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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices								
In the Field A7B1-1	3-11-16		<p style="text-align: right; color: blue;">VOLUME IX</p> <p>State of strength 3-11-16.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Officers</th> <th style="width: 25%;">O Ranks</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Total</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Horses</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">415</td> <td style="text-align: center;">432</td> <td style="text-align: center;">375</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Casualties 28-10-16 to 3-11-16. Major G McLaughlin wounded 1-11-16                  Do hospital sick 28-10-16 to 3-11-16. 10 other ranks.                  Taken on strength do 3 do and 7 Lieut R.G. JACKSON }                  Struck off strength do 1 do. from 2<sup>nd</sup> FA Bde. 1-11-16 }</p> <p><u>Strength of Horses.</u>                  Taken on strength 27-10-16 to 2-11-16 Nil                  Struck off strength 27-10-16 to 2-11-16. 2 to 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Mob Vet Sect.</p> <p><u>Weather conditions.</u>                  Still showery and roads especially near Battery positions are in a bad state.</p> <p><u>Commission</u>                  1002 BSM ROACH, H.E. promoted 7<sup>th</sup> Lieut &amp; posted to 2<sup>nd</sup> FA Bde. Dated 1-11-16.</p>	Officers	O Ranks	Total	Horses	17	415	432	375	<p>Map Ref Sheet 57C 1-40000</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AIF List No</p> <p style="text-align: right;">at H. E. Col</p>
Officers	O Ranks	Total	Horses									
17	415	432	375									



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In the Field A7B1-1	10-11-16		State of strength 10-11-16.	Map Ref Sheet 57C 1-40000								
			<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="615 506 926 586">Officers</th> <th data-bbox="935 506 1205 586">Other Ranks</th> <th data-bbox="1215 506 1494 586">Total</th> <th data-bbox="1504 506 1796 586">Horses</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="708 620 780 667">17</td> <td data-bbox="988 620 1112 667">433</td> <td data-bbox="1268 620 1423 667">450</td> <td data-bbox="1578 620 1712 667">374</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Officers	Other Ranks	Total	Horses	17	433	450	374	
Officers	Other Ranks	Total	Horses									
17	433	450	374									
			Casualties 4-11-16 to 10-11-16. Lieut J.G. KNIGHT wounded 8-11-16 1 other rank killed in action and 3 other ranks wounded.									
			20 Hospital sick 4-11-16 to 10-11-16. 2 other ranks.									
			Struck off strength for other reasons 4-11-16 to 10-11-16. 1 other rank transf'd to artillery Cadet School.									
			Taken on strength 4-11-16 to 10-11-16. 23 other ranks									
			Strength of horses 3-11-16 to 9-11-16. Taken on strength. 9 from 1 <sup>st</sup> DAC. Struck off strength. 5 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Mob Vet Section. 2 killed. 3 lost.									
			Weather conditions 4-11-16 to 10-11-16. Weather has been generally unsettled & showery.									

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In the field A7B1-1	17-11-16		State of strength 17-11-16.	Map Ref Sheet 57c 1-40000			
		Officers	Other ranks		Total	Horses.	
			16	435	451	362	
			<u>Casualties 11-11-16 to 17-11-16.</u>				
			Lieut F.G. LLOYD wounded 14-11-16.				
			5 other ranks killed in action.				
			5 " wounded "				
			<u>20 hospital sick 11-11-16 to 17-11-16.</u>				
			4 other ranks				
			<u>Struck off strength for other reasons 11-11-16 to 17-11-16</u>				
			NIL.				
			<u>Taken on strength 11-11-16 to 17-11-16.</u>				
			16 other ranks.				
			<u>Strength of horses 10-11-16 to 16-11-16.</u>				
			Taken on strength. 7 from 1 <sup>st</sup> DAC.				
			Struck off strength. " to 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Mob Vet Det. 4 killed by shell fire 1 lost.				
			<u>Weather conditions 11-11-16 to 17-11-16.</u>				
			Generally fine.				

*W.D. [Signature]*



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>In the Field A7B1-1</i>	<i>17-11-16</i>		<i>Honours &amp; Awards. The Military Medal has been awarded to the undermentioned NCO - man 144 Cpl Mc Namara B. 22<sup>nd</sup> Bty 2429 Pte SANDERSON. EV. AAML (attached 23<sup>rd</sup> Bty)</i>	<i>Map Ref Sheet 57C 1-40000 List 110 anzac Corp R.D. 406.</i>
<i>In the Field S23B0-8</i>	<i>18-11-16</i>		<i>The 21<sup>st</sup> FA Bde relieved the 149<sup>th</sup> Bde RFA in the line in accordance with 21<sup>st</sup> FA Bde Orders 101 and amendment to same dated 12-11-16. attached, and took over the following barrage, N 21 B 03-35 to N 21 A 20-30. 5<sup>th</sup> Bty. A.F.A. &amp; 102<sup>nd</sup> How Bty AFA attached to Group for Tactical purposes.</i>	<i>Map Ref Sheet 57C SW 1-20000</i>
<i>In the Field S23B0-8</i>	<i>22-11-16</i>		<i>The 102<sup>nd</sup> How Battery was withdrawn from the line on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst, moving out with guns complete and leaving the position vacant. On moving out of the line the 102<sup>nd</sup> Bty came under the control of C.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> FA Bde.  Alterations in barrage and SOS lines allotted to Batteries of the 21<sup>st</sup> FA Bde are given in Group Orders Nos 1 and 2 attached.</i>	
	<i>22-11-16.</i>		<i>24<sup>th</sup> Battery took over new position S 21 B 5-2 A <sup>from 10<sup>th</sup> Bty RFA.</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Battery was withdrawn from the line in accordance with Group Order No 1 dated 21-11-16 attached</i>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field S23 B 0-8	24-11-16	State of strength 24-11-16	Officers	O Ranks	Total	Horses.	Map Ref Sheet 57C SW 1-20000
			17	421	438	332	
<u>Casualties 18-11-16 to 24-11-16.</u>			NIL				
<u>To hospital sick 18-11-16 to 24-11-16.</u>			17 other ranks.				
<u>Struck off strength for other reasons 18-11-16 to 24-11-16</u>			NIL.				
<u>Taken on strength 18-11-16 to 24-11-16</u>			Lieut A. J. GLENDINNING transferred from 1 <sup>st</sup> FA Bde 19-11-16. and 3 other ranks.				
<u>Strength of horses 17-11-16 to 23-11-16.</u>			<u>Taken on strength.</u> 7 received from 1 <sup>st</sup> D.A.C.				
<u>Struck off strength.</u>			33 to 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Vet Det. 4 missing 2 Died 1 Destroyed.				

W.H. Stevenson  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the field S 23 B 0-8	24-11-16		Weather conditions 18-11-16 to 24-11-16. Generally fine but extremely foggy, making observation practically impossible. <del>Visibility slightly improved in the AM</del>	Map Ref Sheet 57C SW 1-20000  AM
In the field <del>                    </del> T 8 A 1-8	27-11-16		Command of No 2 Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div Arty passed from Lieut-Col. S.M. ANDERSON to Lieut-Col G.I. STEVENSON. CMC as from 0800 on 27-11-16, in accordance with No 2 Group Order No 1 attached, with barrages allotted as shown. <u>Positions of Hdqrs + Batteries as shown.</u> Hdqrs No 2 Group T 8 A 1-8 1 <sup>st</sup> Battery N 32 C 7-6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battery N 32 B 2-1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battery T 2 A 7-9 101 <sup>st</sup> Battery S 12 D 5-5 22 <sup>nd</sup> Battery S 12 B 9-8 23 <sup>rd</sup> Battery S 12 B 8-8	Map Ref Sheet 57C SW  1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div. Art. Order No 71 of 25/11/16  AM
In the field T 8 A 1-8	29-11-16.		Group Order No 2. No 2 Artillery Group, re minor operation shortly to be carried out <del>is cancelled</del> by AM cancels Group Order No 3, 21 <sup>st</sup> FA Bde dated 25-11-16.	AM G.I. Stevenson Lt Col



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<i>In the Field TBA 1-8</i>	<i>30-11-16.</i>		<i>State of strength 30-11-16</i>	<i>Map Ref SHEET 57C SW</i>			
			<i>Officers</i>		<i>Other ranks</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Horses.</i>
			<i>17</i>		<i>414</i>	<i>431</i>	<i>305</i>
			<i>Casualties 25-11-16 to 30-11-16. 1 other ranks wounded.</i>				
			<i>20 hospital sick 25-11-16 to 30-11-16. 14 other ranks.</i>				
			<i>Struck off strength for other reasons 25-11-16 to 30-11-16. 1 of rank to 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac Hdqrs.</i>				
			<i>Taken on strength 25-11-16 to 30-11-16. 9 other ranks.</i>				
			<i>Strength of horses 24-11-16 to 30-11-16.</i>				
			<i>Taken on strength NIL.</i>				
			<i>Struck off strength. 20 to 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Mob Vet Det 7 killed by shell fire.</i>				
<i>Weather conditions 25-11-16 to 30-11-16.</i>							
<i>Generally fine, but observation has been practically impossible owing to fog and mist. Visibility slightly better on 30-11-16.</i>							
<i>Honours &amp; Awards.</i>							
<i>The following awards of the Military Medal have been made.</i>							
<i>1388 Bdr (now Cpl) W.H. FRAME 23<sup>rd</sup> Battery.</i>							
<i>1898 Sgt (now Lieut) W.D. WALLIS 23<sup>rd</sup> Battery.</i>							
<i>Promotion</i>							
<i>Lieut A.J. CLENDINNING to be Captain (temporarily) via Major G. McLAUGHLIN RIF</i>							
<i>wounded. List 116.</i>							
<i>Major G. McLAUGHLIN wounded 1-11-16. Dated 25-11-16.</i>							

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No 113.*

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wounded. List 116.  
G. McLaughlin RIF*



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>In the Field TGA 1-8</i>	<i>30-11-16</i>		<i>465 BQMS. BENHAM. G. 21<sup>st</sup> Battery to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Dated 25-11-16. 1537 Sgt NEWLAND. H. L. 23<sup>rd</sup> " " do do 3247 Sgt (1<sup>st</sup>/BQMS) PRESTON. D. E. 24<sup>th</sup> Bty do do.</i>	<i>AIF List No 116.</i>  <i>WJH</i>  <i>McKenzie Lt Col</i>



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BRIGADE ORDER No. 101.

by

LIEUT-COLONEL G.I. STEVENSON C.M.G.

COMMANDING 31st A.F.A. Bde.

In the Field.

13.11.16

RELIEF.  
379.

The Batteries of the 31st A.F.A. Bde will be relieved by Batteries of 5th Divisional Artillery and they will in turn relieve units of 149th Brigade R.F.A. 30th Division.

The last mentioned relief will be completed by 16th/17th November.

5th and 102nd Batteries will form part of group under tactical control of C.O. 31st A.F.A. Bde.

LOCATION OF  
UNITS OF  
GROUP.

Relieving Unit.	Location.	Unit Relieved.
31st A.F.A. Bde.	S 23 B 9.8	Hqrs 149th Bde.
32nd Battery.	S 13 B 8.8. ✓	C Bty Right position
33rd Battery.	S 13 B 8.8. ✓	C Bty Left Position
34th Battery	T 13 A 0.1. ✓	A Bty 149 Bde.
5th Battery	S 18 D 6.7. ✓	B Bty 149th Bde.
102nd Battery.	S 13 B 6.6. ✓	D Bty 149th Bde.

380.

WAGON LINES.

Wagon Lines are situated at S 38 A.

381.

GUNS

Guns and sights are to be handed and taken over by Batteries in their respective positions.

382.

MAPS.

All Maps, Registration etc will be handed and taken over by Batteries in their respective positions.

382.

Battery Commanders concerned will as early as possible get into communication with the Battery Commanders they are relieving in order to ensure that the relief can be completed before dark on 16th inst. These orders are tentative only and will be followed by complete orders later.

*Gen. H. Randall*, Captain,  
Adjutant 31st A.F.A. Bde.



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Amendment to 21<sup>st</sup> F.A. Brigade Order No 101.

Relief — With reference to the relief of the 149<sup>th</sup> Bde R.F.A. Group by 21<sup>st</sup> F.A. Bde & 5<sup>th</sup> & 102<sup>nd</sup> Bty as detailed in Brigade Order No 101. This will not take place until the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

Control. From the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> inst the 5<sup>th</sup> Bty, 102<sup>nd</sup> Bty & Btys of 21<sup>st</sup> F.A. Bde will be under the tactical control of the respective 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Divl Art Group Commanders.

Wagon Lines. In order that Brigade Wagon Lines may be grouped together as far as possible, the Wagon Lines of 149<sup>th</sup> Bde R.F.A. have been allotted as follows:—

- A Bty 149<sup>th</sup> Bde to 102<sup>nd</sup> How Bty.
- B " 149<sup>th</sup> " " 5<sup>th</sup> Bty
- C " 149<sup>th</sup> " }
- D " 149<sup>th</sup> " } 21<sup>st</sup> F.A. Bde.
- Hd. Qrs 149<sup>th</sup> " }

Ammunition — 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac Form D.A (Copy of which is attached) is to be used when taking over Ammunition from 149<sup>th</sup> Bde. 3 copies to be made & forwarded to Group Headquarters as soon as possible after completion of relief.

John Randall Captain  
Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> F.A. Bde.



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Group Order No 1  
by

Lieut - Col. G. J. Stevenson C. M. G.  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde. Group.

In the Field

21.11.16

Relief

24<sup>th</sup> Battery will take over position at present occupied by 10<sup>th</sup> Bty 147<sup>th</sup> Bde R. F. A. viz S 21 B 5.2 as early as possible on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. Four (4) guns with sights, but without stores, are to be taken over in the position. O C 24<sup>th</sup> Bty will hand over 4 guns recently taken over from 6<sup>th</sup> Bty A. F. A. to 10<sup>th</sup> Bty R. F. A. Gun stores will not be handed over. O C 24<sup>th</sup> Bty will place a small guard on present position.

O C 24<sup>th</sup> Bty will hand over guns in present position to O C 4<sup>th</sup> Bty who will arrange for their removal to Wagon Lines. These guns will be handed over complete with sights and stores.

5<sup>th</sup> Bty will be withdrawn from the line during the night <sup>22<sup>nd</sup></sup>/<sub>23<sup>rd</sup></sub> inst, and will proceed to Wagon Lines and O C will then report to C. O. 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Bde.

Command

On completion of relief 24<sup>th</sup> Bty will come under the tactical control of C. O. 147<sup>th</sup> Bde R. F. A. until further orders.

Maps  
Registrations  
etc.

O C 24<sup>th</sup> Bty will take over all maps, registrations, photographs, etc from O C 10<sup>th</sup> Bty R. F. A.

O's C. 5<sup>th</sup> + 24<sup>th</sup> Btys will pack in a parcel, properly labelled, all maps, registrations, and data referring to the positions they are vacating and return them to 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde Group Headquarters.



Ammunition. Ammunition in dumps at 10<sup>th</sup> Bty R.F.A. will be taken over by 24<sup>th</sup> Bty who will also arrange for ammunition in present position to be moved to new position. Ammunition returns, including all ammunition on charge to 24<sup>th</sup> Bty will be rendered to 147<sup>th</sup> Bde R.F.A. Headquarters while under the tactical control of C.O. 147<sup>th</sup> Bde R.F.A.

Ammunition in dumps at 5<sup>th</sup> Bty gun position will be taken over by O.C. 23<sup>rd</sup> Bty who will arrange to have it moved to his present position.

Ammunition at 5<sup>th</sup> Bty Wagon Line will be taken over by O.C. 22<sup>nd</sup> Bty.

Barrage. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> and during the night of  $\frac{22^{nd}}{23^{rd}}$  mist the following will be the Barrage and S.O.S. lines:—

22<sup>nd</sup> Battery. N21 B03.35 to N21 A60.30

23<sup>rd</sup> do. N21 A60.30 to N21 A20.30

From 8 Am on 23<sup>rd</sup> mist until further orders the following will be the barrages for 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Batteries:—

22<sup>nd</sup> Battery: N21 B60.00 to N21 B15.25 to N21 A35.25

23<sup>rd</sup> do. N21 A35.25 to N21 A00.25 to N20 B00.10.

and Batteries will make arrangements so as to enable them to fire on any of the following barrages if called upon:—

Barrage (A) N21 B60.00 to N21 B15.25 to N21 A90.25

Barrage (B) N21 A90.25 to N21 A05.25

Barrage (C) N21 A05.25 to N21 A00.25 to N20 B00.10

Rates of fire for S.O.S. are as follows:—

4 rds per gun per minute for first five minutes, then 2 rds per gun per minute until information as to the situation is received.

J.H. Ransall. Captain  
Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> F.A. Bde.



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Group Order No 2

by

Lieut. Colonel G. J. Stevenson C. M. G.  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde.

In the Field

23-11-16

In accordance with Para 3 of 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Art. Order No 69, the 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde will take over the Barrage & S.O.S. lines of 147<sup>th</sup> Bde R. F. A covering "C" zone from 8 a. M. on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Batteries of the 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde are allotted zones in accordance with above as follows: -

Barrage & S.O.S. Lines

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bty N 21 A 00.24 — N 20 B 82.23
- 23<sup>rd</sup> do N 20 B 82.23 — N 20 B 60.20
- 24<sup>th</sup> do N 20 B 60.20 — N 20 B 43.18

Rates of fire for S.O.S are as follows: -

4 rds per gun per minute for first five minutes, then 2 rounds per gun per minute until information as to the situation is received.

Please acknowledge by wire.

G. J. Randa. Captain

Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde.



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Group Order No 3

by  
Lieut. Colonel G. J. Stevenson C. M. G.  
Commanding 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde

In the Field

25-11-16

Map Reference Guedecourt to Bapaume 1/10000

Warning Order. A minor operation will shortly take place when ground and weather permits, the object of which is to clear up the situation in N20 and consolidate our line on N20 B75.00 to N20 D0.9 - N20 D0.9 to Saphead N20 C80.85.

The Infantry plan of attack is as follows: -

A. A strong attack on Holt trenches from about N20 D0.9 on the left to as close as possible to an enfilade Barrage on Sunken Road.

B. 6 mins after this attack has taken place an attack will be made on Sunken Road from the direction of Petrol Lane.

Batteries of <sup>21<sup>st</sup></sup> A. F. A. Brigade are allotted tasks as detailed below & Battery Commanders will take immediate + full advantage of any clear weather to accurately register the targets allotted. This registration is to be carried out without delay.

Batteries of 21<sup>st</sup> A. F. A. Bde. Table of Tasks.  
Phase I

Time	Bty	Zone	Rate of Fire	Projectile
00 to 06	22 <sup>nd</sup>	N21 A33.50 to N21 A65.75	4 Rounds per gun per minute	50% H.E. 50% T.S. fired alternately.
00 to 06	23 <sup>rd</sup>	N21 A33.50 to N20 B98.25		
00 to 06	24 <sup>th</sup>	N20 B98.25 to N20 B65.00		
Phase 2				
Time	Bty	Zone	Rate of Fire	Projectile
0.6 to 0.10	22 <sup>nd</sup>	as in phase 1	4 Rounds per gun per minute	50% H.E. 50% T.S. fired alternately.
0.6 to 0.10	23 <sup>rd</sup>	N21 A33.50 to N21 A05.30		
0.6 to 0.10	24 <sup>th</sup>	N21 A33.50 to N21 A65.75		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sect.	N21 A33.50 to N21 A05.30		



Phase 3.

Time	Bty.	Zone	Rate of fire	Projectile
0.10 to	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Same Targets as Phase 2.	2 Rounds per gun per minute	50% H.E.
0.15	23 <sup>rd</sup>			50% T.S.
	24 <sup>th</sup>			fired alternately.

Phase 4.

Time	Bty.	Zone	Rate of fire	Projectile
0.15 to	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Same Targets as Phase 2.	1 Round per gun per minute	50% H.E.
1.0	23 <sup>rd</sup>			50% T.S.
	24 <sup>th</sup>			fired alternately.

3. As the 21<sup>st</sup> A.F.A. <sup>Bds</sup> Barrage up Sunken Road is rather close to our front line, it is proposed to have a practice on the morning of the operation for the Infantry assaulting parties to observe.

In view of above & the fact that the 12<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bds is also firing on portion of our targets Battery Commanders will take particular care as to correct registration etc.

4. Acknowledge by wire.

W. H. R. Ranall Captain  
Adjutant 21<sup>st</sup> A.F.A. Bds.



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First Australian Divisional Artillery

No 2 Group Order No 1

by  
Lieut - Col G J Stevenson C. M. G

Command Command of No 2 Group 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Art. consisting of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, + 23<sup>rd</sup> Batteries A & B will pass from Lieut - Col J M Anderson to Lieut - Col G J Stevenson C. M. G as from 8 a.m. 27/11/16 in accordance with 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Art. Order No 71 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 1916.

Barrage No 2 Group 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Art. will be responsible for the following barrage on 1<sup>st</sup> Anzac front from 8 a.m. 27<sup>th</sup> November 1916:

Right Boundary N21 C6.9 to N9 A9.0

Left Boundary N20 D4.5 along Lard Trench to N14 B6.1 to N8 B9.0

All boundaries are inclusive

Allotment 18 pdr. Batteries are allotted zones as under: -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Battery - N21 A64.28 to N21 A23.27
- 2<sup>nd</sup> " - N21 A23.27 to N20 B83.27
- 3<sup>rd</sup> " - N20 B83.27 to N20 B45.23 thence along Lard Trench from N20 D37.58 (junction of Lard and Hilt Trench) to N20 B45.23
- 22<sup>nd</sup> " - N21 A64.28 to N21 A05.27
- 23<sup>rd</sup> " - N21 A05.27 to N20 B45.23

O's C. 22<sup>nd</sup> + 23<sup>rd</sup> Batteries will arrange to sweep the zones allotted to them.

All Batteries will also arrange to search in front of their barrage when so ordered for a distance of 1900 yards.

Registrations. Careful registration of these zones, and any special points within them, as early as possible when visibility permits.



101<sup>st</sup> How. Battery } O C 101<sup>st</sup> How. Battery will arrange to register strong points, trench and road junctions within the Group zone, particular attention being paid to junction of Stormy and Bacon Trenches and on Barley Trench. Road junctions at N21 A20.44 and Trench (Lard Trench) and road junction at N20 B44.26 are to be specially registered.

1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Art Zone } The zone allotted to 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Art is from N21 D25.60 to N20 D40.50.

The boundary line dividing the two groups of 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Art is N21 C6.9 to N9 A9.0

All batteries will be able to shoot on any part of the front covered by the whole of the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Art. and for a distance of 500 yds on either side of that zone.

Batteries' Commanders will advise Group Headquarters without delay whether this condition can be carried out by their respective Batteries

Acknowledge

(Signed)

G. J. Stevenson Lieut. Col.  
Commanding No 2 Group 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Art.



Amendment No 1 to No 2 Art Group Order No 1

10/11

Secret

All 18 pdr Batteries will increase the ranges of their standing S.O.S. barrage as detailed in No 2 Art. Group Order No 1, by 50 yards.

Issued 3.30pm  
acknowledge

C. A. Randall Captain  
Adjutant No 2 Art Group.

2.12.16.



Amendment No 2 to No 2 Art Group Order No 1

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by  
Lieut Col G. J. Stevenson CMC  
Commanding No 2 Art Group

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In the Field

12-12-16

SOS

Barrage

The present barrage of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Battery

N 20 B 45-33 to N 21 A 05-35

will until further orders be covered by one  
Section.

One Section, 23<sup>rd</sup> Battery will enfilade  
LARD TRENCH from N 20 D 40-68 to  
N 20 B 45-23

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Battery will make arrangements to  
register this target as early as possible.

Acknowledged by wire.

G. Stevenson Lieut Col  
C.O. No 2 Art Group



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Amendment N°3 to N°2 Art. Group Order N°1

by  
Lieut. Col. G. I. Stevenson C. M. G.

Commanding N°2 Art. Group.

H E

In the Field13<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1916S. O. S  
BarrageAmendment N°2 dated 12-12-16 is cancelled.  
The S. O. S barrage allotted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Batteries from this date are as under.3<sup>rd</sup> Battery N20 B45-33 to N20 B83-3723<sup>rd</sup> Battery N20 B45-33 to N21 A05-35G. I. Stevenson Lieut. Col.  
C. O. N°2 Art. Group.



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Group Order No 2  
by  
Lieut. Colonel G I. Stinsons C.M.G.  
Commanding No 2 Artillery Group.

In the Field

29.11.16

Maps Reference Guendecort to Papauwe 1/10000.

1 Warning Order A No. 1000 operation will shortly take place when ground & weather permits the object of which is to clear up the situation in N20 & consolidate our line on N20 B75.00 to N20 D49 - N20 D09 to SAPHEND N20 C80 & 85.

The Infantry plan of attack is as follows:-

- A A strong attack on HILT TRENCH from about N20 D09 on the left to as close as possible to an enfilade Barrage on SUNKEN ROAD
- B 6 minutes after this attack has taken place an attack will be made on SUNKEN ROAD from the direction of PETROL LANE

2 All previous orders in connection with this operation issued to Batteries of 1<sup>st</sup> A & A Bde & 21<sup>st</sup> A & A Bde (less 24<sup>th</sup> Bty) are cancelled & replaced by this order.

3 In accordance with the table set out in Left Art Group 1<sup>st</sup> Army Corps Warning Order No 1 & Amendment <sup>ment</sup> No 1 to that order Batteries of No 2 Group 1<sup>st</sup> and Div Art are allotted tasks as under & Battery Commanders will take immediate & full advantage of any clear weather to register the tasks allotted.

Batteries of No 2 Group 1<sup>st</sup> and Div Art  
Phase 1 Tables of Tasks

Time	Bty	Zone	Rate of Fire	Projectile
005 0.6	1 <sup>st</sup>	N20 B98.25 to N20 D61.00	4 Rounds per Gun per 10 minutes	50% H.E. 50% T.S. fired alternately.
005 0.6	2 <sup>nd</sup>	N21 A30.75 to N21 A00.00		
005 0.8	3 <sup>rd</sup>	N21 A00.80 to N20 B70.90		
0 05 0.6	22 <sup>nd</sup>	N21 A33.50 to N21 A65.75		
0 05 0.6	23 <sup>rd</sup>	N21 A33.50 to N20 B98.25		



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Phase 2

Time	Bty	Zone	Rate of Fire	Propaganda
0650-10	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Section N21A33-50 to N21A575	4 Rounds per gun per minute	50% HE
0650-10	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Section N21A33-50 to N21A05-30		50% T.S.
0650-10	3 <sup>rd</sup>	as in phase 1		Fired Alternately
0650-10	22 <sup>nd</sup>	as in phase 1		
0650-10	23 <sup>rd</sup>	N21A33-50 to N21A05-30		

Phase 3

Time	Bty	Zone	Rate of Fire	Propaganda
0100-15	1 <sup>st</sup>	Same as	2 Rounds	as in
	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	3 <sup>rd</sup>			
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Phase 2	per gun	Phase 2
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		per minute	

Phase 4

Time	Bty	Zone	Rate of Fire	Propaganda
0155-100	1 <sup>st</sup>	Same as	1 Round	as in
	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	3 <sup>rd</sup>			
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Phase 2	per gun	Phase 2
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		per minute	

101<sup>st</sup> Howitzers Battery Tasks

New trench standing Barrage N20B795 N20B338

Rate of fire 0 0 to 0 10 3 rounds per gun per minute  
0 10 to 1 0 1 round per gun per minute

As the Group Barrage up SUNKEN ROAD is rather close to our front line it is proposed to have a practice on the morning of the operations for the Infantry assaulting parties to observe.

In view of above & the fact that the 12<sup>th</sup> FA Bde is also firing on portions of our targets Battery commanders will take particular care as to correct registrations etc.

5 Acknowledge by Here

Issued 3 pm  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 1918 22<sup>nd</sup> Bty  
2<sup>nd</sup> 101<sup>st</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>

E.A. Randall Captain  
Adjutant 101<sup>st</sup> Howitzers Bde