

111 Fd Regt Arty Group Operational Instruction No. 4

SECRET

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GROUP TARGETS

- 1) Group targets to be engaged by 111 Fd Regt and P/17 Med Regt only may be called for by Group HQ, or by liaison officers at infantry Btns or infantry Regt HQ, when they have been authorised to do so, in the normal way. The procedure will be as given in AT Vol III pamphlet No. 12.
- 2) It may on occasion be necessary for a target to be engaged at call by a concentration from all guns in the Group, including Cannon Coy and Tanks. Engagement of such targets will be ordered by Group HQ, according to the following procedure.
- 3) Communication. By line or by line and R/T. British units will be designated by codesigns, U.S. units by telephone code names, and these designations will precede all messages passed.
- 4) Warning Orders from Group HQ. "Group Target" followed by units detailed to engage, or "all engage". On this order, the lines to the units concerned will be plugged through immediately, other calls being cut off if necessary and units will report "ready". Line will be kept plugged through until the order "target finished". Guns will be kept alerted.
- 5) Initial orders from Group HQ
 - a) Target No.
 - b) Map reference (co-ordinates) of target in eight figures and height in metres, or DF number or code name of target.
 - c) Scale, i.e. rounds per gun (e.g. "Scale two" means two rounds from every gun fired as quickly as possible).

d) Units to engage (or “all engage”) is reported as a check.

e) Time to fire, as follows –

“Engage at 12:00hrs” – all guns will be fired at 12:00hrs.

Or “TOT 12:00hrs” – all guns will be fired so that the time of arrival of all rounds on target is 12:00hrs, allowing for time of flight.

Or “Fire by order” – Order to fire will be given, all guns to stand by. In this case units will report “ready” to Group HQ as soon as guns are loaded and laid.

- 6) Checking back initial orders. The senior unit will check back the initial orders in full. Other units will acknowledge (in the order given below) by “ROGER” or “SAY AGAIN...”
- 7) Description of target. This is for information only. All units will acknowledge as above.
- 8) Order to fire. On “Fire by order” targets only. All units will acknowledge as above.
- 9) Report of “Shot”. Will be made to Group HQ as soon as guns are fired.
- 10) “Target finished”. – Indicates end of shoot and will always be given. All units will acknowledge as above and disconnect telephone lines.
- 11) The examples on reverse should make the procedure clear. Speed and strict drill are essential for successful concentrations. Practice targets are being arranged to test procedure.

- 12) Order of answering
P & R Btys. P Med Bty
473 Cannon Coy, B/760 Tanks.