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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
N12 d 3g near VILLERS AU FLOS	1/4/17		Batteries busy all day carting ammunition to forward dump at 12g d 6g. Observation poor. Sleet + rain falling at irregular intervals. Observation balloon VILLERS AU FLOS brought down in flames by 2 Taubes.	a.t.
"	2/4/17		115th Hough Battery disbanded. Doignies + Louveral captured today ^{by our infantry} + many prisoners obtained. Very heavy fall of snow in afternoon. D.A.C. ^{only} are now carting to forward dump. CO paid one of his frequent leason visits to G.O.C. 8th Inf Bde.	APP. No 56 attached a.t.
"	3/4/17		Lantern reestablished at VILLERS AU FLOS. 7.00. still in communication with Group Habs from BEANMETZ. 2 Balloons brought down in flames by 2 enemy aeroplanes between REINCOURT and BAPAUME. Bde may have to ^{occupy} forward defensive line on 6th inst.	a.t.
"	4/4/17		CO + 2 Bty Cmdrs reconnoitred forward positions for Batteries. Snow + sleet falling nearly all day. Orders issued re change disposition of infantry + artillery. Taking place between 4th + 7th April.	a.t. app No 57 attached
I22 a 7 BEUGNY	5/4/17		CO + the 2 other B.l's again reconnoitred forward positions. Bde Habs moved to I22 a 7. No clear day. Tables laid to Batteries ready for them to use on arrival at new positions. Batteries moved from REINCOURT REINCOURT area + 50 th	a.t.

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122a 74 BEUGNY	5/4/17		from MORCHIES during night. Orders embracing dispositions, new zones, S.O.S. barracks, communications, observation, duties & ammunition whci issued. Waggon lines still in VILLERS AU FLOS & BEULENCOURT.	app. No 58 attached at.
"	6/4/17		From 6am. 5th Div. Atty. under control HQ 1st Aust Div. 50th Coy reformed Group. Communication now arranged with Group Waggon lines. Raining at intervals during day. Orders issued for attack on BOURSIES. Batteries registered ferro lines & busy all day digging in for concealment positions & dug outs for personnel.	app. No 59 attached at.
"	7/4/17		Batteries successfully engaged several working parties & other fleeting opportunities targets during day. Observation fair. Aircraft of both sides fairly active. Anti-aircraft guns of enemy very busy. Batteries man O.P.'s 3.00 in front line touch with Group Hd Qrs. Dawson officers stationed at Battalion & Inf Bde Hd Qrs. operation order for capture BOURSIES postponed 24 hrs.	app. No 60 attached.
"	8/4/17		CO reconnoitred positions still more forward in case of move. day. Much activity seen in rear of enemy lines during day. During night 10th Bn established posts forward. Orders issued for capture BOURSIES. Many new German batteries have been reported active lately. Heavy enemy barrage lasting 4 hours was put down at 3am in rear our lines. 2 enemy observation balloons up nearly all day. Maddy	app. No 61 attached at.

Commanding 13th Fabde. Lt. Col. Maddy

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122a 749 BEUGNY	4/15 14/17	4:15 am	1 st Inf Bde captured HERMIES + later on in day DEMICOURT. 3 rd Inf Bde who are covered by this Group were unsuccessful + could not take BOURSIES owing to machine gun fire from several strong posts. Later in day they succeeded in occupying village excepting few buildings at CAMBRAI end. Batteries of this Group helped with some covering fire. During day strong posts, machine gun emplacements, tracks etc were engaged. Between 6pm + 7pm in answer to zone calls by aeroplanes 3 separate enemy batteries were engaged but 3 Batteries, but no result obtained owing to observer being brought down by 2 Jantzes. In evening BOURSIES occupied by our troops.	at appendix No 62 attached.
"	10/4/17		Snow + sleet showers falling during day. Brigade moved forward dump to I 22a 91. D.C. are keeping it supplied. Batteries carting from it to guns. Bunker again firmly established at Waggon lines and doing very good business. Infantry patrols last evening reported enemy fallen back apparently on HINDENBURG LINE. During day Batteries again engaged several opportunity targets with good effect. From 6pm to 6:30pm BEUGNY shelled with 5.9 + 8".	at
"	11/4/17		Hostile fire below normal. Observation good during morning. Indifferent during afternoon. One of our morophanes brought down by enemy machine near MORCHIES. B.C. reconnected forward positions which orders had to be occupied in evening but all moves cancelled later. 50th + 51st Bty W.Lines moved to FREMICOURT. 49 th + 113 th to BEUGNY in anticipation of warning	at

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122a7 near BEUGNY	11/14		Brigade had received to prepare to cover advance of infantry in case of an advance. Snowed very heavily in evening.	at
"	12/14		Observation indifferent. Bad during afternoon. 113th + 49th Bty 10 Lines. returned to VILERS AU FLOS. 5th remain in FREMICOURT. 50th also return to BEAULENCOURT. Several working parties + other opportunity targets engaged during day. Consequent on new outpost line SOS were added but owing to extensive front covered by group of baragie arranged.	at
"	13/14		Observation good. Aircraft + observation balloons active. Advanced section 50th Bty. shelled during afternoon. In evening they rejoined remainder of Battery. 5th Bty moved to 19 th during night. 3rd Inf. Bde. moved forward to a new line of outposts.	at
"	14/14		Observation good. Enemy artillery fairly active on both forward + back areas. New defence instructions containing SOS lines owing to new outpost lines, issued. 113th Bty shelled during afternoon. Casualties 1 killed 2 wounded.	at
"	15/14		At 4 ¹⁴ 30am enemy was bombarded front areas very heavily. At 4:30 am he attacked on line NOREVIL to HERMIES. Objective apparently NOREVIL - LAGNICOURT - BOURSIES - HERMIES DEMICOURT - HERMIES. Only near LAGNICOURT was our line penetrated to any distance. Vigorous counter attacks soon dislodged him however. Line was reestablished along our Corps front. 3rd Inf Bde. was from J6 Canal to C 12 Canal. This Brigade was <i>Waddy</i>	at

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122a74 BEUGNY	19/4/17		Foggy day. BEUGNY heavily shelled during day 5 th Aust Bty W fine moved to FREMICOURT. Major Callaghan, Lt Major Moore + Major Jopp detailed asst CO in reconnaissance. Capt Neeson ^{AAMC} returned from Hospital + resumed appointment as MO. Capt Smith transferred to 14 th Fld Amb: Lieut Blake (2 ^d Sw Art Hdqrs Reconnaissance Officer) temporarily attached BTHQ	AS
"	20/4/17		Misty day. Enemy artillery fire below normal. CO + reconnaissance officer reconnoitred forward areas up to tin front BOURSIES. Order issued for discharge of gas when favourable.	AS app No 6, attached
"	21/4/17		Observation fair. Very little movement seen during day. Flashes of several German Batteries were observed + reported. CO reconnoitred forward areas from HERMIES to DEMICOURT. Lieut Blake rejoined 2 ^d A.S.A.	AS
"	22/4/17		Observation good. Hostile artillery activity has been great throughout day on both front + back areas. Post captured by 1 st Battalion during last night evacuated at 11 am (D14C) owing to concentrated enemy fire onto it. Aerial activity much above normal. Enemy planes constantly over our lines: 3 of our machines + 1 balloon brought down. Group Batteries brought retaliatory fire to bear on to enemy strong posts etc. during day.	AS

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
122a 74 BEUGNY.	23/4/17		BEUGNY heavily shelled during day. Clear day. Observation good. Aerial activity normal. 33 rd Inf Bde now in line front of (11 th Division Imperial) 1 st Div Infantry having side stepped to next div area on its left.	as
	24/4/17		Observation good. Enemy plane brought down close to 14 th Bty, who captured the pilot. C.A. visited Brigade Batteries.	as
	25/4/17		Quiet day. Observation poor owing to haze. C.A. visited Waggon lines. Signal communication now brought under control of Dwl Sgts. Signal subsections are attached to 3 rd Bde HQ. 2 drivers 12 others of Bde etc. Dated 16/4/17	as
	26/4/17		Quiet day. Batteries now very well concealed thanks to extensive use of camouflage. Horses of Brigade beginning to look much better since the fine weather of the last week or so. Advantage is taken of the growing grass for grazing.	as
	27/4/17		Quiet day. Hazy. Orders issued re discharge of gas again, when favourable opportunity occurs.	as
	28/4/17		Quiet day. Hazy. 60 pounder Bty emplaced in rear 51 st Bty drew fair amount fire.	App. No 70 attached as
	29/4/17		Observation fair. Polling day for Commonwealth of Australia elections. 113 th Howzer Battery with 101 E fuzes cat 2 lanes in wire front HINDENBURG LINE at 15 to 04 and D16a 30. General activity increased to act as a diversion to operation by 4 th Division.	App. No 71 & 72 attached as Lt Col.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
I.22 a 7 4 BEUGNY.	30-4-17.		<p>Orders issued re infantry dispositions and group zones. Visibility good. Hostile aerial activity ^{above} normal.</p> <p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).</p>	<p>App.73 . attached A.T.</p>

APPENDIX No 56

18th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.
Special Order No. 1

Headquarters,
1st April 1917.

- 1.- The 115th Howitzer Battery will be disbanded on 2nd April on re-organisation.
- 2.- The guns and ammunition waggons of the right section together with all stores on charge of the right section will be taken over by the 113th Battery.
The guns and ammunition waggons of the left section, together with all stores on charge to the left section will be taken over by the 114th Battery.
- 3.- The above will take place in the waggon lines of the 115th Bty. at H 4 C 25 25 at 12 noon on 2nd April 1917.
- 4.- The personnel and horses with all harness on charge of the right section will be handed over to the 103rd Battery in the waggon lines of the 103rd Battery at T 8 C 5 4 at 12 noon 2nd April.
- 5.- The personnel and ^{all horses with} all harness on charge to the left section will be handed over at 12 noon 2nd April to the 5th (Army) F. A. Bde Amm. Col. at E 5 d, who will take them over on behalf of the 106th Battery, under arrangements made by Staff Captain R. A. 1st ANZAC.
6. All stores that become surplus on re-organisation for example, the water cart with harness, cooks cart with harness, and stores on charge of Officers who become surplus will be taken charge of by Headquarters, 18th F. A. Bde., and delivered complete to D. O. O. 5th Aus Divn. under arrangements to be made later.
- 7.- A list will be compiled by C. O. 115th Battery, giving all articles on charge of the Battery according to the Mob. Store Table and showing in five separate columns all stores delivered to 113th Battery, 114th Battery, and 103rd Battery, 5th F. A. Bde Amm Col. and H. Q. 18th F. A. B., respectively, and in two further columns the total balance surplus and total balance deficient.
All stores deficient from establishment will be accounted for. Copies of this list will be delivered to D. A. H. Q., and to D. O. O. 5th Aus Divn by noon 3rd April.
- 8.- All waggons and limbers will be handed over with full complement of ammunition.
- 9.- A duplicate of handing over receipts of all the above signed by both the Officer handing over and the Officer receiving will be delivered to D. A. H. Q., by 9 am 3rd April. *(through this office)*
- 10.- The 113th and 114th Batteries will be responsible for account for all surplus stores delivered to them, i. e. all stores over and above the difference between the establishment between a 4 gun and a 6 gun Battery.
Each of these Batteries will, therefore prepare a list, showing in separate columns 1st. All stores received by them 2nd. The amount retained to complete to a 6 gun establishment 3rd. The amount retained to complete previous deficiencies 4th. The amount surplus to be returned to Ordnance.
Duplicates of this list will be forwarded to reach D. A. H. Q. and D. O. O. 5th Aus Divn., by 12 noon 4th April.
- 11.- Officers in charge of the right and left sections will accompany their sections on transfer to the Army F. A. Bdes., the temporary disposal of officers who become spare will be notified in Divisional Artillery R. O.

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- 12.- With reference to para 10 113th Battery should keep original receipts and furnish copies as ordered above.
- 13.- With reference to para 9 an additional complete copy will be forwarded to this Brigade Headquarters for retention.
- 14.- With reference to para 6 the following guard will be provided to care for stores -
- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 49th Battery | 1 man |
| 51st Battery | 1 Sgt and 1 man |
| 113th Battery | 2 men. |
- 15.- Lieut C. E. Gatliff will take over these stores as referred to in para 6 and will furnish duplicate receipt of all stores to this office also one copy to N. C. O. of guard. He will mount the guard on these stores. These stores will be transported to Brigade H. Qrs Waggon Lines. A waggon will report to Lieut Gatliff at 2 p.m.
The guard will report to Headquarters Waggon Lines at 4 p.m., with 24 hours rations.



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13th. A. F. A. Brigade.

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APPENDIX 57

"B" Group Artillery Secret Order No. 24

Headquarters,
4th April 1917.

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- 1.- The 1st. Australian Division less Artillery and units detached to the Corps is to relieve the 5th. Australian Division less Artillery and units detached to the Corps between the 4th and 7th April 1917.
The 1st. Australian Division is to occupy the sector with two (2) brigades forward and one (1) in reserve.
The G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. is to assume command of the Left (North) Sector when the relief of the front line is completed on the night 6/7th April 1917.
- 2.- The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery with the 3rd (Army) F. A. Bde will remain disposed to the defence of the sector and will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Divn. on the 7th April 1917.
- 3.- On the night 5/6th April 1917 the 3rd (Army) F. A. Bde and the 13th F. A. Bde. ("A" and "B" Groups) will relieve the 14th. F. A. Bde. in the defence of the forward line of resistance which is defined as follows:-
P 2 a Central - J 27 Central - J 18 b 8 7 - J 4 b 2 2 - D 27 c 0 3.
D 26 a 6 9 to the N.E. Side of LACHICOURT.
- 4.- The dividing line between Groups will be the main BAPAUME-CAMBRAI Road. Groups will arrange to overlap the road by at least 100 yards.
- 5.- ~~xxxx~~ Responsibility for the Artillery defence of the sector will pass at Cam on the 6th April 1917. Barrage will be allotted later.
- 6.- The 50th Battery will rejoin the Brigade from Cam on the 6th April 1917.
7. Batteries will report to this Office on arrival at positions.
- 8.- Waggon Lines will remain at their present positions until further instructions are issued.

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"B" Group Artillery.

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"B" Group Artillery Secret Order No. 25

Headquarters,
April 5th. 1917

1. The Brigade will move from its present position to positions as shown below, to cover the left Brigade of the Divisional Front. The move will be completed by 6 am on the 6th inst.

2. Dispositions.

Brigade Headquarters

	I 22 a 7 4
49th Battery.	J 7 a 5 7
50th Battery.	I 21 b 8 1
51st Battery.	I 12 c 9 3
113th Battery.	J 7 c 3 6

Wagon Lines.

Brigade Headquarters.	O 7 c 5 5
49th Battery.	O 7 c 3 7
50th Battery.	N 7 b 6 8
51st Battery.	N 7 b 3 5
113th Battery.	O 7 c 6 5

3. Zones.

The Divisional line is from J 26 Central to J 21 c 5 0 to J 21 d 4 4 to J 22 b 0 8 to J 16 d 6 5 to J 16 d 5 9 to J 17 a 1 5 to J 10 c 8 5 to J 10 b 2 6 to J 4 b 3 2 to J 4 a 5 9 to D 28 c 0 1 due west to D 26 d 5 2 to D 26 a 5 5.

4. S. O. S. Barrage

The S. O. S. Barrage will be placed as follows:-

49th Battery.	- J 11 a 0 7 - J 5 a 2 5 - D 28 d 6 0
50th Battery.	- D 28 d 6 0 - D 28 c 9 9 - D 27 d 2 9
51st Battery.	- D 27 d 2 9 - D 27 c 3 9 - D 26 b 0 9.

The above front line requires constant verification. F.O.O. and Observation Officers are the best means of furnishing such information with reliability - they must therefore ascertain the position of our Infantry and report. It must be remembered that at the present, the front line is being constantly altered.

5. Communications

Batteries will establish communication with each other as soon as possible.

6. Observation.

Each Battery will provide an O.P. and have it constantly manned during daylight. At night the usual S.O.S. sentries will be posted. Arc beards are to be erected immediately.

7. Duties.

Detail of F.O.O. duty will be notified later.
Liaison Officers as below will take up their duties.
Infantry Brigade Liaison Officer (Premicourt)
Lieut T.M. KENNETT
Battalion Liaison Officer (J 2 c 7 3)
Lieut BORWICK.

8. Ammunition.

All waggons and limbers are to be filled as soon as possible after emptying.

For the present, ammunition will be drawn from the Group Ammunition dump at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I 29 d or from the D. A. Col Dump. Dumps are located at N 21 b and west end of BEUGNY. These are to be used in emergency only.

9. Locations.

Batteries will furnish, by runner, to Brigade Headquarters the exact map location of their position.

10.- ACKNOWLEDGE by WIRE

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38th Group Artillery Secret Order No 24,
Headquarters,
6th April 1917.

Reference 1701. 2. 1/10. 000

1.- It is intended to push on and take BOURNIAU. This will be done in two stages. Tonight, the Infantry will move on and occupy positions as follows:- About D 28 a 0 5 - D 29 b 0 3 - D 28 d 30 - J 5 a 5 7 - J 5 b 3 5 - J 5 d 5 9.

At an hour to be fixed later, on the night 7/8th inst., BOURNIAU will be taken from this line.

This is to be done without artillery support, unless it is specially called for. The order or signal for this will be notified later.

Lieut. WHEAT will act as A.C.C. and will be in telephonic communication with the 49th Battery, who will connect him to Group HQ, when required.

During the attack some artillery fire will be directed on BOURNIAU. The Battery detailed for this duty will be notified later and will be given its task.

2.- Batteries will register the following barrage for use if required:-

49th Battery - J 6 d 0 5 70 - J 6 a 5 5 75
50th Battery - J 6 a 5 5 75 - D 30 c 0 5 80
51st Battery - D 30 c 0 5 80 - D 29 b 5 5 90 including road.
115th Battery - D 30 b 1 7
J 6 b 5 0

D 24 c 8 0 to search and valleys in D 30 a & c
49th and 50th Batteries will be prepared to cover these valleys for about 100 yards each side of watercourses as shown in reference map.

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"B" Group Artillery Operation Order No 15.

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Headquarters,
April 7th 1917.

- 1.- In conjunction with an attack on HERMIERS by the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde., the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. will capture BOURSIES.
- 2.- Zero hour and date to be notified later.
- 3.- The attack will be carried out in two phases.
 PHASE 1.- (a) On the night of the 7th inst., immediately after relieving the 12th Btn., the 10th Btn. will establish posts on the line D 25 d 7 8 - D 21 d 0 5 - D 28 b 9 5 - D 29 c 4 7.
 (b) The 12th Btn. will establish posts on the line D 29 c 4 7 - J 5 b central - J 5 central - to windmill at J 5 c 0 0 - connecting up with 1st Brigade on the right and with the 10th Btn. on the left. A post will be established at about J 11 a central to command the low ground south of BOURSIES. These posts will be held by 6 platoons.
 (c) Commanding Officers will report when these posts have been occupied.
 PHASE 2.- At a time to be notified later, the 12th Btn. less one and a half companies will attack BOURSIES from the line J 5 central - J 6 a central and will establish the new line from 1st Bde on our right to J 11 b 9 9 - thence north along creek to J 6 a thence to J 5 b central. On the village being cleared, patrols will be sent up the BAPAUME - CAMBRAI road.
- 4.- Our aeroplanes will be flying over the position after dawn. On aeroplane sounding its Klaxon Horn, Infantry in posts will light flares to shew their positions. These flares will be carefully watched for and their location reported immediately to Group Headquarters.
- 5.- The attack will be launched without artillery support. Should rifle or machine gun fire from DEMICOURT be opened, the heavy artillery will shell that village and then exits towards BOURSIES and HERMIERS.
- 6.- S.O.S. lines to protect BOURSIES from counter attack after capture will be as follows, but batteries will of course be prepared to switch when required.
 49th Bty. - J 6 d 0 5 70 - J 6 a 5 5 76
 50th Bty. - J 6 a 5 5 75 - D 30 c 0 5 80
 51st Bty. - D 30 c 0 5 80 - D 29 b 5 5 90 including road.
 113th Bty. - D 30 b 1 7 and J 6 b 5 0 and to search roads in D 30 a and c
- 7.- Please acknowledge by wire.

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"B" Group Artillery Operation Order No 16.

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Reference 57 c N. E. 1: 10,000

Headquarters,
8-4-1917.

- 1.- In continuation of "B" Group Artillery Operation Order No 15 the following additional instructions are issued.
- 2.- The 1st. Brigade is to assault HERMIES connecting up on the right with the 20th Division, whose outpost line is along the ridge P 12 c - P 12 a - P 6 c - P 6 a & J 36 c, during the night 8/9th April.
The village of DEMICOURT is also to be seized by the 1st Brigade as soon as the situation permits, either during or subsequent to the main operation.
- 3.- The 3rd Infantry Brigade is to assault BOURSIES.
- 4.- The assault on BOURSIES and HERMIES is to be delivered at dawn (4 15 am) This will be zero hour.
- 5.- Task Tables for this Group is as attached. Batteries will be ready to carry out instructions contained in para 6 of "B" Group Artillery Operation Order No 15. and also be ready to open fire on receipt of information for F.O.Os or Infantry, Zone calls or instructions from Group Headquarters.
- 6.- "A" ~~xxxx~~ Group is co-operating.
- 7.- "A" Group - One 4.5" How Road in K 19 a
One 4.5" How Windmill in J 18 d 1 1
Two 4.5" How. Search and sweep DEMICOURT Village.
- 7.- Heavy artillery is co-operating by bombarding points and roads behind the zone of attack, from zero to plus one hour.
- 8.- An aeroplane is to be in the air from zero throughout the day.
All Batteries will keep on the alert for zone calls. Arrangements for the passing these on to Batteries in the shortest time possible have been made.
- 9.- The following Liaison arrangements have been made:-
F.O.Os Lieut W. E. O. GREGORY
Lieut G FRY.
These Officers will each have a specialist party. Lieut FRY will follow Lieut GREGORY and ~~xxxx~~ assist in the maintenance of communications and the passing on of messages. Both these Officers will keep Group Headquarters well informed of any information received and the taking of any action ~~xxxx~~ considered necessary.
- 10.- Watches will be synchronised at 8 30pm and again at 3 30am on the night 8/9th April.
- 11.- Batteries will bring up tonight sufficient ammunition to maintain establishment after operation.
- 12.- ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Lieut. & Adjt.,
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Time	Bty	Task	Rate of fire and ammunition.
	49th	One sec. search SUNKEN Road from J 12 d 75 60 to K 7 d 4 5 1 gun K 1 a 9 4 Cross Roads	Zero to plus 10 4 rds per gun per min
	50th	1 gun D 30 b 1 70	
	113th	Three Hows Search and sweep DEMICOURT. from J 18 b 5 9 Northwards Two Hows search SUNKEN Road from J 12 d 75 60 to K 7 d 4 5 One How. Cross Roads at K 1 a 9 4	Two rds per How per min. 10 to as long as reqd. 18 rds 1 rd per gun per min Hows. 1 rd per How per 2 mins.

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APPENDIX No 62

"B" Group Artillery Secret Order

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Headquarters,
9-4-1917.

- 1.- The results of today's operations are that the 1st Aust. Divn. have captured and occupied HERMIES, and DEMICOURT. BOURSIES is mostly in our hands, and moppers up are going through the village clearing up.
- 2.- Tonight it is understood that the line on the left is to be advanced by the 9th and 10th Btys. to a line of posts at -
D 27 a 3 3 D 20 d 3 6 D 20 a 3 2 to the present left boundary just to the left of LAIGNICOURT.
- 3.- It is not intended to push beyond BOURSIES tonight, consequently barrages will be altered as follows:-

49th Bty.-	J 6 d 2 7 - D 30 c 5 6
50th Bty.-	D 30 c 5 6 - D 29 a 0 6 - D 29 a 2 7
51st Bty.-	D 29 a 2 7 - D 29 a 9 0 - D 21 d 5 4.
113th Bty.-	1 section. - D 30 central - D 24 d 0 0
	1 section. - D 23 d 6 5 60 - D 23 c 9 5
	1 section. - D 23 c 3 3 - J 6 b 60 05.
- 4.- Batteries, must of course, be ready to switch to any point in this zone when required.
- 5.- Acknowledge by wire

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"B" Group Artillery.

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"B" Group Artillery Secret Order No 28.

Headquarters,
12-4-1917.

1. - Our present line is as follows :-

J 6 d 20 75 - D 30 c 05 45 - D 29 a 80 45 - D 22 c 8 3 - D 22 a 0 3 -
D 21 c 5 4 - D 20 b 8 3 - D 20 a 90 85 - D 14 c 70 45 - D 13 d 95 75
D 7 d 2 6 - D 7 c 5 6 - C 12 b 0 9.

2. - The following barrages will be registered and will be fired if required, according to the direction of the S.O.S. Call. Batteries will lay on lines of No. 1 Barrage for the present. Batteries may have to move soon, guns to fire on the switches necessary and for this purpose flank aiming points or other means should be prepared.

3. S. O. S. Barrages will be registered. :-

No. 1.

49th Bty. - J 6 d 20 75 - J 6 a 4 9
50th Bty., - J 6 a 4 9 - D 30 c 05 45 - D 29 d 5 9
51st Bty.. - D 29 d 5 9 - D 29 a 8 5 - D 29 a 35 60.

No. 2.

49th Bty. - D 29 a 4 6 - D 22 c 80 25
50th Bty. - D 22 c 80 25 - D 22 a 0 3 - D 21 b 9 2
51st Bty. - D 22 b 9 2 - D 21 c 5 4

No. 3

49th Bty. - D 21 c 5 4 - D 20 b 5 5
50th Bty. - D 20 b 5 5 - D 20 a 9 9 - D 14 c 75 40 - D 14 c 5 5
51st Bty. - D 14 c 5 5 - D 14 c 0 7 - D 13 b 8 7

No. 4

49th Bty. - D 13 b 75 35 - D 7 d 25 60
50th Bty. - D 7 d 25 60 - D 7 c 50 55 - D 7 a 1 1
51st Bty. - D 7 a 1 1 - C 12 b 0 9.

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APPENDIX No. 64

SECRET"B" Group Artillery Secret Order
No. 29.Headquarters,
13-4-1917.

- 1.- In accordance with instructions issued by the 1st Australian Division, the 3rd Infantry Brigade will move forward tonight the 13/14th inst.
- 2.- The 9th Battalion will move forward its right flank to Cross Roads at D 21 a 2 8. A Strong Post will ~~xxxxxx~~ be established at this position
- 3.- A Post will also be established at about D 20 a 9 9.
- 4.- The 11th Battalion will move forward along its whole front to an approximate line as under:-

D 30 central - D 23 c 9 6 - D 22 central - D 21 a 2 8.

Posts will be established in the vicinity of the following points:-

	(1)	D 30 central.
	(2)	D 23 d 7 2
By Day.	(3)	D 23 c 9 6
	(4)	D 22 b 2 0
	(5)	D 21 b 5 4

In addition by night.-

	(1)	D 20 a 2 8
	(2)	D 23 c 1 8
	(3)	D 22 a 1 2

- 5.- The line will commence moving forward at 8 p.m. 13th April 1917.
- 6.- The 51st Battery will move forward to a position to cover this advance.
- 7.- Please acknowledge by wire.

Issued to -

All "B" Group Btys.
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"B" Group Artillery.

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APPENDIX No 65

"B" Group Artillery Defence
Instructions

- 1.- The Brigade at present designated "B" Group is covering the Left Brigade of the 2nd Division Infantry on a two Brigade Front. Divisional and Brigade Boundaries are as follows:-

Divisional Boundaries.

Right Boundary.- O 13 c 4 0 - O 9 d 0 0 - O 3 d 0 0 - J 34 c 0 0 -
K 31 b 4 0.

Left Boundary.- I 33 a 0 0 - I 4 central - O 12 central - thence Nth.

Brigade Boundaries.- I 31 a 5 0 - I 27 c 0 9 - I 28 a 0 2 - I 23 central
J 9 c 0 0 - J 10 a 0 0 - J 5 central - D 30 central.

Left Brigade Inter Battalion Boundaries.- I 15 c 0 0 - I 6 c 0 0 -
D 25 c 4 0 - D 29 a 6 0.

- 2.- The front line of posts has been advanced to a distance of 1000 yards from the HINDENBURG LINE. This line will be known as the Forward Line of Resistance, and the supports will be the old front line.
- 3.- Batteries are in the position as shewn and zones are allotted as follows:-

Battery	Position	Zone allotted.
51st Battery	I 7 a 8 8 J 9 a 8 8	E 19 central - D 17 central
49th Battery.	J 7 a 6 7	D 17 central - D 9 c 0 0
50th Battery.	J 6 b 8 1	D 9 c 0 0 - C 6 c 0 0
113th Battery.	J 7 c 5 3	Whole Group zone.

Regarding the above zones, it must be realised that they are allotted for the purpose of observation, and Batteries must be prepared to engage targets wherever they are seen and can be reached, or the information passed to other Batteries if they cannot be fired on by the observing Battery.

- 4.- Night Lines are as follows:-

51st Battery.- D 30 b 8 6 - D 24 a 0 5
49th Battery.- D 22 b 8 9 - D 15 d 2 6
50th Battery.- D 7 d 5 2 - C 6 d 8 6.
113th Battery.-
1 How.- E 19 c 4 2
1 How.- D 24 a 6 6
1 How.- D 16 c 7 7
1 How. m D 15 a 9 2
1nHow.- D 14 a 4 4
1 How.- D 7 d 2 8

- 5.- Ammunition supply is to be from No. 1 Section 5th D. A. Col. and the Brigade Dump which has been established at I 22 d 65 05. Ammunition will be drawn from this dump. Empty cases will be returned to the Bde. Dump or the D. A. Col. and quantities returned will be noted.
- 6.- The following Liaison Officers will be detailed from this Group
- 1 with Infantry Brigade Headquarters,
1 with Right Battalion Headquarters
1 with Left Battalion Headquarters.

These Officers will be changed periodically.

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7.- Observation Posts.

Each Battery will man its own O.P. throughout the hours of daylight and S.O.S. sentries will be posted as usual.

Pointers or Arc Boards are to be erected so that if a call is made, sentries will be able to report the locality or direction.

8.- Waggon Lines.

Locations are as follows:-

Brigade Headquarters.	-	0	7	c
49th Battery		0	7	c
50th Battery.		0	7	b
51st Battery		I	21	a
113th Battery		0	7	c

9.- Acknowledge by wire

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51st Bty	3
113th Bty	4

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"B" GROUP ARTILLERY SECRET ORDER No 30.

Headquarters,
15-4-1917.

1.- In the event of it becoming necessary to make an early advance the following troops will compose the advance guard:

Commander: Brig. General J. HEANE C. M. G., D. S. O

"D" Squadron 13th A. L. H.	VELU
13th Brigade A. F. A.	BEUGNY
3rd Fld Coy (less 2 sections)	LEBUQUIERE
<u>2nd Aust Inf Bde.</u>	
Headquarters	0 2 a 9 7
5th Btn.	HAPLINCOURT
6th Btn	FRANCOURT
7th Btn	0 7 a 5 9
8th Btn	0 8 a 3 2
2nd A. L. T. M. Bty	0 8 a 0 4
2nd A. M. G. Coy	1 17 a 3 3
2nd Fld Amb. (less 2 sections tent subdivisions)	1 30 a 7 7.

2.- A Battery will probably be required to form part of the vanguard. The 49th Battery is detailed for this purpose. All arrangements will be made for a rapid move. With this object the following arrangements will be made:-

- (a) Vehicles packed, loaded or if this cannot be done, their loads should be stacked as far as possible.
- (b) Water carts and waterbottles filled.
- (c) Iron rations kept overhauled.
- (d) To know the whereabouts of all ranks so that they may be rapidly recalled.

3.- B. Cs will immediately report deficiencies in personnel, horses, and equipment, affecting mobility, and keep this office informed as they occur.

4.- Starting point is expected to be J ⁹ b 6 2. It is expected that no more than four hours will be available for notification to Brigade and time of reaching Starting Point.

5.- *Please acknowledge by wire*

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- 2 3rd Inf Bde

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"B" Group Artillery
Secret Order 31

Headquarters,
17-4-1917.

- 1.- The Divisional Sector is now held as follows:-
 - (a) Two Infantry Brigades in Front line covered by three Field Artillery Brigades.
 - (b) Each of the two Front line Infantry Brigades has three Btns in Front Line, and one in support line, and has been allotted a Battalion from the remaining Infantry Brigade as a Brigade Reserve.
 - (c) The remaining Brigade (less the two Btns. mentioned above) is in Divisional Reserve.
- 2.- The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade is holding the Right Brigade Sector and the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade, the Left.
- 3.- The 14th. A. F. A. Brigade will hand over the responsibility for the covering of the Left Divisional Front to the 13th. A. F. A. Brigade from 11 a.m. today the 17th April 1917, and stand by to carry out the special task allotted it.
- 4.- The 3rd (Army) A. F. A. Brigade will remain responsible for the covering of the Right Divisional Front.
- 5.- Night Lines are as follows:-

49th Bty. - D 22 d 4 5 - D 22 a 00 05 - D 21 d 10 95 - D 21 c 05 25
 50th Bty. - D 21 c 05 25 - D 20 b 9 3 - D 13 b 5 4
 51st Bty. - D 13 b 5 4 - D 7 d 0 4 - 0 12 b 5 7 - 0 12 b 1 8.
 113th Bty. - 1 How. - Cross Roads. D 21 a 2 7
 1 How. Valley D 16 c 7 1 (sweeping)
 1 How. Copse D 14 central.
 1 How. Junction of roads D 8 c 40 05
 1 How. D 7 d 2 7 - D 7 b 4 0
- 6.- The line consists of posts and are located as follows:-

D 28 a 5 9 - D 21 d 9 3 - D 27 b 5 9 - D 21 c 3 4 - D 20 d 3 6 - D 20 c 2 9
~~Bxxx~~ D 20 c 4 1 - D 20 a 2 3 - D 20 a 1 8 - D 19 b 4 9 - D 13 d 0 8 B
 D 13 a 7 7 - D 13 a 0 7 0 12 d 8 2 - 0 12 b 3 0.
- 7.- please acknowledge by wire.

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"B" Group Artillery
 Secret Order No 32.

Headquarters,
 18-4-1917.

1.- The boundary between the 1st and 2nd Aust. Divisions is to be altered to run as follows:-

From S. W. to I 4 central as at present, thence along line drawn through C 23 b 5 5 - C 18 e 8 3 - C 18 b 5 0 - D 7 central.

2.- The 51st Battery, having moved from J 9 d 8 7 to I 12 e 9 3, will cover the left zone.

Night Lines are allotted as follows:-

49th Bty. = D 22 d 4 5 - D 22 a 0 0 - D 21 d 10 95 - D 21 a 80 05.
 50th Bty. = D 21 a 80 05 - D 20 b 95 25 - D 14 c 45 45
 51st Bty. = D 14 c 45 45 - D 7 e 7 7
 113th Bty. - 1 How. Cross Roads D 21 a 2 7
 1 How. Valley D 16 e 7 1 sweeping.
 1 How. Copse D 14 central
 1 How. Junct. of roads D 8 e 40 05
 1 How. D 7 d 2 7 - D 7 b 4 0.

3.- Should the Brigade on our left be attacked and required reinforcing the following are the lines:-

50th Bty. = D 7 e 9 5 - C 12 b 95 35
 51st Bty. = C 12 b 95 35 - C 12 a 9 9

4.- Acknowledge by wire

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51st	3
113th	4

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Defence Instruction

Reference: - France M.R. 000 sheet 57c,

Headquarters,
19-4-1917.

1. - DISPOSITIONS

UNIT	POSITION	WAGGON LINES.
Brigade Headquarters	I 22 a 5 4	O 7 c
49th Battery	J 7 a 5 7	O 7 c
50th Battery	I 12 b 8 1	N 17 b
51st Battery	I 12 d 0 3	I 21 b
113th Battery	J 7 c 3 6	O 7 c

R5 Ammunition dump. I 16 c 4 5
No. 2 Section 5th D. A. Col. HAPLIN COURT.

2. - DIVISIONAL AREAS.

Right Boundary. O 13 c 4 0 - O 9 d 0 0 - J 34 c 0 0 - K 31 b 4 0
Left Boundary. I 31 a 0 0 to 3 3 I 4 central, thence along a line
through O 23 b 5 5 - O 18 c 8 3 - O 18 b 5 0 - D 4 cent.

BRIGADE BOUNDARIES.

I 31 a 5 0 - I 27 c 9 9 - I 28 a 0 2 - I 23 central -
J 9 c 0 0 - J 10 a 0 0 - J 5 central - D 30 central.

3. - The Divisional front is held with two Brigades in the line and one Brigade in reserve; each Brigade in the line will have three Battalions in the line and one in reserve. This Group will cover the centre and left Battalions of the Left Brigade.

The Brigade is therefore responsible for the following zone :-

D 16 c 7 9 - D 13 a 2 8.

4. Batteries are allotted zones as follows:-

49th Bty. - D 22 d 4 5 - D 22 a 0 0 - D 21 d d 9 5 - D 21 a 8 0 0 5
50th Bty. - D 21 a 8 0 0 5 - D 20 b 0 3 - D 14 c 4 5 4 5.
51st Bty. - D 14 c 4 5 4 5 - D 13 b 6 5 8 0 - D 7 d 1 5 6 5 - D 7 c 6 7.
113th Bty. = 1 How. Cross Roads D 21 a 2 7
1 How. Valley D 16 c 7 1 sweeping.
1 How. Copse D 14 central
1 How. Junction of roads D 8 c 4 0 0 5
1 How. D 7 d 2 7 - D 7 b 4 0.

5. - O.L.s will be manned by Batteries constantly during the hours of day light. Night Sentries will be posted as usual, and should be provided with pointers so that the locality from which S.O.S. rockets may be fired, will be quickly known and reported.

6. - The following Liaison arrangements are made.

One Officer at Brigade Headquarters I 11 central.
One Officer at Centre Battalion Headquarters D 23 a
One Officer at Left Battalion Headquarters O 24 d

The two Battalion Liaison Officers will keep in close touch with the Officer at Brigade Headquarters and with Group Headquarters, reporting all matters of even the slightest interest.

F.O.C. arrangements are

One Officer will be detailed daily who will visit the front line as far

as possible, and also the Company Commanders and will endeavour to obtain information as to dispositions (our own and that of the enemy). Batteries of the Group are available for engaging targets which may be observed by this Officer. When not moving about, he may be stationed at his O.P.

AMMUNITION.

Ammunition may be drawn from the dump at I 16 0 4 5.

The establishment to be held at Gun pits is 300 rounds per gun.

B. Os will endeavour to maintain the proportion of 75% A and 25% AX, but their daily expenditure will entirely depend upon the nature of the targets engaged.

D. A. C. Orderlies are attached to each Battery.

Please acknowledge receipt by wire.

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SECRET"B" Group Artillery
Secret Order No 2Headquarters,
20-4 1917.

- 1.- Gas projectors are to be used against the enemy on the night 20/21st April should the wind be favourable.
A S. W. wind is required for the operation.
The projectors will be fired from K 7 d.
The object will be the enemy positions about the LOOK 6 K 3 a.
- 2.- "A" group will carry out a brief gas shell bombardment on the enemy tracks in K 3 a and K 3 c commencing at zero hour.
Howitzers will be moved temporarily into a new position for the support of this operation.
- 3.- Zero Hour will be 3 a.m.
- 4.- Authority to discharge gas will be given by the C. O. C. 1st A. I. Bde., at 2 a.m. on the 21st inst., by the following priority wire to C. R. A., C. C. "H" Company special Brigade, D. H. C., and C. Cs in Right Sector - "GOODS WILL BE DELIVERED"
If the wind is unfavourable, the following priority wire will be sent to the same addressees - "NO RATION".
C. O. C. 1st A. I. Bde has been requested to warn "A" Group in addition to the addressees given above.
- 5.- All troops will be warned and those in the forward areas ~~wkwxw~~ East of a R. and S. line through LOUVERVAL - DIIGNIES will wear Gas Helmets in the ALERT POSITION.
C. O. " " Group will arrange to warn Left Group 20th Div. Arty.
- 6.- Watches will be synchronised with this office on receipt of this order.
- 7.- Acknowledge by wire.

Issued to all "B" Group Btys.

File and War Diary.

[Signature] Lieut. Adj.,
"B" Group Artillery.

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"B" Group Artillery Secret Order 54.

Headquarters,
27th April 1917.

- 1.- Gas is to be discharged and 100 gas shells will be fired - the objective being Lock No. 6 K 3 a at the first suitable opportunity, and when the wind is favourable.
- 2.- Zero hour will be 2.30 a.m.
- 3.- When it is intended to discharge the gas, the following priority wire will be sent to Batteries, as soon after 12 midnight as is possible
"GOODS WILL BE DELIVERED"
- 4.- This group will not be concerned in the operation, but all necessary precautions will be taken.
- 5.- Acknowledge receipt by wire.

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"B" Group Artillery.

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	51st Bty	3
	113th Bty	4

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"B" Group Artillery

Operation Order No. 17.

Headquarters,
 29th April 1917.

- 1.- At Zero hour, on a day to be notified later, 1st ANZAC Corps is attacking the HINDENBURG LINE, approximately between U 30 central and Eastern edge of BULLECOURT.
- 2.- Diversions will be carried out by all Batteries as ordered.
- 3.- "B" Group will stand by to cover "D" Group's Zone if required.
- 4.- Rates of fire for the Batteries of "A" and "D" Groups participating in the simulated attack will be :-

T I M E		18-pdrs gun per min'.	4.55 HOWs per min'.
Stage 1.	Zero to plus 3 min'.	4 rds.	2 rds.
	{ plus 3min' to plus 5-min'.	2 rds.	1 rd.
	{ " 5 " " " 30 "	1 rd.	1/2 rd.
Stage 2.	" 30 " " " 75 "	CEASE FIRE	CEASE FIRE.
	{ " 75 " " " 78 "	4 rds	2 rds.
	{ " 78 " " " 80 "	2 rds	1 rd.
	{ " 80 " " " 105 "	1 rd.	1/2 rd.
	{ " 105 " " " 135 "	CEASE FIRE	CEASE FIRE.
Stage 3	{ " 135 " " " 138 "	3 rds.	2 rds.
	{ " 138 " " " 141 "	1 rd.	2 rds.
	{ " 141 " " " 144 "	1 rd.	1 rd.
	{ " 144 " " " 150 "	2 rds.	1 rd.
	{ " 150 " " " 165 "	1 rd.	1/2 rd.

- 55.- During the period from plus 30 min' to plus 75 min' and from plus 105 min' to 135 min', a desultory bombardment at a slow rate will be kept up on the enemy line, along the line of the canal from K 28 central Northwards to K 30 b 0 6, and thence up to K 14 central, and the main line running from K 27 a 0 0 Northwards to the CANAL du NORD about K 14 d 7 7.
- 6.- Arrangements are being made for the co-operation of the Heavy Artillery.
- 7.- All Group and Battery O.ps will be fully manned previous to Zero Hour and a strict watch kept for any indications of a hostile counter attack.
- 8.- Information will be passed back as rapidly as possible.
- 9.- Zero Hour and day will be notified to all concerned by Code Message.
- 10.- A c k n o w l e d g e b y W i r e .

A Taylor Lieut. Adj.,
 "B" Group Artillery.

Issued to - Copy No.
 O. C. 49th Bty 1
 70th Bty 2
 51st Bty 3
 118th Bty 4

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"B" Group Artillery

Headquarters,

29th April 1917

O.C. 49th Bty.
50th Bty.
51st Bty.
115th Bty.

1.- Gas projectors are installed at about J 12 d 7 7.
These are to be discharged tonight 29/30th April if
wind is favourable.

Objective: LOOK No. 6.

2.- Zero hour will be 2 a.m.

3.- If it is decided to discharge the gas, the following
priority wire will be sent to all Batteries -

"RATIONS WILL BE ISSUED."

4.- All concerned are to be warned.

5.- ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

Lieut.,

for Adjutant "B" Group Arty.

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"B" Group Artillery Secret Order No 35

Headquarters,
30th April 1917

1. The Brigade, at present designated "B" GROUP, is covering the Left Battalion of the 33rd Infantry Brigade, 11th Division, who are holding the left subsection of the Divisional Area.

2. Boundaries are as follows:-

Right Brigade Boundary K 1 a 0 2 - J 6 d 4 0 - J 12 a 2 3 - J 11 central: DOIGNIES and BRAUMETZ exclusive.

Left Brigade Boundary - D 14 d 0 5 - D 19 b 5 0 - D 19 c 20 15 - C 30 central MORCHIES INCLUSIVE - I 10 central.

3. Group Zones covering the Left Battalion ~~central~~

Right Boundary ^{017 cent} D 22 d 5 5 - D 27 b 9 3 - D 27 c 95 30 - J 3 a 3 2

4. The front line consists of posts which are established on the following lines -

J 6 d 0 0 - J 6 b 5 0 - J 6 a 7 3 - J 6 a 0 4 - J 5 b 5 6 -
D 22 d 4 0 - D 22 d 1 7 - D 22 a 00 85 - D 22 a 8 5 - D 22 c 5 0 -
D 22 c 0 4 - D 22 d 6 7 - D 22 c 5 4 - D 22 c 0 5 - D 21 d 5 5 - D 21 d 1
D 20 d 8 4 - D 22 d 0 3 - D 20 c 5 8 - D 20 a 15 10.

5. S.O.S. Lines are as follows:-

49th Bty. D 25 a 2 6 - D 22 a 5 2 - D 22 a 20 25 -
50th Bty. D 22 a 20 25 - D 22 a 0 3 - D 21 a 2 2
51st Bty. D 21 a 2 2 - D 20 b 30 1 - D 20 a 35 95
115th Bty. 1 How. D 18 c 7 0
 " D 18 c 7 4
 1 Sec. D 21 a 2 8
 1 How. D 14 d 1 9 (Wood)
 " D 15 c 8 4 (Wood)

6. Battery Dispositions as follows:-

49th Battery. J 7 a 5 7
50th Battery. I 12 b 8 1
51st Battery. I 12 d 0 3
115th Battery. J 7 c 3 6

Group Headquarters I 22 a 5 4.

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- S. O. 49th Bty. 1
- 50th Bty. 2
- 1st Bty 3
- 115th Bty 4
- "B" Group 5
- "C" Group 6
- 33rd Inf. Bde Bde 7
- 34th Inf. Bde 8
- Brigade L. Officer 9
- Bde Liaison Officer 10
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J. Miller Lieutenant Colonel,
"B" Group Artillery.