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Nº 45 SIEGE BATTERY R. G. A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOULOGNE	1.9.15		The Personnel of the Battery, less 2 officers and 21 other ranks, disembarked at BOULOGNE, and went into camp at St MARTIN'S CAMP. 2 officers and 21 other ranks disembarked at HAVRE, where and proceeded to join Headquarters of the Battery at BOULOGNE, arriving at the latter place on 3 rd inst.	H.M.K.
"	2.9.15		The guns of the Battery, which had been shipped at SOUTHAMPTON on 31.8.15, arrived at BOULOGNE & were unloaded on 2.9.15. The guns in question were 2 9.2" B.L. Mark VI, mounted on railway trucks.	H.M.K.
"	3.9.15 - 10.9.15		The personnel of the battery remained under canvas at St MARTIN'S CAMP, the guns, stores, etc. being on a siding near the landing place. These days were spent in unpacking, sorting the stores etc.; also in fitting the shield to No 2 gun, which had not been done previous to shipment from ENGLAND.	H.M.K.
	10.9.15	4.4 pm	The Battery complete with personnel, guns, etc. left BOULOGNE for BÉTHUNE	H.M.K.

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FOUQUEREUIL	11.9.15	12.30 a.m.	On approaching BETHUNE the special train conveying the battery was ordered into the railway siding at LA SABLIERE, near FOUQUEREUIL station.	
"			The battery was attached to the 1 st Group, Heavy Artillery Reserve, 1 st Corps, 1 st Army.	HAR
"	12.9.15		In camp at LA SABLIERE.	HAR
"	13.9.15		A party proceeded daily from camp to BEUVRY SIDING for the purpose of making funk-holes, a position for the battery having been selected there. These holes were completed on 17 th inst:	HAR
LA GORGUE	16.9.15		The right section, with gun, proceeded from FOUQUEREUIL to LA GORGUE station & were attached to N ^o IV Group, H.A.R.	HAR
"	17.9.15		The gun was brought into action at G 32. C. 5 2 (reference Ten rounds were fired during the morning at the house in the neighbourhood of AUBERS CHURCH - Range 8100 yds.	HAR

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LA GORQUE LA GORQUE	18.9.15		Observation from aeroplane. Weather cloudy. The gun was brought into position at the same place as on 17.9.15 & eight rounds were fired at HERLIES, and stores in the vicinity. Range from 10,600' to 11,650'. Observation as before. Results satisfactory.	H.M.
FOUQUEREUIL	19.9.15		The right section returned to LA SABLIERE.	H.M.
	20.9.15		No. 2 gun was removed ^{taken} to LILLERS and the shield taken off. This was necessary as the truck showed signs of sagging. The truck was then passed as fit for firing.	H.M.
	21.9.15		Orders received for one section to be attached to No. V Group H.A.R. during forthcoming operations. Right section attached, and position selected at BEUVRY STATION to enable fire to be opened on FOSSE No. 8 when required. The necessary communications were also established between BEUVRY STATION & FOSSE No. 9 for the latter to be used as an O.P.	H.M.

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BEUVRY STATION	22.9.15		The right section moved into position at BEUVRY STATION.	H.H.K.
"	23.9.15	2.5 pm	Fire opened on FOSSE 8, 24 rounds fired. Observation, visual from FOSSE 9, very difficult & finally impossible.	H.H.K.
"	24.9.15	7.30 am	Fire reopened on same target, 20 rounds fired at intervals when observation was possible. Range 8000*.	
BEUVRY. BEUVRY SIDING	"	"	During the day an O.P. was established at BEUVRY CHURCH. The battery complete was moved to BEUVRY SIDING & the two guns brought into action during the night preparatory to opening fire at dawn.	H.H.K.
"	25.9.15	5.50 am	The right section opened fire on HAISNES, range 8900, and continued on this target till 6.55 am, firing 17 rounds.	
"	"	6.55 am	Fire was turned on to DOUVRIN till 7.20 am, range 11,200, and 8 rounds fired.	
"	"	5.50 am	The left section opened fire on the cross-roads at HULLUCH, but after firing 7 rounds the gun-truck collapsed and the gun had to be	

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BEUVRY SIDING	25.9.16 (cont ^d)	10.26am	Taken out of action. The right section reopened fire on DOUVRIN, range 11,200 and fired 10 rounds in 30 minutes, the best rate of fire obtained up to date.	
"	"	11.15am	Six rounds fired on upper part of road between DOUVRIN and BILLY. Range about 12,500. The elevating gear was very stiff at the elevation required for this range.	
"	"	12 noon	Fire opened on S.W. end of WINGLES, range about 12,400. 10 rounds fired at this target.	
"	"	2.46pm	Fire again turned on to DOUVRIN (8 rounds).	
"	"	3.35pm	Seven rounds fired into STELIE, range 9500.	
			In all the right section fired 66 rounds on this day, the left section 7. The behaviour of No 1 gun was excellent throughout, and the service of the gun was much easier than had been anticipated. The men worked extremely well, especially as it was the first occasion on which many of them had been in action.	
			Observation throughout the day was impossible owing to mist & smoke	

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BEUVRY SIDING	26.9.15	11.30 am	and all firing had to be done off the map - Fire opened on STELIE, range 9,000, and 13 rounds fired, with very satisfactory results, observation from FOSSE N° 9 being very easy.	H.M.
"	"	3.30 pm	Fire reopened on same target, five rounds fired, the first being a direct hit on a house.	
"	"	4.15 pm	Fire switched on to DOUVRIN, range 11,200 and eight rounds fired, of which only two were observed owing to mist & smoke.	H.M.
"	27.9.15	2.15 pm	Twenty rounds fired into HAISNES, range 8,900. Observation very easy from BEUVRY CHURCH, and results appeared satisfactory.	
"	"	5 pm	Fire reopened on same target, and 10 rounds fired. Observation was now very difficult owing to smoke and evening mist.	H.M.
"	28.9.15	9.23 am	Fired 15 rounds on HAISNES - DOUVRIN ROAD. The first 10 were fired in 20 minutes. Range from 9,000 to 10,500. Observation impossible both from BEUVRY CHURCH and from FOSSE 9.	

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BEUVRY SIDING	28.9.18 (cont)	11.5 am	Hostile Field Artillery were reported in the area south of HAISNEC, and fire was opened on this area. 10 rounds being fired. range 8800 - Observation easy and results satisfactory.	
"	"	"	The wireless installation from No 1 Armoured Train was put up in the battery during the day.	Hmk
"	29.9.18	9.55 am	opened fire on area just north of FOSSE P, range 7500, and fired 7 rounds - Observation easy, but rounds reported + from FOSSE Q.	
"	"	2.12 am	Ten rounds fired at HAISNEC CHURCH with the object of destroying observation post there - Though the shooting was accurate, no direct hit was obtained on the Tower of the church.	
"	"	1.46 pm	Fire opened on stores at SALOME, range about 12,000 - Three rounds fired during course of afternoon, the last being reported "OK" by aeroplane observer - The firing was spoilt by faulty communication between aeroplane and operator in the battery, probably due to	

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			<p>latter operator, possibly to faulty instrument in aeroplane -</p> <p>Since arrival from ENGLAND the battery has fired a total of 236 rounds -</p> <p>The mounting of the right section (No 1) gun has behaved well throughout, and given no trouble.</p> <p>Up to date no orders have been received as to the disposal of No 2 gun, beyond the fact that it is not yet to be dismounted -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. H. Kettle Captain RGA Company No 45 Siege Battery RGA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. 10. 15</p>	<p>H.H.K.</p> <p>H.H.K.</p>

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BEUVRY SIDING	1.10.15	1.45 pm	One round fired at SALOME to empty gun which had been left loaded overnight. Range 12,000 -	
"	"	2.42 pm	Fire opened on "Archibald" at B20662, range 10,800. Eight rounds fired with very satisfactory results, the eighth being reported "OK", and four others in the "Z" circle.	
"	"	3.33 pm	Fire switched on to 2 guns at B20626, range 10,400. Seven rounds fired, but results not very satisfactory, probably due to change of lot of cordite in the middle of the series.	
			The battery moved into billets in BEUVRY on this day, one officer and one detachment sleeping in wagons in close proximity to the gun.	
			Weather fine, and clear after 10 am.	H.M.
"	2.10.15		No rounds fired during the day. Camp at LA SABLEIERE given up and spare store wagon and railway coaches moved to BETHUNE station. & arrived at Beuvry siding about 10 pm.	H.M.

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BEUVRY SIDING	3.10.15		Clear between 11 am. and 4 pm - otherwise misty.	
"		5.10 pm	Opened fire on Germans moving in ST ELIE - Five rounds fired - Range 9500 ^x - Fire observed from FOSSE 9 and reported effective -	H.M.
"	4.10.15		Very clear after 10 am.	
"		12.43 pm	Fired five rounds registration on Corons de Haroc, range 7400 ^x . Results satisfactory, though gun shot rather shot, owing to lot of cordite, probably.	
"			Fire observed from FOSSE 9, very easy observation.	H.M.
"	5.10.15		Rain and mist all day. Nothing visible from FOSSE 9. No rounds fired.	
"			Orders received that shield may be removed from No 1 Gun.	H.M.
"	6.10.15		Very thick in morning - Clear in afternoon.	
"		11 am	No 1 Gun taken to BETHUNE and shield removed - Gun then returned to BEUVRY SIDING & sight bracket was fitted to right side of carriage.	H.M.

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BEUVRY SIDING	7. 10. 15		Sight set on No. 1 gun & gun reported in action by 10 a.m. No rounds fired. Fine. Clear between 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.	H.M.
"	8. 10. 15		Fine - misty all day & little visible from FOSSE 9 or from O.P. No rounds fired.	H.M.
"	9. 10. 15		Fine but very misty the whole day. No rounds fired. No. 1 Gun examined by J.M. after firing over 250 rounds, and bore found correct. Battery visited by LORD HALDANE.	H.M.
"	10. 10. 15		Fine, but misty except between 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. No rounds fired during day.	H.M.
"	11. 10. 15	6 p.m.	Fine most of day, but misty. No rounds fired. No. 2 Gun and carriage dismounted and placed on skidding.	H.M.

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BEUVRY SIDING	11.10.15 (cont ^d)		The pivot, and broken down truck and bogies, placed on railway trucks for shipment to ENGHAND. Work finished at 11 pm. The RE 35 ton crane was brought up from AUDRUICQ for the shift -	None
"	12.10.15		Fine, clear most of day. No 2 gas-truck, pivot etc. removed by train about 11 am.	
"	13/10.15	4.23 pm	Two rounds fired into DOUVRIN, range 11,100, in retaliation for shelling of BEUVRY at interval during the day -	None
"	13/10.15	12 noon	Right Section took part in bombardment of neighbourhood of FOSSES preparatory to attack. Fire opened on the area between FOSSE COTTAGES & the railway and continued till 1.10 pm - Range 7400'. During this time 35 rounds were fired at this target, and also	

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BEUVRY SIDING	13.10.15 (cont.)		<p>one round at the Western end of DOUVRIN (at 12.23 pm) range 10,700.</p> <p>This is a much higher rate of fire than has previously been obtained, and to attain it the detachment (N^o 1 under Sgt Holliday) worked extremely well.</p> <p>The fire on this target appeared from FOSSE g. to be effective.</p> <p>1.17p Fire was switched onto the Western end of DOUVRIN range 10,700, and was continued at intervals till 5.30pm.</p> <p>Observation from BEUVRY Church; results satisfactory.</p> <p>Twenty rounds were fired during this period, making a total of 56 for the day. The gun behaved well, except that the elevating gear was stiff + there were several misfires. It ml.</p>	
	14.10.15		<p>Very foggy except from 12 noon - 3 pm.</p> <p>No rounds fired during day.</p>	It ml.

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BEU VRY SIDING	15.10.15		Very foggy all day - Nothing visible from O.P. No. 1 gun examined by J.C.M. & reported slightly choked & require tapping - necessary action taken; gun not out of action -	H.M.
"	16.10.15		Very foggy all day - Nothing visible. The grooves grooves of No. 1 gun cleaned of copper and the gun tapped as it was choked 12 feet from the muzzle - Work completed at 9 pm. The wireless installation, with operator, which had been on loan from No. 1 Armoured Train was returned to that unit about 5.30 pm. by order of Brigade Major, No. V Corps, I.A.R.	H.M.
"	17.10.15		Very foggy. Nothing visible eastwards. Fresh wireless installation put up. Orders received to register a certain part of FOSSE P as soon as observation is possible.	H.M.

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BEUVRY SIDING	18.10.15		Foggy till about 11 am. Then clear till 4 pm. Fine.	
		3.4pm	Five rounds fired (registration) on allotted portion of FOSSE 8. Range 7700' - Results satisfactory - Observation easy from FOSSE 9.	None
"	19.10.15		Fog all day - Fine. Nothing visible from O.P. or FOSSE 9. No rounds fired -	None
"	20.10.15		Fine - but very foggy all day. Observation easy from No rounds fired -	None
"	21.10.15		As on 20.10.15.	None
"	22.10.15		Fine - clear from about 12 noon to 4 pm. No rounds fired -	None
"	23.10.15		Fine - Very foggy all day. No rounds fired.	None
"	24.10.15		Some rain very foggy. No rounds fired.	None

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BEUVA SIDING	25.10.15		Very wet all day. No rounds fired.	None
"	26.10.15		Fine very clear - no rounds fired.	None
"	27.10.15		Some rain - Rather foggy - no rounds fired.	None
"	28.10.15		Very wet & foggy - no rounds fired.	None
"	29.10.15		Fine & fairly clear - no rounds fired.	None
"	30.10.15		Fine & clear - no rounds fired.	None
"	31.10.15		Rain & mist. No rounds fired.	None
"			<p>During the month No. 1 gun fired in all a total of 59 rounds behaving quite satisfactorily throughout.</p> <p>The undermentioned gunners were sent to hospital at the base during the month, but up to date no notification ^{notification} have been received as to this from official sources.</p> <p>No. 48962 Mr. H. Henshaw. No. 1990 Mr. G.A. Belcher. No. 50640 Mr. W. Jones.</p>	
			<p>H. M. Kenton Major, R.G.A. Commanding 45 Siege Battery R.G.A.</p>	

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BEUVRY SIDING.	1. 11. 15		Rain nearly all day. No rounds fired.	H.M.K.
"	2. 11. 15	7 p.m.	Heavy rain & very misty. No rounds fired. Message received from B.M. No. 1 Group H.A.R. "You are loaned to GEN. TANCRED. Acknowledge".	H.M.K.
"	3. 11. 15	4.5 p.m.	Fine but rather misty. Four rounds (registration) fired at allotted portion of FOSSE P. Two mins at 9° 10', two plus at 9° 20' + 9° 15'. Range 7700. Observation from FOSSE q, very difficult. Orders received from No. 1 Group H.A.R. to send about 30 N.C.O.'s & men temporarily to No. 111 Heavy Battery, Regt. to enable men of that unit to proceed on leave. Arrangements made for 36 N.C.O.'s & men of left section to go.	H.M.K.
"	4. 11. 15		Fine. misty in morning. Clear part of afternoon. No rounds fired. 36 N.C.O.'s & men proceeded to be attached temporarily to No. 111 Heavy Battery Regt.	H.M.K.

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BEUVR 7 SIDING C	5.11.15		Fine - misty in morning. Afterwards clear - No rounds fired.	H.M.
"	6.11.15		Fine Thick fog. No rounds fired.	H.M.
"	7.11.15		— as —	H.M.
"	8.11.15		Fine - Fairly clear - No rounds fired Colonel tried by F.C.M. for using threatening language to his superior officer.	H.M.
"	9.11.15		Fine very clear till 3.30 pm. Then rain & high wind. No rounds fired. No 40004 Lt E. Chaffe proceeded to ROUEN, to join RA Section.	H.M.
"	10.11.15		3 rd Echelon G.H.Q. for duty. Some rain - Clear at intervals. 5.35 pm. 3 rounds fired into DOUVRIN at Corps Commander's wish, in retaliation - Range 11,100' - No observation owing to darkness.	H.M.
"	11.11.15		Fine very clear - morning - Rain later. No rounds fired.	H.M.

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BEUVRY SIDING	12.11.15		Rain on & off - No rounds fired.	H.M.K.
"	13.11.15		Rain & high wind - No rounds fired -	H.M.K.
"	14.11.15		Fine - Fairly clear. No rounds fired.	H.M.K.
"	15.11.15		_____ do _____	H.M.K.
"	16.11.15		Fine but misty - No rounds fired - Orders received from No 1 Group. 1st A.R. to attach 2 officers and six other ranks temporarily to 19 Siege Battery.	H.M.K.
"	17.11.15		Some rain - misty - No rounds fired. Lieut: Hurford & P. Harbottle proceeded to GORRE to be temporarily attached for duty to No 19 Siege Battery RGA. Express messenger 3 bombardiers, & 3 fuses proceeded to MAZINGARBE to be temporarily attached for duty to No 19 Siege Battery RGA. Capt. T. CAMPBELL & P. WOOLLEY proceeded to MAZINGARBE to be temporarily attached to No 10 Siege Battery RGA for duty.	H.M.K. H.M.K. H.M.K.

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BEUVRAY SIDING	18. 11. 15		Fire most of day. No round fired.	
"	19. 11. 15		Mr J. REDMOND M.P. visited the battery during the morning.	Itak.
"	20. 11. 15		Fire. Misty. No round fired.	Itak
"	21. 11. 15		Fire. Clear till about 10am. No round fired.	Itak
"	22. 11. 15		Fire but misty. No action.	Itak
"	23. 11. 15		Fire. Thick fog. No action.	Itak
"	24. 11. 15		Fire most of day. No action. Fog.	Itak
"	25. 11. 15		Fire. Clear. No action.	Itak
"	26. 11. 15		Fire. Misty. No action.	
"	27. 11. 15		Three gunners joined from "reinforcements" to complete establishment were posted to right section.	Itak.
"			Some snow. Otherwise clear. No action.	Itak
"			Fire. Fairly clear in middle of day.	
"			12.35pm. Five round fired with DOUVRIN in retaliation for shelling of NOEUX - LES-MINES. Range 11,100. Observed from BEUVRAY CHURCH and appeared effective. (over)	Itak.

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BEUVRAY SIDING	27.11.15	1.10 pm	A large fire was observed immediately behind DOUVRIN CHURCH - seen from BEUVRAY. Too misty to see any detail.	H.M.L.
"	28.11.15	1.45 pm	Fire. Very cold. Fairly clear. 5 rounds fired into DOUVRIN in retaliation for shelling of NOEUX-LES-MINES - Range 11,100 - observed from BEUVRAY CHURCH. Results satisfactory.	H.M.L.
"	29.11.15		Rain on & off. No action. Interpreter DRAIS left for SIOMER, it having been decided that the battery is not entitled to an interpreter.	H.M.L.
"	30.11.15		Fire. Clear. No action. Position reconnoitred near LES BREBIS. 17 rounds were fired during the month from No. 1 Gun - Both gun mounting behaved quite satisfactorily.	H.M.L.

H. H. Cable Captain Rym
Company No 45 Siege Battery Rym

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BEUVRY SIDING	1.12.15		<p>Fine and very clear - No action.</p> <p>OC Battery and Lieut: MORIN proceeded with Lieut: SIMPSON, R.E., telephonists & surveyors to selected gun position near LES BREBIS, at F 30 6 9 1/2.6 (ref. Map FRANCE, Sheet 36^b N.E. 1/20000), orders having been received to select a position there to bring fire to bear on WINGLES, VENDIV-LE-VIEIL, and ANNAY. Bearings of centre line at various spots taken, and telephone line laid from gun position to FOSSE 3, which - to be used as O.P.</p>	H.M.K.
"	2.12.15		<p>Fine till 7 pm. - Thick mist. - No action -</p> <p>Lieut: REED proceeded to LES BREBIS in morning to take over billets from 13th Siege Battery in connection with temporary move here.</p>	H.M.K.
"	3.12.15	3.40 pm	<p>Rain most of day - Very misty. - No action -</p> <p>About 20 shells fell in BEUVRY from direction of LA BASSEE or north of that place.</p> <p>1 Sergeant & 3 gunners proceeded to LES BREBIS in the morning to occupy billets taken over from 13th Siege Battery, Regt.</p> <p>No 1 Gun, under Lieut: REED, accompanied by Lieut: SIMPSON, R.E., liaison officer, left for the selected position at LES BREBIS.</p>	

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BEUVRY SIDING	3.12.15 (cont.)		<p>The personnel accompanying the gun, including the advance party, consisted of 35 of all ranks (including 3 R.E. with engine). 100 rounds of ammunition were taken. Orders received during afternoon from No 1 Group H.A.R. that targets for tomorrow would be (1) Railway Bridge over Canal, H 24 d 10.9, (2) Road Bridge over Canal, I 19 c 1.7. If unable to reach here (3) Station yard & buildings H 24 c and d. (All references to map FRANCE, SHEET 36^c N.W. 4th Edition 1/20000).</p>	
No 1 Gun at LES BREBIS	4.12.15		<p>Necessary arrangements made with "Aeronautics 2". Rain on & off - High wind - Aeroplane unable to go up, and consequently no action - FOSSE 3 manned as O.P. throughout the day.</p>	H.M.K.
H.A. Q.M. at BEUVRY SIDING.			<p>General BUDWORTH, Comd RA 4th Corps, visited battery in morning, and General SIR H. RAWLINSON, Comd 4th Corps in afternoon. In diary for 2.12.15 it should have been recorded that Captain T. CAMPBELL & G. WOOLLEY were attached for duty to 8th Siege Battery from that date.</p>	H.M.K.

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HQ ^{re} at BEUVRY. No. 1 Gun at LES BRENIS	5.12.15		Fine, but clouds low. No action as the planes of No. 2 Aeronautics were unable to leave the Aerodrome owing to floods.	Hrk.
-do - do -	6.12.15		Rain on & off - High wind - No action.	
-do - do -	7.12.15		Detachment engaged in making dug-outs near gun position -	Hrk.
-do - do -	7.12.15		Fine till about 3 pm - Then rain. High wind in afternoon. Shoot had been arranged for 10.15 am, but just when aeroplane got into communication with battery, German planes appeared - They remained in front of battery for about half an hour; one observer got tired of waiting & went home - Consequently no action -	Hrk.
-do - do -	8.12.15	11.20 am	Fine & clear - Fire opened on Railway Bridge at PORT-A-VENDIN. (H 24.6.9.4 Reference Map FRANCE, "B" Series, BETHUNE, Combined Sheet, 2 nd edition 1/40000) - Range 12,050. First two rounds unobserved by aeroplane and by O.O. at FOSSE 3. Probably they fell right off the target in marshy ground.	

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A ^o Q ^{no} at BEUVRY. N ^o 1 Gun at LES BREBIS.	9.12.15		<p>Aeroplane then went home as it was too cloudy for observation - 3rd round fired to safety gun; unobserved by O.D. at F0 6 SE 2.</p> <p>Permission obtained to fire a few rounds into VENDIN to check line, but this could not be done owing to hostile aeroplanes.</p> <p>It is worth recording that the rounds were fired from a piece of line which had a considerable slope both laterally and to the rear. The gun behaved well, the detachment had little difficulty in returning it to the firing point.</p> <p>Heavy rain & thick mist all day.</p> <p>No action</p>	H.N.K. H.N.K. H.N.K.
do - do -	10.12.15	1.30pm	<p>Rain & thick mist till 1pm. Then clear till 3.20 pm.</p> <p>Four rounds registration fired at FOURS.A.COKE at VENDIN-LE-VIEIL, H 24. a 4.2 (Ref: Trench Map 36^c N.W.4. Provisional Ed. N^o 2, 1/10000).</p> <p>Range 11,400 - The object of the shoot was to obtain line for Railway</p>	

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HA Q ^{no} at DEUVRY. No. 1 Gun at LES BREVIS	11.12.15		<p>Bridge over Canal at H24.6. 8$\frac{1}{2}$. 3$\frac{1}{2}$ (Ref: same map). Line obtained at 4th round (3rd round not observed). Result obtained confirms opinion that rounds fired at Railway Bridge on 8th inst: were 'right'. Gun shooting much over Range Table, probably due to following wind. Some rain in morning - Afterwards fine - Very clear. High wind. No aeroplanes up - No action - Lieut. S. L. HURFORD & Co. HARR BOTTLE were attached for duty to 10th Siege Battery RGA. from 6.12.15</p>	H.N.K.
"	12.12.15	3 pm	<p>Fine but cloudy most of day - Clear at times - Aeroplane went up for Battery in morning but could do nothing owing to clouds. One round fired at Railway Bridge at PONT-A-VENDIM (12,050⁺) to empty gun which had been loaded - Six N.C.O.s & men who had been attached to 19 Siege Battery, returned to unit.</p>	S.M.

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H ^d Q ^{rs} at BEUVRY. N ^o 1 Gun at LES BRÉBIS.	13.12.15		<p>Fire & clear - No action.</p> <p>An aeroplane went up in morning for battery & firing was just going to start when the 'plane's wireless broke down.</p> <p>Another 'plane went up & firing was again going to start, when a German 'plane came over & the Huns started shelling FOSSE 7 (the ground station). This continued till 2.30 pm. from 11.30 am. H.M.K.</p>	
- do - do -	14.12.15	11.15 am	<p>Fire & fairly clear.</p> <p>Fire opened on Railway Bridge over Canal at PONT-A-VENDIN. H 246. 8½. 3½ (Ref: map. Trench Map 36^c N.W.4 Proof Ed. N^o 2, 1/10000).</p> <p>Range 12,050^m. Three rounds fired, after which firing stopped owing to hostile 'planes being up.</p> <p>2.25 am. Fire reopened on same target, & 12 rounds fired. No direct hit obtained, but observer reported considerable damage done in PONT-A-VENDIN.</p>	
			<p>Gun shot considerably "up" at end of afternoon. Possibly due to wind at high altitudes.</p>	H.M.K.

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HQ Co at BEUVRY.	15.12.15		Fine & clear - A good deal of wind - No action.	Hmk.
N ^o 1 Gun at LES BRETBIS	16.12.15		20 NCOs & men attached to III Heavy Battery moved to III H.Ts. Fine but cloudy. No action.	Hmk.
- do - do -	17.12.15		Wet & very thick - No action.	Hmk.
- do - do -	18.12.15		Fine, but thick fog all day. No action - N ^o 74625 Sgt. J. Stevens joined the battery on transfer, as a gunner, from 10 th Battery, R.F.A.	Hmk.
- do - do -	19.12.15		Fine & very clear - No action.	Hmk.
- do - do -	20.12.15		Fine but foggy - No action.	Hmk.
- do - do -	21.12.15		Very wet & foggy. No action - N ^o 2 gun mounted on new truck which had arrived late on previous evening. Arrangements made for return to battery of officers & men detached & for move of complete right section to LES BRETBIS.	Hmk.

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Right Section at LES BREBIS Left Section at BEUVRY.	22.12.15		<p>Rain very thick. No action.</p> <p>Mounting of No. 2 gun at BEUVRY completed, and fighting arrangements made, a director being temporarily fitted up as a dial sight, pending arrival of sight due on demand.</p> <p>Captain T CAMPBELL returned to battery from 8th Siege Battery & took over command of Right Section at LES BREBIS.</p> <p>Lieut: HURFORD returned to left section from 10th Siege Battery.</p> <p>N.C.O's & men who had been attached to III & III Heavy Batteries returned to BEUVRY.</p>	H.M.K.
"	23.12.15		<p>Heavy rain at intervals - Fairly clear in forenoon. No action.</p> <p>Remainder of Right Section moved from BEUVRY to LES BREBIS.</p>	H.M.K. H.M.K.
"	24.12.15		Some rain. Clear at times. No action.	H.M.K.
"	25.12.15		- do - - do -	H.M.K.
"	26.12.15		Fine. High wind. No action.	H.M.K.
"	27.12.15		<p>Some rain + high wind. No action.</p> <p>O.P. selected for shoot of North Section on RAILWAY TRIANGLE.</p> <p>LIEUT. MORIN proceeded to LES BREBIS to take over command of Right Section from CAPTAIN CAMPBELL, going on leave -</p>	H.M.K.

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Right Section at LES BRESIL. Left Section at BEUVRY.	28. ¹² / ₁₅		<p>Fine - Some wind - Not very clear. Left Section. No action - Line laid from the Battery Position to "THE RUIN" A 20 d 3.7 (Ref: Prof. France, "B" Series, Belthune, Combined Sheet, 2nd Edition - Right Section. Aeroplane went up but could not observe owing to mist. No action.</p>	Hnk
- do - do -	29. ¹² / ₁₅		<p>Fine but very misty. Left Section. No action - Line laid to FOSSE 9. Arrangements made with Lt. Fosse 9 for the battery to have an OP here with 21st Battery TF. Right Section. Three rounds fired at Road Bridge over Canal at PONT-A-VENDIN, H 24 6 9.1 (ref: trench map 36^c N.W. 4th Prov. Ed. N^o 2 1/10000) - Bridge not hit, but material set on fire in railway yard west of bridge, & a house destroyed in PONT-A-VENDIN - Third round not observed as aeroplane had to go home owing to engine trouble.</p>	Hnk
do - do -	30. ¹² / ₁₅		<p>Fine but misty. No action in either section.</p>	Hnk
do - do -	31. ¹² / ₁₅		<p>Fine. High wind. No action in either section.</p>	Hnk
<p style="text-align: right;">H. K. Mable Major Ogn. Company Siege Battery Tgn.</p>				

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Right section at LES BRESES.	1	1/16	Fine most of day. Very high wind. No action in either section.	Hmk
Left section at BEUVRY.	2	1/16	Rain & mist. No action in either section.	Hmk
- do -	3	1/16	Fine. High wind. No action in either section.	Hmk.
- do -	4	1/16	Wind. No action in either section.	Hmk.
- do -	5	1/16	Fine, & clear till about 2.30 pm. <u>Left section</u> . No action.	
		11.45am	<p><u>Right section</u>. Opened fire on chimneys of METALLURGIQUE Works at WINGLES, suspected O.P.'s - 1/2 Chimneys at H11C 7.7 & 8 1/2. 7 (Ref: Trench map 36° NW 4. Prod. Ed: N°2. /100000). Range 10,700 & 10,750.</p> <p>Observation from FOSSE 3 & FOSSE 9.</p> <p>First (Northern) chimney hit & brought down at 7th round. A direct hit on Southern chimney at 28th round, but it did not fall.</p> <p>Shoot conducted by Lieut: J.A.S. MORIN.</p>	Hmk.

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Right Section at LES BREVIS.	6.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Fine, but misty. No action in either Section.	H.K.
Left Section at BEVVRY.	7.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Some rain. No action in either Section.	H.K.
"	8.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Rain in the morning. Capt Campbell took over North Section from Major Kumble proceeding on leave. No action	
"	9.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Fine day - misty in the morning. No action	
"	10.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Good day for observation. No action	
"	11.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Fine for the greater part of the day. Frost during night 11-12. No action	
"	12.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Clear day - Bomb dropped by aeroplane 400 yards from South Section from	
"	13.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Rainy day - No action	
"	14.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Fine but misty - No action	
"	15.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Very clear day - good observation - Fairly high wind. No action	
"	16.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Rainy. No action in either Section	
"	17.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Fine but misty. No action in either Section	

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Right Section	18 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine - No action in either section	
at LES	19 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine - No action in either section	
BREBIS. Left	20 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine nearly all day. No action in either section	Hnk
Section BEDVRY	21 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine but misty. No action in either section.	Hnk.
"	22 ¹ / ₁₆		Some rain - clear in morning. No action in either section	Hnk.
"	23 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine. Clear in middle of day. No action in either section.	Hnk.
"	24 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine - No action in either section.	Hnk.
"	25 ¹ / ₁₆		- do - - do - - do - Very clear.	Hnk.
"	26 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine & clear. No action in either section.	
"	27 ¹ / ₁₆	7pm.	Orders received to be prepared for hostile attack, "tonight, tomorrow, or tomorrow night"	Hnk.
"	28 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine & fairly clear.	
"	28 ¹ / ₁₆		No 200 G.O. Flood joined the battery on posting from reinforcements. To Right Section.	
"	29 ¹ / ₁₆		Fair but misty. A good many shells fell fairly near the Northern Gun during the day.	Hnk.
"	29 ¹ / ₁₆		No action in either section.	
"	29 ¹ / ₁₆		Fine. Very thick. No action in either section.	Hnk.

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Right section at LES BRENIS.	30.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Very thick fog all day. No action in either section.	
Left section at BEUVRY.	31.	$\frac{1}{16}$	Fog but misty. No action in either section.	
			<p>32 rounds fired during the month, all by No. 1 Gun.</p> <p>During the month No. 4275 G. C. Higginell was invalided to England, & replaced by No. 200 P. B. Floda.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;">H. Rumble Major RGA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Company 45 Siege Battery RGA</p>	
			<p>$1 \frac{2}{16}$</p>	

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Right section at LES BREBIS.	1. $\frac{2}{16}$		Fine but misty. No action in either section.	H.N.R.
Left section at DEUVRY.	2. $\frac{2}{16}$		- do - - do -	H.N.R.
- do -	3. $\frac{2}{16}$	- 5. $\frac{2}{16}$	No action in either section.	H.N.R.
- do -	6. $\frac{2}{16}$		Rain in evening. No action in either section. 50 rounds A.P. shell, complete, received by Right section. Lt MORIN returned from leave & proceeded to Right section. Lt REED went on leave.	H.N.R.
- do -	7. $\frac{2}{16}$	- 8. $\frac{2}{16}$	No action in either section.	H.N.R.
- do -	9. $\frac{2}{16}$		Fine & clear after 1 pm. No action in right section. 1.15 pm left section opened fire on large house in VIOLANTINES, at A5d 36. Ref map. BETHUNE combined sheet, Edn 6, 1/40000. Range 8100'. Observation from S25 d 0.4 & F14 a 7 1/2. 1/2 Ref: same map. 20 rounds A.P. shell fired. Shooting somewhat irregular, though cause of this was not apparent as some lot of cordite was used throughout. Two hits on house. These were the first rounds fired from the gun since it was mounted on new truck. Everything quite satisfactory, & detachment, which is what sketch, looked very well.	H.N.R.

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Right Section at LES BRÈTIS.	10. $\frac{2}{16}$		} No action in either section	H.M.
Left Section at BEUVRY	11. $\frac{2}{16}$		No action in either section -	
	12. $\frac{2}{16}$		Elevating gear of N° 2 gun overhauled to find out cause of irregular shooting on 9 th inch.	H.M.
- do -	13. $\frac{2}{16}$		No action in either section.	H.M.
	14. $\frac{2}{16}$		N° 40004 Mr. E. Chaffa posted to Artillery Clerk Section with effect from 9 th N°. N° 40509 G.C. Waller to Base details from hospital 25.1.16. Both these men struck off strength.	
- do -	15. $\frac{2}{16}$		Very high wind. No action in either section. N° 25964 B.W. Waite posted to Home Establishment with effect from 12.2.16 N° 25164 Capt. H.C. Thake & N° 37984 Capt. C. Enticknap sent to Base on posting to Home Establishment. Bn Hudson & 7 gunners to N° 6 G.H.A. Ammunition Park at AIRE as a temporary measure to replace a company & 7 gunners of that unit attached to the battery -	H.M.

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Right Section at LES BRECHES	16 $\frac{2}{16}$		No action in either section.	Hmk.
Left Section at BEVVRY.	6			
	29 $\frac{2}{16}$		Two gunners (Palfreyman + Nelson) ordered home for work on munitions.	Hmk.
	24 $\frac{2}{16}$		Bt. Hulson + 7 gunners returned from AIRE were replaced here by Lieut	Hmk.
	29 $\frac{2}{16}$		Ludbrooke + seven other gunners.	Hmk.
			No 1369 G. R. Driver struck off strength from 17 $\frac{2}{16}$ on transfer to ENGLAND, accidentally wounded in action.	Hmk.
			It is probable Major Ryan	
			Command 40 Siege Battery Ryan.	
			29 $\frac{2}{16}$.	

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Left Section at BEUVRY	2.	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine & clear. No action in either section. Orders received that from 3 rd inst. inclusive, NORTH SECTION would be fed and administered by 11 th Corps, SOUTH SECTION by 1 st Corps. N ^o . 53713 Gunner W. NELSON rejoined from leave and was despatched to TAVERE on transfer to Home Establishment for Munition work. N ^o . 40362 Gunner P. Buckle joined the battery from reinforcements and was posted to Right Section.	Hmk
	3.	$\frac{3}{16}$	Rain on & off. No action in either section.	Hmk
	4.	$\frac{3}{16}$	Snow nearly all day. No action in either section. 2 nd Lieut: W. N. REED from Left Section of 10 th Siege to Right Section of that Battery, with 2 nd Army, temporarily for duty.	Hmk
	5.	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fire very clear. No action in either section.	Hmk
	6.	$\frac{3}{16}$	Snow at times, sometimes very clear. No action in either section.	Hmk
	7.	$\frac{3}{16}$	Snow on West nearly all day. No action in either section. A few shells fell - BEUVRY about 8 pm, probably fired at main road from direction of FULLEHAM.	Hmk

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Right Section at LES BRECHES	8	3/16	Fine & clear. No action in either section.	
Left Section at BEUVRY	9	3/16	No 65952 Lt H. Aylward joined from reinforcements. Posted to Right section.	Hmk
			Fine but misty. No action in either section.	
			Orders received that Colonel Poole, R. in A., Comd RMA Howd. Brigade, will take over command of all guns & howitzers on Railway Mountings.	Hmk
	10	3/16	Fine but misty. No action in either section.	Hmk
	11	3/16	- do - - do -	Hmk
	12	3/16	- do - - do -	Hmk
	13	3/16	Fine. Very clear in afternoon. No action in either section.	Hmk
	14	3/16	Fine & very clear. Right section no action. FOSSE 6 killed with 4.2 & 5.9; no damage done.	
			Left section opened fire on Chateau - VIOLAINES at A 5-d 3.6 -	
			Range 8100. 6 rounds AP fired - One hit.	
			This shoot was really to test the elevating gear which seemed to be quite satisfactory - The gun shot very accurately, evenly, except	
			6th round which was a big miss - The gun shot about 25 minutes above Range Table.	Hmk.

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RIGHT SECTION at LES BRENIS	15	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine very clear. No action in either section. N ^o 56660 G ^r H Dickenson and N ^o 61275 G ^r R L Dickenson joined from	Hnk
LEFT SECTION at BEUVRY	16	$\frac{3}{16}$	Reinforcements were posted to left section.	Hnk
	17	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine but very foggy. No action in either section.	Hnk
	18	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine & clear. No action in either section. - do - - do -	Hnk
	19	$\frac{3}{16}$	- do - - do -	Hnk
	20	$\frac{3}{16}$	- do - - do -	Hnk
	21	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine but misty. N ^o 118928 P ^r Gregory AIC with car proceeded to report to OC 33 ^d . Divisional supply columns in accordance with orders received from HAR. First Army, a car blip, in the opinion of GHQ(?) unnecessary for	Hnk
	22	$\frac{3}{16}$	9.2" gun batteries on railway mountings. Rain & mist. No action in either section.	Hnk
	23	$\frac{3}{17}$	Fine but misty. No action in either section. N ^o 40362 G ^r P Buckle left battery on transfer to 4 th Siege Battery Rps	Hnk.

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Right Section at LES ARREBS	23	$\frac{3}{16}$	N ^o 17400 G. P. Nash & N ^o 66396 G. P. Hayden joined from Reinforcements & were posted to Right Section.	H.N.
Left Section at BEUVRY	24	$\frac{3}{16}$	Snow nearly all day. No action in either section.	H.N.
	25	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine & clear. No action in either section.	H.N.
	26	$\frac{3}{16}$	Some rain. No action in either section. About 30 shells fell in BEUVRY between 6 pm & 6.30 pm, from falling near the battery -	H.N.
	27	$\frac{3}{16}$	A good deal of rain - Clear till 2.30 pm. No action in either section.	H.N.
	28	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine High wind. No action in either section.	H.N.
	29	$\frac{3}{16}$	Fine Fairly clear. No action in either section.	H.N.
	30	$\frac{3}{16}$	- do - - do -	H.N.
	31	$\frac{3}{16}$	- do - - do - The unmentioned gunners joined from reinforcements. This bringing the strength of the battery up to establishment, with the exception of one private ASC. M.T. presumably no longer allowed. N ^o 2861 G. KING G.F.; N ^o 5396 G. MARSDEN E.; N ^o 102 G. SHERLOCK H & N ^o 43433 G. MEECHAM J	H.N.

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			<p>During the month the North Section has faced six rounds, the South Section nil. The mobility, and therefore presumably the efficiency, of the battery, has been greatly impaired during the month by the reduction of its transport. The battery came out with one motor car, one cycle with side-car, and two motor cycles. This is now reduced to one cycle with side-car, one motor cycle, and two push bicycles. Further, the number of wagons allowed for section has been reduced to two, thus making it impossible for all stores and ammunition to be kept loaded up ready for a move at short notice.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. K. Kettle Major RFA Condy 45th Siege Battery RFA</p>	H. K.

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Right section at LES BREBIS.	1 $\frac{4}{16}$		Fine & fairly clear. No action.	Hmk
Left section at BEUVAY.	2 $\frac{5}{16}$		- do - N ^o 102 G. J. SHERLOCK transferred to 10 th Siege Battery R/S.	Hmk
	3 $\frac{4}{16}$		Fine but misty. No action.	Hmk
	4 $\frac{5}{16}$		- do - 2 nd Lieut. F. POCKOCK joined the battery on posting from Home Establishment.	Hmk
	5 $\frac{4}{16}$		Fine but misty. No action.	Hmk
	6 $\frac{4}{16}$		- do -	Hmk
	7 $\frac{4}{16}$		- do - N ^o 60009 Gunner J. REID & N ^o 16287 Gunner J. SHANKS joined the battery from "Reinforcements". Posted to left section.	Hmk.
	8 $\frac{4}{16}$		Fine & fairly clear. No action.	Hmk
	9 $\frac{4}{16}$		- do - N ^o 40950 Bomb. W. J. STEVENS accidentally wounded, (not to blame) - the hand whilst in charge of working - putty repairing a forward O.P.	Hmk

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As before.	10 ⁴ / ₁₆		Fine & clear. No action. Revised AF G 1098-16g received, dated March, 1916, by which the establishment of the battery is reduced to 4 officers and 6 other ranks.	H&K
	11 ⁴ / ₁₆		Rain. No action. Lieut. F. POLOCK to Right Section for duty. Ten. Lieut. W.N. REED to be Ten. Lieutenant with effect from	H&K
	12 ⁴ / ₁₆		Some rain. No action. Orders received that all men now on leave are to return by 10 th inst.	H&K
	12 ⁴ / ₁₆		Showery. Clear. No action.	H&K
	14 ⁴ / ₁₆		High wind. Rain. No action. Lieut. W.N. REED posted to 7 th Siege Battery. To join forthwith.	H&K
	15 ⁴ / ₁₆		Fine. High wind till evening. No action. Captain T. CAMPBELL posted to 19 th Siege Battery. To join as soon as possible.	H&K
	16 ⁴ / ₁₆		Fine till night. No action.	H&K
	17 ⁴ / ₁₆		Some rain. No action.	H&K

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As before	10 ⁴ / ₁₆		Some rain. No action. N ^o 52893 Gt. G. W. JOHNSON transferred to 19 Siege Battery 17.4.16	H.A.
	19 ⁷ / ₁₆		Rain heavy. No action.	H.A.
	20 ⁴ / ₁₆		Fine. Wind. No action. N ^o 49731 Gt. W. KEEN transferred to 10 th Siege Battery as result to be met REGD with effect from 19.4.16.	
			Orders received for South Section to change positions with N ^o 9 th Siege Battery. Move to take place on night of Saturday, 22 nd & 23 rd inst.	H.A.
	21 ¹² / ₁₆		Some rain. Clear till 3.30 pm. No action.	
	22 ¹¹ / ₁₆		Rain all day. Very thick. No action.	
			Right Section moved during night of 22 nd - 23 rd from its position in L 296 (Belkum Combined Sheet) to a position at BEUVERY Station, changing places with N ^o 9 th Siege Battery. The gun was reported in position at 1.45 am on 23.4.16.	H.A.

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Right Section BEUVRY STATION.	23 ⁴ / ₁₆		Fine & clear. No action.	H.K.
F 3. d	24 ⁴ / ₁₆		- do - - do -	H.K.
Left Section BEUVRY RIVAGE.	25 ⁴ / ₁₆		- do - - do -	H.K.
F 14. d	26 ⁴ / ₁₆		- do - - do -	H.K.
(Ref. Map 36 ^b WE 1/20,000. 3 ^d Edn.).	26 ⁴ / ₁₆			
	27 ⁴ / ₁₆	6.25am	Message received "Gas & smoke attack ^{between} at HULLUCH & LOOS. Please sit on the attack lines - Await orders -"	
			Left Section. Gas & smoke cloud passed over the battery between 6.30am.	
			4.7am. - Helmets not necessary.	
		8.15am	Four rounds fired at PUIVS 1364, H 20 a 4.9 (Sheet 36 ^c N.W. 1/20000 6 th Edn.). Range 11,400. No observation possible.	
		9.45am	Six rounds fired at trench junction at H 26 a. 9 1/2. 5. (Same map). Range 12,200. No observation.	
			Right Section. No action.	
			The unmentioned gunners proceeded to join 92 nd Siege Battery on transfer: 5550 J. Burke; 4167 Evans R; 20636 Hunter D; 53965 Maiden E; 17403 Rank P; 47502 Perry H; 54746 Williams H; 55031 Woodcroft E.	H.K.

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As before.	28 $\frac{4}{16}$		Fine - Very clear - No action.	H.M.
	29 $\frac{4}{16}$		- do - - do - No. 86 396 Co. P Hayden promoted to Lt. Colonel with effect from 5. 11. 15. - accordance with instructions received from "Records".	H.M.
	30 $\frac{4}{16}$		Fine, fairly clear. No action.	H.M.
<p>H.M. Kumble Major, Ryn Comd 45 Siege Battery, Ryn</p> <p>$\frac{5}{16}$</p>				

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Right Section.	1 5		No action.	Hmk.
BEUVRY Station	16			Hmk
F. 3 c	2 5		- do -	Hmk
Left Section	2 16			Hmk
BEUVRY Ravage.	3 5		- do -	Hmk
F. 14 d	3 16			Hmk
(BETHUNE combined Sheet).	4 5		- do -	Hmk
	4 16			Hmk
	5 5		- do -	Hmk
	5 16			Hmk
	6 5		- do -	Hmk
	6 16			Hmk
	7 5		- do -	Hmk
	7 16			
	8 5	6 pm	Left Section fired 10 rounds A.P. at Puits 13 ^r (H7a P3 Sheet 36° NW. / 20000). Range 10,000'. Observation from FOSSE 3 & FOSSE 9. Gun shot very accurately for line, but very erratically for range. This is not accountable, as same lot of cordite was used throughout, & the ramming was uniform, the elevating gear worked properly. Possibly the cordite has deteriorated in the cold weather.	Hmk.
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As before	9 $\frac{5}{16}$		No action.	H.M.
	10 $\frac{5}{16}$		No action.	H.M.
	11 $\frac{5}{16}$		No action.	H.M.
	12 $\frac{5}{16}$		No action.	H.M.
	13 $\frac{5}{16}$		No action.	H.M.
	14 $\frac{5}{16}$	5.30pm	<p>No. 5000? Coy J. Hogan & No. 1722 Coy S. Pope struck off in strength, sick, with effect from 17.4.15 & 19.4.15 respectively.</p> <p>Right Section fired 7 rounds at a battery at H 4 c 8$\frac{1}{2}$. 4 (Ref: map. France 36^B N.E. 1/20000). A slow rate of fire was ordered. Range 12, -75.</p> <p>No observations given, though an aeroplane was up for the gun. The shot was in connection with an attack to recover trenches lost about the HOTTENZOLLERN on 11th inst.</p>	H.M.
	15 $\frac{5}{16}$		No action.	H.M.
	16 $\frac{5}{16}$		No action.	H.M.

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As before	17 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	18 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	19 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	20 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	21 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	22 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	23 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	24 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action. No 50760 G. E. G. HARRIS transferred to 257 th Tunnelling Company, R.E., with effect from 2.5.16.	H 20
	25 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action. Remark re No 1722 G. S. POPE in diary for 10.5.16 cancelled, his men rejoining from Hospital today.	H 20
	26 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	27 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20
	28 ⁵ / ₁₆		No action.	H 20

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As before	29 ⁵ / ₁₆		no action.	DLA.
	30 ⁵ / ₁₆		Left Section fired 3 rounds Lyddite at row of houses (M11 60.2 to M11 68.6 Sheet 36 ² / ₂₀₀₀₀) behind DOUBLE CRASSIER in registration.	DLA.
	31 ⁵ / ₁₆		no action.	DLA.
			<p style="text-align: center;">2 ⁶/₁₆</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DL Harford Lt R.G.A. q/O.C. 45 Siege Bty R.G.A.</p>	

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			From 1 st June, 1916, the War Diaries of the Right and Left Sections of the battery are kept separately.	H.M.C.
BEUVRY RIYAGE.	1.	$\frac{6}{16}$	No action.	H.M.C.
F 14 d (BETHUNE Combined Shell).	2.	$\frac{6}{16}$	No action.	H.M.C.
	3.	$\frac{6}{16}$	No action.	H.M.C.
		12 noon	Orders received from 26 th HA Group for the section (and also the Right Section) to prepare to move at once. Necessary action taken. Three wagons arrived. 50 rounds of ammunition taken - 27 rounds dumped at BEUVRY, in charge of O.C. 52 nd Siege Battery.	
			The section left BEUVRY during the evening, and joined the Right Section at BETHUNE station - Both sections left to join SECOND ARMY at 10 pm.	H.M.C.
OUDE RDOM.	4.	$\frac{6}{16}$	10 am. Section arrived at OUDE RDOM and remained there for the day.	
KEMMEL.		10 pm	Moved into position at N 19 d 8.7 (Sheet 28 N.W. 1/20000). Ammunition and most of stores dumped. Remainder of stores left in wagons at OUDE RDOM.	H.M.C.

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KEMMEL (N 19d. Sheet 28 NW 1/20000)	4 $\frac{6}{16}$		OC. 82 nd Siege Battery kindly lent much help in the matter of transport etc. and loaned five tents to the battery.	H.M.R.
	5 $\frac{6}{16}$		No action - Registration postponed owing to unfavourable weather. Stores concealed and shelters made during the day. Since joining Second Army the Section had been under 18 th H.A. Group (Lt Col. Caddell). On this day Col. CADELL handed over to Lt Col. P. K. LEWIS and the Group became 11 th H. A. Group.	H.M.R.
		9 pm.	Orders received re registration & rôle of the Section in next days bombardment. Necessary telephone lines laid, and including one to KEMMEL HILL O.P.	H.M.R.
	6 $\frac{6}{16}$		Rain - no registration with aeroplane observation possible.	
		12 noon	Registration carried out on WHITE CHATEAU [04228] (Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20000). Range 9200 ^x . Observation (by an officer of 82 nd Siege Battery) from KEMMEL HILL. A direct hit obtained at 11 th round. One round then fired at an active hostile battery. Switch 40 RT, length 500 ^x .	

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KEMMEL	6 $\frac{6}{16}$	3.15 pm	Orders received to engage trench from I 36 c 26 to I 36 b 14; to fire 20 rounds an hour, diminishing rate about 4.15 pm. and ceasing fire at 4.30 pm. Twenty-two rounds fired.	
		11 pm	50 rounds H.E. arrived & were unloaded, finishing at 3 am on 7 th inst.	H.M.
	7 $\frac{6}{16}$		No action. Stood by all day for aeroplane. Group Commander visited the position.	H.M.
	8 $\frac{6}{16}$		No action.	
		1.40 am	25 rounds H.E. arrived & were unloaded.	H.M.
	9 $\frac{6}{16}$	3.30 am	OC. Battery returned from leave. Since leaving BEURVAY he section had been in charge of Lieut. D.L. HURFORD, who had coped successfully with numerous difficulties.	
		7.25 pm	Registration with aeroplane attempted on ECLUSE N ^o 6. $\frac{3}{4}$ 0 5 6. 8 4. Observation impossible owing to mist and aeroplane went home after two rounds.	
	10 $\frac{6}{16}$		Cartridge dugouts completed during the day. Improved arrangements made for concealment of shell.	H.M.
		6.12 pm	Registration on ECLUSE N ^o 6 again attempted, with aeroplane observation.	

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KEMMEL	10 $\frac{6}{16}$		After the 6 th round the shooting appeared to be so erratic that cease firing was ordered and the aeroplane went home.	
			The apparently erratic shooting may have been due to (1) Faulty observation, (2) Deterioration of cordite, which had been down to a very low temperature, (3) The unevenness of the track.	H.M.K.
	11 $\frac{6}{16}$		The Group Commander visited the battery position during the morning and on seeing the state of the track ordered the gun out of action till the track had been repaired by the R.E.	
			It may be recorded that the track was laid on sand ballast, which is in every way unsuitable as the rails sagged and the difference of level changed considerably after every round.	
			Reconnaissance carried out during the day to find a position suitable for bringing fire to bear on J 29 central. A suitable position, more or less screened from view from enemy's lines North of YPRES was found at N 19 & 19.	H.M.K.
	12 $\frac{6}{16}$		Gun under cover. R.E. repairing track.	

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KEMMEL	12 $\frac{6}{16}$		Orders received to move gun to position at N 19 d. 19, under cover of darkness, with a view to opening fire at 12.45 am on 13 th .	
	(contd)		10 pm Engine came up to move gun, but went off line close to gun. RE did a very good shift, with aid of lifting & traversing jacks lent by Lt Sgt Lige Battery, and got engine back on rails, and the gun was in position ready to open fire at 12.40 am on 13 th .	H.M.
	13 $\frac{6}{16}$	3 am	Opened fire on dugouts at I 36 b 04 - I 36 b 58, sweeping 25° to Right & left of line. 20 rounds fired - ceased fire at 4.19 am	
		7.40 am	Orders received to put 10 rounds into each of the following batteries: - (a) J 32 c 5.6; (b) J 25 d 7.2; (c) J 31 d 5.9; (d) I 36 d 9.5 Opened fire on (a) at 7.53 am, ceased fire on this battery at 8.52 am 10 rounds fired. Opened fire on (b) at 8.59 am but after firing $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 rounds were ordered to switch on to dugouts as above, where enemy were reported to be massing for attack. 10 rounds fired from 9.25 am to 10.14 am. Then ordered to cease firing - This attack did not develop. Stood by for the rest of the day.	

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KEMMEL	13 ⁶ / ₁₆ (contd)		<p>During all this firing the service of the gun was very slow owing to great difficulty in running up, the position being on a steep backward slope. Further, the elevating gear did not work well at the high elevations. The firing on this day was in connection with the attack by the CANADIANS to recover their lost trenches in the neighbourhood of HOOKE & ZIL BECKE. During the time the 1st section was at KEMMEL all ranks worked extremely well in very adverse conditions - It rained practically the whole time; the mud was inches deep; the accommodation of the section was anything but good.</p> <p>As previously stated the track in this position - not at all suitable for this nature of gun mounting.</p> <p>During the afternoon orders were received for the section to be ready to move during the night to join Fourth Army.</p> <p>Necessary preparations made in pouring rain and the gun was ready to move at 2.15 am on 14th inst.</p> <p>The section left KEMMEL en route for Fourth Army. First to OUDERDOM where store waggons were picked up and train made up.</p>	
	14 ⁶ / ₁₅	2.15 am		

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	14 ⁶ / ₁₆ (cont ^d)		<p>Then to ABEELE where the train was joined by the left section of 18th Siege Battery proceeding to same destination.</p> <p>Then to HAZE BROOK where the Battery's Right Section, for Third Army, joined the train. (Officers with the section were Lieut MORRIS and Lieut: WORLEY, who had joined the section from 64th Siege Battery vice Lieut: Pocock, to hospital).</p> <p>The Right Section was detached from the train at DOULLETTIS, and the left section arrived at CORBIE at 12 midnight, and reported by telephone to O.C. 7th H.A. Group (Lieut. Col: W. H. HOLDENWORTH-HUNT), who had been the commanding officer of the 18th Siege Battery, from the Bell subsections of which 45 Battery was formed.</p>	
DERNANCOURT Sheet 62D NE / 20000 E 21. a.	15 ⁶ / ₁₆	1145 am	<p>The bus with a guard remained at CORBIE. The remainder of the personnel of the battery proceeded by lorry to DERNANCOURT and went into billets. Trenches for telephone wires from the battery position to the Group Exchange were dug in the evening.</p>	Hmk Hmk

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DERNANCOURT	16 ⁶ / ₁₆		Making battery position, cartridge recesses, B.C. dugout, etc. The position was on a siding run off from the main line from AMIENS to ALBERT, and was at about E 9 ab. 7.3, where five marked positions on the rails were fixed by the surveying section, Fourth Army.	H.M.
	17 ⁶ / ₁₆		As on 16 th .	H.M.
	18 ⁶ / ₁₆		- do - . A certain number of stores etc: brought up by lorry from CORBIE.	H.M.
	19 ⁶ / ₁₆		During the day the gun was inspected & examined at CORBIE by the J.O. in S.S. and found to be in a satisfactory condition.	H.M.
	23 ⁶ / ₁₆		Improving battery position. Further stores fetched from CORBIE. 200 rounds of ammunition received and dumped.	H.M.
Between ALBERT	24 ⁶ / ₁₆	3am.	The gun arrived from CORBIE; also 92 rounds of ammunition.	H.M.
+ DERNANCOURT		4pm.	Registration on MARTINPUICH, cross-roads at M 32 a 8.1 (Sheet 57 ^c S.W. 1/20000). Aeroplane observation - Range 11650 ^y - 11 rounds fired - line rather factory from start but range erratic - Observer reported considerable damage done & probably an ammunition store blown up.	H.M.
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As last.	25 th 6/16		It should have been stated in diary for 23 rd , that on that day the battery personnel moved into dugouts and gun pits vacated by 22 nd Heavy Battery which were close to the battery position.	
		2.30pm	Bombardment of MARTINPUICH. (10 minutes). 4 rounds fired on houses at M 32 b. 60.45 & M 32 b. 6.6. in connection with gas being let loose.	
		10am -10.12am	Special bombardment of POZIERES ^{X4} (Sheet 57 ^a S E 1/20000). Range 8750 ^x . Six rounds fired.	
		10.30am -10.41am	Special bombardment of CONTALMAYSON. X 16 b 4 d (Sheet 57 ^a S E 1/20000). Range 7925 ^x . Six rounds fired. Objective of battery, the CHATEAU at X 16 b. 8. 2.	
		11 am -11.10am	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT. S8 (Sheet 57 ^c S W 1/20000). Objective of battery the CHATEAU & CHURCH. Range 10500 ^x . Seven rounds fired.	
			As a result of firing from the different positions the track suffered slightly & a party of RE came up to pack the sleepers & insert some extra ones.	
		4.15pm -4.30pm	Special bombardment of MARTINPUICH, NE end of the Broad Gauge railway passing through M 27 a 43. Six rounds fired. Slow rate ordered.	
		4.30pm -5.15pm	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT. 14 rounds fired.	

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As last.	25 ⁶ / ₁₆ (cont'd)	6 pm.	Registration on BAZENTIN - LE - PETIT - Aeroplane observation. Centre of clock the cross roads at S 8 a 8.7 - Range 10700. "O.K." obtained at 3 rd round; fourth round fired to empty the gun. From this registration it seemed that previous rounds fired on BAZENTIN - LE - PETIT may have been short, though possibly not as different lot of credits were used.	H.K.R.
	26 ⁶ / ₁₆	5 am - 5.10 am	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN - LE - PETIT BAZENTIN - LE - PETIT. 5 rounds fired.	
		9 am - 10.20 am	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN - LE - PETIT, the part in S 8 a. 22 rounds fired by 10.13 am, when the battery was ordered to switch on to a hostile battery active at about S 4 c. 68.36 in HIGH WOOD (Sheet 57 ^d S.W. $\frac{1}{2000}$). Range 12600. Six rounds fired. No observation.	
		11.15 am	Deliberate bombardment of MAMETZ WOOD, front edge from X 10 a 2.3 to X 23 b 4.0 (Sheet 57 ^d S.E. $\frac{1}{2000}$) with the object of breaking down the trees. Range 8700. 9 rounds fired - Observation from DEVON PORT, (Sheet 57 ^d S.E. $\frac{1}{2000}$). Not satisfactory.	
		12.45 pm - 12.57 pm	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN - LE - PETIT - Five rounds.	

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As last.	26. ⁶ / ₁₆	2 pm.	Deliberate bombardment of MAMETZ WOOD as before. 6 rounds. Observation again unsatisfactory.	
		3.15 pm.	Ordered to range on COURCELETTE CHIMNEY, R 36 a 5.5 (Sheet 57 ^d SE ¹ / ₂₀₀₀) and switch on to village of same name in R 30 a. Observation on chimney from SHAKESPEARE, E P c 9.3 (Sheet 62 ^d NE ¹ / ₂₀₀₀) and from PICKWICK, F 20 c 9.0 (same map); unsatisfactory owing to mist & smoke, & firing was stopped till 5.30 pm. - Eight rounds in all were fired on the chimney, & fire was then switched onto the village, range 11, 550 ^x .	
		7 pm.	Further deliberate bombardment of MAMETZ WOOD. 10 rounds. No observation.	
		8.15 pm.	Five rounds at same target.	
			The R.E. completed the repair of the track during the day.	
			A good deal of rain.	
			Gun behaved well & detachment worked excellently. (R: 1).	H.H.
	27. ⁶ / ₁₆	4.30 am.	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT, part in S.E. 8 rounds fired.	
		5 am.	Special bombardment of HIGH WOOD, S 4 (Sheet 57 ^c S.W. ¹ / ₂₀₀₀). Range 12650. Searching & sweeping - 12 rounds fired.	

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As last.	27 ⁶ / ₁₈ (contd)	6.57 am	10 minute bombardment of MARTINPUICH, houses at M 32 b. 60 45 & M 32 b. 66 in connection with letting loose of gas. 5 rounds fired.	
		9.20 am	Deliberate bombardment of S.W end of MARTINPUICH and railway loop in M 32 c. Fifteen rounds fired. No observation.	
		11.45 am	Further bombardment of same area as at 9.20 am. - Two rounds fired after which the fired tube broke off & the vent had to be filed out. Gun out of action for about an hour. Matter reported to 7 th HAG group.	
		1.30 pm	Eighteen rounds fired into MARTINPUICH, distributed between S.W. and N.E. ends.	
		3.45 pm	Fifteen rounds fired distributed as at 1.30 pm.	
		6.20 pm	Special bombardment of MARTINPUICH, N.E. end. Two rounds fired.	
		6.35 pm	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT, part in S.P. 2. Six rounds.	
		7.30 pm	As at 6.35 pm. 10 rounds fired.	
		8.10 pm	150 rounds of ammunition arrived during the night & were unloaded, the work taking about two hours.	
			The gun again behaved well. The detachment (N ^o 2) worked exceedingly well, though there were two misfires, tube fired, almost certainly due to faulty drill in putting cartridge too far in.	H.M.

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As last.	28 ⁶ / ₁₆	6 am -6.35 am 6.45 am -7.20 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 6.45 pm 7.30 pm	<p>Special bombardment of MARTIN PUICH, NE end. 9 rounds fired.</p> <p>Special bombardment of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT. 11 rounds fired.</p> <p>Deliberate bombardment of MARTIN PUICH, S.W. end and Railway loop. 12 rounds fired. Heavy rain.</p> <p>As at 9.30 am. 6 rounds.</p> <p>20 rounds fired on Western side of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT WOOD, S.7 (Sheet 57^c S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range 9650 - 10300. Observation from ALICE. $\frac{1}{2}$ W 15^d 6.7 (Sheet 57^d SE $\frac{1}{20000}$). Very misty but results seemed satisfactory.</p> <p>Deliberate bombardment of Railway loop at Western end of MARTIN PUICH. 10 rounds. During the day the gun was examined by the 20th S.S. who found its state quite satisfactory the wear of the bore unexpectedly small.</p>	
	29 ⁶ / ₁₆	8 am 11.23 am	<p>Impressions of bore taken sent to 20th Ordnance Workshop.</p> <p>Opened fire on BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT ^{WOOD, by part - S.P.} WOOD, by part - S.P.. 20 rounds fired, searching & sweeping. Range about 10,300.</p> <p>150 rounds of ammunition arrived during the night were unloaded, the work taking just two hours.</p>	H.N.K. H.N.K.

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As last	30 $\frac{6}{16}$	8 am. -9.20 am. 10 am. 11.40 am. 2 pm. 3 pm.	<p>10 rounds fired at BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT - High wind.</p> <p>Deliberate bombardment of Western side of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT WOOD. 18 rounds fired. Observation from "ALICE", very satisfactory.</p> <p>17 of the rounds were observed to burst, the other was probably right inside the wood. This speaks well for N° 45 Fuz.</p> <p>Deliberate bombardment of Western end of MARTIN PUICH and Railway loop. Observation from SHAKESPEARE, E. Sec 9.3 (Sheet 62° N.E. $\frac{1}{1000}$). Result satisfactory. Then switched by Group Commander on to a Working Party about S 156.8.9 and eastwards. 8 rounds fired. No observation (Sheet 57° S.W. $\frac{1}{1000}$).</p> <p>Deliberate bombardment of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT WOOD, special attention being paid to N.E. corner. 12 rounds.</p> <p>Gun examined by John S.S. who reported fit in bore to be such that the gun was practically condemnable. He would condemn gun with a view to obtaining another from home as quickly as possible. Maintenance gun should only fire at a slow rate (say 10 rounds per hour). Fuel up reserve taken sent to John. Matter reported to Group Commander, who modified the programme for remainder of day.</p>	

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As last.	30 ⁶ / ₁₆	4.5 pm	Special bombardment of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT. 4 rounds.	
	(cont.) 4 ²⁵ / ₁₆	4.25 pm	Special bombardment of HIGH WOOD. 6 rounds.	
		7.15 pm	Deliberate bombardment of S.W. end of MARTINPUICH and Railway loop.	
			Observation from SHAKESPEARE, sub. factory. Six rounds.	
		10.15 pm	Six rounds fired at same target.	H 2K
	1. ⁷ / ₁₆	2.15 am	- do - - do -	
		6.25 am	(-65 to zero time). Bombardment of N.E. end of MARTINPUICH and Railway beyond	
		-7.30 am	A slow rate ordered. 11 rounds fired.	
		7.30 am	(zero time). Fire lifted on to the part of BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT in S.P.A.	
		-8.45 am	Twelve rounds fired.	
		8.45 am	Fire lifted on to HIGH WOOD. 8 rounds fired.	
			After the 8 th round, fired at 9.30 am, there appeared to be a fracture in the "A" tube of the gun, a gas seemed to be escaping through it. This was reported to the Group Commander who ordered firing to cease & the gun to go out of action. The Lt. visited the gun in the afternoon and informed the gunner that it was unsafe to fire any more rounds from the gun. A further impression was taken & sent to him.	H 2K

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As last.	1 $\frac{7}{16}$		<p>Thus for the second time the gun went out of action on the day of an advance by the Infantry, the original truck having broken down on the morning of the Battle of Looz.</p> <p>On his latter occasion, however, little blame can be attached to the gun, which has fired in all 632 rounds, ⁵¹⁷ of them since leaving BEUVRY on 3rd June - up to the last the gun shot accurately, though naturally there was considerable loss of M.V.</p> <p>The carriage struck here behaved splendidly throughout. This is in a great measure due to the attention paid to it by the artificer and the care given to gun & carriage struck by the timber gunners.</p> <p>The actual rounds fired since leaving BEUVRY are perhaps worth recording:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="563 1365 2522 1680"> <tr> <td>6.6.16</td> <td>34 rounds.</td> <td>24.6.16</td> <td>11 rounds.</td> <td>28.6.16</td> <td>68 rounds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.6.16</td> <td>2 "</td> <td>25.6.16</td> <td>47 "</td> <td>29.6.16</td> <td>20 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.6.16</td> <td>6 "</td> <td>26.6.16</td> <td>81 "</td> <td>30.6.16</td> <td>75 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13.6.16</td> <td>43 "</td> <td>27.6.16</td> <td>93 "</td> <td>1.7.16</td> <td>37 "</td> </tr> </table>	6.6.16	34 rounds.	24.6.16	11 rounds.	28.6.16	68 rounds	9.6.16	2 "	25.6.16	47 "	29.6.16	20 "	10.6.16	6 "	26.6.16	81 "	30.6.16	75 "	13.6.16	43 "	27.6.16	93 "	1.7.16	37 "	
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As last.	1-7/16		<p>As regards the personnel of the section, it is impossible to speak too highly of the manner in which they have carried out their duty, whether in action or elsewhere, more especially as a month's very hard work followed several months of comparative ease at BEVERLY.</p> <p>Where all have worked well, it seems invidious to mention any special individuals, but perhaps special mention may be made of No. 23184 Sgt. H. PERCY, and the timber fanners, No. 52260 G.C. L. MORRIS and No. 48942 G.C. TILDESLEY.</p> <p>The artificers, of whom mention has already been made, were No. 165 Ant. Q. M. W. BURLEY, A.O.C., No. 53261 S. Sgt. F. DERBYSHIRE, and No. 22276 S. Sgt. F. ROWE.</p>	
			<p>It is a pleasure to mention Comdy No. 45 Siege Battery RFA. 27.16.</p>	

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BEURY. STA.	1.6.16		No action	None
	2.6.16		No action	None
	3.6.16	12.0 noon	Verbal order arrived through Left Section 45 th S.B. that the battery would shift to Second Army immediately.	
		4.0 pm	Section was ready to move	
		10.0 pm	Engine arrived. Left position. Planchettes for position landed over to Drives at BETHUNE	
		10.45 pm	and remained there garaged until 2.15 a.m. 4-6-16.	
	4-6-16.	2.0 am	Joined up with Left Section 45 th S.B. in BETHUNE STATION. 86 th S.B. also attached to train, which left for HAZEBROUCK 2.15 am.	
		4.45 am	Arrived at HAZEBROUCK and here detached from train and side-tracked	
		11.0 am	At 11.0 am Lieut MORIN proceeded to BAILLEUL by motor bicycle and reported to	
		3.0 pm	18 th H.A.G. At 3.30 pm. an advance party of 20 men followed in a lorry, arriving at new position 5.30 pm. Accommodation for men consisted in three wooden huts to hold 16 in each. These were taken over and the line cleared for the arrival of the train. Train left HAZEBROUCK under 2 nd Lieut Pocock at 8.30 pm. arrived 10.0 pm. and the gun was put in position and line recovered by 10.30 pm (BELGIUM 7 FRANCE sheet 28 T25 of 7,5)	
NEUVE ÉGLISE.	5.6.16		Gun position is a siding built off the railway line running along the road from STEENWERCK to NEUVE-ÉGLISE. Bearings of firing positions extend from E by S to NE by N. Very little cover from aerial observation, so an attempt had been made to conceal the rails by covering them with hurdles, at intervals. The siding is on a slight gradient so that tackles were necessary to haul the gun to the northern end. No action this day. Obtained telephonic communication with 18 th H.A.G. and 54 th S.B. by lines already laid. Received maps of position and zone of fire.	None

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	6-6-16		No action weather very overcast It is expected that this gun will register with aerial observation.	10/11/16
	7-6-16	6.15am	Registration shoot begun with aeroplane observation, on GAPAARD X ROAD. (at 10 ¹⁵ Sheet 28 SE. 0 35 & 7.4) Line obtained first round, but aeroplane was obliged to return before the registration was complete. Rain and ^{low} clouds interrupted his view.	10/11/16
	8-6-16		Still heavy clouds at low altitude. No aeroplane observation possible. No action.	10/11/16
	9-6-16		Weather cleared in the evening. Registration of GAPAARD X ROAD completed. Airman reports position very obvious, and suggests buying fill up spaces between sleepers and between rails, and cutting away the banks of earth at the side of the track. This for the purpose of reducing any defined shadows - which show up on photographs, - to a minimum. It was suggested that oats or some other quick growing hardy seed should be planted along the track to make it appear similar to the meadows and fields under cultivation around the position.	10/11/16
	10-6-16		This battery was not long enough in the position to carry out this scheme. Commenced building a dug-out for the wireless operators. No action. Weather very wet and tracks in position becoming obvious, so movements of the men had to be restricted to paths along ledges, ^{when} and near approaching gun position.	10/11/16
	11-6-16		No action.	10/11/16
	12-6-16		No action. Orders to stand by for counter battery work ^(at 1.30 am the next moment) received at 1.30 am ^{at 1.30 am} the	10/11/16
	13-6-16	1.30 am	8.30 p.m. Brought gun into position to cover northern portion of arc. Stood by from that hour for counter battery work during counter attack by Canadian division on the Frenches.	10/11/16

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	13-6-16 (cont'd)	9.10	Near SANCTUARY WOOD Called on to fire 10 rounds at a battery at O 17 B 28 (Sheet 28) After firing 2 rounds ordered to cease fire.	
		11.0 am	Informed by RTD. STEENWERCK that the section was to be shifted out of position at 5.30 pm. Section ready to shift 8.0 pm. Informed that shift would not take place till after 10.0 am. The next morning 75 rounds of ammunition loaded. Train consisted of gun, two ammunition wagons and three others for stores and men. 2-Lieut F. POCOCK sustained a small accidental injury to his knee and was admitted to hospital.	None
	14-6-16		2-Lieut F.A. WORLEY reported at 9.0 am to replace 2-Lieut POCOCK. Shifted out of position 9.10 am. Arrived at STEENWERCK 9.40, HAZEBROUCK 10.55. Joined there by Left Section 45 th (S) Bty and Left 18 th S. Bty. Left HAZEBROUCK 11.9 am. ST. POL 3.0 pm. Right Section gun detached and turned here. DOULLENS 4.30 pm. There it was discovered that the gun had not needed turning. It was therefore turned back to its original position. The gun was garaged outside the station with a guard and the rest of the train in the station. 7 th Corps HQ desired the ac to report at their headquarters immediately. Lieut MORIN therefore proceeded to HÉNU (FRANCE Sheet 57D). Thence to Headquarters 19 th HAG. where he received orders to have the store wagons brought up next day and leave the gun and ammunition wagons at DOULLENS.	None
HUMBERCAMPS	15-6-16.		Lorry arrived from 19 th HAG. for advance party at 4.0 pm. Lieut MORIN and 12 men constituting the party arrived at HUMBERCAMPS (Sheet 57D FRANCE) at 6.0 pm and took	None

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	15.6.16. (cont)		over billets and B gun position. Train of stone wagons with remainder of battery, except a guard of 1000 and 4 men, arrived at 5.0 am. 16.6.16, having left DOULBERS at 10.30 pm	
	16.6.16	5.0 am	<p>Train arrived. Two trucks unloaded and returned at once. The third remains.</p> <p>The position is in an orchard with a road lined with tall slim and oak trees running at right angles across the front. Benches of the curve are from 100 to 106° true. The cover provided by the tall trees and by the trees in the orchard is excellent, but the curve is not well placed. Two or more big trees will have to be felled to clear the line of fire. The rear portion of the arc, too, covers nothing but ground inside the British lines. A scheme for hiding the rails has been put into use by the R.E. Railway Construction Company (Royal Monmouth R.E.) Long strips of wire netting 6 feet wide into which are laced green branches and twigs have been laid along the lines. The line however is only concealed for the last 200 yards of its length where it actually runs through the orchard. With some material brought with the section a start was made immediately with a tunnel dug-out, designed to give a passage 30 ft x 5 x 6 ft high and 15 feet of undisturbed earth as protection.</p> <p>²Lieut WORLEY obtained leave to proceed to STOMER for two days for the purpose of supplying himself with an officers outfit.</p>	

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	16-6-16 (contd.)		Received maps of position and German lines	
	17-6-16		Decided to dump 50 rounds and keep 50 rounds in a truck in the position, when the ammunition came up. Agreed to by 19 th HAG and the GOC. 7 th Corps HA. Arrangements made to have the gun and ammunition brought up this night. Work on dug out and construction of cartridge recesses for 50 charges proceeded. During the day the R.E. were completing the ballasting of the line. This however was not ready by the evening, so the gun could not be brought up after all. A line was laid by the section to 19 th HAG since pressure of work prevented them doing so.	File
	18-6-16	3:00 am	A truck of 30 rounds of ammunition arrived from ammunition railhead, which should have come with the gun. This was unloaded during the morning. Work on dug out continued while available timber lasted. R.E. completed ballasting the line. Made arrangements with A.D.R.T. DOULLETS for gun to come up this night. Officer from MAPS, THIRD ARMY came and took data for a Blanchette.	File
	19-6-16	5:00 am	Gun and ammunition trucks arrived at position with expert WORLEY and guard. One bombardier and one man from Left Section also joined at DOULLETS. A dug out made for wireless instrument and operators.	File
		6:30 pm	Timber arrived in the evening and some progress with main dug-out was made. During the day, ammunition dump on the ground was made up to 50 and 50 rounds left in the truck.	File

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	20-6-16.		<p>Planchette arrived with axes of his positions in the orchard marked on it, axes of fire from F 28 d 7, 2 K L 20 c 5, 5 and L 20 c 5, 9 to K 35 c 2, 3.</p> <p>During the day two more axes added of positions at Y 29 c 5, 5 and Y 29 c 10, 4 covering axes from F 6 a 57 to F 29 b 0, 3 and F c 5 9, 9 to F 29 d 5, 1 (FRAME 57 D 57 C)</p> <p>Wireless instrument installed in dug-out and two 2nd Air Mechanic R.F.C. attached as operators.</p>	
	21-6-16.		<p>Eight trees in front of position felled or topped to clear line of fire. A good deal of clearing of upper branches in the orchard, also necessary.</p>	
	22-6-16.		<p>Further clearance of trees and branches carried out. Line of fire now quite clear. More work done in the main dug-out. Tunnel completed between the two shafts. A shelter built for the detachment on duty near the gun, in view of the fact that the billets are some distance away, and the battery will have to be ready at any moment for counter-battery work.</p> <p>Received copy of the orders concerning this battery in the coming operations. Placed under the orders of 39th H.A.G. (counter battery group) for operations. Made arrangements with A.R. Train at Ammunition Railhead, for them to send up ammunition on being given 24 hours notice.</p>	<p>APPENDIX I operation orders. J.P.M.</p>
	23-6-16.		<p>Commenced building a telephone room in the side of the tunnel passage. Low morning.</p> <p>Attended a conference at 39th H.A.G. on coming operations.</p>	<p>APPENDIX II 39th Group orders. J.P.M.</p>
	24-6-16.		<p>Telephone line laid to 39th H.A.G. U day of operations. Roofed one shaft of dug-out and improved roof of mess shelter. Weather very wet. 50 rounds ammunition arrived 10.30 p.m. unloaded in 2 hours. Very heavy work on greasy ground. No action.</p>	<p>APPENDIX III Notes on Conference at 39th H.A.G. 23-6-16 J.P.M.</p>

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	25.6.16	7.15 am	V day 3 Rounds fired at BUCQUOY Range 12000* Conditions slightly favourable. Par. low. The whole Section manned the gun. To get the rounds off in 3 mins Work continued on dug out.	Imk
	26.6.16	2.20 pm	W day. 2.20 p.m. Registration shoot at a battery with air observations. Target at L2 c. 25, 65. Range 11600* Conditions normal. Two Z's obtained but gun not shooting well. Last two rounds fired with A.P. shell which appeared to range further than H.E. During the night R.E. working party re-packed the line which had sunk irregularly + correction of 30' G.E. required	Imk
	27.6.16	6.00 am 8.40 am	X day. fired 5 rounds at BUCQUOY + correction of 30' G.E. required 20 rounds fired without observations at NW corner of ROSSIGNOL WOOD (F 12 B) Range 10000* Conditions normal. Concussion of the gun began to destroy the temporary shelter, so it was strengthened. A house 30 yards in front of the gun also began to collapse. The inhabitants had been previously warned and evacuated. Telephone wires could not be completed, so the telephones were placed in the main passage of the dug-out.	Imk
		10.30 pm	50 more rounds sent up and unloaded. Work again very heavy owing to wet and greasy condition of ground	
	28.6.16	8.15 am	Y day. 3 rounds fired at BUCQUOY again. Very thick day with low clouds and rain, so it was considered safe to go forward into the open and fire 20 rounds at ABLAINZEVILLE. This was done by 10.15 am. Condition slightly unfavourable Range 12400* (ABLAINZEVILLE F23 c and d)	Imk

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	28.6.16.	6.30 pm	50 rounds of ammunition arrived. Much easier work unloading. The weather has improved and the ground dried quickly.	
	(contd)		The roof of the mess billet partially destroyed by the concussion of the gun, and the shelter near the gun making 100, 50. Several small bivouacs were made for their accommodates further behind the gun.	10/11
	29.6.16	Y(1) day	Laid a short line (metallic circuit) to 103 Siege Bty to enable us to get observations from 103/155/100 obs. F.O.D. if it was necessary. Staff sergeant A.O.C. and squad lapped out the gun.	
		4.35 pm	opened fire on SW corner of ROSSIGNOL WOOD. Range 10100'. Conditions practically normal. Cross observations obtained from Orchard O.P. E 16 the 19. and from the top of 135 Heavy Bty at K 21 d 2, 2. 2 OK's on corner of the wood and 7 other hits along the edge, where dug-outs, machine gun and field gun emplacements were suspected. AT shell used. After dark an R.E. working party repacked the line.	10/11
	30.6.16.	Y(2) day.		
		4.30 pm	20 rounds on the same part of ROSSIGNOL WOOD, with only flank observations. Conditions slightly favourable. 11 hits obtained on or within 20' of the edge of the wood.	10/11
		10.30 pm	Fired 10 rounds on ABLAINZEVILLE from forward position. Conditions normal.	

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APPENDIX I</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Extracts from Operation Orders for Attack on GOMMECOURT VILLAGES - By Brig. Gen. C. R. BUCKLE D.C.O. Comdg 7th Corps H.A.</p> <p><u>Artillery</u></p> <p>Days of Bombardment.</p> <p>The days of bombardment have been designated as follows -</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>1st day</td> <td>V</td> <td>3rd day</td> <td>W</td> <td>5th Day</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd day</td> <td>V</td> <td>4th day</td> <td>X</td> <td>Day of assault</td> <td>Z</td> </tr> </table> <p>Council Battery work:- Council battery work will be carried out on all days by the following batteries - - -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">45th Siege Battery R.A. Right Section</p> <p>Bombardment of villages:- Bombardment of villages will be carried out in accordance with the following programme:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>DAY V.</td> <td>BUERUDY for 3 mins at 7.15 pm.</td> <td>45th S.B.</td> <td>3 rounds</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>* ABLAINZEVILLE at 9.0 am.</td> <td>45th S.B.</td> <td>10 rounds.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DAY Y</td> <td>BUERUDY for 3 mins at 8.15 am.</td> <td>45th S.B.</td> <td>3 rounds</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>* ABLAINZEVILLE at 7.45 pm.</td> <td>45th S.B.</td> <td>10 rounds.</td> </tr> </table> <p>* Only if the weather is so thick as to render detection in forward position impossible.</p> <p><u>Ammunition:-</u></p> <p>Expenditure of ammunition per day may be as follows</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Days</td> <td>V</td> <td>Y</td> <td>W</td> <td>X</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Z</td> <td>Res remaining after Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>30</td> <td>40</td> <td>40</td> <td>40</td> <td>50</td> <td></td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Total 250</td> </tr> </table>	1 st day	V	3 rd day	W	5 th Day	Y	2 nd day	V	4 th day	X	Day of assault	Z	DAY V.	BUERUDY for 3 mins at 7.15 pm.	45 th S.B.	3 rounds		* ABLAINZEVILLE at 9.0 am.	45 th S.B.	10 rounds.	DAY Y	BUERUDY for 3 mins at 8.15 am.	45 th S.B.	3 rounds		* ABLAINZEVILLE at 7.45 pm.	45 th S.B.	10 rounds.	Days	V	Y	W	X	Y	Z	Res remaining after Z		30	40	40	40	50		50								Total 250	
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			<p>APPENDIX II</p> <p>Instructions issued by the 30th (Counter battery) H.A.G. By Maj. F.B. ANLEY comd. 30th H.A.G.</p> <p>45th Siege Battery (one 9.2" gun) will be attached to 30th H.A.G. for the operations and will carry out Counter battery work almost entirely.</p> <p>Ammunition allotted for daily expenditure will be as follows:-</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>U</th> <th>V</th> <th>W</th> <th>X</th> <th>Y</th> <th>Z</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Counter battery</td> <td>17</td> <td>17</td> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> <td>40</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Villages.</td> <td>13</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>13</td> <td>40</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>17</td> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> <td>53</td> <td>60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 200 — 50% to be remaining in the battery after Z day.</p>		U	V	W	X	Y	Z	Counter battery	17	17	20	20	40	20	Villages.	13	-	-	13	40			17	20	20	20	53	60	
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			<p style="text-align: center;">APPENDIX III</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Notes on Conference held at 30th HAG 23. 6. 16 Issued by Maj F B. ARLEY, Cmsy 30th HAG.</p> <p>Daily allotment for 45th S. Bty will be telephoned to R.F.C. the night before. The aeroplane observer will have put the battery onto any target he considers suitable. The observer will only give targets to 45th S. B. that he can range on and will send observations for each round.</p> <p>During bombardment of villages seen and when a hostile battery is being engaged the gun will continue firing and disregard the proximity of hostile planes, or hostile shell fire. When there is no set time for a target, the detachment may be put under cover and the gun concealed in any of the above cases, on the first five days of the bombardment.</p> <p>Damage to material is to be repaired immediately, whether it is day or night or if the men are fresh or tired. There must be no postponement of this duty.</p> <p>Batteries detailed for counter-battery work will stand by from day break on V day.</p> <p>On 2 day 45th S. Bty will commence firing on BUCQUOY at 4.30 am and continue until 30 rounds have been fired. It will then take on a heavy hostile battery at 0 hrs + 10 minutes, to be signalled by aeroplane observer.</p> <p>The daily allotment need not be strictly adhered to, but rounds may be carried on 10 or deducted from the next days allotment. Not more than the stated number, should however remain at the end of 2 day.</p>	

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HUMBERCAMPS.	1-7-16.	4.30 am	Section "stood to" and during the day fired at the following objectives without any observations.	
		6.2 am	5 rounds at BUCQUOY	
		7.9 am	10 rounds at ROSSIGNAL WOOD	
		10.30 am	10 rounds at BIEZ WOOD	
		11.27 am	10 rounds at ROSSIGNAL WOOD	
		1.50 pm	10 rounds at BUCQUOY	
		11.45 pm	20 rounds at BIEZ WOOD.	
			It was reported later in the day, by an infantry observation officer, that in consequence of the 10 rounds fired at BIEZ WOOD at 10.30 am a German 150 mm. battery in position there which had previously been giving considerable trouble, had ceased to fire.	
	2-7-16.		No action	
		10.0 pm	100 rounds of ammunition (all Amour Piercing) sent up and unloaded.	
	3-7-16.		No action.	
			Gun lapped out, but the copper deposit was so thick that the ordinary tapper was useless. Gun inspected by I.M. VII Corps who instructed Staff Sgt Price A.S.C. to make an impression of the bore for the purpose of making a scraper.	
	4-7-16.		No action	
	5-7-16.	8.45 pm	Three minutes intense bombardment of BUCQUOY by all guns that could reach it, in which the Section took part. Two rounds fired.	
	6-7-16.	1.15 am	Similar bombardment of BUCQUOY. Two rounds fired again.	

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HUMBERCAMPS.	7-7-16			
	8-7-16		No action.	
	9-7-16.	2.0 p.m.	Orders received for section to move	
		2.15 p.m.	Orders received to be ready to proceed to NÉRICOURT (Fourth Army) at 9.0 p.m.	
			Section ready to move at 8.0 p.m. : left HUMBERCAMPS 8.45 p.m., arrived at SAULTY-LABRET 9.15 p.m. dep 10.0 p.m. Train consisted of gun, three trunks of ammunition, one stone brick and two trunks for personnel.	
ALBERT.	10-7-16	3.15 a.m.	Arrived at NÉRICOURT (via DOULLENS, AMIENS, CORBIE) 180 rounds of ammunition attached to train, and proceeded to gun position orb E 9 b (Map 62 ^D NE) SW. of ALBERT, where the section rejoined Headquarters section of AS ^T S. 157	

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Between DERHAMCOURT & ALBERT. about E 968.3. Sheet 62 ^a NE <u>1</u> 20000.	2 $\frac{7}{16}$		No action. Gun examined by C.I.O. M. who ordered further impressions to be taken, and expressed the opinion that the gun could go on firing at a slow rate of fire.	
		7.30 pm	Sgt. Ludbrook & a party of 20 MCOs men went to assist 69 th Siege Battery in laying platforms - working all night they returned at 6.15 am on 3 rd inst.	None.
	3 $\frac{7}{16}$		No action. Impressions taken as required by C.I.O.M. & sent to him. Major KEMBLE ordered to relieve Captain DUMSTERVILLE at the 'Factory' O.P. E 807 (Sheet 62 ^a NE. $\frac{1}{20000}$), the latter officer having been appointed Brigade Major H.A. XIII th Corps - (This ordered only held for one day).	None.
	4 $\frac{7}{16}$	10.15 am	Opened fire on BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT WOOD, S 7 and 8 (Sheet 57 ^c S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) searching & sweeping. Range about 10150 ^x . Six rounds fired. No observation. Rate of fire six rounds per hour. Enemy reported to be massing in the Wood.	
		4.55 pm	Five rounds fired into COURCELETTE, R 30 a (Sheet 57 ^d S.E. $\frac{1}{20000}$) - Range 11,530 ^x . A slow rate of fire ordered - No observation.	
		7.45 pm	Five rounds fired into BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT. S 8 (Sheet 57 ^c S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range 10700 ^x . Slow rate of fire - No observation.	None.

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As before.	5 $\frac{7}{16}$	7.50 pm	Four rounds fired at battery in HIGH WOOD at S 4 C 5 3 (Sheet 57° S.W. $\frac{1}{2000}$). Range 12500'. Slow rate of fire. These rounds were fired at 20° elevation, but it is extremely doubtful if they reached HIGH WOOD.	None
	6 $\frac{7}{16}$	3.25 pm	Five rounds fired into MARTINPUICH, M 32 (Sheet 57° S.W. $\frac{1}{2000}$). Range 11650'. Observation from K.B.S. 14 (K.W.) - observing on cross-roads at M 32 a. 7.1. - OK obtained at 18° elev ⁿ ; previous elevation for this point about 16° 10' under similar conditions. Shooting very erratic & gun not answering corrections. Report made to Group Commander who considered it waste of ammunition to go on firing with the gun. Further impressions taken.	None
	7 $\frac{7}{16}$		Telegram received from C.O.M. saying that no further rounds were to be fired from the gun (No 104). Reported to 7 th H.A. Group.	None
	8 $\frac{7}{16}$	2.30 pm	Sergeant Ludbrook & 14 other ranks proceeded to BUIRE in the afternoon to report to DK Amm ^l Co. at D 23 2 04 (ALBERT Combined Sheet)	None

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As before	9 $\frac{7}{16}$		No action. Gun removed in evening to CORBIE, Corporal Mason & three gunners going with it. Remainder of personnel stayed at gun position in E96.	H.M.
	10 $\frac{7}{16}$	7am	Right section of the battery, Lieut. MORIN in charge, with Lieut. WORLEY, arrived from Third Army, $\frac{1}{4}$ VII th Corps. No action.	
	11 $\frac{7}{16}$	7am	The diaries of the Two sections are combined from this date. Registration on trench at S 15° E 57 (Sheet 57° S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range 10900'. Aeroplane observation. 2 rounds fired. First round B3. 2 nd H.O. - Observer went home, being unable to distinguish bursts from those of other batteries. 10am. Six rounds fired at same trench. No observation.	H.M.
		12 noon	Two rounds at same trench, after which left rod of running out springs broke & gun went out of action.	
	12 $\frac{7}{16}$	12 noon	Reported to group & J.O.M. - Necessary repairs taken in hand. Orders received to move from E96 to Spur 4 in E16c (Sheet 62° NE $\frac{1}{20000}$) to enable 12" gun (53 Siege B ⁵) to take up position at E96. Trucks asked for, & received about 6.30 pm. - Ready to move about 8 pm & trucks & gun run out by hand to enable 12" gun to move into position. Engine arrived about 10 pm & train moved to E96 Spur 4 about 5 am. on 13 th .	H.M.

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Spur 4. E 16 c (Sheet 62 ^a NE $\frac{1}{20000}$).	13 $\frac{7}{8}$		Line of fire laid out & found to be much too far North, the track being a straight one & not curved. Reported to 7 th HAG & ALBERT Station reconnoitred for a position. No suitable position there, & order then given to move to HILL TOP SIDING, E 286, (Sheet 62 ^a NE $\frac{1}{20000}$). Moved during afternoon, repairs to running out not completed - Ready to open fire about 5 pm.	
HILL TOP SIDING E 286 7.7 (Sheet 62 ^a NE $\frac{1}{20000}$).		7 pm	Registration carried out on trench at S 14 d 4.4 (Sheet 57 ^c SW $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range 10800' - 2 1/2 cwt shell used - 8 rounds fired - Observation from PICKWICK.	
		7.20 pm	Then registered on same trench at S 16 b 60.05 (same map). 4 cwt shell used. Range 12750'. 11 rounds fired. Gun shooting very erratically and very short. This was the first time 4 cwt shell had been fired from the gun & results were not at all in accordance with Range Table. This, however, was probably due to excessive wear of gun, & no positive opinion as to accuracy of Range Table could be formed.	Hmk
		8 pm	Registration on BOTTIGUEVAL, reg ranging point S 176 0.5 (same map). Range 13400' - 3 rounds fired - 4 cwt shell used.	Hmk

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Aslast E206 77	14 $\frac{7}{6}$	3 am -3.25 am	Bombardment & action in connection with attack by <u>XV</u> Corps. Bombardment of trench from S16 b 03 to S17 a 00 (Sheet 57 ^c S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range about 12750'. A slow rate of fire ordered except between 3.20 am & 3.25 am when it was highest possible - 5 rounds fired in all.	
		3.25 am -6.40 am	Bombardment of HIGH WOOD, S4 (same map), especially the part in S4 c 25 rounds fired, searching & sweeping. Range about 13400'. Rate of fire 8 rounds per hour.	
		7.20 am	Ordered to fire 6 rounds into S.W. end of MARTINPUICH, M 32 a 4 c (same map) - Range about 12050'. After 4 rounds had been fired ordered to	
		7.49 am	Switch on to HIGH WOOD as above - 6 rounds fired	
		8.55 am	5 rounds fired into MARTINPUICH, sweeping slowly from S.W. to N.E.	
		12 noon	8 rounds fired into HIGH WOOD, that part South of the road running from S4 c 25 to S4 B 10	
		3.35 pm	6 rounds fired into S.W. end of COURCELETTE, R 30 a (Sheet 57 ^d S.E. $\frac{1}{20000}$) Range about 12900'. No observation	
		5.55 pm	Six rounds fired into Eastern half of HIGH WOOD. Range 13500' to 13700'. Observation from PICKWICK - OK obtained at 20' elevation	

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As last.	14 $\frac{7}{16}$		From the observations on this shoot it was found that the gun was shooting very much (about $1^{\circ}30'$ at 13000') below Range Table Elevation.	
cont.		7pm	JO m inspected gun & ordered impressions to be taken and upper swapped from bore. The latter was done at once.	
			Report on shooting & JO m's orders made to 7 th HAG.	
	15 $\frac{7}{16}$		Orders received to fire into MARTIN PULCH for 10 minutes, from 12 noon to 12.10 am. - This order was received too late to enable it to be carried out, as the gun had to be moved & the tackle broke in moving it.	
		11.35am	10 rounds fired into S.W. end of COURLETTTE, R 30a (Sheet 57 4^{th} NE $\frac{1}{20000}$)	
			Range about 13000'. No observation.	
			Impressions of bore taken in evening & sent to JO m	
	16 $\frac{7}{16}$		No action. Orders received to be prepared to move out of position on night of 17 th to 18 th . - Gun & gunners to go to CORBIE. Ammunition to remain at position. Personnel of battery to go into daylight vacated by 40 th Siege Battery at E 3a 3.6 (Sheet 62 nd NE $\frac{1}{20000}$).	

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	17	$\frac{7}{16}$	Stores etc. loaded into wagons - 5pm Gun stores, with sergeant Woodward + 5 gunners, left for CORBIE. Personnel of battery moved to dig out at E 3 a. 3. 5, arriving very late owing to losses from III rd Corps HA Siege Park going astray.	HWA
	18	$\frac{7}{16}$	Resting.	HWA
E 3 a 3.6 (Sheet 62 nd NE 1/20000)	19	$\frac{7}{16}$	A party of 20 NCO's + men loading + ammunition for 48 th Siege Battery, moving to a new position.	HWA
	20	$\frac{7}{16}$	Major KEMBLE, Lieut. MORIN + S. Sgt PRICE to MAMETZ WOOD to reconnoitre captured guns, with a view to their removal, or use against the enemy. Reported on unfavorably.	HWA
	21	$\frac{7}{16}$	Ammunition left at HILL TOP siding loaded into truck + gun withdrawn. The undermentioned gunners joined the battery on 18. 7. 16 from General Base depot: 16969 Gt. S. R. Nott } G RT. X. 2551 " P. Riley } 73000 Gt. W. Wright } to LX. 72073 " J. Beese }	HWA
	22	$\frac{7}{16}$	Resting.	HWA
	23	$\frac{7}{16}$		

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As before	24 $\frac{7}{16}$		Four men sent for temporary duty with Decauville Railway -	H.A.
	25 $\frac{7}{16}$		1 Corporal, 1 bombardier + 10 gunners temporarily attached to 92 nd Siege Battery R.G.A. (LX), 12" gun.	H.A.
	25 $\frac{7}{16}$		Resting.	H.A.
	26 $\frac{7}{16}$		Resting.	H.A.
	27 $\frac{7}{16}$	9 am	Lieut. MORIN + 3 telephonists to PICKWICK II O.P. south of PRAICOURT, for 48 hours duty to relieve a similar party of 60 th Siege Battery.	H.A.
	28 $\frac{7}{16}$		Resting.	H.A.
	29 $\frac{7}{16}$		6 telephonists to Hd Qrs III rd Corps H.A. for temporary duty. 18 th Co. B.E.F. in charge. Elevating gear of Right Section gun (N-129) removed for gun, uponside of it loaned to 92 nd Siege Battery.	H.A.
	30 $\frac{7}{16}$		Resting.	H.A.
	31 $\frac{7}{16}$	8.30 am	A party of 15 M.C.O.s + men under Capt. R. R. H. went to dig new gun pits for 48 th Siege Battery.	H.A.

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As above.			<p>Lieut: F. A. WORLEY, from attached, was posted to the battery with effect from 29.7.16. Authority 4th Army RA No 4/AA/72/8/119</p> <p>dy. 29.7.16</p> <p>The battery has been completely out of action since 16th July inclusive, awaiting the arrival of pack guns from England. The personnel of the battery has been employed on various duties -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. M. G. Mable Major RA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1^p/₁₆ Comd 45th Trench Battery RA</p>	<p>H. M. G.</p> <p>H. M. G.</p>

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Guns withdrawn to CORBIE. H.Q. at E 3 a 3.6 (62 nd NE 1/20000).	1.	8/16	N ^o 32571 Corp ^t T. IRVIN to III rd Corp. H.A. for temporary duty with Officer 7. Signals. N ^o 20541 BQ 2nd J SHANDLEY confirmed in rank of BQ 2nd with effect from 11.7.16 vice N ^o 29580 BQ 2nd W. MARTIN, to a Btm 1 st Siege Bty.	H.A.R.	
	2.	8/16	Sarge PERCY + 15 other ranks road making near CONTALMAISON.	H.A.R.	
	3.	8/16	- do -	H.A.R.	
	4.	8/16	- do -	H.A.R.	
	5.	8/16	- do -	H.A.R.	
	6.	8/16	- do -	H.A.R.	
				N ^o 12946 G. T. STAFFORD invalided to ENGLAND on 17.7.16 and N ^o 49092 G. W. HARBOTTLE on 18.7.16.	
				LIEUT. J A S MORIN to Hospital, sick.	H.A.R.
	7.	8/16		N ^o 73690 B ^t S. J HAWES joined the battery from England in relief of N ^o 11081 Capt W. HUDSON, posted to Home Establishment.	H.A.R.
	8.	8/16		Capt HUDSON proceeded to England.	H.A.R.
9.	8/16		Resting.	H.A.R.	
10.	8/16		- do -	H.A.R.	

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	15 $\frac{8}{16}$			
	16 $\frac{8}{16}$	9 am	Major KEMBLE, with Q.M.S. BURLEY, AOC, 2 sergeants, & 12 other ranks left CORBIE for HAVRE, taking the two guns and two store trucks, with a view to changing the worn out guns for new ones.	H.R.
	17 $\frac{8}{16}$		The party & guns arrived at HAVRE in the early morning, & proceeded to MADAGASCAR QUAY.	
	18 $\frac{8}{16}$		During the morning the breech fittings were removed from the guns and the guns prepared for dismounting.	
			The Left Section gun (N ^o 104) was dismounted during the afternoon & a new gun (N ^o 127) mounted. The breech fittings from the old gun, including breech ring, were fitted to the new gun.	
			The Right Section gun (N ^o 120) was dismounted early & a new gun (N ^o 76) mounted.	
			The breech ring from the old gun did not fit new gun, so the breech fittings sent out with the new gun had to be drawn from A.O.D. & fitted. The breech mechanism of the new gun is not fitted with	

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			control gear. The breech block has to be withdrawn by hand. The left section gun was ready for action by 7 pm. The right section gun not quite ready, as holes had to be bored for the chamber plate.	Here
	19 th / ₁₆		Work on both guns completed. Battery ready to move by 11 pm. (Elevating gear from right section gun still on loan to 6 th Siege Battery)	Here
	20 th / ₁₆	10 am	Bus & personnel left HAVRE for CORBIE - 11 games from Headquarters, which had remained in E 3a, joined Sgt LUDBROOK'S party with 22 nd H.A. Ammunition Column. 2 nd Lieut. WORLEY was attached to 27 th H.A. Group for temporary duty. Lieut. HURFORD " 30 th " " (6 th Siege Bty) for temporary duty. These officers were accompanied by their servant.	Here
	21 st / ₁₆		Bus party with them arrived in the early morning at CORBIE and remained here for the day. No. 7045 G.W. CHAPMAN proceeded from Headquarters to Base Depot HAVRE, having been found unfit for service at the Front.	

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			<p>Extract from Routine Orders (No-72) by Pte Genl. AET PERKINS, R A Comd Heavy Artillery, IIIrd Corps. In the Field. 21st August 1916.</p> <p>204 AWARDS.</p> <p>The GOC in Chief has, under authority granted him by His Majesty the King awarded decorations as under:- MILITARY CROSS.</p> <p>Lieut: D L HURFORD, 45th Siege Battery RFA, now serving with 35th Heavy Artillery Group -</p> <p>This award was for reconnaissance work carried out under orders of GOC HA IIIrd Corps since the battery has been out of action. Major KEMBLE & 13 OR joined Headquarters in E 3 a guns with Qtrs BURLEY, Sgt PERCY & 6 guns remaining at CORBIE.</p> <p>The party of 12 NCO's men which was attached to 72nd Siege Battery RFA, were transferred to 26th Siege Battery on 14.8.16</p> <p>No-21771 Sgt H HOLLIDAY, Acting Btm in 52nd Siege Battery was</p>	

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As above.	23 ⁸ / ₁₆		<p>promoted BQ and posted to 63rd Siege Battery Rgs with effect from 10.8.16. He was appointed BQ in 52nd Siege Battery with effect from 10.8.16 and strength of the strength of 40th Siege Battery from that date - Men employed in dismantling old gun pits & dug outs of 40th Siege Battery.</p>	H.N.K. H.N.K.
	24 ⁸ / ₁₆		<p>Orders received for battery to move forthwith to XIVth Corps Area. All personnel and one gun and all stores to be taken. One gun, already in position to be taken over from 92nd Siege Battery. One of 40th Battery's guns to be handed over to 92nd Siege Battery.</p>	H.N.K.
	25 ⁸ / ₁₆		<p>Officers, N.C.O.s & men, who had been attached to other units, reported Headquarters, except Sergeant Ludbrook's party. Preparations made to move to position in F23c (Sheet 57¹ S.W. ¹/₂₀₀₀) in relief of 92nd Siege Battery. Barrer, however, did not turn up & personnel had to remain in old position for the night. One gun (N-127) with store trucks, men from 63rd CORBIE, left for new position about 3 pm.</p>	H.N.K.

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F 23 c. (Sheet 57 ^c S.W. <u>1</u> 20000)	26 ^o / ₁₆	7pm.	<p>Sergeant Ludbrook's party rejoined Headquarters. Party from CORBIE with gun stores, arrived at BOOT STATION, F 20 central, (same ref) about 12 noon. Personnel of battery left old position about 2pm. moved to position in F 23 c, taking over gun from 92nd Siege Battery, also 37th some of them. 92nd Siege Battery moved out about 8pm. - 43rd Battery then moved into position about 9pm.</p>	
	27 ^o / ₁₆		<p>Heavy rain - Sprung up camp, etc. Impression taken of gun (K. 25) taken over from 92nd Siege Battery Regt.</p>	
	28 ^o / ₁₅		<p>No action. Impression of gun forwarded to J.M. who was... The gun reported to HQ. IV Corps.</p>	
		10.30pm	<p>Orders received to be prepared to engage the following targets at 8 am on 29th. Ref: map Sheet 57^c S.W. <u>20000</u>. LETRANSELLEY, N 30; ROQUINY, O 27; MORVAL, T 11; SAILLY SAILLISEL, U 14; COMBLES, T 25.</p>	

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As before.	29 $\frac{8}{16}$		No action. Base Left Section for moved to forward position and remained here all day. Very wet.	Hnd
	30 $\frac{8}{16}$		No action. Very wet.	
	31 $\frac{8}{16}$		No action. Repositioning not carried out owing to hostile balloons being up.	Hnd
			H. W. Remble	
			Major, R.G.A. Commanding 45 Siege Battery R.G.A.	

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Hd. Qrs of Bty at F23 c 48 (Sheet 62 d NE 20000)	1	9 16	No action. Lieut. HURFORD out to reconnoitre forward O.P.'s. Results not very satisfactory for targets likely to be engaged by battery. A party of 21 N.C.O.'s & men lent to 83rd Siege Battery for the day to assist in preparing battery position (12" howt.).	
Forward firing positions about A 15 d 42 (Sheet 62 c NW 1/20000)	2	9 16	7.30am Orders received to move to forward position and be ready for targets. 9.15am Gun ready for action. GOC. XIV Corps H.A. (Genl. P. de B. Bunsy) visited position in morning. 2.15pm Orders received to fire 15 rounds into each of the following places, (reference sheet 57 c S.W. 1/20000), viz: - LE TRANSLOY, N 30; MORVAL, T 11; SAILLY-SAILLISER, U 8 d 14; COMBLES, T 28. In the case of LE TRANSLOY the garden and camp south of the cross-roads at N 306 52 to be specially engaged.	
		3.45pm	Fire opened on MORVAL, range about 9500', ranging on cross-roads at T 11 c 32. Observation from Kite Balloon (N ^o 12) - 15 rounds fired. Results satisfactory.	
		4.40pm	Fire opened on LE TRANSLOY, ranging on Church & switching to special target. Range to Church 12750'. Observation as above with satisfactory result, though interfered with by clouds. After 7 rounds at this target one of the bolts of the spring of a bogie broke & the gun was out of action for 1 1/4 hours, from 5.16pm to 6.30pm. Fire was then continued on this target, until 15 rounds had been fired.	

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As before.	2 $\frac{9}{16}$ (cont ^d)	7.10pm	<p>Fire opened on SAILLY-SAILLISEL, ranging on Church, range 12250' - Observation again from Kite Balloon. 5 rounds fired, when firing was stopped owing to darkness.</p> <p>The rate of fire was slow throughout the day, the breach being hard to close owing to burst & the expansion of the obturator. The front brake went out of action during the day owing to breaking of a bolt. These defects were repaired during the night.</p> <p>Information received from Staff Captain that Fourth Army would not sanction return of gun taken over by 92nd Siege Battery, which had been asked for by both batteries.</p>	
	3 $\frac{9}{16}$		<p>No action.</p> <p>N^o 39622 Gunner W. T. WHITE tried by F. G. C. M. for "when on active service striking his superior officer" & sentenced to 7 years penal servitude. Confirmed & promulgated on 4/9/16.</p>	H 20
	4 $\frac{9}{16}$		<p>No action.</p> <p>Lieut: J. A. S. MORIN rejoined from sick-leave.</p> <p>Lieut: F. A. WORLEY with 20 other ranks proceeded to HAVRE with the gun taken over from 92nd Siege Battery, to change it for a good one, in accordance with orders received from XIVth Corps.</p>	H 20

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As before.	5 $\frac{9}{16}$		No action.	
	6 $\frac{9}{16}$	6 pm	Orders received to engage target N ^o 449, about T18c 28. Range about 10,000'. Quick rate of fire ordered, afterwards slowing down. 35 rounds fired, fire stopping at 10.30 pm. No observation.	None.
	7 $\frac{9}{16}$	12.10 am	Orders received to fire 30 rounds into ST PIERRE VAST WOOD, T26 ch. (Sheet 57 th SW $\frac{1}{2000}$); 20 rounds into MORVAL + 20 rounds into LES BOEUFs, T4 (same sheet).	
		12.30 am	Fire opened on the WOOD, range about 11,500', searching & sweeping, & the 30 rounds were finished about 3 am.	
		3.15 am	Fire opened on MORVAL & 20 rounds finished by about 6 am.	
		12.20 pm	Aeroplane shoot on LES BOEUFs, registering on cross-roads at T4c 37. Z obtained at 7 th round, after which aeroplane went home - it was too cloudy for observation. 20 rounds completed, searching & sweeping. Range about 9,500'. Work with aeroplane quite satisfactory. The line at the firing position sank somewhat badly & the RE were asked to repair it. 180 rounds of ammunition received during night, 50 HE 4 ch, & 130 HE 2 ch.	

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As before	7. $\frac{9}{16}$	7.30 pm	<p>Orders received to fire 20 rounds into MORVAL & 20 into LES BOEUFs. 20 rounds fired into MORVAL, when fresh orders were received that the enemy were carrying out reliefs, the battery was to fire 20 rounds into MORVAL & 20 into LES BOEUFs, starting at 9.30 pm. This order was carried out firing finished just before 12 midnight. The gun appeared to be badly clogged. This was reported to XIVth Corps HQ. who gave permission for it to be lapped when cool:-</p>	<p>Think</p>
	8. $\frac{9}{16}$		<p>Gun lapped out during the morning. Aeroplane called up about 6.30 pm with a view to requesting on MORVAL; 3 rounds fired, all unobserved owing to mist & aeroplane then went home.</p>	
		9 pm	<p>Message received from XIVth Corps HQ that enemy were carrying out reliefs during the night. The battery to fire on LE TRAVELLOY & SAILLY SAILLISEL at frequent intervals from 9.30 pm to 5 am. This was done, 50 rounds, all being fired.</p>	<p>Think</p>
	9. $\frac{9}{16}$	10.50 am	<p>Order received 'Please arrange to shell at intervals, starting at 2 pm & continuing until further order. The village of MORVAL, LES BOEUFs.</p>	

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As before	9 $\frac{9}{16}$		LE TRANSLOY & SALLY-SALLISEL. This was done after order to stop firing was received at 7:10 pm. In all 51 rounds were fired as follows; LE TRANSLOY 13; SALLY-SALLISEL 10; MORVAZ 12, LES BOEUF 16. No observation throughout the day.	
	(cont)		This was in connection with attack on GINCHY.	H.A.
	10 $\frac{9}{16}$		No action - Too misty for registration.	H.A.
	11 $\frac{9}{16}$		No action.	
	12 $\frac{9}{16}$	4pm	Order received to move trucks etc. from position in F23c to LOOP STATION, F28 central, to make room for 52nd Regt Battery Rps. with 12" gun - To be ready to move at 9 am on 13th.	
		6pm	Order received to fire 30 rounds into MORVAZ and LES BOEUF between 9 & 11 pm. - Completed with 18 AP being fired into MORVAZ, 6 AP & 6 HE into LES BOEUF.	H.A.

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Map at F28 central. (Sheet 62 ^a NE $\frac{1}{20000}$) Left section at A15d42 (Sheet 62 ^a NE $\frac{1}{20000}$)	13	$\frac{9}{16}$	Left section personnel moved to forward position, just west of MARICOURT, in morning. A15d (Sheet 26 ^c NW $\frac{1}{20000}$). Store trucks + remainder of personnel to LOOP STATION. F28 central. (Sheet 62 ^a NE $\frac{1}{20000}$). No action -	Hnk
	14	$\frac{9}{16}$	5.30pm Orders received to fire 30 rounds at a German Headquarters at T861.8 (Sheet 57c S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Fire opened at 5.50 pm. Range 8350 ^x . Half charge used. No observation obtainable owing to mist. 17 rounds fired, when permission was obtained to cease firing owing to lack of observation. 12mm Order received: "You will fire tomorrow the 15 th mist on targets as under: 6.20 am. to 9.50 am. MORVAL. 9.50 am to 10.40 am SALLY SATLISEL.	Hnk Hnk
	15	$\frac{9}{16}$	6.20am Fire opened on MORVAL. Range about 9530 ^x , searching + sweeping - 45 rounds fired. Gun behaved well. No observation. 9.50am Fire turned on to SALLY - SATLISEL - Range about 12150 ^x , searching & sweeping. Gun difficult to run up owing to slope of track. No observation.	Hnk

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Aslafort	15 $\frac{9}{16}$ cont.	7pm	9 rounds fired on this target. Order received from XIV th Corps HQ. PLATINUM will shell SATILLY-SATILLICEZ in bursts of fire during the night. Up to 60 rounds to be expended.	
		9pm - 5am. 16 $\frac{9}{16}$	Order complied with, 45 rounds being fired, in bursts, between 9 pm & 5 am on 16 th . Gun behaved very well.	HMA
	16 $\frac{9}{16}$	3am	Order received to open fire on SATILLY-SATILLICEZ at 6am, and keep up a slow rate until further orders. This fire was continued till 4.30pm, 64 rounds being fired. Some observation was obtained from Kite Balloon N ^o 12 during the afternoon, with quite satisfactory results, showing that the gun was shooting well, loss of m ^o . being about 50 ft. Orders received to open fire on LES BOEUF'S Church, as the Guards were held up by machine gun fire from it, it was being used as an O.P. Fire opened on the Church. Observation by Balloon. Range 10,000 ft. 14 rounds in all fired. Three hits obtained on church, one being on	

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As before	16 ⁹ / ₁₆		<p>Kop of the Tower. Firing much delayed owing to tube breaking in the vent after the 10th & 11th rounds - Vent aerial then changed.</p>	
	cont.	8.45 pm	<p>Fire stopped about 7.30 pm. as it was too dark for observation. Orders received to fire during the night on SATLBY - SATLBY ET, as on the previous night.</p>	H&K
	17 ⁹ / ₁₆		<p>40 rounds fired between 11 pm & 6 am 17 ⁹/₁₆ Gun showed slight signs of stowing + elevating gear, worked very stiffly. The gun was luffed out during the morning & the elevating gear adjusted.</p>	H&K
		4 pm	<p>The sentence of 7 years P.S. on N^o 39622 W. W. T. WHITE was commuted by the Army Commander to 2 years Impr. 1 H.L. & he was ordered to be sent to prison forthwith -</p>	
			<p>Orders received to fire 30 rounds on LES BOEUF'S CHURCH. Fire especially required between 6.30 & 6.45 pm & 7.30 & 7.45 pm. No observation obtainable owing to mist. Rounds fired on previous days' firing. 30 rounds fired.</p>	

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As before.	17 ⁹ / ₁₆	11.4 pm cont. 11.55 pm	<p>Order received "Repeat last night's night firing." At 5.50 am tomorrow morning you will start to shell SATLISZ SATLISZ & keep up a slow continuous fire till further orders. 20 rounds fired in burst of fire into SATLISZ. SATLISZ between 11.42 pm & 5.51 pm. on 10.9.16.</p>	Hmk
	18 ⁹ / ₁₆	1.30 am	<p>Information received from XIVth Corps H.A. that Right Section had arrived at CORBIE & ordered to remain here for the present.</p>	
		5.50 am	<p>A slow fire opened on SATLISZ SATLISZ and continued till 9.15 am when XIVth Corps H.A. ordered "cease firing" - 24 rounds fired.</p>	
			<p>Order received from 32nd H.A. Group that the supernumeraries to 1st Lt. 1st Lt of battery were to be disposed of - banners to batteries in the Group, M.O.s etc. to be Base.</p>	
			<p>Letter sent to 33rd H.A. B. asking that the matter may be allowed to stand over for the present, owing to amount of firing being done.</p>	Hmk
	19 ⁹ / ₁₆		<p>No action.</p>	Hmk

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As before - Right section gun at CORBIE awaiting orders.	20 ⁹ / ₁₆	12.20am	<p>Message received from <u>VII</u> Corps H.A. "Please arrange to destroy LES BOEUF'S Church tomorrow." (Sent at 11.45pm 19.9.16). Searched: HURFORD & telephonists went out to try and establish line between the gun at MARKOURT and an OP in BEVRY WOOD $\frac{1}{2}$ in T21C (Sheet 5) SW $\frac{1}{20000}$). They failed to get through & shoot did not come off.</p>	
	21 ⁹ / ₁₆	3.30 pm	<p>Orders received from GOC <u>XIV</u> Corps H.A. to bring Right section gun up from CORBIE to LOOP. Necessary arrangements made. Searched: HURFORD party again went out to same OP but failed to obtain communication with gun owing to frequent break in the line. Fire opened on LES BOEUF'S Church. Observation by balloon. 27 rounds fired. Two OKs several other rounds very close. When it was considered that the target had been sufficiently done a fire was turned on to the northern portion of SATUW-SATUWETZ from T21C to T21C. Observation by balloon much interfered with by clouds. 16 rounds fired. Leave firing ordered at 7pm.</p>	

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As before at Right Section Gun at 600P. (F28 antial).	21 $\frac{9}{16}$ (contd)	8.15 pm.	<p>Message received: "Please shell LE TRANSLOY at uncertain intervals throughout throughout the night until 5 am." Complied with - 40 rounds fired between 9.30 pm & 5 am. 22 9.15 Right Section Gun arrived at 600P during the night.</p>	W.M.
	22 $\frac{9}{16}$	11.20 am.	<p>Message received from XIVth Corp H.A. "The surplus men need not be returned to the Base -"</p>	
		3.30 pm	<p>Fire opened on the Cross Road - LE TRANSLOY at N 30 W 67 to see if gun could reach that place with 2 cr. shell - Observation by balloon - All rounds, fired at maximum elevation, fell short - Matter reported to XIVth Corp H.A.</p>	
		7.45 pm	<p>Orders received to fire on the following cross-roads between 8 pm and 5 am 23 $\frac{9}{16}$ (Ref sheet 57^c SW. $\frac{1}{20000}$) by N 35 W 39; N 36 W 60; T 18 a 39 - Order complied with, rounds being fired as under:- N 35 W 39, range 11900', 19 rounds -</p>	

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<p>As before</p> <p>Right Section A 20 b 6 3</p> <p>Left Section A 15 d 4 2 (Sheet 62° NW 20000).</p>	<p>23</p> <p>23 9 16</p>	<p>10.20 pm</p>	<p>M 36 c 60, range 11700^x, 20 rounds. T 18 a 39, range 10300^x, 19 rounds. 58 rounds in all -</p> <p>During the night the Right Section moved from 5000 to a new siding about A 20 b 6 3 (Sheet 62° NW $\frac{1}{20000}$), going into position in front of one 12" howitzer of 83rd Siege Battery - which however, was removed the next afternoon -</p> <p>Message received from XIVth Corps HA. "Restrictions regarding shelling of SAILLY - SAILLISEL removed for tonight and tomorrow night. Please shell it in irregular burst throughout the night -</p> <p>The restrictions referred to were contained in following message from XIVth Corps HA received at 11.10 pm on 21.9.16. "From 6 am on 22 23rd the Artillery of XIVth Corps will not shoot S.E. of a line from COMBLES Church (T 20 central), through T 17 d 50, through T 18 central, through T 7 central".</p> <p>The order received at 10.20 pm could not be carried out owing to no ammunition being received.</p>	<p>It will</p> <p>It will</p>

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As above.	24 $\frac{9}{16}$		<p><u>Right Section</u>. No action - Registration ordered to be carried out on LE TRANSCLOY could not be done, as balloon could not observe owing to mist, and aeroplane, which was arranged for, did not call up.</p> <p><u>Left Section</u> Orders received to shell cross-roads during the night as on the night of 22nd to 23rd.</p> <p>45 rounds fired as under between 8.45 pm and 5.30 am on 24th.</p> <p>N 356 39, 16 rounds; N 36C 60, 16 rounds; T 12 a 29, 13 rounds.</p>	
	25 $\frac{9}{16}$	8.55 am	<p><u>Right Section</u>. Registration carried out on LE TRANSCLOY with aeroplane. Range about 11000^{ft} - 22 rounds fired. Shooting very erratic for time.</p>	H.M.
		11.45 am	<p>Opened fire on SATILLY - SATILLISEL in accordance with orders given under "Left Section" below. 2 rounds fired. No observation.</p>	
		1.30 pm	<p>Orders received to shell LE TRANSCLOY at a slow rate until further orders. No observation. 21 rounds fired by 6 pm.</p>	
		6 pm	<p>Orders received to turn fire on to an active hostile battery at O 26 d 60 (Sheet 57c S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range 12400^{ft}. Observations from balloon.</p>	

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As before	25 th / ₁₆	(cont)	6 rounds fired with very satisfactory results, when observation became impossible owing to mist.	
		6.50 pm.	Request from XIV th Corps H.A. Counter Battery Group to fire four rounds into an active hostile battery at O 32 c 33. Range 11400' - No observation obtainable. 4 rounds fired.	
		7.15 am.	<u>Left Section</u> . Message received from XIV th Corps H.A. "Shell SAILEY - SAILLISER North of Cross-roads U 14 a 4 1/2 8 and East of Chateau with all guns up to 11.30 pm. - Rate of fire will be 6 rounds per hour for each 9.2" Fire opened at 7.50 am. 424 rounds fired by 12 noon, when the order to cease firing was received.	
		9.45 am.	Message received: "Particular attention is to be paid to keeping fire North West of a line from COMBLES Church to ROCQUIGNY Church. PLATINUM (45 th Siege) will shoot as ordered till 12.30 pm when he will also conform to these instructions".	
		2.30 pm.	Orders received to open fire steep up a slow rate on cross roads	

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As before	25 ⁹ / ₁₆ (cont ^d)		at N356 29 - Range 11900* - Observation by balloon. After 3 rounds had been fired, it was found that the gun was so worn that at daylight could be seen between the shell and the gun after the shell had been rammed home. Also that the cordite was not all consumed. Moreover the gun was shooting very short. This was reported to XIV th Corps H.A. who ordered firing to cease until the gun had been examined by the 20 th - Impressions of the gun were taken during the evening.	
		10.30 pm	<u>Right Section</u> Orders received to fire on LE TRA VAS - ON - burst during the night - 26 rounds fired at Cron Road at N306 63 -	H.A.
	26 ⁹ / ₁₆	11.50 am.	<u>Right Section</u> Called up by No 12 K.B. and asked to take on active hostile battery at O 25 c 75 (Sheet 57 c S W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Permission obtained from and subsequent targets from XIV th Corps H.A. Range 11,300* - 15 rounds fired - Hostile battery silenced -	

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A before	26 ⁹ / ₁₆	11.10 1.10 pm	Fire switched on to active hostile battery at O 31 a. 07. Range 10,000 - 13 rounds fired - Battery silenced & cease firing ordered at 2.10 pm.	
		3 pm	Battery asked to engage active hostile battery at O 25 b. 64. 10 rounds at this target by 3.25 pm. and then turned onto another	
		3.40 pm	battery at O 25 d 65. at which 9 rounds were fired. This battery was also silenced & at 4.10 pm the balloon reported that none of the batteries engaged had opened fire since.	
		4.30 pm	Aeroplane called up for prearranged shoot, but fire was not opened till 5.15 pm. owing to great difficulty in moving the gun to the required position. (Aeroplane did not fire expected target). Target, hostile battery at N 30 b 29 (Sheet 57 ^{CSW} 20000). Range 11,100 - Results very useful factory, fire N.O.s being that after the 3 rd round had been within 50 yards of the target.	
			After 10 rounds at this target the jacket of the gun appeared to be fractured & cease firing was ordered the matter reported to XIV ^{as}	
			Cops H.A.	

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As before	26 ⁹ / ₁₆ (cont)		<u>Left Section</u> . No action - Gun examined by J.O.M. who stated that it would be fixed without danger but could results would certainly be unsatisfactory. Reported to XIV th Corps H.A.	H.A.
	27 ⁹ / ₁₆		No action.	H.A.
	28 ⁹ / ₁₆		No action.	H.A.
	29 ⁹ / ₁₆		No action - Right Section Gun examined by J.O.M. who proved it as unfixable. Reported to XIV th Corps H.A.	H.A.
	30 ⁹ / ₁₆		<u>Right Section</u> . Orders received to fire 3 rounds as rapidly as possible at the "JUCRERIE" at N 24 d 28 (Sheet 57 th S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) commencing at 10 pm. Completed with - Range 11600'.	
			<u>Left Section</u> Orders received from XIV th Corps H.A. to withdraw condensed gun & personnel of section to H.O.P. Station. Later, orders received to send the gun to the Base, arrangement. The made with Lieut. MARTIN BOON, R.E., Railway Division Officer. The order as regards the move of the personnel was altered next day	

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	30 $\frac{1}{16}$ cont.		<p>and the personnel were ordered to join the Right Section in A 106 (Sheet 62^c NW $\frac{1}{20000}$).</p> <p>During the month No. 39653 Gunner J. Rose was admitted to hospital as a result of the strength -</p> <p>The end of the month thus left the Right Section Gun in action at about A 106 6.3 (Sheet 62^c NW $\frac{1}{20000}$), the left section Gun condemned & proceeding to the Base for exchange - This gun fired 85 $\frac{1}{16}$ equivalent full charges during the month -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. M. Mable Major Rps Condy 45th Sige Battery Rps</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$\frac{10}{16}$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End of Volume III</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONFIDENTIAL</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">WAR DIARY OF NO 45 SIEGE BATTERY RGA from 1. 10. 16 to 31. 10. 16. (Volume <u>IV</u>)</p>	<p>Vol 14</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Right Section all personnel A10663 (Sheet 62° N.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) Left Section on the way to HAVRE for exchange	1	12 noon	<p><u>Right Section.</u> Called up by balloon (KB S N° 12) and asked to engage hostile battery at N 11 d 42 15' (Sheet 57° S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$). Permission obtained from XIV^e Gp for H.A. - 5 rounds fired, with balloon observation, after which target was obtained by mist. Range 12350'.</p>	<p>Amos on hand. A.P. 12. HE 2nd 64.</p>
		2.30 pm	<p>Aeroplane called up for prearranged shoot on hostile battery at O 13 d 2.1 (Sheet 57° S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) - Range 12900' - 24 rounds fired. 10 N.O., 2 Ls, 2 R., 1 A, 7 Z., 2 T. Shoot stopped after 24th round as gun did not seem to be answering its corrections satisfactorily. As a result of this shoot the gun (N° 75) appeared to have a loss of 7 1/2 to 8 in. as compared with Range Table.</p>	<p>Expended A.P. 2 HE 2nd 29.</p>
		4.45 pm	<p>Shoot attempted on the "SUCRERIE", a German headquarters, at N 24 d 2 5' (Sheet 57° S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) with balloon observation. Range 11600'. Two rounds fired, both unobserved owing to mist, the shoot was given up. 50 rounds AP received & unloaded during the afternoon.</p>	<p>Received A.P. 50</p>
			<p><u>Left Section.</u> Condemned gun (N° 127) was withdrawn from its position at A 15 d 42 (Sheet 62° N.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) for despatch to HAVRE for exchange. The personnel of the section joined the Right section. Store truck at 4000 Station.</p>	
			<p>F 29 central (Sheet 62° N.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$).</p>	<p>HE 2nd</p>

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As above	2. 16/16		No action - Heavy Rain.	Amor's on hand AP 66
	3. 16/16		No action - Very wet & misty. 2 Lieut: F A WORLEY to Hospital.	PS 2 sub 40
	4. 16/16		No action.	
	5. 16/16		No action.	
	6. 16/16	6 pm	The battery, from the date, was attached to 31 st HA Group for Administration etc. (Lieut: Col: A S. Jenou), remaining directly under GOC XIV th Corp HA for fighting purposes.	Expanded
	7. 16/16	6 pm	No action. Order received from XIV th Corp HA to make arrangements to destroy BEAULENCOURT CHURCH & the red cottage on the ridge south of it during the next forenoon, the Church being the most important.	Nil.
	7. 16/16		Lieuts: MORIN & HURFORD with signallers to Tqa 0.5 (Chart of V.O. 1/20000) to establish OP for shoots ordered on BEAULENCOURT CHURCH & the cottage.	Revised
			Some difficulty - establishing communication with battery owing to break in the line - 6 th Sige Battery kindly allowed the use of their line from their battery position to the O.P.	Nil
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As above	7 ¹⁰ / ₁₆ cont.	11.30 on	<p>Fire opened on BEAUCOURT CHURCH, N 176 5.1 (Sheet 57¹⁰ S.W. ²⁰⁰⁰⁰), Range 11,950'. Seen round HE fired with unsatisfactory result in regard to line. Wind was then cut & fire was not continued till 12.55 pm when fire was resumed with AP shell. 17 more rounds fired by 1.45 pm when the shoot had to be stopped as observation became impossible owing to an attack. One O.K. was obtained, 18th round, but the shooting was generally satisfactory, especially as there was a high wind blowing.</p>	<p>Annex on hand AP 56 HE sub 40</p>
	3.29 pm		<p>Observation on church still impossible, but possible on the village at N 176 5.45 (Sheet 57¹⁰ S.W. ²⁰⁰⁰⁰), on which fire was opened. Range 11,800'. Wind cut after 2nd round, but resumed by 3.45 pm. Cut again at 4.15 pm when visual signalling was resorted to with satisfactory result. This is undoubtedly the best means of communication between fire posts from these particular positions. 15 rounds in all fired at the village - 12th round O.K. Shooting again affected by wind. The day's work reflects great credit on the signaller who had many difficulties to contend with while we were at times under fire.</p>	<p>Independent AP 32 HE sub 7</p>
				<p>Reserve Nil</p>
				<p>Remainder on hand AP 34 HE sub 30</p>

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As above.	9/10/16		No action. One gun (12" how) of 83 rd Siege Battery was placed in position on the ridge during the morning.	Ammunition A.P. 24 HE sub 33
	9/10/16	11.30 am	Orders received from XIV th Corps H.A. to fire again on BEAULEY COURT CHURCH and the red cottage on the ridge south of it, also on the water-tower at N 11 a 45 and any other prominent objects in BEAULEY COURT.	Expended A.P. 10 HE sub 10.
		2.55 pm	Blinds: MORRIS & HURFORD out with signaller on 7 th to T 06 45. Visual signalling only used except from OP to forward visual station - communication was satisfactory all through, though a little slow at first.	Expended A.P. 10 HE sub 10.
		4.20 pm	Fire opened on BEAULEY COURT CHURCH, N 17 6.5 (Sheet 57 ^c W $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range 11950 ^m - 10 rounds A.P. fired by 4.11 pm. - Three OKs at 3 rd , 7 th & 10 th rounds; 4 th round also probably OK.	Remainder on hand A.P. = 24 HE sub 23.
			Fire turned on to the red cottage at N 17 a 05.45 (Sheet 57 ^c W $\frac{1}{20000}$). Range 11800 ^m - 10 rounds HE fired - No OKs & some blinks - line good.	
			Shoot stopped at 5.10. pm owing to falling light.	
			Permission obtained from G.O.C. XIV th Corps H.A. to fire on the water-tower at N 11 a 45 next day.	

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As above	9 ¹⁰ / ₁₆ (contd.)	8.30 pm	<p>Orders received from XIV^e Corps HA to fire on BEAULENCOURT N 17 (Sheet 57 S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) at uncertain intervals from receipt of order till 6 am on 10th inst. 50 rounds to be expended.</p> <p>Fire opened at 8.57 pm. & continued at intervals till 6 am on 10th inst. 47 rounds in all fired, 23 HE 200, 24 A.P. - No more ammunition in the battery, the other 50 rounds A.P. being still en route.</p>	<p>Amn. on hand A.P. 24 HE 200 23</p> <p>Expended A.P. 24 HE 200 23</p>
	10 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		<p>No action owing to lack of ammunition - Ordered to take on certain targets if ammunition arrived by 3 pm. - Went: MORIN & supplies went out to O.P. but ammunition did not arrive.</p>	<p>Received A.P. 75</p>
	11 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	12.30 am 7 am	<p>75 rounds A.P. shell arrived & well unloaded.</p> <p>Operation orders received, by which the battery was ordered to fire on VILLERS-AU-PELOS, 07 (Sheet 57 S.W. $\frac{1}{20000}$) from 7 am till 5 pm at a slow rate, except between 11 am & 11.30 am, and 4.30 pm & 5 pm when fire was to be on L'ÉGLISE STREET, LE TRAY-L'ÉGLISE, N 30 (same ref); between 1.30 pm & 2 pm, when it was to be on BEAULENCOURT N 17 b and d (same ref); and between 3.15 pm & 3.35 pm when the Heavy Artillery was not to fire.</p> <p>As the battery had no 4 inch shell, VILLERS-AU-PELOS was out of range, and BEAULENCOURT was substituted by XIV^e Corps HA.</p>	<p>Remainder on hand A.P. 75.</p>

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As above	11 ¹⁰ / ₁₆ (contd)	7.30 am	Signal: MORIN and signaller out to T.6 to observe. Fire opened on BEAULENCOURT, range about 12,000 ^m , and 17 rounds fired by 11 am. No observation for first 9 rounds, but for the rest of the day rounds were observed on this target with quite satisfactory results. The shooting was good.	Ammunition AP 70
		11 am - 11.30 am	Four rounds on the special target in LE TRANSLOY. Range about 10,900 ^m . No observation.	Expended AP 21
		11.30 am - 3.15 pm	Twenty-two rounds on BEAULENCOURT.	
		3.35 pm - 4.30 pm	Seven rounds on BEAULENCOURT.	Received
		4.30 pm - 5 pm	Six rounds on LE TRANSLOY.	AP 70
			56 rounds in all fired during the day -	HE 200 20
			Communication (visual) quite satisfactory -	
		7.45 pm	Orders received to continue to fire on BEAULENCOURT at a slow rate during the night. This was done and 28 rounds were fired by 7 am, the fire being interrupted by arrival of ammunition for the battery and for 53 rd Siege Battery.	Remaining on hand
	12 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	12.30 am	100 rounds ammunition arrived were unloaded, 72 AP + 28 HE 200.	AP 66 HE 200 20

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As above.	12 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	7.45 am	<p>Bombardment of BEAULENCOURT continued throughout the day. In addition to a general bombardment of the place, special attention was paid to the Red Cottage at N 17 d 85.50, the windmill at N 24 a 45.90, on both of which observation was obtained from Lieut: HURFORD at T 9 a 0.5, and the houses about N 18 c 19 on which observation could not be got.</p> <p>The shooting on the cottage & windmill was not very satisfactory, probably owing to the high wind which was blowing. The map range of both these targets was the same, viz 11,800', but the elevations required were 17° 15' & 16° 25' respectively. This may have been due to different lots of cordite being used, but it seems a big difference. Possibly the windmill is wrongly located on the map.</p> <p>No observation was possible after 2.5 pm (zero time) when the infantry went over. Communications were quite satisfactory throughout the day. Firing ceased at 6.50 pm, all the ammunition in the battery having been expended.</p> <p>In all 94 rounds were fired between 7 am & 7 pm, & 104 between 12 am & 7 pm.</p>	<p>Ammunition AP 66 HE 28 28</p> <p>Received Nil</p> <p>Expended AP 66 HE 28 28</p> <p>Ammunition received Nil</p>

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Asahoul	13 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		Orders received to continue to fire on conspicuous objects in BEAULENCOURT ammunition arrived in time.	Frontal Nil
		4.15 pm	100 rounds HE 4 sub received at 3 pm. - Lieut: HURFORD out to O.P. Fire opened on the Church. 9 rounds fired - One O.K., probably 2.	Received HE 4 sub 100.
		8.30 pm	Too dark to observe after 5 pm. -	
			Orders received to fire on BEAULENCOURT during the night - 46 rounds fired between 9 pm. & 5 am. on 14 th .	HE 2 sub 100.
	14 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		Major REMBLE out to O.P. in Tqa for shoot & ordered on the Church, windmill, & large Barn in BEAULENCOURT.	Expended HE 4 sub 79
		10.15 am	Fire opened on Church & 24 rounds fired. Shooting fairly satisfactory, the walls being hit, but not the tower. The Col XIV th Corps TA visited the battery & said he wished observation to be from RAINBOW TRENCH, in N 28 c 37 (Sheet 57 th SW $\frac{1}{20000}$) - An endeavour was made to establish this O.P. but insufficient wire was sent up from the battery & after this it was too misty to continue using the former O.P.	Remaining on hand HE 4 sub 21
			100 rounds HE 2 sub received & unloaded during the afternoon.	HE 2 sub 100.

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As above	14 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	8.5 pm	Order received from XIV th Corps J.A. Repeat last night fire - 21 rounds HE, 4 sub fired between 8.45 pm & 6 am on 16 th -	Ammo on hand HE sub 21 HE sub 100
	15 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	1.20 am	Order received from XIV th Corps J.A. Bombard BETHULENCOURT CHURCH, BARN & COTTAGE, putting 20 rounds on each objective during visual observation -	Received Mil Ammo
			Sent: MORIX & signaller out to RAINBOW TRENCH & OP established at N 28 a. 3.1 - This gave a very good view of the Church, but not had a good view of the Barn & Cottage on the O.P. in T 9 a 0.5.	Expended HE sub 21
		11 am	Fire opened on the Church - 20 rounds fired by 1 pm. - Three J.K.s - Church tower reported down after 10 th round -	HE sub 43
		11 pm	Fire turned on the large barn south of the Church & 21 rounds fired. 1 bk only obtained - This shoot finished about 2.45 pm, when he were between O.P. & forward visual station at GRENCH broke. The was repaired by 4.30 pm, when were between battery & back visual station at ARROWHEAD COPES was broken. Two rounds only were fired in consequence at the cottage, the observation was obtained	Remaining on hand HE sub 57

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As above.	15 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		for either of them. 43 rounds - all fired during the day -	A.P. on hand
	(cont ^d)	7 pm	100 rounds A.P. arrived - these unloaded -	HE 2 at 57
	16 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	3.30 am	Orders received from XIV th Corps HQ "you will as soon as observation is possible today complete the destruction of BEAUCEN COURT MILL and BARN. Report of progress will be rendered to be at the office not later than 11.20 am & 4.30 pm.	Received
			Lieut. WURFORD out to O.P. at T9605.	A.P. 102
		8.57 am	Fire opened on the BARN, and 57 rounds ^{HE} fired by 2.47 pm. When broken from 11.51 am to 1 pm. - 8 OKs obtained, and both ends of target destroyed, but a portion of it was left standing in the middle, and also the northern end wall itself. The gun shot somewhat erratically & the wind varied considerably during the shoot.	Expended
		2.57 pm	Fire turned on to the MILL, A.P. shell being used, & 18 rounds were fired by 4.40 pm, when observation became impossible - No OKs & the gun shot extremely erratically - It showed great signs of wear and daylight could be seen through the bore after the shell was removed from	HE 2 at 57
				Remaining on hand
				A.P. 54.

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As above	16/16 (cont.)	5.45 pm	<p>This was reported to XIVth Corps H.A., who gave permission for impressions to be taken next morning. The JOm was also asked to come & examine the gun.</p> <p>Order received "You will fire salvoes tonight as under: BEAULIEUCOURT 7pm & 7.10pm; LE TRANSLAT 7.30pm & 8.30pm; VILLERS TU FLOS 9pm; RIENCOURT 9.10pm & 9.15pm.</p> <p>One round fired as ordered at 7pm, 7.10pm, 7.30pm & 8.30pm. The other targets were out of range.</p>	<p>Approved AP 84</p>
	17/16		No action. Impressions of gun taken.	Received M.L.
	18/16		No action. Gun examined by JOm & condemned for wear and scoring.	Taken on charge
			This gun No 75. Reported to XIV th Corps H.A. & RE asked to withdraw the gun.	AP 167 HE 135
	19/16		No action.	
	20/16		No action. Orders received for condemned gun to be sent to HARVE.	
			Necessary arrangements made.	Remaining on hand in battery
	21/16		No action. Gun not removed, despite repeated applications to Railway Liaison Officer.	AP 167 HE 135

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Personnel at A1066 (Shell 62 NWs. 1/20000). Both guns way for exchange.	22 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	3-30 pm	No action. Condensed gun of Right Section (N° 76) removed from its position in A1066 for despatch to HAYRE for exchange. 2 Artificers, also 1 NCO & 2 privates went with it. Parties employed by day night at TRONES & BERNHAY Station unloading ammunition.	Amn on hand in battery AP 80. Expended Nil.
	23 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		No action. Men unloading ammunition.	Received Nil.
	24 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		No action. A party of 30 NCOs & men unloading ammunition from 9 pm to 7.30 am on 25 th at TRONES Station.	Stuck off charge.
	25 ⁶ / ₁₆		No action. It should have been stated above that the total number of equivalent full charges fired from gun N° 76 was 828 ¹ / ₁₆ , of which 674 were fired by the Battery between 25 9.16 and 16.10.16.	AP 40. Report of Staff Captain.
	26 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		No action. A party of 30 NCOs & men working on Decauville Railway - GUILLEMONT from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.	Remaining hand In Battery AP 80.
	27 ¹⁰ / ₁₆		No action. A party of 30 NCOs & men working at Siege Artillery Park in TRONES WOOD from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. Hint: PA WORLEY evacuated to ENGLAND & stuck off strength with effect from 8.10.16. Authority XIV Corps HA N° 157/65 dt. 26.10.16	AP 127. WE 735.

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As above.	28 16		No action. Working party as before.	As above on hand
	29 16		- do - - do -	In Battery A.P. 50
	30 16		- do - - do -	elsewhere A.P. 127 J.F. 135
			Command of the Group comprising the batteries hitherto commanded by Headquarters 31 st H.A. Group was taken over by Headquarters, 6 th H.A. Group (Lieut. Col. F.H. METCALFE).	Received M.L.
	31 16		No action. Working party as before.	Expended M.L.
			<p style="text-align: right;">J. H. Kenble Major R.F.A. Comd 4th Siege Battery R.F.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. 11 16</p>	