

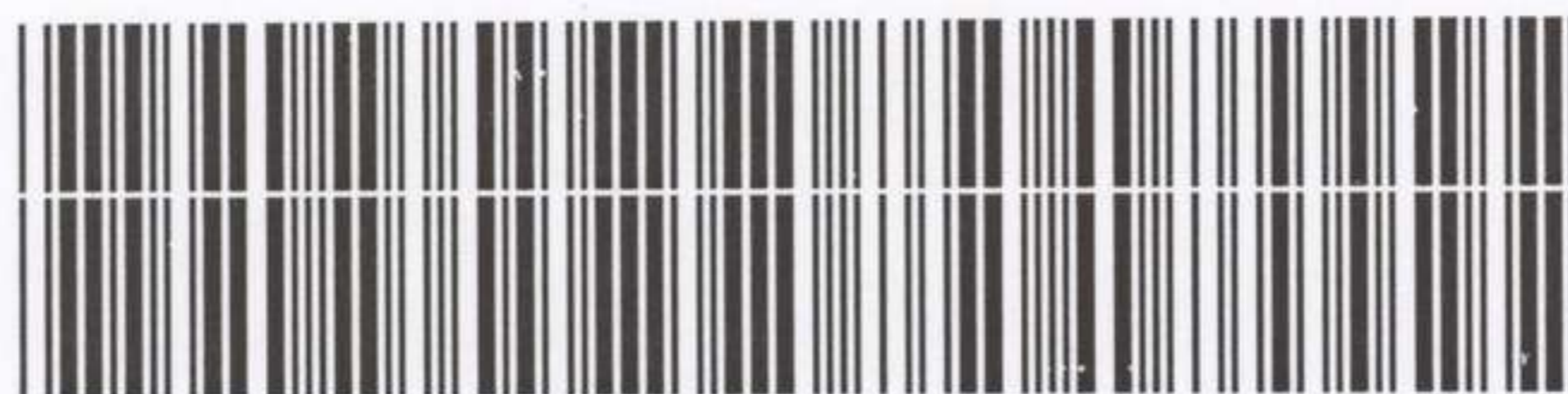
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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	1917. March 5th		2nd Lieut L H Reynolds 29th Battery detached 2nd Army Sig School. 2nd Lieuts. Griffith Galt Brake Reynolds Clarke Inglis Anderson Lipp Miller and Richardson promoted 1st Lieuts.	
		6	O.O. No 30 Carried out - copy attached.	
		11	Lieut. G.D.Edwards detached 2nd Army Art School.	
		12	O.O. No 34 carried out - copy attached.	
		16	Lieut. D.F.C.Coles transferred from Bde H.Q. to 31st Battery and Lieut. R.J.G.Lipp from 31st Battery to 31st 108th Battery. Lieut C. Galt detached to Gas School.	
		19	O.O. No 1. - Covering sheet for TMS carried out - Copy attached.	
	24/25		8th R.A. Bde. relieved by the 175th Bde R F A and withdrew.to Tilques Training Area - to Esquerdes & thence to Lombres.	
<p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month & filed with volume for that month).</p>				
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LEFT GROUP

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OPERATION ORDER No.30.

BY
Lieut. Col. W.G. ALLSOP, Commanding Left Group Artillery.

Reference Map
HOUPLINES, Edition 7.1/10,000.

6th. March, 1917.

1. The H.T.M. Battery will fire on two new Concrete Dug-outs in the enemy's Front Line on 7.3.1917.
POSITION OF DUG-OUTS:- (1). G.29.c.94.35.
(2). G.29.c.86.44.
2. This Operation will be covered by fire from the Left Group Arty.
3. TIME: Covering fire will commence at 2 p.m. and will continue till 2.30 p.m., 7.3.1917.

4. COVERING FIRE will be provided as per TASK TABLE below:-

Batty.	TIME.	TASKS.	ROUNDS.	REMARKS
29th.	2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	2 Guns. Enemy Enfilade FLP. G.29.c.40.92 to G.29.c.65.59. 4 Guns. F.L.F. G.29.c.65.59. to G.29.d.00.29.	100	50% 'A', 50% 'AX' Number of rounds allotted to be spread over period of Operation.
108th. (How).	do.	1 Gun. Support Trench. G.29.c.85.70. to G.29.c.78.98. 1 Gun. Vicinity of G.29.c.98.52. 1 Gun. G.23.d.40.88. 1 Gun. G.23.d.87.14.	20 10 20 20	M.W. Emplacement.

5. Watches will be synchronised by the Adjutant at 12 noon.
6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 7 p.m.

W.G. Allsop
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Left Group Artillery.

- Copy No.1. File.
2. D.A.H.Q.
 3. 9th. Inf. Bde.
 4. 29th. Bty.
 5. 30th. "
 6. S/175 "
 7. 108th. "
 8. Centre Group.
 9. D.T.M.O.
 10. H.T.M. Bty.
 11. War Diary.

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A/C/G 8

To

Brigade Major,

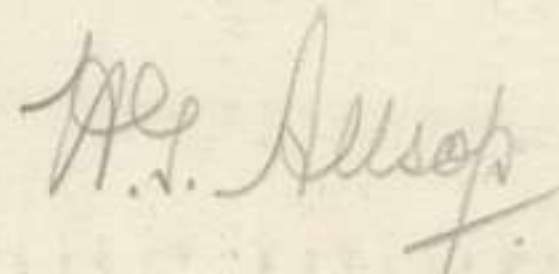
9th. Infantry Brigade.

Attached please find my O.O. No. 31 from which it will be noted that A/175, 18-Pdr. Battery (at present covering a portion of Left Group Sector) and 1 Section D/175 How. Bty. go out of this Sector to-morrow night the 8th. instant.

Will you therefore please notify the Battalion and Company Commanders concerned that the Group Sector will be covered from 5 p.m. to-morrow night 8-3-17, by the 29th. and 30th. Batteries as per para 12 of the abovementioned O.O., also that their telephone calls are respectively :-

29th. Battery G. O. 13

30th. Battery G. O. 15.



Lieut. Colonel,

Commanding Left Group Arty.

7-3-1917.

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LEFT GROUP

APPENDIX

Copy No.

OPERATION ORDER No.31.

BY

Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Left Group Artillery

Reference Map,
HOUPLINES, 36 N.W.2) Edition 7 A.
 N.E.1) parts of.

BOIS GRENIER.
 36 N.W.4. Edition 6 D.

7th. March, 1917.

INFORMATION. 1. From March 8th., for a limited period -
 3 6" Howitzer Batteries,
 4 60-Pounder Batteries.
 4 4.7" Guns.

have been placed
 at the disposal of the 2nd. Anzac Corps Heavy Artillery;
 and 2 4-Gun 18-Pdr. and 1 4-Gun Howitzer Batteries from
 New Zealand Army Artillery Brigade have been placed at
 the disposal of the 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery
 for Special Operations which will commence on
 'U' day, and terminate on 'Z' day plus 1 day.

INTENTION. 2. The 3rd. Australian Division will carry out a Battalion
 Raid on enemy's Front and Support Trenches for about
 800 yards north from Armentieres - Lille Railway, (Square
 I.5.c. and d., and I.11.a.) on a day to be known as 'Z'
 day, and at an hour to be known as 'zero hour'.
 These will be notified to all concerned.

DIVERSION. 3. In conjunction with the Artillery Operations covering
 the Raid, Heavy Artillery at Zero hour will engage
 enemy Salient in G.29.a. and c.
 Diversions with smoke and gas may also be made on and
 prior to 'Z' day.

PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT. 4. The G.O.C. Heavy Artillery is arranging counter-battery
 shoots for 7 days, as far as possible selecting Targets
 in the following order of importance:

Counter- Battery Work.

- (a) - 5.9" Batteries.
 (b) - Batteries bearing on our line, in the
 neighbourhood of I.5. & 11. I.21. & 26.
 (c) - For Batteries forming good Targets.

Action of Divisional Artillery.

The following shoots will be completed by the night of
 the 13th./14th. instant :-

OBJECTIVE: 'A' - F.L. I.11.a.55.30. - I.5.d.25.55.
 " 'B' - S.L. I.11.a.8.2. - I.5.d.5.6.
 " 'C' - F.L. L.26.b.75.15 - I.21.c.5.1.
 " 'D' - S.L. I.26.b.9.1. - I.27.a.55.95.
 " 'F' - Strong Point - I.5.b.45.85.
 " 'G' - " " - I.6.a.60.00.
 " 'J' C.T. I.27.b.60.55. - I.21.d.30.00.
 " 'K' T.M.s. I.21.d.35.45.
 " 'L' " (I.27.b.15.35.
 (I.27.b.30.40.

These Objectives will be engaged as follows:

Battery.	Objective.	Date.	No. of Rds.
107th.	'A'	8th. March.	100.
"	'A'	9th. "	100.
"	'F'	9th. "	100.
"	'G'	9th. "	100.
D/3.	'D'	8th. "	150.
"	'C'	9th. "	150.

Left Group O.O. No.31 Cont'd. (2)

PRELIMINARY
BOMBARDMENT.

4. -----

Battery.	Objective.	Date.	No. of Rds.
D/3.	'J'	8th.-9th.March.	200.
"	'K'	do.	50.
"	'L'	do.	50.
108th.	'B'	8th. March.	100.
"	'B'	9th. March.	100.

Action of Heavy Artillery.

6" Hows. will engage 'A' and 'B' on 10th. and 11th. inst. with 1000 rounds.

6" Hows will engage 'C' and 'D' on 10th. and 13th. inst. with 600 rounds.

Additional Bombardment.

The following additional bombardments will be carried out by the Divisional Artillery should the weather be unfavourable for counter-battery work.:-

Orders will be issued separately.

4.5" Hows. - Houses. I.17.c.35.10. - I.17.c.45.25.
I.22.b.60.20. - I.22.b.85.55.
100 rounds per Objective.

" - Trench. C.11.c.30.10. - C.17.a.65.82. -
100 rounds.

WIRE-CUTTING. 5. D.T.M.O. will arrange to cut wire at the following places, commencing on the 8th. instant, and completing by the night of the 13th./14th. instant:

I.11.a.55.65.)
I.5.c.64.00..) Clear Gaps to be cut.
I.5.c.70.15..)
I.5.c.91.36..)

I.5.c.91.36.- I.5.d.09.52. Wire to be destroyed.
I.11.a.72.36. do.

This wire cutting will be carried out in co-operation with the 11th. Infantry Brigade carrying out the Raid. Infantry Officers taking part in the Raid have been asked to be present on all occasions when wire is being cut, to ensure the Gaps being cut where required.

DIVISIONAL
ARTILLERY.

6. The following re-arrangement of Divisional Artillery will take place for the Operation:

4.5" Hows. 107th. Bty. 1 Section at present with D/3 will rejoin 107th. Battery.

D/175. Bty. 1 Section at present with 108th. Bty. will rejoin the remaining Section of D/175 at I.8.a.40.45.

1 N.Z. How. will go into action at I.1.d.60.35. Bty. and will be attached to Right Group.

18 Pounders.

A/175. Bty. will move into position as follows:
4 Guns.- C.27.a.60.80.
2 Guns.- C.27.c.10.90.

and will be attached to Left Group.
B/175. Bty. will go into action at I.8.b.40.10. and will be attached to Right Group.

31st. Bty. will go into action at I.2.a.8.3. and will be attached to Left Group.

A/N.Z. Bty. will go into action at I.9.a.60.95. and will be attached to Centre Group

B/N.Z. Bty. will go into action at I.1.b.75.06. and will be attached to Right Group.

- MOVES. 38 7. In accordance with para 6, above moves will take place into new positions on the dates and the times as specified below:
- D/175.- 1 Section at present with 108th. Battery will re-join remaining Section of D/175 Battery at I.8.a.40.45. on the night of the 8th/9th. inst.
- A/175.- will move into position as follows:
4 Guns - C.27.a.60.80.
2 Guns - C.27.c.10.90.
on the night of 8th./9th. instant, and will be attached to Left Group.
- 31st. will move into position at I.2.a.80.30. and will be attached to Left Group, date and time of move to be notified later.

All moves will be carried out a Section at a time, and Groups concerned will be informed on departure and arrival of each Section by the following code message:

On departure - 'Forage despatched at --- p.m.'
On arrival - 'Forage arrived at --- p.m.'

REGISTRATION.

8. To be completed by midnight 12th./13th. instant.

AMMUNITION. 9. The following special allotment of ammunition is made to this Divisional Artillery:

15,000 rounds 18 Pdr.
6,000 " 4.5" How.

Detail of allotment to Batteries will be notified later.

LIAISON. 10. Arrangements will be notified later.

REPORTS. 11. Reports will be rendered to Left Group Headquarters.

DEFENCE OF THE LINE (Left Group) 12. From 5 p.m. on the night of the 8th, instant the 29th. and 30th. Batteries will be responsible for the under-mentioned Sector of the Line:

29th. Battery From I.5.b.20.80. - C.23.c.80.70.
30th. " " C.23.c.80.70.- To River Lys.

Night Lines. Night Lines will be as follows:-

29th. Battery - 1. C.29.c.70.50.
2. C.29.c.40.90.
3. C.29.a.35.10.
4. C.29.a.60.40.
5. C.29.a.80.90.
6. C.23.c.90.40.

30th. Battery - 1. C.23.d.05.90.
2. C.23.b.10.45.
3. C.17.d.00.10.
4. C.17.c.85.55.
5. C.17.a.50.15.
6. C.17.a.30.50.

(2)- O.C. 30th. Battery will arrange that PAEKAKARIKI is manned during the hours of daylight by an Officer of the 30th. Battery from the time A/175 Battery moves out from its present position.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF MATCHES. 13. Arrangements to be notified later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9 a.m.

H. H. H. H.
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Left Group Artillery

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B.H./S/87/4.

To
GROUPS.

Reference Tasks of the batteries for the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Raid.

The following suggestions are forwarded :

1. Special care will be taken that aiming posts are placed out on the Zero Line of the gun for the Preliminary Bombardment, and that all switches for the operation are made from these aiming posts, i.e. the aiming posts at present in use are not to be used for this operation, and great care must be exercised that there is no possibility of the gun-layer mistaking the aiming posts on which he is supposed to be laying.
2. All switches and small changes of deflection in the "rolls" are to be made on the sight and the gun traversed from the hand spike, the gun always being at Zero, traverse, and hand-spike being used. This should be possible, as in nearly all pits the trail is not embedded in the ground, and can be moved easily. As the rate of fire is only 2 rounds per gun per minute this should give ample time for the gun to be laid by traversing the trail.
3. All guns must have a chart in the gun-pit, and each Section Commander & No.1. must know at what angle from the aiming posts the guns should be laid, at any minute of the operation. This must be constantly checked by the Section Commander in charge of the guns, and should any gun be found off the line it must be immediately put out of action, until being put on it's correct line by the Section Commander.
4. Platforms are most important, and any side-skidding of the gun may cause loss to our Infantry.
It must be impressed on all ranks that Infantry mopping-up parties are going to be left behind the guns in the whole area to be raided, and any gun shooting off the line will be killing our own Infantry.
5. The operation must be carried out at drill before "Z" Day on every possible occasion, and every Officer, No.1, and man in the detachment must be made to know his job, and to realise his responsibilities.
6. Switches of less than 30 minutes in the "roll" should not be used.

W. J. Richards

Major R.A.

B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

Headquarters,
9.3.1917.

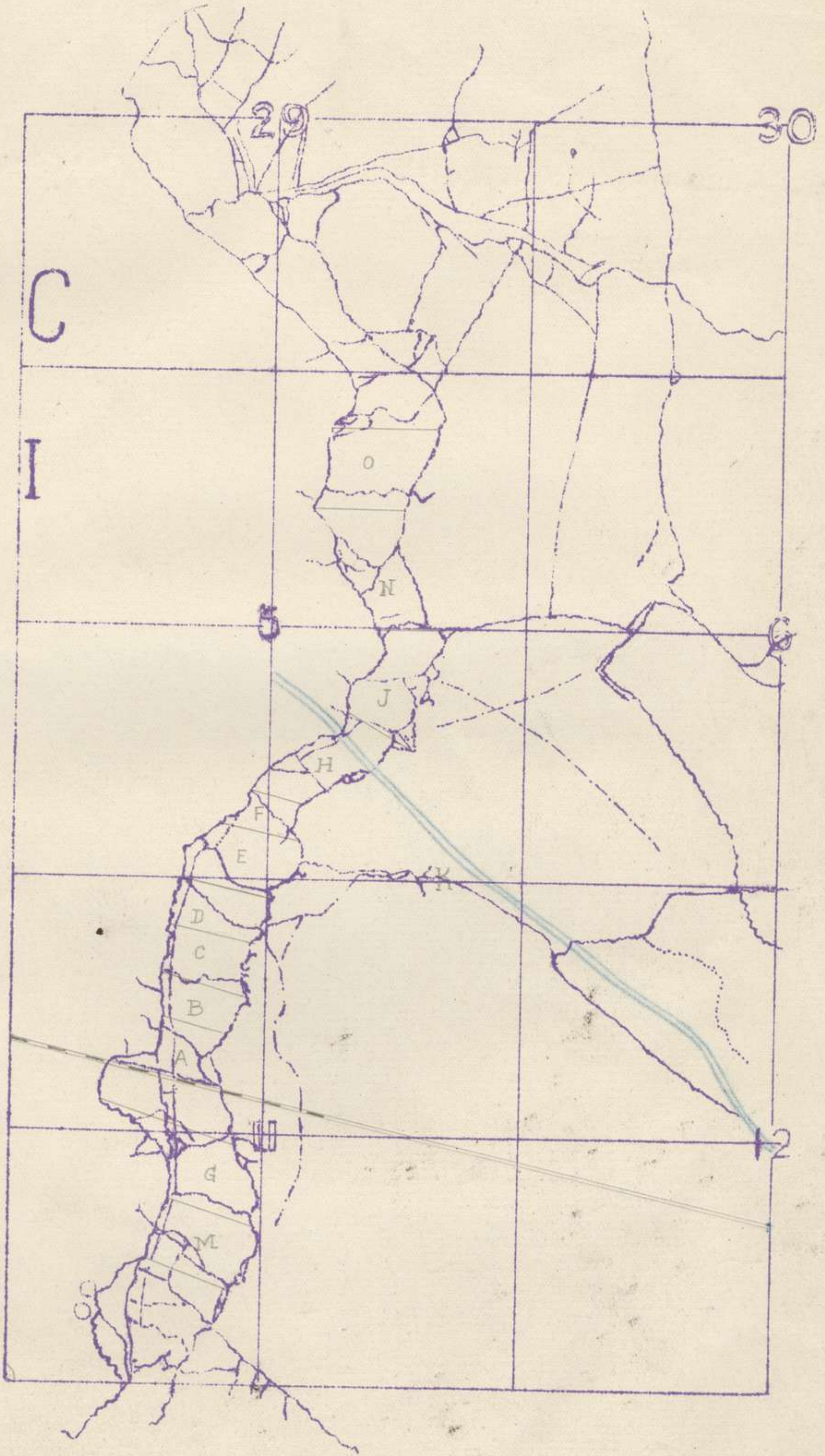
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 & P.W.1. (Parts of)
 { BOIS GRANGER, Edition 6 D 36.M.W.4.

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DESIGNATIONS OF RECTANGLES, AND CO-ORDINATES ARE AS FOLLOWS :

- "A" - I.11.a.40.28. - I.11.a.85.19. - I.11.a.85.39. - I.11.a.60.44.
- "B" - I.11.a.60.44. - I.11.a.85.39. - I.11.a.92.54. - I.11.a.57.64.
- "C" - I.11.a.57.64. - I.11.a.92.54. - I.11.a.95.75. - I.11.a.60.85.
- "D" - I.11.a.60.85. - I.11.a.95.75. - I.11.b.00.94. - I.5.c.66.00.
- "E" - I.5.c.66.00. - I.11.b.00.94. - I.5.d.12.15. - I.5.c.81.21.
- F "F" - I.5.c.81.21. - I.5.d.12.15. - I.5.d.14.30. - I.5.c.94.35.
- "G" - I.5.c.94.35. - I.5.d.14.30. - I.5.d.56.51. - I.5.d.30.70.
- "H" - I.5.d.30.70. - I.5.d.56.51. - I.5.b.66.00. - I.5.b.41.00.
- "I" - I.5.b.41.00. - I.5.b.66.00. - I.5.b.51.45. - I.5.b.15.46.
- ? "J" - I.5.b.15.46. - I.5.b.51.45. - I.5.b.64.79. - I.5.b.23.80. ?
- "K" - I.11.c.⁶²52.74. - I.11.c.98.64. - I.11.c.88.96. - I.11.a.36.13.
- "L" - I.11.c.52.50. - I.11.c.86.38. - I.11.c.98.64. - I.11.c.62.74.
- "M" - Communication Trench - I.5.d.36.02. to I.5.d.70.00.
- "N" -

THE ABOVE ARE ALL LISTED IN THE PLAN ATTACHED.

APPENDIX

Zero to plus 2. Preliminary bombardment :

12 guns	(6 A/175, 6 26th)	barrage F.S. S.L.	in "A" Rectangle.
8 "	(4 A/N.Z. 4 B/N.Z)	" "	" "B" "
6 "	25th. Battery	" "	" "C" "
6 "	B/175	" "	" "D" "
6 "	31st.	" "	" "E" "
6 "	27th.	" "	" "G" "
6 "	29th.	" "	" "N" "
6 "	30th.	" "	" "O" "

A/175 Bty. will engage North half of rectangle.
 26th. " " " South " " "
 A/N.Z. " " " North " " "
 B/N.Z. " " " South " " "

Rate of fire - 4 rounds per gun per minute.

PLUS 2. - Infantry enter.

PHASE II. - 18 Pdrs.

After plus 2 No fire on "A" & "B" Rectangles.

Plus 2 to plus 13	6 guns A/175)	Switch to "C" Rectangle.
	6 " 26th.)	
	4 " A/N.Z.)	Switch to "D" Rectangle.
	4 " B/N.Z.)	

A/175 Bty. will engage North half of rectangle.
 26th. " " " South " " "
 A/N.Z. " " " North " " "
 B/N.Z. " " " South " " "

Rate of fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

PHASE III. - 18 Pdrs.

Plus 13	6 guns A/175	Switch to "M" Rectangle.
Plus 13 to plus 20	6 " 25th.)	Roll up to "D" "
	6 " 26th.)	

After plus 20 No fire on "C" Rectangle.

Rate of fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

PHASE IV. - 18 Pdrs.

Plus 20	6 guns 26th	Switch to "F" Rectangle.
	4 " B/N.Z.	Engage C.S. "K".
plus 20 to plus 30	4 " A/N.Z.)	Roll up to "B" Rectangle.
	6 " 25th.)	
	6 " B/175.)	

After plus 30 No fire on "D" Rectangle.

Rate of fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

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PHASE V. - 18 Pdrs.

Plus 30 4 guns A/W.Z. Switch to "H" Rectangle.^E
 6 " B/175. Barrage I.l.l.b. 300 yds.^E of German S.F.

Plus 30 to 6 " 25th.)
 plus 45 6 " 31st.) Roll up to "I" Rectangle.^F

After Plus 45 No fire on "E" Rectangle.^E
 Rate of fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

PHASE VI. - 18 Pdrs.

Plus 45 6 guns 25th. Switch to "J" Rectangle.

Plus 45 to 6 " 31st.)
 plus 55. 6 " 26th.) Roll up to "H" Rectangle.^F

After Plus 55 No fire on "J" Rectangle.^F
 Rate of fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

PHASE VII. - 18 Pdrs.

Plus 55 6 guns 25th. Switch to "N" Rectangle.
 6 " 31st. " " "J" "

Plus 55 to 4 " A/W.Z.)
 plus 65. 6 " 26th.) Roll up to "J" Rectangle.

After Plus 65 No fire on "H" Rectangle.
 Rate of fire - 2 rounds per gun per minute.

PHASE VIII. - 18 Pdrs.

Plus 65 to AS IN PHASE VII. at Plus 65.
 plus 85.

- Note :
1. Half the guns of a battery will be distributed along the Front Line, and half along the Support Line of each Rectangle throughout the operation.
 2. Where batteries or guns are not mentioned in a Phase, they remain as in the preceding Phase.
 3. Rate of Roll - to be even throughout.

APPENDIX

4.5" HOWITZERS.PHASE I.

Zero to plus 2.

D/175. Bty. bombard points	-	I.11.a.60.08.	I.11.a.83.19.
		I.11.c.65.93.	I.11.c.63.90.
107th. Bty.	" "	- I.11.a.98.80.	I.11.b.00.95.
		I.5.d.39.03.	I.5.d.55.03.
		I.5.d.35.41. (2 guns)	
D/N.Z. Bty.	" "	- I.11.a.76.30.	I.11.a.85.38.
		I.11.a.91.50.	I.11.a.91.58.
108th. Bty.	" "	- I.5.c.66.10.	I.5.c.69.14.
		I.5.c.85.35.	I.5.c.93.46.

Rate of fire - 3 rounds per How. per minute.

PHASE II.

Zero plus 2 to plus 15.

D/175. Bty. bombard points	-	I.11.c.83.98.	I.11.c.72.95.
		I.11.c.63.90.	I.11.a.60.08.
107th. Bty.	" "	- I.5.d.39.03.	I.5.d.55.03.
	" S.L.	- I.5.d.10.20.	to I.5.d.40.43.
D/N.Z. Bty.	" points	- I.11.b.30.95.	I.5.d.12.07.
		I.5.d.30.57.	I.5.d.31.78.

108th. Bty. AS IN PHASE I.

Rate of fire - 2 rounds per How. per minute.

PHASE III.

Zero plus 15 to plus 75.

D/175. Bty. bombard points	-	I.11.a.60.08.	I.11.c.63.90.
		I.11.c.83.92.	I.11.c.94.86.
107th. Bty.	" "	- I.5.d.45.96.	I.5.b.60.01.
	Search C.T.	- I.5.d.57.02.	to I.12.a.11.71.
D/N.Z. Bty. bombard points	-	I.5.d.55.76.	I.5.d.60.82.
		I.5.b.66.00.	I.6.a.09.05.
108th. Bty.	" "	- I.5.b.30.22. (2 guns)	
		I.5.b.15.50.	I.5.b.20.55.

Rate of fire - 1 round per How. per minute.

Targets to be engaged are as follows :

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Zero to
Zero plus
75. | Target 1. - I.17.b.30.63. |
| | " 2. - 5 houses in a row, centre one of
which is at I.17.b.54.42. |
| | " 3. - Point I.17.b.69.35. |
| | " 4. - I.17.b.86.49. |
| | " 5. - System of dug-outs etc.,
I.12.c.85.65. - I.12.b.28.44., special
attention being paid to I.12.central. |
| | " 6. - Trench Junctions : I.6.d.35.00.
I.12.a.12.72.
I.12.a.48.30.
I.6.a.40.00.
I.6.a.64.07.
I.5.b.50.00.
I.5.b.62.94. |

Rate of fire - 1 round per How. per minute.

 STORMS MORTARS.

As per Plan attached. Arrangements will be made by G.O.C.
 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

APPENDIX

A/3/3.49.

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To all recipients of Left Group O.C.No.11./

Reference Left Group Operation Order No.31.
(3rd. D. A. H. G. O.C.No.11.)

'E' Day will be 13th. March, 1917.

Zero hour will be 11.40 p.m.

LIAISON OFFICER: Capt. R. CAMPBELL.SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES: An officer from each Battery of the Left Group will be at Left Group Arty. Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on 13.3.17, ^{and will bring with him a reliable watch.} and watches will be synchronised by a Staff Officer from 3rd. D.A.H.G who will be present at that hour.REPORTS: All reports will be rendered to Left Arty. Group Headquarters. - 6.3.17.ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY WIRE, quoting only the number of this letter, making no reference whatsoever to the subject.

12/3/1917.

H. S. [Signature]
Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding Left Group Artillery.

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SECRET.

B.M./S/87/6.

To
GROUPS
D.T.M.O.

Reference ~~Raid~~ by 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade
to-night.

The S.O.S. Signal will be suspended on the L'EPINETTE
Section from zero minus 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours until brought into operation
by order ^{of} the G.O.C. 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

At zero plus 70 minutes, Green VERY LIGHTS will be
fired as a signal for our troops to withdraw.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

'Sgd' W.A. NICHOLLS, Major, R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

Headquarters
13-3-1917.

A/C/G 45

To
All Batteries,

Forwarded for information.

Acknowledge by wire

D Coles

13-3-1917 $\frac{1}{2}$

for Lieut.,
Adjutant. Left Group Arty.

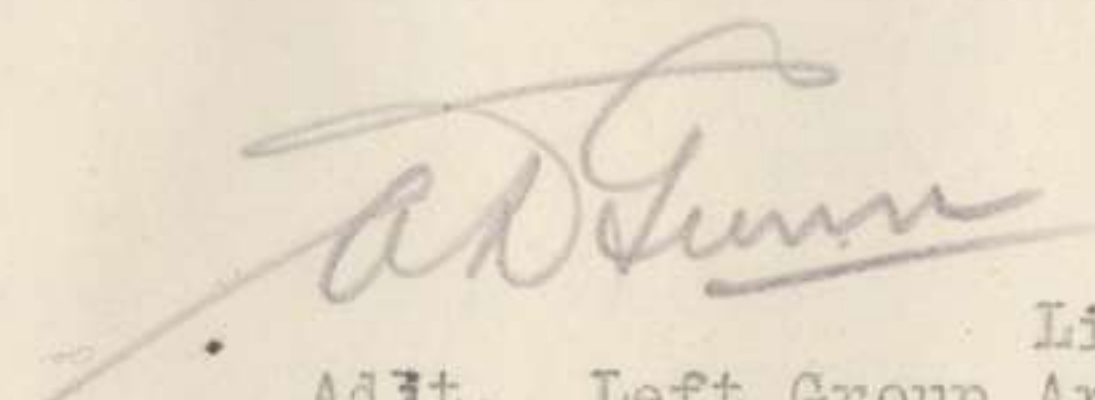
A/C/G.43

To O.C. 'A/175' Bty.

Please note that the ammunition to be used by your Battery in PHASE II of Left Group Artillery O.O. No.31 (3rd. D.A.H.Q. O.O. No.11.) is to be 'AX' only. No Shrapnel will be used by your Battery in this Phase.

The ammunition to be used by your Battery in all other phases will, as previously instructed, be 50% 'A', and 50% 'AX'.

Please acknowledge receipt by wire, and confirm in writing.



Lieut.,
Adjt., Left Group Artillery.

13.3.1917.

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LEFT GROUP

Copy No. 13.....

OPERATION ORDER No. 34.

BY

Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Left Group Artillery.

Reference Map,
HOUPLINES 1/10,000: Edition 7.

12th. March, 1917.

1. The H.T.M. Battery will fire on Enemy's Support Line in G.29.c., and the 3" Stokes will fire on enemy's Front Line Trench in G.29.c. on 13.3.1917.
2. TARGETS: H.T.M. Trench and Tramway Junction
G.29.c.69.71.
3" Stokes.
H.C. Emplacements in G.29.c.80.48 and G.29.c.95.32.
3. The Heavy T.M. will fire from rear of Gap 'L', and the 3" Stokes Mortars from behind ~~Gap 'L'~~ *Gap 'H'*.
4. COVERING FIRE: The Left Group Artillery will provide covering fire in accordance with the attached Task Table.
5. Date of Operation:..... 13.3.1917.
Hour of Operation:;;;..... 2-30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
6. Watches will be synchronised from this office at 1 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 10 p.m.

W. G. Allsop

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Left Group Arty.

Copy:-

1. File
2. D.A.H.Q.
3. 9th. Inf. Bde.
4. 3" Stokes Mortar Bty.
5. H.T.M. Bty.
6. D.T.M.O.
7. 29th. Battery
8. 30th. Battery
9. 31st. Battery
10. 108th. Battery
11. A/175. Battery
12. Centre Group
13. War Diary
14. Spare
15. Spare.

T A S K T A B L E

BATTERY	TIME	NO OF GUNS	T A S K	NO OF RND	REMARKS
29th.	2-30 p.m to 3 p.m	2	Enfilade Section: F.L.T.: C.29.c.40.90 - C.29.c.64.62	20	50% A & AX rounds allotted to be spread over period of operation 30 minutes.
		2	Support Line : C.29.c.84.70 - C.29.a.68.14	20	
		2	F. L. T. : C.29.a.37.10 - C.29.a.64.44	20	
30th.	do	2	F. L. T. : C.29.a.68.14 - C.29.a.78.74	20	do
		2	Support Line : C.29.a.68.14 - C.29.a.88.48	20	
		2	Reserve Line : C.29.c.78.98 - C.29.b.07.58	20	
108th. How		1	C.29.b.21.59 (Dump)	25	
		1	C.29.c.89.71	25	
		1	Communication trench : C.29.b.24 34 - C.30.a.00.35	25	
		1	Trench Line from : C.30.a.40.47 - C.30.c.50.38	25	

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W. H. H. H.
 Lieut. Colonel,
 Commanding 1st Group Artillery

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RIGHT GROUP

Copy No. 12

OPERATION ORDER No. 1.

BY

Lieut. Col., W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Right Group Artillery.

Reference Map
HOURLINES, 1/10,000, Edition 7.

19th. March, 1917.

1. The Medium Trench Mortars will cut the enemy's wire in G.29.a. and at the same time the Heavy T.M.s will fire on the enemy's F.L.F. in G.29.c.
The 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade Light Trench Mortars will also fire on the enemy F.L.F. in G.29.c.
2. Points of Wire-cutting: G.29.a.42.23.
G.29.a.63.44.
H.F.M.'s Target: F.L.F. from ~~42.23~~ G.29.c.62.61 to G.29.c.91.33.
3. H.F.M.s will fire from behind 'J' and 'K' Gaps and the Heavy T.M.s from rear of Gap 'K'.
4. This Operation will be covered by Fire from the Right Group Arty.
Covering Fire will be provided as per Task Table attached.
5. Date of Operation.....20/3/1917.
Hour of Operation.....2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at.....

W. G. Allsop
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

- Copy No. 1. File.
2. D.A.H.Q.
 3. 9th. Inf. Bde.
 4. H.F.M. Sty.
 5. Medium T.M. Sty.
 6. D.F.M.O.
 7. 29th. Sty.
 8. 30th. "
 9. 31st. "
 10. 108th. "
 11. Left Group.
 12. War Diary.

T A S K T A B L E

Battery.	Time	No. of Guns.	T A S K S.	No. of Rds.	R e m a r k s.
29th.	2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m.	2.	F.L.T. C.29.c.42.90. to C.29.c.91.38	10	50% 'A' 50% 'AX' Total rounds allotted to be spread over period of Operation.
		(Enfila Section.)	Support Trench. C.29.c.78.97. to C.29.d.00.60.	15	
		2.	F.L.T. C.29.a.40.15. to C.29.a.65.42.	20	
30th.	do.	2.	F.L.T. C.29.a.65.42. to C.29.a.80.80.	20	
		1.	F.L.T. C.23.c.90.50. to C.23.c.80.72.	15	
		2.	Support Trench. C.29.a.69.10. to C.29.a.89.49.	20	
		1.	Communication Trench. C.29.b.25.34. to D.25.a.50.67.	20.	
108th. (How.)	do.	2.	Reserve Line. C.29.c.78.97. to C.29.b.07.58.	20 30	
		2.	Support Trench. C.23.d.14.40. to C.23.d.48.82.	20 30	
		2.	Trench. C.30.c.53.38. to C.24.c.35.49.	20 30	

19th. March, 1917.

W. A. Allsop
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.2.
BY

Lieut. Colonel W.C. ALBOP, Commanding Right Group Artillery.

Reference Map,
BOUPLINES, 1/10,000. Edition 7.

21st. March, 1917.

1. The 3rd. Australian Divisional Medium Trench Mortars will fire on Machine Gun Emplacement on Enemy's Front Line Trench. This Operation will be covered by Artillery Fire from the Right Group Artillery.
2. TARGET. Concrete Machine Gun Emplacement at G.23.d.05.95.
3. The Medium Trench Mortars will fire from behind Gap 'M'
4. COVERING FIRE will be provided as per TASK TABLE attached.
5. Watches will be synchronised from this Office at 12 noon, 22nd. inst.
6. Date of Operation.....22nd. March, 1917.
Hour of Operation.....1.30 p.m. to 1.50 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

Issued at 10.30 p.m.

W.C. Albop
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

- Copy No. 1. File.
2. D.A.H.C.
 3. 9th. Inf. Bde.
 4. M.T. Bty.
 5. D.T.M.O.
 6. Left Group.
 7. 29th. Battery.
 8. 30th. do.
 9. 31st. do.
 10. 100th. do.
 11. W. Diary.
 12. Store.

TASK TABLE

BATTERY	TIME	N ^o OF GUNS	TASK	N ^o OF RDS	REMARKS	
29th.	1-50 p.m. to 1-50 p.m.	2.	F.L.T. : From C.29.a.40.14 To C.29.a.70.45	20	50% "A" 50% "AX" occasional rounds to be put back on the Support line trench Total rounds allotted to be spread over period of operation.	
		4.	F.L.T. : From C.25.c.94.25 To C.25.c.95.80	40		
30th.	do	3.	F.L.T. : C.25.c.95.80 to C.25.b.20.28	25		
		1	F.L.T. : C.25.b.20.28 to C.17.d.07.00	15		
		2	Support Line. C.25.b.20.28 to C.17.d.40.60	20		
108th.	do	1	C.23. b.85.10	20	} Suspected H.F. position	
		1	C.23.b.40.80	20		do
		1	C.24.c.37.52	20		do
		1	D.19.c.80.00	20	Suspected 77 G. position	
		1	D.25.a.65.91	20	- do -	
		1	C.18.d.2a.10	20	Suspected Headquarters	

H.S. Halsey
 Lieut. Colonel,
 Commanding Right Group Artillery.

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RIGHT GROUP

Copy No. B

OPERATION ORDER No. 3.

BY

Lieut. Colonel W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Right Group Artillery.

Reference Map,
HOUPLINES, 1/10,000, Edition 7
BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000, Edition 6D.

24th. March, 1917.

1. The 175th. Brigade R.F.A. will relieve the 8th. F. A. Brigade in the line on the nights 24th./25th. and 25th./26th. instant. Reliefs will take place as per Table attached.
2. No equipment, other than aiming posts will be exchanged. Batteries of 8th. F.A. Brigade may leave their aiming Posts in provided they receive others in exchange from the 175th. Brigade, but in any case will ensure that their zero Lines are left out so that the incoming Batteries can immediately, upon their taking over, take up the Defence of the Line.
3. The following will be handed over complete:-
 - i. Communications, and List of Code Calls.
 - ii. All Trench Maps, Aeroplane Photos, Pit Charts, Registrations, Planchette Boards, Log Books, etc.
 - iii. All Trench Stores.
4. Batteries will march out with echelons full. All other ammunition will be handed over in pits at 12 noon on the 25th. instant, and receipts obtained therefore. Return showing the quantity and classification of ammunition handed over will be rendered to reach this office by 4 p.m. on the 25th. inst.
5. On completion of each relief 8th. F.A. Brigade guns and personnel (other than officers) will proceed to the Battery Wagon Line. One Officer per Battery will accompany the guns to the Wagon Line.
6. The completion of each relief will be notified to Group Headquarters by wire, the following code being used:-
'ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF LEAVE PASS AT -----P.M.'
7. If the Relief tonight (24th./25th) is not completed before daylight, guns of 8th. F.A. Brigade will be removed from their pits and put under cover in the vicinity of their Battery positions, whence they will be taken to their wagon lines at dusk tomorrow, 25th. inst.
8. During the relief only one gun is to be removed from the pits at a time, each incoming gun being put into the pit and laid on the S.O.S Line before another gun of the 8th. F.A. Brigade is removed. This is required to be done so that the remaining guns of the Battery would, if required for an S.O.S. Call, be available for action, which would not be possible if all guns were being exchanged simultaneously.
9. Liaison with Infantry will be furnished by 175th. Brigade from the night 25th./26th. inst inclusive. Battery Commanders of 8th. F.A. Brigade will ensure that this is arranged with Battery Commanders of 175th. Brigade before the Command of the Batteries passes.
10. The command of Group and the command of Batteries will pass at ^{8 p.m.} 25.3.17 until which time C/O 8th. F.A. Brigade H.Q., and C.O.s of Batteries of the 8th. F.A. Brigade will be responsible for the Defence of the Line.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE .
12. Issued atp.m.

W. G. Allsop
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Right Group Artillery.

T A B L E " A "

BATTERY	24/25th. March	RELIEVING BATTERY POSITION	25/26th. March	RELIEVING POSITION
A/175	3 guns	29th. Battery C.26.c.36.05	5 guns	1 gun - C.26.c.36.05 2 guns - C.20.b.70.25
B/175	4 guns	30th. Battery C.25.b.37.67	2 guns	C.26.a.12.50
C/175	4 guns	31st. Battery C.26.c.55.25	2 guns	C.26.c.55.25
D/175	2 guns	108th. Battery C.25.d.99.20	2 guns	C.26.b.85.43

2nd. New Zealand (Terry) F. A. Brigade will move 1 Section of 4.5" Howitzers complete into position at C.25.d.99.20 at 7-30 p.m. 27/28th. March 1917.

~~Wagon Line at H.7.c.12.50.~~

P. S. Messop.
Licut. Colonel,
Commanding 8th. F. A. Brigade.

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OPY 12

8th. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

OPERATION CALEA NO 1.

by
Lieut. Colonel W. G. M. ALLSOP, commanding 8th. F. A. Brigade, A.I.F.

Reference Map.
HAZEBLUK 50.

24-3-1917

Information / The 8th. F. A. Brigade will proceed to the TILQUES Training Area for the purpose of Mobile Training with the 108th. Infantry Brigade.

Intention. 2 The 8th. F. A. Brigade will be withdrawn from the Line on the night of the 25/26th. inst. and Batteries will proceed to their respective Wagon Lines and will march by road to ESQUEPDES on the 27th. 28th. inst.

Order of March

1st. Day

2nd. Day

Headquarters
30th. Battery
29th. Battery
31st. Battery
108th. Battery

Headquarters
29th. Battery
31st. Battery
108th. Battery
30th. Battery

Route.

4 The route to be followed will be as under.-

1st. Day.-

STARTING POINT - La MEMEGATE - STEENWERCK - La VERRIER-VIEUX BERQUIN - De La MOTTE - HAZEBLUK - WALLON CAPPEL

2nd. Day .-

WALLON CAPPEL - EBBLINGHEM - ARGUES - WESTOVE - WIZERNES - AUSTRALIA - ESQUEPDES.

Starting Point

5 The Starting Point will be:- Vross Roads at B.21.e.40.90 (Sheet 36 Belgium & France 1/40,000) Batteries will make their own arrangements for the time of departure from their respective Wagon Lines to enable them to pass the STARTING POINT in accordance with the undermentioned Time Table.-

Headquarters	9-0 a.m.
30th. Battery	9-1 a.m.
29th. Battery	9-20 a.m.
31st. Battery	9-40 a.m.
108th. Battery	10-0 a.m.

Billeting Parties.

6 Lieut. Ferrier, the Brigade Interpreter, 1 Officer and two mounted men per Battery will precede the Brigade starting from 29th. Battery Wagon Lines at 8 a.m. on the 26th. Lieut. Ferrier will be in charge of this party and will receive his instructions direct. The Battery Officers accompanying the Billeting Party will be responsible for guiding their Batteries to their respective Billets on arrival at the first night's halting place, and again on arrival at the destination.

Rations & Forage

The unconsumed portion of the day's rations and forage on 27-3-17, will be carried on the man or horse, and Rations and Forage will be carried in G.S. Wagons for the 29th. inst. Arrangements will, if possible, be made with the 3rd. Divl. Train for Rations and Forage for the 27th. inst.; in addition to Rations and Forage for the 28th. inst., to be delivered to Batteries on the 28th. inst.

Transport.

Transport has been allotted as follows :-

Bde. Mgr .	1	G.S. Wagon	for	apply & baggage
	3	do	do	for 2nd. Day' forage for Bde.
29th. Battery	1	G.S. Wagon	for	apply-1 G.S. for technical stores
30th.	do	do	do	do
31st.	do	do	do	do
108th.	do	do	do	do
Total				6

Ammunition.

Eschelons will be carried full.

Attached Officer

Major Swallow, 3rd. Div. A.C.C. will accompany the Brigade and will be attached to the 30th. Battery.

Wagon Line

All Wagon Lines are to be left in a thoroughly clean condition. All personnel supernumerary to establishment will remain behind as caretakers at Battery Wagon Lines. An N.C.O. from each Battery should also be left in charge of these men. This N.C.O. is to be given definite instructions regarding the looking after of all stores and property in the Wagon Lines, and will be further responsible that work in hand is carried on with, and that new improvements are begun if time is available. Above personnel will be attached to 7th. Brigade for rations and discipline. 48 hours rations will be left with the Wagon Lines parties, and subsequently the 7th. Brigade will arrange to deliver rations as required by them. In addition to the above, the 30th. Battery will detail 1 man to report to Bdr. Lawler at Headquarters Wagon Line on the 26th. inst.

March Discipline.

Special attention is directed to THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION / Standing orders for War" Section 2, "Marches" The instructions therein will be strictly adhered to.

Reports.

Reports on the Line of March to Head of Column.

A. J. ...
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 8th. P. A. Brigade, A.I. F.

- Copy No. 1 File
- 2 1 A H C
- 3 29th, Battery
- 4 30th. do
- 5 31st. do
- 6 108th. do
- 7 Major Swallow

- 8 Hqr. 3rd. Div Train.
- 9 G.O. 867 Coy. 3rd. Div Train
- 10 Lieut. Ferris
- 11 A I V S
- 12 War Diary
- 13, 14, 15, Spare.

To all recipients
of 8th. F.A. Brigade G.O. No. 1.

Reference para 7.

This para is cancelled and the following is substituted:

"RATIONS AND FORAGE: The unconsumed portion of the day's Rations and Forage for 27/3/17 will be carried on the man or horse.

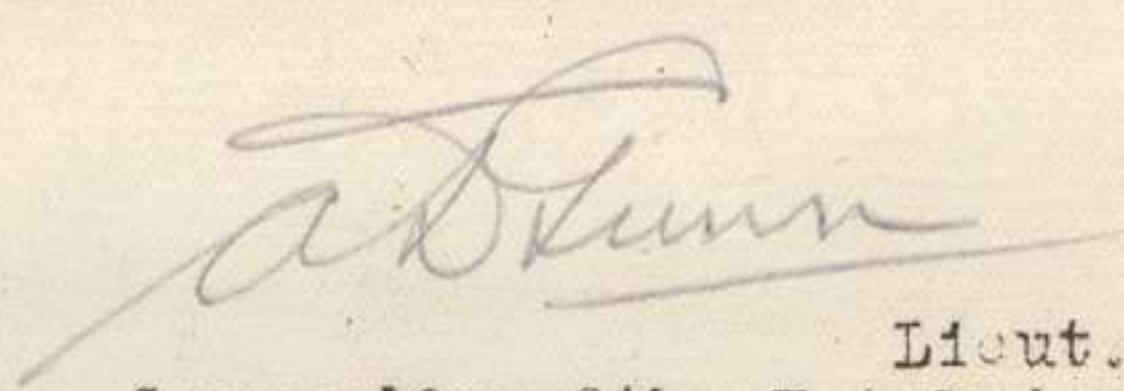
Rations and Forage for the 28th. inst. will be delivered to the Battery Wagon Lines Billets on arrival at WALLON CAPPEL."

Reference para 8.

"TRANSPORT: The three G.S. Wagons attached to Brigade Headquarters for two days Rations and Forage and the one G.S. Wagon attached to each Battery for Supply will not march with the Brigade.

These wagons will leave for WALLON CAPPEL on the 26th. instant and all arrangements will be made for these wagons to deliver Rations and Forage to their respective Batteries on arrival at WALLON CAPPEL.

24th. March, 1917/


Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 8th. F.A. Brigade, A.I.F.