13
Date 20 JAN 1917

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The bombardment ordered in XIVth Corps Artillery
Operation Order No. 39 of the 14th January, which was to have
taken place on the 14th instant, will now take place on the
22nd instant at the same hour as originally ordered.

Except for the alteration of dates the original orders
hold good in every respect.

Alv. Bartholomew

P.A. XIVth Corps.

Lieut. Colonel.

20th January 1917.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

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G.O.C., R.A.,
14th CORPS.
No. _____
Date 22 JAN. 1917

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G.O.C., 17th Divisional Artillery.
" " 20th Divisional Artillery.

The G.O.C., 17th Divisional Artillery will relieve
G.O.C., 20th Divisional Artillery in command of the Centre
Artillery at 10 a.m. on the 28th.

G.O.C., 20th Divisional Artillery when relieved
will assume command of all R.A. in MORLANCOURT.

Staff Captain 17th Divisional Artillery will take
over all ammunition duties for Centre Artillery from 12
noon on the 28th.

Am Bartholomew

R.A., XIVth Corps.

Lieut. Colonel.

22nd January 1917.

Staff Officer, R.A., XIVth Corps.

Copies to :-
XIVth Corps "G".
XIVth Corps "Q".
17th Division.
20th Division.
Right Artillery.
Left Artillery.
XIVth Corps Heavy Artillery.
C.A.F.
A.D.S. XIVth Corps.

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XIV CORPS ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 40.

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Ref. Map. 57.C. 33W. 1/20,000. January 25th 1917.

1. The 29th Division will, on the morning of the 27th January at an hour zero to be notified later, carry out an attack on the hostile lines from N.36.d.4.2. to N.55.d.8.0. ERSATZ Point will be included in the objective.
2. The orders for the Artillery (including the 12" Howitzer which has been attached for the operation) supporting the Left Division have been issued by G.O.C., Left Artillery.
3. The Centre and Right Artillery will co-operate by placing a barrage along the whole Corps front, and 1st Anzac have agreed to be responsible for that portion of the Corps front West of the attack.

This barrage will be sub-divided into -

- (a) A Special Barrage on the Right by 4 batteries of the Centre Artillery within the limits of a N. and S. line through N.36.d.7.1. and the Northern face of BOSNIA Salient, on both the front line and support trenches.
- A Special Barrage on the Left by 3 batteries of 1st Anzac Corps within the limits of a N. and S. line through N.35.d.6.2. and the Western boundary of the XIV Corps.
- (b) A General Barrage by the remaining 18-prs of the Centre Artillery and all 18-prs of the Right Artillery from the Northern face of the BOSNIA Salient to the S. boundary of the XIV Corps.

4. Rates of fire for the barrages will be -

for (a) Special Barrage.

From Zero to 0 plus 10	3 rounds per gun per minute
0 plus 10 to 0 plus 15	2
0 plus 15 to 0 plus 17	3
0 plus 17 to 0 plus 25	2
0 plus 25 to 0 plus 35	1
0 plus 35 to 0 plus 37	3
0 plus 37 to 0 plus 45	1

Fire will then gradually die down and cease at zero plus 90 minutes, a total of 130 rounds per gun being fired during the whole barrage.

for (b) General Barrage.

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Centre Artillery - From 0 to 0 plus 10 - 3 rounds per gun per minute.
From 0 plus 10 to 0 plus 15 - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

This barrage will cease at 0 plus 15.

Right Artillery - From zero to 0 plus 10 - 3 rounds per gun per minute.

This barrage will cease at 0 plus 10.

5. The tasks of 4.5" Howitzer Batteries of Centre Artillery from zero to zero plus 3 hours will be -

- (1) 1 Battery High Ground in O.25.c. and QUARRY O.31.a.4.9.
- (2) 1 Battery Salient BOSNIA Trench.
- (3) 1 Battery STAR Trench U.1.a. and b.

Rates of fire for these Batteries - 200 rounds per hour each.

6. The Heavy Artillery less Left Divisional Group R.G.A. and the 12" Howitzer will be under the orders of the G.O.C. Heavy Artillery, who will detail -

1 Section of 60-prs to keep the houses at the S.E. corner of LE TRANSLOY under constant fire from zero to zero plus 3 hours.

1 Section 6" Howitzers to bombard the QUARRY at O.31.a.8.5 1/2 from zero to zero plus 3 hours.

Remainder of Heavy Artillery to carry on the normal counter battery work till zero, from which hour counter battery work will be most vigorous, and all possible known emplacements will be engaged. The 1st Anzacs have agreed to counter battery most vigorously on their front.

7. The batteries for the Special Barrage both of the Centre Artillery and 1st Anzacs should be ready during the 48 hours following zero to turn on to the special barrage lines at a moments notice on receipt of the code message "S.O.S." "NEW".

8. Ammunition allotment. -

Left Artillery	18,000 - 18-pr Shrapnel)	18-pr H.E.
Centre Artillery	4,000 -)	and 4.5"
Right Artillery	1,000 -)	as
1st Anzacs	2,000 -)	required.
Heavy Artillery	As required.	

NOTE - The Special Barrage will be entirely Shrapnel; the General Barrage where safe will consist of 50% Shrapnel and 50% H.E.

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9. Watches will be synchronized from 29th Divisional Headquarters at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on January 26th. 29th Division will give the time to the Heavy Artillery, XIVth Corps "G" and XIVth Corps R.A. XIVth Corps "G" will give the time to the Centre Division, Right Division and 1st Anzac Corps.

10. Acknowledge by WIRE.

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Lieut. Colonel.

Staff Officer., R.A., XIVth Corps.

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