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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MESSINES.	1st.	Dec. 1917.	Very quiet day. Slight rain.	
"	2nd.	"	Harassing fire carried out vide GROUP ORDER No.18. Major F.THORNTWAITE M.C. temporarily commanding OOSTTAVERNE GROUP ( 14th.F.A.Brigade) during absence of Lieut-Col.F.P.DERHAM D.S.O. on leave. Capt.H.GOLDSMITH M.C. Commanding 50th.Battery.	Appendix 20/53.
"	2nd.	"	"B" Echelon, 5th.D.A.C. reorganised. 50 mules transferred to this Brigade all being taken on strength of 113th.battery who transferred horses to other batteries. All batteries now have some mules. Slight fall of snow during night 1st/2nd.Dec. First this season. Cold, dull day. Harassing fire carried out vide GROUP ORDER No.19.	" 20/54
"	3rd.	"	Very quiet day. Batteries registering and firing normally. Hostile fire on this front mainly consists of Trench Mortars which are dealt with by counter bombardment. Harassing fire carried out vide GROUP ORDER No.20 Reinforcements - 40 drivers from "B" Echelon, 5th.D.A.C.on reorganisation of D.A.C.	" 20/55
"	4th.	"	Again a very quiet day. Cold and dull. Visibility poor. Harassing fire carried out vide GROUP ORDER No.21. Positions for defence of Army Line selected and reconnoitred. ( Corps Line positions also shown)	" 20/56 " 20/57.
"	5th.	"	Very quiet day. Visibility fair. Reallotment of some O.Ps. made. Harassing fire carried out vide GROUP ORDER No.22.	" 20/58.

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MESSINES	6th.	Dec. 1917	<p>H.A. proposed bombardment of KIWI FARM AND KINGSCLERE postponed. Orders issued. GROUP ORDER No. 23, for following the bombardment with bursts of fire on the same points during the night, was cancelled in consequence of H.A. action and task was altered to meet requirements of an enemy relief vide GROUP ORDER No. 24. G.O.C., 5th. Aus. Div. inspected all wagon lines and stated that he was pleased. Lieut. W. BRUNTON and 18 Other ranks rejoined - mostly from hospital.</p>	<p>Appendix 20/59 &amp; 20/60.</p>
"	7th.	"	<p>H.A. bombardment on KIWI FARM carried out, and as our Infantry were having a relief during night of 7th/8th Dec. our task was altered vide GROUP ORDER No. 27. Quiet day. H.A. bombardment was not very severe and enemy retaliation not noticeable. G.O.C., 5th. Aus. Div. inspected battery positions and stated that he was pleased. Major V. H. GATLIFF proceeded to B. Cs' School of Instruction, SHOE BURYNESS, ENGLAND. Lieut. R. W. MCHENRY, temporarily commanding 49th. Battery.</p>	<p>" 20/61.</p>
"	8th.	"	<p>Quiet day. Harassing fire carried out during day and night vide GROUP ORDER No. 26. H.A. continued bombardment on KINGSCLERE. This was not very violent and did not draw much retaliation. A DUMMY Raid, Artillery action only, was carried out from 5.30pm to 5.45 pm with the object of detracting from <del>future</del> possible raid. Details are as shewn in GROUP ORDER No. 29.</p>	<p>" 20/62.</p>
"	9th.	"	<p>Quiet day. Dull and slight rain. Harassing fire carried out vide GROUP ORDER No. 28. Strength of Brigade at present is - 24 Officers, 771 O/Ranks, 624 horses and mules, leaving the following deficiencies :- 1 Officer, 16 O/Ranks, 71 horses and mules.</p>	<p>" 20/64.</p>

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MESSINES	10th Dec. 1917.		Clear Day. Situation quiet. Y.5.a. Trench Mortar Battery which is attached to this Brigade took advantage of the clear night of the 9th/10th of repeated movements in enemy's line N. of WARNETON, at about 4a.m., and fired with good effect on enemy's front line in that vicinity. Enemy dropped newspaper propoganda from small balloons floating over. Harassing fire carried out wide Group Order No.30.	<i>M</i> Appendix ix 20/65.
"	11th Dec. 1917.		Corps Commander GENERAL BIRDWOOD K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. visited the Battery positions. DUMMY RAID carried out on hostile trench West of KINGSCLERE, wide Operation Order No.33. No Infantry action. Very cold day. Harassing fire carried out wide Operation Order No 31.	20/65 <i>M</i> 20/66
"	12th Dec.		Seven Gothas accompanied by some Albatross aeroplanes flew over BAILLEUL and on return, one dropped 4 bombs in vicinity of 51st Battery Wagon Lines. One bomb dropped on the road outside the lines, killing 6 men and wounding 20 and killing 3 horses and wounding 23. One Gotha seen to be brought down by one of our planes, 2 others reported down. These "planes also dropped bombs in vicinity of 51st Battery. Harassing fire carried out wide Order No. 32.	<i>M</i> 20/68
"	13th Dec.		Two more of 51st Battery men died and all 8 were buried in WESTHOF CEMETRY. 10 Horses only lost by death and evacuation. Cold day and dull. Harassing fire carried out wide Order No.36.	<i>M</i> 20/69
"	14th Dec.		Cold day. Visibility has been generally bad lately. Harassing fire, wide Operation Order No.35 carried out.	<i>M</i> 20/70
"	15th Dec.		Rather more shell fire in forward zones., than usual today mostly in vicinity of Battalion H.Q. (Left). Group retaliated freely. Harassing fire carried out wide Operation Order No.37	<i>M</i> 20/71

10th Dec  
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MESSINES	16th Dec.		Orders for relief <del>by</del> of this Brigade by 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade on 18th/19th December received and issued vide <del>XXXXX</del> Brigade Order No.4. Preparation for relief made. Harassing fire vide Order No.38 carried out.	Appendix 20/71 20/73
"	17th Dec		Very cold day. Some snow fell during the morning. Lieut-Colonel DEAN D.S.O. and B.C. of 1st F.A.B. arrived to commence taking over. All sent to Batteries and day spent looking around. Harassing fire carried out vide Group Order No.39.	20/74
"	18th Dec.		Very cold again. C.R.A. 1st Australian Division visited all batteries. All 1st Brigade Officers visiting O.Ps., seeing datum points registered. Two Sections from 1st F.A.B. relieved two Sections of each battery. These sections marched to Wagon Lines at DOILIEU where the Brigade is to assemble prior to marching out. This relief completed by 2p.m. Concentration shoots on points carried out vide Group Order No.40.	20/75
"	19th "		Reconniassance by 1st Brigade completed, and relief all completed and handed over by 2p.m. The balance of Brigade then marched to DOILIEU and assembled there. Very heavy frost and ground all frozen hard - roads very slippery. Harassing fire carried out by 13th Brigade to 2p.m. and then by 1st Brigade as per G.Order 41.	20/76
DOULIEU	20th "		Brigade remained at DOILIEU all day and prepared for march which commences tomorrow. In the afternoon, Area Commandant, CAPTAIN A.BLES, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, lectured to 60 all ranks per battery on the strategy of the War. This was most interesting and enjoyed by all.	
LINGHEM	21st "		Brigade marched from DOILIEU Area at 7a.m. in accordance with B.R.O.No.5. Roads very slippery and as no frost cogs were available horses were slipping badly. Marched via MERRIS, HAZEBROUCK, to EBLINGHEM Area, arriving about 2 to 2.30p.m.	20/79
CK ST EVIN.	22nd "		Left at 8a.m. and marched via ARQUES, WIZERNS, CLETY, AVROULT, to MERCK ST LEVIN at 1 to 1.30p.m. Awfully cold and roads extremely slippery.	

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MONTCAVREL.	23rd Dec. 1917.		<p>Left MERCK at 7.15a.m. <del>LA</del> In FAUQUEMBERGUES met 5th Australian D.A.C. who blocked the road, so this Brigade took a new route marching via RENTY, VERCHOCQ, MANINGHEM, CLENLEU to area. Arriving between 2 to 3p.m.</p> <p>B.H.Q. and Batteries dispersed as follows :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>B.H.Q. and 51st Battery.</td> <td>MONTCAVREL.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>49th Battery.</td> <td>RECQUES.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50th Battery.</td> <td>ESTREE.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>113th Battery.</td> <td>ALETTE.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Horses and men widely scattered in billets and very few in each place, but all men and horses under cover.</p> <p>Roads very slippery still and much difficulty experienced in getting along.</p> <p>Two baggage wagons failed to arrive, but though the Brigade was timed to march in rear of the <del>D.A. Brigade</del>, it was the first to arrive in billets.</p>	B.H.Q. and 51st Battery.	MONTCAVREL.	49th Battery.	RECQUES.	50th Battery.	ESTREE.	113th Battery.	ALETTE.	
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113th Battery.	ALETTE.											
"	24th Dec.		<p>Batteries all settling down. No training carried out yet. All are attending to equipment and cleaning harness etc.</p> <p>Again very cold and heavy frost.</p> <p>Inhabitants of these villages seem more hospitable than those usually met when Billetting.</p>									

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MONTCAVREL	25th Dec 1917.		More snow fell today and very cold weather. Health of all ranks good and condition of horses and mules is also good. Plum puddings and small extras provided for all ranks but not much done for Xmas because time after arrival did not permit. It is proposed to have extras on New Year's Day. Brigade Canteen is doing very well here.	<i>M</i>
"	26th		Heavy falls of snow during day. Apart from Stables etc routine, all ranks turned out to enjoy themselves and they do so in the snow - sledging and games.	<i>M</i>
"	27th.		More snow today and all Batteries again sledging and tobogganing etc, as well as routine. Men and horses in good health and all ranks enjoying the spell.	<i>M</i>
"	28th.		Conference of Brigade Commanders at 5th Aust.D.A.H.Q.. Very cold again and with some wind.	<i>M</i>
"	29th.		Again cold, and some snow during the night. All Batteries <del>employed</del> employed in routine of cleaning and checking equipment, stable management etc, but apart from this no training is proceeding. The Brigade took over 3 18pdr. guns from 1st F.A.B. and no Hows so it is not possible to do much gunnery training.	<i>M</i>
"	30th.		Church Parades. Slight thaw, but this did not continue. Routine as before.	<i>M</i>
"	31st.		Routine as above.	<i>M</i>

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 18.

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Headquarters,  
30th. November 1917.

Reference sheet 23 S.W. 1-20,000

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 1st. Dec. and by night on the 1st/2nd. December 1917.
2. Bursts of fire to be distributed over the whole period as shewn from 4pm - 8pm and 4.30am - 6am.
3. Ammunition to be used - 100 rounds per battery. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdra.
4. Tasks are as follows:-
  - 50th. Bty Search road from U. 12. b. 40.25 to P. 33. c. 4.0.
  - 51st. " 1 Section search road from V. 1. a. 5.7. to P. 32. c. 2.4
  - 2 " " " " 0.36. b. 2.6. to P. 31. b. 4.8.
  - 49th. " Search S.O.S. lines to OTIRA TRENCH in O. 36. c.
  - 113th. " 1 How. on Gasometer at U. 12. a. 99.20.
  - 1 " on T.M. at U. 6. b. 05.00.
  - 1 Sect. search road from U. 12. b. 40.25 to V. 1. d. 45.35.
  - 1 " KIWI FARM including M.G. at O. 36. c. 5.4.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.*J. Miller*Lieut. & Adjt.,  
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Headquarters  
1st. December 1917.

Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 2nd. December and by night on the 2nd/3rd. December 1917.

2. Tasks are as follows :-

BY DAY.

- 50th. Bty. Search road from V.7.a.8.9 to V.3.a.00.85.
- 51st. " KINGSCLERE and O.P. at U.6.d.25.40.
- 49th. " T.M. Emplacements at O.36.c.7.2 and OTIRA TRENCH in O.36.a.
- 113th. " 1 Section search road from V.7.a.8.9. - V.3.a.00.85.
- 1 " KINGSCLERE.
- 1 " T.M. Emplacement at O.36.c.7.2.

BY NIGHT.

- 50th. Bty. Search road from U.12.b.40.25. to V.2.a.90.25.
- 51st. " T.M. Emplacements at O.36.c.7.2, U.6.b.05.99., U.6.b.44
- 49th. " T.M. Emplacements at O.36.c.7.2, O.36.a.7.7., and O.36.a.85.70.
- 113th. " 1 Section Search road from V.1.d.45.35., to V.3.a.00.85.
- 1 Section. T.M. Emplacement at O.36.c.7.2.
- 1 " KIWI FARM O.36.c.50.55.

3. Times of firing -

- BY DAY - Bursts of fire at B.Cs. discretion.
- BY NIGHT. - Fire to be distributed at irregular intervals throughout the whole period allotted.

4. Ammunition to be used - 50 rounds per battery by day and 50 rounds per battery by night. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdrs.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*Appendix 20/55*Headquarters,  
3rd. December 1917.

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group during the night of 3rd/4th. December 1917 as follows :-

50th. Bty	Search road from U.7.a.0.4. to P.33.c.4.0.
51st. "	KINGSCLERE and T.M. emplacement at U.6.a.05.00 & U.6.b.0.7
49th. "	Search from S.O.S. line to OTIRA TRENCH in O.36.a and c.
113th. "	1 Section LA BUSSCHE FARM V.1.b.7.3.
	1 " BARBARA HOUSE O.51.d.3.7.
	1 " ESPERANCE Cabt. O.36.d.3.8.

Fire to be distributed throughout the night at B.Cs' discretion but to cover the whole period.

Ammunition to be used - 50rds per battery. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdrs.

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Headquarters,  
3rd. December 1917

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 4th. December and by night on the 4th/5th December 1917.

2. Tasks are allotted as follows :-

BY DAY.

- 50th. Battery S.O.S. lines and lifting to UNBENT TRENCH in U. 12. a and U. 6. c.  
Also road from V. 2. c. 65.00 to P. 33. c. 4. 0.
- 51st. " S.O.S. lines and lifting to UNABLE TRENCH in U. 6. a and include M. G. at U. 6. a. 4. 5.
- 49th. " Sweep S.O.S. lines and M. Gs at O. 36. c. 5. 4., O. 35. b. 95 O. 35. b. 6. 4. and O. 35. b. 6. 8.
- 113th. " 1 Sect sweep UNBENT TRENCH in U. 12. a. and U. 6. c.  
1 " " OTIRA TRENCH in O. 36 . a  
1 " search ground East of OTIRA TRENCH, N. E. of DATUM House.

BY NIGHT.

- 50th. Battery 1 Section on T.M. at U. 6. b. 05.00  
2 " search road from U. 12. b. 45. 25 to P. 33. c40
- 51st. " KIWI FARM and T.M. at O. 36. c. 7. 2.
- 49th. " T.Ms at O. 36. a. 7. 7. and O. 36. a. 05. 70.
- 113th. " 1 How. on T.M. at U. 6. b. 05.00  
1 " " T.M. at O. 36. c. 7. 2.  
1 " " T.M. at O. 36. a. 7. 7.  
1 " " T.M. at O. 36. a. 85. 90.  
1 " " KIWI FARM  
1 " " KINGSCLERE

3. PERIODS For firing - BY NIGHT. -

- 49th. Battery - 9pm to 12 midnight
- 50th. " - 12midnight to 3am.
- 51st. " - 3am to 6am.
- 113th. " - At discretion of B.C.

BY DAY.

Bursts of fire at irregular intervals at discretion of B.Cs.

4. Ammunition to be used - 50rds per battery by day and 100 rds per battery by night. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdrs.

5. In addition to the above "Periods of firing", bursts of fire of 12rds per battery will be fired on the objectives for the night tasks by all batteries at the following times :-

7. 45pm to 8. 50pm and 6. 15am to 7. 35am.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Positions selected for Defence of Corps Line.

49th.Bty	T.6.a.5.3.
50th. "	T.6.a.80.77.
51st. "	N.36.c.20.45.
113th. "	T.5.b.9.6.

Reinforcing Batteries.

<del>49th.Bty</del>			
1 - 18pdr.Bty	T.12.a.	<del>7.5.</del>	
1 " "	T.6.b.	1111.	
1 " "	T.6.c.	20.45.	
1 4.5" "	T.12.a.	1.5.	

Positions selected for defence of Army Line.

49th.Bty	M.36.a.5.2.
50th. "	M.36.a.3.8.
51st. "	M.29.c.65.10.
113th. "	M.36.b.8.6.

Reinforcing batteries -

1 - 18pdr.Bty	N.31.a.4.4.
1 " "	M.36.a.70.45.
1 " "	M.35.a.65.65.
1 4.5" "	M.36.b.6.4.

## MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 22

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Reference sheet 28 S.V. 1-20,000

Headquarters,  
3rd. December 1917.*Appendix 20758*

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 5th. December and by night on 5th/6th. December 1917.
2. Bursts of fire to be distributed over the whole period allotted at irregular intervals. Times of firing 4pm to 8pm and 4.30am to 6am.
3. Tasks are allotted as follows :-
 

50th. Battery	Sweep trench	U. 12. a. 4. 4.	to	U. 6. c. 4. 4.
51st. "	"	"	"	U. 6. c. 55. 70 to U. 6. a. 65. 95.
49th. "	"	"	"	O. 36. c. 4. 4. to O. 36. a. 25. 30.
113th. "	1 Section on	EUREKA FARM at V. 1. a. 35. 20		
	1 How.	on Dug-out at V. 1. a. 25. 55.		
	1 "	on Dug-out at V. 1. a. 05. 60		
	1 Section on	T.M. emplacements from O. 36. a. 7. 7. to O. 36. a. 85. 70.		
4. Ammunition to be used - 100 rds. per battery. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdrs.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 23

*Appendix 20/59*

Headquarters,  
5th December 1917

Reference sheet VARNETON 1-10,000

1. A bombardment of strong points will be carried out by the ANZAC H.A. on the 6th inst.
2. On completion of these bombardments, batteries of this Group will carry out the tasks as shown below.
3. During the bombardment by the H.A. the 115th How Battery will destroy enemy wire from O.36.c.15.15 to O.36.c.00.35 using 200 rds "BX" - 100 rds fuzed with No.106 fuzes and 100 rds with No.101A fuzes. Lanes of 10 yards each will also be cut in enemy wire at ~~XXXXXX~~ U.6.a.35.25 and U.6.a.35.75 by the Y&A T.M. Battery, using 6" NEWTON T.Ms.
4. Our front line trench in vicinity of O.35.d, south of CINEMA ROAD, is being vacated during the operation.
5. In the event of the enemy moving towards our posts during the bombardment, 1 WHITE FLARE will be sent up. Batteries will be ~~xxx~~ prepared to open fire on this vicinity (S.O.S. "C") if this signal is observed. This does not cancel any of the normal orders regarding S.O.S. signals or procedure.
6. Ammunition to be used -
 

18pdrs	200 rds per battery.	50% a and 50% ax
4.5" Hows	150 " " "	"
7. Tasks are allotted as follows :-
 

50th Bty	Search within the following points :- U.6.d.15.75 to U.6.b.15.35 to U.6.d.30.75 to U.6.b.30.45. (KINGSCLERE)
51st "	Search areas as follows :- 1 Sect U.6.b.15.20 - U.6.b.25.45 (KINGSCLERE) to a depth of 200 yards. 2 Sect O.36.c.3.3. - O.36.c.15.50 (KIWI) to a depth of 200 yards
49th "	2 " KIWI FARM O.36.c.5.5. 1 " Search area O.36.a.10.45 - O.36.d.05.55 to a depth of 200 yards
115th "	3 Hows Search within the following points :- U.6.d.15.75 to U.6.b.15.35 to U.6.d.30.75 to U.6.b.30.45 (KINGSCLERE) 3 " KIWI FARM O.36.c.5.5.
8. Bursts of fire will be directed on the above areas throughout the night, on completion of the H.A. task, until daylight on the 7th inst. Fire will be distributed throughout the whole night at irregular ~~xxx~~ periods.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| 1 49th Bty | 2 50th Bty        |
| 3 51st     | 4 115th           |
| 5 File     | 6 5th D.A.        |
| 7 .        | 8 and 9 War Diary |
| 10 Inf Bde | 11 Liaison Off    |
| 12 T.Ms.   |                   |

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APPENDIX <sup>28/60</sup>  
 Headquarters,  
 5th December 1917

*Appendix 20/60*  
 Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000.

In view of the postponement of the bombardment referred to in GROUP ORDER No. 23 of even date, and a reported relief on the night of 6th/7th inst., the following tasks will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 6th December and by night on the 6th/7th December 1917.

BY DAY.

50th Bty	Chau. GHESQUIERE, U.12.b.6.7. and Bn.H.Qrs U.6.d.2.2
51st "	EUREKA V.1.a.35.85. Area of 150yds radius from this point.
49th "	ESPERANCE Capt. O.36.b.25.55. Area of 150yds. radius from this point.
113th "	1 Section. Search WOOD at U.6.d.15.90.
	1 " Heavy T.M. emplacement at O.36.c.55.70.
	1 " Search WOOD at O.36.c.25.40.

BY NIGHT.

50th Bty	Search Road from U.12.b.40.25 to P.33.c.4.0.
51st "	" " " V.1.a.57. to P.32.c.8.3.
49th "	" " " O.36.a.c.c. to P.32.b.00.65.
113th "	1 Section CROSS ROADS V.1.d.45.35.
	1 " Junction V.1.a.49.
	1 " CROSS ROADS P.31.a.65.75.

Times of firing -

BY DAY.

Bursts of fire to be fired throughout the day at discretion of B.Cs.  
 50 rds per battery to be fired. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdrs.

BY NIGHT.

Bursts of fire to be fired by all batteries between 5pm and 10pm, 50 rds. per battery being used. Most of this to be expended between 8pm and 10pm.  
 50 rds. per battery to be expended throughout the remainder of the night at the following times :-

50th. Bty	10pm to 1.am.
49th "	1.am to 4.am.
51st "	4.am to 7.am.
113th "	At discretion of B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution:-

No.1	49th. Bty	No.2	50th. Bty
3	51st	4	113th
5	File	6	5th. D. A.
7.	8 and	9.	War Diary
10	Inf. Bde	11	Liaison Off.
12	Spare.		

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 MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

APPENDIX. <sup>20/61</sup>

## MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.27.

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SECRET.*Appendix 20/61*Headquarters,  
6th December 1917.

Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group on the night of 7th/8th December 1917.
2. This task will cancel para 7<sup>78</sup> of MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.23 of the 5th December 1917.
3. Bursts of fire will be directed on objectives shown in task table below. Fire to be distributed throughout the night at B.Cs' discretion.
4. Tasks are as follows :-
 

50th.Bty	Search Roads U.12.b.4.2. - V.1.d.9.6.
51st. "	KINGSCLERE U.6.b.25.3.0.
	WOOD at U.6.d.2.9.
49th. "	KIWI FARM O.36.c.55.
	Search Road O.36.a.0.0 - P.31.a.65.75.
113th. "	1 Section V.1.d.45.35.
	1 How. KINGSCLERE U.6.b.25.30.
	1 How. Search WOOD U.6.d.2.9.
	1 Section KIWI FARM O.36.c.5.5.
5. Ammunition to be used - 75 rds. per battery. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdrs.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. M. Allen*  
Lieut. & Adjt.,  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.....

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.26

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*Appendix 20762*

Headquarters, **APPENDIX.**  
6th December 1917.

Reference Sheet 26 S.W. 1-20,000.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 8th. December and by night on the 8th/9th. Dec. 1917.
2. Bursts of fire are to be fired on taggets allotted between the hours of 4.45.p.m - 8.p.m. and 4.30am - 7.am.
3. Tasks are as follows :-
 

50th.Bty	Search and sweep Chateau GHESQUIERE area from U.12.b.4.4. to U.12.b.4.8. to a distance of 300yds
51st. "	2 Sections search area from U.6.d.1.7. to U.6.d.10.95 to U.6.d.20.98 to U.6.d.25.75.
49th. "	1 Section Track and road at V.1.a.1.7. 2 " Sweep OTIRA TRENCH from O.36.a.2.1. to O.36.a.60.85.
113th. "	1 Gun T.M. at O.36.c.7.2. 1 " T.M. at O.36.a.7.7. 1 How. T.M. at V.12.a.05.62. 1 " O.36.c.55.70. 1 " U.6.b.0.7. 1 " O.36.d.85.65. 1 " O.36.c.7.2. 1 " O.36.a.7.7.
4. Ammunition to be used - 150 rds. per battery. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdrs.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Miller*  
Lieut. & Adjt.,  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY...

Distribution :-

No. 1	49th. Bty	No. 2	50th. Bty
3	51st	4	113th
5	File	6	5th. D. A.
7.	8 and	9.	War Diary.
10m	Inf. Bde	11	Liaison Off
12	Spare.		

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Headquarters,  
8th December 1917.

*appendix 20/63*

APPENDIX *20/63*

Reference sheet WARNETON 1-10,000.

1. A DUMMY RAID will be carried out tonight, the 8th inst.
2. There will be no Infantry action.
3. Fire will be opened by batteries of this Group on enemy front line trench for a period of 3 minutes, then a "Box Barrage" will be formed.
4. ZERO Hour will be 5.30p.m.

5. Rates of fire :-

Phase 1. First 3 minutes :-

18pdrs. 4 rds. per gun per minute.  
4.5" Hows. 3 " " " " " "

Phase 2.

Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 6. 18pdrs. 3 rds. per gun per min.  
4.5" Hows 2 " " " " "  
Zero " 8 to Zero plus 15. 18pdrs. 2 " " " " "  
4.5" How. 1 " " " " "

6. Tasks are as follows :-

Phase 1.

49th. Bty. 0.36.c.0.6 to 0.36.c.15.40.  
51st " 0.36.c.15.40 to 0.36.c.35.29.  
50th " 0.36.c.35.29 to 0.36.c.45.10.  
113th " 1 How. on 0.36.a.2.1.  
" " on 0.36.c.25.80.  
" " on 0.36.c.50.08.  
1 Sect. on 0.36.c.50.55.  
1 How. on 0.36.d.1.5.

Phase 2.

49th. Bty. 2 Sect. on 0.36.c.1.5 to 0.36.c.3.6.  
" " on 0.36.c.3.6 to 0.36.c.38.50.  
51st " 0.36.c.38.50 to 0.36.c.54.30.  
50th " 0.36.c.54.30 to 0.36.c.3.0.  
113th " As for phase 1.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. Miller* Lieut. and Adjt.  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Distribution.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| No.1 49th Bty. | No.2. 50th Bty. |
| 3 51st "       | 4. 113th "      |
| 5 File         | 6 5th D.A.      |
| 7,8 and 9      | War Diary.      |
| 10 Inf. Bde.   | 11 Liaison Off. |
| 12 Spare.      |                 |

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APPENDIX.

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Headquarters,  
7th. December 1917

Reference sheet WARNETON 1-10,000.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 9th December and by night on 9th/10th December 1917.
2. Tasks are allotted as follows :-
  - 50th. Bty. Search within the following points :-  
U.6.d.15.75 - U.6.b.15.35 - U.6.d.30.75 - U.6.b.30.45.  
(KINGSCLERE.)
  - 51st. Bty. Search areas as follows :-
    - 1 Section U.6.b.15.20 - U.6.b.25.45 (KINGSCLERE) to a depth of 200 yards.
    - 2 " 0.36.c.3.3 - 0.36.c.15.50 (KIWI) to a depth of 200 yards.
  - 49th. Bty. 2 " KIWI FARM 0.36.c.5.5.  
1 " Search area 0.36.d.10.45 - 0.36.d.05.55 to a depth of 200 yards.
  - 113th. Bty. 3 Hows. Search within the following points :-  
U.6.d.15.75 - U.6.b.15.35 - U.6.d.30.75 -  
U.6.b.30.45 (KINGSCLERE).  
3 Hows. KIWI FARM 0.36.c.5.5.
3. Fire to be distributed throughout the day and night at discretion of Battery Commanders.
4. Ammunition to be used - 50 rds. per battery by day and 100 rds. per battery by night . 50% A and 50% AX. for 18pdrs..
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Smith*  
Lieut. and Adjt....  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY....

Distribution. :-

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| No. 1 49th Bty. | No. 2. 50th Bty. |
| 3 51st Bty.     | 4. 113th "       |
| 5. File.        | 6. 5th D.A.      |
| 7, 8, and 9     | War Diary.       |
| 10. Inf. Bde.   | 11. Liaison Off. |

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Appendix 20765

Headquarters,  
8th December 1917

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

APPENDIX. 70/65

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 10th. December and by night on the 10th/11th. December 1917.

2. Tasks are allotted as follows :-

BY DAY.

50th. Bty. S.O.S. Lines and lifting to UNBENT TRENCH in U.12.a. and U.6.c.  
Also road from V.2.c.65.00 to P.33.c.4.0.  
51st " ANGLE FARM and UNABLE TRENCH in U.6.a. and include M.Gs. at U.6.a.4.5.  
49th " M.Gs. at O.36.c.5.4, O.35.b.9.5, O.35.b.6.4., and O.35.b.6.8 and ANGLE FARM.  
113th " 1 Sect. sweep UNBENT TRENCH in U.12.a. and U.6.c.  
1 " sweep OTIRA TRENCH in O.36.a.  
1 " ANGLE FARM.

BY NIGHT.

50th. Bty. 1 Section on T.M. at U.6.b.05.00  
2 " search road from U.12.b.45.25 - P.33.c.4.0.  
51st " ANGLE FARM.  
49th " T.Ms. at O.36.a.7.7 and O.36.a.05.70.  
113th " 1 How. on T.M. at U.6.b.05.00.  
1 " " T.M. at O.36.c.7.2.  
1 " " T.M. at O.36.a.7.7.  
1 " " T.M. at O.36.a.85.90.  
2 " " ANGLE FARM.

3. Periods of firing :-

BY DAY.

Bursts of fire at irregular intervals at discretion of Battery Commanders.

BY NIGHT.

49th. Bty. - 9.p.m. to 12midnight.  
50th " 12midnight to 3a.m.  
51st " 3a.m. to 6a.m.  
113th " At discretion of B.C.

4. Ammunition to be used - 50 rds. per battery by day and 100 rds. per battery by night. 50% A and 50% AX for 18pdra.

5. In additions to the above periods of firing, bursts of fire of 12 rds per battery will be fired on each of the objectives for the night tasks by all batteries at the following times :-  
7.45.p.m. to 8.50p.m. and 6.15a.m. to 7.35.a.m.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. and Adjt.  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Distribution.

No. 1.	49th. Bty.	No. 2.	50th. Bty.
3	51st "	4.	113th "
5	File.	6	5th. D.A.
7, 8 and 9			War Diary.
10	Inf. Bde.	11	Liaison Off.
12	Spare.		

## MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.31.

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Headquarters,  
9th. December 1917.

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 11th. December and by night on the 11th/12th December 1917.

2. Tasks are as follows :-

BY DAY.

50th. Bty. Chau. CHESQUIERRE U.12.b.6.7 and Bn.H.Qrs.U.6.d.2.2.  
51st " EUREKA V.1.a.35.85. Area of 150 yards radius from this point.  
49th. " ESPERANCE Cabt.0.36.b.25.55 Area of 150 yards radius from this point.  
113th " 1 Section search WOOD at U.6.d.15.90.  
1 " Heavy T.M. emplacement at 0.36.c.55.70.  
1 " Search WOOD at 0.36.c.25.40.

BY NIGHT.

50th. Bty. Search Road from U.12.b.40.25 to P.33.c.40.  
51st " " " " V.1.a.5.7 to P.32.c.8.3.  
49th " " " " 0.36.a.0.0 to P.32.b.00.65.  
113th " 1 Section CROSS ROADS V.1.d.35.35.  
1 " Junction. V.1.a.4.9.  
1 " CROSS ROADS P.31.a.65.75.

3. Times of firing.

BY DAY.

Bursts of fire to be fired throughout the day at discretion of Battery Commanders. 50 rds. per. battery.

BY NIGHT.

Burts of fire to be fired by all batteries between 5.p.m. - 10.p.m. and 50 rds. per battery being used. Most of this to be expended between 8.p.m. and 10p.m. 50 rds. per battery to be expended throughout the remainder of the night at the following times :-

51st. Bty. 10pm. to 1am.  
49th. " 1am. to 4am.  
50th " 4am. to 7am.  
113th " At discretion of B.C.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Miller* Lieut. and Adjt.  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY.

Distribution.

No. 1.	49th. Bty.	No. 2.	50th. Bty.
3.	51st "	4.	113th "
5	File	6	5th D.A.
7, 8, and 9	War		Diary.
10	Inf. Bde.	11.	Liaison OFF.
12	Spare.		

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Headquarters, APPENDIX. 11th December 1917.

Reference WARNETON Map 1-10,000.

1. A DUMMY RAID will be carried out to-night the 11th, inst.
2. There will be no Infantry action.
3. Fire will be opened by batteries of this Group as follows:-
 

ZERO to ZERO plus 1	On enemy front line.
Z plus 1 to Z plus 4	Box-barrage to be formed.
Z " 4 to Z " 6	On enemy front line.
Z " 6 to Z " 10	Box-barrage to be formed.
ZERO plus 10.	STOP FIRING.
4. ZERO hour will be 5.30 pm.
5. Rates of fire -
 

ZERO to ZERO plus 6.	18pdrs.	4rds. per	gun	per minute.
	4.5"Hows	3 "	"	How " "
Z plus 6 to Z plus 10	18pdrs	3 "	"	gun " "
	4.5"Hows	2 "	"	How " "
6. Ammunition to be expended -
 

18pdrs.	216 rds. per battery.	50%A and 50%AX.
4.5"Hows.	156 " " "	" " "
7. Tasks are as follows :-
 

<u>PHASE 1.</u> ZERO to ZERO plus 1.	
50th.Bty	F.L.T. from U.6.a.35.05 to U.6.a.35.25.
51st. "	" " U.6.a.35.25 to U.6.a.35.45.
49th. "	" " U.6.a.40.55 to U.6.a.45.35.
113th. "	1 Section KINGSCLERE U.6.b.2.3.
	1 How" T.M.at U.6.d.9.8.
	1 " T.M.at U.6.a.5.8.
	1 " U.6.c.7.9.
	1 " U.6.b.1.1.
<u>PHASE 2.</u> ZERO plus 1 to ZERO plus 4.	
50th.Bty	From U.6.a.3.1. to U.6.a.70.05.
49th. "	" U.6.a.70.05 to U.6.a.65.45.
51st. "	" U.6.a.65.45 to U.6.a.35.45.
113th. "	As for PHASE 1.
<u>PHASE 3.</u> ZERO plus 4 to ZERO plus 6.	
18pdrs	as for PHASE 1.
4.5"	as for PHASE 2.1.
<u>PHASE 4.</u> ZERO plus 6 to ZERO plus 10.	
18pdrs	as for PHASE 2.
4.5"	as for PHASE 1.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Muller* Lieut & Adjt., MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY

- Distribution
- |      |          |      |              |
|------|----------|------|--------------|
| No.1 | 49th.Bty | No.2 | 50th.Bty     |
| 3    | 51st.    | 4    | 113th.       |
| 5    | File     | 6    | 5th.D.A.     |
| 7    | 8 and 9. | War  | Diary        |
| 10   | Inf.Bde  | 11   | Liaison Off. |
| 12   | Spare.   |      |              |

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.32 .

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*Appendix 20/68*APPENDIX. *20/68*Headquarters,  
10th. December 1917.

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20000.

1. Concentration will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 12th. December and harassing fire by night on the 12th/13th Dec.

2. Tasks are as follows :-

BY DAY.

50th. Bty.	)	Search area for a radius of 150yds. from	
51st. "			0.36.d.95.70.
113th. " 1 Section			
113th. " 2 Sections	) Search area for a radius of 150yds. from		
49th. "		<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> P.31.a.75.30.	

BY NIGHT.

50th. Bty	Search road from U.12.b.0.2. to extreme range.
51st. "	Begin on S.O.S. lines and search for 300 yards.
49th. "	1 Section ANGLE FARM 0.36.a.8.7.
	1 " Suspected T.M. emplacement U.6.d.95.85.
	1 " Junction of Roads V.1.a.5.7.
113th. "	1 How. Search from V.1.a.1.1 to V.1.a.1.2.
	1 " Pill-box at V.1.a.55.65.
	1 Section Pill-boxes from V.1.a.35.85 to V.1.b.00 95.
	1 " Search LA BUSSCHE FARM V.1.b.75.15 to V.1.b.60.55.

3. Times for firing -

BY DAY.

4.pm., 5.15.pm., and 6.20pm.

BY NIGHT.

Bursts of fire at irregular intervals throughout the night commencing at 9.pm.

4. Ammunition to be used -

BY DAY.

At each of the above times 18pdr. batteries will expend at the rate of 2 rounds per gun per minute <sup>for</sup> and 4.5" Hows. at the rate of 1 round per How. per minute <sup>for 3 minutes</sup>

BY NIGHT.

100 rounds per battery .

All 18pdr. ammunition to be in the proportion of 50% A and 50% AX.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

## Distribution:-

No.1	49th. Bty	No.2	50th. Bty
3	51st	4	113th
5	File	6	5th. D.A.
7, 8 and		9.	War Diary
10	Inf, Bde	11	Liaison Off.
12.	Spare.		

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.36.

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APPENDIX. 20/69

Headquarters,  
13th. December 1917

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

1. Reference MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.34 of the 11th ~~inst.~~ inst. The task ordered for to-night, 13th/14th.inst is cancelled and the following substituted :-

50th.Bty	Search Road from U.12.b.40.25 to P.33.c.4.0.
51st. "	2 Sections search track from U.6.d.6.6. to V.1.a.65.38.
	1 " Search Road From V.1.a.5.7. to P.32.c.30.35.
49th. "	1 " From O.36.d.55.85. to P.31.a.85.35.
	2 " Search Road from O.36.b.15.55 to P.31.b.90.75.
113th. "	1 " Search junction of roads, tracks, tram line at P.31.b.85.75.
	1 How. YANCO FARM at P.31.a.75.35.
	1 " V.7.a.4.6.
	1 Section <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> P.31.a.35.70.

2. Times of firing - From 6.30pm to 8.30pm and from 12.30am to 2.30am.

3. Bursts of fire to be distributed on above targets throughout the ~~night~~ periods shown. 15Ords. per battery ~~to~~ to be used. 25% A and 75% AX for 18pdrs.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Buller*  
Lieut & Adjt.,  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY....

Distribution	
No.1	49th.Bty
3	51st
5	File
7, 8 and 9.	War Diary
10	Inf.Bde
12	Spare.
No.2	50th.Bty
4	113th
6	5th.D.A.
11	Liaison Off.



Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 13th. December and by night on the 13th/14th December 1917.

Tasks are as follows :-

BY DAY.

50th.Bty From U.11.b.9.7. along front line to U.6.c.0.8.  
51st. " Along front line trench at U.6.c.0.8. to 0.36.c.2.4.  
49th.Bty Bursts on S.O.S. lines  
113th. " " S.O.S. "

BY NIGHT.

50th.Bty 1 Gun on T.M. at U.11.b.8.9.  
1 " " T.M. at U.12.a.5.9.  
1 " " T.M. at U.12.a.05.62.  
3 " Search U.6.d.2.2  
51st. " 1 Gun on each of the following points :- U.6.a.9.2.  
U.6.b.05.00., U.6.b.0.7., U.6.b.2.3.  
1 Section on EUREKA FARM at V.1.a.40.85.  
49th. " 1 Gun on each of the following points :- 0.36.c.7.2.,  
0.36.a.85.70., 0.36.a.7.7, 0.36.d.85.65.,  
0.36.c.55.70., 0.36.c.70.75.  
113th. " T.Ms. at U.11.b.8.9., U.12.a.5.9., U.12.a.05.62.,  
0.36.c.7.2.

3. Times of firing -

BY DAY.

Bursts of fire at irregular intervals throughout the day at discretion of Battery Commanders.

BY NIGHT.

Bursts of fire by all batteries at the periods allotted  
49th.Bty 10pm to 1am.  
51st. " 1.am to 4am.  
50th. " 4.am to 7am.  
113th. " At discretion of B.C.

Ammunition to be used -

BY DAY.

75 rds per battery. 50%A and 50%AX for 18pdrs.

BY NIGHT.

100 rds per battery. 50%A and 50%AX for 18pdrs.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*P. Miller* Lieut & Adjt.,  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY..

Distribution		No.1	49th.Bty	No.2	50th.Bty
3	51st	4	113th		
5	File	6	5th.D.A.		
7, 8 and		9.	War Diary		
10	Inf, Bde	11	Liaison Off.		
12	Spare.				



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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.35.

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APPENDIX 20/70

Headquarters,  
12th. December 1917.

Reference sheet WARNETON 1-10,000

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1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 14th. December and by night on the 14th/15th December 1917
  2. Tasks are allotted as follows :-
 

50th. Bty	Search within the following points :-	U.6.d.15.75. to U.6.b.15.35 - U.6.d.30.75 - U.6.b.30.45. (KINGSCLERE).
51st. "	Search areas as follows :-	
	1 Section	U.6.b.15.20 - U.6.b.25.45 (KINGSCLERE) to a depth of 200 yards.
	2 "	0.36.c.3.3. - 0.36.c.15.50 (KIWI) to a depth of 200 yards.
49th. "	2 "	KIWI FARM 0.36.c.5.5.
	1 "	Search area 0.36.d.10.45 - 0.36.d.05.55 to a depth of 200 yards.
113th. "	3 Hows.	Search within the following points :- U.6.d.15.75 - U.6.b.15.35 - U.6.d.30.75 - U.6.b.30.45 (KINGSCLERE)
	3 "	KIWI FARM 0.36.c.5.5.
  3. Fire to be distributed throughout the day and night at discretion of Battery Commanders.
  4. Ammunition to be used - 50rds. per battery by day and 100rds. per battery by night. 50%A and 50%AX for 18pdrs.
  5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

## Distribution

No.1	49th. Bty	No.2	50th. Bty
3	51st	4	113th
5	File	6	5th. D.A.
7,	8 and	9.	War Diary
10	Inf. Bde	11	Liaison Off
12	Spare		

*Miller* Lieut & Adjt.,  
MESSINES Group Artillery.

MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.37.

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*Operation Appendix 20/71*  
Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

Headquarters,  
13th December 1917.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 15th. December and by night on the 15th/16th. December 1917.
2. Bursts of fire to be distributed over the whole period as shown from 5pm. to 9pm and 4am to 6am.
3. Ammunition to be used - 100 rounds per battery. 25% A and 75% AX for 18pdrs.
4. Tasks are allotted as follows :-
 

50th. Bty	Search Road from V.7.a.8.9. to V.3.a.00.85.
51st. "	1 Section search road from V.1.a.5.7 to P.32.c.2.4.
	2 " " " " 0.36.b.2.6 to P.31.b.4.8.
49th. "	T.M. emplacements at 0.36.c.7.2., and OTIRA TRENCH at 0.36.a.
113th. "	1 Section Search Road from V.7.a.8.9. to V.3.a.00.85.
	1 " on KINGSCLERE.
	1 " T.M. emplacements at 0.36.c.7.2.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut & Adj.,  
MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY..

Distribution	
No.1	49th. Bty
3	51st
5	File
7, 8 and 9.	War Diary
10	Inf. Bde
12	Spare.
No.2	50th. Bty
4	113th
	6th. D.A.
	Liaison Off.

Headquarters,  
16th. December 1917

*Appendix 20/72*

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1. This Brigade will be relieved in the present positions by the 1st. Aus. Div. Artillery on the 18th. and 19th. December 1917.
  2. B.Cs' attention is called to 5th. A.D.A. Order No. 153 and Administrative Order No. 20 issued herewith.
  3. The Brigade Orderly Officer and two guides per battery will proceed to the DOULIEU area to-morrow the 17th. inst to inspect positions. Guides will report to the O.O. at B.H.Q. Wagon Lines at 9. am to-morrow, 17th. inst and the party will return to their units the same day. One guide will move outwith the first two sections on the 18th. inst and one with the remaining section on the 19th. inst.
  4. Batteries in the line will hand over guns "in situ" with all stores, etc., as shown in the handbook of the piece and carriage. Receipts will be furnished to this office in duplicate by 12 noon on the 19th. inst. Ammunition will be handed over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to ~~xxx~~ this office by 12 noon on the 19th. inst. These receipts must be rendered punctually.
  5. Advance parties of 1 Officer and two N.C.Os. per battery will proceed on the 18th. inst to the wagon lines of relieving batteries and take over all guns, stores etc., receipts being given in duplicate.
  6. All alternative positions will be handed over, B.Cs. arranging with relieving batteries for the relief of their guards.
  7. Certificates will be obtained and forwarded to this office in duplicate to the effect that all lines, billets, etc., have been left in a thoroughly clean condition and that all latrines have been filled in and rubbish burnt. ( Para 6 of 5th. D.A. Ad. Order No. 20.)  
Any claims made against batteries are to be settled before departure.
  8. Three motor lorries are being provided for the carrying of horse rugs, stores etc and will report to B.H.Q. Wagon Lines at 9. am on the 19th. inst. Batteries will arrange to dump horse rugs and other baggage to the extent of 1 (one) G.S. Wagon load at B.H.Q. wagon Lines before 9. am on the 19th. inst. Two men per battery will be detailed as guard.  
One motor lorry is to proceed to the final destination direct on the 19th. inst. 2/Lt. A.O. BANKS is detailed to accompany this lorry and will report to the Staff Captain, 5th. D.A.H.Q. on reaching the destination, for instructions re billeting. Os. C. 49th., 50th. and 51st. Batteries will each detail one N.C.O. to proceed with this lorry. Party will carry ~~ration~~ rations for 19th to 23rd. inst inclusive.  
Batteries will send baggage not required en route, to the extent of  $\frac{1}{4}$  G.S. wagon in this lorry. Care will be taken that this baggage is dumped separately at B.H.Q. wagon lines, the remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  of G.S. wagon load being carried on motor lorries accompanying the column.  
Great care is to be taken not to confuse horse rugs on account of the possibility of mange spreading. For this reason, 51st. Battery rugs are on no account to be used by other batteries.
  9. Baggage wagons will report at battery wagon lines at 4pm on the 17th. inst
  10. Rations will be drawn at the present Supply Depot until further orders.
  11. The location of the wagon lines being taken over are as follows:-  
Sheet HAZEBROUCK 5a.
- |           |         |               |           |         |               |  |
|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--|
| B.H. Qrs. |         | 4. I. 52. 11. |           |         |               |  |
| 50th. Bty | 1 Sect. | 4. I. 68. 08. | 51st. Bty | 1 Sect. | 4. I. 44. 10. |  |
|           | 2 "     | 4. I. 64. 09. |           | 2 "     | 4. I. 41. 14. |  |
| 49th. "   | 1 "     | 4. I. 58. 05  | 113th. "  | 1 "     | 5. I. 38. 99. |  |
|           | 2 "     | 5. I. 59. 99. |           | 2 "     | 4. I. 20. 01. |  |

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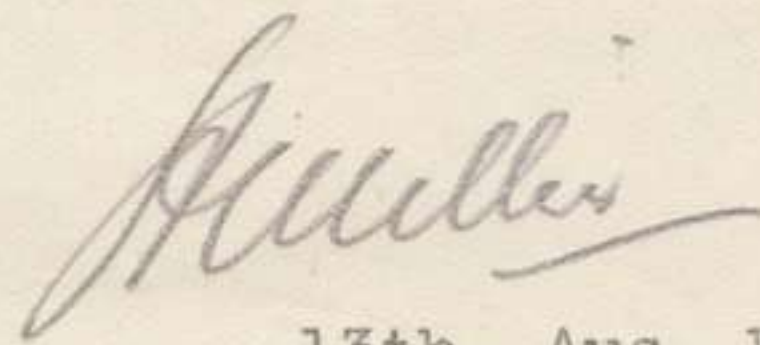
12. All preliminary moves to wagon lines in DOULIEU area will be made at discretion of Battery Commanders but will be completed on the days ordered.

13. Reference para 2 of 5th.D.A.Administrative Order n0.20.  
1st.ANZAC Routine Order Q442 is republished for information.  
" REPLACEMENT of AREA STORES.

Area Stores lost or destroyed through the exigencies of the campaign can only be replaced if demands are supported by a certificate from the Officer on whose charge they were borne.

Area Commandants and Officers Commanding Units demanding to replace Area Stores lost under these circumstances will invariably render a certificate to the above effect to the Ordnance Officer concerned.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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

Distribution.

No.1	49th.Bty	No.2	50th.Bty
3	51st. "	4	113th.
5	49th.W.L.	6	50th.W.L.
7	51st "	8	113th. "
9, 10 and 11.	War Diary		
12	File		

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APPENDIX 70/73  
Headquarters,  
15th December 1917

*Appendix 70/73*

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 16th December and by night on the 16th/17th. December 1917.

2. Tasks are as follows :-  
 BY DAY,  
 49th. Bty. )  
 50th. " ) Battery positions at V.2.b.o.o. and P.32.a.6.5.  
 51st. " )  
 113th. " )

Batteries will fire 10 rounds each on the above targets at the following times, each being fired on at the same time.  
 7.am., 4.15pm. and 5.15pm.

BY NIGHT.  
 50th. Bty T.M. emplacement at U.6.b.35.15.  
 51st. " 2 Sections T.M. emplacement at U.6.b.15.40.  
 1 " T.M. " at U.6.b.40.40.  
 49th. " Search CINEMA ROAD in O.36.a. and b., and P.31.a.  
 113th. " 1 How. T.M. emplacement at U.6.b.4.4  
 1 " T.M. " at U.6.b.35.15.  
 1 Section search road from V.7.a.00.45 - V.2.c.4.9.  
 1 " " " " V.1.a.5.7. - P.32.c.75.35.

Bursts of fire by all batteries to be distributed over the whole period as shown

50th. Bty	9.pm to 12midnight.
49th. "	12midnight to 3.am.
51st. "	3.am to 6.am.
113th. "	At discretion of B.C.

3. Ammunition to be used - 60 rounds per battery by day and 100 rounds per battery by night. 25% A and 75% AX for 18pdrs.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 Lieut & Adjt.,  
 MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY..

Distribution	
No.1	49th. Bty
3	51st
5	File
7, 8 and 9.	War Diary
10	Inf. Bde
12	Spare.
No.2	50th. Bty
4	113th
6	5th D.A.
11	Liaison Off.

*Appendix 20/74*

APPENDIX. 20/74

Headquarters  
15th. December 1917.

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000.

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 17th. December and by night on the 17th/18th. December 1917.

2. Tasks are as follows :-

BY DAY.

50th. Bty.	Dug-outs on road at V.2.c.c.7 to V.2.b.80.75.
51st. "	YANGO FARM P.31.a.8.3. and GOORING O.36.d.55.95.
49th. "	ANGLE FARM O.36.a.80.65 and ESPERANCE Cabt. O.36.b.3.5.
113th. "	1 Section Dug-outs on road at V.2.c.c.7 - V.2.b.80.75.
	1 " Bn.H.Qrs. at P.31.b.75.75.
	1 " ANGLE FARM O.36.a.80.65.

Bursts of fire to be directed on above targets at irregular intervals throughout the day at discretion of Battery Commanders.

BY NIGHT.

50th. Bty.	Search road from V.7.a.00.45 to V.2.b.00.85.
51st. "	" " " U.6.b.75.25. to P.32.c.9.3.
49th. "	" CINEMA ROAD from O.36.a.15.10 to P.32.a.10.65.
113th. "	1 Section search road from V.7.a.00.45 to V.2.b.00.85
	1 " DEE FARM at P.32.c.45.35.
	1 " Bn.H.Qrs. at P.31.b.75.75.

Bursts of fire to be directed on above targets, and to cover the whole period as shown, as follows:-

51st. Bty	9. pm to 12 midnight.
50th. "	12 midnight to 3. am.
49th. "	3. am to 6. am.
113th. "	At discretion of Battery Commanders.

3. Ammunition to be used - 75 rounds per battery by day and 100 rounds per battery by night. 25% A and 75% AX for 18pdr.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Miller* Lieut & Adjt.,  
MESSINES Group Artillery.

Distribution.

No.1	49th. Bty	No.2	50th. Bty
3	51st.	4	113th
5	File	6	5th. D.A.
7,	8 and	9.	War Diary.
10	Inf. Bde	11	Liaison Off.
12	Spare.		



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*Appendix 20/75*

APPENDIX

Headquarters,  
16th. December 1917.

Reference sheet 28.S.W. 1-20,000

1. Concentration will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 18th. December and by night on the 18th/19th. December 1917.

2. Tasks are as follows :-

BY DAY.

50th. Bty	)	Search area for a radius of 150 yards from O.36.d.95.70.
51st. "	)	
113th. " 1 Section	)	
113th. " 2 "	)	Search area for a radius of 150 yards from P.31.a.75.30.
49th. "	)	

BY NIGHT.

50th. Bty	Search road from U.12.b.0.2. to extreme range.
51st. "	Begin on S.O.S. lines and search for 300 yards.
49th. "	1 Section ANGLE FARM O.36.a.8.7.
	1 " Suspected T.M. emplacement at U.6.d.95.85.
	1 " Junction of roads V.1.a.5.7.
113th. "	1 How. Search from V.1.a.1.1. to V.1.a.1.2.
	1 " Pill-box at V.1.a.55.65.
	1 Section Pill-boxes from V.1.a.85.85 to V.1.b.00.95.
	1 " Search LA BUSSCHE FARM V.1.b.75.15 to V.1.b.60.55.

3. Times of firing -

BY DAY. 4.p.m., 5.15pm and 6.20pm

BY NIGHT. Bursts of fire to be distributed throughout the night at irregular intervals at discretion of Battery Commanders commencing at 9.p.m.

4. Ammunition to be used -

BY DAY - At each of the above times 18pdr. batteries will expend at the rate of 2 rounds per gun per minute for 3 minutes, and 4.5" how. at the rate of X 1 round per How. per minute for 3 minutes.

BY NIGHT. 100 rounds per battery.

All 18pdr. ammunition to be expended in the proportion of 25% A and 75% AX.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Miller* Lieut & Adjt.,  
MESSINES Group Artillery...

Distribution.

No.1	49th. Bty	No.2	50th. Bty
3	51st	4	113th
5	File	6	5th. D.A.
7, 8 and 9.			War Diary
10	Inf. Bde	11	Liaison Off.
12	Spare.		

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MESSINES GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No.41.

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*appendix 20/76*

Headquarters,  
17th. December 1917.

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000

1. Harassing fire will be carried out by batteries of this Group by day on the 19th. December and by night on the 19th/20th. December 1917.
2. Bursts of fire are to be directed on targets allotted between the hours of 4.45pm and 8. pm, and 4.30am - 7. am.
3. Tasks are as follows :-
 

50th. Bty	Search and sweep Chateau CHESQUIERE area from U.12.b.4.4. to U.12.b.4.8. to a distance of 300 yards.
51st. "	2 Sections search area from U.6.d.1.7. to U.6.d.10.95 to U.6.d.20.98 to U.6.d.25.75.
49th. "	1 Section Track and road at V.1.a.1.7. 2 " sweep OTIRA TRENCH from 0.36.a.2.1 to 0.36.a60.
113th. "	1 Gun T.M. at 0.36.c.7.2. 1 " T.M. at 0.36.a.7.7. 1 How T.M. at V.12.a.05.62. 1 " 0.36.c.55.70. 1 " U.6.b.0.7. 1 " 0.36.d.85.65. 1 " 0.36.c.7.2. 1 " 0.36.a.7.7.
4. Ammunition to be used - 150 rounds per battery. 25% A and 75% AX for 12pdrs.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd. G.H. MILLER. Lieut & Adj.,  
MESSINES Group Artillery....

Distribution			
No.1	49th. Bty	No.2	50th. Bty
3	51st	4	113th
5	File	6	5th. D.A.
7,	8 and 9.		War Diary
10	Inf. Bde		11 and 12. Spare.

Reference sheets SHAZEBROUCK 5A, and 36a.1-40,000.

Headquarters,  
17th. December 1917

1. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will march from the DOULIEU area to the RENESCURE area on the 21st. December 1917. This Brigade will march in accordance with attached March Table. Batteries will march along road from L.10.b. to F.27.b.
2. Each battery will detail an Officer or senior N.C.O., and 2 guides to proceed on the 20th. December as billeting party. This party will be mounted and will report to the Orderly Officer at B.H.Grs. at 7.am and will proceed 24 hours ahead of the Brigade, reporting to the D.T.M.C. at the Area Commandant's office, RENESCURE at 11am. Arrangements for the rationing of this party will be made and notified later.
3. A return will be compiled by each billeting Officer or N.C.O. who will forward it to the Orderly Officer, giving the location of each billet. This return must reach the Orderly Officer as soon as the billeting has been completed in each area.
4. On the 20th. inst. the Orderly Officer will issue instructions to the billeting party as to the time and place to report on the 21st. inst. He will also arrange to leave behind one guide per battery who will guide their respective batteries to their billets on arrival in the RENESCURE area on the 21st. inst.
5. On the 21st. inst. the remainder of the billeting party will proceed to RME THIMBROWNE where they will report to the D.T.M.C. at 11.am at the Area Commandant's office where the same procedure will be carried out as on the 20th. inst. On the arrival of the Brigade in this area. the billeting party will rejoin their units, acting as guides to billets.
6. In addition to the above party, a second billeting party consisting of one Officer and one other rank per battery is to proceed to the ESTREE area. Lieut. A.O. BANKS will take charge of this party and will arrange billets. This party will be provided with bicycles as far as possible, and will parade at R.F.O's office BAILLEUL at 4.30pm on the 20th. inst, proceeding by train which leaves BAILLEUL at 5. pm.  
On arrival at SAMER party will detrain and report at the Reinforcement Camp. Bedding and necessaries should be taken.
7. Under Divisional arrangements this party will be transported on the morning of the 21st. to ~~xxxxxx~~ the ESTREE area where they will report to the A/Staff Captain at the Area Commandant's office at 10.am. This office is at the West end of the village where the road crosses the railway.  
This party will draw rations at SAMER on the morning of the 21st. up to the 23rd. inclusive.
8. Referring to BRIGADE ORDER No.4, para 8. Cancel line 7 from "Lt. BANKS" to line 10 "proceed with this lorry" and substitute "each battery will detail one man who will accompany this lorry and act as guard under a N.C.O. to be supplied by the 51st. Battery.
9. The usual rear parties will be detailed and certificates furnished to this office in duplicate before 12 noon on the 21st. inst. to the effect that all billets, lines, etc. have been left in a sanitary condition and that all latrines have been filled in.  
Billets will be cleared by 10am. each day.
10. Batteries will move with Echelons full. Transport with the exception of Water and Cooks carts will march in rear of the whole column. It will rendezvous on the road L.10.b - F.27.c. O.C. 49th. Battery will detail one Officer to take charge of this convoy.
11. A distance of 100 yards between batteries will be maintained.
12. Rations for the 19th. inst will be drawn on arrival in the DOULIEU area on the 18th. inst. Guides will be provided by batteries and will report to the Supply dump at A.22.a.c.5. sheet 36.

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- 13. If necessary, Motor lorries will call at battery wagon lines on the 21st inst. to pick up any baggage which may have been off-loaded on the 19th inst. For this purpose batteries will send a guide to B.H.Qrs. at least 1 1/2 hours before Brigade H.Qrs. move off.
- 14. During the whole of the forthcoming march efforts are to be concentrated on keeping the steel work of all harness clean and bright. With this object in view, at every halt bright parts are to be wiped over with an oily rag. At the end of a days march harness is not to be put away until all bright parts have been oiled.

Issued to all recipients of BRIGADE ORDER No.4.

*[Signature]* Lieut & Adj.,  
13th. Aus. F.A. Brigade.....

MARCH TABLE.

UNIT.	STARTING POINT.	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT.	ROUTE.
B.H.Qrs.	Road Junction F.21.a.7.6.	7.30.am.	OUTTERSTEENE-MERRIS STRAZEEL-HAZEBROUCK.
113th.Bty.	" " "	7.33.am.	" " "
51st. "	" " "	7.38.am.	" " "
50th. "	" " "	7.43.am.	" " "
49th. "	" " "	7.48.am.	" " "
Destination -		RENESECURE Area.	

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1000	"	"	"	"	1.10.00	"	"	"
2000	"	"	"	"	1.12.00	"	"	"
3000	"	"	"	"	1.14.00	"	"	"
4000	"	"	"	"	1.16.00	"	"	"
5000	"	"	"	"	1.18.00	"	"	"
6000	"	"	"	"	1.20.00	"	"	"

7000	1.22.00	1.24.00	1.26.00	1.28.00	1.30.00
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OF BRIGADE ORDER NO. 1 OF 1918

14. The purpose of this order is to provide for the efficient and economical operation of the various units of the brigade during the absence of the commanding officer.

15. The commanding officer shall designate the officers and non-commissioned officers who shall be responsible for the maintenance of the discipline and order of the units during his absence.

16. The commanding officer shall designate the officers and non-commissioned officers who shall be responsible for the maintenance of the discipline and order of the units during his absence.

APPENDIX

13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ORDER No. 6.

Headquarters,  
18th. December 1917.

S U P P L I E S.

1. Supplies for the forthcoming march will be drawn as follows :-

<u>Date drawn on.</u>	<u>Date drawn for.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
18th. inst	19th. inst	DOULIEU.
19th. inst	20th. inst	"
20th. inst	21st. inst	"
21st. inst	22nd. inst	RENEBOURE
22nd. inst	23rd. inst	THIEMBRONNE
23rd. inst	24th. inst and until further notice.	SAMER.

2. Attention is called to 5th. D.A. Administrative Order No. 23 issued to batteries herewith.

Copies to all wagon lines.

*Phillips*  
Lieut & Adjt.,  
13th. Aus. F. A. Brigade...

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