

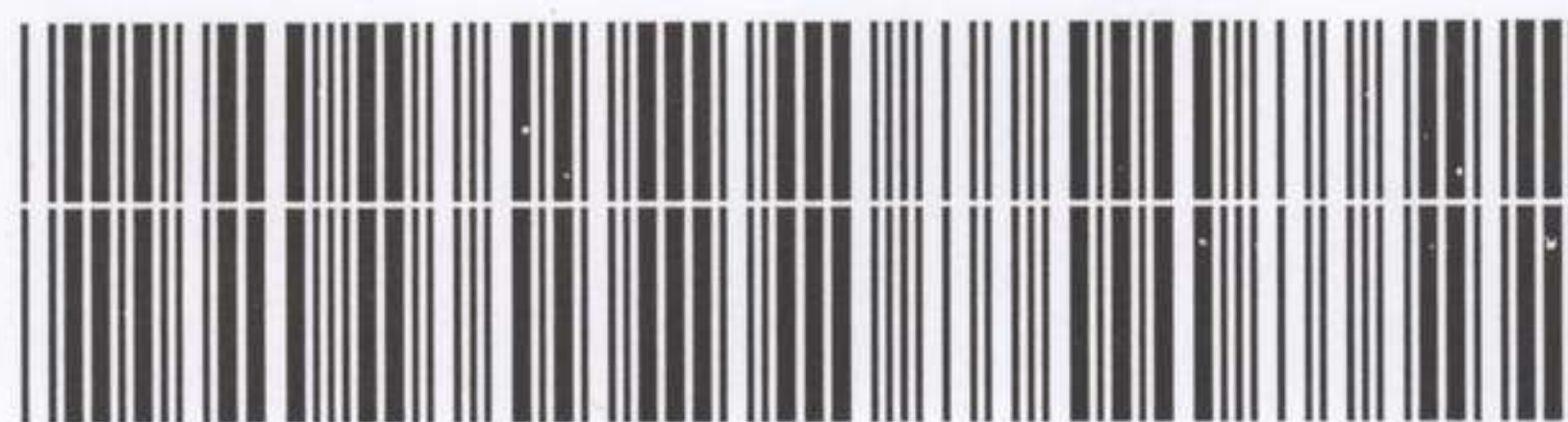
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S 18 d	1/1/17	6 a.m.	<p>General Routine:- Barometer 29.70 Thermometer 49°</p>	
		9 a.m.	<p>Visited the new Anti-Tank Gun Pit. This is now practically ready for the reception of the Gun. The dugout for the safety of the detachment has yet however, to be dug. Also selected forward Battery positions in the event of an advance in the vicinity of N 33 d. I was unable to decide upon a fourth Battery position.</p>	
		2 p.m.	<p>Allotment of Battery zones to suit the new front allotted to "M" Group. Concentrated bombardment by all Groups on enemy trenches and support lines for one hour which is reported to have been effective. Weather misty and observation not good.</p>	
			<p>Ammunition expended: 406 A. 738 A.X. 141 B.X</p>	<p>Casualties: No. 1519 Dvr. Stones G. 60" Art. Wounded " 2679 " Whitley G. 115" " " " 3565 Sgt. Viney G. 115" " " " 3571 Svr. Hobrow G.A. 115" " "</p>

From an App
Lt. Colonel
C. D. G. G. G.

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S 18 d.	2/1/17	6 a.m.	<p>General Routine: Barometer 29.70 Thermometer 49°</p> <p>Registration of new "S.O.S" lines on new front not very successful as the spot selected from which to observe was not the best. Other places in the front line were tried with same results. Two Batteries, however, out of four succeeded in registering the other two (those on the right) viz: the 52nd and 49th will continue from a fresh point of observation tomorrow under my personal supervision. These two positions of observation are under fairly heavy shell fire, which renders the condition of observation somewhat difficult, as the bursting shells obscure the view just at the time we are firing the registration rounds. Observation as regards light was good.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>455 A.</td> <td>923 A.X.</td> <td>381 B.X.</td> <td>Casualties</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> </table> <p>C. Noonan Capt rtd/1 for Lieut-colonel B.O. "M" Group</p>	455 A.	923 A.X.	381 B.X.	Casualties				Nil	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S18d	3/1/17	6 a.m.	<p>General Routine: Barometer 29.6 Thermometer 49°</p> <p>9 a.m. Proceeded to front line trenches in the vicinity of Spectrum Support and registered "S.O.S" lines on new "M" Group front. These are all now satisfactory. Observation not very good, but sufficiently good to quite definitely register the "S.O.S" lines.</p> <p>2 p.m. Issued all orders concerning the new Liaison barrages necessitated by the change of front.</p> <p>The Liaison barrage "Division attached on our right" has yet to be registered, for which purpose it will be necessary to obtain a suitable position in the XIV Corps Area.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> 90 A 54 P.X. 36 B.X.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> Nil</p> <p>For. Lt. Colonel, 6.0.17 Group</p>	

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S18 d	4/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>General Routine.</p> <p>Barometer 29.35 Thermometer 44°</p> <p>Visited Infantry Brigadier with regard to corps matters. Arranging to carry out registration of Right Divisional Barrage. Great difficulty experienced in finding a suitable spot from which this registration can be carried out. Got in touch with C. R. A. 14th Corps who promised to let me know of a place in his Sector which may be suitable.</p> <p>Attended to Brigade Administrative matters.</p> <p>Owing to weather clearing considerable aerial activity commenced about 3.30 pm.</p> <p>Headquarters received some shelling about 4 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ammunition expended</u> 180 A. 79 A.X. 42 B.X.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Casualties</u> Nil</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For Lt. Colonel, "M" Group.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S 18	5/1/17	6am 9am 2pm	<p>General Routine:</p> <p>Registration of Brigade Liaison Barrage carried out; also registration for 'S.O.S.' XIV Corps Barrage carried out by Battery Commanders. Registration for scheme in accordance with ADAG Order No. 11 carried out. Usual searching of enemy tracks and communication trenches with 'A' and 'A.X.'</p> <p>Inspected all Battery positions and progress of work in connection with the construction of dugouts and improvement of intervals between guns in 49th and 50th Batteries.</p> <p>Brigade Headquarters shelled somewhat consistently by 4.2 Howitzers from the direction of Beaulincourt, inflicting one casualty on Headquarters Staff.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> 87 A, 61 AX, 57 BX.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> B.H.Q. No 9062, Gnr. Smith A.W. Wounded for Lieut-Colonel b.O. M Group</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S 18	6/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>General Routine Personal registration of the Liaison Barrage, S.O.S. XIV corps, from T 5 d central. From the front line trench here an excellent view is obtained of the "sandwich" trench from 35 d to 36 c. The light was very good and the Barrage was well placed, with the exception of one Battery (the 52nd) which might reduce its range a little with safety. The Battery Commander has been instructed accordingly to carefully re-register from T 5 d central, in fact all Battery commanders responsible for this Barrage have been advised by me to proceed to this spot and make any minor corrections necessary. It is advisable with registration of this Barrage to arrange bursts of fire at intervals, as enemy fire is pretty lively here, and one or two series may be lost owing to the enemy opening fire at time of registration. Telephonic communication from here to our Batteries cannot in the least be relied upon as the wire has to be laid overland for a considerable distance which is constantly under shell fire.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Casualties</u> 112 A 60 A.X. Nil </p>	

W. Brown Capt.
 for Lieut. Bond
 B.C. Group

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S 18	7/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>General Routine</p> <p>Attention to scheme in accordance with R.D.A.G. Order No. 11.</p> <p>Enemy artillery activity below normal.</p> <p>Visibility very poor during the day, but considerable aerial activity.</p> <p>Group Headquarters received its usual shelling, but no damage done.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>casualties</u></p> <p>50 A 125 AX 48 B.X. nil</p>	

W. J. Roman Capt Adj
for Lieut-colonel
P.O.
"M" Group

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S 18	8/1/7	6am 9am	<p>General Routine.</p> <p>Attention to Scheme in accordance with R.D.A.G. Order No. 11. Verifying registrations.</p> <p>Enemy artillery fairly quiet during the day, except in the vicinity of Ginchy Road and M Group Headquarters, which received attention about 9 am and between 12 noon and 1 p.m. at which times shells arrived about one every ten seconds for some time. They detonated well but inflicted no casualties.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Casualties</u></p> <p>497 A.X. 65 B.X. Nil</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. Loran Capt radj for Lieut Colonel C.O. M. Group</p>	

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<i>S 18</i>	<i>9/1/43</i>	<i>6 am 9 am 2 pm</i>	<p><i>General Routine</i></p> <p><i>Shelling by "M" Group of enemy's strong points and trenches.</i></p> <p><i>Scheme in accordance with A.D.A.G. Order no. 11. Enemy artillery considerably below normal but they maintained the usual barrage of shell fire in the vicinity of "Moller's Den" and "Energy Valley."</i></p> <p><i>Visibility very poor during the day.</i></p> <p><i>Considerable aerial activity. one enemy machine was observed at 4 pm, but was driven off by our A.A. Guns.</i></p> <p><u><i>Ammunition expended</i></u></p> <p><i>39 A 208 A.X. 58 B.X.</i></p> <p><u><i>Casualties</i></u></p> <p><i>Nil</i></p> <p><i>For Lt. Colonel 60, "M" Group</i></p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
S 18	10/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p><u>General Routine</u> In anticipation of change of command from "M" Group to "Q" Group, the B.O. of "Q" Group and myself made a complete inspection of both Groups.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery was more active than usual, and consistently shelled T 7 a and T 7 b (vicinity of Battery positions) with 5.9" and 8" shells throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. at about the rate of one per minute. Very little damage was done. This shelling came from the direction of Pincourt.</p> <p>From 3.15 pm to 3.45 p.m. an enemy aeroplane flew very low over Gun Valley, "M" Group Headquarters and Ginchy and then back towards Le Mansloy, at an estimated height of 500 ft. It was reported later that this machine had been brought down by machine gun fire, before it got back into its own lines and the aviator, who was wounded, passed through our Ambulance.</p>	
			<p><u>Ammunition expended</u> 50 R. 135 R.X. 61 B.X</p>	<p><u>Casualties</u> Nil</p>
			<p><u>Readings</u> Barometer 29.20 Thermometer 37°</p>	<p>W. J. Donnan Capt. B. O. "M" Group For. Lieut. Colonel</p>

25th 7. a. Gde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks
S 18	11/1/17	6 a.m.	<p>General Routine</p> <p>Enemy artillery considerably below normal during the day, except in the vicinity of T7 and T8, where much activity was displayed.</p> <p>Observation was very poor owing to snow and mist.</p> <p>Three hostile aeroplanes flew very low over Gun Valley, but were not fired on by our A.A. Guns, apparently not having been seen.</p> <p>During afternoon and night enemy trenches communications and tracks were shelled by Batteries of "M" Group.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Casualties</u> 60 A 216 AX 24 BX Nil</p> <p>Readings Barometer 29.25 Thermometer 32°</p> <p>W. Brownan Capt 4 ady 1 for Lieut Colonel B.O. "M" Group</p>	

25th F.A. Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information
S 18	12/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p><u>General Position</u></p> <p>The anticipated change of command 'M' and 'O' Groups which was to have taken place today is cancelled, and a new front and 'S.O.S' line allotted to 'M' Group.</p> <p>At 11 a.m. three hostile aeroplanes were observed flying over the vicinity of 'Miller's Den' Post.</p> <p>Enemy artillery fairly active during the day and shelled the vicinity of Battery positions with 4.2" Hows.</p> <p>At 1.30 pm. the enemy fired 4 rounds of 4.2" into the vicinity of N 35 a 3.4. Two red lights were immediately sent up by the enemy and repeated again two minutes later, but nothing further was observed to take place.</p> <p>Visibility was fair at intervals during the day.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Casualties</u> 62 A 195 R.X. 24 B.X. Nil</p> <p><u>Readings</u> Barometer 28.85 Thermometer 35°</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D. Brown Capt Adj for Lieut. Colonel B.O. "M" Group</p>

25th Fa Bde.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
S 18	13/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>General Routine Inspected all Batteries "M" Group. Registration of new "S.O.S" lines now complete.</p> <p>A systematic bombardment carried out of "Hollen Trench" where it is apparent new work is being done by the enemy. The enemy retaliated to our bombardment by bursts of fire behind our front line, but not to a very great extent. Visibility was poor throughout the day.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u></p> <p>173 A 482 A X 32 B X <u>Casualties</u> Nil</p> <p><u>Readings</u> Barometer 28.70 Thermometer 35°</p> <p>W. Doonan Capt. Adj. Lt. for Lieut. Colonel C.O. "M" Group</p>	

25th Regt A Gde.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
S 18	14/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>General Routine. Verification of new "S.O.S" lines carried out. Shelling of Enemy's tracks, communications, trenches, and strong points continued. Hostile artillery much below normal. Observation very poor owing to mist and snow.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Basualties</u> 48A 11 BX 24 BX. Nil</p> <p><u>Readings</u> Barometer 28.85 Thermometer 34°</p> <p>By Dorman Capt rdy! For Lieut-Colonel, B. O. " M Group</p>	

25th Feb Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
S 18	15/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Readings:</u></p> <p>Barometer 28.95 Thermometer 32°</p> <p>General Routine Saw Infantry Brigadier and discussed several matters in connection with Group defences. Hostile artillery below normal. Visibility throughout the day very poor.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>casualties</u> 57 A. 155 A.X. 24 BX. Nil</p> <p style="text-align: right;">for Lt. Colonel D. J. Dorman Capt Adj B. O. Group</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
S 18	16/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m. 2 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Readings:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Barometer 28.85 Thermometer 31°</p> <p>General Routine</p> <p>Visited and inspected my Brigade Wagon Lines. With the exception that there is no overhead cover yet provided, except for the Headquarter Horses, these lines are very satisfactory. Much good work has been done and the condition and general health of the horses is excellent. The quality of the feed supplied is good and the ration liberal, but recently some straw has been issued in lieu of hay.</p> <p>Enemy artillery active between 3 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. and 20 5.9" shells were fired into T7d. From 3.10 to 3.15 p.m. fourteen 5.9" shells were fired into the vicinity of M Group Headquarters from the direction of Beaulencourt. No damage done.</p> <p>Visibility was poor throughout the day.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Casualties</u> 118 A 354 A.X. 84 B.X. Nil</p>	

P. J. Hogan Capt (adj)
 For Lieut-Colonel
 G. O. Group

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
S 18	17/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>Summary of events and Information</p> <p>Readings: Barometer 29.00 Thermometer 31° General Routine Registration of new "S.O.S" lines carried out. Enemy artillery much below normal. Visibility throughout the day very poor.</p> <p>Ammunition expended Casualties 197 A. 591 A.X. 54 B.X. Nil</p>	
<p>D. J. Roman, Capt & adjt for Lieut-Colonel C. O. Group.</p>				

25th Fa Bde

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
S 18	18/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>Readings: Barometer 29.30 Thermometer 34°</p> <p>Enemy artillery considerably below normal. Les Boeufs was shelled at intervals during the day with 4.2". At 3.5 p.m. 10 rounds 97 m.m. were fired into T. 8 and 9 from direction of Baulencourt.</p> <p>Observation was very bad. Colonel B.O. Phillips assumes command of ^{Right} M. Group today vice Colonel Cox Taylor vacated sick.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Casualties</u> 36 A 99 A.X. 40 B.X. Nil</p> <p>D. J. Roonan Capt R.A.D. for Lieut. Colonel, B.O. M. Group</p>	

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and Information	Remarks
T. 19. Position T. 19. C 8. 3. France Sheet 57C.	19/1/17	6 a.m. 9 a.m.	<p>General Routine.</p> <p>Readings.</p> <p>Barometer 29.60</p> <p>Thermometer 31°</p> <p>Bombardment of Molten Trench carried out in accordance with R.D.A.G. Order No. 18.</p> <p>Enemy artillery considerably below normal.</p> <p>Enemy shelling of sector in front of Les Boeufs and Hornal during the day.</p> <p> Duckwalk in T 9 b and c received some attention during the forenoon with 4.2" H.E.</p> <p>At 2 p.m. eight 4.2" shells fell in 52nd Battery position at T 8 a 7.0. Doing no damage.</p> <p>At 2.15 p.m. enemy made a feeble reply to our bombardment of this afternoon.</p> <p>Observation bad.</p> <p>"Q" Group taken over at 4 p.m. Lt Col McCox Taylor to hospital</p> <p>Ammunition expended Casualties</p> <p>154 A 487 AX 50 B X Nil</p>	<p>W. Lawson Capt for Lieut. Colonel C.O., Right Group</p>

25th Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information	Remarks
T. 19.	20/1/17	6 am	General Routine.	Lt Col O.F. Phillips D.S.O. assumes Command of Right Group
		9 am	<u>Readings</u>	Artillery Vice Lt Col
			Barometer 29	H.J. Cox-Taylor Sick
			Thermometer 29	
			Enemy artillery slightly above normal.	
			Between 2 pm and 4 pm 30 rds. 4.2" and 20 rds. 5.9" H.E. were fired into Les Boings, Morval and Rumbur Road (T. 10 b). Also 30 rds. 5.9" H.E. fired into Ginchy and Gun Valley.	
			Between 11 am and 11.30 am 20 rds. 77 mm. shrapnel were fired into T 9 c 7.2.	
			Visibility very dull and hazy.	
			Artillery observation impracticable.	
			Ammunition expended	Casualties
			488 A 1527 AX 514 BX	No. 1877 Bk. Bialle W.G. 56 th Battery. accidentally killed.
				for Lt. Colonel B.O., Right Group

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T. 19.	21/1/17	6 a.m.	General Routine.	
			<p style="text-align: center;">Readings</p> <p>Barometer 29.60 Thermometer 31°</p>	
		9 a.m.	<p>Enemy trenches shelled by our artillery during the day.</p> <p>In view of a suspected relief taking place in enemy's lines, a bombardment by all batteries of this Group was carried out on enemy's communication trenches.</p> <p>Enemy artillery normal during the day.</p> <p>From 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. shells fell at intervals in the vicinity of T. 8. 6. From 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon a number of 5.9 shells were fired into Morval and Ginchy corner also received some attention.</p> <p>At 12.30 p.m. one hostile aeroplane was observed flying over T. 3 and T. 9, but it was driven off by our A.A. Guns.</p> <p>Weather wet and misty and observation poor.</p>	
			<p>Ammunition expended Casualties</p> <p>154 A 427 AX 50 BX Nil</p>	
				<p style="text-align: right;">  J. J. Roman Lieut. Colonel b. c. Right Artillery Group </p>

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T. 19.	22/1/17	6 a.m.	General Routine	
			<p style="text-align: center;">Readings</p> <p>Barometer 29.70 Thermometer 32°</p>	
		9 a.m.	<p>Re-organisation of Divisional Artillery in accordance with Operational Order No 4 attached. The 25th Feb being now absorbed.</p> <p>In view of suspected enemy relief a bombardment by all Batteries of Right Group was carried out on enemy's trenches, communications and tracks in accordance with D.A. Order No 87.</p> <p>Between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. 12 rds of 4.2" shells were fired into T & C, and between 11 a.m. and 12 noon 24 shells of same calibre were fired into above locality.</p> <p>Visibility fair.</p> <p>Our aircraft active during the forenoon.</p>	
		6 p.m.	<p>The 25th Feb is now absorbed. Vide Circular Artillery Re-organization.</p> <p><u>Ammunition expended</u> <u>Casualties</u></p> <p>340 A 1091 AX 200 BX Nil</p>	
			<p>Volume closed</p>	<p>for Lt Colonel B. C. Right Group</p>

"M" GROUP ARTILLERY MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 8.

Headquarters,
1st. January 1917.

1. Firing to-night, 1st./2nd. inst. will be carried out in accordance with the following TASK TABLE :-

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.E.	T.S.	
52nd.	9.30 p.m.	N 23 b 5.2 to N 23 b 95.15	12	12	Bty. fire 20 secs.
49th.	11.15 p.m.	N 23 b 95.15 to N 24 a 45.15	12	12	do.
113th.	6 a.m.	1 Gun - N 24 a 45.15) 1 " N 24 a 5.5) 1 " N 23 b 9.15) 1 " N 23 b 6.2)	24		do.
50th.	6.15 a.m.	N 24 a 45.15 to N 24 a 5.5	12	12	do.

3. Acknowledge by wire.

[Signature]
Captain and Adjutant,
"M" GROUP.

Copies issued at 9.15 p.m. 1/1/17 to :-

H.Q.	6th. Inf. Brigade	Copy No.	1
G.C.	49th. Battery		2
O.C.	50th. "		3
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"M" GROUP ARTILLERY MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 7

Headquarters,
3rd. January 1917.

1. Firing to-night, 3rd./4th. inst., will be carried out in accordance with the following TASK TABLE :-

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.E.	T.S.	
7.5 p.m.	113th.	1 Gun N 23 d 1.8 1 " N 23 d 0.85.65 1 " N 23 d 3.7 1 " N 23 d 2.9	50		Bty. fire 30 seconds.
11 p.m.	50th.	N 23 d 3.7 to N 23 b 5.05	25	25	do.
2.5 a.m.	52nd.	N 23 d 2.9 to N 23 b 2.3	25	25	do.
5.45 a.m.	49th.	Search duckboards - N 24 a 25.25 to N 24 a 25.35 towards BRIMSTONE TRENCH.	25	25	do.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Whorner

Captain and Adjutant,
"M" GROUP.

Copies issued at 4 p.m. 3/1/17 to :-

C.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade	Copy No. 1
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C.O. 52nd. "	4
C.O. 113th. "	5
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"H" GROUP ARTILLERY MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 8

Headquarters,
4th. July 1917.

7 Jan

1. Firing to-night, 4th./5th. insts., will be carried out in accordance with the following TASK TABLE :-

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.E.	T.S.	
9.5 p.m.	49th.	H 29 a 7.95 to H 29 b 25.6	12	12	Qty. fire 30 secs.
10.30 p.m.	115th.	1 Gun - H 29 a 65.8) 1 " H 29 a 75.25) 1 " H 29 c 75.1) 1 " H 29 c 5.025)	24		60.
1 a.m.	50th.	H 29 c 65.8 to H 29 a 9.7	12	12	60.
4.55 a.m.	52nd.	H 29 b 6.5 to H 29 b 9.1	12	12	60.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Captain and Adjutant,
"H" GROUP.

Copies issued at 4.45 p.m. 4/1/1917 to :-

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"H" GROUP ARTILLERY MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 9.

Headquarters,
4th. Jan'y. 1916.

1. It is suspected that a relief is taking place in the German front line to-night, 4th./5th. inst., and every trench, communication, tracks, etc., will be swept and searched in accordance with the following TAFI TABLE :

TIME	BATTERY	TAFI	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.K.	T.S.	
11 P.M.	113th.	1 gun - H 24 @ 4.5)	24		1 round per gun per minute
		1 " H 23 @ 4.15)			
		1 " H 24 @ 4.2)			
		1 " H 24 @ 3.5)			
1 A.M.	50th.	H 24 @ 35.45 to H 24 @ 35.35	12	12	do.
1.35 A.M.	52nd.	H 30 @ 2.4 to H 30 @ 25.7	12	12	do.
6 A.M.	49th.	H 23 @ 7.15 to H 30 @ 25.7	12	12	do.

2. This cancels "H" Group Artillery Minor Operation Order No. 8 of to-day's date as far as the 50th. and 52nd. Batteries are concerned.

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY AIR.

Captain and Adjutant,
"H" GROUP.

Copies issued at 10.45 P.M. 4/1/1916 to :-

- C.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade Copy No. 1
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- C.O. 50th. " 3
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Headquarters,
"M" GROUP,
S/L/1317.

O.C. 49th. Bty.
50th. "
52nd. "
115th. "

Firing to-night, 5th./6th. insts., will be in accordance with TASKS shown in "M" GROUP ARTILLERY BATTAL OPERATION ORDER No. 8.

Ammunition will be the same, except 75% A X and 25% A will be used.

Times for firing will be as follows :-

52nd. Bty.	11 p.m.	to	12.30 a.m.
49th. "	3 a.m.	to	4.30 a.m.
50th. "	5 a.m.	to	6.30 a.m.
115th. "	1 a.m.	to	2 a.m.

Battal. Commanders will arrange to equally distribute the rounds shown and allotted over the above mentioned times.

Captain and Adjutant,
"M" GROUP.

Copy to O.C., 6th. Inf. Brigade for information.

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"H" GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 11.

Headquarters,
Jan. 5th. 1917.

1. Minor operations with the object of destroying enemy's defences and inflicting casualties, will be carried out on the 6th/7th Jan. 1917, by all batteries of the Right Divisional Artillery Group, in accordance with the attached TASK TABLE.
2. If, at any of these periods of fire, the enemy retaliates on our trenches, the Battery Commander concerned will immediately notify "H" Group Headquarters. Tasks "A" and "B" (vide "H" Group Artillery Order No. 7) will then be ordered from this office.
3. Necessary registration should be carried out to-day 5/1/1917. Reports to be made to this office if possible; weather registration impossible.
4. Watches will be synchronized at this office at 6.15 a.m. on 6/1/1917.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

[Signature]
 Captain and Adjutant
 "H" GROUP.

T A S K T A B L E.

SCHEME	BATTERY	TIME	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
				H.N.	T.S.	
"B"	49th.	3 a.m.	H 29 a 60.85 to H 23 c 55.00	25 1/2 A		3 rounds of BYF 3 seconds
	52nd.	5.10 p.m.	H 29 b 00.95 to H 23 c 8.0	60.		do.
	50th.		H 23 c 8.0 to	60.		do.
	113th.	8.20 a.m. 7/1/1917	H 23 c 6.8 1 sec. - E 29 a 60.85) 1 " H 23 c 60.25)	B X		2 rds. per gun per min. for 1 min.

TASK TABLE (Cont.)

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	RATE OF FIRE	AMMUNITION	REMARKS
49th.	1.15 p.m.	N 29 b 50.45 to N 27 b 50.65	8 Bty. salvos at 30 secs. interval	On original line "A" On BRIMSTONE TRENCH "A X"	First to line N 23 d 7.15 to N 23 d 68.4 at each alter- nate salvo.
"F" 52nd.	3.15 p.m.	N 29 b 50.65 to N 29 b 55.75	do.	do.	As above on N 24 c 50.05 to N 23 d 7.15.
50th.		N 29 b 55.75 to N 29 b 20.35	do.	do.	As above on N 25 a 68.4 to N 23 a 5.6
113th.	7.30 a.m. 7/1/1917	N 29 b 5.6 (one section) N 29 a 55.95	8 sec. salve. at 30 secs. interval	B X	

All Batteries (18pr.)

(7/1/17)
will fire on -
N 29 b 70.35 to
N 29 b 50.55

as follows :-

52nd.	2.1 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.	N 29 b 5.55 to N 29 b 6.4	Bty. fire 3 secs.	A X	Traverse 50 yds left each round along SUN and VECTOR TRENCHES as far as N 25 c 55.25
49th.	5.51 p.m. to 5.52 p.m.	N 29 b 6.4 to N 29 b 575.5	do.	A X	
50th.		N 29 b 575.5 to N 29 b 70.35	do.	A X	
113th.		Traverse along SUN and VECTOR TRENCHES from N 29 b 50.55 to N 23 c 55.25	do.	B X	

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"H" GROUP ARTILLERY MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 10

Headquarters,
8/1/1917.

1. Firing to-night, 8th./9th. Insts, will be carried out in accordance with the following TASK TABLE :-

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION H.T. T.S.	REMARKS
7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	52nd.	1 gun H 30 a 15.4) 1 " H 30 a 3.88) 1 " H 23 a 7.8) 1 " H 23 a 05.8)	25	Battery Commanders are to distribute rounds equally over lines allotted.
9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.	52nd.	H 29 b 7.3 to H 29 b 9.1	19 6	
11 p.m. to 12.30 p.m.	49th.	H 29 b 4.6 to H 29 b 7.3	19 6	
8 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.	50th.	H 23 c 7.1 to H 29 a 9.88	19 6	

2. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

W. L. Noonan
 Captain and Adjutant,
 "H" GROUP.

- Copies issued at 4.15 p.m. to :-
- C.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade Copy No. 1
 - C.O. 49th. Battery 2
 - C.O. 50th. " 3
 - C.O. 52nd. " 4
 - C.O. 115th. " 5
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"B" GROUP ARTILLERY MINOR OPERATION ORDER No 11

Headquarters,
9th. Jan. 1945

1. Firing to-night, 9th./10th. inst., will be carried out in accordance with the following TASK TABLE:-

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	ammunition		NOTE ON TIME
			P.M.	T.S.	
9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.	80th.	H 29 a 8.9 to H 29 b 8.9	36	18	Qty. salvoes (see Para 2)
10.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.	115th.	1 gun - H 29 a 4.3 1 " H 29 a 25.95 1 " H 29 a 8.9 1 " H 23 c 45.2	36		do.
11 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.	49th.	H 29 a 9.7 to H 23 c 7.15	36	18	do.
3 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.	52nd.	H 29 a 9.3 to H 27 b 8.1	36	18	do.

2. This fire is to be expended in four (4) bursts of fire, each consisting of two (2) battery salvoes, at irregular intervals during the period allotted.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

D. Zouman
Captain and Adjutant,
"B" GROUP.

Copies issued at 4 p.m. to:-

- S.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade 1
- O.C. 49th. Battery 2
- O.C. 50th. " 2
- O.C. 52nd. " 1
- O.C. 115th. " 1
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"M" GROUP ARTILLERY MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 12.

Headquarters,
10th. Jan. 1917.

1. Firing to-night, 10th./11th. insts., will be in accordance with the following TASK TABLE :-

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.E.	T.S.	
9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.	52nd.	N 29 b 3.8 to N 29 b 55.45	22	22	See para 2.
			36	18	
1 a.m. to 2.30 a.m.	50th.	N 35 e 6.3 to N 29 a 9.85	36	12	
3 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.	49th.	N 29 a 8.95 to N 29 b 3.8	36	12	
5.30 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.	113th.	1 Gun - N 24 a 4.5) 1 " N 24 e 4.5) 1 " N 24 a 4.8) 1 " N 24 b 05.15)	24		

2. The ammunition allotted will be equally distributed over the time allowed.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

[Signature]
Captain and Adjutant,
"M" GROUP.

Copies issued at 5 p.m. 10/1/17 to :-

C.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade	Copy No. 1
C.O. 49th. Battery	2
C.O. 50th. "	3
C.O. 52nd. "	4
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" M " ARTILLERY GROUP ORDER No. 13.Headquarters,
10th. Jany. 1917.

1. The following exchanges in the command of Groups will be made. Commands to pass at 12, noon, on 12/1/1917 :
 - 2x Lieut. Colonel H. COX TAYLOR from the command of "M" Group to take command of "Q" Group.
 - Lieut. Colonel H. O. CADDY from the command of "Q" Group to take command of "M" Group.

Necessary transfers of staffs and quarters will be made prior to this hour.
2. C.O's. "M" and "Q" Groups will take every opportunity during the next few days of getting acquainted with the sector they are to take over.
3. All maps, photographs, tracings, etc. will be handed over and taken over.
4. Completion of transfers to be wired to H.Q. Right Div. Artillery Group.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain and Adjutant,
"M" GROUP.

Copies issued at 7 p.m. to :-

C.O. 5th. Inf. Brigade	Copy No.	1
O.C. 49th. Battery		2
O.C. 50th. "		3
O.C. 52nd. "		4
O.C. 113th. Bty.		5
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"M" GROUP ARTILLERY BUNCH OPERATION ORDER No. 13.

Headquarters,
11th. July. 1917.

1. Firing to-night, 11th./12th. insts., will be in accordance with the following TASK TABLE :

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.B.	T.S.	
7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	115th.	1 GUN - H 24 b 05.15 1 " H 30 a 15.4 1 " H 30 a 2.7 1 " H 25 d 08.8	34		see para 2.
8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	52nd.	H 30 a 15.8 to H 30 a 3.7	36	12	do.
3 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.	49th.	2 30 a 3.9 to 2 25 d 7.2	36	12	do.
5 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.	50th.	H 25 d 1.8 to H 25 b 8.1	36	12	do.

2. The ammunition allotted will be equally distributed over the time allowed, and fired at irregular intervals.

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT by wire.

Captain and Adjutant,
"M" GROUP.

Copies issued at 5.10 p.m. 11/1/17 to :-

- C.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade Copy No. 1
- C.O. 49th. Battery 2
- C.O. 50th. " 3
- C.O. 52nd. " 4
- C.O. 115th. " 5
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"H" GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 15.

Headquarters,
July, 11th, 1917.

1. "H" Group Artillery Order No. 12 and addenda thereto are cancelled.
2. (i) 2nd. Australian Divisional Artillery will be withdrawn from the line between the 12th. and 13th. January 1917.
(ii) 14th. F. A. Brigade and No. 2 Section 5th. B.A.C. will move from the Training Area and will relieve the 6th. F. A. Brigade and No. 3 Section, 2nd. B.A.C. in the line between the 12th. and 13th. Jan. 1917.
(iii) Batteries of 5th. Aust. Divisional Artillery will take over Batteries of 2nd. Aust. Divisional Artillery in accordance with tables of reliefs attached.
(iv) March Tables for 14th. F.A. Brigade and No. 2 Section 5th. B.A.C. are attached.
3. The 14th. F. A. Brigade will move complete with Guns, Wagons and equipment.
4. Guns of 14th. F. A. Brigade stripped with the exception of sights and necessary stores will be left at BUINE under a Guard of 1 Officer and three men per Battery and will be handed over there on the 12th. inst. to the 6th. F. A. Brigade, under arrangements to be made between Brigade Commanders concerned.
5. (i) The 14th. F. A. Brigade will take over the Guns and positions of "A", "B" and "C" Batteries "A" GROUP in "line" between the 12th. and 13th. inst. Relief to be made by Sections under arrangements between Brigade Commanders concerned.
(ii) "B" Battery "H" GROUP will hand over Guns and position to "B" Battery, "B" Group on the 12th. inst. and will take over Guns and position of "C" Battery "A" GROUP.
Relief to be completed by the 13th. inst.
(iii) "B" Battery "H" GROUP will hand over Guns and position to "C" Battery "B" GROUP on the 13th. inst. and will take over Guns and position of "C" Battery "B" GROUP on same date.
6. All ammunition will be handed over and taken over.
C.O. "H" Group will take over all ammunition in Battery positions evacuated by "B" Group and will place guards on it until it has been absorbed.
Receipts in all cases for ammunition taken over will be forwarded immediately to "H" Group Artillery Headquarters.
C.O. "B" Battery "H" GROUP will take over ammunition of "B" Battery "B" GROUP, and place a guard on it.
C.O. "A" Battery "H" GROUP will take over ammunition of "A" and "B" Batteries "A" GROUP on the 12th. inst. and place guards on it.
7. Guns will in all cases be handed over and taken over stripped with the exception of sights and necessary stores.
8. All maps, tracings, photographs etc. affecting the line will be taken over.
All such adjuncts as Artillery books, maps, and records of battery positions or positions which are not to be used will be forwarded to "H" Group Artillery Headquarters.
9. Arrangements as regards new areas of fire, C.O.C. lines etc. will be notified later.
10. APPROVAL.

Captain and Adjutant
"H" GROUP.

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TABLE OF RELIEFS

DATE	UNIT	RELIEVED UNIT	POSITION	WAGON LINES
18th. to 19th.	"B" Coy. "H" GROUP	"B" Battery "A" GROUP	77 & 80	As at present
18th.	"B" Coy. "H" GROUP	"B" Battery "B" GROUP	77 & 80.05	80.

1. All tents, shelters and huts will be taken over in Wagon Lines by relieving Units.
2. Arrangements for night 18th./19th. inst. will be notified later.

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Copy No:.....

"M" GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 14.

Headquarters,
18th, January 1917.

1. A concentrated bombardment by all available howitzers and heavy guns will be carried out on Saturday, 13th. Inst., on the trenches in squares N 22 a and b for one hour from 12.40 p.m. to 1.40 p.m.
2. Objectives for heavy and medium howitzers will be ATOM TRENCH, FIRE TRENCH, and OTHER LAKE, in squares N 22 b and the trench running from N 22 a 3.5 to N 22 b 35.95.
3. This last trench in N 22 a and b, and the trenches connecting ATOM and FIRE TRENCHES, will be engaged by the 106th and 104th. Howitzer Batteries; each battery will shell trenches in its own group zone.
The 102nd. Howitzer Battery will shell trench and trench junctions N 16 a 45.00 to N 16 d 05.97.
4. ATOM TRENCH in N 16 c and FIRE TRENCH N 16 d and tracks from BEAULINCOURT will be kept under fire by heavy guns.
5. The 18 para. of "A" and "B" groups will shell all the trenches as above mentioned, all exits being carefully dealt with.
The dividing line between "A" and "B" group areas for this operation will be a line running through
N 22 a 2.6 - N 22 b 5.2 - N 17 c 0.0.
6. The fire of 18 para. will cease at 1.30 p.m. but will recommence again at 1.50 p.m. at rates laid down.
7. RATES OF FIRE :
4.5" Howitzers - 2 rounds per howitzer per minute.
18 para. from 12.40 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. 2 rounds per gun per minute.
18 para. " 1.50 p.m. to 1.55 p.m. 3 rounds per gun per minute.
8. Every endeavour must be made to get observation of fire.
9. Watches will be synchronized from D.A.H.Q. at 12 noon.
10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

(Handwritten Signature)
 Captain and Adjutant,
 "M" GROUP.

Issued at 11 a.m. 12/1/1917 to :-

C.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade	Copy No. 1
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"M" GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 16.

Headquarters,
18th. Jan'y. 1917.

1. All Batteries will bombard HOLTEN TRENCH from H 29 a 00.9 to H 29 a 35.9, to-night, 12th./13th. inst., for the purpose of inflicting casualties on the enemy in accordance with the following TASK TABLE:

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			H.E.	T.S.	
PHASE I.					
7 P.M.	52nd.	H 29 a 00.9 to H 29 b 975.35	50 rounds	75 H.E. & 25 T.S.	Sty. fire 20 sec.
7.30 P.M.	49th.	H 29 b 975.35 to H 29 a 1.6	do.	do.	do.
8 P.M.	12th.	H 29 a 1.6 to H 29 a 35.9	do.	do.	do.
PHASE II.					
(All 18 pr. Batteries.)					
10.5 P.M.	52nd. 49th. 12th.	TASKS as for PHASE I.	do.	do.	do.
PHASE III.					
11.30 A.M.	12th.	TASKS AS FOR PHASE I	do.	do.	do.
12.35 A.M.	49th.	TASKS AS FOR PHASE I	do.	do.	do.
1.5 A.M.	52nd.	TASKS AS FOR PHASE I	do.	do.	do.
PHASE IV.					
2.10 A.M.	115th.	1 8th H 29 a 00.9 1 " H 29 b 975.35 1 " H 29 a 1.6 1 " H 29 a 35.9	12 BX		do.
3.5 A.M.	115th.	TASKS AS ABOVE for 2.10 A.M.	12 BX		do.
PHASE V.					
4.5 A.M.	49th.	TASKS AS IN PHASE I.	25		do.
4.30 A.M.	52nd.	TASKS AS IN PHASE I.	25		do.
5 A.M.	12th.	TASKS AS IN PHASE I.	25		do.
PHASE VI.					
6 A.M.	52nd.	TASKS AS FOR PHASE I.	25		do.
6.30 A.M.	49th.	TASKS AS FOR PHASE I.	25		do.
7 A.M.	12th.	TASKS AS FOR PHASE I.	25		do.

2. Allowance of ammunition - 200 rds. per 18 pr. Sty., of which 75% "AX" and 25% "A" will be used.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

[Signature]
Captain and Adjutant,

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"H" GROUP ARTILLERY HIGH OPERATION ORDER No. 14.

Headquarters,
13/1/1917.

1. Firing to-night, 13th./14th. inst., will be on BRINSTONE TRENCH in accordance with the following TACK TABLE:-

TIME	BATTERY	TASK	AMMUNITION		RATE OF FIRE
			T.S.	H.E.	
BRINSTONE TRENCH.					
7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	12th.	N 23 c 5.3 to N 29 a 85.9	6	19	See para 2.
1 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.	52nd.	N 23 c 7.1 to N 29 a 95.8	6	19	do.
5 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.	49th.	N 29 a 85.95 to N 29 b 25.8	6	19	do.
6.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	113th.	1 Section N 29 a 85.95) 1 Gun N 23 c 45.1) 1 " N 29 a 85.95)	24 BX		do.

2. The ammunition allotted will be equally distributed over the time allotted and fired at irregular intervals.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

A. J. Noonan

Captain and Adjutant,
"H" GROUP.

Copies issued at 4 p.m. 13/1/1917 to :-

G.O. 6th. Inf. Brigade	Copy No. 1
G.O. 49th. Battery	2
G.O. 12th. "	3
G.O. 52nd. "	4
G.O. 113th. "	5
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"H" GROUP MINOR OPERATION ORDER No. 15,

Headquarters,
16/1/1917.

1. Firing tonight, 16th./16th. inst., will be in accordance with the following TABLE. It is suspected that a German relief is taking place.

TIME	BATTERY	RANGE	AMMUNITION	RATE OF
8 p.m. to 9 p.m.	82nd.	H 23 & 65.3 to H 23 & 8.9	H.K. 72 V.S. 24	See para 1
10 p.m. to 11 p.m.	47th.	H 23 & 65.3 to H 23 & 65.95	72 24	do.
12 (midnight) to 1 a.m.	12th.	H 23 & 65.6 to H 23 & 60.6	72 24	do.
10.15 p.m. to 11.25 p.m.	113th.	1 Section - H 23 & 65.3 1 Cwn - H 23 & 7.1 1 * H 23 & 55.2	12	Sty. Fire 10 rounds
		do.	12	do.

2. 10 par. Batteries. Four bursts of fire of 24 rounds each. Battery fire 10 each. The remaining three (3) bursts to be fired at irregular intervals throughout the hour allotted, at the discretion of Battery Commander.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Captain and Adjutant,
"H" GROUP.

Copies issued at	To :-	Copy No. 1
G.O. 25th. Inf. Brigade		2
G.O. 12th. Battery.		3
G.O. 47th.		4
G.O. 82nd.		5
G.O. 113th.		6
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"H" GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 17

Headquarters,
15/1/1917.

Reference Map : CHEVRECOURT to THILLOY and BEAULIEUCOURT.

- 1. A relief of the 361st. B.L.B. is expected this evening 15th./16th. January 1917.
- 2. In order to harass the enemy, two 18 per. Batteries of "H" group will shell areas as follows :-

52nd. Battery - SUN TRENCH, from H 29 a 85.95 to H 29 b 8.2.

This TASK will be allotted in six (6) equal portions, one to each gun, which will sweep backwards and forwards along its portion of the trench, and periodically all guns will lift 50 yards at a time as far as BRISTONE TRENCH and back again to original Tacks on SUN TRENCH according to the following TIME TABLE :-

- 10 p.m. - SUN TRENCH - Battery fire 5 secs. for two (2) minutes
- 10.30 p.m. - Lift 50 yards between rounds as far as BRISTONE TRENCH. 45 rounds to be expended in the total lift from SUN to BRISTONE TRENCH. Battery fire 5 secs.
- 11.10 p.m. Repeat on SUN TRENCH as for 10 p.m.
- 11.40 p.m. Repeat lift from SUN to BRISTONE TRENCH as for 10.30 p.m.
- 12.15 a.m. Repeat on SUN TRENCH as for 10 p.m. and 11.10 p.m.
- 11. Repeat lift from SUN to BRISTONE TRENCH.

49th. Battery - BRISTONE TRENCH - H 23 a 4.6 to H 30 e 3.9.

This TASK will be divided into six (6) equal portions, each allotted to one gun, which will sweep its portion and drop by 50 yards at a time to SUN TRENCH according to the following TIME TABLE :-

- 10.10 p.m. - BRISTONE TRENCH - Battery fire 5 secs. for two minutes
- 10.40 p.m. - Drop to SUN TRENCH at 50 yards decrease of range between rounds. 45 rounds to be expended in the total drop to BRISTONE TRENCH. Battery fire 5 secs.
- 11.20 p.m. - Repeat on BRISTONE TRENCH as for 10.10 p.m.
- 11.50 p.m. - Repeat drop from BRISTONE to SUN TRENCH as for 10.40 p.m.
- 12.25 a.m. - Repeat on BRISTONE TRENCH as for 10.10 p.m.
- 12.55 a.m. - Repeat drop from BRISTONE TRENCH to SUN TRENCH as for 10.40 p.m.

- 3. Allotments of ammunition per Battery 200 rounds, 25% "A" and 75% "B"
- 4. TACKS to be synchronised at 9.30 p.m.
- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

[Signature]
Captain and Adjutant.

"B" GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 2.

Headquarters,
Jan. 17th. 1917.

1. A concentrated bombardment by Heavy and Medium Howitzers will be carried out on the 17th. Inst. by the Heavy Artillery on positions from N 29 to N 33 at 1.5, and the Medium from N 23 to N 28 at 28.00.
2. Duration of bombardment, one hour, commencing at 8.30 p.m.
3. The 5th. Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate by bringing fire to bear on the lower portion of positions from N 29 to N 33 at 1.5 to N 29 at 0.5, and will search the ground for some distance on each side of the trenches bombarded by the Heavy Artillery, in order to prevent any shells falling into shell holes.
4. One 18 per. Battery (58th. and 56th.) "B" Group, will shell positions from N 23 to N 28 at 28.00 to N 29 at 28.00 and vicinity, and is divided as follows:-
58th. Battery - N 23 to N 28 at 28.00 to N 29 at 28.00
56th. " " N 29 at 28.00 to N 29 at 28.00
118th. Medium Battery will shell positions from N 29 to N 33 at 28.00.
5. "A" Group Artillery are co-operating.
6. RATES OF FIRE:- From 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
1.5" How. 700 rounds per gun per minute.
18 per. 400 rounds per gun per minute.
From 9.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
18 per. 400 rounds per gun per minute.

Every endeavour must be made to get observations of fire.

17/1/1917.

D. Gorman
 Captain and Adjutant,
 "B" GROUP.

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"B" GROUP ARTILLERY ORDER No. 1.

BY

LIEUT. COLONEL G. V. PHILLIPS, D.S.O., Command, "B" GROUP ARTY.

Headquarters,
19/1/1917.

1. COMMAND:

Lieut. Colonel G. V. PHILLIPS, D.S.O., has taken over the command of Night Group Artillery during the absence of Lieut. Colonel W. COX TAYLOR, D.S.O., sick, from 10th. inst.

Captain W. L. DEVER, 13th. V. A. Brigade, assumes command of the 56th. Battery from 10th. inst., during the absence of Capt. G. V. C. PHIBBS, M.A. whilst on sick leave.

2. DUTIES:

Forward Observing Officer for 56th. inst. -	Lieut. A. D. HENNINGSON, 52nd
Heat for duty -	Lieut. F. C. S. BOWEN, 52nd
Night Observation Officer -	Lieut. S. HANDELBY, 56th
Heat for duty -	Lieut. G. F. HARRISON, 57th
Battery supplying Sergeants -	56th. Battery
Heat for duty -	57th. "

Hours of duty for F. O. O. will be from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Observation Officer from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m.

G. V. Phillips
 Captain and Adjutant,
 "B" Group Artillery.

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NIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

Headquarters,
21/1/1917.

1. The re-organization of the Divisional Artillery will be carried out as above.
2. The change of order will take place on the 22nd. inst.
3. The guns of the 58th. Battery and 49th. Battery will be withdrawn from the line.
4. The 58th. Battery will take over the 58th. Battery position with the Night Section of the 60th. Battery.
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7. All maps, notices, memoranda, etc. will be taken over and passed over.
8. The 58th. Battery will go to the 49th. and 60th. Batteries. The Night Section of the 58th. Battery will go to the 51st. Battery.
9. The 58th. Battery will withdraw the ammunition guns of the 58th. Battery and return them to their own lines. The 58th. Battery will withdraw the ammunition guns of the 58th. Battery and return them to their own lines.
10. The 58th. Battery will take the ammunition from their old position to their new one.
11. APPROVED BY ME.

A. L. L. L.
 Captain and Adjutant,
 Night Group.

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