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	March	1918.		<u>SHEET.</u> <u>28.</u> <u>1/40,000.</u>
	1st.		B.H.Q. not in the line. Batteries of the Brigade being administered by H.Q. 2nd. A.F.A. Bde.	
	2nd.		1 Section of each 1st., 2nd., 3rd. and 101st. Batteries changed over with 1 section each of 37th., 38th., 39th., and 110th. Batteries of 10th. A.F.A. Brigade.	
	3rd.		Balance of Batteries changed over and H.Q. 1st. A.F.A. Brigade took over from H.Q. 10th. A.F.A. Brigade, at 5 p.m.	
			<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u>	
			Headquarters - LANKHOFF FARM - I.32.A.90.70.	
			1st. Battery - 2 guns - I.34.B.57.44.	
			4 " - I.33.A.68.62.	
			2nd. Battery - 6 " - I.27.D.58.41.	
			3rd. Battery - 6 " - O.3.C.60.48.	
			101st. Battery - 6 Hows. - I.33.D.50.00.	
			Relief completed by 5 p.m.	
			11.45 p.m. 3rd. and 101st. Batteries fired on O.11.D.95.25. in accordance with HOLLEBEKE GROUP Order No. 10. Object was to create a diversion while 5th. Aust. Div. carried out raid on vicinity U.5.d.70.25 - O.35.d.8.8. - O.17.d.65.75 and O.17.b.95.32.	
			12 midnight. Right Batt. Liaison Officer reported enemy T.M's. worrying them from O.6.d.50.00 and O.12.b.25.80. 101st. Battery was ordered to fire 10 rounds on each of above targets.	
	4th.		12.35 a.m. Right Batt. Liaison Officer reported all quiet again.	
			12.35	
			12.36 a.m. HOLLEBEKE GROUP (3rd. Aust. (Army) Brigade F.A.) ordered fire of 3rd. and 101st. Batteries to be reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ round per gun per min. for 10 mins. and then "stop". These instructions transmitted to Batteries.	
			12.55 a.m. 3rd. and 101st. Batteries back on their S.O.S. Lines.	
			S.O.S. Line runs, and is split up amongst Batteries, as follows :-	
			1st. Battery - From O.6.d.75.10. to P.1.c.45.55. to P.1.b.7.4.	
			2nd. Battery - " P.1.b.65.39. to 80.50. to P.2.a.05.50. to J.32.c.6.4.	
			3rd. Battery - " O.12.a.45.45. to O.6.d.02.10. to O.6.d.8.1.	

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	5th.	12.50 a.m.	5th. Aust. Div. on our right put down barrage to cover small raiding party.	
		1.15 a.m.	Firing on right died away.	
		2.00 a.m.	S.O.S. sent up by 5th. Aust. Div. Our Batteries ordered to "stand to" and 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. notified.	
		2.30 a.m.	Firing died down and Batteries ordered to "stand down".	
	6th.		Night very quiet.	
		5.40 p.m.	Centre Liaison Officer reported 4.2" How. Bty. shelling I.36.c.95.70. from direction of ZANDVOORDE, with gas. "C"-Batteries asked for fire.	
		6.40 p.m.	Centre Batt. Liaison Officer reports heavy gas shelling in vicinity of FUSILIER DUGOUTS I.36.d.00.60. and from direction P.2.d.7.4.	
			Counter Batteries notified. 101st. Battery fired 30 rounds on P.2.d.7.4.	
		7.20 p.m.	101st. Bty. fired 30 BX and GAS into guns seen firing from P.2.d.7.4.	
			Hostile Battery thereupon ceased firing.	
	7th.	9.45 a.m.	Hostile 4.2" Battery shelling I.33. from T.B. 100° taken from I.29.c.95.20. Counters notified.	
		11.30 a.m.	Centre Batt. Liaison reports I.36.c.& d. being heavily shelled with gas. 101st. How. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rounds BX. on to P.2.d.7.4. and 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 15 A and 15 AX.	
		11.35 a.m.	Right Liaison reports Battery firing from P.2.d.7.4.	
		11.40 a.m.	Counter Batteries notified Battery located at P.2.d.7.4.	
		12 noon.	Right Liaison reports gas shell (xx 77's and 4.2") still coming over heavily from direction of ZANDVOORDE and P.2.d.7.4.	
			Counter Batteries notified.	
		12.30 p.m.	Liaison reports enemy still shelling but not so heavily.	
		12.40 p.m.	Enemy ceased firing on FUSILIER DUGOUTS I.36.c. Counters notified.	
		4.00 p.m.	Bde. Major, 1st. Aust. D.A., reports T.M. activity on J.32.c.	
			101st. How. Bty. fired 20 BX on P.1.c.90.40. P.2.a.70.90 and P.2.b.40.90.	
			Left Liaison reports Batt. H.Q. moved to I.36.c.23.50.	
		4.30 p.m.	5.9" How. shelling J.31.c. and O.6.b. from T.B. 128° from P.1.a.8.7.	
			Counters asked for retaliation.	

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	7th.	5.40 p.m.	Counter Batteries asked to cease firing as shelling had now ceased.	
		6.30 p.m.	B.M., 1st. Aust. D?A., telephoned that 5th. Div. report cloud gas in HOUTHEM VALLEY. Warning sent throughout Brigade.	
		7.00 p.m.	Left Liaison requests 30 rounds on P.1.c.80.90, as Infantry report movement there. 1st. Battery ordered to carry out this task.	
		7.25 p.m.	Received information from Liaison Officer Right Batt. that Infantry expect raid to be made by enemy tonight from direction of O.6.d.80.40. Preparations made to deal with situation should it arise.	
	8th.	2.00 a.m.	All quiet. Continued to be quiet throughout day.	
		6.00 p.m.	S.O.S. on front of 37th. Division on our left. All Batteries ordered to "stand by".	
		6.10 p.m.	Centre Batt. Liaison Officer reports all quiet on our front.	
		6.30 p.m.	Vicinity of 2nd. Battery I.27.d. being shelled by 5.9's and 4.2" Gas shell from direction of WERVICQ.	
		6.50 p.m.	S.O.S. sent up on Left Inf. Bde. front (1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.)	
		9.05 p.m.	Sounds of heavy firing to our right in OOSTAVERNE Sector.	
			F.O.O. reports fairly heavy bombardment in his vicinity O.11.a.2.5., principally 5.9's	
		9.15 p.m.	F.O.O. reports fire slackened. Gas was detected during bombardment.	
	9th.	5.00 a.m.	Right Batt. Liaison Officer reported T.M. worrying our posts. Location of T.M. O.12.B.50.45. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 20 BX on above.	
		5.30 a.m.	101st. Bty. fired another 10 rds. BX. on same target.	
		12.50 p.m.	A salvo of 5.9's. landed on 3rd. Bty. position O.3.c.60.48. and put one gun out of action (No. 7. Dial Sight, carrier and bracket damaged and buffer pierced).	
		3.45 p.m.	Right Batt. Liaison Officer reports 4.2" How. shelling O.5.d. from direction of COMINES. Counters notified.	
		4.40 p.m.	Right Batt. Liaison Officer reports 4.2" How. Bty. firing on our front line from P.3.a.40.40. Counters notified.	
		8.25 p.m.	Right Batt. Liaison Officer reports 4.2" How. Bty. worrying front in O.5.c. and d. from direction P.2.d.90.90. Counters notified.	
	10th.		Morning quiet.	
		4.20 p.m.	Right Liaison Officer reports 4.2" How. firing on our trenches from P.2.d.90.90. Counters notified.	

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	March 1918.	10th.	<p>7.10 p.m. Movement reported (about 20 Huns) at P.2.c.7.1. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rounds "A".</p> <p>7.20 p.m. Right Batt. Liaison Officer reports enemy shelling O.6.d.8.8. from direction of WERVICQ with 5.9" Hows. Counter Batteries notified.</p> <p>7.30 p.m. Infantry report that several trains arrived at and remained in WERVICQ during the late afternoon.</p> <p>10.00 p.m. O.C. 2nd. Battery reports gas shell falling in I.27.d. at rate of 2 to 3 rounds per minute (77's. and 4.2's). Direction of fire - WERVICQ.</p>	
	11th.		<p>4.45 p.m. Right Batt. Liaison reports P.1.b.05.65 being shelled from ZANDVOORDE with 77's & 4.2's.</p> <p>5.10 p.m. Left Batt. Liaison reports P.1.c.20.95. being heavily shelled by 5.9's. Hows. from north of ZANDVOORDE. Counters notified.</p> <p>6.30 p.m. O.6.b.80.55 being heavily shelled from WERVICQ. Flashes observed.</p> <p>7.35 p.m. O.C. 3rd. Battery reports that his vicinity (O.3.c.) being heavily shelled from direction of WERVICQ. Counters notified.</p> <p>8.00 p.m. O.C. 3rd. Bty. reports enemy fire now stopped. Counters notified.</p> <p>10.20 p.m. Left Batt. Liaison reports enemy 5.9 Hows. shelling I.35.d. and I.36.c. from direction of COMINES. Counters notified.</p> <p>10.50 p.m. Above fire ceased on Country Batteries opening fire, but opened up again in response to artillery fire from the HOLLEBEKE GROUP artillery on our left right. Counter Batteries notified, but were unable to retaliate at the moment on account of being already engaged.</p> <p>11.35 p.m. Right Batt. Liaison Officer asks for retaliation on P.1.c.65.75. 1st. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rounds AX. Infantry report fire effective.</p> <p>During the day 2nd/Lieut. GREY, 8th. Battalion, and Lieut. SAMUELS, 6th. Battalion, reported from 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. for purpose of becoming acquainted with Field Artillery work. They were attached to 1st. and 101st. Batteries respectively.</p>	
	12th.		<p>Night very quiet, with exception of bursts of heavy fire on our right - HOLLEBEKE Sector. xxxxxx</p> <p>8.30 a.m. Enemy Pineapple Mortars busy from O.6.d.0.0. and O.12.b.40.45. 3rd. Battery ordered to fire on above points and 101st. Bty. to fire 20 rounds on LOCK 5 (O.12.b.4.5).</p>	

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	12th.	9.20 a.m.	Enemy 5.9" Hows. firing on O.3.b. in vicinity of 101st. Bty. - from direction of TENBRIELEN. Counter Batteries asked for counter-preparation.	
		1.50 p.m.	Centre Batt. Liaison Officer reports that Batt. H.Q. I.36.c.20.30. being heavily shelled by 5.9" Hows. from direction of WERVICQ.	
		4.45 p.m.	4.2" How. flashes seen from 3rd. Bty. O.P. O.5.b.50.62. at T.B. 121° 10'. Counter Batteries advised.	
		4.50 p.m.	I.30.c.2.3. being shelled by 5.9" Hows. from direction of WERVICQ. Counters advised.	
		5.00 p.m.	Lieut. LEWIS (from 3rd. Bty. O.P.) reports 4.2" How. firing from farm house at T.B. 128° 10'. Counters advised and engaged this target. Lieut. LEWIS observed muzzle being elevated and depressed, also 2 hits on pit, when engaged by our counter batteries.	
		6.25 p.m.	Centre Batt. Liaison reports O.6.b.8.5. being shelled with 8" from T.B. 98°. taken from J.31.c.50.40. Also, J.31.c.0.3. with 4.2's. and 77 mm. and J.31.d. with 5.9" and 4.2" from direction of ZANDVOORDE. Counter Batteries notified.	
		7.15 p.m.	Intelligence Officer, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde., reports O.6.b. and P.1.A. being shelled by 5.9" Hows. from WERVICQ. Counter Batteries asked for retaliation.	
		7.40 p.m.	Right Liaison reports enemy T.M's. very active from O.6.d.0.0. and O.12.b.40.45. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds. on former and 101st. Bty. 20 rounds on latter.	
		9.25 p.m.	Right Batt. Liaison reports heavy T.M. firing from J.32.d.70.00. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 10 rounds.	
		11.15 p.m.	1st. Bty. fired 30 rounds (75% "A". 25% "AX") on P.1.c.65.75 at request of Infantry.	
		11.30 p.m.	1st. Bty. repeated 11.15 p.m. shoot. T.M's.	
	13th.	3.00 a.m.	Right Batt. Liaison reports enemy very active from vicinity O.6.d.0.0. and O.12.b.40.45. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rounds on former and 101st. How. Bty. 30 rounds on latter.	
		7.35 a.m.	Above T.M's. again reported in action. 3rd. and 101st. Btys. fired a further 12 rounds each.	

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	March 1918.	8.15 a.m.	3rd. and 101st. Bty. each fired a further 12 rounds on above points at request of Bn. Commander.	
		8.40 p.m.	3rd. and 101st. Bty. each fired a further 20 rounds on above points at request of Infantry.	
		(12-3-18)	101st. How. Bty. carried out 4th. Aust. D. A. Order No. 117 as follows :- 8.45 p.m. 100 rds. BNC. P.9.A.70.88. 9.30 " 100 " " P.2.d.65.34. 10.15 " 100 " " P.3.B.45.70.	
	13th.	3.30 p.m.	Centre Batt. Liaison reports 8" shelling J.31.c.15.10. from Mag. B. 100 ⁰ ; and 77 mm. shelling P.1.a.2.6. from Mag. B. 100 ⁰ . Counter Batteries notified.	
		4.30 p.m.	8" stopped firing. Counters notified.	
		10.20 p.m.	Right. Batt. Liaison reports enemy T.M's. very active from 0.6.d.0.0. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 24 rds.	
		10.45 p.m.	T.M's. still active. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 48 rds. on same point.	
		11.00 p.m.	Liaison reports T.M's. now stopped.	
		11.50 p.m.	3rd. Inf. Bde. reports enemy T.M's. firing on our line from 0.6.d.0.0.	
		12 midnight.	101st. Bty. ordered to fire 40 rounds and 1st. Bty. 30 rds. on that point. 3rd. Inf. Bde. reports heavy enemy barrage down on 0.5.c. and d. from direction of WERVICQ.	
	14th.		Counters asked for retaliation.	
		12.10 a.m.	1st. and 3rd. Batteries ordered to "stand to".	
		12.35 a.m.	Inf. Batt. Commander asks for artillery fire on P.1.d.40.90. and P.2.c.05.90. (M.G. emplacements), from which enemy are firing bursts and interfering with wiring party.	
			1st. Bty. ordered to fire 20 AX on each target.	
		12.40 a.m.	Situation reported quiet. 1st. and 3rd. Batteries ordered to "stand down".	
		1.20 a.m.	Right Batt. reports that during bombardment between 11.15 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. there was an attack on right Battalion. 4 S.O.S. signals were sent up. These were not seen by Infantry either from their O.P. or Batt. H.Q. Neither were they seen from our own Group O.P..	
			Enemy attempted a raid on our trenches (12th. Batt.) which was unsuccessful, as we secured 31 prisoners and many of enemy were killed or wounded. Our casualties totalled 15 only.	

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	14th.	11.40 a.m.	Left Batt. Liaison reports 8" firing about 1 round every 3 minutes. Direction - Mag. B. 109°. 30' from I.36.b.30.20. Counters notified..	
		5.5 p.m.	Staff Captain, 3rd. Inf. Bde., reports heavy shelling by 5.9's. from direction of WERVICQ, on squares O.6.d. and P.1.a. Counters notified. Fire ceased at 5.40 p.m. Counters notified.	
		9.15 p.m.	Lieut. IRWIN (Right Liaison) reports T.M's. again active from O.6.d.O.1. 3rd. Battery ordered to fire 30 rounds.	
		9.50 p.m.	Right Liaison reports T.M. firing from O.12.b.45.45. 2nd. Battery ordered to retaliate with 24 rounds.	
		10.30 p.m.	3rd. Batt Inf. Bde. advised that enemy might use gas and that all precautions should be taken. All Batteries, neighbouring Group H.Q's., 1st. Aust. D.A. and T.M's. notified.	
	15th.	12.10 a.m.	F.O.O. reports number of batteries firing from direction of ZANDVOORDE. Shells going over into back areas and believed to be gas.	
		12.15 a.m.	Right Batt. Liaison reports same as above.	
		1.00 a.m.	O.C. 101st. Bty. reports 77 mm. gas shell falling immediately in front of them. These were not air-bursts. Brigade Major advised.	
		1.04 a.m.	Right Batt. Liaison reports wheeled traffic heard on road at O.12.b.9.4. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 AX.	
		4.25 a.m.	F.O.O. reports S.O.S. sent up to the left of our Divisional Sector (37th. Div.area).	
		4.30 a.m.	All quiet.	
		4.37 a.m.	S.O.S. again observed on front of 37th. Division on our left.	
		7.45 a.m.	Right Liaison Officer reports working party at P.8.b.2.8. 1st. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds.	
		7.50 a.m.	Working party dispersed.	
		11.25 p.m.	5.9" How. reported by Right Liaison Officer firing on I.36.c. from T.B. 135° from I.36.c.4.2. Counters notified.	
		1.45 p.m.	Right Liaison Officer reports O.5.d. central being heavily shelled by 5.9" Hows. from T.B. 70°. from L.36.c.4.2. Counters retaliated and at 2.20 p.m. Liaison Officer reported retaliation effective.	

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	15th.	3.50 p.m.	Test message received from Aeroplane :- M.M. (instead of L.L. for test only) P.7.a.6.0. (By Wireless) All Batteries received order by 3.53 p.m. 3rd. Battery reported fired at 3.55 p.m. 1st. " " " " 3.57 " 2nd. " " " " 3.58 " 101st. " " " " 4. 1 "	
		4.00 p.m.	C.Q.D. - U.11.d. received and passed to all Batteries by 4.2 p.m. 2nd. Battery reported fired at 4.4 p.m. 3rd. " " " " 4.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 1st. " " " " 4.6 " 101st. " " " " 4.7 "	
		4.06 p.m.	C.Q.D. - O.34.d. received but not fired on.	
		4.18 p.m.	Received M.M. J.33.b.5.5. All Batteries ordered to fire by 4.20 p.m. 2nd. Battery reported fired at 4.24 p.m. 1st. " " " " 4.29 p.m. 3rd. " " did not fire as range 6900 yds.	
		3.45 p.m.	Right Battalion Liaison reports enemy party of about 15 observing from P.13.a.6.6. 3rd. Battery ordered to fire 24 rounds. Observing Officer reports shoot effective, 2 shots 2 shots observed to hit objective.	

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	16th.	2.55 a.m.	Left Liaison Officer reports situation quietened down.	
		3.30 a.m.	Long range Gas and Shrapnel shell still falling in Group H.Q. area - I.32.a.	
		12.30 p.m.	Right Liaison Officer reports party of enemy at O.12.d.90.85. 3rd. Bty. fired 24 rounds.	
		1.40 p.m.	Right Liaison Officer reports enemy party observing from P.13.a.6.6. Believed to be observing for 4.2" Battery which is registering on our supports. 3rd. Battery ordered to fire 18 rounds.	
		2.15 p.m.	Left Battalion Liaison reports T.M. firing from P.1.c.70.80. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 18 rounds.	
		3.16 p.m.	F.O.O. reports 8" How. firing on O.4.d. from Mag. Bearing 125° from O.11.a.2.5. Counter Batteries advised.	
		4.4 p.m.	5.9" How. firing on O.6.a.25.95. from direction of KORTEWILDE. Counters notified.	
		4.35 p.m.	F.O.O. reports enemy 4.2" How. Bty. firing from P.15.a.4.6. Counters notified.	
		7.10 p.m.	Centre Liaison reports T.M's. firing from P.1.c.7.8. 1st. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds. This report shoot reported effective 7.20 p.m.	
		10.10 p.m.	Right Liaison Officer the asks that 1 gun be put on to fire a round every 15-20 minutes on O.6.d.00.00. 1st. Bty. ordered to do this until 5 a.m.	
		11.50 p.m.	T.M. activity reported from P.1.c.7.8. P.1.c.20.10. P.1.d.40.00. P.1.b.30.00. 3rd. Battery ordered to fire 10 rds. on each target.	
	17th.	6.45 a.m.	Right Liaison reports Pineapple T.M's. firing from LOCKS 5 and 6 - O.12.b.35.60. and O.6.d.00.00. 1st. Bty. ordered to fire 24 rds.	
		7.20 a.m.	1st. Bty. fired 12 rds. on above.	
		11.55 a.m.	Received wireless message :- C.Q.D. V.13.c. (?). Some doubt as to letter "V" as message was badly jambed.	
		2.11 p.m.	5.9" Hows. reported falling on O.4.d.10.75 from direction WERVICQ. Counters advised,	
		3.16 p.m.	M.M. message received :- F.A.N. K.15.c.9.3. Out of range. Not acted on.	
		3.25 p.m.	C.Q.D. call received - J.22.a.3.7. J.21.a.2.5. No action taken as out of our zone.	
		4.00 p.m.	2nd. Bty. reports 4.2" How. shelling Bty. position and vicinity from direction of COMINES. Counter Batteries advised.	

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	17th.	5.50 p.m.	Left Liaison reports 77 mm. Bty. firing from P.2.b.9.4. on to I.36.d.5.2. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rounds.	
		6.35 p.m.	3rd. Inf. Bde. report 77 mm. gas shell firing on O.6.b. and P.1.a. Direction - grid bearings 99° and 101° from O.5.c.75.20. Flashes visible. Counters notified.	
		8.10 p.m.	3rd. Inf. Bde. reports shelling ceased.	
		10.00 p.m.	3rd. Inf. Bde. report O.4.a. and b. being shelled with 4.2" gas and H.E. from direction ZANDVOORDE. Counters notified.	
		10.07 p.m.	2nd. Bty. (I.27.d.) report that they are being heavily shelled with gas from ZANDVOORDE. Counters notified.	
		10.17 p.m.	All Batteries report Gas and H.E. bombardment (4.2's and 77's.)	
		10.30 p.m.	Left Liaison Officer reports gas and H.E. bombardment on I.36.c. and d. and on front line and support trenches.	
		10.40 p.m.	Minenwerfer reported firing gas from P.1.d.40.98 and P.2.c.01.98. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds. on each point.	
		11.05 p.m.	Right Liaison Officer reports that trouble is expected from enemy on Right Batt. front.	
		11.10 p.m.	Left Liaison reports gas still coming over from Minenwerfers as above. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 40 rds. on P.1.d.40.98 and P.2.c.01.98, sweeping and searching.	
		11.45 p.m.	Minenwerfer reported firing from P.1.d.40.98. 1st. Bty. fired 40 rds.	
	18th.	12.15 a.m.	Shelling normal. Only occasional rounds coming over.	
		12.45 a.m.	T.M's. firing from P.1.c.78.75 and P.1.d.78.75. 3rd. Bty. fired 10 rds. on each.	
		1.10 a.m.	T.M. firing from P.1.c.78.75 and P.1.d.78.75. 3rd. Bty. fired 10 rds. on each.	
		2.05 a.m.	T.M. troublesome from LOCK 5 O.12.b.35.60. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds.	
		4.05 a.m.	T.M's. reported from O.6.d.00.00. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds.	
		6.30 a.m.	T.M. firing from canal. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rounds "A". Anti-Tank Gun placed in position at I.35.d.65.60. by Lieut. SMITH & party.	
		7.15 a.m.	T.M. still troublesome from Canal. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds.	
		7.22 a.m.	T.M. firing from O.12.d.9.9. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 10 rds.	
		12.25 p.m.	M.M. call received - P.32.c.8.8. but did not fire as out of our zone.	
		12.34 p.m.	3rd. Bty. O.P. reports 4.2" How. Bty. firing fro, T.B. 114° taken from O.5.b.50.69. Probable co-ordinate P.16.d.95.50. Counters informed.	
		3.10 p.m.	M.M. call received - O.36.c.5.5. but not fired on as out of our sector.	

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	18th.	3.24 p.m.	Wireless received - M.M. J.Y.2000. F.A.N. J.32.b.5.4. All Batteries notified 3.27pm. 1st. Bty. reported fired at 3.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m. 2nd. Bty. " " " 3.32. 3rd. Bty. " " " 3.31. 101st. Bty. " " " 3.32.	
		3.52 p.m.	M.M. received - 2000 F.A.N. J.32.c.9.4. All Batteries notified 3.55 p.m. 1st. Bty. reported fired at 3.59 p.m. 2nd. " " " " 3rd. " " " 3.58 $\frac{1}{2}$ 101st. " " " 3.59.	
		4.52 p.m.	F.O.O. reports enemy sending up white lights bursting into clusters about 1000 yds. back from their front line, and at an interval of about 1000 yds. along the front as far as he can see.	
		4.54 p.m.	3rd. Bty. reports white lights in front and red lights going up farther back.	
		10.35 p.m.	Right Liaison reports fairly large working party at P.1.c.5.7. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds.	
		11. 5 p.m.	T.M. firing from P.1.d.95.10. on to P.1.a.90.60. to P.1.b.10.70. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 16 rds.	
		11.35 p.m.	Fire on above targets reported effective.	
	19th.	12.14 a.m.	T.M. firing from P.1.d.40.95. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds.	
		6.35 a.m.	T.M's. firing from between LOCKS 5 and 6.	
		6.50 a.m.	T.M's. firing from P.1.d.40.95. and P.2.c.08.97. on to P.1.b. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds. on each.	
		6.55 a.m.	Heavy T.M. firing from O.8.d.45.10. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds.	
		6.10 p.m.	77 mm. Batteries firing from P.2.b.96.40 and P.2.c.70.40. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds. on each.	
		8.00 p.m.	M.G. firing from J.32.d.45.40. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds.	
		9.50 p.m.	T.M. activity P.1.c.95.10. P.1.c.15.45. P.1.d.40.95. 11th. Batt. asks that gas be fired on these points and D.A. grant permission to do so. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds. gas on each point.	
		10.48 p.m.	T.M's. firing from P.2.a.6.9. and P.2.c.35.05. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds. gas on each point. Left Liaison reports at 11.15 fire effective.	

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	20th.	12.10 a.m.	T.M.'s. firing from P.1.d.40.95 and P.2.c.08.97. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds. gas on each.	
		7.25 a.m.	T.M. firing from 0.12.b.80.70. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds.	
		10.35 a.m.	8" How. firing on I.33.d. from due east behind ZANDVOORDE Ridge. Counters notified.	
		12.38 p.m.	4.2" How. reported firing from T.B. 72° sound bearing taken from 0.5.b.52.60. Counter Batteries notified.	
		2. 08 p.m.	P.1.A. reported being shelled by 77 mm. and 4.2's. from ZANDVOORDE (about 3 Btys). Counter Batteries informed.	
		2.21 p.m.	101st. Bty. report 4.2 firing into their position.	
		3.20 p.m.	5.9" Battery firing from 70° T.B. taken from 0.11.a.25.45. Counters informed.	
		8.15 p.m.	4.2" How. Bty. firing from T.B. 76° taken from 0.11.a.2.5. Counters notified.	
	21st.	1.20 a.m.	M.H. firing from 0.6.c.9.2. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds.	
		4.45 a.m.	Enemy out down heavy gas shelling bombardment along divisional front. All Batteries, Groups on right and left and superimposed group, O.P. and 3rd. Inf. Bde. informed.	
		5.33 a.m.	Left Liaison reports S.O.S. to left of our sector.	
		5.35 a.m.	Left Group report S.O.S. well on their left. Bde. Major notified and all Batteries warned to be ready to open up on S.O.S. Lines if required.	
		6.30 a.m.	1st. Bty. report S.O.S. Signal on our front and opened fire.	
		6.29 a.m.	3rd. Bty. opened fire on S.O.S. 6.32 a.m. 2nd. Bty. fired on S.O.S. Unable to raise 101st. by wire.	
		6.43 a.m.	Left Batt. Liaison reports that Left Battalion do not want S.O.S. fire.	
		6.45 a.m.	3rd. Inf. Bde. instruct us to carry on with S.O.S. fire.	
		6.51 a.m.	1st. Bty. report having fired first S.O.S. series.	
		6.55 a.m.	Left Batt. say they do not want us to repeat S.O.S.	
		6.58 a.m.	C.R.A. notified re last entry.	
		6.59 a.m.	3rd. Inf. Bde. say stop S.O.S. Div. Arty. notified.	
		9.35 a.m.	T.M. firing from 0.12.d.85.90. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds.	
		11.00 a.m.	3rd. Bty. report 2 77 MM. Batteries firing gas into 0.3.c. from direction ZANDVOORDE. F.O.O. reports flashes on T.B. 106° taken from 0.11.a.24.50. Counters notified.	
		12.20 p.m.	Above hostile batteries again active. Counters advised.	
		4.02 p.m.	Wireless message received - MM. - C. - D.5.4. This message was sent once only. Badly jammed.	

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	21st.	4.05 p.m.	Message received :- M.M. O.Z. 0.36.c.5.5. This target not engaged. Out of zone.	
		4.05 p.m.	" " " " M.M. J.Y. J.32.b.5.4. Acknowledged by 1st., 2nd., 3rd. and 101st. Batteries at 4.8 p.m.	
			3rd. Bty. reported ready to fire 4.10 p.m.	
		1st.	" " " " 4.10 ¹ / ₂ "	
		2nd.	" " " " 4.11 "	Target engaged J.32.b.5.4.
		101st.	" " " " 4.12 "	
		4.10 p.m.	Message received :- M.M. U.X. U.18.d.0.8. Out of our sector. Not fired on.	
		"	" " " " M.M. O.X. 0.18.c.2.2. do.	
		"	" " " " M.M. J.Y. J.32.c.9.4.	
			Acknowledged by 1st., 3rd. and 101st. Batteries at 4.13 p.m.	
			3rd. Bty. reported ready to fire at 4.15 p.m.	
		101st.	" " " " 4.16 p.m.	
		1st.	" " " " "	
	22nd.	6.50 a.m.	T.M. firing from 0.12.b.35.50. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 20 rds.	
		3.30 p.m.	to) Enemy batteries engaged in wire cutting in front of Belgian Wood J.31.d.	
		4.30 p.m.)	
		9.25 p.m.	Message received from B.M. 1st. Div. Arty. to be on the alert, especially during early hours of morning.	
		9.40 p.m.	Bde, Major states enemy relief likely on one battalion front from P.1.central to J.32. central - any time between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.	
		10.10 p.m.	1st. and 101st. Btys. ordered to put bursts of fire on enemy country in rear of line from P.1.central to J.32. central. 101st. to fire Gas.	
	23rd.	6.10 p.m.	Group O.P. reports party of enemy at P.8.c.30.90. 3rd. Bty. ordered to engage. F.O.O. reports 3 casualties observed.	
		10.40 p.m.	T.M's. firing from P.2.c.40.95 and P.1.c.85.88. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds. Gas on former, and 3rd. Bty. 20 rds. on latter.	
		11.00 p.m.	T.M's. firing from enemy lines 0.6.c. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 40 rds. on S.O.S. lines.	

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	24th.	1.15 a.m.	Left Liaison reports considerable noise and movement in GAME COPSE P.1.c. 3rd. Bty. ordered to fire 30 rds. sweeping shrapnel.	
		2.15 a.m.	Lieut. LEWIS reports Anti-Tank gun now in position at I.35.c.4.0.	
		10.20 a.m.	Right Liaison asks for retaliation on 77 mm. Bty. at P.2.b.9.4. 101st. Bty. ordered to fire 40 rds.	
		12.55 p.m.	Left Liaison asks for retaliation on T.M's. firing from P.2.a.85.40. and P.2.a.78.75. 2nd. Bty. ordered to fire 10 rds. on each.	
		11.45 p.m.	T.M's. active from P.1.c.75.82. P.1.c.95.10. P.1.d.30.10. P.1.d.40.95. and P.2.c.08.97. 2nd. Bty. ordered search and sweep 25 rds.	
	25th.	12.15 a.m.	F.O.O. reports flash bearing taken to 4.2" How. Bty. firing as 130° true taken from 0.11.a.3045. Counters informed.	
		12.23 a.m.	F.O.O. reports above Bty. ceased firing. Enemy aircraft reported very active during early part of night bombing forward and rear areas.	
		2.25 p.m.	Left Liaison reports 4.2's from direction P.2.b.95.40. firing on 0.6.b.8.4. Counters informed.	
		7.50 p.m.	Right Liaison reports working party at P.2.c.70.05. 3rd. Bty. to fire 20 rds.	
		10.45 p.m.	Right Liaison reports T.M's. from 0.12.b.2.8. 1st. Bty. ordered to fire 15 rds. and also to fire on this point at intervals during the night.	
		"	101st. Bty. reports section of 5.9's. firing on 0.3.b. from T.B. 88° taken from 0.3.b.45.90. Counters notified.	
		10.50 p.m.	101st. Bty. reports above shooting ceased. Counters advised.	
		10.55 p.m.	Above section of 5.9's again firing.	
		11.05 p.m.	Firing ceased.	
		11.40 p.m.	T.M's. firing from 0.12.b.40.45. 1st. Bty. to fire 15 rds. AX2	
	26th.	12.10 a.m.	T.M's. active from 0.12.b.40.45. 0.12.b.2.1. and 0.12.b.2.8. 1st. Bty. ordered to fire 10 rds. on each.	
		7.00 a.m.	T.M's. firing from CHATEAU FARM.	
		8. 55 a.m.	Staff Capt., 3rd. Inf. Bde., reports some of our men in shell holes in No Man's Land P.1.c. Btys. ordered not to fire on this square.	

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	26th.		<p>From 10 a.m. today Batteries of 1st. Div. Arty. are re-grouped.</p> <p>RIGHT GROUP under Lt.-Col. G.I. STEVENSON. C.M.G., consisting of 3rd. Army F.A.Bde. and 53rd., 54th., 51st., 114th., 2nd. and 3rd. Batteries.</p> <p>LEFT GROUP under Lt.-Col. E.T. DEAN. D.S.O., consisting of 1st., 101st., 4th., 5th., 6th. and 102nd. Batteries.</p>	
		10.40 a.m.	3rd.Inf.Bde.report working party at PACK FARM J.33.A.35.70. - 3rd.Battery ordered to fire 15 rounds.	
		1.15 p.m.	Enemy working party located at P.2.C.85.45. - 101st Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds.	
		5.40 p.m.	101st.Battery report Gun apparently 15 c.m. firing from 110°T.B. on to O.3.B. - bearing taken from O.3.B.43.90. - Counters notified.	
		8.00 p.m.	101st.Battery report one gun damaged by this shelling.	
		to	1st. and 101st.Batteries fired in Minor operations to form a screen for party going out to bring in wounded who had been out in shell holes.	
		8.25 p.m.		
		10.30 p.m.	Left Liasion report T.M's. firing from P.1.D.30.10. and P.2.C.75.82. - 6th.Battery ordered to fire 10 rounds on each point.	
		10.42 p.m.	3rd.Infantry Brigade report T.M. firing from LOCK 5.	
		10.50 p.m.	Left Liasion reports enemy shelling our front lines and supports with 4.2's and 5.9's along Left Battalion front.	
		10.59 p.m.	Heavy bombardment on our immediate right - Batteries ordered to "stand to".	
		11.05 p.m.	101st.Battery reports S.O.S.Rocket up direction WARNETON.	
		11.10 p.m.	Batteries ordered to "Stand down."	
	27th.	3.50 a.m.	Left Liasion report our front line and supports being shelled by 5.9's and 77.m.m.	
		3.55 a.m.	Left Liasion report T.M's. firing from P.1.D.30.10. and P.1.C.95.10., 77 m.m. Battery firing from P.2.B.95.40. - 4th.Battery ordered to fire 10 rounds on each of these points.	
		4.03 a.m.	4th, 5th, and 6th. Batteries ordered to "Stand to".	
		4.07 a.m.	Situation reported quiet.	
		4.10 a.m.	Right Liasion Officer reports S.O.S. - 3rd, Infantry Brigade confirm. All Batteries informed.	
		4.15 a.m.	Brigade Major 1st.Div.Arty. notified we are firing on S.O.S.	
		4.18 a.m.	Left Liasion reports S.O.S. is on right of CANAL.	
		4.20 a.m.	Right Liasion confirms location of S.O.S.	

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	27th.	4.27 a.m.	Brigade Major notified situation quieter.	
		4.30 a.m.	Right Liasion reports the enemy tried to get through on the right but failed.- 4th. and 5th. Batteries ordered to stop. 1st. Battery instructed to complete S.O.S. series.	
		4.32 a.m.	3rd. Infantry Brigade say we can stop S.O.S. - 6th., 101st., and 102nd. Batteries notified. Brigade Major informed we have stopped.	
		4.37 a.m.	Right Liasion report situation normal. Batteries ordered to "Stand down."	
		4.20 p.m.	77 m.m. Battery reported firing from J.32.D.95.40.	
		10.30 p.m.	T.M's. reported firing from P.1.C.95.12. and P.1.D.25.08. - 102nd. Battery ordered to fire 5 rounds on each point and then 1 round every 15 minutes.	
		10.45 p.m.	4th. Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds on T.M.'s. J.33.A.38.44. to J.33.A.40.70. sweeping fire.	
		10.55 p.m.	T.M's. reported firing from O.12.B.80.50. - 1st. Battery ordered to fire 10 rounds.	
		11.50 p.m.	Right and Left Liasion Officers advise retaliation on T.M's. very effective.	
	28th.	12.2 a.m.	T.M's. active from O.12.B.80.50., O.12.B.35.35., O.12.B.40.50. and O.12.B.50.80. 1st. Battery fired 5 rounds on each and at 12.25 a.m. 3rd. Infantry Brigade reports shoot effective.	
		3.10 a.m.	Right Liasion reports T.M's. active as at 2.45 a.m. - 1st. Battery ordered to fire 30 rounds.	
		4.13 a.m.	Right Battalion report S.O.S. Signal on their front - Batteries notified.	
		4.20 a.m.	4th. Battery instructed to switch round on to CANAL in order to support our barrage if necessary.	
		4.25 a.m.	Infantry say they do not want S.O.S. repeated.	
		4.33 a.m.	101st. and 102nd. Batteries ordered to stop.	
		4.52 a.m.	All Batteries ordered to "stand down"	
		5.3 a.m.	Right Battalion Liasion advises a small enemy party came over in O.6.C.40.00. - none of our men missing and we hold 3 or 4 German prisoners.	
		5.45 p.m.	Right Liasion reports 4.2" How. firing from 100° T.B. taken from O.11.A.30.45.	
		6.15 p.m.	Enemy working party reported at P.7.C.10.70. - 3rd. Battery fired 20 rounds.	
		11.35 p.m.	Left Liasion reports T.M's. active from P.1.D.18.62. and P.1.C.75.82. - 101st. Battery fired 20 rounds on each point.	
		11.57 p.m.	77 m.m. Battery reported firing Gas Shell from Magnetic Bearing 103° from O.11.A. 40.45. - Counters informed.	
		5.15 a.m.	Very large enemy working party at P.2.C.85.45 - 101st. Battery fired 20 rounds.	

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Captain.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	March 1918.	3.30 p.m.	F.O.O. reports section of 4.2" Hows. firing from P.8.D.50.50. - target engaged by 101st.Battery.	
	29 28 th.	7.20 p.m.	77 m.m. Battery firing from P.8.D.92.52. - 102nd.Battery fired 40 rounds H.E. and Gas.	
		10.26 p.m.	Left Liasion reports Machine Gun active at P.2.A.65.90. - 4th.Battery fired 15 rds.	
	30th.	4.45 a.m.	Machine Gun reported at P.2.A.65.70. - 4th.Battery ordered to fire 10 rounds.	
		5.10 a.m.	Right Liasion reports Lamp Station in operation on a T.B. 122° from O.11.A.30.45.	
		5.40 a.m.	Machine Gun active at O.12.A.80.75. - 3rd.Battery fired 15 rounds.	
		6.40 a.m.	102nd.Battery fired 10 rounds on active T.M. at P.1.D.15.75.	
		6.50 a.m.	3rd.Battery fired 30 rounds on active T.M. at O.12.B.20.80. to 20.10.	
		11.15 a.m.	8" How.Battery firing into O.3.C. - T.B. 108° taken from O.11.A.30.45. - Counters informed.	
		2.25 p.m.	3rd.Battery being shelled by a 4.2" How. - one man wounded.	
		3.30 p.m.	Concentrated shoot carried out by 101st.and 102nd.Batteries on enemy Battery position at P.8.D.80.90. in conjunction with heavies. (100 rounds BX to be fired by each battery.)	
		11.30 p.m.	101st.Battery fired 30 rounds of Gas on to T.M. active at P.1.C.95.10. Hostile activity instantly ceased.	
	31st.	4.15 a.m.	5.9" How.Battery reported firing gas from O.11.A.30.45. - Counters informed.	
		4.44 a.m.	3rd.Battery fired 30 rounds on T.M's. O.12.B.20.80., 35.35., 40.50. to 80.50.	
		7.5 a.m.	Right Liasion reports new camouflage screen erected at O.12.A.75.70.	
		9.20 a.m.	4.2" How.Battery shelling from P.3.A.10.40. on to P.1.A. - 102nd.Battery ordered to fire 40 rounds.	
		12.45 p.m.	Batteries of LEFT GROUP xcarried out an Area Shoot on to P.2.C. and D. expending 220 rounds.	
		3.55 p.m.	Enemy party reported at P.2 located at P.2.C.05.95. - 5th.Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds.	
		5.15 p.m.	Enemy party observed in Trench at P.2.A.80.00. - 5th.Battery ordered to fire 10 rds.	
		6.45 p.m.	Movement noticed at CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95. - 101st.Battery ordered to fire 15 rds.	
		11.05 p.m.	4.2" How. firing on I.32.A. from Grid bearing 93° taken from O.11.A. 30.45.	
		11.10 p.m.	Firing ceased.	

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Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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1ST AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTY. BRIGADE
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FOR

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| ④ | Left. Group Operation Orders Nos. ^{1, 3 & 4} 1, 2, 3 & 4 . |
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| ⑦ | Concentration Table. |

(Above attached to Original).

*R. H. Thomson*Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

SECRET. (1)

RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

3rd March 1918.

ORDER No. 1.

By Major J.C. SELMES, D.S.O., T/Commanding.

Headquarters.

3rd March. 1918.

LIAISON & O.P. DUTIES & ROSTER.

1. Roster will be as follows :-

	<u>A Liaison.</u>	<u>B Liaison.</u>	<u>Group O.P.</u>
	<u>Centre Bn.</u>	<u>Right Bn.</u>	
March 4th	1.	2.	101.
" 5th	3.	1.	2.
" 6th	3.	1.	2.
" 7th	101.	3.	1.
" 8th	101.	3.	1.
" 9th	Left Group.	2.	101.
" 10th	"	2.	101.
" 11th	"	3.	1.
" 12th	"	3.	1.
" 13th	"	2.	101.
" 14th	"	2.	101.
" 15th	"	1.	2.
" 16th	3.	1.	2.
" 17th	101.	3.	1.
" 18th	101.	3.	1.
" 19th	2.	101.	3.
" 20th	2.	101.	3.
" 21st	1.	2.	101.
" 22nd	1.	2.	101.
" 23rd	Left Group.	3.	1.
" 24th	"	3.	1.
" 25th	"	2.	101.
" 26th	"	2.	101.
" 27th	"	1.	2.
" 28th	"	1.	2.
" 29th	"	3.	1.
" 30th	101.	3.	1.

2. Reliefs will take place on dates mentioned at 4.p.m.

3. Pigeons. Battery doing Group O.R. Duty will send to B.H.Q. daily at 3.p.m. for pair of pigeons.

These pigeons will be taken to O.P. and will be kept there until the two fresh pigeons arrive - when they will have a Test message put in the message carrier and will be released.

Test message will be marked "TEST MESSAGE" and text will be "Released from 'F' Group Arty O.P."

Date.

Time.

Officers signature. " Nothing more.

Baskets must be returned to Group H.Q.

4. Each Battery will man its own O.P. during the hours of daylight. Senior N.C.O's should be taken up and should have a knowledge of the country in front.

5. Acknowledge.

Captain.

Adjutant, Right Group F.A.

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ORDER No. 2.

By Major J. C. SELMES, D.S.O., T/Commanding.

Headquarters,
4th March, 1918.

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1. S.O.S. Line for Right Group runs from 0.12.a.48.48. -
0.6.d.02.10. - 0.6.d.80.10. - P.1.c.44.55. - P.1.b.77.47. -
P.2.a.02.50. - J.32.e.58.34., and is allotted to Batteries as follows :-
 1st Battery - 0.6.d.75.10. to P.1.c.45.55 to P.1.b.70.40.
 2nd " - P.1.b.65.39. to 80.50. to P.2.a.05.50. to
 J.32.e.60.40.
 3rd " - 0.12.a.45.45. to 0.6.d.02.10. to 0.6.d.80.10.
 101st How. Battery engages following targets, (1 How. on each) :-
 0.12.a.98.50.
 0.12.b.17.74.
 P.1.c.58.55.
 P.1.d.35.93.
 P.1.d.20.63.
 P.2.a.68.90.
2. Rates of fire for S.O.S. On receipt of S.O.S. Signal or message, fire will be opened at once at following rates on above S.O.S. Lines :-
 First five minutes - 3 rds. per Gun (for 18-prs. and Hows) per min.
 Second five " - 2 " " " " " " " " "
 Third five " - 1. " " " " " " " " "
 Fire will then cease (after 15 minutes) unless S.O.S. is repeated when same programme will be repeated.
 Ammunition for S.O.S. :-
 18-pr. 75% A. 25% AX.
 4.5" Hows. BX with 106 fuze if available.
3. Liaison Barrages on call :-
 (A) HELP, L.G. -
 1st Battery will fire on J.32.b.07.15. to J.26.d.60.08.
 2nd " " " " (J.26.d.60.04. to J.26.d.64.27. to
 (J.26.d.60.67. to J.27.e.00.74. to
 (J.27.a.17.00.
 3rd " " " " J.32.c.58.34. to J.32.b.10.1417.
 101st Battery will put 1, 4.5" How. on each of following points
 P.2.a.75.90.
 P.2.b.13.77.
 J.32.d.38.18.
 J.32.d.48.54.
 J.32.d.68.55.
 J.32.d.65.75.
- (B). On call SPECIAL HELP -
 1st Battery will search and sweep area enclosed by -
 CAPITOL FARM J.27.c.50.92.
 SWAGGAR FARM J.27.b.30.30.
 TROT HOUSE J.27.c.50.55.
 MARGATE J.27.d.35.90.
 2nd Battery will search and sweep area enclosed by -
 J.27.a.9.8. J.27.a.98.75.
 J.21.d.35.65. J.21.d.50.60.
 101st Battery will put -
 1 Sec. Hows. on TROT HOUSE J.27.c.50.55.
 1 " " " MARGATE J.27.d.35.90.
 1 How. on CAPITOL FARM J.27.c.50.92.
 1 " " SWAGGAR FARM J.27.b.30.30.
 Rates of fire and procedure in LIAISON Barrages will be same as for S.O.S.
 In all cases, LIAISON Barrages will only be fired in the event of unit called on being engaged.
5. Counter Preparation :-
 In the event of "Counter Preparation" being ordered the lines of approach on and the reverse slopes of the Ridge east of following line will be swept to a depth of 2500 yards by 18-pr. Batteries as follows :-
 1st Battery. P.2.d.50.35. to P.3.a.80.30.
 2nd " P.3.a.80.30. to J.33.e.10.35.
 3rd " ~~P.3.a.10.40. to P.2.d.50.35.~~

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3rd Battery P.8.a.10.40. to P.2.d.50.35.
 101st Battery will shell dugouts in P.3.c. PAUPER
 TRENCH and Support and Pudding Support.

Fire Counter preparation. Fire will be in bursts of harassing
 Fire. 4.5" How. Battery will, if wind is less than 7 m.p.h.,
 use Gas Shell.

6. Acknowledge.

L. H. [Signature] Captain.
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Reference Operation Order No. 2.

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Para. 5. On receipt of "Order Counter Preparation" -

The allotment of ammunition to be expended will be:-

18-prs. 100. Rds. per Gun per 24 hours.
 4.5" Hows. 75. " " " " 24 " "

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for *R. K. Thomson* ~~Adjutant.~~
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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.ORDER No. 3.

By Major. J. C. BEAMES, D.S.O. T/Commanding.

Headquarters.

5th March, 1918.

In case the situation should necessitate a withdrawal at any time, it is essential that all Officers of Batteries now in the Line should know the position selected for them and the positions for reinforcing them in the 2nd and 3rd Zones and the approaches to same. A proportion of H.C.O.'s must also be made acquainted with them. The positions are :-
Reference Map, Sheet 28, 1/40,000.

2nd ZONE:-

	<u>Positions.</u>	<u>Reinforcing Positions.</u>
1st Battery - F2A.	O.1.A.72.90.	(F2R/A. O.1.C.96.72.
2nd " - F2B.	O.1.A.28.55.	(F2R/A. O.1.C.26.30.
		(At present occupied by 37th
		(and 38th Batteries.
3rd Battery - F2C.	O.1.C.25.04.	F2R/C. O.7.A.37.70.
101st " - F2D.	O.1.B.20.28.	F2R/D. O.1.C.72.40.
GROUP HEADQRS. F2.	M.5.D.96.95.	

3rd ZONE :-

1st Battery. - F3A.	M.18.A.68.57.	F3R/A. M.24.A.08.52.
2nd " - F3B.	M.13.A.05.45.	F3R/B. M.23.B.91.76.
3rd " - F3C.	M.13.A.85.86.	F3R/C. M.18.C.82.55.
101st " - F3D.	M.13.A.18.62.	F3R/D. M.18.C.53.15.
GROUP H.QRS. -	M.17.B.20.50.	

Arrangements will be made by B.C.'s for their Officers and H.C.O.'s to visit these positions in turn, commencing at once.

Approaches to and from positions must be thoroughly reconnoitred.

BATTLE MEASURES.

1. In the event of a Battle appearing imminent the following caution will be sent by D.A.H.Q. to all Units:-

" ADOPT BATTLE MEASURES".

2. The following steps will then be taken:-
- Every Battery of Right and Left Groups will man its O.P. night and day.
O.P.s. covering the Divisional Reserve Line will be manned immediately an attack develops.
 - Detachments at Gun positions will be brought up to establishment
 - Battery teams will be ready to be moved from Wagon Lines at 20 minutes notice. Half the teams will always be harnessed up.
 - Two Mounted Orderlies will be maintained at each Group Headqrs.
 - Communications will be thoroughly tested and arrangements made to keep necessary air lines forward of Batteries in repair.
 - Superimposed Group will man the Corps Line O.P.s. night and day.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. L. L. Captain.

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SECRET.RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Copy No. ²....OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

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

Headquarters,
18th March 1918.

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1. On a date and at a Zero hour to be notified later, the Division on our Left will carry out a small operation.
2. On this occasion the action of the Right Group will be as follows:-

101st Battery. 1 Section on TROT HOUSE .J.27.C.50.55.

3. Rates of fire:-

Zero to Zero plus 4.

Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 10.

Zero plus 10 to cease fire.

18-prs.

4.5" Hows.

4. R.P.G.P.M.

3. R.P.G.P.M.

3.

"

2.

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"

4. Ammunition:- 18-prs. 50% A. 50% AX.
4.5" Hows. BX.

5. Acknowledge.

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Captain.

Adjutant, Right Group.F.A.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.INSTRUCTION No. 1.

By Major J. C. BRIMMER, D.S.O., T/Commanding.

Headquarters.
3rd March, 1918.

1. No Battery of the RIGHT Group (unless for S.O.S., live targets or at request of Infantry) will fire during the hours selected for datums by the SUPERIMPOSED Group.
2. These hours are :-
- | | Date. | Hour. |
|-------|-------|---------------------|
| March | 4th | 10.a.m. - 11.a.m. |
| " | 4th | 12.noon - 1-30.p.m. |
| " | 4th | 3.p.m. - 5.p.m. |
| " | 5th | 10.a.m. - 11.a.m. |
| " | 5th | 2.p.m. - 3.p.m. |
| " | 6th | 10.a.m. - 11.a.m. |
| " | 6th | 12.noon - 1.p.m. |
| " | 6th | 3.p.m. - 4.p.m. |
3. The policy is to keep the enemy in ignorance of the fact that the number of Batteries on this front has been increased.
There must be no increase in the expenditure of ammunition by the Artillery covering the Divisional front.
4. RIGHT Group Batteries will not fire more than two thirds of their allotment of ammunition during this period (4th, 5th, and 6th March). *namely 100 rounds per Battery to be fired*
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lalor Captain
Adjutant, Right Group F.A.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.INSTRUCTION No. 2.

By. Major J. C. SKIMES, D.S.O. T/Commanding.
Headquarters.

5th March. 1918.

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1. S.O.S. LINES and LIAISON BARRAGES.

Steps must be taken at once to check these.

S.O.'s will arrange to check flanks of S.O.S. Barrage lines with Batteries, on right and left in order to make sure there are no gaps in Barrage.

Left Battery of Group on our Right is 7th Battery. 3rd Army F.A. Brigade.

Right Battery of Group on our Left is 5th Battery. 2nd F.A. Brigade.

2. 24 rounds of selected "A" will be kept in each Gun-pit set for S.O.S. This ammunition will be changed frequently, the old ammunition being fired.

The recess in which this ammunition is kept will be clearly marked.

3. Each Gun-pit will have hung up in it, a card showing the angles from Zero point and ranges for S.O.S. Lines and also for all Liaison Barrages.

4. UNKNOWN. During foggy weather, if there is any doubt as to the visibility of S.O.S. Signals, a heavy hostile bombardment on our front will be treated as an S.O.S. Signal and fire opened on the Group Commanders order.

5. UNKNOWN.

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Adjutant, Right Group F.A.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

INSTRUCTION No. 3.

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

Headquarters,
21/3/1918.

Battery Commanders will in future arrange to have their H. C. O's and men at Battery Positions changed at least once a week. It is suggested that every 2 or 3 d/ays, half the detachments be changed, and the other half after a similar number of days.

A Roster is to be kept, and if this is done men will know that they will only have to be at the Gun Pits a stated number of days after which they will go to the Wagon Lines for the same period.

Battery Staffs, Cooks, Etc., should also be considered in the scheme.

Acknowledge.

H. H. Thompson Captain.

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SECRET.RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TANK No. 2.

By Major J.C. SELMER, P.S.O. 2/Commanding.
Headquarters.
5th March, 1918.

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Tasks from 6.a.m. 6/3/18 to 6.a.m. 7/3/18.

1. 1st Battery. - Search GAME COPSE in conjunction with How. Shoot.
- 2nd Battery - Search DAMP COPSE in conjunction with How. Shoot.
- 3rd " - Search Areas, CHALK-Farm, TUBE ROAD, CIRCUS POINT.
- 101st " - Wire cutting with 106 Fuse:-

P.1.C.50.60.	25 BX.
P.1.C.70.90.	25 BX.
P.2.A.60.93.	25 BX.
J.32.C.65.00.	25 BX.

Expenditure + (10-pral) - 100 rds. 25% A., 75% AX.

2. Acknowledge.

L. H. ...
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TASK No. 3.

By Major J.C. SKIMMIS, D.S.O. T/Commanding.

Headquarters.

6th March 1918.

1. From an intercepted Wireless message it would appear that a Divisional relief will be effected by the enemy in Sector *North* of the Canal during night 6th/7th.

Right Group Batteries will therefore carry out the following programme of harassing fire on all Roads and Tracks East of the S.O.S. Line - special attention being directed to:-

1st Battery - Main Road from P.2.C.30.00 to P.2.A.75.00.
CIRCUS POINT,
MAY FARM, &
P.1.C.25.65. & P.2.D.65.50.

2nd Battery - Main Road P.2.A.75.00. to J.32.D.30.00.
TROON FARM, &
CROSS ROADS P.2.B.97.17.

3rd Battery - CHALK FARM, and Main Road from X Road in
P.3.C.70.80 to P.2.C.30.00. and all approaches
to it from East.

101st Battery - Will concentrate on following points :-
KIKI FARM - CROSS ROADS at P.2.D.67.52., P.2.B.
97.17., P.3.A.85.42., P.3.D.50.47., P.2.B.45.75.

2. At 6.p.m., 18 pdr Batteries will fire 5 rds. Gun-fire - 30.
101st How. Bty. " " 4 " " " - 24.

Between 6.p.m. and 5.a.m.:-

18 pdr Batteries will fire in irregular bursts - 180 rds.
101 How. Battery " " Gas as per R 4. ~~7~~ ~~124~~ ~~124~~.

and at 5-30.a.m. 18 pdr. Batteries will fire 5 rds. Gun-fire - 30 rds
" " " 101st How. Bty. " " 4 " " " - 24 rds

Total per 18 pr. Bty - 240 rds.
" " 101st How Bty. 48 R.
" " " Gas Shell R4.

3. 18 prs. will use 25% A, 75% AX.
101st Bty " " 106 Fuzo.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Kahoon Captain.

Adjutant, Right Group. F.A.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.AMENDMENT TO TASK No. 3.

By Major J. O. SHIMES. D.S.O.. T/Commanding.

Headquarters.

6th March. 1918.

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1. 101st How. Battery will fire Gas programme R.4. (copy attached) at 8.p.m. 6/3/18.
1st Battery will cover 101st How. Battery as per R.4. (copy attached) at 8.p.m. 6/3/1918.
2. Counter Preparation as per Group Order No. 2. , para. 5. will be carried out by all Batteries at 3.a.m. and 6.a.m. 7/3/18.
(This cancels 5-30.a.m. shoot as per Task No.3.)
3. 101st How. Battery will also fire on Tasks allotted in Task No. 3. between 12 midnight and 6.a.m. - 90.BX.
4. 2nd and 3rd Batteries will fire one Gun each at irregular intervals throughout the night and day in addition to all other tasks other than "S.O.S" on C.M.L between LOCK 6 and LOCK 5, until further orders.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. H. H. H. Captain.
 Adjutant., Right Group. F.A.

DISTRIBUTION:-

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2. War Diary.
 3. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.
 4. 4th " " "
 5. 1st Battery.
 6. 2nd "
 7. 3rd "
 8. 101st How. Battery.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK No. 4.

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

Headquarters.

Headquarters 6th March. 1918.

6th March, 1918.

1. The following Tasks will be carried out from 6 a.m. 7th/3/18 to 6 a.m. 8th/3/18.

1st Battery - GAME CORSE. Tracks to and from MAY FARM, CHALK FARM, JUNGLE HOUSE.

2nd Battery - Search irregularly Canal from Lock 6 to Lock 5 with one Gun. Search DAMP CORSE.

3rd Battery - KIKI FARM, NAPOO FARM, and one gun at irregular intervals firing on to Canal between Lock 6 and Lock 4.

101st Battery - Search irregularly Canal from Lock 6 to Lock 4.

2. 18-prs. 100 rds. 25% A. 75% AX.
4.5" Hows. 75 " BK.

3. Batteries will not fire during hours laid down for registration of SUPERIMPOSED GROUP, vide this Office Instruction No. 1.

4. CANCELLED.

L. Selmes Captain.

Adjutant. Right Group.F.A.

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3. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.
4. 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
5. 1st Battery.
6. 2nd "
7. 3rd "
8. 101st "

RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK No. 5.By Major J. C. BRIMES, D.S.O. T/Commanding.Headquarters,
7th March, 1918.

From 6.a.m. 8th/3/18 to 6.a.m. 9th/3/18.

1. 1st Battery - Search Tracks East of S.O.S. Line in P.1.C. & D. & P.2.
- 2nd " - Search DAMP CORSE. and Northern half of P.2.B & P.3.A.
- 3rd " - Search tracks and routes Northern half P.7.A & B.
- 101st How. " - Search CANAL between Lock 6 at O.12.B.15.80. to Lock 4.
- 18-prs. - 100 rounds. 25% A 75% AX.
- 101st How. - 100 "
2. Additional task for 101st How. Battery is as per 4th Aust. Div. arty Order No. 117 attached. (Order sent to 101st Bty. only.)
3. Acknowledge.

L. H. H. H.
Captain.

Adjutant, Right Group. F.A.

Distribution:-

Copy No 1.	Retained.
2.	War Diary.
3.	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
4.	4th Aust. Div. rt.
5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

SECRETRIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.BANK No. 6.By Major J. C. SKIMES, D.S.O., T/Commanding.

Headquarters.

9th March, 1918.

From 6.a.m. 9/3/1918 to 6.a.m. 10/3/1918.

1. 1st Battery { Search Main Tracks within range East of Central
(H Grid LINE.
2nd " (P.E. & P.S.
(Special attention to tracks leading to DAMP COPSE.
3rd " (X Roads P.3.A.00.20
(P.3.A.85.45.
(P.2.D.65.50.
101st How. Battery - P.3.D.45.45.)
P.3.A.00.20.) 100 BX.
P.2.C.65.85.)
P.7.B.35.98.)

18-pr. Batteries. 100 rds. 25% A. 75% AX.

1 third, day. 2 thirds, night, during hours of
darkness.2. ACKNOWLEDGE.Distribution:-

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| 2. | War Diary. | |
| 3. | 4th Aust. Div. Arty. | Adjutant Right Group. F.A. |
| 4. | 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. | |
| 5. | 1st Battery. | |
| 6. | 2nd " | |
| 7. | 3rd " | |
| 8. | 101st " | |

L. L. L.

Captain.

SECRET.RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

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TASK No. 7.By Major J. C. HELMES., D.S.O., 2/Commanding.Headquarters,
9th March, 1918.1. Tasks for from 6.a.m. 10/3/1918 to 6.a.m. 11/3/1918.

1. 1st Battery - P.3.A.00.15. to 20.20. to 30.40. to 70.40.
from P.3.A.05.50. to 90.30.
- 2nd " - Search track P.2.A.77.90. to P.2.B.15.75. to
43.70. to 50.70. to P.3.A.00.90. to 37.77.
- 3rd " - Search track P.7.B.35.97. to TUBE CROSS ROADS
thence North East along Road to P.2.D.70.50.

2. AMMUNITION:-

Expenditure - 18-prs. 25 A. 75 AX.

This allotment is to be fired in bursts short bursts at
irregular intervals -33% to be fired during hours of daylight.
66% " " " " night.3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Holmes
Captain.

Adjutant., Right Group. F.A.

Distribution :-

Copy No. 1.	Retained.
2.	War Diary.
3.	3rd Inf. Bde.
4.	4th Div. Art.
5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK No. 8.

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By Major J.O. SEIMPS, D.S.O., T/Commanding.Headquarters,
10th March 1918.Tasks from 6.a.m. 11th/3/1918. to 6.a.m. 12th/3/1918.

1. 1st Battery. - Search tracks East of S.O.S. Line in P.1.C. & D. & P.2.
- 2nd " - Search DMF CORSE, and Northern half of P.2.b. & P.3.A.
- 3rd " - Search tracks and routes Northern half P.7.A. & B.
2. Ammunition :- 18-prs. - 100.rds. 25% A. 75% AX.
3. Acknowledge.

L.H. Cowie
Captain.

Distribution:-

Adjutant. Right Group.F.A.

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
2. War Diary.
 3. 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.
 4. 4th Aust. Div. Arty.
 5. 1st Bty.
 6. 2nd "
 7. 3rd "
 8. 101st "

Headquarters.

11th March 1918.

Tasks for period - 6.a.m. 12th/3/18. to 15/5/18.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 13/8/19, in bursts at irregular intervals.
2. 1st Battery - Search and Sweep Roads, Tracks, and Communications in P.1.C. & D. (East of S.O.S. Lines) ^{and} in P.2.C. & D.
2nd " - Search and sweep Roads, Tracks in P.2.A. & B. and Southern half of J.32.D.
3rd " - Search and Sweep Roads North of Divisional Boundary in C.12.B., P.7.A. & B., & P.8.A.
101st Bty. - CROSS ROADS in P.3., P.8.A., P.2.B. & D.

4.5" Hous., 100. rds. BX

1 to be expended throughout hours of daylight, and
2 " " " " " " darkness.
3

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Adjutant., Right Group. P. 1.

Distribution:-

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
2. War Diary.
3. 3rd Infantry Bde.
4. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.
5. 1st Battery.
6. 2nd "
7. 3rd "
8. 101st "

SECRET.RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Copy No. ².....TASK No. 10.By Lieut. Colonel E. T. DEAN., D.S.O., Commanding.Headquarters,
11th March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6.a.m. on 14/3/1918, in bursts as stated below:-

2. 1st Battery -	6.30.a.m.	) Roads, Tracks and Communi- cations East of S.O.S.Lines.	15.
	10.0.a.m.		10.
	7.15.p.m.		25.
	8.45.p.m.		25.
	10.30.p.m.		30.
2nd Battery -	3.p.m.	) " " " "	10.
	5.30.p.m.		15.
	1.30.a.m.		30.
	3.0.a.m.		30.
	5.15.a.m.		30.
3rd Battery -	11.0.a.m.	) " " " "	10.
	2.0.p.m.		10.
	6.0.p.m.		20.
	9.p.m.		35.
	11.0.p.m.		35.
101st Battery -	7.30.p.m.	) Selected spots in rear of Group Area.	15.
	9.0.p.m.		20.
	10.0.p.m.		15.
	4.0.a.m.		30.
	5.0.a.m.		30.

3. AMMUNITION:-

18-prs. 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ AZ.
4.5" Hows. - EX.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain.

Adjutant., Right Group. F.A.

Distribution:-

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
2. War Diary.
3. 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.
4. 1st Aus. Div. Arty.
5. 1st Bty.
6. 2nd Bty.
7. 3rd Bty.
8. 101st Bty.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

TASK NO. 11.

Headquarters,
11/3/1918.

By Lieut.-Colonel R. T. DE B., D.S.O., Commanding.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 ending 6 a.m. on 15/3/1918 in bursts as per Task Table :-

2. TASK TABLE :-

1st Battery -	7.30.p.m.	Sweep Roads in P.2.D.	15.
	8.45.p.m.	Search and Sweep Roads in P.2.C.	20.
	10.0.p.m.	GAME COPSE. P.1.C.65.75. and	25.
	2.0.a.m.	vicinity.	25.
	3.0.a.m.	" " " "	25.
2nd Battery -	6.15.a.m.	DAMP COPSE. P.1.C. P.2.A.75.90.	10.
	7.0.a.m.	BALL BUILDINGS. P.2.C.95.95.	15.
	7.15.p.m.	Search BASSEVILLE ROAD in	25.
	8.15.p.m.	J.32.D. and P.2.B.	30.
	9.30.p.m.	" " " "	30.
3rd Battery -	11.0.p.m.	Tramway. P.7.C.75.40. (in use).	15.
	1.0.a.m.	Lock 5 and Canal in G.12.B.	15.
	2.30.a.m.	" " " "	25.
	4.0.a.m.	" " " "	25.
	5.0.a.m.	" " " "	25.
101st Battery -	8.0.p.m.	WIKI FARM. P.8.C.30.95.	10.
	11.0.p.m.	SANDVOORDE Cross-Roads at -)	
		P.3.Central.	15.
	4.30.a.m.	Search Canal from G.12.B.45.45 to-	20.
	5.0.a.m.	G.12.B.25. 75. (106 Fuse).	20.
	5.45.a.m.		20.

3. AMMUNITION :-

18-prs. 25% A., 75% AX.

4.5" Hows. BX.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.*L. Lucas*

Captain.

Adjutant., Right Group.F..

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 2. War Diary.
 3. 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.
 4. 1st Aus. Div. rty.
 5. 1st Battery.
 6. 2nd "
 7. 3rd "
 8. 101st "

SECRET.RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Copy No. ³.....T A S K.By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN., D.S.O., Commanding.

1. Reference Task No. 11. para. 2., 101st Battery, is cancelled, and following substituted :-
2. The 101st Battery will cut wire in front of following points by Observed shooting, on March 15th, 1918, using 106 Fuze :-

MAY FARM at P.1.D.30.95. - 50. B X.

WET POND at P.1.B.55.65. - 50. B X.

3. Acknowledge.

L. H. Smith
Captain.

Adjutant, Right Group F.A.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1.	Retained.
2.	War Diary.
3.	1st Aust. Div. Arty.
4.	101st How. Battery.
5.	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

SECRET.Copy No. *2*RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK No. 12.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. D. H., D.S.O., Commanding.
Headquarters,
13th March, 1918.

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1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 16/3/1918 in bursts as per Task Table :-

2. Task Table -

1st Battery, -	6.15 a.m.)	Search C.H.L. from C.6.D.00.00. to)	- 20.
	7.30 a.m.)	C.12.B.40.45. -	- 20.
	7.45 p.m.)	MAY P.M. P.1.D.35.95.	- 25.
	8.45 p.m.)	WIND COTT. P.2.D.40.50.	- 25.
	9.45 p.m.)	GAME CORSE. P.1.C.20.75.	- 25.
2nd Battery, -	8.15 p.m.)	CIRCUS POINT @ P.2.C.97.30.05	- 10.
	10.20 p.m.)	" " " " " "	- 20.
	2.15 a.m.)	Search and sweep Roads in P.2.B.	- 30.
	3.30 a.m.)	" " " " " "	- 30.
	5.30 a.m.)	Sweep pt/pt BASSVILLE WOOD in) P.2.B. and J.32.D.)	- 30.
3rd Battery, -	8.10 a.m.)	Search Road from P.7.A.10.35. to)	- 20.
	9.15 p.m.)	P.8.A.65.10. -	- 20.
	10.15 p.m.)	" " " " " "	- 25.
	11.30 p.m.)	Sweep line of Mill-boxes P.7.A.) 60.60. to P.7.A.60.95.)	- 20.
	12.30 a.m.)	Sweep wire P.8.A. 45.25. to) P.8.A.30.95.)	- 20.
101st Battery, -	6.30 a.m.)	CIRCUS POINT. P.2.C.97.30.05	- 20.
	7.15 a.m.)	LOOK 5. C.12.B.40.45.	- 15.
	7.15 p.m.)	GROSS ROADS. P.8.A.35.90.	- 15.
	8.20 p.m.)	ROAD P.2.B.15.75. to P.2.B.00.42.	- 20.
	9.40 p.m.)	SANDVORDE. P.3.A.90.00.	- 30.

3. Ammunition -

18-prs. 25% A. 75% AX.
4.5" Hows. BX.

4. Acknowledge.

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

Distribution:-

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
2. War Diary.
3. 3rd Inf. Bde.
4. 1st Aust. Div. arty.
5. 1st Bty.
6. 2nd "
7. 3rd "
8. 101st "

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK No. 13.

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

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 17/3/1918 in bursts as per Task Table :-

1st Battery - 1.0.a.m.)	Sweep Roads in P.2.A. & B.	-	15.
2.0.a.m.)	do.	-	25.
3.0.a.m.)	do.	-	20.
4.0.a.m.)	do.	-	15.
5.0.a.m.)	do.	-	25.

2nd Battery - 6.30.a.m.)	Search and sweep selected Roads,	15.
7.45.a.m.)	and Tracks in rear of S.O.S.Lines.	25.
8.0.p.m.)	do.	20.
9.0.p.m.)	do.	15.
10.0.p.m.)	do.	25.

3rd Battery- 6.0.p.m.)	Sweep Roads in P.8.A.	-	15.
8.30.p.m.)	" " " "	-	30.
9.30.p.m.)	" " running East and West-	20.	
10.30.p.m.)	in P.7.A. & B.	20.	
11.30.p.m.)	Sweep CANAL in Northern half of-	15.	
	P.12.B.		

101st Battery - Observed)	Cut wire in front of GAMB COPSE. P.1.0.60.75.
Shoot.)	" " from 0.12.A.60.70. to 0.12.A.75.95.
	Rounds - 50.
	" - 50.

3. AMMUNITION :+ 16cprs. 25% A. 75% A X.
4.5" Hows. B X. (106 Fuse.)

4. Acknowledge.

L. H. H. H.

Captain.

Adjutant Right Group F.A.

Distribution:-

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2.	War Diary.
3.	3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.
4.	1st " Div. Arty.
5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

Copy No.

TASK No. 14.

By Lieut.-Colonel R. T. DEAN., D.F.O., Commanding.

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1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18/3/1918, in burst as per Task Table :-

2. TASK TABLE :-

1st Battery.	7.0 pm.	Sweep Roads in P.2.C. & D.	40.
	8.0 pm.	Duckboard Track P.1.C.7.4. to P.1.D.2.7.-	20.
	9.0 pm.	Machine-Gun. P.2.C.70.10.	10.
	10 pm.	CHALK FARM, P.1.D.15.00.	10.
	11.0 pm.	Sweep FIE TRENCH in P.2.C. & D.	30.
2nd Battery.	1.30 am.	Sweep B.ESSEVILLE WOOD in P.2.B. & J.32.D.	- 30.
	2.30 am.	" " " " " "	- 30.
	3.30 am.	Dugouts at P.2.B.90.56.	- 15.
	4.0 am.	EAST FARM J.32.D. (Work being done).	- 20.
	5.30 am.	DAMP COPSE. P.2.A.70.95.	- 15.
3rd Battery.	7.0 pm.	Sweep all Roads in rear of S.O.S. lines-	- 25.
	8.30 pm.	as far back as Eastern Grid of P.8.B.	- 25.
	11.30 pm.	do.	- 25.
	Midnight.	do.	- 25.
	5.15 am.	do.	- 25.
101st Battery.	7.15 pm.	Sweep LINK WOOD. P.9.A.	- 20.
	8.15 pm.	" SANDVORDE P.3. Central.	- 30.
	9.15 pm.	HAPPO FARM. P.8.A.70.25.	- 15.
	10.15 pm.	LAMB FARM. P.3.A.60.95.	- 15.
	11.15 pm.	BELL BUILDINGS. P.3.A.70.95. P2 D 95.95	- 15.

3. Ammunition:-

18-prs. 25% A. 75% A X.
4.5" Hows. B X.

4. Acknowledge.

L. H. H. H.

Captain.

Adjutant, Right Group F.A.

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2. War Diary.
3. 1st Aust. Div. rty.
4. 3rd " Inf. Bde.
5. 1st Battery.
6. 2nd "
7. 3rd "
8. 101st "

SECRET.RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

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TASK No. 15.

By Lieut.-Colonel R. T. DEAN., D.S.O., Commanding.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6.am. 19/3/1918 in sursts as per Task Table:-

2. TASK TABLE :-

1st Battery - 3.0.am. Search and sweep all country in rear) 30.
 4.0.am. of S.O.S. Lines starting 100^x East) 30.
 5.0.am. of S.O.S. Lines to 300^x depth.) 30.

2nd Battery - 9.30.pm. " " " " 25.
 10.30.pm. " " " " 25.
 11.0.pm. " " " " 25.

3rd Battery - 7.30.am. T.M. at P1.0.70.80. 10.
 7.30.pm. Search and sweep country in rear of 25.
 9.0.pm. S.O.S. Lines South of CANAL starting 30.
 100 yards East of S.O.S. Lines to a
 depth of 300 yards.

101st Battery - Observed) Wire in front of GAGE COPSE. P.1.0.70.75.-
 Shoot.) 60 rounds.

3. Ammunition:- 18-prs. 25% A. 75% A X.
 4.5" Hows.- B X.

4. Acknowledge.Distribution:-

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 2. War Diary.
 3. 1st Aust. Div. rty.
 4. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 5. 1st Bty.
 6. 2nd Bty.
 7. 3rd Bty.
 8. 101st Bty.

R. H. Thomson Captain.

for Adjutant, Right Group. P.A.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK No. 16.By Lieut.-Colonel M. T. DEAN., D.S.O., Commanding.Headquarters,
17th March. 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 20/3/1918 as per Task Table:- (In bursts) -

2. TASK TABLE:-

1st Battery	- 8.0.pm.	DUMP at P.2.D.5.6.	20.
	10.0.pm.	CHALK FARM P.1.C.95.10.	20.
	11.0.pm.	Sweep Roads in P.2.C.	25.
2nd Battery	- 9.0.pm.	Sweep Road from P.2.B.15.75.to - P.2.C.65.85.	25.
	10.30.pm.	DAMP COPSE. P.2.A.70.90.	20.
	11.30.pm.	Sweep Roads in P.3.A.	25.
3rd Battery	- 3.0.am.	T.H.'s P.7.A.75.41.	15.
	4.0.am.	T.H.'s O.12.D.9.9.	15.
	5.0.am.	Sweep Canal from Lock 5 to 6.	40.
101st "	8.0.pm.	H.O. at CIRCUS POINT. P.2.C.05.95.	15.
	9.0.pm.	Canal at O.12.B.30.70.	20.
	10.0.pm.	ZANVOORDE. P.3.Central	30.

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

4. Batteries will register GAGE COPSE on days as stated below and report to this Office that they have done so:-

1st Battery	-	19th.
2nd "	-	20th.
3rd "	-	21st.
101st "	-	22nd.

5. Acknowledge.

L. H. Smith

Captain.

Adjutant, Right Group.F.A.

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Copy No. 1.	Retained.
2.	War Diary.
3.	1st Aust. Div. rty.
4.	3rd " Inf.Bde.
5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.PASSE No. 17.By Lieut.-Colonel E. F. DE M. D.S.O., Commanding.Headquarters,
18th March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6.am. 21st/3/1918, in bursts as per Task-Table.

2. TASK TABLE :-

1st Battery -	7.0.pm.	Sweep MAY FARM. P.I.D.35.95.	20.
	7.30.pm.	M.G. P.I.D.40.00.	15.
	8.30.pm.	M.G. P.I.D.20.10.	15.
2nd Battery -	9.0.pm.	DAMP COPSE. P.E.A.70.95.	20.
	10.0.pm.	M.G. P.I.B.30.00.	15.
	11.0.pm.	GAME COPSE. P.I.G.70.75.	20.
3rd Battery -	1.0.am.	Sweep Square C.12.B.	25.
	2.0.am.	" " "	30.
	3.0.am.	" " "	30.

101st Battery - Stand by to shoot on P.M's.

3. Ammunition:- 18-prs. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ A X.
4.5" Hows. B X.

4. Acknowledge.

for *R. H. Thomson* Captain.
Adjutant, Right Group P.A.

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4.	3rd " Inf. Bde.
5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.TASK No. 18.

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

Headquarters,
19th March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 22nd March, 1918, in bursts as per Task Table :-

2. Task Table:-

1st Bty.	9.30 pm.	Sweep Roads in P.2.C.	20.
	10.30 pm.	" " in P.2.A. & B.	20.
	11.15 pm.	EAST FARM. J.32.D.45.40.	20.
2nd Bty.	2.0 am.	CIRCUS POINT. P.2.C.05.38.	20.
	3.30 am.	WIND COTTES. P.2.D.35.50.	20.
	4.30 am.	CHALK FARM. P.1.C.95.15.	20.
3rd Bty.	8.0 pm.	T.M. P.7.A.75.41.	15.
	9.30 pm.	Sweep Roads in P.8.A.	30.
	9.0 pm.	PUMP FARM. C.12.B.20.10.	15.
101st Bty.	8.0 pm.	Selected points in rear of S.O.S.	15.
	9.0 pm.	Lines. " " " "	20.
	10.0 pm.	" " " "	15.

3. Ammunition:- 18-prs. 25% A. 75% AX.
4.5" Hows. EX.

4. Acknowledge.

R. H. Thomson Captain.
for Adjutant, Right Group F.A.

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5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

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TASK No. 19.

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By Lieut.-Colonel R. T. DEAN, D. S. O., Commanding.Headquarters,
20th March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 23rd March, 1918, in bursts as per Task Table:-

2. TASK TABLE:-

1st Battery	-	7.30 pm.	Sweep communications East	20.
		8.30 pm.	of S.O.S. Lines starting	25.
		9.15 pm.	100. yards East.	25.
2nd "	-	5.0 am.	" " "	20.
		6.0 am.	" " "	25.
		7.0 am.	" " "	25.
3rd "	-	9.30 pm.	" " "	25.
		10.15 pm.	" " "	20.
		11.15 pm.	" " "	25.
101st "	-	9.0 pm.	CIRCUS POINT.	30.
		10.0 pm.	CHALK FARM.	30.
		11.0 pm.	CHATEAU FARM.	30.
			(Gas if wind favourable, otherwise B X.)	

3. AMMUNITION:- 18-prs. A X.
4.5" Hows. B X.

4. Acknowledge.

R. H. Thomson Captain.

A/Adjutant 1st A. F. A. Brigade.

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4.	3rd " Inf. Bde.
5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

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TASK No. 20.

By Lieut.-Colonel H. T. DEAN., D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters.
21st March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during 24 hours ending 6.a.m., 24/3/1918. in burst as per Task Table :-

2. TASK TABLE. -

3.30.am -						
1st Battery	- Sweep Roads in P.2.C. & D.)					30.
4.0.am.	" " " " " "					30.
5.0.am.	" " " " " "					30.
2nd Battery - 7.15.pm. Sweep Roads in P.2.B. & P.3.A.						30.
8.0.pm.	" " " " " "					30.
8.45.pm.	" " " " " "					30.
3rd Battery - 9.30.pm. " " " P.3.A. & B.						30.
10.15.pm.	" " " " " "					30.
11.0.pm.	" " " " " "					30.
101st Battery - Gas, after Dark, if wind favourable on selected points.						100.

3. Ammunition:- 18-prs. 25% A., 75% AX.
4.5" Hows. Gas.4. Acknowledge:-*R. H. Thomson* Captain.

A/Adjutant, Right Group F.A.

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5.	1st Battery.
6.	2nd "
7.	3rd "
8.	101st "

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22nd. March 1918.

1. Harrassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 25th. March 1918, in bursts as per Task Table.

2. Task Table:-

	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Target.</u>	<u>No. of Rounds.</u>
<u>1st. Battery-</u>	7-30 p.m.	MAY FARM P.1.D.35.95.	30.
	8-30 p.m.	Sweep Roads in P.2.C.	30.
	9-00 p.m.	JUNGLE HOUSE P.2.D.75.65.	20.
<u>2nd. Battery-</u>	9-30 p.m.	Sweep Roads in P.2.B.	30.
	10-30 p.m.	ditto P.3.A.	30.
	11-00 p.m.	DAMP COPSE P.2.A.70.95.	20.
<u>3rd. Battery-</u>	4.00 a.m.	Sweep Roads in P.8.A.	30.
	4.30 a.m.	ditto P.7.A.	30.
	5.30 a.m.	Sweep 100 yards in rear of S.O.S. Lines.	30.
<u>101st. Battery-</u>	8.00 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	25.
	9.00 p.m.	TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.90.	20.
	10.00 p.m.	NAPOO FARM P.8.A.70.25.	20.

3. AMMUNITION:- 18-Pdrs. - 50% "A" 50% "AX".
4.5"Hows.- "BX".

4. Acknowledge.

R. Thomson
Captain.
A/Adjutant Right Group Artillery.

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4. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
5. 1st. Battery.
6. 2nd. Battery.
7. 3rd. Battery.
8. 101st. Battery.

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FIELD ARTY. BRIGADE
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para 4.

Until further orders rate of fire for S.O.S. will be as follows:-

18-Pdrs.

First 5 minutes.	-	6	rounds	per	gun	per	minute.
Next 5 minutes.	-	4	"	"	"	"	"
Next 5 minutes.	-	2	"	"	"	"	"

4-5" Hows.

First 5 minutes.	-	4	rounds	per	How.	per	minute.
Next 5 minutes.	-	3	rounds	"	"	"	"
Next 5 minutes.	-	2	"	"	"	"	"

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. A. Thomson

Captain.
A/Adjutant Right Group Artillery.Distribution:

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4.	Bde. Mjr. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	
5.	1st. Battery	6. 2nd. Battery.
7.	3rd. Battery	7. 101st. Battery.

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RIGHT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

TASK NO. 22.

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

Headquarters.
23rd. March 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by RIGHT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6a.m. on 26th. March 1918.

2. Task Table:

	Time	Target	No. of Rounds.
<u>1st. Battery</u>	9-30 p.m.	Sweep selected targets in Battery Lanes East of S.O.S. Lines.	20.
	10-30 p.m.	ditto.	20.
	11-30 p.m.	ditto.	20.
<u>2nd. Battery</u>	3-00 a.m.	ditto.	20.
	4-00 a.m.	ditto.	20.
	4-30 a.m.	ditto.	20.
<u>3rd. Battery</u>	7-15 p.m.	ditto.	20.
	8-00 p.m.	ditto.	20.
	8-45 p.m.	ditto.	20.
<u>101st. Battery</u>	-	Be prepared to fire Gas on selected points at times ordered from this Office.	80.

3. AMMUNITION: 18 Pdrs. 50% "A" 50% "AX"
4-5" Hows. Gas.

4. Acknowledge;

R. A. Thomson
Captain
Adjutant Right Group Arty.

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	5	1st Battery
	6	2nd "
	7	3rd "
	8	101st "

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.

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

Headquarters.
26th March 1918.

1. From 10 am. 26/3/18, the Northern Divisional Boundary will be the line NORTH FARM, J.32.A.7.4. exclusive GROENBERG FARM, J.31.B.1.5 - I36.B.60.65 - I.30.C.00.00. - I.28.B.7.24. The Southern Divisional Boundary will be the WAMBEEK inclusive.
2. The front is to be held by two Infantry Brigades. The Inter-Brigade boundary, will be the present Southern Divisional Boundary, viz :- The HOLLEBEKE - ST. ELOI roads.
3. (a) The Field Artillery covering this front will be the Third Aus. (Army) Field Artillery Brigade, 14th Aus. Field Artillery Brigade, 1st Aus. F.A. Brigade, 2nd Aus. F.A. Brigade. This will be organized in two groups as under :-
RIGHT GROUP. Under Lt.Col. C.I. Stevenson C.M.G.
Headquarters at N.18.B.5.6.
7th., 8th., 9th., 103rd., 2nd., 3rd., 53rd.
54th., 51st., and 114th. Batteries.
LEFT GROUP. Under Lt.Col E.T. Dean D.S.O.
~~Headquarters~~ 1st., 101st., 4th., 5th., 6th.,
and 102nd Batteries.
(b) The 53rd., 54th., 51st., and 114th Batteries will be superimposed on the RIGHT GROUP Front. They will not open fire even on an "S.O.S." without direct orders from the C.O. RIGHT GROUP. Should the C.O. RIGHT GROUP find it necessary to turn on these Batteries he will at once inform C.O. LEFT GROUP, when the 2nd. and 3rd Batteries will immediately come under the command of C.O. LEFT GROUP for use on his front. C.O. RIGHT GROUP will also inform 1st D.A.H.Q. of his action.
4. In order to facilitate concentration the Divisional Front will be divided into Lanes of fire and are allotted to Batteries as follows:
Boundaries of lanes will be East and West lines through the following points and will be known as lettered.
5th Battery. Lane I. J.32.B.40.60. to J.32.C.80.70.
4th " " H. J.32.C.80.70. to P.2.A.20.65.
6th " " G. P.2.A.20.65. to P.1.C.50.60.
1st Battery " F. P.1.C.50.60. to O.12.A.50.50.
(" E. O.12.A.50.50. to O.11.D.80.30.
(" D. O.11.D.80.30. to O.18.A.00.20.
RIGHT (" C. O.18.A.00.20. to O.17.D.80.20.
GROUP. (" B. O.17.D.80.20. to O.23.B.30.15.
(" A. O.23.B.30.15. to O.23.D.10.00.
5. In the event of an S.O.S. each battery will immediately open fire on its own lane, and fire will then be concentrated on to one or more lanes by C.O.'s Groups, or by D.A.H.Q., as information is obtained.
6. S.O.S. Lines for LEFT GROUP will be as follows :-
5th Battery. J.32.B.40.60. to J.32.B.20.25 to J.32.C.80.70.
4th " J.32.C.80.70. to P.2.A.10.65.
6th " P.2.A.10.65. to P.2.A.0052. to P.1.B.80.52 to
P.1.C.50.60.
1st " P.1.C.50.60. to O.6.D.80.10 to O.6.D.03.10. to
O.12.A Central.
101st " O.18.B.25.87.
O.11.D.95.20.
O.12.A.90.55.
O.12.B.25.70.
P.1.C.52.56.
P.1.D.25.63.

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102nd Battery. P.2.A.72.90.
 J.32.C.98.50.
 J.32.D.50.55.
 J.32.B.48.12.
 J.32.B.55.43.

7. Tracings shewing 100 yards lifts and concentration points for counter-preparations will be issued shortly.
8. RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY covers RIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE with identical boundaries.
 LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY covers LEFT INFANTRY BRIGADE with identical boundaries.
9. LIAISON. LEFT GROUP will find Liaison Officers with Battalions as under:-
 10th Battalion. 0.5.A.20.00.
 9th " I.36.C.30.10.
10. Responsibility for covering the line under this new grouping will be assumed by Group Commanders by 10 am. 26/3/18.
11. Trench Mortars remain in position as at present. Those of the 1st Division in the LEFT GROUP come under command of the LEFT GROUP Commander, assisted by D.T.M.O., 1st Aus. Div. D.T.M.O.. 1st Aus. Div., will make arrangements for taking over six 6" and seven 2" T.M's. in the new RIGHT GROUP sector, and for relieving the personnel of the 5th Aus. Div. Arty., at present manning them, at short notice. He will also have arrangements made to hand over six 6" T.M's. to 5th Aus. D.A. in exchange for those taken over.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Captain.

A/Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

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 10 102nd Battery.
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 12 2nd Battery.
 13 3rd Battery.

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AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.

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By Lieut. Colonel E.T. Dean, D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters.

25th March 1918.

1. Delete paragraph 3. (a) and (b) and substitute.
 (a) The field artillery covering the Division I Front will be now be organised in two groups as under: -
 RIGHT GROUP. Under Lt. Col. G.I. Stevenson, C.M.G.
 Headquarters at H.18.B.5.6.
 7th, 8th, 9th, 103rd, A/38, B/38, 51st, D/38, and 2nd Batteries.
 LEFT GROUP. Under Lt. Col. E.T. Dean, D.S.O.
 Headquarters at I.32.A.30.95.
 1st, 2nd, 101st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 102nd Batteries.
 (b) 51st, A/38, B/38, D/38, will now become active batteries and may be employed for any purpose.
 They need not necessarily be super-imposed and may be used in the S.O.S. line as required by C.O. Right Group.

2. S.O.S. LINE. Delete co-ordinate O.12.A.30.1 in 1st Bty. S.O.S. and add 3rd battery O.12. Centr 1 - O.12.B.30.10 - O.12.B.30.10.

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SECOND AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 1.By Lieut Colonel E.T. Dean. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters.

28th March 1918.

1. From 6 pm. on 28th March 1918 the S.O.S. Lines of LEFT GROUP will be as follows : - (Para. 6 in Operation Order No. 1 and first amendment to operation order No. 1 will be cancelled at above time.)

(a) 3rd Battery. O.12.A.50.50. - O.6.D.03.10. - O.6.D.40.10
 1st Battery. P.1.C.50.60. & P.1.B.40.27.
 6th Battery. P.1.B.25.20. - P.1.B.80.50. - P.2.A.00.50.
 - P.2.A.25.85.
 4th Battery. P.2.A.20.80. - J.32.C.85.75.
 5th Battery. J.32.C.80.65. - J.32.B.40.65.

 101st Bty. O.12.B.25.67.
 O.11.D.95.20.
 O.12.A.90.55.
 O.12.B.25.70.
 P.1.C.52.56.
 P.1.D.25.63.

 102nd Bty. P.2.A.72.90.
 J.32.C.98.50.
 J.32.D.50.85.
 J.32.B.48.12.
 J.32.B.55.43.

(b) Arrangements have been made for the 1st Aust. M.G. Battalion to take over from 1st Aus. Div. Arty. responsibility for the protective barrage on the S.O.S. lines between the points O.6.D.35.15 and P.1.C.60.55.

(c) The 1st Aus. M.G. Battalion will also superimpose on Machine Gun Barrage on the 18 pounder barrage as under : -

O.12.A.55.00 to O.12.B.05.45
 O.12.B.15.45. to O.12.B.55.75.
 P.1.C.60.55. to P.1.D.30.80.
 O.12.C.35.55 to O.12.A.95.10.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. Thomson
 Captain.
 Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

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 13 3rd Battery.
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27th March 1918.

This operation has now been further postponed. Date and
Zero hour will be notified later.

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M. H. Thomson

Captain.

A/Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

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29th March 1918.

Please notify this Office at once if registrations of tasks
set out in above Operation Order are complete.
This Operation will probably be carried out within the next
two or three days.

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AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.By Lieut-Colonel E.T. Dean D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters.

27th March 1918.

1. This operation will ~~not~~ NOT take place on the night 27/28 March as stated in paragraph 1 of above operation order, but will probably take place on the night 28/29th March.

2. Acknowledge.

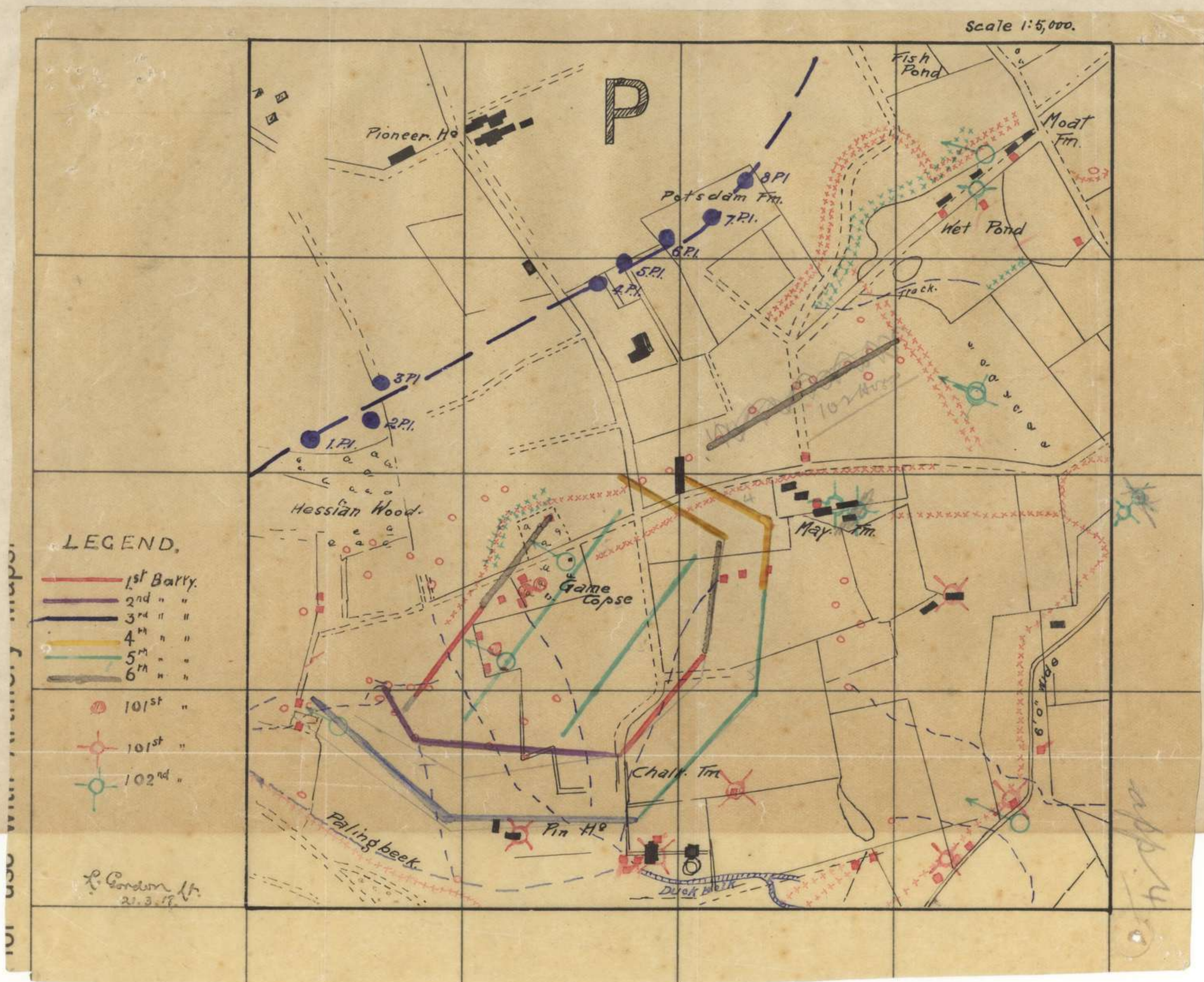
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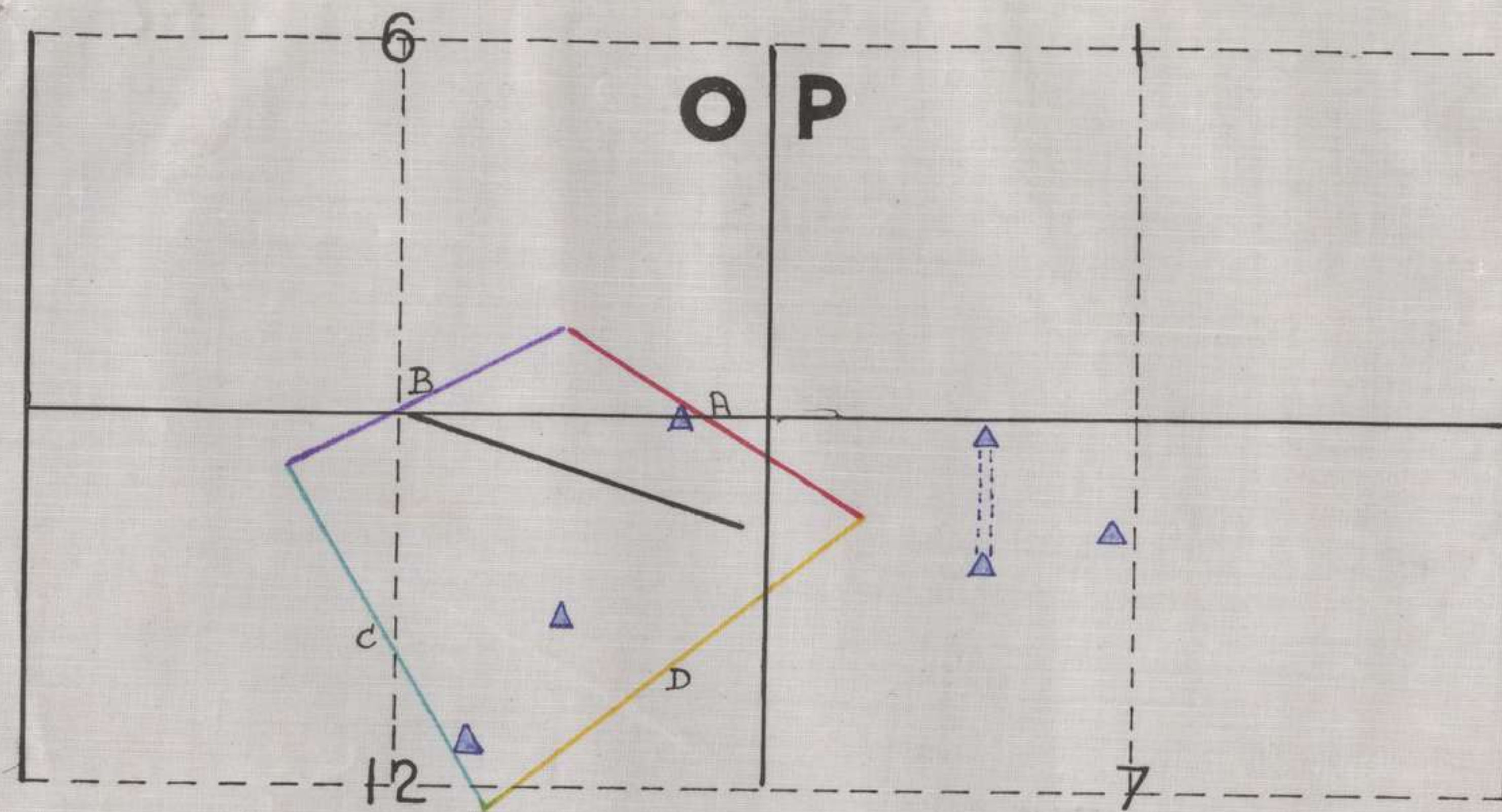
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LEGEND	
A" =	Red line
B" =	Purple line
C" =	Blue line
D" =	Yellow line
9 th Bty =	Black line
103 rd " =	Blue triangle



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Captain.

Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade,

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 33

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

Headquarters,
23rd. March 1918.

REFERENCE MAP -- HOLLEBEKE 1/10.000.

1. A Raid will be carried out on the enemy Pill-Boxes in GAME COPSE (3 Pill-Boxes at P.1.C.62.72., 1 at P.1.C.70.90. and 2 at P.1.C.55.60.) by the 11th. Battalion, 3rd. Infantry Brigade, on the night of 27th/28th. March 1918.
2. The object of the raid is:- (a) To capture Prisoners, (b) To obtain information, (c) To inflict casualties on the enemy.
3. This raid will be covered and supported by the LEFT GROUP assisted by a CHINESE bombardment by the RIGHT GROUP and HEAVY ARTILLERY GROUP.
4. The Artillery Tasks are as set out in the Task Table below :-

TASK TABLE :-

TIME.	BATTERY.	TASK.	RATE OF FIRE P.G.P.M.	AMMUNITION.			
				"A"	"AX"	"BX"	SMOKE
PHASE 1. Zero to Zero plus 1 min.	1st.	P.1.C.35.45. to P.1.C.55.70.	4.	18.	6.		
	2nd.	P.1.C.25.45. to P.1.C.50.30. to P.1.C.85.35.	3.	18.			
	3rd.	P.1.C.10.45. to P.1.C.45.18. to P.1.C.90.20.	3.	18.			
	4th.	1 Section P.1.A.85.00 to P.1.D.10.85.	3.	6.			
		2 Sections P.1. Central to P.1.D.20.90. to P.1.D.20.75.	3.	12.			
	5th.	P.1.C.50.40. to P.1.C.88.95.	3.	13.	5.		
	6th.	P.1.C.55.70. to P.1.C.70.90.	4.	18.	6.		

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TIME.	BATTERY.	TASK.	R RATE OF FIRE P.G.P.M.	A M M U N I T I O N . "A" "AX" "BX" SMOKE.		
PHASE 1. Zero to Zero (contd.) plus 1 min.	7th.	Smoke BARRAGE on one of the following targets which will be notified one hour before Zero hour :-	3.			18.
	A.	0.6.D.45.25. to P.7.A.25.75.				
	B.	0.12.A.70.85. to 0.6.D.45.25.				
	C.	0.12.A.70.85. to 0.12.D.25.95. and				
	D.	0.12.D.25.95. to P.7.A.25.75.				
	9th.	0.6.D.00.00. to 0.12.B.95.70.	2.	6.	6.	
	101st.	2 Guns GAME COPSE P.1.C.63.73.) 1 " Pill Box P.1.C.55.60.) 1 " PIN HOUSE P.1.C.60.17.) 1 " CHALK FARM P.1.D.13.77.) 1 " Pill Boxes P.1.C.95.12.)	2.			12.
	102nd.	2 Guns sweep Shell Holes P.1.B.05.05. to P.1.B.50.30.) 1 Gun MAY FARM P.1.D.35.93.) 1 " CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.0.5.95) 1 " MOAT FARM P.1.B.70.72.) 1 " MACHINE GUN P.1.B.70.18.)	2.			12. (106 Fuze)
	103rd.	2 Guns PILL BOXES P.7.A.60.60. to) P.7.A.60.95. 1 Gun LOCK 5 0.12.B.45.45.) 1 " PUMP FARM 0.12.D.20.10.) 1 " CHATEAU FARM P.7.A.95.70.) 1 " machine gun 0.12.B.75.97.)	2.			12.

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TIME	BATTERY	T A S K	RATE OF FIRE P.G.P.M.	A M M U N I T I O N.			
				"A"	"AX"	"BX"	SMOKE.
PHASE II. Zero plus 1 minute to Zero plus 2 minutes.	1st.	Same as PHASE I.	4.	24.			
	2nd.	ditto.	3.	18.			
	3rd.	ditto.	3.	18.			
	4th.	ditto.	3.	18.			
	5th.	P.l.C.73.40. to P.l.D.05.83.	3.	13.	5.		
	6th.	Same as PHASE I.	4. 3	18.	6.		
	7th.	ditto.	3.				18.
	9th.	ditto.	2.	6.	6.		
	101st.	ditto.	2.	1		12.	
	102nd.	ditto.	2.			12.	
	103rd.	ditto.	2.			12.	
PHASE III. Zero plus 2 minutes to Zero plus 20 minutes.	1st.	P.l.C.85.34. to P.l.D.05.58.	2.	108.	108.		
	2nd.	Same as PHASE II.	2.	216.			
	3rd.	ditto.	2.	216.			
	4th.	ditto.	2.	216.			
	5th.	P.l.D.20.74. to P.l.D.17.50. to P.l.C.90.20.	2.	108.	108.		
	6th.	P.l.D.05.58. to P.l.D.10.85.	2.	108.	108.		
	7th.	Same as PHASE II.	2.				216.
	9th.	ditto.	2.	108.	108.		
	101st.	2 Guns on PILL BOXES along line P.l.D.60.13 to) P.l.D.78.25.)					
		1 Gun on HOUSES P.l.D.60.72.)					
		1 " on PIN HOUSE P.l.C.60.17)	2.			216.	
		1 " on CHALK FARM P.l.D.13.27.)					
		1 " on PILL BOXES P.l.C.95.12.)					
	102nd.	Same as PHASE II.	2.			216.	(106Fuze)
	103rd.	ditto.	2.			216.	

P.T.O.

TIME	BATTERY	T A S K	RATE OF FIRE P.G.P.M.	A M M U N I T I O N			
				"A"	"AX"	"BX"	SMOKE
PHASE IV. Zero plus	1st.	Same as in PHASE III.	2.	60.	60.		
20 minutes	2nd.	ditto.	2.	120.			
to Zero plus	3rd.	ditto.	2.	120.			
30 minutes.	4th.	ditto.	2.	120.			
	5th.	ditto.	2.	60.	60.		
	6th.	ditto.	2.	60.	60.		
	7th.	ditto.	1.				60.
	8th.	ditto.	1.	30.	30.		
	101st.	ditto.	1.			60.	
	102nd.	ditto.	1.			60.	
	103rd.	ditto.	1.			60.	

5. All Field Batteries will fire at the tasks set out in the Task Table until Zero plus 30, after which they will continue to fire until STOP is given at half the rates as set out in PHASE IV.

6. Two 6" Batteries will fire on the following targets :-

Zero to Zero plus 30 mins.	2 Guns on BELL BUILDINGS P.2.D.95.95.)		
	2 " on TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.90.))		
	2 " on NAPOO FARM P.8.A.70.25.))		
	2 " on PIE FARM P.2.C.70.50.)	)	1	360
	2 " on CANAL O.12.B.45.40. and 10 P.7.C.30.20.)	)	R.P.G.P.M.	Rounds.
	2 " on DAMP COPSE P.2.A.70.93.))		

7. C.R.A. 1st.Aust.Div. is making arrangements for Counter Battery Co-operation.

8. B.C's. of 18-Pdr. Batteries will use a sufficiently long corrector to obtain 35% of bursts on graze.

9. Communications :- Lieut. O.C.ZEHNDER, 3rd.Battery, with two telephonists will report at Headquarters, HESSIAN WOOD, to O.C.Raid at least two hours before Zero hour. A line will be maintained to Group Headquarters.

10. Zero Hour will be notified later.

11. Watches will be synchronised with the Adjutant, Left Group at 6.00 p.m. and two hours before Zero Hour.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. M. S.
Adjutant Right Group A. F. A. Captain.

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Distribution.

Copy No.

- 1 Retained.
- 2 War Diary.
- 3 1st Aus. Div. Arty.
- 4 3rd Inf. Bde.
- 5 O.C. Raid.
- 6 Right Group.
- 7-10 18th Bde R.G.A.
- 11 1st Battery.
- 12 2nd Battery.
- 13 3rd Battery.
- 14 101st Battery.
- 15 4th Battery.
- 16 5th Battery.
- 17 6th Battery.
- 18 102nd Battery.
- 19 7th Battery.
- 20 9th Battery.
- 21 103rd Battery.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

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

Headquarters.
29th March 1918.

S.O.S.

1. The S.O.S. signal is fired by an Officer of the front line Company, and repeated to Batteries and Group Headquarters by relay stations.
2. Batteries have been allotted S.O.S. frontages each of which will be swept at the following rates : -

18 pdrs.

For first 5 minutes.	4 rds. per gun per minute.
For second 5 "	3 " " " " "
For third 5 "	2 " " " " "

If S.O.S. signal is repeated rates will be : -

For first 5 minutes.	3 rds. per gun per minute.
For second 5 "	2 " " " " "
For third 5 "	1 " " " " "

and for each subsequent S.O.S. signal in series.

4.5" Hows. rates will be : -

For first 5 minutes.	3 rds. per How. per minute.
For second 5 "	2 " " " " "
For third 5 "	1 " " " " "

3. Batteries will be prepared to concentrate fire on any of the lanes already allotted (as per Para 4 of Operation Order No. 1) on order of the Group Commander or the G.R.A. from information received.
4. In addition to the S.O.S. rockets, front line Companies are provided with special "Location" rockets. These Location rockets are fired by order of the Company Commander after the S.O.S. rockets.
The special signal to be employed will be notified from time to time. For the present it will be the recent S.O.S. signal - a rifle grenade bursting into GREEN over RED over GREEN.
5. Spotting boards at O.P.'s., directed onto S.O.S. and Location signals, will indicate to Group Commanders the actual threatened point or points, and fire will be concentrated accordingly.
It is not advisable to concentrate to less than a frontage of 1200 yards (i.e. 600 yards each side of the locating signal).
6. Locating signals cannot be passed back by relay posts. They are valueless unless sent up from the threatened point.
7. Company Commanders will communicate by every available means the number of the threatened post or posts, to the Artillery Liaison Officer at Battalion H.Q., who will send back to his Group Commander the index letter of the lane in which this post is situated.
8. Acknowledge. *M. H. Robinson*

Captain.

Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1 Retained.	No. 8 5th Battery.
2 War Diary.	9 6th Battery.
3 1st Aus. Div. Arty.	10 101st Battery.
4 3rd Infantry Brigade.	11 102nd Battery.
5 1st Battery.	12 D.T.M.O.
6 3rd Battery.	13 2nd Battery.
7 4th Battery.	

SECRET.LEFT GROUP? FIELD ARTILLERY.COPY NO. ².....INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

app. 5.

By Lieut-Colonel E.T. Dean D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters.
26th March 1918.

1. From noon 26th March 1918 until further notice the daily allotment of ammunition for expenditure will be .
 Per 18 prd. Bty. Per 4.5" How. Bty.
 125 rds. 125 rds.
2. It has been noticed during the few weeks last few weeks that expenditure allotment has been exceeded. This has not been due to raids etc.,. Strict economy must be observed in the expenditure of ammunition.
3. Acknowledge.

R. Ashmore

Captain.

A/Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

Copy NO 1 Retained.

- 2 War Diary.
- 3 1st Battery.
- 4 101st Battery.
- 5 4th Battery.
- 6 5th Battery.
- 7 6th Battery.
- 8 102nd Battery.

*app. 5.*SECRET.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.COPY NO. ².....INSTRUCTION NO. 2.*app. 5.*By Lieut-Colonel R.F. Dean D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters.

27th March 1918.

To avoid giving Map Coordinates by telephone a local code has been arranged as follows, and will be used by Batteries, C.P.'s and Liaisons.

The squares are numbered from WEST to EAST.

I.27.D.	is square No.	200	J.23.D.	is square No.	214
I.33.D.	"	"	J.24.D.	"	220
I.33.D.	"	"	J.34.D.	"	244
O.3.D.	"	"	P.4.D.	"	250
O.3.D.	"	"	P.4.D.	"	274
O.9.D.	"	"	P.10.D.	"	280
O.9.D.	"	"	P.10.D.	"	304
O.15.D.	"	"	P.16.D.	"	310
O.15.D.	"	"	P.16.D.	"	334
O.21.D.	"	"	P.22.D.	"	340
O.21.D.	"	"	P.22.D.	"	364

R. H. M. for

Captain.

by Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution. Copy No. 1 Retained.
 2 War Diary.
 3 1st Battery.
 4 101st Battery.
 5 4th Battery.
 6 5th Battery.
 7 6th Battery.
 8 102nd Battery.

*App. 5.*SECRET.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.COPY NO. ².....INSTRUCTION NO. 3.*app. 5.*By Lieut-Colonel E.T. Dean D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters.
27th March 1918.ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION.

Cancel previous instruction . Further daily allotment of ammunition for expenditure will be : -

Per 18 pdr. Bty. 60 rds. Per 4.5" How. Bty. 60 rds.

This further reduction in allotment will necessitate the most rigid economy in expenditure by Batteries.

R. H. Thomson
Captain.
A/Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.	Copy No.	
	1	Retained.
	2	War Diary.
	3	3rd Infantry Brigade.
	4	1st Battery.
	5	101st Battery.
	6	4th Battery.
	7	5th Battery.
	8	6th Battery.
	9	102nd Battery.

SECRET.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

COPY NO.

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app. 5.INSTRUCTION NO. 4.By Lieut-Colonel E.T. Desn. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters.
27th March 1918.ANTI TANK GUNS.

Crews for Tank Guns will be provided by Batteries as follows :-

	Mt. SORREL	IRON DUGOUTS	RAILWAY DUMP	OLAF TRENCH
30				
From 300 Mch to 6 Apl.	6th Bty.	102nd Bty	1st Bty	101st Bty.
From 6 Apl to 13 Apl.	4th "	5th Bty.	1st "	101st "
From 13 Apl to 20 Apl.	6th "	102nd Bty.	1st "	101st "
From 20 Apl to 27 Apl.	4th "	5th Bty.	1st "	101st "

Each detachment will consist of a Senior N.C.O. and 4 gunners. The N.C.O. of relieving detachment will go to gun position 24 hours before his detachment, and one gunner of the old detachment may be sent down to make room for him.

The four anti tank guns of the Left Group will be under the supervision of 2nd Lt. J.V. Garner, 5th Battery and Lt. C.W. Smith 1st Battery. Lt. Smith will take over from Lt Garner on Monday 1st April.

The role of the Anti tank guns will be primarily to engage Enemy tanks within their field of fire and secondarily to engage bodies of enemy infantry breaking through our lines.

R. A. Thomson

Captain.

A/Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1 Retained.
 2 War Diary.
 3 1st Battery.
 4 101st Battery.
 5 4th Battery
 6 5th Battery.
 7 6th Battery.
 8 102nd Battery.

LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.INSTRUCTION No. 6.

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

Headquarters,
27th. March, 1918.ANTI-TANK GUNS.

1. Cancel Instruction No. 4. and substitute :-
2. Crews for Anti-Tank Guns will be provided as follows :-

Dates.	Mt. SORREL.	IRON DUGOUTS.	RAILWAY DUMP.	OLAF TRENCH.
From 30 Mch. to 6 Apl.	6th. Bty.	102nd. Bty.	1st. Bty.	101st. Bty.
" 6 Apl. to 13 Apl.	4th. "	5th. "	3rd. "	101st. "
" 13 Apl. to 20 Apl.	6th. "	102nd. "	1st. "	3rd. "
" 20 Apl. to 27 Apl.	4th. "	5th. "	1st. "	3rd. "

3. Each detachment will consist of a senior N.C.O. and 4 gunners. The N.C.O. of relieving detachment will go to gun position 24 hours before his detachment, and one gunner of the old detachment may be sent down to make room for him.
4. The four anti-tank guns of the Left Group will be under the supervision of 2nd/Lieut. J. V. GARNER, 5th. Battery, and Lieut. C. W. SMITH, 1st. Battery. Lieut. SMITH will take over from Lieut. GARNER on Monday, 1st. April, 1918.
5. The role of the anti-tank guns will be primarily to engage enemy tanks within their field of fire, and secondly to engage bodies of enemy infantry breaking through our lines.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. Richardson
Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Artillery.

Distribution.
Copy No. 1. Retained.
2. War Diary.
3. 1st. Battery.
4. 3rd. "
5. 101st. "
6. 4th. "
7. 5th. "
8. 6th. "
9. 102nd. "

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INSTRUCTION NO. 7.*app. 5.*By Lieut Colonel E.T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.Headquarters.
29th March 1918.ALLOTMENT OF AMMUNITION.

1. Cancel Instruction No. 3.
2. Daily allotment of ammunition for expenditure will now be as follows : -

Per 18-prd. Battery - 100 rds.

Per 4.5" How. Battery - 100 rds.

3. Acknowledge.

*R. H. Thomson*Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.Distribution.

- Copy No. 1 Retained.
- 2 War Diary.
 - 3 3rd Infantry Brigade.
 - 4 1st Battery.
 - 5 2nd Battery.
 - 6 101st Battery.
 - 7 4th Battery.
 - 8 5th Battery.
 - 9 6th Battery.
 - 10 102nd Battery.

TASK NO. 1.

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

Headquarters.
25th March 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 27th March 1918.

2. TASK TABLE. TIME. T A R G E T . NO. OF RDS.

1st Battery. 2.30 a.m. MAY FARM P.1.D.35.95. 15
3.30 a.m. GAME COPSE P.1.C.70.70. 20
4.15 a.m. Sweep roads in P.2.C. 30

Cancelled. 2nd Battery. 7.30 p.m. DAMP COPSE P.2.A.70.95. 15
8.15 p.m. LANS FARM P.3.A.60.95. 15
9.15 p.m. NOTT FARM P.2.B.95.45. 20

Cancelled. 3rd Battery. 9.45 p.m. Search embankment from O.6. 30
D.00.00. to O.12.B.75.00.
10.30 p.m. Sweep HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU. 20
11.15 p.m. Search roads in P.7.A. 20

101st Bty. 9 p.m. CHATEAU FARM. 20 BX.
10 p.m. GAME COPSE 6 gas 2 smoke
11 p.m. CIRCUS POINT. 20 BX.

4th Battery. 1.30 a.m.) Sweep roads and tracks 25
2.15 a.m.) E. of S.O.S. lines to a 20
2.45 a.m.) depth of 700 yards. 25

5th Battery. 7.45 p.m.) Sweep roads and tracks 20
8.45 p.m.) E. of S.O.S. lines to a 25
9.30 p.m.) depth of 700 yards. 25

6th Battery. 10.15 p.m.) Sweep roads and tracks to 20
10.45 p.m.) E. of S.O.S. lines to a 25
11.30 p.m.) depth of 700 yards. 25

102nd Bty. 7.30 p.m.) Selected points on Northern 20
8.15 p.m.) Half of Group front. 20
9.45 p.m.) 20

3. AMMUNITION. 18 pdrs. 50% "A", 50% "AX".
4.5" Hows. M I X E D .

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

Williamson
Captain.
Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1 Retained.	No. 7 3rd Battery.
2 War Diary.	8 101st Battery.
3 1st Aus Div Art.	9 4th Battery.
4 3rd Aus Inf Brig.	10 5th Battery.
5 1st Battery.	11 6th Battery.
6 2nd Battery.	12 102nd Battery.

SECRET.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

COPY NO.

TASK NO. 2.

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

Headquarters.

26th March 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 am. 28th March 1918.

2. T A S K T A B L E .

Battery.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No. of rds.
1st Battery.	7.15 pm.	MAY FARM P.1.D.35.90	20
	8.15 pm.	Sweep roads in P.2.D.	30
	9.30 pm.	Sweep shell holes on SOS lines in P.1.B.	15
101st Bty.	8 pm.	CHATEAU FARM P.7.A.95.70	15
	9 pm.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	20
	10 pm.	KIKI FARM P.8.C.30.95	15
4th Battery.	7 pm.	Sweep JAGER TRENCH J.33.A.	20
	8 pm.	ALASKA HOUSE J.33.B.55.60.	15
	9.15 pm.	Sweep roads in J.33.B. and D.	30
5th Battery.	2.45 am.	Sweep roads in J.33.A.	25
	3.45 am.	FUNNY FARM J.32.C.95.50.	15
	4.45 am.	Sweep JAGER TRENCH J.27.C.	30
6th Battery.	9 pm.	EAST FARM J.32.d.45.40.	15
	10 pm.	Sweep roads in J.33.C.	25
	10.30 pm.	Sweep BASSEVILLE WOOD in J.32.D. and P.2.A.	30
102nd Bty.	7.30 pm.	WIND COTTS P.2.D.35.55.	15
	8.30. pm.	TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.90.	15
	9.30. pm.	Sweep ZANDUOORDE P.3.A.30.	30

3. AMMUNITION. 18 pdrs. 50% "A", 50% "AX".
4.5" Hows. M i x e d .

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

R. A. Robinson
Captain.
A/Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1 Retained.
2 War Diary.
3 1st Aus. Div Artillery.
4 3rd Aus. Inf. Brigade.
5 1st Battery.
6 101st Battery.
7 4th Battery.
8 5th Battery.
9 6th Battery.
10 102nd Battery.

SECRET.Copy No. ²....

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LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.Task No. 3.

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

Headquarters,
26th. March, 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 29th. March, 1918.

2.	TASK TABLE.	Time.	T A R G E T.	No. of RDS.
	1st. Battery.	8.30 p.m.	Sweep Roads and Tracks and Communications in Battery	20.
		9.30 p.m.	Lane East of S.O.S. Line.	20.
	4th. Battery.	5.00 a.m.	do.	20.
		6.00 a.m.	do.	20.
	5th. Battery.	10.30 p.m.	do.	20.
		11.30 p.m.	do.	20.
	6th. Battery.	3.00 a.m.	do.	20.
		4.00 a.m.	do.	20.
	101st. Battery.	8.00 p.m.	TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.90.	15.
		10.00 p.m.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	15.
	102nd. Battery.	8.30 p.m.	CROSS ROADS J.33.D.15.35.	15.
		10.30 p.m.	DAMP COPSE P.2.A.75.90.	15.
3.	<u>AMMUNITION</u> :-	18-Pdrs.	50% "A".	50% "AX".
		4.5" Hows.	"BX".	
4.	<u>A C K N O W L E D G E.</u>			

R. H. Thomson

Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Arty.DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No. 1. Retained.
 2. War Diary.
 3. 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.
 4. 3rd. Inf. Bde.
 5. 1st. Battery.
 6. 101st. Battery.
 7. 4th. Battery.
 8. 5th. Battery.
 9. 6th. Battery.
 10. 102nd. Battery.

SECRET.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

COPY NO. 2...

TASK NO. 4.*app. to.*By Lieut- Colonel E.T. Dean. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters.

27th March 1918

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 am. 30th March 1918.

2. Task Table. Time. T a r g e t . No. of rds.

1st Battery	5 am.	KASTEELHOEK P.7.C.80.95.	15
	6 am.	PUMP FARM O.12.B.25.10.	20
4th Battery	9 pm.	WIND COTTS P.2.D.40.50.	15
	10 pm.	Sweep roads in J.32.D.	30
5th Battery	9.30 pm.	Machine Gun P.2.D.6.8.	15
	10.45 pm.	FUNNY FARM J.32.D.00.50.	30
6th Battery	7.45 pm.	Sweep roads in P.2.C.	30
	11 pm.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	15
102nd Bty.	8.15 pm.	TUBE CROSS Roads P.8.A.35.90.	15
	9.45 pm.	MAY FARM P.1.D.40.95.	15
	11.15 pm.	CHALK FARM P.1.C.95.10.	15

3. AMMUNITION. 18 pdrs. 50% "A", 50% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX".

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

R. H. Thomson

Captain.

A/Adj. Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1 Retained.
2 War Diary.
3 1st Aus. Div. Arty.
4 3rd Infantry Brigade.
5 1st Battery.
6 101st Battery.
7 4th Battery.
8 5th Battery.
9 6th Battery.
10 102nd Battery.

SECRET.LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

COPY NO.

TASK NO. 5.

app. 6. 79

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

Headquarters.

28th March 1918.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 am. 31st March 1918.

2. <u>Task Table.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>T a r g e t .</u>	<u>No. of rds.</u>
1st Battery.	7. 30 pm.	Sweep roads in P.8.A.	20
	8. 15 pm.	Sweep roads in P.2.C.	20
	9. 00 pm.	GAME COPSE P.1.C.70.70.	15
3rd Battery.	9. 15 pm.	Sweep tracks in O.12.D.	20
	9. 45 pm.	Search Canal in O.12.B.	20
	10.15 pm.	Sweep roads in P.7.C.	15
4th Battery.	10.45 pm.	Sweep BASSEVILLE WOOD J.32.D.	20
	11.15 pm.	Sweep roads in P.3.A.	15
	11.30 pm.	MAY FARM P.1.D.35.95.	15
5th Battery.	5. 15 am.	EAST FARM J.32.C.45.40.	15
	5. 30 am.	Sweep JAEGER TRENCH in J.33.A.	20
	5. 55 am.	Sweep roads in J.33.D.	20
101st Bty.	8. 15 pm.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	15
	9. 5 pm.	TUBE CROSS ROADS P.8.A.35.80.	15
	9. 35 pm.	CHALK FARM P.1.D.00.15.	15

3. Ammunition. 18 pdrs , 50% "A". 50% "AX".
4.5" Hows. "BX" or gas if wind is favorable.

4. A c k n o w l e d g e .

W. H. Thompson

Captain.

Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1 Retained.
2 War Diary.
3 1st Aus. Div. Arty.
4 3rd Infantry Brigade.
5 1st Battery.
6 3rd Battery.
7 101st Battery.
8 4th Battery.
9 5th Battery.
10 6th Battery.
11 102nd Battery.

TASK NO. 6.

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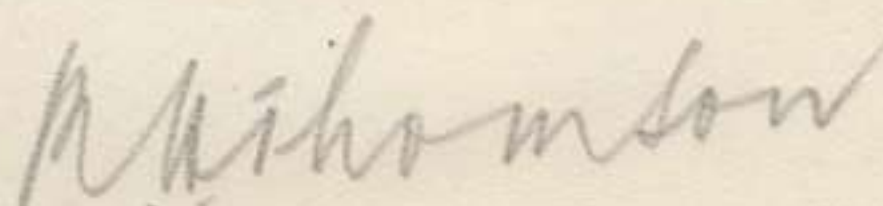
By Lieut Colonel E.T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters.
29th March 1918

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by the LEFT GROUP during the 24 hours ending 6 am. 1st April 1918.

2. Task Table.	Time.	T a r g e t .	No. of rds
1st Battery.	10.30 am.	MAY FARM P.1.D.40.35.	15
	11.00 am.	Sweep roads in P.2.B.	20
	11.30 am.	CIRCUS POINT P.2.C.05.95.	15
3rd Battery.	7. 15 pm.	Sweep road in P.7.A.	20
	8. 00 pm.	Search roads P.7.B. and P.8.A.	20
	8. 45 pm.	CHALK FARM P.1.C.95.10 .	15
4th Battery.	4. 15 am.	Sweep roads J.33.D.	25
	4. 45 am.	EAST FARM J.32.D.45.40.	15
	5. 30 am.	BUND COTTS J.33.C.35.50.	15
6th Battery.	9. 15 pm.	Sweep. roads P.2.B.	25
	9. 45 pm.	Sweep roads P.2.D.	25
	10.15 pm.	Sweep roads P.3.Central.	25
102nd Bty.	8. 00 pm.	Trench Mortar P.1.C.95.12.	15
	9. 00 pm.	Trench Mortar P.1.D.25.08.	15
	10.00 pm.	TUBE CROSS Roads P.8.A.35.80.	15

3. A c k n o w l e d g e .



Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

Distribution: - Normal.

LEFT GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

(1st. Aust. Div. Arty.)

TABLE SHOWING POSSIBLE CONCENTRATION of GUNS on each SECTOR of the LEFT GROUP(1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY) FRONT, under scheme for CONCENTRATION of FIRE, as per1st. AUST. DIV. ARTY. OPERATION ORDER NO. 8, para. 5., of 25/3/18.SECTOR. (Along S. O. S. Lines).

Battery.	"D". 0.11.D.80.30. to 0.18.A.00.20.	"E". 0.12.A.50.50. to 0.11.D.80.30.	"F". P.1.C.50.60. to 0.12.A.50.50.	"G". P.2.A.20.65. to P.1.C.50.60.	"H". J.32.C.80.70. to P.2.A.20.65.	"I". J.32.B.40.60. to J.32.C.80.70.	EXTREME SWITCH LEFT to MENIN ROAD - J.29.A.50.55.
1st.	-	6	6	6	6	6	6
3rd.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
4th.	-	-	3	6	6	6	6
5th.	-	-	-	6	6	6	6
6th.	-	-	6	6	6	6	6
Total Guns on each Sector.	6	12	21	30	30	30	30

Distribution :-

1. 1st. Aust. Div. Arty.
2. 49th. Division, R.F.A.
3. Right Group.
4. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 5- 11. Left Group Batteries.
12. War Diary.
13. Retained.

R. A. Thomson
Captain.
Adjutant Left Group Field Artillery.

28/3/18