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DeWain Captain,
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan 1	1.30 a.m.	Right Liason asked for retaliation on T.M. at U.6.B.20.00 - 3rd. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
		1.45 a.m.	Left Liason asked asked for retaliation on T.M's. at 0.35.B.29.55. and 0.35.B.37.20. - 1st. Battery fired 20 rounds on each. Right Liason reports shoot on U.6.B.20.00 very satisfactory.	
		8.15 a.m.	Operation Order No. 14 carried out. Left Liason reports T.M. at U.6.A.80.95. - 3rd. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
	Jan. 2		Operation Order No.15 carried out. C.R.A. inspected Corps Line positions with C.O.	
		4.45 p.m.	Left Liason reported active T.M. at U.6.A.95.75 - 101st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
		8.30 p.m.	101st. Battery fired 12 rounds on T.M. at U.6.A.95.75.	
		10.00 p.m.	Right Liason asked for retaliation on T.M. at 0.36.C.central - 2nd. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
		10.15 p.m.	3rd. Battery fired 20 rounds on T.M. sweeping from U.6.B.35.10. to U.6.D.30.90.	
		10.45 p.m.	Night O.P. reported double green flares going up on left of Messines Group Sector. This was accompanied by considerable hostile T.M. activity. S.O.S. went up on left of our left group. Centre group and Left Group both opened on S.O.S. - Messines Group stood to.	
		10.55 p.m.	Centre Group report all quiet again.	
		11.15 p.m.	Messines Group stood down.	
	Jan. 3	10.00 a.m.	Right O.p. reports 4.2" Battery fired 20 rounds into U.3.A. Flashes observed from 0.33.A. 20.30. at a true bearing of 108' Probably in V.8.B. or V.9.A. Rang Counter Batteries and asked for retaliation.	
		10.40 a.m.	Left O.P. reports dense smoke screen in P.27.B. approx. obscuring Wervicq-Began 10.20 a.m.	
		12.45 p.m.	finished 11.20 a.m. Informed Brigade Major Forward section of 1st. Battery report slight shelling by 4.2" Battery at 0.32.central coming from direction of COMINES. - Counter Batteries informed.	
		1.30 p.m.	1st. Battery reported 0.32.central being shelled by two 5.9" Batteries. One from direction of COMINES, one from WARNETON. Counter batteries informed.	
		1.45 p.m.	Shelling from COMINES stopped.	
		4.5 p.m.	0.32. Central again being shelled by 5.9's, about one rounds every 30 seconds from direction of Warneton. Rang Counter Batteries and asked for retaliation.	
		6.25 p.m.	1st. Battery reported 0.31.D. being shelled from direction of WARNETON Counter Batteries asked for retaliation.	
		8.45 p.m.	101st. Battery reported 12 rounds of 4.2" gas shell fell in U.7.A. and D.	
		9.45 p.m.	101st. Battery reported gas shell from 4.2. Battery still falling in U.7.A. and D. About six rounds every ten minutes.	

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L. H. Jones Captain,
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
3rd. Jan	10.20	p.m.	Left Liason reported a 4.2" Battery shelling 0.34.B.10.10. from a Magnetic bearing of 92' Counter Batteries asked for retaliation.	
	10.50	p.m.	Shelling of 0.34.B.10.10. by 4.2's. stopped.	
	11.00	p.m.	On two red flares going up from enemy's lines, a light barrage was put down in 0.28.	
	11.05	p.m.	Brigade Major rang up to report heavy fire on left Battalion of HOLLEBEEKE Group. 4.2's. which opened up on 0.28. on two red flares going up was a grid bearing of 90' from 0.33.A. 40.30. Counter Batteries asked for retaliation. Operation Order No. 16 carried out. Enemy activity most pronounced owing to good visibility.	
4 th. Jan	10.10	p.m.	3rd. Battery reported 4.2's. falling in 0.31.A.50.30. to 0.31.central firing from a True bearing of 89' taken from 0.33.A.40.00 Counter batteries asked for retaliation.	
	11.10	p.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on T.M. at 0.36.D. - 3rd. Battery fired 20 rounds. Operation Order No.17 carried out.	
5 th. Jan.			Operation Order No.18 carried out.	
	1.25	a.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on 0.35.B. central - 3rd. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
	1.50	a.m.	Left Liason reported 10 rounds 18 Pdr. fell short in 0.35.A.50.30. - 3rd. Battery informed.	
	2.20	a.m.	3rd. Battery fired 20 rounds on 0.35.B. central. 2/Lieut. W.M. McKenzie taken on strength of 1st. Battery 2/Lieut. reported for duty from 2nd. Army Artillery School and rejoined 3rd. Battery. Forward section of 1st. Battery brought back from 0.32. Central to 0.31.C.	
6 th. Jan.			Operation Order No.20 carried out.	
	4.40	a.m.	Left Liason reported T.M. at 0.36.A.90.45. - 1st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
	7.45	a.m.	Left Liason reported T.M. firing from 0.36.C.60.30. - 1st. and 101st. Batteries fired 20 rounds each. Left Liason also reported 4.2's. falling on front line from direction of WARNETON. Counter batteries asked for retaliation.	
	8.5	p.m.	Left Liason reported T.M. still firing from 0.36.C.60.30. - 1st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
	8.30	p.m.	Brigade Major 3rd. Infantry Brigade reported a light barrage of 77.m.m. behind front line, on a line running through U.5.C.60.50. North East. and South West. Fire from direction of WARNETON Counter Batteries asked for retaliation.	
	10.45	p.m.	Right Battalion asked for retaliation on 0.36.C.60.30. (KIWI) - 1st. and 2nd. Batteries fired 30 rounds each. 101st. Battery fired 40 rounds including 5 rounds gas:	

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L. H. Jones
 Captain.
 Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
7th. Jan.			Operation Order No. 21 carried out. C. R. A. inspected proposed reinforcing positions with C. O. COSTAAVERN Group and 3rd. Infantry Brigade informed that 101st. Battery would be firing 20 rounds on M. G. at O. 35. B. 50. 55 at 7.45 p.m.	
	8.45	p.m.	Left Liason reported that 18 rounds from a 4.5" How fell short in O. 35. A. 90. 30. at 7.45 p.m. - 101st. Battery informed.	
	9.30	p.m.	Brigade Major 3rd. Infantry Brigade reports 18 rounds from a 4.5" How. fell just over and inside our wire. Of these six fell within 8 yards of No. 11 post, the remainder between No. 11 and No. 9 post at O. 35. A. 90. 35.	
8th. Jan.			Operation Order No. 22 carried out. 3rd. Infantry Brigade reported much movement in V. 8. C. BASSEVILLE Group informed.	
	9.20	a.m.	Left O. P. reported 4.2" How. Battery at P. 34. D. 20. 90 firing 1 round per minute into O. 34. D. Asked Counter Batteries for retaliation and advised Divisional Artillery.	
	12.30	p.m.	Left O. P. reported battery firing from p. 34. D. 20. 90 had quickened rate of fire.	
	12.50	p.m.	C. O. right battalion reported T. M. from U. 6. D. central shooting on POLLARD SUPPORT. - 101st. Battery fired 12 rounds BX. and 12 rounds BCBR.	
	1.00	p.m.	Left O. P. reported 4.2" Battery at P. 34. D. 20. 90. to be at a true bearing of 91' from O. 33. A. 25. 20. Counter batteries informed.	
	1.10	p.m.	Right O. P. reports that gas shelling from direction of WARNETON stopped when snow squalls cleared but began again with the snow. D. A. informed.	
	1.40	p.m.	Left O. P. reported 4.2" Battery at P. 34. D. 20. 90. stopped firing at 1.10 p.m. as soon as first round from Counter Battery went over.	
	2.04	p.m.	Right Battalion report 5.9's and 4.2's shelling EXTREME Communication Trenches in U. 4. C. and D. from direction of V. 8. Counter batteries asked for retaliation and D. A. informed.	
	3.00	p.m.	Right O. P. reports flash from U. 12. C. 80. 60. Counter Batteries, B. M., 1st. D. A., and Group on right advised.	
	3.30	p.m.	C. O. Right battalion reported all quiet except a few 5.9's. falling from direction of COMINES Counter batteries advised.	
	3.32	p.m.	Right O. P. reported all quiet.	
	3.35	p.m.	Counter batteries advised, who report they are engaging COMINES 5.9 Battery.	
	4.5	p.m.	POLLARD SUPPORT TRENCH heavily shelled by 5.9's C. O. Right battalion gave Magnetic Bearing 150' from U. 5. C. 28. 45. Counter batteries asked for retaliation, and D. A. advised.	
	4.40	p.m.	Right Battalion report shelling stopped. Counter batteries advised.	

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L. H. W. S. Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Jan. 8th.	5.13 p.m.		Left Liason reported 4.2 battery firing into FANNY Communication Trench 0.34.D. on bearing of 125' T.B. taken from 0.34.B.10.10. Counter batteries asked for retaliation and B.M. advised.	
	6.00 p.m.		Right liason reported everything quiet.	
	7.00 p.m.		Right Battalion asked for retaliation on U.11.B.95.60. - 101st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
	7.30 p.m.		Night O.P. reported White, double Green and Golden cluster flares going up at T.B. of 112' from 0.33.A.40.30.	
	7.45 p.m.		G.O.C. 3rd. Infantry Brigade reported that extreme right of our sector is barraged by enemy. BASSEVILLE group informed "Help Messines" will be carried out on S.O.S. going up, by two Batteries	
	7.50 p.m.		Advised Brigade Major who reported he would advise OOSTAAVERNE group.	
	7.55 p.m.		Right Battalion reported all lines forward from Battalion Headquarters were down. Also that C.O. Right Battalion expected an attack between U.5.D.30.70 and RIVER-LYS.	
	8.00 p.m.		Right Liason reported right sector of front was being shelled by 5.9 and 4.2. gas also 77m.m. but quietening down.	
	8.40 p.m.		Right Liason reported all quiet.	
Jan. 9th.			Operation Order No. 23 carried out.	
	12.40 a.m.		Brigade Major 3rd. Infantry Brigade asked for retaliation on enemy front line in U.11.B.	
	1.05 a.m.		1st. Battery fired 50 rounds on UNBENT TRENCH.	
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			It is thought that above shoot prevented a hostile raid.	
Jan. 10th.			Operation Order No. 24 carried out.	
	12.30 a.m.		Heavy firing on left of HOLLEBEKE group but no S.O.S. seen. BASSEVILLE group and Brigade Major informed. All quiet on Messines sector.	
	8.40 a.m.		Infantry reported 7 trains in WERVICQ. Counter Batteries informed. Brigade Major informed who informed Anzac Heavy Group.	
	9.20 a.m.		Infantry reported much movement in V.16. BASSEVILLE Group informed.	
	10.30 a.m.		Infantry reported a train moving slowly through COMINES. Counter batteries informed.	
	11.42 a.m.		Left O.P. reported a 4.2. Battery at P.34.D.30.50. firing into 0.32. at a True Bearing of 92°30' from 0.32 0.33.A.20.20. Counter batteries informed. B.M. informed.	
	6.30 p.m.		Brigade Major rang up and asked that German support line in Northern half of U.6.C. be kept under intermittent bursts of fire during night, as working parties have been reported.	
	6.35 p.m.		O.C. 3rd. Battery reported 4.2 Battery firing into 0.31. By sound bearing at a True Bearing	

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Kurwin Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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	Jan. 10 th	9.20 p.m.	of 80' from O.31.A.55.05. Counter batteries advised. Left Liason reported 5.9 battery shelling O.34.B. from direction of WARNETON Counter Batteries advised.	
	Jan. 11 th .		Operation Order No. 26 Carried out. Lieut.Col. E.T.DEAN.D.S.O. proceeded to United Kingdom on 1 month's furlough. Major J.C.SELMES.D.S.O. assumed Temporary Command of 1st.F.A.Brigade.	
		9.20 a.m.	Brigade Major rang up and reported considerable movement in P.31.B. - 101st.Battery fired 10 Rds.	
		11.15 a.m.	Left Battalion report front line being shelled by 77m.m. from direction of KIWI.	
		11.20 a.m.	101st.Battery fired 30 rounds.	
		11.40 a.m.	Left O.P. reports two gun flashes from direction of COMINES at a True Bearing of 120' from O.33.A.30.20. firing on to the left brigade since 9.30 a.m.. Rang Counter batteries who stated they were already engaging this Battery.	
		12.05 2.00 p.m.	Left Battalion reports 5.9 section shooting into O.25.D. from a True Bearing 94' from O.33.A.30.20. 3rd.Infantry Brigade report 8" gun shooting on our left from P.34.D.70.20. at a true bearing of 91' taken from O.33.C.20.20. Counter batteries asked for retaliation.	
		12.05 p.m.	Left Battalion report shoot by 101st.Battery on KIWI most successful. Some enemy ammunition blown up.	
		11.30 p.m.	Left Liason reported active E.M.G. at O.35.B. 75.80. - 1st.Battery fired 25 rounds. Chaplain Captain PEEL returned from English leave.	
	Jan. 13 th .		Operation Order No. 27 carried out.	
		12.10 a.m.	Left Liason reported T.M. at O.35.B.95.80. - 101st.Battery fired 10 rounds.	
		9.25 p.m.	Left Liason reported T.M. at O.35.B.70.38. - 1st.Battery fired 20 rounds. A quiet day - visibility being bad all day.	
	Jan. 14 th .		Operation Order No. 28 carried out. 2/Lieut.Burrows (Signal Officer) proceeded on furlough to United Kingdom 2/Lieut. Watson reported temporarily for duty in his place.	
		7.30 p.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on Machine gun at O.35.B.85.90. - 1st.Battery fired 10 rounds.	
		8.10 p.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on Machine Gun at O.35.C.60.45. - 1st.Battery fired 10 rounds.	
		8.30 p.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on Machine Gun at O.35.C.65.82 - 1st.Battery fired 10 rounds.	
		9.15 p.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on Machine gun at O.36.A.05.15 - 1st.Battery fired 10 rounds.	

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Captain
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan. 14th.	9.45 p.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on Machine Gun at 9.36.A.50.88 - 1st. Battery fired 10 rounds	
		10.15 p.m.	Left Liason asked for retaliation on Machine Gun at 0.36.A.50.78. - 1st. Battery fired 10 rounds. C.O. Left Battalion reported on these shots most satisfactory. M.G'S. remaining silent for rest of night.	
	Jan. 15th.		Operation Order No. 29 carried out.	
		6.00 a.m.	Lieut. L.E. SHORT proceeded on leave to U.K. Left Liason asked for retaliation on 4.2. Battery firing from direction of WARNETON on front line. Counter Batteries informed and Brigade Major advised.	
		10.30 a.m.	Right Battalion reported much train movement behind COMINES Counter battery informed and Brigade Major advised.	
		11.15 a.m.	Right O.P. reported much enemy movement in WARNETON at V.12.B.40.20. - 2nd. Battery fired 15 rounds. BASSEVILLE group informed.	
		11.30 a.m.	Right O.P. reported 5.9 Battery firing from P.28.D.00.40. Counter Batteries informed and Brigade Major advised. Messines Ridge shelled by 4.2. Shrapnel from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - C.O. called on G.D.C. 3rd. Inf. Bde. A quiet night. Inter Brigade relief in progress. 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade relieving 3rd. Brigade.	
	Jan. 16th.		Operation Order No. 30 carried out.	
		9.00 p.m.	Between 11 and 12 a.m. MESSINES RIDGE was shelled by 4.2. and 5.9 from direction of COMINES. Right Battalion asked us for shooting between 10 p.m. and 12 p.m. owing to relief in progress. BASSEVILLE group asked not to shoot during these hours. C.O. visited Lieut. Col. LUXTON Temp. Commanding 2nd. Infantry Brigade.	
	Jan. 17th.		Operation Order No. 31 carried out. A very quiet day and night. Hostile shelling - Nil. Visibility impossible owing to heavy rain and mist.	
	Jan. 18th.		Operation Order No. 32 carried out.	
		12.30 a.m.	Major HERSBYRNE ceased to temporary command 2nd. F.A. Brigade and resumed command of 2nd. Battery vice Capt. J.E. STALEY. M.C.	
		9.45 a.m.	Right Liason reported two 18 Pounder rounds fired short in U.11.B.50.70. and 50.90. Reported enemy dump at PONT MALHET P.31.B.70.70 - 101st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	

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L. H. Jones
Adjutant, 1st. F.A. Brigade,

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Jan. 18th.	5.35	p.m.	BASSEVILLE group asked for retaliation on M.G. at U.5.D.90.30. - 2nd.Battery fired 20 rounds.	
Jan. 19th.			Operation Order No. 33 carried out. Lieut. STODART reported for duty from hospital. and was posted to 2nd.Battery.	
	11.10	a.m.	Brigade Major reported much enemy movement on road at PONT MALHET P.31.B.30.80. - 101st.Battery fired 15 rounds.	
	4.15	p.m.	Brigade Major reported smoke screen around PONT MALHET and road to South. 101st. Battery fired 30 rounds on P.31.A.65.75. to P.31.B.50.80. to P.31.A.80.30. to P.31.B.30.80. P.31.A.80.30. to P.31.B.55.00.	
	4.00	p.m.	101st.Battery fired 11 ranging rounds on WARNETON TOWER obtaining 3 direct hits. Infantry reported one of these rounds which fell 5 minutes right of the tower was a direct hit on enemy T.M. Lieut. J.L.G. JOHNSTON transferred to 101st.Battery to from 2nd.Battery. Lieut. W.J. MULHOLLAND transferred to 3rd.Battery from 2nd.Battery.	
Jan. 20th.			Operation Order No. 34 carried out.	
	10.45	a.m.	Brigade Major reported considerable movement on road at PONT MALHET (P.31.B.30.70) and at MALHET FARM (P.25.D.30.25) - 3rd. Battery fired 10 rounds on each. Infantry reported this shoot displeased enemy working party and apparently caused casualties. C.O. visited 2nd.Infantry Brigade Headquarters. 2/Lieut. LEWIS, 2/Lieut. MCKENZIE, and 2/Lieut. JOHNSTON to attend Artillery School in order named, as vacancies occur.	
	7.00	p.m.	Right Liason reported six rounds from 18 Pdrs. fell short in U.11.B. and U.5.D. at 6p.m. and 6.45 p.m. respectively. Our batteries not firing at these times.	
	9.	p.m.	Left liason reported T.M. at 0.36.C. central	
	9.15	p.m.	2nd. and 101st.Batteries fired 20 rounds each.	
	9.50	p.m.	Night O.P. reported a large number of double red and single red flares put up from enemy front line on our left but no action followed.	
	10.00	p.m.	Left Liason reported shoot on 0.36.C. central effective.	
	10.20	p.m.	Left Liason reports that a salvo of 4.5's fell short in U.5.B.80.80. - 101st.Battery informed.	

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Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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Jan. 21st.	7.30 p.m.		Operation Order No. 35 carried out. 101st. Battery fired 10 rounds on suspected enemy movement in WARNETON	
	9.00 p.m.		Left Liason asked for retaliation on T.M. at 0.36.A.20.20. - 1st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
Jan. 22nd.			101st. Battery reported 4.2's falling at U.7.B.65.73. and U.7.B.40.90. from direction of COMINES Counter Batteries report informed and B.M. advised.	
	12.30 p.m.		101st. Battery reported U.8.C.10.64. being shelled by 5.9 about one round per minute from direction of COMINES Counter Batteries informed and Brigade Major advised.	
	4.45 p.m.		101st. Battery reported that 5.9's. reported at 13.30 p.m. are still falling in same place - Counter Batteries informed and Brigade Major advised.	
	6.15 p.m.		5.9's still falling near 101st. Battery. Counter batteries informed and Brigade Major advised. This hostile shoot which was evidently meant for 101st. and 2nd. Batteries and lasted from 12 noon to 10 p.m. No damage done.	
			C.O. visited 2nd. Infantry Brigade Headquarters. and arranged for special shoots (vide Operation Order No. 39) in conjunction with out. Trench Mortars.	
			Lieut. L.H.R. GORDON reported for duty from 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. and was posted to B.H.Q. as Orderly Officer.	
	9.50 p.m.		Night O.P. reported fairly heavy bombardment of GAPARD (0.33.A.) and HUN'S WALK (U.4 A. and B) by 4.2's and 77 m.m's. Right liason reported bombardment of STEIGNAST FARM U.5.A.20.70. Left Liason reported T.M.'s. active at 0.36.C central (KIWI) - 3rd. Battery and 101st. Battery fired 20 rounds each.	
Jan. 23rd.	6.10 a.m.		Night O.P. reported whole front very quiet. Captain R.A. LITTLE reported back from B.C's. January Course England.	
Jan. 24th.	9.30 a.m.		B.M. (Capt. C.R. RIGG) rang up and ordered PONT MALHET to be kept under fire - 3rd. Battery Forward Section fired 40 rounds. 101st. Battery fired 10 rounds BCBR (Gas) and 10 rounds H.E. on PONT MALHET.	
Jan. 25th.	10.00 p.m.		Fired on KIWI 0.36.C.50.50 to neutralise effect of enemy firing onto our front line with minenwerfer and pineapple bombs. Enemy fire effectively stopped.	
	and 11-00 p.m.			
Jan. 26th.	9.05 p.m.		Infantry asked for retaliatory fire on 0.36.C.50.50. and 0.36.B.60.55. as enemy firing into our front line with minenwerfer and pineapple bombs.	

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Lawson Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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	Jan. 27th.			
		1.35 a.m.	101st. Battery fired on KIWI at request of Infantry Brigade Major.	
		3.30 a.m.	1st. Battery fired on enemy Trench Mortar on road 0.36.A.10.05 to 0.36.A.30.20. The rest of the night was very quiet. Heavy ground mist all day. Captain Fenton A.A.M.C. returned from Hospital for duty.	
		5.15 p.m.	3rd. Battery instructed to fire 30 rounds H.E. in hedge at 0.36.C.80.35. at enemy Trench Mortar supposed to be firing from there, on request of infantry.	
		8.15 p.m.	3rd. Battery forward section fired 20 rounds H.E. on 0.36.C.50.70. and 0.36.C.60.50. in reply to enemy minenwerfers and pineapple bombs from that vicinity.	
		9.05 p.m.	1st. Battery fired 20 rounds onto 0.36.C.50.70 and 0.36.C.60.50 as enemy Trench Mortar and pineapple bombs recommenced firing.	
	Jan. 28th.			
		4.00 a.m.	2nd. Battery fired 20 rounds on to 0.36.C.50.70. in reply to enemy Trench Mortar fire from that quarter.	
		12.10 p.m.	4.2" How. firing from direction of COMINES on to U.7.D.00.70. (101st. Batter) and at 12.20 p.m. lifted onto U.13.A.80.80 (2nd. Battery). Counter Battery group asked for fire.	
		10.30 p.m.	Left Battalion Liason asked for retaliation and 2nd. Battery ordered to fire 10 rounds H.E. on each 0.36.C.35.65. and 45.45., and 101st. Battery 30 rounds GAS searching line 0.36.C.80 30 to 55.70.	
		11.10 p.m.	1st. Battery fired 10 shrapnel and 10 H.E. shell on 0.36.A.75.40. at request of Left Battalion (Major Phillips) in retaliation for minenwerfer fire from that vicinity.	
	Jan. 29th.			
		8.00 a.m.	1st. Battery fired 30 rounds H.E. on Trench Mortar positions at 0.36.D.45.42. 0.36.D.38.40. 0.36.D.20.48. These points were found by "W". Sound Ranging Section.	
		7.35 p.m.	1st. Battery fired on large enemy working party on line 0.36.A.00.00 to 0.35.B.80.70. - 40 rounds Shrapnel being expended. Target engaged on information sent through from 11th. Brigade. Captain H.A. WEBB reported to C.A.R.O. of O.X.D. Ammunition Dump on orders received from 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.. In consequence 101st. Battery was short of an officer, so Lieut. IRWIN was transferred temporarily from 2nd. Battery to fill his place.	
		9.50 p.m.	101st Battery fired 30 rounds GAS and 15 rounds H.E. 106 fuze on to Trench Mortars at 0.36.D.45.42. 38.40. and 20.48.	
		10.45 p.m.	Fired another 12 rounds on 0.36.A.00.00. to 0.35.B.80.70. at working party which returned to their work. Party again scattered at same time sending up flares.	

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Original

Kennedy **Captain.**
Adjutant, 1st. F.A. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan. 29th.			
	10.40	p.m.	101st. Battery fired 30 rounds GAS and 30 rounds H.E. searching road from V.1. Central following main road to 0.36.D.60.80. at rate of one round per minute	
	10.50	p.m.	1st. Battery ordered to search tracks as follows from 0.36.C.50.70 to 0.36.B.30.25. and from 0.36.C.50.10 to P.31.C.00.55 and from 0.36.C.55.05 to V.1.A.00.65.	
	11.00	p.m.	20 rounds to be fired on each of above tracks at rate of one round every 2 minutes. 2nd. Battery to fire on tracks from U.12.B.30.65. to V.1.C.20.60. and expend 30 rounds. - one round every 2 minutes.	
	11.30	p.m.	3rd. Battery to fire on tracks from 0.36.C.55.05 to V.1.A.00.65. - 20 rounds. U.6.A.60.20. to U.6.B.20.47 to V.1.A.00.40 - 20 rounds. U.6.D.00.70 to V.1.A.00.40. - 20 rounds. U.6.D.25.30 to U.6.B.90.05. - 20 rounds.	
			to be fired on each of above four tracks at rate of one round every three minutes.	
	Jan. 30th.			
	12.30	a.m.	2nd. Battery to fire on tracks as under - from U.6.D.00.00 to V.1.C.00.85 U.6.D.00.70 to V.1.A.00.40 U.6.A.65.20 to V.1.A.00.40 0.36.C.55.05 to V.1.A.00.70 0.36.C.50.10 to P.31.C.00.50.	
			30 rounds to be fired on each of above five targets at rate of one round every 4 minutes.	
	5.30	p.m.	Left Liason reported large working party 0.36.A.00.00 to 0.35.B.80.70. - 1st. Battery fired 24 rounds searching fire.	
	8.20	p.m.	Left Liason reported working party again busy in vicinity 0.36.A.00.00 to 0.35.B.80.70 and 1st. Battery ordered to fire 24 rounds on to them.	
	9.50	p.m.	1st. Battery fired 24 rounds on three Trench Mortars at 0.36.C.35.65., 45.45, and 65.45, reported active by Liason officer with 11th. Battalion (left). Major TOOMEY reported for temporary duty with the Brigade and was posted to command 101st. Battery temporarily vice Major J.C. SELMES. D.S.O. Act./Brigade Commander.	
	Jan. 31st.			
	11.15	a.m.	1st. Battery ordered to fire 30 rounds on CAT target (namely- enemy party working at 0.36.A.00.00 to 0.35.B.80.70.) at request of Infantry Battalion.	

WAR DIARY

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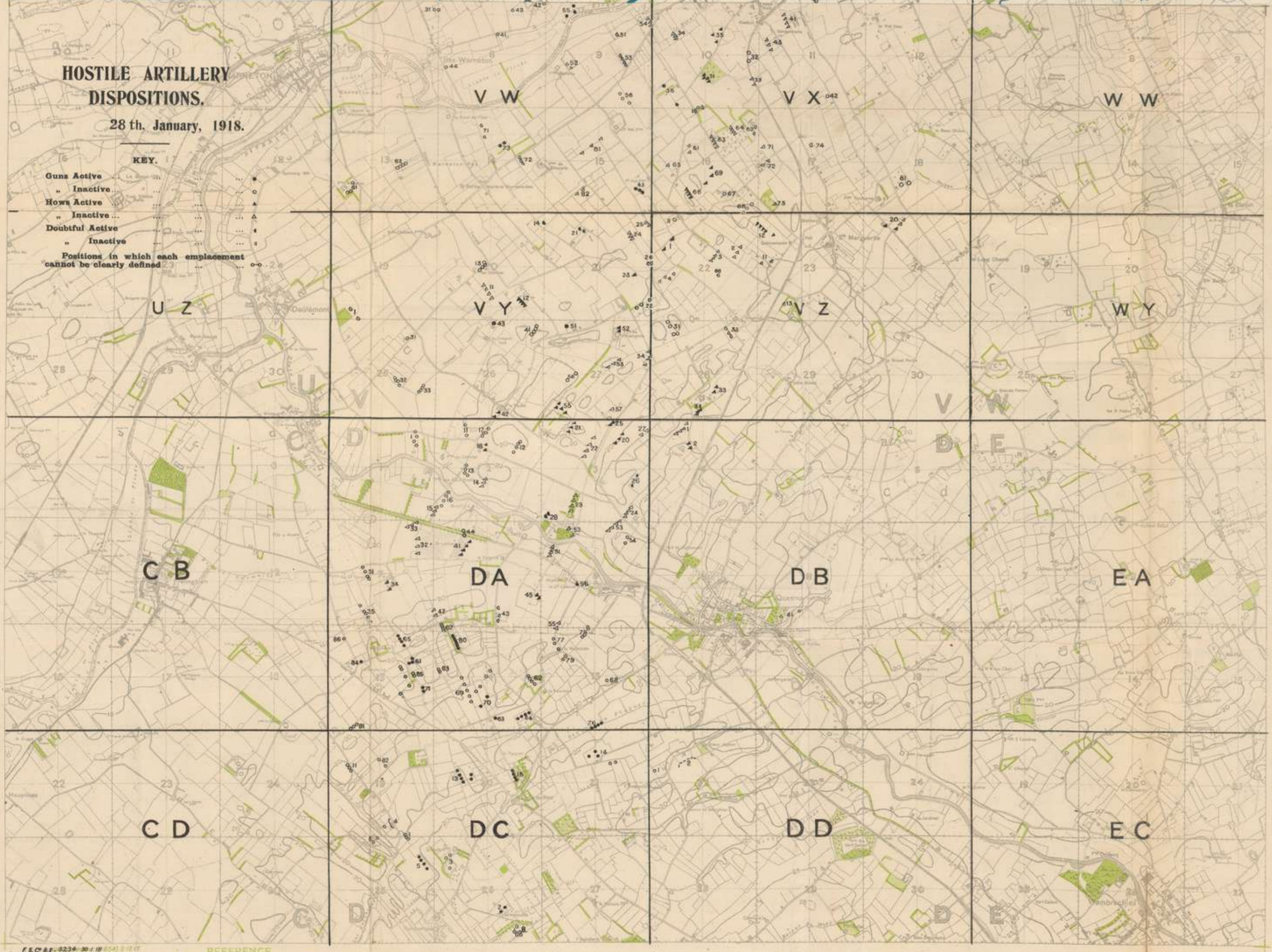
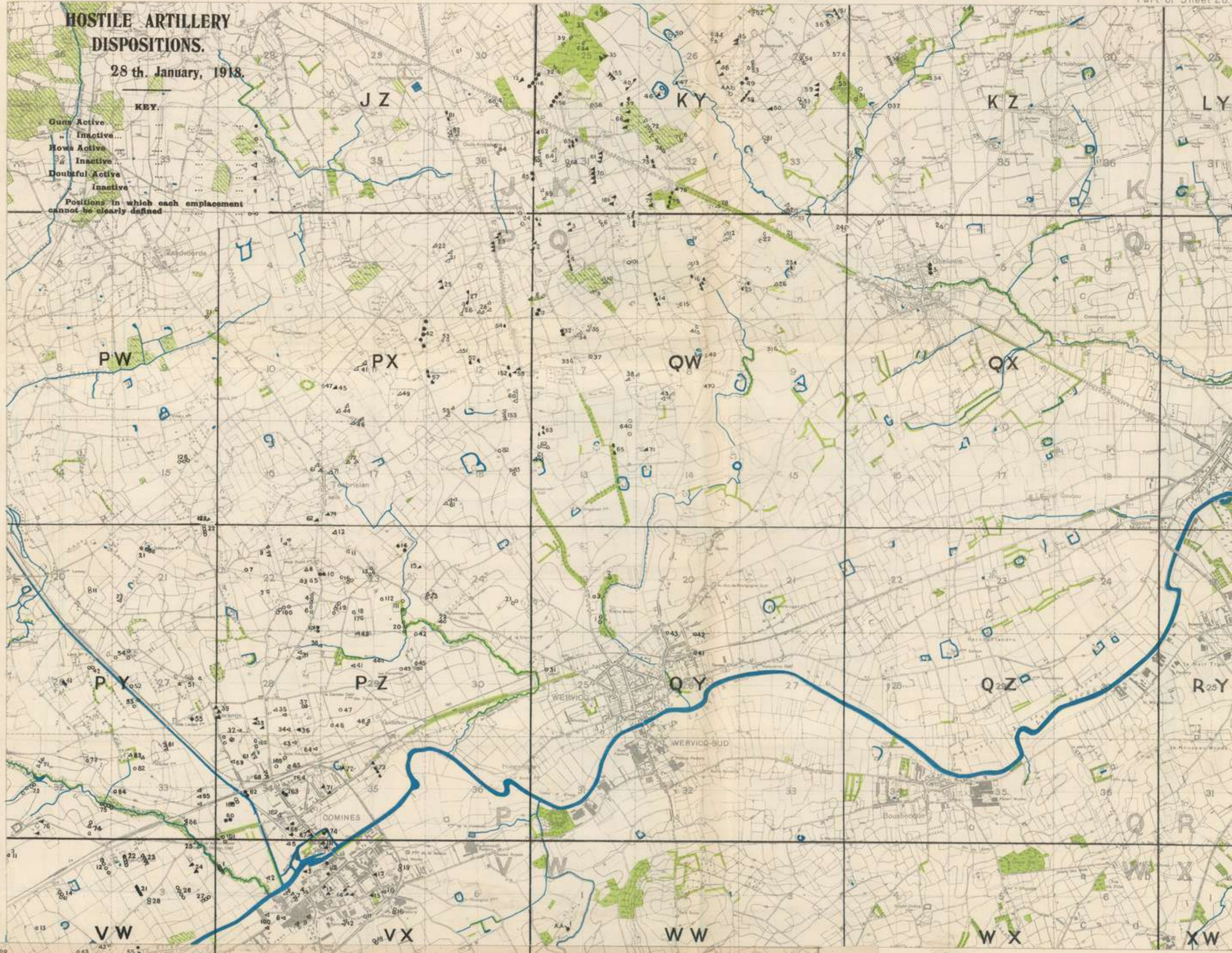
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FOR

January 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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✓	Enemy Army disposition Map
✓ X 1	Aeroplane mosaic of front.
✓ X 1	Sketch of front from O.P.
✓ X 2	Oblique aeroplane photos of front.

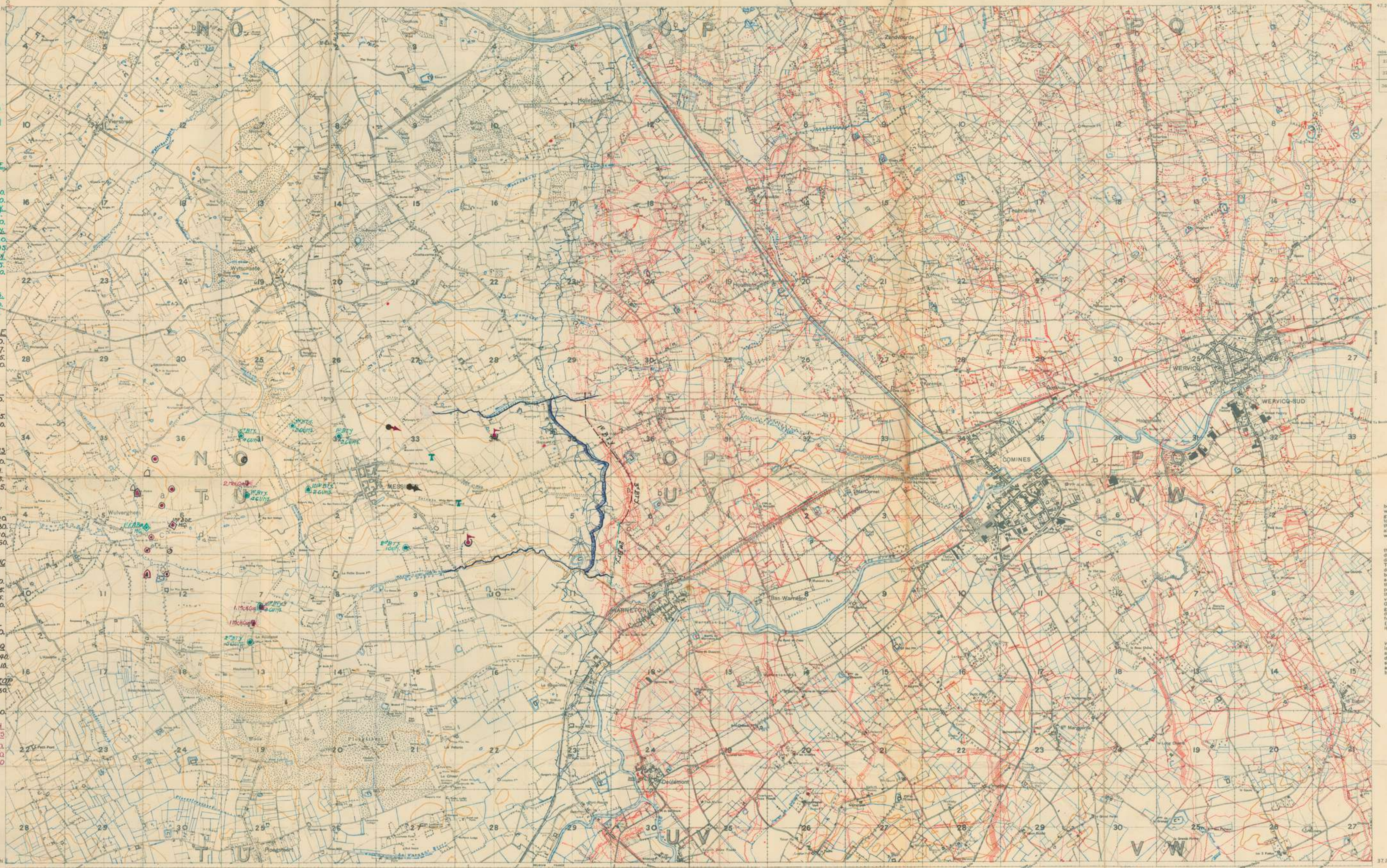


REFERENCE Scale 1:20,000
Woods
Underwood
Conspicuous rows of trees

20,000

NOTE

- 18 PARS
- 4-5 HOURS
- LEAF BRIGADE T6c 15.75
- BATTERY 052b 05.00 U1a 70.50
- BATTERY 05c 80.23 U15a 80.90
- BATTERY 031a 90.30 031a 55.05
- BATTERY 02a 25.63 U7a 00.70
- TANK GUN POS. T4a 10.40 T033d Central
- CORPS LINE T6a 50.30 T6a 80.77 N36c 20.45 T5b 90.60
- REINFORCING BRIGADE T12a 70.50 T6c 11.11 T6c 20.45 T12a 10.50
- SPARE POSITIONS 031c 58.50 T6c 70.11 N36c 15.15 T5b 80.75
- ARMY LINE M136a 50.20 M136a 30.80 M29c 65.10 M136b 80.60
- REINFORCING BRIGADE N31a 40.40 M136a 70.45 M136a 65.63 M136b 60.40
- INF BDE HQ T6c 80.80
- INF BTH HQ U4c 90.40 U4c 034b 10.10
- LEFT NIGHT OP 033a 40.50
- RIGHT OP U3a 95.80
- MACHINE GUN POSITIONS U1A. 70.90 U7D. 00.70 U7C. 00.30



NEAR TO ADJOINING SHEETS

27N	28NW	28NE
27SE	28SW	28SE
26NE	26NW	26NE

18° 23' 1917

On squared maps all bearings should be given with reference to the vertical grid lines, which are parallel to the East and West edges of the sheet. Bearings should always be reckoned clockwise from 0° to 360°.

Grid bearings are less than compass bearings, the difference being called the deviation of the compass. To find out what this deviation is, take a compass bearing to a distant point, and measure on the map the grid bearing to that point. The difference between the two bearings is the deviation of that compass from Grid North. To obtain the grid bearing of any point this deviation must be subtracted from the compass bearing (adding 360° to the latter if necessary).

On this sheet the mean deviation of a normal compass is 12° 23' but to obtain accurate results the exact deviation of each compass should be treated as described above, and this text should be repeated in each locality.

REFERENCE

Any trench apparently organized for fire	Hedge, Fence or Ditch	Observation Posts
Other Trenches	Ditch with Permanent Water	Listening Posts
Important ones are shown by thick line, Old or disused by dotted line	Conspicuous Points (Position of point is centre of circle, Dot shows that point is trigonometrically fixed)	Wire Obstacles
British Trenches	Houses	Dug-outs
Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacles	Shrine	Works reinforced by concrete
Enemy's Tracks	Normal Gauge, Double	
Buried Pipeline or Cable	Light	
Airline	Shrine	
Supply Dump	Tramway	
Gun Emplacements	Tramway	
Machine Gun	Tramway	
Earthworks	Tramway	
A.A. Gun	Tramway	
Fortified	Tramway	
Organised Shell Holes	Tramway	

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES

- The large rectangles on the map, lettered H, O, P etc., are divided into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is sub-divided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as lettered A, B, C, D. (See Square No. 6 in each rectangle).
- A point may thus be described as lying within Square B.B, M.B.B, etc.
- To locate a point within a small square, consider the sides divided into tenths and define the point by taking so many tenths from W. to E. along Southern side, and so many from S. to N. along Western side; the S.W. corner always being taken as origin, and the distance along the Southern side being always given by the first figure. Thus the point Z, would be 637 (i.e. 6 divisions East and 3 divisions North from origin).
- When more accurate definition is wanted (on the 1:50,000 or 1:10,000 scales) use exactly the same method but divide sides into 100 parts and use four figures instead of two. Thus 01647 denotes 06 parts East and 47 parts North of origin (see point X). Point Y is 0505.
- Use 0 but not 10; use either two or four figures; do not use fractions (B). 4), etc.

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES.

Scale 1:20,000

Yards 3000 0 3000 6000 9000 12000 15000 18000 21000 24000 27000 30000

Metres 3000 0 3000 6000 9000 12000 15000 18000 21000 24000 27000 30000



ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

Ordnance Survey, November 1917.

TABLE FOR CONVERTING METRES TO FEET

Metres	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	3.3	6.6	9.8	13.1	16.4	19.7	23.0	26.2	29.5
10	32.8	36.1	39.4	42.7	45.9	49.2	52.5	55.8	59.0	62.3
20	65.6	68.9	72.2	75.4	78.7	82.0	85.3	88.6	91.8	95.1
30	98.4	101.7	105.0	108.2	111.5	114.8	118.1	121.4	124.6	127.9
40	131.2	134.5	137.8	141.0	144.3	147.6	150.9	154.1	157.4	160.7
50	164.0	167.3	170.6	173.8	177.1	180.4	183.7	187.0	190.2	193.5
60	196.8	200.1	203.4	206.6	209.9	213.2	216.5	219.8	223.0	226.3
70	229.1	232.4	235.7	238.9	242.2	245.5	248.8	252.1	255.4	258.7
80	265.7	269.0	272.2	275.5	278.8	282.1	285.4	288.7	292.0	295.3
90	298.5	301.8	305.1	308.4	311.7	315.0	318.3	321.6	324.9	328.2
100	328.0	331.3	334.6	337.9	341.1	344.4	347.7	351.0	354.3	357.6

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX |

Operation Order No. 14.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
30th. December 1917.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Group for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. on 2nd. January 1918.
2. Batteries will fire in Bursts at irregular intervals throughout the 24 hours.

3. Task Table :-Targets.

- | | | |
|----------------|---|--|
| 1st. Battery | - | Search and sweep Roads - Tracks and Communications in O.35.C. and D. and Tracks in Southern half of P.31.A. - concentrating twice on P.31.A.80.30. |
| 2nd. Battery | - | Concentrated shoots on U.6.D.23.35. and U.6.D.90.75.
Search track for 500 yards East of U.6.D.20.20.
Forward Gun on V.1.B.55.70. |
| 3rd. Battery | - | Search and sweep Roads and Tracks in V.1.A.
Concentrate shoots on U.6.B.75.50 and Track at U.6.B.20.90. |
| 101st. Battery | - | Sweep road with 106 fuzes from O.36.D.55.90. to V.7.B.75.60.
Concentrate on V.7.A.40.80. to O.36.B.23.55. |

- 4.
- Expenditure :-
- 200 rounds per Battery.

Nature - (18-Pdrs.) 25% "A". 75% "AX"

One-fourth to be expended during daylight and three-fourths during hours of darkness.

- 5.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lewisby
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Arty.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
2. War Diary.
3. 1st. Aust. D. A.
4. 1st. Battery.
5. 2nd. Battery.
6. 3rd. Battery.
7. 101st. Battery.
8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX I

Operation Order No. 15.

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

Headquarters;
31st. December 1917.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Group for 24 hours ending 8 a. m. on 3rd. January 1918.
2. Batteries will fire in Bursts at irregular intervals throughout the 24 hours.

3. Task Table :- Targets.

1st. Battery	-	Concentrated shoots on	0.36.D.1.6.
		" "	0.36.D.55.80.
		" "	0.36.D.50.37.
		" "	0.36.D.73.93.
<u>4 Guns</u>	-	Search and sweep Roads and Tracks and Communications in 0.36.D. Central ^{Central} East of Central N. and S. Grid Line - extending East to Southern portion of P.31.A. and B.	
<u>Forward Guns</u>	-	Search Road and Track	0.36.A.45.25. N.E. to 0.36.B.23.60.
2nd. Battery	-	Search Roads and Tracks in U.6.D. South of East and West Line through U.6.D.00.80. and V.1.D.00.80. to East and West Line through U.12.A.40.60. East to V.7.D.00.60.	
<u>Forward Gun</u>	-	On V.1.D. South to East and West Line through V.7.D.00.60.	
3rd. Battery	-	Search and Sweep Roads and Tracks in U.6.B.	
		Concentrated shoots on area	U.6.B.25.50.
		" " " "	U.6.B.95.63.
		" " " "	U.6.B.75.70.
		" " " "	U.6.B.43.33.
		" " " "	V.1.A.23.50.
		" " " "	V.1.A.15.70.
		" " " "	V.1.A.35.93.
		" " " "	V.1.A.52.60.
101st. Battery	-	Search Roads and Tracks in Group Zone. Special concentration on areas :-	
			U.6.A.85.99.
			U.6.B.40.35.
			U.6.B.95.63.

4. Expenditure :- 200 rounds per Battery.
Nature - (18-Pdrs.) 25% "A". 75% "AX".

One-fourth to be expended during hours of daylight and balance during hours of darkness.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Arty. *W. S. Lindsay* Captain.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1.	Retained.	No. 5.	2nd. Battery.
2.	War Dairy.	6.	3rd. Battery.
3.	1st. Aust. D.A.	7.	101st. Battery.
4.	1st. Battery.	8.	Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

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APPENDIX 1

Operation Order No. 16.

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

Headquarters;
1st. January 1918.

- 1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Group for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. on 4th. January 1918.
- 2. Batteries will fire in Bursts at irregular intervals throughout the 24 hours.

- 3. Task Table :- Targets.
 - 1st. Battery - Concentrated shoots on area :-
 0.35.B.30.60.
 0.36.C.00.80.
 0.36.A.00.50.
 and on Road Junction at 0.36.B.20.50.
 and Buildings 0.36.D.60.50.90
 - 2nd. Battery - Concentrated shoots on area :-
 U.6.D.10.45.
 U.6.D.40.45.
 U.6.D.00.05.
 U.6.D.50.20.
 and Cutting at V.7.A.30.15.75
 - 3rd. Battery - Concentrated shoots on area :-
 U.6.B.20.15. to U.6.Cen-
 tral to U.6.D.15.80. to 35.90.
 Sweep Road from V.1.A.35.95. to 95.05.
 - 101st. Battery - Concentrated shoot on area :-
 P.31.D.15.90. to 15.65.
 to 50.95. to 50.70.
 T.M's. 0.36.C.50.10. and 0.36.C.20.95.
 Cross Roads U.12.B.30.70.

- 4. Expenditure :- 200 rounds per Battery.

Nature - (18-Pdrs.) 25% "A". 75% "AX".

One-fourth to be expended during hours of daylight and balance during hours of darkness.

- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lewis
 Captain.
 A/Adjutant Messines Group Arty.

Distribution.

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- 3. 1st. Aust. Div. Art.
- 4. 1st. Battery.
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- 6. 3rd. Battery.
- 7. 101st. Battery.
- 8. Bde. Major 3rd. Inf. Bde.

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ADDENDA to MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY
OPERATION ORDERS Nos. 15 & 16.

APPENDIX /

1. Reference para. 4. of each of above orders :- After
"Expenditure" delete "200 rounds per Battery" and
substitute "120 rounds per 18-Pdr. Battery" and
"100 rounds per 4.5" How. Battery".
Rest of para. 4. stands as written.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.S. Lindley
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

Distribution.

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| 2. War Diary. | 6. 3rd. Battery. |
| 3. 1st. Aust. D. A. | 7. 101st. Battery. |
| 4. 1st. Battery. | 8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde. |

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 17.

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

Headquarters;

2nd. January 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Group for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. on 5th. January 1918.
2. Batteries will fire in Bursts at irregular intervals throughout the 24 hours.

<u>Task Table :-</u>	<u>Targets.</u>
<u>1st. Battery</u> -	Area shoot on O.36.C.25.75. " " " O.36.C.00.75. " " " O.36.A.00.00. " " " O.36.A.25.00. Search and sweep selected tracks and roads in Southern half of O.36.A. and B.
<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	Search and sweep road in U.6.C.& D. V.1.C. and D. and Northern half of U.12.A. and B.
<u>Forward Gun</u> -	Shrapnel on area P.31.D.25.65. " " " P.31.D.55.75. " " " P.31.D.55.95. " " " P.31.D.15.95.
<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	Search and sweep roads in U.6.A. and B. and V.1.A. and B.
<u>101st. Battery</u> -	Search area P.31.D.25.65. " " P.31.D.55.75. " " P.31.D.55.95. " " P.31.D.15.95. and " " V.1.B.70.35. " " V.1.B.45.50. " " V.1.B.45.80. " " V.1.B.70.85.

4. Expenditure :- 120 Rounds per 18-Pdr. Battery.
100 " " 4.5" How. Battery.

Nature - (18-Pdrs.) 25% "A". 75% "AX"..

One-fourth to be expended during hours of daylight and three-fourths during hours of darkness.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lindsay
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Arty.

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Operation Order No. 18.

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

Headquarters;
3rd. January. 1918.

- 1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the Batteries of this Group for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. on 6th. January 1918.
- 2. Batteries will fire in Bursts at irregular intervals throughout the 24 hours.

3. Task Table :- Targets.

<u>1st. Battery.)</u>	-	Starting 200 yards East of S.O.S. Lines - search and sweep Roads - Tracks and Communications in rear.
<u>2nd. Battery.)</u>		
<u>3rd. Battery.)</u>		

101st. Battery. - Concentrated shoots on :-

P.31.D.25.80.
V.1.B.70.25.
V.1.D.50.35.
P.31.A.75.55.
O.30.D.50.05.

- 4. Expenditure :- 120 Rounds per 18-Pdr. Battery.
100 " " 4.5" How. Battery.

Nature - (18-Pdr.) 25% "A". 75% "AX".

One-fourth to be expended during hours of daylight and three-fourths during hours of darkness.

- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lawley
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

Distribution.

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4. 1st. Battery.
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7. 101st. Battery.
8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX |

Operation Order No. 19.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
4th. January 1918.

1. The following Liaison duties will be carried out from the 6th. January to ~~27th~~ January 1918 inclusive :-
- (A) LEFT DAYLIGHT O.P. For 1st. and 3rd. Batteries. To be manned throughout the hours of daylight by an Officer and 2 Telephonists at O.33.A.45.24.
- (B) RIGHT DAYLIGHT O.P. For 2nd. and 101st. Batteries. To be manned throughout the hours of daylight by an Officer and 2 Telephonists at O.33.C.4.4.
- (C) BRIGADE NIGHT O.P. To be manned throughout the hours of darkness by 1 Officer; 1 N.C.O. (Sergeant if possible); 1 Telephonist and 1 Linesman at ~~U.4~~. O.33.C.4.4.
- (D) RIGHT BATTALION. To be manned throughout the hours of darkness by 1 Officer and 1 Telephonist at U.4.C.4.4.
- (E) LEFT BATTALION. To be manned throughout the hours of darkness by 1 Officer and 1 Telephonist at O.34.B.15.15

The Officer who mans the O.P. in daylight will go to Battalion at night - sending back to Battery one of his Telephonists from O.P. with the O.P. Report to reach the Battery by 3.30 p.m. daily in time to meet runner from Group Headquarters.

2. The following will be the Roster by Batteries :-

		"A".	"B".	"C".	"D".	"E".
6th. January.	Battery -	1st.	2nd.	101st.	2nd.	1st.
7th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.
8th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.
9th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.
10th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.
11th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	1st.	101.	3rd.
12th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	101st.	2nd.	1st.
13th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.
14th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.
15th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.
16th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.
17th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	1st.	101.	3rd.
18th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	101st.	2nd.	1st.
19th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.
20th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	101 1st.
21st. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.
22nd. "	"	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.
23rd. "	"	3rd.	101st.	1st.	101.	3rd.
24th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	101st.	2nd.	1st.
25th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.
26th. "	"	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	1st.
27th. "	"	3rd.	101st.	2nd.	101.	3rd.

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Operation Order No. 20.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
4th. January 1917.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 7th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery :-</u>	7.30 a.m.)	Concentrated shoot on	25.
		)	0.36.D.50.90.	
		8.30 p.m.)	Do.	25.
		5.45 p.m.)	Sweep Front Line Trench	20.
		)	0.36.A.35.55-0.30.C.80.20.	
		3.45 a.m.)	Do.	20.
		9.15 p.m.)	Search Road 0.36.A.45.25.	15.
		)	to 0.36.B.95.70.	
		5.30 a.m.)	Do.	15.
	<u>2nd. Battery :-</u>	5.15 p.m.)	Sweep Roads U.6.C.40.60.	
		)	to U.12.B.40.30. to	20.
		)	V.7.A.85.90.	
		7.00 p.m.)	Do.	40.
		8.45 p.m.)	Do.	30.
		5.00 a.m.)	Do.	30.
	<u>3rd. Battery :-</u>	10.15 p.m.)	Sweep Trees U.6.B.20.15.	30.
		)	to U.6.D.35.90.	
		12 M/night).	Do.	25.
		4.15 a.m.	Cross Roads U.6.B.75.50.	25.
		6.00 a.m.	V.1.A.40.90. - V.1.A.65.	
			35.	40.
	<u>101st. Battery :-</u>	1.00 a.m.)	P.31.D.25.80.	(GAS) 40.
		& 1.30 a.m.)		
		3.30 a.m.)	V.1.D.55.40.	(GAS) 40.
		& 4.00 a.m.)		
		6.00 a.m.	V.7.A.35.75.	20.

3. Ammunition :- (18-Pdrs). 25% "A". 75% "AX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Operation Order No. 21.

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

Headquarters;
5th. January. 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 8th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery :-</u>		(Search and sweep Roads (Tracks and Communica- (tions to East of S.O.S. (Lines starting 200 yards (East.	
		6.30 a.m.		20.
		4.15 p.m.	Do.	20.
		8.15 p.m.	Do.	40
		11.00 p.m.	Do.	40.
	<u>2nd. Battery :-</u>			
		5.30 p.m.	Do.	30.
		7.00 p.m.	Do.	30.
		9.30 p.m.	Do.	30.
		3.45 a.m.	Do.	30.
	<u>3rd. Battery :-</u>			
		9.00 a.m.	Do.	15.
		8.45 p.m.	Do.	35.
		9.50 p.m.	Do.	30.
		10.20 p.m.	Do.	40.
	<u>101st. Battery :-</u>			
		6.00 p.m.	Area P.31.D.25.80. (BCBR).	40.
		7.45 p.m.	M.G. 0.35B.50.55. (BX).	20.
		4.00 a.m.	T.M. U.6.b.35.15. (BX).	20.
		5.15 a.m.	Area P.31.D.25.80. (BCBR).	40.

3. Ammunition :- (18-Pdrs) - 25% "A". 75% "AX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lindsay
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Arty.

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Operation Order No. 22.

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

Headquarters;
6th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 9th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u> -	5.15 p.m.	Search track O.36.D.55.90. to P.31.A.80.30.	30.
		8.45 p.m.	Sweep Front Line system O.36.A.35.55- xxxx to O.30.C.75.20.	35.
		11.15 p.m.	Machine Gun O.35.B.50.55.	15.
		5.15 a.m.	Sweep Road O.36.B.20.60. to P.31.C.10.45.	40.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	5.15 p.m.	Sweep Road U.6.C.45.65. to U.12.B.40.30.	45.
		8.45 p.m.	Machine Gun U.6.D.15.90.	10.
		11.15 p.m.	Sweep Road U.12.B.30.70. to V.1.C.15.60.	35.
		5.15 a.m.	(Forward Gun) Sweep Road V.7.B.95.10. to V.1.D.35. 50.	30.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	6.30 p.m.	Search and Sweep Tracks in U.6.B.	35.
		9.50 p.m.	Sweep Road V.1.Central to P.31.C.15.40.	40.
		11.50 p.m.	Machine Gun U.6.A.30.80.	15.
		5.15 a.m.		
		4.50 a.m.	Search Track O.36.D.45.40. to V.1.A.95.95.	30.
	<u>101st. Battery</u> -	6.30 p.m.	Pill Boxes U.6.D.20.35. (BX)	20.
		9.50 p.m.	Buildings V.1.B.70.25. "	20.
		11.50 p.m.	Cross Roads V.1.D.40.40. (BCBR)	40.
		4.5 a.m.	Cross Roads O.36.B.20.60. (BX)	20.

3. Ammunition :- (18-Pdrs.) 25% "A". 75% "AX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 23.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
7th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 10th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u> -	5.45 p.m.	(Area Shoots on Tracks and	30.
		9.20 p.m.	) Roads in Northern half of	40.
		10.15 p.m.	(O.36.D.	40.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	7.15 p.m.	(Area Shoots on Tracks and	40.
		3.45 a.m.	(Roads in U.6.B. South of	40.
		4.45 a.m.	(East and West line U.6.B.) O.80.	30.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	5.45 p.m.	(Area Shoots on Tracks and	30.
		9.20 p.m.	) Roads in V.1.A. West of	50.
		10.15 p.m.	(Road running N.W. and S.E.	30.
	<u>101st. Battery</u> -	7.15 p.m.	Search Road and Railway	40.
			from U.12.B.40.30. to	"BX".
			V.1.C.70.00.	
		3.45 a.m.	Area Shoot P.31.D.25.75.	30.
				"BCBR".
		4.45 a.m.	Search line of Trees	25.
			U.6.B.20.15. to	"BX".
			U.6.D.40.90.	6.
				"BCBR".

3. Ammunition :- (18-Pars.) 25% "A". 75% "AX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lindsay
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ADDENDUM to Operation Order No. 23 of 7th. January 1918.

Reference para. 2. - 2nd. Battery :- Delete the following
co-ordinates :- U.6.B. and
U.6.B.00.80. and insert -
U.6.D. and U.6.D.00.80.

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Captain.

Headquarters;
8th. January 1918.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 24.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
8th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 11th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u>	- 6.30 p.m.	T.M. 0.36.C.50.50.	15.
		3.15 a.m.	M.G. 0.35.B.65.45.	20.
		4.30 a.m.	Search Road 0.36.A.25.15. to 0.36.B.45.10.	40.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u>	- 7.45 p.m.	Search and Sweep Trench U.6.C.35.50. to U.6.A.70.00. and country East to N. and S. Grid Line through U.6.	25.
		9.15 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
		11.15 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u>	- 6.30 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
		3.15 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
		4.30 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
	<u>101st. Battery</u>	-- 12.15 a.m.	Search Trench U.6.C.40.40. to 35.50. to U.6.A.70.00.	25.
		1.15 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
		2.00 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
3.	<u>Ammunition :-</u>	18-Pdrs. - 25% "A". 75% "AX".		
		4.5" Hows. - "BX".		

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. L. Linsley
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8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

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Operation Order No. 25.

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

Headquarters;
9th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the under-mentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 12th. January 1918.

2. Table of Tasks :-

	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
<u>1st. Battery</u>	5.00 p.m.	Area Shoot 0.29.D.35.20. To 0.35.B.40.60. to 75.50.	20.
	6.30 p.m.	Search Road 0.36.B.20.60. East for 400 yards.	30.
	10.00 p.m.	Search Track 0.36.C.50.70. to 0.36.Central.	30.
<u>2nd. Battery</u>	8.00 p.m.	Area Shoot U.6.D.00.70. to 20.80. to 20.20. to 55.20.	25.
	1.00 a.m.	Search Road U.6.C.45.55. to U.12.B.30.10.	35.
	4.00 a.m.	Cross Roads V.1.D.40.45. to 50.30.	20.
<u>3rd. Battery</u>	5.00 p.m.	Search Tracks 0.36.C.85.00. to V.1.A.00.65.	25.
	6.30 p.m.	Sweep Track U.6.D.20.00. to V.1.A.20.50.	35.
	10.00 p.m.	Sweep Track V.1.C.85.83. to to V.1.B.20.42.	20.
<u>101st. Battery</u>	8.00 p.m.	Search Road 0.36.B.20.60. to 0.30.D.25.25.	15. "BX".
	1.00 a.m.	Area Shoot P.31.D.30.70. to 30.90.	30. "BCBR".
	4.00 a.m.	Cross Roads U.12.B.40.30.	25. "BX".

3. Ammunition :- (18-Pdrs.) 25% "A". 75% "AX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 26.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
10th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 13th. January 1918.

2. Table of Tasks :-

	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
<u>1st. Battery</u> -	7.00 p.m.	Search Trench from O.36.C. 30.50. to O.36.C.65.00. and ground to east of same to N. and S. line through cross roads at O.36.B.20.05.	) 25.
	1.00 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
	3.00 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	5.00 p.m.	Sweep Trench from U.12.A. 45.20. to U.6.C.40.60. and search ground to East to N. and S. Grid line through U.6. and U.12.	) 25.
	9.00 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
	11.00 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	7.00 p.m.	Search ground - Tracks &c. from N. and S. line through O.36.C.65.45 and U.6.C.65.80. East to N. and S. line through O.36.D.40.45. & U.6.D.40.80.)	) 25.
	1.00 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
	3.00 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
<u>101st. Battery</u> -	5.00 p.m.	Search Road from O.36.D. 60.75. to V.1.D.45.35.	) 25.
	9.00 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
	11.00 p.m.	Ditto.	25.

3. Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. 25% "A". 75% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Laidley
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6. 3rd. Battery.
7. 101st. Battery.
8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.Operation Order No. 27.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
19th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 14th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u> -	Search and Sweep		
		5.00 p.m.	Search and Sweep all Roads and Tracks from N. and S. line through O.30.D.40.25. to O.36.D.40.45. to East boundary of Squares O.30. and O.36.	25.
		6.00 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
		7.00 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	12.15 a.m.	Search and Sweep all Roads and Tracks from N. and S. line through O.36.D.40.45. to U.6.D.40.80. to East boundary of Squares O.36. and U.6.	25.
		1.30 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
		2.30 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	8.00 p.m.	Search and Sweep all Roads and Tracks from N. and S. line through U.6.D.40.80. to U.12.D.40.60. to East boundary of Squares U.6. and U.12.	25.
		10.30 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
		11.00 p.m.	Ditto.	25.
	<u>101st. Battery</u> -	1.15 a.m.	Sweep Road from P.31.A.65.70. to SOLDIER CROSSING in V.1.D.85.75.	25.
		2.30 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
		4.00 a.m.	Ditto.	25.
3.	<u>Ammunition :-</u>	18-Pdrs. 25% "A". 75% "AX".		
		4.5" Hows. "B.C.B.R."		

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	6.	3rd. Battery.
	7.	101st. Battery.
	8.	Bde. Major 3rd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 28.

By Major J.C.SELMES. D.S.O. - Temp'y. Commanding.

Headquarters;
12th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 15th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks:-</u>	Time.	Target.	No. of Rounds.
	<u>1st. Battery</u>	- 12 m/night.	Starting 200 yards in rear of S.O.S. Line - search Roads and Tracks between East and West Lines through O.29.D.30.20. and 0.36.C.20.45. O. 36.C.20.45. to Central N. and S. grid lines in Square O.30. and O.36.	24
		1.00 a.m.	ditto.	24
		1.45 a.m.	ditto.	24
	<u>2nd. Battery</u>	- 5-30 p.m.	Starting 200 yards in rear of S.O.S. Line - search Roads and Tracks between East and West lines through U.6.C.00.80. and U.12.A.00.60. to Central N. and S. Grid line in Squares U.6. and U.12.	24
		6-30 p.m.	ditto.	24
		7-30 p.m.	ditto.	24
	<u>3rd. Battery</u>	- 2-30 a.m.	Starting 200 yards in rear of S.O.S. Lines - Search Roads and Tracks between East and West Lines through O.36.C.20.45. and U.6.C.00.80. to N. and S. line through O.36.D.25.45. and U.6.D.25.80.	24
		3-15 a.m.	ditto.	24
		4-30 a.m.	ditto.	24
	<u>101st. Battery</u>	- 9-00 p.m.	Area shoot on O.36.C.50.45. to 90.45. to 95.95. to 50.75.	24
		10-15 p.m.	Search Tracks U.6.B.	24
		11-15 p.m.	Search Road U.12.B.30.70. to V.1.C.20.60.	24

3. Ammunition:- 18 -Pdrs. 25% "A". 75% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.S. Lawley Captain.
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APPENDIX 1

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No.29.

By Major J. C. SEIMES.D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
13th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 16th. January 1918.

2. Table of Tasks:- Time. Target. No. of Rounds.

<u>1st. Battery</u>	-	6-30 p.m.	Search Road from O.35.D. 95.95. to O.36.B.00.40.	24
		7-15 p.m.	Area Shoot O.36.C.60.50. to O.36.D.00.40. to O.36.A.45.00. to 95.00.	24
		8-30 p.m.	Search Tracks in O.36.D.	24

<u>2nd. Battery</u>	-	12-30 a.m.	Area Shoot U.6.C.60.40. to U.6.B. 00.40. to U.6.A.60.00. to U.6. Central	24
		2-00 a.m.	Search Tracks in Southern half U.6.B. and Northern part U.6.D.	24
		3-15 a.m.	Search Tracks in U.12.B.	24

<u>3rd. Battery</u>	-	9-15 p.m.	Search Tracks in Southern half of O.36.D. and Northern half of U.6.B.	24
		10-30 p.m.	Search Road from O.36.B.50.00. to V.1.A.55.70.	24
		11-45 p.m.	Search Tracks in Southern half of U.6.B. and Northern half of U.6.D.	24

<u>101st. Battery</u>	-	3-15 a.m.	Search Road and NEW WORKS from U.6.D.85.25. to V.1.C.75.65.	20
		4-00 a.m.	Search Enemy works U.6.A.60.25. to O.36.C.65.00.	20
		5-30 a.m.	Search Road from U.6.D.00.05. to 15.20. to 70.25.	20.

3. Ammunition:- 18-Pdrs. 25% "A". 75% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. L. L. L.
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX 1

Operation Order No. 30.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
14th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 17th. Jany. 1918.

2. Table of Tasks :- Time. Target. No. of Rounds.

<u>1st. Battery</u>	- 12.15 a.m.	Search Road 0.36.A.10.10. to P.31.A.65.75.	24.
	1.00 a.m.	Area Shoot 0.36.C.60.65. to 0.36.D.Central. to 0.36.A.70.00. to 0.36.B.50.00.	24.
	2.00 a.m.	Area Shoot 0.35.B.95.00. to 0.29.D.40.00. to N. and S. dividing Grid line between 0.35. and 0.36.	24.

<u>2nd. Battery :-</u>	9.45 p.m.	Sweep Road U.6.C.45.65. to U.12.B.40.30.	24.
	10.00 p.m.	Machine Gun U.6.D.15.90.	24.
	11.30 p.m.	Sweep Road U.12.B.30.70. to V.1.C.15.60.	24.

<u>3rd. Battery :-</u>	6.30 p.m.	Search and sweep Tracks in U.6.B.	24.
	2.45 a.m.		
	3.30 a.m.	Sweep Road V.1.Central to P.31.C.15.40.	24.
	4.30 a.m.	Machine Gun U.6.A.30.80.	24.

<u>101st. Battery :-</u>	5.30 p.m.	Pill Boxes U.6.D.20.35.	20.
	7.30 p.m.	Buildings V.1.B.70.25.	20.
	9.00 p.m.	Cross Roads V.1.D.40.40.	20.

3. Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. 25% "A". 75% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. L. W. L. W. L.

A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery. Captain.

Distribution.

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- 3. 1st. Aust. D. A.
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- 6. 3rd. Battery.
- 7. 101st. Battery.
- 8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX 1

Operation Order No. 31.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
15th. Jany. 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18th. January 1918.

2. Table of Tasks :-

	Time.	Target.	No. of Rounds.
<u>1st. Battery</u> -	8.45 p.m.	Concentrated shoot on O.36.D. 50.90.	24.
	9.00 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
	10.30 p.m.	Sweep Front Line Trench O.36.A.35.55. to O.30.C.80.20.	24.
<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	2.45 a.m.	Sweep Roads U.6.C.40.60. to U.12.B.40.30. to V.7.A.85.90.	24.
	3.45 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
	4.45 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	5.00 p.m.	Sweep Trees U.6.B.20.15. to U.6.D.35.90.	24.
	6.30 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
	8.00 p.m.	Cross Roads U.6.B.75.50.	24.
<u>101st. Battery</u> -	11.00 p.m.	Area Shoot on NEW WORKS U.12.A.40.70. to U.6.D.20.15. U.12.A.35.20. to U.12.A.75.50.)	20.
	12 m/night.	Search New Trench U.6.D.20.15. to V.1.C.15.20. to V.1.C.25.35. to V.1.C.85.05. (	20.
	1.15 a.m.	Ditto.	20.
3. <u>Ammunition :-</u>	18-Pdrs. 4.5" Hows.	25% "A". 75% "AX". "BX".	

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Linsley Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX

Operation Order No. 32.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
16th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 19th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u> -	2.15 a.m.		
		6.30 p.m.	T.M. O.36.C.50.50.	24.
		3.15 a.m.	M.G. O.35.B.65.45.	24.
		4.30 a.m.	Search Road O.36.A.25.15. to O.36.B.45.10.	24.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	7.45 p.m.	Search and Sweep Trench U.6.C.35.50. to U.6.A.70.00. and country East to N. and S. Grid Line through U.6.	24.
		9.15 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
		11.15 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	11.45 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
		12.30 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
		1.30 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
	<u>101st. Battery</u> -	5.00 p.m.	Search Trench U.6.C.40.40. to 35.50. to U.6.A.70.00.	20.
		6.00 p.m.	Ditto.	20.
		7.30 p.m.	Ditto.	20.

3. Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 75% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. L. Lewisley
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery. Captain.

Distribution.

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- 8. Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX

Operation Order No. 33.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
17th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 20th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u>	5.00 p.m.	Search and Sweep all roads and Tracks from N. and S. line through O.30.D.40.25. to O.36.D.40.45. to East boundary of Squares O.30. and O.36.	24.
		6.00 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
		7.00 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u>	12.15 a.m.	Search and Sweep all Roads and Tracks from N. and S. line through O.36.D.40.45. to U.6.D.40.80. to East boundary of Squares O.36. and U.6.	24.
		1.30 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
		2.30 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u>	8.00 p.m.	Search and Sweep all Roads and Tracks from N. and S. line through U.6.D.40.80. to U.12.D.40.60. to East boundary of squares U.6. and U.12.	
		10.30 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
		11.00 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
	<u>101st. Battery</u>	1.15 a.m.	Sweep Road from P.31.A.65.70. to SOLDIER CROSSING in V.1.D.85.75.	24.
		2.30 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
		4.00 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
3.	<u>Ammunition :-</u>	18-Pdrs.	75% "A".	25% "AX".
		4.5" Hows.	"BX".	

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lewisley
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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6. 3rd. Battery.
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8. Bde. Mjr. 2nd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.Operation Order No.34.

APPENDIX 1

By Major J. C. SELMES . D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
18th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 21st. January 1918.

22.	<u>Table of Tasks:-</u>	Time.	Target.	No. of Rounds.
	<u>1st. Battery</u>	12 m ^o night.	Starting 200 yards in rear of S.O.S. Line - search Roads and Tracks between East and West lines through O.29.D. 30.20. and O.36.C.20.45. to Central N. and S. grid lines in Square O.30. and O.36.	24
		1.00 a.m.	ditto.	24
		1.45 a.m.	ditto.	24
	<u>2nd. Battery:-</u>	5-30 p.m.	Starting 200 yards in rear of S.O.S. Line - search Roads and Tracks between East and West lines through U.6.C. 00.80. and U.12.A.00.60. to Central N. and S. grid line in Squares U.6. and U.12.	24
		6-30 p.m.	ditto.	24
		7-30 p.m.	ditto.	24
	<u>3rd. Battery:-</u>	2-30 a.m.	Starting 200 yards in rear of S.O.S. Line - search Roads and Tracks between East and West lines through O.36.C. 20.45. and U.6.C.00.80. to N. and S. line through O.36.D.25.45. and U.6.D. 25.80.	24
		3-15 a.m.	ditto.	24
		4-30 a.m.	ditto.	24
	<u>101st. Battery:-</u>	9-00 p.m.	Area Shoot on O.36.C.50.45. to 90.45. to 95.95. to 50.70.	24
		10-15 p.m.	Search Tracks U.6.B.	24
		11-15 p.m.	Search Road U.12.B.30.70. to V.1.C.20.60.	24
3.	<u>Ammunition:-</u>	18-Pdrs. 4.5" Hows.	75% "A". "BX".	25% "AX".

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Linsley
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery. Captain.

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| 6. 3rd. Battery. | |

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Operation Order No. 35.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O. - Commanding.

Headquarters;
19th. January 1918.Ref: Sheet 28 S.W. and S.E. (parts of).

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 22nd. January 1918.

2. Table of Tasks :-
- | | Time. | Target. | No. of Rounds. |
|-------------------------|------------|---|----------------|
| <u>1st. Battery</u> - | 6.30 p.m. | Search Road from O.35.D. 95.95. to O.36.B.00.40. | 24. |
| | 7.15 p.m. | Area Shoot O.36.C.60.50. to O.36.D.00.40. to O.36.A.45.00. to 95.00. | 24. |
| | 8.30 p.m. | Search Tracks in O.36.D. | 24. |
| <u>2nd. Battery</u> - | 12.30 a.m. | Area Shoot U.6.C.60.40. to U.6.B.00.40. to U.6.A.60.00. to U.6.Central. | 24. |
| | 2.00 a.m. | Search Tracks in Southern half of U.6.B. and Northern part U.6.D. | 24. |
| | 3.15 a.m. | Search Tracks in U.12.B. | 24. |
| <u>3rd. Battery</u> - | 9.15 p.m. | Search Tracks in Southern half of O.36.D. and Northern half of U.6.B. | 24. |
| | 10.30 p.m. | Search Road from O.36.B.50.00. to V.1.A.55.70. | 24. |
| | 11.45 p.m. | Search Tracks in Southern half of U.6.B. and Northern half of U.6.D. | 24. |
| <u>101st. Battery</u> - | 3.15 a.m. | Search Road and NEW WORKS from U.6.D.85.25. to V.1.C.75.65. | 20. |
| | 4.00 a.m. | Search enemy works U.6.A.60.25. to O.36.C.65.00. | 20. |
| | 5.30 a.m. | Search Road from U.6.D.00.05. to 15.20. to 70.25. | 20. |
3. Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Selmes
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery. Captain.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 36.

By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O. Commanding.

Headquarters;
20th. January 1918.

Ref: Sheet 28 S.W. and S.E. (parts of).

(1) The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 23rd. January 1918.

(2)	<u>Table of Tasks.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u>	1.00 a.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area 0.30.D.00.20. to 0.25.C.20.20. 0.36.C.00.50. to P.31.A.35.65.	30.
		1.45 a.m.	Sweep road from 0.30.D.20.00. to P.31.C.00.50.	20.
		2.30 a.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area between 0.36.D.00.70. to P.31.C.00.50. and Southern E. and W. Grid line of 0.36.D.	30.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u>	3.00 a.m.	Concentrated Shoot on Area between U.6.B.00.45 and V.1.A.00.45. and U.6.D.00.70. to V.1.C.00.70.	20.
		4.00 a.m.	Search and Sweep Pill Box Area and Tracks to East U.12.A.68.98. to 95.88. to U.12.B.05.83. to 37.55. to N. and S. Grid Line of U.12.B.	30.
		4.45 a.m.	Ditto.	30.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u>	9.00 p.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area between 0.36.D.00.70. to P.31.C.00.50. and Southern E. and W. Grid Line of 0.36.D.	30.
		10.00 p.m.	Sweep Road from P.31.C.00.50. to V.1.Central.	20.
		11.30 p.m.	Concentrated Shoot on Area between U.6.B.00.80. and V.1.A.00.80. and Southern E. and W. Grid of U.6.B.	30.
	<u>101st. Battery.</u>	5.30 p.m.	Concentrated Shoot on Pill Box Area U.12.A.68.98. to 95.88. to U.12.B.05.83. and 37.55.	20.
		7.30 p.m.	Ditto.	20.
		7.00 p.m.	Search and Sweep all Tracks in rear of above from U.6.D.00.00. to U.12.B.40.40. along railway to N. and S. Grid Line of U.12.B. and ground to Northern E. and W. Grid Line of same.	20.
		8.00 p.m.	Ditto.	20.

(3) Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. 75% "A". 25% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

(4) ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Laidley Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY

Operation Order No. 38

By Major J. C. SWAINES, NO. 10 DISTRIBUTION. Commanding

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 7. 101st. Battery.
 8. Bde. Mjr. 2nd. Inf. Bde.

No. of Hours	Target	Time	Table of Tasks
30	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area C.30.D.00.20 to 0.25. C.20.20. 0.25.C.00.20 to P.31.A.25.25. Sweep road from 0.30.D.20.00 to P.31.C.00.20.	1.00 a.m.	1st. Battery
30	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area between 0.30.D.00.70. to P.31.C.00.20. and Southern R. and W. Grid line of 0.30.D.	2.30 a.m.	1st. Battery
30	Concentrated Shoot on Area between U.6.B.00.45 and V.1.A.00.25 45. and U.6.D. 00.70. to V.1.C.00.70.	3.00 a.m.	2nd. Battery
30	Search and Sweep Hill Box Area and Tracks to East U.12.A.68.98. to 95.88. to U.12.B.03.83. to 37.25. to N. and S. Grid line of U.12.B.	4.00 a.m.	2nd. Battery
30	Ditto.	4.45 a.m.	2nd. Battery
30	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area between 0.30.D.00.70. to P.31.C.00.20. and Southern R. and W. Grid line of 0.30.D. Sweep Road from P.31.C.00.20. to V.1.Central.	9.00 p.m.	3rd. Battery
30	Concentrated Shoot on Area between U.6.B.00.80. and V.1.A.00.80. and Southern R. and W. Grid of U.6.B.	10.00 p.m.	3rd. Battery
30	Concentrated Shoot on Hill Box Area U.12.A.68.98. to 95.88. to U.12.B.03.83. and 37.25.	11.30 p.m.	3rd. Battery
30	Ditto.	5.30 p.m.	101st. Battery
30	Search and Sweep all Tracks in rear of above from U.6.D. 00.00. to U.12.B.40.40. along railway to N. and S. Grid line of U.12.B. and ground to Northern R. and W. Grid line of same.	7.00 p.m.	101st. Battery
30	Ditto.	7.30 p.m.	101st. Battery
30	Ditto.	8.00 p.m.	101st. Battery

Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. 750 "A". 250 "AK".
 4.5" Hows. "BK".
 ACKNOWLEDGE
 Captain
 Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 38.

APPENDIX

By Major J. C. SELMES.D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters:
21st. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6a.m. on 24th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery.</u>	1.00 a.m.	Concentrate on all Roads and Tracks to East of line O.36.B. 20.80. to 50.00. to North and South grid line between Squares O.36. and P.31. Special attention to ESPERANCE CABARET.	24.
		2.15 a.m.	ditto.	24
		3.00 a.m.	ditto.	24
	<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	5.00 p.m.	Search Cross Roads U.6.C. 98.05. - U.12.B.25.70. and U.12.B.40.25.	24
		6.00 p.m.	Search Cross Roads V.1.C. 15.60. - V.7.A.80.90. and U.6.D.98.85.	24
		7.00 p.m.	Search Tracks along Railway from U.12.B.00.25. to V.7.A. 35.75.	24
	<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	3.45 a.m.	Search Tracks in Area O.36.C. 85.00. and U.6.A.85.40. East to Central North and South grid line in U.6.B.	24
		4.00 a.m.	ditto.	24
		5.00 a.m.	Concentrate on Cross Roads at V.1.A.35.95. and 50.70. and 63.37.	24
	<u>101st. Battery.</u>	9.00 p.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area between O.36.B.20.60. to 45.65. and 35.25. to 60.35.	24
		10.30 p.m.	ditto.	24
		11.00 p.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot along Road P.31.A.60.75. to P.31.B.35.82. especially on PONT MALHET.	30
3.	<u>Ammunition:-</u>	18-Pdrs. 4.5" Hows.	25% "A". 75% "AX". "BCBR".	

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lindsay
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Arty.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX 1

Special Operation Order No. 39.By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
22nd. January 1918.

1. The following special shoots will be carried out by the Batteries of this Group today - 22nd. instant - as under.

2. Table of Tasks :-

	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
<u>1st. Battery</u> -	6.00 p.m.	Special concentration - in conjunction with Trench Mortars - around KIWI FARM and Tracks leading to it from East.	30.
<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	4.15 p.m.	Concentrate on Front Line Trench and wire from U.12.A.30.60. to U.12.C. 35.85.	20.
	4.45 p.m.	Ditto.	20.
<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	4.30 p.m.	Concentrate on Front Line and wire U.12.A.30.60. to U.12.C.35.85.	20.
	5.00 p.m.	Ditto.	20.
<u>101st. BATTERY</u> -	6.00 p.m.	In conjunction with Trench Mortars will <u>substitute special Concentrate Shoot on KIWI FARM at 6 p.m. in lieu of 8.00 p.m. shoot as laid down in O.O.36 - which is cancelled.</u>	40.

3. Rate of fire for 4.5" Hows. :- 2 Rounds per gun per minute.

4. Ammunition :- 18-Pdrs. Shrapnel only will be used. 4.5" Hows. "BX".

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Laidley
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery. Captain.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX 1

Operation Order No. 40.By Major J. C. SELMES. D. S. O. - Commanding.Headquarters;
22nd. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 25th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u>	- 8.45 p.m.	Concentrated Shoot on O.36.D.50.90.	24.
		9.00 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
		10.30 p.m.	Sweep Front Line Trench O.36.A.35.55. to O.30.C.80.20.	24.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u>	- 2.45 a.m.	Sweep Roads U.6.C.40.60. to U.12.B.40.30. to V.7.A.65.90.	24.
		3.45 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
		4.45 a.m.	Ditto.	24.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u>	- 5.00 p.m.	Sweep Trees U.6.B.20.15. to U.6.D.35.90. and Road to U.6.D.15.75. to U.6.B.75.22.	24.
		6.30 p.m.	Ditto.	24.
		8.00 p.m.	Cross Roads U.6.B.75.50.	24.
	<u>101st. Battery</u>	- 11.00 p.m.	Area Shoot on NEW WORKS U.12.A.40.70. to U.6.D.20.15. U.12.A.35.20. to U.12.A.75.50.	20.
		12 m/night.	Search New Trench U.6.D.20.15. to V.1.C.15.20. to V.1.C. 25.35. to V.1.C.85.05.	20.
		1.15 a.m.	Ditto.	20.
3.	<u>Ammunition :-</u>	18-Pdrs.	25% "A". 75% "AX".	
		4.5" Hows.	"BX".	

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. S. Lindsay
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery... Captain.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX 1

Operation Order No.40(A).

By Major J. O. SELMES, D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
24th. January 1918

1. From 6 p.m. on 24th. instant, Barrage Machine Gun Companies 1st. Aust. Division, will take over the responsibility of providing the S.O.S. Barrage between ~~3~~ - 0.36.C.65.05. and 0.36.A.10.05. in MESSINES GROUP.
2. In order to ensure that fire of the Field Guns overlaps the fire of the Machine Guns, Battery Commanders will fire their flank guns on amended S.O.S. Line as follows:-

	Time.	Target	No. of Rounds
<u>25/1/18.</u>			
<u>1st. Battery</u> No.1. Gun.	2.00 p.m.	0.35.D.70.97.	10 "A"
	2.02 p.m.	ditto.	5 "A"
	2.04 p.m.	ditto.	10 "A"
<u>3rd. Battery</u> No.6. Gun	2.00 p.m.	0.36.C.30.15.	10 "A"
	2.02 p.m.	ditto.	5 "A"
	2.04 p.m.	ditto.	10 "A"

3. The Divisional Machine Gun Officer will observe the above shoots and arrange for the Machine Gun Barrage to overlap the flanks of both Batteries at 0.36.A.10.05. and 0.36.C.65.05.
4. Report to be made to Group Headquarters on completion, but present S.O.S. Lines will not be altered till advised from this Office.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.
Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX

Operation Order No. 41.

By Major J. C. SELMES D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
23rd. January 1918.

- The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 26th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks:-</u>	Time.	Target	No. of Rounds.
	<u>1st. Battery</u> -	12.15 a.m.	Search Road O.36.A.10.10. to P.31.A.65.75.	24
		1.00 a.m.	Area Shoot O.36.C.60.65. to O.36.D. Central. to O.36.A.70.00. to O.36.B.50.00.	24
		2.00 a.m.	Area Shoot O.35.B.95.00. to O.29.D.40.00. to N. and S. dividing Grid line between O.35. and O.36.	24
	<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	9-45 p.m.	Sweep Road U.6.C.45.65. to U.12.B.40.30.	24
		10.00 p.m.	Machine Gun U.6.D.15.90.	24
		12 m/night	Sweep Road U.12.B.30.70. to V.1.C.15.60.	24
	<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	2-45 a.m.	Search and sweep Tracks in U.6.B.	24
		3-30 a.m.	Sweep Road V.1. Central to P.31.C.15.40.	24
		3-30 4.30 a.m.	Machine Gun U.6.A.30.80.	24
	<u>101st. Battery</u> -	5.30 p.m.	Pill Boxes U.6.D.20.35.	20
		7.30 p.m.	Buildings V.1.B.70.25.	20
		9.00 p.m.	Cross Roads V.1.D.40.40.	20
3.	<u>Ammunition.</u> -	18-Pdrs. 4.5" Hows.	25% "A" 75% "AX". 1st. Shoot - "BX". 2nd. & 3rd. do. - "BCBR".	

- ACKNOWLEDGE:

W. L. Lavelley
Captain.
A/Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX

Operation Order No.42.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
24th. January 1918.

1.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 27th. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks :-</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st Battery.</u>	5.30 p.m.	Concentrated Shoot on Area O.36.B.20.60. to 35.30. to 60.35. to 45.70.	24.
		7.00 p.m.	ditto.	24.
		8.00 p.m.	ditto.	24.
	<u>2nd. Battery.</u>	1.00 a.m.	Search Road V.7.A.00.40. to 85.85.	20.
		2.00 a.m.	Search Road V.7.A.85.85. to 95.35.	20.
		3.00 a.m.	Search Road V.7.B.00.80. to 65.75.	20.
			Search Road V.7.B.00.35. to 80.10.	20.
	<u>3rd. Battery.</u>	8.30 p.m.	Search and sweep Cross Road P.31.C.65.65.	20.
		9.00 p.m.	Search and sweep Cross Road P.31.D.40.10.	20.
		10.30 p.m.	Search and sweep Cross Road U.6.D.00.10. to U.6.B.80.00 and to U.6.D.95.80.	40.
	<u>101st. Battery.</u>	11.00 p.m.	Search Buildings P.31.D.30.70. -	30.
		11.45 p.m.	ditto. P.31.A.45.85. -	30.
		12.15 a.m.	ditto. O.36.B.25.50. -	30.

43. Ammunition. 18Pdrs. - 25% "A" 75% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BCBR."

44. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.
Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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- 8. Bde. Mjr. 2nd. Inf. Bde.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX

Operation Order No. 43.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
25th. January 1918.

1. On account of Machine Guns now being responsible for S.O.S. Barrage Line between 0.36.A.10.05. to 0.36.C.65.05. - S.O.S. Lines for Batteries are now allotted as follows, and will come into operation as from 26th. January 1918 at 12 noon.

2. 1st. Battery - 6 Guns on 0.35.D.83.95. to 0.35.B.40.50. to 0.29.D.30.15.
2nd. Battery - U.6.C.35.65. along enemy wire to U.12.A. 30.50. to U.11.B.95.02.
3rd. Battery - 0.36.C.30.15. to U.6.A.60.20. to U.6.C.35.60.

B.C's., 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries will arrange shoot for purpose of ensuring that there is no lane between their right and left and right flank guns respectively.

Report to be made on completion to this office.

3. On the call "HELP OOSTAVERNE", action will be as follows:-

- 1st. Battery - Barrage 0.29.D.40.00. to 0.29.D.70.90.
2nd. Battery - 1 Section switch and barrage 0.35.D.85.97. to 0.35.B.40.50.
3rd. Battery - 1 Section switch and barrage from 0.35.B.40.45. to 0.29.D.40.00.
101st. Battery - 1 How. on 0.30.A.80.00.
 1 How. on 0.30.C.40.80.

4. On the call "HELP BASSEVILLE", action will be as follows:-

- 1st. Battery - 1 Section switch and barrage ~~U.12.A.40.50.~~ U.12.A.40.50. to U.6.C.40.60.
2nd. Battery - Barrage U.11.B.98.30. to U.12.C.20.30.
3rd. Battery - 1 Section switch and barrage U.11.B.98.30. to U.12.A.40.50.
101st. Battery - 2 Hows. on U.12.C.20.80.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. L. Wood
 Captain.
 Adjutant Messines group, Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.APPENDIXOperation Order No. 44.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
25th. January, 1918.

1. The Batteries of the Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 28th. January 1918.

2. Table of Tasks:-

	Time.	Target	No. of rounds
<u>1st. Battery</u> -	1.00 p.m.	Special observed shoot on hedge, 0.36.C.80.35. to 95.20.	20.
	7.45 p.m.	Search Road from 0.36.A. 40.25 to P.31.B.60.80.	20.
	8.30 p.m.	ditto.	20.
	9.30 p.m.	ditto.	20.
<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	2.00 p.m.	Special Observed shoot on hedge, 0.36.C.80.35. to 95.20.	20.
	5.00 p.m.	Search Road V.7.A.00.40. to V.1.D.40.40.	20.
	6.00 p.m.	Search Road V.1.D.60.00 to V.1. Central	20.
	7.00 p.m.	Sweep Tracks, V.12.B.45.25 to U.6.D,00.00.	20.
<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	12 noon.	Special observed shoot for Registration on Hedge 0.36.C. 80.35. to 95.20.	20.
	10.15 p.m.	Sweep Road V.1. Central to 0.36.D.60.70.	20.
	11.15 p.m.	Search Track U.6.A.60.25. to V.1.A.00.50.	20.
	12.15 a.m.	Sweep Track U.6.C.80.80.60 V.1.A.00.50.	20.
<u>101st. Battery</u> -	11.30 a.m.	Special observed shoot on Hedge, 0.36.C.80.35. to 95.20.	20.
	1.00 a.m.	Special Concentration on area around ESPERANCE CABARET 0.36.B.20.65. to 25.50. to 40.65. to 50.50.	24
	2.00 a.m.	ditto.	24.
	3.00 a.m.	ditto.	24.

3. Ammunition - 18 Pdrs. 25% "A" 75% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BCBR"

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. L. H. W. W.
Captain.
Adjutant Messines group Artillery.

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| 4. 1st. Battery. | 8. Bde. Mjr, 2nd. Inf. Bde. |

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX I

Operation Order No. 45.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O. - Commanding.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 29th. January 1918.

2. <u>Table of Tasks.</u>	Time	Target	No. of Rounds.
<u>1st. Battery</u> -	1.00 a.m.	Concentrate on all Roads and Tracks to East of line O.36.B. 20,80. to 50,00. to North and South grid line between Squares O.36. and P.31. Special attention to ESPERANCE CABARET.	20. 20.
	2.15 a.m.	ditto.	20.
	3.00 a.m.	ditto.	20.
<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	5.00 p.m.	Search Cross Roads U.6.C.98.05. - U.12.B.25.70., and U.12.B.40.25.	20.
	6.00 p.m.	Search Cross Roads V.1.C. 15,60. - V.7.A.80.90. and U.6.D.98.85.	20.
	7.00 p.m.	Search Tracks along Railway from U.12.B.00,25. to V.7.A.35.75.	20.
<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	3.45 a.m.	Search Tracks in Area O.36.C. 85,00. and U.6.A.85.40. East to a Central North and South grid line in U.6.B.	20.
	4.00 a.m.	ditto.	20.
	5.00 a.m.	Concentrate on Cross Roads at V.1.A.35,95. and 50.70., and 63.37.	20.
<u>101st. Battery</u> -	9.00 p.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot on Area between O.36.B.20.60. to 45.65, and 35.25. to 60.35.	20.
	10.30 p.m.	ditto.	20.
	11.00 p.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot along Road P.31.A.60.75. to P.31.B. 35,82. especially on PONT MALHET.	30.
3. <u>Ammunition:-</u>	18 Pdrs.	25% "A"	75% "AX".
	4.5 "Hows.	"BOBR"	

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Captain.
Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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APPENDIX I

Operation Order No.46.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
27th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 30th. January 1918.

2	<u>Table of Tasks</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u> -	5.00 p.m.	Search CINEMA ROAD 0.35.D. 80.50. to 0.36.B.00.50.	20.
		6.00 p.m.	Sweep Road 0.36.D.60.75. to P.31.C.25.20.	20.
		6.45 p.m.	Sweep Road 0.36.D.20.15. to 0.36.B.30.25.	20.
		7.30 p.m.	Search Road 0.36.B.20.60 to, P.31.A.00.70.	20.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	2.45 a.m.	Search Area and M.G. Positions U.6.D.00.00. to 30.10. to 30.35.	20.
		3.00 a.m.	Search Road from U.6.D. 30.35. to U.6.B.85.10.	20.
		4.00 a.m.	Search Tracks U.6.D.30.10. to, 45.10. to 80.17. to V.1.C. 30.30	20.
		4.30 a.m.	Search Area U.6.C.40.80. to 80.80. to 40.50. to 80.50.	20.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	8.00 p.m.	Sweep Road P.31.C.25.20. to 0.36.D.60.75.	20.
		8.45 p.m.	Forward-Guns Search Road V.1.A.50.70. to P.31.D.95.35.	20.
		10.00 p.m.	Concentrated Area Shoot on 0.36.D.10.65. to 45.65. to 10.25. to 45.25.	20.
		11.00 p.m.	Search Track U.6.A.65.20. to U.6.B.25.50.	20.
	<u>101st. Battery</u> -	12.15 a.m.	Search Railway Line, Tracks and Road, U.12.B.40.20. to Y.7.A.80.85.	20.
		1.00 a.m.	Area Shoot on ESPERANCE CABARET 0.36.B.25.50.	20.
		1.45 a.m.	ditto.	20.
		2.30 a.m.	ditto.	20.

3. Ammunition - 18 Pdrs. 25% "A" 75% "AX"
4.5" Hows. No. 1. Shoot - "BX"
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4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operation Order No. 47.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
28th. January 1918.

1. The Batteries of this Group will carry out the undermentioned Table of Tasks for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 31st. January 1918.

2.	<u>Table of Tasks</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>No. of Rounds</u>
	<u>1st. Battery</u> -	12.30 a.m.	Concentrate on Machine Guns at 0.36.A.30.30 and 0.36.C.50.90	10.
		1.30 a.m.	Search Road 0.36.A.50.70 to 0.30.D.25.15	20.
		2.15 a.m.	Sweep Road 0.36.B.30.05. to 30.60.	20.
		3.00 a.m.	Search Tracks 0.36.C.50.70 to 0.36. Central	20.
	<u>2nd. Battery</u> -	7.00 p.m.	Search Tracks U.12.A.55.85. to U.6.D.45.05.	20.
		7.45 p.m.	Search Road U.12.B.45.15 to V.1.D.00.00.	20.
		8.15 p.m.	Search Area V.1.D.00.00 to 60.45. to 00.40. to 50.50.	20.
		9.15 p.m.	Sweep Road U.6.C.40.60. to U.12.B.40.20.	20.
	<u>3rd. Battery</u> -	2.45 a.m.	Area Shoot on P.31.D.30.70.	20.
		3.30 a.m.	Forward Guns on PONT MALHET and Road in P.31.B.	20.
		4.30 a.m.	Forward Guns on Road V.1.A. 50.70. to P.32.B.00.40.	20.
		5.00 a.m.	Search Track U.6.B.30.45. to V.1.A.00.40.	20.
	<u>101st. Battery</u> -	7.00 p.m.	Area Shoot on P.31.D.30.70.	20. BNC
		7.45 p.m.	Area Shoot on U.12.B.40.80.	20. BNC
		8.15 p.m.	Search Road U.6.D.00.05. to U.6.B.85.10.	20. BX.
		9.15 p.m.	Search Road P.31.C.15.45. to V.1.A.70.25.	20. BNC
3.	<u>Ammunition.</u>	18 Pdrs. - 4.5" Hows.	25% "A" 75% "AX" (As above.)	

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Selmes Captain.

Adjutant Messines Group Artillery.

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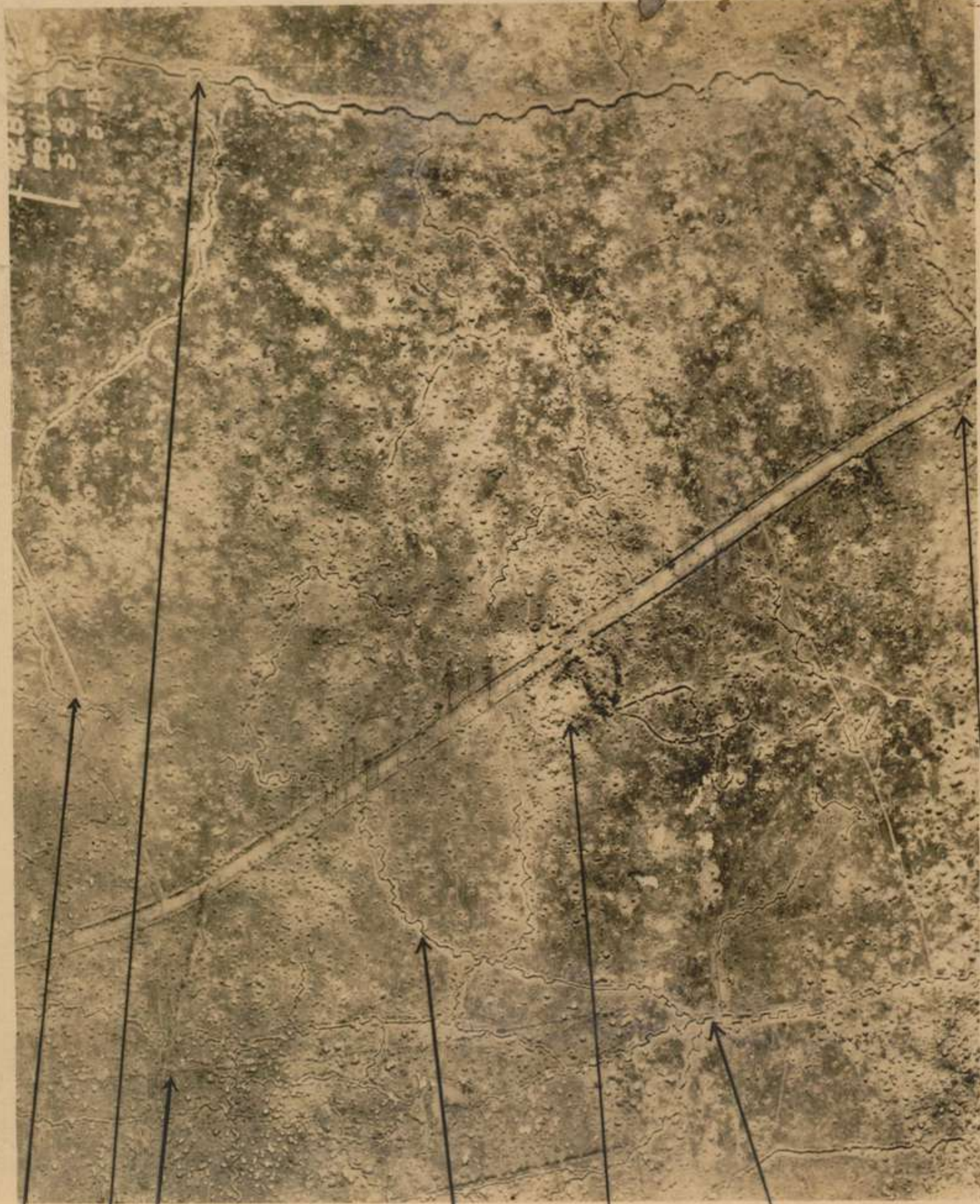
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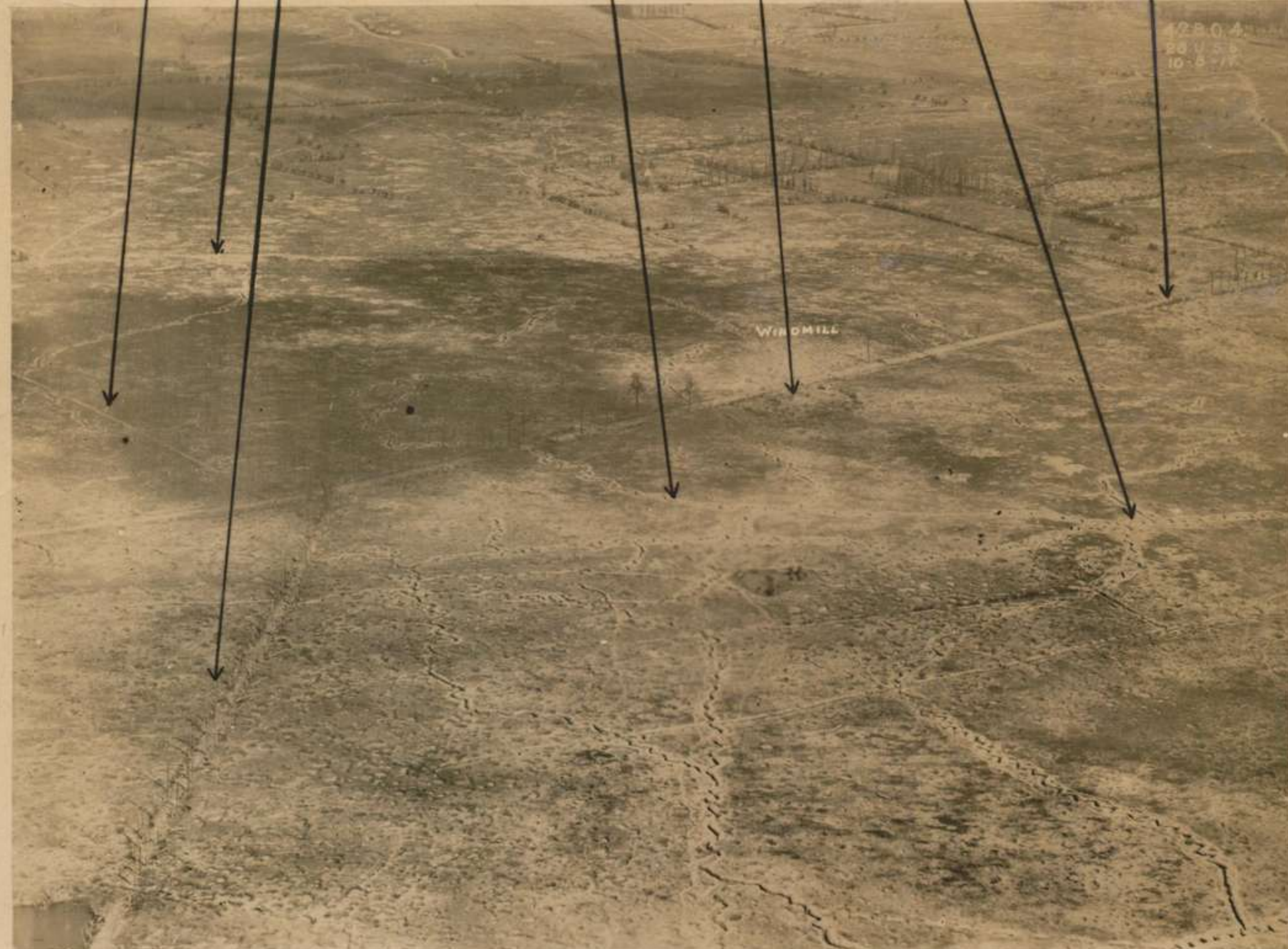
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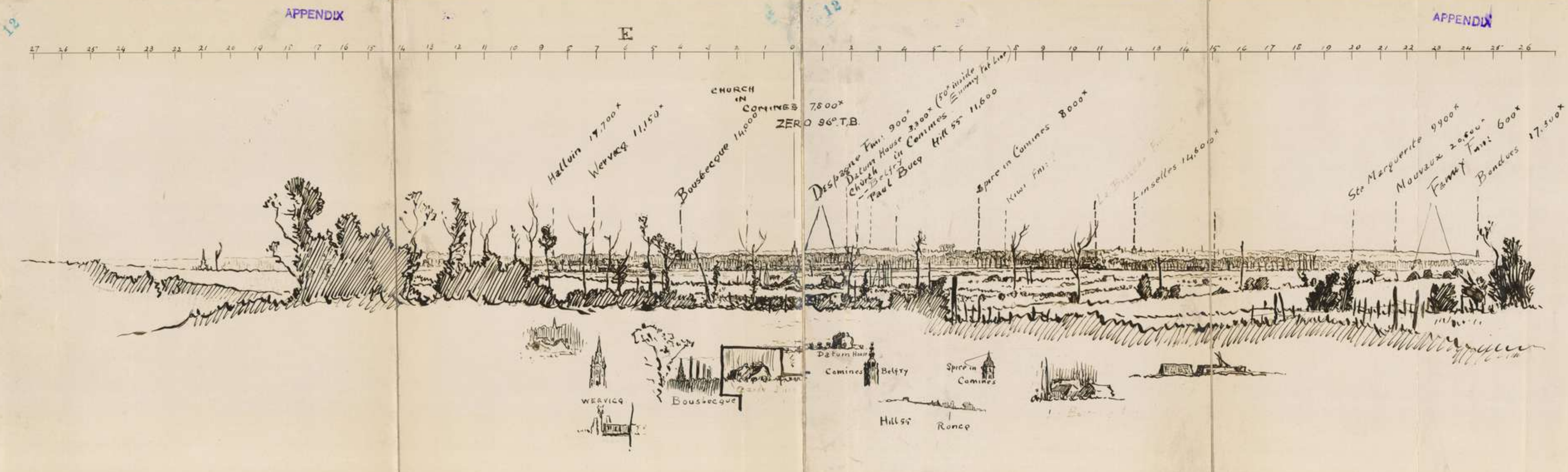
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