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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Camp</i>	<i>1st</i>		<i>2nd Gns of half battery, relieved 3rd Brigade near FRESICOURT valley. 1st Bde taken command of the half. Gns 8th Div City 15th and 15th Brigades.</i>	
<i>FRESICOURT</i>	<i>2nd</i>		<i>Day and night firing tracks behind enemy line.</i>	
	<i>3rd</i>		<i>Nothing of interest usual firing.</i>	
	<i>4th</i>		<i>Day and night firing reduced to 50 rounds per day.</i>	
	<i>5th</i>		<i>Enemy heavily shelled FRESICOURT valley with 8" and 5.9". 2 OR killed 2 wounded 1 gun of X Bty badly damaged. Major Wallace left in appointment to Bde Mass 5th Div.</i>	
	<i>6th</i>		<i>5th Bde withdrawn to wagon line. Guards div take over their front.</i>	
	<i>7th</i>		<i>Quiet day.</i>	
	<i>8th</i>		<i>Enemy aircraft active.</i>	
	<i>9th</i>		<i>Guards Div took on responsibility for front.</i>	
	<i>10th</i>		<i>Quiet day.</i>	
	<i>11th</i>		<i>Bty commanders of Guards Div City taking over from O and X arrived.</i>	
	<i>12th</i>		<i>Bde Staff moved to 138th battery withdrawn to wagon line on which 138th B.A.</i>	
	<i>13th</i>		<i>O and X moved to CHAPPELY. D/S (Hons) broken up. 1 Scot to 55th and 1 Scot to 57th Bty. A/138 joined late to complete to Army Bde establishment. NO 1 Scot 3rd DAC became 5th Bde Ammunition Column.</i>	
	<i>14th</i>		<i>Loops and telephonists of Bty moved up to positions in BOUHEVESME sector to take over.</i>	
	<i>15th</i>		<i>General clean up.</i>	
	<i>16th</i>		<i>Work continued at new positions.</i>	

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Bray	17th		Nothing of interest.	1/17
	18th		'O' & 'Z' and 'A's' moved into action, forming part of the Left Group, 4th D.A. under Lt. Col. Head, NS.O. covering Bouclarens sector.	1/18
	19th		'O' & 'Z' moved to their new wagon lines near Suzanne. Lt. W.E. Brownass left on apptmt to Staff Captain 33rd Div. Arty.	1/19
	20th		Nothing of interest.	1/20
	21st		A/s Coy. moved into new wagon line near Suzanne.	1/21
	22nd		Nothing of interest.	1/22
	23rd		Lt. Col. Butler moved up from Bray to an unoccupied Coy. position, fixed in rear of 'Z'.	1/23
	24th		Nothing of interest.	1/24
	25th		Lt. Col. Butler went to 4th Div. Arty, HQs acting CR.A	1/25
	26th		Nothing of interest.	1/26
	27th		The Brigade, as Army Troops, passed under 14th Corps for administration.	1/27
	28th		Nothing of interest.	1/28
	29th		Nothing of interest.	1/29
	30th		Reconnoitring, under Group instructions, of possible forward positions, report made.	1/30
	31st		Nothing of interest.	1/31

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1 st		Nothing of interest.	
	2 nd		St. Col. Butler saw Battery Commanders at Brig. Hq. & discuss a coming move to the vicinity of Ranconlt. New positions to be built.	
	3 rd		S.O.S. received by Batteries at 5 a.m. Heavy raided on the left of our front. Lt. Col. Butler returned from 4 th D.A.	
	4 th		Preparations for work on new positions. Working parties arrived, to be accommodated, from 4 th D.A.G. & French notes. Major Sir J.P. Rawson, posted to 37 th Div. Art. as Brigade Major.	
	5 th		Work begun on battery positions. 5 th Division Sappers building for 'D' & 'Z'; 4 th Div. responsible for A/S.	
	6 th		Nothing of interest.	
	7 th		S.O.S. call received at 11 p.m. Batteries fired for about 10 minutes. Nothing developed.	
	8 th		Nothing of interest.	
	9 th		Nothing of interest.	
	10 th		Nothing of interest.	
	11 th		Nothing of interest.	
	12 th		Work on new positions & O.P.s, progressing. Mixed dug-outs being made.	
	13 th		Nothing of interest.	
	14 th		Nothing of interest.	
	15 th		Nothing of interest.	
	16 th		Work on positions getting on slowly.	
	17 th		Nothing of interest.	
	18 th		Major H. Deniston, posted to command 'D' Bty. arrived.	

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	19th		Nothing of interest. Positions still in very unfinished state.	
	20th		First sections of 'D' & 'A' A/156, B/156 (133 & 5th) moved to new positions.	
	21st		Second sections of above moved. Registration carried out.	
	22nd		Remaining sections moved: except of A/156 and B/156, which had detached wire-cutting sections.	
	23rd		At 7 a.m. 'D' Group, under Lt. Col. Butler, took over the defense of a portion of the Bonchard sector. 'D' Group composed of 5th Brig. P.H.A. A/156, B/156, 57th Batteries P.H.A. Headquarters at Hospital Wood, in Bancourt - Le Forest valley. Batteries commenced wire-cutting, on front and support lines opposite to our defensive front.	
	24th		Wire-cutting continued. Night firing in trenches.	
	25th		Wire-cutting progressed with. Night firing in trenches. 2Lt J.H.D. Rock, 2nd Bty, wounded by sniper.	
	26th		Usual day firing. Night firing on roads and approaches opposite our front.	
	27th		Usual day and night firing. 2Lt H. Reynolds, 1st A/156 Bty, slightly wounded by shell.	
	28th		From 1 a.m. to 1.35 a.m. 'D' Group fired in support of a raid by the 2nd Middlesex Regt. From 5.25 a.m. to 6.10 a.m. 'D' & 'A' fired in co-operation with the 1st D.A. in support of an operation by the XIVth Corps in the Sully - Sallival sector. During the day, heavy mist, and shooting was impossible.	

A. T. Butler

Lt. Col. P.H.A.
Comd 5th Brig. P.H.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hospital Wood - Rancourt-le Forest Valley	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	5:15am	<p>Operation Barrages tested. Very favourable reports. No hostile reply. Nothing of interest. Quiet day.</p> <p>8th Division attacked 'PALLAS' & 'FRITZ' trenches - sector N.E. of BOUCHAVESNES. 24th & 25th Inf. Brigades. We were supporting 24th: D Group. Barrage opened at the same time. Attack was entirely successful. Objectives gained & consolidated. Very little opposition encountered in front line, & not much in Fritz. A lot of dead found in communication trenches back to Fritz, & good many in the open beyond Fritz: evidently caught by the opening of later barrages. Total prisoners reported in the day 175: a few more brought in later.</p> <p>Hostile artillery opened on front support lines very soon after attacks launched: a heavy barrage reported at 5:25 a.m. This was kept up all day on the area between an old front line system & Fritz trench. No shelling of back areas whatever.</p> <p>Some half-hearted counter-attacks were reported, & bombing engagements. Observed most of the day at the points of junction. But no serious counter-attack was attempted.</p> <p>S.O.S. was ordered. The Box-Barrage stopped at 1:46 p.m. Slow rate of fire on S.O.S. lines. S.O.S. ordered Slow rate of fire on S.O.S. lines. Continued for about two hours.</p>	
		1:20pm 1:56pm 2:15pm 2:17pm 2:37pm		

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	4th		There seemed little foundation for the SOS. No attacks were made. Probably partly due to the report that enemy were seen coming up from back areas in small groups of about 30, reported by our 700th.	(M)
		6.39pm 8pm.	SOS again ordered, stopped at 6.43pm. Batteries were put on night-firing: trenches in immediate neighbourhood of area gained.	(M)
	5th		Lunit day until 4.11pm. then SOS for 10 mins. was ordered.	(M)
		7.4pm 7.15pm 8pm.	SOS rocket reported from group OP & a slow rate of fire opened. SOS ordered. Reduced to slow rate at 7.33pm. Stopped at 7.40pm. Ordinary light firing got on with.	(M)
	6th		Heavy Barrage on one front line reported.	(M)
		5.40pm 5.47pm 6.45pm 8.35pm	SOS ordered for 10 mins. SOS Box Barrage - slow rate ordered. light firing commenced.	(M)
	7th		Lunit day.	(M)
	8th		Re-adjustment of 12th Corps. 1st division in the line: 5th Left Division; 40th Right Division. Col. A.N. Butler in command of 'Centre Group', covering one brigade of Left Division. Centre Group - 5th Brig. P.H.A. temporarily reinforced by B/101 Coy. 101st and D/178 Bty. 4020th.	(M)
	9th		Nothing of interest.	(M)
	10th		Temporarily attached batteries moved out.	(M)
	11th		St. Col. Butler sent to 8th Div. Art. to do acting CRA. Major H. Denison, of 'D' Battery, took command of the Brigade.	(M)

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	12 th		Nothing of interest.	(AP)
	13 th		A small operation by a battalion of the 24 th Inf. Bde. resulted in the capture of remaining bit of #RITZ.	(AP)
	14 th		Signs of the Boche going back. Their guns were fairly active & all firing at a very long range. At dusk, a battalion of the Guards Div. on our left, walked across & found enemy front line empty about N.W. edge of St Pierre Vaast wood. A good number of fires seen.	(AP)
	15 th		During previous night, Boche had retired some distance, mostly on our left. Whole of St Pierre Vaast wood evacuated. Patrols were sent out ^{during} the day, & pushed on almost up K Vaux wood. "Centre Group" ceased to exist: 2 nd Bty. came under 45 th Bde. P.H.A. and 'D' & 'A's' under 33 rd Bde. P.H.A.	(AP)
	16 th		Nothing of much interest. Patrols still being pushed out. Reconnaissance for forward battery positions and approaches ordered.	(AP)
	17 th		'D' & 'Z' and 'A's' sent out by Ralf-batteries to their wagon lines. 3 rd Bty. P.H.A. relieved 'D' and 5 th Bty. 'Z': a personnel relief only. Guns received from these batteries at our wagon lines.	(AP)
	18 th		Remaining Ralf batteries came out of action to wagon lines. Brigade Hq. billeted for the night in the Chateau, Suzanne.	(AP)

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	19th		Brigade remained in Hagons Lies. Preparations for the march.	(AP)
	20th		Brigade marched at 9.30 a.m. to Camp 117 - on the Bray-Cortie Road above Stinchem.	(AP)
			Lt. Col. Butler rejoined Bde. Hq. from 2nd Div. Arty.	(AP)
	21st		Brigade marched to RIVERY, just on the outskirts of Amiens. Billets + accommodation excellent.	(AP)
	22nd		At Rivery. Clearing up + over-hauling generally.	(AP)
	23rd			(AP)
	24th			(AP)
	25th		March continued to Naours, ^{Bde.} arriving there about noon.	(AP)
	26th		Bde. continued the march to billets in OUTREBOIS, arriving about 1 p.m.	(AP)
	27th		March continued to GALAMETZ.	(AP)
			" " to BERGENEUSE. Brigade to come under Canadian Corps, 1st Army.	(AP)
	28th		March continued to HAILLICOURT.	(AP)
	29th		March continued to Hagons Lies - between ECOIVRES and Mt. ST. ELOY.	(AP)
			Bde. attached to 1st Canadian Division.	(AP)
	30th		Lt. Col. Butler, and Battery Commanders, went up forward to see new positions.	(AP)

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	31 st		<p>Positions partially built and ammunition dumps started. Positions located east of the LENS - ARRAS Road, about 1500 yds North of ECURIE. Working parties of 30 men per battery under an officer, sent up.</p> <p>Began drawing material & sending up to positions. Some ammunition also sent up. No traffic allowed east of Mt. St. ELOY by day.</p>	<p>(Handwritten initials)</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THELUS	1 st	am 12.15 noon 12 pm 8.35	Batteries put a two minutes burst of Shrapnel on FRESNOY in conjunction with bombardment of the village by H.A. group. 4.20 fired on Bannock A for 2 minutes. 9.4 pm SOS received by Telephone from liaison officer. No attack made on our front, ceased fire at 9.36 pm. Enemy artillery active throughout day, from 8 am to 12.30 pm. H.A. position shelled by 5.9 at least 250 rounds being fired. No damage. Aerial activity above normal, enemy plane shot down by H.A. gun at 10 am. Night firing on enemy communications and wire.	R.
	2 nd	am 9.5	Batteries put a two minutes burst of Shrapnel on FRESNOY, this was repeated at 8.10 pm. In reply to heavy bombardment of our front system, batteries opened a slow rate of fire on enemy front line at 9.9 pm at 9.16 pm all being reported quiet we ceased fire. Enemy artillery less active, his fire being confined to our forward system and gun positions E of FARROS RIDGE. HEROES WOOD and the ground to west of it was also shelled during the day. Enemy aerial activity below normal. Night firing as for previous night.	R.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THELUS	3 rd	3:45 am	1 st Canadian Division attacked FRESNOY gaining and consolidating all their objectives. The brigade covered the front up to the time of assault, when it became responsible for covering ARLEUX in case of a successful counter attack.	HR
	4 th		At 12 noon the Brigade was transferred to 3 rd Canadian Division. Batteries pulled out to Wagon Lines. Brigade and Battery Commanders went to select positions near LA FOLIE FERME	HR
BRUNEAUT FARM	5 th		Working parties sent up to prepare new positions (BAC. providing 20 mm) Batteries remained at Wagon lines, cleaning up and generally overhauling. Brigade H.Q. moved back to Wagon Lines.	HR
	6 th		Material carried up and work continued on new positions.	HR
	7 th		Work continued and road completed to new positions. Night 7 th /8 th Batteries moved into action. Positions occupied being for defence only.	HR
LA FOLIE FARM	8 th		Batteries registered. Ammunition carried up to new positions.	HR
	9 th		A quiet day. Nothing of interest.	HR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LA FOLIE FARM	10th		Ammunition completed to 400 rds per gun. Aerial activity normal. Visibility poor in morning, improving after mid day.	HR
	11th		A quiet day.	HR
	12th		do.	HR
	13th		do.	HR
	14th		do.	HR
	15th		do. Lt Col G G G Baker assumed command of 2nd Battery.	HR
	16th		Brigade and battery commanders 179th AFA Bde. arrived to take over positions. Night 16th/17th Batteries withdrew to Wagon Lines. 2nd W.F.A. PRESTON joined Brigade.	HR
BRUNEAUT FARM	17th		At Wagon Lines preparing for march.	HR
	18th		-do- -do-	
	19th		do. Lt Col Stillwell to 93rd Bde RFA to command. Lt Col A H O West D.S.O. from 93rd Bde RFA assumed command of Brigade.	HR
	20th		Brigade marched from Wagon Lines to billets at OVERTON.	HR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DURTON	21 st		Continued march to billets at GUARBEQUE	HR
GUARBEQUE	22 nd		do do do MORBEQUES received orders from IX Corps to march to 16 th Div area to join 16 th Div Hqs. for operations.	HR
MORBEQUES	23 rd		Continued march to Wayzines near CX de POPERINGHE about 1/2 miles S.W. of LOCKES	HR
CX de POPERINGHE	24 th		Brigade & Battery Commanders go forward and view gun positions. These positions were pointed out by the Group Commander, Brigade H.Q. Situated at SIESE FARM.	
	25 th		Working parties sent up to prepare positions. Brigade H.Q. and Batteries remain at Wayzines and overhaul. Horses given as much time for grazing as possible.	
	26.		Work continued on new positions.	
	27		Arrangements continued. Working parties sent forward.	
	28		As on previous day.	

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Cx de POPERINGE	29	midnight 12	The wagon lines were heavily shelled, by H.V. gun. Two other ranks. H.Q. were killed and one other saw O.R. "O" Battery wounded. The shelling continued until 3.30 A.M. The horses were moved during the bombardment to a flank.	
SIEGE FARM.	30.		The wagon lines were moved a little west north of the Cx de POPERINGE. The Batteries moved into action, every gun being in position before 12 o'clock midnight. "Z" Battery had two O.R. casualties wounded, one of whom remained on duty.	
	31.		Batteries registered their guns. "O" Battery firing 60 rounds and "Z" Battery 630 rounds. The latter Battery also took on hostile Sapputs and engaged in night firing. In these operations "O" "Z" and two How. Batteries D/59 and D/177 R.F.A. formed a sub. group under the command of Colonel West. D.S.O., 5 th Brigade R.H.A.	

John West
Comd 5th Brig R.H.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SIEGE FARM Crest of KEMMEL	June			
	1		Operations before WYTSCHAETE continued: Batteries engaged enemy targets "O" firing 60 rounds and "Z" 400 rounds, D/59 and D/174, 800 rounds. The two last named batteries, Hows, took the place of a/5, renamed "402" for these operations. Two S. Rs in 402 Batteries were wounded.	"O" "Z" 7 the two How Batteries
	2		Batteries continued operations, and directed fire on various hostile targets. "O" fired 40 "Z" 300 rounds and the two How Batteries nearly 2000 rounds, half of which were lethal.	How Batteries comprised a Sub Group under command of Col. West
	3	11 AM	Heavy bombardment of WYTSCHAETE followed by barrage in which all our batteries took part.	"402" being transferred to another group.
		11.30		
		10 PM	How Batteries engaged enemy positions with lethal and smoke shell. In this day they fired nearly 1700 rounds.	
		3.15	The Batteries joined in a practice barrage. Light firing was also engaged in. "O" fired 250 and "Z" 650 rounds.	
		4	During the day bombardment of enemy trenches carried out by our batteries. "Z" and the two How Batteries put up barrage on hostile communications during the night. Ammunition expended 1800 rounds.	
		5	"Z" & "O" fired respectively 1200 and 150 rounds on hostile trenches and communications.	
		6	Work similar to that on previous day. Ammunition expended 3000 rounds.	

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SIESE FARM Nulley farm	7.	A.M. 3.10	The second army attacked on the WYTSCHAETE front at 3.10 A.M. approx. hour. All our objectives were taken and held by the 16 th Division and held. Our batteries put up a standing barrage in advance of creeping barrage. "2" under orders of CRA: 19 th Div on left from zero + 100 to zero + 330.	
		P.M. 3.10	Batteries opened on Barrage Line for further advance to the OOSTRHYERNE line which was duly captured. Ammunition expended 6000 rounds.	
	8		Brigade ordered to act in reserve, and to stand by.	
	9		Batteries moved down to Wayen Lines near Cx de TOLPERINGE.	
	10		The Brigade prepared to march when ordered.	
	11.		The Brigade marched out and occupied Wayen Lines at G12 C.O. 2.	S of VLAERTINSE
	12		Remained in Wayen Lines	
	13		Brigade & Battery commanders reconnected Battery Positions and made all arrangements for going into action	
	14		Working parties formed and sent up to Battery Positions to prepare gun pits etc. Ammunition also taken up. During the night of the 14, 15 th "2" had one O.R. killed and two O.Rs wounded. "0" had one O.R. wounded.	
	15		Work as on the 14 th .	
	16.		Whilst engaged in taking up ammunition one O.R. killed and eight O.Rs wounded from "0" and the B.A.C.	

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S36a 7-7 Sheet 28	17		Marched to new wagon lines at OLDERDOM. One officer of 402 wounded whilst engaged on gun positions South of ZILLEBEKE		
	18		both continued on gun positions and at wagon lines		
	19		" " " " " " " "		
	20		" " " " " " " "		
Ega. 28 Sheet 27	21		" " " " " " " "		
	22	11 AM 9.30	Brigade moved to fresh wagon lines at Ega. 2.8 Sheet 27, gun work in both gun positions being abandoned owing to heavy barrage in Back areas which prevented ammunition & supplies getting up to working parties		
	23		New wagon lines roped out.		
	24		Lt. Col. West ^{D.S.O.} on leave in England, Major Carbyon D.S.O. assumed command of 2 nd Battery and during the absence of Lt. Col. West took command of the Brigade. Working parties sent forward to prepare Battery positions in B17. Sheet 27		
	25	15 } 30 }		Working parties continue at gun positions, and the remainder of the men ^{at} ^{ways} ^{layed} ^{up} push on to get the Brigade as efficient as possible both as regards personnel and material. The lines given as much grazing as possible.	
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T. Carbyon Major R.H.A.
for O.C. 5th Bde. R.H.A.

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Ega. 28 Sheet 27	July 1		The brigade moved to their wagon lines on the 22 nd of June. On the 20 th June working parties were detailed from each Battery and sent forward to prepare gun positions on B. 17 sheet 27. The rest of the Brigade remained at wagon lines and have continued to get the horses and vehicles in the best possible condition.	
	2		work continued at gun positions and wagon lines	HR
	3		2 nd Lt. H. Longton joined Brigade. posted to 402 nd Battery	HR
	4		Nothing of interest.	HR
	5		Lt. Col. A.H.D. West returned from leave	HR
	6		Bde and battery commanders visited positions and S.P.	HR
	7		work continued on positions and at wagon lines.	HR
	8		do do	HR
	9		do do	HR
	10		do do. Lt R.W. J. Gibbon joined	HR
	11		from 2 nd Army School as signal officer.	HR
	12		Signal officer and party to new Bde HQ. to lay lines.	HR
	13		Inspection of horses by ADVS 14 th Corps	HR
	14		Nothing of interest.	HR
			Bde moved into action night 14/15th HQ to MICHAEL FARM	
			batteries to positions W of the WAANEBEEK. E of VORSTEN. C. 15/16th	
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michel Farm	July 15		All batteries in action by dawn without mishap. Day spent in reconnoitring O.P.s etc. no firing during day. night 15/16 'O' bat fired 450 rds from a rear section of 74 th Bde RFA. C.O reconnoitred road from 'White hope Corner' to Boeskinghe. Bombardment by heavies commenced at Dawn.	Ruff.
	July 16		All batteries registered their guns, observation very good. C.O visited O.P.s round Boeskinghe. night 16/17 'Z' bat fired 450 from a rear section of 74 th Bde RFA.	Ruff.
	July 17 th		Registration carried out. 402 batt. fired 150 rounds harassing fire on face of Wood 14 during concentrated Bombardment. night 16/17 402 batt fired 250 rounds as ordered by group.	Ruff.
	July 18 th		Gas shell bombardment carried out by Germans East of Elverdungh - Woesteren road. 402 had 1 OR gassed. Harassing fire carried out during day on communication trenches by "O" and "402" bats 350 rds. night 17/18 "O" batt fired 450 rounds as ordered by group.	Ruff.
	July 19 th		Harassing fire 500 rounds per battery during day. "402" batt supported T.M. fire around Canal avenue. Baboon support. night "18/19" 'Z' batt fired 550 rds as ordered by group.	Ruff.
	July 20 th		ammunition as on 19 th night. "O" RHA 402 RHA supported bombardment of Wood "15" by heavies by searching with Shrapnel "O" Batt N.W. face of wood "402" batt S.W. face. "Z" RHA cut wire between Wood 14 and Bois farm. night 20/21 "O" RHA cooperated with gas bombardment by 4.5 hours on Bois Wood firing bursts of Shrapnel on Northern half of wood also fire as ordered by group. 550 rds in all.	Ruff.
	July 21 st		Harassing fire as on 20 th night. "Z" batt RHA wire cutting between Carree-Farm and Wood 14 for Baby Reserve towards Baboon avenue. Wagon lines (forward) shelled during night 24 killed 16 evacuated horses. no personnel wounded.	Ruff.
	July 22 nd		night 21/22 "Z" batt RHA night firing 2 to 2.30pm "O" batt RHA "402" batt RHA cooperate with bombardment on Wood 15 by searching and sweeping exits from Wood. Harassing fire as before. 4.30pm rounds fired on barrage lines to check. night 22/23 "402" batt RFA night firing. "402" batt RFA "O" batt RHA heavily shelled during night. 5.9" and few gas shells. "402" batt 1 serj killed 1 gun destroyed 1 gun burst only slightly damaged. "O" batt RHA 1 serj. 2 O.R.s wounded. "Z" batt RHA carried on night firing.	Ruff. Ruff.

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Michel Farm	July 23 rd		Harassing ^{fire} during day, 450 ^{rs} per battery. Corps practice barrage. Night firing as ordered by 402 nd batt RFA 550 rounds.	Ruff
	July 24 th		Harassing fire during day, 450 ^{rs} per battery, Practice barrage. Night firing as ordered 550 rounds "0" batt RHA	Ruff
	July 25 th		Harassing fire as usual. "0" Batt RHA 402 nd batt RFA fired Smoke barrage 12 noon. Night 25 th /26 th 2 batt RHA fired as ordered 550 ^{rs} 1 OR killed 1 OR wounded 1 OR wounded 2 RHA	Ruff
	July 26 th		Harassing fire as usual. 450 ^{rs} per battery. "0" RHA and 402 nd B Co RFA 100 ^{rs} wire cutting on Canal Avenue. Night 26 th /27 th 402 nd batt RFA fired as ordered. 402 nd batt shelled during night 1 Bdr killed 20 ORs wounded. 1 gun knocked out of action	Ruff
	July 27		Harassing fire. Bombardment for 1/2 hour on Abri Wood. "0" RHA 402 nd RFA searched N.E. face of wood. Enemy reported to have withdrawn. Patrols sent out at 5 pm. 7.30 pm heavy barrage put along Canal by enemy. Batteries fired on S.O.S. lines at slow rate of fire.	Ruff
	July 28 th		Harassing fire as usual. Line consolidated approximately along Baboon Support on our front, post established in Bois farm and Douteuse house. Wireless message intercepted saying that enemy would try and retake Canal bank. About 9 pm S.O.S. given by French on our right shortly followed by S.O.S. on our front. Any attempt at an attack broken up by barrage. Night firing 2 batteries 360 ^{rs} per bat as ordered by group.	Ruff
	July 29		Harassing fire as usual. Night 29/30 th 2 batt RHA "0" Batt RFA 225 ^{rs} per battery as ordered by group.	Ruff

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Michel Farm	July 30 th		<p>Harrasing fire: Batteries fired in cooperation with concentrated bombardment on Ahri wood Night firing '30/31st all batteries fired as order by Group ammunition as before.</p>	
Michel Farm	July 31 st	Zero day.	<p>At 3.50am our infantry attacked along whole 5th Army Front on our immediate left being the French 1st Corps. The creeping barrage on the Guards Div front did not commence till Z + 28 minutes so as to allow the barrage on right to get up in line with it as the guards still occupied the advanced positions taken by them on afternoon of the 27th inst. The Brigade fired creeping barrage over the left of Guards Div joining the French barrage. The objectives were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① The "blue" line - German 2nd line ② The "black" line - The crest of Pitken Ridge on high ground north of it. ③ The "Green" line - low ridge over looking the Steenbeek ④ The "Green dotted line" - bending forward from where the French "Green line" joined ours crossing the Steenbeek. <p>Pauses were made at each line to consolidate, and from the Green line the 1st Guards Brigade took over the attack from 2nd and 3rd Bns.</p> <p>A certain proportion of smoke shell was fired in air on a screen at 2 points of the barrage. All objectives were taken up to scheduled time except that not quite so much ground was made on the right of green dotted line as intended. Our infantry only establishing the line at one point E of the Steenbeek. The French joined up on our left from where their line ran back through Bischoot to the Canal. The enemy resistance was not very serious until the BLACH line was reached and his barrage was irregular and uncertain. No alterations had to be made to the time table, the protective barrage in front of green dotted line finally</p>	

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	July 31 st (Cont'd)		<p>dying down at zero + shows 50 mins. after this several calls for fire on different points were answered. During morning Brigade Comd and 1 officer per battery rode forward and selected advanced position in C12 SW of Wood 15. By 4:00 pm a pontoon had been thrown over the canal at Boesinghe and the road beyond made passable for artillery and the batteries whose wagon lines had meanwhile come up close behind limbered up and advanced to the new positions. These were reached without mishap although there was a considerable amount of searching fire along the roads in Boesinghe and over the ground occupied occupied. Rain began to fall in the afternoon and by the time the Brigade had crossed the road had broken up again and no other Batteries could cross the canal. The Brigade came directly under the orders of GOC, 50 Bde. Some registration was carried out before dark and a S.O.S barrage put down after dark although no counterattack was pushed home.</p> <p>2 Lt Ross "Z" RHA and 2 Lt Savers 402nd Bty RFA acted as F.O.O's and succeeded in keeping communication most of the day. The latter officer was killed and three of the telephonists with F.O.O. wounded.</p> <p>Brigade H.Q. was established in a gun pit close to the side of GREEN MILL, 500 yds in front of Batteries. All ranks spent a very uncomfortable night owing to the rain, the ground being impossible to dig in as it was a mass of shell holes which turned into soft mud at once.</p>	
			<p>Ann - Fired. "O" Bty RHA 2293 A 410 AX "Z" Bty RHA 1863 A 150 AX 500 smoke 402nd Bty RFA 1496 A 375 AX 511 smoke.</p>	<p>Pruff</p>

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German Summit at Cia 9.8	August 1 st		Heavy Rain all day. Batteries unable to hold position owing to the mud. attempt made to register but visibility very poor. Wagon line shelled at White Hope corner during night and moved to old Bty positions.	f.w.
	2 nd		Rain continues. Further registration carried out from OP Captain Farm. 'O' Bty RHA lost 8 MS. Byrd killed 11 OR wounded from shell fire in wagon line. Ammunition carried up by Pack Horses.	f.w.
Dugout B6C27	3 rd		Rain most of the day. Bde H.Q. moved back to canal bank concrete dugout at about B6C27. Further registration carried out and ammunition carried up.	f.w.
	4 th		Weather clearing up. Batteries start building positions. Visibility good. Zero lines checked etc. 'Z' Bty RHA moved to position 200 yds in rear. 402nd Bty RFA 1 OR wounded.	f.w.
	5 th		Batteries shelled during morning searching fire from 4.2 battery. 'Z' RHA 2 OR killed 7 OR wounded. 'O' Bty RHA 5 OR wounded. Harassing fire behind SOS line. Ammunition carried out.	f.w.
	6 th		Batteries shelled early morning by 4.2 battery. Major G RPT Lynch (402 Bty RFA) wounded in face and arm. 2 Lt H. D. Lee 402 Bty RFA killed. 402 Bty RFA 5 OR wounded. 'O' Bty RHA 1 OR wounded. Bde H.Q. 1 OR wounded. Battery positions improved. BAC carried up a quantity of material. A small amount of harassing fire carried out. night fire 402 Bty 2,000.	f.w.

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Canal Bank	Aug	7 th	Harassing fire 400 rds per Coy as ordered concentrated Bombardment on Langemark. Batteries cooperated by firing bursts of Shrapnel 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	f.w.
	Aug	8 th	Very quiet day. Much work done on positions. Concentrated Bombardment on trenches at 7.30 to 8 p.m. Battery cooperated with bursts of shrapnel 8.45 p.m. SOS sent up on our right & p.m. SOS sent up by French on left. Batteries fired slow rate of fire on SOS line. Nothing happened on our front. Night firing 2 RHA 200 rds as ordered. 2 OR "O" RHA wounded.	f.w.
	Aug	9 th	Harassing fire as ordered by Group ammunition allotment per Brigade 1800 rds. Night firing 402 Coy RFA as ordered 450 rds. 11th Corps carried out operation commencing at 4.35 a.m. XIV Corps assisted by carrying out Bombardment from 2 a.m. to 2.15 hours. Batteries shelled road running NW from U16095 to U16095 1 rd per gun per 2 minutes mostly H.E. Two Batteries on their SOS lines 1 battery on trench U16010.55 to U15075.50 Casualties H.G. 3 OR (Squadders) wounded 2 remained at duty. 1 OR "O" RHA. 1 OR 402 RFA wounded.	f.w.
	Aug	10 th	Harassing fire as usual night firing "2" RHA as ordered. Batteries shelled early morning casualties 2 Lt W.W. Wilkinson wounded remained at duty 2 OR wounded 402 Coy RFA.	

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Canal Bank	August 11 th		at dawn minor operation carried out to secure passage of steenbeek by 29 th Div in conjunction with 20 th Div on night. '0' RHA covered left half of Zone 402 RFA right half and '2' RHA superimposed. Zone front U20655.45 to U21055.60. Barrage fired for 75 min 1350 rounds fired by Brigade. Operation successful. Harassing fire as usual night firing '0' Bty RHA.	A
	August 12 th		Casualties '2' RHA 1 OR wounded 402 RHA 1 OR wounded. Harassing fire as usual night firing 402 Bty RHA. Registration carried out. Establishment of ammunition raised to 600 rds per gun. 1 OR wounded 402 Bty RFA.	A
	August 13 th		Harassing fire as usual. Dugouts at Wijdendrift and Buildings about U2107.3 isolated all day and night by bursts of shrapnel night firing '2' Bty RHA as ordered by Group.	A
	August 14 th		Harassing fire as usual. night firing '0' Bty RHA as ordered. Platoon ordered O.P. at Fousde Pan and reported a practice target at 475. This platoon did not fire. Casualties 5 OR gassed 402 Bty RFA 2 OR wounded 402 Bty RFA.	
	August 15 th		Harassing fire. 15" How fired on dugout at Wijdendrift 402 nd Bty RFA cooperated by firing slow shrapnel barrage in semi circle on NE side. 12" How fired at dugouts at U21025.48 Bty cooperated with shrapnel round then 12" How fired on building U20672.63 Bty cooperated as above. Night firing 402 nd Bty RFA as ordered.	A

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Canal Bank	Aug 16 th		<p>at 4.45 AM the 5th Army with the French on our left attacked. The final objective on the 14th Corps front being about 1000 yards forward on the ridge overlooking the Broom-beek. The 29th Div on left attacked with 87th and 88th Inf Bde - all objectives on French front and front of 14th Corps were gained although considerable resistance was met with in places. The Brigade fired standing and smoke barrages throughout. 2 ^{cents} Tyndale - Biscoe "Z" RHA and Noble 402 RFA went forward to establish forward communications. The former officer was wounded. Communications were successfully established - until the line was working right forward very good results were obtained by visual signalling with lamps. At 9.15 AM all barrages died down and the objectives being all taken. After this time many calls were received by wireless from the air and from ground observers for fire on different points where enemy movement was seen. In the evening large bodies of men were seen moving on our front and were dealt with by concentration fire from Batteries with the result that they were completely broken up. The captured ground was reconnoitred for new OPs and one near Graonne Farm selected.</p> <p>ammunition fired</p> <p>"D" RHA 1340A 344A 1200 smoke "Z" RHA 1257A 891A 402 RFA 1286A 794A 929 smoke 505 smoke.</p>	

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Canal Bank	Aug 17		Harassing fire 25 rds per gun night firing "O" Bty RHA. False SOS sent up at 5.30 pm Batteries shelled prior to S.O.S. "O" Bty RHA Lt Nicholson wounded in shoulder at ^{at} OPs 1 or killed 2 OR wounded Brigade staff Capt Jamieson MC RAME wounded and remaining at duty. DP established at Montmirail Farm.	
	Aug 18		Harassing fire 25 rds per gun as ordered Night firing "402 Bty RFA. 250 rds. "O" Bty RHA heavily shelled during morning and from 10 pm to 12 midnight Casualties "O" RHA 5 OR killed 4 OR wounded. "Z" RHA 1 OR wounded 402 RFA 2 OR wounded.	Flw
	Aug 19		Harassing fire searching back 1000 yds behind SOS lines. Quiet day night firing 2 Bty RHA 200 rds as ordered	
	Aug 20		Harassing fire as on 19 th Batter position lightly shell during the day night firing "O" Bty RHA 200 as ordered by group	Flw
	Aug 21		Harassing fire as ordered searching organized shell holes and cooperation with heavies. 1200 rds night firing 200 rds 402 nd Bty RFA Capt Rutherford returned for duty with 402 nd Bty RFA.	
	Aug 22		Harassing fire as usual 1600 rds night firing 2 Bty RHA 200 rds as ordered	
	Aug 23		Harassing fire searching E of SOS line creeping barrage on organized shell holes at 9.30 pm night firing "O" Bty RHA. Bombardment 11.30 AM to 11.50 AM on shell holes. Batteries shelled during the afternoon.	Flw

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Canal Bank	Aug 24 th		Harassing fire on Tanks as detailed small barrages and bursts of fire on organized shell holes during the day. Night firing 402 nd B5 RFA OC reconnoitred positions in U26C to be prepared and possibly occupied by the brigade in the next battle.	Ruzf
	Aug 25 th		Harassing fire as on the 24 th Night firing 2 Bty RFA 2000 rds. Battery positions in U 26C sited by an officer for each battery. Casualties B.A.C. 1 OR wounded.	Ruzf
	Aug 26 th		Harassing fire on Tanks as ordered. Work started on battle positions in U26C. Intense bombardment of all battery positions and Brigade H.Q. from 3pm till 8pm all nature of shells. Casualties Lt Longton F.P. 402 nd RFA wounded 1 OR wounded 402 nd RFA Brigade staff 1 OR killed 2 OR wounded 1 OR died of wounds.	Ruzf
	Aug 27 th		Harassing fire Brigade cooperated in an attack on our right searching an area beyond Langemark area at 1.55 pm. at 2.30 pm the batteries were very heavily shelled till dusk. Casualties O Bty RHA Major Demison H died of wounds, Capt Janion RAMC wounded 2 OR Tanks wounded 2 RHA 1 OR wounded. 402 nd RFA 2 Lt Haynes DH wounded. The brigade received orders to withdraw to the wagon lines that night taking the guns out the following day. Day spent in the wagon lines remainder of guns withdrawn out of action. 1 OR 402 nd B5 RFA wounded.	Ruzf
Ondank.	Aug 28 th			Ruzf

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Ondank	Aug 29		Day spent in the Wagon lines. Billeting parties sent forward in the afternoon to Herzeele area. Guns handed over to 11 th Bn RFA.	
	Aug 30		Brigade less BAC marched to rest billets to the north of Herzeele ^{HOUTKERQUE} about E 2 and 3 Street.	
HOUTKERQUE	Aug 31		In rest.	

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The Ings C4a5.8	Oct 1 st		Third section of batteries moved into action on the night 1 st /2 nd . Work on positions and the setting up of ammunition done during the day. Working party of 50 Guards given to batteries. Brigade H.Q. moved into the line to the rear of the line was to be set up	Ruff
	Oct 2 nd		Batteries registered on area 500 yds N.E. of Poelcappelle, work done on positions etc. Batteries subjected to searching fire by the enemy during day. Casualties H.Q. 1 OR wounded, "Z" Bty 1 OR killed 4 OR wounded, 402 nd RFA 3 OR wounded. Headquarters in action complete.	Ruff
	Oct 3 rd		"Z" Bty complete registration. Overlap of flank guns with the next Brigades checked. Quiet day, 402 RFA 1 OR killed	Ruff
	Oct 4 th		At Zero hour 6 AM our infantry again took the offensive from the Ypres-Staden railway on the left on a front of several miles to the south in the 2 nd Army area. The Brigade fired a creeping barrage on its own front ending up with a protective barrage which was kept up for 2 hours while our infantry consolidated their new positions. All objectives were taken in spite of determined resistance. The 10 th Infantry Brigade were on our immediate front. The enemy's counter battery work remained feeble throughout. During the afternoon and evening a large number of S.O.S. calls were answered but no ground was recaptured by the enemy. Casualties. 402 nd Bty RFA Major Gardner-Waterman wounded. Capt Horsfall RFA attached to the Brigade took over command of 402 nd Battery. ammunition. "O" RHA 2000 rds "Z" RHA 1000 rds 402 nd RFA 1656 rds	Ruff

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The Sigs C40 5.8	Oct 5 th		<p>a quiet day. Reconnaissance was carried out and the shooting of all guns checked. A small creeping barrage was fired in the evening. Two S.O.S. calls were answered during early part of night - Day and night harassing fire was carried out. The work of carrying up fresh ammunition was begun, the light railway being no longer available this entailed a severe strain on the horses owing to the distance of the wagon lines. 12 miles -</p> <p>ammunition fired "O" RHA 888 rds "Z" RHA 1918 402 RFA 710. casualties "O" RHA 1 OR wounded 402 RFA 2 OR wounded.</p>	Ruff
	Oct 6 th		<p>A small concentration was carried out in the morning. Calibration was continued and harassing fire day and night was carried out, at 10 AM a regrouping of Artillery took place, the left Group of Right Artillery under Lt Col Tibney D.S.O. consisting of the 5th Bde RHA with C/76 RFA added and 32nd Bde RFA. The group covering the left Brigade in the line 10th Bde 4th Division -</p>	Ruff
	Oct 7 th		<p>Brigade with C/76 RFA covered the whole of the group front owing to the 32 Bde RFA not being registered. Small shoots carried out as ordered ammunition 30 rds per Bty by day and 120 by the Brigade during night ("O" RHA and C/76).</p>	Ruff

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The "INGS" C4a58	Oct 8 th		<p>"V" day-area shoots carried out by Batteries on various points on our front. At midnight 8/9th "Z" RHA and 402nd Bty RFA were under Right Group Centre Artillery. "O" Bty RHA under No night firing. "Z" RHA 10R wounded. <u>Right Group Right Artillery</u></p>	Ruzg
	Oct 9 th		<p>Our Infantry again advanced to the attack. Zero hour 5.20 AM. "O" Bty RHA fired barrage for Right Group Right Artillery covering 4th Divⁿ Infantry. "Z" and 402 fired combining barrage for Right Group Centre Artillery covering 29th Divⁿ Infantry. Practically all objectives were gained except on the extreme right of the corps front averaging a depth of over 1000 yards. A protective barrage was kept up in front of the newly occupied positions until midday. During the afternoon S.O.S. calls were responded to. Casualties - "O" Bty RHA Major AW Van Strambenzee and 2Lt Preston slightly wounded. 402 RFA 1 OR wounded. ammunition "O" RHA 2527 m "Z" RHA 2003 m. 402 RFA 1948</p>	Ruzg
	Oct 10 th		<p>Area shoots and concentrations carried out by batteries on various points as ordered. S.O.S sent up in evening just to the left of our zone we fired a few rounds. night firing 120 rds fired for roads and tracks by "Z" Bty RHA and 402 RFA. Casualties "O" RHA 5 OR wounded</p>	Ruzg

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The Snags	Oct 11 th Oct 12		<p>Small area concentration fired by batteries during the day. None Night firing "Z" RHA and 402nd RFA 150 rds per Battery. 402 RFA 3 OR wounded "O" RHA 1 OR wounded Our Infantry again took the offensive Zero hour being at 5.25 AM. - "O" RHA and 402nd RFA fired a creeping barrage for the Left Group Right Artillery covering the 17th Div Inf "Z" RHA fired a creeping barrage for Right Group Centre Artillery covering the 4th Div Inf. Owing to the state of the ground the Infantry were unable to take the whole of the objective the special hampered on our right. Two S.O.S. calls were answered during the afternoon. The enemy counterbattery work caused no inconvenience during the day. am "O" RHA 1788A 516 AX "Z" RHA 1590A 255 AX 402 RFA 1432A 456 AX</p>	<p>Pruff Pruff</p>
	Oct 13		<p>Quiet day. The line held by the Infantry very obscure. Detachments of "O" RHA went to Wagon Line at 3 pm, leaving guard on position for 4 days rest. C.O. visited wagon line.</p>	<p>Pruff</p>
	Oct 14 th		<p>Quiet activity above normal bombs being dropped near battery positions. Lt Col Tibney Left Group Right Arts Commanded wounded. The Group transferred to this Brigade H.Q. Harassing fire and calibration by batteries. Ammunition 175 rds per Battery including 50 rds night firing searching behind S.O.S. lines Casualties "Z" RHA 2 OR wounded 402 RFA 1 died of wound 1 OR wounded</p>	<p>Pruff</p>

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The Sigs	Oct 15		Firing as on the 14 th inst 175 rds per battery.	Ruzf
	Oct 16		Firing as on the 15 th inst. 2 Lt Noble. Lt Brown 402 nd RFA wounded.	Ruzf
	Oct 17		Detachments of 'O' RHA return from Rest at wagon line by 3pm. Detachments of 'Z' RHA left for Wagon line. Corps Front reorganized into two DIVNC Front. Brigade with 285 and 286 Bde RFA under Brigade Commanded formed Right Sub Group under Right Group Right Army. Administered by 34 DA. 34 Divnl Sup on our front.	Ruzf
	Oct 18		Firing as for yesterday. Intense Enemy shelling and bombing during afternoon. Bde H.Q. heavily shelled telephone system badly out of order. Concentrated Bombardment of area by gas shell during night.	Ruzf
			Casualties 'O' RHA 2 OR wounded 1 gun destroyed.	
			402 nd RFA 1 OR Killed 1 OR wounded 3 OR gassed.	
	Oct 19		Enemy shelling and bombing very intense especially round Bde H.Q. during the early afternoon. Firing as usual.	Ruzf
			Casualties 'Z' RHA 2 OR Killed 3 OR wounded. BAC 1 OR wounded.	

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The "INGS"	Oct 20 th		Commencement of 48 hours bombardment prior to our Infantry attacking. The Brigade fired "Scop" and "Weaver" barrages on 8 areas during the day. Night firing continue through out night also shot bursts of fire. Ammunition for the 24 hours 750 rds per battery. Casualties "O" Bty 2 or wounded BAC. 1 or Died of wounds.	Pruff
	Oct 21 st		Second day of bombardment. Barrages and firing the same as 20 th inst on 6 areas. Ammunition 750 rds per battery. Hostile shelling heavy during the day especially round "O" Bty RHA. Casualties "O" Bty 1 or killed 10 or wounded "Z" Bty 2 or wounded 402 Bty 1 or killed 4 or wounded.	Pruff
	Oct 22 nd		Our Infantry again advanced. Zero hour was at 5.35 A.M. Z Bty RHA and 402 RFA fired creeping barrage being superimposed over the whole attack front (the infantry only attacking on half Right Group front) they fired all shrapnel. "O" Bty RHA fired standing barrages for Left Group Right Arty coming under their command at zero-15 minutes. The state of the ground (heavy rain having fallen during night) rendered the Infantry work very hard the situation being very vague not quite all the objectives being captured. Casualties "Z" 1 or wounded. Ammunition "O" RHA 1550 "Z" RHA 1325 402 Bty 1295.	Pruff
	Oct 23 rd		Orders were received for the Brigade to advance to positions about 1500 in advance of present ones with the aid of two Tanks. no firing during the day. Enemy shelling exceptionally heavy on all areas throughout the day. Batteries positions much damaged. Slight reorganization of groups. We came under Right Group Right Arty covering 57 th Div Infantry. Casualties nil. order to Advance by Tanks cancelled.	Pruff

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The "INES"	Oct 24 th		<p>Another 48 hours bombardment commenced in preparation for an infantry attack. The batteries fired "Stop" and "Wear" barrages on various areas during the day and night ammunition 900 rds per Battery. Major G. E. B. Watson D.S.O. M.C. joined this Brigade to command "O" Bty R.H.A. Batteries shelled at intervals, but not quite so intensely as on previous day.</p> <p>Casualties "O" Bty RHA 3 or wounded "Z" RHA 2 or wounded 402 RFA 2 or wounded.</p>	Ruzf
	Oct 25 th		<p>Second day of bombardment. Firing the same as on the 24th with ammunition 900 rds per battery. This amount was not put owing to the number of guns in the Brigade out of action. Enemy shelling very erratic during day doing much damage to gun pits and ammunition and detachment shelters. Telephone communication completely cut and disorganised. 2 guns destroyed.</p> <p>Casualties "O" RHA 4 or wounded "Z" RHA 2 or wounded 402 RFA 1 or missing.</p>	Ruzf
	Oct 26 th		<p>Our Infantry again attacked Zero hour being at 5.40 AM. The Brigade fired the barrage with only 6 guns in action. "O" Bty RHA firing the creeping barrage the remainder of guns in action the standing barrage. The 57th Div Infantry attacked on our front having an objective of about 1000 yds in depth. Chiefly owing to ground the whole objective was not gained and the ground taken had finally to be given up owing to the lack of Reinforcements. The Batteries were not very heavily shelled during the day except by H.V. guns.</p> <p>ammunition "O" Bty 1745 "Z" Bty 1505 402nd Bty 165</p> <p>Casualties nil.</p>	Ruzf

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The INEs.	Oct 27 th		Intermittent shelling during day especially on 'Z' B5 position. The Brigade did not fire. CO went down to W.L. to meet C.O. of 293 Bde RFA who arrived in the area to relieve this Brigade. During night 27/28 the Brigade telephone system received a direct hit. Casualties H. G. - 1 OR Killed 2 OR wounded 402 1 OR wounded.	None
	Oct 28 th		Rather lively shelling during early morning 3 guns being put out of action this only left 3 guns in action in the brigade. CO and BCs of 293 rd AFA Bde arrived and reconstituted positions in the morning one BC being wounded 'O' and '402' having 20 guns in action with their detachment during the day to Waga lines. 'Z' RHA was relieved by B/291 on night 28/29th a few area shots carried out by 'Z' Battalion during the afternoon. Casualties 'Z' RHA 1 OR wounded 3 OR gassed '402' Bde RFA 1 OR wounded.	None
	Oct 29		The day spent in wagon lines at S 28 shell 20. All equipment and vehicles were handed over to 293 Bde RFA. Arrangements made about untraining. Lt Robertson joined the Brigade, posted to 402 nd Pz RFA.	None
	Oct 30		The Brigade moved in 3 trains to Borsiere on front south of Arras. The train left International Corner at 12-3-5 pm. arriving during night 30/31.	None
	Oct 31		day spent at Waga Lines near Moreatel. Equipment and vehicles of 293 Bde received from their rear party. Brigade under 16 Division 6 Corps 3 rd Army. A West Lt Col Cuz 5 Bde RHA.	None

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MERCATEL	11/17	9.0 am	Left wagon lines at Mercatel and marched to 16 th Divisional area encamping in the southern outskirts of MOYENNEVILLE	Para
MOYENNEVILLE	2 nd 3 rd 4 th 5 th 7 th 8 th	}	<p>Rested at MOYENNEVILLE.</p> <p>Co. with B's reconnaissance battery positions in the neighbourhood of CROISILLES with a view to occupying them for an offensive operation. This operation was cancelled a few days later.</p> <p>2nd Lieut. J.H. Critchley joined the Brigade posted to D Battery.</p> <p>2nd Lieut. J.A. Nash joined the Brigade posted to 402 Battery.</p> <p>Colonel West with 1 officer per battery and 6 O.R. proceeded to 51st DA. HQ at LEHELLE where they received orders to proceed to METZ to reconnoitre + make arrangements for Batteries coming into action -</p>	Para
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FRICOURT	10 th		On the 10 th the guns of the Brigade marched to FRICOURT Range to Calibrate.	JWA
	11 th		Calibration of 17 guns carried out. Not successful. 1 gun was not calibrated owing to its arrival at the range being delayed (this gun was not drawn until night of 10 th /11 th .)	JWA
MOYENNEVILLE	12 th		Guns returned to MOYENNEVILLE	JWA
	13 th		20 CR. per battery sent on by lorry to METZ to prepare gun positions.	JWA
	14 th		Advance party from H.Q. and each sent forward to prepare Wagon Lines for the Brigade at VILLERS au FLOS.	Ruzf
VILLERS au FLOS	15 th		Brigade less B.A.C. on night 15/16 moved to Wagon lines near Beaulencourt. The march was made under cover of darkness. Brigade now under 51 st Div 4 th Corps.	Ruzf
	16 th		Battery Commanders move up to the advance Brigade H.Q. at Metz to supervise the completion of the Battery positions. In the evening the Brigade moved to Wagon line in VILLERS au FLOS, situated under trees and amongst ruined houses to avoid aerial observation.	Ruzf
	17 th		Work carried on by advance parties on positions. Guns brought into position on night 17/18 and left camouflaged near Battery positions. These were on front edge of HAVINCOURT wood.	Ruzf
	18 th		Work on positions 51 st Division relieved 36 th Div in the line.	Ruzf

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METZ.	14 th		<p>Work on positions completed and final arrangements made for the attack. Battle positions of H. 30 and Batten taken up on afternoon and night. Guns got into firing positions during night. Detachments slept in the HAVRINCOURT wood.</p> <p>Our Infantry attacked at 6.30 AM. The scheme of the attack was with the aid of about 300 TANKS to breach the main H. 30 line on a front of about 7 miles. There was no registration of preliminary bombardment. The brigade fired a creeping barrage for 5/1. The Infantry 1/3 of which was smoke. The barrage lifted about 5 1/2 hours. Gap in the wire was made by tanks for Infantry to pass through. At 9.45 the C.O. with one officer for liaison went forward to reconnoiter positions. The Infantry was held up for about 1 hour after it was surrounded with hand grenades. The Brigade moved forward at about 11 AM taking up positions just to the East of Havrincourt. On taking up these positions the Brigade came directly under G.O.C. 186 Inf. Bde 62 Div.</p> <p>The operations were continued in the afternoon. The line at the end of the day included half ANNEUX and GRAINCOURT in our front. The village of FLESQUIER still held out but was evacuated during the night. Hostile shelling was fierce throughout. The Wagon Lines including moved in the morning to South West end of HAVRINCOURT wood.</p> <p>Ammunition Casualties 0 3, 2 1, 402 2 OR. wounded.</p>	<p>Summary</p> <p>Summary</p>

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AVRIN COU 21 st			<p>Heavy rain and thick mist during the whole day, prevented registration or observed fire. An attack on the remainder of Armeux and the trench system in front of Bourlon wood. This operation was hampered by weather but was fairly successful. All brigades moving forward to cover 62 Div Front were placed under command of the C.O. of the Brigade.</p>	<p>Phyff</p>
RAIN COURT 22 nd			<p>The Brigade advanced at dawn to positions south of GRAINCOURT which had been reconnoitred. Brigade H.Q. went to Western end of GRAINCOURT. The C.O. formed and commanded a group of the 4 Brigades covering the 62 Div Infantry. The group headquarters was with the 186 Inf H.Q. under the church at GRAINCOURT. Operations of a minor scale only, were carried out during the day. The enemies resistance stiffening.</p> <p>Night 22/23 40th Div released the 62nd Div.</p>	<p>Phyff</p>
	23 rd		<p>The artillery on the Divisional front was reorganised in the morning. Two Groups being formed under the Brigade commanders of the 2 Brigades in the 40th Div Art. This Brigade was in the Right Group covering a front to the EAST of BOURLON village. at 10.30 AM the 40th Div Inf with the aid of Tanks attacked Bourlon Wood and village. The operation was only a</p>	<p>Phyff</p>

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RAINCOURT	23 rd	(cont)	<p>partial success. The wood was captured but not the Village. also the Division on our right failed to capture FONTAINE-NOTRE-DAME. Heavy casualties were sustained by the 40th Div Inf. Hostile Artillery fire greatly increasing. Major line wood forward mile -</p>	<p>Pruff</p>
	24 th		<p>a second attempt was made to capture the Village of BOURLON. The attack was a failure and the enemy kept a very heavy pressure on our Infantry with machine guns and snipers. The village of GRAINCOURT was very heavily shelled during the greater part of the day. "O" Bty RHA was shelled with 5.9" 3 guns being put out of action.</p>	<p>Pruff</p>
	25 th		<p>Due to the shelling of GRAINCOURT making it impossible to keep communications the Brigade H.Q. moved to Digouts 500 yds to the west of the Village. Hostile shelling very heavy round Bourlon Wood. No Infantry attack during the day. 1 more gun of "O" Bty hit and put out of action and 1 OR wounded.</p>	<p>Pruff</p>

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GRAINCOURT	Nov 26 ⁿ		Batteries fired on S.O.S. lines at dawn for about 1 1/2 hours to check probable enemy counter-attack. The remaining two guns of O' B'RHA moved owing to hostile shell fire to a position near Bde H.Q. The 62 nd Div relieved the 40 th Div. Several S.O.S. calls were replied to during the afternoon. Hostile artillery very active during the day. 2 B ^r RHA 2 OR wounded.	Ruzf.
	27 ⁿ		Our Infantry again relieved the attack on BOURLON and FONTAINE villages. The Brigade barrage was fired just to the right of BOURLON village. After a very heavy days fighting no progress was made. Part of BOURLON village was captured but had to be evacuated almost at once. Enemy shelling was very heavy all day and a gas barrage was fired round GRAINCOURT during the night. The Infantry were repeatedly counterattacked and many S.O.S. calls were answered.	Ruzf.
	28 ⁿ		2 Lt Stock and Home from joined the Brigade. ammunition 358 lbs 2, 493 402 864 lbs. Considerable enemy shelling during the day. No Infantry action. Wagon - Lines moved back to HAURINCOURT owing to hostile shelling. 402 OR wounded. 260 Mills and Savel joined Brigade.	Ruzf.
	29 ⁿ		Nothing of importance occurred. Intermittent hostile shelling throughout the day.	Ruzf.

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GRAINCOURT	30		<p>The enemy attacked both flanks of the salient caused by our offensive. The attack on our front namely the northern flank commenced at about 8.30 A.M. A dense smoke barrage was made by the enemy round BOURLON Wood and FONTAINE NOTRE DAME. Bourlon wood was heavily shelled by gas shell on the night prior and at the commencement of the attack with result that our Infantry were put in a very bad condition ^{put in a very bad condition} and our artillery ^{our artillery} barrage was put down immediately ^{the attack commenced} and as reports show was a very effective. The enemy who attacked with 7 divisions was unable to penetrate our our line on nearly the whole front. A slight break was made opposite the factory N.W of Graincourt and what parties of the enemy came forward were dealt with by M.G fire. The attack lasted the whole day. For the first few hours of the attack most of the enemy shell fire which was very heavy was concentrated to ⁱⁿ the forward area, later the batteries were subjected to very heavy searching shell fire. Hostile aircraft were very active a few bombs being dropped round Battery positions. At dusk orders were received to withdraw the Brigade this was done and the night was spent in the wagon lines near HAURINCOURT.</p> <p>Casualties 1st Bty 2 Lt Higginson - Killed 5 OR wounded 1 OR gassed 2nd Bty 2 Lt Shouch wounded at dusk 1 OR killed 3 OR wounded 402 Bty Lt Homeston wounded 5 OR Ammunition 0 Bty 240 lbs 2nd Bty 2149 lbs 402 Bty 1536 lbs. 402 had 3 hit by shell fire.</p>	<p>They</p> <p>J.W. 1st Lt Col Coy 5 B^{de} RHA</p>

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1000 EAST of RIBECOURT.	Dec 1 st 1917		<p>The C.O with 2 other officers left HAVRINCOURT at dawn to report to 29th D.A near VILLERS PLOUICH the Brigade now being attached to this division in the 3rd Corps. Owing to the CRA being captured by the enemy Col MURRAY D.S.O was functioning as CRA at his brigade H.Q on the Eastern end of HIGHLAND Ridge. The C.O visited him and then selected battery positions in the HINDENBURG SUPPORT Line between RIBECOURT and MARCOING. Brigade H.Q. was in a dug out on the left flank of batteries. Owing to the Brigade only having 12 guns in action O Bty RHA remained at wagon Line 402 and Z Btys moving into action during the early afternoon. The Brigade was in a group tactically under Lt Col Murray D.S.O. 17 Bde RFA. the 232 Bde RFA being also in the group.</p>	MMA
	Dec 2 nd		<p>Batteries were much worried during the day by bursts of fire from hostile Field Artillery. A brigade O.P giving an excellent view of our zone was established near a derelict Tank behind NINE WOOD. Batteries were registered during the day from this O.P. During the night our infantry according to plan evacuated MASNIERS in order a straighten the salient caused by hold this village. Casualties.</p>	MMA
	Dec 3 rd		<p>During the early afternoon heavily attacked opposite MARCOING the Brigade fired S.O.S for a considerable time. No definite information could be gained about the result of the attack except vague rumours of very great disorder amongst the infantry in front of us. at about 6 p.m fairly reliable information was received that a complete gap existed just to the right of MARCOING and that the main line of resistance to be taken up was the HINDENBURG SUPPORT. Owing to the uncertain nature of the disposition of the enemy it was</p>	MMA

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			<p>decided to withdraw all batteries in front of RIBECOURT. This was done by the 232 Bde RFA moving first the 15th Brigade RFA next and then the Brigade. Before moving all ammunition was fired, batteries on or searching behind S.O.S. lines. The Brigade was clear of positions without casualties by about 1.30 AM 4th inst.</p>	MA
	Dec 3 rd		<p>on arrival from forward positions batteries rested till dawn with gun teams and gun in GRAND RAVINE. At dawn the C.O. with Battery Commanders selected positions on the outskirts of RIBECOURT on the North Western side of the village. Brigade H.Q. was between Batteries and FLESQUIERS. These positions were immediately occupied the Brigade still being in the group under Lt Col Murray DSO. The Batteries had a quiet day. The same O.P. as for the last position was used. The Brigade Zone was the Right of MARCOING. There was very little hostile shelling during the day.</p>	MA
	Dec 5 th		<p>The batteries especially 402 Bde RFA shelled during the early morning. Intermittent shelling during the day. Parties of Germans seen and sniped on by 2 Bde RFA in our Zone several casualties being caused.</p>	MA
	Dec 6 th		<p>Intermittent hostile shelling. 0 Bde RFA relieved 402 Bde in their position. Harassing fire on Brigade Zone. At about 4 pm the enemy attacked FLESQUIERS but was at once driven off.</p>	MA

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BOAR COPSE	Dec 7 th		The Artillery was regrouped under the orders of CRA 36 div. Two groups were formed. The Left consisting of the 17 th Bde RFA with O and Z Bn RFA. Col Murray DSO in command. The Right under Col West DSO consisting of 150 and 232 Bde RFA. with H Q in dugout to Right of BOAR COPSES	Mh
	Dec 8 th		O Bn RFA moved to a new position on RIBECOURT - WILLERS PLOUICH road about 400 yds from RIBECOURT. Harassing by both Batteries 200 yds each. C.O visited Infantry Brigadier of the zone covered by the group which is that the part of WELSH RIDGE when the main HINDENBURG LINE crosses it. O Bn RFA 1 OR wounded. 2 Lt THOMAS and 2 Lt NURSE joined the Bde and were posted to 402 Bn	Mh
	Dec 9 th		Z Bn RFA moved to new position just to the left of O Bn. Zone covered by Batteries the left end of WELSH RIDGE. Wagon lines near PLACE MORTMARE shelled and moved to Wagon line near H.Q between HAVRINCOURT WOOD and METZ. B.A.C. moved to near YTRES. Casualties O Bn 1 OR wounded. Z Bn 1 OR wounded 402 Bn 1 OR wounded. 1 OR killed	Mh
	Dec 10 th		Harassing fire 100 per Bn by day 50 yds by night. W.L. slightly shelled: Casualties 402 Bn 1 OR wounded.	Mh

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BOAR CORSE	DEC 11		Harassing Fire as usual Nothing a report.	Ma
	DEC 12		do do During a statement made by a deserter German Officer that an attack was to be launched at 6.30 AM our Artillery put down counter preparatory barrage at 6 A.M. The attack was launched opposite FLESGUIER and was completely taken up with heavy losses to the enemy.	Ma
H.G Wagon Lines	DEC 13		402 Bty released O Bty RHA in action the latter going to the W.L. The command of the Right Group was handed over to Lt Col Willcock 306 Bde RFA. The Colonel and H.G staff went to Wagon lines.	Ma
	DEC 14		'O' Bty RHA marched via Bapaume to be Depot Battery for 3rd Army Artillery School at HAUTECLOQUE. The march took 3 days. Lt NICHOLSON rejoined 'O' Bty. Lt PROBERT 'O' Bty. Lt WILKES to 2 Bty RHA. C.O. start for 1 month's leave to England. Capt Culverwell 2 Bty RHA taking command.	Ma
	DEC 15		Harassing Fire. Nothing a report.	Ma
	DEC 16		do do do	Ma
	DEC 17		do do do	Ma
Dugout near RIBECOURT	DEC 18		Re grouping of Artillery - Brigade H.G. Staff with Major Collins of D/15 formed sub group comprising of 2 Bty RHA 402 Bty RFA and 153 Bde RFA. The H.G. of 153 Bde RFA on the Main Left Group.	Ma Ma

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Dec 19 Near RIBECOURT	Dec 19		Harassing fire 200 yds per Bty. Batteries slightly gassed by gas shell during night. Z Bty RHA 1 OR killed 3 OR wounded (gassed).	MMA
	Dec 20		Harassing fire nothing to report RSM Breetham joined the Bde.	MMA
	Dec 21		do do do do	MMA
	Dec 22		Harassing fire 75 yds per Bty. Brigade H.Q. wagon lines bombed during day 1 OR killed.	MMA
	Dec 23		Harassing fire Batteries subjected to hostile searching fire during the day Casualties 402 Bty RFA 1 OR killed 6 OR wounded	MMA MMA
	Dec 24		Harassing fire as usual.	MMA
	Dec 25		36 D.A. moved out of action being released by 63 D.A. this sub group	MMA
	Dec 26		cleared to function the batteries tactically coming ^{under} Lt. Col Crofton 317 Bde RFA	MMA
	Dec 27		Harassing fire	MMA
	Dec 28		do do	MMA
	Dec 29		do do	MMA

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Near RIBECOURT	Dec 30 th		<p>Shortly before dawn the enemy made a minor attack gaining some ground. It was accompanied by a considerable artillery bombardment extending as far back as HARRINCOURT WOOD. Telephone communication was bad due to frost which caused many breaks and lines in parts were frozen into the ground making repairs difficult. Batteries expended about 800 rounds each.</p> <p>Quiet Day.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
	31 st			

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NEAR RIBECOURT	1/1/18		Normal day. Under 5 th Corps	Mia
	2 nd		Normal day	Mia
	3 rd		Z' Battery RHA and 402 Battery RPA withdrew after dusk to wagon lines in HAVRINCOURT WOOD near METZ	Mia
	4 th		Brigade (less O' Battery RHA) marched to BAPAUME under 4 th Corps	Mia
	5 th		Brigade (less O' Battery RHA) continued march to TREUX (SE of ALBERT)	Mia
	6 th		Brigade (less O' Battery RHA) continued march to PONT NOYELLES	Mia
	7 th		One days rest. Came under 3 rd Corps.	Mia
	8 th		marched to area just WEST of AMIENS came under 4 of C	Mia
	9 th		marched to POIX	Mia
	10 th		Rested at POIX	
	11 th			
	12 th			
	13 th			
	14 th			Mia
	15 th			
	16 th		marched to area just South of AMIENS	Mia
	17 th		marched to BERTEAUCOURT and THENNES came under 3 rd Corps 5 th Army	Mia
	18 th		Rested	Mia
	19 th		Rested	Mia
	20 th		Sent fatigue party of 2 Officers 4 NCOs and 100 men to work on 3 rd Corps Railhead Dump ABBECOURT	Mia

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BERTEAUCOURT	21 st		Rested	ma
	22 nd		Rested	ma
	23 rd		Rested	ma
	24 th		Rested	ma
	25 th		Rested	ma
	26 th		Rested	ma
	27 th		Rested	ma
ROYE	28 th		Marched to ROYE under orders of 58 th DA staged their one night excellent billets for men and horses	ma
MONDESCOURT	29 th		Marched to MONDESCOURT via NOYON - BAC marched to billets in BABOEVILLE	ma
	30 th		Detachments and guns of 'O' and 'Z' Batteries marched to LA FERRE to relieve the 25 th and 26 th Batteries 22 nd Regiment of French Artillery during afternoon and evening.	ma
TERGNIER	31 st		Visibility very poor making observation extremely difficult, guns were however registered and the French batteries marched away in the evening. 402 nd Battery RFA remained in their wagon lines at MONDESCOURT. Dumps of ammunition at guns was brought to 400 rounds per gun with the assistance of teams and wagons of 402 nd Battery RFA and the B.A. Col. Batteries in action grouped with and administered tactically by 290 th Brigade RFA - covering 30 th Div Infantry opposite LA FERRE. Battery positions 'O' at TERGNIER 'Z' 1 mile W of TRAVECY.	ma
<p style="text-align: center;">West Lieut Col Comd. 5th Brigade R.F.A.</p>				

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Place	February Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TERGNIER	1st		Advance party sent up to prepare place selected for Brigade Hd. Qrs.	Ma
	2nd		Bde Hd Qrs occupied - Location 1000 yds North of TERGNIER church. Communication was established to Inf. Bde during the afternoon also to 58th DA and Batteries.	Ma
			"Z" Battery RHA moved their wagon lines to those vacated by French at SENICOURT, Excellent cover for men and horses.	Ma
			A reconnaissance was carried out during the afternoon by Col. West for a Battery position to be occupied by 402 Battery RFA also for a section of D/290 (Howitzers)	
	3rd		Reconnaissance of previous day completed. Wagon lines of "O" Battery RHA moved up to SENICOURT alongside "Z" Battery RHA.	Ma
		6.0pm to 10.16pm	Hd. Qrs took over command of the Centre Sector Artillery 58th DA. Preparations for battery positions and OPs to defend Battle Zone carried out. Reconnaissances carried out for positions for men forming Brigade of Artillery.	Ma
			1 Section 402 Battery occupied position built by them at CANLERS Farm E of LIEZ Fort.	Ma
			2nd Section of 402 RFA came into action same location.	Ma
			Normal day	Ma
			3rd Section 402 RFA came into action	Ma
	21st		Work carried out on front and battle positions	Ma
	22nd		with a few searching rounds 77 MM. O Battery lightly shelled	Ma

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TERGNIER	23 rd		Brigade ordered to exchange sectors with 290 Brigade R.F.A. + occupy positions previously occupied by them. Guns to be exchanged stopped in situ. 4 hours of D 290. German under command of this Brigade.	J.M.
	24 th		Batteries exchanged detachments of one section.	J.M.
	25 th		Exchange completed by 6 p.m. H. 2 moved to Quarry 500 yds N.W. of LIEZ.	J.M.
	26 th		Reconnaissance of positions sector carried out. 2 nd BATTY R.F.A. 10 th found beyond.	J.M.
	27 th		for duty with Artillery Horse Lines. Reconnaissance for two new J.P.s carried out. 0 Battery found shell hole.	J.M.
			in forward positions 15 cm - 77 mm. Cannons to O.R. Registration.	J.M.
			of Zero lines to be.	
	28 th		'2' Battery moved forward section to new position 250 yards N.W. of.	J.M.
			the old position. Telephone communications practically established between.	
			B.H. 2 + battle positions. B.A.C. brought ammunition to battle.	J.M.
			position (32 wagons) Orders received afternoon. Report for Battle.	
			O.P.s specially manned + Batteries would be specially prepared.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LIEZ	Mard 1 st	PM 8.25	Orders received for relief of the Brigade by 82 nd Brigade R.F.A. Arrangements completed with O.C. 82 nd Brigade for relief on evening of 2 nd March. S.O.S. fired for 10 mins. at request of infantry.	JH.
VILLIQUIER - AUMONT	2 nd		Relief carried out + complete by 6 PM Guns exchanged + stripped 'in situ' H.Q. moved to VILLIQUIER. AUMONT 'O' Battery to Wagon Lines at CAUMONT 'Z' Battery to Wagon Lines at LA RUE de CAUMONT '402' Battery to Wagon Lines at CAUMONT	JH.
	3 rd		Reconnaissance of four reinforcing Battery positions E of MONTESCOURT + four W of REMIGNY carried out	JH.
	4 th		Brigade Commander took over command of Brigade on return from Senior Officers Course	JH.
	5 th		Reconnaissance of 8 Reinforcing Battery Positions W of SINCENY carried out + 4 Battery positions in FLAVEY-LE-MARTEL to cover JUSSY	JH.
	6 th		Working party of 2 Officers + 100 O.R.s proceed to SINCENY for work on Battery position under C.R.A. 58 th Div Art. 'Z' Battery moved to Wagon Lines at BEAUGIES	JH.
	7 th		'402' Battery ordered to take up position recommended E of MONTESCOURT under orders of D.C. 83 rd Brigade R.F.A.	JH.
	8 th		'402' Battery moved into position at Cross Roads ESSIGNY - LIEZ Road + MONTESCOURT - GIBERCOURT Road	JH.
	9 th		Reconnaissance of Country around MONTESCOURT carried out by Brigade + Battery Commanders.	JH.
	10 th		'402' Battery Wagon Lines moved to S. of FAILLOUVEL	JH.

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VILLIQVIER	MARCH		Normal day	JH
- AUMONT.	11 ^h		do.	JH
"	12 ^h		do.	JH
"	13 ^h		do.	JH
"	14 ^h		Batter Posit ^{ns} to support a raid reconnoitred W of FORT. VENDEVILLE. 'Z' Batter wagon line moved to LA RUE de CAUMONT	JH
"	15 ^h		Normal day	JH
"	16 ^h		do.	JH
"	17 ^h		do.	JH
"	18 ^h		do.	JH
"	19 ^h		do.	JH
FIERES-	20 ^h		'O' Batter calibrated their gun on range S of OISE R. Working parties returned to Batteries	JH
- FAILLOUVEL	21 ^h		Enemy delivered grand attack before dawn 'O' + 'Z' Batteries moved up to FIERES FAILLOUVEL soon after dawn. Orders received here to send one Battery off to reinforce 58 th D.A. at VOUEL taking other Batteries into action alongside 402 nd Battery between MOTESCOURT + GIBERCOURT. Brigadier Commander despatched 'O' Battery to VOUEL - brought 'Z' Battery up alongside 402 nd . Position very obscure partly owing to fog which had not cleared but it was evident that the enemy had made much ground on our front. Information was soon received as to whereabouts of enemy + a barrage was opened but it was not long before enemy troops came into view from the high ground just behind batteries and held in full view of the battery positions. Airmobile an officer Lt. Tynah-Brown TYNDALE-BISCOE of 'Z' Battery who had been sent out to get	JH

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FRIERES - FAILLOUVE	MARCH 21 st		<p>information as to the situation had run into the enemy & been captured according to the report of the signaller with him. Very good opportunities were now obtained & well dealt with by both batteries enemy troops on the CHERIZY - BENAY Road S of BENAY & those attacking HINACOURT being engaged in turn, the effect being plainly visible from the Battery Positions. About 4.0 p.m. the enemy being in front of HINACOURT with no infantry between them & the Batteries position it was decided to withdraw the Batteries further back. Batteries retired in succession to positions W of REMIGNY but two guns of Z were dropped on the MONTESCOURT ridge only a few hundred yards back to delay the enemy's advance on our front. These guns had rare opportunities especially against the enemy's infantry trying to debouch from HINACOURT & kept up a heavy fire until night-fall - A steady barrage was put down on our front by the remaining guns until midnight when in consequence of the infantry having decided to retire to the line of the Canal behind they were withdrawn to positions at FRIERES-FAILLOUVE covering this line. During the evening the 56th Infantry Brigade had come up and close liaison was established with them from now on.</p> <p>The 409th Battery R.F.A. 96th Brigade R.F.A. was attacked both Brigades came into action alongside Z & 402nd Batteries. The enemy's attack developed early again under cover of a thick morning fog. Heavy fighting took place all day during which the Batteries were constantly engaged. By nightfall our troops had fallen back to the railway W of the Canal. There was intermittent shelling of Battery positions. Batteries covered front with fire throughout the night.</p> <p>Enemy's attacking force pressed his attack during the success on our left - at 11.00 it became necessary for the infantry to again fall back. Some machine guns were also lost.</p> <p>The enemy's attack continued. Shelling of Battery positions became heavier. Brigade H. 2. was shelled out of FRIERES-FAILLOUVE just in front of Batteries & retired to sand pit alongside of Batteries. Throughout the morning the enemy pressed his attack. Owing</p>	<p>JK.</p> <p>JK.</p> <p>JK.</p> <p>JK.</p>

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<p>F</p> <p>LE CAISNEL</p> <p>COMMENCHON</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>23rd</p> <p>24th</p>		<p>to his success on our left at JUSSY it became necessary for our Infantry to again fall back about midday as they came close back on Batteries with the enemy already appearing through HAUTE TOMBELLE Wood on our left. Batteries retired in succession to positions near FOUR CROIX S.W. of FAILLOVEL. Here batteries were subjected to a galling fire which was obviously being directed from a balloon close up. Considerable casualties to personnel + horses were sustained. At 4.0 p.m. a further retirement was ordered. Positions were occupied at LE CAISNEL N.W. of VILLEQUIER AUMONT Batteries retiring down the FAILLOVEL - VILLEQUIER AUMONT Road. A section per Battery was left in position temporarily to cover this retirement - A gun which had been temporarily abandoned in FAILLOVEL owing to the lack of the lumber trucking + 2 other guns the whole teams of which were knocked out while retreating were eventually got safely away. Major STEPHENSON, D.S.O., M.C. commanding 2 Battery R.H.A. was among the killed about this time - At LE CAISNEL Batteries fired bursts of fire on our front - They again came under heavy shell fire - At dusk Batteries were again ordered to retire to COMMENCHON where positions were occupied just S of the valley during the night.</p> <p>Soon after day-break the village + Battery positions came under shell fire - The enemy were reported to be in VENVILLE-CAY. On it appearing that the enemy were pressing on CAUMONT from which French troops were seen to be retiring the Brigade Commander decided to move back a little way + face his guns round to cover that direction a further advance from which would have enveloped</p>	<p>J.H.</p> <p>J.H.</p>

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CAILLOVEL	MARCH 24 th		<p>our right flank - About 10 a.m. a general retirement was ordered. Batteries retired to just E of CREPIGNY CAILLOVEL when they remained in action on hour the roads through the village being completely blocked by guns + transport. Our infantry meanwhile dug a line just E of the village. The guns were finally withdrawn to positions just W of CREPIGNY to cover this line many calls were answered during the rest of the day and a hostile concentration in BERTHANCOURT and RUE DES VIGNES was very heavily shelled. The enemy's artillery was very meanwhile much less active having failed apparently to keep pace with his infantry but a few Batteries which pushed forward were active. The Brigade remained in action firing a slow barrage until after midnight when it was ordered back again. Positions were occupied S. E. of GRAND RU before dawn.</p>	<p>JH.</p>
VARESNE	25 th		<p>Fire was opened on BERTHANCOURT early. At 8 a.m. orders received for all guns to cross to S bank of R. OISE. The only road across the Canal & river was by MORLINCOURT to VARESNE. There was a great congestion of traffic and some enemy shelling of the bridges but the whole force was passed safely across and the bridges blown up. French troops lined the S bank of the river + Batteries came into action, covering BABOEV, 1 mile SE of VARESNE being under the tactical command of French Artillery Commander Colonel JOALLAND</p>	<p>JH.</p>

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	MARCH			
	26 th		Batteries moved to positions $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile W to cover crossings opposite VARESVES. Enemy made no further attempt to cross the OISE. Line extended with French infantry, but a good deal of shooting during afternoon on movement down.	JH
	27 th		Batteries did night firing.	JH
	28 th		Col JOALLAND inspected batteries. Batteries did night firing.	JH
NAMPCEL	29 th		In afternoon orders to withdraw. Batteries fired ammunition they could not carry on enemy defences & moved back to Wagon line at NAMPCEL after dark.	JH
ST LEGER	30 th		Brigade marched to ST LEGER in the FORÊT DE LAIQUE.	JH
LONGVEUIL ST MARIE	31 st		Marched past outskirts of COMPIÈGNE to LONGVEUIL ST MARIE. 409 th Battery returned to 96 th Brigade R.F.A.	JH
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	April			
NEUILLY-	1		Brigade marched to NEUILLY-SOUS-CLERMONT	JH
ESSUILES	2		Brigade marched to ESSUILES	JH
DURSEL MAISON	3		Brigade marched to DURSEL-MAISON 2 + 402 Bttns. at FRANCASTEL	JH
VRAIGNES	4		Brigade marched to VRAIGNES	JH
FRICAMPS	5		Brigade marched to FRICAMPS.	JH
"	6		Normal day.	JH
"	7		do	JH
TRONCHAY	8		Brigade marched to TRONCHAY	JH
"	9		* G + N Bttns R.H.A. - 17 th BAC joined Brigade 402 Bttn ^{ordered} to join 14 th Army Bde R.F.A.	JH
METIGNY	10		Brigade marched to METIGNY	JH
BRAY	11		Brigade marched to BRAY-SOUS-MAREUIL	JH
"	12		Normal day	JH
"	13		9 Bttns R.H.A. Wagon line moved to INVAL + 5 th Bn BAC to CAUMONT	JH
"	14		Normal day	JH
"	15		do	JH
"	16		Orders received for reorganization of Brigade to proceed + all batteries	JH

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BRAY	16		to be equipped on 18P: Army Brigade establishment + surplus horses to be pooled with 17 th B.A.C.-R.H.A. 2 Sections of 5 th B.A.C. to join 14 th th Army Brigade R.F.A.	JH
	17		Orders received for G+N Batteries R.H.A. to hand over 13P: Guns + Wagons + equipment at CALAIS + draw 18P: Guns Wagons + equipment + for 5 th B.A.C. R.H.A. to draw 18P: A.F. wagon for 2 sections at CALAIS.	JH
	18		13 P: Guns + Wagons proceed to CALAIS. Reorganization of Brigade proceeding	JH
	19		Normal day reorganization of Brigade proceeding	JH
	20		do do	JH
	21		do do	JH
	22		do do	JH
	23		do do	JH
	24		do do	JH
	25		do do	JH
	26		18 P: Guns to + Wagons received by 'G+N' Batteries + 5 th B.A.C. + reorganization complete.	JH
	27		'G' Battery + 5 th B.A.C. Wagon lines moved to MAREUIL	JH

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BOURDON	April 28		Brigade marched to BOURDON and came under orders of the AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	JH
VADEMCOURT	29.		Brigade marched to VADEMCOURT and came under orders of the 2 ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.	JH
	30		Reconnaissance of Southern part of Division Zone carried out.	JH

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY	MAY 1		Further reconnaissance of Divisional zone carried out	RH
		2	Reconnaissance of front areas completed	RH
		3	Reconnaissance of back areas carried out	RH
		4	Reconnaissance of back areas completed	RH
		5	Normal day	RH
		6	Wagon line areas bombed by Enemy Aircraft 17 Mules killed in B.A.C. line	RH
		7 9.a.m.	Brigade passed to III rd Corps reserve 'G' Battery RHA went into action under the orders of the Super imposed Group Commander. Two Anti. tank guns sent forward to position one by D Battery about 700 yards from front line and 600 yards N of AMIENS - ALBERT road + one by Z Battery close to front line and about 100 yards S of the same road. Guns moved into position on night 7 th - 8 th May. Four other guns handed over for use as anti tank guns. Mobile reserve now consists of 3 batteries of 4 guns each.	RH
		8	Normal day	RH
		9	do.	RH

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CONTAY	MAY			
	10 th		Normal day	JK
	11		do	JK
	12		do	JK
	13		do	JK
	14		Position reconnoitred for Z's anti tank gun about 1200 yards E of LAVIEVILLE + gun moved back during night of 14 th -15 th May.	JK
	15		Detachment from N Battery relieved Z Battery detachment at anti Tank Gun	JK
	16		Normal day	JK
	17		do. Orders received for Brigade to relieve 108 th Brigade R.F.A. in the line on 23 rd , 24 th + 24-25 th May being transferred to Australian Corps	JK
	18 th		Normal day	JK
	19 th		Brigade Commander got in touch with 108 th Brigade + reconnaissance of area partially carried out	JK
	20		Brigade Commander and Battery Commander reconnoitred battery positions and area of 108 th Brigade	JK
	21		Orders received cancelling relief and Brigade ordered to come under the	JK

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	MAY			
CONTAY.	21		orders of the Australian Corps on 24 th inst N Battery anti-tank detachment relieved by detachment of A/83 Battery. Wagon Lines bombed by Enemy Aircraft 6 O.R. wounded 2 remaining at duty	PH
"				PH
"				PH
"	22		Normal day	PH
"	23		O Battery anti-tank gun detachment relieved by 82 nd Brigade.	PH
"	24		Brigade came under orders of Australian Corps O Battery relieved by Battery in action	PH
"	25		Brigade became mobile reserve brigade of 2 nd Aust Div. Action. Reconnaissance of front carried out	PH
PONT-NOVEL -453	26 th		Brigade marched to PONT-NOVELLES & took over Wagon Lines by 108 th Brigade R.F.A.	PH
"	27		Reconnaissance of Divisional Zone carried out	PH
"	28		Further reconnaissance of Divisional Zone carried out	PH
"	29		Further reconnaissance of Divisional Zone carried out	PH
"	30		Normal day	PH
"	31		Normal day	PH

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 Maj. Colonel, R.H.A.
 Commanding 5th Brigade R.H.A.

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PONT-NOYELLES	June 15		Training in Mobile Reserve	
	2		do	
	3		do	
	4		do	
	5		do	
	6		do	
	7		do	
N. VAUX	8		after dark ^(see HQ) Batteries less 'O' B5 RHA moved into position previously selected N of VAUX SUR SOMME. Heavy hostile shelling of whole area during night with gas and other shell.	
	9		Registration carried out, Batteries otherwise remained silent. N B4 RHA 10R was silent.	
	10		at 9.45 pm under cover of artillery barrage 3 Battalions of 2nd Australian Division advanced to attack on a front of 3000 yds the average depth of objective was 600 yds. The attack was a complete success all objectives being gained and in addition a strong enemy post north of the attack razed and wiped out. Captures, Prisoners 260 machine guns 20. Our firing ceased at 11.15 pm. Batteries expended about 900 rds each.	
	11		Batteries remained in action in case of enemy counterattack until 11 pm when they withdrew to Wagon line in mobile Reserve.	
	12		normal day	

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PONT-NOVELLE	JUNE			
	13		Normal day.	Appendix
	14		Normal day	Appendix
	15		N Bty RHA relieved O Bty RHA in position near HENECOURT also in W.L. at CONTAY.	Appendix
	16		Ammunition left in positions near VAUX sur SOMME removed by Bangalore. Lt Cooper B.A.C. wounded also 6 horses killed while removing this ammunition.	Appendix
	17		Normal day	Appendix
	18		N Bty RHA came out of action at HENECOURT during night 18/19	Appendix
	19		N Bty RHA went into action near BIESLE during night 19/20 W.L. remained at Contay	Appendix
	20		Normal day	Appendix
	21		do — Lt CRITCHLEY rejoined the Bde from England posted to B.A.C.	Appendix
	22		do —	Appendix
	23		do —	Appendix
	24		do —	Appendix
	25		do —	Appendix
	26		do —	Appendix
	27		positions between RIBEMONT and BUIRE recommended for a future operation on this front.	Appendix
	28		Normal day	Appendix
	29		do — 'Z' RHA 1 OR wounded. B.A.C. 1 OR wounded.	Appendix

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BUIRE	July 29/30 ^R		received 3 concentrations during the night. Major C.W. MASSY, DSO, MC, RHA, Lieut J.A. HOBDAV, RHA + 2/Lt. KAHERBARE were all gassed through a round which fell close to the Officers mess.	Ma
	30 th		1 O.R. 'N' Bty RHA evacuated gassed from the effects of previous night's gas shelling	Ma
	31 st		Batteries of 86 th Army Bde RHA withdrawn to Wagon lines and are replaced by A, B, + D Btys 110 th Bde RHA (25 th DIA) who come into action during the night and form part of the Right Group.	Ma

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BUIRE	July	28 th	(Contd) 2500 yds held by 2 Batis in the line - Group then became Right Group 58 th DA + had 2 - 6" Newton TMs tactically under the Group Commander.	Ma
		29 th	<p>12:30 am A creeping barrage was put down about 1000 yds W. of the BRAY - CORBIE road in support of an attack by the 5th Aust Div Infantry who gained their objective well up to time, barrage stopped at 1:10 am, Number of rds fired 2160</p> <p>1:25 am A standing barrage was fired to cover an attack further to the right this also met with complete success and barrage stopped at 1:55 am, ammunition expended 1440 rounds</p> <p>All objectives was were gained by 58th Aust Div Infantry in this highly successful minor operation, many enemy dead were found casualties being caused both from the Artillery barrage and by the bayonet. The front of attack was 4000 yds and our line was advanced an average depth of 600 yds capturing the enemy's front and support lines. The enemy retaliation on our front was very feeble and his troops offered feeble resistance to our Infantry.</p> <p>During the night 29/30th the enemy put several hundred gas shells into the RIBEMONT - BUIRE valley W. BTY RHA.</p>	Ma

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BUIRE	1918 1 st AUG.		Batteries in action in N. of R. ANCRE between RIBEMONT and BUIRE - Normal day. harassing fire carried out during night on roads track C	O
		2 nd	ditto.	O
		3 rd	ditto.	O
			Enemy reported to be evacuating his line in front of ALBERT to the E. side of R. ANCRE. One Sector per Battery relieved by 169 th Bde R.F.A.	
Pont Noyelles		4 th	169 th Bde completed relief and the Brigade moved back to its original line near PONT NOYELLES.	O
		5 th	Reconnaissances carried out morning and afternoon on ground N.E. of SAILLY LE SEC.	O
		6 th	In Mobile Reserve at PONT NOYELLES under III Corps. Reconnaissances continued -	O
		7 th	In Mobile Reserve at PONT NOYELLES under III Corps. Preparations for Offensive on 8 th inst -	O

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SAILLY LAURETTE	8 AUG		<p>Brigade marched at 2 a.m. to a Position of Readiness near VAUX / SOMME working in conjunction with 53rd Infantry Brigade 18th DIV. part of an attack on a wide front -</p> <p>Capt. G.W. TOWELL M.C. R.H.A. killed on approaching Position of Readiness -</p> <p>Zeroflow 4-20 a.m. Thick fog which did not lift till 2.30 a.m.</p> <p>Attack was supported by heavy barrage and Tanks accompanied infantry. Task of the Bde was to go forward to positions W. of MALARD WOOD as soon as situation allowed of it. Colonel WEST and two other Officers went forward to reconnoitre - Situation very obscure owing to thick fog. As soon as it was clear that our infantry had got on to MALARD WOOD Bde Commander sent Adjutant back to bring on Batteries - On the way these were stopped by Infantry Brigadier who was not satisfied with the situation and were brought into action N. of SAILLY LAURETTE - From here the further progress of our infantry was covered. During afternoon Batteries moved forward to position W. of MALARD WOOD - Many targets were engaged and harassing fire carried out throughout evening and night -</p> <p>Casualties 1 officer killed 1 O.R.</p>	
MALARD WOOD	9 AUG		<p>Remained in action in same positions all day - At 5.30 p.m. our own and American infantry again approached to attack and succeeded in advancing to GRESSAIRE WOOD and beyond - one Section 'G' Battery R.H.A. accompanied this attack -</p> <p>Casualties Lt N.E.J. LEAHY R.H.A. killed 1 other Officer slightly wounded -</p>	

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MALARD WOOD	1918 Aug 10 th		'G' Btry R.H.A. moves forward during day to position W. of GRESSAIRE WOOD and were heavily shelled losing Lt. N. S. G. KNAGGS R.H.A. wounded (died of wounds) Lt. J. P. WHITELEY R.H.A. and 6 O.R.'s wounded - 2 G uns hit and some horses killed. Remainder of Bde moves up to same area at dusk. 4 th Australian Div. took over front.	
MALARD WOOD	11 th		Casualties 'N' R.H.A. 1 O.R. killed. Counter preparation fires during afternoon and harassing fire during night. Enemy shelling of forward areas heavy.	
MALARD WOOD	12 th		Brigade became part of 'Liaison Force'. i.e. 13 th Aus Inf. Bde. 133 American Regt. 58 th Div. Arty.	
	13 th		Early morning barrage fired in support of an attack on ETINEHEM SPUR which was completely successful - Counter preparation called for shortly afterwards and enemy threatened counter attack broken up. Enemy Artillery very active - Casualties 1 O.R. wounded.	
	14 th		Two guns 'O' Battery moved to forward position - G no shelling during night. Casualties 1 O.R. killed - 3 " wounded.	

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MALARD WOOD	14 th Aug		Positions S of SOMME reconnoitred - Quiet day - Harassing fire and are shot carried out - Casualties 1 O.R. wounded.	✓
MERICOURT S/SOMME	15 th 16 th		Batteries moved in evening to positions between ETINEHEM and MERICOURT S/SOMME. Casualties 2 O.Rs killed 6 . Wounded. Some Horses killed.	✓
	17 th		Movement fires on and usual harassing fire carried out. Major C. I. McKay arrives to command 'N' Battery R. H. A.	✓
	18 th		Counter preparations fired in early morning but no enemy attack took place. Casualties 4 O.Rs. wounded.	✓
	19 th		Quiet day and usual firing programme carried out.	✓
	20 th		Came under 5 th Aus. Div. Artillery - Some horses killed by shell fire -	✓
	21 st		298 th Bde R.F.A. grouped with 5 th Bde R.H.A. under Col. West D.S.O. R.H.A.	✓
	22 nd		Successful attack by infantry on our left in morning.	✓
PROYART	23 rd		Our infantry attacked from the SOMME southwards on a wide front. Batteries fired a creeping barrage - Zero Hour 4.45 a.m. - Group then came under 3 rd Aus. Inf. Bde - One Battery per Brigade immediately sent forward to positions previously selected just N.W. of PROYART. Remaining Batteries followed	✓

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PROVART	1918 AUG 23	Contd —	<p>in succession - Attack very successful - Fresh attack 2 p.m. under our Barrage made further 1500 yds. advance to FROISSY BEACON, MARLY and GARENNE woods - Large captures of prisoners, Guns and material - Many targets engaged throughout day including an enemy 5.9 How Battery which was silenced - Batteries shelled all day -</p> <p>Casualties 9 O.R.s wounded. Some forces killed + 15 wounded.</p>	
	24		<p>Batteries engaged various targets throughout day. Enemy guns active at times.</p>	
	25		<p>In early morning Bugabo fires an embankment Barrage in support of attack by Division N. of SOMME. During day two Batteries moved forward to near FROISSY BEACON - Very heavy days firing with many calls for assistance coming from infantry - Remaining Batteries now sunk in evening -</p> <p>At 4 p.m. fires a creeping Barrage under which infantry advances a little further -</p> <p>'Z' Bty RHA moves out to go as Depot Battery 4th Army Artillery School -</p> <p>Casualties 3 O.R.s wounded.</p>	

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CAPPY	1918 Aug. 26 th		In early morning first Barrage: our infantry advancing to beyond CAPPY - 'O' Bty R.H.A. sent forward just E of CAPPY working independently with 10 th Cms. Batten. In afternoon other Battens and 298 Bde moved forward to position E of CAPPY.	O
	27 th		Bursts of fire and harassing fire put down at intervals - Casualties 1 O R killed, 1 " wounded.	O
In front of 30 Oct. WOOD.	28 th		298 Bde A.F.A. left the Grants. Battens moved forward 1 mile becoming advanced Grants with 6 th Cms Inf Bde. Much movement engaged on our front and also N of Somme. We occupied FRISE. In evening 'N' and 'O' Btys R.H.A. moved forward 1/2 mile to positions S. of FRISE. Casualties 4 O.R.s wounded.	O
HERBECOURT	29 th		During night infantry advanced still further. At dawn 'C' Bty R.H.A. moved on to position just N. of HERBECOURT where other battens shortly afterwards joined them. 'O' Bty R.H.A. on approaching position were heavily shelled - Major WATSON D.S.O. killed. 3 O.R.s wounded. Several horses hit. Battens got very good shooting all day both N and E. of SOMME. Our infantry held up on W. bank of River facing PERONNE.	O
	30 th		Battens busy shooting - Excellent targets obtained -	O

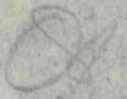
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HERBECOURT	31		<p>In early morning Barrage fired under which our infantry advanced and took MONT ST. QUENTIN overlooking PERONNE, having worked round bend of River on N. Bank during the night. Positions selected further forward N.E. of FLAUCOURT. occupied during the evening - 900 Prisoners taken during the day - Casualties H. O. R. killed. 2 " wounded. Some horses killed.</p>	

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Comdg. 5th (Army) Brigade R.M.A.

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Hortleambury	1918 Sept 1	6am	Our Infantry again advanced Brigade firing Range Reconnaissances carried out on other side of R. Somme at former positions - Cannonade 'N' 2 times	JSL 46
	2	-	Brigade fires Range in morning under which infantry improved their positions - 5 wounded	
	3	-	Another reconnaissance carried out across River.	
	4	-	Quiet Day.	
LE MESNIL	5	-	Enemy started retiring in front of us - In evening Battle resumed to positions near LE MESNIL across the SOMME. Bridge over BRIE not completed until early morning so Battalions could not cross until then. Grouper with 2984 Bde R.F.A	
LE CATELET	6	-	Enemy continues their Retreat. Brigade moved forward to position near LE CATELET. A few targets engaged. Daylight Bombing Air Raid caused some Casualties. 1 man wounded Some Horses	

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HANCOURT	1918 Sept. 7		advance continued - Batteries moving forward in succession up to E. of HANCOURT. One Section marched with each Battery and kept close to each Battalion in advance - Many Targets engaged, Enemy resistance weak.	<u>Com</u>
"	8		Quiet Day. Major G. E. W. Franklin D.S.O. arrived to command O. Bty	<u>Com</u>
"	9		Quiet Day.	<u>Com</u>
"	10		Ditto.	<u>Com</u>
"	11		O Bty R.H.A. advanced to a position S.W. of VENDELIERS.	<u>Com</u>
LEMESNIL	12		Australian Brigade took over from us - Moved back to LEMESNIL for the night and came under orders of IXth Corps.	<u>Com</u>
ATHIES	13th		Moved to ATHIES (E. of BRIE) and were put under orders of 2nd Infantry Brigade 1st (Brit) Division. The whole being a mobile reserve.	<u>Com</u>
MONTICOURT	14th		Moved with 2nd Infy. Bde in a column to wagon lines E. of MONTICOURT.	<u>Com</u>
	15th		Reconnoitred positions for the Brigade with B.C.S.E. of VENDELIERS-VERMAND Railway, 2000' N. E. of VERMAND. Ordered to dump 500 Pds. for gun by dawn 17th.	<u>Com</u>

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MONTICOURT	16th		Moved up a m ^{ch} last night and tonight to position selected.	Major G. E. W. FRANKLIN left O 37 6 some for Major 36 11 15 19
VERMAND	17th		Moved Hqs. to VERMAND. Batteries move into action. A very clear night and considerable bombing was carried out. N ^o 10, R.H.A. lost 2 majors, 2 captains and 3 subalterns horses with 2 bombs in their wagon-lines at MONTICOURT. After midnight rain fell.	Com Com
	18th	5.20 am	Attack commenced. Brigade put down a creeping barrage. 'O' Battery R.H.A. was shelled during the barrage by 77 mm. Lieut. PRESTON, one Bomb. and 2 men were wounded and a gun disabled by one shell.	Com
		10 am.	'O' R.H.A. was ordered to reconnoitre and move into action into the valley North of MASSEMY and due E of the Tumulus and take on movement. Capt. Nicholson did this singlehanded, ran out a wire to the Tumulus and had some good targets N. of PONTRUET and also South of the River. N ^o R.H.A. moved their rear 4 guns to join the 2 guns E of the Railway. 'O' R.H.A. lost 2 teams going into action and was harassed during the night. The attack was a complete success North of the River.	Com

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VERMAND	19 & 20th.		Quiet. Moved Hqs. on 19th to VADENCOURT Chateau, & were slightly shelled. Reconnoitred positions near HOLNON Wood to support attack of 6th Div. on FRESNOY, which they failed to take on 18th.	<u>CPM</u>
N. of HOLNON WOOD	21st		Bde. Hqs. and the three Battalies moved into action by 8 am. to positions of about 300 yards N.E. of HOLNON Wood. G. R.H.A. had one man killed by a shrapnel S.G., which burst just in rear of guns. Battalies registered on cross Roads FRESNOY.	<u>CPM</u>
"	22nd		Last night fairly quiet. Battalies escaped shelling. Orders were issued for the barrage next morning. N & G R.H.A. were harassed throughout night up to within 1/4 hour of zero hour 5 am.	
"	23rd		Attack by 6th Div. and French on right at 5 am. FRESNOY captured early, but infantry held up at GRICOURT. Later another barrage was put down and GRICOURT captured. Lieuts J.L. MORLEY, J. WOOTON, F.J. SPARKS. BEACH and JACK joined the Brigade. First two gone attached to N, next two to G & the last to O Battalies.	
"	24th		Quiet day. French captured FAYETTE. British hold all old front line before retreat of March 21st 1918.	

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N. of HOLMON WOOD	25th	10am	Reconnaitred with B.C.'s positions in Valley S.W. of FRESNOY. These were within 1200 yards of enemy on right flank, and an advance by the enemy of 200 yds would have brought them in view. These were rejected.	"
		3pm.	Batteries moved forward to near top of crest (advance of 700' - 1000'). Bde Hqrs. advanced. 6 pos. vacated by O. Bty. R.H.A.	"
	26th 27th 28th		Supported various exploiting operations of 1st Divn. towards THORIGNY. On 28th reconnoitred posns. S. of PONTRUET & N.E. of FRESNOY. Capt. J.M. ABBOTT adjt. reported sick & went away.	"
S.W. of BELLENGISE	29th		Supported further advance of 1st Divn., who formed a ^{Right} protective flank for attack of 46th Divn. over St Quentin Canal at BELLENGISE.	"
"	"	12 noon	Batteries advanced to positions in valley S. of PONTRUET (E. of those selected yesterday). Headquarters moved to old German front line at S.W. of BELLENGISE.	"
"	30th		Remained in action, but in Observation.	"

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Lieut Colonel R.H.A.
Commanding 6th Brigade R.H.A.

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S.W. of BELLENGISE	1st		Remained in Observation as on Sept. 30th	
" "	2nd		Ditto was evacuated sick with Influenza.	Lieut R.W.J. GIBSON Signal Officer of Bde Com
" "	3rd		The Bde. moved into action 2000 ^x south of LEHAUCOURT and fired a barrage in support of the French at 9 am. A further barrage was fired at 10 am. and harassing fire carried on throughout the day on woods E. of St Quentin Canal. Lieut O. TURTON R.F.A. (ordnance) was evacuated sick with influenza.	Com
	4th		Quiet Day	
1000 ^x W.S.W. of LEVERGIES	5th	15.00	Lt. Col. A.H.D. WEST DSO was evacuated sick with influenza. The Brigade moved forward under the command of Major R.H. ELLIOTT DSO R.H.A., to S.W. of LEVERGIES in support of the French. 'O' Battery R.H.A. had 5 O.R. casualties getting into action. Bde Hqs. moved into trench 1000 ^x S.W. of LEVERGIES. Bde came under orders of Lt. Col. SCARLETT DSO 23rd Bde R.F.A.	Com
" "	6th		Fired a barrage in support of French. After slight advance they were held up by machine guns in GARENNE wood and BELLICOURT Trench. Batteries were slightly harassed during barrage. Two more barrages were fired during course of day. Bde Hqs. intermittently shelled.	Com
" "	7th		BELLICOURT Trench was captured and a large advance made in conjunction with British attack.	Com
LEVERGIES	9th		Major R.H. Elliott DSO R.H.A. proceeded to U.K. on leave and Major C.J. McKay M.C. R.H.A. took over command.	Com
	10th		Bde Hqs., 'N' Battery R.H.A. & 'O' Battery R.H.A. moved with wagon lines into LEVERGIES. 'C' Bty R.H.A. moved into SEQUEHART and B.A.C. about 1000 ^x S. of LEVERGIES.	Com

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LEVERGIES	12th		Bde. was placed under orders of G.R.A. 46th Div. A Bde. cmdrs. conference took place and positions reconnoitred for the Bde. on Eastern outskirts of BOHAIN.	Com
	13th		The whole Bde including B.A.C. moved into MONT BREHAIN. After another Bde. cmdrs. conference new positions were selected for the Bde. on northern outskirts of BOHAIN on LE CATEAU Road.	Com
	14th		Batteries moved again into positions selected.	Com
	15th		Batteries moved into action. Bde. Hqrs. moved to N. of BOHAIN in BOHAIN STN. P.E. Dump, and Bde. came under orders of Rt. Group commanded by Lt. Col. Jarvis R.F.A.	Com
	16th		Misty day, but registration was successfully carried out.	Com
	17th	5.20	Put down barrage (enfilade) creeping sideways including ANDIGNY LEFERMEZ. Complete success. S.O.S. lines at extreme range taken up late at night. Lieut EM. FOWLER R.F.A. joined Bde. and was posted to 'O' Bty R.H.A.	Com
	18th		Remained in observation. Lieut T.J. Gough R.F.A. joined and was posted to 'N' Bty R.H.A.	Com
	19th		Wagon lines were established in BOHAIN. B.A.C. established in FRESNOYLE GRAND. Bde. Hqrs. moved to last house in BOHAIN on BOHAIN-BUSIGNY Road. Influenza getting worse.	Com
	25th		G.O.C. R.A. IX Corps inspected the Bde. in Stables.	Com
	26th		Major R.H. ELLIOTT DSO R.H.A. rejoined from leave and took over command of the Brigade.	Com
	30th		Lieuts MORLEY, SPARKS and JACK were posted to Field Artillery Brigade.	Com
	31st		Received orders to prepare to move into action N.E. of WASSIGNY.	Com

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BOHAIN	1 st		Brigade at rest.	JL
	2 nd		Do	JL
WASSIGNY	3 rd		Brigade attacked by 1 st Divisional Artillery Guns moved into action near WASSIGNY	JL
	4 th	5.45	Field Battery in support of infantry + a further barrage in the afternoon infantry attack successful. Brigade came under orders of 46 th D.A on completion of second barrage.	JL
LA GROISE	5 th	7.30	In position of readiness across OISE CANAL. Crossing accomplished at MAIZENGHIEM. Guns moved into action at LA GROISE and forward section of 'N' Battery at LE SART. Forward section shelled by Germans.	JL
LE SART			Guns of forward section were lost. 2 guns in brigade to fire.	JL
PRIECHES	6.		Guns moved into action at PRIECHES but did not fire. The enemy appeared to be retiring very quickly.	JL
	7		Quiet day.	JL
	8		Guns return to Wagon Lines at LE SART.	JL
	9.		Quiet day.	JL

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CARTIGNIES	Nov 10		Moved forward to CARTIGNIES	JH
	11 th		Quiet day. Armistice came into force at 11.00	JH
SAINS DU NORD	12 th		Brigade marched to SAINS DU NORD	JH
	13 th		Normal day	JH
	14 th		do Brigade came under 1 st D. A.	JH
	15 th		Batteries were reduced to 4 gun establishments one section per battery + B.A.C. being sent to Corps Depot at BOHAIN. Lt Col A. H. J. West	JH
HESTRUD	18 th		Returned from sick leave + took over command of brigade. Brigade less B.A.C. marched to HESTRUD + came under orders of B.F.	JH D.S.O
			C. 1 st Inf. Brigade, B.A.C. marched to SEMOUSIES + came under orders of 1 st Brigade H.Q. Group.	JH
	17.		Half-day	JH
	18		Brigade marched to ERPION 2 Batteries re-joined Brigade	JH
	19		Brigade marched to YVES-GOMMEZÉE	JH

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VVES-COMMEZEE	20		Halt day	JK
	21		do	JK
	22		do	JK
ORET	23		Brigade marched to GERIN ORET.	JK
GERIN	24		Brigade marched to GERIN	JK
	25		Halt day	JK
	26		Halt day	JK
	27		Halt day	JK
	28		Halt day	JK
	29		Halt day	JK
	30		Halt day	JK

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VEVE	1 st Dec.		The Brigade marched to the VEVE area,	J.S.
BUISSONVILLE	2 nd		The Brigade continued the March to BUISSONVILLE, one Battery going to NAYAUGLES	J.S.
do	3 rd to	8 ^{1/2}	Halt days.	J.S.
NETTINE	9 th		The Brigade marched to NETTINE.	J.S.
BARVAUX	10 th		The Brigade continued march to BARVAUX	J.S.
LIGNELY	11 th		The Brigade moved to LIGNELY area.	J.S.
do	12 th		Halt Day.	J.S.
DEUX-RYS	13 th		Bde Hq moved to DEUX-RYS, and Brigade less Z Battery came under orders of 1 st Div. H.Q. Group. 1 st D.A. "Z" Battery continued march with Advance Group, receiving orders directly from 1 st Bde.	J.S.
DEUX-RYS	14 th to 15 th		Halt Days	J.S.
LA FOSSE	16 th		The Brigade continued march to La FOSSE.	J.S.
SART	17 th		" " " " " SART	J.S.
BOVIGNY	18 th		" " " " " BOVIGNY	J.S.
KROMBACH	19 th		" " " " " KROMBACH (Germany)	J.S.
do	20 th		Halt Day.	J.S.
MANDERFELD	21 st		The Brigade continued march to MANDERFELD.	J.S.
BERK	22 nd		" " " " " BERK.	J.S.

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SCHMIDHEIM	23 rd		The Brigade continued march to SCHMIDHEIM.	J.S.
IVERSHEIM	24 th		" " " " " IVERSHEIM.	J.S.
—do	25 th - 26 th		Halt Days.	J.S.
HEIMERZHEIM	27 th		The Brigade marched into winter Billets at HEIMERZHEIM. 2 nd Battery RHA. came again under orders of Brigade Commander. The 1 st Div. H.P. Group ceased to exist and the Brigade was administered for all purposes by 1 st D.A.	J.S.
HEIMERZHEIM	28 th - 31 st		NORMAL Days.	Lieut. Commanding 5th. J.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEIMERZHEIM (Germany)	1.1.19		18 men demobilised.	P.M.F.
"	2.1.19		normal Day	P.M.F.
"	3.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	4.1.19		5 men demobilised	P.M.F.
"	5.1.19		normal Day	P.M.F.
"	6.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	7.1.19		1 officer (2/Lt F.B. Sanger) joined. 1 man demobilised.	P.M.F.
"	8.1.19		normal Day	P.M.F.
"	9.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	10.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	11.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	12.1.19		3 men demobilised	P.M.F.
"	13.1.19		normal Day	P.M.F.
"	14.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	15.1.19		1 officer (Capt - adjt G.L. Lloyd) demobilised, and 5 men demobilised.	P.M.F.
"	16.1.19		1 inspection of Dringids by Maj-Gen. Buckle, M.G. R.A. 2nd Army.	P.M.F.
"	17.1.19		normal Day	P.M.F.
"	18.1.19		1 officer (Lt G.E. Holmstrom.) demobilised,	P.M.F.
"	19.1.19		normal Day	P.M.F.
"	20.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	21.1.19		7 men demobilised	P.M.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEIMERZHEIM	22.1.19		Normal Day	P.M.F.
"	23.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	24.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	25.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	26.1.19		3 men demobilised	P.M.F.
"	27.1.19		Normal Day	P.M.F.
"	28.1.19		" "	P.M.F.
"	29.1.19		2 men demobilised.	P.M.F.
"	30.1.19		Normal Day	P.M.F.
"	31.1.19		" "	P.M.F.

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HEIMERZHEIM	1.2.18		10 men demobilized.	P.M. 7.
"	2.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	3.2.18		normal day.	P.M. 7
"	4.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	5.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	6.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	7.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	8.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	9.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	10.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	11.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	12.2.18		4 men demobilized LFO. TURTON R.F.A struck off strength	P.M. 7
"	13.2.18		8 men demobilized	P.M. 7
"	14.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	15.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	16.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	17.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	18.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	19.2.18		normal day	P.M. 7
"	20.2.18		8 men demobilized	P.M. 7

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HEIMERZHEIM	21.2.18		normal day	Ph 7
"	22.2.18		1 man demobilized.	Ph 7
"	23.2.18		normal day	Ph 7
"	24.2.18		normal day	Ph 7
"	25.2.18		normal day	Ph 7
"	26.2.18		5 men demobilized	Ph 7
"	27.2.18		normal day	Ph 7
"	28.2.18		normal day.	Ph 7.

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HORREM.	MAY 1919		<p><u>HEADQUARTERS. 5th Bde RHA.</u> Usual training. Riding School three to four days a week. Signalling alternate days with riding & on two afternoons per week. Two O.Rs. demobilised - one on 2nd 5.19, other on 17.6.19.</p>	Pl 7.
ICHENDORF.	" "		<p><u>"E" Battery RHA</u> Resting in billets. Training proceeding slowly but lack of men and leave to England makes it difficult. Weather very hot & fine. Rain wanted Horses doing well. About 60 turned out to grass.</p>	Pl 7.
COLOGNE.	1.5.19 to 7.5.19.		<p><u>"G" Battery RHA</u> This period was spent in re-drilling & training the Battery.</p>	Pl 7.
"	8.5.19.		<p>Attached to Woerther Division for one day, and inspected by Field Marshall. H.R. H. The Duke of Connaught, on which parade all ranks were complemented for their smart appearance.</p>	Pl 7.
"	28.5.19.		<p>Warned to be in readiness for an advance into Germany</p>	

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COLOGNE	28.5.19.		<u>"G" Battery (Continued)</u> with composite Brigade. The remainder of month spent in training.	Ph 7
NORVENICH.	MAY 1919.		<u>"O" Battery RHA</u> The month was filled up with the usual routine work and training.	Ph 7
	9.5.19.		27 O.R.s. joined from 7 th B.A.C.	Ph 7
	10.5.19.		2 O.R.s. demobilised. Team selected from Bde to represent the Horse Artillery at French horse show Wiesbaden.	Ph 7
	16.5.19.		2 O.R.s demobilized. Gun & wagon team of Centre Section horses under Lt. PROBERT left for Sals COLOGNE en route for WIESBADEN.	Ph 7
	21.5.19.		Team Competition at WIESBADEN. Result:- 2 French teams 1 st & 2 nd , ROCKET TROOP 3 rd , Italians 4 th . 3 O.R.s joined from 14 th Bde RHA.	Ph 7
	22.5.19.		Teams left WIESBADEN to return to Battery. <u>7th Brigade Ammunition Column.</u>	Ph 7
BERGHEIM & KENTEN.	13.5.19.		all mules put out to grass, thus was releasing men for leave.	Ph 7
	21.5.19.		Leave stopped.	Ph 7
	28.5.19.		No 2 Section mobile warned to be ready to join "G" RHA in case of advance. During the month 5 O.R.s demobilised.	Ph 7

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HORREM	June	1919	Headquarters 5 th Brigade. R.H.A. Training continued, including signallers instruction in Telephone Wagon. Lient-Colonel W.E. CLARK. C.M.G., D.S.O. assumed command of the brigade vice Lient-Colonel A. WEST. D.S.O. on 30 th . Lient. H.C.W. EASTMAN. joined the bde. and assumed duties of Orderly Officer on 30 th inst.	
ICHENDORF	"	"	"E" Battery R.H.A. Resting in billets. Training in Riding School and Driving Drill continued. Capt. J.H.R. Richardson joined the Battery from England. Battery sports held in Recreation field. Maj Gen. Peyton - Coy. Can. Div. informally visited horses and commented on their good condition. Lient. C.F. Forestier-Walker left for RHA. Riding Course Weedon (9 months course)	CL
COLOGNE	June	19.	"G" Battery RHA. 2/Lient. T.J. GOUGH proceeded to U.K. to report to War Office. Capt. H.W. HUGGINS. D.S.O. M.E. joined from 40 th Battery R.F.A. Major H.G. YOUNG. D.S.O. joined from R.H.A. Depot. Woolwich. Major R.H. ELLIOTT. D.S.O. proceeded to U.K. to report to War Office. Turned out two sections prepared to advance into Germany should enemy not sign peace. Billeted at TOCKELHAUSEN. Peace signed on 28 th	CL
TOCKEL-HAUSEN COLOGNE		19/6/19 30 th	Returned to Barracks.	CL

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NORWICH	June 1919.		<p>"O" Battery RHA. Capt. R.H. Towell, M.C. joined. Lieut. Lassetter struck off strength. Resting in billets, training as usual.</p>	C.L.
BERGHEIM.	June 1919.		<p>1st Brigade R.H.A. Amun. Column. 17th 2nd Section Mobile Section joined "G" Battery RHA, and moved into Forward Concentration Area, in readiness for advance in the event of Peace not being signed. 28th 30th Peace signed, Advanced Section returned with "G" Battery RHA. to Cologne.</p>	C.L.

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HORREM	July 1919		<u>5th Brigade Head Qrs. R.H.A.</u> Remained in billets. Signallers trained in Visual and Telephone wapon.	
	2nd "		Capt. (Brevet Major) H.W. HUGGINS. D.S.O., M.C. transferred from G. battery R.H.A. to 5th Bde H.Q. and assumed duties of Adjutant, Capt. W.D. MORGAN. D.S.O. M.C. transferred to G. Battery. R.H.A.	
ICHENDORF	July 1919		<u>E. Battery R.H.A.</u> About 60 horses still out at grass - Training of gun teams and detachments for Cavalry Division Horse Show - weather unsettled throughout the month.	
	9th "		visited by Corps Commander, Lieut-General Sir A.J. Godley. He congratulated Battery on all he saw.	
COLOGNE	July 1919		<u>G. Battery R.H.A.</u>	
	2nd "		Capt. W.D. MORGAN. D.S.O., M.C. joined from 5th Bde. R.H.A. Head qrs. - Capt. (Brevet Major) H.W. HUGGINS. D.S.O., M.C. posted to 5th Bde. R.H.A. Head qrs.	
	21st "		Practices for musical drive at Cavalry Division, Army of Rhine, horse show.	
NORVENICH	July 1919		<u>O. Battery R.H.A.</u> Battery in good billets - 2nd July. Major (Brevet Lt-Colonel) A.K. MAIR. D.S.O. R.H.A. assumed command of the battery, vice Major R.R. COPELAND. D.S.O., M.C., who proceeded to U.K.	
	26th "		Victory march through PARIS - O battery R.H.A. represented by four O.R. Lieut. D.M. ABEL. joined from England.	
BERGHEIM + KENTEN	July 1919		<u>7th Brigade Ammunition Column. R.H.A.</u> Normal Routine Continued - 105 other ranks joined from R.F.A. units enabling mules to be brought in from grass.	

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HORREM.	August 1919		5 th Brigade Head Q ^{rs} R.H.A.	
	18 th		Remained in billets. Signallers training continued. No 15310 R.S.M. DENAR, F.A.E. proceeded to U.K. with orders to report to D.C. Records (Woolwich)	W.H. Major
	30 th Aug. 1919		No 5913 R.S.M. O'KEEFE, P. took over duties of R.S.M. 5 th Bde R.H.A. Equipment entrained for ANTWERP under guard of Lt J.C.W. EASTMAN R.H.A. and 5 O.R.s.	
ICHENDORF	Aug. 1919		E Bty R.H.A.	
	16 th		Remained in billets. Horses brought up from grass. Two Firing Bty marched to Artillery barracks Cologne & attached to G Bty for Review by Army Council on	W.H. Major
	18 th		Review by Army Council	
COLOGNE	30 th Aug 1919		Equipment entrained for ANTWERP under guard of Lt E.P. JONES, M.C. R.H.A. & party. G Bty R.H.A.	
	18 th		DISPLAY of MUSICAL DRIVE by the Battery at the Cavalry Division Horse Show at the Race Course, Cologne. The Bty was complimented by MAJOR-GENERAL SIR W.E. PEYTON K.C.B. K.C.V.O. D.S.O. Commanding Cavalry Division upon the driving & turn out. ALLIED officer spectators shown round the harness & guns, in which great interest was displayed.	W.H. Major
	19 th		Inspection by Army Council of the Firing Bty on the EXERCISOR PLATZ, MERHEIM. E & G Btys representing the Brigade of R.H.A.	
	30 th		Equipment entrained for ANTWERP for trans-shipment to U.K.	
NORVENICH	Aug. 1919		O Bty R.H.A.	
	21 st		Lt J.C.L. NAPIER, R.H.A. joined from England.	
	24 th		Captain R.H. TOWELL, M.C. proceeded to U.K. to attend Battery Commanders Course.	W.H. Major
	28 th		Lt E.P. DANGERFIELD, R.H.A. to HOSPITAL.	
	30 th		Equipment entrained for England via ANTWERP.	
BERGHEIM & KENTON.	Aug. 1919		7 th Brigade Amm ⁿ Column R.H.A.	
	29 th		Equipment entrained for England via Antwerp.	W.H. Major

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Bologna, Germany	10 ⁹ /19	-	2 Officers and 103 other ranks of 2 nd Battery, R.Y.A. proceeded to UK with the horses of the battery.	
Bologna, Germany	12 ⁹ /19	-	1 Officer and 44 ORs of 2 nd Battery, R.Y.A. left Bologna for UK, arriving at Calais 13-9-19. Left Calais 15-9-19, disembarked at Dover 15-9-19 and proceeded to Bramshott Camp arriving on 16/9/19.	
Hoozem, Germany	18 ⁹ /19	-	2 Officers and 44 other ranks of 4 th Bde. Am. Coln and 1 Officer and 114 other ranks of Headquarters 5 th Brigade, R.Y.A. left with horses of their individual units to proceed with same to UK.	
Durant, Germany	19 ⁹ /19	-	2 Officers and 121 other ranks of 0 th Battery, R.Y.A. left with battery's horses for UK.	
Hoozem, Germany Durant	20 ⁹ /19	-	4 Officers and 159 other ranks of HQ 5 Bde, R.Y.A., 4 th Bde. Am. Coln, 1 st & 0 th Batteries, R.Y.A. left for UK. Arrived at Calais on 22 nd , left Calais 23 rd and disembarked at Dover same day, proceeded to Bramshott Park and arrived on 24 th inst.	
Hoozem, Germany	22 ⁹ /19	-	2 Officers + 124 other ranks of 1 st Battery, R.Y.A. proceeded to UK with battery's horses.	

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