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DICKERBUSH	1917 1st Aug		Headquarters at DICKERBUSH. Batteries at LARCH WOOD forming 'A' Group with 5th A.F.A. Brigade under Col. Lloyd batteries firing 360 rounds per 24 hours each on harassing fire.	
do.	2/8/17		Same as for 1/8/17. Task order attached marked I.	Marked I
do.	3/8/17		Bombardment order ¹⁶³⁰ attached marked II.	" II
do.	4/8/17		Operation Order No. 31. Showing dispositions, zones etc attached.	" III
do.	4/8/17		Tasks as per 1/8/17. S.O.S. instructions attached.	" IV
LARCH WOOD	5/8/17	11 PM	Instructions re Command of 'F' Group attached. Word received that 4th A.F.A. Bde HQs would relieve the 5th A.F.A. Bde HQs of command of 'A' Group.	
LARCH WOOD	5/8/17	6 PM	Took command of 'A' Group.	
LARCH WOOD	5/8/17	7 PM	5th A.F.A. Bde left for Wagon Quills.	
LARCH WOOD	5/8/17	9:30 PM	Enemy barrage opened on front line & supports.	
LARCH WOOD	5/8/17		13th Battery reported that they had opened fire on S.O.S.	
LARCH WOOD	5/8/17		Ordered all Batteries to open fire at a slow rate on S.O.S.	

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LARCH WOOD	5/8/17	P.M. 9-32	S. O. S. reported from "D." Group.	
		9-40.	10 th Battery reported 2 guns out of action & had increased rate of fire of other guns to compensate.	
			T.O.P. Officer (Lt. Thompson) reported that S.O.S. signals had gone up & artillery fire opened at once.	
		9-42	Reported above to Co "D" Group	
		9-45	"D" Group said that their Observer reported "artillery fire slackening but slight M.G. fire on front."	
		9-50	Rang up T.O.P. who reported "No further S.O.S. rockets"	
		9-55	Ordered all Batteries to drop to 1 pound per gun per min.	
		9-56	Co "D" Group ordered us to slow down & cease fire after 10 min.	
		10-6	Ordered all Batteries to "Cease Fire Stand ^{Down} "	
		10-16	Co "D" Group reported that he had stopped all Batteries	
			Reported same to him.	
		10-30	Rang up Co "D" Group & asked him could we "Stand Down"	
			He said he thought we could.	
		10-32	Rang up all Batteries & instructed them to "Stand Down"	
			Down"	
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LARCH WOOD	6/8		Usual Daily Tasks carried out.	MARKED VI
	17		Group zone altered as per 24 th D.A.G. O.O. No 33. attached D.A.G.	
	7/8		Usual Daily Tasks carried out.	MARKED VII
			24 th D.A.G. orders received HQ/66, O.O. No 32, HQ/68, order re S.O.S. & Warning order received -	" VIII
			13 th Battery reported 'S.O.S' signal in direction of YPRES.	" IX
		PM 9-30	Reported this to Op 'D' Group.	" X
		9-42	S.O.S reported on our front - Orders passed to Batteries to open fire.	" XI
		9-47	Tactical O.P reported that 25 minutes ago S.O.S went up on our left & 6 minutes ago S.O.S went up on our front.	
		9-49	Op 104 th Bty reported that he doubted whether they were our S.O.S rockets.	
		10.	11 th Bty reported having reduced their fire.	
		10-5	Ordered all batteries to "Cease Fire"	
		10-8	Reported having Ceased Fire to Op 'D' Group.	

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LARCH WOOD.	2/8	PM. 10.8	Op "D" Group reported "NO ATTACK"	
	17	10.12	T.O.P. reported all quiet Ordered all Batteries to "Stand Down"	
	8/8/17		Usual Daily tasks carried out	
			24. D. A. C. O. Order No 34 received & attached, with memo re Zero Hour attached	Marked XII
			A" Group O. Order No 30 attached	Marked XIII
		9 P.M.	Enemy placed heavy barrage on rear & support lines.	
		9.3 PM.	Rang up T.O.P. (Lieut Snow) reported "nothing to be seen"	
		9.4 PM.	Rang up C.O. "D" Group Col. STREET. advised us to do nothing until S.O.S. went up.	
		9.5 PM.	11 th Battery reported S.O.S. signals on our front	
		9.6 PM.	Sent out S.O.S. to all Batteries	
		9.12 PM.	C.O. "D" Group reported S.O.S.	
		9.14 PM.	T.O.P. advised having seen S.O.S. signals 20° & 30° RT of our sector, also enemy Red & Green rockets on our front Joseph Shellshear Lt Col Co 4 FAB	

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LARCH WOOD	8/8/17	P.M. 9.15	Advised CO. "D" Group of T.O.P. reports who said that he had reports of S.O.S. on our left.	
		9.24 P.M.	Rang up T.O.P. who reported "Barrage heavy on our Right" also enemy Barrage put down in answer to his Rockets.	
		9.25 P.M.	11 th Battery reported "Barrage still heavy"	
		9.27 P.M.	C.O. "D" Group reported "that" Infantry on left reported "all quiet"	
		9.31 P.M.	CO. "D" Group asked to have fire slowed down	
		9.33 P.M.	Ordered all Batteries one Round per Gun per Min	
		9.40 P.M.	ordered "Cease fire" "Stand down"	
		9.45 P.M.	All quiet	
	9/8/17		Reference O.O/34/1. received & attached F/155 attached	marked XIV
			Reference O.O/34 also attached	marked XV
			"A" Group O.O No 31. attached	marked XVI
			Usual daily tasks carried out	
			Joseph H. Shellheart CO 4 TAB	

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LARCH WOOD.	10/8/17	4.35 AM.	Barrage as per our O.O./30 commenced	
		5.21 AM.	Batteries reduced to one Round per Gun per 4 min	
		5.30 AM.	CO "D" Group rang up & asked to have one Battery	
			searching the lower half of J 20.C. from J20C 25.50 to	
		5.33 AM.	J20C 60.00. to extreme Barrage in bursts of fire	
			Rang up 14 th Battery & put them on above task	
		5.35 AM.	CO "D" Group rang up asking us not to neglect entirely	
			the extreme Barrage. I answered we still had a	
			Battery on it	
		6 AM.	Rang up T.O.P. (Lieut FORD) who reported that	
			artillery fire had died down & that everything was	
			normal.	
		6.15 AM.	Rang up CO "D" Group who said that no news	
			had yet come in from the Infantry	
		6.35 AM.	Rang up C.O. D Group & asked re our S.O.S. lines. He said	
			that we could take our extreme Barrage as our new	
			S.O.S. line. He also said he was going to ask the General for	
			permission to cease fire.	

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LARCH WOOD.	10/8/17	A.M. 6.43.	Major HARBOTTLE (CO 4 th How) rang up & said that there were many enemy planes about & asked permission to Cease Fire while they were in his vicinity - gave him permission to do so.	
		6.44	Rang up Co "D" Group informing him that enemy aeroplanes were spotting our positions asked for permission to "Cease Fire". He said Batteries could do so whilst planes were over them.	
		7.10	Rang up 11 th , 12 th & 13 th Bty & told them to "Cease Fire" but "stand & lay their guns on their last barrage for their P.O.S. lines	
		7.17	Rang up 14 th Battery & told them to fire occasional bursts of fire on their last barrage - taking it for new P.O.S. line.	
		7.20	Rang up 15 th Bty. repeated same instruction as for 14 th Bty.	
		8.	Rang up Co "D" Group - told him that I had taken three Batteries off - leaving two Batteries to cover the extreme barrage - He sanctioned this.	
		8.30.	Co "D" Group rang up Col SHELLSHEAR & gave him "Cease FIRE".	

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Co 4 IAB.

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LARCH WOOD.	10/8/17	P.M. 8.45	B.M. 24 th I.A. rang up & ordered S.O.S. at slow rate - 1 pound per gun per min. - Passed to all Batteries.	
		8.46	T.O.P. reported heavy firing on both sides along whole of visible front - Green Rockets going up.	
		9.	B.M. rang up & ordered S.O.S. to be reduced to 1 p.p.g.p. 2 min. Passed to all Batteries.	
		9.30	Rang up B.M. & reported enemy fire quieting down. He ordered us to reduce fire to occasional bursts.	
		9.33	Passed to Batteries	
		9.43	B.M. ordered "Cease Fire" stand down to all Batteries except 15 th Battery - left flank - who were ordered to continue bursts of fire all night. DDI	
	11/8/17	4.19 AM	S.O.S. passed through by Adjutant "D" Group.	
		5.19	Passed to all Batteries	
		5.20	Rang up T.O.P. (L. BRADDON) who reported that no S.O.S. had gone up on our sector - reported same to "D" Group.	
		5.23	Adjutant "D" Group rang up & said he thought the S.O.S. was a mistake & ordered "STOP" - Passed to all Batteries.	
		5.30 AM	Joseph H. Kelliehar Lt Col CO 4 FAB	

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LARCH WOOD.	11/8/17		Daily Task Table carried out as per O.O. No. 33. attached - 24 th D.A. H.O./83. received & attached - cancelled by telephone Warning Order re Operation or left received - further instructions received by telephone upon which our O.O. No. 35 was issued Copies attached. DDP	MARKED XVII XVIII XIX XX XXI
	12/9/17	4 A.M.	24 th D.A.G. O.O. No. H.O./84 received & attached -	
		4.25 A.M.	Our O.O. No. 35 marked <u>XX</u> carried out.	XXII
			Orders re S.O.S. "igas" sent out to Batteries - attached	XXIII
			Group S.O.S. line altered as per F.4/168 attached	XXIV
			O.O. No. 36 for nightly tasks sent out. attached	
			Daily Task table carried out. DDP	XXV
	13/8/17		2 nd Aust P. A. order No. A 30/25 re Battery Relief carried out attached	
		9.4 P.M.	T.O.P. reported S.O.S. on our sector - Rang up Batteries No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 104.	
		9.10 P.M.	Rang up Bde Liaison Officer & adjutant "D" Group & informed them of above	
		9.22	"C" Battery rang up & asked for further instructions	
		9.28	Brigade Liaison Officer rang up & order "Stop firing" passed on to Batteries	
			H.O. 190 re Battery work received & attached Joseph Hillier Lt Col CO 4 F.A.B.	XXVI
			O.O. 37 attached DDP	

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LARCH WOOD.	14/8/17		<p>24th Div. Group H.O./96 re 105th Battery coming into action carried out & attached H.O./90 Counter Battery work carried out Defence scheme. 24th Div Art. Group attached add to Daily task table referred attached O.O./39 attached O.O. 38. attached</p>	<p>MARKED XXVII XXVIII XXIV XXX XXXI</p>
	15/8/17		<p>Extra 2 subsections came up to Battery position 104th Battery came up into position O.O. 38. carried out O.O. 39. Carried out O.O. No 40. carried out & attached H.O./99. attached. F 5/178 re O.O. 41. giving zero hour as 4.45 AM 16/8/17. attached O.O. No 41. attached</p>	<p>XXXII XXXIII XXXIV XXXV</p>
			<p>Joseph K. Sheehan MGC CO 47AB.</p>	

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LARCH WOOD	16/8/17		<p>Add to Defence scheme received & attached</p> <p>4:45 am Operation period commencing</p> <p>5 am T.O.P. reported S.O.S. signals on our Right - Reported this to Bpm 24th D.A. & Adjutant B. Group</p> <p>8 am Bpm. 24th D.A. rang me up & asked for Batteries to be put on to Barrage fire on final Barrage line of "B" Group & search J20 b.</p> <p>11th 12th & 14th Batteries told to do Barrage work from J14 d. 90 05. to J20 d. 04 00. & 10th & 15th told to search J20 b.</p> <p>8:30 Bpm 24th D.A. rang up & asked for 2 Batteries to be put back on smoke Barrage - Told him that they had finished ammunition - He then told me to put them on Barrage work between NORTHAMPTON F.M. and CARLYLE F.M. ordered 10th & 15th line to comply with this order</p> <p>8:40 Major Harbottle rang up & asked to know when he was to go up</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Joseph Shellshear Stal CO 42AB</p>	<p>Marked XXVII</p>

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LARCH WOOD	15/8/17		0035. 24 th D.A. Group attached, H0/97 rezero team attached	MARKED XXXVI
	16/8/17	2 PM	B Major 24 th D.A. rang up & asked for 1 Rd per Gun per min for 15 min - Passed same out to all 18 th D Batteries	
		7 AM	14 th & 10 th Batteries rang up - said they saw an S.O.S. shad opened up at a slow rate Rang up T.O.P. (Lieut RYAN) who said they had not seen it Rang up Bgde Liaison Officer who promised to get information from left Battalion as once	
		7:10 AM	Bgde Liaison said that everything was quiet on left Battalion front. Rang up Batteries told them to "cease fire" Stand down"	
		7:25 PM	B/M rang up & said out S.O.S. lines would be J20 C 10 35- to J20 a 20 40 to J14 c 50.00. He also said that 104 th Battery would not be relieved tonight He also said to take Batteries off their present Barrage and lay them on new S.O.S. & usual night & daily tasks	
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LARCH WOOD	16/8/17	8.50 Am	Rang up B/pw 24 D A & asked him if 104 th were free to go back. He said that as soon as the situation cleared up he would let me know.	
		11.40	Recd written order	
	17/8/17		Daily tasks carried out LIEUT. BIRKS went out to find a new O.P.	
	18/8/17		2nd D.A. order A30/rb. 18/8/17 stating that CO. 5 th Brigade would relieve CO. 4 th Brigade today (order attached)	Marked XXXVIII
		5pm	Col ^{LLOYD} took over Group & Lt. Col SHELLSHEAR & staff went to wagon lines	
	19/8/17		at wagon lines	
	20/8/17		at wagon lines. Enemy aeroplanes bombed RENINGSHEIST. Killed some horses at 2 nd D.A.	
			Joseph H. Shellshear Lt Col CO 47410.	

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DICKEBUSH	21/8/17		Batteries at LARCH WOOD under C.O. A Group - Usual daily tasks carried out as per HO/III attached	marked XXXXIX
			and CC 116 attached	XXXX
	22/8/17		24 th D.A.D. OO 36 received & attached	XXXXYI
			Daily tasks as per C.C. 121. carried out (attached)	XXXXII
			2 nd D.A. A/30/27 received & attached	XXXXIII
LARCH WOOD	23/8/17	7 AM	Headquarters 4 th AFA Brigade (LTCOL SHEP/SHEAR) took Command 'A' Group as per A 30/27 (marked XXXXII)	
			Usual daily task tables carried out.	
			D Group OO No 44 issued & attached	XXXXIV
	24/8/17	5 AM	Enemy attached front adjoining sector on the left	
			S.O.S. Barrage ordered to all Batteries	
		5:10	Bpm 24 th D.A. rang up orders reduced rate of fire	
			passed to all Batteries 1 Rd per Gun per minute	
		5:45	Rang up Bpm & asked if we could further reduce fire	
			he said 'no Joseph' <i>Shelley</i>	14

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LARCH WOOD	24/8/17	6.15 am	Bpm Rang up Bpm & again asked him could we reduce our fire He said "Yes reduce to bursts of fire"	
			passed to Batteries.	
		8 am	Bpm rang up & ordered off bursts of fire on following line J15b 23 to J15 Central to J15 C 8.7. as enemy was seen collecting there - for 10 th & 15 th Batteries were ordered to carry this out.	
		9.30 am	Bpm Rang up ordered Barrage at 1 Round per Gun per min on line NORTHAMPTON FM J15 C 8.7. to CARLISLE FM J15b 23.	
		9.45 am	Fire reduced to bursts of fire	
		11 am	Bpm ordered 3 Batteries to fire on the following line NORTHAMPTON FM to J20d 8.9. bursts of fire. 10 th 11 th & 13 th Batteries ordered to complete this task	
		4 pm	Cease fire ordered.	
			Joseph Shushkin Lt Col CO. 474B.	

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LARCH WOOD	24/8/17		D.A.C. HO/124 received. Copy sent to all Batteries - attached	<u>XXXV</u>
			A Group O.O. 45 issued & attached in compliance with HO/125 attached	<u>XXXVI</u>
		Usual day & night firing carried out		
		A Group Roster for O.P. Liaison & F.O.O. duties attached	<u>XLVII</u>	
	25/8/17		A Group O.O. 46. issued & attached	<u>XLVIII</u>
			24 th D.A. Group HO/126. issued & attached also A Group O.O. 47 in compliance issued & attached	<u>XLIX</u>
	26/8/17		24 th D.A.C. HO/129 received & attached	<u>L</u>
			24 th D.A.C. HO/131 received & attached. A Group O.O. 48 attached.	<u>LI</u>
		24 th D.A.C. HO/127 received & attached	<u>LII</u>	
	4:55 Am	S.O.S reported on SW Sector by Infantry Brigade Rang up all Batteries & got them firing		

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LARCH WOOD	26/8/17	5 AM.	10 th Battery reported no S.O.S. on our sector	
		5.1 AM.	Rang up T.O.P. who reported having seen our S.O.S. rockets & said he had reported same to us.	
		5.3 AM.	Rang up Infantry Brigade Liaison who reported that S.O.S. had come through and to keep firing	
		5.4 AM.	Rang up Bpm 24 th D.A. & reported to him what we were doing	
		5.5 AM.	Found out from telephonist that T.O.P. had reported while I was ringing up Batteries.	
		5.15 AM.	Bpm. 24 th D.A. asked for news. - Could give him none.	
		5.16 AM.	Rang up T.O.P. who reported that enemy barrage was slackening	
		5.20 AM.	Reported to Bpm 24 D.A. that barrage was slackening	
		5.25 AM.	Rang up Inf Bde Liaison Officer who said to slow down. He said that the report came from Inf at INVERNESS COPSE & was repeated by our Battery up there	

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LARCH WOOD	26/8/17	5:30 A.M.	Rang up all Batteries & told them to gradually slacken fire.	
		5:40	B.M. 24 th D.A. rang up & asked for news - told him all fire.	
			Rnew she said to slacken the rate to 1v.p.g. p 2 min.	
		5:43	Infantry Bgde Liaison Officer rang up & said to "Cease Fire".	
		5:45	Rang up all Batteries & told them to Cease Fire.	
		5:47	Inf. Brigade Liaison Officer rang up again & said to "Cease Fire".	
		5:55 AM	Rang up B.M. 24 D.A. reported that we had "Ceased Fire".	
			During the night many false alarms of S.O.S. All of	
	27/8/17		Raining all day. Batteries carried out usual bombardment.	
		8:15 PM	S.O.S. reported by 11 th Battery who had commenced firing	
		8:16	Rang up all Batteries & ordered "full rate S.O.S."	
		8:20	Rang up T.O.P. who reported having seen S.O.S. on immediate left of our sector.	
		8:21	Rang up Brigade Liaison Officer & reported to him.	
		8:25	Rang up B.M. 24 D.A. & reported to him. He said he did not think	
			enemy would attack through the rain & ordered a reduction of fire.	

Joseph H. Kellerman Lt Col
CO. 477th P.

XIX
WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour P.M.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LARCH	27	8.27	Rang up all Batteries & ordered 1 p.p. 9 p.m.	
WOOD.	8	8.30	Rang up T.O.P. (Lt DEAN) who reported that no further rockets had gone up, but artillery fire on the left was very heavy.	
	17	8.40	Rang up Brigade Liaison Officer who said he had stopped B' group but would not stop us yet.	
		8.42	11 th Bty rang up & said another S.O.S. rocket had been seen	
		8.43	Rang up T.O.P. who reported "enemy bombardment dying down" He also said that another S.O.S. rocket had gone up on our left.	
		8.45	Rang up Brigade Liaison Officer who said to "slow down"	
		8.46	Rang up all Batteries & reduced rate to 1 p.p. 2 min.	
		8.50	Bgd Liaison Officer rang up & said "Stop & Stand Down"	
		8.52	Rang up all Batteries & ordered "Cease Fire Stand Down"	
		9-	Rang up B.M. 24 D.A. & reported & had ceased fire.	

Joseph H. Shelton Lt Col
CO 4 F.A.B.

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LARCH WOOD	28 8 17.		24 th D.A. HQ/132 received & attached with our O.O. No. 49. Usual day & night firing carried out as per task table.	MARKED LIII.												
	29 8 17.		2 nd D.A. A 30/27 received & attached - re. change of Batteries) Usual day & night firing carried out.	MKD. LIV												
	30 8 17.		24 th D.A. HQ/137 received & attached with our O.O. M 50. 24 D.A. S.C/1/2004 received & attached with ours. Daily tasks carried out.	" LV LVI												
	31 8 17.		24 th D.A. HQ/139 received & attached Casualties for month in personnel are as follows:-	" LVII												
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- 11 Corps.R.A.
- 24th Division.
- 30th Div.Arty.
- 41st Div.Arty.
- 23rd Div.Arty.
- 2nd Aus.Div.Arty.
- 17th Inf.Bde.
- 72nd Inf.Bde.
- 73rd Inf.Bde.
- 103rd F.A.B.
- 298th A.F.A.B.
- 4th Aus.F.A.B.
- A. GROUP.
- B. GROUP.
- C. GROUP.
- D. GROUP.
- E. GROUP.
- F. GROUP.

FOR INFORMATION.

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1. Tasks for 24 hours ending August 4th will be the same as for 24 hours ending August 3rd. (Ref.O.O.No.30.)
2. Ammunition allotment as for past 24 hours :-
 - 360 rounds per 18-pr Battery.
 - 340 rounds per 4.5 How.Battery.

per 24 hours.

2/8/17.

G. C. Richards

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

OPERATION ORDER No. 50.

by
Brigadier General H. G. SHEPPARD, D.S.O., D.S.C.,
Commanding 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

2/8/17.

- 1. The next task of 11 Corps is to complete the capture of the BLACK LINE.
- 2. Bombardment for above will commence at once.

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED -

360 rounds per 18-pr Bty.	} Every
240 " " 4.5 How. Bty.		24 hours.

3. Tasks for 24 hours ending noon August 3rd are as follows :-

- E. GROUP - 18-prs. - Search Square J.20.c. and J.20.d. S. of Divisional Boundary, within safety limits of our own Infantry.
4.5 Hows. - JAR TRENCH.
- A. GROUP - 18-prs. - Search Square J.26.a. & J.26.b. No shooting W. of S.O.S. line.
4.5 Hows. - North end of JAVA TRENCH.
- D. GROUP 18-prs. - Search area J.26.c. & J.26.d.
4.5 Hows. - Trench J.26.a.50.16 & J.26.c.50.00.
- F. GROUP 18-prs. - Trench system J.27.a.30.85 & J.27.a.10.00.
- G. GROUP 18-prs - Search J.31.b & J.32.a., keeping E. of S.O.S. line.
4.5 How. - Low trench J.31.b.92.20 - 85.16. J.32.d.80.90
- H. GROUP 18-prs. - Search Wood J.32.a. Paying particular attention to roads, tramlines & trenches leading into Wood from East.

4. 24th Division line now runs roughly J.19.d.4.4 - J.25.b.20.40 - J.31.a.76.30 - J.31.a.96.20 - J.31.a.98.04 - J.31.c.00.92, with a Post at J.25.b.80.85.

5. S.O.S lines will now run as follows :-

- D. & E. GROUPS - J.20.c.30.60 - J.26.a.35.75 - J.25.d.90.70.
- A. GROUP - JAR - JAVA TRENCH - J.26.a.35.75 - J.25.d.90.70.
- F. GROUP - TOWER HILL ROAD - J.31.a.10.20 - J.27.a.00.50.
- B. & C. GROUPS - J.25.d.90.70 - J.31.b.25.40 - J.31.d.30.80.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. G. Sheppard

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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| 24th Div. | | | |
| 30th Div.Arty. | } 78nd I.B. | } D.T.M.O. | } D. GROUP. |
| 41st Div.Arty. | | | |
| 23rd Div.Arty. | } 103 F.A.B. | | } F. GROUP. |

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Appendix No 2

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.8.

Headquarters,
2nd August, 1917.

1. INFORMATION.-

The next Task of II Corps is to complete the capture of the BLACK LINE.

2. AMMUNITION.-

Bombardment for above will commence at once.

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED.-

360 rounds per 18-pdr.Bty.)	Every
240 " " 4.5 How.Bty.)	24 hours.

3. TASKS.-

Tasks for 24 hours ending noon August 3rd are as follows .-

10th Battery.-)	Search
12th " .-)	square J.26.a.
13th " .-)	Search
14th " .-)	square
15th " .-)	J.26.b.
105th " .-	Northern end of JAVA TRENCH.

no shooting west of S O S lines

4. S.O.S. LINES.-

"S.O.S." Lines are the same as for 1st August, 1917.

Rlym
Lieut.,
Adjutant "A" Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.-

- 10th Battery.
- 12th Battery.
- 13th Battery.
- 14th Battery.
- 15th Battery.
- 105th Battery.
- File.

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Appendix No. III

OPERATION ORDER No. 51.

by Brigadier General H.C. SHEPPARD, O.B.E., D.S.O., Commanding 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

2/3/17.

1. The front line which is to be consolidated and held runs approximately as follows :- J.31.c.8.9 - J.25.c.7.0 - JEBEL TIRHON - J.25.d.4.9 - J.25.b.3.0 J.19.d.4.3 - in touch with 41st Division on the right, and 30th Division on the left.

2. The above line will be held by two Infantry Brigades (73rd and 73rd) the 17th being withdrawn to Divisional Reserve, as from 6am 4th inst.

Dividing line between Brigades will be as follows :- Putting at J.25.d.5.9 - J.25.d.15.80 - ILLUSIVE AVENUE and ILLUSIVE RESERVE (both inclusive to Right Brigade) - I.30.central I.30.a.0.0 - I.28.b.8.3.

Boundary between 24th & 30th Divisions - S.E. corner of BODMIE COPSE - I.20.b.6.9 - Southern edge of OBSERVATORY RIDGE road to I.28.a.2.9 - BLAUPOORT FARM (inclusive to 24th Division) GUNNERS LODGE (exclusive to 24th Div).

Boundary between 24th & 41st Divisions.

Along KLEIN ZILLENBERG Road - I.33.a.83.43 - I.29.c.8.0 - I.28.c.72.09 - I.34.a.84.76 - I.32.d.5.3.

3. Orders as to E. GROUP (24th Div. Arty.) will be issued as soon as received from 11 Corps R.A.

4. Batteries 52nd Brigade will be withdrawn from forward positions to their old positions, or to newly selected positions within 24th Division area, as soon as possible, they will then come under 'D' GROUP. Ammunition of 'F' GROUP will be handed over as batteries are able to get away to 'A' GROUP.

5. At 6am 4th inst. 24th Div. Arty. will be disposed as follows :-

A. & D. GROUPS will cover Left Inf. Bde. (73rd I.B.) being super-imposed on one another. (66 18-prs. 12 4.5 Hovs.)

B. & C. GROUPS will cover Right Inf. Bde. (73rd I.B.) being super-imposed on one another (54 18-prs. 12 4.5 Hovs.)

6. Liaison between Artillery and Infantry will be as follows, after above readjustment.

Left Infantry Brigade with 'D' GROUP. (Col. H.E. STREET, OBE, R.A.) Right Infantry Brigade with 'C' GROUP. (Lt. Col. D.W.L. SPILLER, DSO, R.F.A.)

'D' GROUP will keep a senior Liaison Officer with Infantry Bde. 'A' Group will be in direct communication with D. Group, from whom they will receive S.O.S. and request from Infantry for support, etc.

Similarly B. Group will be in direct communication with J. Group.

7. The S.O.S. line for 24th Divisional Artillery Group will be as follows :-

J.20.c.30.60 - J.26.c.30.50 - J.25.d.90.70 - J.31.b.25.40 - J.31.d.30.30.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.C. Sheppard

Major R.A.

Copies to Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group. 11 Corps R.A. } Rt. Double Gp. } 298th A.F.A.B. } B. GROUP. 24th Div. } 17th I.B. } 4th Aus. F.A.B. } C. GROUP. 30th Div. Arty. } 73rd I.B. } Staff (Appt. R.A.) } D. GROUP. 41st Div. Arty. } 73rd I.B. } Sig. Offr. R.A. } E. GROUP. 24th Div. Arty. } 103rd F.A.B. } A. GROUP. } F. GROUP.

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Appendix No. IV

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
3rd August, 1917.

1. S.O.S. LINES.-

New "S.O.S." Lines as under will be laid on by all Batteries from 2 p.m. 3.8.1917, onwards

Amendment suit out.

10th Bty.-	J.20.c.30.60	-	J.26.a.00.95
12th "	J.26.a.00.95	-	J.25.b.78.38
13th "	J.25.b.78.38	-	J.25.d.50.80
14th "	J.20.c.30.60	-	J.25.b.90.70
15th "	J.25.b.90.70	-	J.25.d.50.80
105th "	Road and Trench Junctions in rear.		

2. TASKS.-

Tasks for 24 hours ending August 4th will be the same as for 24 hours ending August 3rd.

3. AMMUNITION.-

Ammunition allotment as for past 24 hours

360 rounds per 18-pdr. Bty.) per 24-hours.
240 " " 4.5" How. Bty.)	

Stobrave

for Adjutant "A" Group Artillery. Lieut.,

DISTRIBUTION.-

- 10th Battery.
- 12th Battery.
- 13th Battery.
- 14th Battery.
- 15th Battery.
- 105th Battery.
- File.

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A. GROUP.
C. GROUP.
F. GROUP.
D. GROUP.
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1. F. GROUP H.Q., will withdraw to reserve at Wagon Lines night 4/5th August.
2. Batteries of F. GROUP, which are remaining in action will come under the orders of A. GROUP, and be connected to A.GROUP H.Q. from 8pm to-day, and will remain so until they can move out.
3. A. GROUP will issue all orders to above Batteries for S.O.S. lines, Bombardments, etc., and include their ammunition in ammunition returns.
4. Above batteries will move as soon as possible to join G. GROUP.



4/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Appendix No.

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OPERATION ORDER No.33.

by

Brigadier General H.C. SHEPPARD, G.M.G., D.S.O.,

Commanding 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

5/8/17

1. On night 7/8th August the 17th Inf. Bde. is relieving 72nd and 73rd Inf. Bdes., reliefs being complete by 6am 8th August.

24th Division front will then be held by one Infantry Brigade only.

2. On completion of above D Group will carry out the liaison between Infantry Brigade and Artillery. A. & C. Groups will be in direct communication with D. Group.

3. Groups will cover the Divisional front from 6am 8th Augt. as follows :-

D. Group whole front.

C. Group Sunken road about J.25.d.5.8 to South.

A. GROUP Sunken Road about J.25.d.5.8 to North.

C. & A. Groups superimposed upon D. Group.

4. From receipt of this order all batteries will maintain personnel for four guns or hows. per battery at Battery position, remainder at Wagon Lines.

Group Commanders will satisfy themselves that all Officers, N.C.Os and men are rested in relief.

5. Divisional front will then be held by 68 18-prs and 16 4.5 Hows., with 34 18-prs. and 8 4.5 Hows. in reserve in Battery positions.

6. Personnel in reserve at Wagon Lines will be held in readiness to man their guns at short notice.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.C. Sheppard

Major R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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24th Division.
17th I.B.
41st Div. Arty.
18th Div. Arty.
2nd Aus. Div. Arty.
5th Aus. F.A. B.
298th A.F.A. B.
52nd A.F.A. B.

FOR INFORMATION.

A. GROUP.
C. GROUP.
D. GROUP.

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1. Bombardment to-morrow will be carried out as follows -
12 noon 4th August - 12 noon 5th August.

A. GROUP - Search area - Northern Boundary - J.20.c.5.6 - J.21.c.0.2.
Southern Boundary - J.25.b.8.6 - J.27.a.0.5.

B. GROUP - Search area - Northern Boundary - J.25.b.8.6 - J.27.a.0.5.
Southern Boundary - J.25.d.4.0 - J.27.c.0.0.

C. GROUP - Search area - Northern Boundary - J.25.d.4.0 - J.27.c.0.0.
Southern Boundary - J.31.d.8.9 - J.35.a.0.0.

No shooting W. of S.O.S. lines, D. & C. Group to pay particular attention to Wood J.28.e & J.32.a.

580 rounds per 18-pr Battery. } Per
240 rounds per 4.5 How. " } 24 hours.

2. 86th Army F.A.B. will be withdrawn as soon as possible to Wagon Lines to await further orders.

3. 52nd Army F.A.B. will come under orders of C. Group as soon as move to new positions. This includes D/53 which comes under orders of C. Group forthwith.

4. Position of batteries 52nd Army F.A.B. to be reported to this HQ. as soon as possible.

5. Liaison with Left Ing.Bde. (73rd I.B.) will be found by D.Group, who will also find liaison with Right Battn. A. Group will find liaison with Left Battn.

Liaison with Right Inf.Bde. (72nd I.B.) will be found by C. Group, who will also find liaison with Battns. until the new B.Group can be formed.

6. Until further orders D. Group will arrange to superimpose C. Group S.O.S. lines with 2 18-pr batteries.

7. S.O.S. lines are as follows :-

A. & D. GROUPS - J.20.c.5.6 - J.25.d.5.8.
C. GROUP & }
2 Btys. D. Group. } J.25.d.8.8 - J.31.b.5.8 - J.31.d.6.8.

8. 24th D.A.H.Q. will close at H.21.d.8.3 at 5pm 4th August, and re-open same hour at ZEVEGOTEN - G.35.c.7.3.

5/8/17.

Major R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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24th Division.
18th Div.Arty.
41st Div.Arty.
2nd Aus.Div.Arty.
290th L.A.F.A.B.
4th Aus.F.A.B.
Staff Captain,R.A.)

FOR INFORMATION.

A. GROUP.
B. GROUP.
C. GROUP.
D. GROUP.
E. GROUP.

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Appendix No. VIII

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OPERATION ORDER No. 32.

by

Brigadier General H. J. SHEPPARD, C.M.C., D.S.O.,

Commanding 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

3/8/17.

1. E. GROUP (25th Divisional Artillery) will remain in their present position, but be transferred to 18th Divul. Arty. Group, (relieving 30th Div. A.C.) from 2pm to-day.
2. A. GROUP will from that hour take over the S.O.S. lines of E. GROUP i.e. J.20.c.50.60 - J.25.d.50.80.
3. A. GROUP will send an Officer (Captain or Major) at once on receipt of this, to H.Q., Left Infantry Brigade to relieve the Liaison Officer of E. GROUP. This Officer will return to his unit 6am 4th inst. when the 17th Inf. Bde. come out of the line. A. GROUP will arrange direct communication with Left Inf. Bde., this can be done by joining up to LARCH WOOD Exchange. (ES. 61)
4. This in no way cancels O.O.'31 dated 2/8/17, which will come into force 6am 4th inst.
5. A. GROUP will also relieve the Subaltern of E. GROUP at Battr. H.Q. This Officer will return to his unit 3am to-morrow morning.

3/8/17.

H. J. Sheppard

Major-R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

- 11 Corps-R.A.
- 24th Division.
- 25th Div. Arty.
- 30th Div. Arty.
- 2nd Aus. Div. Arty.
- B. GROUP.
- C. GROUP.
- D. GROUP.
- F. GROUP.

FOR INFORMATION.

- A. GROUP.
- E. GROUP.
- Liaison Officer, 17th I.B.

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11 Corps.R.A.
24th Division.
72nd I.B..
A. GROUP.
41st Div.Arty.
Liaison Officer, 72nd I.B.)
D. GROUP.
G. GROUP.

12/01/98.
FOR INFORMATION

1. S.O.S. lines on right of Divisional front will now run as follows - J.25.d.5.8 - J.31.b.3.5 - J.31.central - J.31.c.9.9.

2. Special night firing task for G. GROUP - Night 5/6th August.

4.5 Hows. down roads (J.31.d.52.76 - J.32.c.04.78 -
(J.31.d.32.54 - J.31.d.72.00.

18-prs. Barrage J.32.c.00.88 - J.31.d.32.54 - and search forward 200 yards into Wood.

Above to be kept up in bursts all through night at irregular intervals, no interval to be larger than 15 minutes.

Extra ammunition as required to be used.

G. Richards

5/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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Appendix No. X

- A. GROUP.
 - C. GROUP.
 - D. GROUP.
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The following has been received from 11 Corps.

m Our S.O.S. Signal and those used by the enemy are somewhat similar and there is a possibility of the one being mistaken for the other.

m With a view to making the Artillery thoroughly familiar with our S.O.S. Signal the 41st Division will arrange to put up the S.O.S. along the line of the KRUISTRAATHOEK - VIERSTRAAT Road at 10am and 10pm on August 5th.

41st Division will inform the Artillery of the number of rockets they intend to send up and at what interval.

FOR INFORMATION.

5/8/17.

W. G. ...

Major R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

All Batteries to note and initial please

- 10 *W. D. ...*
- 12 *[Signature]*
- 13 *[Signature]*
- 14 *[Signature]*
- 15 *[Signature]*
- 108 *[Signature]*

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SECRET.

A. GROUP.
C. GROUP.
D. GROUP.
Staff Captain, R.A.

*A' Group. ~~Operation Order~~
artillery -
Warning order No: 29,
Appendix No. XI*

WARNING ORDER

In preparation for a small operation probably taking place night 8/9th August - 'A' and 'D' Groups should register points in or near the line

J.20.c.18.50 - J.26.a.0.7 - J.25.b.56.24 -
J.25.d.32.64 - J.25.d.70.10.

'D' Group will probably have to do standing barrages only.

It will be impossible to get the final orders and barrage tables out to Groups before the afternoon of August 8th, but above may be taken as the general line.

In any case, the barrage will be a simple one and consist of not more than 6 or 7 lifts.

Arrangements are being made to send up 100 rounds of smoke shell per battery. This if not actually used on the day, should be kept as a reserve at Battery positions.

Major. R.A.

7/8/17.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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Appendix No. XI

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Copy No....

Warning Order No. 29.

By
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR
7th. August 1917.

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night 8/9th. August - "A" and "D" Groups should register points
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7	5th. B.H.Q.
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Al Bowler
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" GROUP, A.F.A.

Appendix No. XIII

OPERATION ORDER No. 54. /

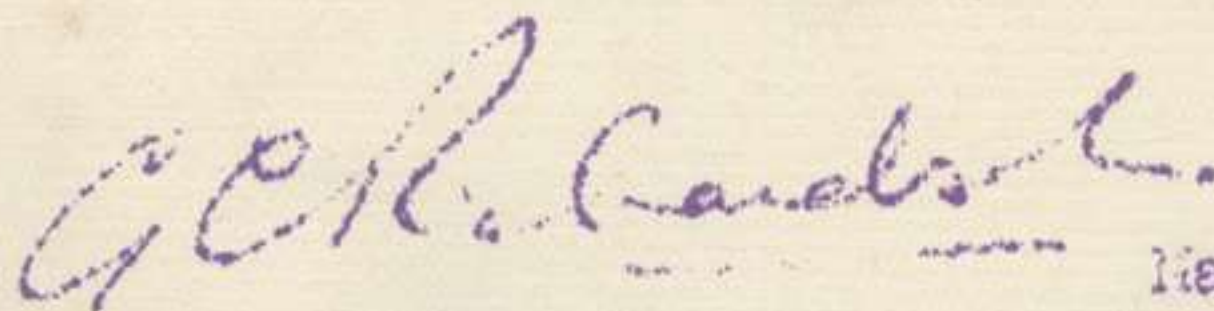
by

Brigadier General H.C. SHEPPARD, C.B., D.S.O.,
 Commanding 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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1. At a time to be notified later, probably night ^{9/10.} ~~8/9th~~ August, 1917, 24th D.A.G. will put up a creeping barrage and form a defensive flank in co-operation with Divisions on our left. ✓
2. Xth Corps on our right will continue these barrages so as to deceive the enemy. ✓
3. Under cover of above barrage 18th and 25th Divisions will complete the capture of Black line, and 24th Division will complete the capture of LOWER STAR POST. ✓
4. Barrage tables are attached, also maps showing lifts. ✓
5. After Zero plus 16 mins. all zone calls within range are engaged by one Battery per Group. 'LL' calls will be answered at all times by one Battery per Group. ✓
6. Zero hour and orders as to synchronization will be issued later. ✓
7. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

8/8/17.



Major-R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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 11 Corps-R.A.
 24th Div.
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 18th Div. Arty.
 45th Div. Arty.
 1st Light Double Group.
 17th I.C.B.
 A. GROUP. ✓
 C. GROUP.
 D. GROUP.

Appendix No X II

A.

CREEPING BARRAGE - 18-prs.

A. GROUP - 5 Battys.

Letter.	Time.	Objective.	Rate.
A.	0-3'	J.20.c.04.46 - J.25.b.84.86 - J.25.b.26.52.	0-5' 4 rds per gun per min.
A1.	3-4'	J.20.c.04.46 - J.25.b.84.86 - J.25.b.56.50.	
B.	4-7'	J.20.c.22.52 - J.26.a.00.70 - J.25.b.56.50.	5-10' 3 rds per gun per min.
B1.	7-8'	J.20.c.44.62 - J.26.a.14.53 - J.25.b.56.50.	
C.	8-11'	J.20.c.44.62 - J.26.a.14.53 - J.25.b.90.50.	10-30' 2 rds per gun per min.
C1.	11-13'	J.20.c.68.72 - J.26.a.34.46 - J.25.b.90.50.	30-45' 1 rd per gun per min.
D.	13-16'	J.20.c.68.72 - J.26.a.34.46 - J.26.a.20.50.	
E.	16-21'	J.20.c.92.78 - J.26.a.64.76 - J.26.a.20.50.	45' onward Occasional rounds.
F.	21-26'	J.20.d.14.90 - J.20.c.94.04 - J.26.a.20.50.	
G.	26' - onward.	J.20.d.22.92 - JAR and JAVA TRENCH - J.26.a.20.50.	

Ammunition to be used - Shrapnel with corrector for 50% on graze.

Appendix No. XII

A.1.

CREEPING BARRAGES - 18 pr.

D. GROUP - 6 Batteries.

<u>Letter.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Rate of fire.</u>
A.	0-5'	J.25.b.30.36 - J.25.b.10.20 - J.25.c.96.70 - J.25.d.14.48.	0-5' 4 rds per gun per min.
B.	5-8'	J.25.b.62.36 - J.25.b.26.04 - J.25.d.18.70 J.25.d.54.48.	5-10' - 3 rds per gun per min.
C.	8-13'	J.25.b.94.36 - J.25.d.40.90 - J.25.d.38.72. J.25.d.56.48.	10-30' - 2 rds per gun per min.
D.	13-18'	J.26.a.24.34 - J.25.d.58.76 - J.25.d.78.48.	30-45' - 1 rd. per gun per min.
E.	18-25'	J.26.a.24.34 - J.25.d.88.70 - J.26.c.04.48.	45 - onward - Occasional rounds.
F.	25-30'	J.26.a.24.34 - J.26.c.22.70 - J.26.c.30.48.	
G.	30- onward	J.26.a.24.34 - J.26.c.54.48.	

Ammunition to be used.

Shrapnel with Corrector for 50% on graze.

Appendix No. ~~XII~~

A.2.

CREEPING BARRAGE - 18-pr.

G. GROUP - 5 Batteries.

Letter.	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.
A.	0-3'	J.25.d.10.54 - J.25.d.52.00 - J.31.d.08.86.	0-5' 4 rds per gun per min.
Al.	3-5'	J.25.d.32.52 - J.25.d.52.00 - J.31.d.08.86.	
B.	5-8'	J.25.d.52.52 - J.25.d.72.00 - J.31.d.28.86.	5-10' 3 rds per gun per min.
B1.	8-10'	J.25.d.52.52 - J.25.d.72.00 - J.31.d.28.86.	10-30' 2 rds per gun per min.
C.	10-13'	J.25.d.52.52 - J.25.d.92.00 - J.31.d.48.86.	
Cl.	13-15'	J.25.d.74.52 - J.25.d.92.00 - J.31.d.48.86.	30'-45' 1 rd per gun per m min.
D.	15-18'	J.25.d.74.52 - J.26.c.12.00 - J.31.d.68.86.	45' onwards. Occasional rounds.
D1.	18-20'	J.26.c.00.52 - J.26.c.12.00 - J.31.d.68.86.	
E.	20-25'	J.26.c.00.52 - J.26.c.52.00 - J.31.d.88.86.	
F.	25-30'	J.26.c.28.52 - J.26.c.52.00 - J.32.c.08.86.	
G.	30' on- ward.	J.26.c.50.52 - J.26.c.72.00 - J.32.c.28.86.	

Ammunition to be used.

75% Shrapnel with Corrector with 50% on graze.

25% smoke.

Appendix No. * II

BARRAGES 4.5" Howitzers.

'B'

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Rate of fire.</u>
0-3'	D/106.	Strong Point J.25.d.35.90.	0-3' 3 rds per how per min.
3-23'	2 Hows. D/106.	Roll along JEHU Trench J.25.d.45.90 - J.26.a.16.24. 100 yards every 5 minutes.	3 - 13' - 2 rds per how per min.
23' on- ward.	2 Hows. D/106.	Block JEHU Trench J.26.a.16.24.	13-23' 1 rd per how per min.
3 - 18'	2 Hows. D/106.	Roll down cutting J.25.d.40.90 - J.25.d.92.70. 100 yards every 5 minutes.	23- onward 1 rd per how per 2 mins.
18' on- ward.	2 Hows. D/106.	Block cutting at J.25.d.92.70.	
0 - on- ward.	105th Batty.	Edge of Wood J.32.a.00.40 - J.25.d.90.00.	
0 - on- ward.	D/107.	Edge of Wood J.25.d.76.16 * J.25.d.74.40.	

Appendix No. x11

Ref. O.O.34.

SECRET.

Staff Lieut.
A. GROUP.
D. GROUP.
C. GROUP.
2nd Aus.D.A. (For information.)
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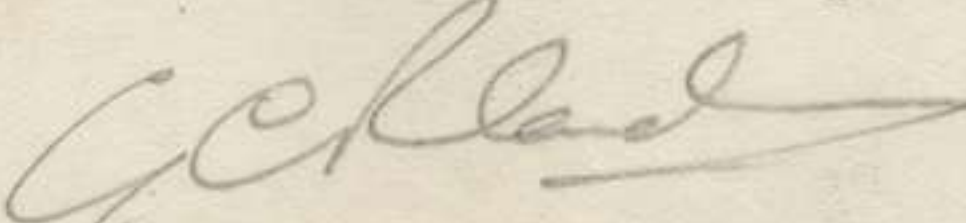
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1. Zero hour will be 4-45am 9th August 1917.
2. Watches will be synchronised as follows :-

A representative from this H.Q. will meet representatives of A. & D. Groups (with two watches each at Battery position of B/106 (I.28.a.60.21) at 1-45am . He will then call at H.Q. of C. Group (LANKHOF FARM) to synchronise there at about 2-15am.

Representatives of Groups must be up to time.

8/8/17.

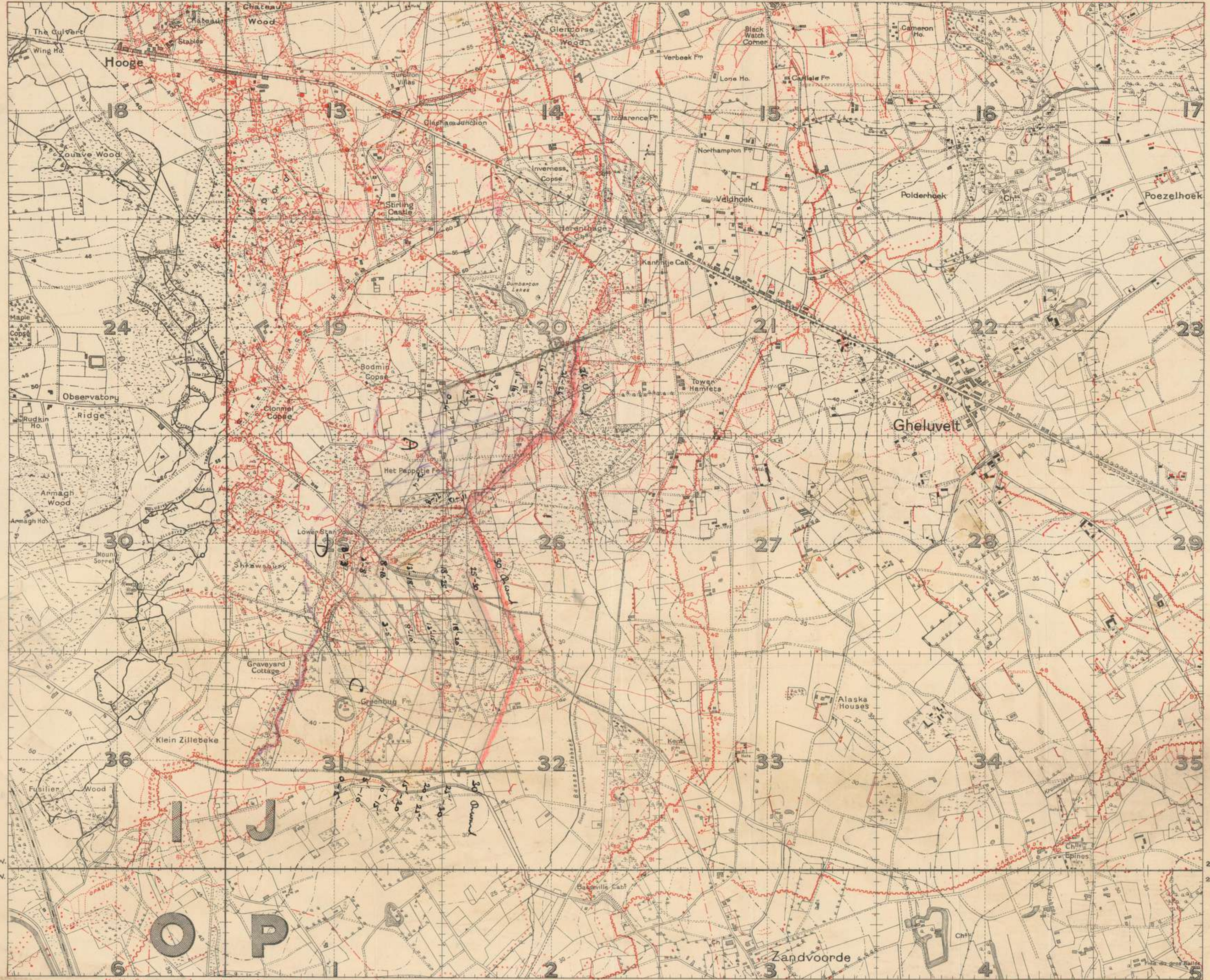

Major.R.A.
Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Reference 344 P.A.G. O.O. No 34 of 8/8/17
A. Group O.O. No 35

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TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 23-7-17.



28. N.W.
28. S.W.

28. N.E.
28. S.E.

Machine Gun
Trench Mortar
Ammunition Dump
Supply Dump

Listening Post
Observation Post
Burred Cable

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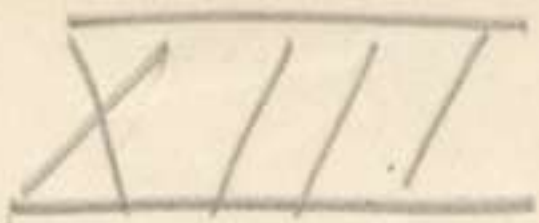
Battery Positions
(Possible Strong Points)

Probably Timber or Camouflage
Probably Concrete

A Group

attached to
appendix marked

XII



Appendix No. X. III

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 30.

By
Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR.
8th. August 1917

1. At a time to be notified later, probably night 8/9th. August 1917.- 24th. D.A.G. will put up a creeping barrage, and form a defensive flank in co-operation with Divisions on our left.
2. "X" Corps on our right will continue these barrages so as to deceive the enemy.
3. Under cover of above barrage.- 18th. and 25th Divisions will complete the capture of BLACK LINE and 24th. Division will complete the capture of LOWER STAR POST.
4. Barrage Tables for Batteries are attached and forms for GUN tables are being sent to each Battery.
5. Zero Hour and Orders as to synchronization will be issued later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.L. Shellshear
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

A Tracing map will be sent you later
J.L. Sh.

11th Battery Appendix No. x III

CREeping BARRAGE, "A" GROUP.
Operation Order No. 30.

By
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR
8th. August 1917.

Letter.	Time	OBJECTIVE	Rate of fire
.	0-3	J.25.b.50.55. to J.25.b.26.32.	0-5. 4 rds. per
.1.	3-4	J.25.b.70.58. to J.25.b. ^{56.30.} 60.34.	gun per min.
.	4-7	J.25.b.92.65. to J.25.b. ^{56.30.} 60.34.	5-10. 3 rds. per gun per min.
.1.	7-8	J.25.a.18.70. to J.26.a.15.53. to J.25.b.60.34.	
.	¹³ 8-11	J.26.a.18.70. to J.26.a.15.53. to J.25.b.90.30.	10-30. 2 rds. per gun per min.
.1.	11-13	J.26.a.42.74. to J.26.a.34.46. to J.25.b.90.30.	30-45. 1 rd. per g. p.m.
.	13-16	J.26.a.42.74. to J.26.a.34.46. to J.26.a.20.30.	45 onward
.	16-21	J.26.a.65.80. to J.26.a.20.30.	occasional rds.
.	21-26	do.	
.	26-onwards	JAVA TRENCH	

Ammunition to be used-Shrapnel with corrector for 50% graze.

Appendix No. X III

CREEPING BARRAGE, "A" GROUP.

Operation Order No. 30.

By

Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR

8th. August 1917.

& 12th. Battery.

Letter	Time.	OBJECTIVE	Rate of Fire.
A.	0-3	J.19.d.90.00 to J.25.b.50.55.	) 0-5 4 rds. per gun per min.
A.1.	3-4	J.19.d.90.00 to J.25.b.70.58.	
B.	4-7	J.20.c.05.10. to J.25.b.92.65.	) 5-10. 3 rds. per gun per. min.
B.1.	7-8	J.20.c.32.14 to J.26.a.18.70.	
C.	8-11	Do	
C.1.	11-13	J.20.c.54.22. to J.26.a.42.74.	) 10-30. 2 rds. per gun p. min.
D.	13-16	Do.	
E.	16-21	J.20.c.80.30. to J.26.a.65.80.	30-45 i. r. p. q. p. m.
F.	21-26	J.20.d.03.40. to J.26.a.65.80.	45 onward
G	26	J.20.d.20.44. to J.26.a.65.80.	occasional rds.
H.	xx-onward	JAR & JARVA TRENCH	

Ammunition to be used. Shrapnel with corrector for 50% graze

CREEPING BARRAGE "A" GROUP.

13th. Battery.

By
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR,
8th. August 1917.

Letter.	Time	OBJECTIVE	Rate of Fire.
A.	0-3	J.20.e.04.46. to J.19.d.90.00.)	0-5 4 rds. per
A.1.	3-4		gun per min.
B.	4-7	J.20.e.22.52. to J.20.e.05.10	5-10. 3 rds. per
B.1.	7-8	J.20.e.44.52. to J.20.e.32.14.	gun per min.
C.	8-11	Do.	10-30. 2 rds. per gun per min.
C.1.	11-13	J.20.e.68.72. to J.20.e.54.22.	30-45. 1 rd. p.g.p.m.
D.	13-16		45 onward
E.	16-21	J.20.e.92.78. to J.20.e.80.30.	occasional rds.
F.	21-26	J.20.d.14.90. to J.20.d.03.40.	
G.	26	J.20.d.22.92. to J.20.d.20.44	
H.	26-onward	JAR TRENCH.	

Ammunition to be used.- Shrapnel with corrector for 50% graze.

Appendix No. X "1"

CREEPING BARRAGE. "A" GROUP.

Operation Order No 30.

By
Lieut. Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR
8th. August 1917.14th Battery

Letter	Time	OBJECTIVE	Rate of Fire.
A.)	0-3	J.20.c.04.46. to J.25.b.84.86	0-5. 4 rds. per gunper min.
A.1.)	3-4	Do Do	
B.	4-7	J.20.c.22.52. to J.26.a.05.90.	5.10. 3 rds per gun per min.
B.1.)	7-8	J.20.c.44.62 to J.26.a.35.78	
C.)	8-11	Do	10-30 2 rds. per gun per min.
C1.)			
D.)	11-16	J.20.c.68.72. to J.20.c.50.02	30-45 1 rd. P.G.P.m.
E.	16-21	J.20.c.92.78 to J.20.c.74.08	
F.	21-26	J.20.d.14.90 to J.20.c.94.14	45 onward occasional rds.
G.	26	J.20.d.22.92. to J.20.d.15.15.	
	onward	JAR TRENCH	

Ammunition to be used.- Shrapnel with corrector ^{for} 50% graze

CREeping BARRAGE, "A" GROUP.

Operation Order No 30.

By
Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR
8th. August 1917.15th. Battery

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>Rate of Fire.</u>
A.	0-3	J.25.b.84.86 to J.25.b.26.32	) e-5 4 rds per gun per min.
A.1.	3-4	J.25.b.84.86. to J.25.b.56.30.	
B.	4-7	J.26.a.05.90 to J.26.a.00.70 to J.25.b.56.30.	) 5.10. 3 rds. per gun per min.
B.1.	7-8	J.26.a.35.78. to J.26.a.14.53. to J.25.b.56.30.	
C.	8-11	J.26.a.35.78. to J.26.a.14.53. to J.25.b.90.30.	) 10-30. 2 rds. per gun per min. 30-45 1 rd per gun p.m.
C.1.	11-13	J.20.e.50.02 to J.26.a.34.46. to J.25.b.90.30.	
D.	13-16	J.20.e.50.02 to J.26.a.34.46. to J.26.a.20.30.	) 45 onward occasional rd.
E.	16-21	J.20.e.74.08 to J.26.a.64.76. to J.26.a.20.30.	
F.	21.26.	J.20.e.94.14. to J.26.a.20.30.	
G.	26	J.20.d.15.15. to J.26.a.20.30.	
		enward JARVA TRANCH.	

Amunition to be used.- Shrapnel with corrector for 50% graze

Appendix No. 8 III

CREEPING BARRAGE. "A" GROUP.

Operation Order No. 30.

By
Lieut.-Cd. J. L. SHELLSHEAR
8th. August 1917.104th. HOWITZER BATTERY.

Zero - onwards.	Edge of Wood, J.32.a.00.40. - J.25.d.90.00.	Rate of Fire
		0-3 rds. p. Gun, per min
		3-13 rds. per How. per min
		13-23 1 rd per How per min.
		23-onwards 1 rd. per How per 2 min

J. L. Shellshear

Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery

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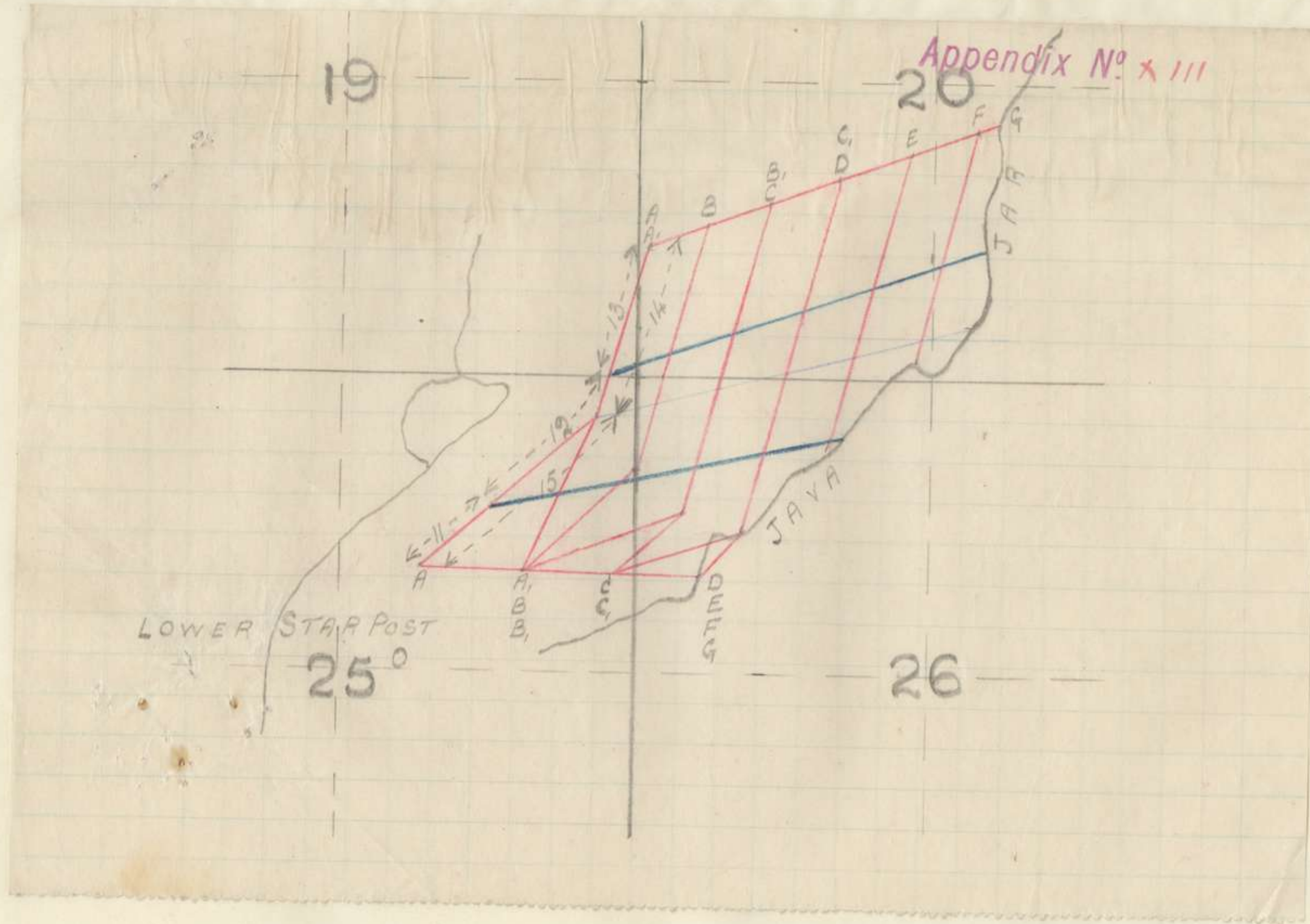
"A" GROUP.
Headquarters,
8th. August 1917.

Reference our O.O No. 30.

1. ZERO HOUR will be 4.45. a.m., 9th. August 1917.
2. Watches will be synchronised as follows:-
Representatives from Batteries will report to
Headquarters between 3 and 4 a.m., and synchronise there.

Al Bowler
Lient.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.
11th. Battery
12th "
13th "
14th "
15th "
104th "
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SECRET.

Ref. 00/34/1.

Staff Lieut.
 A. GROUP.
 C. GROUP.
 D. GROUP.
2nd Aus. Div. Arty. (For information.)

Reference 0.0.34.

1. Zero hour will be 4-35am on the 10th August.
2. Watches will be synchronised as follows.

A representative from this H.Q. will meet representatives from A. & D. Groups at Battery position of B/106 (I.28.a.60.21) at 1-30am. On his way back he will call at Headquarters, C. Group to synchronise. Group representatives will have two watches each and must be up to time.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

9/8/17.

Major. R.A.

✓ Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Appendix No. XIV

4TH F. A. BRIGADE, A. I. F.	
No.	F 4/153. 154
Date	9. 8. 17

Ops all Batteries

Reference my
F. 4/152. and O.O. No. 30.① Zero hour will be 4-35 AM.
10th August.② Same arrangements
as to synchronising watches
will be carried out as
detailed in my F 4/152.

A. B. O. C. S. M.
 Capt.
 ADJ. 4TH. F. A. BDE. A. I. F.

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Fill.

War Diary

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SECRET.

A. GROUP.
 To
 11 Corps.R.A.
 24th Division.
 2nd Aus.D.A.
 18th Div.Arty.
 17th I.B.
 Right Double Group.)
 C. GROUP.
 D. GROUP.)

Ref/00/34.

FOR INFORMATION.

Reference Barrage Tables attached to O.O.54. No 30

1. In order to co-ordinate with 18th Division on our left who have altered the timing of their barrages.

2. Barrage Table 'A' - A. Group only will be amended as follows:-

Letter.	Time.	Objective.	Rate.
A.	0-3'	as before.	as before.
A1.	3-4'	"	"
B.	4-8'	"	"
B1.	-----cancelled-----		
C.	8-15'	as before.	as before.
C1.	-----cancelled-----		
D.	15-18"	as before.	as before.
E.	18-23'	as before.	as before.
F.	23-28'	"	"
G.	28' onward.	"	"

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

9/8/17.

G. G. G. G.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

SECRET."A" GROUP ARTILLERYHeadquarters.
9th. August 1917.

- k. Reference Barrage Tables attached to C.O. No. 30.
- l. In order to co-ordinate with 18th. Division on our left who have altered the timing of their Barrages
2. Barrage Tables - "A" Group only will be amended as follows.-

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
a.	0-3	as before	as before
Al.	3-4	"	"
B.	4-8	"	"
Bl.	-----cancelled-----		
C.	8-13	as before	as before
Cl.	-----cancelled-----		
D.	13-18	as before	as before
E.	18-23	as before	as before
F.	23-28	"	"
G.	28 onward	"	"

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.-

11th Battery
 12th "
 13th "
 14th "
 15th "
 104th "
 5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
 War Diary
 File

D. Blower
 Lieut.
 A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery

"A" Group Artillery

Operation Order No. 31.

By
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR
9th. August 1917.DAILY TASK TABLE."A" Group Area.

J.20.e.3.6. to J.21.a.0.2.

J.25.b.^{8 5}~~3.3~~ to J.27.a.0.5.Battery Areas.-

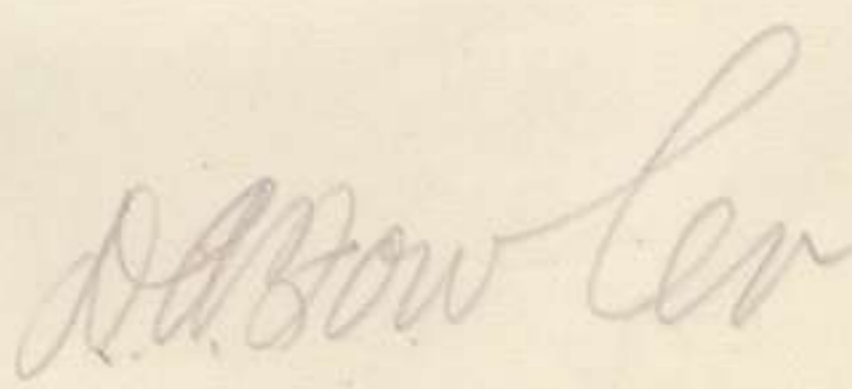
11th. Battery	J.25.a.) Parts of, included in Group Area.
12th. "	J.20.d. Southern half	
13th. "	J.20.e.	
14th. "	J.25.b.	
15th. "	J.20.d. Northern half	

104th. " Selected points in Group Area.

Ammunition to be expended.-

18-pdr.- 360 rds. per Battery

4.5. Hows. 240 rds. per Battery


Lieut
A/Adj. "A" Group ArtilleryDISTRIBUTION.-

11th. Battery
12th. "
13th. "
14th. "
15th. "
104th. "
5th. F.A. Bde. H.Q.
War Diary
File.

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No 33. ^{By} Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLISHA R
10th. August 1917.

DAILY TASK TABLE.GROUP AREA.-

J.20.a.2.4. }
J.20.c.1.3. } Eastward.

The 18-pdr. Battery Areas will extend Eastward from their present S.O.S. Lines, bounded by lines drawn E. and W. at top and bottom of S.O.S. Zones running east to limit of their range.

360 rds. per Battery per Day.

104th. Battery.- Selected points in Group Area.

240 rds. per Day.

No shooting WEST of S.O.S. Lines.

DISTRIBUTION.-

11th. Battery
12th. Battery
13th. Battery
14th. Battery
15th. Battery
104th Battery
5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
War Diary
File.

W. Bowler Lieut.
A/Adjt. "A" Group Artillery.

Para. 2

Reference Operation Order No 31 10/8/17

Second line reads 13th. Battery (not 11th. Battery.)

Fourth line reads 11th. Battery (not 13th. Battery.)

W. Bowler Lieut.
A/Adjt. "A" Group Artillery

XVIII

SECRET.

HO/83.

A. GROUP.)
 11 Corps.R.A.)
 24th DIVISION.)
 17th Inf.Bde.) FOR INFORMATION.
 C. BROUP.)
 D. GROUP.)
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1. The following bombardment will be carried out by batteries of A. GROUP.

2. Target Hight Ground - J.15.c.4.1 - J.15.c.34.74.

1 4.5 How. Battery to fire gas shells (200 rounds)
 1 18-pr Battery to fire smoke shells (200 rounds)

Above to be fired in rapid bursts as follows :-

11pm (11th August) 50 rounds gas and 50 rounds smoke.

2-30am (12th August) -----ditto-----

5am (12th August) -----ditto-----

9-15am (12th August) -----ditto-----

3. In each burst, rounds should be fired off as rapidly as possible on same target, so that gas and smoke intermingle.

4. Great care must be taken as to the direction of the wind, and above shoot will not be carried out if the wind is from the East and S.E.

11/8/17.

G. Chladst

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

*Cancelled
 by 11 pm
 11/8/17
 [Signature]*

XIXSECRET.

- A. GROUP.
D. GROUP.
C. GROUP. (For information.)

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W A R N I N G O R D E R .
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1. To assist a small operation being carried out by the Division on our left to-morrow (12th inst) 24th D.A.G. will continue the barrage for a short distance.
2. No details have been received yet, but these will be communicated as soon as possible by Special D.R.L.S.
3. The barrage will be of the simplest possible form, opening at a zero hour and probably not more than two lifts, and will be carried out by ~~two~~ three batteries A. Group, and probably three or more batteries D. Group.
4. A. Group will also put a smoke barrage on JAR TRENCH, J.20.d.00.40 - J.20.b.30.00, with ~~two~~ ^(three) 18-pr batteries from zero to zero plus 30 minutes.

11/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Finished

Appendix No. 20

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 35. By
 Lieut. Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR,
 Headquarters.
 11th. August 1917

1. INFORMATION.- A small operation is being carried out by the Division on our left tonight, the night 11/12th. August 1917. 24th. D.A. will continue the barrage for a short distance.
2. "A" Group will put 2. 18-pdr. batteries on task I., and 3. 18-pdr. batteries on task II.
3. Task I will be a creeping barrage, which the 13th. and 15th. Batteries will carry out.
4. Task II will be a smoke barrage on JAR TRENCH for 3. 18-pdr. Batteries which the 11th. 12th. and 14th. Batteries will carry out.
5. Barrage tables attached, and secret circular notifying zero hour.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.-
 11th. Battery
 12th. Battery
 13th. Battery
 14th. Battery
 15th. Battery
 104th. Battery
 5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
 War Diary.
 File

J. L. Shellshear
 Lieut.
 A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

TASK TABLE NO. I.

Headquarters.
11th. August 1917

Battery	Letter	Time.	TARGET	Rate of Fire.
13th. Battery	A.	0 to	J.20.a.40.50. to J.20.a.45.76.	0 to +5 3 rds. per
15th. "		+ 5.	J.20.a.45.76 to J.14.c.50.00.	gun per min.
13th. "	B	+5 to	J.20.a.60.50. to J.20.a.65.76	+5 to +15 2 rds.
15th. "		+10	J.20.a.65.76. to J.14.c.70.00	per gun per min
13th. "	C.	+10 to	J.20.a.80.50. to J.20.a.85.76.	+15 + 25 1 rd.
15th. "		+15	J.20.a.85.76. to J.14.c.90.00.	per gun per min
13th. "	D.	+15 to	J.20.b.00.50. to J.20.b.05.76.	+25 onward 1 rd
15th. "		+20	J.20.b.05.76. to J.14.d.10.00.	per gun per 2 min
13th. "	E.	+20 to	J.20.b.20.50. to J.20.b.24.76.	
15th. "		+25.	J.20.b.24.76. to J.14.d.30.00.	
13th. "	F.	+25	J.20.b.50.50. to J.20.b.50.76.	
15th. "		onwards.	J.20.b.50.76. to J.14.d.50.00.	

CEASE FIRE AT 1 HOUR.

(Map tracing attached.)

A. Bowler
Lieut.
A/Aj. "A" Group Artillery

DISTRIBUTION.-

13th. Battery
15th. Battery
5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

TASK TABLE NO II.

Headquarters.
11th. August 1917.

Smoke Barrage.

Battery	TARGET	Rate of fire.
11th. Battery	JAR TRENCH J.20.d.04.00. to J.20.d.18.36.	zero to +3 2 rds per gun per m.
12th. Battery	J.20.d.18.36. to J.20.d.18.70.	+3 to +10 1 rd. per gun per min
14th. Battery	J.20.d.18.70. to J.20.b.30.00.	+10 to +30 1 rd. per gu per 2 min.

CEASE FIRE AT +30.

W. Bowler
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery

- DISTRIBUTION.-
 11th. Battery
 12th. Battery
 14th. Battery
 5th. A.F.A.Bde. H.Q.
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Appendix No 20

4TH F. A. BRIGADE,	
A. I. F.	
No.	F 4/163
Date	12/8/17.

O/c's All Batteries Reference
my O. O. No. 95.

①. Zero hour will be 11.25 AM
12th August.

②. The orderly carrying this
message has a watch which
O/c's Batteries will
synchronise their time with.

A. D. Bowler
Capt.
ADJ. 4TH F. A. BDE. A. I. F.

A. Group

HO/84.

Appendix No. 51

SECRET.

11 Corps.R.A.)
 24th Division.)
 18th Div.Arty.) FOR INFORMATION.
 17th I.B.)
 A. GROUP. ✓
 D. GROUP.

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1. To assist in a small operation being carried out by 18th Division on our left to-morrow morning (18th inst.) 24th D.A.G. will put up a creeping barrage as attached.
2. Zero hour will be 4-25am.
 Watches should be synchronised by sending an Officer to the Headquarters of the Right Group of 18th D.A.G. (BATTERSEA FARM)
3. Three 18-pr batteries of A. GROUP will open a smoke barrage on JAR TRENCH (J.20.d.04.00 - J.20.b.30.00.)

Zero to 3'	2 rounds per gun per min.
3 - 10'	1 round per gun per min.
10 - 30'	1 round per gun per 2 mins.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

11/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Received
 4. A.M.
 12/8/17

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CREEPING BARRAGE TABLE.

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A. GROUP - 2 18-pr Battys.

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<u>TIME.</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE.</u>
0-5'	J.14.c.5.0 - J.20.a.4.5.	3 rds per gun per min.
5-10'	J.14.c.7.0 - J.20.a.6.5.	2 rds per gun per min.
10-15'	J.14.c.9.0 - J.20.a.8.5.	
15-20'	J.14.d.1.0 - J.20.b.0.5.	1 rd per gun per min.
20-25'	J.14.d.3.0 - J.20.b.2.5.	
25 onward.	J.14.d.5.0 - J.20.b.5.5.	1 rd per gun per 2 mins.

Cease firing Zero plus 1 hour.

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D. GROUP - (3 18-pr Battys.)

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<u>TIME.</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE.</u>
0-5'	J.20.a.4.5 - J.20.c.3.8.	3 rds per gun per min.
5-10'	J.20.a.6.5 - J.20.c.5.8.	2 rds per gun per min.
10-15'	J.20.a.8.5 - J.20.c.7.8.	
15-20'	J.20.b.0.5 - J.20.c.9.8.	1 rd per gun per min.
20-25'	J.20.b.2.5 - J.20.d.1.8.	
25' onward.	J.20.b.5.5 - JASPER TRENCH - J.20.d.2.8.	1 rd per gun per 2 mins

Cease firing Zero plus 1 hour.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION."A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

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S. O. S. SIGNAL.— from noon August 14th. 1917., on the Fifth Army front.—

will be green lights fired from Very Pistols.

These lights will continue to be fired until
Artillery begin their Barrage. (H.O./73.)

PROCEDURE IN CASE OF "S.O.S."

1. In the event of an "S.O.S." Signal being received either by signal or telephone, Batteries covering the effected areas will at once open fire on their "S.O.S." Lines.

RATES OF FIRE WILL BE.—

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| (a) For first ten (10) minutes : | 18-pdrs. | 4 rds. per. gun. per. min. |
| | 4.5. How. | 3 rds. per. gun. per. min. |
| (b) For next five (5) minutes : | 18-pdrs. | 2 rds. per. gun. per. min. |
| | 4.5. How. | 1rd per. gun. per. min. |
| (c) For next five (5) minutes : | 18-pdrs. | 1 rd. per. gun. per. min. |
| | 4.5. How. | 1 rd. per. gun. per. min. |

Last-named rate of fire will be continued until receipt of definite information which affects the situation.

2. In addition, on receipt of "S.O.S." by signal, an endeavour should at once be made to obtain more definite information by telephone.
3. In each Battery, during the hours of darkness, a double "S.O.S." sentry will be maintained. By day a single sentry will always be on duty. Each Battery will have a "zone indicator" to show the extent of front for which the Battery is responsible.

PROCEDURE IN CASE OF "GAS."

In the event of a Gas attack, during the time the gas cloud is being launched, 18-pdrs. on the front affected will put down a Barrage at a skew rate on their "S.O.S. Lines" 4.5" Howitzers will be directed on that part of the hostile front system from which the gas is being emitted.

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Appendix No. 23

4TH F. A. BRIGADE, A. I. F.
Fr 4/158.
D/12-8-17

Ops All Batteries.

Reference "A" Group. O.O. No. 31.

- ①. Group S.O.S. lines have been extended to J. 20. A - ~~48~~ - 80.
- ②. Future S.O.S. lines for Batteries will be: -

13 th Battery	J. 20. C. 10. 30 to J. 20. C. 15. 80.
12	" J. 20. C. 15. 80 to J. 20. A. 20. 30
11	" J. 20. A. 20. 30 to J. 20. A. 40. 80
14	" J. 20. C. 10. 30 to J. 20. A. 18. 05
16	" J. 20. A. 18. 05 to J. 20. A. 40. 80.

- ③. Acknowledge by wire.

A. H. Howler

 ADJ. 4TH F. A. BDE.

SECRET.

11 Corps.R.A. }
 24th Division. }
 73rd Inf.Bde. } FOR INFORMATION.
 Rt.Double Gp. }
 C. GROUP. }
 A. GROUP. }
 D. GROUP. }

1 During period 9pm 12th August to 9pm 13th August, the following shoots will be carried out.

2. D. GROUP task Ruins of VELDHOEK (J.21.a.95.80 - J.15.c.50.05.)

	4.5 How. (Lachrymatory.)	18-pr (Smoke.)
10-50pm.	75 80	40
1 am.	80	40
4-30am.	80	40
11am.	80	40
4pm.	80	40

A. GROUP task Houses on road from J.25.c.85.70 - J.15.c.40.75.

	4.5 How. (Lachrymatory.)	18-pr (Smoke.)
11-50pm	80	40
2am	80	40
6am	80	40
1pm	80	40
6pm	80	40

3. A smoke cloud should first be fired, say 20 rounds smoke shell fired rapidly, followed immediately by lachrymatory shell mixed with remaining smoke shell. The two batteries of each Group during these shoots should be in close touch with one another.

4. 400 rounds lachrymatory shell and 200 rounds smoke shell are being sent up to A. & D. GROUPS this evening. Groups will notify the Staff Captain on receipt of this order, which batteries are to receive this ammunition. The same amount of each nature will be required daily, and groups will make arrangements in future that the ammunition is on hand.

5. Task for 24 hours 9pm Aug.13th - 9pm Aug.14th will be as follows :-

A. GROUP task Old battery position in hedge
 J. 15.c.95.25 - J.15.d.00.40.

	4.5 How. (Lachrymatory.)	18-pr (Smoke.)
9-50pm.	100	50
Midnight.	80 100	50
2-30am.	100	50
4-45am.	100	50

D. GROUP task Houses on road J.15.c.85.70 - J.15.c.40.75.

	4.5 How. (Lachrymatory.)	18-pr. (Smoke.)
7-30 am.	100	50
11-30 am.	100	50
3pm	100	50
8pm	100	50

6. Above shoots will not take place if wind is between N.E. & S.
 12/8/17.

C. C. Reynolds
 Major, R.A.
 Brigade Major, Divisional Artillery Group.

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 36.

By

Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLISHER.

12th. August 1917.

1. During the period 9.p.m. 12th. August to 9.p.m. 13th. August, the following sheets will be carried out.-

2. "A" Group Task.- HOUSES ON ROAD.
J.15.c.85.70. to J.15.c.40.75.

104th. and 13th. Batteries will carry this out.

11.30.p.m.	104th Battery. Lachrymatory 80. rounds	18-pdr. Smoke. 40 rounds
2. a.m.	80 rounds	40 rounds
6.a.m.	80 rounds	40 rounds
1 p.m.	80 rounds	40 rounds
6. p.m.	80 rounds	40 rounds

3. A smoke cloud should first be fired, say 20 rounds, smoke shell fired rapidly followed immediately by Lachrymatory shell, mixed with remaining smoke shell. The two Batteries detailed should be in close communication.

4. Task for 24 hours.- 9.p.m 13th. August to 9.p.m. 14th. August will be as follows.-

"A" Group task. OLD BATTERY POSITION. in hedge,
J.15.c.95.25. to J.15.d.00.40.

104th. and 14th. Batteries will carry this out

9.30.p.m.	104th Battery Lachrymatory 100 rounds.	18-pdr. smoke. 50. rounds
Midnight	100 rounds	50 rounds.
2.30.a.m.	100 rounds	50 rounds
4.45.a.m.	100 rounds	50 rounds

5. Above sheets will not take place if wind is between N.E. and S.

6. This operation will replace the batteries usual night task.



Lieut.

A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery

DISTRIBUTION.-

5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
C.O "D" Group
104th Battery
13th. Battery
14th. Battery
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Appendix No 75

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Secret

H.Q.
2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY
No. <i>A30125</i>
Date.....

Headquarters,

Aug.13th.1917

4th.A.F.A.Brigade
5th.A.F.A.Brigade.

The following reliefs will take place tomorrow
14th.instant, under arrangements to be made by C.O., "A" Group,
and will be completed by 10.p.m..

Personnel of the 10th.Battery will relieve personnel
of 11th.Battery.

Personnel of the 11th.Battery will relieve personnel
of the 13th.Battery.

Completion of reliefs will be notified to this
office.

Re Osborne

Captain,
Actg.Staff Captain, 2nd.Aust.Div.Artly.

Copies to :-

C.O., 2nd.Aust.D.A.C.
D.T.M.O., 2nd.Aust.Div.
24th.Div.Artillery.

*Int. to 10th Bty.
F4/1072
11th + 13th per phone.
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SECRET.

HO/90.

- A. GROUP.
- G. GROUP.
- D. GROUP.
- 11 Corps.R.A.
- 11 Corps.Counter Bty.
- Staff Captain,R.A.
- Staff Lieut.
- 24th Division.

FOR INFORMATION.

1. August 14th will be a day of intensive Counter Battery work.

2. Tasks are allotted as follows :-

11-30am to 2-30pm.

- D. GROUP (3 18-pr batteries, 1 4.5 How.) } J.34.o.90.50 -
- G. GROUP } J.34.o.90.40.

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED -

	18-pr.	4.5 How.
D. GROUP -	900	250
G. GROUP -	1600	500

5-30pm to 8-30pm.

- D. GROUP (3 18-pr batteries 1 4.5 How.) } J.22.a.78.98 -
- A. GROUP } J.22.a.80.70.

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED -

	18-pr.	4.5 How.
D. GROUP -	600	250
A. GROUP -	1700	500

3. Above will be over and above special Gas and Smoke tasks allotted to A. & D. GROUPS, and also to the ordinary day and night firing.

13/8/17.

G. Richards

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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Appendix No. 26

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 37. By.
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR.
Headquarters.
13th. August 1917.

1. August 14th. will be a day of intensive Counter Battery Work.
2. Task are allotted as follows.-
5.30. to 8.30.p.m.
"A" GROUP. J.22.a.78.98. to J.22.a.80.70.
Ammunition to be expended.-

	<u>18-pdrs.</u>	<u>4.5."</u>
"A" Group	1700	500

i.e. 340 rounds per Battery.
3. Above will be over and above special Gas and Smoke tasks allotted, and also to the ordinary day and night firing.

- DISTRIBUTION.-
- 11th. Battery
 - 12th. "
 - 13th. "
 - 14th. "
 - 15th. "
 - 16th. "
 - 5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
 - War Diary.
 - File.

J. L. Shellshear
Lieut.
A/ADjt. "A" Group Artillery

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HO/96.

A. GROUP.
5th Aus.F.A.B.
2nd Aus.D.A. (For information.)
11 Corps.R.A. (For information.)
Staff Captain, R.A.
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1. 105th Battery, A.F.A. now in reserve at Wagon Lines will go up into action to-night (14/15th) into a position to be selected by O.C. A. GROUP.
2. This Battery will take up 100 rounds BX. 150 rounds Gas Shell per 4.5 How. Gas shells to be made up as follows :-

50	rounds	per	How.	Lethal.
100	"	"	"	Lachrymatory.
3. Battery will register to-morrow - 15th inst - and be prepared to take part in an operation early morning 16th inst.
4. Battery will be withdrawn again to Wagon Line on completion of operation, under orders to be issued by this Office.



as much of this as possible should go up to-night, remainder to-morrow.

G. C. Richards

Major.R.A.

14/8/17.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

*Verbally
Sample B.*

4.35 pm.

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A. Inf Appendix No 78

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D E F E N S E S C H E M E .

24th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

14/8/17.

1. The Field Artillery covering the 24th Divisional front is divided as follows :-

A. GROUP (3 18-pr batteries, 1 4.5 How. Battery, with, for present, 2 extra 18-pr batteries attached.)

N Bndy. NORTHERN BOUNDARY - E. & W. line through J.20.e.4.8.

S " SOUTHERN BOUNDARY - E. & W. line through J.19.d.40.54.

B. GROUP (3 18-pr batteries, 1 4.5 How. Battery, with, for present, 3 extra 18-pr batteries attached.)

NORTHERN BOUNDARY - E. & W. line through J.19.d.40.54.

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY - E. & W. line through J.25.d.1.5.

C. GROUP (3 18-pr batteries, 1 4.5 How. battery, with, for present, 3 extra 18-pr batteries attached.)

NORTHERN BOUNDARY - E. & W. line through J.25.d.1.5.

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY - E. & W. line through J.31.d.20.90.

In addition to above, one 4.5 How. Battery attached to Counter Battery, and 2 4.5 How. batteries, and 1 18-pr battery in reserve.

2. Each Group maintains an Officer in an O.P. by day, and by night on the watch for S.O.S. signals, hostile shelling, etc. This O.P. is in direct communication with the Group Hqrs.

3. Liaison with Battns in the line is found as follows :-

- LEFT BATTN. - A GROUP.
- CENTRE " - B. GROUP.
- RIGHT " - C. GROUP.

Group Commanders are in close touch and direct communication with Infantry Bde. and in addition C. GROUP keeps a Senior Officer at Inf. Bde. Hqrs.

4. S.O.S. signal is a succession of GREEN VERY lights, which continue until Artillery open fire.

- 18-pr batteries open at following rates :-
- First 5 minutes - 4 rounds per gun per minute.
- Next 10 minutes - 2 rounds per gun per minute.
- Next 15 minutes - 1 round per gun per min.
- Then cease firing or not, according to situation.
- 4.5 How. Batteries - half above rates.

5. GAS. Batteries will on receipt of word 'GAS' open at half above rates, but should S.O.S. signal then be sent, they will quicken up to rates as in para 4.

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6. 24th Divisional Artillery Headquarters is in direct communication with the Right Double Group H.A., and also with 11 Corps Counter Battery Office.

7. Following mutual support arrangements have been made with Division on Right :-

Support given by.	To.	Code.	Support.
Division on Right.	C.GROUP.	'DEFEND SABLE'	1 18-pr Bty. search wood in J.31.d.
			1 Sec. 4,5 How. P.2.a.80.85 & P.2.b.15.72.

C. GROUP.	Division on Right.	'Help BATTLE WOOD'	1 18-pr Bty. Road J.31.d.1.9. J.31.d.7.7.
			1 Sec. 4,5 How. Road crossing J.31.d.2.9.

14/8/17.

G. Richards

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

P.T.O.

DEFENCE

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SCHEME.

24th. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

14/8/17.

1. The Field Artillery covering the 24th. Divisional front is divided as follows.-

A.GROUP. (3 18-pdr batteries, 1 4.5 How. Battery, with, for present, 2 extra 18-pdr batteries attached.)

N. BNDy. - E. and W. line
through J.20.a.4.8.

S. BNDy. - E. and W. line
through J.19.d.40.34.

B.GROUP. (3 18-pdr batteries, 1 4.5. How. Battery, with, for present, 3 extra 18-pdr. batteries attached.)

N.BNDy. - E. and W. line
through J.19.d.40.34.

S.BNDy. - E. and W. line
through J.25.d.1.5.

C. GROUP. (3 18-pdr. batteries, 1. 4.5. How. Battery with. for present, 3 extra 18-pdr. batteries attached.)

N.BNDy. - E. and W. line
through J.25.d.1.5.

S.BNDy. - E. and W. line
through J.31.d.20.90.

In addition to the above, one 4.5. How. Battery attached to Counter Battery, and 2. 4.5. How. batteries and 1. 18-pdr. Battery in reserve.

2. Each Group maintaining an Officer in an OP by day, and by night on the watch for S.O.S. signals, hostile shelling, etc. This O.P. is in direct communication with the Group Hqrs.

3. Liaison with Battns in the line is found as follows.-

LEFT BATTN.	-	A	GROUP
CENTRE "	-	B	GROUP.
RIGHT "	-	C	GROUP.

Group Commanders are in close touch and direct communication with Infantry Bde. and in addition C. Group keeps a senior officer at Inf. Bde. Hqrs.

4. S.O.S. Signal is a succession of GREEN VERY LIGHTS, which continue until Artillery open fire.

18-pdrs. open at following rates.-

First 5 minutes - 4 rounds per gun per minute.

Next 10 " - 2 " " " "

" 15 " - 1 " " " "

Then cease firing or net, according to situation.

4.5." How. Batteries - half above rates.

3. GAS. Batteries will on receipt of word GAS open at half above rates but should S.O.S. signal then be sent, they will quicken up to rates as in para 4.

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6. 24th. Divisional Artillery Headquarters is in direct communication with the right Double Group H.A., and also with 11 Corps Counter Battery Office.

7. Following mutual support arrangements have been made with Division on Right.-

<u>Support given by</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Support.</u>
Division on Right	C.GROUP.	DEFEND SABLE"	1 18-pdr. Bty. search wood in J.31.d. 1 Sec. 4.5. P.2.a.80.85. & Hw. P.2.b.15.72.

C GROUP	Division on right	Help BATTLE WOOD"	1. 18-pdr. Bty. Road J.31.d.1.9 J.31.d.7.7. 1. Sec. 4.5. Road crossing Hw. J.31.d.2.9.
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(Sgd.) G.C. RICHARDS Major R.A.
Brigade Major 24th. Divisional Artillery
Group

14/8/17.

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

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ADDENDUM
to
Daily Task Table.

Appendix No 29
Headquarters.
14th. August 1917

Batteries will search their respective areas as far back as
GHELUVELT, and in addition will pay special attention to valley
J.21.d.; especially at night.

Hostile Battery positions at.-
J.21.d.5.7. to J.21.c.4.0.
J.21.b.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.1. to J.21.b.5.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.
J.21.d.3.3. One Section.
J.27.c.4.0. to J.27.c.0.8. (four Batteries.)

D. B. Bowler
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

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Appendix No 30

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 39.

By
Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLSHER
Headquarters.
14th. August 1917.

- 1. The following targets 104th. Battery will be engaged with Gas shell tonight, commencing 11.30 p.m. The first 155 minutes of the Standard Gas programme issued to you yesterday will be fired.

104th. Battery Hqs. Bty. J2.55. (J.23.e.55.15.)

- 2. Above programme will be repeated night 15/16th. inst. and Battery will arrange to get up necessary ammunition.
- 3. On 15th. inst. the following tasks will be undertaken by Batteries of "A" Group.
8.30.a.m. - 11.30.a.m.

Objective - area J.34.d.75.60. to 85.60. to 90.40. to 80.35.

Ammunition.-
18-pdrs. 320 rounds per Battery
4.5. How. 500 rounds.

Above will be over and above special and ordinary firing ordered.

- DISTRIBUTION.-
- 10th Battery
 - 11th Battery
 - 12th Battery
 - 14th Battery
 - 15th Battery
 - 104th Battery

J.L. Shells

A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery. Lieut.

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Appendix No 31

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No 38. By
Lieut.-Col J.L. SHELLSHEAR,
Headquarters.
14th. August 1917.

1. Between 12 noon and 3 p.m. on 15th. instant, 24th. D.A.G. will fire 3,000 rounds H.E., and 900 rounds 4.5." on INVERNESS COPSE.
2. This will be divided in groups as follows.-
"A" Group. 12 noon to 3.p.m..15th. instant.
400 rounds per Battery H.E. into ~~AN~~VERNESS COPSE N. of
MENIN ROAD.
"B" and "D". Groups similar programmes on R
3. Above to be over and above ordinary day and night firing, also special tasks allotted to "A" and "B" Groups.

DISTRIBUTION.-

- 11th. Battery
- 12th. Battery
- 13th. Battery
- 14th. Battery
- 15th. Battery
- 104th. Battery
- 5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q. War Diary, File.

W.P. Burns
for A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery. Lieut.

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Appendix No 32

Operation Order NO. 40.

By

Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR

Headquarters.

15th. August 1917.

1. During this afternoon and evening August 15th. the following bombardments with gas and smoke shells will take place.

"A" GROUP Task Old Battery position in hedge (J.15.e.95.25. -
(Lachrymatory) J.15.d.00.40.)
105th. Battery 14th. Battery (Smoke.)

3.p.m.	100.	50.
8.p.m.	100.	50.

To be fired in accordance with instructions contained in O.O. 36.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.-

14th. Battery
105th Battery
5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
War Diary.
File.

W R Birks Lieut.
for A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

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- A. GROUP.
 - B. GROUP.
 - C. GROUP.
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Attached maps are forwarded as they may be of interest as showing the objective which 8th and 56th Divisions are out to gain to-morrow (i.e. GREEN LINE.)

The barrage lines as far as 24th Division are concerned may be disregarded.

One copy per Group and per Battery herewith.

15/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

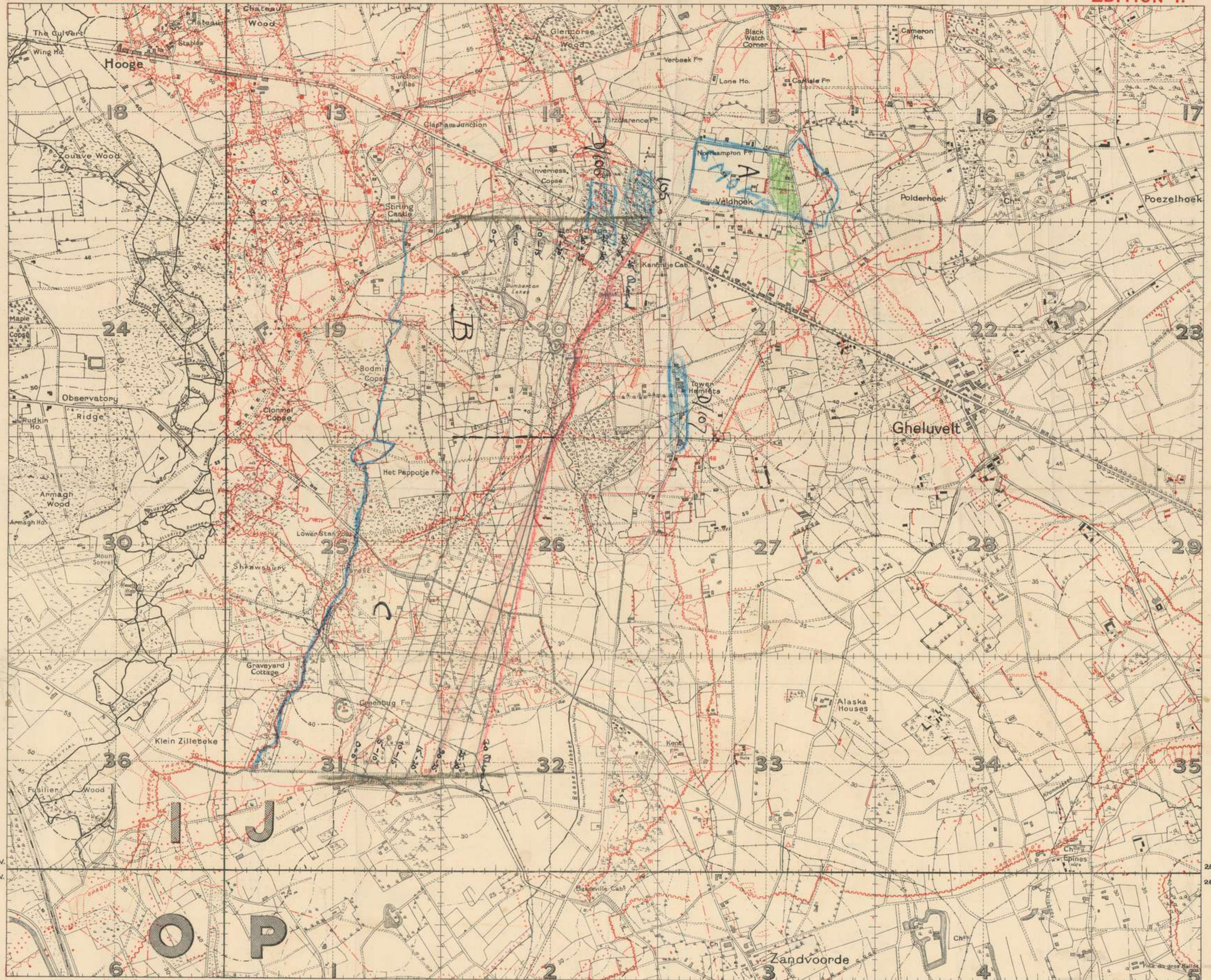
*Distributed
1 per battery, 1 per platoon.*

Reference 24-D.A.G. H.O. 99 marked XXXIII
Plan 20. No. 41 marked XXXV

VELDHOEK

10,000

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 23-7-17



Machine Gun
Trench Mortar
Ammunition Dump
Supply Dump

Listening Post
Observation Post
Buried Cable

Scale 1:10,000

Battery Positions
(Possible Strong Points)

Probably Timber or Camouflage
Probably Concrete

attached to
appendix marked
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Reference by O. O. No 41.

4TH F. A. BRIGADE,	
A. I. F.	
No.	F 57178
Date.	15.8.17

Ops all Batteries:

- ①. Zero hour will be 4.45 A.M. - 16th August.
- ②. Watches will be synchronised as follows: -
The Adjutant will meet representatives from Batteries in this office any time between 3 A.M. + 4 A.M.
- ③. Acknowledg

A. Bowler
 Capt
 ADJ. 4TH. F. A. BDE. A. I. F.

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 War diary.

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY

Appendix No. 35

Operation Order No. 41.

By
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR
Headquarters.
15th. August 1917.

1. Reference my (Warning Order) No. F 4/175, the following is the Barrage table.

5. 18-pdr. Batteries. S M O K E S H E L L

Each Battery distributing fire over the whole of the map area attached

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>RATE.</u>
0-3'	J.15.c.36.74.- J.15.d.30.70. J.15.c.26.20.- J.15.d.44.00.	2 rds per gun per min.
3-1hr.	Do	1 rd per gun per 2 min.
1hr-1:3'	Do	2 rds per gun per min.
1hr: 3'-2hrs.	Do	1 rd per gun per 2 min.
2hrs.-2hrs: 3'	Do	2 rds per gun per min.
2hrs: 3'-2hrs: 30.	Do	1 rd per gun per 2 min.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.

10th Battery
11th Battery
12th Battery
14th Battery
15th Battery
5th. A.F.A. Bde. H.Q.
War Diary & File

J. L. Shellshear
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No 41.

By
Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR.
Headquarters.
15th. August 1917.

1. Reference my (Warning Order) No. F 4/175, the following is the

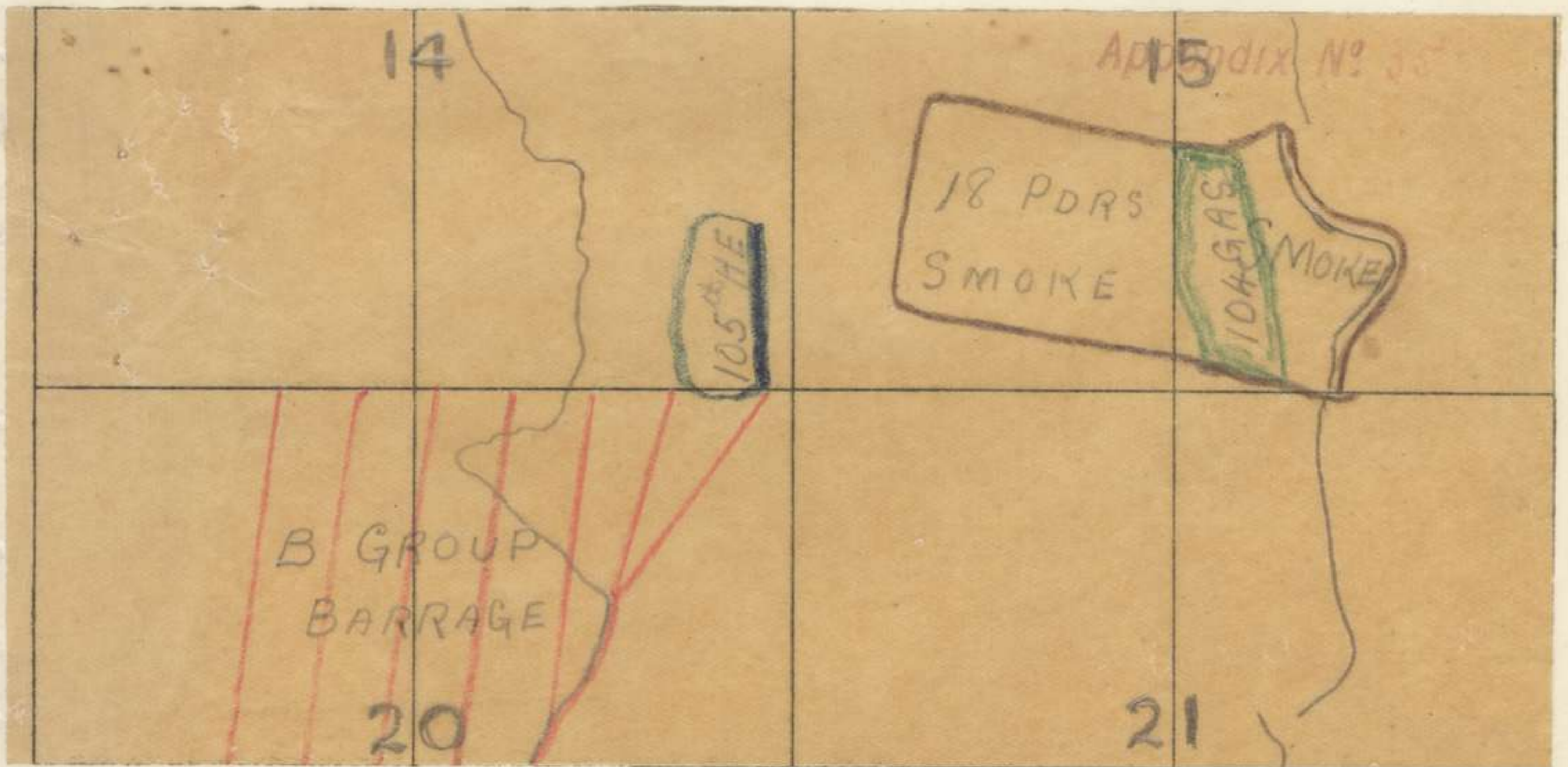
Barrage Table.
105th. Battery

<u>TIME</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>AMMUNITION</u>	<u>RATE.</u>
0-15'	J.14.d.82.00. - J.14.d.82.44.	BX	3 rds. per how. per min.
15-40'	Do	BX	1 rd per how. per min.
40-45'	Do	BX	3 rds per how. per min.
45-1.10'.	Do	BX	3 rds per how. per 2 min.
1.10'.- 1.30'.	Do	BX	1 rd per how per min.
1.30' onward.	Do	BX	1 rd per how. per 2 min dying down after half hour to occasional rds.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Distribution -
105th Battery
5th A FA Bde
War Diary. File*

J.L. Shellshear
Lieut.
A/Supt "A" Group Artillery



"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 41.

BY
 Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR.
 Headquarters.
 15th. August 1917.

1. Reference my (Warning Order) No. F 4/175., the following is the Barrage Table.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>AMMUNITION.</u>	<u>RATE.</u>
0-4	J.15.d.08.06. - 02.64.- 20.62. - 30.00.	LETHAL	3 rds per how. per min.
5-15	-----REST-----		
15-40	Ditto.	LACHRYMATORY	3 rds per how. per 2 min.
40-50	-----REST-----		
50.-53.	Ditto.	LETHAL.	2 rds per how per min.
53-1hr.	-----REST-----		
1hr.-1:30.	Ditto.	LACHRYMATORY	1 rd per how. per min.
1hr30'-1:45.	-----REST-----		
1hr45'-1.50.	Ditto	LETHAL	3 rds per how. per min.
1hr50' - 2hrs.	-----REST-----		
2hrs.-2.20.	Ditto	LACHRYMATORY	1 rd per how. per min.
2.20.-2.25.	-----REST-----		
2.25.-2.30.	Ditto.	LETHAL	2 rds per how. per min.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

D. Blom
 Lieut.
 A/Adjt. "A" Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.-
 104th. Battery
 5th. A.F.A. Brigade H.Q.
 War Diary.
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OPERATION ORDER No.35.

by

Brigadier General H.C.SHEPPARD, C.M.G., D.S.O.,

Commanding 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

14/8/17.

1. The FIFTH ARMY will attack the enemy in front of it at an early date (probably 16th inst). Z. DAY and ZERO hour will be communicated separately.

2. XI Corps will, with 8th Division and 56th Division (who have relieved 18th Division) capture the general line INVERNESS COPSE - POLYGONE - ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT.

3. 24th D.A.G. will prolong the barrage and assist with smoke barrages and gas.

4. X Corps are prolonging the barrage lines along their front.

5. At Zero hour A. GROUP will require 450 rounds of smoke shell per 18-pr battery. C. GROUP 200 rounds per Battery.

6. Barrage tables attached.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G.C. Richards

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Copies to

A. GROUP.

B. GROUP.

C. GROUP.

11 Corps.R.A.

24th Division.

18th Div.Arty.

41st Div.Arty.

2nd Aus.Div.Arty.

Right Double Group.

73rd I.B.

106th F.A.B.

107th F.A.B.

5th Aus.F.A.B.

FOR INFORMATION.

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SMOKE and 4.5 How. BARRAGE.

A. GROUP.

104th Battery. A.F.A.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>AMMUNITION.</u>	<u>RATE.</u>
0-4'	J.15.d.08.06 - 02.64.-20.62. 30.00.	LETHAL.	3 rds per how per min
5-15'	-----REST-----		
15-40'	Ditto.	LACHRYMATORY.	3 rds per How. per 2 mins.
40-50'	-----REST-----		
50-53'	Ditto.	LETHAL.	2 rds per How. per min
53-1hr.	-----REST-----		
1hr-1:30'	Ditto.	LACHRYMATORY.	1 rd per how per min
1hr:30'-1:45'	-----REST-----		
1hr45'-1:50'	Ditto.	LETHAL.	3 rds per how per min
1hr50'-2hrs.	-----REST-----		
2hrs-2:30'	Ditto.	LACHRYMATORY.	1 rd per how per min
2:20-2:25'	-----REST-----		
2:25-2:30'	Ditto.	LETHAL.	2 rds per how per min

104th Bty. A.F.A. 0041. 15/11/17

105th Battery. A.F.A.

0-15'	J.14.d.82.00 - J.14.d.82.44.	BX.	3 rds per how. per min.
15-40'	Do.	BX.	1 rd per how. per min.
40-45'	Do.	BX.	3 rds per how. per min.
45-1:10'	Do.	BX.	3 rds per how per 2 min
1:10-1:30'	Do.	Bx.	1 rd per how per min.
1:30' onward.	Do.	BX.	1 rd per how per 2 min dying down after half hour to occasional rds

105th Bty. A.F.A. 0041. 15/11/17

5 18-pr Batteries.

S M O K E S H E L L.

0-3'	J.15.c.26.20 - J.15.c.36.74 - J.15.d.3070 J.15d.14.00.		2 rds per gun per min.
3-1hr	Do.		1 rd per gun per 2 min
1hr-1:3'	Do.		2 rds per gun per min.
1hr3'-2hrs.	Do.		1 rd per gun per 2 min.
2hrs-2hrs3'	Do.		2 rds per gun per min.
2hrs3'-2hrs50'	Do.		1 rds per gun per 2 min

Each Battery distribute fire over the whole of the map area attached.

5 18-pr Btys. 0041. 15/11/17

BARRAGE TABLE.

B. GROUP.

B. GROUP - 6 18-pr Batteries.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE.</u>
0-5'	J.14.c.45.05 - J.26.a.20.95.	4 rounds per gun per min.
5-10'	J.14.c.66.05 - J.26.a.40.95.	
10-15'	J.14.c.87.05 - J.26.a.60.95.	
15-20'	J.14.d.08.05 - J.26.a.80.95.	2 rounds per gun per min.
20-25'	J.14.d.28.05 - J.26.b.00.95.	
25-30'	J.14.d.50.05 - J.20.b.36.10 - JAR TRENCH - J.20.d.04.00 - J.26.b.00.95.	
30-35'	J.14.d.70.05 - J.20.b.50.46 - JAR TRENCH - J.20.d.04.00 - J.26.b.00.95.	
35 onward	J.14.d.90.05 - J.20.b.50.46 - JAR TRENCH J.20.d.04.00 - J.26.b.00.95.	1 rd per gun per 2 mins. for (1/2) half hour, then bursts of fire

Ammunition to be used Shrapnel 25% on graze.

At plus 35 minutes 2 18-pr Batteries will be detached from the barrage and will search backwards and forwards area in J.20, between second barrage line and final line.

D/106.

0-15'	J.20.b.34.90 - J.14.d.44.32. - J.14.d.54.30 - J.20.b.5C.90.	3 rds per gun per min.
15-30'	Do.	2 rds per gun per min.
35 onward.	Do.	1 rd per How. per 2 min. for (1/2) half hour, then bursts of fire.

BARRAGE TABLE.

C. GROUP.

C. GROUP - 6 18-pr Batteries.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE.</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE.</u>
0-5'	J.20.c.20.05 - J.31.d.10.85.	4 rds per gun per min.
5-10'	J.20.c.40.05 - J.31.d.30.85.	
10-15'	J.20.c.60.05 - J.31.d.50.85.	
15-20'	J.20.c.80.05 - J.31.d.70.85.	2 rds per gun per min.
20-25'	J.20.d.00.05 - J.31.d.90.85.	
25-30'	J.20.d.00.05 - J.32.c.10.85.	
30 onward.	J.20.d.00.05 - J.32.c.30.85.	1 rd per gun per 2 min for (1/2) half hour, then bursts of fire.

AMMUNITION to be used 75% shrapnel, 25% on graze.
25% smoke shell.

D/107.

0-15'	Road & house J.27.a.14.90 - J.21.c.1270.	3 rds per how. per min.
15-30'	Do.	2 rds per How. per min.
30' onward.	Do.	1 rd per How. per 2 Mins. for (1/2) half hour, then bursts of fire.

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If wind is E, NE or SE tomorrow
morning at zero hour ^{4.45 am} the gas
barrage will be put down in J21d
instead of as ordered.

If wind is South, place the barrage
300 yds further to South than ordered
otherwise as ordered.

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- A. GROUP.
- B. GROUP.
- C. GROUP.

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- 1. ZERO hour will be 4-45am - 16th August.
- 2. Watches will be synchronised as follows :-

A representative from this HQ. will meet representatives from 'A' and 'B' GROUPS at position of B/106 (I.28.a.80.21) at midnight (15/16th), he will then call at H.Q. of 'C' GROUP at about 12-30am. Group representatives will bring 2 watches each and must be up to time.

- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

15/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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ADDENDUM TO DEFENCE SCHEME.

24th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

On receipt of information that the enemy have commenced a bombardment of our lines, Batteries will open up a slow barrage without waiting for definite news. This is a precautionary measure and can be stopped or increased to 'S.O.S.' rates as situation requires.

16/8/17.

G. Richards

MAJOR.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Orders

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74 SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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H.Q.
 2ND AUSTRALIAN
 DIV. ARTILLERY
 A30/26
 No.....
 Date 18/8/17

Headquarters,
18th August 1917.

C.O. 4th A.F.A.Bde ✓
5th A.F.A.Bde.
24th Div. Arty..

C.O. 5th A.F.A. Brigade and staff will relieve
C.O. 4th A.F.A. Brigade and staff in the line today under arrange-
ments to be made between C.O's. concerned.

Completion of relief to be notified to this office.

R. B. Stone, Captain
for Brigade Major 2nd A.D.A.

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11 Corps R.A.
24th Division. (Map.)
17th Inf. Bde. (Map.)
Rt. Double Gp.
A. GROUP (Map)
B. GROUP (Map)
C. GROUP (Map)

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1. Night firing 8:30pm - 5am will be carried out as detailed below, reference to attached maps. There must be no pause between the night firing and the day firing as detailed in HO/109.

2. NIGHT - 20/21st AUGUST.

	8-30pm - 11pm.	11pm - 2am.	2am - 5am.
A. GROUP. 18-prs.	62 67 70.	64 68 63	62 67 70.
4.5 Hows	61 69	65 72	61 69
B. GROUP. 18-prs.	74 77 81	79 83 80	74 77 81
4.5 Hows.	73 82	73 78	73 82
C. GROUP. 18-prs.	84 85 91	88 92 93	84 85 91
4.5 Hows.	86 87	86 87	86 87

NIGHT - 21/22nd AUGUST.

	8-30pm - 10-30pm.	10-30pm - 2-30am.	2-30am - 5am.
A. GROUP. 18-prs.	62 64 68	67 70 71	62 64 68
4.5 Hows.	66 75	61 65	66 75
B. GROUP. 18-prs.	74 80 83	77 79 81	74 80 83
4.5 Hows	76 78	73 72	76 78
C. GROUP. 18-prs.	85 89 90	84 88 92	85 89 90
4.5 Hows.	82 86	86 87	82 87

NIGHT - 22/23rd AUGUST.

	8-30pm - 11-30pm.	11-30pm - 2am.	2am - 5am.
A. GROUP. 18-prs.	62 64 70	67 68 71	62 67 68
4.5 Hows.	69 72	61 65	65 72
B. GROUP. 18-prs.	77 79 83	74 80 81	74 79 81
4.5 Hows.	75 76	73 82	76 78
C. GROUP. 18-prs.	84 85 92	88 91 93	84 85 90
4.5 Hows.	82 87	86 87	82 86

Ammunition to be expended nightly, average of
30 rounds per 18-pr in action.
20 rounds per 4.5 How. in action.

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Major. R.A.
Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
21st August, 1917.

Night firing for 21st/22nd August will be carried out as under :-

BATTERY.	TIME.	TARGET.	ROUNDS.
12th	8.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.	62, 64, 68.	240.
14th	11 p.m. to 2 a.m.	67, 70, 71.	240.
15th	2 a.m. to 5 a.m.	62, 64, 68.	240.
104th	8.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.	66, 75.	30.
	11 p.m. to 2 a.m.	61, 65.	30.
	2 a.m. to 5 a.m.	66, 75.	30.

There will be ^{No.} Smoke Shell bombardment on morning of 22nd inst.

Abbrowe
Lieut.,

for Adjutant "A" Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.-

- 10th Battery.
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- 12th Battery.
- 14th Battery.
- 15th Battery.
- 104th Battery.
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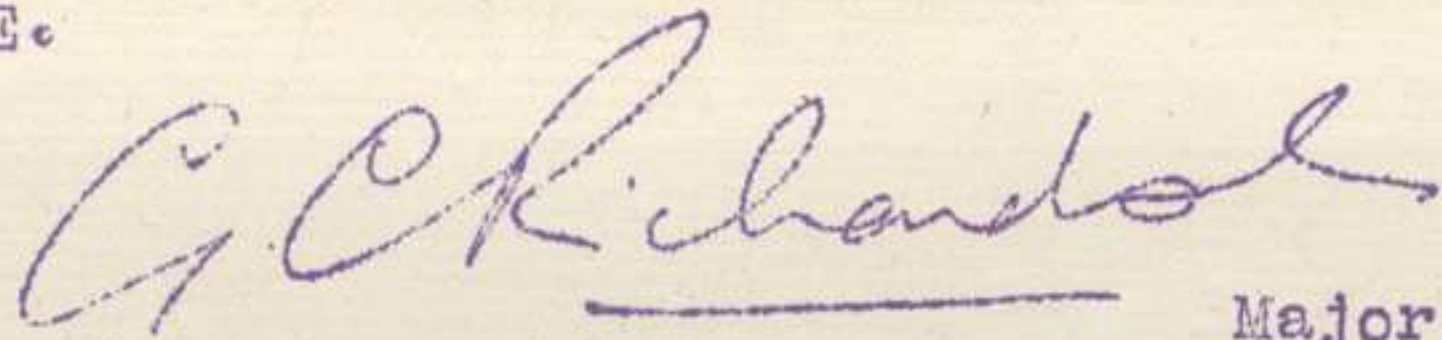
OPERATION ORDER No. 38

by

Brigadier General H.C. SHEPPARD, CM.G., D.S.O., R.A.
 Commanding 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

21/8/17.

1. 24th D.A.G. will assist in operations being carried out by 14th Division on our left to take place on 22nd inst. Zero hour will be notified later.
2. Barrage Tables for 'A' 'B' & 'C' Groups as per attached Tables and Maps.
3. One Battery per Group will answer all 'LL' , 'GF' , or 'NF' , calls within range at all times.
4. Ammunition to be used, shrapnel with Corrector for 25% on graze for all creeping and searching barrages.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major. R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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 24th Division.
 14th Div. Arty.
 41st Div. Arty.
 2nd Aus. D.A.
 17th Inf. Bde.
 A. GROUP.
 B. GROUP.
 C. GROUP.



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Ref.00/36.

1. Corrections and amendments to tables and map attached to O.O.36.

2. Barrage Table for 'A' Group is cancelled, and amended as per attached - maps should be altered accordingly.

3. Barrage Table for 'B' Group - 6 18-prs should read 6 18-pr Batteries.

(a) First Barrage line is cancelled, barrage will now open on Second Line 0-10' and then as shown.

(b) Creeping barrage for 18-prs will drop guns as follows - such guns to continue shooting at a steady rate of 1 round per gun per minute till plus 2 hours 30'.

(1) 2 18-prs to halt at House J.20.a.54.00.

(2) 2 18-prs to halt at Dug-out J.20.a.19.13.

(3) 2 18-prs to halt at Hedge J.20.c.3.4 - 2.4.

(4) 2 18-prs to halt at Hedge J.20.c.5.5 - 3.3.

(c) When Protective Barrage is reached, searching fire will be maintained 150 yards East and West of the Protective Line, *but the bulk of the fire will be maintained on protective line*

4. ZERO hour will be 7am 22 August 1917.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G.C. Richards

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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 24th Division.
 14th Div.Arty.
 41st Div.Arty.
 17th Inf.Bde.
 2nd Aus.D.A.
 Right Double Gp.
 A. GROUP.

FOR INFORMATION.

B. GROUP.
 C. GROUP.

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BARRAGE TABLES.

A. GROUP - 24 18-prs.

Search Westward 100 yards every 3 minutes.

BLUE LINE.	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.
	J. 9. D. 05. 20		
0-1	J. 15. b. 00. 92	J. 15. d. 64. 72 - J. 21. b. 36. 10.	4 rounds per gun per min.
1-4	J. 15. b. 00. 92	J. 15. b. 50. 00 - J. 21. b. 16. 18.	
4-7	J. 15. a. 76. 92	J. 15. d. 28. 94 - J. 21. a. 98. 28.	
7-10	J. 15. a. 52. 92	J. 15. d. 08. 90 - J. 21. a. 80. 36.	
10-13	J. 15. a. 28. 92	J. 15. c. 88. 86 - J. 21. a. 60. 46.	
RED LINE	13-16	J. 15. a. 06. 92 - J. 15. c. 62. 84 - J. 21. a. 40. 56.	

Search Eastward 100 yards every 3 minutes.

			2 rounds per gun per min.
	J. 15. a. 28. 92	J. 15. c. 88. 86 - J. 21. a. 60. 46.	2 rounds per gun per min.
	J. 15. a. 52. 92	J. 15. d. 08. 90 - J. 21. a. 80. 36.	
	J. 15. a. 76. 92	J. 15. d. 28. 94 - J. 21. a. 98. 28.	
BLUE LINE	20-28	J. 15. b. 00. 92 - J. 15. b. 50. 00 - J. 21. b. 16. 18.	3 rounds per gun per min.
	28-31	J. 15. b. 00. 92 - J. 15. d. 64. 72 - J. 21. b. 36. 10.	

Plus 31st onward - Batteries will search area between 'RED' and 'BLUE' lines as above with intermittent bursts of searching fire at irregular intervals.

Average expenditure to be 1 round per gun per ²/₁ min up to plus 2 hours 30 minutes.

Ask for 4.5 How. Battery will be sent out as soon as received from 14th Div. Arty.

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BARRAGE TABLE.

A. GROUP 24 18-prs.

Search Westwards 100 yards every three minutes. ✓

	Time.	Objective.	Rate of fire.
BLUE LINE.	0-1'	J.9.d.05.20 - J.15.d.64.72 - J.21.b.36.10.	0-10' 4 rds per gun per min. 10-31' 3 rds per gun per min. 31-47' 1 rd per gun per min
	1-4'	J.9.c.86.12 - J.15.b.50.00 - J.21.b.16.18.	
	4-7'	J.9.c.66.06 - J.15.d.28.94 - J.21.a.98.28.	
	7-10'	J.9.c.48.02 - J.15.d.08.90 - J.21.a.80.36.	
RED LINE	10-13'	J.15.a.24.95 - J.15.c.88.86 - J.21.a.60.46	47'-1:10' = 1 rd per gun per 4 mins. 1:10'-1:40' = 1 rd per gun per 2 mins.
	13-16'	J.15.a.06.90 - J.15.c.62.84 - J.21.a.40.56	
	Search Eastwards 100 yards every 3 minutes. ✓		1:40'-2 hrs = 1 rd per gun per min. 2hrs-2:10' = 2 rds per gun per min. 2:10-2:20' = 1 rd per gun per min. 2:20'-2:30' = 1 rd per gun per 2 mins. 2:30-onward = Bursts of fir
	16-19'	J.15.a.24.95 - J.15.c.88.86 - J.21.a.60.46	
	19-22'	J.9.c.48.02 - J.15.d.08.90 - J.21.a.80.36.	
	22-25'	J.9.c.66.06 - J.15.d.28.94 - J.21.a.98.28.	
	25-28'	J.9.c.86.12 - J.15.b.50.00 - J.21.b.16.18.	
BLUE LINE.	28-31'	J.9.d.05.20 - J.15.d.64.72 - J.21.b.36.10.	

Plus 31' onwards - Batteries will search area between 'RED' and 'BLUE' lines as above.

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BARRAGE TABLE.B. GROUP - 6 18-prs.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Rate of fire.</u>
0-5'	J.20.a.24.46 - J.20.c.08.66 - J.26.a.06.24.	0-10' 4 rds per gun per min.
5-10'	J.20.a.38.46 - J.20.a.20.15 - J.20.c.08.66 - J.26.a.06.24.	10-30' 5 rds per gun per min.
10-14'	J.20.a.56.46 - J.20.a.38.00 - J.26.a.26.46. JAVA TRENCH to J.26.a.06.24.	30-47' 1 rd per gun per min. 47-) 1 rd per gun 3:10') per 4 min.
14-18'	J.20.a.76.46 - J.20.a.58.00 - J.26.a.46.60 - JAVA TRENCH to J.26.a.06.24.	1:10') 1 rd per gun 1:40') per 2 min.
18-22'	J.20.a.96.46 - J.20.c.74.90 - J.26.a.66.74 - JAVA TRENCH to J.26.a.06.24.	1:40') 1 rd per gun 2 hrs) per min.
22-26'	J.20.b.14.46 - J.20.c.92.76 - J.20.c.88.00 - JAVA TRENCH to J.26.a.06.24.	2hrs) 2 rds per gun 2:10') per min.
26-30'	J.20.b.54.46 - J.20.d.10.60 - J.20.d.06.08 - JAVA TRENCH to J.26.a.06.24.	2:10') 1 rd per gun 2:20') per min.
30-34'	J.20.b.54.46 - JAR and JAVA TRENCHES - J.26.a.06.24.	2:20') 1 rd per gun 2:30') per 2 mins.
34' on- ward.	J.20.b.76.46 - J.20.b.40.14 - JAR and JAVA TRENCHES - J.26.a.06.24.	2:30' Bursts of fire onward.

4.5 Hows. D/298. - J.20.c.90.95 - J.20.a.80.05.

Rate of fire - an average of 1 rd per How. per min from 0 - 2hrs.30'.

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BARRAGE TABLE.

C. GROUP.

3 18-pr Batteries Smoke Barrage - J.20.d.6.5 - J.20.d.8.6 -
----- J.20.b.8.1.

RATE OF FIRE - 0-5' 3 rounds per gun per min.
5-1 hr. 1 round per gun per 2 mins.
1 hr -1 hr 5' 2 rounds per gun per min.
1hr5'-2 hrs. 1 round per gun per 2 mins.
2 hrs-2hrs 3' 2 rounds per gun per min.
2hrs3'-2hrs30' 1 round per gun per 2 min.

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3 18-pr Batteries. Search with bursts of fire the following squares:-
----- J.26.a. (SE of JAVA TRENCH), J.26.b. J.26.c., J.31.b

Rate of fire to be

0-10' 2 rounds per gun per min. }
10-30' 1 rd per gun per min. } AVERAGE.
30'-2hrs30' 1 round per gun per 2 mins.)

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4.5 How. Battery. D/107. J.20.b.85.20 - J.20.b.80.70.

Rate of fire to average 1 round per how per min up to
2 plus 2 hours 30 minutes.

A. Grief.

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Ref. OO. 36

Appendix No. 141

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Task of 4.5" How battery as follows

-20 - +9' — dugout J14 d 95.15

9' onward — protective Barrage J21 a 10.20 - 40.55

Rate of fire

-20' — Zero	1 rd per how per 2 min
0 — 40'	2 rds per how per min
40' — 47'	1 rd per how per min
47' — 1hr 40'	1 rd per How per 4 min
1.40' — 2hr	1 rd per How per 2 min
2hr — 2.10'	1 rd per How per min
2.10' — 2.20'	1 rd per How per 2 min
2.20' — 2.30'	1 rd per How per 4 min
2.30' — 5.30'	occasional Bursts

C. O. Rade
by RA

Aug 21st
1917

Rec by 26th DA

Appendix No. 411 R 313

A Gun Secret

Ref 0036 and Banage tabb

The following guns will be taken from the Banage as follows—

Zero onward 4 ^{18 Pdr} guns or day out, hand & Truch
 J20 b 85.60

Zero onward 2 gun or short Truch
 J14 b 75.60 - 70.40

also

0-5'	1. 18 Pdr	or MG	J14 b 12.10
0-25'	1. 18 Pdr	or MG	J14 d 85.42
0-5'	2. 18 Pdr	or MG	J20 a 57.87
0-13'	2. 18 Pdr	or MG	J20 a 88.75

These 6 guns then join the searching Banage as originally ordered.

Aug 21st
1917

C. C. Landis
Wg RA
Beleway 24th DA

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11 Corps.R.A.)
 24th Division.)
 14th Div.Arty.)
 41st Div.Arty.)
 17th Inf.Bde.)
 Right Double Group.)
 A. GROUP.)
 C. GROUP.)
 B. GROUP.)

FOR INFORMATION.

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1. The following alterations in timing of lifts will take place, reference Barrage Maps and Tables for 'B' Group.

For 0-10'	read 0-5'
' 10-14	" 5-9'
' 14-18	" 9-13'
' 18-22	" 13-17'
' 22-26	" 17-21'
' 26-30	" 21-25'
' 30-34	" 25-29'
' 34 onward	" 29 onward.



Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
22nd August, 1917.

Night firing for 22nd/23rd August will be
carried out as under :-

BATTERY.	TIME.	TARGET.	ROUNDS.
11th	11 p.m. to 2 a.m.	80, 71, 70	240
10th	2 a.m. to 5 a.m.	71, 80, 74.	240
104th	11 p.m. to 2 a.m.	72, 73.	30.
	2 a.m. to 5 a.m.	78, 63.	30.

A. Blane

Lieut.,
for Adjutant "A" Group Artillery.

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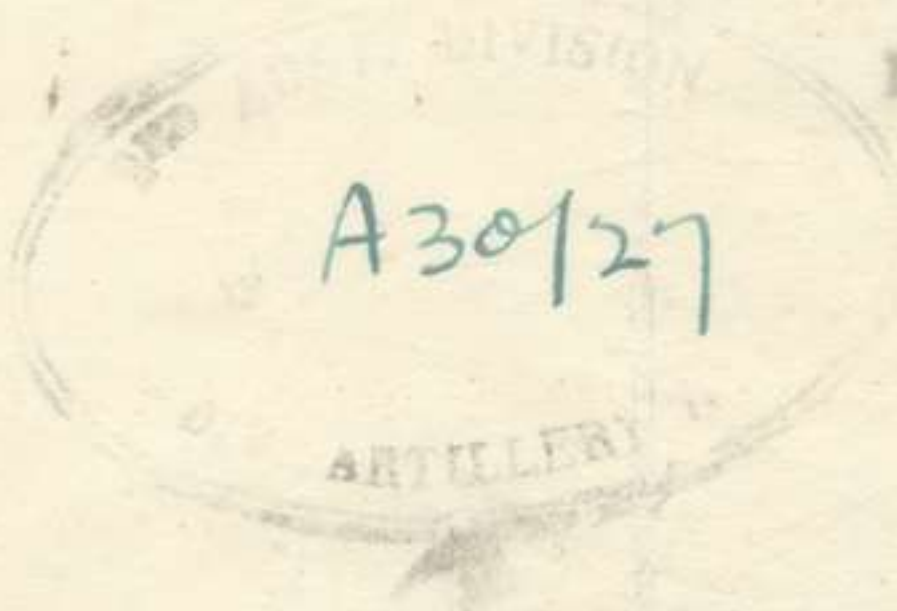
10th Battery.
11th Battery.
12th Battery.
14th Battery.
15th Battery.
104th Battery.
File.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.



Headquarters,
Aug. 22nd. 1917

C.O., 4th. A.F.A. Brigade
C.O., 5th. A.F.A. Brigade
C.O., 2nd. Aust. D.A.C.
24th. Div. Artillery.

1. The Headquarters, 4th. Aust. F.A. Brigade will relieve Headquarters, 5th. Aust. F.A. Brigade, in the line, on 23rd. August, 1917. Details to be arranged by Officers Commanding.
2. The personnel of the 108th. and 15th. Batteries will relieve the personnel of the 104th. Bty. and an 18-pounder Battery detailed by Lieut. Colonel J.L. SHELLONAR, on 23rd. August, 1917.
3. Completion of reliefs to be reported to 24th. Div. Artillery, repeated to this office.

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Major R.A.
Brigade-Major, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery.

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Appendix No. 44

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 44 Headquarters,
23rd. August 1917

Batteries will complete or reduce detachments to the following minimum from 9.a.m. on 24/8/1917.

10th. Battery	4 detachments.
11th. "	4 "
13th. "	6 "
14th. "	5 "
15th. "	5 "
Total 18-pdr.	<u>24</u>

105th. Battery 5. to complete to 6 as soon as possible.

- DISTRIBUTION.-
- 10th. Battery
 - 11th. "
 - 13th. "
 - 14th. "
 - 15th. "
 - 105th. "
 - File
 - War Diary.

A. Bowler
Lieut.
A/Adjt. "A" Group Artillery

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4° HQ/40 24/8/17

HO/124°

- A. GROUP.
 - B. GROUP.
 - C. GROUP.
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Day and night firing for the present will be carried out by Groups within Group zones on targets ordered by Group Commanders.

Minimum expenditure 3 5 rounds per gun or How. per 24 hours.

There is no limit, and special targets may be engaged as occasion arises, the main consideration being to worry the enemy in every possible way, night and day.

23/8/17.

G. C. Lander

Major. R. A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

*Type copies for
all Batteries*

24. 8. 1917

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY. *Appendix No 45*

Headquarters.
24th. August 1917.

Day and night firing for the present will be carried out by Groups within Group zones on targets ordered by Group Commanders.

Minimum expenditure 35 rounds per gun or How. per 24 hours.

There is no limit, and special targets may be engaged as occasion arises, the main consideration being to worry the enemy in every possible way, night and day.

DISTRIBUTION.-
10th. Battery
11th. Battery
13th. Battery
14th. Battery
15th. Battery
105th. Battery
File
War Diary.

M. B. C.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery. Lieut.

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11 Corps.R.A.)
 24th Division.)
 73rd Inf.Bde.) For information.
 Right Double Group.)
 11 Aus.D.A.)
 A. GROUP.
 B. GROUP.
 C. GROUP.

1. The 11 Corps will, on 'Z' DAY, with the 14th and 47th Divisions make a further advance of their positions.

2. In preparation for above, Night Firing will be carried out as given below. Ammunition to be expended 30 rounds per 18-pr in action, 4.5 Hows. to be used for special tasks as ordered from this Office or by Group Commanders.

Reference Maps issued with HO/111 .

No shooting to be West of present SOS lines.

Night 24th/25th.	8-30 - 11pm.	11pm - 2am.	2am - 5am.
A. GROUP - 18-pr. <i>Tgt</i> 67, 70, 74.	<i>Tgt</i> 71, 68, 60.	<i>Tgt</i> 70, 74, 64.	
B. GROUP - 18-pr. " 77, 81, 84	" 79 80 83	" 77 79 81	
C. GROUP - 18-pr. " 88 93 92	" 85 89 91	" 88 93 93	

Night 25th/26th. August.	8-30pm - 1am.	1am - 5am.
A. GROUP - <i>Tgt</i> 67, 70, 74,	<i>Tgt</i> 64, 68, 71,	
B. GROUP -	80 83 84	77 79 81
C. GROUP -	85 89 90	88 92 93

3. Searching firing during daylight will be arranged by Group Commanders to keep the ground between enemy front posts and the rear to a depth of 800 yards within group zones under bursts of shrapnel fire. Ammunition to be expended 40 rounds per 18-pr in action daily.

4. The following area will be bombarded with 4.5 Gas shell nightly by Groups as below. This to be done in intense bursts at irregular intervals throughout the night.

Night 24th/25th Augt.	B. Group -	J.15.d.00.75 -	J.15.e.95.30. -	500 rds
" 25th/26th "	A. GROUP -	"	"	"
" 26th/27th "	B. GROUP -	"	"	"

24/8/17.

C. Richardson

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

J.M.

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 45. By
 Lieut.-Col. J L. SHELLSHEAR
 Headquarters.
 24th. August 1917.

1. The II Corps will, on "Z" DAY with the 14th, and 47th. divisions make a further advance of their positions.
2. In preparation for above, Night firing will be carried out as given below. Ammunition to be expended 30 rounds per 18-pdr. in action 4.5" Hows. to be used for special tasks as ordered from this Office or by Group Commanders.

Reference Maps issued.

No shooting to be west of present SOS Lines.

<u>Night 24th/25th.</u>	<u>8.30. - 11pm.</u>	<u>11pm. - 2am.</u>	<u>2am. - 5am.</u>
A GROUP Targets	67.70.74.	Targets 71.68.60.	Targets 70.74.64.

<u>Night 25th/26th.</u>	<u>8.30pm. - 1am.</u>	<u>1am. - 5am.</u>
A GROUP Targets	67.70.74. Targets.	64.68.71.

3. Searching firing during daylight will be arranged by Group Commanders to keep the ground between enemy front posts and the rear to a depth of 800 yards within Group zones under bursts of shrapnel fire. Ammunition to be expended 40 rounds per 18-pdr. in action daily.

4. The following area will be bombarded with 3.5" Gas Shell nightly by Groups as below. This to be done in intense bursts at irregular intervals throughout the night.

Night 24th/25th.	Augt.	B GROUP	- J.15.d.00.75.	- J.15.e.95.30.	- 500 rds
" 25th/26th.	"	A GROUP	"	"	"
" 26th/27th.	"	B GROUP	"	"	"

DISTRIBUTION.-

- 10th. Battery
- 11th. Battery
- 13th. Battery
- 14th. Battery
- 15th. Battery
- 105th. Battery
- File
- War Diary.

J. L. Shellshear
 Lieut.
 A/Adjt. "A" Group Artillery.

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Appendix No 47

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.
ROSTER.

T. O. P. - 24 hours 4.p.m to 4.p.m.

August 1917.

23rd.-24th.	.....	14th. Battery
24th.-25th.	.....	15th. "
25th.-26th.	.....	105th. "
26th.-27th.	.....	11th. "
27th.-28th.	.....	13th. "
28th.-29th.	.....	10th. "
29th.-30th.	.....	14th. "
30th.-31st.	.....	15th. "
31st.-1st Sept.	.....	105th. "
1st.-2nd.	.....	11th. "
2nd.-3rd.	.....	13th. "
3rd.-4th.	.....	10th. "
4th.-5th.	.....	14th. " <u>and so on.</u>

F.O.O. and LIAISON- 24 hours to start from 6.a.m. at C.P. in J.19.b. and Battalion at night.

August 1917.

23rd.	.....	11th. Battery
24th.	.....	13th. "
25th.	.....	10th. "
26th.	.....	14th. "
27th.	.....	15th. "
28th.	.....	105th. "
29th.	.....	11th. "
30th.	.....	13th. "
31st.	.....	10th. "
1st. Sept.	.....	14th. "
2nd.	.....	15th. "
3rd.	.....	105th. "
4th.	.....	11th. " <u>and so on.</u>

BATTERY COMMANDERS to visit Battalion Headquarters.-

August 1917.

23rd.	.....	13th. Battery
24th.	.....	11th. "
25th.	.....	105th. "
26th.	.....	14th. "
27th.	.....	15th. "
28th.	.....	10th. "
29th.	.....	13th. "
30th.	.....	11th. "
31st.	.....	105th. "
1st. Sept.	.....	14th. "
2nd.	.....	15th. "
3rd.	.....	10th. "
4th.	.....	13th. " <u>and so on.</u>

- DISTRIBUTION.-
- 10th. Battery
 - 11th. Battery
 - 13th. Battery
 - 14th. Battery
 - 15th. Battery
 - 105th. Battery
 - File
 - War Diary.

W. Blowler
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

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Appendix No 48

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.
Operation Order No. 46.

By
Lieut.-Col. J.L. Shellshear.
Headquarters.
25th. August 1917.

Day and night firing for Batteries has been reduced to.-

30 rounds per gun per day
30 " " " " night.

- DISTRIBUTION.-
- 10th. Battery
 - 11th. Battery
 - 12th. Battery
 - 14th. Battery
 - 15th. Battery
 - 1st 5th. Battery
 - File
 - War Diary.

D.A. Blow
Lieut.
A/Adjt. "A" Group Artillery.

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HO/126.

A. GROUP.
 B. GROUP.
 C. GROUP.
 73rd Inf. Bde. (For information.)
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1. 72nd I.B. will relieve the 73rd I.B. in the line on the 27th Aug. and night 27th/28th.

2. S.O.S. line of A. GROUP will run from

J.20.a.5.5 Southward.

Group boundary being

North - E. & W. line through J.20.a.5.5.

South - E. & W. line through J.19.d.40.34.

3. Night firing to-night will be carried out in accordance with HO/125.

4. Ammunition expenditure is reduced to

20 rounds per 18-pr per night.

30 " " " " day.

25/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

~~War diary~~

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Appendix No. 49

Operation Order No. 47.

By
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLISHEAR.
Headquarters.
25th. August 1917.

1. "S.O.S" lines for Group from 8.p.m. tonight 25/8/17 will be.-

10th. Battery.-	J. 20 .a. 50 .50.	to	J. 20 .a. 37 .27.
11th. "	.- J. 20 .a. 37 .27.	"	J. 20 .e. 22 .76.
13th. "	.- J. 20 .e. 22 .76.	"	J. 20 .e. 10 .30.
14th. "	.- J. 20 .a. 30 .00.	"	J. 20 .e. 10 .30.
15th. "	.- J. 20 .a. 50 .50.	"	J. 20 .a. 30 .00.

105th. Battery.- Fire on Trench and Road Junctions, and enemy Strong Points in rear of above lines.

2. Tasks for tonight will be as detailed in my O.O. No. 45. of 24/8/17.

DISTRIBUTION.
10th. Battery
11th. Battery
13th. Battery
14th. Battery
15th. Battery
105th. Battery

J. L. Shellishear
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

Appendix No 50

SECRET.

HO/129.

24th DIVISION.)
 73rd Inf. Bde.)
 A. GROUP.)
 B. GROUP.)
 C. GROUP.)

For information.

There will be ^abarrage fired by 41st DIVISIONAL
 ARTILLERY on our right at about dawn 27th August,
 1917, under which Infantry raiding parties will
 go out.

26/8/17.

Major. R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

HO/131.

SECRET.

A. GROUP.
 24th Division.)
 73rd Inf. Bde.)
 B. GROUP.) FOR INFORMATION.
 C. GROUP.)
 14th Div. Arty.)
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1. To assist 14th Division in a small operation tomorrow morning - 27th inst - A. GROUP will put up a smoke Barrage with 3 18-pr batteries :-

2.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Objective.</u>	<u>Rate of fire.</u>
4.30am - 5am.	J.20.b.1.4 - J.14.d.5.3.	1 round per gun per 2 minutes.
5am - 5.5am.	Do.	3 rounds per gun per minute.
5.5am - 6am.	Do.	1 round per gun per 2 minutes.
6am - 6.5am.	Do.	2 rounds per gun per minute.
6.5am - 7am.	Do.	1 round per gun per 2 minutes.

26/8/17.

G. Chieffo

Major. R. A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

My O.O. 48

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.
Operation Order No 48.

By
Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR,
Headquarters.
26th. August 1917.

1. To assist 14th. Division in a small operation tomorrow morning.- 27th. inst. 13th. 14th. and 15th. Batteries will put up a smoke barrage.

2.

Time.	Battery	Objective	Rate of Fire.
4.30. to 5.3. a.m.	13th. Battery	J.20.b.10.40. to J.20.b.23.70.	} 1 round per gun per 2 minutes.
	14th. "	J.20.b.23.70. to J.14.d.40.00	
	15th. "	J.14.d.40.00 to J.14.d.50.30.	
5.3. a.m. to 5.5. a.m.	do	do	3 rds per gun per min.
5.5. a.m. to 6 a.m.	do	do	1 rd per gun per 2 min.
6. a.m. to 6.3. a.m.	do	do	2 rds per gun per min
6.3. a.m. to 7. a.m.	do	do	1 rd per gun per 2 min.

3. An Officer from Brigade Headquarters will call at Batteries with correct time and will synchronise watches between 10.30. and 11.30. p.m.

DISTRIBUTION.-

- 13th. Battery
- 14th. Battery
- 15th. Battery
- 16th. Battery)
- 11th. Battery)
- 105th. Battery)
- File & War Diary

FOR INFORMATION.

J. L. Shellshear
Lieut.
A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

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11 Corps.R.A.)
24th DIVISION.) FOR INFORMATION.
14th Div.Arty.)

HO/127.

A. GROUP.
B. GROUP.
C. GROUP.

1. C. GROUP will arrange to put gas shells daily till further orders into POLDHORN WOOD (J.16.c. & J.16.d.) 400 rounds 4.5 How. (Gas) daily.

2. This will be carried out in heavy bursts at irregular intervals. Concentration being the chief thing to aim at.

3. Groups will arrange that 4.5 How. Batteries keep up 500 rounds Gas Shell, per battery for the present, so as to be able to carry out shoots at short notice.

4. 400 rounds gas shell are being sent up to D/107 to-day by order from this HQ.

26/8/17.



Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

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Appendix No. 53

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SECRET.

- 11 Corps.R.A.)
- 24th Division.)
- 72nd I.B.)
- 14th Div.Arty.)
- 41st Div.Arty.)
- A. GROUP.
- B. GROUP.
- C. GROUP.

FOR INFORMATION.

HO/132.

1. Day and night firing will be continued in Group Zones, special attention being paid to all known lines of approach used by enemy as shown on ISOLATION MAP issued with HO/111, on aeroplane photographs, some of which show tracks very clearly, and from information obtained by F.O.Cs and Liaison Officers as to enemy movement.

Ammunition to be expended 20 rounds per 18-pr in action per night.
30 rounds per 18-pr in action per day.

This to be the minimum expenditure and to be exclusive of any special shoots ordered from this Office or by Group Commanders.

2. 4.5 How. will be employed as follows -

500 rounds nightly gas shell.

Night 27/28th Augt. C. GROUP - J.15.d.00.75 - J.15.e.95.30.

Night 28/29th Augt. C. GROUP - Do.

Night 29/30th Augt. B. GROUP - Do.

During hours of daylight - 400 rounds daily gas shell.

28th Augt. B. GROUP - POLDHOEK WOOD in J.16.c & J.16.d.

29th Augt. A. GROUP - Do.

30th Augt. A. GROUP - Do.

Above to be carried out in intense bursts at irregular intervals.

G. C. Richardson

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

J.H. [unclear]

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.
Operation Order No. 49.

By
Lieut.-Col. J.L. SHELLSHEAR.
Headquarters.
28th. August 1917.

1. Day and night firing will be continued in Group zones, special attention being paid to all known lines of approach used by enemy as shown on ~~MAP~~ issued, on aeroplane photographs, some of which show tracks very clearly, and from information obtained by P.O.Cs. and Liaison Officers as to enemy movement.

Ammunition to be expended 30 rounds per 18-pdr. in action per night
30 rounds per 18-pdr. in action per day.

This to be the minimum expenditure and to be exclusive of any special shoots ordered from this Office, or *S.O.S. Shooting.*

2. 4.5" How. will be employed as follows.-

500 rounds nightly Gas Shell.

Night 27th/28th Augt. C. GROUP - J.15.d.00.75. - J.15.c.95.30.
Night 28th/29th Augt. C. GROUP Do
Night 29th/30th. Augt. B. GROUP Do

During hours of daylight - 400 rounds daily gas shell.

28th. Augt. B. GROUP - POLDHOCK WOOD in J.16.c. & J.16.d.
29th. Augt. A. GROUP - Do
30th. Augt. A. GROUP - Do.

Above to be carried out in intense bursts at irregular intervals.

DISTRIBUTION.-
10th. Battery
11th. Battery
13th. Battery
14th. Battery
15th. Battery
105th. Battery
War Diary
File.

J.L. Shellshear
Lieut.
Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

Appendix No. 54

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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Secret.

Headquarters,
29th August 1917.



C.O. 4th A.F.A.Bde.
C.O. 5th A.F.A.Bde.
C.O. 2nd Aust. D.A.C.
24th Divisional Artillery

1. The personnel of the 104th and 12th Batteries will relieve the personnel of the 105th and 14th Batteries in the line on 30th August. Details to be arranged by Officers Commanding.
2. Completion of reliefs to be reported to 24th Divisional Artillery Headquarters, and repeated to this office.

Major R.A.L.,
Brigade Major
2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.

SECRET.

HO/157.

Xth Corps.R.A.)
 24th Division.)
 72nd Inf.Bde.)
 Right Double Group.) FOR INFORMATION.
 A. GROUP.
 B. GROUP.
 J. GROUP.

1. Ammunition expenditure in ordinary day and night firing on enemy approaches, etc. will be cut down to the following -

18-pr. ⁸⁰ { 400 rounds per 24 hours per ^{Battery} Group on 'A' Group zone.
 { 300 rounds per 24 hours per Group on 'B' Group zone.
 { 300 rounds per 24 hours per Group on 'G' Group zone.

Above to be minimum expenditure and to be in excess of special shoots ordered from this Office or arranged by Group Commanders.

2. The gas shoots by 4.5" Hows. ^{Registration etc.} will be continued as soon as the wind dies down.

'A' Group will be prepared to fire 400 rounds gas shell by day into POLDHOEK WOOD J.16.c, J.16.d.

'G' Group will be prepared to fire 500 rounds gas shell by night - J.15.d.00.75 - J.15.c.95.30.

Instructions will be issued from this Office when these shoots will commence.

3. Ammunition will be dumped and maintained at gun positions up to 800 rounds per 18-pr. 800 rounds per 4.5 How. This will be on basis of 6 gun batteries. Dumping should be commenced at once.

Batteries in reserve in wagon lines must also dump at their battery positions.

30/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

Appendix No 55

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"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 50

BY
 Lieut.-Col. J. L. SHELLSHEAR,
 Headquarters,
 30th. August 1917.

1. Ammunition expenditure in ordinary day and night firing on enemy approaches etc. will be cut down to the following.-

18-pdr...- 80 rounds per 24 hours per Battery on "A" Group zone

Above to be minimum expenditure and to be in excess of special sheets ordered from this Office, Registration etc.

2. The gas sheets by 4.5" Hews. will be continued as seen as possible the wind dies down.

"A" Group will be prepared to fire 400 rounds gas shell by day into POLDHORE WOOD J.16.e. J.16.d.

Instructions will be issued from this Office when these sheets will commence.

3. Ammunition will be dumped and maintained at Gun positions up to 800 rounds per 18-pdr. 800 rounds per 4.5" Hew. This will be on basis of 6 Gun Batteries. Dumping should be commenced at once.

~~Batteries in reserve in wagon lines must also dump at their Battery positions.~~

4. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE.

by wire

J. L. Shellshear
 Lieut.

A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.-

10th. Battery
 11th. Battery
 12th. Battery
 13th. Battery
 15th. Battery
 16th. Battery
 104th. Battery
 War Diary
 File.

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Appendix No 56.
S.C./1/2904.

- "A" Group.
- "B" Group.
- "C" Group.
- 106th F.A.B. (Wagon Lines)
- 107th F.A.B. (Wagon Lines)
- 24th D.A.C.
- 2nd Aust. D.A.
- 52nd Army F.A.B.
- 298th Army F.A.B.
- O.I./c., A.R.P., N.I. central.

*Copy to all
Batteries*

Following Priority wire from 24th Division, No. Q.W./5663, (Begins) aaa 10 Corps wire Q/673 dated 29th (Begins) aaa Dumping at Gun Positions will begin tomorrow 30th and will continue till further orders aaa Reports will be rendered to 10 Corps R.A. daily by 10 a.m. showing rounds per Gun dumped aaa Scale of Dumps will be issued later aaa (Ends) aaa For necessary action aaa (Ends) aaa

For information and necessary action.

Daily report showing number of rounds per Gun dumped should reach this Office by 9 a.m.

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W. M. M. M. Captain, R.A.
Staff Captain, 24th Divisional Artillery.

30/8/17.

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Appendix No 56.

"A" GROUP ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
30th. August 1917.

- 10th. Battery
- 11th. Battery
- 12th. Battery
- 13th. Battery
- 15th. Battery
- 104th. Battery

Following Priority wire from 24th. Division, No. Q.W./5453
 (Begins.) aka 10 Corps wire Q/673 dated 29th (Begins) aka Dumping at
 Gun Positions will begin tomorrow 30th and will continue till
 further orders aka Reports will be rendered to 10 Corps R.A. daily
 by 10 a.m. showing rounds per gun dumped as scale of dumps will
 be issued later aka (Ends) aka For necessary action aka (Ends) aka

For information and necessary action.

Daily report showing number of rounds dumped per gun
 dumped should reach this Office by 8 a.m.

[Signature]
 Lieut.
 A/Adj. "A" Group Artillery.

LVII

HO/139.

SECRET.

Xth Corps.R.A.)
 11nd Corps.R.A.)
 24th Division.)
 72nd Inf.Bde.)
 Right Double Group.)

FOR INFORMATION.

B. GROUP
 A. GROUP.
 C. GROUP.
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Reference my HO/137 dated 20/8/17.

The gas shoots detailed in Para 2 will now be carried out unless the wind rises again.

'C' Group will therefore to-night fire 500 rounds gas shells from 4.5 Hows - J.15.d.00.75 - J.15.c.95.50.

'A' Group will to-morrow (1st Sept) fire 400 gas shells from 4.5 Hows. onto POLDHOEK WOOD J.16.c J.16.d.

31/8/17.

Major.R.A.

Brigade Major, 24th Divisional Artillery Group.

C.B. 104 Bty.

To note & return please

M.P. Birks Lt
for Adj. A Group.

W. H. H.
10/10/17