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WAR DIARY

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

8th Bde. Aus. F.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	C/O Lieut.-Col. W.G. Allsop, DSO.	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917.				
	May	4.	A. I. F. List No. 573 to hand notifying Lieut. J.W. Turner placed on Seconded List. Dated 31/1/1917.		
		7.	Chaplain Morshead attached (D.A.C.) for duty.		
		10.	Lieut. J.W. Turner rejoined from Seconded List.		
		11.	Lieut. J. Inglis rejoined from 2nd Army School.		
		18.	Lieut.-Col. H.D.K. Macartney C/O of 7th F.A. Brigade assumed temporary command of 8th Bde. during absence of Lt.-Col. Allsop on leave.		
		22.	Lieut. G.J. Hammond to act as Adjutant 8th Bde. during absence of Lt. Gunn. Lieut. T. Morell 7th Bde. took over duties of A/Adjt. from Lieut. Hammond. Lieut. L.G. Clarke returned from Trench Mortar School.		
		28.	Lieut. E. Griffith 53rd ^{30th} Bty. to be Assistant Adjutant.		
		29.	2/Lieut. D.K. Saunders joined X St. Johns Wood & posted to 30th Bty.		
<p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for the beginning of June and filed with volume for that month)</p>					

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COPY NO. 5

3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO.15.

Reference Maps :- 28 S.W. & 36 N.W. 1/20,000.

RELIEF.

Reference 2nd.ANZAC R.A. O.C.No.4.
The 175th. Brigade R.F.A. will relieve the 7th.Aust. F.A.Brigade in the 57th Division area on nights 10th/11th 11th/12th May, under orders of C.R.A. 57th.Division.

The 7th.Aust.F.A.Brigade will move into action on nights 10th/11th, 11th/12th May, to reinforce the 8th.Aust F.A.Brigade North of the river LYS, and will then come under orders of the 3rd. Australian Division.

COMMAND.

C.O. 8th.F.A.Brigade will assume tactical control of 7th A.F.A.Brigade Batteries on their arrival into action.

One Section of each battery will move into position on the night 10th/11th May.

The remaining 2 Sections will move into action on the night 11th/12th May.

Positions to be occupied are as follows :-

- Headquarters. - T.29.d.85.50.
- ~~25th. Battery. - G.1.b.1.5.~~ *Cancelled 3/5/15*
- 26th. Battery. - B.6.b.8.7.
- ~~27th. Battery. - U.25.a.10.44.~~ *etc.*
- 107th. Battery. - U.19.c.65.60.

An advance party from the 7th. Aust.F.A.Brigade will report at B.12.central. at 10 a.m. on the 10th instant.

The Artillery Signalling Officer will make arrangements re Signal Communications.

The 7th. Aust.F.A.Brigade must be available for immediate withdrawal without interfering with the defence of the line. They will not be employed for normal offensive work, but will be available for defensive work.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.A. Nicholls

Major. R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

DISTRIBUTION :

- Copy No. 1. R.A. 2nd.ANZAC.
- " 2. 3rd.Australian Divn.
- " 3. 57th. Divl.Artillery.
- " 4. 7th.F.A.Brigade.
- " 5. 8th.F.A.Brigade.
- " 6. 3rd.D. A. C.
- " 7. D.T.M.O.
- " 8. G.C.Signals.
- 9. 42nd.Squad.R.F.C.
- 10. No.6.Balloon Coy.
- 11. S.C.R.A.
- 12. FIELD.
- 13. WAR DIARY.

Issued at *noon*
7.5.1917.
By D.R.

To
All recipients of 3rd. Australian Divl. Artillery O.O./15.

[Handwritten initials]

Reference 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery O.O./15.

The 25th. and 27th. Batteries will remain in their present positions in action and will remain attached to the 57th. Divisional Artillery until further orders.

Move as ordered in the abovementioned Operation Order for these batteries is cancelled.

Headquarters knowledge.
8.5.1917.

[Handwritten signature]
Major R. A.
B. M., R. A. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX

LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

To 3rd. D.A.H.Q./

Herewith NARRATIVE OF EVENTS of night 7th. May, 1917.

A heavy hostile bombardment started and was reported by G.P.23, (Left Brigade O.P.) as being on the right of our Sector about Localities 16 and 17. I was unable to raise G.O.12 on the direct line and asked D.A.H.Q. to find out for me if HELP was required. D.A.H.Q. ordered HELP G.O.12. at 2 rounds per gun per minute on the Support Line at C.17.a and b. I instructed 29th. and 108th. Batteries to open fire as above.

Liaison Officer at Left Battalion Headquarters reported that very heavy hostile minenwerfer fire was falling along our front line at U.15.3,4, and 5, and asked for retaliation. I instructed the 108th. Battery to fire 20 rounds retaliation on to known M.W. positions opposite U.15.3,4, and 5; and the 30th. Battery to fire 20 rounds retaliation on the front and support line opposite that Sector. Right Brigade O.P. reported that hostile minenwerfers were very active firing from C.17.a,b, and d., and from C.4.b and d. I instructed 108th. Battery to fire 20 rounds retaliation on to known M.W. positions in C.4.b. and d. and 31st. Battery to fire 20 rounds retaliation on the support line C.4.b. and d. ~~Right~~ Left Group 57th. Division (G.O.12) reported an S.O.S. on localities 16 and 17. I instructed 29th. and 108th. Batteries HELP G.O.12.

D.A.H.Q. rang up and reported a hostile Gas attack on HOUPLINES NORTH and instructed me to pass the warning to the Heavy Artillery (G.I.5).

I passed the Gas Alert to G.I.5. and to all Batteries of this Group. D.A.H.Q. rang up and I reported that we were helping G.O.12. and received instructions to reduce the rate of fire to 2 rounds per gun per minute and to also reduce the rate of fire of the Howitzers. I also received instructions that at zero hour for the 'Special Corps Road Strafe' any Batteries helping G.O.12. would switch their fire on to their task for the Road 'Strafe' and after completion of the task, would switch back to HELP G.O.12.

I instructed 29th. and 108th. Batteries as above.

I issued instructions to all Batteries of this Group that despite the hostile bombardment, the Corps Road 'Strafe' would be carried out.

- No times were kept for this period.
- 8.34 pm. D.A.H.Q. enquired if we had any further report re the Gas Attack and told me that it had been reported that the enemy was strafing ST. IVES. I reported that this was so and that I had already ordered retaliation opposite that area.
- 8.35½ Instructed 30th. Battery repeat retaliation previously ordered opposite U.15.3,4, and 5.
- 8.39 Liaison Officer, Left Battalion Headquarters, reported the retaliation was now required opposite U.21.c.
- 8.40 Instructed ^{30th/85} to/retaliation as ordered to front and support line U.22.c.
- 8.40½ Instructed 108th. Battery retaliate 30 rounds support line U.22.c
- 8.41/44. Reported to D.A.H.Q. that our trenches were being heavily bombarded in U.21.c. While speaking to D.A.H.Q. S.O.S. was reported U.21.c.
- 8.44 G.I.3. reported S.O.S. C.21.c.
- 8.45 31st. Battery instructed concentrate A.3. S.C.S. Rates. and to carry on with the S.O.S. and not to carry on with the Corps Road 'Strafe' at zero hour.
- 8.45½ Instructed 29th. Battery - ditto -

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- 8.47 pm. Instructed 108th. Battery Concentrate A3 - S.O.S. rates ~~and to continue with the S.O.S. and not to switch fire on to targets allotted for the Corps Road 'Strafe' at zero hour.~~
- 8.48 Rang up Heavy Artillery (G.I.5) and informed them that I had received S.O.S. from C.21.c.
- 8.52⁴⁸ 30th. Battery instructed to Concentrate A3. at S.O.S. rates
- 8.52¹ G.I.3 reported that the exact point where the S.O.S. was sent up was U.22.c.10.20.
- 8.53 Reported above to Heavy Artillery Group (G.I.5)
- 8.54 29th. Battery instructed 'Switch Concentration' to "Concentrate 'A.3.B.1'".
- 8.55 Liaison Officer Left Battalion Headquarters reported hostile fire slackened off. I asked him if Battalion had reported this to G.I.3 and if not, for him to inform Battalion that we would continue our fire until we received instructions from G.I.3.
- 8.56 Reported to D.A.H.Q. as above.
- 9 p.m. 29th. Battery asked if in view of orders previously issued, could they order up ammunition. Instructed to do so at once if required.
- 9.1¹ 108th. Battery - ditto -
- 9.2/4 30th. and 31st. Batteries instructed to order up ammunition at once if necessary.
- 9.4 29th. Battery reported four S.O.S. rockets had gone up opposite the CHICKEN RUN, but were not on our Sector.
on the line
- 9.5 Rang up G.I.3 (who were/trying to get me) and told them that Liaison had reported that hostile fire was slackening and asked if I could cease fire. Instructed to cease fire.
- 9.6 108th. Battery instructed to cease fire on S.O.S. To switch fire on to HELP G.O.12.
29th. Battery - ditto -
- 9.7 Liaison Officer, Left Battalion rang up and reported that hostile fire had almost stopped and was informed that our Batteries were ceasing fire.
- 9.7¹ 31st. Battery instructed to Cease Fire. Stand By.
30th. Battery ditto.
- 9.9 Informed G.I.5 (Heavy Artillery) that we had ceased fire on the S.O.S. in C.22.c. but that the S.O.S. was still going south of the river.
- 9.10 Reported to D.A.H.Q. as above. Asked if we would still continue to HELP G.O.12. Instructed to do so; but to reduce rate of fire to 2 rounds per gun per minute.
- 9.12 29th. Battery instructed to reduce rate of fire to 2 rounds per gun per minute. Battery reported GAS from their Right Section at HOUPLINES.
- 9.14 Liaison, Left Battalion Headquarters, reported heavy fire had again been opened on U.21.d. While speaking S.O.S. was received at Battalion Headquarters in U.22.c.10.20.
- 9.14¹ 108th. Battery instructed 'Concentrate A.3 - S.O.S. Rates -

- 9.15½ p.m. 30th. Battery instructed to 'Concentrate A.2 - S.O.S. Rates'
31st. Battery - ditto -)A.3("
Battery reported S.O.S. Rocket U.28.4.
- 9.16 29th. Battery instructed switch fire from HELP G.O.12 to concentrate A.3.B.1.
- 9.16½ Reported to D.A.H.Q. as above.
29th. Battery instructed switch to Concentrate B.1 and northern half of Concentrate B.2.
- 9.17½ Informed G.I.5 the S.O.S. had again been received, from U.22.c.
- 9.18½ 30th. Battery instructed to drop rate of fire to 2 rounds per gun per minute.
- 9.19½ 29th. Battery - ditto -
- 9.20½ 31st. Battery - ditto -
- 9.22 31st. Battery reported that the S.O.S. was not on U.28.4 but farther north near the corner of Ploegsteer Wood.
- 9.23 29th. Battery instructed to switch fire to Concentrate A.3.B.1 at 2 rounds per gun per minute.
- 9.23½ 108th. Battery instructed to reduce rate of fire to 1 round per How. per minute.
- 9.25 30th. Battery instructed switch fire Concentrate A.3.
- 9.25½ 31st. Battery instructed to switch fire to concentrate A.3.b.1.
- 9.31½ G.I.1. reported that no S.O.S. had been sent up on their front.
- 9.32½ D.A.H.Q. informed me that if we had received an S.O.S. by rocket from U.28.4, it had been sent up by the enemy. I reported that this had already been corrected and that the S.O.S. was on U.22.c.10.20.
- 9.38/38 Conversations with Batteries and with D.A.H.Q. re ammunition.
- 9.38 Liaison Officer Left Battalion reported that enemy bombardment was slackening ~~xxx~~ and told to ask Battalion to report to Brigade so that we could cease/as soon as possible.
fire
- 9.40 31st. Battery reported that communication with their Companies had been cut.
- 9.41 G.I.3. informed me that I could now cease fire.
- 9.41½ Reported to D.A.H.Q.
108th. Battery instructed to cease fire - Stand By.
- 9.42 29th. Battery. - ditto -
- 9.42 30th. Battery - ditto -
- 9.42½ 31st. Battery - ditto -
- 9.43 Reported to D.A.H.Q.
- 9.45 Informed G.I.5. that the S.O.S. was finished and that we had ceased fire.
- 10 p.m.
9.47 Instructions from D.A.H.Q. to help G.O.12 with one 18-Pdr Battery.
- 10.1 29th. Battery instructed to HELP G.O.12 - 2 rounds per gun per minute.
- 10.3 Instructions from D.A.H.Q. to cease firing on HELP G.O.12.

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10.4 p.m. Instructed 29th. Battery to Cease Fire.

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11/11.5 pm Bombardment carried out as per instructions for Corps Road 'Strafe'.

Ammunition expended; (S.O.S. & Road 'Strafe') :

1925 'A'; 1529 'AX'; 805 'BX'.

H. G. Ainslie

Lieut. Col.,
Commanding Left Group Artillery.

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APPENDIX

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LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

BY

Lieut.Col., W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Left Group Artillery.

Reference Map:

PLOEGSTEERT, 1/10,000, Edition 4B.

HOUPLINES, 1/10,000, Edition 7A.

7th. May, 1917.

INFORMATION. 1. At a time and date to be notified later, the 45 undischarged GAS drums on the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade Front will be fired from COBWEB TRENCH - C.10.c.70.45. The line of fire will cross the front line trenches at C.10.d.08.42., the objective being FRLINGHEIM.

ARTILLERY ACTION.

2. All Batteries of the Left Group Artillery will 'Stand By' ready to give immediate Retaliation from zero hour, in case the enemy replies to the Gas Discharge. Retaliation will be given only if ordered from Left Group Artillery Headquarters. Batteries will continue to 'Stand By' until receipt of instructions from this Group Headquarters to 'Stand Down'. The instruction to 'Stand Down' will be conveyed by the following code "LONDON".

NORMAL CONDITIONS.

3. It is important that normal conditions be maintained as far as possible before zero hour in order that the attention of the enemy may not be attracted. On no account will reference to this projected operation be made on any telephone.

CODE.

4. The following CODE will be used in giving notice of discharge:-
(a) Intention to discharge will be expressed by the word 'SANDBAGS' preceded by the time in code.
(b) TIME: Hours, numbered from 1 to 24, as in French System will be expressed by so many thousands, plus four thousand. The addition of .500 to any number of thousands will indicate plus 30 minutes.
(c) No date for zero will be given. The hour referred to in the code will be in the next 18 hours following the time of message. Thus the message "7000 SANDBAGS" despatched at noon means 'Projectors will be fired at 3 a.m. tomorrow morning' and '25500 SANDBAGS' despatched at the same time would mean 'Projectors will be discharged at 9.30 p.m. tonight.'

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

5. On receipt of the code message giving the time of discharge of Gas, one officer from each Battery will report at Group Headquarters at zero minus three hours for the purpose of synchronising watches.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

6. All Brigade O.P.s will be manned by an Officer from zero hour until such time as instructions are sent to the Batteries to 'Stand Down'.

PRECAUTIONS.

7. All personnel at the Battery Positions and O.P.s will wear their Respirators, &c., at the 'ALERT' position, and all precautions will be taken in the event of a change in the direction of the wind.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

9. Issued at

W. G. Allsop

Lieut.Col.,
Commanding Left Group Artillery.

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GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 5.

Issued by Lieut. Colonel W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Maps.

PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000 Edition 4b. 13-5-1917.
HOUPLINES 1/10,000 Edition 7A.

MAGNUM OPUS

Reference copy of 3rd. D.A.H.Q.'s B.M./S/115 to preliminary Artillery Instructions No.1. attached.

1. INCREASED ACTIVITY.

Commencing on the 12-5-17, the action of Field Artillery will be such as to shew a gradual increase in activity up to the end of the month.

2. WIRE CUTTING.

All wire that is invisible from ground observation will be taken on during this period by Light and Medium Howitzers with non-delay fuzes, and aeroplane observation.

The 106 Fuze is expected to arrive during this period. 18-pdrs. and 2" Trench Mortars will be continually cutting wire on the Front & Support Lines.

Orders for any wire-cutting either by 4.5" Hows. 18-pdrs. or M.T.M's. will be issued separately from time to time as received from D.A.H.Q.

3. BOMBARDMENTS.

(a) Orders for Destructive Bombardments will be issued separately daily as received from D.A.H.Q.

(b) O.P's. and Telephone Exchanges will not be taken on during this period. Light Railway Junctions, unloading points, and known Transport halting places should be equally left alone during this period.

(c) Shelling of Roads, Bridges etc. This Group Artillery will be responsible for the shelling of Roads, Bridges etc., West of the LA TRUIE FARM, - TILLET FARM - MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE ROAD (inclusive) and the Heavy Artillery Communications East of this Road (inclusive).

This area is allotted to Batteries as under:-

- 29th. Battery C.11.c.48.90 - C.12.b.95.00 -
D.1.c.00.60 - U.29.b.10.90 -
U.28.a.75.15
- 31st. Battery U.28.a.75.15 - U.29.b.10.90 -
U.17.d.30.65 - U.17.c.90.80 -
U.22.a.19.15
- 30th. Battery U.22.a.19.15 - U.17.c.90.80 -
U.10.c.80.55 - U.15.a.30.90 -
- 1sy.Bty.H.Z.F.A. U.15.a.30.90 - U.10.c.80.55
U.3.b.15.10 - U.2.d.19.21

both 18-pdr. batteries will keep intermittent shell fire day and night on the Roads in the area allotted to them.

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(d) The following Roads will not be shelled until receipt of instructions to do so, in order that the enemy may be got into the way of using them:-

1. O.36.a.4.3. - O.35.a.4.7. - O.33. central.
2. U.12.b.4.0. - U.5.b.3.6. - U.4.b.2.2.
3. U.11.d.8.4. --U.16.b.9.9. -

(e) In barraging Roads instructions contained in the attached B.M./3/ 115. will apply in so far as they effect Roads running South Easterly from MESSINES - SUGAR REFINERY - PONT ROUGE etc. As such instructions cannot apply to Roads running East and West in the Area allotted to this Group. A similar procedure but with reduced distances should be followed.

4. OBJECTIVES.

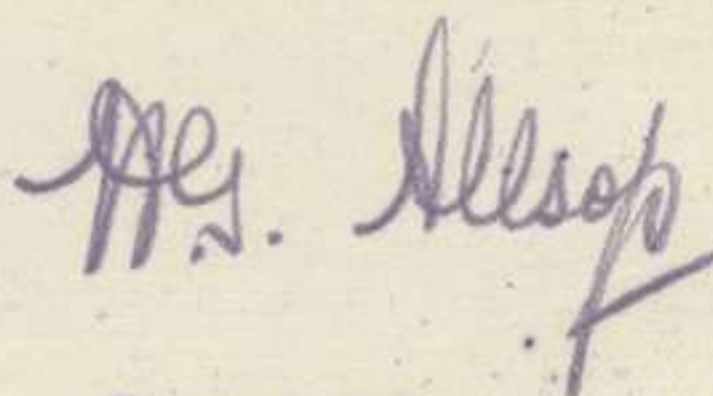
The various Objectives for Destructive Bombardments are to be allotted daily by D.A.H.Q. particulars of which will be issued to all batteries as received. 18-pdr. batteries in addition to the "Strafing" of Roads as per para (3) sub -para (c) will so ~~far~~ as to 'harass' and delay any enemy working parties also arrange to keep intermitent shell fire both day and night on to any points upon which Destructive Shoots have been done in their Area.

5. AMMUNITION.

The following amounts of ammunition should not be exceeded:-

18-pdr. batteries	-	100 rds. per gun per day.
4.5" Hows. do	--	100 " " How. " "

Batteries will draw ammunition as required direct from the Dump, and will arrange to at all times have their ~~own~~ normal establishment at the guns (plus their daily requirements) and at the Battery Wagon Lines. All arrangements for drawing ammunition from the Dump will be made direct by the batteries concerned.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE


Lieut. Colonel.,

Commanding, GROUP ARTILLERY.

Distribution:-

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. File | 10. 107th. Battery. |
| 2. D.A.H.Q. | 11. 1st. Battery N.Z.F.A. |
| 3. 9th. Inf. Bdo. | 12. Right Group N.Z.F.A. |
| 4. 10th. " " | 13. Left Group, 57th. Divl. Arty. |
| 5. 29th. Battery | 14. War Diary. |
| 6. 30th. Battery | 15. Spare. |
| 7. 31st. Battery | 16. " |
| 8. 108th. Battery | 17. " |
| 9. 26th. Battery | 18. " |

S E C R E T.

'MAGNUM OPUS'

B.M. S./115.

To O.C. 8th.F.A.Brigade,
O.C. 7th.F.A.Brigade,

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

PRELIMINARY ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS - No. 1.
-----INCREASED
ACTIVITY.

Commencing 12th. instant the action of the Heavy ~~ammunitions~~ and Field Artillery will be such as to show a gradual increase in activity up to the end of the month.

WIRE
CUTTING.

All wire that is invisible from ground observation will be taken en during this period by Light and Medium Howitzers with non-delay fuzes, and aeroplane observation. The 106 Fuze is expected to arrive during this period.

18-Pdrs. and 2" Trench Mortars will be continually cutting wire on the front and support lines.

BOMBARD-
MENTS.

O.P.s and telephone exchanges will not be taken on during this period. Light railway junctions, unloading points, and known transport halting places should equally be left alone during this period.

The following roads will not be shelled before zero minus 5 day, in order that the enemy may be got into the way of using them:

- (a) O.36.a.4.3. - O.35.a.4.7. - O.33.Central.
- (b) U.12.b.4.0. - U.5.b.3.6. - U.4.b.2.2.
- (c) U.11.a.8.4. - U.16.b.9.9.

The Divisional Artillery will be responsible for the Roads, Bridges etc. West of the LA TRUIE FARM - TILLEUL FARM - MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE ROAD (inclusive), and the Heavy Artillery the communications East of this Road (inclusive)

In barraging Roads generally, it would be best to commence a short, sharp bombardment of some selected point which would cause a halt in any column of Transport approaching that point. The road in rear should then be searched up and down for a space of 1,000 yards with Shrapnel, in order to catch the Column still halted.

AMMUNITION. The following amounts of ammunition should not be exceeded:

18-pdrs.	100 rds. per gun per day.
4.5" Hows.	100 rds. per gun per day.

Objectives will be allotted daily by D.A.H.Q. as far as the destructive bombardments and wire-cutting are concerned. In the absence of objectives for the strafing of communications roads, etc., being given, these will be arranged by Group Commanders.

'Sgd' W. A. Nicholls, Major, R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Div.

2-5-1917.

APPENDIX

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B.M.S.115.

To G.O. 8th. F. A. BRIGADE.

Targets for 4.5" Hows. on 13th. instant are as follows:

- (1) UMBRIA SUPPORT. 100 rds.
- (2) CUSTOM HOUSE. - U.29.b. 100 rds.
- (3) Dug-outs at Junction of ULSTER AVENUE, with ULRICA SUPPORT. 100 rds.
- (4) Nest of dug-outs in Triangle, just South of 'A' in ULRICA ROW. 100 rds.
- (5) Known accurately located and lately active T.M. emplacements in U.9.a.& c. Co-ordinates to be sent in to D.A.H.Q. 100 rds.
- (6) BARRICADE AVENUE, from 'B' to 'E' in BARRICADE 200 rds.

The 107th. Battery will be available for these shoots in addition to the 108th. Battery.

Headquarters,
13-5-1917.

Sgd. W.A.NICHOLLS, Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn..

To O.C.s BATTERIES/

Reference O.O. No.5, para 4.

The above is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

All these targets mentioned above have been strafed today by the 4.5" Howitzer Batteries of the Group. You will therefore arrange to sprinkle any of these places in your area ~~interminently~~ interminently with shrapnel fire.

Reference para 5 of the above copy of B.H. S.115.

The following are the co-ordinates of the M.W. Positions in U.9.a.and c. fired on today;

- U.9.a.15.04.
- U.9.c.15.85.
- U.9.c.15.70.
- U.9.c.40.30.
- U.9.c.30.00.
- U.9.c.54.00.

13-5-1917.

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Group Artillery.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 6.

BY

Lieut. Col., W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Maps:

PLOMGSTEERT 1/10,000, Edition 4B.
HOUPLINES, 1/10,000, Edition 7A.

15th. May, 1917.

1. INFORMATION. The Tactical Command of the 1st. Battery, N.Z.F.A., which has been attached to this Group Artillery will pass to the C.O. Right Group, N.Z.F.A. tonight, 15th/16th. May, 1917, at 12 Midnight.

2. RELIEF. The 26th. Battery (7th. F.A. Brigade) will remain in its present position and will take over and be responsible for the Defence of the Line from U.15.b.70.15 to U.8.a.93.15. from 12 midnight tonight 15th/16th. May, 1917. C.O. 26th. Battery will at once get into touch with the O.C. 1st. Battery, N.Z.F.A. and all arrangements for taking over and handing over of Fighting Maps, Planchette Boards, Defence and Concentration Schemes and area stores will be mutually arranged between the O.s.C. concerned. O.C. 26th. Battery will report in writing to this Office when this has been done.

3. AMMUNITION. 1st. Battery, N.Z.F.A. will vacate its present Battery Position on the night of 16-5-1917 and will march out with Echelons full. O.C. 1st. Battery N.Z.F.A. will arrange for all surplus ammunition at his Battery Wagon Lines to be delivered to 26th. Battery Wagon Lines at Sheet 36. B.19.b.7.4. O.C. 26th. Battery will arrange to collect all ammunition surplus to 1st. N.Z. Battery Echelons at the 1st. N.Z. Battery ~~ammunition~~ Gun Position at Sheet 36 T.24.a.20.05., and remove it to his Battery Position. Return stating the amount and classification of ammunition taken over and handed over to be rendered to this Office by 12 noon, 16-5-1917.

4. LIAISON. O.C. 26th. Battery will relieve 1st. Battery, N.Z.F.A. of Liaison Duties at Left Battalion Headquarters (C.H.10) before 6 p.m. today, 15-5-1917.

5. COMMUNICATIONS. Artillery Group Signalling Officer will at once ensure that telephonic communication is established between the Battalion and Company in the Line at present covered by 1st. Battery, N.Z.F.A. and the 26th. Battery (whose telephone call will be 'X B F'). Such telephonic communication is to be completed before 12 midnight tonight, 15th/16th. May, 1917. Group Signalling Officer will report to this Headquarters as soon as same is completed.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No. 2. File.
- 2. D.A.H.
- 3. 10th. Inf Bde. (For information)
- 4. 9th. " "
- 5. 29th. Battery
- 6. 30th.
- 7. 31st. " "
- 8. 26th.
- 9. 108th.
- 10. 107th.
- 11. 1st. Bty., N.Z.F.A.
- 12. 1st. Bde. N.Z.F.A.
- 13. War Diary.
- 14. & 15. Spare.

W. G. Allsop
Lieut Colonel,
Commanding Group Artillery.

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GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.7

BY

Lieut.Col. W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map,
PLOGSTERT, 1/10,000 Ed.4B.

16th. May, 1917

MAGNUM OPUS.

1. INFORMATION.

The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group tomorrow, 17th. instant.

2. PROGRAMME.

4.5" HOWS:

107th. Battery: To complete shoots already ordered for today, 16-5-17, viz:-

WIRE - CUTTING	U.9.a.52.34 -	
	U.9.a.59.03.-	100 Rds.
LINE OF TRENCHES)	U.9.c.58.48.-	
AND SUSPECTED)	to	
WIRE.)	U.9.c.70.15.-	100 Rds.

AND ALSO

F.L. ULRICA TRENCH, From 'U'	
to 'A' of ULRICA	200 Rds.
ULRICA SUPPORT, From 'S'	
'T' of 'SUPPORT'	300 Rds.

108th. Battery: GANGER'S COUPE.	-	50 Rds.
ULBO RESERVE.	-	50 Rds.
ULTIMO SUPPORT, From 'U'	to	
'O' of 'ULTIMO'		300 Rds.

18-POUNDERS: WIRE at POINTS as under :-

26th. BATTERY:	1. Between F. & S. Lines between ULRICA SWITCH and ULRICA ROW.	250 Rds.
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30th. Battery:	2. U.8.d.85.78 -	150 Rds.
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30th. Battery:	3. U.9.c.05.50 -	150 Rds.
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3. REPORTS.

Report to be made in the future on effect on wire of all shoots, whether specifically a wire-cutting Shoot, or not.

Report of all work done to reach this office by wire, by 4.30 p.m., or if any Shoot not completed by that time, report by wire immediately on completion of the Shoot.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copy No.1. File.

2. D.A.H.C.
3. 107th. Bty.
4. 108th. "
5. 26th. "
6. 30th. "

Copy No.7. 31st. Bty.

8. 29th. "
9. 9th. Inf. Bde.
10. 10th. "
11. War Diary.
12. Spare.

W. G. Allsop
Lieut.Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

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GROUP ARTILLERY

COPY No. 11

OPERATION ORDER - No. 8.

BY

Lieut. Col. W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map.
PLOGSTERT, 1/10,000, Ed. 4B.

17th. May, 1917.

"MAGNUM OPUS"

- 1. INFORMATION: The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group tomorrow, the 18th. instant.
- 2. PROGRAMME:
 - 4.5" HOWS:
 - 107th. Battery: To complete Shoots already ordered for today, 17-5-17, viz:
 - WIRE-CUTTING - U.9.a.52.34 - U.9.a.59.03 - 100 Rds.
 - LINE OF TREES & SUSPECTED WIRE - U.9.c.58.48. - U.9.c.70.15.
 - AND ALSO - 100 Rds.
 - ULSTER AVENUE, 2 Trenches - U.9.c.56.16 to U.9.c.82.08 - and U.9.c.56.07. to U.9.c.80.04. - 300 Rds.
 - ULTIMO SUPPORT, From 'S' to 'T' of 'SUPPORT' - 50. Rds.
 - 108th. Battery: To complete Shoots already ordered for today, 17-5-17, viz:-
 - GANGER'S COTTAGE. - 50 Rds.
 - AND ALSO
 - ULTIMO TRENCH, From 'U' to 'O' of 'ULTIMO' - 300 Rds.
 - ULTIMO SUPPORT, U.15.b.24.77.- 50.70. - 300 Rds.
 - TRENCH JUNCTION, U.22.b.92.92. - 50 Rds.
 - UMPIRE SUPPORT, From 'U' to 'I' of 'UMPIRE' - 50 Rds.
 - 18-POUNDERS:
 - 26th. Battery: WIRE at POINTS - ULNA SUPPORT, From 'P' of LA PETITE DOUVE, South. - 350 Rds.
 - 30th. Battery: To complete Shoot already ordered for today, 17-5-17, viz:- WIRE at POINT, U.9.c.05.50. - 150 Rds.

3. REPORTS: Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group C.O. No.7. of 16-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.G. Allsop
Lieut. Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

- Copy No. 1. File.
- 2. D.A.H.C.
- 3. 9th. Inf. Bde. (For information)
- 4. 10th. " " do.
- 5. 26th. Battery.
- 6. 29th. do
- 7. 30th. do.
- 8. 31st. do.
- 9. 107th. do.
- 10. 108th. do.
- 11. War Diary.
- 12. Spare.

To 3rd. D.A.H.Q:

Herewith Narrative of Events of the night of 17th. May, 17.

- 8.44 p.m. Heavy hostile bombardment opened on right half of Group Sector. Right Brigade O.P. reported heavy shelling on Sectors, C.10.6. to C.4.2.
- 45½ Issued instructions to Batteries covering that Sector to stand by.
- 46½ Liaison Officer Left Battalion reported shelling on U.21.d.
- 47½ Right Brigade, H.2.F.A. asked if any HELP was required. Replied "No", Too far south".
- 49 9th. Inf. Bde. reported hostile shelling from the station to the front line.
- 50 31st. Battery reported S.O.S. received by rocket on Sector U.29.4. Had opened fire.
- 50½ Liaison Left Battalion reported 'Very little shelling on U.21.d.'
51. 31st. Battery reported S.O.S. confirmed by 'phone from Coy. and Inf. had asked for Concentrations 'B.1 & 2' Instructed to concentrate 'B.2' S.O.S. rates.
52. 30th. Battery instructed concentrate 'B.1' S.O.S. rates.
- 52½ 108th. Battery instructed concentrate 'B' S.O.S. rates.
- 53 29th. Battery instructed concentrate 'B.3' S.O.S. rates.
- 53½ 26th. Battery instructed 'Special concentration 'B'', S.O.S. rates.
54. Reported to 9th. Inf. Bde. that S.O.S. had been received in U.28.4. by rocket and confirmed by 'phone.
- 54½ Reported to 3rd. D.A.H.Q. as above.
- 55½ Informed Heavy Artillery of the locality from which S.O.S. had been received. Asked them to assist by Counter-Battery Work.
- 58 Liaison Left Battalion reported hostile shelling had ceased on U.21.d.
- 9.p.m. 108th. Battery reported that the 26th. Battery had had a premature and seriously wounded one horse.
2. Liaison Right Battalion reported S.O.S. confirmed by Battalion Commander. Reported bombardment heaviest Sector C.4.2. to U.28.1.
- 3½ 31st. Battery reported S.O.S. rockets opposite Sectors U.28.5. & 6.
4. 'Phoned instructions to Wagon Line for Veterinary Officer to attend at Headquarters to attend to the horse wounded at 108th. Battery position.
5. Liaison, Right Battalion confirmed previous statement as above.
6. Reported to D.A.H.Q. as above.
10. 108th. Battery

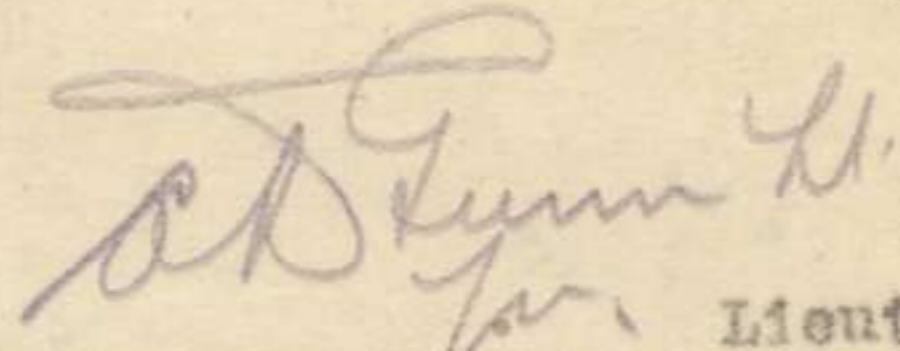
- 9.10 p.m. 108th. Battery reported second premature from the 26th. Battery thought to be caused by shells hitting trees.
- 12. 26th. Battery instructed to stop firing with the gun or guns that had had the prematures. Reported that this had already been done.
- 18. 30th. Battery instructed to reduce rate of fire to 2 rounds per gun per minute.
- 19. 9th. Inf. Bde reported that about 100 Huns had tried to enter our trenches, but had been pushed out. Asked for fire to be continued.
- 20. Reported to D.A.H.Q. as above.
- 21. 10th. Inf. Bde. reported that all was O.K. on their Sector.
- 22. Liaison Right Battalion reported that Hun Shelling was easing off a little. Instructed to find out from Battn. Comdr. if we could cease fire.
- 29. 31st. Battery reported that they had received information through G.L.1 that hostile fire was still continuing.
- 32. 108th. Battery instructed to sweep and search along enemy Support Line U.28. ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~.
- 34. Reported to D. A. H.Q. that no further information had been received and that our fire was still continuing. Asked approval to carry out 2 ten-minute bombardments at 2 rounds per gun per minute at intervals of 20 minutes and half an hour after cease fire. These bombardments to be on Support and Communication Trenches in rear of the locality from which the S.O.S. had been received.
- 37. Liaison Right. Battalion reported Sector quiet and that we could now cease fire.
- 38. Informed Right Infantry Brigade that I had received 'Cease Fire' from Battalion and asked for confirmation. Confirmation given. Informed Infantry Brigade of the proposed bombardment of the communication trenches.
- 43. 31st. Battery instructed 'Cease Fire' Instructed re bombardment.
- 44. 26th. Battery ditto.
29th. Battery ditto.
- 45. 108th. Battery ditto.
- 45½ Liaison Right Battalion reported that the Battalion Comdr still wished for our fire to be continued.
- 46. 30th. Battery instructed to ^{reduce} ~~xxxx~~ fire 1 round per gun per minute.
- 46½ 31st. Battery instructed to open fire 1 round p.g. p.min.
- 47. Informed Heavy Artillery that we were still continuing to fire at a reduced rate.
- 48. 29th. Battery instructed to open fire 1 rd. per g.p.min.
- 50. Liaison Right Battalion reported that we could now cease fire as hostile shelling had ceased
29th. Battery instructed to cease fire.
- 50½ 31st. ditto.
- 51 30th. ditto.

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- 9.51 p.m. 30th. Battery instructed re bombardment of communication trenches.
- 51½ Informed Heavy Artillery had now ceased fire..
- 58 Reported to D.A.H.Q. as above.
- 10.10. 9th. Inf. Bde. informed me that the enemy had entered our trenches and had been driven out leaving one man killed just outside our front lines; also one rifle and a quantity of bombs. Our casualties slight - one Officer and several other ranks wounded.
10. ? Liaison Right Battalion reported that bombardment opened over Sectors ~~XXXXXX~~. C.4.2.- 3 & 4, U.28.1. & 2. 5.9s, 4.2s, and 77s (T.S. & H.E.) Heavy M.W. bombardment behind Sectors C.4.4. and U.28.1. and 2. Supports and communication trenches were shelled over the whole area.

Ammunition expended:-

18-Pdr. - 2,033 'A'; 1,273 'AX'.
 4.5 How.- 820 'BX'.



Lieut. Col.,
 Commanding Group Artillery.

18-5-1917.

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Copy No. 30

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 35

18/5/17.

Reference Map. - Sheet 28 S.W.4. (PLOGSTEERT) 1/10,000

1. Divisional Order No. 34 dated 17/5/17 is cancelled.
2. INTENTION It is intended to discharge gas along the whole of the Divisional front on night 20/21st instant, or the earliest subsequent night on which weather conditions are favourable. Similar action is being taken simultaneously on the front of the 57th Division.
3. RELEASE OF GAS. Gas will be released by "A" and "K" Special Coys. R.E. acting in consultation with G.O's C. 9th and 10th Infantry Brigades respectively.
O.C. "A" Special Coy. R.E. will also consult O.C. "N" Special Coy. R.E. with a view to synchronisation with 57th Division.
4. WARNINGS. (a) At 6 hours before zero, O.C. "A" Special Coy. will warn the following, in code, of the intention to discharge gas. -
3rd Australian Division.
9th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
The message will be transmitted in code by 3rd Aust. Division to the following.-
57th Division.
New Zealand Division.
C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division.

(b) At zero minus 1 hour, O.C. "A" Special Coy. or representative, will inform the following, in code, as to whether zero stands or otherwise. -
3rd Australian Division.
9th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
"N" Special Coy. R.E. (who will inform 171st Bde. and 57th Division)
New Zealand Inf. Bde.
The message will be repeated by 3rd Aust. Div. to 57th Division, New Zealand Division, and C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division.
5. CODE The following code will be used for above warning and other messages.-
(a) IT IS INTENDED TO DISCHARGE GAS DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS... Any message containing the words ANGLE IRONS, preceded by a number, and (if necessary) the word STAKES preceded by a number.

(b) TIME..... The number preceding the words ANGLE IRONS will indicate the hour. Hours, numbered from one to twenty-four as in the French system, will be represented by so many thousands plus twelve thousand.
The number preceding the word STAKES will indicate the minutes. Minutes will be represented by so many thousands plus twelve thousand.

(2).

- (c) ZERO STANDS..... Any message containing the word FULL.
- (d) ZERO CANCELLED Any message containing the word EMPTY.
- (e) ZERO POSTPONED.....
.....HOURS Any message containing word BUCKETS, the hours being represented by so many thousands preceding word Bucket. No extra thousands will be added to this number.

Thus. - 35,000 ANGLE IRONS and 42,000 STAKES means - Zero at 11.30 p.m., and 1,000 BUCKETS would mean - Zero postponed 1 hour, i.e., to 12.30 a.m.

Brigadiers will be responsible for warning all troops in their Brigade areas. For this purpose, Brigadiers will arrange their own codes in consultation with O.C., Special Company, R.E., operating in the area,

6. GAS SECTORS.

Gas is being installed in Sectors as under. - For the purpose of this operation these will be termed "Gas Sectors". -
Sector (a) U.28.c.4.2. to U.22.c.1.1.)
Sector (b) U.22.c.1.1. to U.21.d.8.6.) "A" Special Co. R.E.
Sector (c) U.14.b.7.7. to U.8.c.8.6. "K" Special Co. R.E.
Headquarters of the above Sectors will be as under. -
(a) Sector at U.28.c.10.93. (CONVENT GUN).
(b) Sector at U.21.d.20.45. (KEEPERS HUT).
(c) Sector at U.8.d.1.1. (Head of ONLY WAY).
O.C. "A" and "K" Special Companies, R.E., will be at 9th. and 10th. Brigade Headquarters respectively, from Zero minus 2 hours.

7. PRECAUTIONS. (a) Withdrawal from the line.

The front line from which gas is to be discharged will be cleared to a distance of 250 yards on both flanks of the gas, with the exception of sentries, machine gunners, personnel on defence of mine shafts at ST. YVES, and a proportion of Infantry Officers per Gas Sector, who will wear their box respirators fully adjusted from Zero minus 5 minutes to zero plus 30 minutes, or until otherwise ordered.

Of the Officers remaining in the line, the senior in each Gas Sector will maintain touch with the Officer of the Special Coy., R.E. in charge of the Headquarters of each Gas Sector. The latter will advise when the line is safe for normal re-occupation by Infantry.

(b) Medical.

A.D.M.S. will make necessary arrangements for dealing with any casualties which may occur amongst our own troops.

(c) Other Measures.

Divisional and Brigade Gas Officers will take such steps as Brigadiers may consider necessary for the protection of our own Infantry.

P.T.O.

(3).

- 8. **DECISION AS TO DISCHARGE.** The decision as to whether conditions are suitable to discharge or not is left entirely to the O.C. "A" Special Coy., but the final decision at Zero is left entirely to the discretion of Section Officers actually operating in the line.
- 9. **ARTILLERY.** C.R.A. will arrange to have artillery standing by from Zero onwards, for retaliation in event of enemy artillery becoming active after the gas discharge.
After Zero plus 2 hours C.R.A. will arrange to engage approaches to the enemy line.
Artillery action will otherwise be normal.
- 10. **SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.** When the code messages giving Zero hour are sent out, the O.C. Divisional Signal Company, will synchronise the watches of all concerned, including 57th. and New Zealand Divisions, and "A" Special Coy., R.E.
O.C., Divisional Signal Company, will be warned of Zero hour by Divisional Headquarters.
- 11. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

Williams
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

Issued at 5 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No. 1 G.O.C.
- 2 "G" Staff.
- 3 "AQ" "
- 4-8 C.R.A.
- 9-12 C.R.E.
- 13 3rd. Aust. Div. Sig. Co.
- 14 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 15 10th. " " "
- 16 11th. " " "
- 17 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 18 A.D.M.S.
- 19 A.P.M.
- 20 Divl. Gas Officer.
- 21 "A" Special Coy., R.E.
- 22-23 57th. Division.
- 24-25 N. Z. Division.
- 26 2nd. ANZAC.
- 27 War Diary.
- 28 File.
- 29-30 Spares.
- 31 No.2 Special Co. R.E.

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GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 9.

BY

Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map:

Sheet 28 S.W. 4 PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000.

18th. May, 1917.

1. INTENTION It is intended to discharge Gas along the whole of the Divisional Front on night 18th/19th. instant, or the earliest subsequent night on which weather conditions are favourable. Similar action is being taken simultaneously on the front of the 57th. Division.
2. DOUBLE DISCHARGE. The discharge will take place in two waves, the second zero being exactly $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours after the first, but in the event of the first zero being postponed and the weather conditions subsequently becoming favourable during the same night, the whole of the gas will be discharged in one wave at first zero.
3. CODE. The following code will be used for warning and for other messages in connection with this operation:-
- (a)- IT IS INTENDED TO DISCHARGE GAS DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS...Any message containing the words ANGLE IRONS, preceded by a number and (if necessary) the word STAKES preceded by a number.
- (b)- TIME.....The number preceding the words ANGLE IRONS will indicate the hour. Hours numbered from 1 to 24 as in the French system, will be represented by so many thousands plus twelve thousand. The number preceding the word STAKES will indicate the minutes. Minutes will be represented by so many thousands plus twelve thousand.
- (c)- ZERO STANDS.....Any message containing the word FULL.
- (d)- ZERO CANCELLED...Any message containing the word EMPTY.
- (e)- ZERO POSTPONED.....HOURS...Any message containing the word BUCKETS, the hours being represented by so many thousands preceding the word BUCKET. No extra thousands will be added to this number.
- THUS: - 35,000 ANGLE IRONS and 42,000 STAKES means - Zero at 11.30 p.m. and 1,000 BUCKETS would mean - Zero postponed 1 hour, i.e. to 12.30 a.m.
4. PRECAUTIONS. All usual precautions will be taken by Battery Commanders for the safety of their personnel should the wind become 'Dangerous'.

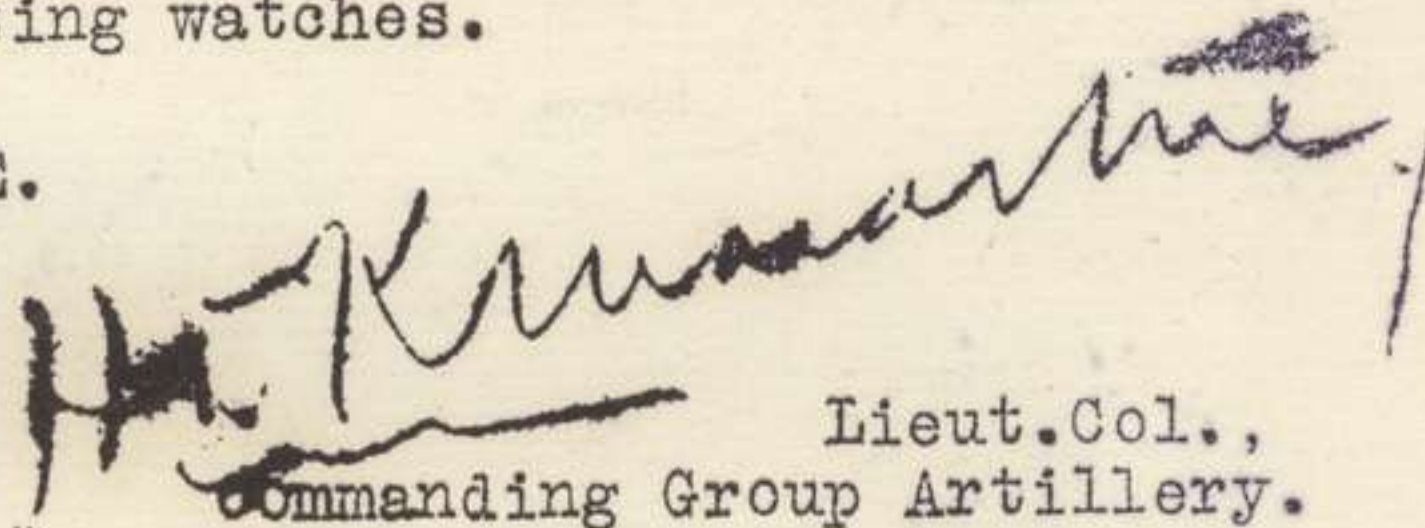
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Group Arty. O.O. No.9 Cont'd.

5. ARTILLERY. All Batteries of this Group Artillery will 'STAND BY' from each zero onwards, for retaliation in the event of enemy Artillery becoming active after the gas discharge. After ~~the~~ second zero plus 2 hours, Batteries will arrange to engage approaches to the enemy line in those areas allotted for the 'Road Strafe'. - Up to 100 rounds per Battery.
6. PATROLS. At zero plus 75 minutes or later in accordance with advice of Special Coy. R.E. Officer (2nd.Lieut. BUTTRICK), an Infantry Patrol of the 37th. Battalion will follow up the gas cloud at or about the following point - - U.9.c.05.50. -- for the purpose of ascertaining the result of the discharge of Gas. This patrol will be accompanied by two members of the R.E. Special Coy personnel and will not leave our trenches unless 2nd.Lieut. BUTTRICK considers it advisable. The responsibility of saying whether patrols go out rests with 2nd.Lieut. BUTTRICK, who will be stationed at the top of THE ONLY WAY. This patrol will be given clearly to understand that its mission is reconnaissance only and if it finds the trenches heavily manned and the enemy ready, it will not attempt to force an entrance.
7. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. - An Officer from each Battery will report at this Group Headquarters at 8 p.m. tonight, 18th. instant, for the purpose of synchronizing watches.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 7.20 p.m.


Lieut.Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

- Copy No.1.File.
2. D.A.H.Q.
3.9th.Inf.Bde.
4.10th. do.
5.26th.Battery.
6.29th. do.
7.30th. do.
8.31st. do.
9.107th. do.
10.108th. do.
11.1st.Bde. N.Z.F.A.
12.Left Group 57th.Div.Arty.
13.War Diary.
14.Spare.
15.Spare.

War Diary

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GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No.10.

BY

Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map:
PLOGSTEERT, 1/10,000. Ed.4B.

18th. May, 1917.

'MAGNUM OPUS'.

1. INFORMATION: The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group Artillery tomorrow, 19th. instant.

2. PROGRAMME: 4.5" HOWITZERS:

107th. Battery.- To complete Shoots already ordered for today, viz:-
 WIRE-CUTTING - U.9.a.52.34. - U.9.a.59.03.- 100 Rds
 and also
 Search ULRICA LANE in U.9.a. - 150 "
 ULRICA TRENCH, from 'A' of 'ULRICA' to
 'T' of 'TRENCH'..... - 300 "

108th. Battery.- To complete Shoots already ordered for today, 18-5-1917, viz:-
 GANGER'S COTTAGE. 50 Rds.
 TRENCH JUNCTION - U.22.b.92.92. - 50 "
 UMPIRE SUPPORT, from 'U' to 'E' of 'UMPIRE' 50 "
 and also ULSTER TRENCH, from 'T' to 'H' of 'TRENCH' 300 "
 ULTIOM RESERVE. Rectangle -
 U.10.c.55.09. - U.10.c.65.10.
 U.16.a.73.94. - U.16.a.57.90..... 200 "
 GRANDE HALL Fme. 50 "

18-POUNDERS:

26th. Battery.- WIRE at POINTS -
 ULMA SUPPORT, from 'P' of LA
 PETITE DOUVE, South..... 350 Rds.
 also
 WIRE CUTTING, from Left
 extremity of ULTIMO SUPPORT,
 to 'O' in 'ULTIMO'..... 350 Rds

30th. Battery.- To complete Shoot already ordered for today, 18-5-17, viz:
 WIRE at POINT, U.9.c.05.50..... 150 Rds.

3. REPORTS: Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group O.O. No.7 of 16-5-1917.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

- Copy No.1. File.
- 2. D.A.H.C.
- 3. 9th. Inf. Bde (Information)
- 4. 10th. do do.
- 5. 26th. Battery.
- 7. 30th. do.
- 8. 31st. do.
- 9. 107th. do.
- 10. 108th. do.
- 11. War Diary.
- 12. Spare.

[Signature]
 Lieut. Col.,
 Commanding Group Artillery.

To
3rd. D.A.H.Q.,

Herewith Narrative of Events of the night
18th. May, 1917.

- 8-53 p.m. Hostile bombardment commenced. Observation from G.K.6 indicated direction as Le GHERR
- 8-54 p.m. Right Brigade O.P. Report S.O.S. on U.22.e.
- 8-54½ Heavy Artillery rang up and were informed S.O.S. direction Le GHERR.
- 8-55 108th. Bty. ordered to Concentrate 'A' 3, 'B' 1.
- 8-56 30th. do do do
- 8-58 31st. do do do
- 9- 1 Left Inf. Bde. requested us to Concentrate 'B' 1 and 2.
- 9-3 Left Inf. Bde. reported Hqs barraging F.L.T. U.21.b. and d.
- 9- 4 29th. Battery ordered to Concentrate on trenches in rear of 'A' 3 and 'B' 1.
- 9-5 Left Inf. Bde. rang up and we informed them have Concentrated 'A' 3 'B' 1.
- 9- 7 29th. Battery ordered Concentrate 'B' 3.
- 9- 8 B.M., H.A.S. rang up and was informed S.O.S. was on Le GHERR in C.4.a.
- 9- 9 26th. Battery ordered to 'Stand by' ^{for} Concentrate _A on 'A' 2 only.
- 9-10 30th. Battery ordered to Concentrate 'A' 3 only.
- 9-12 31st. Battery ordered to Concentrate 'B' 1 only
- 9-14 108th. Battery reported ammunition getting down to establishment.
- 9-15 Rang ~~maxim~~ Left Battalion to ascertain particulars, who replied not much coming back. In answer to question as to locality being shelled, received reply on "U.22.e."
- 9-17 Rang up ^{Right} ~~Left~~ Inf. Bde. and informed them have put batteries on to C.4.a.
- 9-18 30th. Battery report that their battery position was being shelled.
- 9-19 26th. Battery ordered to Concentrate 'A' 3.
- 9-20 30th. Battery ordered to 'Stop'
- 9-20½ Capt. Rowe reported four red rockets observed over Le GHERR.
- 9-21 107th. Battery ordered to concentrate 'A' 3.

108th to stop

P.T.O.

- 9-24 B.M., H.A. 2 rang up and was informed that Infantry could not give us further particulars. Forward wires cut.
- 9-28 108th. Battery rang up to ascertain of anything further done re ammunition.
- 9-31 Left Battalion Liaison reported not much coming back. Direction of our fire correct.
- 9-32 Dump reported ammunition O.K. at Forward Dump.
- 9-34 108th. Battery ordered concentrate 'B' 1.
- 9-37 Right Battalion were rung up and asked where fire was concentrated on. Replied 'B' 1 and 2. We asked was our fire directed on right locality Answer Yes, and requested us to lift on to Supports
- 9-42 28th. Battery) Were ordered to lift on to
9-45 31st. Battery) Supports at 5 pounds per
9-45 30th. Battery) gun per minute, for one minute
and then on to communications for
2 minutes, and then back to F.L.F.
at 1 rd. per gun per minute.
- 9-47 108th. Battery) ordered to drop to 1 rd. per gun
9-48 107th. Battery) per min.
- 9-49 Heavy Artillery rang up and were informed that Infantry had received no information (further) from Battalion.
- 9-50 29th. Battery ordered to lift to supports for 1 min. at 5 r.p.g.p.m. then on to Communications for 2 mins. at same rate, and then back to F.L.F. at 1 r.p.g.p.m.
- 9-52 D.A.H.Q. rang up and were informed location of fire in GMBR and that Infantry could not give us any further information
- 9-53 Left Infantry Brigade were informed batteries were firing on Supports and Communication Trenches and that battalion had asked us to slacken down.
~~xxxx~~
- 9-57 Right Brigade O.P. rang up stating Infantry request us to cease. Enemy repulsed.
- 9-58 Capt. Howe reported having received information from Infantry that enemy were repulsed leaving three dead on parapet. Our casualties 10
- 9-59 Right Infantry Brigade requested us to Cease.
- 10 p.m. 26th. Battery ordered to 'stop'.
- 10-3 p.m. 30th. Battery ordered to 'stop') Were ordered to open
10-4 31st. do do do) fire at 10 mins. from
10-4 31st. do do do) time of stopping
10-7 29th. do do do) for 2 mins. at
5 r.p.g.p.m. and
5 mins. later for
1 min. at 5 r.p.g.p.m.
& 10 mins. later again to
give 2 mins. 5 r p g p.m.
on communications.
- 10- 8 107th. Battery Ordered to 'stop' & at 10 mins. after
10-10 108th. do stopping to open fire for 2 mins.
etc-5-

10-10 cont. 5 rds. per gun per min. on selected places and five mins. later to give 2 mins. more at 5 rds. per gun per min.

10-11 Right Infantry Brigade could not give any further information beyond stating our casualties 30.

10-12 Liaison Right Battalion report only occasion one or two coming over.

10-19 Left Infantry Brigade requested us to 'stop'. Hun fire practically stopped, and was only being shelled by one gun from direction of Warneton.

10-26 C.O., 54th. Battalion requested us to continue fire on 'B' l.

10-27 50th. Battery ordered concentrate 'B' l.
10-27 1/2 51st. do do do do

10-28 Right Infantry Brigade rang up and were informed that ~~two~~ 2 batteries were concentrated on 'B' l., and informed us that retaliation only was wanted.

10-29 51st. Battery) Ordered to open fire for 5 mins.
10-32 50th. Battery) on F.L.F. at 4 r.p.g.p.m. and for 5 mins. on supports at same rate.

10-35 Liaison Right Battalion state Infantry request us to stop but to 'Stand by'

10-41 Liaison Right Battalion request us to 'Stand down'

10-43 26th. Battery ordered to "Stand down" Normal conditions.

10-44 1/2 51st. do do do do do

10-45 29th. do do do do do

10-46 50th. do do do do do

10-47 107th. do do do do do

10-48 108th. do do do do do

EXPENDITURE :-	'A'	'AK'	'BK'
	2327	1341	1489

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Group Artillery.

GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.11.

BY

Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MACARTNET, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map:

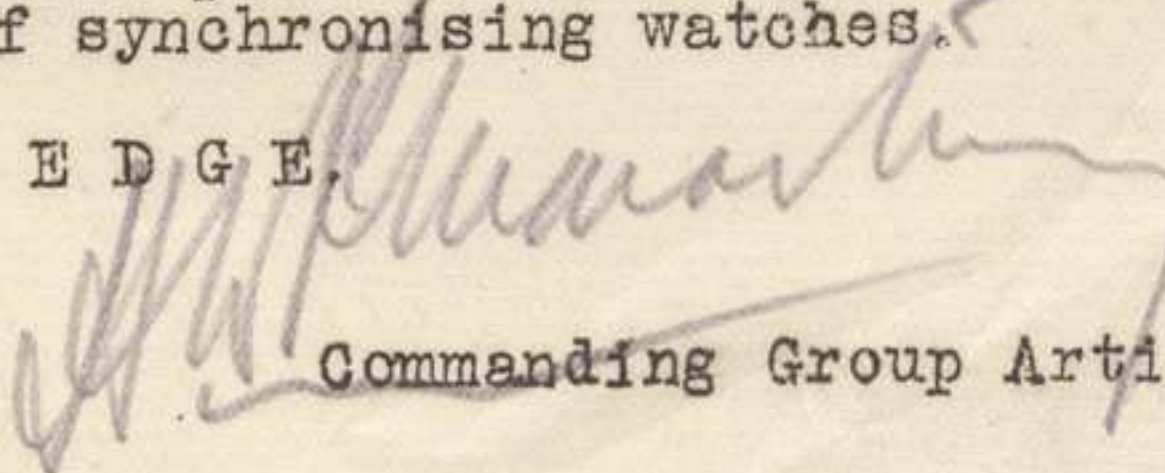
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10th. May, 1917.

1. Group Artillery Operation Order No.9, dated 18th. May, 1917, is cancelled.
2. INTENTION. It is intended to discharge GAS along the whole of the Divisional Front on night 20th/21st. instant, or the earliest subsequent night on which weather conditions are favourable. Similar action is being taken simultaneously on the front of the 57th. Division.
3. CODES. The following code will be used for warning and for other messages in connection with this operation:-
- (a)-IT IS INTENDED TO DISCHARGE GAS DURING THE NEXT 12 HOURS.....Any message containing the words ANGLE IRONS, preceded by a number, and (if necessary) the word STAKES preceded by number.
- (b)- TIME.....The number preceding the words ANGLE IRONS will indicate the hour. Hours numbered from 1 to 24 as in the French System, will be represented by so many thousands plus twelve thousand. The number preceding the word STAKES will indicate the minutes. Minutes will be represented by so many thousands plus twelve thousand.
- (c)-ZERO STANDS...Any message containing the word 'FULL'.
- (d) ZERO CANCELLED..Any message containing the word 'EMPTY'.
- (e) ZERO POSTPONED.....HOURS....Any message containing the word BUCKETS, the hours being represented by so many thousands preceding the word BUCKET. No extra thousands will be added to this number.
- THUS:- 35,000 ANGLE IRONS and 42,000 STAKES means -
Zero at 11.30 p.m. and
1,000 BUCKETS would mean - zero postponed 1 hour,
i.e. to 12.30 a.m.
4. PRECAUTIONS. The usual precautions will be taken by Battery Commanders for the safety of their personnel should the wind become dangerous.
5. ARTILLERY. All Batteries ~~from~~ of this Group Artillery will 'STAND BY' from zero onwards, for retaliation in event of enemy artillery becoming active after the gas discharge. At zero plus 2 hours, Batteries will arrange to engage approaches to the enemy line in those areas allotted for the Road Strafe -- up to 100 rounds per Battery.
6. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. An Officer from each Battery will report at this Group Headquarters at 8 p.m. tomorrow, 20th. instant, for the purpose of synchronising watches.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued 7 p.m.


Lieut. Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

APPENDIX

GROUP ARTILLERY C.O. NO. 11.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No. 1. FILE.

- ✓ 2. D.A.H.O.
- ✓ 3. 9th. Inf. Bde. (For information)
- ✓ 4. 10th. do. do.
- ✓ 5. 25th. Battery.
- ✓ 6. 26th. do.
- ✓ 7. 27th. do.
- ✓ 8. 29th. do.
- ✓ 9. 30th. do.
- ✓ 10. 31st. do.
- ✓ 11. 107th. do.
- ~~108th. do.~~
- ✓ 12. 108th. do.
- ✓ 13. 1st. Bde. N.Z.F.A.
- ✓ 14. Left Grp., 57th. Div. Arty.
- ✓ 15. War Diary.
- 16, 17, & 18 Spare.

APPENDIX

S E C R E T.

L.G.299.

To all Recipients of
Group Artillery O.O. No.11.

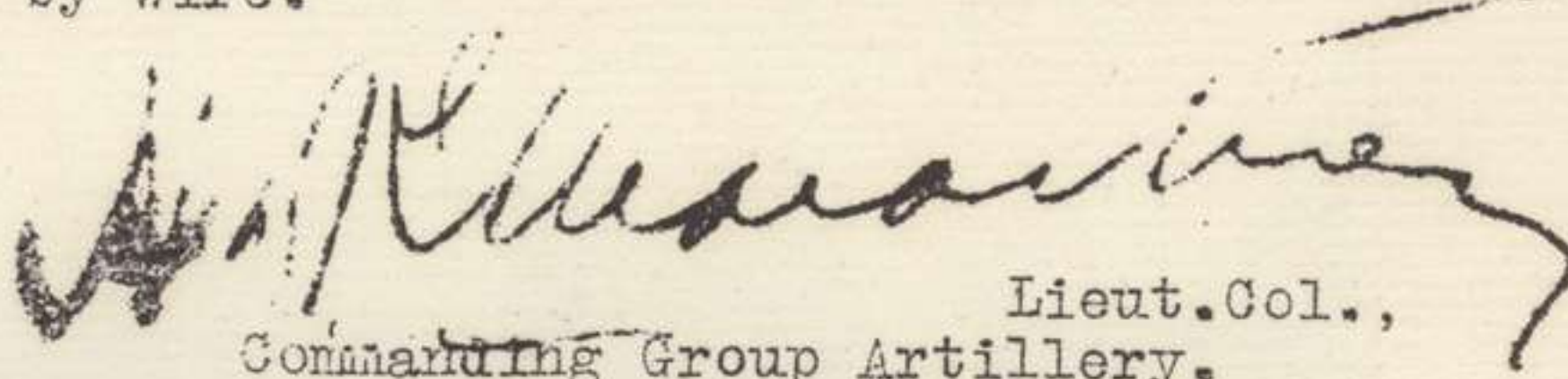
Reference GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No.11, of 19-5-1917.

The following para from 10th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
ORDER No.36 is republished for information:-

"PATROLS - 4:- At zero, PLUS 75 MINUTES, or later in accordance with advice of Special Coy., R.E. Officer, (2nd.Lieut. BUTTRICK) an Infantry Patrol of the 37th. Battalion will follow up the Gas Cloud at or about the following point - U.9.c.05.50 - for the purpose of ascertaining the result of the discharge of gas. This patrol will be accompanied by one member of the R.E. Special Coy. personnel and will not leave our Trenches unless 2nd. Lieut. BUTTRICK considers it advisable. The responsibility of saying whether patrols go out rests with 2nd.Lieut. BUTTRICK, who will be stationed at the top of THE ONLY WAY. This patrol will be given clearly to understand that its mission is reconnaissance only and if it finds the Trenches heavily manned and the enemy ready, it will not attempt to force an entrance."

In the event of Retaliation being required, no fire will be brought to bear on this point (U.9.c.05.50.) or 100 yards on either side of it without special Orders.

Please acknowledge by wire.


Lieut.Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

21st.May, 17.

L.G./289.

To
3rd. D.A.H.Q.,

Forwarding herewith Liaison Officers Report
on Operations of the night 18/19th. instant.

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Group Artillery.

19-5-1917.

19th May 1917

The Adjutant
8th A. Brigade

Reporting that I was Liaison
Officer at 37th Batts Headquarters (G.H.10)
on the night 18/19th May & beg to furnish the
following report of last night's proceedings.

At 8.53 the enemy commenced a heavy
bombardment of the trenches on the right end
of the Battalion front. All companies
except the Right Company reported "Quite alright"
but from the outset Batts lost communication
with this Company

I could see that the bombardment
was on the Right Company and the Battalion
Commander stated that he thought that was
correct.

At 8.56 I informed Group that I
was unable to give definite information yet
but that bombardment was on Right Company
and that I knew of no S.O.S. yet.

The Company ~~of~~ on the left of the
Right Company at 8.59 stated that bombardment
appeared to be on Right end of Batts front
(U22c)

I again communicated with Group, informing as to this and explaining that communication had broken down and that I had been unable to get any information from the Company concerned.

At about 9.40 the enemy fire appeared to be slackening off and this information was passed on to Group.

At 9.58 owing to the fact that no information could be obtained from the Right Company and to the fact that the enemy fire had weakened considerably the Battn. Commander communicated with Group asking for the cessation of our fire so that he might be better able to gauge the volume of hostile fire.

At about 10.11 pm the enemy fire stopped.

The first information received at Battalion Headquarters arrived at ^{about} 11.5 pm, when a runner brought the information from the OC Right Company that the enemy had not raided in U21d and that information was being obtained from the front line in U22c.

As this did not give any information regarding the front where our fire was placed I did not repeat same to Group.

The Company Commander of the Right Company arrived at Battalion Headquarters soon after and ~~that~~ stated that the enemy had raided upwards of 100 strong in U22c; that the Artillery fire had been quick and effective and undoubtedly must have accounted for a number of the raiders as they retired across No Man's Land, and further that our bombardment of the enemy F. L. L. and communication trenches had been successful and must have inflicted many casualties as there was considerable movement in the enemy Communication trenches at the time.

Communication with the Company was not restored till 2 am.

I have nothing further to report.

~~P. N. Allworth~~
Lieut
30th Battery

OPERATION ORDER No. 12.

BY

Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map:
PLOEGSTE RT, 1/10,000; Ed. 4B.

19th. May, 1917.

1. INFORMATION: The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group Artillery tomorrow, 20th. inst:

2. PROGRAMME: 4.5" HOWITZERS:

107th. Battery: To complete shoots already ordered for today, viz:-
 WIRE-CUTTING - U.9.a.52.34.- U.9.a.59.03. 100 Rds.
 and also
 Demolish Hut.- U.9.b.85.96. Up to 100 "
 Line of Trees and suspected wire -
 U.9.d.22.73. - U.9.d.30.29. " " 100 "
 F.L.-U.8.b.57.04.- U.8.d.75.90. " " 100 "

108th. Battery: To complete shoots already ordered for today, viz:-
 TRENCH JUNCTION - U.22.b.92.92. 50 Rds.
 and also
 Support Line.- U.15.b.54.66.- 70.59. Up to 100 Rds.
 ULTIMO ROW, from Support Line to
 U.16.a.57.90. " " 100 "

18-POUNDERS:

26th. Battery:- WIRE CUTTING from Left extremity of ULTIMO SUPPORT to 'O' in 'ULTIMO'..... 350 "
 also
 Any visible wire between Front and Support Lines in U.8.b. & d. and U.9.c.... 150 "
 30th. Battery:- Any visible wire between Front and Support Lines in U.15.a. 100 "
 31st. Battery:- Any visible wire between Front and Support Lines in U.15.b. 100 "

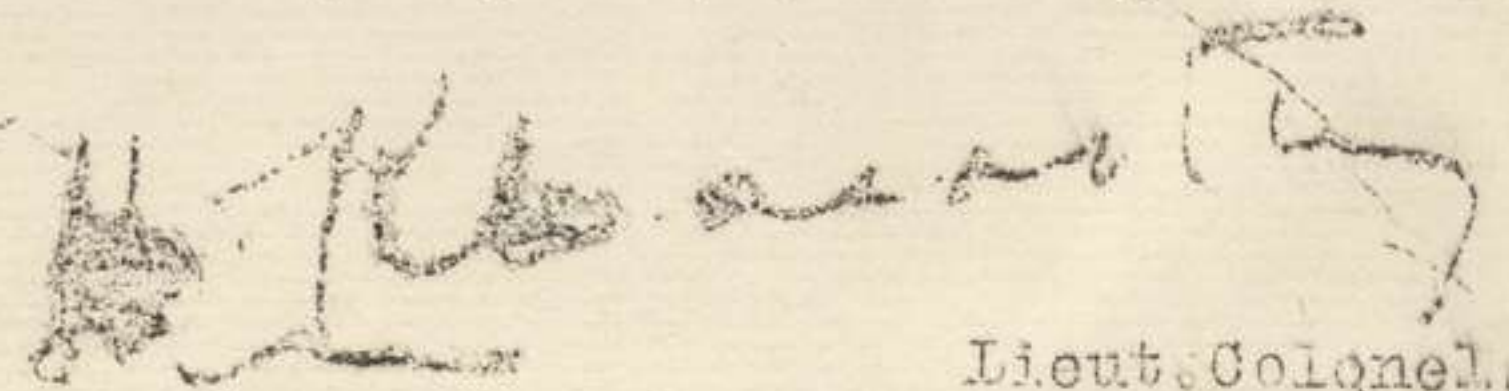
In addition to the above, 18-Pounder Batteries will arrange to sprinkle the undermentioned points with intermittent shrapnel fire during the day and night;- these points having been 'strafed' by 4.5" and 6" Howitzers today.

UNGANNY TRENCH, - U.4.a.4.5. - 6.2.
 ULTIMO LANE
 UERICA LANE in U.9.a.
 UERICA TRENCH from 'A' of 'ULRICA' to 'T' of 'TRENCH'
 ULSTER TRENCH, from 'T' to 'H' of 'TRENCH'
 ULTIMO RESERVE, Rectangle -
 U.10.c.55.09. - U.10.c.65.10.
 U.16.a.73.94. - U.16.a.57.90.

3. REPORTS: Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group O.O. No. 7 of 16-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11.30 p.m.


 Lieut. Colonel,
 Commanding Group Artillery.

Copy No. 1. File
 2. D.A.H.Q.
 3. 9th. Inf. Bde. (For information)
 4. 10th. do. do.
 5. 26th. Battery. Copy No. 9. 107th. Bty.
 6. 29th. do. 10. 108th. "
 7. 30th. do. 11. 25th. "
 8. 31st. do. 12. 27th. "
 13. War Diary. 14. Spare.

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3rd. D.A.H.Q., 10th. & 9th. Inf. Bdes.

Herewith narrative of events of the night 19/20th. May, 1917.

- 1- 8 a.m. 26th. Battery reported red rockets in U.S.a. Ordered them to 'stand by'
- 1-9½ Rang 26th. Battery and asked if they had received any further information from their Company. Replied S.O.S. at ALTONS Bde. were ordered to Concentrate 'X' 3 & 'Y' 1.
- 1-11 Left Infantry Brigade rang up and was informed we had Concentrated 'X' 3 & 'Y' 1. was asked if any information had been received and answered 'NO'
- 1-13 Rang up H.H.F.A. and asked if they would Concentrate 'X' 3 & 'Y' 1. They informed us that they had S.O.S. on U.S.B. We informed them we had concentrated 'X' 3 & 'Y' 1.
- 1-16 ~~Rang up H.H.F.A. and asked if they would Concentrate 'X' 3 & 'Y' 1. They informed us that they had S.O.S. on U.S.B. We informed them we had concentrated 'X' 3 & 'Y' 1.~~
- 1-17 Ordered 207th. Battery 'Concentrate 'X'
- 1-18 ~~Ordered 207th. Battery 'Concentrate 'X' and 'stand by'.~~
- 1-19 Rang up Left Infantry Brigade and informed them we had received S.O.S. and had switched on to 'X' 3 & 'Y' 1. We also informed them we had not received confirmation and are trying to obtain same. In answer to our question 'Have you received any information?' they replied - 'NO'.
- 1-20 Questioned 20th. Battery as to where they had received S.O.S. from, and in answer were informed that it had been received from G.H.S. Company Headquarters.
- 1-22 Rang H.H.10 to ask for information, they could not give us any and we informed them that our 26th. Battery had advised us of the S.O.S. and 'we got going.' Pilot then requested us to 'turn off'.
- 1-23 Rang D.A.H.Q. and informed them that S.O.S. came from U.S.B. ALTONS Bde. H.S. also had one on our left. Will you switch Heavies on? We cannot obtain any information from Infantry.
- 1-25 26th. Battery requested us to 'stop' and 'stand by' at request of Company.
- 1-25½ Ordered 107th. Battery to 'stop' and 'stand by'
- 1-26 Rang H.A.2. and informed them S.O.S. was on our left. Company who had reported S.O.S. requested us to 'stop' and 'stand by'
- 1-28 Rang 26th. Battery and questioned them as to how they had received S.O.S. answered through G.H.S. by phone.
- 1-30 Rang H.H.F.A. and asked 'How are you' and in reply informed us that S.O.S. was not required on their front and had turned on to assist us. We informed them that Infantry had called for S.O.S. and later did not require same.

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- 1-30½ Ordered 31st. Battery 'stand down'
- 1-31 Ordered 107th. do do
- 1-32 Ordered 30th. do do
- 1-36 Capt. Campbell reported all Companies now report 'O.K.'
Call was received in first place from G.H.3. Company
Headquarters.

Ref:

EXPENDITURE :-	'A'	'AX'	'BX'
	211	73	36

20-5-1917.

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Group Artillery.

War Diary

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S E C R E T:

COPY NO.....

GROUP ARTILLERY.

O P E R A T I O N O R D E R No.13.

BY

Lieut. Col. K. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map:

PLOEGSTEERT, 1/10,000; Ed. 4B.

20
th. May, 1917.

1. INFORMATION: The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group Artillery tomorrow, 21st. instant:-

2. PROGRAMME: 4.5" HOWITZERS:

107th. Battery: To complete shoots already ordered for today, 20th. instant, viz:-
 WIRE-CUTTING - U.9.a.52.34. - U.9.a.59.03. - 100 Rds.
 and also
 SUPPORT LINE - U.9.c.05.82. - 15.68. - 100 "
 F.L. - U.15.b.12.55. - 30.52. - 100 "

108th. Battery:
 F.L. U.15.b.65.20. - 78.10. - 100 "
 Rectangle. - U.16.a.70.35. - 72.40. - 100 "
 -90.16. - 80.12. - 100 "
 TILLEUL Fme. - 100 "

18-POUNDERS:

26th. Battery: Any visible wire between Front and Support Line in U.8.b. and d.; and U.9.c. - 150 Rds.
 30th. Battery: Any visible wire between Front and Support Lines in U.15.a. - 100 "

In addition to the above, 18-Pounder Batteries will arrange to sprinkle the undermentioned points with intermittent Shrapnel Fire during the day and night, those points having been 'strafed' by 4.5" and 6" Howitzers today:-

TRENCH JUNCTION. - U.22.b.92.92.
 SUPPORT LINE. - U.15.b.54.66. - 70.59.
 ULTIMO ~~MINIMUM~~ ROW. - From Support Line to U.16.a.57.90.
 ULTIMO TRENCH, U.18.a.3.0. - 90.35.
 MINE SHAFT in ULTIMO TRENCH - U.15.d.86.80.
 UNCANNY TRENCH, U.4.a.35.55. - 58.20.

3. REPORTS: Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group O.O. No.7 of 16-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued 12 m.n.

K. D. K. Macartney
 Lieut. Col.,
 Commanding Group Artillery.

Copy No. 1. File. No. 2. D.A.H.Q.
 3. 9th. Inf. Bde. (For information)
 4. 10th. do. do.
 5. 25th. Bty. No. 6. 26th. Bty.
 7. 27th. " No. 8. 29th. "
 9. 30th. " No. 10. 31st. "
 11. 107th. " No. 12. 108th. "
 13. War Diary. No. 14. Spare.

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GROUP ARTILLERY

COPY NO.

OPERATION ORDER No.14..

BY

Lieut.Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map:
PLOEGSTEERT, 1/10,000, Ed.4B.

20th. May, 1917.

1. INFORMATION: Bombardments of Communication Tracks as ordered in Preliminary Artillery Instructions No.3 will be continued as follows:

2. PROGRAMME: Nos. 1 and 2 by 27th. Battery; 4 and 6 by 26th. Battery; 8 and 10 by 30th. Battery and 11 by 31st. Battery, will be engaged by bursts of shrapnel on the following dates and hours:-

22nd. & 23rd. May, 1917.

P.M. - 12.5; 1.25; 6.00; 7.35; 8.40; 9.5; 10.25;
11.5; 11.42.A.M. - 12.2; 12.45; 2.30; 3.55; 4.40; 5.50; 7.2;
8.30; 8.35; 10.2; 11.30.

24th. & 25th. May, 1917.

P.M. - 5.10; 5.30; 6.00; 6.45; 7.2; 7.30; 8.55;
9.00; 11.15.A.M. - 12.30; 1.45; 2.55; 4.10; 4.55; 6.2; 7.5;
8.15; 8.20; 10.30; 11.55.

26th. & 27th. May, 1917.

P.M. - 12.30; 2.15; 3.55; 4.50; 5.00; 5.45; 6.5;
6.25; 7.00; 7.25; 8.00; 9.30; 11.2;A.M. - 12.30; 1.15; 2.30; 3.00; 4.15; 5.5; 5.25;
6.00; 6.23; 6.55; 8.00.

4.5" Hows. will engage these targets at night only. 25 rounds per Battery only to be expended during night. 107th. Battery up to and including midnight; 108th. Battery from midnight on.

During the night, 21st/22nd. instant, 18-Pounders will engage the following target (26th. & 27th. Batteries only) with 50% 'A' and 50% 'AX':-

10.30 p.m.	SCHNITZEL Fme.	12 Rds.
10.45	ULSTER RESERVE, U.3.c.40.65.	24 "
	U.9.b.12.55.	12 "
11.5.	ULMA SWITCH	12 "
11.35	ULSTER RESERVE	24 "
11.55	BETHLEHEM Fme.	12 "
12.5 a.m.	ULSTER SUPPORT, from 'S' to 'T' in 'SUPPORT'	12 "
12.25	U.28.a.78.80.- U.22.c.80.00.	12 "
1.5	SCHNITZEL Fme.	12 "
2.30	ULMA SWITCH	12 "
2.55	ULSTER RESERVE U.3.c.40.65.-	12 "
	U.9.b.12.55.	12 "
4.10.	ULSTER RESERVE	12 "
5.	BETHLEHEM Fme.	12 "
5.30.	SCHNITZEL Fme.	12 "
6.10	U.28.a.78.80.- U.22.c.80.80.	12 "

26th. Battery will engage these targets up to and including midnight; 27th. Battery from midnight onwards.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 12 m.n.

H. D. K. Macartney
Lieut. Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

DROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.15.

BY

Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding Group Artillery.

Reference Map: REGSTEERT, 1/10,000: Ed.4B.

21st. May, 1917.

INFORMATION: An Infantry Patrol intends to enter the enemy Trenches at U.9.c.05.50. The movements of this patrol are limited to 40 yards North and South along the F.L. and to 40 yards down any C.T. going East from portion of F.L. above referred to.

ARTILLERY OPERATION. The entry and exit will be made silently if possible. Artillery of the 3rd. Australian Division will stand by to form a box in accordance with the attached TASK TABLE if the Patrol Leader requires it.

SIGNALS. In the case of the Artillery fire being required, a RED ROCKET will be fired by O.C. Patrol towards our own Trenches. The message will be passed from F.L. by Infantry telephone to the Battery Liaison Officer at 'B' Coy. H.Q. for transmission to Batteries concerned.

LIAISON. Lieut. HAMILTON will be Liaison Officer and will report at 9.p.m. at 'B' Coy. (Left Battn.) Headquarters.

TIME OF OPERATION: 10.30 p.m.

DATE OF OPERATION: 21-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. D. K. Macartney
Lieut. Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

Issued at 1 p.m.

- Copy No.1. File.
- 2. D.A.H.Q.
- 3.)
- 4.) 9th. Inf. Bde. (Information)
- 5.)
- 6.) 10th. do do
- 7.)
- 8.)
- 9. Lieut. HAMILTON.
- 10. 25th. Battery.
- 11. 26th.
- 12. 27th.
- 13. 29th.
- 14. 30th.
- 15. 31st.
- 16. 107th.
- 17. 108th.
- 18. War Diary.
- 19. Spare.
- 20. "

BATTERY.

No. of Guns.

T A S K.

26th. Nty.

2 Guns.

F.L. - U.8.d.98.65. to F.L. - U.8.d.90.75.

RATES OF FIRE: As for
S. O. S.

2 Guns.

S.L. - U.9.c.18.69. to S.L. - U.9.c.30.52.

AMMUNITION: 50% 'A' and
50% 'A.X'.

2 Guns.

F.L. - U.9.c.16.27. to F.L. - U.9.c.22.18.

Guns to be standing by
at 10.30 p.m.

107th. Bty.

1 How.

T.J. - U.8.d.92.70.

1 How.

T.J. - U.9.c.00.79.

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T.J. - U.9.c.38.45.

1 How.

F.L. - U.9.c.20.21.

GROUP ARTILLERY. *War Diary*

OPERATION ORDER NO 16.

BY
Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding Group Artillery.Reference Map:
PLOEGSTEERT, 1/10,000; Ed. 4B.

21st. May, 1917

1. INFORMATION: The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group Artillery tomorrow, 22nd. instant:-

2. PROGRAMME: 4.5" HOWITZERS:

107th. Battery: To complete shoots already ordered for today, 21st. instant, viz:

WIRE-CUTTING - U.9.a.52.34. - U.9.c.59.03. - 100 Rds.
and also

2 T.M. Emplacements - U.9.c.4.3. and ULRICA SUPPORT. 1 observed active today.

Shoot to be carried out in conjunction with H.T.M. Officer at O.P. U.8.a.

UNGODLY TRENCH, U.9.b.22.99. - 67.60. - 100 Rds.

WIRE-CUTTING from 'A' in 'BEAK' to Junction of River DOUVE with Front Line in U.8.d. - 100 Rds.

108th. Battery:

LONGRUIN - U.9.d.81.10. and U.9.d.99.18. - 100 Rds.

UMBO RESERVE - 50 Rds.

UMPIRE DRIVE - N. & S in U.22.d. - 50 Rds.

18-POUNDERS:26th. Battery: To shoot on any visible wire between Front and Support Line in U.8.b. and d.; and U.9.c. - 150 Rds.
and also to engage Target ~~XXXX~~

No.5. at 11.10 p.m. (22/23rd. inst) Triangle just S. of 'A' in ULRICA ROW - 12 Rds.

4.45 a.m. Repeat above. (No.5) - 12 "

No.6. at 12 m.n. Line of Trees U.9.c.68.48. - U.9.c.70.15. - 12 "

4.5 a.m. Repeat above. (No.6) - 12 "

30th. Battery: To shoot on any visible wire between Front and Support Lines in U.15.a. - 100 Rds.
and also to engage Target

No.1. at 7.30 p.m. (22/23rd. inst) ULSTER SWITCH - 12 "

2.55 a.m. Repeat above (No.1.) ± 12 "

No.2. at 8.15 p.m. Dug-out previously damaged by 4.5" Hows. - U.16.a.75.35. - 12 "

12.55 a.m. Repeat above (No.2) - 12 "

No.4. at 10.5 p.m. GREY FARM. - 12 "

31st. Battery: To engage Target

No.3. at 9.25 p.m. (22/23rd. inst) UMBRIA SUPPORT - 12 "

1.35 a.m. Repeat above (No.3) - 12 "

No.7. at 12.35 a.m. Strong Point in UMBO DRIVE S. U.22.b.33.52. - 12 "

5.30 a.m. Repeat above (No.7) - 12 "

In addition to the above, 18-Pounder Batteries will arrange to sprinkle the undermentioned points with intermittent Shrapnel fire during the day and night, these points having been strafed by 4.5" and 6" Howitzers today:-

SUPPORT LINE - U.9.c.05.82. - 15.68.

TILLEUL FARM.

TRENCH JUNCTION U.15.b.2.8.

TRENCH JUNCTION U.9.c.46.16.

ULNA SWITCH.

3. REPORTS. Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group O.O. No.7 of 16-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Issued 11.30 p.m.

H. D. K. Macartney
Lieut. Col.,
Commanding Group Artillery.

THESE ARE THE NAMES OF THE BATTERIES WHICH WERE FORMED IN THE 9TH INFANTRY BRIGADE DURING THE CAMPAIGN IN GERMANY IN 1945.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	32nd	33rd	34th	35th	36th	37th	38th	39th	40th	41st	42nd	43rd	44th	45th	46th	47th	48th	49th	50th	51st	52nd	53rd	54th	55th	56th	57th	58th	59th	60th	61st	62nd	63rd	64th	65th	66th	67th	68th	69th	70th	71st	72nd	73rd	74th	75th	76th	77th	78th	79th	80th	81st	82nd	83rd	84th	85th	86th	87th	88th	89th	90th	91st	92nd	93rd	94th	95th	96th	97th	98th	99th	100th
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- 10. 31st. Battery
- 11. 107th. Battery
- 12. 108th. Battery
- 13. War Diary
- 14. Spare.

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COPT No. 8

~~THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY~~
OPERATION ORDER No.16.

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(1)
COMMANDS.

Lt-Col. W.H.L. BURGESS D.S.O., on the arrival into action of the 3rd. Army Brigade A.F.A., will take over temporary command (until 12 noon 26.5.17.) of "J" Group.

This Brigade will not now be attached to Left Group, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery, as stated in B.M./2/51.

Lt-Col. W.H.L. BURGESS D.S.O. will take over command of "L" Group at 12 noon 26.5.17.

Lt-Col. W.G. ALLSOP will take over command of "J" Group at 12 noon 26.5.17.

Lt-Col. H.D.K. MACARTNEY will take over command of "K" Group at 12 noon 26.5.17.

Lt-Col. H.L. COHEN D.S.O. will take over command of "M" Group at 12 noon 26.5.17.

(2)
MOVEMENTS
& RELIEFS.

The move into action of 6th. Aust. Army F.A. Brigade, and the re-distribution of batteries of the 7th. and 8th. Aust. F.A. Brigades will take place in accordance with attached Movement Order.

All moves from Wagon Lines etc., will take place after dark.

Where Reliefs are taking place, Brigade Commanders concerned will mutually arrange the times.

All Maps, Plans etc., are to be handed over on relief to the incoming Brigades & Batteries.

Completion of Reliefs to be reported to D.A.H.Q.

(3)
ADVANCE
PARTIES.

Advance Parties of 6th. Aust. Army F.A. Brigade will report at "M" Group Headquarters at B.12. central at 10 am. 23.5.17.

(4)
REPORTS.

Reports to D.A.H.Q. STEINWERCK. Call "G.T.2."

A C K N O W L E D G E.

W.A. Nicholls

Major R.A.
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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- 6 - 6th. " " "
- 7 - 7th. F.A. Brigade.
- 8 - 8th. " " "
- 9 - O.C. Divl. Sigs.
- 10 - 42nd. Squad. R.F.C.
- 11 - No. 6 Balloon Coy.

Issued at
22.5.1917.
By D.R.

- 12. D.T.M.O.
- 13. C.R.E.
- 14. R.A. Sig. Officer.
- 15. S.C.R.A.

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MOVEMENT ORDER.

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Brigade.	Battery.	Move from.	Position to be occupied.	Date & Time.	Unit Call	Group H.Q. Call.	Remarks.
6th. Army Brigade A.F.A.		Wagon Lines.	M 1. M 2. M 3. - 18-prs.) M 4. - 4.5" Hows)	Night 23rd/24th.			One Section.
"	"	"	do.	Night 24th/25th.			Two Sections.
7th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	<u>26th.</u>	Present position M 1.	K 2.	<u>Night 23rd/24th.</u>			<u>One Section.</u>
"	"	do.	do.	Night 24th/25th.			Two Sections.
8th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	30th.	Present position.	J 3.	Night 25th/26th.			
	29th.	do.	J 2.	do.			
	31st.	do.) M 2.	J 1.	Night 23rd/24th.			1 Section
	31st.	do.)	J 1.	" 24th/25th.			2 Sections.
	108th.	do. M 4.	L 3.	Night 23rd/24th.			1 Section.
	"	" "	do.	Night 24th/25th.			2 Sections.

Until noon 26.5.17., at which time all How. batteries, except M 4. come under the Command of
O.C. "M" Group, 4.5" How. batteries will be attached to Groups as follows :

L 3. L 4. L 5. - to "M" Group.

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'M' GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No.1.

BY
Lieut.Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding 'M' Group Artillery.

Reference Map:
LONGSTREET, 1/10,000:Ed.4B.

22nd.May,1917.

1. INFORMATION: The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group Artillery tomorrow, 23rd. instant:-

2. PROGRAMME: 4.5" HOWITZERS:

107th. Battery:-

Concent

- ✓ Cut all visible wire, U.9.d.3.8. - 3.3. - 100 Rds
- ✓ Ruins along ASH AVENUE in U.10.c. - 50 "
- ✓ F.L. - 'U' to 'A' of 'ULRICA' in ULRICA TRENCH. - 100 "

108th. Battery:-To complete shoots already ordered for today, 22-5-1917, viz:-

Effective T. Engrd

- ✓ UMBO RESERVE - 50 Rds
- ✓ UMPIRE DRIVE N. & S. in U.22.d. - 50 "
- ✓ and also
- ✓ TILBUL FARM in U.10.c. - 50 "
- ✓ UNGODLY AVENUE - 50 "
- UMBO LANE to UMBO RESERVE - 50 "
- S.L. - U.15.b.28.74. - 64.64. - 100 "

18-POUNDERS - Night 23rd/24th.

*108th
moving to front*

26th. Battery:-To engage the following Targets:-

- No.2.- 9.35. p.m. U.9.c.4.3. - 12 Rds
- No.3.- 10.10.p.m. SCHNITZEL FARM. - 12 "
- No.4.- 11.35.p.m. AVENUE FARM. - 12 "

27th. Battery:-To engage the following Targets:-

- No.1.- 3.35. a.m. S.L.- U.22.a.78.80. to U.22.c.80.00. - 12 "
- No.4.- 4.20. a.m. AVENUE FARM. - 12 "

29th. Battery:-To engage the following Targets:-

- No.7.- 2.2. a.m. CUSTOM HOUSE - U.29.b. - 12 "
- No.8.- 2.35. a.m. HAIT. - U.23.a. - 12 "

30th. Battery:-To engage the following Targets:-

- No.5.- 12.25.a.m. LA POTTERIE FARM. - 12 "
- No.6.- 1.5. a.m. FLATTENED FARM. - 12 "

31st. Battery:-To engage the following Targets:-

- No.1.- 8.20. p.m. S.L.- U.22.a.78.80. to U.22.c.80.00. - 12 Rds
- No.2.- 5.15. a.m. U.9.c.4.3. - 12 "
- No.5.- 6.-- a.m. LA POTTERIE FARM. - 12 "
- No.5.- 7.35. a.m. LA POTTERIE FARM. - 12 "

In addition to the above, 18-Pounder Batteries will arrange to sprinkle the undermentioned points with intermittent Shrapnel Fire during the day and night, these points having been strafed by 4.5" and 6" Howitzers today:-

- 2 T.M. Emplacements - U.9.c.4.3. and ULRICA SUPPORT.
- UNGODLY TRENCH. U.9.b.22.99. - 67.60.
- LONG RUIN - U.9.d.81.10. and U.9.d.99.10.18.
- TRENCH - U.9.d.75.45. - 55.90.
- U.9.c.70.12. - STRONG POINT.

3. REPORTS. Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group O.C. No.7 of 16-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Lieut.Col.,
Commanding 'M' Group Artillery

Issued at 12.m.n.

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To O.S.G. 25th. }
 26th. } Batteries.
 27th. }
 107th. }
 108th. }

DESTRUCTION CONCENTRATIONS.

It is desirable to concentrate as many guns as possible on a portion of enemy wire and thick timber. By the destruction of the latter, the former may become more visible.

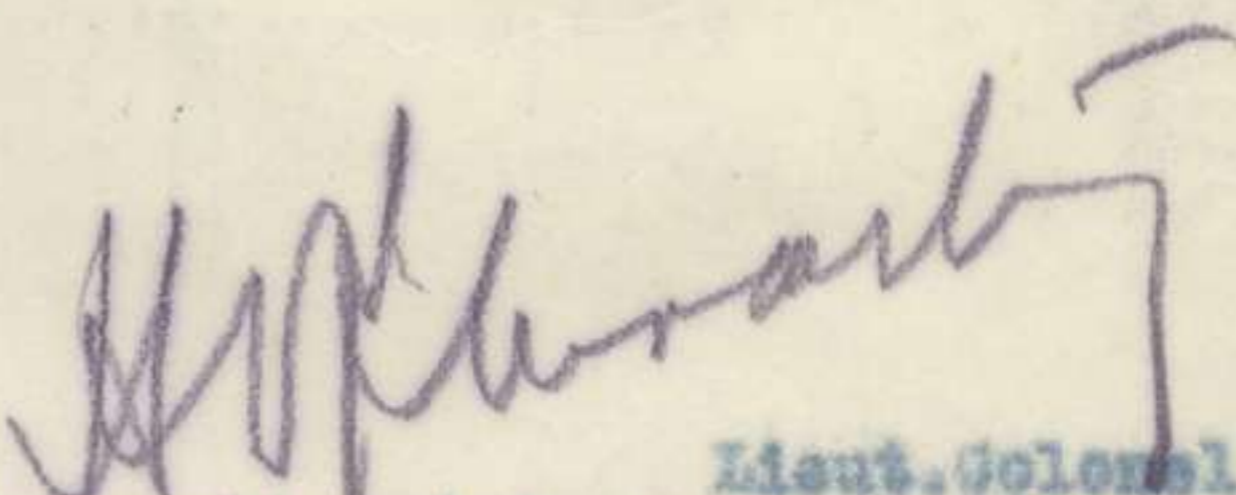
REGISTRATIONS on U.S.a.58.35. to U.S.a.50.20. will be carried out as follows:-

- 25th. Battery - 9.30 a.m.
- 26th. " - 10 a.m.
- 27th. " - 10.30 a.m.
- 107th. " - 11 a.m.
- 108th. " - 11.30 a.m.

All the above Batteries will concentrate on this area at 12 noon - 16-Pounders, 6 rounds per gun per minute for 2 (two) minutes - 50% 'A' and 50% 'A.K'.

4.5" Howitzers, 4 rounds per How. per minute for 2 (two) minutes.

Matches will be synchronised at 11 a.m. by telephone from this Group Headquarters.


 Lieut. Colonel,
 Commanding 1st Group Artillery.

23-5-1917.

N.B. The best O.P. is No.20 GAS TRENCH.

Handwritten note in red ink: "Setting out entrenchment"

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'M' GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER, NO. 2.

BY

Lieut.Col. H. D. K. MCCARTNEY, Commanding 'M' Group Artillery.

23rd. May, 1917.

1. COMMANDS.

Lieut.Col. W.H.L. BURGESS, D.S.O., on the arrival into action of the 3rd. Army Brigade A.F.A., will take over temporary command (until 12 noon 26-5-1917) of 'J' Group. This Brigade will not now be attached to Left Group, 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.

Lieut.Col. W.H.L. BURGESS, D.S.O., will take over command of 'L' Group at 12 noon, 26-5-1917.

Lieut.Col. W. G. ALLSOP will take over command of 'J' Group at 12 noon, 26-5-1917.

Lieut.Col. H. D. K. MCCARTNEY will take over command of 'K' Group at 12 noon, 26-5-1917.

Lieut.Col. H. L. COHEN, D.S.O. will take over command of 'M' Group at 12 noon, 26-5-1917.

2. MOVEMENTS & RELIEFS

The move into action of the 6th. Aust. Army F.A. Brigade, and the re-distribution of Batteries of the 7th. and 8th. Aust. F. A. Brigades will take place in accordance with the attached MOVEMENT ORDER.

All moves from Wagon Lines, etc., will take place after dark.

When reliefs are taking place, Battery Commanders concerned will mutually arrange the times. All Maps, Plans, etc., are to be handed over on relief to the incoming Brigades and Batteries.

Completion of reliefs to be reported to Group Headquarters.

3. ADVANCE PARTIES.

Advance Parties of the 6th. Aust. Army F. A. Brigade will report at 'M' Group Headquarters at B.12. Central at 10 am 23-5-1917.

4. REPORTS.

Reports to 'M' Group Headquarters - Call 'G.K.6'.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9 a.m.

H. D. K. McCartney
Lieut.Col.,
Commanding 'M' Group Artillery.

- Copy No.1 File.
- 2 D.A.H.Q.
- 3.9th. Inf. Bde. (Information)
- 4.10th. do. do.
- 5.25th. Battery.
- 6.26th. do.
- 7.27th. do.
- 8.29th. do.
- 9.30th. do.
- 10.31st. do.
- 11.107th. do.
- 12.108th. do.
- 13. War Diary.
- 14.) Spare.
- 15.) Spare.

'M' Group O.C. No.2.

MOVEMENT ORDER.

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Brigade.	Battery.	Move From.	Position to be occupied.	Date & Time.	Unit Call	Group H.C. Call.	Remarks.
6th. Army Brigade, A.F.A. do.		Wagon Lines.	M.1. M.2. M.3.- 18-Pars.) M.4. - 4.5" Hows)	Night 23rd/24th			One Section.
		do.	ditto.	Night 24th/25th			Two Sections
7th. Aust F.A. Bde. do.	26th.	Present position-M.1.	K.2.	Night 23rd/24th			One Section.
	do.	do.	do.	Night 24th/25th			Two Sections
8th. Aust F.A. Bde.	30th.	Present position	J.3.	-Night 25th/26th			
	29th.	do.	J.2.	Night 25th/26th			
	31st.	do.)	J.1.	Night 23rd/24th			One Section.
	31st.	do.) M.2.	J.1.	Night 24th/25th			Two Sections
	108th.	do. M.4.	L.3.	Night 23rd/24th			One Section.
	108th.	do. M.4.	L.3.	Night 24th/25th			Two Sections

Until noon, 25-5-17, at which time all How. Batteries, except M.4. come under the Command of O.C. 'M' Group, 4.5" How. Batteries will be attached to Groups as follows :- L.3. L.4. L.5. - to 'M' Group.

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'M' GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO.3.

BY

Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding 'M' Group Artillery.

Reference Map:
PLOGSTEERT, 1/10,000: Ed.4B.

23rd. May, 1917.

INFORMATION: 1. The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group Artillery tomorrow, 23. instant:-

PROGRAMME: 2. All uncompleted shoots to be carried on with, with the exception of 'WIRE-CUT' Shoots for 18-Pounders. In future 18-Pounders will not carry out 'WIRE-CUT' Shoots until further orders.

4.5" HOWITZERS:

<u>107th. Battery:</u>	S.L. U. 9.c.20.58. - 45.20.	- 200 Rds.
	ULRICA LANE, U.9.a.75.10. -	
	U.9.b.25.05.	- 100 "
	ULRICA AVENUE, U.9.c.74.60.	
	- U.9.d.29.75.	- 100 "
	Rectangle - U.9.c.85.10. -	
	88.14. - 98.12. - 94.06.	- 100 "
<u>108th. Battery:</u>	S.L. U.15.b.30.75. - 72.52.	- 200 "
	S.L. U.15.b.88.38. - 99.20.	- 100 "
	ULTRA SUPPORT, 'S' to 'T' of	
	'SUPPORT'	- 100 "

18-POUNDERS: Targets will be engaged by 18-Pounders as follows:-

25th. Battery :	U.9.a.75.10. - 45.20.	
No.1.	8.10. p.m. LA DOUVE Fme.	- 12 Rds
No.2.	9.40. p.m. ULRICA SUPPORT, from	
	S to T of SUPPORT.	1 12 "
No.3.	10.25. p.m. TILNEUL Fme., U.10.c.	- 12 "
No.1.	5.5. a.m. LA DOUVE Fme.	- 12 "
No.2.	5.20. a.m. ULRICA SUPPORT, from	
	S to T of SUPPORT.	- 12 "
No.5.	6.15. a.m. HUT in U.9.b.	- 12 "
<u>27th. Battery:</u>		
No.4.	12.5. a.m. GREY FARM.	- 12 "
No.5.	2.20. a.m. HUT in U.9.b.	- 12 "
No.6.	3.10. a.m. BETHLEM FARM.	- 12 "
No.4.	3.25. a.m. GREY FARM.	- 12 "

In addition to the above, 18-Pounder Batteries will arrange to sprinkle the undermentioned points with intermittent Shrapnel Fire during the day and night, these points having been strafed by 4.5" and 6" Howitzers today.:-

TRENCH - U.9.a.56.16. - 26.00.
U.9.a.70.92. - 87.52.
U.3.c.40.70. - 64.00.
Ruins along ASH AVENUE in U.10.c.
F.L. - U to A of ULRICA in ULRICA TRENCH.

REPORTS. 3. Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group O.O. No.7 of 16-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Issued at 12 m.n.

H. D. K. Macartney
Lieut. Col.,
Commanding 'M' Group Artillery.

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9.	31st. do
10.	107th. Battery.
11.	108th. Battery.
12.	War diary.
13.	Spare.
14.	

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S E C R E T.

L.G.299

To all Recipients of
Group O.O. No.11.

Reference my L.G.299 dated 21-5-17 re Group Artillery
Operation Order No.11.

Para 4 - PATROLS - of 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade
Order No.36, as republished in the above memo (L.G.299) has been
cancelled.

23-5-1917.

T. Moore
Adjutant, 'M' Group Artillery. Lieutenant.,

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'M' GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No.4.

BY
Lieut.Col. H. D. K. MACARTNEY, Commanding 'M' Group Artillery.

Reference Map:
PLOEGSTELERT, 1/10,000:Ed.4B.

24th. May, 1917.

1. INFORMATION: The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of this Group Artillery tomorrow, 25th. May, 1917:-

2. PROGRAMME: All uncompleted shoots to be carried on with, with the exception of WIRE-CUT Shoots for 18-Pounders.

4.5" HOWITZERS:

107th. Battery:

- Hedge & Suspected wire, U.9.b.26.5. - U.9.d.33.85. - 200 Rds
- S.L. - U.16.a.00.21. - U.16.c.23.74. - 100 "
- Hodges - U.4.c.30.72., paying special attention to suspected H.C. Emplacement - U.4.c.30.68. - 100 "
- ULRICA AVENUE. From F.L. to AVENUE FARM. - 100 "

108th. Battery:

- ULSTER SUPPORT, U.15.a.65.92. - 99.35. - 200 "
- ULTIMO RESERVE, U.10.c.55.10. - U.16.a.65.72. - 100 "

18-POUNDERS: Targets will be engaged by 18-Pounders as under:-

25th. Battery:

- No.1. 8.20. p.m. - LONG RUIN. - 12 Rds
- No.2. 9.5. p.m. - ULINA SWITCH. - 12 "
- No.3. 10.55. p.m. - ULSTER SWITCH. - 12 "

26th. Battery:

- No.4. 12.10. a.m. - UNFIRE DRIVE. - 12 "
- No.5. 1.25. a.m. - UNGODLY TRENCH in U.9.b. - 12 "

27th. Battery:

- No.6. 2.55. a.m. - UNBO ALLEY. - 12 "
- No.7. 3.-- a.m. - Junction of ULTIMO AVENUE AND F.L. - 12 "

31st. Battery:

- No.3. 3.40 a.m. - ULSTER SWITCH. - 12 "
- No.2. 4.30 a.m. - ULINA SWITCH. - 12 "
- No.7. 6.-- a.m. - Junction of ULTIMO AVENUE AND F.L. - 12 "

In addition to the above, 18-Pounder Batteries will arrange to sprinkle the undermentioned points with intermittent Shrapnel Fire during the day and night, these points having been strafed by 4.5" and 6" Howitzers today:-

- WIRE - U.9.b.50.10. to U.9.d.70.45.
- STRONG POINT - U.3.c.40.70.
- TRENCH - U.9.d.70.42. to 68.48.
- TRENCH - U.3.c.40.70. to 64.08.
- S.L. - U.9.c.20.58. to 45.20.
- ULRICA LANE - U.9.a.75.10. to U.9.b.25.05.
- ULRICA AVENUE - U.9.c.74.60. to U.9.d.29.75.
- RECTANGLE - U.9.c.85.10. - 88.14. - 90.12. - 94.06.
- S.L. - U.15.b.30.75. to 72.52.

3. REPORTS. Reports to be rendered as per para (3) of Group O.O. No.7 of 16-5-1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. J. ... for Lieut. Col.,
Commanding 'M' Group Artillery

Issued at 12.m.n.

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To

- 3rd. Aust. Divn. "G".
- C.R.E.
- 52nd. H.A. Group.
- 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 10th. " " "
- 11th. " " "
- "M" Group.
- D.T.M.O.
- 3rd. Pioneer Battn.
- No.6 Balloon Coy.

Bombardments for to-morrow, 25th May are as follows :

4.5" Howitzers.		Rounds.
107 ✓	Hedge & suspected wire, U.9.b.26.85. - U.9.d.33.85.	200 ✓
107 ✓	S.L. U.16.a.00.21. - U.16.c.23.74.	100 ✓
107 ✓	Hedges, U.4.c.30.72., paying special attention to suspected M.G. emplacement - U.4.c.30.68.	100 ✓ 50 only
107 ✓	ULRICA AVENUE, from F.L. to AVENUE FARM.	100 ✓
108 ✓	ULSTER SUPPORT, U.15.a.65.92. - 99.85.	200 ✓
108 ✓	ULTIMO RESERVE, U.10.c.55.10. - U.16.a.65.72.	100 ✓

*Good effect. Portion on left seen
thrown in air. Observation difficult.*

*Effect
Good
branches down*

18-pounders will fire on the following targets :

✓25 ✓	1. 8.20 p.m. - LONG RUIN.	12 ✓
✓25 ✓	2. 9.5 p.m. - ULMA SWITCH.	12 ✓
✓25 ✓	3. 10.55 p.m. - ULSTER SWITCH.	12 ✓
✓26 ✓	4. 12.10 a.m. - UMPIRE DRIVE.	12 ✓
✓26 ✓	5. 1.25 a.m. - UNGODLY TRENCH in U.9.b.	12 ✓
✓27 ✓	6. 2.55 a.m. - UMBO ALLEY.	12 ✓
✓27 ✓	7. 3. 0 a.m. - Junction of ULTIMO AVENUE & F.L.	12 ✓
✓31 ✓	3.40 a.m. - Repeat 3. ✓	
✓31 ✓	4.30 a.m. - " 2. ✓	
✓31 ✓	6.00 a.m. - " 7. ✓	

A. Playfair

Headquarters,
24.5.1917.

Major.
for Brigade Major R.A.
3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery.

In addition to above etc

P.T.O

APPENDIX

Wire U9b 50.10 to U9d 70.45 ✓

Strong Point U3c 40.70 ✓

Trench U9d 70.42 to 68.48 ✓

Trench U3c 40.70 to 64.08 ✓

S.L. U9c 20.58 - 45.20 ✓

Ulrica Lane U9a 75.10 - U9b 25.05 ✓

Ulrica Avenue U9c 74.60 - U9d 29.75 ✓

Rectangle U9c 85.10 ~~88~~ - 88 14 -
99.12 - 94.06

S.L. U15b 30.75 to 72.52

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'K' GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

BY
Lieut. Col. H. D. K. MCINTYRE, Commanding 'K' Group.

Reference Map:
PIONGSTERRÉ, 1/10,000.

26th. May, 1917.

- 1. INFORMATION: A party of the 30th. Battalion, 10th. Infantry Brigade consisting of 7 Officers and 214 other ranks intend to raid the enemy trenches on the F.L. From U.15.a.69.72.- U.9.c.24.13. on the S.L. From U.15.a.72.89.-U.9.c.45.15. and in rear of S.E. trenches leading towards ULSTER AVENUE from S.L. to U.9.c.98.12.
- 2. ARTILLERY: Artillery of the 3rd. Australian Division will cover the Infantry Raiding Party in accordance with the attached Task Table.
- 3. POINTS OF ENTRY. Points of entry :- (a) U.15.a.69.72. (b) U.9.c.24.13.
- 4. All troops are to be clear of the enemy line by zero plus 50.
- 5. LIAISON. Lieut. MEYLAN will be Liaison Officer and will be at the Dug-out at U.14.b.43.90. in touch with the O.C. Raid and in direct telephone communication with 'K' Group Headquarters.
- 6. WATCHES. Watches will be synchronised at 'K' Group Headquarters two (2) hours before zero hour.
- 7. DATE OF OPERATION: Night 27th/28th. May, 1917.
HOUR OF OPERATION to be notified later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8 a.m.

[Signature]
Lieut. Col.
Commanding 'K' Group Headquarters

- Copy No. 1. File.
- 2. D.A. H.Q.
- 3. 9th. Inf. Bde.
- 4. 10th. "
- 5. 11th. "
- 6. 7. 8. 'I' Group.
- 9. 10. 11. 12. 'J' Group.
- 13. 14. 15. 'K' Group.
- 16. 17. 18. 19. 'L' Group.
- 20. 21. 'M' Group.
- 22. War Diary.

The above I stamp
Herewith spare copy.
T. M. [Signature]

Battery.	No. of Guns.	Time.	Date.	T A S K.	Nature of fire	Rate of fire	Ammunition.			Remarks
							'A'	'AXS'	'BX'	
3" Stokes Mortars.	4	Zero to zero plus 1.		F.L. - U.8.b.56.00. to U.8.d.92.71.	'A'	Rapid.				
	4	do.		F.L. - U.15.b.52.40. to U.15.b.72.13.	'A'	do				
	4	do.		F.L. - U.8.a.95.13. to U.8.b.54.06.	'A'	do.				
'I.4'	6	do.		WIRE - U.15.b.04.52. to U.15.a.88.60.	'A'	4 Rds per gun per minute.	12	12	-	
26th.	6	do.		WIRE - U.15.a.88.60. to U.15.a.68.68.	'A'		12	12	-	
25th.	6	do		WIRE - U.15.a.68.68. to U.15.a.48.73.	'A'		12	12	-	
30th.	6	do		WIRE - U.15.a.48.73. to U.15.a.28.90.	'A'		12	12	-	
'I.5'	6	do.		WIRE - U.15.a.28.90. to U.9.c.23.10.	'A'		12	12	-	
29th.	6	do.		WIRE - U.9.c.23.10. to U.9.c.12.28.	'A'		12	12	-	
'J.5'	6	do.		WIRE - U.9.c.12.28. to U.9.c.04.49.	'A'		12	12	-	
103rd.	1	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.9.d.21.16.	'A'	3 Rds per How per minute,				
	1	do.		STRONG POINT: U.9.c.98.10.	"				18	

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Battery.	No. of Guns.	Time.	Date.	T A S K.	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire	Ammunition 'A' 'AX' 'BX'	Remarks
103rd.	1.	Zero to zero plus 1.		STRONG POINT: U.9.c.89.12.	'A'	3 Rds) p How) p Min)		
	1.	do.		STRONG POINT: U.9.c.90.09.	'A'			
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.9.c.82.07.	'A'			
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.9.c.80.03.	'A'			
108th.	1.	do.		WIRE & M.G.s. U.9.c.70.15.	'A'	do.)		
	1.	do.		WIRE & M.G.s. U.9.c.70.08.	'A'			
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.9.c.46.13.	'A'			18
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.9.c.48.05.	'A'			
	1.	do.		F.L. - U.9.c.10.35.	'A'			
	1.	do.		F.L. - U.15.a.32.03	'A'			
107th.	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.9.c.52.00.	'A'	do.)		18
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.15.a.70.86	'A'			

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Battery.	No. of Guns.	Time.	Date.	T A S K.	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	Ammunition.			Remarks.
							'A'	'AX'	'BX'	
107th. 1	1.	Zero to zero plus 1.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.15.a.86.84.	'A'	3 rds) p How) p Min.)				
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.15.a.83.75.	")				
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.15.a.95.62.	")				
	1.	do.		TRENCH JUNCTION: U.15.b.22.80.	")				
18th.	2.	do.		F.L.- U.15.b.50.42.- U.15.b.60.20.	")	12	12		(Continued on (same Targets (throughout Oper- (ation - Rates of (Fire as per other (18-Pr.Batteries.
	4.	do.		F.L.- U.15.b.73.08.- U.15.d.35.80.	")				

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PHASE II.

Battery.	No. of Guns.	Time.	Date.	T A S K.	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	Ammunition			Remarks
							'A'	'AX'	'BX'	
'I.4'	6.	Zero plus 1 to zero plus 3.		Lift from wire to Front Line.	'A'	4 Rds p Gun p Min	24	24		
26th.	6.	do		do.	"	"	24	24		
25th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"	24	24		
30th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"	24	24		
'I.5'	6.	do.		do.	"	"	24	24		
29th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"	24	24		
'J.5'	6.	do.		do.	"	"	24	24		
103rd.	6.	do.		As in Phase I.	"	3 Rds p How p Min.			18.	
107th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"			18.	
108th.	6,	do.		do.	"	"			18.	
3" Stokes Mortars.	12.	do.		do.	Rapid 'A'	Rapid				(4 3" Stokes Mor (tars on ULRICA (SAP cease fire.

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Battery.	No. of Guns.	Time.	Date.	T A S K.	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	Ammunition			Remarks.
							'A'	'AX'	'BX'	
'I.4'	6.	Zero plus 3 to zero plus 6.		As in Phase II.	'A'	4 Rds p Gun p Min	36	36		
26th.	6.	do.		S.L.-- U.15.a.96.85. to U.15.a.71.86.	"	"	36	36		
25th.	6.	do.		S.L.-- U.15.a.71.86. to U.15.a.58.95.	"	"	36	36		
30th.	6.	do.		As in Phase II.	"	"	36	36		
'I.5'	6.	do.		S.L.- U.15.a.58.95. to U. 9.c.44.13.	"	"	36	36		
29th.	6.	do.		S.L.- U. 9.c.44.13. to U. 9.c.42.38.	"	"	36	36		
'J.5'	6.	do.		As in Phase II.	"	"	36	36		
103rd.	6.	do.		As in Phase I.	"	3 Rds p How p min				54
108th.	1.	do.		U. 9.c.10.35.	"	"				54
	1.	do.		U.15.a.32.83.	"	"				
	1.	do.		U. 9.c.39.45.	"	"				
	1.	do.		U. 9.c.20.56.	"	"				
	1.	do.		U.9.c.70.15..	"	"				
	1.	do.		U. 9.c.70.08.	"	"				
107th.	1.	do.		U.15.a.95.62.	"	"				54
	1.	do.		U.15.b.22.80	"	"				
	1.	do.		U.15.a.98.85.	"	"				
	1.	do.		U.15.b.20.78.	"	"				
	1.	do.		U.15.b.10.78.	"	"				
	1.	do.		U.15.b.00.50.	"	"				
3"Stokes Mortars.	12.	do.		Stand by for Targets.						

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Battery.	No. of Guns.	Time.	Date.	T A A S K.	Nature of Fire.	Rate of Fire	Ammunition			Remarks.
							'A'	'AX'	'BX'	
'I.4'	6.	Zero plus 6 to zero plus 7.		As in Phase I.	'B'	4 Rds p gun p min		12	12	
26th.	6.	do.		BOX: - U.15.a.95.62. to) U.15.b.02.78. to) U.15.b.20.78.)	"	"		12	12	
25th.	6.	do.		U.15.b.20.78. to) U.9.d.22.16..)	"	"		12	12	
30th.	6.	do.		U.9.c.70.16. to) U.9.c.80.02.)	"	"		12	12	
'I.5'	6.	do.		U.9.c.40.43. to) U.9.c.98.50.)	"	"		12	12	
29th.	6.	do.		U.9.c.13.30. to) U.9.c.40.45. to) U.9.c.44.34.)	"	"		12	12	
'J.5'	6.	do.		As in Phase I.	"	"		12	12	
103rd.	1.	do.		U.9.d.25.16.)	"	3 Rds p How p min			18.	
	1.	do.		U.9.d.30.22.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.d.28.30.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.d.00.50.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.c.72.50.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.c.75.60.)						
108th.	1.	do.		U.9.c.12.38.)	"	"		18		
	1.	do.		U.9.c.20.58.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.c.28.35.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.c.39.45.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.c.35.87.)						
	1.	do.		U.9.c.28.85.)						

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PHASE IV

Battery.	No. of Guns.	Time.	Date.	T A S K.	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	Ammunition.			Remarks.
							'A'	'AX'	'BX'	
107th.	1.	Zero plus 6 to zero plus 7.		U.15.a.95.63.						
	1.	do.		U.15.b.24.82.	'B'	3 Rds				
	1.	do.		U.15.b.02.78.		p How			18	
	1.	do.		U.15.b.40.87.		p Min.				
	1.	do.		U.15.b.25.75.						
	1.	do.		U.15.b.25.62.						

PHASE V.

'I.4'	6.	Zero plus 7 to zero plus 53.		As in Phase IV.	'B'	2 Rds p gun p min.	276	276	--	
26th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"	276	276	--	
25th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"	276	276	--	
'I.5'	6.	do.		do.	"	"	276	276	--	
29th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"	276	276	--	
'J.5'	6.	do.		do.	"	"	276	276	--	
30th.	6.	do.		U.9.d.50.00. to) U.9.c.22.18.)	"	"	276	276	--	
103rd.	6.	do.		As in Phase IV.	"	1 Rnd p How p min				318
108th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"				318
107th.	6.	do.		do.	"	"				318.

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'J' GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Issued by Lieut. Colonel W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding 'J' Group Artillery

Reference Map :

FRANCE - PLOEGSTEERT 28 S.W. 4A 1/10,000

26-5-1917.

1. The following bombardments will be carried out by batteries of 'J' Group, from 11-5 p.m. on night of 27th. inst. to 11-30 a.m. on 29th. instant inclusive.
2. Objectives - ULSTER Avenue and ULRICA LANE.
3. 51st. Battery will search ULRICA LANE from U.9.a.871 to U.9.b.65.20
9th. Battery will search ULSTER AVENUE from U.9.c.4.1 to TILLEUL FARM.
4. Both batteries will engage their respective objectives with short bursts of 'A', on the following dates, at the following times :
(inst)
27th :- p.m. 11-5., 11-55.,
28th :- a.m. 12-5., 2-15., 4-25., 4-35., 5-50., 6-12., 6-55., 7-35.,
8-10., 10-5., 11-15., 11-55.,
p.m. 12-30., 2-5., 6-35., 7-5., 8-30., 9-55., 11-5., 11-55.,
29th. :- a.m. 1-10., 2-40., 3-20., 5-5., 6-15., 7-55., 8-30., 9-15.,
11-30.
5. Each battery will be allotted 300 rounds for above operation.
6. The 30th. and 29th. Batteries will engage the same targets from 12-30 mid-day on 29th. inst. to 11-30 a.m. on 31st. inst. inclusive.
7. Both batteries will engage their respective objectives with short bursts of 'A', on the following dates, at the following times.-
(inst)
29th. :- p.m. 12-30., 2-5., 6-35., 7-5., 8-30., 9-55., 11-5., 11-55.,
30th. :- a.m. 1-10., 2-40., 3-20., 5-5., 6-15., 7-55., 8-30., 9-15.,
11-30.,
p.m. 12-30., 2-5., 3-5., 4-15., 5-55., 6-25., 7-55., 9-5.,
10-35.,
31st. :- a.m. 12-15., 2-15., 3-55., 4-25., 5-55., 6-45., 7-0., 7-55.,
8-5., 9-35., 10-15., 11-30.
8. Each Battery will be allotted 400 rounds for above operation.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 12.00 mn.

W. G. Allsop
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 'J' Group Artillery

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Date, 27/5/17.

"K" GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

Reference Map:- PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000.

1. A party from 33rd. Battalion 9th. Infantry Brigade intend to enter the enemy trenches at:-
U.15.d.87.82.
The limits of movement ~~in~~ from the above point will be to:-
(a). U.15.d.84.72
(b). U.15.d.81.90
(c). U.15.d.90.54.
2. The Raifing Party will be clear of enemy trenches at Zero plus 12 mins.
3. Lieut. Owen, 27th. Battery will be Liaison Officer and will report at Battalion Headquarters, Hope House, at Zero minus 2 hours. He will arrange for telephonic communication from U.15.d.50.75 to K Group Headquarters.
4. Date of operation.....:night 28/29 May.
Hour of operation.....to be notified later.
5. Watches will be synchronised at "K" Group Headquarters 2 hours before Zero hour.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding, "K" Group Field Artillery.

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	7	31st. Battery	8	J Group
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Reference PLOEGSTEERT 1/10.000.

TASK TABLE.

A. Bombardment.
B. Barrage.

PHASE I

BATTERY	GUNS	TIME	DATE	T.A.S.K.	NATURE OF FIRE.	RATE OF FIRE...	AMMUNITION		REMARKS
							A.	BX.	
25th.	6	Zero to Zero plus 1	28/29	Wire U.15.d.82.75 to U.15.d.81.88	A	4.r.g.m.	12	12	
26th.	6	-do-	"	" U.15.d.81.88 to U.15.b.75.07	A	"	12	12	
31 st.	4	"	"	" U.15.b.75.07 to U.15.b.55.30	A	"	8	8	
27th.	6	"	"	" U.15.d.82.75 to U.15.d.84.53	A	"	12	12	
18th.	2	"	"	" U.15.d.95.34 to U.15.d.98.22	A	"	4	4	
	2	"	"	" U.15.d.96.05 to U.21.b.82.80	A	"	4	4	
107th.	1	"	"	M.Gs. U.16.c.03.18	A	3.r.g.m.			
	1	"	"	S.L. U.16.c.20.65					
	1	"	"	" U.16.c.22.78					
	1	"	"	Strong points. U.15.a.47.00					
	1	"	"	T.J. U.16.c.20.94					
	1	"	"	F.L. U.15.b.82.05					18

PHASE II.

25th.	6	Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 2.	"	(All guns lift from enemy wire to enemy front line parapet.	A	4.r.g.m.	12	12	
26th.	6		"		"	"	12	12	
31st.	4		"		"	"	8	8	
27th.	6		"		"	"	12	12	
18th.	4		"		"	"	8	8	
107th.	6	-do-	"	As in phase I.	A	3.r.g.m.			18

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Reference:- Ploegsteert 1/10,000.

T A S K T A B L E.

A - Bombardment,
B - Barrage.

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PHASE III. BOX.

BATTERY	GUNS	TIME	DATE	T A S K	NATURE OF RATE OF AMMUNITION.			REMARKS.
					FIRE.	FIRE.	A. AX. BX.	
25th.	6	Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 30	28/29	Lift to S.L. U.16.c.22.79 to U.16.a.13.02	B	Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 4	147 147	
27th.	2	do.	"	F.L. U.15.d.86.52 to U.15.d.90.46	B	4 r.g.m.	147 147	
	4	"	"	C.T. U.15.d.86.52 to U.16.a.28.80	B	Zero plus 4 to Zero plus 8		
26th.	2	"	"	F.L. U.15.b.80.02 to U.15.b.78.08	B	8 r.g.m.	147 147	
	6	"	"	C.T. U.15.b.78.08 to U.16.a.15.02	B	Zero plus 8 to Zero plus 15		
31st.	4	"	"	As in Phase II.	B	2 r.g.m.	98 98	
18th.	4	"	"	do.	B	Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 30	98 98	
						1 r.g.m.		

107th.	1	Zero plus 2 to	"	M.G. U.16.c.02.18	}	A	Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 6	637 637	
	1	Zero plus 30	"	S.L. U.16.c.20.68			3 - 3.r.g.m.		
	1	"	"	S.L. U.16.c.35.85			Zero plus 6 to Zero plus 20	300.	
	1	"	"	Strong Point. U.16.a.48.00			2 - 2.r.g.m.		
	1	"	"	T.J. U.16.a.28.10			Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 30		
	1	"	"	T.J. U.16.a.08.20			1 - 1.r.g.m.		

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TOTAL. 1818 Rounds.

A. J. Macintosh
Lieutenant-Colonel.
Commanding, "K" Group Field Artillery.

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COPY NO.....

'J' GROUP ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 3.

Issued by Lieut. Colonel W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding 'J' Group Arty.

Reference Map

FLORISSANT 1/10,000 Edition 4 A.

28th. May, 1917.

1. Two raids are being carried out on the 3rd. Australian Division Offensive Front on night 28/29th. inst.
2. One party consisting of 130 men will enter the enemy's trenches at U.S.d. 95.70 and U.S.d. 78.87. Artillery support being given by 'I' & 'J' Groups in accordance with Task Tables already issued.
40 men will enter the enemy's trenches at U.15.d. 85.50 Artillery support being given by 'K' Group.
3. In addition to the above one battery, to be detailed by 'J' Group and one battery to be detailed by 'K' Group will create a Diversion on German Front & Support Lines on either side of VERICA SAP, U.15.a. co-operating with Stokes Mortars. The battery detailed by 'J' Group will be the 30th. Battery to carry out this Diversion.
4. New Zealand Divisional Artillery have been asked to create a Diversion in U.2.d. and the Heavy Artillery have been asked to 'stand by' for counter-battery work.
5. Diversion on the New Zealand Divisional Artillery Front will take place at Zero minus 3 minutes - The Diversion by the 30th. Battery will commence at Zero minus 3 minutes and will continue until Zero plus 12 minutes.
6. The Diversion by the 30th. Battery will be on the Support Line from U.15.a. 72.89 to U.9.a. 45.15. Rate of fire 4 rounds per gun per minute for the first 3 minutes and one rounds per gun per minute for the remainder.
7. Zero hour will be at 1-45 a.m.
8. Watches will be synchronised by batteries at 'I' Group at L'Alouette, U.16.d. 25.30. at 8 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE quoting only this number.

W. G. Allsop

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 'J' Group Artillery

- Copy 1. D.A.H.Q.
- Copy 2. 7th. Battery
- 3. 8th. "
- 4. 9th. "
- 5. 29th. "
- 6. 30th. "
- 7. 31st. "
- 8. War Diary.

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B.M./S/115/107.

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To
GROUPS.

Reference my B.M./S/115/91 and attached appendix:-

The scale of expenditure therein laid down will commence tomorrow
31. 5. 17, viz.-

150 Rounds per 24 hours per 18-pr.

150 " " " " " 4.5" How.

This expenditure must on no account be exceeded without reference
to D. A. H. Q.

W. J. K. M.

Headquarters,
30. 5. 17.

Major R. A.
B.M.R.A. 3rd Aust. Divn.

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'J' GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No.4.

Issued by Lieut. Colonel W. G. ALLSOP, Commanding 'J' Group Artillery.

Reference Map :

FRANCE - PLOEGSTEERT 28 S.W. 4A 1/10,000 30-5-1917

1. The following bombardments will be carried out by Batteries of 'J' Group from 12-15 p.m. 31st. inst. to 11-50 a.m. 1st. June inclusive.

2. OBJECTIVES :

- 1. ULSTER RESERVE from U.9.d.70.43 to U.9.b.50.10
- 2. ULSTER AVENUE " U.9.c.48.15 " U.9.c.97.12
- 3. ULSTER DRIVE " U.10.a.25.05 " U.10.a.75.25
- 4. UNCERTAIN TRENCH " U.10.a.70.72 " U.10.c.82.87
- 5. LA POTTERIE FARM
- 6. UNCERTAIN SUPPORT North of LA POTTERIE FARM
"T" in Support to "U" in UNCERTAIN
- 7. TRENCH from U.9.d.78.97 to U.9.b.68.15 and
U.9.c.50.10.
- 8. ULSTER SUPPORT from U.15.a.68.90 to U.9.c.20.60
- 9. ULRICA ~~XXXXXX~~ Lane U.9.b.00.10 - U.10.a.27.07
- 10. ULRICA AVENUE from U.9.e.60.73 to U.9.d.53.90

3. The 8th. Battery will engage targets 1 to 4 inclusive.
The 9th. " " " " 5 to 8 "
The 29th. " " " " (9 and 10.

4. All Batteries will engage the respective Objectives with short bursts of "A" at irregular intervals throughout the day and night.

5. Each Battery will be allotted ¹⁵⁰ ~~200~~ rounds for the whole of their Objective.

6. This sprinkling will be carried out in conjunction with O.P. No.5.

7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at *12 mid.*

W. G. Allsop
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 'J' Group Artillery

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- 1. File
- 2. D.A.H.Q.
- 3. 7th. Battery
- 4. 8th. "
- 5. 9th. "
- 6. 29th. "
- 7. 30th. "
- 8. 31st. "
- 9. 9th. Infantry Brigade.
- 10. 34th. Battalion
- 11. War diary.
- 12. Spare.

'J' GROUP ARTILLERY,

OPERATION ORDER No. 5.

Issued by Lieut. Col. W.G. ALLSOP, Commanding 'J' Group Artillery.

Reference Map :

FRANCE - PLOEGSTBERT 28 S.W. 4A 1/10,000 30-5-17.

1. INTENTION. On the night of 31st. May and 1st. June at an hour to be notified later, two Patrols of the 34th. Batta. will try to, effect a Silent Raid on the enemy trenches
2. POINTS OF ENTRY The Points of Entry will be :
U.15.a.95.55 and U.15.a.68.72
3. TIME OF OPERATION. Patrols will leave our trenches at Zero minus 30 Will enter the enemy trenches at Zero, and should be clear of enemy lines at Zero plus 20.
4. ARTILLERY ACTION. The whole Operation will be carried out with practically no change in the usual "Sprinkling" programme and at no period will the Artillery fire assume a bombardment During the Operation the 8th. & 9th Batteries will carry out their Sprinkling according to O.O. No.4, but will not fire more than 4 bursts each. The time-table of the 29th. Battery according to O.O. No.4. will lapse during Operation and that Battery will carry out the Task in attached Task-table Phase 1. The 29th. & 30th. Batteries will both "Stand By" to carry out Phase 2. of attached Task-table should the Patrols need covering fire. The 29th & 30th. Batteries will take steps to ensure that the special signal mentioned below, if sent up, will be seen; and on receipt of that special signal will immediately open fire according to Phase 2 without reference to Group and will report at once to Group, and will continue to fire until the cease fire, as mentioned below, is sent up or a telephone message received and will cease fire in which occurs first.
5. SIGNALS. Should the Patrols require Artillery Support, they will send up a special S.O.S. signal. This signal will be fired from a point near ULRICA SAP and will consist of 1 Red Very Light followed immediately by a Green Very Light. In the event of this special signal being sent up, a signal for Cease fire will be the same as the above mentioned special S.O.S. signal, and will be fired from a point about U.15.a. 70.30.
6. SYNCHRONISATION Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Hqs HOPE HOUSE, at Zero minus 90 mins., by an officer from the 29th. Battery, who will return at once and give the time to the 30th. Battery.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at. 15 min.

Commanding 'J' Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION :

1. File	79/ 9th. Battery.
2. D.A.E.C.	108 29th. "
3. 9th. Inf. Bde.	9.30th. "
4. 34th. Battalion	1 031st. "
5. 7th. Battery.	11. War Diary.
6. 8th. Battery.	12. Spare.

T A S K T A B L E

Battery	Date	Time	No. of Guns	Task	Rate	Ammunition	Remarks
	29th.	At zero minus 35	1	F.L.T. U.15.a.95.60-- U.15.a.35.90	Gun Fire	4 'A'	
	do	At zero minus 10	1	do do	do	6 'A'	
	do	Zero plus 7	1	S.L. U.15.b.24.78-- U.9.c.50.00	do	6 'A'	
	do	Zero plus 16	1	do do	do	5 'A'	

PHASE 11.

	29th.	Special S.O.S. only	2	C.T.- U.15.a.30.95-- U.9.c.50.00	2 rds. p.g.p.m.	50% 'A' 50% 'AX'	
	do	do	2	S.T.- U.9.c.50.00-- U.15.a.70.88	do	do	
	do	do	2	S.T.- U.15.b.00.80-- U.15.b.25.77	do	do	
	30th.	do	2	C.T.- U.15.b.25.77-- U.15.b.23.52	do	do	

Phase 11 will not be carried out unless the Special signal referred to in the previous para. re Special S.O.S. signals is received.
No registration will take place for this operation.

E. G. ...
for Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 'J' Group Artillery.

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To All Batteries/

Re my telephone communication this afternoon re cancellation of O.O. No. 5. This operation will stand, and Task Tables will be carried out as laid down in Task Table of O.O. No. 5.

The Zero hour for O.O. No. 5. will be the same as Zero hour of the 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Raid as mentioned in O.O. No. 6. para 3.

J. Campbell Lieut
for

Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 'J' Group Artillery.

31-5-1917.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER No. 21.

Ref Map :

INTENTION.

To-night, 31st May/1st June, simultaneous patrols will enter the German trenches as follows :

- (a) - 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. - at U.8.d.9.7.
U.9.c.25.12.
- (b) - 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. - at U.15.a.99.55.
U.15.a.68.72.
- (c) - 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. - at U.28.c.8.8.

ARTILLERY ACTION.

(a) For 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Raid.-

At zero minus 2 hrs. to zero minus 1 hr. 50 mins., 50% of the guns of all Groups (excluding "M" Group) will bombard enemy's Front & Support systems simultaneously from :

U.8.d.65.95. - U.15.b.45.45.

Zero hr. to zero plus 20 mins. bombard support system (Barraog to be put down at not less than 100 yards beyond German F.L.) from :

U.8.d.65.95. - U.15.b.45.45.

Zero plus 20 mins. - CRASH FIRE.

RATE OF FIRE : 2 rds. per gun per minute.

(b) For 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Raid.-

Ordinary normal fire until zero hour. No fire is to be directed on the German Front & Support systems in U.15.a., from zero hr. minus 15 mins. to zero plus 30.

(c) To be arranged by O.C. "M" Group.

ZERO HOUR.

Zero Hour for 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. Raid : 1.30 a.m.

Zero Hour for 9th. " " " " : 2.30 a.m.

Zero Hour for 11th " " " " : 1.30 a.m.

AMMUNITION.

All ammunition expended, to come out of the Daily allotment.

WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised from D.A.H.Q. at 10 p.m. 31.5.1917.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. ...

DISTRIBUTION :

- 1. End. ANZAC R.A.
- 2. 3rd. Aust. Divn. "G"
- 3. "I" Group.
- 4. "J" "
- 5. "K" "
- 6. "L" "
- 7. "M" Group.
- 8. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 9. 10th. " " "
- 10. 11th. " " "
- 11. WAR DIARY.
- 12. FILE.

Major R.A.
B.M., R.A.,
3rd. Aust. Divn.

Issued at 7 p.m.
31.5.1917.

By. D.R.

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'J' GROUP ARTILLERY

OPERATION ORDER No. 6.

Issued By Lieut. Colonel W. G. ALISOP, Commanding 'J' Group Artillery

Reference Map FRANCE - BLOEGSTEERT 28 S.W. 4b.1/10,000 31-5-1917.

1. INTENTION. To-night 31st. May/1st. June simultaneous Patrols will enter the German Trenches as follows :-

- (a) 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade at U.8.d.9.7 and U.9.c.25.12
- (b) 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade at U.15.a.99.55 - U.15.a.68.72
- (c) 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade at U.28.c.8.8.

2. ARTILLERY ACTION. (a) For 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Raid the 7th., 29th., and 31st. Batteries will carry out the programme according to attached Task Table.

See O.O. No. 5

(b) For 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Raid ~~ordinary normal fire until Zero hour. No fire is to be directed on German Front & Support Systems in U.15.a. from Zero hour minus 15 mins. to Zero plus 30 mins., but usual Sprinkling programme will be carried out on back areas.~~

(c) To be arranged by O.C. "M" Group.

3. ZERO HOUR
Zero Hour for 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Raid 1-30 a.m.
Zero Hour for 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Raid 2-30 a.m.
Zero Hour for 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Raid. 1-30 a.m.

4. WATCHES. Watches will be synchronised by telephone from Group at 10-30 p.m. 31-5-1917.

5. CANCELLATION. ~~O.O. No. 5 is hereby cancelled.~~

A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 9 p.m.

W. G. Alisop
Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 'J' Group Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION :

- 1. File.
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- 3. 7th. Battery.
- 4. 8th. Battery.
- 5. 9th. Battery.
- 6. 29th. Battery
- 7. 30th. Battery
- 8. 31st. Battery
- 9. War diary.
- 10. Spare.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th. do do
11th. do do

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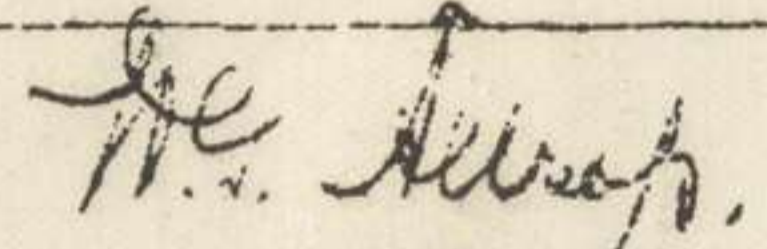
T A S K T A B L E

PHASE 1.

Battery	Date	Time	No. of guns	T a s k	Rate	Amunition
7 Bn.	Night 31/1st.	Zero - 2 hours to Zero	5	From N.15.b.05.55 - U.15.a.60.73	2 rds. p.g.p.m.	75% A 25% AX
29 Bn.	do	-1hr.50m.	6	From U.15.a.60.73 - U.9.c.24.05	do	do
31 Bn.	do	do	6	From U.9.c.24.05 - U.9.c.08.40	do	do

PHASE 11.

7 Bn.	do	Zero to Zero plus 20	5	S.L. from U.15.b.32.74 - U.15.a.70.90	7 134A 39AX	do	do
29 Bn.	do	do	6	from U.15.a.70.90.- U.9.c.46.20	107, 120A 61AX	do	do
31 Bn.	do	do	6	from U.9.c.46.20 - U.9.c.30.55	161A 55AX	do	do


 Lieut. Colonel,
 Commanding 1st Group Artillery.

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