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	1-4-17		16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Batteries engaged in registration on Croiselles and flanks of this village. 16 <sup>th</sup> Bty fired 90A 1AX. 17 <sup>th</sup> Bty 71A 18 <sup>th</sup> Bty 47A. B/312 Bty 62 <sup>nd</sup> D.A. grouped with 6 <sup>th</sup> Aust FA Bde forming E Group 7 <sup>th</sup> Div Artz	
	2-4-17	5:15 a.m.	Batteries opened fire on flanks E and W of Croiselles in accordance with 7 <sup>th</sup> D.A. O.O. 77 & E Group Art O.O. 701. At 11.40 am. batteries put crushing damage on Croiselles and formed protective barrage T18 B 3.5. to T.17. B 8.5. Attack on Croiselles by 20 <sup>th</sup> & 91 <sup>st</sup> Inf Brigades successfully carried out. 16 <sup>th</sup> Bty expended 1405 Rds 17 <sup>th</sup> Bty 1743 18 <sup>th</sup> Bty 1440 Rds B/312 Bty taken from Group	
	3-4-17		Batteries registered on enemy wire & trenches Hindenberg Line U.18.b. 154 Rds fired	
	4-4-17		E. Group took over new zone T18 b 5.9 to T.20.c 5.3. Registration completed 64 Rds	
	5-4-17		62 <sup>nd</sup> Div Artz relieved 7 <sup>th</sup> Div Artz H.Q. night 4/5. E Groups fired occasional bursts of fire on enemy F.L.T. and support trenches in rear of U 13 Cent to U 20 d 3.4. 175 Rounds being fired	
	6-4-17		6 <sup>th</sup> Brigade 18 pdrs fired on F.L.T. & Support trenches 170 Rounds	
	7-4-17		6 <sup>th</sup> Bde covered advance of 22 <sup>nd</sup> 35 <sup>th</sup> 310 <sup>th</sup> & 312 <sup>th</sup> R.F.A. Bdes to new positions during night 6/7 April. New zone allotted U 27 d 5.8. - U 20 d 1.7. for S.O.S. No firing took place	

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Henry Coley Lt Colonel

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	8-47		Batteries moved forward during night 7/8 16 <sup>th</sup> Bty to T30C 17 <sup>th</sup> Bty to C7a. 18 <sup>th</sup> Bty C7b completed registration and bombarded enemy wire and front trench between U21d85 to U20b30 from 3pm onwards 719 rounds being fired.	
	9-47		Intense bombardment of enemy front line trench by 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Batteries 5-30 to 11-30 am in accordance with 62 <sup>nd</sup> D.A. B.M.F./1039/10. 18 <sup>th</sup> Battery completed new registrations and carried out wire cutting U20d. 1725 Rds fired.	
	10-47		Wire cutting operation continued with intermittent shelling of support and third line trenches	
	11-47	4-30am	The 18 par Batteries (16, 17, & 18) bombarded enemy front line trenches and support system in U21a03 to U21A70-15 at 4-30am. Rates of fire were 3 rounds per gun per minute for five minutes, two rds per gun <sup>per minute</sup> for next 10 minutes, dropping to two rds per BATTERY <sup>per minute</sup> at the end of 15 minutes when a lift of 300 yards was made and a protective barrage formed on a line U21b09 to U15c30. Wire cutting was carried out during the day west of BULLECOURT in U20b90 to U21a50. 16 <sup>th</sup> Battery fired 1228 rds, 17 <sup>th</sup> Bty 964 rds & 18 <sup>th</sup> Battery 1040 rds.	Reference map 10,000, ECOUSI-ST MEIN.
	12-47		Wire cutting carried out. 16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Btys bombarded enemy F.L.T. at 7-30 pm, a lift being made to Support Trench for five minutes & then back to F.L.T. All divisional & Heavy artillery took part in this operation which lasted 15 mins. This Group expended 1530 rds.	Hooley Lt Colonel

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	13.4.17.		Batteries were again engaged wirecutting. 18 <sup>th</sup> Battery expended 250 rounds.	
	14.4.17.		Wirecutting was proceeded with and intermittent shelling of enemy trench system. Ammunition expended for 24 hours 870 rounds.	
	15.4.17.		Wire cutting. Expenditure on task 904 rounds.	
	16.4.17.		880 rounds expended by 18 <sup>th</sup> par Batteries on task of wire-cutting.	
	17.4.17.		18 <sup>th</sup> par Batteries completing task - viz: wirecutting, on which 240 rds were expended <del>with</del> RELIEF 6 <sup>th</sup> (Army) A. F. A. Brigade was relieved in the line by 58 <sup>th</sup> Brigade R.F.A. (11 <sup>th</sup> Div. Artillery) and withdrew from Gun Positions to Wagon Lines.	
	<del>18.4.17.</del>			
	18.4.17.		In accordance with instructions laid down in 62 <sup>nd</sup> D.A. B.M.F./1105/10, the 6 <sup>th</sup> (Army) A. F. A. Brigade (HQ: 16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Batteries) moved out from Wagon Lines at 8 am. via BAPAUME on FREMICOURT, the Co. reporting to HQ. 5 <sup>th</sup> Australian Divisional Artillery, in Square I 26, S.E. of FREMICOURT. Batteries remained at Wagon Lines. Brigade Headquarters established at J13d 8.2, BEAUMETZ.	
	19.4.17.		16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Batteries occupied positions as follows. 16 <sup>th</sup> Battery in J16a 2.2, 17 <sup>th</sup> Battery in J16c 4.6 18 <sup>th</sup> Battery in J9c 7.5.	
	20.4.17.		17 <sup>th</sup> Battery fired 30 rounds on movement observed in D24 A 15. Hostile during	

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	20-4-17		The morning enemy fired occasional bursts of 4.2 Shrapnel on our Infantry Posts in D28, 29x 59 Shrap. was intermittently burst on CAMBRAI Road I18, J13. BOURSIES also received attention from S.G's. GENERAL. 3 Hostile planes over at 12.15pm. "D" Group O.P. was situated at J5C 2.1.	
	21-4-17		OUR ARTILLERY. Our firing was confined to registration in new zone & a few rounds on movement at E19 a 8.2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY 77mm & 105cm were fired at intervals into LOUVEVAL throughout night & morning. Road in J10 a & b received similar attention. At 4pm 77 were fired into our front line D29 b. GENERAL - considerable aerial activity in afternoon - two hostile planes flying low were engaged by machine guns.	
	22-4-17		OUR ARTILLERY - Our firing was confined to a few rounds on working parties and registrations. HOSTILE ARTILLERY - Enemy artillery has been active throughout 24 hours, 300 S.G's falling in one area between 11am & 5pm but doing no damage. AERIAL - Two of our planes were forced to land by hostile planes at 3.55pm. One landed in our own lines the occupants being uninjured. The other appeared to land in German lines. GENERAL a fire started in HAVRINCOURT at 10am, continuing through the day, as if the enemy were burning houses there.	
	23-4-17		OUR ARTILLERY - Our activity consisted of a few rds fired by 16 <sup>th</sup> Bty on working parties in E20A2.1	

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	23-4-7		<p><u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u>. - ACTIVE. 4.2<sup>3</sup> &amp; 5.9<sup>5</sup> were fired at intervals during the day on the following place DOIGNIES, LOUVEVAL, BOURSIES and BEAUMETZ. <u>GENERAL</u> There was considerable hostile aeroplane activity all day. This was particularly marked at 5 am. At 7.15 am one of our Vickers planes was shot down by anti-aircraft guns. 106<sup>th</sup> How. BATTERY rejoined Brigade from 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D.A.</p>	
	24-4-7		<p><u>OUR ARTILLERY</u>. - slight. 106<sup>th</sup> Battery engaged on registrations. 106<sup>th</sup> Battery now in position at TIOCI. O. (4 guns only) <u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u>. - Enemy activity was very marked throughout night and early morning. From 12.15 am to 1 am he heavily bombarded the night of HERMIES in reply to our shelling on that sector. At 4.20 am the same area was again shelled - retaliation to our bombardment at 5.50 it decreased in volume and switched further right. 700. - 5.9<sup>5</sup> were fired into BEAUMETZ in the neighbourhood of the cemetery between 5 &amp; 7 pm. <u>GENERAL</u> At 10.20 am a German NCO surrendered and came into our line. Hostile plane brought down by our plane at 4.45 pm. Our plane subsequently landed near it. These were engaged by hostile guns &amp; both planes destroyed. The following piece is reported: - "at 6.30 pm, on 23<sup>rd</sup> and several enemy planes flying over our outposts, two of which opened fire with their machine guns, and began to dive at each other, indicating that they were engaged.</p>	

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			<p>in an aerial conflict. One suddenly dived towards the ground as if it had been shot down. When quite near the ground it turned and flew in rear of its own line. A few minutes later a 77 Battery opened fire with two rounds of Pattern fire on the location mentioned</p> <p>25-4-17  <u>OUR ARTILLERY</u> - During night 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> Batteries fired 16 rds on E14C and 12 rds on K3C5-9 respectively. Between 1 &amp; 3 pm. 106<sup>th</sup> Bty fired 60 rds on E15C 8-3, E20A3-12. Intermittent shelling of enemy works and defences throughout day. <u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u> - 77mm were fired at intervals during night on T15dx LOUVEVAL was shelled with 4 2's &amp; 5-9's at intervals during the day - no damage. <u>GENERAL</u> Still a great deal of enemy walking movement behind the HINDENBURG LINE. Little aerial activity.</p> <p>26-4-17  <u>OUR ARTILLERY</u> - 16<sup>th</sup> Battery fired 70 rds at working parties behind enemy line with success and 56 rounds on suspected Battery position at K2b 8-8. 106<sup>th</sup> Battery fired 17 rds on D24 a 5-8. <u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u> - Between 6 &amp; 9 pm. about 300 5-9's fired on LOUVEVAL, &amp; 60 8" &amp; 42's were put into DOIGNIES from the direction of INCHY &amp; MOEUVRES respectively. A few gas shells were fired into BOURSIES during morning, also from direction of MOEUVRES. Enemy artillery active throughout 24 hours. <u>GENERAL</u> - a great deal of enemy movement</p>	

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			<p>behind line all day. Party of 500 observed working on trench at D16C2-b. Our fire made them shift position. We again fired for on the party later, but infantry could not observe position.</p> <p><u>OUR ARTILLERY</u> - During night 16" Battery fired 70 rounds on a Battery at E20B8-8, this was repeated again at 5-30 pm. About 100 rds were fired by 18" Battery during day on movement behind lines, F.L.T. and O.P. trees in <del>D24</del> D24 a central. <u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u>. There was promiscuous intermittent shelling of roads and villages during the night, but hostile activity on the whole has been below normal. <u>AERIAL</u> - no hostile planes reported during 24 hours.</p>	
	27-47		<p><u>OUR ARTILLERY</u> - At 6-40 pm 16" Battery fired 35 rds on working party D24b and E19a. with good effect, men being seen to fall. 30 rds were also fired on Battery at E20B8-8. 11-30 am 106" Battery wirecutting at K20C. 2-37 am to 2-52 am 106" Battery fired 120 Gas shells in accordance with O.O. B23 (copy attached). Intermittent shelling of enemy dumps &amp; O.P.s. Expenditure for 24 hours. 370 rounds. <u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u> Intermittent shelling of DOIGNIES, BEAUMETZ, and Sunken Road in T17a b b during night and roads in T5C and T11a. DEMICOURT and BOURSIES were shelled during course of the day.</p>	
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	29.4.17.		<p><u>GENERAL</u> Hostile planes again active above their own lines</p> <p><u>OUR ARTILLERY</u> Intermittent shelling of enemy dumps, OP's and Battery positions throughout day. <u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u> - very active during 24 hours. 57 8" were fired on T16 C, 200 4 2 4 8" on Valley in T216, 300 5.9 into LOUVEVAL, in addition to which, shelling of other portions of our sector took place. <u>GENERAL</u> - Enemy planes very active towards evening. Three enemy planes attacked two of ours. Both of ours were brought down, one in flames in the enemy lines and one appeared to land safely in our own lines</p>	
	30.4.17.		<p><u>OUR ARTILLERY</u> - Between 10am &amp; 4pm 106" Battery fired 300 rounds wire-cutting in KISC 7.0 to KISC 5.3 to 0.6 to 3.0. <u>HOSTILE ARTILLERY</u> - Between 5.45 &amp; 4pm. 300 5.9 &amp; 8" were fired on 16" Battery position from direction of MOEUVRES &amp; BOURLON. - 2 men killed. Intermittent shelling of roads and villages in sector throughout day and night</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> Enemy planes very active throughout day - flying very high. Several combats took place without any apparent result.</p>	
Items of Interest -			The 106 <sup>th</sup> Howitzer Battery was re-organised on 5-4-17, when a	

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			<p>a section of 115<sup>th</sup> Battery marched in to complete as a six gun Battery. In all</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> 10 officers and 58 O.Rs. marched in from 115<sup>th</sup> Bty.</p> <p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> The following Reinforcement Drafts marched in.</p> <p>8/4/17. 10 officers and 37 O.Rs. from A.G. B. Depot. Etaples.</p> <p>12/4/17 10 officers and 64 O.Rs. - do - do -</p> <p>28/4/17 32 O.Rs. - do - do -</p>	
			<p><u>Casualties</u></p> <p>1 Officer (Major P. J. Morgan) of 17<sup>th</sup> Battery died of wounds on 4-4-17.</p> <p>2 O.Rs. killed in action 28/4/17</p> <p>3 Wounded. 1 - do 30/4/17.</p>	
			<p><u>Strength</u></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> April 27 Officers 859 Other ranks.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> April 33 Officers 1031 Other ranks.</p>	
			<p><u>Honours.</u></p> <p>Lieut. J. N. Leaper of 18<sup>th</sup> Battery was awarded the MILITARY CROSS for the following action.</p> <p>On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1917, this officer was ordered to go forward with the infantry advance on CROISELLES, and to establish communication, report events, and engage any fleeting opportunity targets. He carried out these duties with marked</p>	

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			<p>abilities and great determination, succeeding in maintaining telephone telephone communications from the commencement of the operations until dark, and sending in several useful reports as a result of his observations. Bringing fire to bear on a dugout and machine gun position in a trench held by the enemy, they were forced to evacuate it and our infantry who were attacking at this point were able to occupy it.</p> <hr/> <p>The following men have been awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for the laying and repairing of telephone lines under heavy fire at ECOUST on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1917:-</p> <p>7913 Dr. Sutherland A.C. 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) A.F. Brigade Headquarters  10781 . Pidoto " "  8064 G. Richardson T.L. 16<sup>th</sup> Battery.</p>	
HORSE CASUALTIES.			<p>During April the following casualties occurred among horses.</p> <p>Killed - 74  Evacuated 7.</p>	

Commanding 6<sup>th</sup> (Army) A.F. Brigade  
*[Signature]*  
Lieut Colonel

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"E" GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO.1.

Headquarters,  
April 1st, 1917.

1. 7th Div. Artillery Group Operation Order No.77. with  
Addenda of 31st March giving Task Table of "E" Group  
Artillery herewith.

2. In accordance with this order, 16th, 17th, 18th and  
B/313 Batteries will engage targets as follows :

Unit.	Time.	Objective.	Remarks.
16th. 1st Phase.	Zero to Zero plus 1 hour.	T.23.A.60.00. - to T.17.D.00.00.	Search the trench and edge of village east of the trench to guard the right flank of 21st Div.
16th. 2nd Phase.	Zero plus 1 hour to further orders.	T.18.A.30.50. to T.18.a.90.50.	Protective Barrage on 7th D.A. Zone joining that of 21st Div.
17th. 1st Phase.	Zero till further orders.	T.18.C.30.00. to T.23.D.70.80.	Flank barrage on left of 7th Div. Order to lift will be given from this office when the 17th Bty. will lift and form Pro- tective Barrage of 7th Div. Art.Group Zone between 16th Bty and B/313 Bty. Sector.
17th. 2nd Phase.	When order- ed till further orders.	T.18.B.40.50. to T.18.B.90.60.	
18th. 1st Phase.	Zero to Zero plus 1 hour.	T.23.A.90.90. to T.17.D.40.80.	Search the trench and edge of village east of the trench to guard the right flank.
18th 2nd Phase.	Zero plus 1 hour to further orders.	T.17.B.80.50. to T.18.A.30.50.	Protective barrage on 7th D.A.Zone joining that of 21st Div.
B/313. 1st Phase.	Zero till further orders.	T.23.D.70.80. - T.23.D.00.60. - T.23.A.60.00.	Barrage South side of village till further orders from this office.
B/313. 2nd Phase.	When order- ed until further orders.	T.18.A.90.50. to T.18.b.40.50.	Protective barrage on 7th D.A.Zone.

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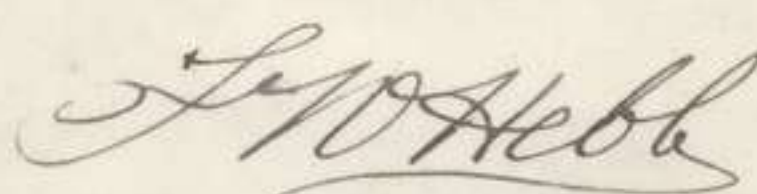
3. RATES OF FIRE.

3 rounds per gun per 1 minute for 1st Phase.  
1 round per gun per 3 minutes for 2nd Phase

4. AMMUNITION.

Until further orders - 75% A. 25% A.X.

5. Watches will be synchronised one hour before  
Zero time.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut.  
Adjutant, "E" Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION.

No.1.	16th Battery.
2.	17th -do-
3.	18th -do-
4.	B/323 -do-
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"E" GROUP ARTILLERY.  
-----Headquarters,  
April 1st, 1917.O.C., 16th Battery.  
O.C., 17th -do-  
O.C., 18th -do-  
O.C., B/312 -do-  
7th D.A.H.Q.Memorandum in reference to "E" Group  
Operation Order No.1. :

1. The B/312 and 17th Batteries will receive their orders to lift from the 1st Phase to the 2nd Phase by the following message :

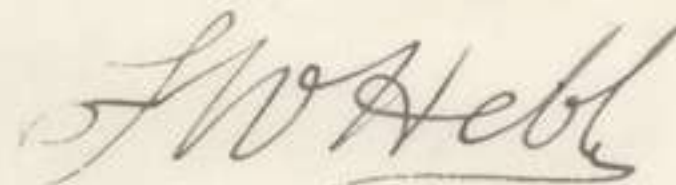
"LIFT OFF CROISILLES".

2. 16th and 18th Batteries, and B/312 and 17th Batteries will maintain an F.O. in the forward O.P. to report on the accuracy of fire of these Batteries, the progress of operations, and any fleeting opportunity targets in CROISILLES itself, to which target this Group is confined. Any Intelligence received by Batteries is to be passed to Group Headquarters forthwith.

3. Attention is directed to the necessity of distributing the fire on the flank barrages over both trench and village, in order to keep down hostile action. Care must be exercised in these barrages and in fleeting opportunity targets, that our Infantry working at the flanks or into CROISILLES are not affected.

Batteries must be registered to-day.

4. Liaison is being provided by "D" Group. Lieut. Leaper, 18th Battery, will be prepared, immediately opportunity offers, to proceed forward to CROISILLES, with telephonic and visual communication, get in touch with our Infantry, and report on the position.


Lieut.  
Adjutant, "E" Group Artillery.

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ADDENDUM No.1. to -  
"E" GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.1.

Headquarters,  
April 1st, 1917.

1. Attention is directed to Addenda 77/2 annexed, and to Instruction 77/3 annexed.
2. The 31st Divisional Artillery (the Divisional Artillery operating on our left) has asked that, in order to allow their Infantry to occupy the SUNKEN ROAD, T.17.A.9.2. to T.17.d.6.7., at Zero plus 45 minutes 16th and 18th Batteries will keep their fire 300 yards South of this Road.
3. From Zero plus 45 minutes to Zero plus 90 minutes the objective of the 16th and 18th Batteries will be T.17.d.15.45. to T.23.A.6.0., and the edge of the Village East and South of this line.
4. The task table for 16th and 18th Batteries will therefore now be as follows :-

Unit.	Time.	Task.
16th (4 guns)	Zero to Zero plus 10 mins.	T.23.A.60.00. to T.17.D.00.00.
16th (3 guns)	Zero to Zero plus 10 mins.	Enfilade SUNKEN ROAD T.17.e.4.2. to Cross Roads T.17.e.6.6.
16th (All guns)	Zero plus 10 mins. to Zero plus 45 mins.	T.23.A.60.00. to T.17.D.00.00.
16th.	Zero plus 45 mins. to Zero plus 90 mins.	T.23.A.9.7. to T.23.a.6.0.
16th (2nd Phase)	Zero plus 90 mins. till further orders.	T.18.A. <sup>90</sup> <del>30</del> .50. to T.18. <del>2</del> <sup>B</sup> .90.50.
16th	Zero to Zero plus 45 mins.	T.23.a.90.90. to T.17.D.40.80.
16th	Zero plus 45 mins to Zero plus 90 mins.	T.17.D.15.45. to T.23.A.90.70.
16th (2nd Phase)	Zero plus 90 mins. till further orders.	T.17.B.80.50. to T.18. <del>2</del> <sup>a 90</sup> .30.50.

5. The remarks in the Operation Order still apply. The Rate of Fire for the 16th and 18th Batteries will be :  
2 rounds per gun per minute for the first hour.  
1 round per gun per minute for the next 30 minutes.  
1 round per gun per 2 minutes for the 2nd Phase.

2.

6. B/313 Battery is now on another task.  
The first Phase of the 17th Battery, and the rate of fire, will be as in Operation Order No.1.  
The 2nd Phase of the 17th Battery will be, on the order "LIFT OFF CROISILLES" :  
T.17.B.8.5.  
to  
T.18.A.9.5.  
The Rates of Fire will be as in the Order, viz:  
1st Phase - 2 rounds per gun per minute.  
2nd Phase - 1 round per gun per 2 minutes.
7. F.O's. will now be provided :  
1 for 16th and 18th Batteries.  
1 for 17th Battery.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. J. Webb* Lieut.  
Adjutant, "E" Group Artillery.

## DISTRIBUTION:

No.1. 16th Battery.  
2. 17th -do-  
3. 18th -do-  
4. 7th D.A.H.Q.  
5. File.  
6. War Diary.



"D" Group Artillery Operation Order N° B2.3

Headquarters,  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

1. On date to be notified later Gas will be discharged on the Divisional front in neighbourhood of DEMICOURT, K7d.
2. Objective: Enemy position about LOCK 6, Sqr. K3a. 106<sup>th</sup> Battery will at zero plus 10 minutes carry out Gas Shell bombardment on enemy trenches in square K3a and K3c. About 100 Gas Shells to be used.
3. Zero hour will be 2.30 am.
4. When it is intended to discharge the Gas, the following PRIORITY WIRE will be sent to all Batteries as soon after 12 midnight as possible: "GOODS WILL BE DELIVERED".
5. On receipt of this message, Batteries of "A" and "D" Groups will wear Gas Helmets in the alert position.
6. Watches will be synchronised with Group H.Q. Signals at 10 am. and 7 pm. daily.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE.

(sgd) F. W. Kebb.

Lieut.  
Captain, "D" Group Artillery.

Distribution

N°1	16 <sup>th</sup> Battery
2	17 <sup>th</sup> do
3	18 <sup>th</sup> do
4	106 <sup>th</sup> do
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Base.
6	32 <sup>nd</sup> Inf Bde.
7	File.