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Artillery

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Title: Headquarters, 6th Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

December 1917



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Kemel Sheet 28 SW. v.	1/12/17		Our Artillery during day harassing fire by this Group on enemy tracks and a bullet hostile Artillery - very quiet, a few rounds fell into Ravine Wood being the only shelling. Aerial - a few hostile planes crossed our lines during day for a few minutes.	
	2/1/17		Our Artillery during afternoon 17 th Battery fired 20 rounds on a M.G. Position in vicinity of our outposts and obtained 12 direct hits. Harassing fire programme carried out. Enemy Artillery 9.30am to 10.30am enemy carried out an ineffective bombardment of our front line vicinity in O13a and O28c, our infantry did not require artillery retaliation. Roads and tracks in O16c, O16d & O17a were shelled intermittently during the day. Generally, more active than usual, several gun flashes observed in enemy lines. Aerial during the early morning two of our machines were nearly engaged by hostile MG's without result.	
	3/1/17		Our Artillery - usual harassing fire carried out. Enemy Artillery very quiet, 8 rounds only fell in Group area during 24 hours. Aerial Nil.	
	4/1/17		Our Artillery - This Group harassing fire. Enemy Artillery fairly active, at 9 pm 20 rounds # 7 HE fell in vicinity of 106 th Battery position - no damage. Many ^{gun} flashes observed in enemy lines during day, apparently firing in a northerly direction. General at night a fire was burning fiercely in enemy lines at P7c apparently an ammunition dump - several explosions occurred. Aerial - Nil.	

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	5/12/17		<p><u>Our Artillery</u> This Group harassing fire, and registrations. <u>Hostile Artillery</u>. Scattered bursts into Obd during day - otherwise very quiet. Several enemy gun flashes observed.</p> <p><u>Aerial</u>. At 3:30 pm first enemy planes over our lines.</p>	
	6/12/17		<p><u>Our Artillery</u> - usual harassing fire. <u>Enemy Artillery</u> 12 noon, 20 rds + v in vicinity of day O.P. (010d 85.80) and during afternoon a dozen rds into valleys between St. Elou and Hamm - Strasse. <u>Aerial</u>. Between 3 & 4 pm five small balloons floating in North Easterly direction dropped papers of French origin.</p>	
	7/12/17		<p><u>Administration</u>. Lieut. Colonel. H.W. Flaxell, C.M.G., D.S.O., marched in from Almgae Corps & took over command of Group (temporarily) vice Lieut. Colonel H.E. Cohen D.S.O., to England on 30 days leave. <u>Our Artillery</u> - usual programme of harassing fire. <u>Hostile Artillery</u> - Nil. <u>Aerial</u> - quiet.</p>	
	8/12/17		<p><u>Our Artillery</u> - harassing fire. <u>Enemy Artillery</u>. Between 30 & 40 rounds + v fell in Obd during day. <u>Aerial</u>. at 2:40 pm a plane crashed in rear of enemy line at Obd - not known if enemy or ours. <u>General</u>. An explosion occurred in enemy lines at 3:20 pm - apparently caused by the fire of our beams.</p>	
	9/12/17		<p><u>Our Artillery</u> Harassing fire. <u>Enemy Artillery</u> - very quiet, only 15 rounds falling in this sector during day. <u>Aerial & General</u> - Nil.</p>	

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	10/12/17		<p>Our Artillery. At 5.25 am. 17th Battalion fired 30 rounds on the buildings at request of Infantry. Infantry reported shooting very satisfactory. Harassing fire carried out by Group. Enemy Artillery - more active than usual, Verne Road & Ravine Wood especially being heavily shelled - about 150 rds (various calibres) fell in other parts of this sector during day. General. Large number of gunflashes observed in enemy lines, also much movement seen. Our batteries firing on & dispersing several parties of men. Aerial. At 3.30 pm seven Gotha over our lines bomb-dropping - no damage.</p>	
	11/12/17		<p>Our Artillery - harassing fire. 25th T. 17th Battalion obtained fifteen direct hits on the 'wrens' during the afternoon. Enemy Artillery - quiet.</p>	
	12/12/17		<p>Our Artillery - 18th Bty fired 30 rds dispersing movement at 01.30 & 5.0. Harassing fire. Enemy Artillery. Light shelling of 010d & 011b during day - otherwise quiet. Aerial 9.40 am. Enemy plane brought down N of Hollebke by our AA fire. 2.5 pm. Six Gotha over our lines & dropped two bombs - no damage.</p>	
	13/12/17		<p>Our Artillery. During night a special harassing fire programme carried out by 17, 18th & 106th Btys as it was anticipated that an enemy relief would take place. Aerial & General - NIL.</p>	

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14/1/17	14/1/17		<p>Our Artillery. 18 Bty dispersed a working party at O1766212 with 30 rounds. Usual harassing fire programme carried out. Hostile Artillery - fairly active during 24 hours. Ravine Wood & Olive Branch received attention from hostile Guns. Several flashes observed during morning and early afternoon. General - Train movement was considerably above normal in enemy country in neighbourhood of Werville and Somme, otherwise no movement seen. Aerial - Nil.</p>	
15/1/17	15/1/17		<p>Our Artillery - Harassing fire. Hostile Artillery - a few rounds into O106 + O18540 was the only shelling. General Nil. Aerial - Several enemy observers over our line during early afternoon.</p>	
16/1/17	16/1/17		<p>Our Artillery - 840 am. 18 Battery dispersed working party at Fort Duldun g. 18 Battery fired 24 rounds on dugout O18a74, obtaining several direct hits and smoke ceased issuing. Two other posts were fired on by the same battery with good results. Harassing fire carried out. Hostile Artillery About 12 rounds fell in our Back Areas during afternoon, otherwise quiet. General It was noticed that enemy movement in forward area is generally above normal after German Reliefs. Aerial - quiet.</p>	
17/1/17	17/1/17		<p>Our Artillery Working Party dispersed by 17th Battery and Harassing fire</p>	

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			<p>carried out. <u>Hostile Artillery</u> during afternoon Blue trench and Haven Wood were intermittently shelled by it. <u>General</u> An enemy "carrigan" party in P9d was fired on by our <u>Heavies</u> at noon and dispersed. <u>Aerials</u> 3 pm. Two enemy planes over our lines but driven off by our A.A. fire.</p>	
	18/11/17		<p><u>Our Artillery</u>. Harassing fire only. <u>Hostile Artillery</u> - quiet. Numerous hostile flashes were observed during day and evening early morning but shells from these flashes did not fall in our area. <u>General</u>. Our <u>Heavies</u> set a rocket dump alight during the afternoon. Smoke seen coming from several dugouts in enemy areas. Train movement normal. <u>Aerials</u> 10.30 am. A German machine crashed at P7b as a result of aerial battle. 10.30 pm. Enemy over our lines bomb-dropping.</p>	
	19/11/17		<p><u>Our Artillery</u>. Harassing fire only. <u>Hostile Artillery</u> very quiet. <u>General</u> 10.50 pm. Slight trace of gas was noticed at 18th Battery position - this was blown over the wind. 11.30 pm. Respirators had to be worn at O.P. 010d 8.5.80 owing to hearing shelling north of line. <u>Aerials</u> - Nil</p>	
	20/11/17		<p><u>Relief</u>. At noon the command of Kollibete Group Artillery was passed over by Lt. Col. H.W. Lloyd, C.M. G., D.S.O., of 6th Army Brigade Australian F.A.</p>	

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			to Lieut. Colonel Williams, commanding 12 th Army Brigade Aust. I. B. The relief of Group Batteries was completed on night 19/20 and Batteries moved from Wagon lines at Stenel to positions to the rear of NEUVE EGLISE.	
	21/12/17 to -		Camp Routine, Harness cleaning and checking of equipment.	
	24/12/17.		Christmas Eve was a half-holiday.	
	25/12/17.		all parades, with the exception of Stables, were cancelled, and each unit celebrated Christmas in its own lines.	
	26/12/17 to -		Camp Routine, Harness cleaning & preparation of limbers, wagons &c. for General	
	31/12/17.		Inspection to be held 3/4 th Jan'y. 1918.	
			<u>Items of General Interest</u>	
			<u>Fighting strength of Brigade</u> 1 st December 1917	32 Officers 978 O.S.
			31 st December 1917.	38 Officers 988 O.S.
			<u>Casualties during month.</u> - 1 O.P. wounded.	

W. H. ... Lt Colonel
Cmdg 6th (Army) Aust. F. A. B. A.I.F.

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HOLLEBERG GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 91.

Headquarters,
Dec. 1st, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
noon 1/13/17 to noon 2/13/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.30 p.m.	16th.	SPUD to PAT FARM.	30
3.30 p.m.	17th.	COPSE and HADES FARMS.	30
4.35 p.m.	18th.	KORTSWILDE.	30
4.35 p.m.	108th.	KORTSWILDE.	30
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.F.C.	40
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	17th.	" " O.18.D.	40
10.10 to 11.10 p.m.	18th.	" " P.13.B.	40
10.10 to 11.10 p.m.	108th.	" " P.13.B.	30
5.10 to 6.10 a.m.	18th.	" " P.8.C.	40
5.10 to 6.10 a.m.	17th.	" " P.19.A.	40
5.35 to 6.35 a.m.	18th.	" " P.14.A.	40
5.35 to 6.35 a.m.	108th.	" LOCK 4 to LOCK 5.	50

Each Battery has 50 rounds at its disposal during the 24 hours for fleeting opportunities seen by F.O's., and registration.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Holdsworth
Lieutenant.
Actg/Adjt., HOLLEBERG Group Arty.

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- 2. 17th -do-
- 3. 18th -do-
- 4. 108th -do-
- 5. 5th Aust. Div. Arty.) For inf.
- 6. 15th Inf. Brigade.)
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HOLLEBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO.K.33.

Headquarters,
Dec. 2nd, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
from 2/13/17 to noon 3/13/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
2.40 p.m.	16th.	PUMP FARM, KIKI FARM.	30
2.40 p.m.	17th.	LOW FARM, FORT BUILDINGS.	30
3.45 p.m.	18th.	PEREGRINE FARM.	30
5.45 p.m.	106th.	KORTEWILDE.	30
9.25 to 10.25 p.m.	16th.	KORTEWILDE.	30
9.25 to 10.25 p.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.13.B. & TRAIN HOUSE.	40
10.25 to 11.25 p.m.	17th.	" " O.18.B.	40
10.25 to 11.25 p.m.	18th.	" " P.13.B.	40
5.20 to 6.20 a.m.	106th.	" " P.7.C.	40
5.20 to 6.20 a.m.	16th.	" " P.7.C.	40
5.30 to 6.30 a.m.	17th.	" " O.18.D.	40
5.30 to 6.30 a.m.	18th.	" " P.13.A.	40

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HOLLEBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 23.Headquarters,
Dec. 3rd, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
noon 3/12/17 to noon 4/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.5 p.m.	17th.	TRUNK FARM, COPSE FARM.	20
3.5 p.m.	16th.	TRALEE FARM, SUBURB VILLAS.	20
4.35 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	20
4.35 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	20
7.20 to 8.20 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.13.B.	40
7.20 to 8.20 p.m.	106th.	" P.13.B.	40
10.15 to 11.15 p.m.	106th.	" P.7.C.	40
10.15 to 11.15 p.m.	16th.	" P.7.C.	40
5.15 to 6.15 a.m.	17th.	" O.24.B.	40
5.15 to 6.15 a.m.	16th.	" P.8.C.	40
6.15 to 7.15 a.m.	16th.	" P.14.A.	40
6.15 to 7.15 a.m.	17th.	" O.18.D.	40

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Lieutenant.
Actg/Adjt., HOLLEBEKE Group Arty.

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4.	106th -do-
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6.	15th Inf. Brigade.) For inf.
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HOLLEBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 24.

Headquarters,
Dec. 4th, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
noon 4/13/17 to noon 5/13/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
2.10 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	20
2.10 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	20
4.35 p.m.	16th.	SHINDY VILLAS.	20
4.35 p.m.	17th.	SPUD to PAT FARM.	20
7.5 to 8.5 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.7.C.	20
7.5 to 8.5 p.m.	106th.	" P.7.C.	40
9.45 to 10.45 p.m.	17th.	" O.19.D.	30
9.45 to 10.45 p.m.	16th.	" P.14.A.B.	40
5.20 to 6.20 a.m.	16th.	" P.13.B.	40
5.20 to 6.20 a.m.	106th.	" P.13.B. and Tunnel in P.19.B.	50
5.45 to 6.45 a.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.8.C.	40
5.45 to 6.45 a.m.	17th.	" O.24.A.B.	40

Each battery has 50 rounds at its disposal during the 24 hours for fleeting opportunities seen by F.O's., and registration.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

Actg/Ajnt., HOLLEBEKE GROUP ARTY. Lieutenant.

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- 3. 16th -do-
- 4. 106th -do-
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- 6. 15th Inf. Brigade.) For inf.
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HOLLIBRIDGE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 28.

Headquarters,
Dec. 5th, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
noon 6/12/17 to noon 7/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
2.25 p.m.	16th.	TRAIKE FARM, PERGRINE FARM.	20
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.6.C.	40
8.15 to 7.15 a.m.	16th.	" P.7.C.	40
2.25 p.m.	17th.	HADES FARM, FORT BUILDINGS.	20
3.15 to 4.15 p.m.	17th.	COPSE FARM, PAT to SPUD FARM.	20
10.10 to 11.10 p.m.	17th.	Tracks in P.13.A.	40
4.25 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	20
10.10 to 11.10 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.13.B.	40
6.10 to 6.10 a.m.	16th.	" P.14.A.	40
4.25 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	20
5.10 to 6.10 a.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.13.B. and D.	40
6.15 to 7.15 a.m.	106th.	" P.7.C.	30

Each Battery has 60 rounds at its disposal during the 24 hours for fleeting opportunities seen by F.O's., and registration.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieutenant.
Actg/Adj., HOLLIBRIDGE GROUP ARTY.

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- 2. 17th -do-
- 3. 16th -do-
- 4. 106th -do-
- 5. 5th Aust. Div. Arty.)
- 6. 15th Inf. Brigade.) For inf.
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HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 27.Headquarters,
Dec. 5th, 1917.

In reference to 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery Order No. 180, and amendments thereon, batteries will carry out the following programme, 5th and 6th insts.

Battery.	Time.	Targets.	Rate of Fire.	Ammunition.
16th.	4.30 to 2.30 p.m. 6 pm	1. THE TWINS. 2. THE GIANT. 3. POLL HOUSE, and up to 1 ^o Right of POLL HOUSE.	8 Battery salvos at odd intervals each hour. Order of engaging targets to be changed each hour.	50% A. 50% AX.
17th.	12.49 to 4.30 a.m.	-do-	-do-	-do-
18th.	4.30 to 8.30 a.m.	-do-	-do-	-do-

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Actg/Adjt., HOLLERBEKE Group Artillery.

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2.	17th Battery.	
3.	18th Battery.	
4.	106th Battery.) For Inf.
5th	5th Aust. Div. Arty.)	
6.	15th Inf. Brigade.)	
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HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 26.Headquarters,
Dec. 5th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
noon 5/12/17 to noon 5/13/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.20 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	20
10.40 to 11.40 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.7.C.	40
5.15 to 6.15 a.m.	16th.	" P.8.C.	40
3.45 p.m.	17th.	PILLEGANS FARM, COPSE FARM.	20
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	17th.	LOCK 4 and Tunnel.	40
5.15 to 6.15 a.m.	17th.	Tracks in G.13.B.	40 <i>Cancel</i>
3.45 p.m.	18th.	PEREXHINE FARM, PICKLE HOUSE.	20
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	18th.	Tracks in F.14.A.	40
5.30 a.m. to 6.30 am.	18th.	" P.13.B.	40
3.20 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	20
10.40 to 11.40 p.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.7.C.	40
5.30 to 6.30 a.m.	106th.	" P.13.A. and B.	50

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Lieutenant.
Actg/Adj., HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTY.

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No. 1.	16th Battery.	
2.	17th	-do-
3.	18th	-do-
4.	106th	-do-
5.	5th Aust. Div. Art'y.	} Foreinf.

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HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K.31.Headquarters,
Dec. 5th, 1917.

It is expected that an enemy relief will take place to-night 9th/10th December. The 17th and 18th Batteries will co-operate with the OOSTVAEREN GROUP by firing on the following:

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
7 ¹⁵ to 8 ¹⁵ p.m.	17th.	WHIZ FARM and FLX BUILDINGS and search East of S.O.S. Line. Search tracks in O.24.B. and P.19.A.	70 30
do.	18th.	Search tracks in O.18.C. & D.	60 30
do.	106th.	Search tracks in O.18.C. & D. O.24.B. and P.19.A.	60 30
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12 to 1 a.m.	17th.) 18th.) 106th.)	Repeat.	40 30 30

Tasks Nos. 2 and 3 of K.31 for the 17th, 18th and 106th Batteries are cancelled.

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Lieutenant.
Actg/Adjt., HOLLERBEKE Group Arty.

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- No.1. 18th Battery.
2. 17th -do-
3. 18th -do-
4. 106th -do-
5. 5th Aust. Div. Arty.
6. 15th Inf. Brigade.
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HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. 8. 22.

Headquarters,
Dec. 7th, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARASSING FIRE
noon 7/12/17 to noon 8/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.5 p.m.	16th.	SUBURB VILLAS, SHENDY VILLAS.	20
9.30 to 10.30 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.7.C.	40
8.10 to 6.10 a.m.	16th.	" P.8.C.	40
3.5 p.m.	17th.	CORSE FARM, FORT BUILDINGS.	20
7.10 to 8.10 p.m.	17th.	Tracks in P.13.A. (on East side CANAL).	30
8.10 to 6.10 a.m.	17th.	LOCK No.4.	30
4.45 p.m.	16th.	KORTSWILDE.	20
7.10 to 8.10 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.14.A.	40
8.30 to 6.30 a.m.	16th.	" P.13.B.	40
4.45 p.m.	106th.	KORTSWILDE.	20
9.30 to 10.30 p.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.7.C.	40
8.30 to 6.30 a.m.	106th.	" P.13.B.	40

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Lieutenant.
Actg/Adj., HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTY.

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HOLLISBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 30.Headquarters,
Dec. 8th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
noon 8/12/17 to noon 9/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
2.40 p.m.	16th.	KORTSWILDE.	20
7.35 to 8.35 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.6.C.	40
6.5 to 7.5 a.m.	16th.	" P.7.C.	40
3.10 p.m.	17th.	SPUD to PAT FARM.	20
7.35 to 8.35 p.m.	17th.	Tracks in P.13.A.	40
6.5 to 7.5 a.m.	17th.	" O.12.D.	40
3.10 p.m.	18th.	HADES FARM, PERGRINE FARM.	20
10.5 to 11.5 p.m.	18th.	Tracks in P.13.B.	40
6.25 to 6.25 a.m.	18th.	" P.14.A.	40
2.40 p.m.	106th.	KORTSWILDE.	20
10.5 to 11.5 p.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.13.B.	40
6.25 to 6.25 a.m.	106th.	" P.14.A.	40

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J. Hollisbeke
Lieutenant.
Actg/Ajnt., HOLLISBEKE Group Arty.

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3.	18th -do-
4.	106th -do-
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HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 31.Headquarters,
Dec. 9th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE
noon 9/12/17 to noon 10/13/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
4.5 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	20
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.7.C. and portion of O.12.B. on East side CANAL.	40
8.40 to 8.40 a.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.13.A.	40
4.20 p.m.	17th.	COPSE FARM, LOW FARM.	20
11.15 p.m. to 12.5 a.m.	17th.	LOCK 4 and tracks East CANAL in P.13.A.	40
5.40 to 8.40 a.m.	17th.	Tracks in O.18.B. and D.	40
4.20 p.m.	16th.	PERRIERINE FARM, PICKLE HOUSE.	20
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.14.A.	40
8.10 to 8.10 a.m.	16th.	" P.14.B.	40
4.5 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	20
11.15 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.	106th.	Track East side CANAL O.12.B. to P.13.A.	40
5.10 to 8.10 a.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.13.B. and D.	40

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Actg/Adjt., HOLLERBEKE Group Arty. Lieutenant.

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No. 1.	16th Battery.
2.	17th -do-
3.	16th -do-
4.	106th -do-
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6.	15th Inf. Brigade.)
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HOLLIBRIDGE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 33.Headquarters,
Dec. 10th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
from 10/13/17 to noon 11/13/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
9.30 p.m.	16th.	PERSHRINE FARM, TRAJET FARM.	20
9.35 to 10.35 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.8.C.	40
5.40 to 6.40 a.m.	16th.	" P.7.C.	40
9.30 p.m.	17th.	LOW FARM, TRUNK FARM.	20
7.5 to 8.5 p.m.	17th.	LOCK 4 and tracks East CANAL in P.13.A.	40
5.40 to 6.40 a.m.	17th.	Tracks in O.13.B. and D.	40
9.35 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	20
9.35 to 10.35 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.14.A.	40
5.10 to 6.10 a.m.	16th.	" P.13.B.	40
9.25 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	20
7.5 to 8.5 p.m.	106th.	Tracks East side CANAL O.13.B. - P.13.A.	40
5.10 to 6.10 a.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.13.B. and D.	40

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W. H. G. G. G.
Lieutenant.
Actg/Adjt., HOLLIBRIDGE Group Arty.

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2.	17th	-do-
3.	16th	-do-
4.	106th	-do-
5.	5th Aust. Div. Arty.)	For inf.
6.	16th Inf. Brigade.)	
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HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 34.

Headquarters,
Dec. 11th, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 11/13/17 to noon 12/13/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
2.10 p.m.	16th.	KORTEWILDE.	30
6.45 to 7.45 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.7.C.	40
5.10 to 6.10 a.m.	16th.	" P.13.B.	40
4.15 p.m.	17th.	HADES FARM, COPSE FARM.	30
10.30 to 11.30 p.m.	17th.	Tracks east CANAL in P.13.A.	40
5.50 to 6.50 a.m.	17th.	Tracks O.18.B. and D.	40
4.15 p.m.	18th.	TRAIN HOUSE, SUBURB VILLAS.	30
6.45 to 7.45 p.m.	18th.	Tracks in P.14.A.	40
5.50 to 6.50 a.m.	18th.	" P.13.D.	40
2.10 p.m.	106th.	KORTEWILDE.	30
10.30 to 11.30 p.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.13.B. and LOCK 4.	40
5.10 to 6.10 a.m.	106th.	" P.7.C.	30

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W. H. Holdsworth

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Lieutenant,
Actg/Adj., HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTY.

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- 2. 17th -do-
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- 4. 106th -do-
- 5. 5th Aust. Div. Arty.) For inf.
- 6. 15th Inf. Brigade.)
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HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 33.Headquarters,
December 18th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 12/12/17 to noon 13/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.40 p.m.	16th.	POLL. HOUSE to 1 ^o South PUMP FARM.	20
6.10 to 9.10 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.7.C.	40
6.15 to 7.15 a.m.	16th.	" P.8.C.	40
3.40 p.m.	17th.	SPUD to PAT FARM.	20
6.10 to 9.10 p.m.	17th.	Tracks in P.13.A.	40
6.15 to 6.15 a.m.	17th.	" D.18.D.	40
4.35 p.m.	18th.	KORTWILDE.	20
11.5 to 12 midnight.	18th.	Tracks in P.13.B.	40
6.15 to 6.15 a.m.	18th.	" P.14.A.	40
4.35 p.m.	108th.	KORTWILDE.	20
11.5 to 12 midnight.	108th.	Tracks in P.13.B.	40
6.15 to 7.15 a.m.	108th.	" P.8.C.	40

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Lieutenant.
Actg/Adjt., HOLLERBEKE Group Artillery.

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3.	18th	-do-
4.	108th	-do-
5.	5th Aust. Div. Arty.)) For inf.
6.	15th Inf. Brigade.)	
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HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 38.Headquarters,
Dec. 13th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
from 13/12/17 to noon 14/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
2.5 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	20
12.15 pm to 1.15 am.	16th.	Tracks P.6.C. and D.	50
5.50 to 6.50 a.m.	16th.	" P.7.C. and D.	50
4.35 p.m.	17th.	PORT BUILDINGS, COPSE FARM.	20
12.15 pm to 1.15 am.	17th.	Tracks P.13.A.	40
5.50 to 6.50 a.m.	17th.	" O.13.B. and D.	50
4.35 p.m.	18th.	PERMERINE FARM, HAPPY FARM.	20
7.40 to 8.40 p.m.	18th.	Tracks P.13.B. and D.	50
6.5 to 7.5 a.m.	18th.	" P.14.A. and B.	50
2.5 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	20
7.40 to 8.40 p.m.	106th.	Tracks P.13.B. and D.	50
6.5 to 7.5 a.m.	106th.	" P.14.A. and C.	50

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2.	17th	-do-
3.	18th	-do-
4.	106th	-do-
5.	5th Aust. Div. Arty.)	For inf.
6.	16th Inf. Brigade.)	
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HOLLERSBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO.K.33.Headquarters,
Dec. 14th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 14/12/17 to noon 15/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.25 p.m.	16th.	SUNNED VILLAS, TRALITE FARM.	40
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	16th.	Tracks, P.7.C. and D.	60
4.45 to 5.45 a.m.	16th.	" P.8.C. and D.	60
3.25 p.m.	17th.	LOW FARM, HADES FARM, POLL HOUSE.	40
7.15 to 8.15 p.m.	17th.	Tracks, P.13.A.	60
4.45 to 5.45 a.m.	17th.	" O.18.B. and D.	60
4.35 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE.	40
10.15 to 11.15 p.m.	16th.	Tracks, P.13.B. and D.	60
5.50 to 6.50 a.m.	16th.	" P.14.A. and B.	60
4.35 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	30
10.15 to 11.15 pm.	106th.	Tracks P.13.B. and D.	60
5.50 to 6.50 a.m.	106th.	" P.14.A. and C.	60

Each battery has 60 rounds at its disposal during the 24 hours for fleeting opportunities seen by F.O's., and registration.

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Lieutenant,
Actg./Adjt., HOLLERSBEKE Group Artillery.

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6. 15th Inf. Brigade.) For inf.
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HOLLEBECKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. 1, 33.Headquarters,
Dec. 15th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 15/12/17 to noon 16/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.50 p.m.	16th.	THE GIANT, PUMP FARM, THE TWINS.	40
9.50 to 10.50 p.m.	16th.	Tracks P.8.C. and D.	60
6.40 to 6.40 a.m.	16th.	" P.7.A., C., and D.	60
3.50 p.m.	17th.	POLL HOUSE, COPSE FARM, SPUD to PAT FARM.	40
9.50 to 10.50 p.m.	17th.	Tracks, P.13.A. and B.	60
6.40 to 6.40 a.m.	17th.	" O.18.B. and D.	60
9.45 p.m.	18th.	KORTWILDE.	40 XX
7.30 to 8.30 p.m.	18th.	Tracks, P.13.B. and C.	60
4.55 to 5.55 a.m.	18th.	" P.14.A., B., and C.	60
9.45 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	30
7.30 to 8.30 p.m.	106th.	Tracks, P.7.C. and D.	60
4.55 to 5.55 a.m.	106th.	" P.13.A. and B.	60

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W. Holdsworth
Lieutenant.
Actg/Majt., HOLLEBECKE Group Arty.

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2.	17th -do-
3.	18th -do-
4.	106th -do-
5.	5th Aust. Div. Arty.)
6.	16th Inf. Brigade.) For inf.
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HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY INTERDICTION NO.E.40.Headquarters,
Dec. 18th, 1917.PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 16/12/17 to noon 17/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
4.40 p.m.	16th.	KORTWILDE; CHINDY VILLAS.	40
7.30 to 8.30 p.m.	16th.	Tracks, P.7.C. and D.	60
4.35 to 5.35 a.m.	16th.	" P.8.C. and D.	60
9.10 p.m.	17th.	SPUD to PAT FARM, FORT BUILDINGS, BOMB FARM.	40
7.30 to 8.30 p.m.	17th.	Tracks, P.13.A. and B.	60
4.35 to 5.35 a.m.	17th.	" E O.18.B. and D.	60
9.10 p.m.	16th.	FERRIS FARM, HAPPY FARM, PICKLE HOUSE.	40
10.50 to 11.50 p.m.	16th.	Tracks P.13.B. and D.	60
5.40 to 6.40 a.m.	16th.	" P.14.A., B. and C.	60
4.40 p.m.	106th.	KORTWILDE.	30
10.50 to 11.50 pm.	106th.	Tracks, P.13.A., B. and D.	60
5.40 to 6.40 a.m.	106th.	" P.7.C. and D.	50

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Actg/Adjt., HOLLIBAKE Group Arty.

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No.1.	16th Battery.	} For inf.
2.	17th -do-	
3.	16th -do-	
4.	106th -do-	
5.	5th Aust.Div.Arty.	
6.	15th Inf.Brigade.	
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HOLLIBRIDGE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO.K.41.

Headquarters,
Dec. 17th, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 17/12/17 to noon 18/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
4.15 p.m.	16th.	THE GIANT, PUMP FARM, POLL HOUSE.	40
11.5 pm to 12.5 am.	16th.	Tracks in P.7.C., P.8.C.	60
6.5 to 7.5 a.m.	16th.	" O.12.A. and C.	60
4.15 p.m.	17th.	LOW FARM, COPSE FARM, HADESS FARM.	40
7.5 to 8.5 p.m.	17th.	Tracks in P.13.A. and B.	60
6.5 to 7.5 a.m.	17th.	" O.13.B. and D.	60
3.10 p.m.	16th.	KORTSWILDE.	40
7.5 to 8.5 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.14.A. and B.	60
5.35 to 6.35 a.m.	16th.	" P.13.D., P.14.C.	60
3.10 p.m.	106th.	KORTSWILDE.	50
11.5 pm to 12.5 am.	106th.	Tracks in P.7.C., P.8.C.	60
5.35 to 6.35 a.m.	106th.	" P.13.B., Tunnel in P.13.A.	60

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Lieutenant.
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- 5. 5th Aust.Div.Arty. } For inf.
- 6. 15th Inf. Brigade. }
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HOLLIBAKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K. 44.

Rafax Headquarters,
Dec. 18th, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 18/12/17 to noon 19/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.50 p.m.	16th.	TRALES FARM, SHINDY VILLAS, SUBURB VILLAS.	40
6.20 to 7.20 p.m.	16th.	Tracks in P.6.C. and D.	60
6.10 to 6.10 a.m.	16th.	" P.7.C. and D.	60
2.20 p.m.	17th.	POLL HOUSE, BOMB FARM, FORT BUILDINGS.	40
6.20 to 7.20 p.m.	17th.	Tracks in P.13.A. and B.	60
6.10 to 6.10 a.m.	17th.	" O.13.B. and D.	60
3.50 p.m.	18th.	PEREGRINE FARM, PICKLE HOUSE, HAPPY FARM.	40
9.10 to 10.10 p.m.	18th.	Tracks in P.13.B. and D.	60
6.15 to 7.15 a.m.	18th.	" P.14.A. and B.	60
2.20 p.m.	106th.	KORTSWILDE.	40
9.10 to 10.10 p.m.	106th.	Tracks in P.13.B. and D.	60
6.15 to 7.15 a.m.	106th.	" P.7.C. and D.	60

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Acts/Adjt., HOLLIBAKE Group Arty. Lieutenant.

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- 6. 15th Inf. Brigade.) For inf.
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HOLLERBEKE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. 5.43.Headquarters,
Dec. 18th, 1917.

It is expected that an enemy relief will be made opposite the Right of our sector to-night, 18th/20th December, 1917.

Harrassing fire will be maintained on enemy roads and tracks as under :

- 16th Battery - Search tracks in O.18.A. and B. including FORT BUILDINGS and DOBB FARM.
- 17th -do- - Search tracks in O.18.C. including FLY BUILDINGS, WHIZ FARM, CENTRE FARM.
- 18th -do- - Search tracks in O.18.D. including FORT BUILDINGS, HADES FARM, COPSE FARM.
- 100th -do- - FORT BUILDINGS, CENTRE FARM, COPSE FARM, FLY BUILDINGS.

Times:

9 p.m. to 11 p.m.
3 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Rate of Fire:

60 rounds per battery per hour in bursts of 10 at irregular intervals.
25% A. 75% A.K.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. H. works

Lieutenant.
Actg/Adjt., HOLLERBEKE Group Arty.

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2. 17th -do-
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4. 100th -do-
5. 5th Aust. Div. Arty.)
6. 15th Inf. Brigade.) For Inf.
7. COSTAVERNE Group.)
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HOLLIBONE GROUP ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION NO. K.44.

Headquarters,
Dec. 30th, 1917.

PROGRAMME FOR HARRASSING FIRE,
noon 30/12/17 to noon 31/12/17.

Time.	Battery.	Target.	Rounds.
3.35 p.m.	45th.	TRAIKE FARM, SHINDY VILLAS.	40
11.15 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.	45th.	Tracks in P.7.C. and D.	60
6.10 to 7.10 a.m.	45th.	" P.8.C. and D.	60
4.15 p.m.	46th.	SPUD to PAT FARM, POLL HOUSE.	40
6.45 to 7.45 p.m.	46th.	Tracks in P.13.A. and B.	60
6.5 to 6.5 a.m.	46th.	" O.18.B. and D.	60
4.15 p.m.	47th.	PEREGRINE FARM, PICKLE HOUSE.	40
6.45 to 7.45 p.m.	47th.	Tracks in P.14.A. and B.	60
6.5 to 6.5 a.m.	47th.	" P.13.D. and P.14.C.	60
3.35 p.m.	112th.	KORTSWILDE.	40
11.15 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.	112th.	Tracks in P.7.C. and D.	60
6.10 to 7.10 a.m.	112th.	" P.13.B. and P.14.A.	60

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Amunition - 25% A. and 75% A.X.

Fire on tracks in bursts at irregular intervals.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Actg/Adjt., HOLLIBONE Group Arty. Lieutenant.

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2.	46th	-do-
3.	47th	-do-
4.	112th Battery.	
5.	1st Aust. Div. Arty.	} For inf.
6.	2nd Inf. Brigade.	
7.	File.	