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	1-8-17		<p>11.a.m. - Night very quiet.</p> <p>2.p.m. - Lieut.Roach reports "Front line trench in front of STIRLING CASTLE being fairly heavily shelled from Easterly direction by 4.2 at short range" 30th D.A.were advised by phone. F.O.O's were relieved at 11 a.m. by Lieut.Delaney and Lieut.Dowsett.</p> <p>1.p.m. - Enemy shelled vicinity of I.23.A.5.5 very heavily at intervals with 15 cm How and 10.5 cm gun,until about 7 p.m. when fire ceased. Enemy were apparently searching for 60 pdr Battery which was in position about 100 Yards in rear of Group H.Q.</p> <p>7.10.p.m. Our F.O.O's reported that our line ran approximately J.13.B.90.95 to B.7.3 thence to J.13.D.85.80. with posts established at J.14.C.25.80; J.14.C.25.50; J.14.C.30.40; J.14.C.27.26; J.14.C.20.15; and J.14.C.2.0. These co-ordinates were approximate only.</p>	<p>Zillebeke Sheet 28 NW 4 and NE.3. (parts of) 1/10.000</p>																						
	2-8-17		<p>About 10.a.m. enemy started putting Shrapnel and 10.5 cm H.E. in vicinity of I.23.A.5.5.</p> <p>10.30 a.m. - Lieut.Smith and Lieut.Graham.M.C.(4th Battery) left to relieve F.O.Party at STIRLING CASTLE.</p> <p>Owing to rain 1st and 3rd Battery personnel withdrew to Wagon Lines in H.28.B. from the PROMENADE. (Trench running along S. BANK of ZILLEBEKE LAKE) while 2nd.4th.5th and 6th Batteries remained at Railway Dugouts; and 102nd Battery at old position at I.27.A.9.5; while guns of Group were left still under guard at I.18.D and I.24.A</p>																							
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	3-8-17		<p>12.15.a.m. - Received word from Major Riggall that the Railway dugouts I.21.C. had been heavily shelled all day by Enemy's heavy Artillery. In all he reports approximately 1000 Shells fired into I.21.C.</p> <p>At 9.p.m. (2/8/17) Enemy obtained a direct hit on one dugout resulting in Captain A.J. Glendinning. (1st F.A. Brigade attached 6th Battery to command) and Lieut. Ford. 2nd F.A. Brigade being killed and Lieut. Lilburne wounded.</p> <p>Owing to report from Captain Wilkinson (2nd Battery) at 11.15 p.m. (2/8/17) orders had been sent to all Batteries to withdraw to wagon lines. before Major Riggall's (5th Battery) despatches.</p> <p>9.45.a.m. - Lieut. Neal (Sig. Sub-sec) (attached 1st F.A. Brigade) got telephone through to forward O.P. at CLAPHAM JUNCTION.</p>	<p>Zillebeke Shells 28 NWA and NE 3 (parts of) 1/10000</p>
	4-8-17		<p>On instructions from 30th Div. Artillery. Personnel of 2nd and 4th Batteries relieved personnel of "B" Battery. Buyer. "A" Group. and of C/82 Battery of B Group respectively. Line to forward O.P. was handed over to "A" Group on instructions from 30th Div. Artillery.</p> <p>At 6.a.m. on 4th August. 30th Div. Art. was relieved by 18th Div. Art. under which H.Q. "C" Group was <del>from</del> from above hour.</p> <p>18th Div. Art. Group Order No 7. orders "C" Group to be in reserve; with the exception of the personnel of 2 Batteries which are to relieve the personnel of One Battery of each "A" and "B" Group.</p> <p>1.p.m. - Lieut-Colonel Anderson. D.S.O. proceeded to wagon line to remain for a few days.</p> <p>7.p.m. - Half Staff at "C" Group H.Q. were sent to wagon line to rest for a day or two.</p> <p>10.p.m. - Enemy shelling vicinity I.23.A. with gas shells.</p>	
	5-8-17		<p>Captain Cunningham was transferred from D.A.C. to 1st Brigade and posted to 101st Battery. Captain L.C. Dyke was transferred from 1st A.F.A. Brigade to 1st D.A.C.</p> <p>Weather cleared up and dried up the ground considerably.</p> <p>Very quiet day until 9.15 p.m. when enemy commenced shelling very heavily. - At 9.25 p.m. S.O.S. had been sent up from about J.7.D. to J.19.</p> <p>10.10.p.m. - Artillery fire quieter but still severe.</p> <p>10.25.p.m. - Artillery fire practically ceased.</p>	

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	6-8-17		<p>From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. enemy shelled 60-pdr Battery I.23.A.0.5. with 21 cm How; and an occasional few rounds of shrapnel.</p> <p>From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. shrapnel and 15 cm shells fell steadily in vicinity of I.23.A.5.5.</p> <p>At 12 noon personnel of 1st Battery relieved personnel of 2nd Battery at "B" Battery Buyer R.F.A. - Also 4th Battery personnel were relieved by personnel of C/82 Battery.R.F.A at I.22.B.0.5. and 5th Battery personnel relieved personnel of C/83 Battery.R.F.A at I.22.B.50.35.</p>	<p>Zillebeke Shels NW4 and NE 3. (parts of) 1/10000</p>
	7-8-17		<p>9.30 p.m. - Heavy enemy bombardment of our Front and Support.</p> <p>9.40 p.m. - O.C. 101st Battery reported S.O.S. had gone up in about J.19. (RIGHT of SANCTUARY WOOD).</p> <p>10 p.m. - Artillery fire very considerably quietened down.</p>	
	8-8-17		<p>In accordance with instructions from 18th Div.Art; Batteries were ordered to be in position ready to fire by 12 noon to-day.</p> <p>9 p.m. - Enemy put up very heavy barrage and our Infantry sent up "S.O.S"</p> <p>10 p.m.- Enemy fire slackened and died away altogether.</p> <p>10.15 p.m. - Major H.F.Kingsmill.D.S.O. and Lieut. D. Dowsett were killed at Battery position by enemy getting direct hit on their dugout with H.E.Shell. - Lieut.W.H.East.M.C. who was in the dugout at the time escaped uninjured. - His self-control was wonderful. - He immediately took command and carried on as if nothing had happened to him.</p> <p>11 p.m. - Batteries all ordered to withdraw to wagon lines as owing to rain the attack timed for following morning was postponed.</p>	
	9-8-17		<p>Enemy artillery fairly active all day. - Ground dried up well; and visibility good.</p> <p>Enemy aeroplanes and our own very active.</p>	
	10-8-17		<p>To-day at 4.35 a.m. II Corps will attack INVERNESS COPSE; GLENCORSE WOOD; and the SOUTHERN end of WESTHOCK RIDGE. - The attack is to be carried out by 18th Division on the RIGHT and 25th Division on the LEFT. - The 18th Division will attack with One Battalion. 55th Infantry Brigade on the RIGHT and One Battalion. 54th Infantry Brigade on the LEFT. - "C" Group consisting of 1st Aust.Div.Art. (Less 101st Battery attached 73 H.A.G.) is attached to 18th Div. Art. Operation of "C" Group Artillery is given in Operation Order No 21. - and Barrage Map attached. Also trainings marked A &amp; B. - Batteries were ordered to be in position and ready for action at at 3.a.m. 11th inst.</p>	

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	10-8-17		<p>4.34<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> a.m. - Our Barrage bombardment started. 30 seconds early! Sounds and is terrific.</p> <p>4.50 a.m. - 6th Battery report they had to evacuate from guns owing to heavy enemy barrage.</p> <p>5 a.m. - 3rd Battery report enemy aeroplanes flying low over Battery positions.</p> <p>5.7 a.m. - 2nd Battery report that when they started firing at 4.35 a.m. enemy sent a lot back at forward positions but that <del>the</del> it had (at 5 a.m.) slackened off somewhat.</p> <p>5.8 a.m. - Communication forward of YECOMANRY POST (Y P) maintained by lamp as wire was cut by barrage.</p> <p>5.18 a.m. - 3rd Battery (Lieut. W.H. East. M.C) report One gun out of action temporarily.</p> <p>5.21 a.m. - 2nd Battery (Major H.R. Byrne) reports enemy fire very considerably slackened and One gun blown out by enemy shell-fire at 4.40 a.m.</p> <p>5.45 a.m. - 6th Battery (Captain G.H. Parker) reports 2 guns blown out. One in action. Lieut. W. Graham M.C. (4th Battery) wounded in wrist by enemy shell-fire.</p> <p>6.30 a.m. - 4th Battery ordered to switch to cover 6th Battery front. - 102nd Battery ordered to fire an occasional series in enfilade on communication trench J.9.c.0.2 to J.9.C.5.9. F.O.O's (Lieut Segrave. 2nd Battery and Lieut Lord. 5th Battery) report that wounded soldiers returning at 5.5 a.m. told them infantry were in GLENCORSE WOOD and were advancing (Message came by lamp from F.O.O's to Y.P)</p> <p>No 699. W.O. Barlow T. Armament Artificer was seriously wounded during operation.</p> <p>8.8 a.m. - All Batteries "S.O.S." - 18th Div. Art. ordered S.O.S. and all Batteries were instructed and commenced firing immediately.</p> <p>8.13 a.m. - F.O.O. (at J.7.B.9.1) reports enemy heavily shelling our objective line from J.8.A.3.5 to J.14.B.2.9. - Guns firing from direction of POLYGON WOOD. timed 7.30 a.m.</p> <p>8.35 a.m. - All Batteries ordered to drop rate to <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> round per gun per minute.</p> <p>8.50 a.m. - All Batteries ordered to fire an occasional burst of a few rounds.</p> <p>10.00 a.m. - 18th Div. Art. ordered S.O.S barrage line to be on J.14.B.86 to J.8.D.3.4 to cover infantry posts established at J.8.C.9.1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>. and J.14.B.1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>.7.</p> <p>10.5 a.m. - About 30 infantry reported at J.3.A.5.3 and 4th Battery was ordered to fire 50 rounds on to them.</p> <p>10.10 a.m. - 4th Battery report 8 inch shelling near their position. - F.O.O reported movement in J.2.D and J.8.B. - 5th Battery were ordered to search and sweep; also reported to B.M. 18th Div. Art. for transmission to Division on our left.</p> <p>10.55 a.m. - S.O.S. - Enemy counter attack reported from NONNE BOSSCHEN.</p> <p>11.20 a.m. - Liaison Officer (Colonel Thorpe) with 54th Infantry Brigade reported line to be held by Bedfords as follows:-</p>	<p>Zillebekk Shubs 28 NW4 and NE 3 (parts of) 1/10000</p>

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	11-8-17		<p>6.30 a.m. - Received message "S.O.S. J.14.A.5.6" from contact aeroplane and opened fire with Batteries on S.O.S lines and rates. - Stopped firing at 7.15 a.m. having been unable to get confirmation of any enemy attack.</p>	

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	11-8-17		<p>8.5 a.m. - Liaison Officer (Lieut. Humphreys) with Battalion reports "One Battalion holding line J.8.C.20.25 to J.14.A.55.50 with a strong point at J.8.C.50.25. - One Battalion J.14.A.55.50 to strong point J.14.A.3.2 to CLAPHAM JUNCTION at J.13.D.9.8.</p> <p>12.25 p.m. - 18th Div. Art. ordered Advised Germans massing for counter attack in GLENCORSE WOOD. - Brigade Major ordered S.O.S barrage <del>stopped</del> dropped to J.8.C.6.3 to J.14.B.0.4 and fire to be opened for 10 minutes at 2 rounds per gun per minute; and then drop back to 1 round per gun per minute. - Above was transmitted to Batteries and they were also ordered to search 200 Yards beyond above S.O.S barrage line as infantry reported "Enemy massing for counter attack in GLENCORSE WOOD.</p> <p>12.55 p.m. - Brigade Major rang up and ordered range to be increased 200 Yards - from above barrage line.</p> <p>1.30 p.m. - Brigade Major ordered fire to be reduced to occasional bursts of gunfire.</p> <p>4.10 p.m. - Lieut. Archer (2nd Battery L.O. with Infantry Brigade) reports machine gun fire and snipers are troublesome from track J.8.C.6.3 to J.14.A.95.40 - Occasional bursts of fire would assist in quieting them. - 1st and 3rd and 4th and 5th Batteries were ordered to fire occasional bursts on line J.8.C.7.3 to J.14.B.1.4 until 4.40 p.m.</p> <p>5.14 p.m. - Enemy put a very heavy barrage down along road in I.16.D and I.22.B.</p> <p>5.20 p.m. - Spoke to Lieut. Archer (L.O. with Infantry Battalion) and he reported everything normal.</p> <p>5.25 p.m. - Enemy shortened range with some guns and lengthened it with others. - Barrage still remaining very heavy.</p> <p>5.45 p.m. - "A" Group passed on instructions received from Brigade Major that we were to fire at slow rate on S.O.S lines for short time. - All Batteries ordered to fire on S.O.S lines for 15 minutes at 1 round per gun per minute.</p> <p>5.48 p.m. - 3rd Battery reports S.O.S on our front. - All Batteries at once instructed to fire at S.O.S rates. - Brigade Major 18th Div. Art. advised by telephone. - Barrage still very heavy in vicinity "C" Group H.Q. I.23.A.6.6</p> <p>5.57 p.m. - Spoke to Lieut. Archer (L.O. with Infantry Battalion) who reported O.K. although S.O.S had been sent down but he believed no actual attack had commenced by enemy although situation looked ominous.</p> <p>6.00 p.m. - Ordered all Batteries (1st. 3rd. 4th &amp; 5th) to continue at 2 rounds per gun per minute until further orders.</p> <p>6.2 p.m. - 1st Battery report enemy aeroplane overhead.</p>	<p>Zellebete Sheet 28 NW4 and NE 3 (parts of) 1/10000</p>

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	12-8-17		<p>12.45 a.m. - L.O. (Lieut Archer) reports enemy attacking at J.14.A.3.2½ from strong point. Requests S.O.S barrage. - No S.O.S Signals visible - A few German Golden Rain only. - Cannot get answer from "A" Group.</p> <p>12.50 to 12.53 a.m. All my Batteries in action. - Could not get answer from "B" group until 12.58 a.m.</p> <p>1.5 a.m. - Liaison reports "Wind" advises stop firing: Battalion Commander says nothing serious.</p> <p>1.7 a.m. - Spoke "A" Group who spoke after my runner had arrived at DORMY HOUSE and warned them. - All quiet.</p>	



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	12-8-17		<p>4.25 a.m. - Barrage commenced in accordance with "C" Group Artillery O.O. No 23. Received message from Liaison Officer reading "Civic order No 93 cancelled. Please inform Civic. All units forward notified" - Civic - 53rd Infantry Brigade. - "A" Group were at once notified as we had not received any orders from 53rd Infantry Brigade.</p> <p>4.28 a.m. - All communications intact and in working order.</p> <p>5.10 a.m. - "B" Group advise their 18-pdrs are firing on line J.8.D.00.35 to 8.D.00 to J.14.B.25.43 in response to S.O.S. Rockets seen from Y.P. (YEOMANRY POST) by an Officer from "B" Group. - Found co-ordinates to be on position our Infantry are endeavouring to capture! - Immediately rang them up to get them to stop but found Brigade Major had already ordered them to stop.</p> <p>5.12 a.m. - O.C. 3rd Battery advises no S.O.S rockets seen or sent up on our front since opening fire at 4.25 a.m.</p> <p>4.40 a.m. - 2nd Brigade Batteries out of touch by telephone also 2nd Battery. - 3rd Battery. O.K.</p> <p>4.50 a.m. - 2nd, 3rd and 102nd Batteries in communication again. - 4th &amp; 6th Batteries not yet.</p> <p>5.30 a.m. - "B" Group instructed by telephone to put their S.O.S Lines on line J.8.D.3.5 to J.14.B.8.6 and only to fire on orders from this Group H.Q.</p> <p>5.43 a.m. - 2 Enemy aeroplanes engaged one of our observers. - 18th Div. Art. notified.</p> <p>6 a.m. - "A" Group notifies that word has just been received by 53rd Infantry Brigade from LEFT Battalion that operation did NOT take place as troops on left did not get into position owing to getting lost.</p> <p>6.5 a.m. - Batteries ordered to stop firing and to lay on S.O.S lines detailed in "C" Group memo No 32 namely: 18-pdrs on line J.14.B.42.48 to J.8.D.05.35 and 102nd Battery on trench J.8.D.70.05 to J.9.C.00.15 - 5.9</p> <p>1.40 p.m. - Lieut Archer (L.O.) reports Infantry lines now J.14.A.3.2½ to J.14.A.5.5 - with post at J.14.A.6.4 to J.8.C.3.2½ with post at J.8.C.6.3.</p> <p>2.30 p.m. - L.O. (Lieut Staley 2nd F.A. Brigade) busy registering Batteries on to small hut in GLENCORSE WOOD.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Zillebeke Sheet 28 NW4 and NE 3 (parts of) 1/10000</p>

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	12-8-17		<p>4.10 p.m. - Lieut Coleman (F.O.O) reports heavies (6" or larger calibre) are <del>being</del> firing short on to post at J.14.A.3.2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> which is held by our Infantry. Reported to Brigade Major. 18th Div. Art. at 4.12 p.m. - Visibility very good. - Enemy aeroplanes seem active but are flying high. - Six Enemy observation balloons up and visible.</p> <p>6.10 p.m. - Lieut Coleman (L.O. with Infantry) reports 9.2 shells falling short at J.14.A.3.2 and also on JARGON TRENCH and that it had not been reduced since he reported at 4.10 p.m. - Advised the Brigade Major 18th Div. Art. at once.</p> <p>6.30 p.m. - Lieut. N. Delaney (102nd How. Battery) rang up to report that Captain E.A.H. Randall O.C. 102nd Battery had been wounded and evacuated and that enemy had been shelling them consistently the whole afternoon with a 5.9 How. or larger from direction of POLY-GONE WOOD. This was first notification we had received and 18th Div. Art. were asked for retaliation. - Lieut. Colonel Anderson D.S.O went out with Lieut. Delaney and reconnoitred new position for 102nd Battery at I.17.D.10.15. - Guns will be moved in there to-night or as many of them as possible.</p> <p>10.35 p.m. - L.O. Lieut Staley reports all O.K. and shelling normal.</p>	<p><i>Zillebete</i> Sheet 28. NWA and NE3 (parts of) 1/10000.</p>
	13-8-17		<p>4. a.m. - E.C. reports S.O.S. which apparently turned out to be incorrect as it was not repeated and Batteries stopped firing.</p> <p>4.25 a.m. - S.O.S reported by lamp from F.O.O "A" and "B" groups notified at 4.25 a.m.</p> <p>4.40 a.m. - Message from Lieut Staley. F.O.O. ordering batteries to cease <del>from</del> fire on S.O.S. - All Batteries and "A" and "B" Groups notified. - Communication with 4th and 6th Batteries very unsatisfactory as it takes anywhere from 7 minutes onward to raise them. - They advise this as due to heavy shell-fire to which route of cable is subjected.</p> <p>10.10 a.m. - Section of 5.9 Hows firing from direction of GHELUVELT on to our Battery positions at I.18.B. - Brigade Major 18th Div. Art. was asked for counter batteries assistance in stopping enemy fire.</p> <p>1.20 p.m. - Major Biddle D.S.O. (O.C. 4th Battery) advises enemy shelling with 5.9. Section has not stopped at all.</p>	

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	14-8-17		<p>12.15 a.m. - Enemy putting over heavy gas shell bombardment.</p> <p>12.45 a.m. - Lieut. Roach (F.O.O) reports that S.O.S Signals will be repeated from J.7.D.65.75. - Batteries were at once notified.</p> <p>2.55 p.m. - Lieut. Franklyn (F.O.O) reports O.P. now at J.8.C.1.8 - Impossible to use lamp or telephone - Must rely on runners - Situation normal.</p> <p>8.40 p.m. - 3rd Battery reported S.O.S signal had been seen - All Batteries instructed to fire - most of them were already in action - Reported S.O.S to "E" Group and Brigade Major. 18th Div. Art.</p> <p>9.00 p.m. - "E" Group report Infantry request fire to slow down and stop in 10 minutes.</p> <p>9.15 p.m. - Situation quiet. - All Batteries stopped firing. - 3rd and 5th Batteries ordered to fire 360 Rounds each between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. in short bursts of fire at irregular intervals on S.O.S barrage line and to search 400 Yards beyond it.</p>	<p>Zillebeto Shells 28. NWA and NE3 (parts of) 1/10000.</p>
	15-8-17		<p>7.20 a.m. <del>at 7.20 a.m.</del> - F.O.O reports "By 5.30 a.m. ground lost yesterday morning. retaken. Relief complete - Night quiet with usual morning strafe"</p> <p>2.55 p.m. - Heavy barrage reported on WESTHOCK RIDGE - 5 Enemy aeroplanes immediately overhead were engaged by anti-aircraft guns.</p> <p>4.15 p.m. - 3rd Battery reports S.O.S Signals sent up. Batteries (1st 3rd &amp; 5th) ordered on S.O.S. - Our F.O.O. (Lieut Croft) reporting to be all quiet. - Batteries were ordered to stop firing.</p> <p>4.45 p.m. - O/O Order No 26 issued. Copy attached also Barrage and sketch maps also attached. Zero hour to be notified later.</p> <p>4.30 p.m. - Section of 15 cm guns firing salvos from direction of POLY-GONE WOOD on to 60-pdr Battery just in rear of our H.Q. at I.23.A.6.6 and making it very uncomfortable for us.</p> <p>5 p.m. - 15 cm Guns stopped.</p> <p>5.10 p.m. - F.O.O. Lieut Smith reports Ten 18-pdr shells fallen in CHATEAU WOOD - Our Batteries not firing - Reported matter to "E" Group for their investigation.</p> <p>6 p.m. - Enemy blew out our forward lamp signalling and telephone. killing Corporal Pendlebury (2nd F.A. Brigade. Sig. Sub-sec) another signaller being seriously wounded.</p> <p>9 p.m. - 1st. 2nd 3rd &amp; 5th Batteries report S.O.S having gone up and are in action 4th &amp; 6th Batteries also.</p> <p>9.25 p.m. - "E" Group advise that Infantry report all quiet on our front and accordingly all Batteries are being ordered to slow down and then stop.</p>	

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	16-8-17		<p>2.40 a.m. - S.O.S. reported by 3rd Battery and all Batteries in action by 3.50 a.m. - Delay occasioned by communications in one or two cases. - "E" Group informed.</p> <p>3.15 a.m. - As neither "A" Group (on right) or "E" Group (on left) have had any S.O.S. we slowed down and stopped. - (Have been unable to raise Y.P. since 2.45 a.m. until 3.35 a.m. on telephone at Y.P. Corporal Battye &amp; on exchange here Sapper Niven for Lieut Neals inquiry)</p> <p>4.a.m. - S.O.S. reported by "C" Battery and all Batteries in action by 4.5 a.m. - Enemy putting up a very heavy barrage.</p> <p>4.15 a.m. - All Batteries ordered to slow down to frequent bursts of gunfire on S.O.S. Lines. as Infantry (169th Brigade) advise all quiet on their sector. - Enemy still maintaining heavy barrage along front.</p> <p>4.45 am. - Zero hour. Our barrage started punctually in accordance with O.O.No 26.</p> <p>5.25 a.m. - From aeroplane "Guns in action at J.15.D.9.0.</p> <p>5.30 a.m. - From aeroplane "Guns in action at J.11.C.2.0.</p> <p>6.00 a.m. - 3rd Battery report 6 guns in action and all quiet in Brigade area.</p> <p>6.40 a.m. - Final protection barrage reached.</p> <p>10 a.m. - Aeroplane gives target "80 Infantry at J.3.C.5.0 which was passed on to "E" group as it is right on their barrage line. - 18th Div.Art.ordered barrage to be brought back on to line J.9.A.5.8 to J.9.C.5.9. - 1st Brigade Batteries superimposed on J.9.A.50.35 to J.9.A.5.8. - 2nd Brigade Batteries superimposed on J.9.C.5.9 to J.9.A.50.35.</p> <p>10.15 a.m. - S.O.S. ordered on above barrage lines while 102nd Battery is firing on target "E" (see map attached)</p> <p>10.45 a.m. - 18th Div.Art. ordered group to be ready to drop barrage to (For 1st Brigade) J.8.B.70.05 to J.8.B.7.2 to J.9.A.0.5. - (For 2nd Brigade) <del>at</del> J.8.D.90.75 along red barrage line to J.8.B.70.05.</p> <p>11 a.m. - "E" Group Liaison Officer instructs following S.O.S lines for "C" Group:- J.9.A.0.5 to J.8.D.9.7 as we are said to hold the hut at J.8.B.75.20. - Orders given to all Batteries to fire in bursts on above lines.</p> <p>11.10 a.m. - 102nd Battery ordered to fire on strong point at J.9.A.5.3.</p>	<p>Zillebeke</p> <p>Sheet 28 MVA</p> <p>and NE 3</p> <p>(part of)</p> <p>1/10000</p>

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	<del>12-45</del> 16-8-17		<p>12.45 p.m. - F.O.O (Lieut C.W.Smith) reports that at 10 a.m. our line extended as follows: - J.8.Central; J.8.A.9.7; J.8.C.4.4; J.8.d.0.8; J.8.C.8.4. - The infantry feel anxious less enemy attack from S.E. namely from NONNE BOSSCHEN and GLENCORSE WOOD and should try to take WESTHOEK RIDGE. - In case of S.O.S he reports that Infantry wish a barrage on lines J.8.B.4.2 - D2.8 - D3.5 - D3.3 - Have rung up "E" Group and asked them to confer with Infantry Brigadier before we alter S.O.S lines previously sent us by "E" Group after consultation with Brigadier (and shown above under time. 11 a.m.)</p> <p>2.30 p.m. - Aeroplane reported at 2.18 p.m. 50 Infantry at J.9.D.2.0. - 4th Battery were ordered to fire 40 rounds on that co-ordinate. - L.O (Capt Wilkinson 2nd Battery) rang up from 5th Battery position having been sent in by C.O.8th Middlesex.</p> <p>2.43 p.m. - Batteries ordered to quicken up to 1 round per gun per minute for 10 minutes and then to drop back to firing bursts at frequent intervals.</p> <p>2.40 p.m. - 102nd Battery engaged hostile battery at J.6.C.3.1 to 2.3 on three occasions during the afternoon. Result was very effective in neutralising fire. Enemy fire stopping fire on each occasion.</p> <p>3.30 p.m. - Enemy reported (By Brigade Major 18th Div. Art.) massing in J.8.B. Central. - 2nd.3rd.5th &amp; 6th Batteries on S.O.S at 1 round per gun per minute for 10 minutes then back to bursts of fire. - 1st and 4th Batteries put on to search and sweep J.9.A. S.E. and B. S.W. portion respectively with 50 rounds each.</p> <p>4.20 p.m. - F.O.O. (Lieut Smith) reports by runner (Timed 3.45 p.m.) Enemy coming over. First two waves already passed J.8.Central. They are coming from the direction of NONNE BOSSCHEN Up to now no enemy S.O.S. - All batteries are now on S.O.S.</p> <p>4.25 p.m. - Lieut Smith got through by telephone and reported barrage 50 Yards too far so ordered all batteries to drop 50 Yards. - F.O.O reports well on to enemy's waves and wounded are seen being carried back.</p> <p>4.45 p.m. - Lieut Smith after observing for Brigade and on his observation dropped another 50 yards range. Again well into them. As they moved again all batteries ordered to increase to 4 rounds per gun per minute. - F.O.O well in touch with telephone to his O.P.</p> <p>4.50 p.m. - D. A. notified.</p>	<p><i>Zillebete</i> <i>Sheet 28 MW4</i> <i>and NE 3</i> <i>(part of)</i> <i>1/10000</i></p>

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	16-8-17		<p>4.55 p.m. - 102nd Battery ordered to drop 100 on target "C". - All batteries reduced to 2 rounds per gun per minute.</p> <p>4.58 p.m. - F.O.O reports that our Infantry are moving down towards the enemy.</p> <p>5.3 p.m. - 102nd Battery increased range 100 yards. - Major F.L.Biddle.D.S.O (Comdg 4th Battery) wounded in the head and evacuated.</p> <p>5.5 p.m. - F.O.O reports Our Infantry are now attacking.</p> <p>5.10 p.m. - 102nd Battery ordered to drop 100 Yards as F.O.O reports enemy will then be caught between 18-pdr and Howitzer barrage.</p> <p>5.14 p.m. - All batteries reduced rate to 1 round per gun per minute. - 1st &amp; 6th Batteries ordered to add 150 yards.</p> <p>5.20 p.m. - Line to F.O.O cut by enemy shell-fire. Linesmen out at once to repair it.</p> <p>5.53 p.m. - Through to F.O.O by telephone again.</p> <p>5.55 p.m. - Stop firing was given to all batteries as F.O.O reports situation clear.</p> <p>6.00 p.m. - All batteries to fire occasional bursts of fire on S.O.S lines.</p> <p>6.55 p.m. - S.O.S reported as having gone up on front covered by "A" Group on our right namely:- vicinity of GLENCORSE WOOD</p> <p>7.53 p.m. - F.O.O reports enemy movement seen at J.8.D.3.5.</p> <p>8.25 p.m. - S.O.S rockets seen by all Battery sentries and batteries all in action on S.O.S.</p> <p>8.30 p.m. - 3rd Battery reports rockets (above) went up 9 degrees right of our sector and were not repeated. Communicated with "A" Group who advised that Infantry stated S.O.S was false alarm and had not been sent up by them.</p> <p>8.35 p.m. - All Batteries reduced fire to occasional bursts on S.O.S lines.</p> <p>9.15 p.m. - Green rockets reported. All batteries opened on S.O.S lines. F.O.O (Lieut Graham M.C) reports heavy enemy artillery barrage and fair amount of machine gun fire. - Reported this to 18th D.A. Brigade Major instructed that Division on Right wished S.O.S as they had completely lost touch with their Battalions. We were to continue on S.O.S lines until situation cleared up somewhat.</p> <p>9.50 p.m. - F.O.O reports situation normal. - All batteries stopped. - 3rd &amp; 6th Batteries carried on with night tasks from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. and 2nd &amp; 4th Batteries from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. expending 150 rounds per battery per hour.</p>	<p>Zillebeke Shub 28 MW4 and NE 3 (part of) 1/10000</p>

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	16-8-17		<p>10.35 p.m. - S.O.S lines of barrage altered as below in accordance with O.C.169th Infantry Brigade's wishes. - 1st F.A. Brigade on J.8.C.95.65 to J.8.A.80.05. - 2nd F.A. Brigade on J.8.D.20.35 to J.8.C.95.65. - Batteries notified at 10.40 p.m. by wire.</p> <p>11.55 p.m. - S.O.S lines altered again by D.A.'s orders and now is for 1st F.A. Brigade J.8.C.8.6 to J.8.A.80.05. - 2nd F.A. Brigade on J.8.C.80.25 to J.8.C.8.6. - Batteries notified.</p>	<p>zillebeka Shab 28 NW4 and NE 3 (parts of) 1/10000</p>
	17-8-17		<p>10.15 a.m. - 102nd Battery engaged a machine gun position at J.14.B.15.85. - F.O.O observed the shoot and reported it very effective. 2 of enemy were seen to leave the emplacement early in the shoot.</p> <p>11.20 a.m. - S.O.S line was again altered on the Right to conform to alteration made by C.O. "A" Group. - S.O.S lines now as follows:- 1st F.A. Brigade on J.8.C.8.6 to J.8.A.80.05. 2nd F.A. Brigade on J.8.D.0.3 to J.8.C.8.6.</p> <p>12.50 p.m. - Captain P. Teare (5th Battery) wounded by enemy shell-fire.</p> <p>1.50 p.m. - Aeroplane reports 15 Horse drawn transport moving N.E. from J.10.A.8.9. 3rd Battery instructed to fire 30 Rounds on them.</p> <p>2.20 p.m. - S.O.S was again altered on receipt of telegram from "E" Group Artillery advising that Infantry stated our line now was from J.8.A.95.70 - J.8.A.95.05 - J.8.C.7.8 - J.8.C.65.25 "E" Group suggested our S.O.S Line should be altered to J.8.C.95.30 but we considered this inadvisable. - S.O.S barrage was altered as follows:- 1st F.A. Brigade J.8.D.10.75 to J.8.B.30.25 2nd F.A. Brigade J.8.D.0.3 to J.8.D.10.75.</p> <p>2.30 p.m. - All batteries notified of this change.</p> <p>5.30 p.m. - Received 14th D.A. Order No 18 and accordingly ordered personnel of all Batteries (Except 1st Battery which remained in action with 6 18-pdrs and was attached to "E" Group and 101st Battery attached to 73rd H.A.G) to withdraw to wagon lines. - All guns were to be left at gun position under a guard. - Position to be maintained ready for immediate reoccupation. - Lieut. Croft 3rd Battery wounded.</p> <p>6.p.m. - Location of Batteries of "C" Group:-                      1st Battery at I.24.A.3.4;      2nd Battery at I.24.A.4.4;      3rd Battery at I.24.A.70.75;                      4th Battery at I.17.D.00.15;      5th Battery 3 guns at I.18.C.72.13 and 3 guns at I.18.C.91.16;                      6th Battery at I.24.A.15.50;      102nd Battery at I.23.B.03.75;      101st Battery at I.17.C.45.75;</p> <p>7.p.m. - "C" Group H.Q. withdrew to wagon lines.</p>	



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	18-8-17		At wagon lines.	Zillebeke Shells 28 NW 4
	19-8-17		Personnel of 6th Battery relieved personnel of 1st Battery at guns. - Lt-Col Stevenson D.S.O. and H.Q. 2nd F.A. Brigade took over command of "C" Group.	S.O. and NE 3 (parts of)
	20-8-17		All batteries ordered to proceed to gun positions and be ready for action by noon 21-8-17	1/10000 -
	21-8-17		Personnel of all batteries proceeded to gun positions leaving wagon lines about 10 a.m. Personnel of 2nd Battery returned to wagon lines as their only remaining gun in action had been put out of action.	
	22-8-17		Operation took place at 7 a.m. "C" Group operation order No 3 A attached. - Lieut Barratt R.F. and Lieut Madell E.R. of 3rd Battery both seriously wounded. Also 2/Lieut Scrivener P.P. slightly wounded by enemy shell fire.	
	23-8-17		2/ Lieut. Madell E.R. and Lieut Barratt R.F. were reported as having died of wounds on 22-8-17 received in action on 22-8-17. - Lieut-Colonel Anderson D.S.O. left at 7 a.m. to relieve Lieut-Colonel Stevenson C.M.G. of command of C Group on his transfer to command 3rd Army F.A. Brigade. - Staff of 2nd F.A. Brigade remaining at "C" Group while 1st F.A. Brigade staff remained at wagon lines. - At dawn on 23-8-17 attack was carried out by 43rd and 42nd Infantry Brigades in accordance with C Group order No 6A. - S.O.S lines in accordance with Order No 7A attached.	
	24-8-17		At 9 a.m. personnel of batteries as detailed in C group order No 8A withdraw to wagon lines. 11 a.m. Owing to enemy attacking in INVERNESS COPSE and to the RIGHT of it all personnel who had withdrawn to wagon lines in accordance with C Group order No 7A were ordered back into action. Copy of report submitted to C.R.A. 14th Div. Art. follows:- "REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 24-8-17. "After false S.O.S at 8.20 p.m. 23-8-17. all quiet reported by F.O.O. at 9.12 p.m. 4.20 a.m. Three batteries "C" Group reported "S.O.S" on right front - all "C" Group batteries firing. Spoke to "A" and later "E" Group who had not received "S.O.S". - Enemy was putting heavy barrage on our supports. It was not really possible to recognise our GREEN S.O.S from enemy twin GREEN. - Line to F.O.O. cut and dust prevented lamp visual.	

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	24-8-17		<p>Report on operations of 24-8-17. continued:-</p> <p>" 7.27 a.m. Still firing bursts on S.O.S. line. Information very vague.</p> <p>" 10.10 a.m. "E" Group report enemy bombing down JARGON TRENCH. "S.O.S" at full rates.</p> <p>" 11.10 a.m. LIAISON at "E" Group asks barrage to be dropped to 14.b.2.4 to 15.85. - Am not prepared to drop so far on such poor information: dropped Right 100 yards and Left 50 yards and reported to B.M. who referred and agreed and ordered 1 round per gun per 2 minutes.</p> <p>" My barrage now J.14.a.5.4 to J.8.d.2.0.</p> <p>" 11.30 a.m. Advised by B.M. that detachments withdrawn at 9 a.m. has been ordered up again.</p> <p>" 12.30 a.m. "S.O.S" from LEARN - All batteries firing.</p> <p>" 1.10 p.m. "A" group infantry hard pressed on their front - Rate increased to 1 round per gun per minute.</p> <p>" 1.12 p.m. From aeroplane 30 Infantry at J.9.d.2.0 moving West - engaged - Also reported to "E" and B.M. for general information.</p> <p>" 1.30 p.m. Decreased rate to 1/2 round per gun per minute on information from "A" Group.</p> <p>" 2.00 p.m. Increased to 1 round per gun per minute.</p> <p>" 2.10 p.m. Decreased to 1/2 round per gun per minute.</p> <p>" 2.15 p.m. Infantry runner from LANK asking for fire on H.20.b.5.5 - Runner reports we are driven back to STIRLING CASTLE but he was exhausted and rattled and could not be sure that we had no one East of that line. - Passed information to "A" - "E" - and B.M.</p> <p>" 3.15 p.m. Discussed with "A" Group and agreed to continue at 1 round per gun per minute with addition of occasional bursts searching East. - "A" Group Left is 100 West of my right but I will not shorten without more definite information from "E" LIAISON. - It does not seem at all certain that we have lost much ground in "C" Group lane.</p> <p>" 4.10 p.m. Detachments returned. - 22 x 18-pdrs and 5 x 4.5" Howitzers in action.</p> <p>" 4.25 p.m. Called "A" Group. - no information - continued at same rate. - Called "E" who say position unchanged. JARGON held with posts East but not located.</p> <p>" 5.00 p.m. F.O.O returned on relief. - He could obtain no definite information from Infantry - position very vague but he is of opinion that there has not been serious attack in C Group zone; but thinks weight of attack from J.14 Central. to INVERNESS COPSE but thinks we have not lost much ground. - Heavy barrage west of J.13 Central made communication almost impossible.</p>	<p>Zillebeke Shubs 28 MW4 and NE3 (parts of) 1/10000.</p>

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	25-8-17		From 10 a.m. "C" Group zone was altered in accordance with "C" Group Artillery order No 10A while S.O.S lines were as given in "C" Group order No 11.A.	Zillebeke Shels 28 NW4 and NE3 (part of) 10000-																								
	26-8-17		Quiet day.																									
	27-8-17		Action was carried out in accord with 14th Div. Artillery order No 119 and "C" Group Artillery Order No 13.A. Captain H.D. Peel. C of E Padre was attached to 1st F.A. Brigade Headquarters.																									
	28-8-17		Quiet day - Observation bad owing to rain.																									
	29-8-17		Lieut. E. Masters rejoined the Brigade from 1st Anzac Corps Artillery School and was posted to 101st Battery.																									
	30-8-17		"C" Group order No 14.A re relief of the batteries of group was issued.																									
	31-8-17		Relief of half batteries as ordered above carried out. -(Temp/Major) Captain R.M. Thompson. M.C. arrived being posted to the Brigade to command 3rd Battery vice Major H.F. Kingsmill. D.S.O. killed in action. (878717)																									
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"C" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 21.

By Lieut.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,  
8th. August, 1917.

1. The II Corps will capture INVERNESS COPSE, GLENCORSE WOOD and the Southern end of WESTHOEK RIDGE at an early date.
2. ZERO DAY and HOUR will be notified.
3. The attack will be carried out by -  
18th. Division on the Right.  
25th. Division on the Left.
4. The 18th. Division will attack with -  
One Battalion 55th. Infantry Brigade on the Right.  
One Battalion 54th. Infantry Brigade on the Left.
5. First Australian Divisional Artillery are attached to 18th. Division.
6. 18th. Divisional Artillery is divided into four groups :-  
"A" - Creeping Barrage.  
"B" - " "  
"D" - " "  
"C" - Standing Barrage.
7. Barrage Map was issued with Operation Order No. 19.
8. Attached Map ~~XXXXXX~~ "A" shows Group lanes, objective and posts to be established.
9. Attached Map "B" shows 4.5" How. tasks in lettered circles.
10. Time Table and Tasks 4.5" How. (102nd. Battery) and 18 pdr. Batteries are attached.
11. Rates of Fire will be -  
18 pdrs.  
0. 0. to 0.16. - 4 rounds per gun per minute.  
0.16. to 0.26. - 3 " " " "  
0.26. to 0.41. - 2 " " " "  
0.41. Onwards -  $\frac{1}{2}$  a round " " " "  
dying down to bursts of fire.  
4.5" Hows. - Two-thirds of above rates.

"C" Group O.O. No.21.

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12. 18 pdr. Standing Barrages lift off when the creeping barrage comes up to them. No part of a standing barrage is ever to be short of the Creeping barrage.

13. Co-ordinates of final protective barrage will be forwarded separately.

14. Lieut. W.H.G. SEGRAVE, 2nd. Battery, and  
Lieut. F.W. LORD, 5th. Battery,

are detailed as F. O. O's. They will proceed to "C" Group F.O.O. Headquarters at J.13.b.O.3. by 4 p.m. 8-8-1917. As soon as possible after the infantry advance they will establish an O.P. to get observation on left of 18th. Divisional Front. They will proceed via J.7.d.O.2. whence one officer must move up to WESTHOEK RIDGE.

A Signal Officer will accompany the F.O.O's. F. O. O's. party will be as detailed in "C" Group Operation Order No. 20.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.  
Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery.

Issued at 1400.

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	5.	-	4th. "
	6.	-	5th. "
	7.	-	6th. "
	8.	-	102nd. "

4.5" How. TASKS (see Map "B" issued with O.O.126.)

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UNIT.	TIME.	TASK.
<u>B. GROUP.</u>		
6 4.5" hows.	0.0. - 0.4.	A.1.
	0.4. - 0.8.	A.2.
	0.8. onwards.	A.3.
6 4.5" hows.	0.0. - 0.4.	B.1.
	0.4. - 0.13.	B.2.
	0.13. - 0.26.	B.3.
	0.26. onwards.	B.4.
<u>A. GROUP.</u>		
6 4.5" hows.	0.0. - 0.8.	C.1.
	0.8. - 0.18.	C.2.
	0.18. - 0.41.	C.3.
6 4.5" hows.	0.0. - 0.4.	D.1.
	0.4. - 0.13.	D.2.
	0.13. onwards.	D.3.
<u>C. GROUP.</u>		
6 4.5" hows.	0.0. - 0.8.	E.1.
	0.8. - 0.18.	E.2.
	0.18 onwards.	E.3.
<u>D. GROUP.</u>		
6 4.5" hows.	0.0. - 0.8.	F.1.
	0.8. onwards.	F.2.
6. 4.5" hows.	0.0. onwards.	G.

T I M E T A B L E

18 pdr. B A T T E R I E S.

BATTERY	TIME	OBJECTIVE.
4th.	<del>0. 0. to 0. 6.</del>	<del>J.20.a.5.9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></del> to <del>J.14.c.5.3<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></del>
5th.	<del>0. 0. to 0. 6.</del>	<del>J.14.c.5.3<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></del> to <del>J.14.c.5.5. - 6.6. - 6.8.</del>
6th.	<del>0. 0. to 0. 6.</del>	<del>J.14.c.5.3<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></del> to <del>J.14.c.5.5. - 6.6. - 6.8.</del>
4th.	0. 6. to 0.21.	J.14.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to J.14.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
5th.	0. 6. to 0.21.	J.14.d.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6. - 3.6. - 3.7.
6th.	0. 6. to 0.21.	J.14.d.3.7. to J.14.b. $\frac{1}{2}$ .2.
4th.	0.21. to 0.26.	J.14.d.5.0 to J.14.d.5.4.
5th.	0.21. to 0.26.	J.14.d.5.4. to J.14.d.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
6th.	0.21. to 0.26.	J.14.d.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to J.14.b.2.1.
4th.	0.26 Onwards.	J.20.b.9.4. to J.15.c.2.1.
5th.	0.26 Onwards.	J.14.d.8.0. to J.14.d.8.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
6th.	0.26. to 0.31.	J.14.d.5.6. to J.14.b.4.3. and at 0.31. join protective barrage.
1st.	<del>0. 0. to 0.16.</del>	<del>J.14.a.9.10. to 9.4. - 8.4. - 7<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>. 5. )</del>
3rd.	<del>0. 0. to 0.16.</del>	<del>J.14.a.7<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>.5. to J.14.a.5.9. )</del> This standing barrage will lift off 100 yards ahead of the creeping barrage on to support trench J.14.b.2.2. to J.14.a.7.7.
1st.	0.16. to 0.21.	J.14.b.2.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . to J.14.b.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5.
3rd.	0.16. to 0.21.	J.14.b.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5. to J.14.b.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9.
1st.	0.21. Onwards	J.14.b.9.75. to J.18.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2.
3rd.	0.21. Onwards	J.18.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2. to J.9.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9.
2nd.	0. 0. to 0.41.	Enfilade trench from J.14.b.1.6. to J.8.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2. and rolling up with the creeping barrage.

APPENDIX



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"C" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Amendment and Addendum to Operation Order No. 21.

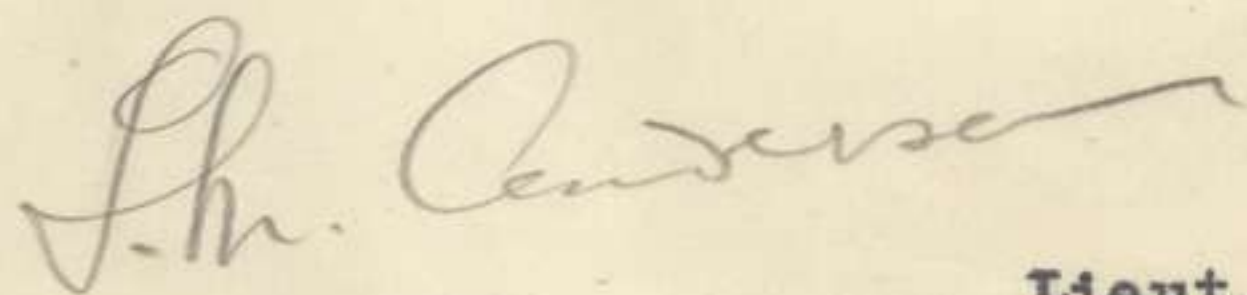
By Lieut.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,  
8th. August, 1917.

Reference : Time Table 18 pdr. Batteries  
issued with Operation Order No. 21.

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1. (a) First Task for 4th., 5th. and 6th. Batteries, viz :-  
From 0.0. to 0.6., is cancelled.  
Batteries will open on the Second Task, time for  
this task being altered to 0.0. to 0.21.
  - (b) First Task for 1st. and 3rd. Batteries, viz :-  
From 0.0. to 0.16., is cancelled.  
Batteries will open on the Second Task, time for this  
task being altered to 0.0. to 0.21.
  2. re Para. 13.  
On completion of Standing Barrage Tasks, Batteries will  
lift to final protective barrage.
 

4th. Battery	-	J.15.a.2.7.	to	J.15.a. $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
5th. "	-	J.15.a. $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	to	J.8.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
6th. "	-	Superimposed to sweep frontage of both 4th. and 5th. Batteries.		
1st. Battery	-	J.8.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	to	J.8.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
3rd. "	-	J.8.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	to	J.8.d.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
2nd. "	-	Superimposed to sweep frontage of both 1st. and 3rd. Batteries.		



Lieut.-Colonel.  
C.O. "C" Group Field Artillery.

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| 7.          | - | 6th. "        |
| 8.          | - | 102nd. "      |

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"C" GROUP MEMO No. 22.

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Headquarters,  
8th. August, 1917.

O. C., Battery.  
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- (1) ZERO HOUR on the 9th. inst. will be 4.45 a.m.
- (2) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. A. Santos*  
 Captain.  
 Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery.

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"C" GROUP MEMO No. 27.

Headquarters,  
8th. August, 1917.

O. C.,  
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Battery.

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- (1) Operation Order No. 21 and "C" Group Memo. No. 22 postponed.
- (2) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. M. Anderson*

Lieut.-Colonel.  
C.O. "C" Group Field Artillery.

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	8.	-	102nd. "

Secret."C" GROUP MEMO No. 28.Headquarters,  
9th. August, 1917.

To O's. C.,  
 1st. Battery,  
 2nd. do.,  
 3rd. do.,  
 4th. do.,  
 5th. do.,  
 6th. do.,  
 102nd. do.

Reference "C" Group Operation Order No. 21.

- (1) ZERO HOUR on 10th. instant will be 4.35 a.m.  
 (2) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.  
 Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery.

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To,  
Officer Commanding,

- "A" Group. R.F.A.
- "B" Group. R.F.A.
- "D" Group. R.F.A.
- "C" Group. R.F.A. ✓

*Reference C group Army O.O. No. 21*

Reference 18th. Divisional Artillery Group  
Operation Order No. 126.

ZERO hour on 10th. instant will be 4.35 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Alec M. Forbes Major*

Major. R.A.  
Brigade Major. R.A., 18th. Division.

Headquarters,  
R.A., 18th. Division.  
9th. Aug. 1917.

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"C" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 22.

By Lieut.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,  
10th. August, 1917.

- 1. Our Line now runs J.14.a.9.3 - B.20.35 - 15.90 - 8.d.0.0 - 8.c.05.90 - 8.c.65.70.
- 2. S. O. S. Lines are -  
4th. and 5th. Batteries superimposed on J.14.b.8.6 - J.8.d.5.0.  
1st. and 3rd. Batteries superimposed on J.8.d.5.0 - J.8.d.25.40.  
102nd. Battery enfilade trench J.8.d.70.05 to J.9.c.00.15 to 5.9.

3. NIGHT FIRING TASKS.

- (a) 4.5" Hows. 102nd. Battery - Trench J.14.b.95.75 to 99.99.  
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Short bursts of fire at irregular intervals.  
Rate of Fire - 24 Rounds per Battery per hour.  
Reliefs of sections to be arranged.
- (b) 18 pdrs. Section of 1st. Battery from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
----- Enfilade trench - J.8.d.5.0 to 9.2.  
Expending 40 rounds per section.  
  
Section of 3rd. Battery from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Section of 4th. Battery " 11 p.m. " 2 a.m.  
Search NONNE BOSSCHEN with short irregular bursts, expending 40 rounds per section.

*18 pdrs & Hows stop firing at 2 a.m. except for S.O.S. [Signature]*

Captain.  
Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery.

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- 6. - 5th. "
- 7. - 6th. "
- 8. - 102nd. "

Secret."C" GROUP MEMO No. 32.

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Headquarters,  
11th. August, 1917.

O. C.,  
 1st. Battery,  
 2nd. do.,  
 3rd. do.,  
 4th. do.,  
 5th. do.,  
 6th. do.,  
 102nd. do.

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## SITUATION at 8 a.m. 11/8/1917:-

1 Battalion holding line J.8.c.20.25 - J.14.a.55.50.  
 with a strong-point at J.8.c.50.25.

1 Battalion J.14.a.55.50 to strong point J.14.a.3.2.  
 to CLAPHAM JUNCTION at J.13.d.9.8.

S.O.S. BARRAGE LINE for present will be J.14.b.42.48  
 to J.8.d.05.35.

4th. and 5th.) J.14.b.42.48 to J.14.b.2.9.  
 Batteries....)

1st. and 3rd.) J.14.b.2.9 to J.8.d.05.35.  
 Batteries....)

102nd. Battery on trench J.8.d.70.05 to  
 J.9.c.00.15 to 5.9.

*Laherty*  
 Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

*Issued 3pm*

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"C" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 23.

16

By Lieut.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding.

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Headquarters,  
11th. Aug., 1917.

1. The 53rd. Infantry Brigade will capture GLENCORSE WOOD on 12th. August, 1917.

ZERO HOUR will be 4.25 a.m.

2. The attack will be made by 3 Battalions, viz :-  
From Right to Left -

10th. Battalion ESSEX.  
8th. Battalion NORFOLKS.  
6th. Battalion ROYAL BERKS.

The dividing line between Right and Centre Battalions will be JARGON TRENCH - J.14.a.5.6 to a.8.4. and the Southern edge of GLENCORSE WOOD; and between Centre and Left Battalions will be the MENIN ROAD.

3. "C" GROUP in conjunction with "A" GROUP on the right, and "B" GROUP from Division on the Left, will form a creeping barrage in accordance with attached tracing.

Boundaries of "C" GROUP Lane are shown in Red.

Dividing line between Brigade Lanes is shown in Green.

1st. F. A. BRIGADE will take the Northern Lane, and  
2nd. F. A. BRIGADE will take the Southern Lane.

Two 18 pdr. Batteries superimposed each to cover their whole Brigade Lane Frontage.

102nd. How. Battery : 0. to 0.25 - 1 Section old gun pits at J.14.b.75.75.  
1 Section enfilade trench J.8.d.5.0. to 95.15.

0.25 Onwards - Trench J.14.b.95.70 to J.8.d.98.15.

Rates of Fire : 18 pdrs.  
0. to 0.5. - 4 rounds per gun per min.  
0.5. to 0.30. - 2 " " " " "  
0.30. to 0.60. - 1 " " " " "

" 4.5" Hows. - 1/2 Rates for 18 pdrs.

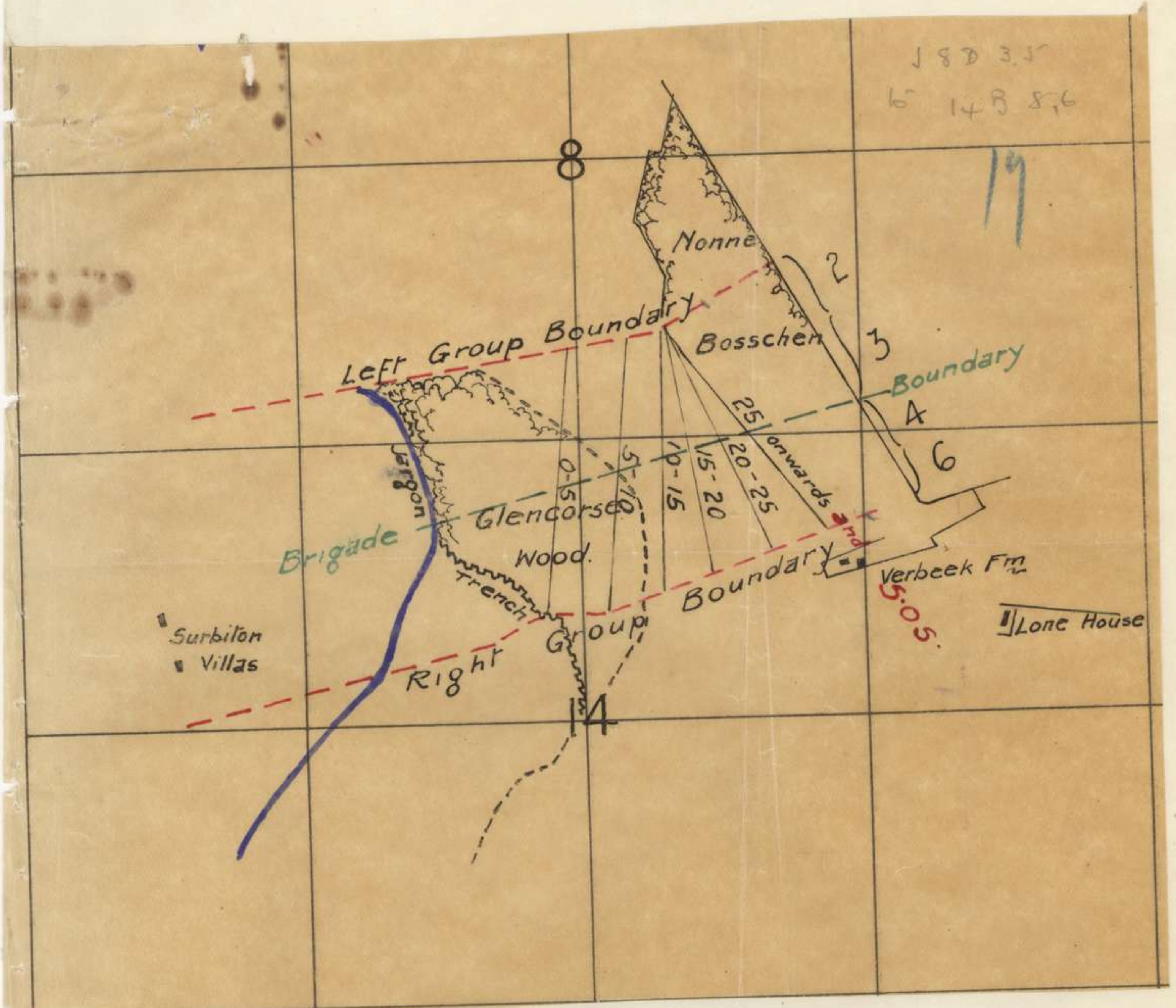
4. F. O. O. and LIAISON OFFICER. : With Royal Berks (Left Attacking Battalion)  
Lieut. ARCHER and  
Lieut. DEWAR.

*S. M. Anderson*  
Captain.  
Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery.

Issued at 1800.

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" 7. 6th. Bty. 8. - 102nd. "





ADDENDUM to "C" GROUP OPERATION ORDER  
No. 23.

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Headquarters,  
11th. Aug., 1917.

Watches will be sent to "C" Group Headquarters at 9 p.m.  
this instant to be synchronised.

*K. W. Wain*  
Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

APPENDIX

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Operation Order No. 24.

By Lieut.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,  
13th. August, 1917.Attaching copy of 18th. D. A. Group Order No. 11.  
and sketch map.

1. "C" Group Artillery Zone will be altered in accordance with above order from 10 a.m., 13th. instant.
2. "C" Group Zone, as marked on sketch map, will be divided into two equal lanes.

Batteries of the 1st. F. A. Brigade will be superimposed to cover Northern Lane.

Batteries of the 2nd. F. A. Brigade will be superimposed to cover the Southern lane.

3. S. O. S. Barrage Line is from -  

15.15.

J.8.d.1.4. to J.8.b.~~041~~

1st. Brigade Batteries will be superimposed and will cover  

15.15.

J.8.d.05.70 to J.8.b.~~041~~

2nd. Brigade Batteries will be superimposed and will cover  

J.8.d.1.4 to J.8.d.05.70.

*Anderson*  
 Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

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|          | 2. | - | 1st. Battery. |
|          | 3. | - | 2nd. do.,     |
|          | 4. | - | 3rd. do.,     |
|          | 5. | - | 4th. do.,     |
|          | 6. | - | 5th. do.,     |
|          | 7. | 9 | 6th. do.,     |
|          | 8. | - | 102nd. do.    |

## 18TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO: 11.

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1. The 56th Division will relieve the 18th Division and 25th Division on the front between -

the WEST-HOEK - ZONNEBEKE road (inclusive to 25th Div.)

and

the SURBITON VILLAS - BLACKWATCH CORNER road

(inclusive to 56th Div.)

on the night 12th/13th.

The G.O.C., 56th Division, will take over command of the front from the WEST-HOEK - ZONNEBEKE road to J.19.b.8.8. at 10.0 a.m. on the 13th inst.

The portion of the front between the SURBITON VILLAS - BLACKWATCH CORNER road will continue to be held by the 53rd Infantry Brigade, 18th Division.

2. The whole of the above mentioned front will be covered by A, B, C & D. Groups as at present constituted, with the addition of the 280th Brigade, R.F.A., 56th Divisional Artillery, who will be known as "E" Group.

3. The zones for groups will be as shown on attached sketch map.

These zones will be covered from 10.0 a.m. on the 13th inst.

Group.	Present S.O.S.Line.	Covering.	Liaison
<u>E. Group.</u> 280th Bde. R.F.A. Headquarters HALFWAY HOUSE.	J.8.b.25.90. to 0.1.	167th Inf. Brigade, 56th Div. Headquarters HALFWAY HOUSE.	L.O. found by E. Group.
<u>C. Group.</u> 1st Aust. D.A. Headquarters RIIZ STREET.	J.8.b.0.1. to J.8.d.1.4.		
<u>A. Group.</u> 14th D.A. 18th A.F.A. Bde. 65th A.F.A. Bde. Headquarters DORMY HOUSE.	J.8.d.1.4. to J.14.b.3.4. - 1.0.	169th Inf. Brigade, 56th Div. Headquarters HALFWAY HOUSE.	L.O. found by A. Group.
<u>B. Group.</u> 18th D.A. Headquarters RIIZ STREET.	J.14.b.1.0. + 7.4.	53rd Inf. Brigade, 18th Div. Headquarters DORMY HOUSE.	L.O. found by B. Group.
<u>D. Group.</u> 23rd D.A. (being relieved on 14th by 242 & 315 A.F.A. brigados) Headquarters BATLSEA FARM.	J.14.b.7.4. to J.20.a.4.8.		

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Group Commanders concerned will make the necessary arrangements with Infantry Brigades with regard to finding Liaison Officers required, and opening up the necessary communications.

4. The fronts allotted to groups are those on which they will be required to fire in forthcoming operations.

Observation Posts to obtain observation on these fronts should be selected and registration carried out.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. S. King*

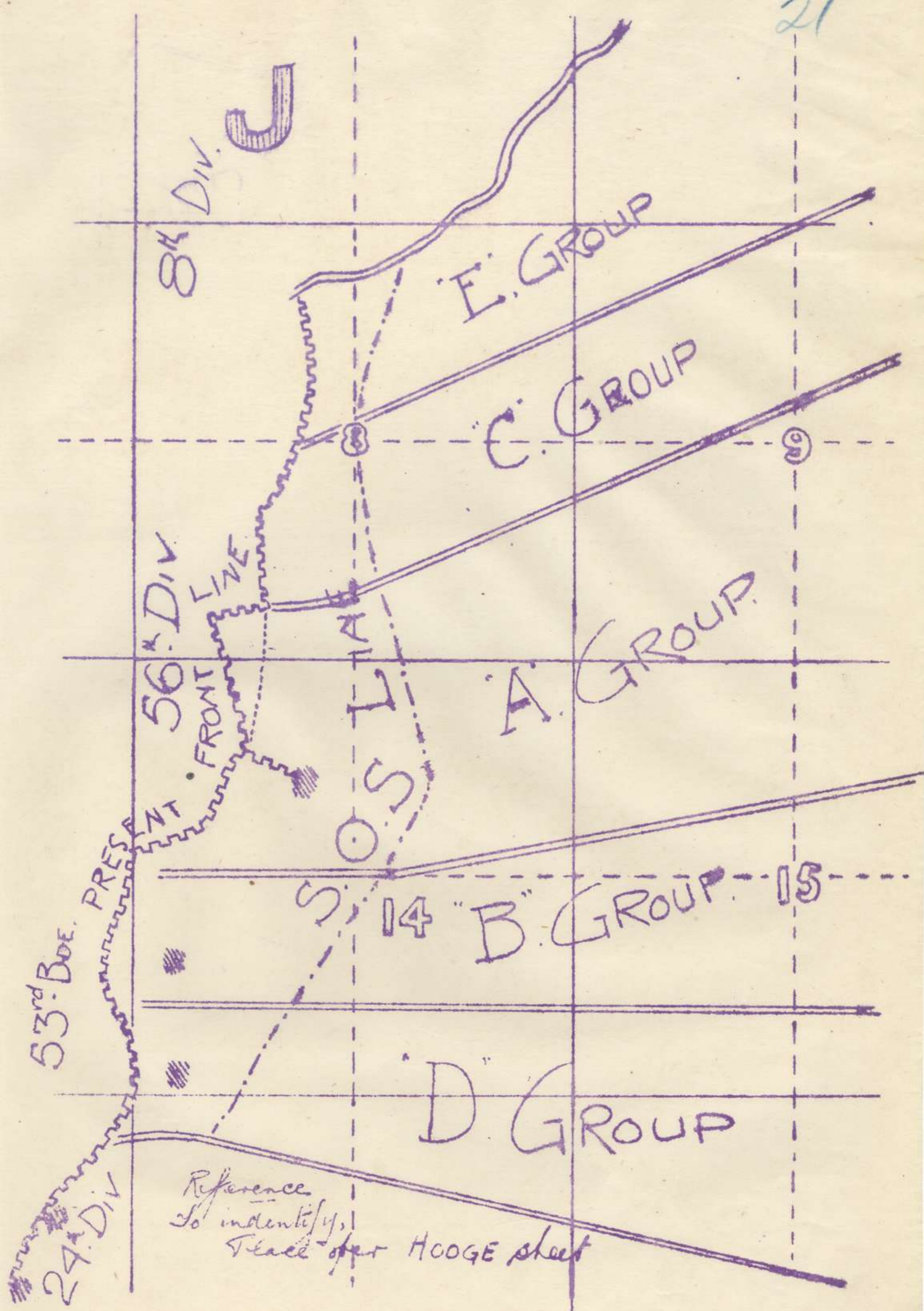
Major, R.A.,  
Brigade Major, 18th Divisional Artillery.

12th August, 1917.

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44.	56th Division.
45.	IInd Corps, R.A.
46.	24th Div. Art.
47.	8th Div. Art.
48.	Signal Officer, 18th D.A.
49.	56th Div. Art.
50.	1st Aust. D.A.
51.	14th Div. Art.
52.	23rd Div. Art.
53.	Centro Double Group.
54.	Staff Captain.
55.	War Diary.
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S E C R E T .

14th D.A. 136/A.

E. Group.  
C. Group.  
A. Group.  
D. Group.  
B. Group.

1. Herewith barrage maps to accompany 14th D.A. Group Order No. 116 which follows.
2. Flank and creeping barrages will be carried out as ordered in the 14th D.A. No. 132/A dated August 20th.
3. Group Zones will be <sup>as</sup> shewn in maps already issued to Groups, viz :-
  - E. Group - North Boundary - an E. and W. line through J.9.central.  
 South Boundary - an E. and W. line through J.9.c.0.5.
  - C. Group - North Boundary - An E. and W. line through J.9.c.0.5.  
 South Boundary - an E. and W. line through J.15.a.0.9.
  - A. Group - North Boundary - An E. and W. line through J.15.a.0.9.  
 South Boundary - An E. and W. line through J.15.c.0.4.
  - D. Group - North Boundary - An E. and W. line through J.15.c.0.4.  
 South Boundary - An E. and W. line through J.21.a.0.7.
  - B. Group - North Boundary - An E. and W. line through J.21.a.0.7.  
 South Boundary - An E. and W. line through J.21.a.0.4.
4. Acknowledge by wire.

*John Allen*

21st August, 1917.

Major R.A.,  
 Brigade Major R.A.,  
 14th (Light) Division.

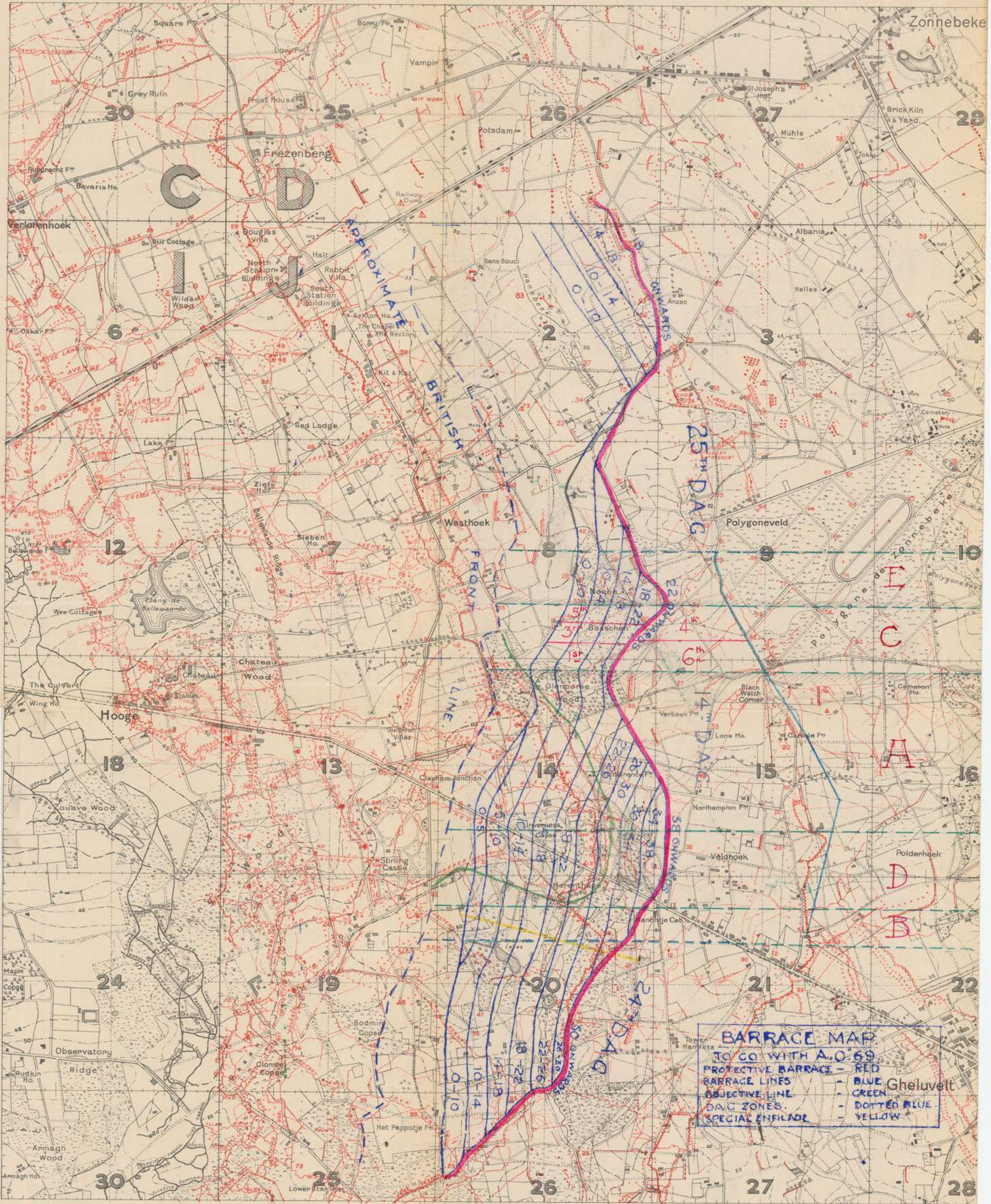
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Battery Positions  
(Possible strong points)

Probably Timber or Camouflage  
Probably Concrete.

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EDITION 2.



5th FIELD SURVEY CORPS (1914)

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

- Machine Gun ♂
- Trench Mortar ⊙
- Ammunition Dump ⊕
- Supply Dump ⊕
- Listening Post -L
- Observation Post -O
- Buried Cable -B



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18TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO: 128.  
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1. On August 16th, at a hour to be notified later, the Fifth Army will attack -

The IInd Corps is attacking with two Divisions. The 8th Division on the left and the 56th Division, plus 53rd Infantry Brigade of the 18th Division, on the Right.

The 56th Division will attack with three Brigades in line -

167th Brigade on left.  
 169th Brigade in centre.  
 53rd Brigade on right.

2. The objective is shown by a green line on attached map. The boundary between Divisions and Brigades by green dotted lines.

3. The attack of the 167th & 169th Brigades will be covered by creeping and standing barrages by A, C & E Groups (8 Brigades)

Group lanes will be as shown purple on attached map. 70% of the available 18-prs. will form the creeping barrage and 30% standing barrages within each group lane.

Table of standing barrages and 4.5" how. tasks will be issued later.

4. The task of the 53rd Infantry Brigade will be to form a defensive flank facing S.E. and establish posts about B.14. central.

Further details of this operation will be issued later.

5. The attack of the 53rd Infantry Brigade will be covered by B. & D. Groups (4 brigades)

B. Group will be required to put up enfilade barrages between GLENCORS WOOD and INVERNNESS COPSE, on lines parallel to the South edge of the former and North edge of the latter. These lines should be carefully registered at once.

D. Group will form a creeping barrage along the lane shown on attached sketch map.

6. Positions of Brigade Headquarters.

53rd Inf. Bdo. Headquarters will be at DORMY HOUSE.  
 169th " " " " " RITZ DUGOUTS.  
 167th " " " " " HALFWAY HOUSE.

Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

53rd Inf. Bdo. are establishing Adv. H.Q. at J.19.b.3.9.  
 167th & 169th will prepare H.Q. at TUNNELS on MENIN road at about J.13.b.0.2.

7. Os. C. A & B Groups will detail a spare Lt.-Col., or a senior battery officer, to be at 169th & 53rd Inf. Bdo. Headquarters respectively.

O.C. E. Group will be at the 167th Inf. Bdo. Headquarters.

The above Group commanders will place an 18-pr. battery at the disposal of the respective Brigadiers, if required.

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8. A, C & E Groups will find Liaison Officers with the attacking battalions whom they support. ✓

B.Group will find Liaison Officers with attacking battalions of 53rd Infantry Brigade.

9. Each Group will maintain a group O.P., which will be manned with two observing officers and the necessary staff. One of these officers must be ready to move forward and act as F.O.O. as the situation demands. ✓

Every means of maintaining communication with O.Ps and F.O.Os must be insisted on. In addition to telephone and visual signalling with lamps, it is hoped some pigeons will be available. ✓

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. G. King*  
Brigade Major, 18th Divisional Artillery.

14th August, 1917.

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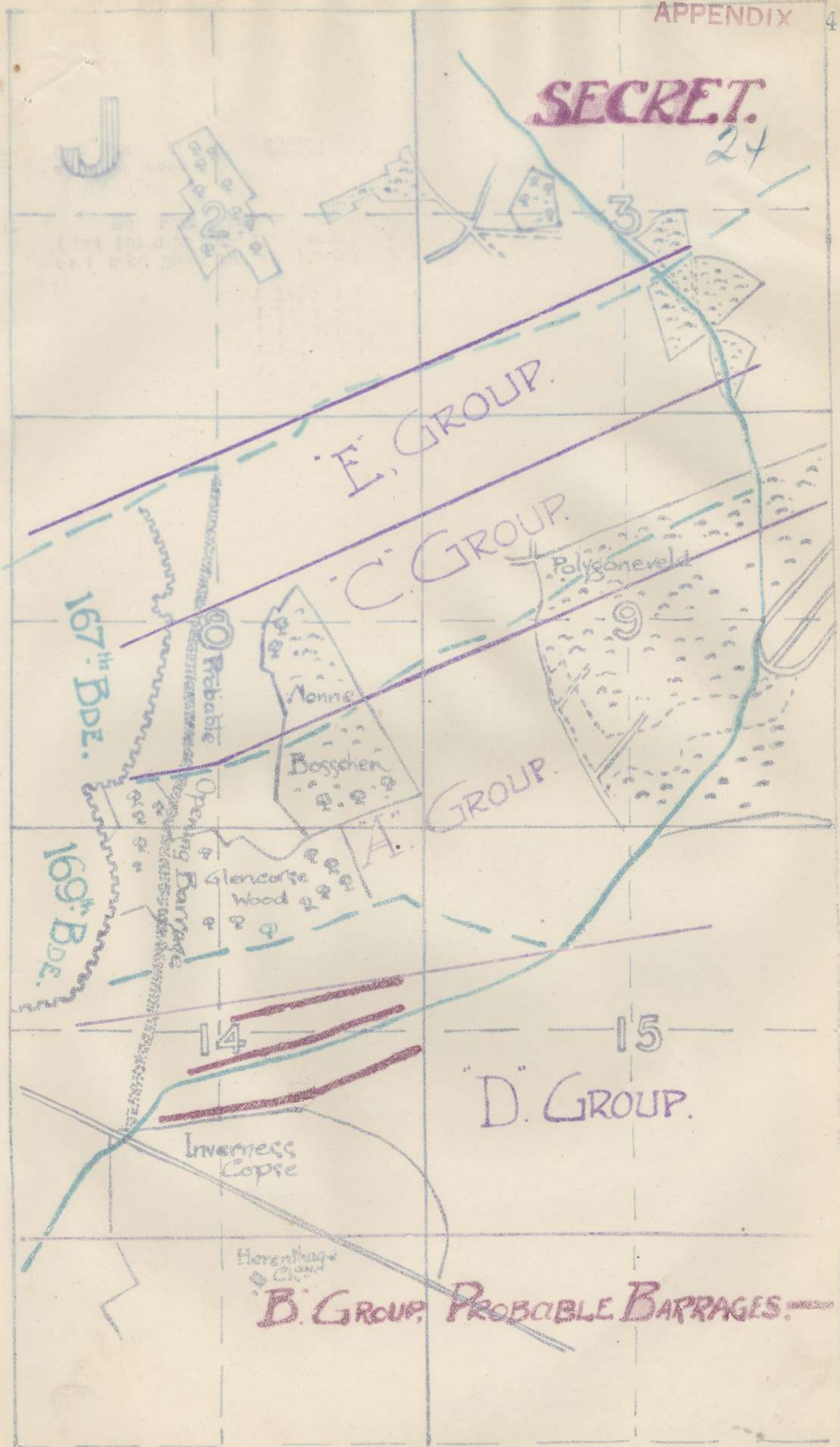
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62.	53rd Inf. Brigade.
63.	167th Inf. Brigade.
64.	169th Inf. Brigade.
65.	Staff Captain.
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1. Reference para. 4 of Operation Order No. 128, the 53rd Infantry Brigade will advance under the creeping barrage and make good the following strong points -

J.14.c.5.5.  
J.14.c.65.85.  
J.14.d.15.90.  
J.14.d.30.95.  
J.14.b.5.1.  
J.15.a.1.3.

2. Reference para. 5 of Operation Order No. 128, the action of the artillery covering 53rd Infantry Brigade will be as follows -

D. Group.

Form a creeping barrage on zone allotted to D. Group - (Ref. sketch map issued with O.O.128)

4 batteries on the front between the northern boundary of D. Group zone and the northern edge of INVERNESS COPSE.

2 batteries through INVERNESS COPSE up to barrage line marked 35 - 40.

At zero plus 50 40, the three right batteries will shorten range and search INVERNESS COPSE continuously, within safety limits of posts named in para. 1.

The three left batteries will, at zero plus 45, continue the creeping barrage, dropping one battery ( on the right ) after each two lifts to form an enfilade flanking barrage, the three batteries forming up finally (at 1 hour 15 ) on the line J.15.c.0.9. - CARLISLE FARM (J.15.b.2.3.)

B. Group.

3 18-pr. batteries form an onfilade barrage along the northern edge of INVERNESS COPSE

J.14.c.75.55. - J.15.c.0.9.

from zero hour onwards.

3 18-pr. batteries form the standing barrage as shown on attached standing barrage table.

4.5" hows. as shown in table of How. tasks.

(Note. The two northern red lines shown on sketch map issued with Operation Order No. 128 as probable enfilade barrages for B. Group, are cancelled.)

3. Standing barrages for 18-prs. are shown on attached table "A".

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4. Tasks and lifts for 4.5" hows. are shown on attached map "B" and time table "B".

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. S. King*

Major, R.A.,  
Brigade Major, 18th Div'n'l Artillery.

14th August, 1917.

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## 18-PR: STANDING BARRAGE TABLE.

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E. GROUP.

6 18-prs:	0.0 - 0.20 .	J.8.b.7.6. - 7.2.
	0.20 - 0.55.	J.3.c.35.40. - 4.0.
	0.55 - 1.20.	Dugouts. J.3.d.3.0.
	1.20 onwards.	Search wood immediately east of final protective barrage line in group zone.

C. GROUP.

12 18-prs:	0.0 - 0.15.	Front edge of NONNE BOSSCHEN between J.8.b.4.2. - J.8.d.3.5. ✓
	0.15 - 0.30.	First protective barrage line between J.8.b.75.20 and J.9.c.05.50. ✓
	0.30 - 1 hour.	Trenches J.9.a.4.7. - J.9.c.5.9. ✓
	1 hr.- 1.25.	Dugouts and old gun position J.3.d.6.5. - 65.10. ✓
	1.25. onwards.	Search ground east of final protective barrage line in J.4.c. ✓

A. GROUP.

6 18-prs.	0.0 - 0.15.	Front edge of NONNE BOSSCHEN J.8.d.3.5. - 3.1.
	0.15 - 0.55.	Traversed trench - J.9.a.2.3. - 3.1.
	0.55 - 1.10.	Trench - J.9.a.8.7. - 9.4.
	1.10 onwards.	Enfilade road South of CEMETRY and East of final protective barrage.
12 18-prs:	0.0 - 0.45.	Enfilade trench running through GLENCORSE WOOD and South of NONNE BOSSCHEN - from J.14.a.9.7. to b.1.6. to J.8.d.9.2. to J.9.c.3.5.
	lifting off with the creeping barrage and piling on trenches East of 1st protective barrage.	
	0.45 - 1 hr.	West edge of POLYGONVELD J.9.c.5.9. to 8.2.
	1 hr. onwards.	West-edge Mound at J.10.a.7.8.

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TABLE "A" (contd.)

B. GROUP.

6 18-prs:	0.0 - 0.25.	Gunpits and trench holding M.Gs J.14.b.8.8. - 7.4.
	0.25- 0.50.	Trench - J.15.a.5.8. - 4.5.
	0.50 - 1.5.	J.9.d.0.2. - J.15.b.1.8.
	1.5 onwards.	Form up on protective barrage line, CARLISLE FARM - J.15.b.5.6. and searching 300 yards in a South easterly direction down to the REUTELBEEK.
6 18-prs:	0.0 - 0.10.	Trench - J.14.a.9.4. - J.14.b.0.1.
	0.10 - 0.15.	Trench J.14.b.1.4. - 3.0.
	0.15 onwards.	Search ground between BLACKWATCH CORNER and CAMERON HOUSE and finally, at zero plus 1.20, form up on protective barrage between J.15.b.5.6. & J.9.d.8.2.
6 18-prs:	0.0 - 0.15.	Trench J.14.b.1.1. - J.14.d.3.6.
	0.15 - 0.20.	Trench J.14.b.3.0. - J.14.d.5.7.
	0.20 onwards.	Search ground in J.15.b. and form up on protective barrage between CARLISLE FARM and J.9.d.8.2. at zero plus 1.20.



"B".

## TABLE OF HOWITZER TASKS.

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Reference Map "B" ( issued to all concerned )

E. GROUP.Starting from  
the North.

6	4.5" hows:	Shown Blue.	Task	A.	0.0	-	0.3.
				B.	0.3	-	0.10.
				C.	0.10	-	0.45.
				D.	0.45	-	1 hr.
				E.	1 hr	-	1.25.
				F.	1.25		onwards.

C. GROUP.

6	4.5" hows.	Shown Yellow.	Task	A.	0.0	-	0.3.
				B.	0.3	-	0.10.
				C.	0.10	-	0.20.
				D.	0.20	-	0.45.
				E.	0.45	-	1 hr.
				F.	1 hr		onwards.

A. GROUP.

6	4.5" hows.	Shown Green.	Task	A.	0.0	-	0.8.
				B.	0.8	-	0.25.
				C.	0.25	-	0.40.
				D.	0.40	-	1.10.
				E.	1.10		onwards.

6	4.5" hows.	Shown Red.	Task	A.	0.0	-	0.20.
				B.	0.20	-	0.55.
				C.	0.55		onwards.

B. GROUP.

6	4.5" hows.	Shown Purple.	Task	A.	0.0	-	0.25.
				B.	)		
				E.	)	0.25	- 0.45.
				B.	)		
				C.	0.45		onwards.

6	4.5" hows.	Shown Blue.	Task	A.	0.0	-	0.10.
				B.	0.10		onwards.

D. GROUP.

6	4.5" hows.	Shown Brown.	Task	A.	0.0	-	0.15.
				B.	0.15		onwards.

6	4.5" hows.	Shown Red.	INVERNESS COPSE				
							zero onwards.

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 3 2000  
 4 1800  
 5 2600  
 6 2600

O.O. 128/B.

ADDENDUM TO 18TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY  
 GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO: 128.

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1. Rates of fire will be as follows -

	18-prs: Rds. p.g.p.m.		4.5" hows: Rds. p.g.p.m.	
0.0 - 0.15	4.	60	3.	
0.15 - 0.30	3.	45	1.	
0.30 - 0.50	2.	40	1.	
0.50 - 0.55	4.	60	3.	
0.55 - 1hr.10	3.	45	1½.	
1hr.10 - up to ) protective ) barrage line )	2.	80	1.	
For first half ) hour on protez- ) tive barrago line )	1.	30	½.	
For next ½ hour.	½.	15	½.	

gradually dying down to  
 bursts of fire.

2. Red flares will be lit by the most foremost infantry at zero plus 35 and at 1 hr. 50 mins., as well as when called for from the air.

*Wastling*

Major, R.A.,  
 Brigade Major, 18th Div'nl Artillery.

15th August, 1917.

To - O's. C.

Copies to :-

- A. Group.
- B. Group.
- C. Group.
- D. Group.
- E. Group.
- IInd Corps, R.A.
- 56th Division 'G'.

- 1st. Battery.
- 2nd. "
- 3rd. "
- 4th. "
- 5th. "
- 6th. "
- 102nd. "

Reference "C" Group Operation  
 Order No. 26 - para. 6 - herewith rates  
 of fire.

Please acknowledge.

15-8-17.

*Kumra* Captain.  
 Adjutant "C" Group Field Arty.

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**E. GROUP.**

**C. GROUP.**

167<sup>th</sup> BDE.

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**A. GROUP.**

169<sup>th</sup> BDE.

Opening Barrage

Glencorse Wood

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**D. GROUP.**

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**B. GROUP. PROBABLE BARRAGES.**

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Secret."C" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 26.By Lieut.-Colonel S. M. ANDERSON D.S.O. Commanding.Headquarters.  
15th. August 1917.

1. (a) On August 16th. - at an hour to be notified - the Fifth Army will attack.
  - (b) The II Corps is attacking with two Divisions - the 8th. Division on the left and the 56th. Division plus 53rd. Inf. Brigade (18th. Div.) on the right.
  - (c) The 56th. Divisions will attack with three Brigades in line -
 

167th. Brigade	-	left;
169th. do.	-	centre;
53rd. do.	-	right.
  - (d) "C" Group Field Artillery will cover the 167th. Brigade.
2. The objective is shown by a Green line on attached map "A".
- The boundary between Divisions and Brigades is shown by Green dotted lines.
3. (a) Creeping Barrage. "C" Group lane is as shown on attached map "A". The lane is the same as that given in "C" Group Operation Order No. 24 - and is ~~to be~~ subdivided into Brigade lanes<sup>as</sup> in that Order.
- 1st. and 3rd. Batteries are to be superimposed each to cover the whole front of the Northern lane (2nd. F. A. Brigade lane).
- 1st. 4th. and 5th. Batteries are to be superimposed each to cover the whole front of the Southern lane (2nd. F. A. Brigade lane).
- (b) Creeping Barrage map "C" is attached.
4. Standing Barrages. 2nd. and 6th. Batteries will form Standing Barrages in accordance with the following table.
- |              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 2nd. Battery | will take the Northern and      |
| 6th. Battery | the Southern half of each task. |
- |        |          |        |   |  |
|--------|----------|--------|---|--|
| 0. 0.  | to       | 0.15.  | - | Front edge of NONNE BOSSCHEN between J.8.b.4.2. and J.8.d.3.5.                 |
| 0.15.  | to       | 0.30.  | - | First Protective Barrage line between J.8.b.75.20. and <del>J.9.c.05.50.</del> |
| 0.30.  | to       | 1 hour | - | Trenches J.9.a.4.7. to J.9.c.5.9.  |
| 1 hour | to       | 1.25.  | - | Dugouts and old gun position J.3.d.6.5. to 65.10.                              |
| 1.25.  | onwards. |        | - | Search ground east of final protective barrage line in J.4.c.                  |

8 "C" Group O.O. No. 26.

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5. 102nd. How. Battery will carry out the tasks detailed below and marked on attached map "B" :-

4.5" How.  
Tasks...

Task "A"	-	0. 0.	to	0. 3.
" "B"	-	0. 3.	"	0.10.
" "C"	-	0.10.	"	0.20.
" "D"	-	0.20.	"	0.45.
" "E"	-	0.45.	"	1 hour.
" "F"	-	1 hour	onwards.	

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6. Rates of Fire will be issued later.

7. F. O. O's. Lieut. SMITH - 1st. Battery and  
Lieut. CROFT - 5th. Battery  
are detailed as Group F. O. O's.

Each will take a party and equipment as detailed below - viz :-

2 Telephones;  
2 Lucas Lamps;  
2 miles D3 Twin;  
2 Telephonists;  
4 Linesmen;  
4 Runners.

The personnel and equipment will be found half from each battery detailed to provide an F.O.O.

They are to endeavour to observe from WESTHOEK RIDGE at J.8.a.0.2. or J.8.c.1.8. with communication by lamp - telephone and runner to J.13.b.1.3.

F. O. O's. have also received verbal instructions.

Pigeons will be sent up to F.O.O's. on evening of 15-8-1917.

8. LIAISON OFFICER :- Captain WILKINSON - 2nd. Battery - is detailed as Liaison Officer with the right attacking battalion - 167th. Infantry Brigade (8th. Middlesex Regiment).

He will report to Battalion Headquarters at J.7.b.7.8 - after reporting to "C" Group Headquarters at 7 p.m. 15-8-17 to receive detailed instructions.

He will take with him a party and equipment detailed below -

1 Telephone;  
2 Telephonists;  
2 Linesmen;  
2 Runners;

provided by the 2nd. Battery.

9. COMMUNICATION :- Lieut. HARGREAVES - Australian Engineers - will be at J.13.b.1.3. - "C" Group Forward Signal Station - to generally supervise communications and assist F. O. O's.

10. Watches will be synchronised at "C" Group Headquarters at 8 p.m. 15-8-17.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. Hargreaves*  
Adjutant "C" Group Field Arty. Captain.

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" " 7. - 6th. Bty; " 8. - 102nd. Bty.  
" " 9. - F.O.O's. " 10. - Capt. Wilkinson.  
" " 11. - 2nd. F. A. BDE.

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"C" GROUP MEMO. No. 34.

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Headquarters.  
15th. August. 1917.

To - O's. C.

- 1st. Battery.
- 2nd. "
- 3rd. "
- 4th. "
- 5th. "
- 6th. "
- 102nd. "

Order No. 26 :- Reference "C" Group Field Artillery Operation  
 ZERO HOUR will be ..... 4.45 a.m. 16/8/1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]* Captain.  
 Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery.

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AMENDMENT to "C" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY  
OPERATION ORDER No. 26.

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Headquarters  
15th. August 1917.

1. Amendment No. 1. issued with Div. Art. Operation Order 128/c is forwarded together with a sketch map showing New Creeping Barrage Lifts for "C" Group.

The necessary amendments will be made to "C" Group Operation Order No. 26.

2. Para. 8 of Amendment to Operation Order 128/c refers to 2nd. and 6th. Batteries (Standing Barrage Batteries).

3. Tables of Rates of Fire are issued herewith.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.  
Adjutant "C" Group Field Artillery.

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10.	-	Capt. Wilkinson.
11.	-	2nd. F. A. Bde.

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D. O. G. H. H. H. H. H.

## AMENDMENT NO: 1.

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1 In consequence of the Infantry finding that they cannot form up in JASPER RESERVE, it is necessary to start the opening barrage about 300 yards further back on the extreme left of the divisional front.

2 Sketch map, showing the new creeping barrage lifts for E, C and part of A. Groups, are attached.

3 The pause on the first protective barrage line (shown red) formerly marked 30 - 45, will now be kept on till zero plus 55.

4 All lifts beyond this first protective barrage line will now have 10 minutes added -

i.e. 1st lift after the pause will now be 55 - 60, instead of 45 - 50.

5 Similarly the lifts for all standing barrages and 4.5" tasks, East of the Red line, will be 10 minutes later.

6 There will be no change in the times of the 18-pr. standing barrages short of the 1st Red line.

7 The following changes will be made in the times of the 4.5" how. lifts -

E. Group.	Task A.	0.0 - 0.10.
	B.	0.10 - 0.18.
	C.	0.18 - 0.55.
	D.	0.55 - 1 hr. 10.
	E.	1.10 - 1.35.
	F.	1.35 onwards.

C. Group.	Task A.	0.0 - 0.7.
	B.	0.75 - 0.15.
	C.	0.15 - 0.25.
		Remainder add 10 minutes to all times.

A. & B. Groups. No change, except east of 1st Red line, where 10 minutes will be added to all times.

D. Group. No change.

8 In continuation of para. 3 of 18th Div'nl Artillery Group Operation Order No. 128.

As soon as the protective barrage is reached two 18-pr. batteries of C. Group, and two 18-pr. batteries of E. Group, will lift to the MOLENAARSTHOEK - TOKIO spur and search the high ground in the area -  
J.5.a.3.0. - J.5.a.3.2. - J.4.b.8.3. & J.4.b.3.3. -  
J.4.a.8.9.

14th August, 1917.

*W. Stirling*  
Major, R.A.,  
Brigade Major, 18th Div. Art.

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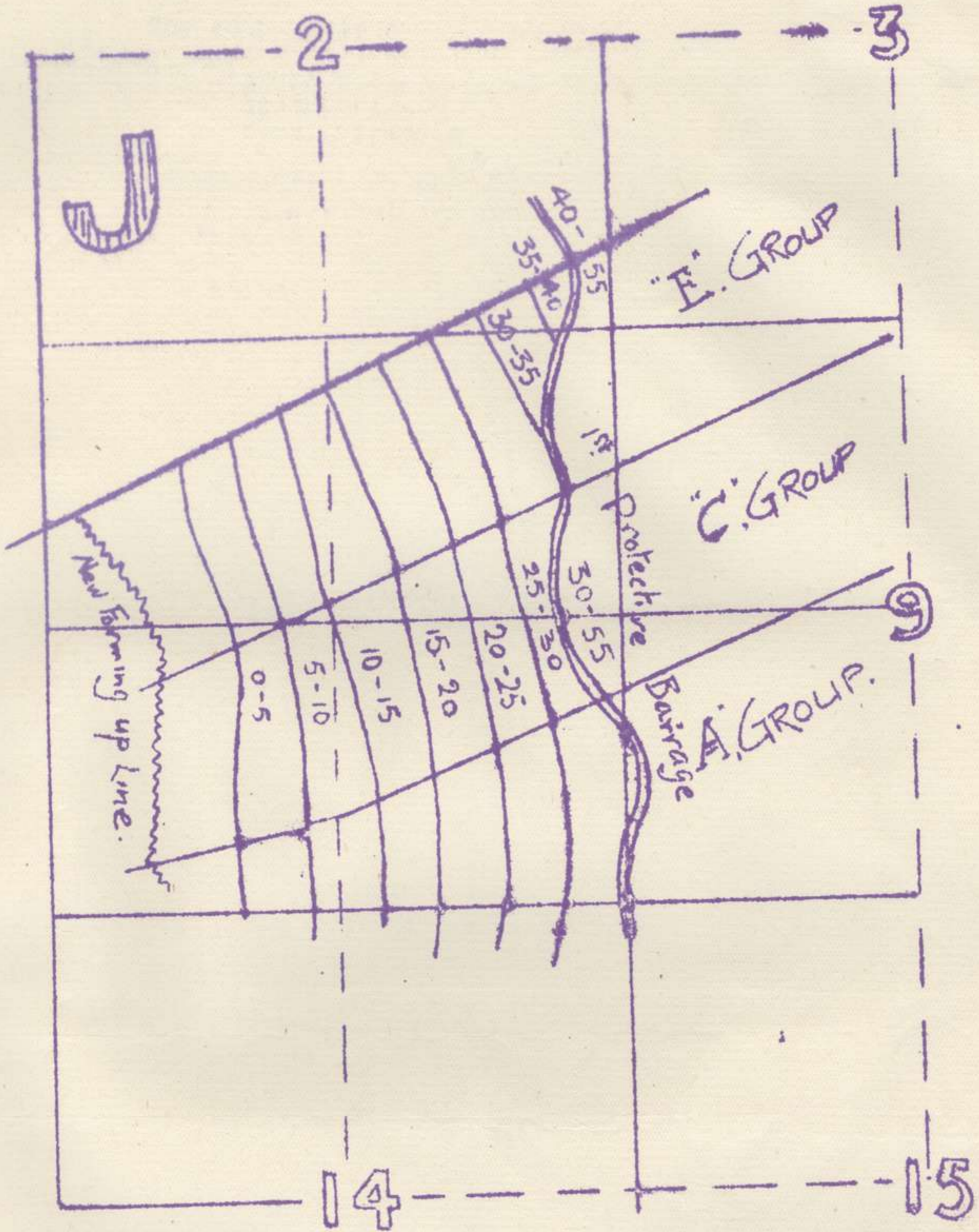
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14th. Division S.G. 101.  
14th. D.A. No. 137/A.

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A. Group.  
B. Group.  
C. Group. ✓  
D. Group.  
E. Group.

1. Gas Projectors are being installed near STIRLING CASTLE on the afternoon of the 21st. August.
2. Gas Alert will be ordered for all troops in the Divisional Area East of the ZILLEBEKE - HELLFIRE CORNER ROAD until the gas has been discharged.



Major R.A.,

Brigade Major R.A.,

14th. (Light) Division.

21st. August 1917.

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SECRET GROUP ORDER No 1.a. COPY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

By

Lieut-Col G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. Commanding 21st. August, 1917.

1. "S.O.S." FARRAGE.

The following "S.O.S." Farrage Line has been allotted to "C" GROUP.:-

J.8. d.20.30 to J.8. b.20.15.

Batteries are allotted "S.O.S." Farrage Lines as under, :-

1st. Battery.	J.8. d. 20.30 to J.8. d. 20.52
3rd. Battery.	J.8. d. 20.52 to J.8. d. 20.72
4th. Battery.	J.8. d. 20.72 to J.8. d. 20.93
5th. Battery.	Superimposed. J.8. d. 20.50 to J.8. d. 20.95
6th. Battery.	J.8. d. 20.93 to J.8. b. 20.15
102nd. How Bty.	One Section on J.9. c. 15.40 to J.9. c. 00.65
	One Section on J.8. d. 90.78 to J.8. d. 80.92
	One Section on J.8. b. 80.00 to J.8. b. 75.20

2. "S.O.S." RATES.

18 Pdrs. First 5 Minutes - 3 rds per gun per minute.  
 Next 10 Minutes - 2 rds per gun per minute.  
 Then until further orders - 1 rd per gun per minute.

4.5" Hows. Half above rates.

*J. Blum*  
 Captain.  
 Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

"C" GROUP. 14th. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

GROUP ORDER No 2a.

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By  
Lieut-Col G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G. Commanding. 21st. August 1917  
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1. Batteries will carry out the undermentioned normal daily tasks during hours of daylight, i.e. 4a.m. to 10 p.m.

18Pdr. Batteries.

40 Rounds per gun in action per day.

- 1st. Battery. J.9.e.15.40 to J.9.e.00.65 and search in rear for 300 yards.  
3rd. Battery. J.8.d.90.75 to J.8.d80.95 and search in rear for 400 yards.  
4th. Battery. J.8.b.80.00 to J.8.b.75.20 and search in rear for 300 yards.  
5th. Battery. Search and sweep in Area:-  
J.9.a.30.50 - J.9.a.55.70 - J.9.b.00.70 -  
~~228218827~~ J.9.b.00.35  
6th. Battery. Search from J.8.d.90.35 - J.9.e.30.25.  
102nd. How.Bty. 35 Rounds per How in action per day  
J.15.b.10.90 - J.9.d.05.20 and search in rear for 350 yards.

RATE OF FIRE.

Fire will be delivered in short sharp bursts at frequent intervals and irregular times.

No single burst of fire to consist of more than 5 rounds per gun.

NIGHT FIRING.

Each 18pdr. Bty will fire 30 rounds per gun in action per night, i.e. from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on the above tasks unless otherwise ordered.

4.5" How Battery will fire 20 rounds per How in action per night i.e. from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on tasks allotted unless otherwise ordered.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Coleridge*  
Captain.  
Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

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SECRET: GROUP ORDER NO. 4.a. COPY NO. 8

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Lt. Col. G. I. STEVENSON, C.M.G., Commanding. 22nd Aug. 1917.  
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1. "S.O.S" BARRAGE LINES:

Group Order No. 1.a. is cancelled as from 6.30 a.m. 22nd August, 1917.

2. "C" GROUP is now responsible for the zone allotted in GROUP ORDER NO. 3.a.

3. "S.O.S" BARRAGE LINE is until further orders from:

J.14.b.35.90 - J.8.d.20.20 - J.8.d.20.50

4. This line is allotted to Batteries as under:

- 1st Battery: J.14.b.35.90 - J.8.d.25.05
- 3rd Battery: J. 8.d.25.05 - J.8.d.20.18
- 4th Battery: J. 8.d.20.18 - J.8.d.20.30
- 5th Battery superimposed on J.8.d.20.18 - J.8.d.20.50
- 6th Battery: J. 8.d.20.30 - J.8.d.20.50

102nd Battery:

- 1 Section on FLACK WATCH CORNER J.15.b.05.95 - J.9.d.00.20
- 1 Section on J.9.e.15.43
- 1 Section sweeping along J.15.a.10.90 - J.8.d.80.50

5. RATES OF FIRE:

18 Pdrs: 3 rds per gun per min. for first 5 minutes  
 2 rds per gun per min. for next 10 minutes  
 1 rd per gun per min. afterwards until further orders.

4.5" Hows: Half above rates.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. H. ...*  
 Captain,  
 Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

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Lieut. Col. G. I. STEVENSON, C.M.G., Commanding. 22nd Aug. 17.

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1. Group Order No. 4.a. is cancelled.
2. "S.O.S" Barrage Line for "C" Group now runs as follows:  
J. 14. P. 55.90 to J. 8. D. 50.50
3. The above line is allotted for "S.O.S" purposes to Batteries as follows:
 

1st Battery:	J. 14. P. 55.90 to J. 8. D. 55.10
3rd Battery:	J. 8. D. 55.10 to J. 8. D. 55.23
4th Battery:	J. 8. D. 52.37 to J. 8. D. 50.50
5th Battery:	Superimposed from J. 8. D. 55.23 to J. 8. D. 50.50
6th Battery:	J. 8. D. 55.23 to J. 8. D. 52.37
102nd Battery:	1 Section on FLACK WATCH CORNER J. 15. P. 08.95 to J. 9. D. 00.20
	1 Section on J. 9. C. 15.45
	1 Section sweeping along J. 15. A. 10.90 to J. 8. D. 80.50

4. RATES OF FIRE:

18 Pdrs: 3 rds per gun per min. for first 5 minutes  
 2 rds per gun per min. for next 10 minutes  
 1 rd per gun per min. afterwards until further orders.

4.5" Hows: Half above rates.

5. Group Order No. 2.a. is cancelled.

6. Normal Night and Day firing will now be as follows:

18 Pdr Batteries: 40 rounds per gun in action per day, i.e., from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

1st Batty: 2 Sections searching track from J. 9. D. 90.05 to J. 15. A. 70.90

1 Section on FLACK WATCH CORNER J. 15. P. 10.95

3rd Batty: Search track from J. 9. D. 60.50 to J. 9. D. 20.10

4th Batty: Search track from J. 8. D. 95.15 to J. 14. P. 40.90

5th Batty: Search track from J. 9. C. 60.40 to J. 9. C. 10.30 to J. 8. D. 90.00

6th Batty: Sweep and search in POLYGON WOOD within Group zone in J. 9. D.

102nd Batty: 35 rds per How. in action per day J. 15. A. 60.85 to J. 9. C. 60.50

To sweep on this line and search to 500 yards Eastwards.

7. NIGHT FIRING:

Each 18 Pdr Battery will fire 30 rounds per gun in action and 4.5" How. Battery will fire 20 rounds per How. in action per night, i.e., from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on tasks allotted for normal day firing unless otherwise ordered.

8. Fire will be delivered in short sharp bursts at frequent and irregular intervals. No single burst of fire to consist of more than 5 rounds per gun.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Adjutant, "C" GROUP. Captain

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APPENDIX

SECRET: GROUP ORDER NO. 6.a. COPY NO. 8

By

Lieut. Col. G. I. STEVENSON, C.M.G., Commanding. 22nd Aug. 17.  
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1. The 43rd and 42nd Brigades will at dawn 23rd August advance their line to include the farms at J.14.D.05.35 and J.14.B.25.32.
2. No artillery preparation is required but "Tanks" will co-operate advancing under cover of a "SMOKE" Barrage to be put up at 4.30 A.M. to 5.30 A.M. by Batteries specially detailed by "A", "C" and "D" Groups under separate orders.
3. Should the "S.O.S" Signal be put up after 4.30 A.M. or help be called for by Infantry after that hour, Artillery will provide support as under:  
"B", "D", "C" and "E" Groups on normal present "S.O.S" lines - "A" Group on special "S.O.S" Lines as under:  
J.14.D.7.4 - J.14.D.7.7 - J.14.P.9.0 -  
J.14.B.70.35 - J.14.P.7.9.
4. In accordance with above the undermentioned Batteries of "C" Group will put up a "Smoke" Barrage from:  
J.15.A.0.4 to J.15.A.0.8
5. Tasks are allotted as under:  
1st Battery: J.15.A.0.4 to J.15.A.0.6  
3rd Battery: Superimposed on J.15.A.0.4 to J.15.A.0.6  
4th Battery: Superimposed on J.15.A.0.6 to J.15.A.0.8  
5th Battery: J.15.A.0.6 to J.15.A.0.8.
6. RATES OF FIRE:  
1st and 5th Batteries: "Battery Fire" 40 seconds  
3rd and 4th Batteries: "Battery Fire" 1 minute.
7. Zero hour will be 4.30 A.M. on 23rd August and fire will be maintained at above rates until 5.30 A.M.
8. Battery Commanders will arrange to sweep sufficiently to ensure the front allotted to them being covered.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Glen*  
Captain,  
Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

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GROUP ORDER. No 7a.

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By

Lieut-Col S.M. ANDERSON. D.S.O. Commanding. 23rd. August, 1917.

Paras No 1. 2. and 3. of Group Order <sup>No 5a.</sup> are cancelled and the following substituted.

1. "S.O.S" Barrage Line for "C" GROUP now runs as follows:

1st Battery: J.14.F.30.90 to J.8.D.20.05

3rd Battery: J. 8.D.20.05 to J.8.D.10.25

2nd Battery: Superimposed J.14.F.30.90 to J.8.D.10.25

4th Battery J. 8.D.10.25 to J.8.D.20.52 )

5th Battery: do do do do } Superimposed.

6th Battery: do do do do }

102nd Battery:

One Section on BLACK WATCH CORNER J.15.F.05.95 to J. 9.D.00.20

One Section on J.9.G.15.45

One Section sweeping along J.15.A.10.90 to J.8.D.80.50.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Blundell*  
Adjutant, "C" Group. Captain,

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SECRET. GROUP ORDER. No 8a. COPY NO 8

By

Lieut-Col S M. ANDERSON. D.S.O. Commanding, 23rd. August, 1917.

- 1a. From 9 a.m. 24-8-17 until further orders "C" GROUP will only maintain 12 15Pdrs in the line.
- b. The first relief will be as follows:-
- 6 Guns to be maintained in action at 1st. & 2nd. Battery position, manned by personnel of 2nd. Pty.
  - 4 Guns to be maintained in action at 4th. Pty position, manned by personnel of 4th. Battery.
  - 2 Guns to be maintained in action at 5th. Pty position, manned by personnel of 5th. Battery.
- c. Personnel of 1st., 3rd., 4th., less two sections, 5th. less one section and 6th. Battery will be withdrawn to Wagon Lines.
- d. Guards and limber Gunners will be left as detail for the late relief
- e. Whichever Unit is in rest any Guns received from I.O.M. fit for action are to be sent up to the position.
- f. Ammunition supply at the Battery position is to be maintained as for a 6 Gun Battery.
2. At 9 a.m. 24-8-17 Group Zones will be adjusted as under. Boundaries of Zones will be an East and West line through the co-ordinate stated.
- |           | North.        | South.     |
|-----------|---------------|------------|
| E. Group. | J.8. Central. | J.9.c.0.0  |
| C. Group. | J.9.c.0.0     | J.15.a.0.4 |
| A. Group. | J.15.a.0.4    | J.21.a.0.7 |
| D. Group. | J.21.a.0.7    | J.21.a.0.4 |
3. "S.O.S." Barrage from 9 a.m. 24-8-17.
- 1st. Battery. J.14.b.64.40-62.55-45.70  
(4th. Battery)  
(5th. Battery) Superimposed, to sweep J.14.b.45.70 to J.8.d.2.0

*J. Anderson*  
Adjutant, "C" GROUP. Captain.

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PATTERY POSITIONS:

1st Battery:	I.24.a.3.4	6 guns (18 Pdr Q.F.)
2nd Battery:	I.24.a.4.4	3 guns ( do )
3rd Battery:	I.24.a.70.75	2 guns X do )
4th Battery:	I.17.d.00.15	3 guns ( do )
5th Battery:	I.18.c.72.13	4 guns ( do )
and	I.18.c.91.16	
6th Battery:	I.24.a.15.50	3 guns ( do )
102nd Battery:	I.25.b.03.75	5 guns (4.5" Hows.)
* 101st Battery:	I.17.c.45.75	4 guns ( do )
* 101 <sup>st</sup> Battery	attached 73 <sup>rd</sup> HAG.	

25th Aug. 1917:  
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Adjutant, *J. Florn*  
 "C" GROUP.

Captain,

"C" GROUP 14th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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SECRET:

GROUP ORDER NO. 10.a.

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By

Lt. Col. S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O. Commanding. 24th Aug. 1917.

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1. GROUP ZONE:

At 10 a.m. August 25th Northern boundary of "C"  
Group zone will be an East and West line through J.8.c.0.3.

2. "S.O.S" PARRAGE:

Group "S.O.S" will then be :

- 1st Battery ) Superimposed J.14.b.50.40 to J.14.b.30.75
- 2nd Battery )
- 3rd Battery ) Superimposed J.14.b.30.75 to J.8.d.20.00
- 4th Battery )
- 5th Battery ) Superimposed J. 8.d.20.00 to J.8.d.10.50
- 6th Battery )

102nd Battery: "S.O.S" Parrage lines for 102nd Battery will remain as before.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE

*J. Johns*  
Captain,  
Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

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GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

24th. August, 1917

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 24-8-1917.

After false "S.O.S" at 8.20 p.m. 23-8-17, all quiet reported by S.O.C. at 9.12 p.m.

The following are notes from my diary:

- 4.20 a.m. Three Batteries "C" Group reported "S.O.S" on right front - all "C" Group Batteries firing. Spoke to "A" and later "E" Group who had not received "S.O.S"  
 Enemy was putting heavy barrage on our supports. It was not really possible to recognise our GREEN "S.O.S" from enemy twin Green.  
 Line to F.O.C. cut and dust prevented lamp visual.
- 7.17 a.m. Still firing bursts on "S.O.S" line. Information very vague
- 10.10 a.m. "E" group report enemy taking down JARGON TRENCH. "S.O.S" at full rates.
- 11.10 a.m. LIAISON at "E" Group asks barrage to be dropped to 14.k.2.4 to 15.05.  
 Am not prepared to drop so far on such poor information: dropped Right 100 yds and Left 50 yds and reported to I.M. who referred and agreed, and ordered 1 round per gun per 2 minutes by barrage now J.14.a.5.4 to J.O.d.2.0.
- 11.30 a.m. Advised by I.M. that detachments withdrawn at 9 a.m. has been ordered up again.
- 12.30 p.m. "S.O.S" from LEARN - All Batteries firing.
- 1.10 p.m. "A" Group report infantry hard pressed on their front - rate increased to 1 rd per gun per min
- 1.12 p.m. from aeroplane 50 Infantry at J.9.d.2.0 moving West - engaged - also reported to "E" and I.M. for general information.
- 1.50 p.m. Decreased rate to  $\frac{1}{2}$  round per gun per min. on information from "A" Group
- 2 p.m. Increased to 1 rd per gun per minute
- 2.10 p.m. Decreased to  $\frac{1}{2}$  rd per gun per minute
- 2.17 p.m. Infantry runner from LANK asking for fire on J.20.b.7.7. Runner reports we are driven back to BIRLING CASINE but he was exhausted and rattled and could not be sure that we had no one East of that line.  
 Passed information to "A" - "E" - and I.M.
- 3.17 p.m. Discussed with "A" Group and agreed to continue at 1 rd per gun per min with addition of occasional bursts searching East  
 "A" Group left is 100 west of my right, but I will not shorten without more definite information from "E" LIAISON

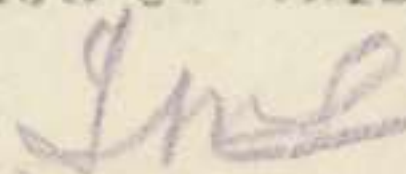
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- It does not seem at all certain that we have lost much ground in "C" Group zone.
- 4.15 P.M. Detachments returned, 22 10 Pdrs and 5 4.5" Hows in action
- 4.25 P.M. Called "A" group - no information - continue at same rate.  
Called "E" who say position unchanged, JARGON held with posts lost, but not located
- 5 P.M. F.O.G returned on relief. He could obtain no definite information from Infantry - position very vague, but he is of opinion that there has not been serious attack in "C" Group zone, but thinks weight of attack from J.14. Central to INVERNESS COPSE, but thinks we have not lost much ground.  
heavy barrage West of J.15. central made communication almost impossible
- 5.20 P.M. "A" Group report Infantry report all posts held, those temporarily lost retaken - Infantry exhausted and required very close support.
- 6.30 P.M. Ceased barrage and fired bursts on information from P.M.

2. GENERAL:

- (a) F.O.G. reports enemy attack opened at 4 a.m. but he states no "S.O.S" signals were fired. I am sure some were fired at 4.20 a.m. (approx) but so long as we use Green lights they will be confused with enemy signals as has now occurred almost daily for some time.  
"S.O.S" signals were not repeated from our support line.
- (b) throughout the day communication failed except by runner - enemy barrage was heavy in rear of C P's and the dry weather caused dust.
- (c) Pigeons are only supplied to F.O.G's when we attack. I suggest that pigeons be a regular issue for F.O.G's.
- (d) Definite information was almost harder to obtain today than usual.
- (e) I would not shorten my barrage to J.14.B.2.4 to J.15.05 because information was not definite and even the situation given the evening before could not be called absolutely definite.  
I considered an 10 Par barrage J.14.B.2.4 to J.15.05 searching eastward and sweeping to close the flanks, with 4 5" Hows on important trench junctions in Group zone was the safest and most useful course.
- (f) From their original position of "S.O.S" signals and what meagre information was received I was of opinion that the attack was chiefly South of my zone.
- (g) there are not sufficient lines from Group to Div. Art H.Qrs to make communication quick enough either between Group and Div. Artly or between Group and wagon lines.
- (h) there was very little enemy artillery fire on our field batteries or field artillery area during the day, no doubt his activity of the previous day was in connection with his action of this morning.



Lieut. Col

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"C" GROUP - 14th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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SECRET: GROUP ORDER NO. 11.a. COPY NO. 8

By

Lieut. Col. S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding. 25th Aug. 17.  
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1. Group Order No. 10.a. is cancelled and the following substituted.
2. "S.O.S" FARRAGE LINES will be as follows until further notice:
  - 1st Pattery ) Superimposed J.14.b.40.40 through J.14.b.55.55
  - 2nd Pattery ) to J.14.b.40.75.
  - 3rd Pattery ) Superimposed J.14.b.40.75 to J.8.d.25.00.
  - 4th Pattery )
  - 5th Pattery ) Superimposed J. 8.d.25.00 to J.8.d.10.30.
  - 6th Pattery )
- 102nd Pattery: "S.O.S" Farrage Lines for 102nd Pattery will remain as before

3. ACKNOWLEDGE

  
 Captain,  
 Adjutant, "C" GROUP

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Lieut. Col. S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O. Commanding. 25th Aug. 17.  
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1. With a view to future operations the following day and night firing will be carried out.

- (a) FY DAY: searching fire from enemy's front posts to a depth of 800 yards.
- (b) FY NIGHT: Searching and sweeping tracks and points of activity, and enfilading communication trenches - also search and sweep enemy's forward works to prevent work and to isolate the garrison.

(c) TIME TABLE FOR 18 PDRS:

FY DAY:			
5 a.m. to	( 1st Pattery )	} 100 rounds per Pattery per period.	
8 a.m.	( 4th Pattery )		
8 a.m. to	( 2nd Pattery )		
11 a.m.	( 5th Pattery )		
11 a.m. to	( 3rd Pattery )		
2 p.m.	( 6th Pattery )		
2 p.m. to	( 1st Pattery )		
5 p.m.	( 4th Pattery )		
5 p.m. to	( 2nd Pattery )		
9 p.m.	( 5th Pattery )		
FY NIGHT:			
9 p.m. to	( 1st Pattery )		} 125 rounds per Pattery per period.
12 midnight	( 4th Pattery )		
12 midnight	( 2nd Pattery )		
to 3 a.m.	( 5th Pattery )		
3 a.m. to	( 3rd Pattery )		
5 a.m.	( 6th Pattery )		

Fire to be delivered in irregular bursts.

(d) 102nd HOW. PATTERY:

FY DAY: as for 18 Pdr Patteries but 35 rounds per How per day.

FY NIGHT: No firing except "S.O.S" and following task:

3 a.m. to 6 a.m.	)	Task X accompanying map.
7 a.m. to 12 noon	)	
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	)	10 rounds per hour
9 p.m. to 12 midnight	)	continuous irregular fire.

2. A C K N O W L E D G E .

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Captain,  
Adjutant, "C" GROUP

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SECRET: GROUP ORDER NO. 13.a. COPY NO. 8

By

Lieut. Col. S.M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding. 26th Aug. 17.

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1. (a) On night 26th/27th August at Zero hour to be notified, all 18-Pdr Batteries of "C" GROUP will put down their "S.O.S" Barrage: SHRAPNEL ONLY.

(b) Rates of fire will be as follows:

* Zero ½ hour to Zero	½ round per gun per minute
Zero to 10 minutes	3 rounds per gun per minute
10 min to 30 min.	2 rounds per gun per minute
30 min to 1 hr 30 min.	1 round per gun per minute
1 hr 30 min. onwards	½ round per gun per minute.

2. At Zero 1 hour, 1st, 4th and 6th Batteries will lift to J.8.d.7.3 to J.14.b.7.4 in their own lanes of fire and use SMOKE SHELL at the following rates:

1 hour to 1 hour 5 min.	4 rounds per gun per minute
1 hour 5 min to 2 hours	1½ rounds per Battery per min.

Batteries will be brought up to approximately 270 rounds SMOKE per Battery under arrangements made at Wagon Lines.

3. 102nd HOW. BATTERY will fire on "S.O.S" points - ALL FX - at the following rates:

Zero to 30 minutes	2 rounds per gun per minute
30 to 1 hour	1 round per gun per minute
1 hour to 2 hours	½ round per gun per minute
2 hours onwards	¼ round per gun per minute

4. Watches will be synchronised at GROUP H.QRS at 10.30 p.m.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE:

Captain,

Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

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\* 0-½ hour to 0 to be fired in desultory bursts.  
0 onwards regular barrage fire.

*J. Anderson*

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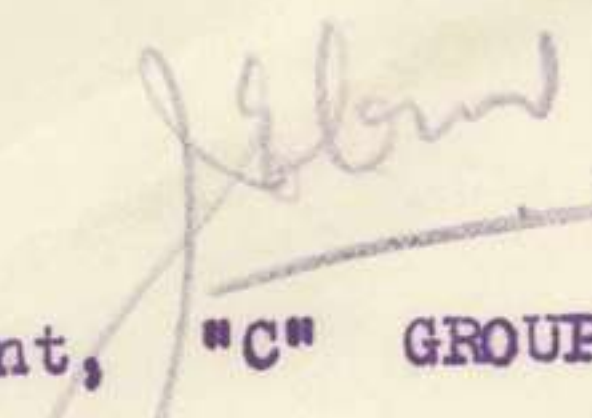
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Lieut. Col. S. M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding. 30th Aug. 17.

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REFERENCE 14th DIV. ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 120:

1. (a) The first half Batteries of 58th Div. Art. will relieve half Batteries of 1st Aust. Div. Art on the morning of 31st August, 1917.
- (b) The relief of the other half Batteries will take place the following morning.
- (c) Batteries will report the completion of each days relief by wire.
2. (a) 3 guns in position lately occupied by A/82 Battery R.F.A. were taken over by 6th Battery today. O.C., 3rd Battery will take over these guns in this position, I.24.a.30.52 on morning of 31-8-17.
- (b) Three guns 3rd Battery in their present position will be moved to A/82 position where platforms are being prepared.
- (d) O.C., 3rd Battery will hand over 1 gun to 4th Battery, and 1 gun to 5th Battery.
3. The attached table shows the location of guns, and the necessary transfers between Units after the completion of the move of the 3rd Battery detailed in para 2. above.
4. Separate orders will be published detailing handing over of guns at Wagon Lines.
5. O.C., 3rd Battery will commence to move ammunition from his old position to the new position - the balance that hask not been moved by the completion of the relief, will be handed over to incoming Unit (C/290) as a Dump at old 3rd Battery position.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

  
 Captain,  
 Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

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	A	B	C	D(b) Guns in Action at position to be taken over by 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A.	E(b) Guns to be brought in by 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A.	F(c) Guns out of Action at 1st Aust. D.A. Wagon Lines to be kept by 1st Aust. D.A.	G Guns at 1.0.M.	H Guns to be taken over by 1st Aust. D.A. or from 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A. at Wagon Lines.	Remarks.
1st Aust D.A. relieved by 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A.									
1st Battery	I.24.a.30.40	A. 290	6	0	1(a)	0	5	(a) Awaiting further report from 1.0.M.	
2nd "	I.24.b.45.35	B. 290	5(d)	1(d)	12(a)	1 <sup>?2</sup>	5		
3rd Aust Battery A 82 position	I.24.a.30.52	C. 290	6	0	0	1	6	(b) Add together columns D and E.	
101st How Battery	I.17.c.45.75	D. 290	5	1	1 destroyed by shellfire	0	5		
4th "	I.17.d.15.00	A. 291	65	*	0	2	6	(c) Add together columns F and H.	
5th "	I.18.c.72.18	B. 291	5	1	0	1	6		
6th "	I.24.a.15.50	C. 291	5	1	2(a)	0	4	(d) = Air recuperation Guns.	
102nd How "	I.23.b.03.75	D. 291	4	2	0	2	6		

"C" GROUP - 14th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
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SECRET: GROUP ORDER NO .14.a/1 COPY NO. 11

By

Lieut. Col. S. M. ANDERSON, D.S.O., Commanding. 31st Aug. 17.  
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1. The Gun return issued with Group Order No. 14.a.  
is cancelled and the following return substituted.

This return is corrected to 7 p.m. 31st August  
1917.

*J. Johnson*  
Adjutant, "C" GROUP. Captain,

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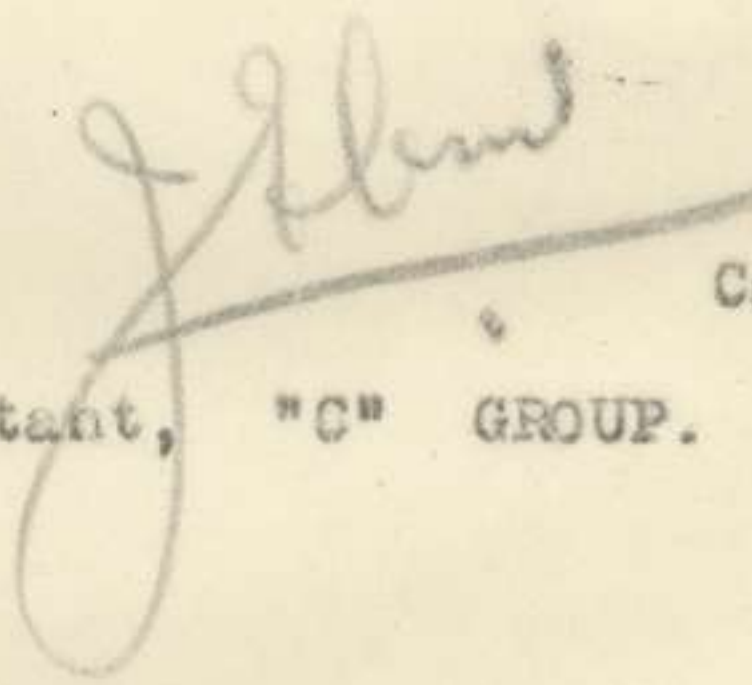
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1. The undermentioned amendments to Group Boundaries and "S.O.S" Lines are to be observed until further orders.
  - (a) Souther Boundary of Group Lane unaltered.
  - (b) Northern boundary of 1st and 2nd Pattery lanes, a line through J.14.a.00.60 - J.16.b.00.90.
  - (c) Northern boundary of 3rd and 4th Pattery lanes, a line through J.14.a.00.80 - J.10.d.00.45.
  - (d) Northern Boundary of Group, and P/291 Pty and 6th Pattery lanes, J.8.c.50.00 - J.9.c.00.50 - J.10.Central.

2. "S.O.S" FARRAGE LINES:

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|-------------|---|---|
| 1st Pattery | ) | Superimposed J.14.b.30.40 to J.14.b.35.68                     |
| 2nd Pattery | ) |   |
| 3rd Pattery | ) | Superimposed J.14.b.35.68 to J.14.b.38.86<br>to J.14.b.33.96. |
| 4th Pattery | ) |   |
| P/291 Patty | ) | Superimposed J.14.b.33.96 to J.8.d.15.20.                     |
| 6th Pattery | ) |   |

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

  
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 Adjutant, "C" GROUP.

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	A	B	C	D(b) Guns in Action at position to be taken over by 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A.	E(b) Guns to be brought in by 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A.	F(c) Guns out of Action at 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. D.A. Wagon Lines to be kept by 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. D.A.	G Guns at 1.0.M.	H(c) Guns to be taken over by 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. D.A. from 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A. at Wagon Lines.	Remarks
1 <sup>st</sup> Aust D.A. relieved by 58 <sup>th</sup> D.A.									
1 <sup>st</sup> Battery	I.24.a.30.40	A.290	6	0	0	1	6	(a) Awaiting further report from 1.0.M.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> "	I.24.a.45.35	B.290.	6(d)	0	1{(a)} 1{(d)}	1(d)	5		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Battery A.82 position	I.24.a.30.52	C.290.	6	0	1(a)	0	5	(b) Add together Columns D and E	
101 <sup>st</sup> How "	I.17.c.45.75	D.290	5	1	1 Destroyed by shellfire	0	5		
4 <sup>th</sup> "	I.17.d.15.00	A.291.	6	0	0	0	6	(c) Add together Columns F and H.	
5 <sup>th</sup> "	I.18.c.72.18	B.291.	5	1	0	2	6		
6 <sup>th</sup> "	I.24.a.15.50	C.291.	5	1	2(a)	0	4	(d) Air recuperator	
102 <sup>nd</sup> How "	I.23.b.03.75	D.291.	5	1	0	1	6	Guns.	

APPENDIX

*Copy for Battalion**20/8/17  
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## 14TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO.115

BY

BRIGADIER GENERAL E.HARDING NEWMAN, D.S.O.

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Reference M.p 1/10,000.

1. The 14th Division has been ordered to capture the general line JASPER AVENUE - INVERNESS COPSE - HERENTHAGE CHATEAU - FITZCLARENCE FARM and Western portion of GLENCORSE WOOD.
2. Preliminary bombardments will be carried out as follows:-
- (i) Groups will, during daylight, arrange to keep the ground between the enemy's front posts and the rear to a depth of 800 yards under bursts of shrapnel fire. 40 rounds per 18-pdr gun in action daily.  
This searching fire will be carried out as far as possible by the batteries furthest back.  
35 rounds per 4.5" Howitzer will be expended during hours of daylight as at present ordered
- (ii) Night firing will be carried out under the orders of Group Commanders with a view to isolating the hostile garrisons and preventing work by the enemy.  
A map is attached showing all known tracks, compiled from air photos and prisoners statements. The map is divided by a dotted line. Tasks west of the dotted line will be carried out by F.A. and East of it by H.A.  
Groups will be responsible for objectives within respective zones.  
30 rds. per 18.Pr. and 20 rounds per 4.5" Howitzer in action will be expended nightly.  
O.C. A. Group will detail 12-18.Prs. to engage objectives in D.Group zone as directed in para.2(1)&(ii).
- (iii) Wirecutting. Exact Location of wire opposite our front is doubtful but is believed to exist in INVERNESS COPSE on both sides of the MENIN Road and on the Western face of the copse from J.14.c.43.51 to J.14.c.5.0.  
Wirecutting will be carried out by 278th.Siege Battery on both sides of the MENIN Road from J.14.c.80.35 eastwards with 106 fuze between 1.p.m. and 5.p.m. on August 20th. and 21st.  
During the same hours on August 21st. D Group will cut wire along the same line with 4.5" Howitzers, 106 Fuze. S.C.R.A. will arrange for delivery of 400 rounds fuze with 106 fuze on August 20th. A further supply will be sent up on August 21st. and wire-cutting resumed on Aug.22nd. as early as possible.  
D.Group will also search the area from J.14.c.43.51 to J.14.c.5.0 and also on both sides of the MENIN ROAD from J.14.c.80.35 as far West as is safe with 18.Pr. shrapnel with a view to cutting any wire which may exist.  
Ammunition expended on wirecutting is over and above the amounts laid down in para.2.(1) & (ii).

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14th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO. 115  
BY  
BRIGADIER GENERAL E. HARDING NEWMAN, R.A.C.

In addition to above, all Groups will do all that is possible towards cutting any wire known within their respective zones.

4. Orders re creeping and standing barrages will be issued later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major R.A.

Brigade Major R.A.

20th. August 1917.

14th. (Light) Division.

Issued at 10.AM.

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- 36-45 to D. Group.
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14th.D.A.No.132/A.

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 14th.Division "G"  
 41st.Inf.Bdo.  
 42nd.Inf.Bde.  
 43rd.Inf.Bdo.  
 Centre Double Group.  
 24th.Divl.Artillery.  
 8th. Divl.Artillery.

20.8.17

1. (i) It is the intention of the G.O.C. to allot the 43rd.Infantry Brigade the task of capturing that part of the Green line from JASPER AVENUE to J.14.b.20.40, and to the 42nd.Infantry Brigade the task of capturing the Green line from J.14.b.20.40 to J.8.c.65.20.

(ii) Under instructions already issued, the 42nd.Infantry Brigade are endeavouring to establish a line of posts from J.8.c.65.20 - J.14.a.90.55 and thence back to the post reported at J.14.a.60.20. If this line is established by Zero day then on Zero Day the 42nd.Infantry Brigade will only be responsible for joining up with the left of the 43rd.Infantry Brigade. If the line has not been established by Zero day, then the 42nd.Infantry Brigade will be responsible for the task allotted in sub.para.(i). It is most essential for barrage purposes that this line be either established as soon as possible or the fact established by patrolling that it cannot be occupied without an organised attack.

2. (i) The attack will be supported by long range machine gun barrages.

(ii) The attack on INVERNESS COPSE will be followed by four tanks for the purpose of assisting to overcome strong points which may resist the initial assault.

(iii) There may also be a discharge of gas on to the area HERENTHAGE CHAU.- JAP TRENCH up to J.14.d.50.60.

(iv) Details of above will be published later.

3. In order to carry out the operation outlined above -

(i) The 43rd.Infantry Brigade will arrange to relieve the 41st.Infantry Brigade from their present right up to and inclusive of Strong point about J.14.a.30.30.

(ii) The 42nd.Infantry Brigade will arrange to extend their right up to but exclusive of Strong point J.14.a.30.30.

(iii) Above reliefs to be carried out on the night of 20/21st.August.

4. O.C. E. Group is detailed as Liaison Officer with 42nd. Inf.Brigade and Lt.Col.GODMAN 46th.Bdo with 43rd.Inf.Bde.

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5. Following are the proposed Divisional Artillery arrangements for forthcoming Operations.

6. Attached Map shows -

- (i) GREEN Line - Objective.
- (ii) Horizontal BLUE Lines - Group Zones.
- (iii) BLACK dotted Line - Start of Creeping Barrage.
- (iv) RED line - final line of Creeping Barrage.
- (v) YELLOW Line - Flank Barrage.
- (vi) YELLOW Shading - 4.5" Howitzer Objectives.
- (vii) BLUE North & South line - initial line for searching fire.

7. (i) Width of Group Zones is based on the number of guns which it is estimated will be in action on Zero Day and which will ensure a Creeping Barrage of -

B, D, & A. Groups - 15 yards per gun.  
C & E Groups - 20 yards per gun.

(ii) In all creeping barrages and searching fire, Groups will be responsible for that portion of the lines which lie within respective zones, allowing an overlap of 50 yards on either flank.

(iii) Distribution of 18.Prs. will be as follows :-

<u>E. &amp; C. Groups.</u>	2/3rds. Creeper, 1/3rd Searching.
<u>A. &amp; D. Groups.</u>	All 18.Prs. Creeper.
<u>B. Group.</u>	18 Guns on YELLOW Flank Barrage, remainder on Creeper.
<u>24th. D.A.</u>	(24 - 18.Prs.) Searching fire in B, D and A. zones.

In all cases where the number of guns available renders it impossible to obtain the thickness of barrage required in para.7(i), Groups will immediately inform this office, stating number of guns required to complete.

(iv) Howitzer objectives will be allotted in detail in the Operation Order to follow.

8. Procedure will be as follows :-

(1) CREEPING Barrage. Will come down on the BLACK dotted line -

- (a) A portion of the Creeping barrage astride the MENIN Road (details later) will remain on the dotted line for 5 minutes, lift 50 yards and remain for another 5 minutes.
- (b) Remainder of the Creeping barrage will remain on the dotted line for 10 minutes.

The whole Creeping barrage will then creep forward in lifts of 100 yards every 4 minutes, each gun on arrival at the RED Line remaining there.

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8. (ii) SEARCHING 18.Prs. All 18.Prs.employed on searching fire will come down on the BLUE line at Zero, remain there one minute and then search WESTWARDS 100 yards every three minutes until they reach a line 300 yards EAST of the RED Line; each gun on arrival at its own point will then search EASTWARDS at the same rate until the BLUE Line is again reached, Batteries will then search the area between the RED and BLUE Lines with intermittent bursts of searching fire at irregular times and distances within their own zones.
- (iii) 4.5" Howitzers. Objectives shown in YELLOW shading on Map will be allotted in detail later. Howitzers will remain on those objectives as long as is safe and then lift to form a protective barrage 200 yards EAST of the RED Line from J.14.b.8.8 to Southern limit of B. Zone.
- (iv) 278th. Siege Battery. During morning of Zero day will continue wire-cutting on either side of MENIN ROAD in INVERNESS COPSE. Centre Double Group is also detailing another 6 inch How. Battery to cut wire from J.14.c.43.51 to J.14.c.5.0.
9. All further details regarding times, rates of fire, barrage maps etc. will be embodied in an Operation Order which will follow as soon as possible.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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20th. Aug. 1917.

14th. (Light) Division.

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14TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.116.

BY

Brigadier General E.HARDING NEWMAN.,D.S.O.

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Reference 1/10,000 HOOGE Barrage Map attached.

1. The Operation outlined in 14th.D.A.No.132/A dated August 20th.will take place on August 22nd.

Zero hour will be notified later.

Creeping and Flank Barrages, and Searching Fire with 18.Prs.will be carried out as ordered in above quoted letter with the following exception :-

CREEPING BARRAGE. The whole Creeping barrage will come down on the O.10 line, wait on that line for 10 minutes and then creep forward at 100 yard lifts every 4 minutes.

2. Following Appendices are attached :-

Appendix I. = 4.5" & 6" Howitzer Table.

Appendix II. = Table of Special tasks for 18.Prs.

Appendix III.= Rates of Fire.

3. (1) G.O.C.14th.Division will have a direct call on 278th. Siege Battery.

(ii) Battery Officers Commanding E. and A. Groups will each detail one 18.Pr.battery to be at the disposal of B.Gs.C.42nd. and 43rd.Infantry Brigades respectively if required.

(iii) O.G. A.Group will detail an Officer to act as Liaison Officer with each attacking battalion. These Officers need not necessarily remain with Battalion H.Q. throughout the Operation but will be used principally as F.O.Os. They will get into touch with respective Battalion Commanders before Operations commence.

4. Heavy Artillery. From 0.1 - 0.30 every hostile battery that can shell the area of Operations will be neutralised at an intense rate, and from 0.30 onwards there will be neutralising fire as required, and observed shoots for destruction will be carried out.

5. No.4 Squadron RFC has arranged to keep 5 planes in the air continuously from Zero onwards for C.B. work, and No.17 Kite Balloon Coy.has arranged to have 3 Balloons up for the same purpose.

6. (i) The X Corps are co-operating as follows :-

(a) Search the area to a depth of 600 yards on the front of the X Corps with shrapnel from Zero to Zero plus 20 minutes.

(b) Intensive C.B. work from Zero onwards.

(c) Bombard TOWER HAMLETS RIDE with 6" Howitzers with 106 Fuze from Zero to plus 2 Hrs.30 minutes.

(ii) The IX.and XIX.Corps are also assisting with intensive U.B.work from Zero and the latter have been asked to keep ZONNEBEKE REDOUBT in D.26.d. and J.2.b. under bursts of fire by both H.A. and F.A.

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Sheet 2.

7. (1) No.4 Squadron RFC are arranging to have a special aeroplane up on the look out for enemy marching up or massing . for a counter attack.
  - (ii) Group Commanders will ensure that at all times one battery per Brigade answers all "LL" calls within range.
  - (iii) From Zero plus 30 minutes Group Commanders will ensure that one battery per Brigade answers all "GF" and "NF" calls within range.
8. Zones ordered in 14th.D.A.No.136/A dated August 21st. will come into force at 6.30am.August 22nd.and will remain as normal zones until further orders.
9. Each Group will send an Officer to synchronize watches at 43rd.Infantry Brigade H.Q. DORMY HOUSE at 5.A.M.August 22nd.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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21st.August 1917. 14th.(Light) Division.

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A P P E N D I X I.

TIME .	GROUP.	NO. OF HOWS.	PROCEDURE .
0.0 to 0.10 *	D	3	HERENTHAGE CHATEAU.
0.0 to 0.14 *	B	9	Trench from J.20.b.1.8 - J.14.d.4.0 - J.14.d.5.7 and area 100 yds East and West of this line. No fire West of 2226 barrage line after 0.10 .
0.0. to 0.14 *	A	9	
0.0. to 0.14 *	G	3	FITZCLARENCE FARM.
0.0. to 0.14 *	24th.D.A.	6	Dugouts J.14.d.95.15.
Minus 20 mins to 0.8. *	E	3	Dugouts in SUNKEN Road at J.14.b.15.85.
At Zero.	G	6	Dugouts J.14.b.30.45 to J.14.b.8.6. Each Howitzer to lift on to its protective barrage line as the creeper reaches a point 200 yards West of its objective.
Zero onwards.	278th. Siege Bty		Old Battery Position J.14.b.75.60 - 80.90.

\* At this time lift and form protective barrage as follows :-

24th.DA.	6	J.21.a.1.2 - 40.55.
B	All	J.21.a.40.55 - J.15.c.55.25.
D	All	J.15.c.55.25 - 57.47.
A	All	J.15.c.57.47 - J.15.a.35.12.
G	6	J.15.a.35.12 - 0.7.
E	3	Old Battery Position J.14.b.75.60 - 80.90.
E	3	

A P P E N D I X II,  
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SPECIAL TASKS FOR 18.PRS., 24TH D.A.

0. 0 onwards	4 Guns on Dugouts, Mound and Trench J 20 b 85.60.	
0. 0 onwards	2 Guns on Short Trench from J.14.b.75.60 - 70.40.	
0.0 to 0.10	1 Gun on M.G. J.14.b.12.10	) Then join ) searching guns ) in zones ) allotted.
0.0 to 0.30	1 Gun on M.G. J.14.d.85.42	

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APPENDIX III.

RATES OF FIRE .

All 18 Pounders.

0.0 - 0.10	4 rds.per gun per Minute.	40
0.10 - 0.42	3 rds.per gun per minute.	96
0.42 to 0.45	1 rds.per gun per minute.	3
0.47 to 1 Hr.10mins	$\frac{1}{4}$ rd. " " " "	6
1 Hr.10 - 1 Hr.40	$\frac{1}{8}$ rd. " " " "	15
1 Hr.40 - 2 Hrs.	1 rd. " " " "	20
2 Hrs. - 2 Hrs.10	2 rds. " " " "	20
2 Hrs.10- 2 Hrs.20	1 rd. " " " "	10
2 Hrs.20- 2 Hrs.30	$\frac{1}{2}$ rd. " " " "	5
2 Hrs.30- 5 Hrs.30	Occasional bursts of fire.	45
5 Hrs.30	Resume normal firing.	260 x 21 = 5760

4.5" Howitzers. (Refers to Appendix I only).

-20 to Zero	$\frac{1}{8}$ rd.per How.per Minute.
0 - 0.40	2 rds." " " "
0.40 - 0.47	1 rd. " " " "
0.47 - 1 Hr.40	$\frac{1}{4}$ rd. " " " "
1 Hr.40- 2 Hrs.	$\frac{1}{8}$ rd. " " " "
2 Hrs. - 2.Hrs.10	1 rd. " " " "
2 Hrs.10 - 2 Hrs.20	$\frac{1}{4}$ rd. " " " "
2.Hrs.20 - 2 Hrs.30	$\frac{1}{2}$ rd. " " " "
2 Hrs.30 - 5 Hrs.30	Occasional bursts of fire on Barrage line.

278th.Siege Battery.

0.0 to 0.30	2 rds.per How.per Minute.
0.30 to 0.45	1 rd, " " " "
0.45 onwards.	Continue at half rates ordered for 4.5" Howitzers.

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G.O.116/3.

All recipients of 14th.D.A.G.O. 116.  
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Reference para.1. of 14th.D.A.G.O.No.116.

1. Cancel second part of para.1. referring to  
CREEPING BARRAGE and substitute -

CREEPING BARRAGE. The whole Creeping Barrage  
will come down on the 5.10 line at Zero, wait on  
that line for 5 minutes and then creep forward  
at 100 yard lifts every 4 minutes.

All times referred to will accordingly be  
altered 5 minutes earlier.

2. Rates of fire for 278th.Siege Battery will be  
reduced by 50%.



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21st. August 1917.

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D.A.G.O.  
No.116/1.

E. Group.  
 C. Group.  
 A. Group.  
 D. Group.  
 B. Group.  
 24th.D.A.  
 Centre Double Group.  
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Reference 14th.D.A. Group Order No.116

para.1. :-

ZERO hour will be 7.A.M. 22nd.August.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.



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14th D.A. O.O.113/V.

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 'A' Group.  
 'B' Group.  
 'C' Group.  
 'D' Group.  
 'E' Group.  
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1. Section (4 Tanks) No.4 Company "B" Battalion Tank Corps will co-operate in the attack to be made by the 14th Division on 22nd August.
2. The Section will move from LEINSTER FARM 28 I.17.a. to about J.13.d 25.65 during the hours of darkness on the night 21st/22nd and will remain in this position till Zero hour.
3. The role of the Tanks will be to follow up the Infantry and -
  - (i) Ensure the capture of the strong point at J.14.c.48.53.
  - (ii) Push into INVERNESS COPSE down the MENIN Road and assist in mopping up in the Wood.
  - (iii) Work round North of the COPSE to assist in clearing up JAP TRENCH.
  - (iv) Assist in repelling counter attacks.
4. (a) At Zero two Tanks will move forward against the strong point at J.14.c.48.53. When this point is taken, or immediately if it has already been taken these Tanks will move on down the MENIN Road to J.14 d.52.00. and then work South towards HERENTHAGE CHATEAU.
 

(b) The two remaining Tanks will move off at an interval of 50 yards after the first pair, and, if the latter have reached the COPSE safely, move along the North side of the Copse to JAP TRENCH and then work South down this. Should the first pair of Tanks be knocked out, the second pair will carry out the instructions for the first pair as detailed in (a).

*[Handwritten Signature]*

21st August, 1917.

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14TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.119  
BY  
BRIGADIER GENERAL E.HARDING NEWMAN., DSO.

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Reference Map - HOOGE 1/10,000.

1. The 41st. Inf. Brigade will attack and capture the enemy trench running through J.14.c.6.6 - J.14.a.6.1. - J.14.a.6.2 and will consolidate that line.
2. Four Tanks will be placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 41st. Inf. Brigade to cover the advance of the Infantry. These Tanks will operate as follows :-
  - (a) One Tank down MENIN ROAD to work North of INVERNESS COPSE and thence up Gorman trench from point 66.
  - (b) One Tank along South side of JAP AVENUE and then Southwards along German Trench.
  - (c) One Tank along North side of JAP AVENUE and then Northwards along German Trench.
  - (d) One Tank South of Strong Point 32 along road to South-West Corner of GLENCORSE WOOD and then Southwards along GERMAN TRENCH.
3. Half a company of Infantry will be allotted to each Tank. Each Half Company will attack on the initiative of its O.C. as soon as their particular Tank approaches its objective.
4. Arrangements have been made for a contact aeroplane to be up at 5.30am. Infantry will be prepared to light flares or signal their position when called to do so by means of a flare or Klaxon Horn from the aeroplane. The aeroplane will have a white band round the fusilage and a black streamer on lower plane of each wing.
5. The Tanks will pass a North and South line through J.14.c.2.9 at 4.45am.
6. (1) The action of the ~~14th Divisional Artillery Group~~ <sup>C Group</sup> is shewn on ~~attached~~ <sup>C group order No 13A.</sup>  
 Table A. - Smoke Barrage.  
 Table B. - 18.Pr. and 4.5" Howitzer Barrages. *J. J. J.*  
 (ii) 24th. and 47th. D.A. Gs. and Centre Double Group H.A. are co-operating.
7. Groups, 24th. and 47th. D.A.'s to acknowledge by wiro.

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Major R.A.

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18TH DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO: 7.

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1. COMMAND.

The C.A.A., 18th Division, took over command of the artillery covering the 18th Divisional front at 6 a.m. on 4th August, 1917.

The Artillery covering 18th Division is distributed as follows :-

2. DISTRIBUTION.

<p>'D' GROUP (Right Group) Lt.-Col. D. Thornhill, D.S.O. Hd.Qrs. at BATTERSEA FARM.</p>	<p>Consisting of four 18-pr. batteries of 23rd Divisional Artillery and two 4-gun 4.5" how. batteries.</p>
<p>'A' GROUP (Centre Group) Lt.-Col. W.W. Jelf, D.S.O. Hd.Qrs. at DOLLY HOUSE.</p>	<p>Consisting of six 18-pr. batteries and two 4-gun 4.5" how. batteries manned by personnel of 30th Divisional Artillery and the 65th and 113th A.F.A. Brigades, plus the personnel of one battery 1st Australian Div'nl Artillery.</p>
<p>'B' GROUP (Left Group) Lt.-Col. T.O. Seagram, D.S.O. Hd.Qrs. in RITZ STREET.</p>	<p>Consisting of four 18-pr. batteries of 18th Divisional Artillery (one manned by personnel of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery) and one 4-gun 4.5" how. battery.</p>
<p>'C' GROUP.</p>	<p>Consisting of the remainder of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery, including Group Headquarters, withdraw to rest.</p>

Os. C. 'A', 'B' & 'D' Groups will report which of their batteries are remaining in action.

3. FRONTAGE.

S.O.S. Lines and lanes of bombardment will be as shown on map issued with 30th Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 25.

4. LIAISON.

O.C. 'A' Group will be responsible for Liaison with 55th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at DOLLY HOUSE.

O.C. 'B' Group will be responsible for Liaison with 54th Infantry Brigade Headquarters in RIDGE TRENCH Dugouts.

5. INFANTRY DISPOSITIONS.

The Division front will be held by three battalions

<p><u>Right Battalion.</u></p>	<p>Fd.Qrs. CRABCRAWL I 3.24.d.7.4.</p>	<p>)</p>	<p>)</p>
<p><u>Centre Battalion.</u></p>	<p>Fd.Qrs. CHATERS J.19.a.8.9.</p>	<p>)</p>	<p>)</p>
			<p>)</p>
			<p>)</p>

55th Inf. Brigade.

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Left Battalion.

54th Infantry Brigade.

Hd. Qrs. MENIN ROAD J.13.a.9.2.

6. F.O.Os.

Groups will select O.Ps in the following localities to get observation on their respective groups.

- 'D' (Right) Group - near BOCHIN COPSE - to observe on FERENTHAGE CHATEAU and JASPER TRENCH.
- 'A' (Centre) Group - CLAPHAM JUNCTION - to observe on INVERNESS COPSE and JAR TRENCH.
- 'B' (Left) Group. - BELLEWARDE RIDGE - to observe on JARGON TRENCH and strong point at J.14.a.3.2.

The exact positions of sites selected and a full report of the ground and trenches visible, will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

These O.Ps will be manned by day, the F.O.O. sleeping at the corresponding Battalion Headquarters by night.

7. DAY AND NIGHT FIRING.

Each 18-pr. battery will fire 360 rounds per 24 hours (60 rounds per nominal gun)

The majority of the ammunition will be expended during the night, group commanders detailing their own tasks within their group "lanes". "No mans land" will be searched especially just before dawn.

Each 4.5" how. battery will fire 240 rounds per 24 hours. The majority will be expended with observed fire by day on selected points on group "lanes".

*W.A. Stirling*

Major, R.A.,  
Brigade Major, 18th Div'nl Artillery.

4th August, 1917.

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FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.STRENGTH of PERSONNEL - HORSES and MULES on 31st. AUG. 1917.

UNIT.	PERSONNEL.			HORSES and MULES.				CHANGES.
	Offs.	O/Rks.	Tl.	Rid.	Dgt.	Mules.	Tl.	
B.H.Q.	2	14	16	10	3		13	
Attached as per War Establishment	1	9	10	1			1	
1st. BTY.	5	172	177	34	109	8	151	
2nd. BTY.	5	164	169	34	97	12	143	
3rd. BTY.	5	160	165	36	102	8	146	
101st. BTY.	5	181	186	34	99	12	145	
SUPERNUMERARY		14	14					
	23	714	737	149	410	40	599	