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13TH F.A. BDE 5TH AUST DIV.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
122a 74 BEUGNY	30/14/17		Orders issued re infantry dispositions & group zones issued . Visibility good. Hostile aerial activity above normal.	App. 73 attached. a.s.
	1/5/17		Vicinity 51st Bty position 112 d 03 shelled by 5.9 How between 4 pm - 8 pm. No damage to material. 2 men wounded. Infantry escort of one half Coy. to 13th & 14th Bades. been arranged.	app. 73 & 75 attached. a.s.
	2/5/17		Observation fair. Enemy artillery fire, ^{below normal.} expected enemy attack early this morning did not eventuate. From noon today S.O.S. signal will be green lights fired in quick succession. Orders issued for tanks in connection with cooperation with attack on HINDENBURG LINE by ANZAC.	a.s. app. No 76 & 77, 78 attached. a.s.
	3/5/17	3.45 am.	Group Batteries carried out 30 minutes bombardment on enemy front line in QUEANT salient. Front engaged from CT D 7 d 8535 to D 7 d 9075 to railway 06690 - D 1 a + 3. at same time ANZAC CORPS attacked HINDENBURG LINE near BULLETOURT. Heavy shelling by both sides was observed observed in this latter part. Very little hostile artillery activity took place on this ^{sector} .	a.s.
	4/5/17		3.00 during day spotted for Heavies onto enemy battery in D 18 a, with good effect. Several direct hits obtained & much damage done to pits, guns, & ammunition. Heavy group were also informed of several Batteries whose activity could be observed & fire was then brought to bear on them. At 9 pm. hostile plane dropped 3 bombs on BEUGNY, without any damage being done.	a.s.
	5/5/17		Observation good. Day been very quiet on our sector.	a.s.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
122a 74 BEUGNY	6/5/17		Orders issued re discharge gas first favourable opportunity. Quiet day. Several zone calls were received, + these targets engaged.	app. 79 attached at.
"	7/5/17		5 th Bty + tracks near by intermittently shelled all day. Observation good. 7.00. observed for shooting by "Heavies" onto several enemy batteries. Hostile artillery active on back areas. Organized shoots by Batteries of Group carried out in evening on several known hostile battery positions. Spring weather of last 2 weeks continues. Roads in good order + since the dry conditions started, laid out dry weather tracks have been brought into use. Hostile balloons were up throughout day, making shooting by Batteries dangerous difficult.	as.
"	8/5/17		Hostile artillery exceptionally quiet. 2 Batteries of Group fired on large party at Disa 57 with good effect. 50 casualties observed. Visibility poor in morning but improved as day wore on. Rain fell during night + early morning.	working as.
"	9/5/17		Observation fair. Hostile artillery fire normal.	as.
"	10/5/17		Hostile aerial activity rather pronounced. Day quiet. Orders received for taking over 6 th Army F. A. Bde front by 1 st Aust. Div. This Group comes under 1 st D. A. H. Q. from 13 th inst. Instructions for Defence against Gas received + action taken. 1 sect from 5 th Bty to be made mobile if required for this purpose. Horses for this section come up to BEUGNY every night.	as.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
122 a 74 BEUGNY.	11/5/17		Visibility good. Much aerial activity on both sides. Observation balloons are now much used by enemy. New Group instructions embracing area boundaries, dispositions, OP's, posts, lines of resistance, barrages + S.O.S. lines, night arrangements, ammunition defence against tanks, liaison arrangements. Hostile artillery fire normal. Enemy roads, trenches, communications etc. received usual amount attention by our guns of Group. 49 th Bty. had 3 men wounded by shelling ^{enemy} shelling at Bty position.	Appendix No 80 attached a 5.
"	12/5/17		Observation indifferent. Aeroplanes of both sides active.	a 9
"	13/5/17		Quiet day. Batteries registered ^{new} S.O.S. + liaison Barrages. Much aerial activity.	a 7.
"	14/5/17		Observation indifferent. Hostile artillery ^{fire} below normal. 1 nco. + 13 other ranks of R.H.Q. now transferred to Signal Subsection 13 th F.A.Bde. Lieut. A Taylor seconded for duty with this subsection. Committee of management for Bde. canteen formed. At 9.30 pm. + 9.45 pm. Batteries opened ^{fire on} S.O.S. lines but ceased when ascertained that these red rockets sent up by enemy.	a 5.
"	15/5/17		Observation poor. Very quiet day. Aerial activity nil.	a 5.
"	16/5/17		Exceptionally quiet days. Very little hostile artillery fire. Observation poor	a 5.
"	17/5/17		Observation variable. Hostile artillery intermittently active on back + forward areas. Slight aerial activity.	a 5.
"	18/5/17			

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13TH F.A. BDE 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIV.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
122 a 74 BEUGNY.	19/5/17		Observation good. Hostile artillery + aircraft fairly activity above normal. From 12 noon today this Group which is commanded covering Left Battalion, 143rd Brigade, 48th Division is tactically administered by C.O. 48th Div. as their left Group.	a7.
	20/5/17		Enemy artillery ^{fire} normal. Orders received for discontinuance of present anti-tank defence arrangements, section is to be dug in forward. Positions being reconnoitred. Strong midnight patrols pushed out by Infantry for purposes obtaining information + small offensive operations if necessary. This Group stood by to open fire on prearranged localities on an S.O.S. signal but support was not required.	a7. App. No 81 attached.
	21/5/17		Observation good. Hostile artillery fire very active. Much aerial activity by both sides.	a7.
	22/5/17		CO. D. Group under orders from 48th RAHQ. had conference with CO. re battery positions, zones etc. with probable intention of taking over this Group's zone. Rain fell at intervals throughout day. We are now covering Left Battalion, 144th Inf Bde who relieved 143 rd Inf Bde last night. 22/21 st and 1 Sect. 113 th How. Battery moved to 114 a 25.	a7.
	23/5/17		Aerial activity on both sides normal. Very quiet day. 51 st Bty Waggon lines moved to BARASTRE. 016 A.	a7.

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13TH F. A. BDE 5TH AUST DIV.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
122 a 74 Beugny	24/5/17		Strength of Brigade today 24 officers 834 other ranks, 147 riding horses, 406 draught horses 72 mules. Observation good. Aerial activity on both sides pronounced.	a.i.
"	25/5/17		Observation fair. From 8 am. intermittently all day. 51 st Bty 112 a 89 heavily shelled by 5.9 how. Bty. 2 guns badly damaged. 1 nec! wounded.	a.i.
"	26/5/17		Observation Good during afternoon but poor in morning. Hostile artillery very active. Brigade drew following remounts today. 5 officers chargers, 23 riding + 17 draught.	a.i.
"	27/5/17		During morning 49 th Bty. position 17a 63 62 heavily shelled by 5.9 enemy howitzer battery. 2 guns damaged + rendered out of action. Lieut W.F. Matthews killed, Lieut C.M. Chase wounded in back + evacuated to Hospital. 49 th Bty. moved to Sunken Rd 18t which they share with 113 th Howzr Bty. 51 st Bty moved guns to another position in CHAYFOURS WOOD. 112 a! Heavies were successfully ranged onto German Bty which shelled 49 th + 51 st Bty.	a.i.
"	28/5/17		Funeral late Lieut W.F. Matthews in Villers au Hoo cemetery. Quiet day. O.P. at 112 a 89 + Sunken Rd there shelled in afternoon. Lieut C.M. Orr + Capt. C.O. Hellebrown R.A.M.C. wounded + evacuated.	a.i.

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13TH F. A. BDE 5TH AUST DIV.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
122a74 BEUGNY	29/5/17		Observation poor. Quiet day. 49th + 51st Btys. improving new positions. Capt. W. Smith A.A.M.C. (M.O.) reported for duty.	as
"	30/5/17		Adj. Genl. Bessell Browne inspected Waggon Lines of Brigade + expressed his pleasure at their very satisfactory condition. Very quiet day. Section 113th Howz. Bty. with personnel + 51st Bty. complete moved out of position during night for 1 st weeks spell at Waggon Lines.	as.
"	31/5/17		Quiet day. Observation good. Section of 49th Bty. whose guns were sent to I.O.M. are remaining out at Waggon Lines for spell. 11 remounts for Brigade drawn.	as.

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"B" Group Artillery Secret Order 36.

Headquarters,
1st May 1917.

- 1.- Escorts having been ordered within the Divisional Area, one half Company from the MORCHIES Area of the Reserve Infantry Brigade has been allotted to the following Artillery Units - 13th F. A. B., 14th F. A. B., less 114th Battery, 26th Heavy Battery, and 34th Heavy Battery (9 Batteries).
- 2.- With the exception of the allotments shown below, the escort will be posted at MORCHIES, and will be available for the protection of guns in accordance with the tactical requirements of the time.
- 3.- One or two N. C. Os and ten men will be posted at the 49th Battery position and a similar party at the 50th Battery position. One man will report and remain with each of the other Batteries as a guide and will be sent, should the escort be required, to the Officer i/c escort, who will have his party ready for immediate action. N. C. Os and men, who may be sent to Batteries, should the escort be required, should become acquainted with the routes as soon as possible.
- 4.- Dispositions of the Batteries for which the escort is provided are as follows:-

49th Battery.	J 7 a 5 7	14th F. A. Bde.	I 21 B central.
50th Battery.	I 12 b 8 1	26th Heavy Bty.	I 18 a 8 9
51st Battery	I 12 d 0 3	34th Heavy Bty.	I 11 d 8 9.
113th Battery.	J 7 0 3 3.		

Should the escort be required urgently for all Batteries, and if no instructions as to the dispositions of the escort be received the O. C. Escort will distribute his half company equally to all Batteries and will himself report this to the O. C. 50th Battery, and obtain instructions. Another Officer will similarly report to O. C. 53rd Battery for instruction from O. C. 14th F. A. Brigade.

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51st Bty	3
113th Bty	4
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O. C. 14th F. A. Bde	6
O. C. 26th Heavy Bty	7
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[Signature]
Lieut. & Adjt.,
"B" Group Artillery.

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18th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Headquarters,

End May 1917

18/49-

Amendment No. 1 to "B" Group Artillery Secret Order No 36.

Delete para 4 and substitute the following:-

Dispositions of the Batteries for which the escort is provided are as follows:-

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 49th Bty. J 7 a 5 7 | 53rd Bty. I 5 d 5 2 |
| 50th Bty. I 12 b 8 1 | 54th Bty. I 8 c 4 9 |
| 51st Bty. I 12 d 0 3 | 55th Bty. I 3 d 6 9 45 |
| 113th Bty. J 7 c 3 6 | 26th Heavy Bty. I 18 a 8 9 |
| | 34th Heavy Bty. I 11 d 5 9. |

Please acknowledge receipt.

J. Miller Lieut. & Adjt.
"B" Group Artillery.

APPENDIX No 76

13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.Headquarters,
2nd May 1917.Fifth Army S. G. 94/19
1st ANZAC S. 2000/G.
D.A. G3/7/1553.
"B" T/13/47.

Os C. Batteries,

From noon on "Y" day, the following "S. O. S." signal will be taken into use throughout the Fifth Army.

Green Lights fired in quick succession, the signal to be repeated until the Artillery comply.

For this signal 1" or 1 1/2" cartridges will be used. To supplement the stocks already held by Corps, "Q" Fifth Army will immediately arrange for an additional issue of 1,500 1" cartridges, Green, to each Corps. Further supplies of 1" green cannot be issued at present.

Sgd. G. E. C. Shearman Capt.

for Major General C. S.

The date of "Y" day will be notified later.

J. Miller Lieut. & Adjt.,
13th. A. F. A. Brigade.

W.D.

APPENDIX No 77

13th. Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

Headquarters,
2nd May 1917.

T/13/48.

Os C. Batteries,

Reference my T/13/47.

This will be taken into use from 12 noon today.
Please acknowledge by wire.

W.D.

J. Miller Lieut. & Adjt.,
13th. A. F. A. Bde.

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"B" Group Artillery Operation Order 18.
Reference - Pronville 1:10,000 Edition 1.

Headquarters,
2nd May 1917.

Reference Operation Order 17.

- 1.- Further arrangements for cooperation with the attack to be made on the Hindenburg Line by the 1st ANZAC Corps between U 30 central, and the eastern edge of Bullecourt will be as follows:-
 - 2.- Commencing at Zero Hour "B" Group will employ two 18-pdr Batteries and one 4.5" How. Battery, at a rapid rate on the enemy front line in the queant salient, and will carry out lifts with a view to simulating an attack on the front engaged.
 - 3.- The front to be engaged will be from C.T. D 7 d 85 35 to D 7 d 90 75 to the railway C 6 b 9 0 - D 1 a 4 3.
 - 4.- The duration of the bombardment will be 30 ~~minutes~~ minutes.
 - 5.- Table of tasks:-
- | Time | Bty | Task | Rate of fire. |
|---------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Zero to + 10. | 49th
50th
113th | D 7 d 85 35 - D 7 a 7 5
D 7 a 7 5 - Rly. C 6 b 9 0.
1 sec. C.T. D 8 c 55 35 -
D 8 b 15 25.
1 How. Rd. Junct. D 8 a 00 55
1 How. ABBAYE Fme. D 7 b 5 6
1 sec. C.T. D 7 b 15 95 - D 1 d 45 60. | 18-pdrs 3 rds per gun per min.
How. 1 rdvper how per mn. |
| +10 to +15. | 49th
50th
113th. | 1 sec. D 7 d 9 5 - D 7 d 95 75
1 gun. D 7 d 65 60 - D 7 d 85 85
1 gun. D 7 b 45 00 - D 7 b 7 3
1 sec. D 7 b 20 25.
1 gun. D 1 c 8 2 - D 1 d 00 25
1 sec. D 1 c 7 4 - D 1 c 9 5
1 gun. D 1 c 5 8 - D 1 c 7 8
1 gun Rly. D 1 a 1 1 - D 1 a 35 30.
1 gun. D 1 a 0 2 - D 1 a 3 3 | 18-pdrs. 2 rds. per gun per min.
1 rd per how per min. |
| +15 to +25. | 49th
50th
113th. | D 7 d 95 75 - D 1 d 1 0
D 1 d 1 0 - D 1 a 4 3
As for phase 1. | 18-pdrs 2 rds per gun per min.
1 rd per how per min. |
| +25 to +30. | 49th
50th
113th. | 1 sec search road D 8 c 3 9 - D 8 a 0 3
1 sec. D 7 b 6 2 - D 8 a 0 5
1 sec. D 7 b 20 95 - D 1 d 75 25.
1 sec. D 1 c 8 5 - D 1 d 5 6
1 gun. D 1 c 5 8 - D 1 c 9 8
1 sec. D 1 d 45 65 - D 1 b 3 2
1 gun. D 1 a 50 35 - D 1 a 8 4 | 18-pdrs. 2 rds per gun per min.
1 rd per how per min. |
- 6.- Para 3 of "B" Group Operation Order 17 is cancelled and this group has now been allotted a task. Batteries will remain responsible for their own fronts.
 - 7.- Battery O.Ps will be fully manned previous to zero hour and a strict watch kept for any indications of a hostile counter attack.

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- 8.- Information will be passed back as quickly as possible.
 - 9.- Zero hour will be notified to all concerned by code .
 - 10.- watches will be synchronised with this office daily at 3 30pm and 9 30pm and one hour before zero hour when it is notified.
 - 11.- A c k n o w l e d g e b y w i r e .

Lieut. & Adjt.,
"B" Group Artillery.

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113/51.

"B" Group Artillery

Headquarters,

C-6-1917.

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

- 1.- Gas projectors are installed near BERTICOURT in S 13 0.
Objective - SLAG HEAP E 20 central.
Gas will be discharged tonight 5/6th May if wind is favourable.
- 2.- Zero hour will be 3 30 a.m.
- 3.- If it decided to discharge the gas, the following message will be sent to all groups at midnight:-
"COVERS TO BE LAID".
- 4.- All Batteries are warned and those of "A" and "D" Groups will wear Gas helmets in the ALERT POSITION.
- 5.- ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.



Lieut. & Adj. S.

"B" Group Artillery.

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50th Bty.
51st Bty.
115th Bty.

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"B" Group Artillery Instructions.

13TH F.A. BRIGADE.
5TH AUST. DIVISION.
No. <u>73/60.</u>
Date.....

Headquarters,
9-5-1917.

The Brigade ("B" GROUP) is at present covering the Left Battalion of the Left Brigade of the Divisional Front - 11th Division.

2.- AREA BOUNDARIES.

Area Boundaries are as follows:-
RIGHT BRIGADE BOUNDARY.

K 1 a 0 2 - J 6 d 4 0 - J 12 a 2 5 - J 11 central -;
DOIGNIES and BEAUMETZ exclusive.

LEFT BRIGADE BOUNDARY.

D 14 d 0 5 - D 19 b 5 0 - D 19 c 20 15 ^{Mu} 0 30 central,
MORCHIES inclusive - I 10 central.

GROUP ZONES COVERING LEFT BATTALION.

RIGHT BOUNDARY. D 17 cent. - D 22 d 5 5 - D 27 b 9 3 -
D 27 c 95 30 - J 3 a 3 2.

3.- DISPOSITIONS.

Unit.	Position.	Zone	Wagon Lines.
B.H.Q.	I 22 a 5 4.	-	B 7 c
49th Bty.	J 7 a 63 62		O 7 c
50th Bty.	I 12bb 87 05		HAPLINCOURT.
51st Bty.	I 12 c 93 32.		FREMICOURT.
113th Bty.	J 7 c 27 11		O 7 c.

4.- O.P.'s

OBSERVATION POSTS have been selected as follows:-

- 49th Bty.- J 8 cent. & I 6 d 8 8.
- 50th Bty.- J 7 b 5 9 & J 8 b 4 7
- 51st Bty.- I 12 a 3 9
- 113th Bty.- J 8 b 4 7
- Brigade. - O 24 b 4 1.

5.- POSTS.

The front is held by posts on the following line. These are numbered consecutively from the right of each Brigade:-

- 1.- J 6 d 10 15 2.- J 6 a 20 45 3.- J 6 d 20 75
- 4.- J 6 b 2 0 5.- J 6 b 00 05 6.- J 6 a 75 05
- 7.- J 6 a 55 05 8.- J 6 a 30 05 9.- J 6 a 10 05
- 10.- J 5 b 9 1 11.- J 5 b 7 1 12.- J 5 b 55 20
- 13.- J 5 b 40 35 14.- J 5 b 25 60 15.- D 29 d 05 05
- 16.- D 29 c 9 5 17.- D 29 c 7 7 18.- D 29 a 4 3
- 19.- D 29 a 15 60 20.- D 29 a 10 95 21.- D 23 c 0 3
- 22.- D 22 d 7 6 23.- D 22 d 25 55 24.- D 22 c 3 5
- 25.- D 22 c 40 45 26.- D 22 c 05 40 27.- D 21 d 75 40
- 28.- D 21 d 5 4 29.- D 21 d 3 4 30.- D 21 d 0 4
- 31.- D 21 c 70 35 32.- D 21 c 30 35 33.- D 20 d 35 35
- 34.- D 20 d 30 55 35.- D 20 c 9 7 36.- D 20 c 50 65
- 37.- D 20 c 20 05 38.- D 20 a 1 1 39.- D 20 a 1 4.

The line to our left is approximately - D 7 c 5 4 -
D 7 c 8 3 - D 7 c 8 0 - D 13 b 0 3 - D 13 b 2 0 -
D 13 d 5 6 - D 14 c 0 4 - D 20 a 2 8.

6.- LINE
OF
RESISTANCE

The Brigade line of resistance has been fixed approximately as follows:-

J 8 d 9 2 - J 8 d 5 6 - J 8 a 0 2 - a straight line to O 28 d 5 2.

For the defence of this line, Batteries will occupy the following positions:-

49th Bty.- I 22 c 9 7
50th Bty.- I 22 a 95 45
51st Bty.- I 22 b 10 75
115th Bty.- I 22 c 1 6

The Corps line of resistance has been fixed at:-

I 27 b 9 2 - I 21 c 4 7 - I 30 b 7 7 - I 14 d 5 6 -
I 14 d 7 9 - I 8 c 3 5.

For the defence of this line, Batteries will occupy the following positions:-

49th Bty.- H 36 d 65 60
50th Bty.- H 36 d 45 25
51st Bty.- H 36 c 9 4
115th Bty.- N 6 b 8 8.

Routes and positions will be reconnoitred and notice boards erected.

7.- BARRAGES

&
"S.O.S."
CALLS.

Owing to the great extent of front allotted to this Group, it is ^{not} advisable for Batteries to cover the whole front by barrages, should an attack be made. For this reason, the undermentioned barrages, with "S.O.S. Calls" as shown, will be prepared and all arrangements, including registrations, be made. B.Cs will make ~~sure~~ the usual arrangements to see that their fire joins up when registering.

Should a portion of the front be attacked, Batteries will at once open fire on the point threatened, firing as in the task allotted that particular zone. Other Batteries, and the Group Headquarters will then be informed by the Code Call shown, stating source of information as rapidly as possible. Such calls will, of course, be sent as "PRIORITY" to the Batteries most concerned first, then to Howitzer Battery and then to Group H.Q.

Liaison Officers with Infantry Brigades and Battalion Headquarters, F.O.Cs etc. will take steps at once to ascertain the exact locality on which the barrage is required, and will inform their own Group and Batteries, and neighbouring Groups and Batteries, by the quickest possible means, giving rough co-ordinates. They will communicate with 18-pdr Batteries first and then 4.5" Howitzer Batteries and then to Group H.Q.

"S.O.S." Calls, it must be understood, will not be sent as "S.O.S.", unless it is known that an attack is being made. If an assembly only of enemy troops is observed, or any other indications of a possible hostile attack, this information will be quickly sent to Group Headquarters, but not as an "S.O.S." Call.

CODE CALL "S.O.S.D 15" or "S.O.S. D21"

49th Bty.- D 21 b 2 2 - D 21 a 6 2
 50th Bty.- D 21 a 6 2 - D 21 a 0 3
 51st Bty.- D 21 a 0 3 - D 20 b 5 5
 113th Bty.- 1 How. D 15 c 7 0
 1 How. ~~XXXXXX~~ D 15 d 6 3
 1 Sec. Road junction D 21 a 0 7 - D 15 c 0 3
 1 How. D 15 c 8 4
 1 How. D 15 b 05 65

8.- NIGHT
ARRANGEMENTS.

At night each Battery will post S.O.S. sentries, who will be familiar with the pointers which are to be erected by each Battery and. This sentry will be familiar with its use so that the direction of any S&O.S. signal may be rapidly and accurately calculated.

9.- AMMUNITION.

Rates of fire on S.O.S. Calls.

First three minutes	3 rds per gun per min	18-pdrs.
" " "	2 rds per how per min	4.5"
+3 to +15	2 rds per gun per min	18-pdrs.
" " "	1 rd per how per min	4.5"

and continued until orders are issued or information received that the barrage is no longer required.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AMMUNITION.

Batteries will maintain at Gun Pits the following ammunition:-

400 rds per gun or how.

18-pdr ammunition will be held in the following proportions - 75% "A" and 25% "AX"

The daily expenditure will be regulated by tactical requirements.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY is from "B" ECHELON 5th D.A.C.

10.- DEFENCE
AGAINST
"TANKS"

The following defensive measures have been made against Tank Attacks. The 49th Battery is detailed to engage Tanks from its present position, and will immediately report to Group Headquarters when doing so, so as to enable arrangements to be made for the covering of this Battery's zone. One section of the 51st Battery is detailed as mobile section to move as may be required for the purpose of engaging Tanks. Horses of this section will, at each night at dusk, be moved up to a position near the guns, in readiness to move to threatened points where such an attack is developing.

11. LIAISON
ARRANGEMENTS. CO-OPERATION WITH THE INFANTRY.

Liaison Officers are attached to Infantry Brigade H.Q. and to Battalion Headquarters. The former at I 11 c and the latter at D 25 a 60 85. These Officers will be changed periodically. Infantry Brigade H.Q. is in telephonic communication with the ~~21st~~ Group Headquarters and Battalion Headquarters is connected with the 49th Battery and thence through to Group H.Q.

12 Acknowledge

J. Miller Lt

ADJUTANT 13th F.A. BDE. 5th AUST. DIV.

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The appended action will be inserted in "D" Group
Artillery Defence Instructions (T13/60).

1.-

In the event of "D" GROUP being attacked, the following
Liaison has been arranged.

Code Call - "S.O.S. Don".

Action by this ("D") group.

49th Battery.- D 23 a 0 5 - D 22 b 4 5
50th Battery.- D 22 b 4 5 - D 22 a 2 5
113th ~~xxxx~~ Battery.- 1 section D 24 a 6 5 Fork roads.

Acknowledg.

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"D" Group Hqrs,
23rd May 1917

13TH F. A. BRIGADE, 5TH AUST. DIVISION.
No. <i>713/72</i>
Date <i>23-5-17</i>

J. Miller

Lieut. & Adjt.,
13. th. Aust. F. A. Brigade.

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13TH F. A. BRIGADE, 5TH AUST. DIVISION.	
No.	T13/60
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L E F T G R O U P A R T I L L E R Y

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Headquarters,
May 24th 1917.

The following S.O.S. Barrages will be adopted forthwith, in addition to those already enumerated in Defence Instructions (T13/60). Further instructions will be issued later.

In the event of a general attack.

49th Battery.- D 30 a 0 2 - D 23 d 2 0
 50th Battery.- D 22 b 8 5 - D 22 a 55 25
 51st Battery.- D 21 a 25 25 - D 20 b 55 75
 113th Battery.- 1 How. Wood D 14 d 1 9
 1 How. Wood D 15 c 8 4
 1 Sec. D 20 b 95 50 - D 15 c 4 4
 1 Sec. D 16 c 5 8 - D 22 a 6 5 9

In the event of a concentration of special S.O.S. Barrages, only two (2) sections will be used the remaining sections being left on their own zones.

Distribution -

All recipients of T 13/60.

J. Miller Lieut. & Adj.,
Left Group Artillery.

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Left Group Artillery

Headquarters,
26th May 1917.

Reference this office memo. T13/67 of 15th. inst. and attached amendment to Defence Instructions (T13/60).

Under the Code Call - "S. O. S. LAGNICOURT" the following

Barrage will be substituted for the existing one.

RIGHT OF DIVISION ON OUR LEFT ATTACKED.

30th Battery.- D 21 0 0 8 - D 20 b 45 90

51st Battery.- D 20 b 45 90 - D 14 0 4 8.

The action of the 113th H.Q. Battery will remain unchanged.

Please acknowledge receipt by wire.

Distribution to -

All recipients of T13/60 and
subsequent amendments.

J. Miller
Lieut. & Adjt.,
Left Group Artillery.

APPENDIX No 81

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"B" Group Artillery Secret Order No. 37.

Headquarters,
20th May 1917.

- 1.- Tonight 20/21st inst at midnight patrols are being pushed out to obtain information etc.
- 2.- The direction of these, reconnoitring out front will be approx. D 22 d, Roads in D 22 a and b, and in D 21 b and D 15 d. Similar reconnoissances will be made on "D" GROUP'S Front.
- 3.- If Artillery fire is required either to take advantage of the retirement of the enemy to his prepared line or in the event of an attack being made, fire will be opened as shewn in the attached Task Tables.
- 4.- The signal that fire is required will be the ordinary S.O.S. signal, ~~open~~ which fire will be opened for three minutes at three rounds per gun or How per min - 18-pdrs using ~~xxxxx~~ 50% A and 50% ~~A~~ should this signal be repeated, fire will be continued at S.O.S. rates.
- 5.- B.Cs will have their O.Ps manned from Zero Hour until the ~~extra~~ patrols have returned and will report the direction of any S.O.S. signals observed.
- 6.- The Liaison Officer at Bdn H.Q's. will pass all information as quickly as possible.
- 7.- Fire will not be dropped to normal S.O.S. points after midnight without orders from or reference to Group Headquarters.
- 8.- Task Tables ∇

At signal from D 22 or D 23.

- 49th Battery - D 16 c 8 7 - D ~~12~~ 16 c 0 7
- 50th Battery - 1 section road D 16 a 05 00 - D 15 b 75 40
- 113th Battery - 1 section search valley D 16 c 6 7 - D 16 a 6 1
- 1 How.- D 15 b 75 40

At signal from D 20 or D 21 a .

- 50th Battery.- D 15 b 25 00 - D 15 a 8 0 2 sections.
- 51st Battery.- D 15 a 8 0 - D 15 a 0 0
- 113th Battery.- 1 section road D 15 a 9 1 - D 15 b 05 60
- 1 How.- D 14 b 6 0

9.- Please acknowledge receipt by wire.

Distribution -

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O.C. 49th Bty	1
50th	2
51st	3
113th	4
Liaison Officer	5
War Diary	6 & 7
Files	8 & 9

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"B" Group.