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CENTRE GROUP, 3rd. C.D.A.

Operation Order No.5.

By

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The 60th. Canadian Battalion will raid the enemy's trenches on the night of December 8th/9th. from the head of the FORGES Sap at approximately 3.00AM. December 9th.

The Centre Group of the 3rd.C.D.A. Will open a barrage fire on Support line and communication trench junctions as under.

43rd.Battery - Trench junctions.

A.10.d.4 $\frac{3}{4}$ .6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

A.10.d.6 $\frac{1}{4}$ .5 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

A.16.b.7 $\frac{3}{4}$ .8.

30th.Battery - From A.10.d.4 $\frac{3}{4}$ .1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

To A.10.d.7.0.

39th.Battery.- From A.10.d.7.0.

To A.16.b.7.8.

38th.Battery - From A.16.b.7.8.

To A.16.b.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

From Zero time to 0.05 minutes the rate of fire will be section fire 30 seconds (one round per gun per minute).

From 0.05 to 0.10 minutes section fire 15 seconds.

0.10. 0.18. " " " 1 minute.

0.18. 0.23 " " " 2 minutes.

0.23 0.25. " The 30th. and 39th.Batteries will drop to Support line on same lines of fire. The 38th.Battery using "AK" will spread its fire over area from

A.16.b.1 $\frac{3}{4}$ .7 $\frac{1}{2}$ . - A.16.b.4.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

A.16.b.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2 $\frac{3}{4}$ . - A.16.b.1 $\frac{3}{4}$ .2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The 43rd.Howitzer Battery will continue to fire on its original target throughout, at one half the above rate of fire.

The Medium Trench Mortars will put on barrage and open fire at same time as 18 pounders Batteries on the following targets.

From A.16.a.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

To A.16.b.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

From A.16.a.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

To A.16.b.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Battery Commanders must see tby constant checking from 2.45AM onwards that telephone lines to the Brigade are absolutely clear and in good working order.

Battery Commanders themselves, or Officers detailed for the purpose will be in direct communication with Brigade Headquarters up to the moment of opening fire. Gun crews will be standing to and ready to open fire on the word from 2.45AM. The word to commence firing will be simply the one word "FIRE".

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