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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOUPLINES	1st		Day quiet. - <u>LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS</u> - Cotton Factory, HOUPLINES. <u>STRENGTH.</u> 5 Offs., 58 Other ranks.	<u>MAP REFERENCE</u> HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000 5a Ed. 2 1/10,000 36 N.W. 2
"	2nd	1130	Three guns fired 20 rounds each on to C.29.c.89.67., C.23.c.9.2., C. 29.c.4.2, Much damage done to the enemy's trenches. STRENGTH - 5 offs., 58 Other ranks.	ditto
"	3rd	1100	On the R. sector 2 guns fired 60 rounds per gun on to C.23.c.9.3. Sniper's post destroyed. - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 58 Other ranks - SICK - 1 O. R.	ditto
"	4th	1100 1130	Section relief. On the left sector 3 guns fired 40 rounds per gun on to C.17.c.9.5. STRENGTH - 5 offs., 57 O. Rs. - SICK - 1 O.R.	ditto
"	5th	1400	On the sector 2 guns fired 30 rounds each on to C.29.a.45.25. 1 gun fired 12 rounds on to C.29.c.65.50. - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 56 O.Rs.	ditto
"	6th	1200 1630	2 guns fired 40 rounds each on to C.17.c.75.95. 1 gun fired 20 rounds on to an observed working party. Slight retaliation. STRENGTH - 5 offs., 56 O. Rs.	ditto
"	7th	1130 1115 1430	R. section ^{or} 2 guns fired 60 rounds each on to C.23.c.9.3. and C.29.a.75.60. L. sector two guns fired 12 rounds on to C.17.c.95.25 and G.17.c.90.55 1 gun fired 20 rounds on to C.17.c.75.85.- STRENGTH - 5 offs., 56 O. Rs.	ditto
"	8th	0730 1430	Lt. Dench to T. M. School, Terdeghem. On R. and L. sectors five guns fired 50 rounds per gun on to C.29.a.5.3., C.17.c.9.5., C.23.d.95.70. - STRENGTH - 4 offs., 59 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	9th	1730	On L. sector two guns fired 40 rounds each on to C.23.d.1.7. On R. sector 1 gun fired 30 rounds on to salient - Pont - Ballet. (Enemy's wire fired on (See Bde. Order 10 - 8/1/17) - STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 59 O. Ranks.	ditto

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HOUPLINES	10th	1120 1230 1430 1515 1745	One gun fired 20 rounds on to C.23.b.05.85. One gun fired 22 rounds on to C.17.c.70.00 Two guns fired 30 rounds each on to C.29.a.55.40 and C.29.c.78.95 First casualty. Brigade raid on enemy's trenches (See Bde. Order No. 10-8/1/17) LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - Cotton Factory, HOUPLINES. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 58 Other ranks CASUALTIES - Wounded - 891 Pte. Hawking J.	<u>MAP REFERENCE.</u> HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000 5a Ed.2 1/10,000 36 N.W.2
"	11th	1100	Section relief - 2 guns fired 30 rounds each on to C.17.a.65.05 and C.17.d.0.1 STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 57 Other ranks.	ditto
"	12th	1130	2 guns fired 50 rounds on to C.29.c.8.4. A good shoot. STRENGTH, 40offs, 57 O.Rs.	ditto
"	13th	1030	2 guns fired 25 rounds each on to C.23.c.80.65. Enemy's new work was demolished.	ditto
"		2000	Fired in Brigade raid (See Bde Order No. 12 - 12/1/17). STRENGTH, 4 Off., 57 O.Rs.	
"	14th	1230	2 guns fired 25 rounds each on to C.23.b.93.90 and C.23.b.05.78. STRENGTH - 4 offs., 57 Other ranks.	ditto
"	15th	1100	All guns on both sectors carried out a bombardment on E.F.L. with good results. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 56 Other ranks.	ditto
"	16th	9810	1 gun fired 10 rounds on to E.W.P. at C.29.c.80.43. - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 56 other ranks.	ditto
"	17th	0900	O. C. 9th A. L. T. M. Battery shown round right sector by O.C. as per Bde. Order No. 14 - 11/1/17. - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 56 Other ranks.	ditto
"	18th	0900 2030	O. C. 9th A. L. T. M. Battery shown round left sector as per Brigade Order 14 of 11/1/17. 1 gun fired 9 rounds on to E.W.P. at C.29.c.80.43. Darkness hindered observation. - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 56 other ranks.	ditto
"	19th	1100	Brigade relief - Battery relieved by the 9th A. L. T. M. Battery H.Q. and gun teams. Returned to ARMENTIERES. - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 57 O.Rs. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - Rue Bayard, ARMENTIERES.	ditto

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ARMENTIERES	20th		Battery rested - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 57 other ranks.	MAP REFERENCE HAZEBROUCK
"	21st	0900	Inspection of kit, clothing, etc. of personnel. - STRENGTH 5 offs., 56 O. Rs., - SICK - 1 other rank.	1/100,000 5a Ed.2 1/10,000 36 N.W.2
"	22nd	0900	Battery engaged in cleaning and oiling guns, rifles etc. 2 men to Trench Mortar School, Terdgehém - STRENGTH, 5 off., 54 other ranks.	ditto
"	23rd	-	STRENGTH - 5 offs., 54 other ranks.	
		0900	Gas Helmet drill	ditto
		1400	Marching order parade and inspection.	ditto
"	24th	0900	Gun and Gas drill. STRENGTH - 5 offs., 54 O.Rs.	ditto
"	25th	0900	Received Brigade Order for move to CHAPPEL d' ARMENTIERES. C.O. reported at 102nd Brigade H.Q. CHAPPELLE de ARMENTIERES, and inspected gun positions etc. in BOIS GRENIER SECTOR with O.C. 102nd Battery. STRENGTH - 5 offs., 54 other ranks.	ditto
CHAPPELLE de ARMENTIERES.	26th	1200	Received order for move.	1/10,000 36 N.W. 4
		1400	Received orders to relieve 102nd T.M. Battery	" 36 N.W. 2 & N.E.1
		2130	Relief completed. Right half of battery in line - 4 guns. Left half of Battery in billets, Rue Marle. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS. - RUE MARLE, CHAPPELLE D' ARMENTIERES. STRENGTH - 5 offs., 54 O.Rs.	(pts. of). 1/20,000 28 S.W. Ed.3.D " 36 N.W. 6 c.
"	27th	0800	Commenced inspection of gun emplacements, shell/recesses, dumps etc. in front line. (Enemy's wire cut as per Bde.Order.13-22/1/17) STRENGTH 5 offs., 53 O.Rs.	ditto
"	28th	"	Continued inspection in the line. Bde. raid carried out STRENGTH - 5 offs., 53 O.Rs.	ditto
"	29th	"	Completed inspection in the line. STRENGTH - 4offs., 54 O. Rs.	ditto

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CHAPPELLE d'ARMENTIERES	30th	1530	Registration was carried out by all guns on the S.O.S. line 1 gun fired 30 rounds on to I.21.d.35.65. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 51 O. Rs., - CASUALTIES - Wounded - 1694 Pte. McErvale J.L. 1 Officer and 2 Other ranks to Trench Mortar School.	<p>MAP REFERENCE</p> <p>1/10,000 36 N.W. 4</p> <p>" 36 N.W. 2 & NE 1 (pts only)</p> <p>1/20,000 28 S.W. Ed. 3 D</p> <p>" 36 N.W. 6 c.</p>
"	31st	1000	1 gun fired 102 rounds on to I.21.c.2.6. STRENGTH - 4 offs., 51 other ranks. - CASUALTIES - 1 wounded - Lt. F. Dench SICK - 2 other ranks.	