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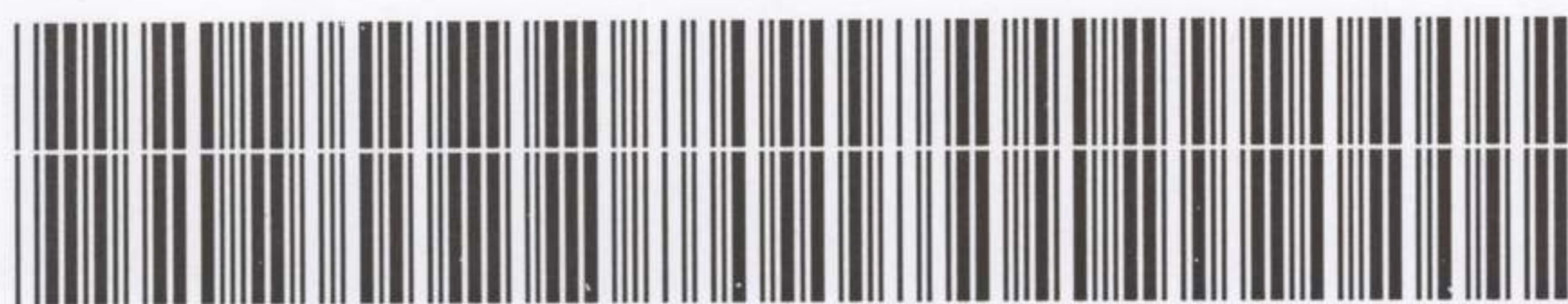
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.37.

Headquarters,
15th. October, 1917.

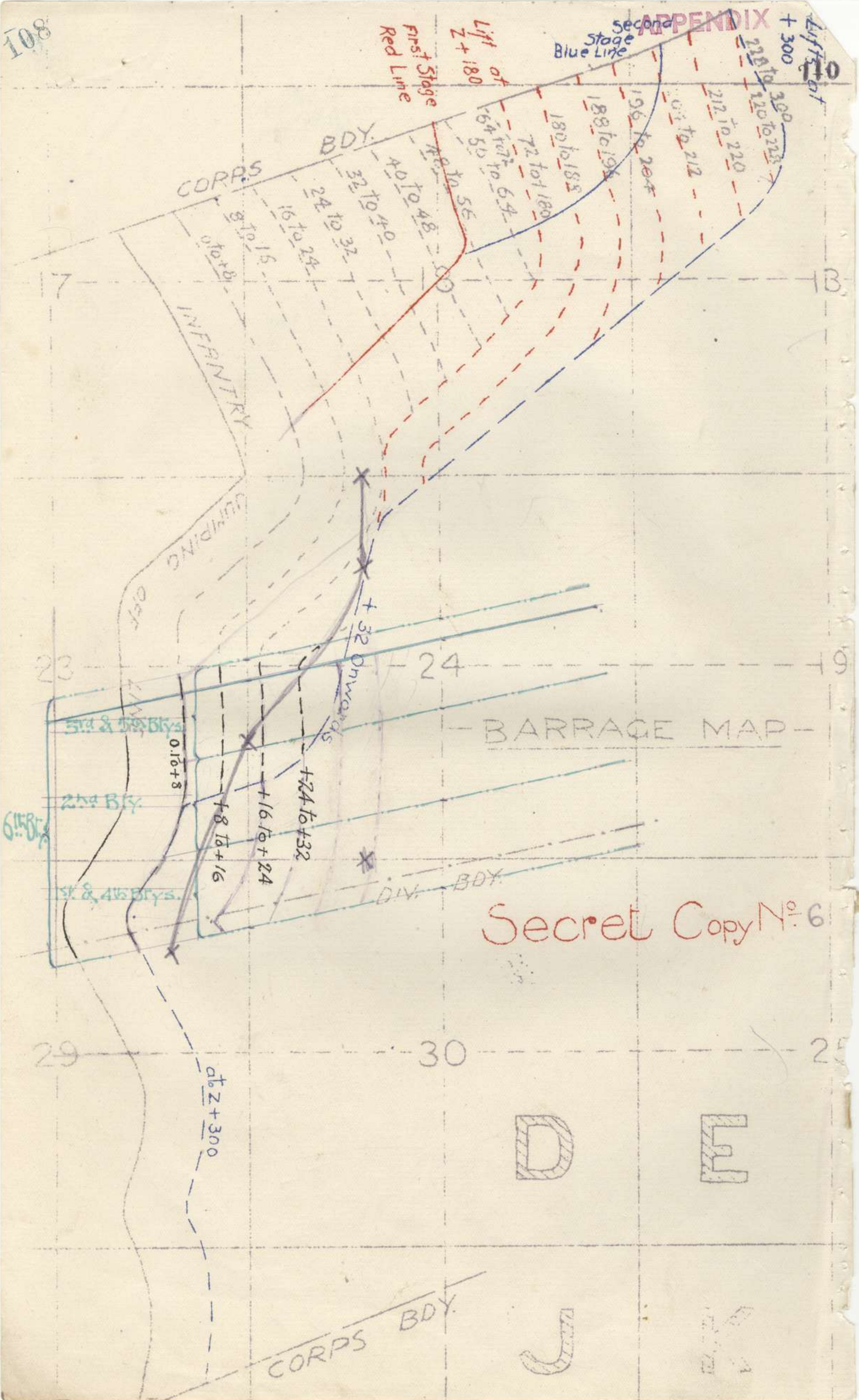
1. Major E.T.DEAN, D.S.O. will relieve Lieut-Colonel D.H.MOORE, on 15th. October, 1917 and take over command of "A" Group.
2. Lieut-Colonel F.P.DERHAM, D.S.O. will relieve Lieut-Colonel H.O. CADDY, D.S.O. on 15th. October, 1917, and take over command of "B" Group.
3. Details will be arranged by Group Commanders concerned.
4. Completion of reliefs will be reported to this office.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

| Issued at 6.30 p.m. to:- | Copy No. |
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| G.O. "A" Group. | 1-9 |
| G.O. "B" Group. | 10-18. |
| Major E.T. DEAN, D.S.O. | 19. |
| Lt-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O. | 20. |
| Artillery Liaison Officer, 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. | 21. |
| 5th. Aust. Division. | 22. |
| 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. | 23. |
| 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. | 24. |
| 1st. Aust. D.A. Column. | 25. |
| 5th. Aust. D.A. Column. | 26. |
| 5th. Aust. Divn. "Q" | 27. |
| 5th. Aust. Divn. | 29-32. |
| D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn. | 33. |
| D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Divn.. | 34. |
| 7th. Divl. Artillery. | 35. |
| 57th. E.A. Group. | 36. |
| Staff Captain. | 37. |
| Signals, 5th. D.A. H.Q. | 38. |
| R.A. 1st. ANZAC. | 39. |
| E.A. 1st. ANZAC. | 40. |
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APPENDIX

Operation Order No. 29By LieutColonel D.H. MOORE, Commanding.

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Headquarters,
13th October, 1917.

The Artillery policy for the present will be a vigorous offensive.

It is intended that all enemy roads, tracks, communications, etc., in the Group Zone will be kept under continual fire: with this intention tasks will be issued daily by this office, and every effort should be made by Pattery Commanders to obtain direct observation of these shoots, and a report sent in as to the result.

In addition to the above tasks Pattery Commanders will make their own arrangements to keep the Divisional Zone continually under observation and will not hesitate to engage any movement or position where fire is likely to have effect.

The following targets will be engaged tomorrow, rapid bursts of fire being employed in all cases:

DAME WOOD

ANVIL WOOD special attention being given to concrete shelters at D.30.a.68.80, Ration Dump at D.30.a.5.9, Concrete shelters at D.30.a.45.72 House and Huts at D.24.d.05.00. b

All roads, tracks and communications with special attention to Track D.29.b.68.05 to D.30.d.00.13
Track D.29.b.70.30 to D.30.a.00.30.

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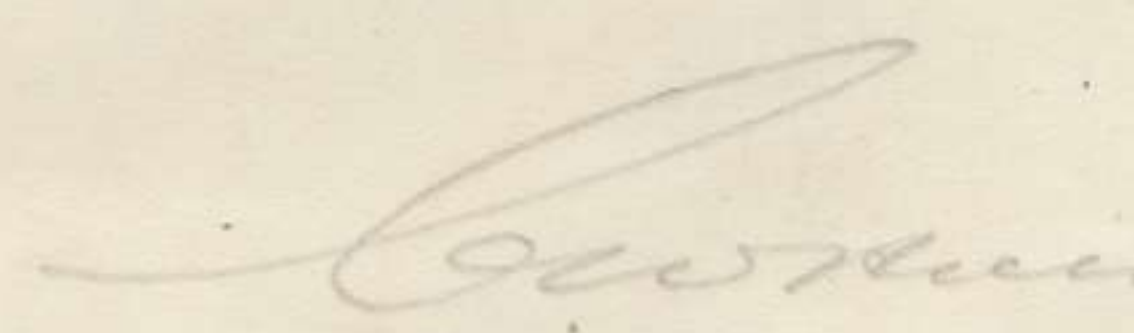
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Batteries will expend 250 rounds in the case of 18 Pdrs and 150 rounds in the case of 4.5" Howitzers, in accordance with the following time-table: . .

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| 1st Battery: | 12 midnight to 4 a.m. |
| 2nd Battery: | 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. |
| 3rd Battery: | 8 a.m. to 12 mid-day |
| 4th Battery: | 12 noon to 4 p.m. |
| 5th Battery: | 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. |
| 6th Battery: | 8 p.m. to 12 midnight |
| 101st Battery: | 12 midnight to 3 a.m. |
| 102nd Battery: | 9 a.m. to 12 mid-day |
| 101st Battery: | 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. |
| 102nd Battery: | 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. |

In Intelligence Reports, No. of rounds expended on, and time each target was engaged, should be shown.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

 Captain,
Adjutant, "A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

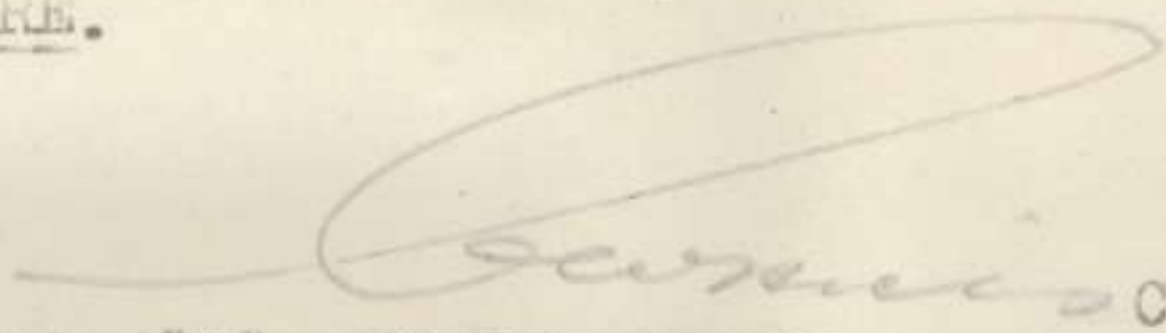
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Copy No. 1"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Addendum to Operation Order No. 29 .Fy. Lieut. Colonel D. H. MOORE, Commanding.Headquarters,
13th October, 1917.

1. The following targets were noted yesterday:
 - Suspected M.G.'s at D.29.d.50.50, D.29.b.60.30,
 D.29.d.60.80, D.29.b.70.20.
 Hostile Batteries at D.26.b.80.90, K.2.b.20.50,
 E.9.c.7.4, E.26.a.5.8.
 Water tank mounted on staging on road E.9.c.00.50.
 Movement on roads E.25.b.9.9, D.24.d.70.70,
 D.19.a.80.70, E.20.c.9.9, E.19.a.9.8, E.19.b.6.7,
 D.30.d.2.6.
2. Every effort should be taken to engage any of
 above targets in the Group Zone should the opportunity
 present itself.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.



Adjutant, "A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY, Captain,

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 30

By Lieut. Colonel D. H. MOORE, Commanding.

Headquarters,
14th October, 1917.

1. The following shoots will be carried out by Batteries of "A" Group Artillery, between 12 midnight 14th/15th instant and 6 a.m. 15th instant.
2. 18 Pdr Batteries will expend 50 rounds per Battery, and 4.5" Howitzer Battery 30 rounds per Battery.

3. TABLE OF TASKS:

4.5" Hows:

| |
|--|
| ANVIL WOOD |
| DAME WOOD |
| EFFECT WOOD |
| DUGOUTS D.24.c.88.03 |
| Roads and Tracks in Group Zone |
| Concrete shelters D.30.a.68.80 |
| " " D.30.b.45.72 |

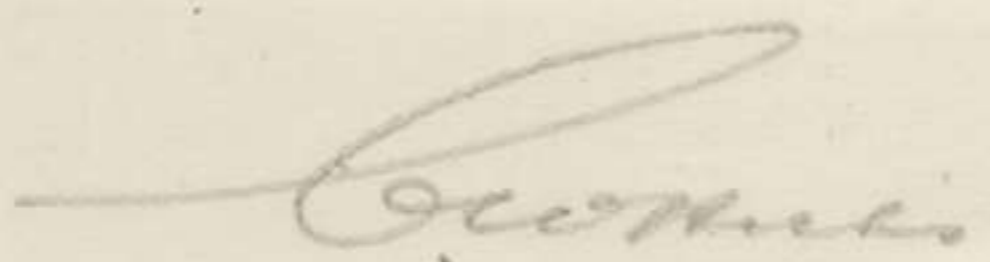
18 Pdrs:

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|---|
| Concrete shelters D.30.a.68.80 |
| Ration Dump D.30.a.5.9 |
| Track D.29.b.65.28 to D.30.a.20.35 |
| " D.29.b.68.02 to D.30.a.05.10 |
| Roads and Tracks in Group Zone. |

4. TIME-TABLE OF TASKS:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 12 midnight to 2 a.m. | 4th Battery |
| 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | 5th Battery |
| 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. | 6th Battery |
| 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. | 102nd How. Battery. |

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

 Captain,
Adjutant, "A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

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| Copy No. 1 | Retained |
| " 2 | 1st Battery |
| " 3 | 2nd Battery |
| " 4 | 3rd Battery |
| " 5 | 101st Fatty |
| " 6 | 4th Battery |
| " 7 | 5th Battery |
| " 8 | 6th Battery |
| " 9 | 102nd Fatty |
| " 10 | 5th Aust. D.A. |

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

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Operation Order No. 31By Lieut. Colonel D. H. MOORE, Commanding.Headquarters,
14th October, 1917.

1. The following shoots will be carried out by Batteries of "A" Group Artillery between 6 a.m. on 15th instant and 6 a.m. on 16th instant.
2. During each ^{day & night} task Batteries will expend 125 rounds in the case of 18 Pdrs, and 75 rounds in the case of 4.5" Howitzers.

3. TABLE OF TASKS:

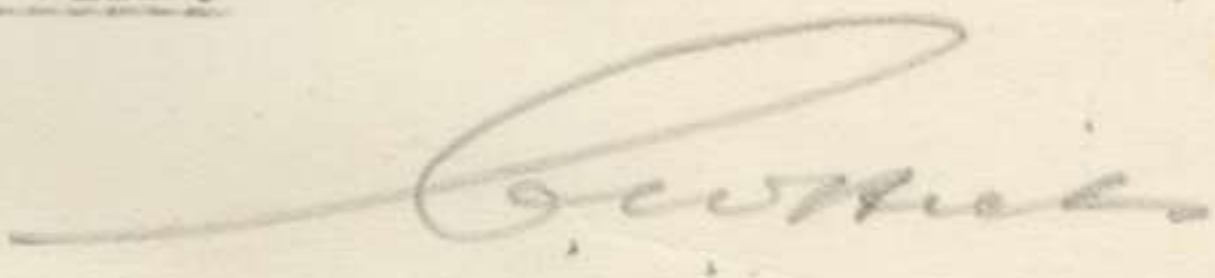
4.5" Howitzers: ANVIL WOOD
DAME WOOD
EFFECT WOOD
DUGOUTS D.24.c.88.03
Roads and Tracks in Group Zone
Concrete shelters D.30.a.68.80
" " D.30.b.45.72

18 Pdrs: Concrete shelters D.30.a.68.80
Ration Dump D.30.a.5.9
Track D.29.b.65.28 to D.30.a.20.35
" D.29.b.68.02 to D.30.a.05.10.
Roads and Tracks in Group Zone.

4. TIME TABLE OF TASKS:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Day shooting:</u> | 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. | 1st Battery |
| | 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. | 2nd Battery |
| | 10 a.m. to 12 noon | 3rd Battery and 101st Battery. |
| | 12 noon to 2 p.m. | 4th Battery |
| | 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | 5th Battery |
| <u>Night shooting:</u> | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | 6th Battery and 102nd Battery. |
| | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | 4th Battery |
| | 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. | 5th Battery |
| | 10 p.m. to 12 midnight | 6th Battery and 102nd Battery. |
| | 12 midnight to 2 a.m. | 1st Battery |
| | 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | 2nd Battery and 101st Battery. |
| | 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. | 3rd Battery. |

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

 Captain,
Adjutant, "A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

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| Copy No. | 1 | Retained |
| " | 2 | 1st Battery |
| " | 3 | 2nd Battery |
| " | 4 | 3rd Battery |
| " | 5 | 101st Pattery |
| " | 6 | 4th Battery |
| " | 7 | 5th Battery |
| " | 8 | 6th Battery |
| " | 9 | 102nd Pattery |
| " | 10 | 5th Aust. D.A. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 32.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
15th. October 1917.

1. The following shoots will be carried out by "A" Group Artillery Batteries between 6 a.m. on 16th. instant and 6 a.m. on 17th. instant.

2. During each day and night task batteries will expend 100 rounds (18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows).

3. Table of Tasks :-

4.5" Hows. - Edge House.
Effect Copse.
Area Showing Activity -
E.20.a.80.00. E.20.c.20.70.
Roads and Tracks in Group Zone.

18-pdrs. - Track D.29.b.65.28 to D.30.a.20.35.
Track D.29.b.68.02 to D.30.a.05.10.
Roads and Tracks in Group Zone.
Area showing activity.
D.30.a.60.80.
D.30.b.10.90.
E.25.a.45.25.
E.25.b.70.80.

| | | | | |
|-----------------|---|------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 4. Day Shooting | - | 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. | - | 4th. and 102nd. Batteries. |
| | | 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. | - | 5th. Battery. 102 |
| | | 10 a.m. to 12 noon. | - | 6th. " |
| | | 12 noon to 2 p.m. | - | 1st. " |
| | | 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | - | 2nd. " |
| | | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | - | 3rd. and 101st. Batteries. |
| Night Shooting | - | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | - | 6th. Battery. |
| | | 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. | - | 5th. " |
| | | 10 p.m. to 12 midnight | - | 4th. " |
| | | 12 midnight to 2 a.m. | - | 1st. and 101st. Batteries. |
| | | 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | - | 2nd. Battery. |
| | | 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. | - | 3rd. and 102nd. Batteries. |

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

[Signature] Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| 2. | War Diary. | 9. | 6th. " |
| 3. | 1st. Battery. | 10. | 102nd. " |
| 4. | 2nd. " | 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| 5. | 3rd. " | 12. | Inf. Bde. Major. |
| 6. | 101st. " | 13. | "B" Group. |
| 7. | 4th. " | 14. | "C" Group. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 33.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
16th. October 1917.

1. The following shoots will be carried out by "A" Group Artillery Batteries between 6 a.m. on 17th. instant and 6 a.m. on 18th. instant.

2. *Total daily expenditure will not exceed 150 rounds per Battery -*
During each day and night task batteries will expend 100 rounds (18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows).

3. Table of Tasks :-

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|-------------------|---|
| <u>4.5" Hows.</u> | Edge House. Dame Wood. Effect Copse. Roads and Tracks in Group Zone. |
| <u>18-pdrs.</u> | Roads and Tracks in Group Zone. Search and sweep same. Areas showing activity :- D.30.a.60.80. D.30.b.10.90. E.25.a.45.25. E.25.b.70.80. |

4. Day Shooting :-

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. | - | 4th. & 101st. Batteries |
| 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. | - | 5th. Battery. |
| 10 a.m. to 12 noon. | - | 6th. " |
| 12 noon to 2 p.m. | - | 3rd. " |
| 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | - | 2nd. " |
| 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | - | 1st. & 102nd. Batteries |

Night Shooting :-

| | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | - | 3rd. Battery. |
| 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. | - | 2nd. & 101st. Batteries |
| 10 p.m. to 12 midnight | - | 1st. Battery. |
| 12 midnight to 2 a.m. | - | 6th. " |
| 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | - | 5th. " |
| 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. | - | 4th. & 102nd. Batteries |

5. The enemy front line is believed to be running parallel and 200 yards to the West of the road running North and South through D.30. and J.6. - with Posts in Eastern edge of CELTIC WOOD and North-eastern corner of JUSTICE WOOD.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lawson
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| 5. | 3rd. " | 12. | Bde. Major. 15th. Inf. Bde. |
| 6. | 101st. " | 13. | "B" Group. |
| 7. | 4th. " | 14. | "C" Group. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 34.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
17th. October 1917.

1. The daily expenditure of ammunition is NOT to exceed 150 rounds per Battery (18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows).
2. On 21st. October 1917 18-pdr. Batteries must have 1000 rounds and 4.5" How. Batteries 800 rounds per gun in Battery positions. From that date on these dumps must be maintained.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

[Handwritten Signature]

Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| 9. | 6th. " |
| 10. | 102nd. " |
| 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| 12. | Bde. Major. 15th. Inf. Bde. |
| 13. | "B" Group. |
| 14. | "C" Group. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

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Operation Order No. 35.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. † Commanding.

Headquarters;
17th. October 1917.

1. Harassing Fire will be carried out by this Group on 18th. instant at times stated below.
 2. Total daily expenditure will not exceed 150 rounds per Battery.
 3. Table of Tasks :-
 - (a) By Day :- 4.5" Hows.
 - 101st. Battery - 2 guns search and sweep EFFECT COPSE.
2 guns EDGE HOUSE.
2 guns BUILDINGS at E.25.b.60.80.
 - 102nd. Battery - 2 guns search and sweep DAME WOOD.
2 guns search and sweep ANVIL WOOD.
 - 18-pdrs.
 - 1st. Battery - Search and sweep road D.30.a.90.90. to D.30.b.40.95.
 - 2nd. " - Search road D.30.a.10.35 to D.30.b.25.38.
 - 3rd. " † Search and sweep from line D.30.a.90.90. to 90.10.
 - 4th. " - Sweep road from D.30.b.25.95 to D.30.b.10.00.
 - 5th. " - Search and sweep tracks around E.25.a.10.40.
 - 6th. " - M.G. Positions at D.30.a.35. D.30.b.9.9.
 - (b) Expenditure on above tasks - 80 rounds per Battery to be fired in bursts of 20 rounds every 10 minutes commencing at 6 p.m.
 - (c) By Night :- All Batteries.

Barrage starting on S.O.S. line plus 900 yards and dropping towards our front line 100 yards every minute for five minutes.

Rate of Fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

Times of Barrages - 8.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
4. Watches will be synchronised by Adjutant at Group Headquarters at 4 p.m. on 18th. October 1917.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

[Signature]
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| 8. | 5th. Battery. |
| 9. | 6th. " |
| 10. | 102nd. " |
| 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| 12. | Bde. Major. 15th. Inf. Bde. |
| 13. | "B" Group. |
| 14. | "C" Group. |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.38.

Headquarters,
18th. October, 1917.

- 1. From 3 p.m. 18th. October, 1917, the S.O.S. Line for the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will run as follows M- D.29.b.60.80.- D.30.a.00.11.-D.29.d.95.55.- J.5.b.90.95. - J.6.a.30.30.

- 2. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. ✓

H. Stinton

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 3.30 p.m. to:-

All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. No. 26.

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 36.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
18th. October 1917.

1. Ammunition :- Reference Operation Order No. 34 -
By midnight 25th./26th. October
Batteries must have :- 1100 rounds per 18-pdr. gun; and
950 rounds per 4.5" How.
at Battery positions.
2. Until further orders no firing will take place within
1000 yards of our front line (namely - West of line
D.30.b.55.00 to D.24.d.22.75) during hours of darkness.
3. S. O. S. LINES are now and are to be taken into use
forthwith :-

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|----|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | D.29.d.95.55 | to | D.30.a.00.11. |
| 2nd. " | - | D.30.a.00.22 | to | D.29.b.85.38. |
| 3rd. " | - | D.29.b.85.38 | to | D.29.b.60.80. |
| 4th. " | - | D.29.d.95.55 | to | D.30.a.00.11. |
| 5th. " | - | D.29.b.85.38 | to | D.29.b.60.80. |
| 6th. " | - | D.29.d.95.55 | to | D.29.b.60.80. |

to D 30 A 0.1.

101st. Battery - 2 Hows. search and sweep ANVIL WOOD.
2 " " " " Valley on
line running from D.30.c.1.7
to D.30.c.60.85.
2 " search and sweep Valley on
line running from ~~D.30.c.1.7~~
D.30.a.00.75 to D.30.a.45.82.

102nd. Battery - D.30.c.1.6 to D.30.a.0.8.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| 12. | Bde. Major. 14th. Inf. Bde. |
| 13. | "B" Group. |
| 14. | "C" Group. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

CORRIGENDUM to Operation Order No. 36.

1. In para. 3 - S. O. S. LINES - opposite 6th. Battery delete "D.29.d.95.55 to D.29.b.60.80." and insert "D.29.d.95.55 to D.30.a00.1' to D.29.b.60.80." do. "
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Robert

Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| | 9. | 6th. " |
| | 10. | 102nd. " |
| | 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| | 12. | Bde. Major 14th. Inf. Bde. |
| | 13. | "B" Group. 14. "C" Group. |

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.DISPOSITIONat 6 p.m. 18/10/17.Headquarters "A" Group - Half-way House.

| <u>Battery.</u> | <u>Guns in action.</u> | <u>Position.</u> | <u>Wagon Line.</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1st. | 6. 18-pdr. | J.3.c.60.45. | H.28.a. |
| 2nd. | 4. " | J.7.b.25.60. | H.21.d. |
| 3rd. | 5. " | J.7.b.42.56. | H.27.d. |
| 101st. | 6. 4.5"Hows. | J.3.c.50.50. | H.28.a. |
| 4th. | 4. 18-pdr. | J.7.d.64.28. | H.28.b. |
| 5th. | 4. " | J.3.c.1.5. | do. |
| 6th. | 4. " | J.3.c.1.6. | do. |
| 102nd. | 3. 4.5"Hows. | J.7.b.70.00. | do. |

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Captain.

Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

18/10/1917.

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 37.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
18th. October 1917.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by this Group on 19th. instant from 6 a.m. to 6 a.m. on 20th. instant.

2. Table of Tasks :- 4.5" Hows.

TRENCH SYSTEM and WIRE in E.20.c. and northern half of E.26.a.
EFFECT COPSE - E.19.c.20.10.
EDGE HOUSE - E.19.c.80.20.
NEW WORKS at D.30.b.50.40.

18-Pdrs.

ROADS and TRACKS in Group Zone.
Search and sweep DAME WOOD.
Sweep Road running North and South in D.30.b.

3. Throughout hours of darkness no shooting to take place inside a line running 1000 yards from our S. O. S. Line.

4. During each day and night task Batteries will expend 75 rounds (18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows).

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| 5. | Day Shooting :- | 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. | - | 1st. and 102nd. Batteries. |
| | | 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. | - | 2nd. Battery. |
| | | 10 a.m. to 12 noon | - | 3rd. " |
| | | 12 noon to 2 p.m. | - | 4th. " |
| | | 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | - | 5th. " |
| | | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | - | 6th. and 102nd. Batteries. |

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|----|-------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 6. | Night Shooting :- | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | - | 1st. and 101st. Batteries. |
| | | 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. | - | 2nd. Battery. |
| | | 10 p.m. to 12 midnight | - | 3rd. " |
| | | 12 midnight to 2 a.m. | - | 4th. " |
| | | 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | - | 5th. " |
| | | 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. | - | 6th. and 102nd. Batteries. |

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. T. Dean
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

- Distribution.
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| Copy No. 1. | Retained. |
| 2. | War Diary. |
| 3. | 1st. Battery. |
| 4. | 2nd. " |
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| 9. | 6th. " |
| 10. | 102nd. " |
| 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| 12. | Bde. Major. 14th. Inf. Bde. |
| 13. | "B" Group. |
| 14. | "C" Group. |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 39.

Headquarters,
19th. October, 1917.

1. Surprise concentration bombardments will be carried out on 21st. October, 1917. by the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group.
2. For each of these bombardments each 18-pr, and 4.5" Howitzer that can reach the target will fire 2 rounds of gun fire.
3. Targets and times of fire will be as follows.
 - (a) Road junction - E. 26. a. 45. 65. 7 p.m.
 - (b) Dug-outs at Road Junction - E. 19. d. 80. 35. 5.5 p.m.
4. The times given in para 3 are the times at which the shell are to arrive at their objectives and not the times at which the guns are to be fired.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

H. Stalton

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th, Australian Divisional Artillery .

Issued at 8.15 p.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl, Arty. Inst. No. 26.

*& for 2 hours afterwards
occasional Bursts of Shrapnel to be
fired searching road for 300 yards
East & West of above point*

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 38.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
19th. October 1917.

1. The following tasks will be carried out by "A" Group Batteries from 6 a.m. on 20th. instant to 6 a.m. on 21st. instant.

2. Table of Tasks :- 4.5" Hows.

TRENCH SYSTEM and WIRE in E.20.c.
(Search and sweep same).
BUILDINGS at E.25.b.65.80.
ROADS and TRACKS in E.25.a.
EFFECT COPSE - E.19.c.20.10.

18-Pdrs.

Search and Sweep Roads and Tracks in
Group Zone.

No shooting by night to be nearer the S.O.S.
lines than 750 yards.

3. During each day and night task Batteries will expend 75 rounds (18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows).

4. All firing in daylight to be observed when possible from O. P.

5. Day Shooting :-
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|---------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. | - | 4th. and 102nd. Batteries. |
| 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. | - | 5th. Battery. |
| 10 a.m. to 12 noon. | - | 6th. " |
| 12 noon to 2 p.m. | - | 1st. " |
| 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | - | 2nd. " |
| 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | - | 3rd. and 101st. Batteries. |

- Night Shooting :-
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| 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | - | 4th. Battery. |
| 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. | - | 5th. and 102nd. Batteries. |
| 10 p.m. to 12 m/night- | - | 6th. Battery. |
| 12 m/Night to 2 a.m. | - | 1st. " |
| 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | - | 2nd. " |
| 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. | - | 3rd. and 101st. Batteries. |

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. Dean
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

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2. War Diary.
3. 1st. Battery.
4. 2nd. "
5. 3rd. "
6. 101st. "
7. 4th. "
8. 5th. "
9. 6th. "
10. 102nd. "
11. 5th. Aust. D. A.

Copy No. 12. Bde. Major 14th. Bde.
13. "B" Group.
14. "C" Group.

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 39.By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
19th. October 1917.

1. The action of "A" Group Field Artillery on receipt of an S. O. S. Call will be as follows :-
 - 18-pdrs. will fire 4 rounds per gun per minute for 10 minutes;
 - 4.5" Hows. will fire 3 rounds per gun per minute for 10 minutes - on S. O. S. Lines.

Then -

 - 18-pdrs. will fire 2 rounds per gun per minute for 5 minutes;
 - 4.5" Hows. will fire 1½ rounds per gun per minute for 5 minutes - searching and sweeping fire to be employed.

Then -

 - 18-pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute for 5 minutes on S. O. S. Lines and stop.
2. If more firing is required the S. O. S. Signal will be repeated by the Infantry when the Field Artillery will repeat the above programme.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

L. H. Wood
 Captain.
 Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| | 10. | 102nd. " |
| | 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| | 12. | Bde. Major 14th. Inf. Bde. |
| | 13. | "B" Group. |
| | 14. | "C" Group. |

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO. 39

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ORDER NO. 97

HEADQUARTERS,
20th October 1917.

1. Consequent on the change of Divisional Front ordered in 4th Australian Division ORDER No. 87, the following re-distribution of Artillery boundaries will take place at 10 a.m., 21st October 1917 :-

2. S.O.S. LINE -

The S.O.S. Line on the Divisional Front will be as follows :-

D 24 a 20 - D 18 c 60 - D 18 a ~~05~~ 1555

3. ZONES FOR S.O.S. -

Both Groups for S.O.S. purposes will cover the whole Divisional front.

~~"C" GROUP will, however, not fire for an S.O.S. unless asked to by G.O.C. Infantry Brigade holding the line, or ordered to do so by this Office.~~

4. ZONES FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS -

For Bombardment Barrage purposes and Attack Days the Group Zones will be as follows :-

"C" GROUP Northern Boundary :-

ROULERS - YPRES Railway inclusive.

Inter-Group Boundary :-

A line through D 18 d 06 - D 23 a 4032 and its continuation East.

"D" GROUP Southern Boundary :-

A line through E 19 a 08 - D 23 c 9053 and its continuation East, and overlap this line 50 yards.

5. BRIGADES SUPERIMPOSED -

For Offensive operations, one Brigade in each Group will be superimposed on its Group Zone.

6. HARASSING FIRE -

"C" GROUP only will carry out harassing fire, firing 720 rounds A and AX and 240 rounds BX daily. Two thirds by night and one third by day.

7. COMMAND OF "C" GROUP -

Orders have been issued to 10th and 11th Aus. F.A. Brigades for the C.O. 10th Aus. F.A. Brigade to relieve the C.O. 11th Aus. F.A. Brigade in Command of "C" Group by 8 a.m., 21st instant.

8. LIAISON -

"D" GROUP will find the Liaison Officer with the Infantry Brigade holding the Line.

9. LIAISON BARRAGE -

"D" GROUP will be prepared to assist the Right Division on the Code call -- "HELP FLINTE", and will barrage from

D 30 a 0C11 - D 29 b 6080 - D 24 a 2 0.

with one Brigade, the Howitzers being placed on selected spots not less than 200 yards East of the above line.

10. REPLY TO S.O.S. -

Replies to S.O.S. will be as follows :-

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|---------|------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 18-prs. | <u>5 minutes</u> | -- | 4 rounds per gun per min., |
| | <u>5 minutes</u> | -- | 2 rounds per gun per min., |
| | <u>5 minutes</u> | -- | 1 round per gun per minute, |

when fire will cease unless the signal is sent again -- in which case the procedure will be repeated.

4.5" Howa. Half the above rates.

After the first five minutes alternate guns or, if a Brigade be superimposed, the guns of the Superimposed Brigade will search back for 500 yards in lifts of 100 yards every 2 minutes.

11. WIRELESS MAST DISTRIBUTION -

There will be - 1 wireless mast at each Group H.Q.,
1 wireless mast with direct communication to a selected Battery in each Group.

4th Aus. D.A.H.Q. set will be in Reserve.

12. N.F., G.F. and L.L. CALLS -

"C" GROUP will answer all N.F. calls in Square E.Y., and will turn on one Brigade to all G.F. Calls.

The reply to a G.F. Call will be 10 rounds per gun and Howitzer to be repeated if the signal is repeated.

L.L. Calls will be answered by every gun and Howitzer which can reach, with 5 minutes' rapid fire when N.F., G.F., or

L.L. Calls are received.

If engaged in other important tasks, the equivalent of 1 Section per Battery must be used.

13. For Bombardment Barrages and Attack Days the 18-prs. in the "B" Barrage (4.5" How.) will be those of 1 Battery per Group.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached (Groups by wire).

4th Australian Divisional Artillery.
Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,

C.M. Bates

Issued to
Signals at
1.15 p.m.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. COPY NO. ³.....

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CORRIGENDUM TO ORDER 97

HEADQUARTERS,
21st October 1917.

Reference 4th Aus. Divisional Artillery ORDER No. 97 of
20th October 1917.

For para. 12 N.F., G.F. and L.L. CALLS, substitute
the following :-

" "C" GROUP will answer all N.F. Calls in square
E.Y., and will turn on one Brigade to all G.F. Calls.
The reply to a G.F. call will be 10 rounds per gun
and Howitzer to be repeated if the Signal is repeated.
L.L. Calls will be answered by every gun and
Howitzer which can reach, with five minutes' rapid
fire.
When N.F., G.F. or L.L. Calls are received, if
engaged in other important tasks, the equivalent
of 1 Section per Battery must be used. "

ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

C. J. D. J. J.

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

As for Order No. 97.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

1st AUSTRALIAN
DIVL ARTILLERY
HEADQUARTERS.
No. 4/2

HEADQUARTERS.
27th October, 1917.

- "C" Group. ✓
- "D" Group. ✓
- 5th Aust.Div.Arty. ✓

Reference 4th Aust.Div.Arty.Order No. 97.para.9. "LIAISON
BARRAGE."

The arrangements for Liaison Barrage given therein will now
be taken over by "D" Group instead of "C" Group.

Groups to acknowledge.

Alec M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major., 1st. Aust.Div.Arty.

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APPENDIX

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP

1st AUSTRALIAN
DIVL. ARTILLERY
HEADQUARTERS.
No. 124/9
HEADQUARTERS.

28th October, 1917.

"D" Group. ✓

5th Aust.Div.Arty. (For information.)

Reference 4th Australian Div.Arty.Order No. 97. para.9.

The points on which 4.5" Hows. will fire on receipt of this call will be as follows:-

- 2.Hows. Cross Roads D.30.B.27.89.
- 2.Hows. Cross Roads D.24.D.20.70.
- 1.How. Road D.24.D.17.95.
- 1.How. Road Junction D.24.D.80.90.

Alec M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major., 1st.Aust.Div.Arty.Group.

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 40.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
20th. October 1917.

1. Surprise concentration bombardments will be carried out ~~by~~ 21st. October 1917 by the Batteries of "A" Group.
2. For each of these bombardments each 18-Pdr. and 4.5" Howitzer that can reach the target will fire two rounds of gun fire.
3. Targets and times of fire will be as follows :-
 - (a) Dug-outs at Road Junction - E.19.d.80.35. 5.5 p.m.
 - (b) Road Junction - E.26.a.45.65. - 7 p.m.

And for two hours afterwards occasional bursts of Shrapnel to be fired searching road for 300 yards East and West of above point.
4. The times given in para. 3 are the times at which the shell are to arrive at their objectives - and not the times at which the guns are to be fired.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Edward

Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

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| Copy No. | 1. Retained. | No. 8. | 5th. Battery. |
| | 2. War Diary. | 9. | 6th. " |
| | 3. 1st. Battery. | 10. | 102nd. " |
| | 4. 2nd. " | 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| | 5. 3rd. " | 12. | Bde. Mjr. 14th. Inf. Bde. |
| | 6. 101st. " | 13. | "B" Group. |
| | 7. 4th. " | 14. | "C" Group. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 41.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding

Headquarters;
20th. October 1917.

1. The following tasks will be carried out by "A" Group Batteries from 6 a.m. on 21st. instant to 6 a.m. on 22nd. instant.

2. Table of Tasks :- 4.5" Hows.

3 GUNS 77 mm. at E.25.b.95.60.
SHELTERS E.25.b.65.95.
M. G. at E.25.a.23.90.
E.19.d.32.45.

18-Pdrs.

Search and Sweep Roads and Tracks in Group Zone.
EFFECT COPSE.
ANVIL WOOD) To receive attention
DAME WOOD) in Daylight.

No shooting by night to be nearer the S.O.S. lines than 750 yards.

3. During each day and night task Batteries will expend 30 rounds (18-Pdrs. and 4.5" Hows).

4. Day Shooting :-

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|---------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. | - | 6th. and 101st. Batteries. |
| 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. | - | 5th. Battery. |
| 10 a.m. to 12 noon. | - | 4th. " |
| 12 noon to 2 p.m. | - | 3rd. " |
| 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | - | 2nd. " |
| 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | - | 1st. and 102nd. Batteries. |

Night Shooting :-

| | | |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | - | 6th. and 101st. Batteries. |
| 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. | - | 5th. Battery. |
| 10 p.m. to 12 m/night- | - | 4th. " |
| 12 m/night to 2 a.m. | - | 3rd. " |
| 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. | - | 2nd. " |
| 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. | - | 1st. and 102nd. Batteries. |

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. H. Wood
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

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| 5. | 3rd. " | 12. | Bde. Mjr. 14th. Inf. Bde. |
| 6. | 101st. " | 13. | "B" Group. |
| 7. | 4th. " | 14. | "C" Group. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 42.By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
20th. October 1917.Ref. Sheet 28 N.E. 1/10000.

1. From 10 a.m. on 21st. October 1917 "A" Group boundaries will run as follows :-

North Boundary - D.23.c.85.55 - D.24.a.30.11.

South Boundary - D.29.c.55.75 - D.30.b.80.90.

2. S. O. S. Lines will be as follows :-

1st. Battery :- D.29.b.98.15 - D.29.b.60.80.

2nd. " :- D.29.b.60.80 - D.24.a.36.20.

3rd. " :- D.29.b.98.15 - D.29.b.60.80.-
D.23.d.98.50.

101st. " :- D.30.a.05.80 - D.24.a.95.45.

4th. " :- D.29.b.98.15 - D.29.b.60.80.

5th. " :- D.29.b.60.80 - D.23.d.97.50.

6th. " :- D.23.d.98.50 - D.24.a.36.20.

102nd. " :- D.30.a.05.80 - D.30.a.36.30.

3. Every endeavour is to be made as soon as possible to get these new S. O. S. Lines registered.

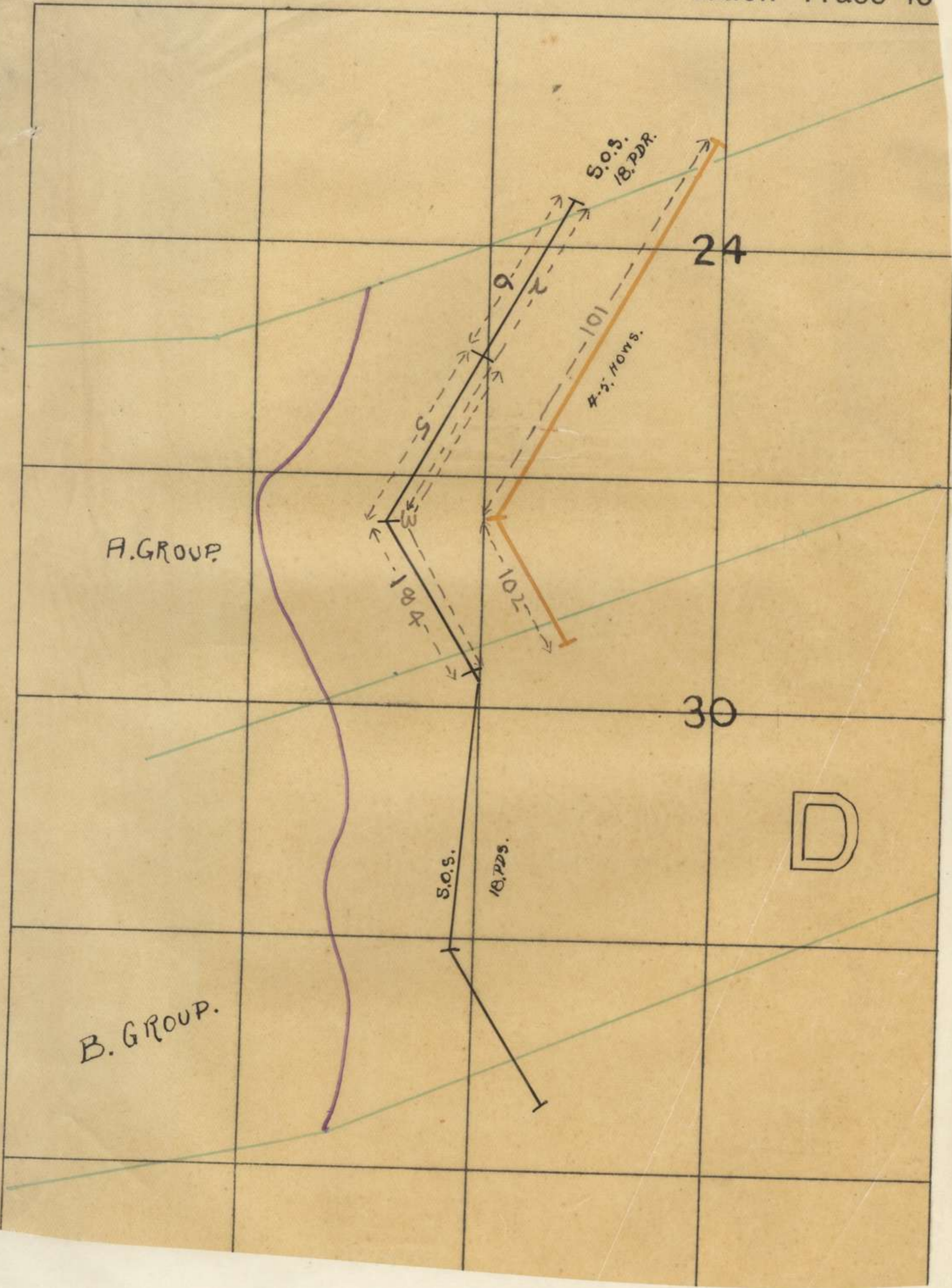
4. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

E. T. Dean
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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11. 5th. Aust. D. A.
12. Bde. Mjr. 14th. Inf. Bde.
13. "B" Group.
14. "C" Group.

Identification Trace fo



A. GROUP

B. GROUP.

S.O.S.
18. PDR.

S.O.S.
18. PDR.

4.5. HONS.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 40

Headquarters,
20th. October, 1917.

1. There will be two Bombardment Barrages on each of "K", "L", "M" and "N" Days respectively. "K" (a) and "M" (a) being Army Barrages and the remainder Corps Barrages.

2. Times of commencement:-
- "K" (a) To be notified later.
 - "K" (b) 5.45 p.m.
 - "L" (a) 6 a.m.
 - "L" (b) 4 p.m.
 - "M" (a) 9.15 a.m.
 - "M" (b) 5.30 p.m.
 - "N" (a) 7 a.m.
 - "N" (b) 1.30 p.m.

Handwritten notes:
 1440
 3 J 2 150
 720 x
 4.300 °
 1.400

3. Maps down to Batteries are issued herewith shewing the Starting Lines for the Army and Corps Barrages.

4. Diagrams of Barrages are attached - 4.5" Hows. may be taken off the Barrage and used on Strong Points between the Front Line and the Starting Line of the Barrages, but such points must be referred to the C.R.A.

5. On "L" Day and "M" Day bursts of fire as under will be carried out in depth from all 18-prs. and 4.5" Hows. 18-prs. "A" Barrage on the Army Barrage Starting Line - Distance between Barrages 200 yds.

| On "L" Day. | On "M" Day. |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 8 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Silent period, | 8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m. Burst of Fire. |
| 8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m. Burst of fire. | 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. Burst of fire. |
| 8.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Silent period. | without silent periods |
| 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. Bursts of fire, | laid down for "L" Day. |

6. Rates of fire:-
 18-prs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
 4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. ✓
 H. Stutton
 Major,
 Brigade Major,
 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 10.30 a.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. 26.

✓ 10 Maps + 8 Diagrams
 herewith please include
 when acknowledging.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.41.

Headquarters,
20th. October, 1917.

1. At 10 a.m. on 21st. October, 1917 the northern boundary of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will be extended as follows.
From the old boundary at J.3.a.5.5. thence along road to junction of roads at D.27.b.95.20., south-east corner of ZONNEBEKE LAKE - D.22.d.60.50.- D.23.c.84.57.-D.24.a.35.11.
2. The 13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will in the near future relieve the 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade in action and takeover the guns of the 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade in "situ".
The 11th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade will take over the guns of the 13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade in the present positions and withdraw them from action.
3. On the Divisional Boundary being extended the dividing line between Sectors will be D.29.c.56.75- D.30.b.80.90.
4. "B" Group will cover the southern Sector.
"A" Group will cover the northern Sector with 3 18-pr. and 1 4.4" How. Batteries, and super-impose 3 18-pr. and 1 4.5" How. Batteries on the whole of the Divisional Front.
5. The S.O.S. Line will run - D.24.a.35.16.- D.29.b.60.80.- D.30.a.00.11.-D.29.d.95.55.-J.5.b.90.95- J.6.a.30.30.
6. The usual overlap of 50 yards with Divisional Artilleries north and south and between Sectors will be arranged.
7. "A" and "B" Groups will at once arrange to make all arrangements to bring the above changes into operation at 10 a.m. on 21st. October, 1917.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. ✓

H. Stullon
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 11.45 a.m. to

All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Inst. 26.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER NO. 42.

Headquarters,
20th. OCTOBER, 1917.

- 1. Para 2 of 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order -No.41 is cancelled.
- 2. Para 4 of 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 41 is cancelled and the following substituted.
"A" Group composed of the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery under the command of Lieut-Colonel E.T.DEAN , D.S.O., will cover the Northern Sector.
"B" Group composed of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery under the command of Lieut-Colonel F.P.DERHAM, D.S.O., will cover the Southern Sector.
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. ✓

A. Sturton

Najor,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 6 p.m. to
All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl, Arty. Inst. No. 26
and D.A.G.O. 41.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 43.

Headquarters,
20th. October, 1917.

1. (a) The 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line during the 21st. October and the night of 21st./22nd. October. 1917.
(b) The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade will move into support during daylight on 21st. October, 1917.
2. "C" Group of the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group are prepared to assist the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group in case of necessity on the Code Call "HELP FLINTE" and will barrage D.30.a.00.11.-D.29.b.60.60.-D.24.a.2.0.- with their 18-prcs., their howitzers being on selected spots not less than 200 yards east of the above line.
For S.O.S. purposes the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group fire for 15 minutes, unless a call is made on them to repeat.
3. Mistakes in Barrages will be looked for and corrected during L (b), M (a), and N (b) Barrages.
4. Special observations will be taken on the enemy reply to all barrages and reports of observers will be sent in by Group Commanders to this Headquarters as soon after as possible showing:-
 1. Time of enemy reply.
 2. Nature of reply and location.
 3. Time of cessation.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. ✓

H. Johnston

Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 43.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
21st. October 1917.

1. An ARMY BOMBARDMENT BARRAGE will be carried out on 22nd. October 1917 by the Batteries of "A" Group Artillery.
2. ZERO Hour will be notified later.
3. STARTING LINE for CORPS and ARMY BARRAGE shewn on maps attached. (These maps will be carefully preserved for future ~~use~~ reference).
4. Time Table of Barrages :-

All 18-Pdrs. less 1st. Battery.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " " 12. | | do. |
| " " 12 " " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " " 18. | | do. |
| " " 18 " " " 21. | | do. |
| " " 21 " " " 24. | | do. |
| " " 24 " " " 27. | | do. |
| " " 27 " " " 30. | | do. |
| " " 30 " " " 33. | | Drop 600 yards. |
| ZERO plus 33. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

1st. Battery.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE plus 100. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 to " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " " 12. | | do. |
| " " 12 " " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " " 18. | | do. |
| " " 18 " " " 21. | | do. |
| " " 21 " " " 24. | | do. |
| " " 24 " " " 27. | | do. |
| " " 27 " " " 30. | | do. |
| " " 30 " " " 33. | | Drop 600 yards. |
| ZERO plus 33. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

4.5" Hows.

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 9. | - | ARMY BARRAGE Line plus 100. |
| ZERO plus 9 to ZERO plus 18. | | Lift 200 yards. |
| " " 18 " " " 21. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 21 " " " 24. | | do. |
| " " 24 " " " 27. | | do. |
| " " 27 " " " 30. | | do. |
| " " 30 " " " 42. | | Drop 600 yards. |
| ZERO plus 42. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

5. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 1 " " " " "
6. Ammunition :- 50% "A". 50% "AX".

7. Co-ordinates :-

- 1st. Battery - E.13.c.50.00 to E.19.c.50.05.
- 2nd. Battery - E.13.c.50.00 to E.19.c.50.05.
- 3rd. Battery - E.13.c.50.00 to E.19.c.50.05.
- 4th. Battery - E.19.c.50.05 to E.19.c.50.70.
- 5th. Battery - E.19.c.50.70 to E.19.a.50.35.
- 6th. Battery - E.19.c.50.35 to E.13.c.50.00.
- 101st. Battery - E.13.c.50.00 to E.19.c.50.05.
- 102nd. Battery - E.13.c.50.00 to E.19.c.50.05.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lahman
 Captain.
 Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
- 2. War Diary.
- 3. 1st. Battery.
- 4. 2nd. "
- 5. 3rd. "
- 6. 101st. "
- 7. 4th. "
- 8. 5th. "
- 9. 6th. "
- 10. 102nd. "
- 11. 5th. Aust. D. A.
- 12. Bde. Mjr. 14th. Inf. Bde.
- 13. "B" Group.
- 14. "C" Group.

Starting Lines of BARRAGES

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Corps

Northern

Boundary

17

18

13

E13Cqo.20

Line

17-10-17

23

2

19

Front

Starting Line Corps BARRAGE

Starting line Army BARRAGE

E19Cqo.28

British

29

3

25

Approx.

D

E

Boundary

southern

Corps

J

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Copy No.

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 44.

By Major E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. -o Commanding.

Headquarters;
21st. October 1917.

CORPS

1. A ~~GROUP~~ BOMBARDMENT BARRAGE will be carried out on 22nd. October 1917 by the Batteries of "A" Group.
2. ZERO Hour - 5.45 p.m.
3. STARTING POINT will be CORPS BARRAGE LINE.
4. Time Table of Barrages :-

All 18-Pdrs. less 1st. Battery.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 200. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 200 yards. ✓ |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | Lift 100 yards. ✓ |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | do. ✓ |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | do. ✓ |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | do. ✓ |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. ✓ |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | Drop 700 yards. ✓ |
| ZERO plus 24. | | <u>S T O P.</u> ✓ |

1st. Battery and 4.5" Hows.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 400. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | STOP. ✓ |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | Lift 200 yards. Go on. ✓ |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | STOP. ✓ |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | Lift 200 yards. Go on. ✓ |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | STOP. ✓ |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | Lift 200 yards. Go on. ✓ |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | Drop 600 yards. ✓ |
| ZERO plus 24. | | <u>S T O P.</u> ✓ |

5. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 1 " " " " "
6. Ammunition :- 75% "A". 25% "AX".
7. Co-ordinates :-

| | | | | |
|----------------|---|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55. ✓ | to | D.24.b.00.45. ✓ |
| 2nd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55. | to | D.24.b.00.45. ✓ |
| 3rd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55. | to | D.24.b.00.45. ✓ |
| 4th. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55. ✓ | to | D.24.d.00.15. ✓ |
| 5th. Battery | + | D.24.d.00.15. | to | D.24.d.00.75. ✓ |
| 6th. Battery | - | D.24.d.00.75. ✓ | to | D.24.b.00.45. ✓ |
| 101st. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55. ✓ | to | D.24.b.00.45. ✓ |
| 102nd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55. ✓ | to | D.24.b.00.45. ✓ |
8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lawson
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

1 Copy to all recipients of Operation Order No. 43.

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 45.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. Commanding.

Headquarters;
22nd. October 1917.

1. Two CORPS BOMBARDMENT BARRAGES will be fired on 23rd. October 1917 by "A" Group.
2. ZERO Hours will be at 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.
3. Starting Points will be the CORPS BARRAGE LINE.
4. (a) Time Table for Barrage at 6 a.m.

All 18-Pdrs. less 1st. Battery.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 400. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | do. |
| ZERO plus 24. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

1st. Battery and 4.5" HOWS.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | + | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 600. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | do. |
| " " 24. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

- (b) Time Table for Barrage at 4 p.m.

All 18-Pdrs. less 1st. Battery.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | + | CORPS BARRAGE LINE. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 200 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " 24. | | do. |
| " " 24 " " 27. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 27 " " 30. | | do. |
| ZERO plus 30. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

1st. Battery and 4.5" HOWS.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 200. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 200 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " 27. | | do. |
| " " 27 " " 30. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| ZERO plus 30. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

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"A" Group Operation Order No. 45. (2).

5. Co-ordinates :-

| | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|----|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 2nd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 3rd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 4th. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.d.00.15. |
| 5th. Battery | - | D.24.d.00.15 | to | D.24.d.00.80. |
| 6th. Battery | - | D.24.d.00.80 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 101st. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 102nd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |

6. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows.1 " " " " "

7. Ammunition :- 75% "A". 25% "AX".

8. The following Bursts of Fire will be carried out on 23rd. instant in addition to above tasks :-

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|---|----------------|
| (a) | 8 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. | - | Silent Period. |
| | 8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m. | - | Burst of Fire. |
| | 8.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. | - | Silent period. |
| | 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. | - | Burst of Fire. |

(b) on Co-ordinates and lines as follows :-

| | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|----|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | E.13.c.90.20 | to | E.19.c.90.28. |
| 2nd. Battery | - | E.13.c.50.00 | to | E.19.c.50.05. |
| 3rd. Battery | - | E.13.c.50.00 | to | E.19.c.50.05. |
| 4th. Battery | - | E.19.c.50.05 | to | E.19.c.50.70. |
| 5th. Battery | - | E.19.c.50.70 | to | E.19.a.50.35. |
| 6th. Battery | - | E.19.c.50.35 | to | E.13.c.50.00. |
| 101st. Battery | - | E.13.c.90.20 | to | E.19.c.90.28. |
| 102nd. Battery | - | E.13.c.90.20 | to | E.19.c.90.28. |

(c) Expenditure for this Task - 50 rounds per Battery.

Ammunition :- 50% "A". 50% "AX".

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. H. Jones
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

| | | |
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| Copy No. | 1. | Retained. |
| | 2. | War Diary. |
| | 3. | 1st. Battery. |
| | 4. | 2nd. " |
| | 5. | 3rd. " |
| | 6. | 101st. " |
| | 7. | 4th. " |
| | 8. | 5th. " |
| | 9. | 6th. " |
| | 10. | 102nd. " |
| | 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| | 12. | Bde. Maj. 14th. Inf. Bde. |
| | 13. | "B" Group. |
| | 14. | "C" Group. |

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Copy No. 1

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No.44.

Headquarters,
22nd. October, 1917.

1. The order re Counter Battery issued under this office No.SG/25 dated 21st October, 1917. is cancelled.
2. For Counter Battery purposes the following Hostile Batteries are detailed for Groups to deal with as follows:-

| | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| K W 35. | K.7.b.50.85.- | probably 1 single 4.2" How) | "B" |
| K W 41. | K.8.d.40.88.- | unknown calibre |) Group. |
| K W 26. K.5.d.60.99.-K.5.d.61.85.-4.2" How.Bty.- "A" Group. | | | |
3. Acknowledge by wire. ✓

H. H. Mon
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 2 p.m. to all recipients of 5th.Aust.Divl.Inst.26.

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Copy No. 1..

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 46.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
23rd. October 1917.

1. There will be two Bombardment Barrages by "A" Group on the 24th. October 1917.
2. "A" Barrage (ARMY BARRAGE) - ZERO HOUR 9.15 a.m.
"B" Barrage (CORPS BARRAGE) ZERO HOUR 5.30 p.m.
3. "A" Barrage will start from ARMY BARRAGE LINE.
4. Time Table of Barrage :-

All 18-Pdrs. less 1st. Battery.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " " | 9. | do. |
| " " 9 " " " | 12. | do. |
| " " 12 " " " | 15. | do. |
| " " 15 " " " | 18. | do. |
| " " 18 " " " | 21. | do. |
| " " 21 " " " | 24. | do. |
| " " 24 " " " | 30. | STOP. |
| " " 30 " " " | 33. | Drop 700 yards. Go on. |
| ZERO plus 33. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

1st⁶ Battery.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE plus 100. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " " | 9. | do. |
| " " 9 " " " | 12. | Lift 1000 yards. |
| " " 12 " " " | 15. | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 15 " " " | 18. | do. |
| " " 18 " " " | 21. | do. |
| " " 21 " " " | 24. | do. |
| " " 24 " " " | 27. | do. |
| " " 27 " " " | 30. | do. |
| " " 30 " " " | 33. | Drop 600 yards. |
| ZERO plus 33. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

4.5" Howitzers.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 6. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE plus 100. |
| ZERO plus 6 to ZERO plus 9. | | Lift 1300 yards. |
| " " 9 " " " | 12. | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 12 " " " | 15. | do. |
| " " 15 " " " | 18. | do. |
| " " 18 " " " | 21. | do. |
| " " 21 " " " | 24. | do. |
| " " 24 " " " | 27. | do. |
| " " 27 " " " | 30. | do. |
| " " 30 " " " | 39. | Drop 500 yards. |
| ZERO plus 39. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

Co-ordinates.

Co-ordinates :-

| | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|----|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | E.13.c.50.00 | to | E.19.c.50.05. |
| 2nd. Battery | - | E.13.c.50.00 | to | E.19.c.50.05. |
| 3rd. Battery | - | E.13.c.50.00 | to | E.19.c.50.05. |
| 4th. Battery | - | E.19.c.50.05 | to | E.19.c.50.70. |
| 5th. Battery | - | E.19.c.50.70 | to | E.19.a.50.35. |
| 6th. Battery | - | E.19.a.50.35 | to | E.13.c.50.00. |
| 101st. Battery | - | E.13.c.50.00 | to | E.19.c.50.05. |
| 102nd. Battery | - | E.13.c.50.00 | to | E.19.c.50.05. |

5. "B" Barrage will start from CORPS BARRAGE LINE at 5.30 p.m.

6. Time Table of Barrage :-

18-Pdrs.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 200 yards. |
| " " 6 " " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " " 12. | | do. |
| " " 12 " " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " " 18. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 18 " " " 21. | | do. |
| ZERO plus 21. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

4.5" Howitzers.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | + | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 400. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 200 yards. |
| " " 6 " " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " " 12. | | do. |
| " " 12 " " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " " 18. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 18 " " " 21. | | do. |
| ZERO plus 21. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

Co-ordinates:-

| | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|----|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 2nd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 3rd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 4th. Battery | " | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.d.00.15. |
| 5th. Battery | - | D.24.d.00.15 | to | D.24.d.00.80. |
| 6th. Battery | - | D.24.d.00.80 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 101st. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |
| 102nd. Battery | - | D.30.b.00.55 | to | D.24.b.00.45. |

7. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 1 " " " " "

8. Ammunition :- 75% "A". 25% "AX".

9. The following Bursts of Fire will be carried out on 24th. instant in addition to above tasks :-

- (a) 8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m. - Burst of Fire.
- 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. - do.

end on following co-ordinates :-

(over)

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Co-ordinates :-

- (b) 1st. Battery - E.13.c.90.20 to E.19.c.90.28.
- 2nd. Battery - E.13.c.50.00 to E.19.c.50.05.
- 3rd. Battery - E.13.c.50.00 to E.19.c.50.05.
- 4th. Battery - E.19.c.50.05 to E.19.c.50.70.
- 5th. Battery - E.19.c.50.70 to E.19.a.50.35.
- 6th. Battery - E.19.a.50.35 to E.13.c.50.00.
- 101st. Battery - E.13.c.90.20 to E.19.c.90.28.
- 102nd. Battery - E.13.c.90.20 to E.19.c.90.28.

(c) Expenditure for this task - 50 rounds per battery.

(d) Ammunition :- 50% "A". 50% "AX".

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
- 2. War Diary.
- 3. 1st. Battery.
- 4. 2nd. "
- 5. 3rd. "
- 6. 101st. "
- 7. 4th. "
- 8. 5th. "
- 9. 6th. "
- 10. 102nd. "
- 11. 5th. Aust. D. A.
- 12. Bde. Major 8th. Inf. Bde.
- 13. "B" Group.
- 14. "C" Group.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 45.

Headquarters,
23rd. October, 1917.

1. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group.) will be attached to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group for the next "Attack Day" as from one hour before Zero.
2. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Zone is at present as follows - Northern Boundary - YPREC-ROULERS RAILWAY inclusive. Southern Boundary - a line through E. 19, a.o. 8, - D, 23. c. 90. 53 and its continuation East, and overlap this line 50 yards.
3. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group) will return to the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group at an hour to be notified later, and after the attack.
4. During the time that "A" Group is attached to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group, "B" Group of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will be responsible for the defence and barrages on the whole of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group front.
5. GROUPS and LIAISON OFFICER to acknowledge by wire. ✓ Other recipients by form attached.

ack ✓

H. J. Walker

Major,
Brigade Major,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

| <u>Issued at 9.30 p.m. to:-</u> | <u>Copy No.</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| "A" Group. | 1-9. |
| "B" Group. | 10-18. |
| Arty Liaison Officer,) | |
| 8th. Aust. Inf. Brigade) | 19. |
| 5th. Aust. Division. | 20-23. |
| "Q" 5th. Aust. Divn. | 24. |
| R.A. 1st. ANZAC. | 25. |
| H.A. 1st. ANZAC. | 26. |
| 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery. | 27. |
| 21st. Divl. Artillery. | 28. |
| 1st. Aust. Divl. Artillery. | 29. |
| 5th. Aust. Div. Column. | 30. |
| 1st. Aust. Div. Column. | 31. |
| 57th. H.A. Group. | 32. |
| D.T.M.O. 5th. Aust. Divn. | 33. |
| D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Divn. | 34. |
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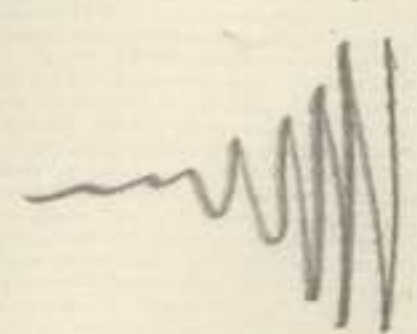
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ORDER NO. 98

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HEADQUARTERS,
23rd October 1917.

1. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery (1st and 2nd Brigades) will be attached to the Left Divisional Artillery Group for Attack Day (No. 6) as from Zero minus 1 hour.



2. The Zone for barrage purposes for the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will be the whole Left Divisional Front, superimposed over the 2nd and 4th Aus. Div. Artillery Brigades.

3. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Brigades will be known as "G (1)" GROUP.

4. Signal communication will be arranged by the Officer-in-Charge R.A. Signals -

"D"
A - between Group Headquarters and "C (1)" GROUP Headquarters.

B - between "C (1)" Group Headquarters and 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters.

5. "C (1)" GROUP will return to the Right Divisional Artillery Group at an hour to be notified later, and after the attack.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

(M) Tate,

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Div. Artillery.

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Copy No.

"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 47.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
24th. October 1917.

1. There will be two CORPS BOMBARDMENT BARRAGES by "A" Group on 25th. October 1917 - (a) at 7 a.m. (b) at 1.30 p.m.

2. Time Table of Barrages :-

(a) ZERO HOUR 7 a.m. 18-Pdrs.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 400 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | do. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | Drop 200 yards. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | do. |
| " " 24 " " 30. | | Drop 700 yards. |
| ZERO plus 30. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

4.5" Hows.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 200. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 400 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | do. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | Drop 200 yards. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. |
| " " 21 " " 30. | | do. |
| ZERO PLUS 30. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

(b) ZERO HOUR 1.30 p.m. 18-Pdrs.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | Lift 300 yards. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | do. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. |
| ZERO plus 21. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

4.5" Hows.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ZERO to ZERO plus 3. | - | CORPS BARRAGE LINE plus 200. |
| ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | Lift 300 yards. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 15 to " " 18. | | do. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. |
| ZERO plus 21. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

Co-ordinates:-

"A" Group Operation Order No. 47. (2).

3. Co-ordinates :-

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st. Battery) | |
| 2nd. Battery) | - D.30.B.00.55 to D.24.B.00.45. |
| 3rd. Battery) | |
| 4th. Battery) | - D.30.B.00.55 to D.24.D.00.15. |
| 5th. Battery) | - D.24.D.00.15 to D.24.D.00.80. |
| 6th. Battery) | - D.24.D.00.80 to D.24.B.00.45. |
| 101st. Battery) | |
| 102nd. Battery) | - D.30.B.00.55 to D.24.B.00.45. |

4. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 1 " " " " "

5. Ammunition :- 50% "A". 50% "AX".

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

DeWane
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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2. War Diary.
3. 1st. Battery.
4. 2nd. "
5. 3rd. "
6. 101st. "
7. 4th. "
8. 5th. "
9. 6th. "
10. 102nd. "
11. 5th. Aust. D. A.
12. Bde. Major 8th. Inf. Bde.
13. "B" Group.
14. "C" Group.

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 48.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. Commanding

Headquarters;
24th. October 1917.

1. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery ("A" Group) will be attached to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group for the next "Attack Day" as from one hour before Zero.
2. The 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Zone is at present as follows - Northern Boundary - YPRES-ROULERS RAILWAY inclusive. Southern Boundary - a line through E.19.A.O.8 - D.23.C.90.53 and its continuation East; and overlap this line 50 yards.
3. Batteries must be prepared to switch North as far as the YPRES-ROULERS RAILWAY in D.17.B.
4. During the time that "A" Group is attached to the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group - "B" Group of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will be responsible for the defence and barrages on the whole of the 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group front.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten signature]

Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

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| 10. | 102nd. " |
| 11. | 5th. Aust. D. A. |
| 12. | Bde. Major 8th. Inf. Bde. |
| 13. | "B" Group. |
| 14. | "C" Group. |

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order. No. 49.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. Commanding.

Headquarters;
24th. October 1917.

1. The following transfers of guns will take place forthwith:-

1st. Battery to take over 1 gun from 2nd. Battery.
1st. Battery to hand gun at I.O.M. to 3rd. Battery.

2nd. Battery to take over gun bogged at J.3.a.15.20 from 3rd. Battery.

2nd. Battery to transfer 1 gun to 1st. Battery.

2nd. Battery to hand over following guns to 4th. Divisional Artillery :-

*4th Battery also
2 smashed at
J7d64.28.*

1 taken over from 3rd. Battery at J.3.A.15.20.

1 bogged at J.3.A.15.20.

1 bogged at J.7.b.25.60.

1 smashed at J.7.b.25.60.

1 at I. O. M. J2.D80.35

1 at wayn dir H21d. J1D85.35

3rd. Battery to hand gun bogged at J.3.A.15.20 to 2nd. Bty. and take over from 1st. Battery 1 at I.O.M.

102nd. Battery to hand over to 4th. Divisional Artillery -

3 guns in action at J.7.b.70.00.

1 smashed at J.7.B.70.00.

1 Temporarily out of action at J.7.B.70.00.

2. The undermentioned Batteries will take over guns in position as follows after 6 a.m. 25th. October 1917 - relief to be completed by 5 p.m. :-

2nd. Battery - 5 guns from 14th. Battery at J.2.C.90.75.
1 gun " 12th. " " J.2.B.50.50.

(See next para.)

4th. Battery - 2 guns from 12th. Battery at J.2.B.50.50.

O. C. 4th. Battery will detail a senior subaltern to take charge of these ~~guns~~ two guns and the 1 named by 2nd. Battery in same position - and fight them as a section.

102nd. Battery - 5 guns from 105th. Battery at J.2.c.10.70.

*Answer
to 101*

3. All guns to be handed over stripped except for Dial Sights and Sight Clinos. Guns taken over will be in same condition. Transfer Certificates in duplicate to be obtained from 4th. Divisional Artillery for all guns and sights handed to them and forwarded to this office.

Each Battery should then have six guns ~~xxxxxxxx~~ on charge.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

dehant
Captain,
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

*not sent to
101 & 6th*

Distribution.

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"A" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 50.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
24th. October 1917.

1. At 6 a.m. on 25th. October 1917 the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will come under 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery and will be known as "C.1. Group".
2. Detached section of 4th. Battery and 1 subsection of 2nd. Battery at J.2.B.50.50 will be known as "4A" Battery and will be in command of Lieut. Thompson - 4th. Battery.
3. S. O. S. Lines from 6 a.m. 25th. instant will be :-

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|----|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | D.24.B.00.30 | to | D.18.D.00.17. |
| 2nd. " | - | D.24.B.00.30 | to | D.18.B.00.95. |
| 4th. " | - | D.24.B.00.30 | to | D.18.D.00.17. |
| 4A. " | - | D.18.B.00.05 | to | D.18.B.00.95. |
| 5th. " | - | D.18.D.00.17 | to | D.18.B.00.05. |
| 6th. " | - | D.18.B.00.05 | to | D.18.B.00.95. |
| 3rd. Battery |) | | | |
| 101st. " and |) | D.24.B.40.45 | to | D.12.D.40.05. |
| 102nd. " |) | | | |
4. Battery Commanders will arrange to sweep sufficiently to cover all ground.
5. Battery Commanders must take steps to register above Lines. Particular care to be paid to flanks of Zone.
6. **ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.**

Lalwood
Captain.
Adjutant "A" Group Field Artillery.

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| 10. | 6th. " |
| 11. | 102nd. " |
| 12. | 4th. Aust. D. A. |
| 13. | Bde. Major 8th. Inf. Bde. |
| 14. | "B" Group. |
| 15. | "C" Group. |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 46.

Headquarters,
24th. October, 1917.

1. (a) The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 8th. Infantry Brigade in the forward area during 25th. October and night 25th./26th. October, 1917.
 Australian
 (b) The 8th./Infantry Brigade will move to HALIFAX Camp on relief.
 (c) The 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade will move to WIPPENHOEK Area on : October 25th. 1917.
2. 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 45, paras 1 and 3 are cancelled.
3. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will pass to the command of the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery from 6 a.m. 25th. October, 1917.
4. From 6 a.m. 25th. October, 1917, "B" Group will become responsible for the defence and barrages on the whole of the 5th. Australian Divisional Front.
5. C.O. "B" Group will arrange to find Liaison Officers as under from 6 a.m. 25th. October, 1917.
 - (a) One Officer not below the rank of Captain with the Infantry Brigade Headquarters in the line.
 - (b) One Officer at each of the Headquarters of the Battalions which are holding the front line.
6. Groups and Liaison Officer to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by form attached.

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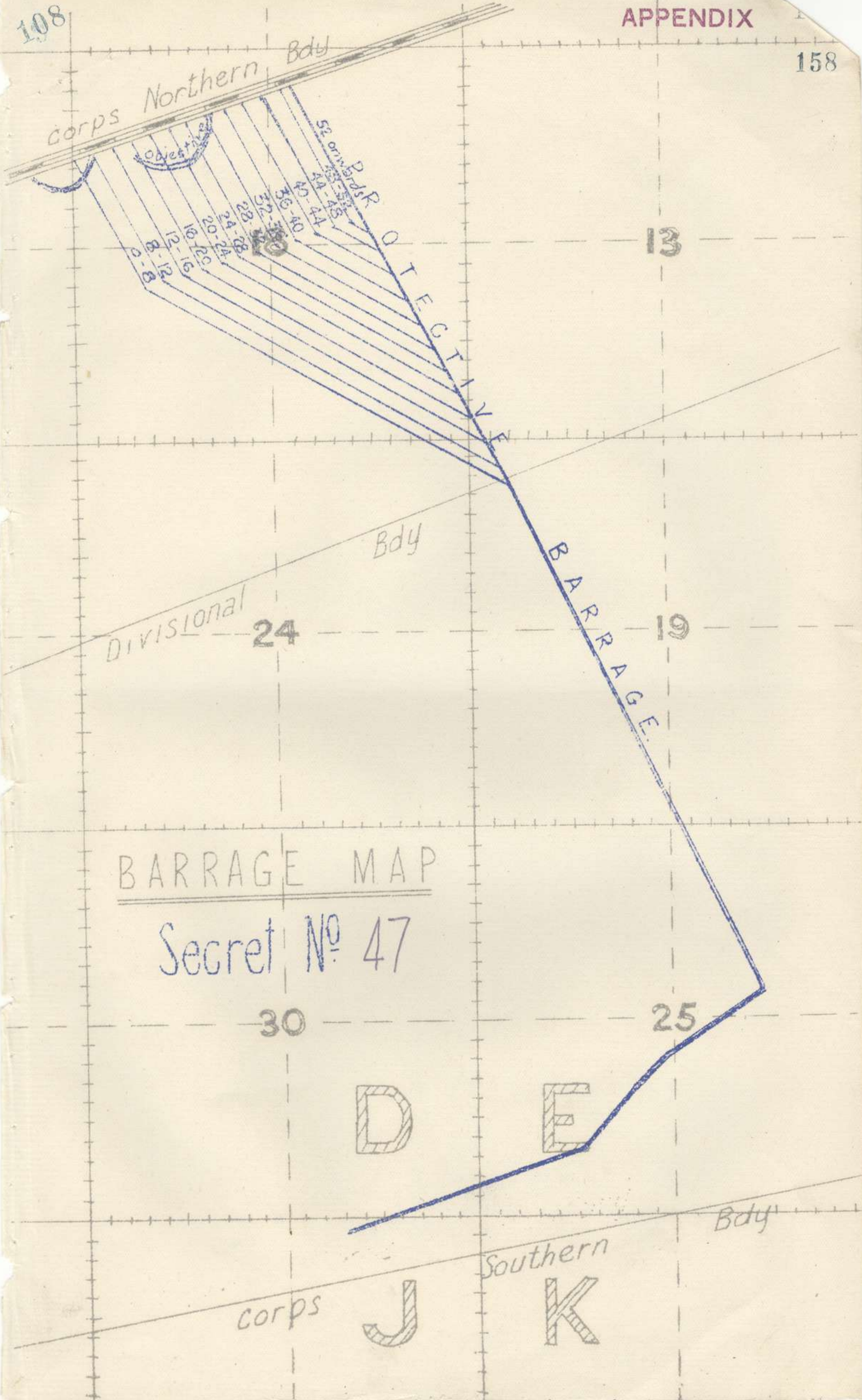
J.H. Stone

Major,
Brigade Major,

5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 1.30 p.m. to :

All recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. Group Order 45.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 47.

Headquarters,
24th. October, 1917.

1. The 5th. Phase of the operations having been completed, the Second Army will, after due preparation, continue its operations, the Fifth Army co-operating simultaneously on the left flank.
2. The task of the 1st. ANZAC Corps is limited to forming a defensive, on the right of the 4th. Canadian Division, which will be the Right Division of the Canadian Corps, by joining up from our present front line about the ~~MEUWMOLEN~~ ^{Acv} SPUR to, and including ~~DECLINE COPSE~~ ^{flank} south of the Railway, which will be the right flank of the 4th. Canadian Division, in the first stage of these operations.
3. The operation will be effected by the 1st. Australian Division. The 5th. Australian Division will be on the defensive..
4. It is anticipated that the attack will take place on "O" Day.
5. The 1st. 2nd. and 4th. Australian Divisional Artilleries under command of Brig-General W.T.H. BURGESS, D.S.O. will cover the 1st. Australian Division.
The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery ("B" Group) under command of Brig-General A.J. BESSEL-BROWNE, C.M.G., D.S.O. will cover the 5th. Australian Division, and will provide a protective barrage on their front during the attack.
6. At ZERO HOUR on the day of attack, a standing barrage of 18-prs and 4.5" Howitzers will be put down by "B" Group.
7. Divisional Boundaries and the Barrage Line for the 18-prs. are shewn on the maps issued herewith.
1 4.5" How. Battery will reinforce the 18-pr. Barrage from E.25.b.45.15 to J.6.b.35.95.
1 4.5" How. Battery on road junctions E.26.a.05.45.-E.26.a.45.62.-E.19.a.90.70.
There will be the usual overlap of 50 yards with Divisions to the north and south.
8. Rates of fire in rounds per gun per minute will be:-
Zero to Zero plus 60
18-prs. will fire 75% A and 25% AX.

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|---------|------------|
| 18-prs. | 4.5" Hows. |
| 1. | 3. |
9. "B" Group : will cease fire at Zero plus 60 unless further required.
10. F.O.O's will be especially alert in order to deal with any fleeting opportunities and in order to send back early information of any hostile movement or massing.
11. Groups and Liaison Officer to acknowledge by wire. Other recipients by form attached.

Ack

H. Stollon
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Issued at 3.15 p.m. to all recipients of 5th. Aust. Divl. Arty. G.O. 45.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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ORDER NO. 99

HEADQUARTERS,
24th October 1917.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved by the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery as follows :-

| | | | | |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|---|----------------|
| 10th Battery | relieves | 37th Battery | - | (4 guns) |
| 12th " | " | 39th " | " | (5 ") |
| 13th " | " | 41st " | " | (5 ") |
| 14th " | " | 43rd " | " | (5 ") |
| 15th " | " | 42nd & 38th Btys. | | (3 guns each). |
| 104th How. | " | 110th How. Bty | | (4 guns) |
| 195th How. | " | 111th " " | | (4 guns). |

2. The guns of the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery in HANNEBEEK will be disposed of as follows :-

10th Battery retains one Section in action, hands over one gun to each of 11th and 12th Batteries and the remaining 2 guns (1 damaged) to the 37th Battery.

11th Battery Remains in action. One in action damaged to 37th Battery.

12th Battery 3 in action damaged to 39th Battery. 1 good gun to 2nd Battery. 1 good Section to 4th Battery. All in position. *mm*

13th Battery 4 good guns (to 41st Battery). 1 damaged

14th Battery 5 guns in position to 2nd Battery. *mm*

15th Battery 4 guns (2 damaged) to 38th Battery 1 gun to 42nd Battery.

105th How. Battery 5 good guns to 102nd How. in position. 1 bogged to 111th How. Bty.. *mm*

104th How. Battery Retains 1 Section. 1 Section to 105th How. Battery. 1 good gun and 1 damaged gun to 110th How. Battery.

3. Guns as per attached Schedule will be withdrawn from Battery positions by 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries, with the exception of some of those of the 2nd Aus. Divisional Artillery and 1st Aus. Divisional Artillery, all are bogged or damaged. Good guns must on no account be withdrawn from forward positions.

4. All Batteries will retain their own stores. Guns will be handed over stripped except for sights and sight clinometers. *mm*

ORDER NO. 99 (Continued).

5. The relief will be carried out as follows :-

The 2nd, 4th and 102nd How. Batter^{ies} will take over from the 12th, 14th and 105th How. Batteries on bloc, commencing at 6 a.m. *25th instant*

On relief the 12th, 14th and 105th How. Batteries will relieve the 39th, 43rd and 111th How. Batteries.

The remaining reliefs will be carried out by Sections and will be completed by 6 p.m. on 25th instant. On relief, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries will withdraw guns as per attached Schedule, to wagon lines.

6. As from 6 a.m., 25th, both the present "C" and "D" GROUPS will cover with S.O.S. lines the whole Divisional front.

The guns of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery in action at 6 a.m. will be prepared to put a barrage on receipt of an S.O.S. Signal, from D 24 b 0 4 to D 18 b 0085. ✓ *W*

7. On completion of the relief the Artillery will be grouped as follows :-

"G" GROUP -- 2nd Aus. D.A..
"D" GROUP -- 1st Aus. D.A..

Zones will be as at present held by the present "C" and "D" Groups.

8. Group Headquarters will be as follows :-

"C" GROUP -- I 6 b 9505
"D" GROUP -- D 26 c 4045 in dugouts on the South side of the Railway.

The new "D" GROUP will temporarily remain at HALF WAY HOUSE until after Attack Day No. 3.

9. Command of Batteries will devolve on 2nd and 1st Aus. Divisional Artillery B.Cs. on completion of each Battery relief. "C" and "D" GROUPS as re-constituted in para. 7 will come into effect on the completion of the relief of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries, and after its notification to this Office, when the Command of "D" GROUP will pass to the C.O. 1st Aus. Divisional Artillery Group, and the Command of "C" GROUP will pass to the C.O. 2nd Aus. Divisional Artillery Group.

10. The new "C" and "D" GROUPS will both cover the Divisional front with S.O.S. lines until 1 hour before ZERO on Attack Day No. 3. After this hour S.O.S. zones for Groups will be the Offensive Zones. *W*

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ORDER NO. 99 (Continued)

11. Group Commanders will ensure that both they and their Battery Commanders hand over all instructions and orders for offensive operations to Units relieving them.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached. (Groups by wire).
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C. M. G.
Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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- 10 - 18 "D" GROUP.
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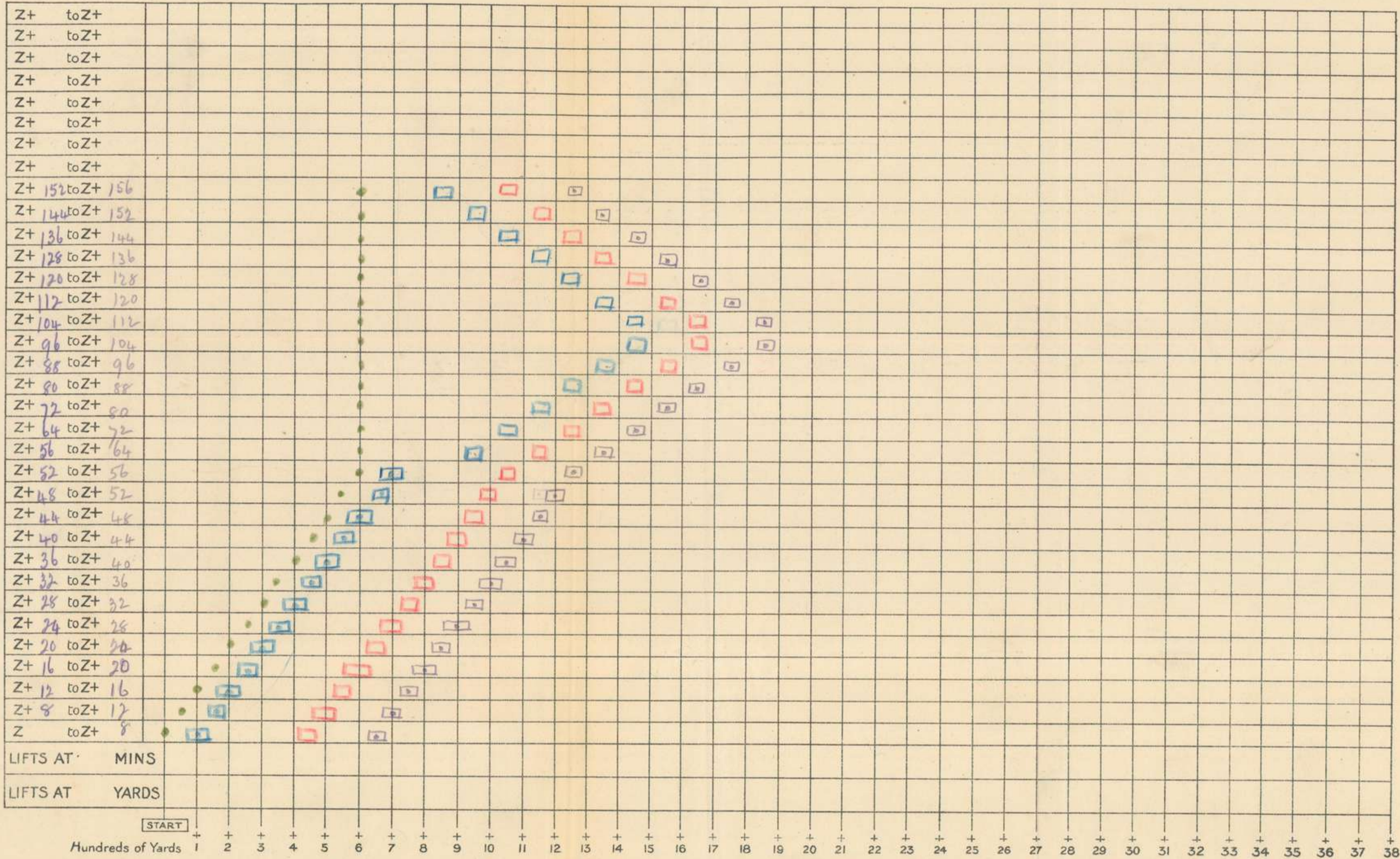
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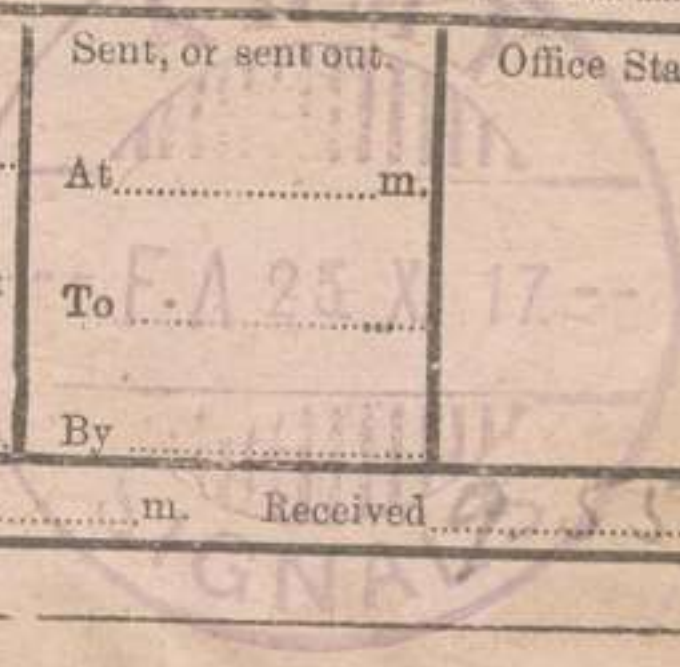
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- B Barrage 18 pr. ●
- B Barrage 4 5" Hows □

Attack Day
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- D Barrage 6" Hows □
- E Barrage 8" + 9.2" Hows □
- E Barrage 60 prs. ●



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO. 21

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

HEADQUARTERS,
24th October 1917.

NO. 18.

(To accompany ORDER 99)

AMMUNITION.

1. All ammunition at present with 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries plus 10th, 11th, 15th and 104th Battery positions will be accounted for by new "C" GROUP.

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New "D" GROUP will account for all ammunition in 1st Australian Divisional Artillery's present positions plus 12th, 14th and 105th Battery positions.

2. Ammunition in present 13th Battery position will be taken over by 53rd Battery and will be transferred to Right Divisional Artillery.

The above re-Grouping and transfer of ammunition will be as from 12 noon 25th instant.

3. Ammunition will be delivered to 1st and 2nd Aus. Divisional Artilleries from either HOME Dump (H 24 b 1 5) or INFERNO (I 13 d 6 4).

4. O.C. 2nd Aus. D.A.C. will detail one Officer and 10 other ranks to take over HOME Dump by 7 p.m. on the 25th instant; the 2nd Aus. D.A.C. personnel at present there will remain. 4th Aus. D.A.C. personnel on completion of relief will report to their Unit.

5. O.C. 1st Aus. D.A.C. will detail 1 Officer and 20 other ranks to take over INFERNO by 8 p.m. on the 25th instant, present personnel there will report to their respective Units on completion of relief.

6. Present O.C. of above Dumps will ensure that relieving Officers are fully acquainted with methods of supply to and from Dumps.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

Arthur [Signature]

Captain,
Staff Captain,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

For Distribution
see over page.

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DISTRIBUTION.

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|--------|---|----|---------------------------|-------|
| Pos. 1 | - | 9 | "C" GROUP. | |
| 10 | - | 18 | "D" Group. | |
| 19 | - | 27 | "C1" Group (d/o 5th D.A.) | } for |
| | | 28 | 1st Aus. D.A.. | |
| | | 29 | 5th Aus. D.A.. | |
| | | 30 | 1st Aus. D.A.C.. | |
| | | 31 | 2nd Aus. D.A.C.. | |
| | | 32 | 4th Aus. D.A.C.. | |
| | | 33 | INFERNAL DUMP. | |
| | | 34 | HOWE DUMP. | |
| | | 35 | "K" Park. | } for |
| | | 36 | " " | |
| | | 37 | 1st ARZAC. "Q". | |
| | | 38 | 4th Aus. D.T.A.O.. | |
| | | 39 | C.R.A.. | |
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ORDER NO. 100

HEADQUARTERS,
25th October 1917.

1. (a) The 2nd and 5th Armies are to attack on "O" Day, the operations forming part of a series of operations for the capture of PASSCHENDALE.

(b) The 10th Canadian Brigade of the 4th Canadian Division is attacking on the left of the 1st Australian Division.

2. (a) The 2nd Aus. Inf. Brigade will attack on "O" Day for the purpose of protecting the right flank of the 4th Canadian Division, and will establish a strong point on the spur in D 18 a extending well out towards ASSYRIA.

Zero hour will be communicated later.

(b) The operation will be carried out in one stage.

3. (a) DECLINE COPSE south of the railway and the YPRES - ROULERS Railway are inclusive to this Division.

(b) The 4th Canadian Division has been instructed to afford the necessary facilities for supports of this Division to move north of the Railway.

4. (a) A creeping barrage will be put down along the whole Div. front as shown in the Barrage maps issued with 4th Australian Divisional Artillery INSTRUCTION NO. 25.

(b) (i) The creeping barrage will be put down at Zero 150 yards in front of the post at D 17 W 7540.

(ii) At Zero plus 8 minutes the barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes. The 18-pr. barrage will advance in lifts of 50 yards every four minutes.

(iii) On the arrival of the barrage at a line 200 yards beyond the objective a protective barrage will be formed there and a special searching programme will be carried out by the Heavy Artillery up to a line well down the reverse slopes of the KEIBERG Ridge.

5. (a) The 1st and 2nd Australian Divisional Artilleries under the command of Brigadier-General F.L.H. BURGESS, D.S.O. have been allotted to the Division for the attack.

(b) Two 6" How. Batteries from the Bombardment Group affiliated to the Division will be at the call of the Divisional Commander on "O" Day.

Requests for their assistance will be made through Divisional Headquarters.

6. (a) A contact Aeroplane will fly at about Zero plus 60 minutes, at which time flares will be called for by dropping a white Very light and sounding a succession of "A"s on the FLAXON Horn.

(b) WHITE FLARES ONLY WILL BE LIT.

These will be supplemented by the use of WATSON fans, and the waving of helmets, handkerchiefs, etc..

(c).....

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ORDER NO. 100 (Continued)

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(c) The following success signal will be fired on gaining the objective :-

3 White Very Lights fired in rapid succession and repeated once or twice with a definite interval in each case.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

Christy

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,

4th Australian Divisional Artillery,

Allen

DISTRIBUTION.

- No. 1 "C" Group,
- 2 "D" Group,
- 3 "Cl" Group.
- 4 11th Aus. F.A. Bde.,
- 5 4th Aus. F.A. Bde.,
- 6 Liaison Officer.

For inf. --

- 7 2nd Aus. D.A.,
- 8 5th Aus. D.A.,
- 9 1st Aus. D.A.,
- 10 R.A. 1st ANZAC.
- 11 1st Aus. Div.,
- 12 1st Aus. Inf. Bde.,
- 13 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.,
- 14 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.,
- 15 4th Canadian Division,
- 16 57th H.A.C.,
- 17 H.A. 1st ANZAC.,
- 18 C.R.A.,
- 19 Sig. Off.,
- 20 S.C.,
- 21 R.O.,
- 22 file
- 23)
- 24) Diary,
- 25)

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message.....

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|----|---------|--------|---|---------------|----|
| Prefix..... | Code..... | m. | Words | Charge | This message is on a/c of: Service. | Recd. at..... | m. |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions. | | | Sent | | | Date..... | |
| Secret DA/2 | | | At..... | | From..... | | |
| | | | To..... | | By..... | | |
| | | | By..... | | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") | | |

TO {
C Comp
D Group
C(1) Comp

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Sender's Number. * Bm 108 | Day of Month. 25th | In reply to Number. | AAA |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----|

Reference order no 100
Zero hour will be Five
Fifty am (5.40 am) on the
26th October. Acknowledge
by wire.
addressed C Comp C(1)
Comp & D Comp.

From 4 am DA
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
Censor. (Z) CM/late main DA
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
1st Lt DA/2

* This line should be erased if not required.
750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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"D" GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 1.

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By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
25th. October 1917.

1. From 25th. October 1917 the 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery will be known as "D. GROUP" and will come under the 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery.
2. (a) The attached map shows Barrage to be put down by "D" Group to cover an attack by 1st. Australian Division - whose object is to secure the Right Flank of the 4th. Canadian Division; and also shows the Zone to be fired on by each battery.

(b) Lifts will be of 50 yards at times shown on sketch and when each 18-pdr. battery reaches PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE it will fire four (4) rounds smoke in rapid succession to mark its arrival there.

(c) 2nd; 101st. and 102nd. Batteries will fire Barrage as per attached map - plus 100 yards.

They will each distribute to cover "D" Group Zone.
At Zero plus 52' 2nd. Battery forms Standing Barrage (which will be Protective Barrage Line plus 100 yards) until Zero plus 156' when Stop fire.

2nd. Battery will not fire Smoke shell.

4.5" How. Batteries from Zero plus 56' continue as under :-

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Zero plus 56 to Zero plus 64 | - | Lift 250 yards. |
| " " 64 " " 72 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 72 " " 80 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 80 " " 88 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 88 " " 96 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 96 " " 112 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 112 " " 120 | - | Drop 100 " |
| " " 120 " " 128 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 128 " " 136 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 136 " " 144 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 144 " " 152 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 152 " " 156 | - | " 100 " |
| " " 156 | - | <u>S T O P.</u> |

3. OFFENSIVE BARRAGE LINE is from D.18.C.84.52 to E.19.A.20.75.

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE is D.18.D.60.85 to E.19.A.20.75.

4. Rates of Fire will be :-
- | | 18-Pdrs. | 4.5" Hows. |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| | Rounds per gun | per minute. |
| Zero to Zero plus 4. | 2. | 1. |
| Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 8. | 4. | 1. |
| Zero plus 8 until arrival at Protective Barrage | 2. | 1. |
| After arrival on Protective Barrage. | 1. | ½. |

5. Ammunition will be used as follows :-
- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 18-Pdrs. | 75% "A". |
| | 25% "AX" |

6. Group will cease fire at Zero plus 156' unless further required.

"D" Group Operation Order No. 1. (2).

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7. Lieut.-Colonel D. H. MOORE will be Liaison Officer with the Attacking Infantry Brigade at D.26.C.40.45 and will take up his duties on the 25th. instant.

Lieut. ^{STALEY} ~~LORD~~ M.C. will be F.O.O. at Brigade O.P. at D.29.C.6.6. He will take with him :-

1 Telephone;
1 Lucas Lamp;
2 Signallers;
2 Linesmen;
Pigeons;
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile Wire.

8. (a) S.O.S. will be as laid down in "A" Group Operation Order No. 50 until one hour before Zero on Attack Day No. 6. After this hour until attack S.O.S. Zones for this Group will be the OFFENSIVE BARRAGE LINE as in para. 3 of this order - and as on sketch.

After attack S.O.S. Line will be PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE. 4.5" Hows. will fire 200 yards beyond above lines.

- ~~fit~~ (b) Replies to S.O.S. will be as follows :-

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| <u>18-Pdrs.</u> | 5 minutes - 4 rounds per gun per minute. |
| | 5 " - 2 " " " " |
| | 5 " - 1 " " " " |

4.5" Hows. Half of the above rates.

When fire will cease unless the S.O.S. Signal is sent up again in which case the procedure will be repeated.

18-Pdrs. - After the first five minutes alternate guns will search back 500 yards in lifts of 100 yards every two minutes.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

L. H. ...
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

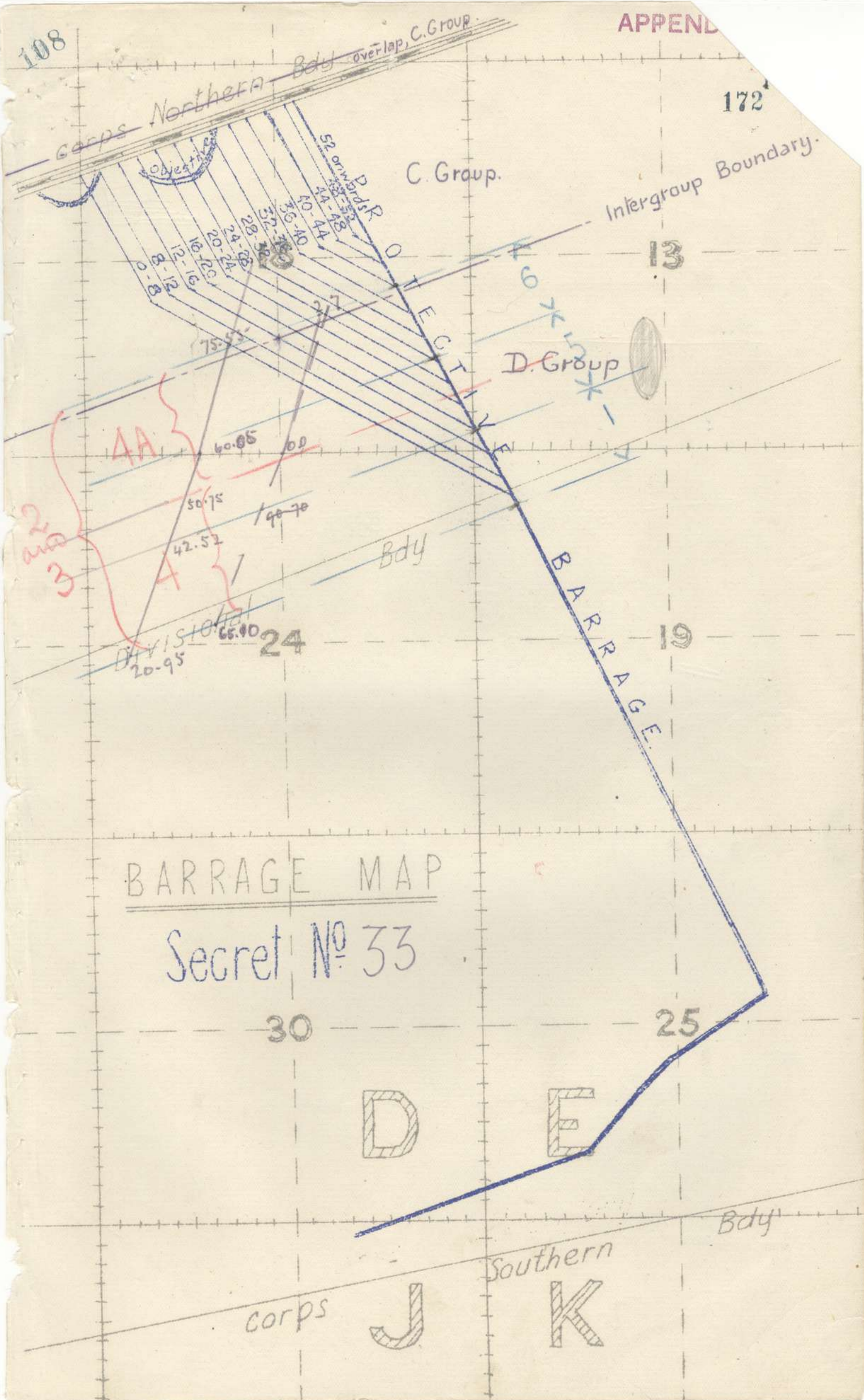
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2. War Diary.
3. 1st. Battery.
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12. 4th. Aust. D. A.
13. Brigade Major 8th. Inf. Bde.
14. "B" Group.
15. "C" Group.

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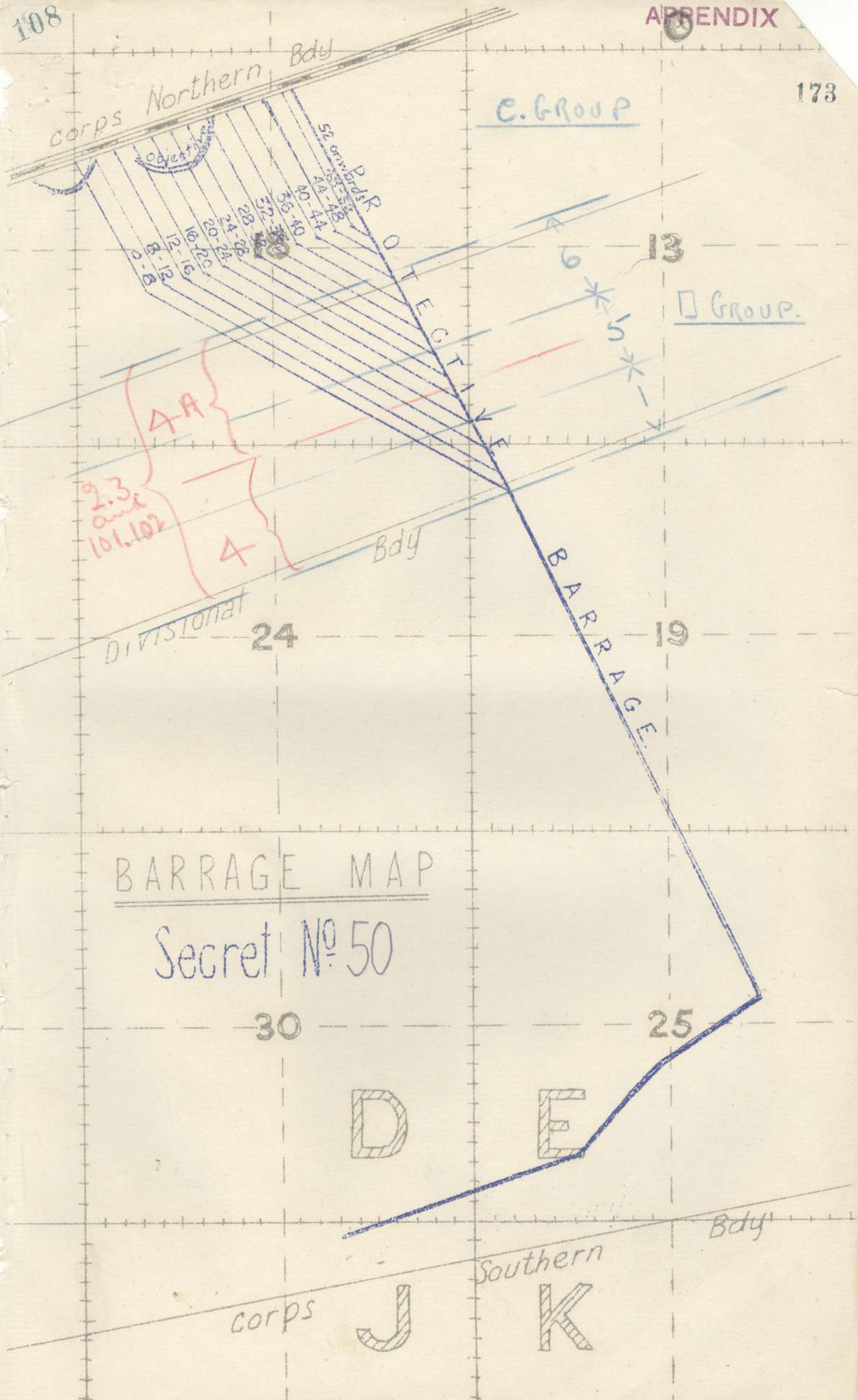
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BARRAGE MAP

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BARRAGE MAP

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C. GROUP

D. GROUP.

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Divisional

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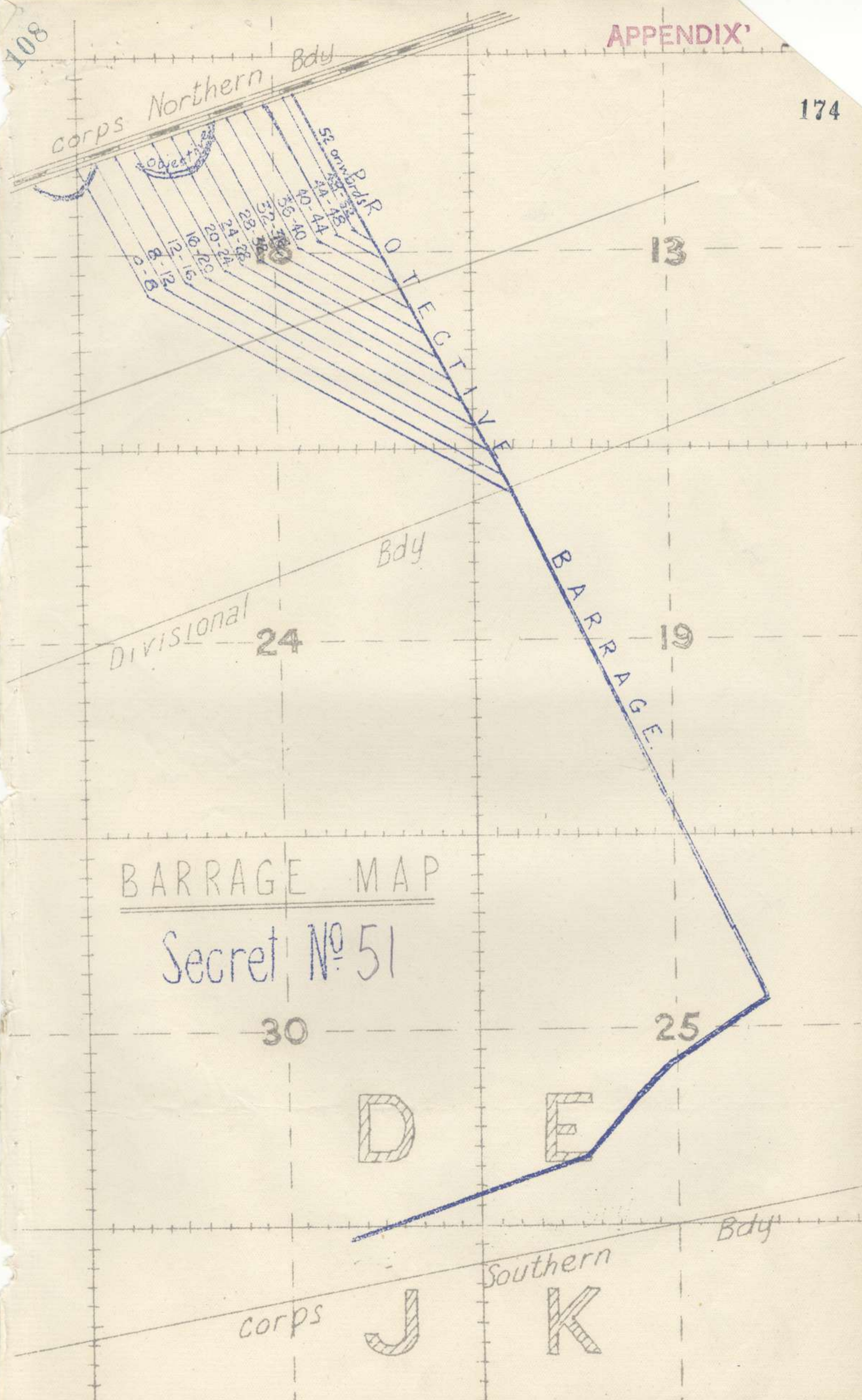
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BARRAGE MAP

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"D" GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
25th. October 1917.

Reference "D" Group Operation Order No. 1.

- 1. ZERO DAY is 26th. October 1917.
- 2. ZERO HOUR is 5.40 a.m.
- 3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Deane

Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

Distribution.

Copy to all recipients of "D" Group
Operation Order No. 1.

APPENDIX

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 25

HEADQUARTERS,
24th October 1917.

1. A Barrage Map (on the scale of one per Battery and Group Headquarters) for Attack Day No. 6 is issued herewith. The Group Boundary between "C" and "D" Groups is shown on the map; also the Dividing line between the Left Division and the Right Division, and the Left Division and the 4th Canadian Division on our Left.

The former differs slightly from that given in 4th Australian Divisional Artillery ORDER NO. 97. Owing to the relief, the Barrage Maps for "C" GROUP have been divided into Battery Sectors. (viz. 50 yards every 4 minutes) Barrage Diagrams showing Lifts and timings/are also issued on the Scale of 1 per Group.

2. The Barrage covers the operations of the 1st Australian Division whose object is the securing of the Right flank of the 4th Canadian Division by joining from our present front line about NIEWHOLEN Spur to and including DECLINE COPSE South of the Railway Line.

3. There will be no definite "Jumping-off" line as heretofore.

4. Every 18-pr. of the "A" Barrage will fire 4 rounds Smoke shell in rapid succession to mark its arrival on the Protective Barrage.

5. Rates of fire will be as follows :-

| | <u>18-pr.</u> | <u>4.5" How.</u> |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| ZERO to Z plus 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Z plus 4 to Z plus 8 | 4 | 1 |
| Zero plus 8 until arrival at Protective Barrage + 52 | 2 | 1 |
| After arrival on Protective Barrage) + 52 to 156 | 1 | 1/2 |

Ammunition will be used as follows :-

A = 75%, AX = 25%
provided Dumps will consist of not less than 50% A (for S.O.S. purposes) on conclusion of operation.

6. Groups will cease fire at Zero plus 150 unless further required.

7. The Barrage map shows the over-lap of 50 yards on the Northern Boundary. There will be no over-lap on the inter-Divisional Boundary.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 25 (Continued)

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8. The C.O. 2nd Aus. F.A. Brigade will be Liaison Officer with the attacking Infantry Brigade at D 26 c 4045 and will take up his duties on the 25th instant.

9. Battery Commanders of 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries will work out the Barrages for their guns before handing over to 2nd Aus. Divisional Artillery Batteries, and give every assistance possible to Battery Commanders, 2nd Aus. Divisional Artillery Batteries.

10 ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached. (Groups by wire).

C. Moore

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

1 - 9 "C" Group.
10 - 18 "D" Group.
19 - 28 "Cl" Group. (c/o 5th Aus. D.A.).
29 11th Aus. F.A. Bde..
30 4th Aus. F.A. Bde..

For inf.

31 2nd Aus. D.A..
32 5th Aus. D.A..
33 1st Aus. D.A..
34 R.A. 1st ANZAC..
35 1st Aus. Div..
36 1st Aus. Inf. Bde.. 43 C.R.A..
37 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.. 44 S.G..
38 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.. 45 R.O..
39 4th Canadian Division. 46 File
40 57th B.A.C.. 47)
41 H.A. 1st ANZAC.. 48) Diary.
42 Sig. Officer. 49)

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INSTRUCTION NO. 26.

HEADQUARTERS,
25th October 1917.

1. S.O.S. LINE.

The S.O.S. Line on the Divisional Front after the attack will be as follows, unless otherwise ordered :-

D 24 a 20 - D 18 c 60 - D 18 b 1085

2. Days after "O", will be known as "P (a)", "Q (a)", "R (a)", "S (a)", etc..

3. ACTION "P (a)" Day :-

Artillery action for "P (a)" Day will be as follows :-

5.20 a.m., an ARMY Barrage on front of Xth, 1st ANZAC. and Canadian Corps.

Starting line as for ARMY Barrage issued with INSTRUCTION NO. 24, viz, on Corps front -

E 25 c 5 2 - E 13 c 5 0 - D 12 c 4500.

Lifts and timings of Barrage are shown on attached diagram. (Groups only).

"P (a)" A Barrage :-

Rates of fire as for previous bombardment barrages i.e. 18-prs., 2 and 4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute.

4. There will be bursts of fire at Bombardment Barrage rates at 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. and at 9.10 p.m. to 9.16 p.m.

This fire will take the form of a Standing Barrage in depth "A" and "B" Barrage. -

"A" Barrage on the line E 19 a 3 9 to D 18 b 1085

"B" Barrage 200 yards East of above.

There will be silent periods at -

8.51 p.m. to 9.10 p.m.,
10. p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

unless firing is required in response to S.O.S. Signals.

5. ACTION ON "Q (a)" Day :-

On "Q (a)" Day the following will be the programme :-

ARMY Barrage at 5.30 a.m., Starting Line as on "P (a)" Day. Lifts and timing are shown on "Q (a)" A Barrage Diagram attached (Groups only).

Rates of fire as on "P (a)" Day.

INSTRUCTION NO. 26 (Continued).

6. There will be bursts of fire as on "P (a)" Day at

8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m..
9.33 p.m. to 9.41 p.m..

7. There will be silent periods -

8.21 p.m. to 8.40 p.m.
11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m..

8. Should Attack No. 7 take place on "S (a)" Day the following action will take place on "R (a)" Day :-

ARMY Barrage at 5.15 a.m., Starting Line as on "P (a)" Day.
Lifts and timing as on attached Diagram for "R (a) A Barrage (Groups only).

9. There will be silent periods -

8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m..

10. COUNTER BATTERY WORK :-

Vigorous Counter-Battery work is being maintained.
"C" GROUP will answer A.F. Calls in Square E.F..

11. HARASSING FIRE :-

Harassing fire will be maintained on communications by "C" GROUP, 720 rounds A and AX and 240 rounds BX being fired each day (two thirds by night and one third by day).

12. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

1 - 9 "C" Group.
10 - 18 "D" Group.
For inf -

- | | |
|------------------------|------------|
| 19 1st Aus. D.A.. | 29 C.R.A.. |
| 20 2nd Aus. D.A.. | 30 S.C.. |
| 21 5th Aus. D.A.. | 31 R.O.. |
| 22 R.A. 1st A.ZAC.. | 32 File. |
| 23 1st Aus. Div.. | (33 |
| 24 1st Aus. Inf. Bde.. | (34 Diary. |
| 25 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.. | (35 |
| 26 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.. | |
| 27 H.A., 1st A.ZAC.. | ----- |
| 28 5th H.A.G.. | |

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"D" GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 3.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
26th. October 1917.

1. S. O. S. LINES now runs D.24.C.20.95 to D.18.C.6.0.
to D.18.C.75.55.
2. Batteries will cover as follows :-

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|--------------|----|-------------------|
| 2nd. Battery | - | D.24.A.65.10 | to | D.18.D.00.00 |
| | | | to | D.18.D.20.70. |
| 101st. Battery | - | | | Ditto. |
| 102nd. Battery | - | | | Ditto. |
| 1st. Battery | - | D.24.C.20.95 | to | D.24.A.42.52. |
| 4th. Battery | - | D.24.C.20.95 | to | D.24.A.50.75. |
| 4A. Battery | - | D.24.A.50.75 | to | D.18.C.60.05 to |
| | | | | 75.55. |
| 5th. Battery | - | D.24.A.42.52 | to | D.18.C.60.05. |
| 6th. Battery | - | D.18.C.60.05 | to | D.18.C.75.52. |
| 3rd. Battery | - | D.24.C.20.95 | to | D.18.C.60.05 to |
| | | | | 75.55. |
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lawson
Captain.
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

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| 3. | 1st. Battery. |
| 4. | 2nd. " |
| 5. | 3rd. " |
| 6. | 101st. " |
| 7. | 4th. " |
| 8. | 4A. " |
| 9. | 5th. " |
| 10. | 6th. " |
| 11. | 102nd. " |
| 12. | 4th. Aust. D. A. |
| 13. | Bde. Major. Inf. Bde. |
| 14. | "B" Group. |
| 15. | "C" Group. |

After Order :-

101st. Battery will put 1 section on each of following :-

E.13.A.1.0.
E.13.A.72.00.

and 1 section sweep from E.13.C.90.25 to E.13.C.90.65.

102nd. Battery will put 1 section on each of following points :-

E.13.C.47.15.
E.13.C.30.45.
E.13.C.15.70.

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"D" GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters; 26th. October 1917.

- 1. The action of "D" Group on 27th. October 1917 will be as follows.
- 2. All Batteries in both operations will take those ^{parts} ~~points~~ of front as detailed in Sketch with Operation Order No. 1.
- 3. 5.20 a.m. on ARMY BARRAGE LINE E.19.A.60.90 to D.18.B.95.00.
- 4. Time Table :-

All 18-Pdrs. less 2nd. Battery which will add 100 yards to following ranges.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Zero to Zero plus 6. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE. |
| Zero plus 6 to Zero plus 9. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | Do. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | Do. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | Do. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | Lift 700 yards. |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 24 " " 27. | | do. |
| " " 27 " " 30. | | Do. |
| " " 30 " " 33. | | Do. |
| Zero plus 33. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

4.5" Hows.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Zero to Zero plus 6. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE plus 100. |
| " plus 6 to Zero plus 9. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | Do. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | Do. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | Do. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | Lift 800 yards. |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 24 " " 27. | | Do. |
| " " 27 " " 30. | | Do. |
| " " 30 " " 33. | | Do. |
| " " 33 " " 36. | | Do. |
| " " 36 " " 39. | | Do. |
| " " 39 " " 42. | | Drop 600 yards. |
| ZERO plus 42. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

- 5. Rates of Fire :- 18-Pdrs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 1 " " " " "
- 6. Ammunition :- 50% "A". 50% "AX".
- 7. There will be bursts of fire on line E.19.A.60.90 to D.18.D.80.95.
- 8. (A) All 18-Pdrs. - less 2nd. Battery - on above line.
(B) 2nd. Battery and 4.5" HOWS. 200 yards East of above line.
- 9. Times :-

(Over).

"D" Group Operation Order No. 4. (2).

- 9. Times :-

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. | Burst of Fire. |
| 8.51 p.m. to 9.10 p.m. | Silent Period. |
| 9.10 p.m. to 9.16 p.m. | Burst of Fire. |
| 10.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. | Silent Period. |

- 10. Expenditure :-

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|---|
| 50 rounds per 18-pdr. battery for the task. |
| 25 " " 4.5" How. " " " " |
| 50% "A". 50% "AX". |

- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signature

Captain.
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

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- 2. War Diary.
- 3. 1st. Battery.
- 4. 2nd. "
- 5. 3rd. "
- 6. 101st. "
- 7. 4th. "
- 8. 4A. "
- 9. 5th. "
- 10. 6th. "
- 11. 102nd. "
- 12. 4th. Aust. Div. Art.
- 13. Bde. Major. Inf. Bde.
- 14. "B" Group.
- 15. "C" Group.

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY,
ORDER No. 109.HEADQUARTERS.
26th October, 1917.

1. C.F.A., 1st Australian Division will take over command of the Artillery covering the Left Division of the 1st ANZAC Corps, from C.F.A., 4th Australian Division at 10.a.m. on 27th October.
2. From this hour the Artillery covering the Left Division front will be known as the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Group.
3. 1st Aust. Div. Arty Head-Quarters will close at MENINGHELST at 10.a.m. on 27th inst. and open at YPRES RAMPARTS (I.14.b.^{1.E}) at the same hour.
4. Acknowledge on slip attached.

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| 3. | 1st. A.D.A.C. |
| 4. | D.T.M.O., 1st. Aust. Div. |
| 5. | "C" Group, 4th Aust. Div. Arty. |
| 6. | 1st. Aust. Div. |
| 7. | R.A., 1st. ANZAC. |
| 8. | 4th. Canadian Div. Arty. |
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| 10. | 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. |
| 11. | 5th. Aust. Div. Arty. |
| 12. | 2nd. Aust. D.A.C. |
| 13. | File. |
| 14/15/16. | War Diary. |
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Alce. M. Forbes Major.
Bde. Major. 1st. Aus. Div. Art.

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ORDER NO. 101.

HEADQUARTERS,
26th October 1917.

1. COMMAND.

The C.R.A. 4th Australian Division will hand over command of the Field Artillery covering the Left Division, 1st A.ZAC. to the C.R.A. 1st Australian Division, at 10 a.m. 27th October 1917.

2. MOVE OF HEADQUARTERS :-

Headquarters 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will move to REMINGHELST at 10 a.m., 27th October.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

W. H. ...

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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"D" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 5.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
27th. October 1917.

- 1. The action of "D" Group on 28th. October 1917 will be as follows.
- 2. All Batteries will take those parts of Group front as shewn in sketch with Operation Order No. 1 - for both operations.
- 3. At 5.30 a.m. on ARMY BARRAGE LINE E.19.A.60.90 to D.18.B.95.00.
- 4. Time Table :- All 18-Pdrs. less 2nd. Battery.

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| Zero to Zero plus 3. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE. |
| Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " " | 9. | do. |
| " " 9 " " " | 12. | do. |
| " " 12 " " " | 15. | do. |
| " " 15 " " " | 18. | Drop 200 yards. |
| " " 18 " " " | 21. | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 21 " " " | 24. | do. |
| " " 24 " " " | 27. | do. |
| " " 27 " " " | 30. | do. |
| " " 30 " " " | 33. | Drop 500 yards. |
| Zero plus 33. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

2nd. Battery and 4.5" Hows.

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| | | <u>2nd. Battery.</u> | <u>4.5" Hows.</u> |
| Zero to Zero plus 3. | - | <u>ARMY BARRAGE</u> | <u>ARMY BARRAGE</u> |
| | | <u>LINE plus 200.</u> | <u>LINE plus 100.</u> |
| Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " " | 9. | do. | do. |
| " " 9 " " " | 12. | do. | do. |
| " " 12 " " " | 15. | do. | do. |
| " " 15 " " " | 18. | do. | do. |
| " " 18 " " " | 21. | do. | Drop 200 yards. |
| " " 21 " " " | 24. | Drop 200 yards. | " 100 " |
| " " 24 " " " | 27. | Lift 100 yards. | Lift 100 " |
| " " 27 " " " | 30. | do. | do. |
| " " 30 " " " | 33. | Drop 300 yards. | Drop 200 yards. |
| Zero plus 33. | | <u>S T O P.</u> | <u>S T O P.</u> |

- 5. Rates of Fire :- 18-pdrs. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 1 " " " " "
- 6. Ammunition :- 50% "A". 50% "AX".
- 7. There will be bursts of Fire on line :-
E.19.A.60.90 to D.18.D.80.95.
- 8. (a) All 18-pdrs. less 2nd. Battery on above line.
(b) 2nd. Battery and 4.5" Hows. - 200 yards East of above line.

"D" Group Operation Order No. 5. (2).

9. Time Table :-
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| 8.15 p.m. to | 8.21 p.m. | Burst of Fire. |
| 8.21 p.m. to | 8.40 p.m. | Silent Period. |
| 9.33 p.m. to | 9.41 p.m. | Burst of Fire. |
| 11.00 p.m. to | 11.30 p.m. | Silent Period. |
10. Ammunition :- 50 rounds per 18-pdr. Battery.
25 " " 4.5" How. Battery.
50% "A". 50% "AX".
11. "D" Group Headquarters will colse at Half-way House at 7.30 a.m. on 28th. instant and will open at 9 a.m. 28th. inst. at D.26.C.40.45 - next Infantry Brigade Headquarters.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lawrence
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

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| 9. | 5th. " |
| 10. | 6th. " |
| 11. | 102nd. " |
| 12. | 4th. Aust. D. A. |
| 13. | Bde. Major Inf. Bde. |
| 14. | "B" Group. |
| 15. | "C" Group. |

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LOCATION REPORT

HEADQUARTERS,
27th October 1917.

| UNIT | CODE NAMES | LOCATION | WAGON LINES |
|---|------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1st Aus. D.A.H.Q. | BEST | RAMPARTS (YPRES) | |
| "D" GROUP. | | | |
| 1st Aus. F.A. Bde. (<u>"D" Group H.Q.</u>) | BEARD | HALF WAY HOUSE (Moving to Railway Dug-outs D 26 c 4050). | |
| 1st Battery | BECK | J 3 c 6045 | H 28 a |
| 2nd Battery | BEG | J 2 a 9253 (1 gun at J 2 a 5247) | H 21 d |
| 3rd Battery | BEAK | J 3 c 2375 | H 27 d |
| 101st How. Battery | BELL | J 3 c 5050 | H 28 a |
| 2nd Aus. F.A. Bde. | BARRELL | | H 22 d 5050 |
| 4th Battery | BALL | J 3 c 5575 (1 Section at J 2 a 5247) | H 28 b |
| 5th Battery | BAND | J 3 c 1050 | H 28 b |
| 6th Battery | BACK | J 3 c 1060 | H 28 b |
| 102nd How. Battery | BELAY | J 2 c 1070 | H 28 b |
| "C" GROUP. | | | |
| 4th Aus. F.A. Bde. | MART | | H 19 a 7005 |
| 10th Battery | ENGINE | D 28 c 1040 | |
| 11th Battery | HAZEL | D 27 a 9242 (1 gun at J 2 a 57) | H 24 a |
| 12th Battery | HOUSE | D 27 b 9030 | |
| 104th How. Battery | EXPERT | D 27 b 9595 | |
| 5th Aus. F.A. Bde. (<u>"C" Group H.Q.</u>) | MASK | I 6 b 9000 | H 19 a 7005 |
| 13th Battery | EGG | D 27 c 6813 | H 18 b 5 1 |
| 14th Battery | HARROW | D 27 d 1853 | H 18 b 4 0 |
| 15th Battery | ENVY | D 27 d 2202 3025 | H 18 d 5 7 |
| 105th How. Battery | HEAD | D 27 d 4020 | H 18 d 5 7 |
| 2nd Aus. D.A.H.Q. | MOTH | OUDEZEELE | |
| 2nd Aus. D.A.C. | MIRE | | (G 18 c 6:8 (I 14 a 5 0 |
| 1st Aus. D.A.C. | CANE | | H 21 b 2 8 |

W. H. ...
Lieut.,
Staff Lieut.,

4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.INSTRUCTIONS No.2.
(Series II.)

27th October, 1917.

1. The S.O.S. line on the Divisional front is as follows:-

(a). 18-prs:-"D" Group - D.24.C.20.95. - D.18.C.60.00.
- D.18.C.75.52."C" Group - D.18.C.75.52. - ^{D 18 B. 10. 85}
70(b). 4.5 Hows. :-

"D" Group. 1 Section on each of following points:-

E.13.C.47.15.

E.13.C.30.45.

E.13.C.15.70.

E.13.A.10.00.

E.13.A.72.00.

Area E.13.C.90.25. to E.13.C.90.65.

"C" Group - 1 Section E.7.C.75.50.

1 Section E.13.A.6.1.

Remainder Line E.13.C.1.9. - E.13.A.0.8.

2. The 18-pr. S.O.S. line in each group zone will be covered by three Batteries. The other three Batteries in the Group will each be superimposed on one Battery front.

3. It is left to Group Commanders as to whether they superimpose the Batteries of one Brigade on the Batteries of another or whether they mix the Batteries in superimposition.

4. It is pointed out that by superimposing one Battery on another the following advantages are gained:-

- (1). Any Battery can be taken off for any purpose and still ensure that that particular portion of front is covered.
- (2). Greater opportunities are given for resting personnel of any Battery at any time.
- (3). Temporary shortage of Guns in any particular Battery does not necessitate such a large adjustment of frontages.
- (4). Should any Battery be lifted out at any time, the consequent thinning of front will be compensated for by a slightly increased rate of fire and sweeping on the part of the Battery left on the frontage.

5. ✓ Groups to acknowledge by wire, others by slip attached.

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| 22. | H.A., 1st. ANZAC. |
| 23. | 1st. Aust. Div. |
| 24. | 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 25. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 26. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 27. | H.A., 1st. ANZAC. |
| 28. | 57th H.A.G. |

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Brigade Major., 1st. Aus. Div. Art

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.
(Series II.)

27th October, 1917.

1. The 4th Canadian Division will attack and capture DECEASED CORSE this evening.
2. The 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery Group will co-operate as under:-
3. "C" Group will fire on their 18-prs. S.O.S.Line.
4. "C" and "D" Groups will both fire on their 4.5 How. S.O.S.Lines
5. All fire will cease unless further required at Zero plus 30.
6. Rates of fire will be as follows:-
 - 18-prs:- Zero to plus 5. - 4 rds.per Gun per min.
 - Plus 5. to plus 10. - 2rds. " " " "
 - Plus 10.to plus 30. - 1.rd. " " " "
- 4.5" Hows :-
Half above rates.
7. Zero hour will be 9-30.p.m. 27th inst.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE: *by wire*

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Brigade Major., 1st.Aust.Div.Arty.

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"D" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY OPERATION
ORDER No. 6.

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By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. Commanding.

Headquarters;
28th. October 1917.

1. The action of "D" Group Artillery on 29th. October 1917 will be as follows.
2. Batteries will take lanes allotted them on sketch map issued with "D" Group Operation Order No. 1.
3. At Zero Hour - 5.15 a.m. - "D" Group will fire as follows :-
Starting Point - ARMY BARRAGE LINE E.19.A.60.90 to D.18.B.95.00.
4. Time Table :-
All 18-pdrs. less 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries and 1 section of 1st. Battery.

| | | |
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| Zero to Zero plus 3. | - | ARMY BARRAGE LINE. |
| Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 6. | | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | do. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | do. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | do. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | do. |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | do. |
| " " 21 " " 24. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| " " 24 " " 27. | | do. |
| " " 27 " " 30. | | Drop 100 yards. |
| Zero plus 30. | | <u>S T O P.</u> |

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| Zero to Zero plus 3. | - | 4.5" Hows. | 2nd. Battery. |
| Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 6. | | ARMY BARRAGE LINE plus 100. | ARMY BARRAGE LINE plus 100. |
| " " 6 " " 9. | | Lift 100 yards. | Lift 100 yards. |
| " " 9 " " 12. | | do. | do. |
| " " 12 " " 15. | | do. | do. |
| " " 15 " " 18. | | Drop 100 yards. | <u>S T O P.</u> |
| " " 18 " " 21. | | Same as 12 to 15. | Drop 200 yards. |
| " " 21 " " 27. | | | Go on. |
| " " 27 " " 30. | | Drop 100 yards. | Drop 100 yards. |
| Zero plus 30. | | do. | do. |
| | | Lift 100 yards. | Lift 500 yards. |
| | | <u>S T O P.</u> | <u>S T O P.</u> |

5. Expenditure :- 18-pdrs. 1½ rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 2-3rds. of a round per gun per minute.
Ammunition :- 50% "A". 50% "AX".
6. In addition to above all Batteries in Group will expend in Bursts of Fire :-
18-pdrs. 120 rounds. 4.5" Hows. 170 rounds.
per battery in harassing fire (two-thirds of this to be expended during hours of darkness) directed on roads - tracks - strong points - dumps &c. in Group Zone ~~to~~ East of Army Barrage Starting Line.
7. There will be silent periods from :-
8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
and 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Kahwe
Captain.
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION. "D" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY OPERATIONS ORDER No. 8.

- 1. Retained. D.D. Denial. E. T. DEAN. By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN.
- 2. War Diary.
- 3. 1st. Battery.
- 4. 2nd. " " October 1917.
- 5. 3rd. " "
- 6. 101st. " " The section of "D" Group Artillery on 1 October 1917 will be as follows.
- 7. 4th. Battery.
- 8. 4A. " "
- 9. 5th. " " Batteries will take lines allotted in the map issued with "D" Group Operations Order No. 1.
- 10. 6th. " " "
- 11. 102nd. " " "
- 12. 1st. Aust. Div. Art. 5.15 a.m. - 5.15 p.m. at zero hour - as follows:
- 13. Bde. Major Inf. Bde.
- 14. Group "B".
- 15. Group "C".

Time Table: All 18-pdrs. less 2nd and 3rd Batteries and 1 section of 1st. Battery.

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- 5. Expenditure: 18-pdrs. 1 1/2 rounds per gun per minute. 4.5" Hows. 2-3 rds. of a round per gun per minute.
- 6. Ammunition: 500 "A". 500 "AK".
- 7. In addition to above all Batteries in Group will expend in bursts of fire: 18-pdrs. 150 rounds. 4.5" Hows: 150 rounds per battery in harassing fire (two-thirds of this to be expended during hours of darkness) directed on roads - tracks - strong points - dumps etc. in Group zone of Army Barrage Starting Line.
- 8. There will be silent periods from: 8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE. Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

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INSTRUCTION NO. 26.

HEADQUARTERS,
25th October 1917.

1. S.O.S. LINE.

The S.O.S. Line on the Divisional Front after the attack will be as follows, unless otherwise ordered :-

D 24 a 2 0 - D 18 c 6 0 - D 18 b 1085

*D 18 c 75.55"
(BM 114)
26.10.17*

2. Days after "O", will be known as "P (a)", "Q (a)", "R (a)", "S (a)", etc..

3. ACTION "P (a)" Day :-

Artillery action for "P (a)" Day will be as follows :-

5.20 a.m., an ARMY Barrage on front of Xth, 1st ANZAC. and Canadian Corps.

Starting line as for ARMY Barrage issued with INSTRUCTION NO. 24, viz, on Corps front -

E 25 c 5 2 - E 13 c 5 0 - D 12 d 4500.

Lifts and timings of Barrage are shown on attached diagram. (Groups only).

"P (a)" A Barrage :-

Rates of fire as for previous bombardment barrages i.e. 18-prs., 2 and 4.5" Hows. 1 round per gun per minute.

4. There will be bursts of fire at Bombardment Barrage rates at 8.45 p.m. to 8.51 p.m. and at 9.10 p.m. to 9.16 p.m.

This fire will take the form of a Standing Barrage in depth "A" and "B" Barrage. -

"A" Barrage on the line E 19 a 6 9 to D 12 b 1085

"B" Barrage 200 yards East of above.

There will be silent periods at -

8.51 p.m. to 9.10 p.m.,
10. p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

unless firing is required in response to S.O.S. Signals.

5. ACTION ON "Q (a)" Day :-

On "Q (a)" Day the following will be the programme :-

ARMY Barrage at 5.30 a.m., Starting Line as on "P (a)" Day. Lifts and timing are shown on "Q (a)" A Barrage Diagram attached (Groups only).

Rates of fire as on "P (a)" Day.

INSTRUCTION NO. 26 (Continued).

6. There will be bursts of fire as on "P (a)" Day at

8.15 p.m. to 8.21 p.m..
9.33 p.m. to 9.41 p.m..

7. There will be silent periods -

8.21 p.m. to 8.40 p.m.
11 p.m. to 11.30 p.m..

8. Should Attack No. 7 take place on "S (a)" Day the following action will take place on "R (a)" Day :-

ARMY Barrage at 5.15 a.m., Starting Line as on "P (a)" Day.
Lifts and timing as on attached Diagram for "R (a) A Barrage (Groups only).

9. There will be silent periods -

8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m..

10. COUNTER BATTERY WORK :-

Vigorous Counter-Battery work is being maintained.
"C" GROUP will answer A.P. Calls in Square E.Y..

11. HARASSING FIRE :-

Harassing fire will be maintained on communications by "C" GROUP, 720 rounds A and AX and 240 rounds BX being fired each day (two thirds by night and one third by day).

12. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

Completed

DISTRIBUTION :-

Major, R.A.,
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| 21 5th Aus. D.A.. | 31 R.C.. |
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| 23 1st Aus. Div.. | (33 |
| 24 1st Aus. Inf. Bde.. | (34 Diary. |
| 25 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.. | (35 |
| 26 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.. | |
| 27 H.A., 1st ANZAC.. | ---- |
| 28 57th H.A.G.. | |

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

HEADQUARTERS.
28th October, 1917.

"C" Group.
"D" Group.

Reference 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions
No.26. paras. 8. & 9.

The action detailed therein for R (a) day will be carried
out as ordered.

ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Alec M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major., 1st.Aust.Div.Arty.

"C" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.
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205 barrage line is not to be brought back west of line ordered in 4th Aust ID A instructions no-26 para 1 without orders from this office and Addressed Card D group repeated previous copies to the Aust Inf brigade.

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| FROM | <i>4th Aust ID A</i> |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INSTRUCTION No. 1.
(Series II.)

27th October, 1917

1. Reference 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions No. 26., the following amendments will be made:-

(21)

Q.(a) A and R. (a) A. Barrages.

Each group will only employ -

24. 18-prs.

12. 4.5 Hows.

Rates of fire will be in rounds per Gun per minute,
18-prs. 1 1/2. 4.5 Hows. 2/3rds.

These rates of fire will also be employed in the bursts of fire.

2. The Dumps at gun positions will be ^{maintained} at 400. rds. 18-pr. and 250 rds. 4.5 How.

3. In addition to the above the allotment per Gun for use between noon P.(a) day and noon T.(a) day is 480. rds. 18-pr. and 4.5 How.

4. This will be used as follows:-

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Barrages Q.(a) & R.(a) days. | 18-pr. | 4.5 How. |
| To be on hand midnight R.(a)/S.(a) in addition to dumps in para.2 - | 90. | 30. |
| Harrasing fire and all other purposes - | 150. | 100. |
| | <u>240.</u> | <u>350.</u> |
| | <u>480.</u> | <u>480.</u> |

In other words 60. rds. 18-pr. and 85. rds. 4.5 How. per Gun are available per diem for Harrasing fire and all other purposes other than Barrages between noon P.(a) and noon T.(a) excluding the attack on S.(a) Day.

All the above figures are calculated on 36. 18-prs & 12. Howitzers per group.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE ON SLIP ATTACHED.
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| 20. | 5th. Aust. D.A. |
| 21. | H.A., 1st ANZAC. |
| 22. | 1st. Aust. Div. |
| 23. | 1st. Aust. Inf. Cde. |
| 24. | 2nd. " " " |
| 25. | 3rd. " " " |
| 26. | H.A., 1st ANZAC. |
| 27. | 57th. H.A.G. |
| 28. | C.R.A. |
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DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE

Attack (7) Mirus 1 Day

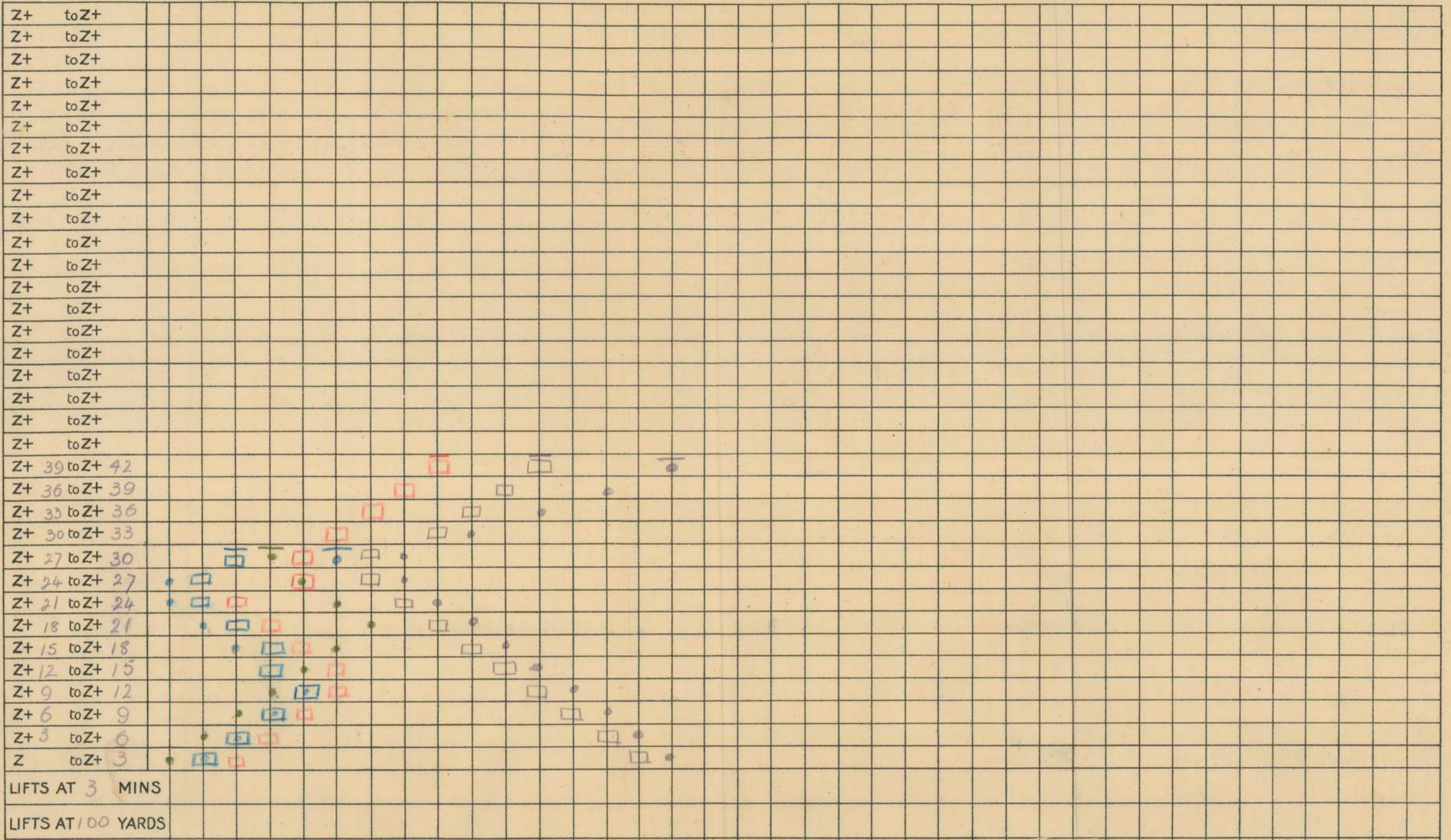
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4.5" How. □

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D
6" How. □

E
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8" 49.2" How. □



LIFTS AT 3 MINS

LIFTS AT 100 YARDS

START
Hundreds of Yards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

Army Barrage on Attack (6) plus 1 Day — DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE —

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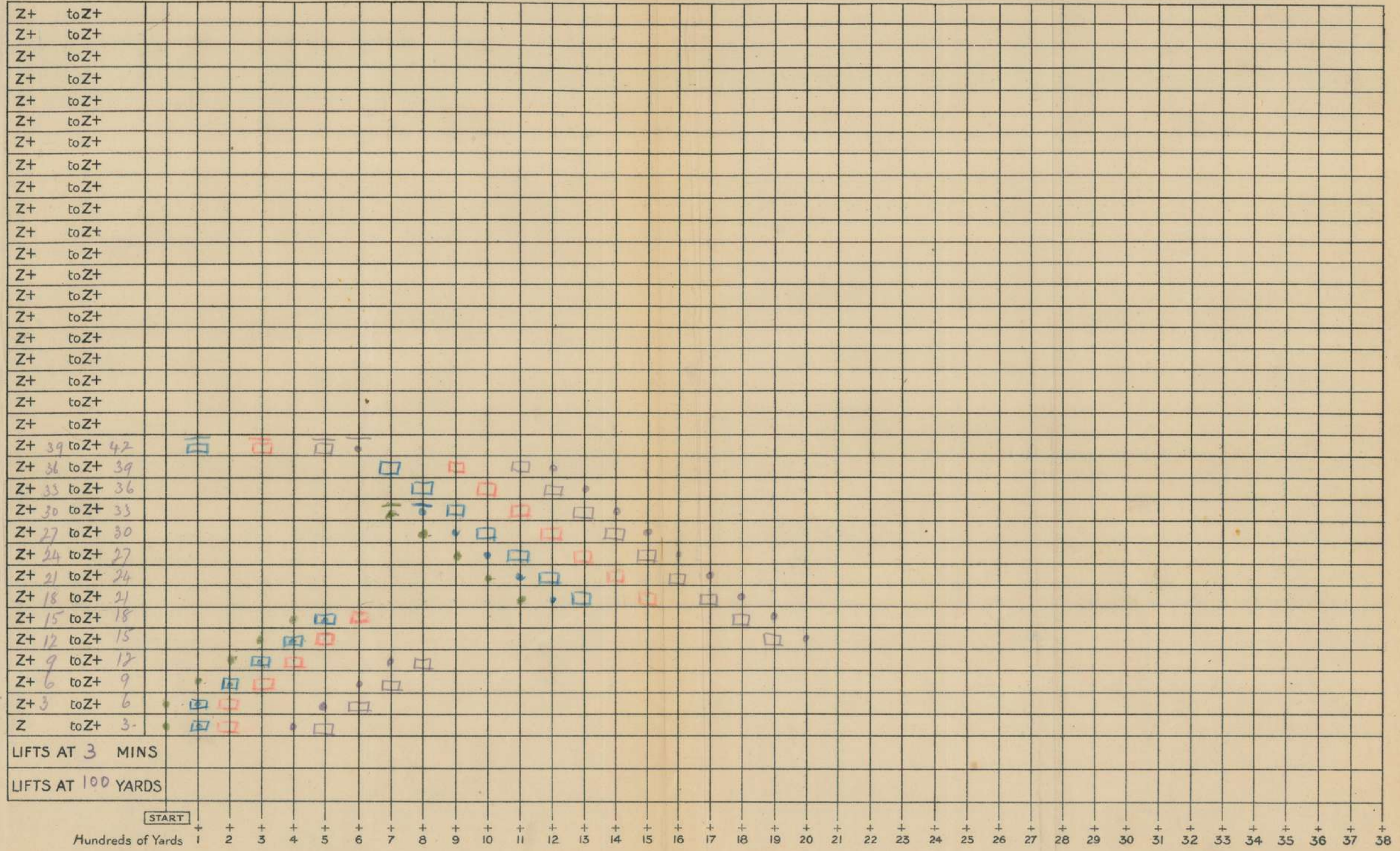
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D
6" How. □

E
60-pr •
8" 19.2" How. □

Pa(A)



LIFTS AT 3 MINS

LIFTS AT 100 YARDS

START

Hundreds of Yards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

D Pump Qa

DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE

A
18 pr. ●

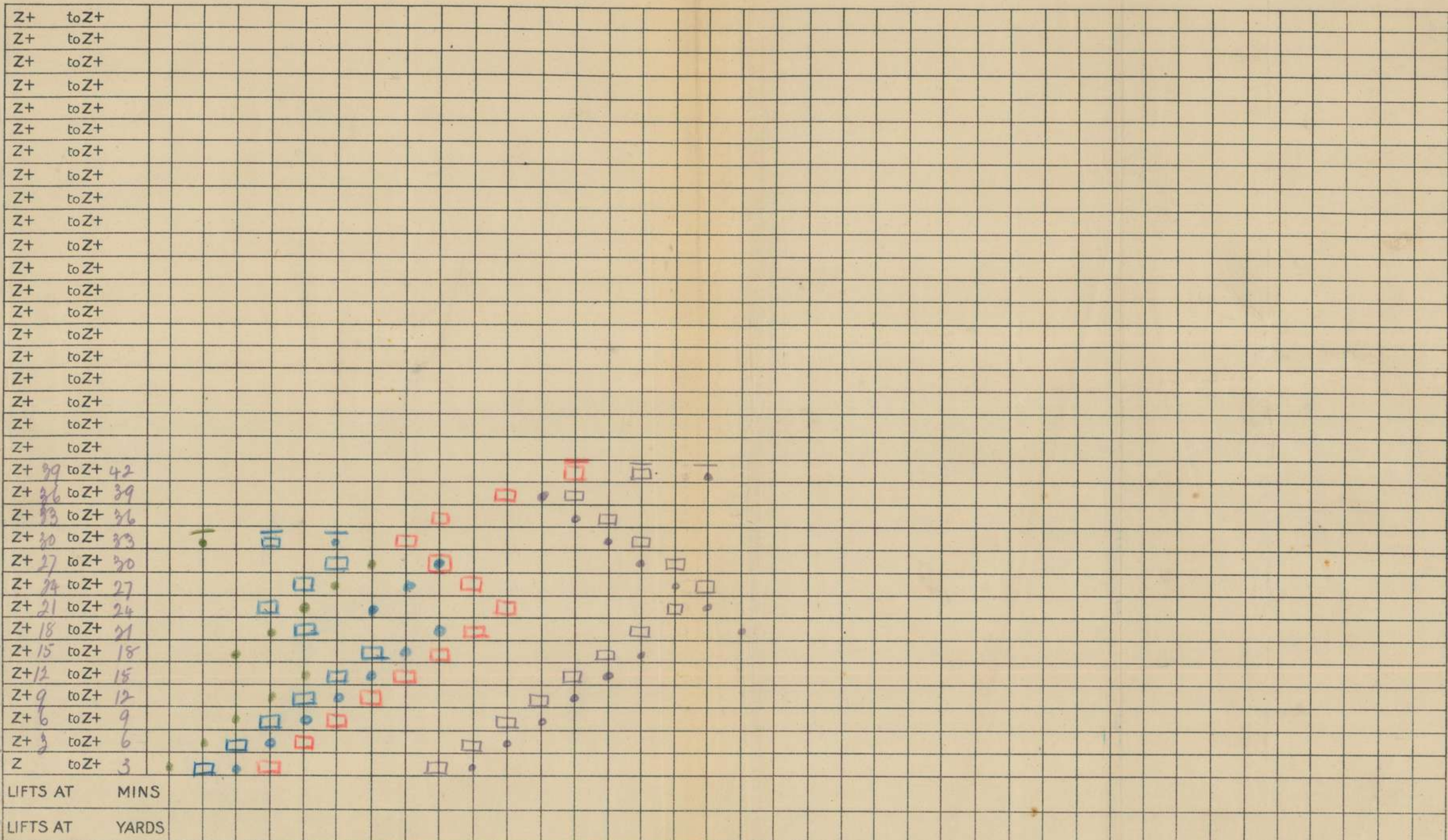
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45" How. □

C
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D
6" How. □

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8" + 9.2" How. □

Qa (A)



START

Hundreds of Yards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

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-----INSTRUCTION No. 4.

(Series II.)

28th Oct 1917

1. The 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade is relieving the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade in the Line on the 30th inst, and night 30th/31st October, 1917.
2. The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade (less 3rd Aust Bn.) is moving up on the 30th instant to the YPRES Area into Divisional Support and is taking the accommodation at present occupied by the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
3. The 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade on relief is moving back into the Canal Area, into Divisional Reserve and is taking over accommodation at present occupied by the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.
4. The G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. assumes command of the forward area on completion of relief.
5. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

Alce. M. Forbes Major.

Brigade Major., 1st. Aus. Div. Art. Group.

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HEADQUARTERS.
28th October, 1917.

"C" Group.
 "D" Group. ✓
 1st. Aus. Div.
 4th. Canadian D.A.
5th Aust. D.A.

18-pr. S.O.S. Line now runs as follows:-

"D" Group. As detailed in 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Group Instruction
No. 2.

"C" Group. D.18.C.75.52. - D.18.A.90.05.
-D.18.B.35.35. → D.18.B.20.85.

Alec M. Forbes

Major.

Brigade Major., 1st. Aus. Div. Art. Group.

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APPENDIX
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"D" GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 7.

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By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
28th. October 1917.

1. The S. O. S. LINES of "D" Group Batteries are changed as follows and will be adopted forthwith.
2. Line running D.24.C.20.95 - D.18.C.60.00 - D.18.C.75.55 is divided as under :-

3.

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | D.24.C.20.95 | - | D.24.A.42.52. |
| 2nd. " | - | D.18.C.60.05 | - | D.18.C.75.52. x |
| 3rd. " | - | D.24.C.20.95 | - | D.24.A.42.52. |
| 4th. " | - | D.24.A.42.52 | - | D.24.A.50.75. |
| 4.A. " | - | D.24.A.50.75 | - | D.18.C.60.05. |
| 5th. " | - | D.24.A.42.52 | - | D.18.C.60.05. |
| 6th. " | - | D.18.C.60.05 | - | D.18.C.75.52. (|

4. 101st. Battery will put 1 Section on each of following :-
E.13.A.1.0. and E.13.A.72.00.

90.65.

and 1 Section sweeping from E.13.C.90.25 to E.13.C.~~90.25~~.

4. 102nd. Battery will put 1 Section on each of following :-
E.13.C.47.15; E.13.C.30.45 and E.13.C.15.70.

5. Battery Commanders will register as soon as possible.
6. LIAISON BARRAGE.

(a) "D" Group will be prepared to assist the Right Division on the code call -
"HELP FLINTE"
and will barrage from D.30.A.00.11 - D.29.B.60.80 - D.24.A.2.0.

(b) On receipt of this call the undermentioned Batteries will switch on Zones as follows :-

- | | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|---------------|
| 2nd. Battery | - | D.24.A.20.00 | - | D.23.D.92.45. |
| 3rd. " | - | D.23.D.92.45 | - | D.29.B.60.80. |
| 4th. " | - | D.29.B.60.80 | - | D.29.B.80.47. |
| 4.A. " | - | D.29.B.80.47 | - | D.30.A.00.11. |

101st. Battery - 2 guns on area D.24.C.26.43 -
D.24.C.30.50.
2 guns M.G. - D.30.A.20.90.
2 guns - - D.24.D.72.45.

Battery Commanders will be prepared to switch at once on receipt of above call.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. ...
Captain.
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

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"D" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

29th. October 1917.

CORRIGENDA. Re OPERATION ORDER No. 7.

- 1. Targets given for 101st. Battery in para. 6 - sub-para (b) - are cancelled and following substituted :-

101st. Battery :-

| | | | |
|---|------|------------------|---------------|
| 2 | How. | on Cross Roads | D.30.B.27.89. |
| 2 | " | " " " " | D.24.D.20.70. |
| 1 | How. | on Road - | D.24.D.17.95. |
| 1 | " | on Road Junction | D.24.D.80.90. |

- 2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

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- 3. 101st. Battery.
- 4. 1st. Aust. Div. Art.
- 5. "B" Group.

Corrigenda

Re OO No 7.

Targets given for 101st Battery in Para 6.B are cancelled & following substituted.

101st Battery

- 2 Hows on Cross Roads D30 B 27.89
- 2 " " do do D24 D 20.70
- 1 How " Road D24 D 17.95
- 1 " " Road junction D24 D 80.90

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"D" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

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Operation Order No. 8.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters; 29th. October 1917.

1. On 30th. October 1917 the Canadian Corps will continue operation against the PASCHENDALE RIDGE. The action of "D" Group will be as follows :-
2. ZERO HOUR will be ~~5.50. a.m.~~ 5.50. a.m.
3. The 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries will come under the orders of C.O. "C" Group for operation and will receive orders direct from "C" Group.
4. The 4th. Battery will carry out task as in para. 12 of this order.
5. Starting Line will be E.13.C.56.10 to D.18.D.55.80. Batteries will cover as follows :-

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | E.13.C.56.10 | - | E.13.C.20.32. |
| 5th. Battery | - | E.13.C.20.32 | - | D.18.D.90.55. |
| 6th. Battery | - | D.18.D.90.55 | - | D.18.D.55.80. |

101st. Battery)
 102nd. Battery) :- will be superimposed over Group Zone.
 4.A. Battery) Their Starting Line will be as above plus 100 yards.
6. Time Table :- 1st; 5th. and 6th. Batteries.

| | | | | |
|------|--------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Zero | to | Zero plus 8. | - | Starting Line. |
| " | plus 8 | to Zero plus 12. | Lift | 125 yards. |
| " | " 12 | " " " | 16. | do. |
| " | " 16 | " " " | 20. | do. |
| " | " 20 | " " " | 24. | Lift 50 yards. |
| " | " 24 | " " " | 28. | do. |
| " | " 28 | " " " | 32. | do. |
| " | " 32 | " " " | 36. | do. |
| " | " 36 | " " " | 40. | do. |
| | | Zero plus 40. | <u>S T O P.</u> | |

4.A. 101st. and 102nd. Batteries will conform to above Time Table but Starting Point will be plus 100 yards.
7. Rates of Fire:- 18-pdrs. 1½ rounds per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 2-3rds. of a round ~~per gun per minute.~~
8. Ammunition :- 75% "A". 25% "AX".
9. For two hours - commencing at Zero plus ~~45~~ 45' - Batteries will keep portion of the DROOGEN BROODHOEK Spur and the country in E.13.B. and D. and E.14.A. and B. - which lie in "D" Group Zone - under fire.
Fire to be delivered in bursts at frequent intervals.
1st; 5th. and 6th. Batteries will take section opposite their barrage lane.
4.A. Battery will switch about on any points in Group Lane.
101st. and 102nd. Batteries will shoot on Buildings - Tracks and Roads in Group Zone as far back as ~~Central~~ grid in E.14.
Eastern

"D" Group Operation Order No. 8. (2).

10. Ammunition :- 18-pdrs. will expend 500 rounds and 4.5" Hows.
375 rounds per Battery on this task.
11. 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries, will not come back to this Group
until after this bombardment.
12. 4th. Battery from Zero to Zero plus 60' - Search and Sweep
within the limits of the area :-
D.18.A.90.30 - D.18.A.90.00 - E.13.A.10.00 -
- E.13.A.00.65 - D.18.A.90.30.
- Rate of Fire :- 2 rounds per gun per minute.
From Zero plus 60' conform as in para. 9.
13. On the evening of 30th. October 1917 there will be a
silent period from 8.6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
14. **ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.**

Laney
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

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3. 1st. Battery.
4. 2nd. "
5. 3rd. "
6. 101st. "
7. 4th. "
8. 4.A. "
9. 5th. "
10. 6th. "
11. 102nd. "
12. 1st. Aust. Div. Art.
13. Brigade Major 2nd. Inf. Bde.
14. "B" Group.
15. "C" Group.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP
INSTRUCTION. No.5.

Headquarters
29th Octr.1917.

1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde is sending a standing patrol to DECOY WOOD to-night, 29th/30th Oct., withdrawing before Zero hour to-morrow and reporting results.
2. From night 30th/31st Oct. onwards, the Inf. Bde in the line will maintain a post in DECOY WOOD at night as a protection to the R. flank of the 4th Canadian Division, which is being advanced towards VIENNA COTTAGES.
3. Arrangements are being made for a regular patrol towards ASSYRIA at varying hours.
This patrol will, as a rule move via RHINE COPSE.
4. Close Liaison will be kept with the Infantry so as to keep in touch with the movements of this patrol.
5. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

W. M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art Group

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| 24. | 1st Aust Div. |
| 25. | 1st Aust Inf Bde. |
| 26. | 2nd Aust Inf. Bde. |
| 27. | 3rd Aust Inf Bde. |
| 28. | H.A. 1st ANZAC. |
| 29. | 57th H.A.G. |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INSTRUCTION No. 6.

(Series II.)

29th October, 1917.

Reference para. 1. of 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Group Instruction No. 5. issued to-day.

1. The 1st. Aust. Div. is now responsible for the denial of DECOY WOOD to the enemy during and subsequent to tomorrow's operation.
2. The 4th Canadian Division will attack the two Pill-boxes on the neck of the KEIBERG SPUR, about D.18.A.8.4. at Zero plus 1. hour tomorrow.
3. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. are occupying DECOY WOOD to-night 29th/30th October, with a post of 1. Officer and half a Platoon (about 15 men.) with a Lewis Gun, who will remain in occupation of the Wood during daylight tomorrow, 30th inst.
4. Their role is to deny the Wood to the enemy and to protect the right rear of the Canadians at D.18.A.8.4. during and after the operations.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Alec M. Forbes

Major.

Brigade Major., 1st. Aust. Div. Art. Group.

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"C" GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 4.

Headquarters,
29th. October, 1917.

1. First Australian Divisional Artillery Group Order No. 1. (series II), and amendment No. 1. to Order No. 1 are issued herewith to "C" Group Batteries.

2. (a) Offensive Zones are allotted to Batteries as under:-

13th. and 10th. Batteries.-
Between lines D.18.a.45.55 - D.18.b.63.95 and
D.18.a.82.37 - D.18.b.98.72.

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15th. and 12th. Batteries.-
Between lines D.18.a.82.37 - D.18.b.98.72 and
D.18.b.20.05 - E.13.a.35.46.

14th. and 11th. Batteries.-
Between lines D.18.b.20.05 - E.13.a.35.46 and
D.18.d.55.80 - E.13.a.70.20.

2nd. Battery.-
Between lines D.18.a.45.55 - D.18.b.63.95 and
D.18.b.03.14 - E.13.a.15.58.

3rd. Battery.-
Between lines D.18.b.03.14 - E.13.a.15.58 and
D.18.d.55.80 - E.13.a.70.20.

104th. Howitzer Battery.-
Between lines D.18.a.45.55 - D.18.b.63.95 and
D.18.a.82.37 - D.18.b.98.72.

105th. Howitzer Battery.-
Between lines D.18.a.82.37 - D.18.b.98.72 and
D.18.b.20.05 - E.13.a.35.46.

Howitzer Composite Battery.-
Between lines D.18.b.20.05 - E.13.a.35.46 and
D.18.d.55.80 - E.13.a.70.20.

(b) Batteries are detailed for "A" and "B" Barrages as under.-
"C" Group.- "A" Barrage.
2nd. and 3rd. Batteries. "B" Barrage.

(c) "C" Group (including 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries) Barrage Graph is forwarded herewith.

3. C.O. "D" Group has allotted 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries to "C" Group for the purpose of this Barrage.

4. The 13th., 14th., and 15th. Batteries are detailed to put down the Smoke Screen, and the line is apportioned as under.-

13th. Battery.- D.18.b.60.40 - D.18.b.98.66.
14th. " D.18.b.95.64 - E.13.a.32.90.
15th. " E.13.a.30.88 - E. 7.c.62.12.

5. Referring to 1st. Aust. Div. Artillery Group Order No. 1 (series II) Paras. 10, 11, and 12. Zones for "C" Group (including 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries) are as above.

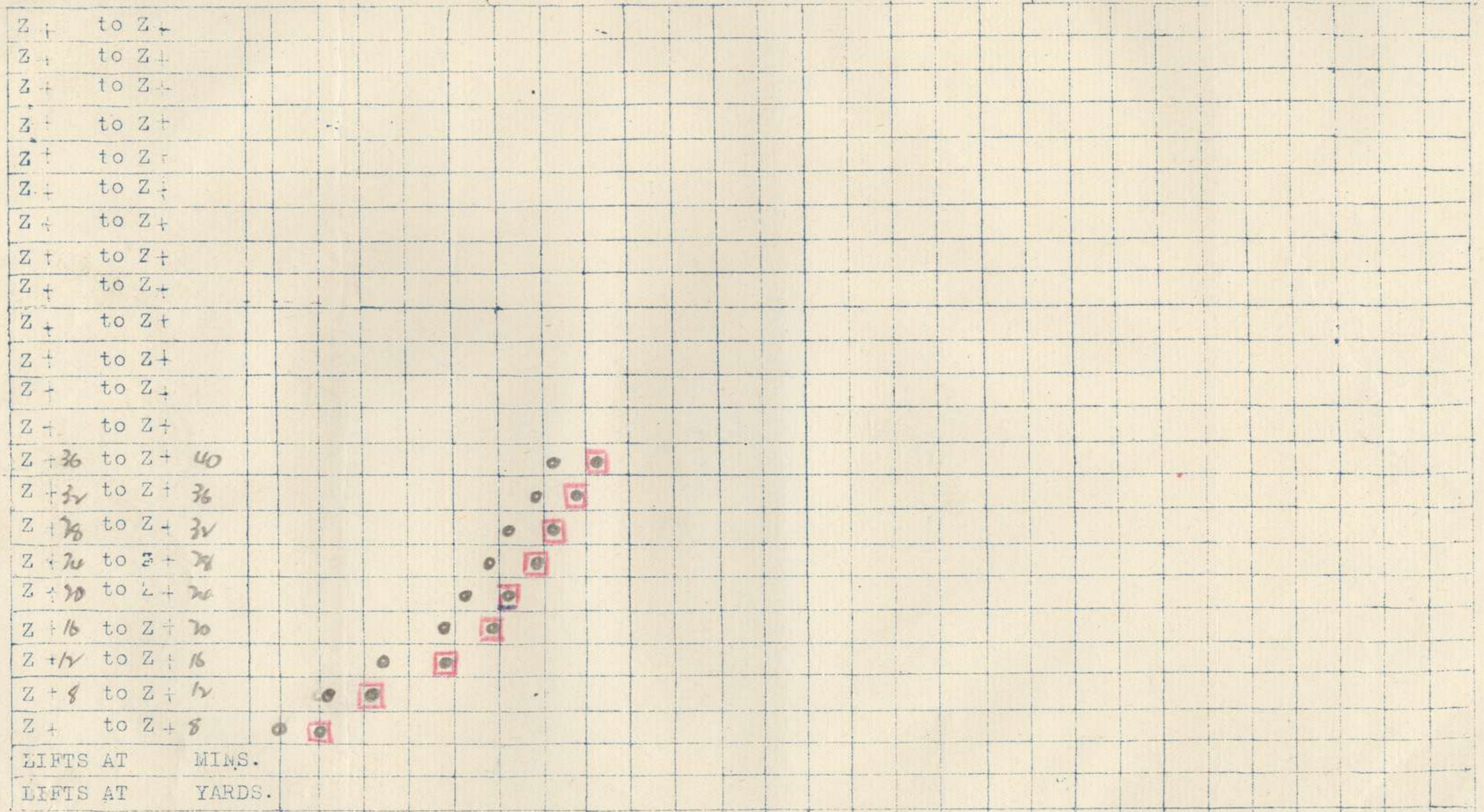
6. Ammunition. "C" Group, less 10th. Battery.-
300 rounds per Battery. 2nd., 3rd. & 10th. Batteries.-
200 rounds per Battery. 104th., 105th. and How. Composite Btys.-
250 rounds per Battery.

[Signature]
Lieut.
Adjutant "C" Group Artillery.

A Barrage 18 Lavo
B do do 4 1/2" S. Hows

DIAGRAM FOR BARRAGE

5 (a)



Start
 Hundreds of Yards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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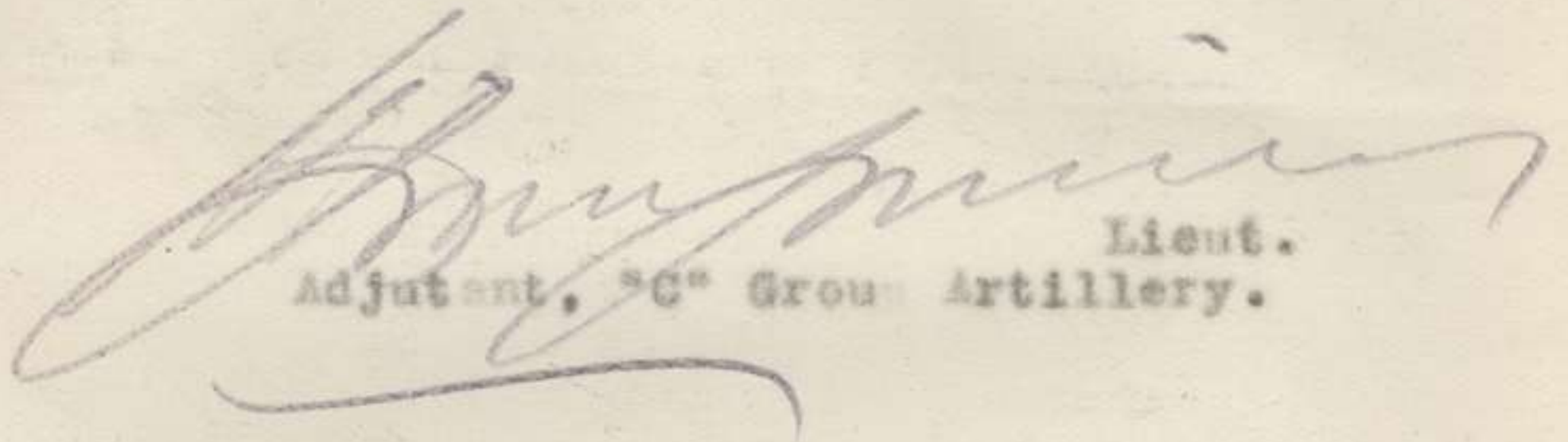
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"C" GROUP ARTILLERY-
AMENDMENT 1. TO ORDER No. 4.

For 11th. Battery alter to read 18-Pdr. Composite Battery,
in all cases.


Lieut.
Adjutant, "C" Group Artillery.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

O R D E R No. 1.

SERIES II.

HEADQUARTERS
29th October '17.

1. At Zero hour on "S.a." Day the Canadian Corps is continuing its operation against the PASCHENDAELE Ridge.
2. Zero hour will be 5.50 a.m.
3. A barrage in depth will be placed on the front of the 1st Australian Division.
4. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery Group will fire the "A" Barrage, and the "B" Barrage.
5. The barrage will consist of a starting line (Zero to Zero plus 8) and 8 lifts, (8-12, 12-16, 16-20, etc).
Starting line for "A" Barrage will be the line from D.18.A. 8.8 to E.13.C.56.10. Lifts will be 50 yards in 4 minutes.
Distance between "A" and "B" Barrages, 100 yards.
Rates of fire as for Bombardment Barrages, viz.,
18-pdrs. 1 1/2 rds. per gun per minute.
4.5" Hows. 2/3rd rds. per gun per minute.
6. For the purposes of this barrage, C.O. "D" Group will tell off two 18-pdr batteries to be under the orders of C.O. "C" Group. This will be arranged direct between Group Commanders.
7. C.O. "C" Group will tell off three 18-pdr batteries to put down a smoke screen as under. This will commence at Zero plus 30.
8. This screen will be placed along the line D.18.B.6.4. to E.7.C.4.1.
9. Rates of fire for these batteries (smoke screen) will be as under:-

| Time | Rounds per gun per min. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Plus 30 to plus 35. | 4 |
| Plus 35 to plus 45. | 2 |
| Plus 45 to plus 60. | 3 |
| Plus 60 to plus 70. | 2 |
| Plus 70 to plus 75. | 4 |
| Plus 75 to plus 85. | 3 |
| Plus 85 to plus 90. | 2 |
| Plus 90. Cease firing. | |

10. From Zero plus 45 for 2 hours Groups will keep under fire such portions of the DROOGEN BROODHOEK spur and the country in E.13 and E.14.A. and B., as lie in their Group Zones.
11. Ammunition to be used for this purpose is as under-

| | 18-pdr. | 4.5" How. |
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| "C" Group. | 2000 | 750 |
| "D" Group. | 2000 | 750 |

12. For the purposes of this bombardment the two batteries of "D" Group mentioned in para 5., will remain with "C" Group.

/They ---

P.T.O.

Group. They will come under the orders of C.O. "D" Group again on completion of this bombardment.

13. On the evening of Attack Day (7) there will be a silent period along the whole Second Army front from :-
8.6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

14. Groups to acknowledge by wire, remainder on slip attached.

Alec M. Forbes

Major.

Brigade Major 1st Aust Div Art Group.

DISTRIBUTION.

| Copy No. | Issued to |
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| 1-11. | "C" Group. |
| 12-20. | "D" Group. |
| 21. | 2nd Aust D.A. |
| 22. | 5th Aust D.A. |
| 23. | 4th Canadian Div. Art. |
| 24. | R.A., 1st ANZAC. |
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| 34. | File. |
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

AMENDMENT No. 1 to Order No 1.

29th October 1917.

Para 5 of Order No 1 is cancelled and the following substituted.

5. The barrage will consist of starting line (Zero to zero plus 8) and 8 lifts (8-12, 12-16, 16-20, etc).

Starting line for "A" Barrage will be the line from D 18 A 45.55 to E 13 C 56.10.

Lifts will be 125 yards in 4 minutes for first 3 lifts and 50 yards in 4 minutes for last 5 lifts.

Distance between "A" and "E" Barrages 100 yards.

Rates of fire as for Bombardment Barrages viz.,

18 prs $1\frac{1}{2}$ rds per gun per minute.

4.5" Hows $\frac{2}{3}$ rd rd per gun per minute.

Groups to acknowledge by wire, remainder on slip attached,

Alec. W. Forbes
Major.
Bde. Major 1st Aust. Div. Art. Group.

To all recipients of order No 1.

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"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121 (in pads of 100). No. of Message

| | | | | | | | |
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| Prefix | Code | m. | Words | Charge | This message is on a/c of: | Recd. at | m. |
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TO { "D" Group 1st Aust. Div.
 "C" Group 4th Canadian D.A.

| | | | |
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| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| * BM 341 | 29 | | Group |

Reference 1st Aust. Div. Art. Order
 No 1 AAA C.O. "D" Group will
 detach one 18 pdr. battery to
 search and sweep from zero to
 zero + 60 therefore within the limits
 of the area D.18. a. 9.3 - D.18 a. 9.0
 - E.13. a. 1.0 - E.13. a. 00.65 -
 D.18. a. 9.3 AAA Rate of fire for
 this battery for this period will
 be 2 rds per gun per minute
 AAA At zero + 60 this battery will
 conform to para 10. of above order
 AAA Please acknowledge

From 1st Aust. Div. Art.
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
 6.30 P.M. (Z) The M. Forbes

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
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 750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ld. 6/16. Col. Major 1st Aust. Div. Art.

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| Office of Origin and Service Instructions. | | | Sent | | | Service. |
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| | | | To..... | | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") | By..... |
| | | | By..... | | | |

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| TO | <i>C Group</i> | <i>1st Aust. Div.</i> |
| | <i>D Group</i> | <i>4th Canadian D.A.</i> |

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| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| * <i>BM 343</i> | <i>30</i> | | |

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| <i>S.O.S. Line on Divisional front</i> | | | |
| <i>now runs as follows AAA</i> | | | |
| <i>D.24. C.20.95. - D.18. C.60.00 -</i> | | | |
| <i>D.18. a. 90.05 - D.18. b. 35.35 -</i> | | | |
| <i>D.12. d. 60.00 AAA</i> | | | |
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| From | <i>1st Aust. Div. Arty.</i> |
| Place | |
| Time | <i>3.P.M.</i> |

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| <i>The above may be forwarded as now corrected.</i> | (Z) <i>W.C.M. Forbes Maj.</i> |
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"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

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(In books of 100.)

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| Prefix.....Code.....Words..... <i>e s. d.</i> | Received From..... By..... | Sent, or sent out At.....m. To..... By..... | Office Stamp. |
| Charges to collect | | | |
| Service Instructions. | | | |

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO *D group*

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| Sender's Number <i>BMY 344</i> | Day of Month <i>30</i> | In reply to Number | AAA |
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*Reference to BMY 343 for first
Coordinate read D 34 C 20. 75
instead of D 24 B 2095*

(140)

10th Aust Div Army

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| Service Instructions. | | | | By..... | |
| Handed in at..... | | | Office..... | m. Received..... | m. |

TO *Lt group*

*Sender's Number *346* Day of Month *30* In reply to Number *AAA*

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Learning night</i> | | | | |
| <i>4.5 hours</i> | | | | |
| <i>attention to</i> | | | | |
| | | | <i>KIEBERG</i> | <i>SPUR</i> |
| <i>8-30</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>120 rds.</i> | <i>per Regt.</i> |
| <i>10</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>2</i> | | |
| <i>12</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> | | |
| <i>2</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>4A</i> | <i>John Dewey</i> |
| <i>4</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>5</i> | | |
| <i>6</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>6</i> | | |
| | | <i>8,30</i> | <i>11,30</i> | <i>101</i> |
| | | <i>4</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>102</i> |
| | | <i>E 13</i> | <i>14</i> | <i>9</i> |

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Sent At m. To By

This message is on a/c of: Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

Recd. at m. Date From By

TO { C Group
D Group ✓

1st Aust. Div.
4th Canadian Div.

Sender's Number. * BM 347 Day of Month. 31 In reply to Number. AAA

S.O.S. line on Divisional front
now runs as follows AAA

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| D. 24. C. 20.95 | - D. 18. c. 60.00 | - |
| D. 18. c. 75.52 | - D. 18. a. 90.05 | - |
| D. 18. b. 35.35 | - D. 12. d. 80.05 | |

acknowledge ✓

From 1st Aust. Div. Arty

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Alec. M. Forbes Major

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY GROUP.

INSTRUCTION No 7.
(Series II.)

30th Oct. 1917

1. A Barrage will be put down tomorrow T(a) Day, as under:-
 - (a) Starting line, lifts, and rates of fire as for barrage on R(a) Day, detailed in 4th Aust.Div. Arty.Instruction No. 26, para8. and diagram attached to it.
 - (b) Hour of commencement will be 5-30.a.m.
2. Groups to acknowledge by wire.

Alec M. Forbes Major.
Brigade Major., 1st. Aus.Div. Art.Group.

DISTRIBUTION:-

To all recipients of Instruction No. 2.

SECRET.

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"D" GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 9.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
30th. October 1917.

1. Harassing Fire will be carried out on night 30/31st. October 1917 by "D" Group as follows.

2. Roster.

| | | |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | from 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. |
| 2nd. " | - | " 10.00 p.m. to 12.00 midnight. |
| 3rd. " | - | " 12.00 midnight to 2.00 a.m. |
| 4th. and) | | |
| 4A.) " " " | - | " 2.00 a.m. to 4.00 a.m. |
| 5th. Battery | - | " 4.00 a.m. to 6 a.m. |
| 6th. " | - | " 6.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. |
| 101st. " | - | " 8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. |
| 102nd. " | - | " 4.00 a.m. to 7.00 a.m. |

3. Targets. 18-pdrs. will search and sweep roads - tracks and strong points in E.13. - 14. and 9. in Group Zone.

4.5" Hows. will pay particular attention to that portion of KEIBURG SPUR opposite Group Zone. They will also keep Battery position at E.20.B.3.5. under fire.

4. All fire to be delivered in short bursts at irregular but frequent intervals.

5. Expenditure :- 120 rounds per battery.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery. Captain.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1. Retained.
2. War Diary.
3. 1st. Battery.
4. 2nd. "
5. 3rd. "
6. 101st. "
7. 4th. "
8. 4A. "
9. 5th. "
10. 6th. "
11. 102nd. "
12. 1st. Aust. Div. Art.
13. Bde. Major 2nd. Inf. Bde.
14. "B" Group.
15. "C" Group.

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"D" GROUP OPERATION ORDER No. 10.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
30th. October 1917.

1. S.O.S. Line now runs :-
 D.24.C.20.95 - D.18.C.60.00 - D.18.A.90.05 -
 - D.18.B.35.35 - D.12.D.60.00.
2. "D" Group portion is unaltered and "D" Group Operation Order No. 7 still holds good.
3. (a) Tomorrow - 31st. October 1917 - "D" Group will repeat Operation Order No. 6 - with following exceptions.
 (b) Zero Hour will be 5.30 a.m.
 (c) Paras. 6 and 7 will be omitted.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lahure
 Captain.
 Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

Copy to all recipients of "D" Group Operation Order No. 7.

In the field

1st F.A. Brigade

Strength Return.

31 - 10 - 17.

| Units | Personnel | | | Horses & Mules | | | | | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|------|----------------|------|-----|------|-------|---------|
| | Off | o/R | T.h. | Off | Rid | L.D | H.D. | Mules | |
| B.M.O. | 2 | 15 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 3 | | | 12. |
| Attached as per War Establishment | 1 | 9 | 10 | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 1st Battery | 5 | 173 | 178 | 6 | 25 | 121 | | 1 | 183 |
| 2nd do | 5 | 165 | 170 | 4 | 22 | 106 | 2 | 15 | 149. |
| 3rd do | 5 | 166 | 171 | 8 | 25 | 105 | 2 | 3 | 143 |
| 10th do | 5 | 139 | 144 | 7 | 24 | 84 | | 9 | 124 |
| Supernumerary | 1 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | 24 | 674 | 698 | 30 | 101. | 419 | 4 | 28 | 582. |

Details attached
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K. H. ...
 CAPTAIN,
 ADJUTANT 1st F.A. BDE. A.I.F.

"D" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 11.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. Commanding.

Headquarters;

31st. October 1917.

1. Harassing Fire will be carried out on night 31st. October/1st. November 1917 by "D" Group as follows.
2. Time Table :-

| | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------|
| 10.30 p.m. to midnight | - | 5th. Battery. |
| midnight to 2.00 a.m. | - | 6th. " |
| 2.00 a.m. to 4.00 a.m. | - | 1st. Battery. |
| 4.00 a.m. to 6.00 a.m. | - | 2nd. " |
| 4.00 a.m. to 6.00 a.m. | - | 102nd. " |
| 6.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. | - | 3rd. " |

101st. Battery - 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. - 31-10-1917.
3. Targets :- 18-pdrs. will search and sweep Roads - Tracks - and Strong Points in E.13. - 14 and 9. in Group Zone. 4.5" Hows. will pay particular attention to that portion of KEIBURG SPUR opposite Group Zone.
4. All fire to be delivered in short bursts at irregular but frequent intervals.
5. Expenditure :- ~~12~~ 120 rounds per battery.
6. Bursts of Fire will also take place as under :-
7. Time :-

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 8.00 p.m. to 8.6 p.m. | Burst of Fire. |
| 8.26 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. | Silent Period. |
| 8.40 p.m. to 8.46 p.m. | Burst of Fire. |
| 10.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. | Silent Period. |
8. Co-ordinates :-

| | | | | |
|------------------|---|--------------|---|---------------|
| 1st. Battery | - | E.13.C.50.00 | - | E.13.C.40.30. |
| 2nd. and 5th.) | - | E.13.c.40.30 | - | E.13.C.30.62. |
| Batteries.) | | | | |
| 3rd. and 6th.) | - | E.13.C.30.62 | - | E.13.A.18.00. |
| Batteries.) | | | | |
| 4th. Battery | - | E.13.C.50.00 | - | E.13.C.45.10. |
| 4A. " | - | E.13.C.45.10 | - | E.13.C.40.30. |
| 101st. & 102nd.) | - | E.13.C.50.00 | - | E.13.A.18.00. |
| Batteries.) | | | | |

4.5" Hows. and 4th. Battery will start on these lines plus 200 yards.
9. Rates of Fire:-

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|------------|--|
| 18-pdrs. | 1½ rounds per gun per minute. |
| 4.5" Hows. | 2-3rds. of a round per gun per minute. |
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Kalms
Captain.
Adjutant "D" Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

Copy to all recipients of "D" Group Operation Order No. 10.