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MESSINES.	1918 1st March.		<u>DISPOSITION.</u> Reference Map $\frac{2}{2}$ Sheet 28. BELGIUM. 1-40,000 Brigade Headquarters (Group) T.6.c.15.75. " Wagon Lines -T.20.a.8.0. 49th Battery U.1.a.70.39. " " Wagon Lines T.20.a.8.0 50th " U.13.a.80.80. " " Wagon Lines -N.21.c.6.3. 51st " 4 Guns -0.31.a.55.05 " " 2 " -0.31.b.90.45. " " Wagon Lines -T.20.c.2.2. 113th " -U.7.d.09.70. " " Wagon Lines -T.26.b.5.5. Brigade covering 15th Australian Infantry Brigade -.57th and 58th Battalions. The 50th Battery moved 1 gun to U.3.c.70.20 for wire cutting in preparation for raid by 57th Battalion - Wire cut and registration successfully carried out.	
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MESSINES.	1918.			
	2nd March		(contd) Cold and windy day.	Appendix
			Intelligence Summary attached	23/5.
	3rd March		2,324 Rounds fired to-day.	
			Registration and wire cutting for 58th Battalion Raid carried out, vide GROUP ORDER No.83.	23/7.
			Wire was also cut at U.6.a. as a blind. Minenwerfers very active during morning.	
			Two Raid carried out on Groups Front, the right by 57th Battalion and left by 58th Battalion.	
			both were successful except that the 57th Battalion found trenches unoccupied - GROUP ORDER No.79. "23/6	
			Bursts of fire were subsequently carried out on the points of entry.	
			1 Gunner killed in action whilst with F.O.O..	
		Weather still cold but improving. Intelligence Summary attached	"23/8.	
		At 2 am 3/4th S.O.S. call was made when Group again opened fire with equal rapidity, -Enemy		
		attempted raid on 57th Battalion front but were unsuccessful.		
4th March		653 Rounds fired to-day.		
		Minenwerfers troublesome in the early morning.		
		Bursts of fire put on to points raided on the 3rd ^{vide} by the GROUP ORDER No.84	" 23/9	
		Infantrys appreciation of Artillery support to raids show in	" 23/11	
		Intelligence Summary attached	" 23/10.	
		Dull cold day and windy. 3,028 Rounds fired to-day.		

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MESSINES.	5th	March.	Gas bombardment ordered but cancelled in account of unsuitable weather. On account of suspected enemy relief, bursts of fire were put on to tracks and roads. The vicinity of .50th Battery position shelled by gas, no casualties. Still cold and windy. Intelligence Summary attached. 2,326 rounds fired to-day.	Appendix 23/12 <i>[Signature]</i>
	6th	"	Increased ^{hostile} aerial activity. - Weather and visibility improving Intelligence Summary attached 959 rounds fired to-day.	"23/13 <i>[Signature]</i>
	7th	"	Quiet day, weather mild.- Arrangements made with Infantry for further Raids. Intelligence Summary attached - 165 rounds fired to-day.	" 23/14 <i>[Signature]</i>
	8th	"	Increased hostile shelling New Cross Sap U.7.b. shelling with 5.9 Hows. Batteries are doing large amount of night firing on Minenwerfers etc., in addition to this much constructional work is being carried out, -gunners in consequence are somewhat suffering from lack of sleep and showing the effects of the increased work. Our aerial activity much increased, - very little hostile reported. Weather warm. Intelligence Summary attached	" 23/15. <i>[Signature]</i>

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911 rounds fired to-day.

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	1918.			
MESSINES	9th	March	<p>Enemy appears to have brought more guns opposite this zone, including 77mm's, fires almost continuously throughout the day without any apparent object doing remarkably little damage.</p> <p>Much increased aerial activity. 2-15-pdr Q.F. Guns drawn for anti-tank defence.</p> <p>Special shoot on hostile Trench Mortars arranged for 10 minutes from 11 pm, 12 6" Hows. co-operating.- This shoot appeared to be effective as Minenwerfers did not fire after this for some time. - Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>1,389 rounds fired to-day.</p>	<p>Appendix 23/16.</p>
	10th	"	<p>Fine warm day.- More indiscriminate hostile shelling in the morning by 77mm's., 4.2's and 5.9's., also some gas shells. Wire cutting and registration for 57th Battalion Raid carried out. - In anticipation of enemy relief, tasks as ordered in GROUP ORDER No. 89 carried out</p> <p>Capt. C.M. ORR returned from Gas School.- Capt. C.M.C. CHASE ^{M.C} left for Gas School - 2nd Lieut C.H.N. SMART joined from 5th D.A.C. and posted to 50th Battery.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached</p>	<p>" 23/24</p> <p>" 23/17.</p>
			<p>Meteor readings Barometer 29.85 Thermometer 53.5. 781 rounds fired to-day.</p>	

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MESSINES.	1918. 11th March.		<p>Registration and wire cutting for 57th Battalion Raid. When communication with F.O.C. was cut another Officer was sent who completed the work from Strong Post in rear, as front line being unapproachable in daylight.</p> <p>Minenwerfers active during early part of evening - Concentrated shoot on known positions 6" Hows. co-operating carried out at 8 pm., which appeared successful in preventing more fire. Raid by 57th Battalion carried out successfully, 3 prisoners obtained Group was assisted by 31st and 108th Batteries of the 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery. vide GROUP ORDER No. 86</p> <p>More Hostile Artillery activity in the morning with 5.9's and 4.2 Hows.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached</p> <p>Meteor readings - Noon - Barometer 29.86 Thermometer 61°. 872 rounds fired to-day.</p>	Appendix 23/18.
	12th "		<p>The C.R.A. inspected Wagon Lines which were very satisfactory.</p> <p>Hostile Artillery and Minenwerfers active - back Areas and towns receiving attention from H.V. Guns. Hostile Kite Balloon broke loose and drifted over our lines and was brought down by our airmen falling near KEMMEL. Fine warm day. Intelligence Summary attached</p> <p>Meteor readings - Noon. Barometer 29.72. Thermometer 61°. 2,693 rounds fired to-day.</p>	" 23/19 " 23/20.

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MESSINES.	1918. 13th	March	<p>Less hostile shelling, but this is still above normal.</p> <p>Registration for 58th Battalion Raid completed. - Lieut A.H.MAHON appointed in charge of Anti-Tank gun -15-pdr, at emplacement O.33.d.90.40, the other gun remaining at Wagon Lines for training purposes. Lieut E.SHREWIN appointed to take over works from Lieut A.H.MAHON. Fine clear day. - Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Meteor readings - Noon - Barometer 29.92 Thermometer - 62°. 1,105 rounds fired to-day.</p>	Appendix 23/21.
	14th	"	<p>58th Battalion raided enemys trenches at O.35.d. at 3-30 am on the night 13/14th - reported successful, prisoners captured, - Artillery co-operation as described in GROUP ORDER No.88.</p> <p>50th Battery forward gun returned to Battery position. - Much hostile shelling and Minenwerfer activity during evening - Fine clear day - Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Meteor readings - noon - Barometer 29.71 - Thermometer - 44.5°. 3,230 rounds fired to-day.</p>	" 23/22.
	15th	"	<p>Several practice S.O.S. and opportunity targets calls were made by aeroplanes to-day, all satisfactorily answered. Lieut V.J.BRADY returned from leave. - Fine xxxx day, cold & windy. - Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Meteor readings - Barometer - 29.66. Thermometer - 49.5° 1,428 rounds fired to-day.</p>	"23/23. "23/25.

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MESSINES.	16th	March.	<p>C.R.A. inspected 49th and 50th Battery Wagon Lines.</p> <p>O's.C. 17th and 106th Batteries reconnoitred positions allotted them for reinforcing Group.</p> <p>15-pdr gun taken to MESSINES RIDGE to fire for practice purposes, shoot quite satisfactory.</p> <p>In anticipation of suspected enemy relief, roads and tracks were fired upon opposite Groups front, vide GROUP ORDER No. 89</p> <p>Lieut E.A KINGSBURY and 2 N.C.O's returned from Lewis Gun School. - Fine warm day.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached -</p> <p>Meteor readings - noon - Barometer 29.61. Thermometer 51°</p> <p>1,471 rounds fired to-day.</p>	<p>Appendix 23/27.</p> <p>"23/26.</p>
	17th	"	<p>Quiet day - Warm and clear - Capt. C.M.C.CHASE, M.C. rejoined from Gas School.</p> <p>Lieut D.A.CAMERON rejoined from Signal School. Lieut. F.S.SPENCE to Signal School.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached -</p> <p>Meteor readings - noon - Barometer 29.65 Thermometer 60°.</p> <p>803 rounds fired to-day.</p>	<p>"23/28.</p>

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MESSINES	18th	March	<p>Divisional Commander visited all Battery positions and expressed himself satisfied with all, he desired Batteries to keep a written Defence Scheme.</p> <p>49th and 113th Batteries lightly fired upon.- 50th Battery Wagon Lines at KEMMEL fired upon by H.V. gun. Fine warm day. Intelligence Summary attached</p> <p>Meteor readings - noon- Barometer 29.83 Thermometer 64°</p> <p>604 rounds fired to-day.</p>	Appendix 23/29.
	19th	"	<p>Dull day slight rain. More indiscriminate/shelling including gas spread over Group area, also shelling NEUVE EGLISE and KEMMEL. - Telephone line to Night O.P. buried.</p> <p>Lieut G.H.MILLER and Lieut W.F.OSMOND M.C. returned from leave.</p> <p>Shrapnel fired in accordance with GROUP ORDER No. 90, in conjunction with Projector Gas attack</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Meteor readings - noon- Barometer 29.63 Thermometer 49°</p> <p>481 rounds fired to-day.</p>	"23/30. "23/31.
	20th	"	<p>Minenwerfers busy during night 19/20th. Conference at Infantry Brigade H.Qrs., re forthcoming raids. 106th and 17th Batteries take up positions at U.l.b. 30.75 and U.l.d.30.95 respectively to reinforce Group completed by 10 pm.</p>	

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	1918			
MESSINES.	20th	March	(contd) 50th Battery Wagon Lines shelled, 2 horses killed, 1 wounded. Wet rainy morning. afternoon improved. - Gas bombardment ordered but cancelled as weather was unsuitable	Appendix "23/32
			Task as order in GROUP ORDER No.92 for suspected enemy relief carried out	"23/33
			Intelligence Summary attached.	"23/34
			Meteor readings - noon Barometer 29.87 Thermometer 48°.	
			874 rounds fired to-day.	
	21st	"	Very heavy hostile shelling over whole area which crept back to and beyond all Battery positions consisting of all calibres, large number of gas shells included - Direct hits on 17th Battery's gun pits damaging one gun wheel, 1 man wounded 5 O/R of 17th Battery gassed - Gas shell holes in vicinity of Batteries were filled in immediately, few men feeling the effects of gas slightly	"23/35.
			Orders for Raid by 30th and 32nd Battalions - GROUP ORDER No.93 GROUP ORDER No.94.	"23/36
			In view of anticipated Enemy relief tasks as shown in GROUP ORDER No.95 carried out	"23/38.
			Dull foggy morning, becoming clear in the afternoon.	
			Intelligence Summary attached	"23/37.
			Meteor readings - noon- Barometer 30.14 Thermometer 56°	
			936 rounds fired to-day.	

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Place	Date 1918.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MESSINES.	22nd	March.	<p>Hostile shelling again above normal principally on 30th Battalion front and from 4 am to 6 am. Registration for 32nd Battalion Raid being carried out. Increased aerial activity</p> <p>Minenwerfers again active on night 22/23rd. Fine warm day visibility good.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached</p> <p>Meteor readings - noon- Barometer 30.14 Thermometer 61° 826 rounds fired to-day.</p>	<p>Appendix 23/39</p>
	23rd	"	<p>Minenwerfers unusually active 6 am., concentrated shoot on to Minenwerfers arranged including 6" Hows, fired. Whilst engaged digging trench at O.P. during night 22/23rd, 1 O/R severely wounded, 2 O/R slightly wounded. 1 O/R gassed at 49th Battery position.</p> <p>Lieut M.C. CLARK proceeded on leave. Notification received that 6th Army F.A. Brigade H.Q. would relieve this Brigade tomorrow, - preparations made.</p> <p>New S.O.S. lines issued by T13/1/10</p> <p>Warm day but very misty. Intelligence Summary attached</p> <p>Meteor readings - noon - Barometer 30.06 Thermometer 62.5° 959 rounds fired to-day.</p>	<p>"23/40.</p> <p>"23/41.</p>

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MESSINES.	1918. 24th March.		<p>Lieut-Colonel H.E. COHEN C.M.G., D.S.O., and Headquarters of 6th Army F.A. Brigade relieved these Headquarters.- relief completed at 5 pm. Batteries remaining in action - 49th Battery at U.l.d. 38.39. changing positions with 17th Battery and the 51st Battery with 18th Battery at N.23.b.69.10 and moved to Defence Corps line. The 50th and 113th Batteries remain in their present position. Orders for Headquarters to move to Wagon Lines, nothing further known, but complete relief anticipated. Fine warm day.</p> <p>Instructions issued by BRIGADE ORDER No. 14</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>313 rounds fired to-day.</p>	<p>Appendix 23/42. 23/43.</p>
	25th "		<p>Lieut.F.S.SPENCE recalled from School, and all to be recalled from leave. All leave stopped.</p> <p>Cold windy day. - Lieut W. BRUNTON returned to 51st Battery from D.A.H.Q..</p> <p>All Batteries busy checking stores, kits etc, and collecting stores not required, -Dump being arranged for articles stores etc not desired to be carried as it is anticipated that Brigade will move to the SOMME AREA.</p>	<p></p>

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MESSINES	1918.			
	26th	March.	Clear day but cold. Batteries continuing overhauling and disposal of surplus stores etc. at Wagon Lines.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	27th	"	Cold and wintry. Batteries preparing for march. No orders as to departure but it is believed this Brigade will follow the remainder of the Division leaving approximately on 2nd or 3rd April.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	28th	"	Again cold and wintry. A portion of the Signalling Sub Section moved to Div.Arty. H.Q.. DRANOUTRE to take over communications prior to intended move of this Brigades H.Qrs. Batteries still preparing for moving.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	29th	"	Brigade H.Qrs. established at original 5th D.A. H.Qrs. DRANOUTRE. 51st Battery moved from N.23.b.69.10 to position recently occupied by 55th Battery at O.25.c.20.35. Remainder of 5th Div.Arty left to-day.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	30th	"	Cold and rainy day. Notification received for Major C.A.CALLAGHAN D.S.O., to be transferred to 2nd Div. Arty. Hostile plane shot down by A.A.Guns at S.W.Corner, PLOEGSTREET WOOD.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	31st	"	Details for Brigades departure arranged with Corps Arty. H.Qrs. and Orders issued to Batteries Dull day but weather improving. Lieut-Colonel C.A.CALLAGHAN, D.S.O. left this Brigade and took charge of 4th Aust. F.A. Brigade.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.80.

Copy No. 1

Headquarters,
28th. February 1918.

Reference sheet WARNETON 1-10,000.

1. Batteries of this Group will carry out the following tasks during the night 28th. Feb. / 1st. March 1918.
 - 49th. Bty. Bursts of fire on KIWI Fm. 0.36.c.5.5.
DATUM No. 0.36.a.3.2.
ANGLE Fm 0.36.a.80.65.
 - 50th. Bty. Bursts of fire on UNBENT TRENCH from U.12.a.4.3. to U.6.c.4.6. at varying points.
 - 51st. Bty. Bursts of fire on Pill-boxes at U.6.c.5.5.
T.M. emplacements at U.6.c.41.45.
 - 113th. Bty. Bursts of fire on UNBENT TRENCH from U.12.a.4.3. to U.6.c.4.6.
2. Ammunition to be used - 50 rounds per battery throughout the night except 113th. Battery which will fire 90 rounds, using "BS", "BCBR", and "BX" in the proportion of 50%, 25% and 25% respectively. 30 rounds to be fired at each time of firing.
18pdr. ammunition to be expended in the proportion of 25% "A" and 75% "AX".
If the weather is unfavourable, "BX" only will be fired by the 113th Battery. The direction of the wind must be observed immediately before firing.
3. Times of firing - At irregular intervals throughout the night at discretion of Battery Commanders.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. Puller Lieut & Adjt.,
MESSINES Group Artillery..

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|---------------|-----------|------|------------|
| No.1 | 49th. Bty | No.2 | 50th. Bty |
| 3 | 51st. | 4 | 113th |
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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS	Time	Target.	No. of Rnds.			Effect.
			A.	AX	Bx	
	8-45 a.m.	Enemy Wire U.5.d.7.3.		110	55	Very Good.
	9 a.m.	Enemy Party P 31A & B		24		Party dispersed
	9-15 a.m.	" 0.36.d. 0.5	4	10		"
Irregular Intervals.		Kiwi Farm. 0.36 c.5.5.				
During the night.		Datum House 0.36. a.3.2.				
		Angle Farm 0.36 a. M.E. 80.65.				
		Unbent Trench U.12.a.4. 5 to U.C.C. 4.6				
		Pill Boxes U.6.c. 5.5.				
		T.M. U.6.c. 41.45				
			100.	320.	21.	26. 18 Unobserved

2. Identifications Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING	Time	Map Location etc.	No. of Rnds & Calibre	Remarks.
	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Sterguast Farm	12 77 m.m.	Registration ?
	10 to 11 a.m.	Messines Gh.	50 15 cm gun	apparently registration
	11 am to 12 noon	Messines	18 " How.	
	12 noon to 1 p.m.	0 33.c.	8 105 mm	
	8-45 - 9-45 p.m.	Front Line System in vicinity of Steigneast Farm	77 & 105m.m.	10. rlds. per.min.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE Quiet, Enemy appears to have brought on to the front, 105 mm and 15 cm .H.V. Guns and to take advantage of the good visibility to register them.

5. ENEMY DEFENCE Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 12-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. E.A.flew low over our Front line System and Messines, finally driven off by A.A. and M.G.Fire.

7. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

9 a.m. Party of men observed in P.31 a & b dispersed by 18 pdr.

9-15 " " " 0. 36 d "

10-15 At odd intervals single men were observed in 0 36 d & P 31 d.

3.00 p.m. Four men observed in P.31.b.

Trains were observed at the following times:-

9-27 a.m. Moving S.E. into Wervieg

9-40 a.m. Shunting in front of Linselles

10 a.m. Moving S. into Gominas.

10-3 a.m. " " " " "

10-50 " " from Hallium

11-5 " " " " "

1-30 p.m. " N. into Wervieg.

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2.30 p.m. Moving S. toward Zouzeoing.
3.00 p.m. (Light Railway) To Wervieq from Gheluwe.

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT.
Nil.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Visibility during the day was very good.

Flashes were observed as follows:-

10.55 a.m.	18°30'	Rt.	of	Comines	Ch.	from	0	33	o	4.4.
11-5	a.m.	19°	Rt.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11-15	"	18°	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
12-35	"	20°	30'	L.	"	"	"	"	"	"
9-45	p.m.	15°	L.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

10. DISPOSITIONS

No Change.

W.D. Bank

Lieut for Adj.
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

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RESISTANCE THROUGH VICTORY
FIGHT FOR VGL

TO: ...
8-12 P.M. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

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MESSINES GROUP A TILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 81. Copy No. 9

HEADQUARTERS,
28th Feby. 1918.

Reference Sheet WARREN 1-10,000.

1. Batteries of this Group will carry out the following tasks during the night 1st/2nd March 1918.
 - 49th Battery. Bursts of fire on KIWI Fms. 0.36.c.5.5.
DATUM NO. 0.36.a.3.2.
ANGLE Fms. 0.36. a.80.65.
 - 50th Battery. Bursts of fire on UNBENT TRENCH from U.12.a.4.3. to U.6.c.4.6. at varying points
 - 51st Battery. Bursts of fire on Pill-Boxes at U.6. c.5.5.
T.M. Emplacements at U.6.c.41.4
 - 113th Battery. Bursts of fire on Kiwi Farm 0.36. c.5.5. and Trench from 0.36. c.60 to 0.36. c.25. 60.
2. Ammunition to be used - 50 rounds per Battery throughout the night except 113th Battery which will fire 90 rounds, using "BS", "BCBR" and "BX" in the proportion of 50%, 25% and 25% respectively. 30 rounds to be fired at each time of firing.
18pdr. ammunition to be expended in the proportion of 25% "A" and 75% "AX"
If the weather is unfavourable, "BX" only will be fired by the 113th Battery. The direction of the wind must be observed immediately before firing.
3. Times of firing - At irregular intervals throughout the night at the discretion of Battery Commanders.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Purcell

Lieut & Adj. MESSINES Group Artillery.

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| No. 1. 49th Bty. | No. 2. 50th Bty. |
| 3. 51st | 4. 113th |
| 5. File | 6. 5th D.A. |
| 7. Inf Bde. | 8. Spare. |
| 9. 10 and 11 | War Diary. |

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Headquarters,
28th. February 1918.

Reference sheet WARINGTON 1-10,000

1. Batteries of this Group will bombard enemy's support line in O.36.a. and c., in accordance with appended Task table, from 5.45am to 6.15am, 1st Mch.
2. This bombardment will also cover the registering of Z5a T.M. Battery.
3. Ammunition will be expended in the following proportion :-
 18pdr. 25% "A" and 75% "AX".
 4.5" How. 50% "BX" " 50% "BS".
4. Rates of fire -
 18pdr. 1 rd. per gun per minute.
 4.5" How. 1 " " How " 2 minutes.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

No. 1	49th. Bty	No. 2	50th. Bty	Lieut & Adjt., MESSINES Group Artillery...
3	51st.	4	113th.	
5	File	6	5th. D.A.	
7	Inf. Bde	8	Spare	
9,	10 & 11.		War Diary	

T A S K T A B L E.

Battery	T A R G E T.
49th.	SWEEP OTIRA TRENCH from O.36.a.25.40 to O.36.a.15.10.
51st.	Sweep from O.36.a.2.1. to O.36.c.2.8.
113th.	1 How. on KIWI Fme. O.36.c.55.55. 1 " Search O.36.c.4.3. to U.6.b.7.0.

Adjutant

For Records

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 a.m. 1/3/18 to 6 a.m. 2/3/18. app. 5.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY

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1. OPERATIONS

Time	Target.	No. of Rounds				Effect
		A.	AX.	Bx.BS	BCBR.	
6 a.m. to 6-15a.m.	036 c 5.5. 0 36 a 2.1 to 0 36 c 2 8	10	20	17	48	Unobserved.
8 to 8-10 a.m.	U.6 3 4.8.			20		Good.
8-15a.m.	"		30			"
9 a.m.	Enemy wire cut U 5d 70.19			38		Very good.
9 a.m.	0 36a 8.7 & 0 36c6.6(T.M's)		30			Good.
10a.m. to 11-45.	a.m. Enemy Wire at 035 d 70.78	30	148			Very good
11-30 a.m.	" " U5d 67.23			24		"
12noon to 2p.m.	Op.Order No.79 (Registratn.)		67			Good
3.25p.m. to 3.55	" " "		26			"
3-5p.m. to 4-30	p.m. Enemy wire U5d 70-25			40		"
3-5p.m. to 4-55	Op.Order No.79 (Regn)	32		60		"
<i>Irregular intervals during night</i>		0 36 c 55 0 36 a 32	40	100	30	
<i>Unbent Trench</i>		V12a 43 to U 6346				
<i>Pull Box</i>		U 6c 55 T.M				
6pm	T.M. Emplacement U6c 41 45	5	15			
8-10	U6c 41 45				30	
8-20	Kingsline				40	
8-15	035a 8-8	5	45		30	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time	Target	No. of Rds & Calibre		Remarks.
11-15 to 11-40	Front Line System 0 35 d lightly shelled			105 m.m. & 77 mm
11-50 a.m.	Steignast	77 mm	- 3	Registration ?
11-50 a.m. to 12-15 a.m.	0 35c lightly shelled	105 mm	6	Universal Shrap.
8-10 pm to 10 pm	Forward areas fairly heavily shelled with 105 mm & 77 mm & T.M			Heavy bombardment opened on the left which gradually spread down to our sector - No Infantry action took place
10-15 pm	All was quiet again			

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE

Quiet during the day. 8-10 pm to 10 pm. Artillery & T.M activity above normal - Enemy appears alert & nervous.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES

Nil.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Below normal 11-5 a.m. 2 E.A. crossed our L line but were driven off by AA and M.G. fire.

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7. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc

Trains were observed at the following times:-

11-30 a.m. WERVICQ to COMINES
 11-45 a.m. " " "
 11-45 a.m. From " to the North
 12-55 " COMINES " " "

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT . Nil.9. MISCELLANEOUS Fair

Flash from Heavy How. was observed 5-30 p.m. 8-35' L. of
 Comines Ch. from 033 c (6 K WEn)

10. DISPOSITIONS No change.

Robert K. Lieut. for Adj.
 MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Operations (cont'd)

Time	Target	No of Rounds			Effect
		A	A+ Bx		
9-40 pm to 10-35 pm	S.O.S Lines	708	391	155	Good
10-2 pm	TM 036 c 6.6				
	036 a 8.7	7	23		
10-9 "	" U12 b 68 92	5	15		
	" U12 b 4 9			15	
10-20	U6 c 4.4	5	15		

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NOVEMBER OBSERVATIONS etc

Trains were observed at the following times:-

11-30 a.m.	SERVIC to GOMERS
11-45 a.m.	" " "
11-45 a.m.	Train " to the North
12-55	GOMERS " "

11. MILITARY and RESERVE

12. MISCELLANEOUS

Train from Heavy for, was observed 8-25 a.m. 8-25, L. of

Locomotive No. 100 (S & W)

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13. DISPOSITIONS

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15. [illegible]

16. [illegible]

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Head quarters, *app. 6.*
27th February 1918.

KORTENWILDKY

Reference Maps 1-10,000 BAS WARRINGTON.

1. Raids are to be carried out by 57th and 58th Battalions at a time and date to be notified later.
2. Points to be raided are approximately as follows:-

57th Battalion.	One raid at U.S.d. 73. 18 and U.S.d. 73. 23.
58th Battalion.	One raid at O. 35.d.S.S.
3. Lanes in enemy's wire at above points are to be cut as described below.
4. This Group will be assisted by 2 18prd. Batteries and portion of 1 Coy Battery from COSTAVERNE Group and by Y5A T.M. Battery also.
5. Counter Battery and Heavy Artillery supports from Australian Corps Heavy Artillery are being arranged.
6. The following Officers are detailed as Liaison Officers to raiding parties and will keep in close touch with the CoC.raids:-

Lieut. H.C. CLARK	50th Battery, 57th Battalion.
" A.C. HANN	51st Battery, 58th Battalion.

 Both these Officers will be in the front systems during the raids.
7. Wire cutting:-

Foby. 28th	113th Battery. Cut Wire at U.S.d. 73. 18 and U.S.d. 73 23.
	51st Battery Cut wire at O. 35 d.S.S.

 March 1st and 2nd Y5A. T.M. Battery will also cut wire at above points. Before doing so notification is to be sent to this Office so that the Infantry may be informed and covering fire arranged. Expenditure of ammunition will depend on the condition of the wire and effect. Lanes must be cut before the Raid takes place. During the above days out No. 3, 3a and 4 posts on Left Battalion Front are being withdrawn.
 to
8. C.O. 57th Battalion has detailed an Officer/indicate the above points to the Liaison Officer for Right Battalion raid on 28th inst. This Officer must be in position in No. 34 post before daylight. It will be necessary for him to run a telephone line (metallic) on 28th inst to Company H.Q. at U.S.d. 20.75. This 57th Battalion Line may be used right through by the F.O.O.. A telephonist must also be left at Right Battalion H.Q. to ensure that a clear line is obtained or to assist by transmitting. 51st Battery will observe from No. 7 Post as formerly. All F.O.O.'s must be in position before daylight on both Battalion fronts.
9. With the object of assisting in wire cutting 50th Battery will move one Gun to U.S.c. 75.15. with its establishment of 450 rounds but this will be all "ANZ fused with 106 or 1015 fuzes. This gun will also participate in the operation and will take over its usual S.O.S. duties. It will be returned on conclusion of the operation.
10. The tasks for each Battery during the operation are as shown on the Task Table attached. Batteries will register as soon as possible.
11. Every assistance will be given by 49th or 51st Batteries to 54th 55th and 114th Batteries as desired. 49th Battery O.P. at O. 33 s.4.2. is most suitable for these Batteries for purposes of registration until front line registration becomes necessary.

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12.	Rates of Fire - ZERO to ZERO plus 3.	4	rnds. per gun per min.		
		3	"	"	How. " "
	ZERO plus 3 to ZERO	3	7	"	Gun " "
	plus 10	3	"	"	How. " "
	ZERO plus 10 to ZERO	3	"	"	Gun " "
	plus 20	2	"	"	How. " "
	ZERO plus 20 to plus				
	30	1	"	"	Gun " "
		1	"	"	How. " "

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut. and Adj.
Messines Group Artillery.

Distribution.

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|-------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Copy No. 1. | 49th Bty. | No. 2 | 50th Bty. |
| 3. | Slot | 4 | 113th |
| 5. | File | 6 | 5th D.A. |
| 7. | 114th | 8. | COSTAVARRE Group. |
| 9. | 54th | 10. | 55th |
| 11. | Inf Sdc. | 12. | Spare. |
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| 16. | 3rd Aust. Divn. | 17. | 5th D. T.M.O. |
| 18 | YSA T.M. Battery. | | |

TASK TABLE.

Right Held by 57th Battalion.

(To accompany M.C.A.C.O. No. 79)

TIME

BATTERY

TASK.

BOMBARD ENEMY'S FRONT LINE FOR 120 MINUTES.

Phase 1. ZERO to ZERO plus 2 mins.

50th	U. 11 b.85. 80 to U.S.d. 75.20 including H.C. at U.11 b.85.80.
51st	U .S.d. 75. 20.to U.S.d. 88.80.
49th. 1 Section.	U.S.d. 88.80. to U.S.d. 9.7.
113th Less one Section.	Sweep URGENT TRENCH from U.12. a.4.3. to U.6. c.4.8. including E.M. Emplacement at U.6.c.41.45.
YEA	1 Mortar on Pill-Box at U.6. c. central.
	1 " " Front Line Trench at U.S.d. 86.75.

BOX BARRAGE.

Phase 2. ZERO plus 2 until ordered to cease

50th	1 Gun H.C. Emplacement at U.11.b.8.8.
	5 " U.11.b.80.85 to U.6.c.05.10.
51st	U.6.c.05.10. to U.S.d.85. 40.
49th 1 Sect.	U.S.d. 85.40 to U.S.d. 86. 50.
113th	As for Phase 1.
YEA	" " " 1.

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TASK TABLE.

Left Raid by 58th Battalion.

(To accompany M.C.A.O.O. No. 79)

TIME

BATTERY

TASK.

Phase 1. ZERO to Z plus 2 mins.

BOMBARD ENEMY'S FRONT LINE FOR 2 MINUTES.

49th	Less 1 Section.	0. 35.d.95. 50. to 0.35.d.9.7.
55th		0. 35.d.9.7. to 0.35.d.80. 95.
54th	4 Guns on	0.35.d.80.95 to 0.35b.6.2.
	1 Gun on	Strong Post at 0.35.b.4.3.
	1 "	" Grater 0.35.b.2.6.
113th	1 How. "	T.M.Emplacement at 0.36.c.6.6.
	1 "	" DATUM HOUSE 0.36.a.3.2.
114th	1 "	" ANGLE Fme. 0. 36.a.80. 65.
	1 "	Sweep OTIRA TRENCH from c. 36. a.35. 65 to 0.36. a. 5.8.
Z5A	L Mortar	KIWI Fme. 0.36 c.55.

Phase 2.

BOX BARRAGE.

49th	Less 1 Section.	0. 35.d .95. 60 to 0 36. c.20 75
55th		0. 36.c.20.75.to 0.36 a.1.1.
54th	Less one Section	0. 36. a.1.1. to 0.35. b. 60. 15.
113th		As for Phase 1.
114th		" " " 1.
Z5A		" " " 1.
54th	1 Gun	0. 35, b. 4.3.
	1 "	0.35. b. 2.6.

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AMMENDMENT No.1. to MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.79.
-----Headquarters,
1st March 1918.

1. Reference M.G.A.O.O. No.79 Task Table for Left raid by 58th
Battalion Phase 3.-
- | | | |
|--------------|------|--|
| 49th Battery | for | "0.35.d.95.50" |
| | read | "0.35.d.95.60" |
| 54th " | for | "0.36.a.1.1 to 0.35.b.60.15" |
| | read | "4 guns 0.36.a.1.1 to 0.35.b.60.15" |
| | | 1 " 0.35.b.4.3" |
| 114th " | for | 1 How. "ANGLE FME.0.36.c.80.65" |
| | read | 1 " "Crater and strong post
0.35.b.2.6" |

2. ACKNOWLEDGE,

(Sd) A.O.BANKS.
Lieut for Adjt.
MESSINES Group Artillery.Issued to all recipients
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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 83.83.

Headquarters,
2nd March 1918.Reference Maps 1-10,000 KORTWILDE
and BAS WARETON.

1. In continuation of M.G.A.O.O. No. 79 of the 27th February 1918, wire will be cut at the points ordered in para. 2 to complete lanes to be used. These lanes must be completed tomorrow the 3rd inst, if they have been repaired.
In addition, wire is to be cut at the following points
51st Battery - CINEMA ROAD 0.35.d.75.87 and 0.35.d.75.90
also at U.6.a.4.3
113th " may be used for this purpose if required.
2. Lieuts. A.G. MANN and M.C. CLARKE will carry out this cutting and will satisfy themselves that the lanes to be used are completely cut.
3. Expenditure of ammunition is not to be considered during cutting. During the raid it will be fired in the proportion of 25% "A" and 75% "AX" for 18-pdr. and "BX" for Hows. No 106 Fuzes will be used during the raid.
During Phase 1 "AX" only will be used by 18-pdr batteries.
4. Liaison Officers will return to Battalion H.Qrs after completion of the wire cutting operation and will there meet Os C. Raid with whom they will perform their Liaison duties. They will carry lamps and will send D.D. messages to C.Ps as may be required. These messages will be signed "CLARKE" and "MANN" respectively.
On return to Battalion H.Qrs., reports will be made to this Office indicating that lands have been cut successfully or otherwise at the points where the raid will take place. The following code words will be used -
"Bottles 1 or 2" meaning "so many lanes being successfully cut".
5. The task for 51st and 49th Batteries in Phase 2 of 57th Battalion raid is altered to read as follows:-

51st Bty. U.6.c.05.10. to U.5.d.95.35 Fire to be west of Pill
Boxes on line from U.6
c.1.1 to U.5.d.97.30

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- 49th Bty. 1 Sect. U.5.d.95.35 to U.5.d.85.45.
- 113th " 1 How. on T.M. Emplacement at U.12.b.4.9 and U.12.b.68.92
alternatively.
- 3 " Sweep UNBENT TRENCH as for Phase 1.

- 6. All O.P's will be manned during the raid. Good lamp signallers will be employed to receive messages from Liaison Officers. These messages will immediately be sent to Group H.Qrs.
- 7. Raiding party will be in position in front of our wire prior to Zero. In order to indicate the limits at which raiding party is to proceed along the trench, two rounds will be fired by each of the 50th and 51st Batteries on the following points, at 5 minutes before ZERO.

50th Battery U.5.d.75.15
 51st " U.5.d.76.26.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sd) A.O.BANKS.
 Lieut for Adjt.
 MESSINES Group Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6am. 2/3/18 to 6am. 3/3/18.

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COMBINE GROUP ARTILLERY

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target	No. of Rnds.			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
6 am to 6-20am.	Sweeping Unburst Trenches in operation Order No. 82	28	95		
10-10am.	Minerfer No. 7	5	15		
6am. to 6-20am.	U 6.c.55 to U 6.c.46	30	90		Good
6am. to 6-20am.	U 6.c.55. to U 12 a.50.			60	
10am. to 10-15 am.	U 12.c.t.p. to U 12.b.2.3.			15	
9 am.	036287. 036266	0362	11	34	
11.24 PM	036266			5.15	
10.50 PM to 12.20 PM	U 12.6.66.92			12.25	
10.50 PM					20

2. IDENTIFICATION NIL.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING

Time	Map Location No.	No. rds	Cal.	Remarks.
9-5 am	Steignast	14	4.2	Calibration
9-10 "	U 5.c.	8	4.2	
9-10	Steignast Fme.	60	77mm	probably calibrating.
9-45 "	U 5.A.	2	5.9	
	U 5.A.	3	5.9	
10-5	Back Area	15	H.V. Gun	
10-25	Steignast	7	77mm	
10-55	"	5	77mm.	
1.30 PM to 2.30 PM	0332	50	4.2	

ENEMY ATTITUDE . Quiet during the day. *Quiet during night*

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY NIL.

MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

- 8-15 am. Train passing North through COMINES.
- 9 am. Train going North from Linsills to COMINES.
- 9-12 am. Train travelling North from COMINES.
- 9-50 am. Train travelling South through COMINES.
- 10-50am. Train travelling North through COMINES.
- 11-25.am. Train travelling North through COMINES.

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

10-25 am. Flash observed 13 E. of COMINES CH. from 0330.4.4. Visibility good in morning but poor in afternoon.

Flashes observed on bearing 10° left of Comines Church.

Weather disagreeable General observation poor during night

[Signature]
Lieut for Adj.
COMBINE Group Artillery.

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Morris Group's Artillery

Operations

Time	Target	No of Rds	Effect.
		a at BX	
9 PM	Iron Roads 036b	15 45	
11.15 PM	Anglo Line 036a		
1 am	Pill boxes 036d35		
2.45 am to 4 am	Tracks leading to Kingsclere U6b		
11.20 PM	036a32 Datum House	5 15	
12 midnight	Line la Prioch v. b	5 15	
12.30 am	" " " "	5 15	
8 PM to 5 am	035d7.75	33 59	

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 84

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Headquarters,
4th March 1918.

Reference sheet 1-103000
KORTEWILDE & BAS WARNETON.

1. The tasks ordered in M.G.A.O.Os Nos. 79 and 83 will be repeated to-night the 4th/5th March 1918 at a time to be notified later.

Phase 1	for 2 minutes
" 2	" 13 minutes only.
2. Rates of fire:-

18 pdrs ZERO to Z plus 3 min.	4 rnds per gun per min
4.5 How.	3 " " how. " "
18 pdrs Z plus 3 to Z plus 15.3	" " gun " "
4.5 How.	2 " " how. " "
- 2a. There will be no Infantry action.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sd) A.O.BANKS.
Lieut for Adjt.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 3/318 to 6 am. 4/3/18.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of Rounds			Effect
		A	AX	BX.	
6-15 am to 6-45am.	KIWI and OTIRA Trench			60	
8-30 am to 8-35	0.36. c.5.5.			10	
8-55 am. to 9.00 am.	U.12.b.4.9.			15	
10-30 a. to 10-35 am	U.12.b.68.92. and U.12.b.4.9.			20	
6-15 am. to 6-45 am.	OTIRA TRENCH 0.36 c.28. to 0.36. c.60	0	90		
8-14 am.	0.36a, 80. 75.T.M.	2	8		
8-20 am.	0.36 A.3.2.T.M.	3	7		
3-35 p.m. to 3-58	U.6.A.4.5.	20			Registering diversion.
7-50 am.	U.12.c. 05-75	8	22		
7-45 am.	U.12.b.69.92	5	35		
10. am.	Enemy wire cut at U.5.d.68.24 U.5.d.70.28. U.5.d.68.18		41		Good.
10-40 am.	0.36. a.32		33		Silenced
8 am.	U.6.c.4.4. T.M.	5	15)		
9 am.	U.6.c.4.4. "	10	10)		
10-30 am.	U.6.c.4.4. "		30)		Effective
11-30 am.	U.6.c.4.4. "		10)		
9 am. to 12-15 p.m.	Enemy wire cut at) 0.35.d.72.92.and) 0.35. d.68.84)	20	110		Good.
4-20 -5-20	Enemy wire cut at U.6 a.33.46				
4-50 p.m.	0.36 d.35.T.M.	5	15		
11-45 pm. to 12-35 am.	0.0.No.79 & 83	127	383		
12-25 "	0.36.c.6.6 T.M.	5	15		
12-25 am.	0.36.a.3.2.	5	15		
2-5 am)	Continuation 0.0. No. 79	162			
2-30 ")					
3-15 am.	0.36. c.66)				
3-25 am.	0.36.a.32) T.M.	10	30		
5-14 am.	0.36 a.32 T.M.	7	23		
4-20 pm. to 5-15pm.	0.36.c.66) 0.36.a.32) T.M.	10	30		
5.5 p.m. to 5-20 pm.	Enemy wire cut at U.6.a.35.45		80		
10:-15 to 11-25 pm.	U.6.a.30.25 to U.6.a.80.35	5	15		
10-35 pm. to 11-55pm.	U.11.b.70.35 (M.G.)		40		
11-45 pm. to 12-35 am.	U.12.b.68.92 and U.12.b.4.9.	10	30		
2-5 am. to 2-45 am.	0.0.Nos.79 & 83	103	455		
5-20 am.	Phase 1. 0.0.No.79		90		
4-45 pm. to 5-45pm.	0.36.d. 3.5.	4	16		
11-10 pm.	U.6.a.6.2		19		
11-10 "	0.36.d.35 T.M.		6		
11-10 "	0.36.c.8.5 "	1	5		
11-45 pm. to 12-35 am	U.6.c.44 "	1	6		
	U.5.d.75.20) U.5.d.88.50 and) U.6.e.05 to U.6 d. 95. 35	125	361		

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Time	Target	No. of Rnds.			Effect
		A.	AX.	BX.	
2-5 am.					
2-20 am.	Phase I M.C.A.O.O				
	No. 79			54	
2-45 "	" " " "			"54	
4 p.m.) ---				314
11-45 p.m. to					
12-35 am					
4 am. to 4-20 am)					

2. IDENTIFICATION. Nil.3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
10 am. to 10-30 am.	STEIGNAST	3	5.9	Interval 5 min. between rnds.
11-30 to 12-45	"	4	5.9	
12-50 to 12-45 pm.	U.4.c.	4	5.9	
11-20 am to 12-35 pm.	STEIGNAST FME.	37	T.M.	
12-20 am to 12.25 am.	MESSINES RIDGE	5	5.9	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE T.M. activity from 7-30 am. to 10 am above normal over the whole of the Sector, apparently retaliation to our fire between 6-15 and 6-45am T.M. action throughout the night was heavy and ~~increasingly~~ increased between 3 am and 6 am.5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc Nil.7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility was impossible throughout day owing to a heavy ground mist.

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Lieut for Adj.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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The work done by the unit in the MESSINES BRIDGE VOLUNTARILY FOR THE was of a nature which was of great importance to the success of the operation. The work was done in a most efficient and timely manner and the unit was highly commended for its efforts.

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APPENDIX //

57th Battalion. A.I.F.
4th March 1918.G.O.C.,
15th Infantry Brigade,

On behalf of my Battalion I shall be glad if you will convey to the Artillery Group Commander our appreciation of the work done by his Batteries in connection with the Raid made by a party of this Battalion last night.

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by the Officers and other ranks who undertook the observing for cutting of wire and registration which proved a most unpleasant task, but nevertheless, in spite of the difficulties could not have been done better.

Lieut. Clarke in particular worked under most trying circumstances and I feel sure that it was owing to the excellent work done by these people, that the raid was carried out almost without casualty.

Please convey our sympathy to O.C. 50th Battery who had one of his best signallers killed during this work.

(Sd) J.C. STEWART. Lieut-Col.
Commanding 57th Battalion, A.I.F.

5th Div. H.Q.

I shall be glad if you would convey through your C.R.A. the above message with my own appreciation and thanks for work performed.
5/3/18

(Sd) H.E. ELLIOTT, Brig-General
Commanding 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

G.R.A.,

Passed to you for retention.

6/2/18.

(Sd) J.H. PECK, Lieut-Col., G.S.
5th Aust. Div.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
7th March 1918.

C.O. MESSINES GROUP,
C.O. OOSTTAVERNE GROUP.

The C.R.A. has very much pleasure in forwarding the above and wishes to take this opportunity of expression his appreciation and thanks to all ranks for their excellent work.

H. HULTON.
Major,
Brigade Major,
5th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

O's C. Batteries.

For your information, please.

13TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.
No. T-20/K
Date.

Lieut for Adj.
MESSINES Group Artillery.



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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 4/3/18 to 6 am. 5/3/18

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rnds.			Effect.
		A.	AX.	BX.	
7-40 am.	0.36.d.35 (T.M.)	5	15		Effective.
4-44 pm.	0.36.c.85.75 (T.M.)	5	15		
12-50 am. to					
1-5 am.	0.0.No.84.	72	216		
1-9 am.	0.36.a.8.7 (T.M.)	5	15		
1-18 am.	0.36.a.32 (T.M.)	5	15		
2-1 am.	0.36.c.85.75)				
	0.36.a.32)	5	15		
2-6 am. to					
2-30 am.	S. O. S.	238	67		
12-50 am. to					
1-5 am.	N.c.A.0.0. No.79 &83	72	216		Unobserved.
1-9 am. to 1-12					
	am. 0.36.c.8.5.	5	15		"
1-25 to 1-30 am.	0.36.c.8.5.	5	15		"
1-55 to 2-35	S. O. S.	69	138		"
4.45 pm.	U.62.c. 05.75		20		
12-50 am. to					
1-5 am.	Phases 1 & 2				
	0.0. No. 84	56	173		
2-6 to 2-28 am.	S. O. S.	161	22		
2-35 to 3 am.	Searching beyond				
	S.O.S.	10	27		
12-45 am.					197
2 am. to 2-35 am	S. O. S.				296
3 to 3-30 am.					36

2. IDENTIFICATION. Nil

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
12 noon	0.33A.0.0.50	4	4.2	
12 noon to		3	4.2	
2 pm.	0.33.c.	1		Gas shell
7 pm. to			77 mm	
7-5 pm.	STEIGNAST FME.	?	5.9	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet during day. Very active during night.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc. Nil.

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility very poor throughout the day, thick mists with occasional rain. Poor throughout night. Hostile Machine Guns action from 6 pm. to 11 pm. With S.O.S.Call heavy bombardment of our front line system.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 5/3/18 to 6 am. 6/3/18.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of Rnds.			Effect
		A.	AX.	BX.	
9-00 p.m.)				216
9-15 "					
9-45 "					
9-55 "					
10-45 "					
11-20 "					
12-00 mdnt					
12-5 am.					
2-25 "					
2-30 "					
7-35 p.m.	0.0. No. 85	4	23		
9-00 pm.	" "	5	18		
10-40 "		6	19		
12-00 mdnt.	0.0. No. 85	6	19		
11-10 pm.	0.36.c.66	5	20		
12-5 am.	0.36.c.55	6	12		
12-10 "	KINGSCLERE	5	15		
7-30 pm.)	M.G.A.O.O. No 85				
9-00 ")					
12-00 mdnt)					
2-30 am.)	P.31 a.o7 to P.31 b.8.75	25	75	Unobserved	
9-45 pm.	U.6.c.44		20		
10 p.m.	KIWI FME.	5	15		
10-10 pm.	0.36.a. 32	4	16		
10-45 "	KINGSCLERE		40		
11-5 "	"	10	20		
11-50 "	0.36.c.66		40		
11-56 "	U.6.c.44		40		
7-30 pm.	0.0. No. 85	6	18		
9 pm.	" "	7	19		
9-10 "	0.36 a.3.2.T.M.	5	15		
9-55 "	0.36.c.85.75 T.M.	7	23		
9-55 "	0.36 a.3.2. T.M.	7	23		
9-50 "	0.36 a.8.7 T.M.	7	23		
12 mdnt.	0.0. No. 85	6	18		
2-30 am.	" "	6	20		

2. IDENTIFICATION.

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3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
9-25 am. to) 10 am.)	MESSINES CH. and 0.32 d.30.70	10	5.9	probably registering.
9-45 am.	U.4.a.	1	5.9	
10-35	STEIGNAST	2	4.2	
2-30	U.3.b.05.05	1	4.2 H.V.	
2-40	STEIGNAST	?	4.2	apparently registering
3-30	U.5.c.	6	4.2	
3-50	U.3.b.05.05	1	77mm	
9 pm. to) 9-50pm.)	U.7 and U.8	40	Gas shells	
		10	4.2	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE

NORMAL.

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5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Above normal.

2-10 Enemy plane at low altitude over MESSINES dropped 1 bomb. Active 9-50 am. to 10-55 am. 2-10 pm. to 2-30pm. 3-40 to 5 pm.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

10 am. large fire apparently Dump in V.8 b. Train going South towards COMINES at 10 am. and again at 2 pm. 1-40 Chimney's smoking near WERVICQ.

7. AFMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Visibility in morning fair improving at mid-day. Excellent during afternoon. 9-45 am. A flash was observed 14 R of COMINES CH. from 6 M Fm. A small red balloon floated across from enemy lines with large white bundle attached. Balloon seen to burst in trees about U.4.d.8.3. Between 10 pm. and 12-30 am. T.M.very active.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rounds			Effect.
		A.	AX.	BX.	
10-48 pm.	0.36 c.85.75 (TM)	5	15		T
11-20 pm.	0.36.c.66 "	5	15		
4-20 pm. to 5 pm.	KIWI FARM	10	30		Unobserved.
2-15 am.	U.66.4.4 TM	5	15		"
9-3 pm.	(13) U.12.b.12-98	5	15		
9-10 pm.	U. 12.b.68.92	5	15		
11-12 pm.	U. 12.b.68-92	5	15		
2.10 am.	(12) U. 6.d.00	5	15		
2-40 "	U.12. c.05.75	5	15		
9-15 pm.) 10-45 ") 11-17 ") 2-30 am.)	T.Ms				80

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
10 -45 am. to 11-45 am	U.8.	14	5.9	
11-55 am. to 12-5 pm.	STEIGNAST	6	4.2	Shrap.
1-35 pm.	STEIGNAST PME.	8	5.9	
1-45 pm.	MESSINES	6	4.2	
1-40 to 2-15 pm.	STEIGNAST	8	5.9	
9-35 pm. to 9-50 pm.	U.7	(30 (15	77mm 4.2	gas H.E.
9 pm. 9-35	MESSINES	6 4	4.2 5.9	Shrap.
2. am. to 2-30 am.	MESSINES & vicinity	25	4.2	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes active as following times one at 7-30 am. one at 10-15 am. one at 10-55 am. one at 11-20am. three at 11-25 am. one at 11-45 am. five at 1-40 pm. one Gotha at 2-15 pm. one at 3-10 driven off by M.G. and A.A.fire.
9-45 am. One enemy plane engaged and brought down by our airmen.
5-35 pm. E.A. over our lines engaged by A.A.fire one appeared to come down in a damaged condition behind enemy lines.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

12-30 pm. movement noticed at base of Warneton Tower,
3-10 pm. movement noticed in rear of Warneton Tower

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS.

8-20 am. Small red balloon floated over our lines and fell about U.6.c.

T.M's active at 10-30 and 2 pm.

2-30 pm. WARNETON TOWER destroyed by our heavies.

Visibility in morning poor owing to heavy ground mist improving midday, good in afternoon, at night fait

2 Enemy dumps fired at 10-50 to 11 pm. direction about KIWI Fme.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 7/3/18 to 6 am. 8/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rounds			Effect.
		A.	AX	BX.	
8-30 pm.	U.6.c.44 (T.M)		10		
9 "	0.36.c.66 "		10		
9-30 "	0.36.c.55 "	2	40		
9-37 "	0.36.d. 35 "	3	7		
10 "	0.36.d. 35 "	5	15		
10-30 "	U.6.c.44 "	5	15		
11 "	U.6.c.44 "	2	18		
11-10 "	0.35 D 80.79	5	15		
11-40 "	U.6.c.44 T.M.	2	18		
3-40 am.	U.6.c.44 "	2	18		
4-10 "	U.6.c.44 "	2	18		
4-20 "	U.6.c.44 "	2	18		
4-35 "	U.6.c.44 "	5	15		
5-5 "	KINGSCLERE		20		
8-32 pm.	U.12.b.68.92 T.M.	5	15		
9-12 "	U.6.d.00 "	5	15		
9-20 "	0.36.c.66 "	5	15		
11-40 "	U.12.b.68.92 "	5	15		
11-50 "	KINGSCLERE	5	15		
5-5 am.	U.12.b.68.92 "	5	15		
5-40 "	U.12.b. 4.9 "	5	15		
8-38 p.m.	0.36.c.66 "	5	15		
8-57 "	0.36.c.66 "	5	15		
9-11 "	0.36.c.66 "	5	15		
9-40 "	0.36.c.85-75 "	5	15		
7 pm.	0.35.b.45	5	15		working party
7-39 pm.	0.36.c.85.75 T.M.	5	15		
3-59 am.	0.36.a.32 "	5	15		
4-15 "	0.36.c.25	5	15		movement
9-45 pm.)					
10-55 ")					
11-35 ")					
3-45 am)	T.M's		140		
4-20 ")					
4-30 ")					
5-00 ")					

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
9-33 am.	U.11.a.	6	T.M.	
9 am to 10-30	U.5.d.	4	4.2	direction unknown.
2-8 pm to 2-35	STEIGNAST FME.	14	4.2	How.
2-44 pm. to 3-5 pm.	U.2.b.7.8.	9	5.9	a. d
3-7	STEIGNAST Fme.	10	5.9	prob. registered.
5-50 to 6 pm.	26° rt. of COMINES Ch.	6	5.9	
9-10 pm.		2	77	gas.
9-15 "	0.33.A	6	4.2	
11-30 "	0.35.A	2	T.M.	
5-45 am.	0.35 c	4	4.2	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Normal.5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal.
1 plane over front line at 12-30 pm.

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planes over front line at 5-40 am.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

Hostile balloons went up at T.B.890 from 0 33 c.55-42
still up at 3-40 pm.


7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

Visibility during morning very poor owing to heave ground
mist, but improved slightly after midday.

12-40 pm. 2 small red balloons floated over from enemy lines.
One with white bundle attached was seen to drop in left of
sector. The other floated high overhead towards back areas.

T.M's very active from 8 pm. to 12-30 am. and our neutralization
fire in reply to Inf. calls was very effective.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 8/3/18 to 6 am. 9/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rnds.			Effect
		A.	AX	BX.	
7-15 am.	0.36. c.66 T.M.		20		
11-20 am.)	Sweeping UNBENT TRENCH	12	38		Dump fired
11-41 am)	from U.6.c.4.6. to U.12a	12			see
12-10 pm.)	5.0	4			"Miscellaneous"
11-20 am.	UNBENT TRENCH			30	
2 pm. to 4-48 pm.				148	
5-13 pm.	U.5.d.90.75	5	15		Working party.
6-9pm.	0.36.c.95.75 T.M.	5	15		
9 pm. to 9-8pm)					
12 mdnt. to)	OPERATION ORDER				
12-8 am)	No. 85	180	540	283	
9-39 pm.	0.36.c.85.75 (TM)	5	15		
2-45 am.	0.36.a.32 "	5	15		
5-35 "	0.36.a.32 "	5	15		
8-30 pm.	0.36.d.35	5	15		
9-12 "	U.12.c.05-75	8	22		
9-35 "	UNBENT TRENCH	7	21		
8-40 "	U.6.c.44		20		
9-40 "	UNBENT TRENCH	8	25		
9-50 "	U.6.d.00	5	15		
7-30 "	T.M.			20	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
9 am. to 9-45	U.4.d.to U.5.c.	20	4.2	
10-15 am.	U.4.a.	40	4.2	
11 am. to 11-30am.	U.9.c.STEIGNAST	150	4.2	concentration
			77,mm	H.E.
12-5 pm.to 12-25pm.	U.4.b.	120	77	
12-12 pm.to 12-30pm.	STEIGNAST FME.	15	5.9	
9-30 am . to 10pm.	U.3.d.& U.4.c.	160?	5.9	probably des- tructive shoot New Cross Avenue
9 pm. to 9-10 pm.	Barrage between our front line & supports ?		4.2	heavy 9 to 9-10
12 mdnt. to)	5.9 shelling further 10		5.9	lighter 12-to
12-10 am.)	back.			12-10

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery action above normal
 T.M.'s below " throughout the day
 T.M.'s active during early part of night

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal.
 Enemy plane over MESSINES Driven off by A.A.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc. At 5-12 pm. Ground observers reported enemy working party at U.5.d.90.75. This was engaged with good effect by 18 pdrs.

7. ARMS and Equipment. Nil

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Dump observed burning at U.12.a.35.80 as result of our fire at 11-25 am. Explosions took place at same spot at 11-30 am. Visibility at 8 am. low mist obscured enemy lines at 10-30 mist started to lift and observatio was fair at midday, good at 2-30pm. Mist fell again abou 4 pm. Visibility poor during night owing to mist.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 9/3/18 to 6 am. 10/3/18.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of Rnds.			Effect
		A.	AX.	BX.	
7-13 am to 7-20	U.6.c.44) 0.36.e.85.75)	3	35		Good.
7-25 to 7-35	0.36.c.66) U.12.b.49) U.6.b.23)	13	37	20	"
8-40 am to 8-45	U.6.b.23) U.6.d.00)	8	22	15	"
9-40 am. to 9-51 am.	0.36.c.55) 0.36.a.37) U.12.b.12.98)	5	35	20	"
3-19 pm.	0.36. c.85.75	5	15		"
6-15 pm.	0.36.c.55.T.M.		20		
7-30 "	DATUM Ho.	12	46		
8 pm. to 8-10 pm.	0.36.a.3.2 U.6.c.44 T.M.	10	30		
9-30 pm to) 9-50 pm.)	0.36.d.35) 0.36.c.55 "	5	35		
10-5 pm.	DATUM Ho. "	5	15		
11 pm.	U.6.d.00 "		48		
6-8 "	0.36.c.85-75 "	5	15		
8 pm. to) 8-10 pm)	0.36.c.85-75) U.6.b.23 "	10	30	20	
9-30 pm.	0.36.c.66) U.6.b.23 "	10	30		
9-51pm to 10-10 pm.	0.36.a.32) 0.36.c.85.75 "	15	45	12	
11pm. to 11-20 pm.	U.12.b.68.92	12	38	56	
12 mdnt. to) 12-44 am.)	0.36.a.32) U.12.b.49)	17	53		

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rds. & cal.		Remarks.
8 am to 9 am.	U.8.d. U.9.c.	60	4.2) 77)	gas shells
9-15 to 9-40am.	U.17.a. U.17.c.	15	5.9	
9-42 am.	STEIGNAST FME.	25	4.2	
11-45 am to 12-15 pm.	U.2.a. U.2.c.	30	5.9	1 rd per min.
12-15 pm. to 1-10pm.	MESSINES	10	5.9	
1-35 to 2 pm.	U.5.c.88	25		gas shells
2-50 pm. to 3-20 pm.	U.4.b.80-44	20	5.9	
2-30pm. to 3 pm.	HUNS WALK	?	4.2) 77)	gas she ls, 4.2's from direction of Bas WARNETON 77 from COMINES.

4 to 4-30

STEIGNAST

10 m. N. from KWTI FM.

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Artillery action above normal. T.M's from 8 am. to 10 am very active. T.M's active from 6 pm. to midnight
Artillery action below normal 6 pm. to 6 am.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal.

12-50 pm. Plane over our lines. Driven off by A.A. fire.
1-30 pm. Five Enemy planes over our lines and attacked one of our scouts but were driven off by one of our fighting patrols. One enemy plane was singled out by three of ours and forced to land behind KEBEL.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

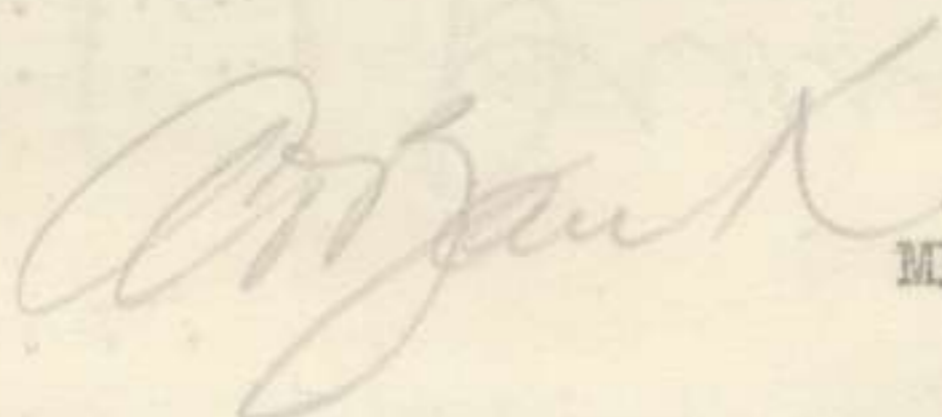
Enemy signalling with lamp
T.B. 102 from U.3.a.00.45

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.8. MESCELLANEOUS .

Several "duds" were noticed while 5.9's were shelling U.2.2. & c. A small red balloon passed over our lines into back area. Visibility in morning poor owing to ground mist but improved during afternoon.

Flashes of 5.9 How. shelling U.4.b.80.44 observed at TB 92° from U.3.a.00.45.

Visibility fair during night.



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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 86. Copy No. 17

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Headquarters,
9th March 1918.

KORTEWILDE.

Reference Maps 1-10,000 BAS WARNETON,

1. An intended raid is to be carried out by the 57th Battalion on Enemy's front line at a point approximately where HIRONDELLE ROAS crosses Enemy's front line at U.6.c.05.95, at a time and date to be notified later.
2. Wire cutting, if necessary, will be carried out by the 50th Battery assisted by the 113th Battery and the 9th Med.T.M. Battery.
3. Points of entry will be at U.5.d.97.90 and U.6.c.10.97.
4. Lanes in enemy's wire, if necessary to do so, will be cut at these points
5. Wire cutting, if required, and registration will be carried out on the 10th inst.
6. It is desired that as little attention as possible be given to this place. When this registration takes place, wire will also be cut at U.6.a.35.50. Notification of this will be issued separately.
7. The following Officer is appointed as Liason Officer for the Raid:-
Lieut. F.N. JOHNSON, 113th Battery.
This Officer will accompany C.C. Raid, and will be with him in the front line system when the raid takes place.
8. The tasks for Batteries during the operation are as shown in the attached Task Table.
9. Light T.M's - M.G's and Med.T.M's are participating. Counter Battery work by Heavy Artillery has also been arranged.
During the Raid 106 Fuzes will not be used.

10. Rates of fire	-	ZERO to ZERO plus 5	-	18pdr.	4	rnds	per	gun	per	min.
				4.5 How.	3	"	"	How.	"	"
		Z plus 5 to Z plus 15	-	18pdr.	3	"	"	gun	"	"
				4.5 How.	3	"	"	How.	"	"
		Z plus 15 to " 20	-	18pdr.	3	"	"	gun	"	"
				4.5 How.	2	"	"	How.	"	"
		Z plus 20 to " 30	-	18pdr.	2	"	"	gun	"	"
				4.5 How.	1	"	"	How.	"	"

Should it be required to cease fire sooner than 30 minutes, the signal previously used as S.O.S. Signal, that is, parachute light burning RED over GREEN over YELLOW will be fired from front line system by Liason Officer - As soon as this signal is observed fire will immediately stop and Brigade Head Quarters notified.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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MESSINES Group Artillery.

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| 3. | 51st " | 4 | 113 " |
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| 7. | Inf. Bde. | 8. | 57th Battn. |
| 9. | Spare | 10.11.12. | War Diary. |
| 13. | 3rd Aust. Divn. | 14. | 9th M.T.M. |

TASK TABLE.

(To accompany M.C.A.C.O. No. 26)

TIME.	BATTERY	TASK.
PHASE 1. Bombard Enemy's front Line Trench.		
ZERO to ZERO plus 8 mins.	1 - 18pdr Bty. 3rd Div. Arty. 50th Bty. 51st " 49th "	U.S.d.05.45 to U.S.d.09.55 U.S.d.09.55 to U.S.d.09.55 U.S.d.09.55 to U.S.a.15.00 U.S.a.15.00 to U.S.a.30.15
	1 Section 4.5 Hows. 3rd Div. Arty.	Sweep URGENT TRENCH from U.S.c.40.10 to U.S.c.55.00.
	113th Bty. 3 Hows.	Sweep UNABLE TRENCH from U.S.c.55.00 to U.S.a.54.
	1 " T.M. Replacement at U.S.c.35.55.	
	1 " " U.S.b.08.42	
	1 " T.M. Replacement at U.S.c.35.55.	
	1 " T.M. Replacement at U.S.c.12.00.	
	9th H.T.H. Bty. 1 Mortar T.M. Replacement at KIVI 0.36.c.60	
	1 " " KINGSCLERE U.S.R.23	
	1 " on Front Line Trench at U.S.a.25.75.	

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PHASE 2. Z plus 2 to Z plus 30 or until ordered to cease	1 - 18pdr Bty. 3rd Div. Arty.	U.S.d.25.50 to U.S.c.25.55
	50th Bty.	U.S.c.25.55. to U.S.c.40.70
	51st "	U.S.c.40.70 to U.S.c.30.95
	49th "	U.S.c.30.95 to U.S.a.20.15
	1 Section 4.5 How. 3rd Div. Arty. 113th Bty 9th H.T.H. Bty	} As for phase 1

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 10/3/18 to 6 am 11/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rounds.			Effect.
		A.	AX.	BX.	
8-30 to 9-30 am.	0.36.a.32 TM) U.6.b.23 ") U.12.b.68.92 ")	15	45		Good.
12 midday to 2 pm.	Wire cutting		60	51	
3-25 pm. to 3-55	U.6.c.19 U.6.c. 40 .55	9	32		
3-15 pm.	DATUM Ho.	30	40		Calibration good.
9-15 pm.) 10-15 ") 11-30 ") 12-45 am) 4-00 ")	Sweep CINEMA ROAD from) 0.36.a.00 to P.31.a.07) to road junction P.31.) b.80.75) Sweep track from 0.36.) c.50.05 to V.1.a.6.0)	94	305		
	ESPERANCE Cabt. 0.36.b.) 25.50) CROSS ROADS 0.36.b.20.) 60.) COORONG Fme. 0.36.d.69) DATUM HO. 0.36.a.3.2.) ANGLE Fme. 0.36.a.80.65) 0.36.c.43.05)			120	
4-10 pm.) 6-45 ") 10-30 ")	T.M's			44	
10-28 pm.	U.12.b.68.92 T.M.	5	15		
6 am.	U.12.b.68.92 "	5	15		
6-5 am.	U.12.b.68.92 "	5	15		
4-45 pm.	Registration for M.G.A.O.O. 86	41			
6-5 pm to 6-27pm.	" " "	34			

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
8 am to 9 am.	STEIGNAST	?	T.M's	silenced by 18-pdrs.
7-50 am to 11-30	U.10.d.& MESSINES	100	77 4.2	
9-30am to 11-25am.	U.2.b.48 & U.9.c.& d.	80	5.9	How.
10-45 am.	0.32.b.28.	50	77	gas.
11-50 am to 1-25 pm.	MESSINES	30	5.9	sound being 5°rt. of COMINES.
12-15 pm.	U.4.c.	200	77mm	from direction of BAS WARNETON
2-20 pm.	0.34.d.	30	5.9	sound being 5°30" rt. of COMINES.
3-5 pm.	U.1.d. U.2.c.	40	5.9	searching.
4-30 ro 4-40 pm.	U.9.a.	20	4.2	
10-40 pm.	0.35.d.	5	T.M's	

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery above normal. T.M's active during morning. 6 pm to 6 am. normal on this sector.
5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 1 plane at 11 am.
1 plane at 3-30 pm. over our lines engaged and driven off by A.A. fire.
6. MOVEMENT and ORGANISATION etc. Nil.
7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Observation was very difficult during morning owing to ground mist. Slight improvement after mid-day. In anticipation of a suspected relief by the enemy during the night, bursts of fire were put on roads and tracks as shown in "operations".
Observation poor during night.

W. J. G. G. G.
Lieut for Adj.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 11/3/18 to 6 am. 12/3/18.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rnds.			Effect.
		A.	AX.	BX.	
6-10am to 7-20 am.	U.6.b.23 T.M. U.12.b.68.92 " KINGSCLERE "	10	3	15.	Good.
8-40 am to 9-20 am.	KINGSCLERE T U.12.b.4.9 U.12.b.68.92	10	50	30	"
11-30 am.	Wire cutting 0.35.d.73.80 - 0.35.d.65.90 0.36.a.14.00 0.36.a.08.18	30	134		41 fuzes 106
2-17 pm.to 2-30	Calibration	19			Good
3-45 pm to 4 pm.	Registration		20		registered.
8 pm.	Scheme "X"	85	296	120	
10-30 pm.	O.O. No.88	260	922	291	
7-15 pm to 7-25 pm.	U.12.b.68.92(TM) U.6.b.23 "	12	38	20	
5 pm.	Wire cutting 0.36.a.15 10 to 0.36.a.10 15 21		117		Good 12-106 fuze
12 mdnt. to 1 am.	DATUM Ho. 0.36 a.32 T.M. 0.36.a.87 "	42	55		
2-32 am.	0.36.c.85.75 "	5	15		
3 am to 4-30 am.			25		

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds, & cal.		Remarks.
6-10 am.	T 18	30	8"	H.E.
8-10 to 8-25 am	U.8.a.	60	77 4.2	
8-45 am to 9-30 am	STEIGNAST Fme.	20	4.2	sound bear- ing 90° rt. of COMINES CH. from 0.33c. 40.45.
9 am to 10-55	BETHLEHEM Fme. U.2.c.	20	4.2	
10-10 am to 10-55	MESSINES Road (033D) Lt.Raily.	200	4.2 77	H.E. & gas

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Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds. & cal.		Remarks.
1-15 pm. to 1-45 pm.	U.9.b.75.80	?	5.9 4.2	20% duds
2-5 pm. to 4 pm.	U.7.c.& d U.13 a. & b. 0.36.a.	130	5.9	sound bearing 12° Rt. and 18° Rt. of COMINES CH. from 0.33.c. 40.45.
6-40 to 6-55 pm.	U.8.A	50	4.2	
6-45 pm.	Railway in USA	?	5.9	How.
7-15 pm.	U.13.a.80.80	30	5.9	"

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery activity unusually severe .
T.M's up to 6 pm. below normal.
5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.
7 am. One large plane observed over our Country flying in the direction of WARNETON from KEMMEL.
2-5 pm. 2 planes flying in N.E. direction driven off by A.A. fire.
6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.
Some constructional work in KIWI Fme. apparently effected during fog of last two days.
7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy T.M's active between 6 and 7 am. 10 to 10-30am
2 to 3 am. Visibility during morning bad owing to heavy ground mist which partly cleared at midday.
Observation fair from 1 pm. up to 4 pm.
Enemy response to our operation was heavy and concentrated on front line and supports ceased 11 pm.

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MESSINES Group Artillery.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of Rounds.			Effect
		A.	AX.	BX.	
7-10 am .to 8 am.	0.36.a.3.2 TM U.12.c.05.75 " U.12.b.68.92 "	13	27		Good
9-40 am to 11-45am.	Registration for O.Order No.88	107	5		Very satisfactory
12-30 pm.	Do. Do.	18		20	
3 pm.	Do. Do	12	44		
4-5 pm.	Do Do.	34			Good.
5 pm.	Wire at N.36.a.H	7	59		Very good.
7pm. to 7-35 pm.	0.36.c.66 T.M. 0.36.a.32 "	10	62	20	
9-43pm. to 10-13 pm.	0.36.a.32 " 0.36.c.66 "	10	30	20	
12 midnt. to 1 am.	U.12.c.05.75 " U.12.b.68.92 " 0.36.a.87 "	25	80	59	
1 am. 1-45am 3-15am 4 am.	M.G.A. Op.Order No.85	50	150		
1-38 am to 1-45 am	0.36.a.8.7 U.12.c.05.75	10	35	44	
3-40 am.	0.36.a.3.2	10	35	24	
4-55 am.	KINGSCLERE		20	20	Unobserved.
4 am.	U.12.b.68.92	5	20	24	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds. & cal.		Remarks.
9am to 9-15 am	0.33.D HUNS WALK	4.2		Sound bearing 12° & 15° Rt. from 0.33.c.50-45
9-40 am	U.10.b.& d.	60	4.2 How.)	M.B.115° & 132°
9-40 am.	U.3.c.& d.	35	77mm)from D.33.a.45. 25.
10-45 am.	STEIHNAST Fme.	50	77mm	M.B. 115° from 0.33.a.45.25
10-47 am	U.8.d.	12	77mm	gas.
11-15 am.	U.1.b.	30	77mm	
11-20 am to 1-5 pm.	MESSINES & U.1.d.	30	5.9 How	M.B. 102° from 0.33.a.45.25

Time	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.	Remarks
12-45 pm.	U.4.c.& U.2.d.	20 4.2 How.	M.B.105° & 106° from 0.33 a.45.25.
2 pm. to 2-30 pm.	0.35.c.90.15	4.2	
5-30 pm. to 6-5pm	0 34 D	20 4.2 Hows.	
6-45 " to 6-50"	0 28 D	? 5.9 "	
7-20 "	0.34.c.& D	8 4.2 "	
8-2 pm. to 8-16pm.	0.28mD	4 5.9 "	
9-55 "	?	? 5.9 "	
5 am. to 5-5 am,	Front Line	? } 77mm 4.2 How.	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Hostile Artillery activity above normal during the day. T.M's active 8 am. silenced by 18-pdrs 8-10 am.
T.M's active throughout the night.
5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.
One plane over forward areas at 8-30 am driven off by A.A.fire. 8 planes patrolling our lines at 5-30 pm.
6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc. Nil.
7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Fire started 1° 30" left of DATUM Ho. from 0.33.a. 45.28 by heavies at 3-40 pm.
Fire observed 1° 30" left of WERVICQ at 3-55 pm.
Enemy has carried out further construction work on KIWI FARM.
At 3-55 -1 enemy balloon adrift brought down by our Airmen landed about KEMMEL.
9 am. Visibility poor owing to heavy ground mist which cleared midday. Up to 3-30 pm. observation was fair.



Lieut. for Adj.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

SECRET. MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 88. 88 Copy No.

Headquarters,
9th March 1918.

Reference Maps 1-10,000 BAS WARRINGTON.

1. A Raid will be carried out by 58th Battalion at a time and date to be notified later.
2. The objectives are as follows:-
1st objective Front Line Trench each side of SIMESA ROAD in O.35.
2nd objective Enemy Support Trench in O.36.a. West of DATUM Ho.
3rd objective DATUM HOUSE.
3. Strength of party will be approximately 3 Officers and 74 O/R.
4. Points of entry will be for Front Line at O.35.d.88 and O.35.d.89.95 and for the Support line at O.36.a.11.
5. Lanes at above points will be cut by 51st Battery assisted by 113th Battery and the 9th M.T.M. Battery. Report of progress should be made after each shoot at these points.
6. Lieut. K.J. JONES is detailed as Liaison Officer for this raid. He will keep in close touch with the O.C. Raid and will be in the Front Line System with this Officer during the operations.
7. This Group will be assisted in the operation by one 18-pdr Battery 3rd Div. Arty. and 1 18-pdr Battery of the 14th F.A. Bde and 9th M.T.M. Battery. Heavy Artillery are also co-operating.
8. Tasks are as shown in Task Table attached.
9. Further particulars will be issued later.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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MESSINES Group Artillery.

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7.	3rd Aust. Divn.	8.	58th Bty.
9.	9th M.T.M. Bty	10.11.12	War Diary.
13.	File.	14.	Inf. Bde.
15.	58th Batta.	16.	Liaison Officer.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1. to NESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 88

1. In addition to the points of entry as shown in para. 4, a lane will also be cut at O.36.a.20.10.
2. Rates of fire:-

ZERO to ZERO plus 2	- 18 pdr.	4 rounds per gun per min.
	4.5 How.	3 " " How. " "
ZERO plus 2 to ZERO plus 20	18 pdrs.	3 " " gun " "
	4.5 How.	3 " " How. " "
ZERO plus 20 to Zero plus 30	of stop -13 pdrs	2 " " gun " "
	4.5 How.	2 " " How. " "
3. Ammunition to be used -
 - Phase 1.- All "AX"
 - " 2.) 75% "AX" 25% "A".
 - " 3.)
 - " 4 (-49th Bty. All "AX" with 50% graze.
 - " 5.) - Other Batteries 75 % "AX" and 25% "A"

100 Fuses will not be used.
4. The 12th Battery is co-operating and will perform the task as shown for the 31st Battery.
5. The signal to stop will be a message rocket carrying a siren and burning an white light with a long tail, or failing this, fire will be stopped at ZERO plus 30 min.
6. Amendments to Task Table:-
 - Phase 1. - 113th Battery for "1 Section on OTIRA TRENCH" - read 1 How. and add 1 How. on DATUM No. O.36. c.30.25.
 - " 3. - 113th " add 1 How. lifts from DATUM No. to OTIRA TRENCH - O.36.a.5.8. to O.30. c.75.15.
 - " 4 & 5 -113th " Instead of " As for Phase 1" - read "As for Phase 3".

The 9th M.F.M. will bombard KIRI PARI.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut for Adj.
NESSINES Group Artillery.

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APPENDIX 22.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

18TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION
No. 113/14

Headquarters,
13th March 1918.

O's C. Batteries,

With reference to M.G.A.O. No. 88, the ZERO
hour will be 3-30 am. on 14th MARCH 1918.
ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Lieut. for Adj.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

TASK TABLE.

(To accompany M.G.A.O.O. No. 88.)

T I M E.		B A T T E R Y.		T A S K.		
PHASE 1.	ZERO to ZERO plus 2.	31st Battery		0.35.c.15.40	to 0.35.d.95.00	
		50th "		0.35.d.95.00	to 0.35.d.85.75.	
		51st "		0.35.d.85.75	to 0.35.d.80.98.	
		55th "		0.35.d.80.98	to 0.35.b.60.15.	
		49th "		0.35.b.60.15	to 0.35.b.45.35.	
		113th "	1 How. T.M.	0.35.c.6.6		
			1 "	0.35.c.85.75		
			1 " CROSS ROADS	0.35.b.2.6.		
	1 " ANGLE Pnc.	0.35.a.80.65				
	1 Sect. OTIRA TRENCH	0.35.a.5.8	to 0.35.c. 75.15			
PHASE 2	ZERO plus 2 to ZERO plus 6.	31st Bty. 4 guns	--	0.35.d.95.60	to 0.35.c.90.80.	
		" 2 "		0.35.c.80.80.	to 0.35.c.15.85.	
		50th "		0.35.c.15.85	to 0.35.a.1.1	
		51st "		0.35.a.1.1	to 0.35.a.0.3.	
		55th "		0.35.a.0.3	to 0.35.b.95.45 to 0.35.b.80.40.	
		49th "		0.35.b.80.40	to 0.35.b.40.30	
		113th "	As for Phase 1.			
PHASE 3.	ZERO plus 6 to ZERO plus 8	31st "		0.35.d.95.60	to 0.35.c.40.80	
		50th "		0.35.c.25.80	to 0.35.a.15.10	
		51st "		0.35.a.15.10	to 0.35.a.20.40	
		55th "		0.35.a.20.40	to 0.35.a.25.50 . to 0.35.b.95.45.	
		49th "		0.35.b.95.45.	to 0.35.b.40.30.	
		113th "	As for Phase 1.			
PHASE 4.	ZERO plus 8 to ZERO plus 9.	31st "		0.35.d.95.60	to 0.35.c.40.90	
		50th "	2 guns	0.35.c.40.90	to 0.35.a.45.00	
		" "	4 "	0.35.a.45.00	to 0.35.a.45.20	
		51st "		0.35.a.45.20	to 0.35.a.45.50.	
		55th "		0.35.a.45.50	to 0.35.b.95.45.	
		49th "		0.35.b.95.45	to 0.35.b.40.30.	
		113th "	As for Phase 1.			

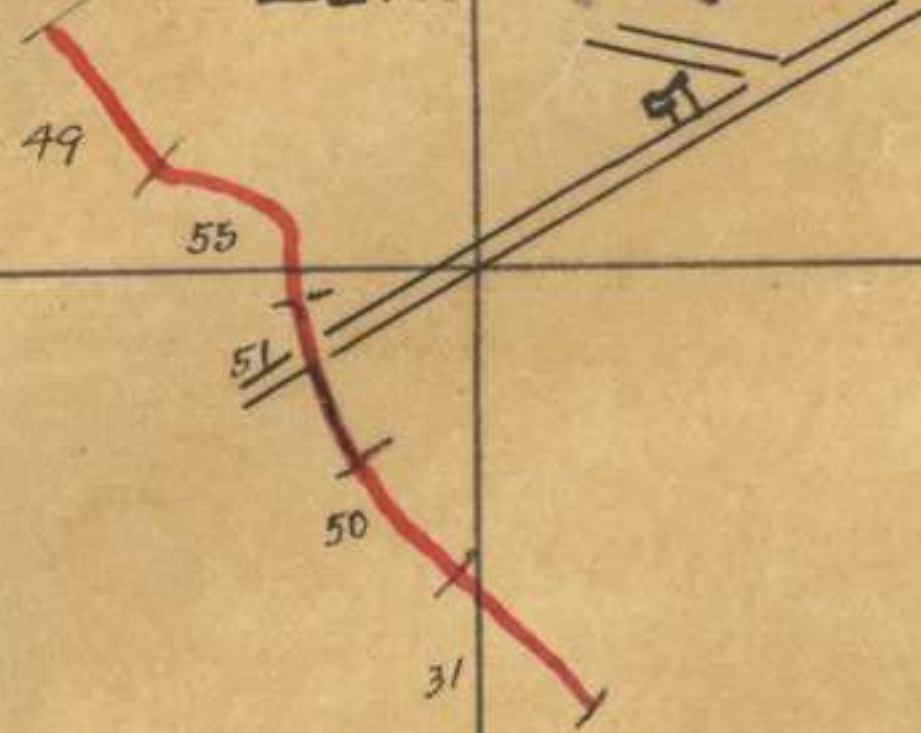
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TIME.	BATTERY.	TASK.
PHASE 5.	ZERO plus 9 until cease fire.	
	31st Battery	0.35.d.98.30 to 0.36.e.40.30.
	50th " 4 guns.	0.36.e.40.90 to 0.36.a.65.15
	" " 2 "	0.36.a.65.15 to 0.36.a.60.30
	51st "	0.36.a.60.30 to 0.36.a.45.55
	55th "	0.36.a.45.55 to 0.35.b.95.45.
	49th "	0.35.b.95.45 to 0.35.b.40.30
	113th " As for Phase 1.	

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PHASE I
ZERO TO *2

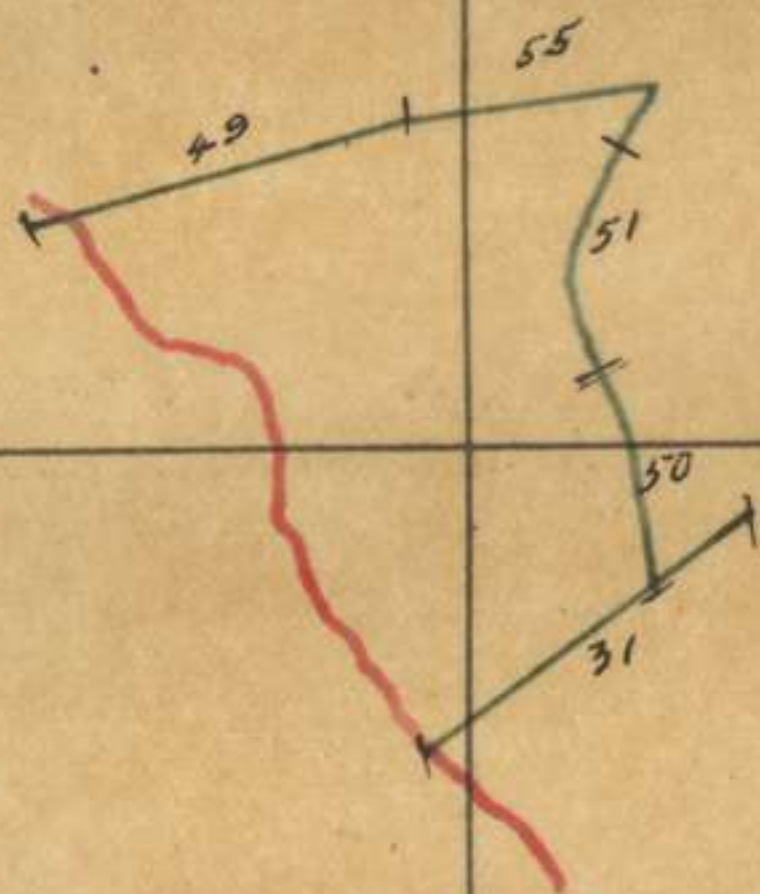


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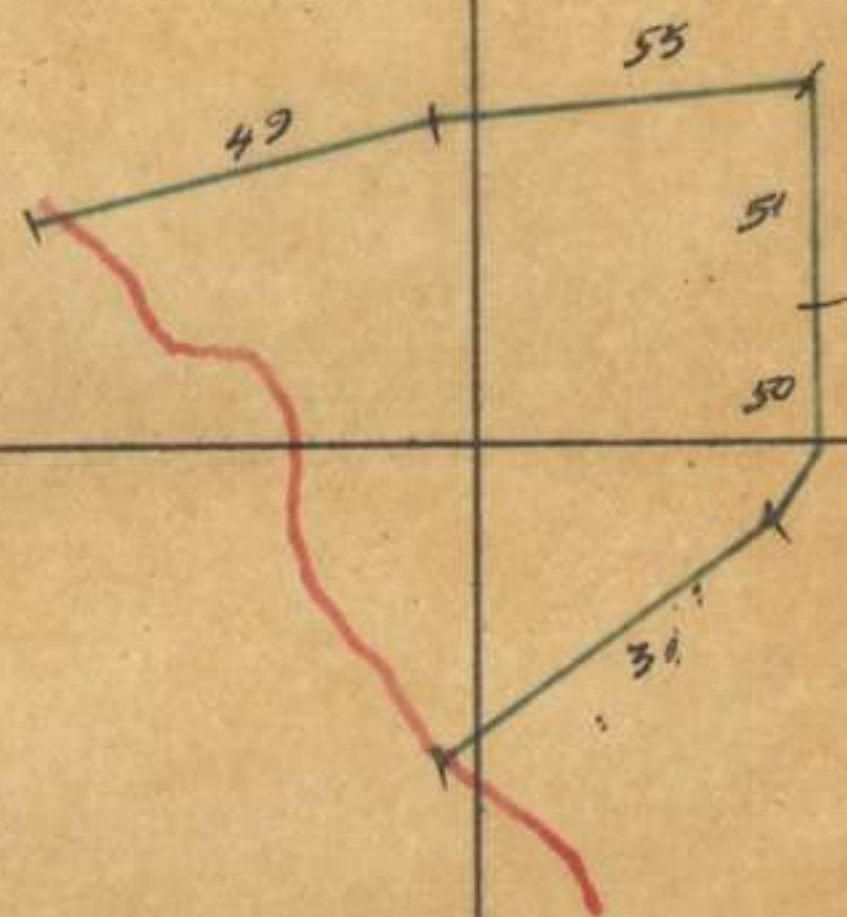
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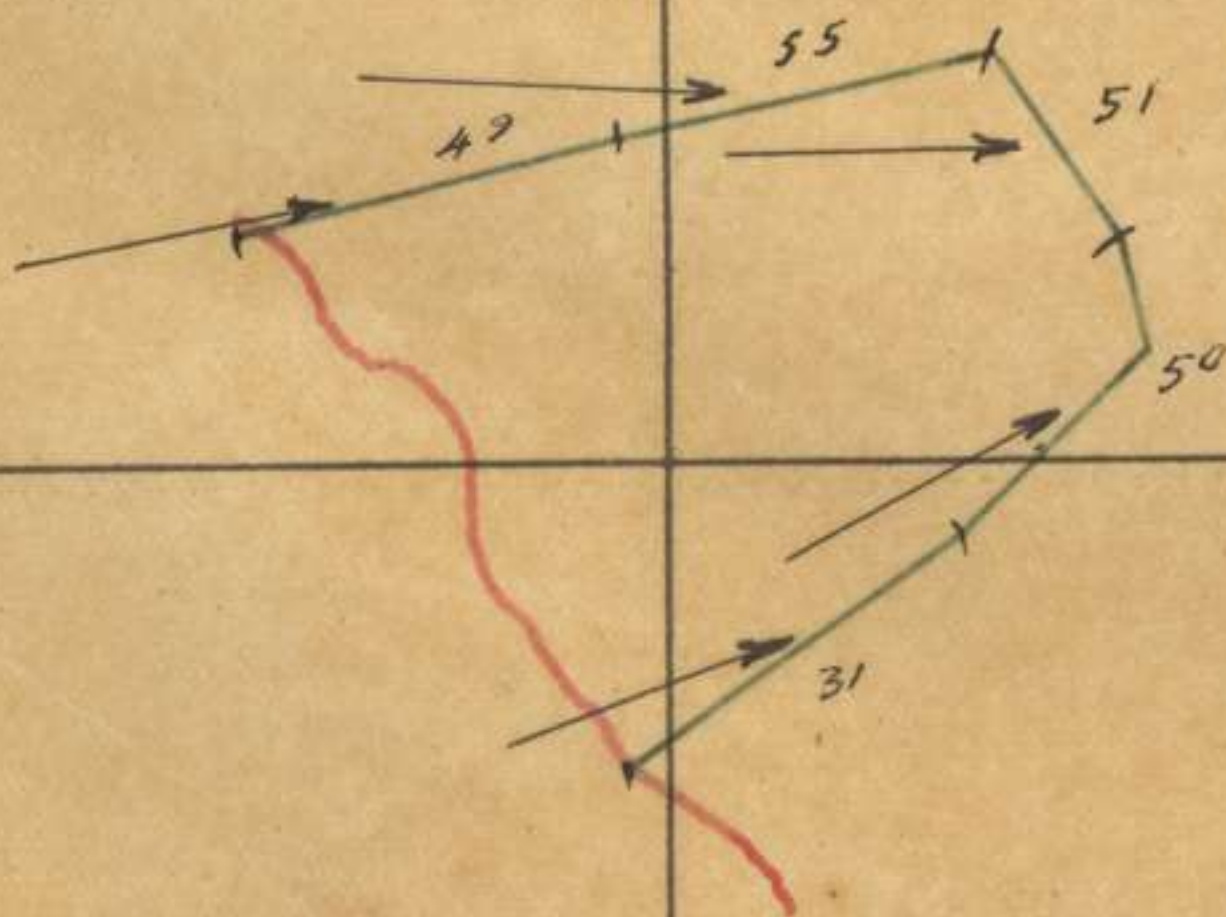
PHASE III
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PHASE IV
+8 TO +9



PHASE V
+8 TO +30 OR ZERO.



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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No of Rnds.			Effect.
		A	AX.	BX.	
8-55 am to 9 am.	U.12.c.05.75 (T.M) U.6.c.44 "	5	26		Good.
10-30 am to 11-55	Wire cutting 0.36.a.10.10	16	74		"
3-15 pm. to 4 pm.	Calibration DATUM Ho.	3	69		Calibrated.
4pm to 5 pm.	0.36.a.20.10	16	55		Good.
4pm to 5 pm.	(Calibration (0.36.a.10.10	7	72		"
5.42 pm.	0.36.b.55.60. T.M.	5	15		
5-35 pm.	Calibration		17		
7-4 pm.	U.12.c.05.75.TM.	5	15		
7-25	0.36.c.66	5	15	20	
8-10 pm to 8-20pm	Scheme "X"	70	235	123	
9-11 pm.	0.36. a.87 T.M.	5	15		
9-36 to 9-45pm.	0.36. a.87 T.M.	5	15	20	
10-3 pm.	0.36.a.87. "	5	15		
12 mdnt. to 2 am.	U.6.a.15.00 to 0.36.a.20.00	25	75		
2am to 4 am	Do. do.	25	65		
4 am to 6 am	Do do.	13	37		
4 am to 6 am.	Area raided by 58th Btn.	25	75		
3-30 am to 4-11 am.	Op. Order No.88,	790	842	593	
12-20 to 12-35 am.	0.36.c.55 T.M) 0.36.c.66 ") U.12.c.05.75 ")	15	45		
12 mdnt.) 12-30) 1-00) 1-3) 2-30) 4-30)				120	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
9-40 am.	U.5.c.	40	77	B.M. 102° from 0.33.a.45.25
10am to 10-15am.	U.11.c.	13	T.M.'s	
10-25 am	0.34.c.	17	4.2	
Do.	U.10.b.	20	77	

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Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds. & Cal.	Remarks.
10-45 am to 10-55	U.14.b.	45 4.2 How.	
11-19 to 11-35	Back areas ?	20 5.9	M.B.113° from 0.33a.45.25
11-10 am.	U.14.a.& c.	3 77mm	
11-20 "	0.14.c.	20 4.2	
11-40 "	0.3.d.	15 5.9	
11-21 "	MESSINES	8 5.9 How.	
12 mdday to 12-30 pm.	U.1.a.0.31	30 4.2	10° rt. of DATUM Ho. from 0.33.c.50.45
12-55 pm.	0.34.c.& STEIGNAST	33 77mm	probably calibration.
1-17 pm. to 1-42 pm.	STEIGNAST.	50 77	Do.
1-45 pm.	U.9.a.	20 4.2	
1-55 pm.	MESSINES CH.	15 5.9	M.B. 106° from 0.33.c.50.45
2 pm.	STEIGNAST.	10 77mm	
3 pm to 4 pm.	MESSINES	30 5.9	
9-45 pm.	T.905c.	4 4.2 H.V.	
6-30 pm.	0.33.b.	6 ? H.V.	
7-30 pm.	STEIGNAST & POLLARD	50 77) 4.2)	
8 pm.	Front Line	5 T.M's	
9-15	Retaliation	? 4.2) 77)	
1-20 to 2-20 am.	Front line	30 T.M's	
4-15 to 5-10 pm.	Do.	24 "	silenced by Arty.
6-40 am.	0.34.c.	12 77	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery above normal. T.M's below normal during day.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 12-15 pm. 1 plane over our lines frying direction of KEMMEL to WARNETON. 1-5 am. Plane over our lines. Both driven off by A.A.fire.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc. 1-15 pm. Train going South to COMINES. 3-30 " " " North to WERVICQ.

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility 9 am, owing to heavy ground mist impossible. 12 mdday.improving -3 pm. good. 1-15pm. Small balloon descending in forward areas.

Retaliation to our Operation was not heavy. Areas were searched with 18-pdrs from Midnight to 6 am for - suspected raid.

Visibility impossible owing to heavy fog.

Lieut for Adj.

MESSINES Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 89.89

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Appendix 23/24

Headquarters,
10th. March 1918.

Reference sheet WARNETON 1-10,000.

1. The following task will be carried out by batteries of this Group to-night the 10th/11th. inst, in anticipation of a suspected relief by the enemy on this front.
2. Bursts of fire of 25 rounds per battery will be fired at the following times -
9.15pm., 10.15pm., 11.30pm., 12.45pm and 4.0am.
In addition to the above, 113th. Battery will fire 100rds. "BCBR" on ESPERANCE Cabt. 0.36.b.25.50 at 9.30pm, weather permitting. Rate of fire first 2 minutes 2rds. per How per min. then 1rd. per How per min.
3. Tasks are as follows :-

49th. Battery	Sweep	CINEMA ROAD	from 0.36.a.0.0. to P.31.a.0.7.
51st.	"	CINEMA ROAD	from P.31.a.0.7. to Road Junction P.31.b.80.75.
50th.	"	Track from	0.36.c.50.05 to V.1.a.6.0.
113th.	"	1 How.	on ESPERANCE Cabt. 0.36.b.25.50.
		1 "	on Cross Roads 0.36.b.20.60.
		1 "	on COORONG FARM 0.36.d.6.9.
		1 "	on DATUM HOUSE 0.36.a.3.2.
		1 "	on ANGLE FARM 0.36.a.80.65.
		1 "	Junction of Track and trench 0.36.c.43.05.
4. Ammunition to be used in the proportion of 25% "A" and 75% "AX" for 18pdrs
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| No.1 49th. Bty | No.2 50th. |
| 3 51st | 4 113th |
| 5 File | 6 5th. D.A. |
| 7 Inf. Bde | 8 soare |
| 9, 10 and 11. | War Diary. |

[Signature]
Lieut for Adjut
MESSINES Group Artillery

INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 14/3/18 to 6 am. 15/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rounds			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
8-5 am.	0.36.c.66) TM KINGSCLERE) "	10	30		
8-30 am.	U.12.b.4.9 "			15	
1-50 pm. to 2 pm.	0.36.c.66) " 0.36.c.55) "	5	15	20	
3-15 pm.	0.36.a.32 "	5	15		
7-15 pm.	0.36.c.85-75) " 0.36.a.3.2) "	10	30.		
7-25 pm.	0.36.c.66 "	5	15		
8-15 "	0.36.a.32 "	5	15	20	
8-25 pm to 8-35	0.36.a.32 "	5	15	20	
9-15pm. to 9-30pm.	U.12.b.68.92 " 0.36.a.87 "	15	45	20	
10-15 pm. to 10-40	0.36.a.32 "	10	30	20	
11-30 pm to 11-35	0.36.a.87) " 0.36.c.55) " 0.36.c.66) "	12	38	20	
12-15 pm.	0.36.a.87) " 0.36.c.66) "	10	30	20	
12-25 am	0.36.a.3.2 "	5	15	20	
1-15 to 1-50	KINGSCLERE) " 0.36.c.66) " U.6.c.44) "	18	52	20	
2-10 am to 2-25 am	0.36.c.85.75) " 0.36.a.3.2) "	10	30	20	
3-15 am to 3-40 am	0.36.a.8.7) " 0.36.c.85.75) " 0.36a.3.2) "	15	45	40	
4-30 am to 4-45 am	0.36.a.32 "	5	15	15	
5-40 am to 6 am.	DATUM Ho. "	6	24	15	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil3. Hostile SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
9-10 am to 9-25am	U.4.a.	20	4.2	
9-25 am to 9-40am	U.5.b.	20	T.M's	

Time.	Map location	No. of rnds. & cal.	Remarks.
9-25 am to 9-40 am	GAPPARD	8 4.2	probably calibrating.
10-5 to 10-40am	0.35.c.	? 77mm	Sound bearing 14° rt. of DATUM Ho. from 0.33.a.45.25
10-15 to 10-40am	0.35.b.7.6	? 77mm	S.b. 30' left & 1° Rt. of DATUM Ho. from 0.33.a.45.25
10-30 am to 10-45am	STEIGNAST Fme.	10 5.9How.	calibrating.
10-45 am to 11-5am	U.1.d.	8 4.2	S.b. 11° 30' rt. of DATUM Ho. from 0.33.a.45.25
11-10 to 11-15am	STEIGNAST Fme.	5 5.9	calibrating.
11-10 to 12-10 pm.		? 77mm	
11-10 am to 11-45 am	U.23.central) U.3.d.) MESSINES RIDGE)	75 4.2 gas	8 duds.
12-5 pm. to 12-40pm.	Front line U.3.d.) U.5.c.central) MESSINES)	57 4.2	gas from BAS WARMETON.
12-40 pm to 1pm.	Front line	? T.M's	silenced by Heavies, sound bearing 2° left of COMINES from 0.33.c.50.45
1-25 pm.	STEIGNAST Fme.	20 77mm	
1-40pm to 1-55pm.	0.33.central	100 4.2	sound bearing 14° rt of DATUM Ho from 0.33.c.50.45
1-25 pm.	Front line	30 5.9gun.	sound bearing 3° left of COMINES Ch. from 0.33.c.50.45.
8-5 pm to 8-20pm.	0.33.D. & c.	26 4.2 gun	
8-20pm to 8-55	U.2.b.0.32.d	20 77mm	
9-15pm.	0.33.c.	10 4.2	
9-45 pm.	MESSINES Rd. 0.33.d. 50	4.2	
10-30pm to 10-50pm	0.32.d. 0.33.c. 6.4	30 4.2	
11-30 pm to 11-35pm.	0.33.d.26 & central	140 4.2	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery during morning sell above normal and distributed over the whole of the sector. T.M's active from 8 am to 1pm. T.M's very active from 7pm to 8 am. Artillery during night normal

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Observation 8 am bad owing to light rain.
10-30 rain stopped, fair - 2-30 very poor, misty.
2 Small red balloons fell about U.2.c. at 6-30 pm.
brought down by M.G. fire.
Observation fair during night.

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Lieut for Adj.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 15/3/18 to 6 am 16/3/18.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY,1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rounds			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
6-50am to 7-20am	T.M.'s	15	45	30	Good.
11-15am to 11-25am	Concentration shoot on P.31.d.50.65	30	369	40	Not known.
3-30 pm.	T.M.			13	
4 pm to 4-35pm	Aeroplane shoot GQD call	64	30	22	
4-24 pm.	U.12.c.05.75 T.M.	5	15		
7-30 pm.	0.36.c.90.85 T.M.	10	60		
8 pm. to 12 mdnt.	T.M.'s	29	111	55	
12 mdnt. to 4-30am	"	14	46		
2 am to 4-25 am	O.O.No.85	74	222	96	
4-50 am	T.M.			15	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds. & cal.	Remarks.
8-50 am	U.9.a.	20	4.2 How.
9-35 "	U.4.a.	4	4.2 gun from BAS WARNETON.
9-40 "	U.3.b. U.4.b. & d. U.5.c.	120	77mm M.B.102° from 0.33.a.45.25.
10-25 "	WYTHCHAITE	7	5.9 direction of COMINES
11-20 "	U.2.e.	8	5.9 M.B.105° from 0 33.a.45.25.
10-20 " to 1-55pm.	0.31.c.77 to 0.31.c. 5.9.	166	4.2 gun
12-52 pm.	U.1.c.	8	5.9
12-50 pm.	STEIGNAST FME.	20	4.2 How.
1-20 pm.	U.4.a.25	25	77mm
1-20 pm.	STEIGNAST FME.	10	4.2 From COMINES
2-5 pm to 2-30pm.	0.33.c.50.45	100	77mm
1-15 am to 1-30 am	Rear of MESSINES	8	5.9
7-18 pm.	front line	4	T.M.'s
8-35pm to 8-40pm.	" "	10	"
8-50 pm to 9-10pm.	" "	15	"
9pm to 9-10 pm.	0.33.d.	20	4.2
9-33 pm.	STEIGNAST	40	77mm
10-25 pm.	FANNYSS C.T. 6 KILO Fme MESSINES	?	4.2 gun searching.
11-45 pm to 12-45 am	U.7.c & D	10	gas
		2	4.2 shrapnel.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery above normal. T.M.'s active from 8 am to 9 am and 2pm to 3-30 Silenced by our heavies & 18 pdrs. During night artillery below normal.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 11am 1 plane high over our lines flying in Northerly direction.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc. 1-30 pm. Train travelling South into COMINES

7. ARMS & EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Observation 8 am. poor owing to light list. 12 noon fair 3 pm. good. 12 noon 2 small red balloons passed over our lines 1 brought down by aeroplane M.G. at about KEMMEL, the other passed to the rear high overhead. 2-30 pm 2 small balloons brought down by aeroplane M.G.1 at T.6 the other KEMMEL.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 89^A

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Headquarters,
16th March 1918.

1. In anticipation of suspected enemy relief on the night of 16/17th March 1918, the following task will be carried out by all Batteries of this Group.
2. Rates of fire:- Bursts of 25 rounds at each of the following times:-
3-25 am. 4-10am 5-5am 5-35 am.
3. Ammunition to be used - 18-pdr 25% "A" 75% "AX"
4.5 How. "BX"
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut for Adj. MESSINES Group Artillery.

Distribution

Copy No. 1.	49th Bty.	No. 2.	50th Bty.
2.	51st "	4.	113th "
5.	5th D.A.	6.	OOSTTAVERNE GROUP.
7.	Inf. Bde.	8.9.10	War Diary.
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T A S K T A B L E.

49th Battery - Sweep HIRONDELLE ROAD from U.6.c.36.60 to U.12.b.45.25.

50th " - " ROAD from U.12.b.45.25 through V.7.a. & V.1.d. to extreme range.

51st " - " ROAD & TRACK from U.6.d.00.10 to U.6.c.65.70 to V.1.c.05.78.

113th " - 1 How. on UNABLE Tr. U.6.a.60.25.
1 Section C.T. from U.6.d.00.05 to V.1.c.00.17
1 How. on Pill Boxes U.12.a.76.85. & U.12.a.80.78.
1 Section on ROAD JUNCTION U.12.b.45.25.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 16/3/18 to 6 am 17/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target,	No of rounds			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
6-5 am to 9-50 am	T.M's	23	77	60	
9 pm to 2-45 am.	Op. Order No.89	76	224	141	"BX" fuze 106.
7-5 pm. to 8-59 am	T.M's	53	152		

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds, & cal.	Remarks.
7-45 am	U.5.d.	10	77mm
10am to 11am	STEIGNAST FME.	20	4.2 Calibration.
10-25 am to)			
10-50 am)	U.3.c. SCHNIZEL FME.	25	4.2
10-35 am.	MESSINES and front line	?	77mm
11-50 am	STEIGNAST FME.	30	77mm
10-54 am to)			
11-18 am)	U.4.b.	30	4.2 9° rb. of COMINES from 0.33.a.40.25
12-15 pm to)			
12-30 pm.)	0.35.b.& d.	20	T.M's
12-15 pm.	0.33.a. & 0.30 B	50	4.2 Destructive shoot on FANNY Street
12-50 pm.	0.34.B	40	77mm)
12-58	0.33.c.	15	4.2)
1-5 pm	0.31.c.	6	4.2
1-10 pm.	STEIGNAST	2	4.2
1-10 pm.	0.33.c.	30	77mm
1-30 pm to 1-40pm.	STEIGNAST	18	4.2
1-45 pm.	U.5.d.	?	77mm
4 pm. to 4-5pm.	0.32.b.	2	5.9
6-45 pm. to 7-5pm.	U.1 6	42	5.9
8-45 pm.	U.8.A	8	4.2 shrap.
11-45 pm.	U.8	2	4.2)
		2	gas)
12-20 am to 11-45 am.	U.9.	22	4.2 shrap
8-45 pm to 9-10 pm.	Front line	?	77mm)
			4.2)
10-20 pm.	0.34.c. 0.34.c.	25	4.2 25% gas.

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- 4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery activity above normal. Fire ~~very~~ widely dispersed. T.M's active 8 to 10am and 11 to 12 noon
T.M's active 6 to 8 pm. and 10 pm to 2 am.
- 5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 9-30 -10-30am - 11-15 am -12-30 pm.
planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off
by A.A. fire and M.G.fire.
- 6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc. Considerable amount of new work noticeable
in P.31.b.6.8. in the form of trenches etc. In what a
few days ago was a clear space, a hedge about 6 ft. high
runs N.& S. for about 200 yards.
- 7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.
- 8. MISCELLANEOUS. Observation 8 am impossible, heavy mist, noon fair to
4 pm.good.
3 pm. Small red balloon floated over our lines .
All enemy Artillery action during morning appeared to
come from COMINES and South of COMINES.

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Lieut for Adj. MESSINES Group Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 17/3/18 to 6 am 18/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.
- | Time. | Target. | No. of rounds | | | Effect. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------|------|---------|
| | | "A" | "AX" | "BX" | |
| 8-15 am to 10-30 am. | T.M's | 25 | 52 | 70 | Good. |
| 7-20pm to 5-10am,
11-25 pm. | "
Battery
P.31.d.67 | 63 | 189 | 100 | |
| | | | 55 | 30 | Good. |
2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.
3. HOSTILE SHELLING.
- | Time. | Map location. | No. of rounds & cal. | | Remarks. |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------|------|---|
| 9 am to 11-25 am | U.7.a. & D U.S.a.
U.9.c. U.15.d | 284 | 77mm | |
| 9-10 am to 10 am | | 20 | 4.2 | 4° rt. of DATUM
Ho. from 0.33.a.
45.25. |
| 9-15 am to 10 am. | | 30 | 77mm | 2° rt. of DATUM
Ho. from 0.33.a.
45.25. |
| 9-20 to 9-30 am.
10-30 am to 11 am | MESSINES
STEIGNAST P.M.E. &
vicinity | ? | 4.2 | |
| | | 30 | 77mm | 3° left & 4° rt
of DATUM Ho. fro
0.33.a.45.25 |
| 11-30 am to 11-45 am | STEIGNAST P.M.E. | 12 | 5.9 | Calibration. |
| 12-15 pm to 12-25 pm. | GAPPARD | 3 | 5.9 | |
| 12-12 to 12-48pm. | 0.35.c. & U.5.a. | 38 | 4.2 | |
| 12-48 to 1-5pm. | U.4.d.80.98 | 8 | 5.9 | Silenced by
heavies
M.B. 102° from
U.3.a.00.45 |
| 6 pm. | Front line | 11 | 77mm | |
| 8-25pm. to 8-35pm | SUPPORTS & HUNS WALK | 30 | 77mm | |
| 9-55 pm. | FANNY's P.M.E. | 30 | 77mm | |
| 9 pm to 9-30 pm. | U.8.a. & U.15 | 44 | 77mm | H.E. & Gas |
| 2-35 am to 7 am. | FRONT Line STEIG-
NAST & GAPAARD | ? | | T.M's active. |
4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery activity above normal & widely dispersed.
T.M's quiet.

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5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

7-30 am .7 Balloons on right, 5 being opposite this sector.
11-30 am. Enemy plane approached our lines but was driven off by A.A.fire. 11 enemy planes at 6 pm. approached our lines but were driven off by A.A.fire.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

Three of enemy moving about in P.31.a. 9-8am Loud explosion heard sound bearing 28° rt. of DATUM Ho. from O.33.c.50.45. New entrenchments noticed in P.31.c.6.8

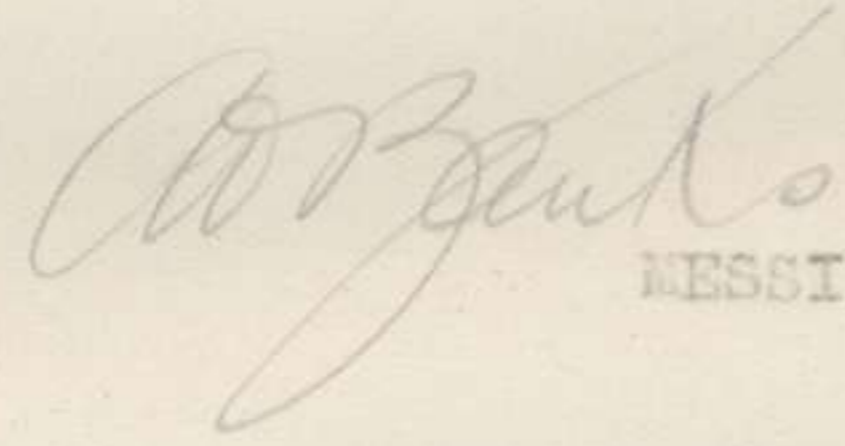
7. MISCELLANEOUS.

Observation during morning fair - Good in afternoon.

Enemy balloons observed at

- 2° left)
- 5° right)
- Zero)
- 35° right)
- 22° left)
- 24° ")

of COMINES CH. from O.33.c.50.45.



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MESSINES GROUP Artillery.

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Headquarters,
19th March 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS 1-10,000 HAS WARWICKTON.

1. A projector Gas Attack will be carried out to-night 19/20th insts., on this front.
2. ZERO hour will be 10-30 pm. on the 19th inst.
3. Tasks will be carried out by Batteries of this Group in accordance with attached Task Table.
4. Rates of fire:-

1st Phase	2 rounds per gun per minute.
2nd " "	" " " " " "
5. Times of firing:-

ZERO to 2 plus 2	No action
ZERO plus 2 to 2 plus 4	- Phase 1.
ZERO plus 4 to 2 plus 5	- " 2.
Zero plus 5 to 2 plus 6	↓ Pause.
ZERO plus 6 to 2 plus 8	- As for Phase 2
ZERO plus 8 to 2 plus 10	- Pause.
ZERO plus 10 to 2 plus 12	- As for phase 2.
6. Ammunition to be used -
"A" only.
7. ACHECHLETOR.

[Signature] Lieut for Adj. MESSINES Group Artillery.

- Distribution
- | | | | |
|-------------|------------|--------|----------|
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| 3. | 51st " | 4. | 113th " |
| 5. | 5th D.A. | 6. | Inf Sdc. |
| 7, 8, 9. | War Diary. | 10. | File. |

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Phase 1.

50th Bty. - 0.36.c.00.55 to 0.35.d.80.80.
 51st " - 0.35.d.80.80 to 0.35.b.75.10.
 49th " - 0.35.b.75.10 to 0.35.b.55.25.

Phase 2.

50th Bty. 1 Section KIWI FME. 0.36.c.55
 " 2 Sections ENEMY TRENCH 0.36.c.
 25.30 to 0.36.c.25.90
 51st " 0.36.c.25.90 to 0.36.a.15.15
 49th " 0.36.a.15.15 to 0.36.a.25.45.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 18/3/18 to 6 am 19/3/18

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rounds.			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
6-40 am.	U.12.b.68.92 T.M.	5	15		
11-25 am.	Bty.position V.13.c.28.00			30	
12-50 pm.	O.36.a.3.2	2	10		
7-50 pm.to 6 am.	T.M's	77	195	195	"BX" fuze 106.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

TIME.	Map location.	No. of rounds & cal.		Remarks.
7-55 am. to 9 am.	U.4.b.& d. U.5.c.	50 170	77mm)	H.e. Sound gas bearing 15° rt.of DATUM HO. from 0.33.a. 45.25.
9-30 am.	STEIGNAST FME. & MESSINES RIDGE.	70	4.2	Calibrating Sound bearing 11° rt.of DATUM Ho. from 0.33. a.45.25.
10-5 to 10-22am.	U.5.b.& d. U.4.d.	40	4.2	Sound bearing 6° left of COMINES Ch. from 0.33.c.50.45.
11am.	STEIGNAST.	2	5.9	
11am to 11-20 am.	U.5.c.& U.8.B.	50 15	H.E/2 4.2 gas.	Flashes from V.1.b. Fme. de la BUSCHE
11-30 am.	O.35.a.& c.	30	4.2	from COMINES
12-45 pm to 1 pm.	Front line, vicinity of GAPAARD	80	T.M's	
1-10 pm.	MESSINES	5	5.9	15° 30' left of DaTUM HO. from 0.33.a.45.25
2-15 to 2-45 pm.	U.1.a.70.39	25	4.2	H.E. & shrap.
3-30pm to 3-45 pm.	U.4.b. (building)	5	4.2	
7 pm to 9 pm.	U.5.a.& c.	?	77mm	gas.
10-5 pm.	ROSSIGNOL & vicinity	75	gas	
9pm to 3 am	MESSINES & U.1.b.	?	4.2	How. Gas & shrapnel intermittently
10-30	Direction DRANOUTRE	8	5.9	How.

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ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery above normal and widely dispersed.

T.M's active during morning.

T.M's active during night well above normal. *app. 31*

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 10 am. 8 enemy balloons up. 2 lowered at noon. True bearing of balloons:- 67° 71° 74° 79° 84° 87° from U.l.a.70.39.
10 am. 1 plane crossed our lines but was driven off by A.A.fire.
6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION &c. 1pm. to 2 pm. 2 trains arrived at WERVICQ coming from N.E.
1-25 pm. Train observed moving from HOLBRUM to TOURCOING.
7. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. Nil.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility 7 am ,poor owing to heavy mist.
11 am. mist clearing - 12 noon fair, during afternoon very good. 1-30 pm. Thick cloud of smoke rising on left of COMINES. 1-45 pm. Heliograph working 15° left of COMINES CHURCH from 0.33.c.50.45.

Lieut for Adjt.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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20th. March 1918.

Reference sheet WARNETON 1-10,000.

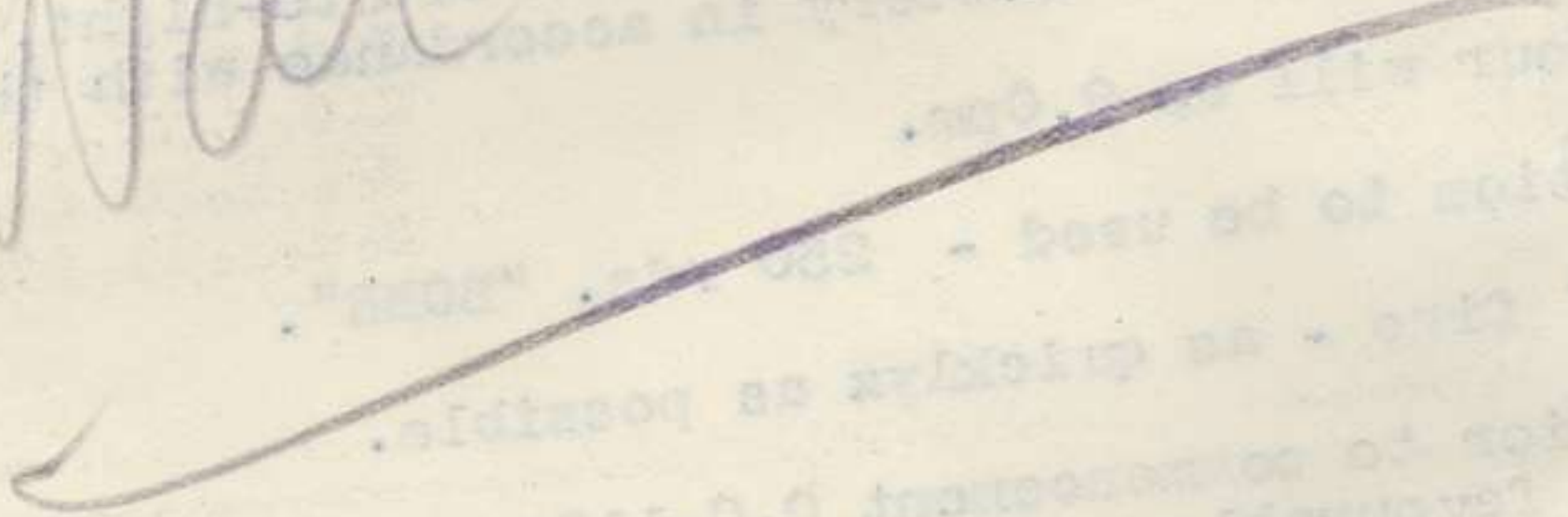
1. A Gas bombardment will be carried out to-night, 20th/21st. March, 1918, by the 113th. (How) battery in accordance with the attached Task Table.
2. ZERO Hour will be 9.0pm.
3. Ammunition to be used - 250 rds. "BCBR".
4. Rate of fire - as quickly as possible.
5. Just prior to commencement O.C. 113th. Battery will ascertain that the Wind is favourable.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

No.1	49th. Bty.	No.2	50th. Bty
3	51st. "	4	113th.
5	File	6	D.A.
7, 8 & 9.	War Diary.	10	Inf. Bde.

[Signature] Lieut & Adjt.,
MESSINES Group Artillery....

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... prior to commencement G.O. 1136 Battery will ascertain that the
... as quickly as possible.
... to be used - 230 ...

... Group ...

... 10 ...

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Battery.

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113th.

Bombard following points :-

- U.6.c.93.70.
- U.6.d.20.80.
- U.6.d.50.45.
- W.6.d.25.30.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 92⁹²

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Reference Sheet WARNETON 1-10,000 ~~and~~ Detailed
 Target Map dated 6/3/18.

1. In anticipation of a suspected enemy relief to-night 20/21st. insts the following task will be carried out by Batteries of this Group.
2. Bursts of fire will be directed on tracks, roads etc., as ordered.
3. Ammunition to be used in the proportion of 25% "A" 75% "AX" & "BX".
4. Bursts of 15 rounds per Battery will be fired at each of the following times:-
 2-15 am., 2-55 am., 3-30 am., 4-10 am., and 4-45 am.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. G. G.
 Lieut for Adj. G.
 MESSINES Group Artillery.

Distribution.

No. 1. 49th Bty.	No. 2. 50th Bty.
3. 51st "	4. 113th "
5. File.	6. D.A.
7, 8 & 9. War Diary	10. Inf Bde.

T A S K T A B L E.

Battery.	Target.
50th Bty. 4 Guns Search Track	0.36.c.60.05 to 0.36.d.95.65 to V.1.a.35.95
" 2 " "	0.36.c.55.10 to 0.36.d.15.60.
51st Bty. Search CINEMA ROAD	from 0.36.b.20.60 to V.31.b.00. 80.
49th " 4 Guns Search CINEMA ROAD	from 0.36.a.15.10 to 0.36.b. 20.60.
" " 2 " "	TRACK 0.35.b.40.65 to 0.30.c.00.00.
113th How. Bty. 1 How. DATUM HO.	0.36.a.3.2
1 " ANGLE FME.	0.36.a.8.7
1 Section ESPERANCE Cabt.	0.36.b.30.50
1 How. ROAD JUNCTION	0.31.a.65.75
1 " "	0.36.d.2.6

INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 19/3/18 to 6 am 20/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of Rounds			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
10am to 11-30 am.	V.13.c.			120	
10-45 am to 12-40pm.	Wire cutting at O.35.d.80.65 approx.	19	121		
11-40 am.	U.12.b.4.9. T.M.			10	
1-19pm to 2-15 pm.	Wire cutting at U.5.d.80.80		55		
3-15pm.	LESPERENCE Cabt. O.36.b. Cross Rds.	7	21		Good.
6-45 pm.	Road O.36.d. & P.31. c. 5		15		"
10-30pm to 10-42pm.	Operation Order No.90.		196		
9 pm to 5-45 am	T.M's	45	135	85	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds & cal.		Remarks.
8-30 am. to 4 pm.	Vicinity of NEUVE EGLISE.	20	? 5.9	gun.
9-30 am to 10 am.	U.9.a. to U.2.d.	100	4.2	Sound bearing 6° left of DATUM HO. from U.3.a. 00.45
10-15 am to 10-20	Front line	10	T.M.	Sound bearing 10° rt. of DATUM HO. from U.3.a. 00.45.
10-15 am to 10-45 am	U.9.a.	75	4.2))	
11am to 11-10 am.	U.9.a.	25	77mm))	Sound bearing
11am to 11-30 am.	U.5.a. & c.	120	4.2)	105° 115°
		60	77mm)	118° 102°
			4.2)	132° (mag)
				from O.33. a.45.25.
12 to 12-30 pm.	O.32.c.	6	5.9	How .
1-5 pm. to 1-14 pm.	Vicinity of NEUVE EGLISE	?	5.9	gun.
1-30 pm.	MESSINES Rd.	15	4.2	
7-50 pm.	U.5.c.	25	4.2	Bty.
8-45 pm.	U.5.c.	25	4.2	"
4 pm to 7 -45 pm.	U.2	50	gas	
6-35 pm.	GAPAARD	20	4.2.	How. from directions of COMINES
10-10 pm.	U.15	18	gas	
5.5 am.	U.9	22	gas.	

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery during morning very active
Gas lightly used but widely dispersed.
T.M's very active during night.
5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 1 balloon up at 7-30 am.
6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION ETC. Nil.
7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility during day impossible owing to rain.

Lieut and Adj. Lt.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 93.

Headquarters,
20th March 1918.

Reference Sheet WARNETON 1-10,000

1. At a time and date to be notified later a raid will be carried out by 30th Battalion on Enemy's front line at approximately U.II.b.85.73
2. The party will consist of 2 Officers and 60 O/R.
3. Lanes will be cut 50 yards each side of roads i.e. at approximately U.II.b.77.67 and U.II.b.77.85 by 50th and 113th Batteries. Our posts opposite these points will be cleared during the wire cutting.
4. The above will be points of entry.
5. Lieut D.A. CAMERON is appointed Liaison Officer and will carry out registration and wire cutting. He will be assisted in this by an Officer from 50th Battery, and will be with the O.C. Raid during the Operation.
6. A lane will also be cut at about U.6.a.30.45 Details for this will be issued separately.
7. Tasks are as shown in attached Task Table.
8. It is anticipated that the raid will last about 20 minutes but fire will not cease until orders are received from this Office. A signal a parachute light RED over GREEN over YELLOW will be fired when the Raiding party are all out. Batteries will report this signal but will not act on it.
9. Light T.M's M.G's., and M.T.M's are co-operating. Heavy artillery and counter battery work has also been arranged.
10. Rates of fire:-

ZERO to ZERO plus 5	4	rnds.	per	gun	per	min.
	3	"	"	how	"	"
ZERO plus 5 to Z plus 15 -	3	"	"	gun	"	"
	3	"	"	how	"	"
ZERO plus 15 to Z plus 20	3	"	"	gun	"	"
	2	"	"	how.	"	"
ZERO plus 20 to cease fire	2	"	"	gun	"	"
	1	"	"	how	"	"
11. Ammunition to be expended 25% "A" 75% "AX"
12. During raid 106 fuzes will not be used.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut & Adj. MESSINES Group Artillery.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1. 49th Bty. No. 2 50th Bty
- 3. 51st " 4. 113th "
- 5. File. 6. D.A.
- 7. Inf Bde. 8. M.T.M.
- 9. 30th Bn. 10 11. Liaison Officers.
- 13. 14 15. War Diary.

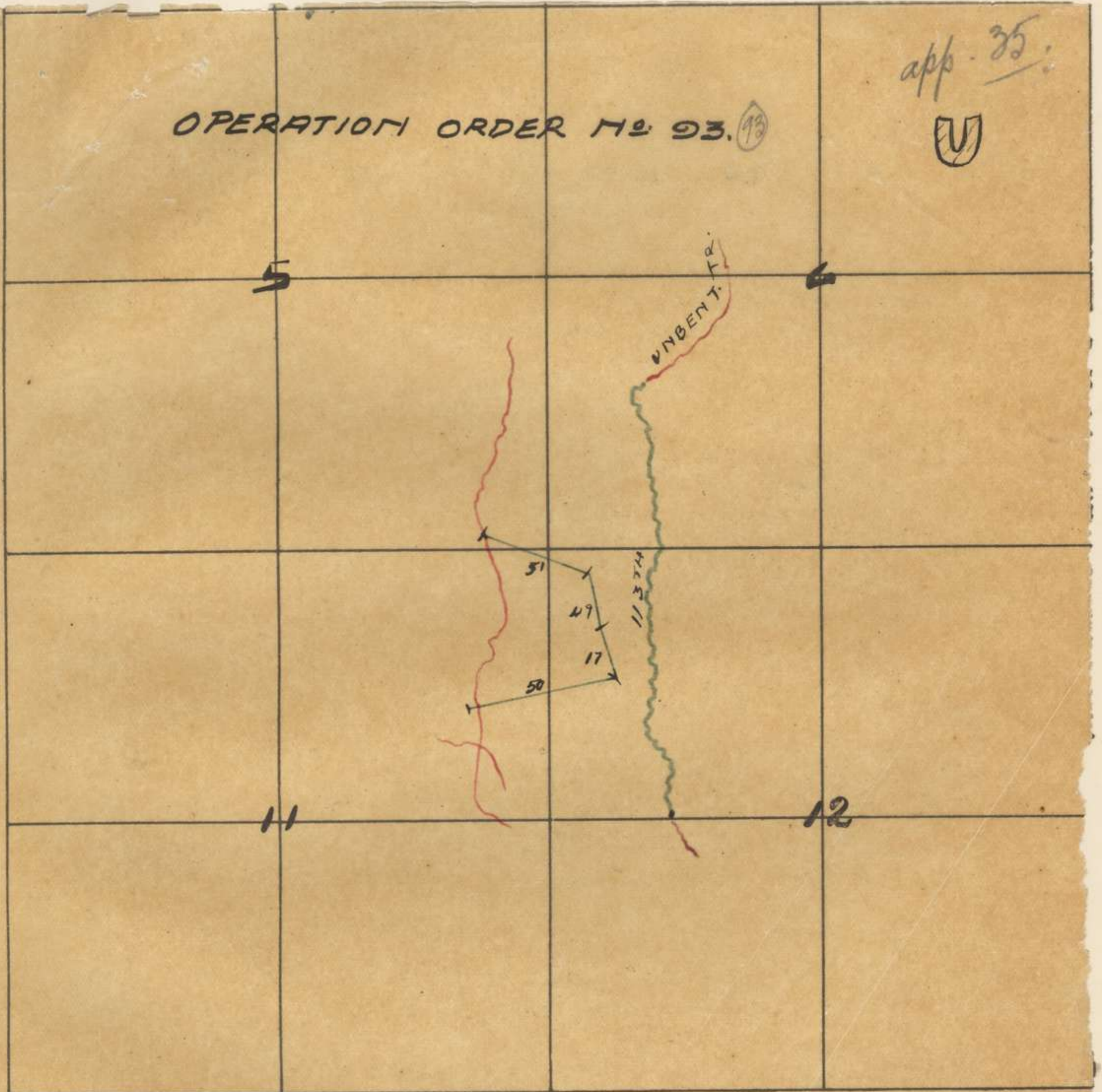
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Battery	Target.
50th Battery	U.11.b.70.40 to U.12.a.25.50
17th "	U.12.a.25.50 to U.12.a.20.70
49th "	U.12.a.20.70 to U.12.a.15.90
51st "	U.12.a.15.90 to U.5.d.75.05
113th "	Sweep UNBENT TRENCH from U.12.a.45.00 to U.6.c.35.60.
106th "	T.M. E,placements
	1 How. on U.12.b.63.92.
	1 " " U.6.c.35.55
	1 " " U.6.c.9.2
	1 " " U.6.b.02.42
	1 " " U.12.b.26.25
	1 " " Pill Boxes at U.6.c.5.5
9th M.T.M. Bty.	1 Mortar on KINGSCLERE
	1 " " KIWI.

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NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have be

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 94. (94)

Headquarters,
20th March 1918.

Reference Sheet WARNETON 1.-10,000.

1. A raid is to be carried out by the 32nd Battalion on Enemy's front line in the vicinity of CINEMA ROAD at a date and time to be notified later.
2. Points of entry will be at O.35.d.80.65 and O.35.d.70.90.
3. Wire cutting will be carried out by the 51st and 113th Batteries at these points.
4. The raiding party will consist of 2 Officers and 60 O/R.
5. Lieut W.F.OSMOND M.C. is detailed as Liaison Officer for this raid and will complete the wire cutting and carry out the registration. He will be assisted by an Officer from the 51st Battery. He will be with the O.C. Raid during the operation.
6. The registration is to be completed as quickly as possible.
7. L.T M's., M.G's., M.T.M's., and Heavy Artillery are co-operating Counter Battery arrangements have also been made.
8. Tasks are as shewn on the Task Table.
9. It is anticipated that the raid will last 30 minutes but fire will not cease until orders are issued from the Headquarters. A Signal consisting of a parachute light RED over GREEN over YELLOW will be fired to indicate that the raiding party are all out. Batteries will report this signal but will not act on it.
10. Ammunition to be expended :- 25% "A" 75% "AX" 106 Fuzes will not be used during the raid.

11. Rates of fire:-

ZERO to Z plus 30 seconds	5 rnds. per gun per min
	4 " " how. " "
ZERO plus 30 seconds to Z plus 5 min.	4 " " gun " "
	3 " " how. " "
ZERO plus 5 to Z plus 15	3 " " gun " "
	3 " " how. " "
ZERO plus 15 to Z plus 30	2 " " gun " "
	2 " " how. " "
ZERO plus 30 to cease fire	1 " " gun " "
	1 " " how. " "

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

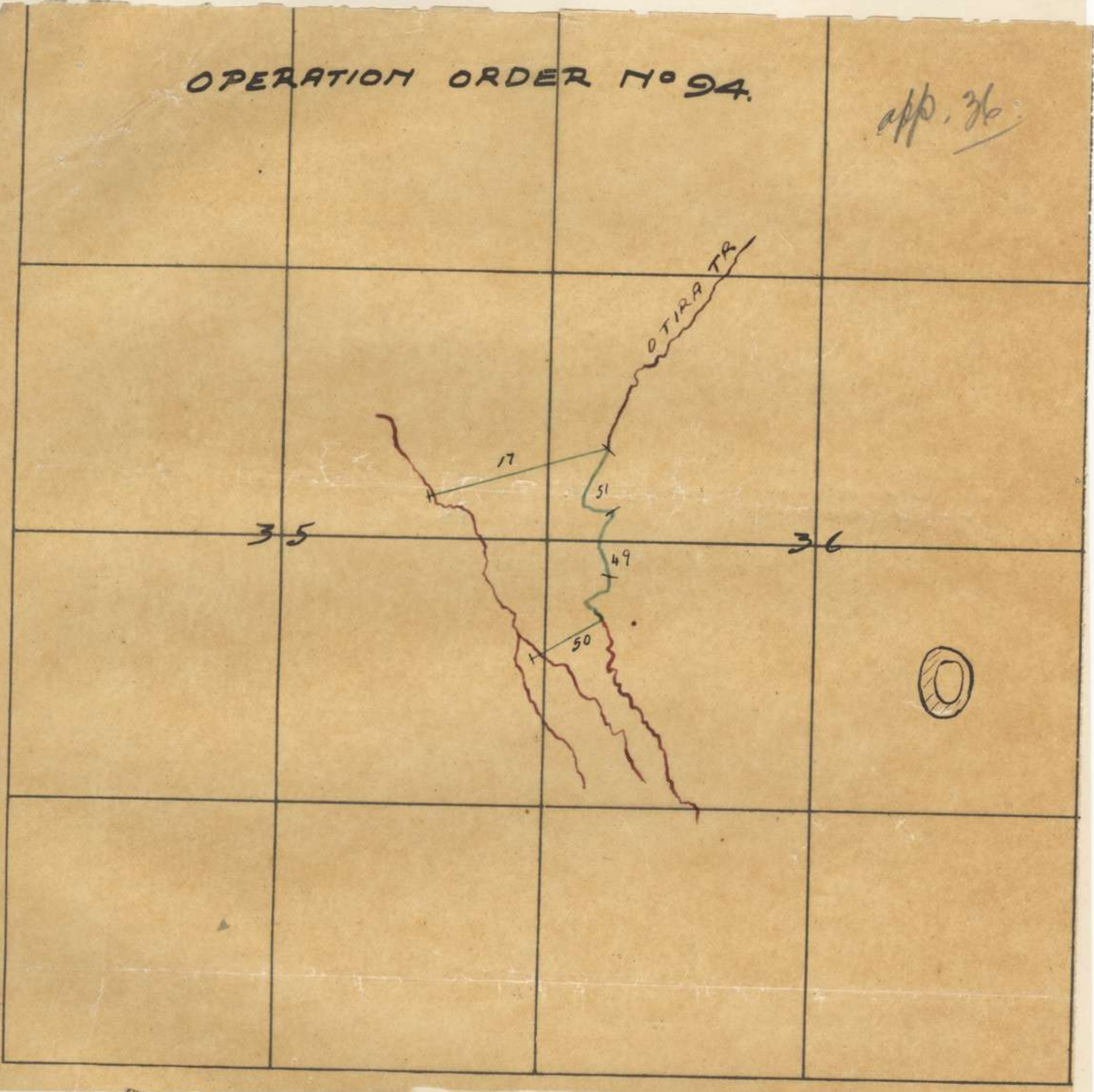
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Battery.		Target.
50th Bty.	3 guns.	0.35.d.95.55 to 0.36.c.20.70
	3 "	0.36.c.20.70 along Support Trench to 0.36.c.25.85
49th "		0.36.c.25.85 along Support Trench to 0.36.a.25.10.
51st "		0.36.a.25.10 along Support Trench to 0.36.a.20.35.
17th "		0.36.a.20.35 to 0.35.b.55.15.
9th M.T.M Bty.		KIWI FME 0.36.c.55 and KINGSCLERE U.6.b.2.3
113th Bty.	1 How.	Sweep Trench from 0.36.c.45.25. to 0.36.c.30.45
	1 "	KIWI FME T.M. Emplacement 0.36.c.6.6
	1 "	T.M. Emplacement 0.36.c.90.75
	1 "	DATUM HO. 0.36.a.3.2
	1 "	COORONG FME 0.36.d.55.90.
	1 "	T.M. 0.36.d.330.50.
106th Bty.	1 How.	T.M. 0.36.a.65.45
	1 Section	OTIRA TRENCH 0.36.a.35.65 to 0.30.c.80.2.5
	1 "	ESPERANCE Cabt. 0.36.b.25.55
	1 How.	ANGLE FME 0.36.a.80.65.

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APPENDIX No. 1 TO MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER, No. 94.

Headquarters,
8th March 1918.

1. Reference TASK TABLE for 113th Battery.
Par "1 How. on MAPS NO. O.36.a.3.2"
and "Search GIRA SUPPORT TRENCH from O.36.b.80.70 to O.36.d.65.95"
2. It is notified for information that the front line between the sides of Box Barrage will be bombarded by 88th Light T.M. Battery for 30 seconds, these mortars will then switch outwards on to enemy front line outside the "Box" and the holding party will enter trench.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

McClellan Lieut and Adj.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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To all Recipients
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AMENDMENT to ADDENDUM No. 1. to MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY
OPERATION ORDER No. 94.

Headquarters,
23rd March 1918.

1. In third line for - "Read Search OTIRA SUPPORT TRENCH from
0.36.b.80.70. to 0.36.d.05.95"

Read - "Search OTIRA SUPPORT TRENCH from 0.36
a.80.70 to 0.36.b.05.95"

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut and Adjt.
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 20/3/18 to 6 am. 21/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rounds			Effect.
		"AX"	"AX"	"BX"	
6 am to 11-30 am	T.M's	12	36	50	Good.
8-45 am to 1-40 pm.	Wire cutting				
12-20 pm.	N.Y.K. 77 Battery V.13. c.28.40	5	127		
2-45 pm.	Calibrations	52		30	
4-15 pm to 4-52pm.	Wire cutting				
2-15 am to 2-45am.	U.5.d.7.1 Operation Order No.92		51		
10pm to 6am.	T.M's	55	168	100	
		34	108	100	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds.	& cal.	Remarks.
6-30 am	U.9.	4	4.2	gas
9-15 am.	U.5.b.	?	77mm)	
			4.2)	
9-30 am	O.32.b.	20	5.9	from direction of WARNETON .
11-30 am to 12 noon	T.12	47	4.2	H.E. shrap & gas
12-30 pm.	U.5.b.	?	4.2	
1 pm to 1-35 pm.	O.32.d.52.20	20	4.2	M.B. 120° from O.31.b. 50.55 from V.13.c.
1 pm.	MESSINES	10	77mm	
12-35pm to 2-5 pm.	T.12	21	4.2	
1-10pm to 2 pm.	O.34.c.FANNY's C.T.	?	4.2	section salvos
2 pm to 3 pm.	MESSINES	?	4.2	Squad bearing 3° left of COMINES CH. from O.33.c.50.45 gas and H.E.
2-5 pm.	U.7.	6	4.2	
2-30pm.	T.12	5	5.9	
3-5 pm.	T.12	26	5.9	
3-5 pm to 3-25 pm.	U.14	52	5.9	
6-20 pm.	U.2.	8	4.2	shrap
8-25 pm.	U.5.c.	?	4.2	H.E. & gas.
8-57 pm.	U.5.c.	?	77mm	do.
10-35 pm.	MESSINES	40	5.9	
12-40 am	U.5.d.	10	5.9	
5-38 am	O.31.b.	?	4.2)	
6 am	MESSINES		4.2)	& gas shells.
			5.9)	

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery activity during day normal.
During the period under review, hostile shelling was light and very widely dispersed. A good percentage of gas shells were fired, but this was not concentrated.
Artillery during night very active.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 8-40 one plane over our lines.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION ETC. Nil.

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility very poor owing to mists and raid during morning.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 95.95 Copy No. 10

Headquarters,
21st March 1918.

WARNETON

Reference 1-10,000 Detailed Target Map dated 6/3/18.

1. In anticipation of Enemy Relief to-night 21st/22nd insts bursts of fire will be made in accordance with the appended Task Table.
2. Ammunition will be expended in the following proportion :-
16-pdr. 25% "A" 75% "AX" - 4.5 How. "BX"
3. Bursts will be fired at the following times:-
9-5 pm., 9-35 pm., 10 pm., 10-15 pm., 10-25 pm., 10-45 pm.
12 rounds to be expended per Battery at each of the above times.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Allen Lieut and Adjt.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

Distribution.

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Copy No. 1. | 49th Bty. | No. 2. | 50th Bty. |
| 3. | 51st " | 4. | 113th " |
| 5. | 17th " | 6. | 108th " |
| 7. | File. | 8. | D.A. |
| 9. | Inf. Bde. | 10.11.12. | War Diary. |

T A S K T A B L E.

Battery.	Target.
50th Bty. -	1 Section Search ROAD from U.12.b.42 to V.1.d.70.45
	1 " " TRACK U.6.d.33 to V.1.d.62
	1 " " AREA V.2.c.48. to V.2.e.30. to V.2.b.67 to V.2.b.65
51st "	2 Sections search TRACES from U.6.d.00.05 to V.7.a.4.8
	1 " " TRACK " U.12.a.75.80 to U.6.d.70.65.
49th "	2 Sections " ROAD and TRACKS from U.6.b.90. to V.7.a.6.9.
	1 " " ROAD from U.6.c.55 to U.12.b.40.25.
113th "	1 Section " ROAD, RAILWAY & DUGOUTS from V.2.c.25.85 to V.2.b.77.
	1 " " JUNCTION of ROADS at V.1.d. 45.30.
	1 How, TRACKS at V.1.e.45.35
	1 " " ROADS " V.1.d.35.75.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am. 21/3/18 to 6 am 22/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.		Target.	No. of rounds			Effect.
Time.			"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
8-45 am.		KIWI PME, U.6.c.55 U.6.c.66 T.M's	10	30		Silenced.
2-5 pm. to 5 am.		T.M's	45	139	138	
9-5 pm to 10-45pm.		Operation Or. No.95.	55	164	75	
2-40 am to 4-15am.		S .O.S.	73	52	55	
2. IDENTIFICATIONS.		Nil.				
3. HOSTILE SHELLING.						
Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds, & cal.				Remarks.
8 am to 9 am.	MESSINES U.1 & C.7	100	4.2)	77mm)	gas, mustard & shrapnel.	
9-15 am to 9-45.	MESSINES RIDGE	100	5.9		from direction of COMINES.	
9-15 am to 10 am.	On whole sector front line	?	T.M's		8" from WERVICQ.	
10-5 am.	BAILLEUL	-			20° left of DATUM HO. from U.3.a.00.45	
10am to 10-45am	0.31.a.	50	4.2		from Bas WARNETON.	
11am to 11-20 am	U.7.d. U.2.c.	25	5.9)	4.2)	medium from direction of COMINES.	
11-25 am to 11-30	GAPAARD	15	T.M's			
11-35 am to 11-45	0.33.a. & b.	10	5.9			
11-50 am.	U.14	6	4.2			
12-25 pm to 12-2pm.	T.6.c. & U.7.d.	30	4.2)	77mm)	14° rt. of DATUM Ho. from 0.33.a. 45.25	
12-35 pm to 12-45	MESSINES RIDGE	?	77mm)			
12-57pm to 1 pm.	U.1. & U.7 & U.8.	70	77mm		Do. gas & H.E. from direction of BAS WARNETON.	
1-5 pm to 1-15 pm	U.3.c. U.2.d.	50	77mm			
1-40 pm to 1-50pm	U.3.c. to U.2.d.	25	77mm			
12-30pm to 1-10 pm	GAPAARD	?	5.9			
1-15 pm to 1-30 pm	U.7.d. & T 12	13	5.9			
8-30 am to 3 pm.	0.31.b.90.45) 0.31.a.55.00)	200	4.2)	77mm)	gas & H.E. 120° T.B. from 0.31.a.55.05	
3-15 pm to 6.4pm.	U.7.a.	18	5.9			
9-10 pm to 10 pm	U.7.a.	(14	4.2	gas		
9-15 pm to 9-45	MESSINES	(120	5.9			
10-15 pm	MESSINES	(60	5.9			
3-10 am to 4-15 am	Front line & Forward areas	(12	4.2			
		?	5.9	t.M's	Concentrated barrage	
			77mm			
			4.2			

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery activity well above normal. Fire widely dispersed and containing big percentage of gas. T.M's active between 7 am and 11 am. 3-10 am barrage opened on our front line and replied to by our guns at 3-40 (fire half rate) This fire ceased at 4-15 am.
5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.
6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.
7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT, Nil.
8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility impossible owing to heavy mist during morning. This mist cleared slightly during afternoon. Observation balloons were up at 4-45 pm on 74° and 104° T.B. from U.l.a. 70.39

Lieut and Adj. Lt.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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18TH AUSTRALIAN
FIELD ARTILLERY
BRIGADE.

No. T13/1/10

Date.....

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Headquarters,
23rd March 1918.

O's C. Batteries,

As the Group has now been reinforced by the 17th and 106th Batteries, General S.O.S. lines will be as follows from 6 pm on the 22nd inst.,

- 17th Battery - U.6.c.2.4 to U.6.c.25.80 to U.6.c.20.98 along front line trench to U.6.a.3.7
- 49th " - From 0.35. d.80.95 along Front line Trench to 0.29.d.30.15.
- 50th " - From U.11.b.95.20 to U.6.c.2.4.
- 51st " - From U.6.a.3.7 along Front line trench to 0.36.c.2.4 to 0.35.d.80.95
- 106th " - 1 How. 0.36.c.20.45
1 " 0.36.a.2.2
1 Sec. 0.36.a.80.65.
1 How. 0.30.c.85.30
1 " 0.36.a.4.7
- 113th " - 1 How. U.12.a.4.7.
1 " U.6.c.4.6.
1 " U.6.a.40.45
1 " 0.36.c.40.05
1 Sec. 0.36.c.5.5

KIWI Fme.

This cancels my T13/1/9. of the 22nd inst.

Miller
Lieut and Adjt.
MESSINES Group Artillery.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 22/3/18 to 6 am 23/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of rnds.			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
7-30 am	0.36.c.66 (T.M)	3	9		
1-30 pm.	0.36.c.66 "			10	
1-15 pm to	Registration				
2-45 pm.	0.36.a.30,20	37	44		
3-20 pm to	Registration for				
3-45 pm.	Op. Order No.94	60	12	107	
3-5 pm to 3-40	Calibration	47			
4-15 pm to					
6 am	T.M's	46	135	91	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE SHELLING

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds. & cal.	Remarks.
10-15 am	Back Areas	4	5.9 from about Q 14.a 8"
12-30 am.	U.7.	10	4.2 M.B. 115° from
12-52 pm.	U.7.a.	12.	4.2
1.5 pm.	U.5.b.	40	4.2
1-10 pm.	U.3.a.	1	4.2
1-20 pm to			
1-40 pm.	POLLARD SUPPORTSU.5.	25	77mm 4.2
2-5 pm.	U.7.	6	4.2
3-30 pm to	POLLARD SUPPORTS U.5		4.2)
5-15 pm.	& GAPPARD 0.35	60	77mm)
7-50 pm to	MESSINES ROAD &		
8-30 pm.	HUNS WALK	20	4.2
8-25 pm.	HUNS WALK	12	77mm
8-45 pm to			
9 pm	0.33.c. & U.7.	42	77mm
10 pm.	HUNS WALK	30	4.2 How.
11pm.	0.33.c.	20	4.2
12-30 pm,	STEIGNAST	3	5.9
12-18 pm.	U.7 & U.8	10	5.9

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. From 6 am to 3 pm. Artillery below normal.
3 pm. to 6 am. Artillery still normal.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION ETC. 4-55 pm. Train passing South behind

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WERVICQ. 5-5 pm Train passing North in rear of WERVICQ .
 5-15 pm. Dump on fire 15° left of COMINES CH. from 0.33.c.
 50.45 burning for 30 minutes. 5-30 pm. Smoke screen from
 COMINES CH. to 18° left of COMINES CH. from 0.33.c.50.45
 lying very low.
 14° left of COMINES CH. from 0.33.c.50.45 Dump exploded by
 our Heavies.

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility at 8 am, bad., noon improving. 3 pm good.
 Enemy A.A. Gun very active firing at our Observation planes.
 Hostile observation balloons were observed at the following
 times 11-40 am on T.B.'s of 71° and 74°
 8-30 pm. Heavy fog fell obscuring observation - 6-55 enemy
 balloon broke loose and drifted in S.E. direction.

Lieut and Adjt.
 MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

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13th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 14.

Headquarters,
24th March 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will be withdrawn from the line between the 24th and 26th March 1918, and will move into the Corps Reserve. Programme for the withdrawal of the Artillery will be issued later.
2. This Brigade Headquarters will be relieved by 6th Army Brigade Headquarters on the 24th inst., It is anticipated that the withdrawal of Batteries of the Brigade will take place on the 26th inst., Guns will be withdrawn from ~~various~~ positions. All preparations should be made to move at short notice.
3. The 49th and 51st Batteries will exchange positions with the 17th and 18th Batteries respectively. Locations will be as follows, -
 49th Battery - U.1.d.38.39
 51st " - M.25.b.69.10.
 Guns exchanged "in situ".
 Attention is directed to G.H.Q. circular No.2 dated 14th January 1917. Guns with air recuperators will be taken over with all necessary stores. Moves will be completed by 3 am on the 25th inst.
4. Defence Schemes, ^{aerial} photographs, and 1-10,000 and 1-20,000 Maps will be handed and taken over.
5. The 49th., 50th., and 113th Batteries when withdrawing from the line will return to the ~~MESSINES GROUP H.Q.~~ all maps of scales 1-10,000 and 1-20,000, aerial photographs, Defence Schemes and Map boards on the positions which are being vacated.
6. On completion of the exchange (para.3) 51st Battery will come under tactical command of C.O. HOLLIBROOK GROUP.
7. Anti-Tank Section will be relieved as follows:-
 1 Gun by personnel from 17th Battery
 1 " " 18th
 This personnel will on relief rejoin their Batteries.
 Lieut MAHON will obtain receipt for Gun and stores and ammunition handed over, and forward to this office.
8. Batteries when being withdrawn will obtain receipts for ammunition left in positions and forward copies to this Office.
- 8a. The 17th Battery will relieve 49th Battery Mobile Section at advanced Wagon Lines, details to be arranged by B.C's. On relief the vehicles, Horses and personnel will return to Wagon Lines.
 Reports of relief to be made to this office on completion.

McCuller Lieut & Adj. 13th Aust F.A.B.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 6 am 23//3/18 to 6 am 24/3/18.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

1. OPERATIONS.

Time.	Target.	No. of Rounds.			Effect.
		"A"	"AX"	"BX"	
6 am to 6-10 am	SCHEME "X"	74	229	124	Very good. Silenced.
6-35 am	U.12.b.4.9 (TB)	3	9		
3-15 pm.	Registration	30	55	120	
4-6 pm	P.31.b.9.7				
	Movement		38		
3 pm. to midnight	T.M's	38	138	80	

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil

3. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Time.	Map location.	No. of rnds. & cal.		Remarks.
6-55 am to 7-45 am	U.9.d.	20	4.2 gas	
		50	H.E.	
8-45 am to 8-50 am	U.3.d.	10	4.2	from direction of BAS WARNETON.
9-30 am to 9-35 am	U.4.b.	10	4.2)	Flash M.B. 100° from O.33.a.45. 25
10-15 am to 10-50 am.	U.4.b.	15	4.2)	
10-55 am to 11-8.	U.3.a.	15	4.2)	
11 am.	Back Areas	5	4.2	do.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very noticable decrease in Hostile Artillery activity during the period under review. Shelling was of a harrassing nature and very widely dispersed. Artillery activity during night below normal. T.M's active from 6 pm to misnight.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 6 am to 3 pm ~~Visibility very low owing to heavy mist~~ Nil.

6. MOVEMENT ORGANISATION etc.

7. ARMS and EQUIPMENT. Nil.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. From 6 am to 3 pm. Visibility very low owing to heavy mist. 8 am Enemy balloon up on true bearing of 74° from U.1.a 70.39.

Lieut and Adj. MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

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TAKEN on STRENGTH.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

MEN proceeding on LEAVE.

MEN returning from leave.

Date	Men.	Horses.	Mules.	Date.	Men.	Horses	Mules.
March 1st.	2			March 1st	1	1	4
2nd.	1			2nd			-
3rd	2			3rd	1 kld.		12
4th	-			4th	1		4
5th	1			5th	5		5
6th	-			6th	-		-
7th	-			7th	7	1	8
8th	8			8th		2	1
9th	2			9th			5
10th				10th	3		2
11th				11th	3		19
12th				12th	4		12
13th	6			13th	2		8
14th	12	63		14th	2		11
15th	3			15th	1		-
16th	1			16th	3		1
17th	3			17th	1		12
18th	4			18th	6		3
19th				19th	2		1
20th	19			20th	3		6
21st				21st	(1 gassed 1 1 wounded)		2
22nd.	15			22nd.	7	2 wd. 2 kld.	1
23rd				23rd	4		3
24th				24th	1	1	-
25th				25th	2		1
26 ^{1/2}	1			26 ^{1/2}	1		-
27 ^{1/2}	6			27 ^{1/2}	4		-
28 ^{1/2}	1			28 ^{1/2}	-		-
29 ^{1/2}	2			29 ^{1/2}	-		-
30 ^{1/2}	4			30	1		-
31 ^{1/2}	-			31 ^{1/2}	1		-

Brigade Strength on 31-3-18 :-
 officers 30. O/R 849 Horses 475 Mules 154

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Lt. Col. Commanding 18th. F.A. Bde. 5th Aust. Div.

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18th AUST. F. A. BRIGADE.

AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE.

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Date.	"A"	"AX"	"BX"	"BCBR"	"BS"	"VX"	Total for day.
1918.							
March 1st.	132	434	76	18	26		686
2nd	924	1064	328		8		2324
3rd	152	406	95				653
4th	786	1833	409				3028
5th	735	1052	539				2326
6th	164	579	216				959
7th	72	213	80				365
8th	110	433	368				911
9th	238	798	353				1389
10th	129	529	123				781
11th	221	421	230				872
12th	535	1682	476				2693
13th	311	583	211				1105
14th	1038	1909	283				3230
15th	141	429	858				1428
16th	282	898	291				1471
17th	154	448	201				803
18th	88	316	200				604
19th	77	209	195				481
20th	277	362	215			20	874
21st	163	503	270				936
22nd	173	385	268				826
23rd	242	385	332				959
24th	43	190	80				313

W. G. H. H. H.
 Commanding 13th F. A. Bde. 5th Aust. Div. Lt. Col.

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