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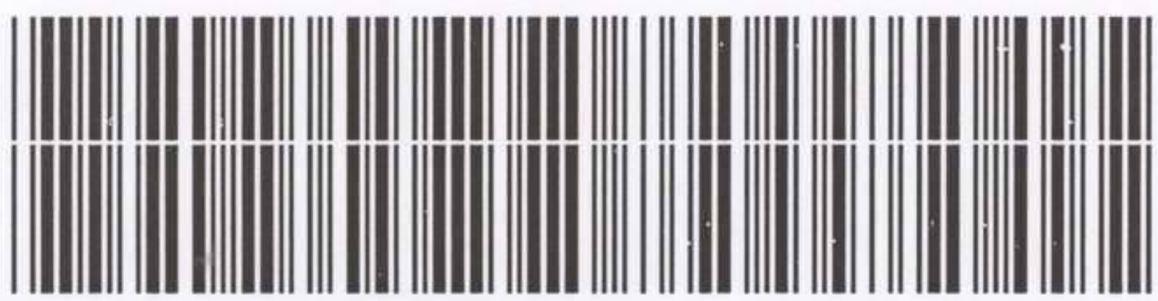

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Map reference, Sheet 28 Belgium & part of France.

The distribution of "C" Group 21st Div Arty as taken over by 3rd Army Bde A.F.A. on 31-10-17 from 113th Bde. R.F.A. ~~on 31/10/17 from 113th Bde~~ after relief of the 113th Bde R.F.A. 17 Battery on 1st November is as under:-

7th Battery	J 2 D 15·70
8th "	J 2 C 80·50
9th "	J 14 A 45·80
103rd "	J 13 A 55·55
122nd/52nd "	J 13 B 3·3
C/52nd "	J 13 A 75·87
D/52nd "	J 14 A 53·60

S.O.S. Lines & daily allotment of ammunition as per "C" Group O.O attached.

Our Artillery

Time	Battery	Target	No of rounds Shrapnel	H.E.
-	8th	S.O.S lines & 1000x in rear.	24	24
"	103rd	S.O.S lines	-	24

2nd November 1917

5.55AM	7th	Barrage as per O.O.144	87	146
"	8th	-do-	104	104
"	103rd	-do-	-	104
"	122nd	-do-	80	141
"	C/52nd	-do-	92	150
"	D/52nd	-do-	-	48

3rd November 1917

NIL

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	4th November 1917			
			Our Artillery	No of Round.
			Time Battery Target	Shrapn H.E
			7th Army Barrage VA (A) as per 21st D.A Instruction No. 13	98 190
			" 8th -do-	120 120
			" 103rd "	123
			" D/52nd "	- 60
			" C/52nd "	210 96
			" 122nd "	264 -
			" " Trench Mortar fire action V 12 B 1.6 V 12 A. 90.85	- 60
	5th November 1917.			
			" 7th Army Barrage as per 21st D.17 Instruction No. 13	161 136
			Burst of fire	28 24
			" 8th Burst of fire 1000 - 1200	
			E of S.O.S. Line	31 10
			" " Army Barrage	161 136
			" D/52 -do-	- 15
			" 122nd Burst of fire	36 -
			Army Barrage	184 -
			" C/52nd Burst of fire	32 16
			Army Barrage	162 82
	6th November 1917			
	6 AM		7th As per C Group Order 146 Searching & sweeping	468 184
			" 8th -do-	359 9
			" 122nd "	288 7
			" C/52 "	380 9
			" V 30 D 18 V 30 B 4.1	
			12 hour " Hostile Battery	58 1
			6 AM. D/52 As per C Group Order 146	- 15
			" " V 30 C 9.9 - 8.6	90 gas
			Hostile Bty (106 Fuzes)	- 80

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7th November 1917.

Our Artillery Time	Battery	Target	No of Rounds Shrap	H.E
-	7th	In accordance with 21st D.A. Instruction No. 17 Army Barage A (a)	121	78
-	8th	- do -	117	58
"	122nd	"	180	60
"	C/52	"	120	122
"	D/52	"	-	150

Detail of casualties in 3rd Army Bde A.F.A. week ending 7-11-17.

Regt No	Rank	Name	Bty	Date	Remarks.
3714	Gnr	Musk W.	103rd	1-11-17	To Hos gassed
314th	"	Batchlore K	"	"	"
345	"	John R.	"	"	"
2079	"	Sloane A. H.	"	"	"
4309	"	Boyce B.	9th	2-11-17	"
11982	"	Leish A. B.	"	"	"
1951	Cpl.	Blakeney B. A	"	"	"
19334	Gnr.	Phillips L. H. R	7th	3-11-17	To Hos wounded
5608	"	Owen E. L.	"	"	"
5367	Dvr.	Lay J.	8th	"	"
27566	"	Milson H. G. V.	"	"	"
773	Gnr	Taylor A. R.	9th	4-11-17	"
6101	"	Hook B. S.	103rd	5-11-17	To Hos shell shock
2008	"	Leahy J.	"	"	To Hos wounded

8th November 1917

Our Artillery Time	Battery	Target	No of Rounds Shrap	H.E.
		NIL		

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9th November, 1917.

Our Artillery			No of Rounds	
Time	Battery	Target	Shrap	HE
.	C/52nd	Trench J 12 B 2.2	24	–

10th November, 1917

3-30 P.M.	C/52nd	Trench J 12 D. 05.65	16	16

11th November 1917.

-	122nd	Trench & Communication E of S.O.S.	80	40
5-45 am.	C/52nd	J 12 B 80.65	32	.

12th November 1917

— Nil. —

13th November, 1917.

.	9th	Registration	35	13

14th November 1917.

.	A/52nd	Zero Point	7	
.	103rd	Registration	.	15

Detail of casualties in 3rd Army Bde A & A for week ending 14-11-17

Regt no	Rank	Name	Bty	Date	Remarks
6062	Gnr	Johns. J. R	7th	8-11-17	Wounded
1667	Dr	Dempsey E. A	"	"	"
1690	"	Davis R. W	"	"	"
1707	"	Straube S. E.	"	"	"
29563	Gnr	Pinkerton R	8th	"	"
33651	"	Perry W. E.	9th	11-11-17	"
6053	"	Montgomery W J	7th	12-11-17	Shell Shock
25463	"	Olesen O. B	7th	13-11-17	Gassed.
2504	Dr	Keoane. E.	103rd	14-11-17	Wounded.

Hour	Date	Place

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15th November 1917.

Our Artillery Time Battery	Target	No of Rounds Shrap	HE
5-50 am. C/52	S. O. S. Lines	30	30
6-15 "			
6-20 C/52	1-12-b. 80-15 b		
6-40 am	1-12 b. 90-30	-	20
5-45 am D/52	S. O. S Lines. In retaliation	-	50

Weather:- Fair. Observation poor.

16th November 1917

In accordance with R. G. A. 17 Order No. 55 dated 15-11-17 Left Group Artillery came under the tactical control of C.R.A. N.Z. Div Arty at 10-30 am. on 16-Nov-1917.

Our Artillery Time Battery	Target.	No of Rounds Shrap	HE
- 103rd	Registration of Zero Point	.	16
- A/52	do	2	53
6 am. C/52	1 12B 20-15	20	20
- D/52	ZWANHOEK CROSS ROADS	.	27

Weather. Hazy Observation Bad

17th November 1917

6-30 am C/52	1 12 B. 60-00 b		
to 6-7 am	1 12 B. 30-30	18	37
" 122	Communication E of S. O. S.	30	3

Weather Hazy Observation Bad

Strength 32 officers 942 O. Ranks

Guns in Action 18 Pdr 10 4.5" Howr 2

18th November 1917

Our Artillery Time Battery	Target	No of Rounds Shrap	14
7 am 7th	1 6 a 40-00 to 1 6 a 00-50 & in rear (Barrage L.A)	90	90
" 8th	Barrage L.A	120	120
" 9th	do do	96	87
" 103rd	do do	.	66
" 17/52	do do	120	120
" C/52	do do	105	105
" 122	Movement in JOURNAL		
" .	WOOD	25	25
" 122	Barrage L.A	121	120

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Our Artillery Time	Battery	Target	No of Rounds Shrap	HE
7 am	D/52	Barrage L A	-	160

Weather Fair Observation Fair

19th November 1917

-	7th	J.6.c. 60.88 to J.6.a 30.30	9	-
"	7th	J.6.a.48.00 to J.6.a.00.50 Barrage (M.A)	63	63
"	8th	S.O.S. Lewis	12	.
		Barrage (M.A)	84	84
-	9th	S.O.S Lewis	9	.
		Barrage (M.A)	59	57
"	103rd	Battery Lane (M.A) Barrage	-	42
"	A/52	S.O.S. Lewis	12	.
		Barrage (M.A)	70	70
"	C/52	S.O.S. Lewis	12	-
		Barrage (M.A.)	75	74
"	D/52	do	-	105
"	122	Testing S.O.S. Lewis	12	
"		Barrage (M.A)	74	74

Weather Dull Observation Bad

20th November 1917

	7th	J.6.a.48.00 to J.6.a 00.50 + in rear. Barrage N.A	87	86
	8th	Barrage N.A	132	129
	9th	do	86	83
		Zero Line Registration	14	37
	103rd	Barrage N.A	-	66
	A/52	do	99	99
	C/52	do	90	90
	D/52	do	-	15
	122	do	132	132

Weather Dull Observation Bad

21st November 1917

103rd Registration of Zero Point - 14

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Detail of Casualties in 3rd Army Bde A.F.A.
Week ending 21-11-17

Regt No	Rank	Name	Bty	Date	Remarks
2569	Gnr	Boyd. J.H.	7th	15.11.17	Wd
21036	Sgt.	Knox G.E.M.	7th	do	do
2035	Gnr	Quin W.M.S.	9th	do	do
32495	"	Hill. C	8th	16.11.17	do
11392	"	Ross R.G.S.	8th	17.11.17	do
3305	"	Barry. J	7th	19.11.17	Gassed

Weather:- misty. Observation Poor.

22nd November 1917.

Our Artillery		Target	No of Rounds	
Time	Battery		Shrapn	H E
4 Pm to	7th	J 18 b. 15.25 to		
4.18		K7.C.00.10 to		
		Standard Line		
		K13a 80.00 to		
		K7 d.4.1	170	41
"	8th	do do	115	30
"	9th	do do	80	20
"	A/52	do do	120	30
"	C/52	do do	98	4
"	122	do do	118	5
"	103rd	J.18.c. Central to		
		K.7.C.0.1 to K.7 d 4.1		
		to K13 C Central	-	15
"	D/52	do do		136

Weather misty Observation Poor

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23rd November. 1917

Our Time	Battery.	Target.	No of Rounds Shrap	H.E.
7am		E. 25. d. 80.25 to E. 25. d. 75.05	33	20
8am		Concentration. B.M.145	32	16
"		S. O. S. at request of Infantry.	12	-
9am		B.M.145. Concentration	28	20
"		S. O. S. at request of Infantry.	12	-
103rd		Barrage as per Instns	-	28
A/52		do do	48	12
C/52		J. 12. b. 60. 10 Track at J. 12. b. 90.30 Road. K. 7. a. 20. 75	20	10
D/52		Concentration. B.M.145	-	34
122		do do	30	20
C/52		do do	34	16

Weather Fair. Observation Fair

24th November. 1917

	7am	J. 6. c. 75.62 to J. 6. c 66.77 as per O.O. 156	72	72
	8am	Concentration Shoot.	96	48
4.45 Pm.	9am	do do	93	93
	C/52	As per. O.O. 156	51	54
	D/52	do do	-	120
	122	Journal Wood. J. 12. b.	90	90

Weather ~~Poor~~ Dull Observation Poor

Strength. 32 Officers 930 O. Ranks

Guns in action 16. 18 Pdrs 6. 4.5" Hows

25th November. 1917

	7am	J. 18. a. 30.23 to J. 18 a. 50.35 in accordance with D.H. Instructions No. 89	60	60
	"	S. O. S. Lines & in rear	263	266
	8am	As per Instructions No. 89.	69	35
		Barrage.	295	152
	9am	As per Instns 89.	298	300
	A/52	do	153	459
	122	do	249	249
	C/52	do	201	188
	D/52	do	-	440
	103rd	do	-	212

Weather Fair Observation Fair.

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Our Artillery

Time	Battery	Target	No of Rounds Shrap	HE
6-15 am	7th	As per N.Z.D.A. Instructions	318	330
	"	S.O.S. Line	20	-
	8th	As per N.Z.D.A Instructions	307	291
		S.O.S. Line	18	-
	9th	As per N.Z.D.A. Instructions	447	440
	103rd	do do	-	508
	A/52	do do	320	278
	"	S.O.S. Line	20	-
	122	As per N.Z.D.A. Instructions	270	242
	C/52	do do	250	232
	D/52	do do	-	200
		Weather Dull. Observation Poor.		
27th November 1917				
	7th Bty	J.18.a.30.23 to J.18.A.50.35		
		N.Z.D.A. Instructions No. 89	234	233
	8th "	do do	174	173
	9th "	do do	90	90
	103rd "	do do	-	460
	A/52	do do	227	238
	122	do do	510	390
	C/52	do do	509	360
	"	Machine Gun at J.18.a.62.52	18	15
	D/52	As per N.Z.D.A. Instn No. 89	-	450
		Weather fair Observation fair		
28th November 1917				
	7th Bty	N.Z.D.A. Instructions 89	300	300
		Registration Zero Line	70	-
	8th Bty	N.Z.D.A. Instructions 89	476	477
	9th "	do do	341	330
	103rd "	do do	-	260
	A/52	do do	294	322
	122nd	do do	111	110
	C/52	do do	114	71
		Registration of Poldenhock Chateau	16	20
	D/52	N.Z.D.A. Instructions 89	-	244
29th November 1917		Instn 89 No. 2. File "P"		
	7th Bty	do do	534	377
	8th "	do do	576	202
	9th "	do do	501	312
	103rd "	do do	-	767
	A/52nd	do do	206	165
	122	do do	429	428
	C/52nd	do do	379	223
	D/52nd	do do	680	680

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Our Artillery			No of Rounds	
Time	Battery	Target	Shrap.	HE
	7th	As per Instruction 89	521	522
	8		689	305
	9		95	130
	103		-	462
	A/52		555	185
	122		430	220
	C/52		339	213
	D/52		-	600
	Weather. Fine	Observation Good.		
	Guns in action	17 - 18 Pdrs 3 - 4.5 Hows		
	Strength of Brigade.	31 Off. 926 O. Ranks		

Total of Casualties in 3rd Army Brigade 6 month ending 30.11.17

Regtl No	Rank	Name	Unit	Date	Casualty
1034	Sergt.	Potts. J	9th	22.11.17	Wounded
11353	Temp. Cpl.	King. A.V.C.	103rd	24.11.17	-do-
20935	Gunner.	Doyle. J. M.	7th	26.11.17	Kia A.
19766	-do-	Robertson. J.K.	103rd	24.11.17	Wounded.

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Commanding 3rd Army Bde A.F.A.

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"C" Group Artillery
Operation Order No 42 — Copy No. 9
By Lt. Col J J Stevenson C.M.G.
31st Oct 1917

Map Reference
Becelaere 1/10,000

Batteries of "C" Group will fire Army Barrages on 1st & 2nd Nov. Bursts of fire on the night 31st October 1st Nov & 2nd Nov. in accordance with 2nd Div. Arty. Instructions issued herewith (No. 13).

Starting point for Army Barrage will be present S O S Lines.

The Starting point for the Barrage for 4.5 Hows will be 100 yards in advance of 18 pdr. barrage.

18 Pdr. Bty. Commdrs will arrange that 1/3 of their Guns in action are used in the B portion of the Barrage.

Acknowledge:-

A M Humphrey Capt
Maj 3rd Army Bde R.F.A.

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"C" Group Artly

Copy No. 8

Operation Order No. 143

By Lt. Col. J. J. Stevenson C.M.G.

1-11-17

Map Ref.

Becelaere 1/10,000

Ref. 21st Div. Artly. Instructions No. 4 dated 1-11-17 herewith.

From 6 p.m. on 1st Nov. S.O.S. Lines will be as under:-

"C" Group J12 C 35.90 - J12 a 8-6 - J6 C 8-1

Above S.O.S. line is allotted to Batteries as under:-

7th - J12 A 78-78 to J6 C 80-10

8th - J12 A 72-47 to J12 A 80-60 to J12 A 78.78

122nd - J12 A 85-18 to J12 A 72-50

C/52 - J12 C 35.90 to J12 A 85.20

103rd How. on points at J12 B 12.50, J6 D 40.07 to J12 B 80.65

D/52 How. Bty. on points at J12 A 85.00 & K 7 A 05.00.

Daily Allotment of Ammunition

From noon 31-10-17 to noon 7-11-17 the allotment of ammunition for day & night firing for guns or How. is:-

92 rds. per gun or how. per day.

This allotment is not to be exceeded under normal conditions and it is not intended that the full allotment be fired daily.

Dumps at Gun positions:-

Dumps at Gun positions will be kept up to:-

400 rds per nominal 18pdr.

250 " " " 4.5 how.

Echelons at Wagon lines will be kept filled

Cancellation:

O.O. No. 142 & Artillery Instructions No. 13 dated 31-10-17 are cancelled.

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4- 122
5- D/52
6- C/52
7- FILE
8-9-10 War Diary

A Humphreys Capt
Adj. "C" Group

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Copy No. 9

"6" Group Artly

Operation Order No. 144
By Lt. Col. G J Stevenson Cmdg

1-11-17

Reference 21st Div. Artly. Instructions No 13 & O.O. Nos. 142 & 143

Amendment to Instructions No 13 are issued herewith and the tasks set out therein will be carried out on the dates shown

Army Barrage V a will be carried out on 2nd Nov.

All 18 pdrs will be employed in the A. Barrage

Barrage by 4.5 hows will be 500 yards in advance of 18 pdr. barrage.

Acknowledge.

Copies to:-
1-7th, 5-C/5r
2-8th 6-D/5r
3-103rd 7-FILE
4-1r 8, 9, 10 War Diary

A M Humphreys Capt
Adj. "6" Group.

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"C" Group Artillery — Copy No 4

Operation Order No. 145

By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson C.M.G.

3-11-17.

D/52 How. Battery will relieve 103rd Aust. How. Bty in the line on the morning of 8th Nov.

Personnel only will be relieved. There will be no movement of Guns Stores or Ammunition.

O.C. D/52 Battery will arrange to keep the Guns of his present position fully manned & in action in addition to the Guns in the 103rd Bty position.

The personnel of 103rd Bty will withdraw to wagon line and will relieve personnel of D/52 Bty about 12th Nov.

Detailed arrangements for the relief will be arranged between the Battery Commanders concerned Major Slaney 103rd Bty Major Doake D/52 Bty.

Relief to be completed by 10 a.m. on 8th Nov & reported to this office.

Copies to:-

1- 103rd
2- D/52
3- FILE
4, 5, 6 & 7 War Diary.

A M Humphrey Capt
Adj. "C" Group.

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Copy No. 5

"C" Group Arty.
Operation Order No. 145A.
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson C.M.G.

4-11-17

Map Reference
Beelaere 1-10000

In accordance with 21st Div. Arty Instructions No. 15 the following bombardments will be carried out in preparation for a future operation:-

Battery	Date	Time	Target
D/5r	4th Nov.	2pm - 2.30pm	
		2.30pm - 2.33pm	J18 B 7.7
		3.30pm - 3.35pm.	
103rd	4th Nov.	2pm - 2.30pm.	
		2.30pm - 2.33pm	J18 B 65-85 to
		3.30pm - 3.35pm	J12 D 45. 15
D/5r	5th Nov.	3pm - 3.3pm.	
		3.30pm - 3.33pm	Same target as
		4.30pm - 4.35pm.	for 4th Nov.
103rd	5th Nov.	3pm - 3.3pm	
		3.30pm - 3.33pm	Same target as
		4.30pm - 4.35pm.	for 4th Nov.

Ammunition
Smoke & BCBR (Gas)

Rates of Fire
Open with a salvo from all Hows with Smoke shell at commencement of each period of fire then continue with Gas at 2 rds per gun per minute.

Task for 4th Nov. issued under M.V. dated 4-11-17.

Acknowledge.

Copies to:-
1- 103rd
2- D/5r
3. File
4. 5th Div War Diary.

A M Humphreys Capt
Maj "C" Group.

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"C" Group Artly.
Operation Order No. 146
By Lt. Col. G. I. Stevenson C.M.G.

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Map. Ref. Becelaere 1/10,000.

5-11-17.

Ref. 21st Div. Artly. Instructions No. 16 issued herewith:-

In accordance with Para 3(b) 18 pdrs. of "C" Group will fire as under:-

C/52 will search & sweep the area from J17A 00.65 to J11C 00.00 to J11D00.00 to J17B 00.65 and pay particular attention to JUNIPER SUPPORT TRENCH

122nd. Bty. will search & sweep from J17A00.25 to J17A 00.65 to J17B00.65 to J17B 00.25

7th Bty. will search & sweep from J17B 00.50 to J11D00.00 to J12C00.00 to J18A 00.50.

8th Bty. will search & sweep from J17B00.00 to J17B00.50 to J18A00.50 to J18A00.00.

Battery Commdrs. will arrange to search & sweep in the area allotted to them.

Period of fire
From Zero to Zero + ~~60~~ 120

Rate of fire
1 rd. per gun per minute.

Projectile
80 % A 20 % AX.

Zero hour will be notified later at short notice. 6 am.

Zero hour & date will be notified to Units by the following code messages. RATIONS required for (Date) (Time as one number e.g. 620)

Acknowledge:

W H Humphrey Capt.
Adj. "C" Group.

Copies to:-
1- 7th
2- 8th
3- 9th
4- 122nd
5- D/52
6- C/52
7- FILE
8, 9, 10, 11 War Diary.

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Copy No. 9

"C" Group Artly
Operation Order No. 117
By Lt. Col. G. I. Stevenson C.M.G

6-11-17

All batteries of "C" Group will fire in accordance with 21st Div. Artly Instructions No 17 issued herewith:
2/3 of 18 Pdrs available will fire in A. Barrage
1/3 of 18 Pdrs & all 4.5" Hows will fire in B Barrage.
B Barrage will be 100 yards in advance of A. Barrage.

Acknowledge.

Copies to:- 1-7th 2-8th
3-9th 4-9th
5-3/5th 6 FILE
7.8.9.10 Diarys.

A.N. Humphreys Major
Maj. "C" Group.

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Copy No. 9

Left Group Arty
Operation Order No. 149
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson C.M.G.

9-11-17.

Ref. Map.
Becelaere 1/10000 Ed. 1A

Relieffs.

In accordance with 21st D.A. instructions No. 18 dated 8-11-17. the following Batteries of 7th Div. Arty were relieved by C Group on the night 8/9th Nov.

12th Bty by A 52nd Bty
31st How " " 103rd How. "

All guns & gun stores to be handed over in situ.

Ammunition

Until noon Nov. 11th the following will be the daily allotment of Amm. for day & night firing:-

18 pdrs - 60 rds per gun per day
4.5" Hows - 60 " " Howr " "

Dumps at gun positions will be maintained at:-

300 rds per 18 pdr.
200 " " 4.5" Howr.

Salvage.

All empty cartridge cases are to be salved from positions as soon as possible. After the present accumulation has been cleared up Batteries will advise Group H.Q. when they requires a wagon from the B.A.C. for this purpose.

Redistribution of Groups.

In accordance with 21st D.A. O.O. No. 89 dated 9-11-17 "C" Group will be known as Left Group from 6 p.m. 9th Nov. consisting of:- 3rd Army Bde R.G.A.
52nd " " R.F.A.

Zone.

South J12 A 0.3 to K1C 0.0
North J6 A 0.5 to E26C 0.9

S.O.S. lines:

J12 A 70.45 - J12 A 9-8
J6C 9-7 - J6 A 3-3

Distributed to Batteries as under:

7th: J6C 58.97 to J6A 30.20
8th: J6C 90.40 to J6C 90.70
9th: J6C 90.20 to J6C 90.43
A/52nd: J6C 90.70 to J6C 58.97
12th: J12A 90.80 to J6C 90.20
C/52nd: J12A 70.42 to J12A 90.80

4.5" Hows on the following points:-

103rd Bty: J6A 82.72, J6A 63.50, J6B 15.23, J6B 45.15
D/52nd " J6D 20-58, J6D 56.37, J6D 85.50
J6D 43.07, J12B 15.50, K1C 17.17

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Barrages

The S.O.S. lines are given for "A" Barrage which will consist of all available 18 pdrs. B Barrage consisting of all 4.5 Hows will be on selected points in each Group Zone about 300 yards beyond A Barrage.

Special attention will be paid to the points opposite Beulaere, Judge Cross Roads, & Joiners Rest.

Acknowledge..

Copies to :- 1- 7th
2- 8th
3- 9th
4- 10th
5- A/52 A W Humphreys Capt.
6- 12th Maj. Left Group.
7- C/52
8- D/52
9- FILE

10, 11, 12, 13 War diary.

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"Left" Group Artly.
Operation Order No. 150
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson Cmdg. 11-11-17

Ref. Map 1/10000 Beerlaere Ed. 1A

In accordance with R.A XIth Corps No. 36/119 dated 9-11-17 the following redistribution of Artillery will take place.

On the 15th Nov. the 14th, 18th, 53rd, 113th, 189th & 3rd Aus Army Bdes will be transferred to command of 2nd ANZAC when the G.O.C. XIth Corps hands over to G.O.C. 2nd ANZAC.

All guns will be withdrawn from positions which will not be used for the winter as the situation permits and on withdrawal will form part of XIth Corps pool. The displaced guns must be withdrawn with as little delay as possible.

In accordance with 21st D.A.O.O. No 90 dated 10-11-17 the 21st Division will extend its front to the REUTELBEEK on the night 11/12th Nov.

S.O.S. Lines: from 9 a.m. 13th Nov. the S.O.S lines will be—

J12A 5.0 to J12A 9.8 - J6C 9.7 - J6A 3.2

Allotted to Batteries as under:-

7th	Bty	J6C 65.93 to J6A 30.20
A/52	"	J12A 90.80 to J6C 90.35
8th	"	J6C 90.70 to J6C 65.95
9th	"	J6C 90.35 to J6C 90.75
113	"	J12A 70.40 to J12A 90.80
C/52	"	J12A 50.00 to J12A 70.40

4.5" Hows on the following points:-

103rd Bty:-	J6A 65.30 - J6A 85.30 - J6B 20.07	
	J6D 30.60 . J6D 35.20 - J6D 43.07	
D/52 "	J12B 15.55. J12A 85.00. J12C 00.50	
	J11D 43.10. J12C 75.47 J12C 20.47	

Zone from 9 a.m 13th Nov. 17.

South J12A 5.0 to K8A 0.5
North J5B 5.3 to E26C 0.9

LIAISON

Right & Left Groups will take it in turn to send one Liaison Officer for the 2 Bttn. H.Q. at J10A 7.8 for 4 days, commencing with Left Group at 10 a.m 13th Nov. 17.

The Senior Liaison Officer at Hodge Crater will be relieved every 4 days commencing with Right Group at 10 a.m. on 13th Nov. 17.

Batteries will be notified when they furnish above duties.

Acknowledge.

Copies:- 1- 7th
2- 8th
3- 9th
4- 103 9- FILE
5- 12 10, 11, 12, 13 War diary
6- A/52
7- C/52
8- D/52

A M Humphrey Capt.
Maj. Left Group.

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Copy No 10

Amendment to "Left" Group
Operation Order No. 150
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson Cmdg
Commdg "Left" Group Artly 13-11-17.

In accordance with 21st D.A. 1041 the S.O.S. lines from 6pm 13-11-17 will be:-

Left Group: J12A 85.0 to J12A70.43 to J6C70.76 to J6A32.

In accordance with above the S.O.S. lines in Left Group OO No. 150 are cancelled & the following substituted to come into force from 6pm. 13-11-17:-

7th Bty: J6C 60.88 - J6A 30.20
8th " : J6C 70.55 - J6C 70.76 - J6C 60.90
9th " J6C 70.20 - J6C 70.57
A/52 " J12A 70.75 - J6C 70.33
12 " : J12 A 65.33 - J12A 70.45 - J12A 70.78
C/52 " : J12A 50.00 - J12 A 67.35
103rd Bty: J6A 65.20, J6A 85.30, J6B 20.07, J6D 20.60, J6D 35.20
J6D 43.07
D/52 " J12B 15.55, J12A 85.00, J11D 43.10, J12C 75.47, J12D 15.55
J18A 53.60

Acknowledge:

Copies to: 1-7th 2-8th
3-9th 4-103
5-A/52 6-12
7-C/52 8-D/52
9-FILE 10, 11, 12, 13 DIARY.

A M Humphrey Capt B.A.
Maj. Left Group.

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Copy No. 12

"Left" Group Arty
Operation Order No 137
By Lt. Col G J Stevenson D.M.G. 17-11-17

N.Z. D.A. Instructions No 79 & 80, with details of practice Barrages are issued herewith:-

The Silent periods will be observed & Barrages fired in accordance with above instructions.

Ref. Instns No 79 para 3

18 Pdr Bties of Left Group will fire to cover their normal S.O.S. lines, with the exception of 7th & 8th Bties:

8th Bty will sweep to cover from T6C 70.55 to T6A 48.00.

7th " " " " cover from T6A 48.00 to T6A 00.50

Ref. Instns No. 79 para 4 – 4.5 Hows.

103rd Bty will cover Standard Line from T6A 00.50 to T12A 70.70

D/52 " " " " Line from T12A 70.70 to T16 B. 50.00

Each Bty to select its own points in these Sectors.

Watches will be synchronized at 10 p.m.

Acknowledge.

Copies to:- 1-7th
2-8th
3-9th
4-103rd
5-11/52
6-12
7-9/52
8-D/52
9-FILE
10, 11, 12, 13 Diary.

A W Humphreys Capt.
Maj "Left" Group

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Copy No. 11

"Left" Group Arty.

Operation Order No. 152

By Lt-Col. G. J. Stevenson Bde 20-11-17.

Ref. NZ DA. Instructions No. 89 issued herewith:-

The following rearrangement of Bties will be completed by 4 p.m. on 22nd Nov., under arrangements to be made between Bty. Cmdrs concerned:-

9th Bty. will take over 4 guns from 68th Bty. R.G.A at J13A40.00

152nd Bty. will take over 2 " " 68th Bty. R.G.A at J13D 30.10 & 2 guns from 88th Bty R.G.A at J13D 36.48.

Further Orders will be issued re the changes affecting A/52 Bty.

Guns, Sights, Aiming posts & Ammunition will be taken over in position, and copies of all receipts forwarded to this office on completion of relief.

All other stores will be retained.

Acknowledge.

Copies to:- 1-9th 5-A/52 A W Humphrey Capt.
2-8th 6-152 9. FILE Adj. "Left" Group
3-9th 7-C/52 10, 11, 12, 13 Diary.
4-103rd 8-D/52

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Copy No. 17

"Left" Group Artly.
Operation Order 153
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson Cmdg. 17.11.17

In accordance with N.Z. D.A. O.O. No 56 dated 20-11-17 the 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. & 52nd Army Bde. R.F.A. will withdraw from action to W.L. on the night 22nd/23rd Nov. 1917.

Guns will be withdrawn to W.L. from all positions occupied by Bty's on 23rd Nov. Movement may begin at 4.30 pm at which hour all responsibility of these 2 Bdes for fire on the front will cease.

Separate Orders will be issued regarding the disposal of Ammunition left in the Pits.

The 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. will report the 1st Aust. Corps on the 25th Nov. under orders to be issued later.

Ref. Instrn. No. 83

The A/52 Bty will arrange to take over the guns in position at J 2 A 83. 6.4 & withdraw them to W.L. on 23rd Nov.

The position is to be taken over by 4 pm on 23rd Nov. & completion reported by wire to this office.

Guns sights, aiming posts & Ammunition will be taken over in position and a copy of the Transfer Certificate forwarded to this Office.

Acknowledge.

A W Humphreys Capt
Adj. "Left" Group

Copies to:-
1 - 7th
2 - 8th
3 - 9th
4 - 103rd
5 - A/52
6 - B/52
7 - C/52
8 - D/52
9 - FAE
10 11 12 & 13 Diary

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Copy No. 72

"Left" Group Artly
Operation Order No. 154
By Lt. Col. J. J. Stevenson Comd

21-11-17.

The following barrage will be carried out by all 18 pdrs of Left Group commencing at 4 p.m. on 21st Nov.

Starting Line J18 B 15-25 to K 7 C 00.10

Allotted to Btys as under:-

8th Bty - K7C 00.10 - J18 B 87.97
7th " - J18 B 87.97 - J18 B 77.82
9th " - J18 B 77.82 - J18 B 67.67
A/52 " - J18 B 67.67 - J18 B 47.52
13 " - J18 B 42.52 - J18 B 27.37
C/52 " - J18 B 27.37 - J18 B 15.25

Remain on above lines for 3 mins then drop back at the rate of 150 yds every 2 mins until 4.15 p.m on to the Standard Line between J 12 A 70.43 - J 12 A 50.00 to J 12 C 00.30

Btys will search their own lane in this Area.

At 4.15 p.m. Btys will jump to the following line.

K13 A 80.00 - K7D 40.10

Allotted as under:

8th Bty. - K7D 40.10 - K13 B 30.95
7th " - K13 B 30.95 - K13 B 21.76
9th " - K13 B 21.76 - K13 B 10.56
A/52 " - K13 B 10.56 - K13 B 01.39
13 " - K13 B 01.39 - K13 A 90.30
C/52 " - K13 A 90.30 - K13 A 80.00

Remain on this line for 3 mins then stop i.e. at 4.18 p.m.

4.5 Hows Jacks.

Starting Line: J18 C Centre to K7C 0.1
Finishing Line: K7D 4.1 to K13 C Centres

From 4 p.m to 4.18 p.m all 4.5 Hows will engage selected targets between these 2 lines.

103rd Bty will take Northern Area
D/52 " " " Southern "

Rates of Fire

18 pdrs 4 rds per gun per minute
4.5 Hows. 2 " " How " "

Ammunition

18 pdrs. 80% A 20% AX
4.5 Hows. BX.

Acknowledge.

A W Humphrey Capt.
Maj. Left Group.

Copies to:- 1-7th, 2-8th 3-9th 4-103rd
5-A/52, 6-13, 7-C/52 8-D/52
9-FILE. 10, 11, 12, 13 Diary.

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Secret W.D. "Left" Group Artillery Copy No

Operation Order No 155

By Lt Col G.S. Stevenson C.M.G. 22.11.17

Ref N.Z.D.A. Instructions No 84 & 85.

From 12 noon on 23rd Nov. 52nd Army Brigade will be known as "A" Brigade.

3rd Army Brigade will be known as "B" Brigade.

7th - B1	A/52 - A1
8th - B2	122 - A2
9th - B3	C/52 - A3
103rd - B4	D/52 - A4.

"A" & "B" Brigades will for the present be one Group with H.Q. at TUILLERIES.

All S.O.S. lines previously allotted are cancelled as from 12 noon, 23rd November.

The following allotment of S.O.S. lines will come into force at 12 noon on 23rd November.

S.O.S lines are allotted to 18pdr Bttys as under:-

"A" Bde (52nd Army Bde R.F.A.)

A1 (A/52 Btty) J12 C 15.53 - J12 A 50 00.
A2 (122 ") J11 D 65.25 - J12 C 00.30 - J12 C 15.53
A3 (C/52 ") J11 D 10 10 - J11 D 65 25

"B" Bde (3rd Army Bde A.F.A.)

B1 (7th Btty) J6 C 70 53 - J6 C 70 78 - J6 A 30 20.
B2 (8th ") J12 A 70 68 - J6 C 70 53
B3 (9th ") J12 A 50 00 - J12 A 70 43 - J12 A 70 70.

Howitzer Batteries are allotted the following tasks on S.O.S. calls:-

A4 (D/52 Btty) J12 D 15.57 J12 A 85 00 J12 C 75 45
J12 D 15 10 J18 A 20.97 J12 B 15 50
B4 (103rd Btty) J12 B 80.60 J12 A 80 75 J12 D 40 08

One How. to search & sweep on Journal-Wood (J12B)
One How to sweep trench from J6 C 92.35 to J6 C 68 78
One How. on J6 A 75.10 to sweep & search cemetery on J6A

Ref para 8 N.Z.D.A. Inst 84.

In the event of a concentration on either "A" Bde or "B" Bde Front being ordered, Bttys take action as follows:-

Light Concentration (attack on "A" Bde Front) fall S.O.S. Night

"A" Brigade guns will continue to fire on their own S.O.S. Lines

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"B" Brigade Batteries will fire as under:-

B1 (7th Bty) on A1 (A/52) line i.e. J12C 15.53 - J12A 50.00
B2 (8th ") " A2 (122) " " J11D 65.25 - J12C 00.30 - J12C 15.53
B3 (9th ") " A3 (C/52) " " J11D 10.10 - J11D 65.25.

Left Concentration (all S.O.S. Left.
(attack on "B" Bde Front)

"B" Brigade Batteries will continue to fire on their own S.O.S. lines

"A" Brigade Batteries will fire as under:-

A1 (A/52) on B1 (7th Bty) line i.e. J6C 70.53 to J6C 70.78 to J6.A.30.20
A2 (122) on B2 (8th ") " " J12A 70.68 to J6C 70.53
A3 (C/52) on B3 (9th ") " " J12A 50.00 to J12A 70.43 to J12A 70.70

During these concentrations 4.5 How. Bty. will continue to fire on their allotted tasks.

Bty Commanders will take immediate steps to arrange these concentrations, so that fire can be brought to bear quickly & accurately.

Ref. Para. 5

Attention is directed to sub-paras (a) & (b).

Ref sub para (c)

Areas are allotted as under:-

A1 (A/52) J12 C & D & K7 C & D
A2 (122) K13 & K19
A3 (C/52) J17 A & B & J18
B1 (7th) K1 C & D
B2 (8th) K7 A & B
B3 (9th) J6 C & D & J12 A & B.

Special attention is directed to Paras. 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19.

Acknowledge.

A Humphrey Capt
Adjt. Left Group.

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"Left" Group Artillery

Operation Order No 156.

by Lieut Col G. L. Stevenson C.M.G. 23rd Nov 1917.

Ref N.Z.D.A. Instruction No 89.

Batteries are allotted tasks as under:-

A/1, A/2, A/3 } To search & sweep in Journal Wood (J12B) each Battery taking the whole area.

A/4 On selected points in vicinity of Journal Wood.

B1 J6c 75.62 to J6c 66.77.
B2 J6c 85.50 to J6c 75.62
B3 J6c 95.35 to J6c 85.50.
B4 on following points:-

J6c 66.75 - J6c 85.50.
J6c 93-35 - J6D 20.59.

Period of fire:- 4.45 p.m. to 4.57 p.m.
Ammunition to be expended in proportion held.
Watches will be synchronized about 2 p.m.

A Humphreys Capt.
Adjt "Left" Group.

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WD

Weiler Positions.

Ref. N.Z. D.A. Instructions No. 88.

Work under para 1 will be commenced at once.

Para 1 (f) will be carried out by B.A.C.

Ref. Para 3.

(1). 7th & 8th Bdes will build one O.P. to be selected in vicinity of J5 central.

(2). 9th & 10th " " " " " about J11 A central

(3). A/52 & 1/2 " " " " " " J11 Central

(4). C/52 & D/52 " " " " " in vicinity of J11 Central.

(5). Work will be commenced at once & location of O.P. selected reported to this office

(6). Bdes will report to this office as early as possible the approximate amount of material that will be required for this work.

24/11/17.

A W Campbell Capt
Adj. 1st Depot Group.

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Left Group Artly.
Operation Order No. 157
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson Comdg 24/11/17

Ref. D.A. Inst No 86, attention is directed to paras 19 & Para 3 - Harassing Fire.

The following Targets are allotted to 18 pdr Bdes & will be notified to Bdes by letters as shown below.

Bdes will be advised which targets they are to engage each day they are on duty.

Target No.	Map. Ref.
A	Jn D 00. 95 to Jn D 95. 80
B	Jn D 00. 55 to Jn D 76. 60 to Jn D 95. 80
C	Jn D 80. 60 to Kn D 65. 65
D	Kn D 65. 65 to Kn D 99. 85
E	Kn D 65. 65 to K 8 C 00. 35
F	Jn D 80. 85 to K 1 D 65. 47
G	J 1 B 00. 88 to K 1 C 80. 80
H	J 18 B 65. 65 to J 18 B 85. 75 to J 18 D 55. 95
I	J 18 B 90. 65 to J 13 A 80. 00
J	J 13 B 00. 35 to J 13 B 80. 95
K	J 6 B 75. 07 to J 6 B 45. 15 to K 1 A 90. 07 to K 1 C 81. 80
L	5 tracks running from K 1 A 90. 10 to K 1 A 70. 30

4.5 Hows will fire on a number of their normal S.O.S. points & also on the following targets which will be notified

Target No.		
N	Rd. junction	J 18 B 44. 94
O	do	J 18 B 90. 64
P	do.	J 1 D 80. 62
Q	do.	K 7 D . 62. 66
R	do.	K 14 90. 10
S	do.	J 6 B 47. 15

Para 7.

Each 18 pdr. Bty when on duty will fire 600 rds on week days & 300 rds on Sundays. 4.5 Hows Bty's will fire 400 rds on week days & 300 rds on Sundays.

Attention is drawn to para 8

During all harassing fire special attention is to be paid to Cross Roads.

Acknowledge.

A Humphrey Capt
Maj Left Group.

Copies to
8 - Bde's
1 - NZDA
1 - T.O
1 - C Rae

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"Left" Group Arty
Operation Order No. 158
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson Cmdg. 24/11/17.

Concentrations.

Ref. H.A. Inst. No. 89 & appendix No. 1 issued hereunto:

25th Nov

A1 & B1 K17 C 60.60 to K13 A 53.90
A2 & B2 K13 A 53.90 to K13 A 50.50 to K13 A 15.25
A3 & B3 K13 A 15.25 to J18 D 50.80

Ref para 3 – 4.5 How Barrs

A4 will take first 3 Barrs.
B4 " " last 3 "

26th Nov

The line J19 A 60.65 to J19 B 20.95 is allotted to Bns as under:-

A1 & B1 J19 B 00.80 to J19 B 20.95
A2 & B2 J19 A 80.93 to J19 B 00.85
A3 & B3 J19 A 60.65 to J19 A 80.93

A4 & B4 will distribute over the whole line

27th Nov.

A1 & B1 D 30 D 30.70 to D 30 D 47.55
A2 & B2 D 30 D 47.55 to D 30 D 65.40
A3 & B3 D 30 D 65.40 to D 30 D 83.25

A4 on D 30 D 83.57 with as many Hows as can bear

B4. D 30 D 35.70

Acknowledge

Copies to Bns
NZDA
C Bde
WAR DIARY
FILE.

A M Humphrey Capt
Adj. "Left" Group

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"Left" Group Artly
Operation Order No. 159
By Lt. Col. G. J. Stevenson Comdg 25-11.17.

Ref. map. GHELUVELT 1/10,000
" FILE P" (Part III)

Zones - 1 - In connection with the forthcoming operations to be shortly carried out against the FOLDERHOEK CHATEAU the following Zones are allotted to Bltys of A & B Bdes.

East & West lines drawn through

		On the North		On the South
7th Blty	A.F.A.	Jn A 00.00	&	Jn C 00.80
8th "	"	Jn C 00.80	&	Jn C 00.60
9th "	"	Jn A 00.00	&	Jn C 00.60
A/52 "	R.F.A	Jn C 00.60	&	Jn C 00.40
B/52 "	"	Jn C 00.40	&	Jn C 00.20
C/52 "	"	Jn C 00.60	&	Jn C 00.20

The D/52 Blty R.F.A & the 103rd Blty A.T.A will be employed as laid down in FILE P (Part III) para 6 b (iii)

Barrages - 2 - Barrage "A" will be formed by A/52 & B/52 Bltys R.F.A & the 7th & 8th Bltys A.T.A.

Barrage "B" will be formed by C/52 & D/52 Bltys R.F.A & the 9th & 103rd Bltys A.T.A.

Registration - 3. The attention of Bty Commanders is directed to "FILE P" para 7 - a report will be rendered to Group H.Q. when the necessary registrations have been effected.

4. Acknowledge.

Copies to.
All Bltys
NZDA
C Bde
Liaison Officer
War Diary
File

A M Humphreys Capt
Adj. "Left" Group.

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Left Group Arty
Operation Order No 160
By Lt Col G J Stevenson Comdg

26.11.17

Ref Appendices Nos 1 & 2 to Da. Inst No 89

Concentrations

27th Nov

Tasks as laid down in O O No 158 (Zero hour 4 p.m)
and in addition the following -

Zero hour 5.45 a.m.

Tasks as laid down in O O No 156 to be repeated except as regards time.

Zero - Open Fire
Zero + 10 - Cease Fire

Acknowledge.

A V Humphrey Capt.
Maj. Left Group.

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1 - C Bde
4 - Drang 1 file
1 - Sen L O
1 - A.G.D.A

Command

During the absence of Lt. Col G. J. Stevenson DMG on leave from 26th Nov the tactical control of Left Group is taken over by Major A. P. Guish.

A Humphrey Capt.
Adj. Left Group.

26/11/17

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"Left" Group Artly
Operation Order No. 162
By Major A.B. Crisp. 27.11.17.

Ref. Map. GHELUVELT 1/10000
" Artly Inst. Nos. 1 & 2 File "P"

Intentions.

1 In accordance with Artly Inst. No 2 File "P" a practice barrage will be carried out on the 28th Nov. 17

Zones

2. The Zones allotted to 18 pdr Bdes of A & B Bdes are as laid down in Left Group Artly O.O. No 159

The Zones for 4.5 Hows are as follows.

	East & West lines drawn through		
	On the South		On the North
A4	Jn C 10.20	4	Jn C 10.60
B4	Jn C 80.60	4	Jn A 80.80

Miscellaneous

3. The starting line for all Bdes, the Barrage Table, the Ratio of fire & ammunition to be used are laid down in Artly Instns No. 2 File "P".

4. Acknowledge.

A M Humphrey Capt.
Maj. "Left" Group.

Copies:
8 - Bdes
1 - 11 Bde A
1 - C Bde
1 - L.O
1 - FILE
4 - Diary

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Left Group Artly
Operation Order No. 163
By Major A. P. Crisp Comdg. 30/11/17

Ref. Map. "Z" 1/5000
" Artly Inst. No. 3 File "P".

General

1. In connection with the forthcoming attack on the Polderhoek chateau the action of the Bties of A. & B Bdes will be as laid down in Artly Inst No 3. File "P".

Zones

2. The zones allotted to Bties will be as laid down in Left Group Artly O.O. No 159 para 1.

Barrages

3. Barrage "A" will be provided by the following Bties each firing on its own zone:-

1st Bty RGA
A/52 " "
8th " ADA
7th " "

Barrage "B" will be provided by the following Bties each firing on its own zone:-

C/52 Bty RGA
9th " ADA
103rd " "

The action of D/52 Bty RGA will be as laid down in Artly Inst No 3 File "P" para 2(b) and the action of 103rd Bty ADA will be as laid down in Artly Inst No 3 para 11.

Searching Fire

4. For the purposes of searching fire mentioned in Artly Inst. No 3 File "P" para 10 (and for S.O.S. see para 25(b)) & the special task therein mentioned the C/52 Bty RGA & 9th Bty ADA will each allot 1 section (2 guns) for the purpose of searching & sweeping JUNIPER WOOD in J17A. These Bties will continue to search their normal zones with remaining 4 guns.

S.O.S.

5. The S.O.S. signal for Group will be that for the offensive front (Signal "O") namely a rifle grenade breaking into RED over RED over RED over RED (4 in all)

6. Acknowledge.

A W Humphreys Capt
Adj Left Group.

Copies/ Bty 8. Mauser 1
11 Gdn 1 File. 1
C Bde. 1 Orderly 1

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