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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS A A.X		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
ACTION OF OUR ARTY.	1st								(a) This G.A.S. message was found to be a false alarm. The 9th Battery opened with a slow rate of fire as the wind was blowing towards the enemy trenches, & ceased firing after 19 rounds had been fired.
	2nd	0900	8th	12	-	MAISNEL CHURCH	-	Registering Zero Line.	
"	"	2120	9th	3	16	ENEMY'S TRENCH	N 6 c 7 1/2 4 to N 6 d 2 5	(a) Gas attack reported by Hqrs 6th Battalion	
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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTY	"		ENEMY GUNS (OR HOW-ITZERS)						
	"	0750	4.9"	50m	Approx	FLEURBAIX & BAC ST MAUR	-	-	
	"	0835	4.9"	5	Approx	FLEURBAIX	-	-	
	"	0912	4.2"	2	"	ROAD	H 35 d 5.0 to 0.6	-	
	"	0915	4.9"	10	"	FLEURBAIX	N 6 a.5.5	Communication Trench	
	"	0930	4.2"	5	"	COMMUNICAT-ION TRENCH	N 6 a.5.5	-	
	"	1035	4.2"	5	"	COMMUNICAT-ION TRENCH	N 6 a.5.5	-	
	"	1055	5.9"	100	"	TRENCHES	1 31 D	-	
"	"	1235	5.9"	20	"	TRENCHES	1 31 D	-	
NOTE:- This is the FIRST Page of VOL IV. (May 1916).									
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FLEURBAIX	May 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
ACTION OF OUR ARTY	2nd	1500	9th	20	-	GUNS IN ACTION	N 23.d.5.5 to 7.6	Considered effective.	(a) Note
	3rd	"	103rd (How)		10 B.X	" " "	N 23.d.5.5 to 7.6	These series were fired in conjunction with the LORING GROUP HEAVY ARTILLERY. W.L.H.B.	the church is showing a total ruin.
	"	1515	24th	20	-	" " "	N 23.d.10.3 to N 24.c.2.3	" " "	The zero line of the 8th Batty passes through the ruins
	"	"	103rd (How)	-	10 B.X	" " "	N 23.d.10.3 to N 24.c.2.3	" " "	9 in registering this line
	"	1630	9th	20	-	" " "	N 23.d.5.5 to 7.6	" " "	are round
	"	"	103rd (How)	-	10 B.X	" " "	N 23.d.5.5 to 7.6	" " "	fell amongst
	"	1700	24th	20	-	" " "	N 23.d.10.3 to N 24.c.2.3	" " "	the ruins of the church.
	"	"	103rd (How)	-	10 B.X	" " "	N 23.d.10.3 to N 24.c.2.3	" " "	Though the church was
	"	1500	8th	31	12	(a) MAISNIL CHURCH ENEMY'S PARAPETS	0.13.A.7.4 1/2	(a) Direct hit obtained.	obtain many ruins
	"	"	"	-	12	"	N 11.B.o.9 1/2	Direct hits on parapet & just over obtained.	no aimed a
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTY	"	1535	7th	16	8	GUNS IN ACTION	0.13.c.42	Aeroplane observation. Signal received O.K.	intentional
	"	1325	5.9"		60 Approx.		H 28		the was down at the actual building.

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			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOW-ITZERS)	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
	2nd 3rd	1630	4.2"	20 Approx.	Observation Post.	N 5 B.4.4	Damage slight. 2 or more guns firing, mostly fell short.	
	"	1715	5.9"	120 "	Billets BOIS GRENIER		No damage.	
	"	1650	How.	14 "	Observation Post	N.5.B.33	--	
"	1951	5.9"	20 "	-	N.5.B	This gun has fired each day for three days at O.P.s.		

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FLEURBAIX	May 1916			BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS A A.X	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.
ACTION OF OUR ARTY	3RD 4th	1210		8th	3 -	WORKING PARTY IN FRONT LINE TRENCHES LEFT OF CLAPHAM JUNCTION	-	Rounds were in the trench, well burst. Party dispersed, did not resume all day.
"	"	1510		7th	20 -	-	N.34/A.8.2	Both series were fired with Cor.154 at XF5 Sec. Range, 5350. Lines of fire were obtained from map.
"	"	1530		8th	21 -	Special Target	N 28.c.4.0	Fuzes erratic.
"	"	1550		7th	20 -	-	H 33.D.5.4	Fuzes erratic.
"	"	1645		8th	19 -	-	N.28.c.4.0	Fuzes erratic.
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTY	"			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOW-ITZERS)				
"	"	0600 to 0800		77 c/m	30 Approx.	Road Communication Trenches	H.34.B H.34.D	Effect not ascertained.
"	"	0610 to 0745		5" How	150 Approx)	Horses on Pavé De La BONTILLERIE & TRENCHES	N.5.B & N.6.A	Sound bearing 14 Deg Right of Water Fort. Time of flight about 14 Sec.
"	"	0840		")	Switched on to CONVENT	N.5.A.7.7	Sound bearing 15 Deg Right of Water Fort. Time of flight about 14 Sec.
"	"	1745		Heavy Gun	2 Approx	Firing over O.P towards FLEURBAIX	-	Sound bearing 15 Deg Rt of Water Fort. Time of flight 16 Sec Direction N.22.B

(a)
These series were fired in "cannonade" with the "LORING GROUP" HEAVY ARTILLERY with accurate observation.
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ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY	4th 5th	1123	9th	16	-	0 14 a 3.7	-	Observations from aeroplane:- 3 rounds O.K 2 rounds unobserved.	
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTY	"		ENEMY GUNS (OR HOW-ITZERS)						
	"	0820 to 0840	4.2" or 5.9"	25	Approx	H 22 c 9	-	No damage done.	
	"	0748 to 0815	5" or 6"	7	"	Approx H 26 c 9.2	-	Firing at intervals of 5 Mts.	
	"	0930	5.9" Lachrymatory	60	"	Aircraft Guns	H 22 c 1.8	No damage done.	
<u>ITEMS OF INTEREST:-</u> The effect produced by the lachrymatory shells was a stinging sensation causing the eyes to run and make them bloodshot. Anybody subjected to a good dose would be practically blind for some time afterwards.									
<u>COMMUNICATION:-</u> Line to F.Y.A was broken by shell-fire at 0930. It was repaired within ten minutes and communication established. Elsewhere O.K.									

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FLEURBAIX	May 1916									
			BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS A. A.X.		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.		
ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY.	5TH 1916	0710	7th.	20	-	N.18.c.8.3.	-	Fired for purpose of registration. Fuses very erratic.	<p>(a) Through a misunderstanding the S.O.S. signal was given & repeated by the infantry, but as it was shown that no infantry attack was being made on our trenches, a steady rate of fire was maintained & shelling continued. Batteries increased range & sought for hostile guns. This procedure had a great shattering effect on the hostile gun which finally after several W.G. & B.</p>	
		1400	9th.	12	-	Day Lines Enemy Trenches.	-	Fired at Urgent request of our Infantry, in retaliation. Hostile fire ceased.		
		1430	103rd.	-	18 B.X.	Gun Position	N.25.A.4.2	Aeroplane Observation.		
		1925 to 2130	9th.	134	18 A.X.	Night Lines	- (a)	Call from 6th. Battalion F.R. at 1925. Enemy bombarding our trenches on left of our group. It continued until 2130, and the fire ceased, and at 2200 report came from 2nd. Infantry Brigade that conditions were again normal, and that there was no longer any necessity to stand by. Rounds fired 396 A. 48 A.X. and 21 B.X.		
			24th.	250	30	Night Lines	-			
			8th.	12	-	Night Lines	-			
			103rd.	-	21 B.X.					
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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.	5TH 1916	1025	ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWIT-ZERS)							
			4.2" (How.)	35.	-	I.31.c. or d.	-	Damage unknown.		
		1115	77mm	6 A.		N.5.a.9.1.	-	----- W.G.H. Surgen. Lieut. Col. Command 3rd F.A. Brigade.		

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			(ENEMY GUNS OR HOWITZERS)	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
				A.	A.X.				
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.	5TH 1221		77mm	60		(N.5.a.7.7. (N.5.c.	---	Convent fired on, one round burst on O.P. no Damage.	(b) NOTE:- Summary of Operations of Left Group Artillery for Week ending May 6th 1916
	1245		77mm	30		(In Sector 45 (N.6.b.	---	We retaliated to this fire.	is attached
	1330		5.9"	10		(In Sector 45 (N.6.b.	---	Damage unknown.	& follows this page.
	1400		5.9"	25	A.X.	N.6.c.9.9.	---	-----	Summary is numbered
	1545		77mm	20		I.31.c. or d.	---	At our Trenches.	pages:-
	2100		77mm	12		H.28.c.3.3.	---	Shell fire close to 7th. Battery no damage done.	11a 11b 11c.
	1925 to 2130		Heavy	--		N.6.b.0.5. to I.31.c.5.5.	---	Very heavy fire of light and Heavy Guns, was continued throughout, on the left Trench Sectors of Left Group.	WGHAB
<u>COMMUNICATION</u>			This was somewhat interrupted by having to get the Infantry through our lines to their Head Quarters, owing to the lines being cut. Our Communication O.K.						
(a)			Precautionary measures at once put in hand to obviate the danger of a further interruption again occurring.						

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			BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS A. A.X.		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.
ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY	6TH 7th.		11	-	-	--	--	Operations have been extremely quite during the last 24 Hours, The Batteries of this Group did not open fire during the day. B.C.'s have made a reconnaissance of positions for Mobile Guns.
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY.	6TH 7th.		<p>.....1.....</p> <p>ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWIT-ZERS)</p> <p>----- N I L -----</p> <p>Total Ammunition expended for week ending noon Saturday 6.5.16 :- 670 A. 84 A.X.</p> <p>Total rounds = 833 61 B.X. 18 B</p> <p>NOTE. <u>WEEKLY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS INSERTED AFTER PAGE 11.</u></p>					

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ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY	7TH 8th.	1430	103rd.	3 B.	-	Guns	0 25 a 5.2	(a) Results unsatisfactory Ammunition defective.
		1135	"	27 B.	-	Battery Firing	N 24 d 2.8	Results unsatisfactory Ammunition defective.
		1540	8th.	19 A.	-	BERNIERE FARM		REGISTRATION from new Pit.
		1630	103rd.	12 B.X.	-	MARTINS CORNER		Good Effect.
		1700	"	15 B.	-	Cross Roads RADINGHAM		" "
		1730	"	7 B.	-	LE MAISNIL	0 13 a 8.1	Little Effect.
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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY	7TH 8th.		ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWIT-ZERS)					
		0815	4.5	90		Front line and support about	N 10 c to N 11 a	
		0820	77mm	23		Front line and support about	N. 10 c to N 11 a	
		1100	77mm	15		Trenches	N 10 b	At time of firing dust or smoke showing at N 18 a.
		1330	77mm	7		N 10 b 4.6		
		1450	77mm	--		N 10 b 4.6		

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FLEURBAIX	MAY		BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
	1916			A.	A.X.				
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ACTION OF OUR ARTILLERY	8th.	1100	8th.	3	2	WORKING PARTY	N 5 d 7.0	Party dispersed, fire effective.	
		1530	7th.	15	5	BERNIERE FARM	N 18 c 7.1	Six direct hits obtained, Corr. 164 Mobile Gun.	
		1535	9th.	5	1	Communication Trench	O 13 b 7.9	Registering, Satisfactory effect.	
		1545	7th.	2	-	FIRME DE LA MARLAQUE	-----	For purpose of Registration. Series not preceded with on account of difficult observation.	
		1615	9th.	6	1	Communication Trench	O 7 d 3.5	Registering, Satisfactory effect	
		1630	9th.	5	-	Sunken Road	O 7 d 7.2	" " "	
		1700	103rd.	22B.	-	RADINGHAM	---	Fired 22B. at RADINGHAM as the result of Intelligence Report stating continual movement of parties within this area. It was considered a successful series, but the material effect could not be judged as 50% burst over the village and the remainder among the houses.	
		1735	9th.	5	-	Road	O 7 c 6.5	Registering, Satisfactory effect	
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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY	8TH May 1916	0645	VOL. IV.						
			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWIT- -ZERS)		NUMBER OF ROUNDS A. A. X.		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS
			----- N I L -----						
			<p><u>REMARKS :-</u></p> <p>A reconnaissance of the entire front of the LEFT GROUP from the front line Trenches to a line 700 yards (approx) in rear of same, was made by the O.C. Group to select suitable positions for Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries and also for emplacing auxiliary armament, 15 Pdr. guns.</p> <p>Positions were selected for Trench Mortars in the locality of H 36 b 6.1 and N 5 a 9.2 with alternative positions at H 36 c 5.0 and N 5 c 4.9. Positions for 15 Pdr. Guns were selected, one section to be emplaced at H 34 b 6.3 and H 35 b 6.5.</p> <p>Alternative suitable position for sections exist on the line H 28 d 4.0 - H 28 d 7.3 well screened and with suitable tree observation facilities adjacent to gun positions.</p>						
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		0930	8th.	2	5	WORKING PARTY	N 17 c 7.9	Party Dispersed
		1000	8th.	2	-	Working Party	N 17 c 7.9	" "
		1500	8th.	18	-	BERNIERE FARM	N 18 c 8.1	Regrestration from New Gun Pit. Satisfactory.
		1210	7th.	16	-	Movement of Troops.	O 9 c 5.6	Effect unknown, bursts over RADINGHEM. Where movement of troops were reported from COIN.
		1045	24th.	4	-	Girls Convent	--	Movement of party in this vicinity.
		1700	103rd.	-	30 B.X.	Houses	O 13 a 7.5)	Owing to reported activity in this area these houses were fired on and considerable material damage done.
		1745	103rd.	-	27 B.X.	"	O 13 a 7.5)	
		1830	103rd.	-	4 B.X.	RADINGHEM	---	Fired on rear of Church owing to presence of an engine of some description moving about there.
		1000	9th.	3	-	Small Party	O 9 d 5.6	Target beyondrange.
		1400	9th.	15	-	Working Party	O 7 d 1.3	Dispersed Party.

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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY	9TH 10TH	1315	77mm	28	-	(Buildings Convent (Trenches	N 5 a & b N 5 b 9 & N 6 a	Damage slight.	

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				A.	A. X.				
		10th.							
		1130	7th.	12	--	N 17 b 4.8	---	Mobile gun, 3 Direct Hits Registering.	
		1530	7th.	26	4	N 24 a 4.6	---	Good low and effective bursts Series fired for purpose of instructing and Registration.	
		1250	24th.	11	8	Trenches on Night Lines	---	Low bursts on parapet with A.X. graze behind parapet.	
		1515	103rd.	3 B.	25 B.X.	O 14 a 4.5	---	Unable to estimate damage owing to an average of 1 round in every 8 Detonating.	
		1545	103rd.	4 B.	16 B.X.	Houses	(O 14 a 8.5 (O 14 a 2.5	ditto.	
		1630	9th.	14 A.	--	N 6 d 2.1		Trench Registered.	
		1700	8th.	3	6 A.X.	House	N 11 a 6.6	House suspected O.P. 3 Direct Hits.	
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY	10th.							
			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWIT- -ZERS)						
		1500	---	40		BOUTILLERIE AVENUE.	1/8----	DAMAGE UNKNOWN	
		1500	Antiair craft Gun.	50		Our Aeroplane	-----	Results no good.	
		1515	77mm	20		DAVID HOUSE	H 35 c 5.1	Damage unknown.	
		1515 to 1545	-- 5.9	(40 (50		Aeroplane flying low behind our Trenches.		Results no good.	

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ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY	10th.								
	1530		6" How.	40		Buildings	N 5 a 9 3-5	Probably Suspected O. P's	
	1615		77mm	--		ditto	ditto	ditto	
	1830		6" How	10		ditto	ditto	ditto	
	1740		5.9	4		LA BOUTILLERIE	-----	Damage unknown	
<p style="text-align: right;">H. H. Burgess Lieut-Col. Commanding 3rd F.A. Bde.</p>									

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				A=Shrapnel A.X= H.E.	TARGET	CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS	ETC.
	11 th 11 th	0730	24th.	7	-	Working Party	O 7 a 7.5	They were dispersed and did not return.
		0810	8th.	3	-	Water Fort	N 11 b 1.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	For verification of line with Infantry Coy. Commanders.
		1100	103rd.	-	31	Battery	O 13 b 5.4	Aeroplane spotting, O.K. given about 4th. round. and subsequent rounds fell well on registered spot.
		1120	103rd.	-	29	O 2 c 0.2	--	R.F.C. gave O.K. about 4th. round apparently on Target judging by corrections given.
		1120	9th.	7	-	O 13 a 8.2	--	Observer in Tree.
		1145	9th.	-	5	White House	O 13 a 7.4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Movement seen two direct hits obtained.
		1215	7th.	34	-	Building	N 30 b 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Movement observed in this vicinity. This house appears intact and smoke issuing from it. Fuzes No. 80 & 85 were used, both proved unsatisfactory.
		1455	8th.	7	11	N 12 b 4.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	--	Aeroplane Shoot, O.K. received after 12th. Round.
		1615	9th.	8	-	Working Party	O 7 d 3.5	Party dispersed.
		1630	9th.	-	7	House	O 13 b 5.2	Three direct Hits.
		1650	103rd.	4	37	LA HAUTE LODGE	O 13 b 5.1	Effect doubtful owing to poor detonation. Probably boggy ground.

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	11 ¹² th.						
		1030	77mm	12		H 35 d 3.8	Damage unknown
		1035	77mm	7		Square H 35	Damage unknown
		1200	77mm	30		Communication Trench	Damage unknown
		1530	77mm	30		BOIS GRENIER	Salvoes of three rounds. Five minutes interval.
		1630	77mm	40		BOIS GRNNIER	ditto

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	12th			SHRAP.	H.E.				
	12th	0740	24th.	5	10	Working Party	0 7 a 4.4	Party Dispersed.	
		0830	24th.	3	3	ditto	0 7 a 4.4	They appeared to be engaged in important work as they resumed work on each occasion although scattered by well burst rounds.	
		0910	24th.	3	-	ditto	ditto		
		0845	24th.	4	-	ditto	ditto		
		1615 to 1750	9th.	11	7	Working Party and small detached parties at house.	0 13 b 5.2	When fired upon they took refuge in House 0 13 b 5.2. Three direct hits obtained.	
		1645	103rd.		60		0 13 c 0.2	Considerable material damage done to houses at this point, good detonation with No. 44 Fuze.	
		1815	103rd.	4	-		0 2 c 0.2	For re-registration.	
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			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWIT-ZERS)	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
				SHRAP.	H.E.				
FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916	0900	Minenwerfer		20	Front Trenches	N 6 b 7.8	Reported to have caused 10 Casualties to our Infantry.	
	12th	0930	77mm		9	Trench	N 6 b 0.5	No material effect.	

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			NUMBER OF ROUNDS			MAP		
			SHRAP.	H. E.	TARGET	CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
	12th	1015	77mm	3	3	Front Trenches	N 6 b 8.9	-----
	13th	1700	77mm or 4.2	8		Our 4.7 Gun east of FLEURBAIX.	--	Flash observed 5 times at true bearing 130 Degrees. Time from flash to report 11 Seconds.

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			BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.		
				SHRAP.	H.E.					
	13 TH 14TH	1640	24th.	3	7	Road at MARTINS CORNER.	0 7 a 9.6	Movement observed at this point. Registered with Mobile Gun.		
		1700	24th.	2	6	Sap	0 7 a 6.2	New work going on at this point. Demolished new sand bag wall.		
		1730	24th.	3	-	Battalion Hdqrs.	0 7 a 3.5	Main sap runs just at this point. Infantry observers report seeing one casualty.		
		1930	8th.	2	3	Stores Dump and head of Communication Trench.	N 14 b 4.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Battery ranged by Aeroplane Observation on this target 11.5.16. Fired 3A & 2A.X. today with the idea that this time would be most favourable as the working party would in all probability be just about starting.		
			10		16					
	13 TH 14TH		ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)							
		1445	5.9	40		Convent and Commun-ication Trench	N 15 a 7.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 Failed to detonate.		
		1500	--	36		DAVIDS HOUSE	H 35 c 5.1	13 rounds failed to explode.		
		1545	77mm	16		---	H 35 c 5.4	No material Damage		

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			SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED														
			PERIOD	7TH. BTRY.		8TH. BTRY.		9TH. BTRY.		24TH. BTRY.		103RD. (How) BTRY.		TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED BY BRIGADES		GRAND TOTAL	
			Dates inclusive.	SHP.	H.E.	SH.	H.E.	SH.	H.E.	SH.	H.E.	SH.	H.E.	SHP.	H.E.	by BRIGADE	
			May 1st.-6th. May 1916.	76	8	98	12	206	34	290	30	-	79	670	163	833	
			May 7th.-13th. 1916.	105	9	68	31	68	14	37	21	89	271	278 367	75 346	713	
			TOTAL TO DATE	181	17	166	43	274	48	327	51	89	350	1037 948	509 238	1546	
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			Shrap.	H.E.	TARGET	CO-ORDINATES			
	14 TH 15TH	1210	7th.	5	10	Night Lines	--	4 Direct hits obtained on parapet with H.E. and low air bursts with Shrap. Series fired for verification of night lines.	
		1520	103rd.	-	45	BERNIERE FARM	--	Obtained good effect and very considerable damage done to buildings.	
		1600	24th.	4	-	Party of men at	0 16 b 5.1	Party immediately took cover and were not seen again.	
		1615	103rd.	5	25	MARTINS CAMP	0 1 d 8.0	Obtained good effect and very considerable damage done to buildings. Good detonation was obtained on each Target using 44 Fuze.	
				14	80				
	MAY 1916 14 TH 15TH		ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWIT-ZERS)						
		0800	77mm	8		Front Line Trenches	I 31 c 2.6	All fell 10 Yards in rear of Trenches.	
		0815	4 or 5"	3		O.P.	N 5 a 9.5	Fell short of target in field.	
		0820	ditto	4		Trenches	N 5 c 9.5	Failed to reach target again short.	
		0835	ditto	8		About N 5 a 9.1	--	ditto	
		0850	ditto	5		ditto	--	ditto	
		1150	77mm	8		Trenches opposite CLAPHAM JUNCTION	N 5 d 9.8 1/2	ditto	
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				Shrap	H.E.		CO-ORDINATES			
			7th	18.A	II A.X	Enemys Parapet	N IO b 9 4	10 direct hits, considerable damage to parapet & parados.		
			7th	16 A	4 A.X	"	N II a 4 6	Working party at this spot were quickly dispersed, 6 direct hits being obtained;		
			8th	15 A	-	Working Party	N 18 d 2 2	Cover was taken immediately we opened fire and they did not again resume work.		
			9th	5 A	I A X	Party	O 16 b 2 8	Probable casualties as they were scattered in all directions.		
			9th	4 A	--	"	"	Effective fire.		
			9th	4 A	--	"	"	Party again dispersed.		
			9th	7 A	--	"	"	After these rounds they did not again appear.		
									
ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)										
MAY 1916	15th	1200	77 mm	30	Communication & 2nd Line Trenches	N 5 a & c	No apparent effect.			

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916 15th 16th 012415	1215	ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)	NUMBER OF BOUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS	ETC.
				SHRAP	H.E				
			6.9"	30		Buildings	N 5 c	Shots fell to the right of O;P. could not see effect.	

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	16th			SHRAP	H.E.			
	17th	I400	7th	10 A		BERNIERE FARM	N 18 c 7 I	Movement noticed, effective low bursts.
		I415	"	5 A		FARM CARDIER	0 13 a 3 5	House reported occupied. Effective fire.
		I430	"	13A		HOUSE	0 13 b 3 5.1/2	Party noticed disappear in rear of house. After firing no movement was observed.
		I445	7th	6 A	8 A X		0 13 a 8 3.1/2	Reported O.P. 5 direct hits obtained.
		I235	9th	3 A	5 A X	GIRLS CONVENT	0 14 a 1 5	4 direct hits obtained.
		I235	"	3 A	1 A X	Party of men	0 13 a 7	No further movement noticed.
		I240	"	7 A	2 A X	House	0 13 d 1 1/2 7	Movement noticed 3 direct hits obtained.
		I300	"	3 A	1 A X	Party of men	0 7 d 7 I	Effective bursts.
		I615	"	14 A	1 A X	Haystack	0 1 d 5 4	Aeroplane observation. Effect obtained.
		I745	"	3 A		Party walking	0 16 b 2 8	Fire effective party disappeared.
		0915	24th	3 A		Party	0 9 a 2 8	Party dispersed.

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	16th	1045	24th	3 A	-	0-9-0-3-7	0 9 c 3 7	For registration. Successful results.
		1215	"	16 A	2 A X		0 14 a 1 4	Party of men in Sap. They immediately sought cover.
		1230	"	8 A	2 A X		0 16 B 8	Effective series.
	b1015 to 1100		103rd		28 B X	Reg/Bty. position.	0 13 b 5 4	Thoroughly swept and searched this area.
	1115		3	6 B	26 B X		0 15 a 8 7 & 0 9 c 5 4	THIROURANNE CROSS ROADS. RADINGHAM 4 or 5 direct hits on houses with effective bursts.
		1220	"	10	10 B X	MARTINS CORNER		Effect appeared to be very good;
		1345	"		10 B X		0 13 d 1 9	Cross Roads LE MAISONIL. Satisfactory results.
		1800	"	4 B	12 B X		0 3 d 0 9 to 0 2 d 3 4	Communication trench thoroughly swept.
		1830	"		8 B;X		0 13 a 6 1/2 6 1/2	Open fire observed in house 5 direct hits. Fire extinguished after first round.

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		1450	--	2	House	H 36 d I 7	Damage not ascertained.	
		1500		20 A	Aeroplane over	H 29	No results seen.	
		0900 to 1230	77 mm 10.5 c.m	100/120	Gun Pits	H 33 b I.8	3 direct hits (see remarks below)	
		1200	77 mm	12 Rounds gun fire		--	Fell in the vicinity of FLEURBAIX. Effect not known.	
		1205 to 1250	77 mm	12	Trenches & buildings	N 5 a 9 I	4 rounds hit wall of O.P.	
				23		N 5 d 3 9 N 5 a 9 I	Effect elsewhere unknown.	
<p>REMARKS;- 0900 Enemy Battery opened on gun pits (8th Battery) with long pauses between rounds. Enemy plane flying overhead at the time presumably spotting. Fire was continued until 1230. 77 mm 10.5" C.M (How) and 5.9" were fired/ Shooting was very accurate / 3 pits sustained direct hits. Beyond a minor damage to breech mechanism lever and thumb screw of deflection leaf of rocking bar sight (since repaired) no damage was done to personnel or sights. The pits are now under repair, but the positions is an old one and hqs been previously registered, and in anticipation of the above a new position for the Battery selected and pits constructed, three of which are completed. It is estimated that 100/200 rounds were fired, practically all H.E.</p>								

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				SHRAP	H.E.			
	17th	1100	7th	18		House	0 13 b 6 I	Reported occupied. 2 direct hits P;S obtained.
	18th	1130	"	4	8		0 13 d 1.4	Reported Dump. Series considered successful.
		1115	8th	11		Registration of Zero Line & suspected O.P.	0 13 b 0 2	Series very unsatisfactory the fuzes were painfully erratic. This is probably due to the fact that the ammunition has been in the pits for an extended period. Some of the fuzes being covered with damp mud.
		1500	"	13	I	"	"	"
		1800	8th	11		Suspected O.P.	N 17 a 6 8	"
		1115	9th	5	I	LE MAISNIL CHURCH	0 13 a 8 5	By the placing of three of four well burst rounds the parties in each case were dispersed. Movement was noticed in the vicinity of these places.
		1130	"	2	2	"	"	
		1510	"	3	I		0 13 b 5 3	
		1520	"	6			0 13 b 9 2	
		1615	"	7	I		0 14 b 1 5	
		1415	24th	6		Road	0 13 b 6 2	Movement reported. Effective fire was obtained.
		1430	"	8		Battery House.	0 2 c 1 3	With effect.
		1500	"	11	I	LE HAUTE LODGE		3 direct hits. Believed to be an O.P.
		1150 to 1230	103rd	6	6	THAROUNNE & vicinity	0 13 a 6 5	Good results obtained. (Considerable materiel damage done)
		1235	"	6	12		0 7 a 9 6	Good effect obtained by sweeping & searching with A preceded by A X

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	17TH 18th		I415	I03rd	10	LE HAUTE QUESNOY		For surprise effect.	
			I545	"	29	N 18 b 5 5		Searching & sweeping for hostile batteries firing.	
			I802	"	I 15	N 24 b 1/2 9		Shots fell in required area.	
			I820	"	20	N 24 b 10 8		These are gun positions plainly discernable in aeroplane photos.	
								
			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)						
	MAY 1916		I120	77 mm	15	Our O.P.	H 35 c 3 3	Damage not ascertained.	
	17TH 18th		I135	4.2"	27	Trenches & Hhouses	N 5 a 9 1	Very little material damage.	
			I315	77 mm	30	Trench	N 5 c to N 10 b)	Damage approximately	
			to	4.2"	10)	Nil;	
			I530	77 mm	38		H 35 0 3 1		
			I130	77 mm	20	CHARTREUX AVENUE	H 34 c 8 6	"	
			2545	77 mm	30	WATLING SREET &	H 34 c 8 6	Damage unknown.	
			I550	77 mm	30	Vicinity of O.P.		2/3 hits. No damage.	
			I140	4.2"	25	Bldgs	N 5 a 9 1/2 2	Shooting very accurate but being directed on to disused Bldgs did no damage.	
			I120	77 mm	10/15	Rear of O.P.	N 5 a 9 5	Damage not ascertained.	

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			7th	I4 6		0 I3 b 0 3	Suspected O.P. 12 rounds considered effective. Fuzes still unreliable.	
			II45	9th 6		0 7 a 4 I/2.3.I/2	Registration.	
			I215	24th 7 3		0 7 a 9 I/2.6	Effective registration.	
			I230	9th 4		0 I6 b 2 8	Party dispersed.	
			I335	9th 3 2		0 I3 a 7 I/2 4	Effective fire on party.	
			I400	8th 3 I		0 I3 b 9 8	Communication Trench registered.	
			I405	9th 2 3	Trenches	N 6 c 3 2	Effective retaliation.	
			I515	24th 7 4		0 I4 a I 5	Registration.	
			I520	8th I9 2	Window of MAISNIL CHURCH		Helio seen flashing. IO good effective rounds, others too high, and on graze Their value problematical.	
			I530	24th 5 2	Party	0 I6 b 2 8	Party sought cover immediately. Vicinity searched.	
			I605	24th I2	LE HAUTE LODGE		Reported O.P. Effect unknown.	
			I620	8th 7 6	Trenches	N 6 c 3 2	Excellent results timber and sandbags blown up.	
			I620	24th 4 8	GIRLS CON-VENT.	D I4 a I 5	2 direct hits. Searching effect not known.	
			I620	7th 9 3	BERNIERE FARM		Smoke observed. I direct hit obtained.	
			I630	7th 8 I		0 I4 a 8 6	Successful registration.	
			I630	7th I6	ROAD JUNCTION	0 I3 d I 9	Movement reported at this point. Searching & sweeping employed.	
			I635	I03rd 40		0 I9 b 6.I/2 8	Thoroughly searched & swept this area.	
			I800	I03rd 6 II		0 24 a 8 6	Searching & sweeping.	
			I815	I03rd 30		0 I4 b I 8	Movement reported area successfully shelled	

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	1916							
	18th							
	19th							
	20th							
			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS) ;	NUMBER OF ROUNDS A A.X	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC	
		1030	77 mm	116	LA BOUTILLERIE		Effect not ascertained.	
		1030	4.2"	16		N 5 b	No damage.	
		1115	4.2"	20	ELBOW FARM		Effect not ascertained.	
		1130	3 77 MM Guns	21	Objective unknown.			

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				SHRAP	H.E.			
	19th							
	20th	0930	8th	5		Helio MAISNIL CHURCH	0 13 a 7 4	3 very effective rounds. Helio did not resume all day.
		1010	24th	6	3		0 2 c 1 2	Suspected billet. 1 direct hit.
		1055	24th	8	2		0 13 b 5 I	Effect judged to be good. Party
		1055	9th	6	2		0 8 a 9 7	Party sought cover in house. 2 Direct hits.
		1130	24th	11			0 1 d 8 I	Registered & swept suspected billet.
		1450	24th	4	3		0 14 a 4 5	Effective results.
		1350	9th	4			0 16 b 2 8	Bursts erratic. Non effective.
		1600	24th	5		Sap	0 16 b 2.1/2.6.1/2	Party observed & dispersed.
		1600	103rd		3		0 20 a 7 7	Aeroplane spotting; received 1 correction, series not continued.
		1610	7th	23		BERNIERE FARM	N 18 c 7.1	Establishing corrector for No 85 Fuze indicator/ 4 direct hits obtained.
		1630	7th	16		CROSS ROADS	0 13 d 1 9	Movement reported. Searched & swept. Satisfactory series.
		1640	8th	21	I	BERNIERE FARM	N 18 c 7 0	Fuzes erratic. 4 failed to explode. 8 well burst rounds.
		1645	7th	6		CROSS ROADS	0 13 a 8 5	Movement in this area. Very satisfactory series. Good bursts obtained;
		1700	103rd	3	4	ZERO LINE		Mobile Gun.
		1720	24th	12	I		0 15 c 6 8.1/2	Suspected Hqrs. Registration effective.
		1730	9th	5		Observer in Tree	0 13 a 9 2	He was forced to take cover.
		1745	9th	8	3	Party in Sap	0 7 c 9 2	Party disappeared behind house. followed with searching fire.

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			BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS n SHRAP H.E.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
		19TH 20th 1800	I03rd	32	SATTE RUE		Searching & sweeping fire directed on this vicinity.	
		1815	I03rd	10		0.13 a 5.6	LE MAI SNIL with good effect on houses.	
		1845	I03rd	9		0.13 c 2.0	Registration Mobile gun.	
		1830	8th	9	Billets at SATTE RUE		In conjunction with CLAN Battery. Searching & sweeping with time shrapnel. Map Series.	
							
	MAY 1916	ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)						
		19TH 20th 1900	5.9"	50/60	CONVENT	N 5 a 7.7	Demolished portion of wall & buildings. I man (Inf) wounded.	
		1940	77 mm	50	O;P.	N 5 a 9.5	No material damage.	
	1920	4.2" or 5.9"	30/40		H 34 a 6.5			
	1945	4"	5		"	Effect not known.		
	1900	4;2"	30		H 34 a 8.3	CLAN Battery position. I direct hit on No;I Pit. No damage to gun.		

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				SHRAP	H.E.				
	20TH								
	21st	0955	9th	4	-	Party	0 14 a 1 4.1/2	Effective fire. Party dispersed.	
		1005	9th	4	-		0 6 b 2.8	Working party disappearing into trench.	
		1030	9th	3	5	GIRLS CONVENT	0 14 B 1.4.1/2	Three direct hits obtained.	
		1030	8th	14	6	BERNIERE FARM	N 24 a 6.9	Movement noticed. Effect satisfactory.	
		1030	7th	6	-	BERNIERE FARM		Good effective low bursts obtained on working party.	
		1055	24th	4	-		0 7 b 2.7	Swept & searched this area with good results.	
		1130	103rd	3	27	MARTINS CORNER		With good effect.	
		1340	9th	4			0 13 a 8.4)	Apparently an observer in	
		1340	9th	3	-		")	MAISNIL CHURCH 4 direct hits obtained. Searched in rear with shrapnel.	
		1420	8th	4	1	Gun at	N 23 d 5.5	5 good effective bursts in this vicinity & hostile fire ceased.	
		1420	9th	5	-	Party	0 14 a 1 4.1/2	Party disappeared into sap. Considered effective.	
		1520	9th	3	-	WHITE HOUSE	0 13 a 1.4	Observer suspected. 1 direct hit obtained.	
		1535	9th	12	-		0 13 b 9.4	Aeroplane observation in conjunction with Heavy Battery. 6 salvoes fired. On 3 occasions O;K. given.	
		1630	7th	20	-	CROSS ROADS	0 13 a 8.4 & D 13 d 1.9	In retaliation to enemy's shelling series very successful.	
		1720	8th	27	6	Zero Line Trench Lines.		Registration & verification of Zero Line. Satisfactory results.	

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				SERAP	H.E.			
		20th	0815	I03rd	-	10	0.24 b 6.9	House with Mobile gun. Searching & sweeping house obtained 5 direct hits. Searching timber.
		1810	I03rd	-	15	L.7.a.5.3		
		1815	I03rd	-	16	0 7 c 4.9		
		MAY 1916		ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)				
		20th	0815	77 mm	8		I 25 C	Damage not ascertained. Apparently searching for mobile gun. Damage Nil. Not effective. Damaged houses in this vicinity are used as O.P's & it is usual when our Btys open fire they begin to strafe. Very little damage is done & O.P's still remain intact. Apparently ranging on Bty N of FLEURBAIX CHURCH. 90 % were blind.
		1330	77 mm	9	Vicinity		H 28 d	
		1340	4.2"	25	ARTILLERY AVENUE N	5 a 9.1		
	1415	77 mm	15		")		
	1600	4.2"	10		")		
	1600	4.2"	20		")		
	1630	77 mm	42		3)		
		1916	4.2"	30		H 21 c 9.9		

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916	20th	SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED														
			PERIOD	7TH BTY.		8TH BTY.		9TH BTY.		24TH BTY.		103RD.HOW BTY		TOTAL FIRED	ROUNDS BY BDE	GRAND TOTAL	
				S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	BY BRIGADE	
			CARRIED FORWARD	181	17	166	43	274	48	327	51	89	350	1037	509	1546	
				
			MAY 14TH	187	51	117	14	114	26	148	44	31	408	597	543	1140	
			TO														
			MAY 20TH														
			TOTAL TO DATE	368	68	283	57	388	74	475	95	120	758	1634	1052	2686	
			<p>NOTE: <u>Weekly Summary of Operations inserted after Page 41.</u></p>														

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				SHRAP	H.E.			
	21st 0815	22nd	24th	6	7		0.7 b 6 9 1/2	Movement observed, area swept & searched. Good effect.
	1010		24th	2			D 7 b 7.9)	Parties moving along road.
	1030		24th	1			")	Quickly dispersed.
	1030		I03rd		3		N 17 b 3.7	MALAUQUE FARM Obtained 1 direct hit.
	1120		I03rd		30		N 12 ae 4.1/2	House. Obtained 9 direct hits swept 1 degree left then searched communication trench.
	1130		9th	46	4	Enemy Trenches	N 6 c.9.5 to N 6 D.2.6	In co-operation with trench mortar Battery. Good effective fire.
	1200		8th	7	1	WATER FORT	N 11 b 1.9	Co-operation with Trench Mortar Battery.
	1200		I03rd		5	TURKS POINT	N 5 d 4.2 N 18 b 5.4	House. Observation difficult owing to scrub.
	1200		I03rd		6		0 7 b 8.3	House. Vicinity well searched. Effective.
	1215		8th	11	2	BERNIERE FARM	N 11 a 9.9	Working party. 2 Rounds plus 3 rounds very effective.
	1430		8th	5				Retaliation, series very satisfactory sweeping fire employed.
	1449		7th	35		LE MAISNIL CHURCH & CROSS ROADS	0 13 a 8.5 & 0 13 d 1.9	Billets. 3 direct hits obtained.
	1510		24th	8	9		0 9 d 1.1 1/2 8 1/2	Party in sap. Immediately disappeared & were not again seen.
	1530		9th	6			0 16 b 2.8	

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.
				SHRAP	H.E.			
	21 ST							
	22 ND	1530	I03rd.		6		N 24 d 4.1)	Registered batteries. Fired in retaliation to 4.2" firing in vicinity of H 34 a 8.3 in rear of our gun park. Aeroplane observation series not satisfactory.
		1530	I03rd		20		N 30 b 7.7)	
					27		N 24 a 8.6)	
					24		N 23 d 5.5)	
		1600	7th	6	6		N 18 b 5.4	Aeroplane observation series not satisfactory.
		1615	24th	9			O 13 A 7.1/2.4	Suspected O;P. Good effective bursts.
		1650	24th	4			O 14 b 2.5	Suspected billets. 1 direct hit.
		1700	9th	2			O 16 b 2.8	On party. Not effective. Fuzes erratic.
		1720	24th	5	4		O 14 b 6.1/2.6	Movement seen & vicinity shelled.
		1815	I03rd		16	RADINGHAM	O 9 c.5.4	Considerable damage.
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			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)					
	MAY 1916							
	22 ND							
	21 ST	1045	4.2"	--		Our Trenches	From N 6 a 7.1 to N 6 b 0.5	In retaliation to our fire in Co-operation Trench Mortar Bty.
		1100	77 mm	30		"	ditto	
		1710	77 mm	100		"	I 31.c.7.4	Damage not ascertained.
		1720	77 mm	32		Trenches	N 6 C to N 6 b & Mobile Gun H 28 d 8.2	No damage done
		1815	5.9	40		North of FLEURBAIX		Damage not known. 80 % were blind.

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				SHRAP	H.E.					
		I000	24th	13			0 7 b 4.8	Registration mobile gun. Successful series, vicinity searched.		
		III15	8th	10	14	Suspected O.P.	0 13 a 9.4	Effective fire. Direct hits obtained on roof.		
		II20	24th	6	2	Sunken Road	0 7 d 6.7	Working party. Not effective fuzes erratic. Casualties		
		II45	24th	4		Party of men	0 14 c 8.8	Casualti-expected stretcher bearers seen.		
		I225	9th	3	1	LE MAISNIL CHURCH		Registering new position of mobile gun.;		
		I300	24th	2			0 7 b 4 8.0	Party seen and dispersed.		
		I500	8th	25			N 24 c 5 I TO C 3.5	In co-operation with LORING GROUP Map series.		
		I500	I03rd		24		N 24 c 1.7	Co-operation LORING GROUP.		
		I500	7th	25			N 24 c 5.1 to c 3.5	LORING GROUP Series.		
		I530	I03rd		5		N 12 a 8.6	Registration of Night Lines with Mobile gun.		
		I530	24th	10	2	Battn Hqrs.	0 7 a 3;3	Movement observed. Effectively shelled. Direct hits & good shrapnel bursts in air.		
		I625	7th	5			N 30 a 8.3	Co-operation LORING GROUP.		
		I625	8th	5			"	"		
		I635	9th	1		CORNER FORT	N 6 d 5.9	Registration mobile gun. After first round gun temporarily out of action.		

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				SHRAP	H.E.				
			77 mm	25	Searching for Mobile guns	H-28-b	No damage done.		
			77 mm	20	Swept & searched for Mobile guns	H 28 b	Damage not ascertained.		
				43		About H 2c	No damage done.		

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC
				SHRAP	H.E.			
	23 RD							
	24 th	0725	24th	5	2	Party in Comm- unication trench	0 7 a 4.6	Quickly dispersed with well burst rounds.
		0820	24th	3	8		"	Effective.
		0930	8th	2	6	Helio flashing ruins LE MAISNIL CHURCH		Very effective.
		0930	8th		6	Suspected Machine Gun Emplacement	N 6 c I.I/2 I.I/2	Parapet damaged.
		0730	7th	6		Cross Roads	N 24 a I.5	Result unobserved owing to haze.
		I435	8th		9		N 6 c I.I/2 I.I/2	Very effective. Timber, sand- bags etc shot up into the air.
		I440	9th	I8		Day Lines	N 6 d to N 6 3.3 5.9	In retaliation. Their fire ceased.
		I450	8th	8	I	BERNIERE FARM	N I8 c 6.0	Area swept & searched.
		I450	7th		IO		0;I3 b 5.I.I/2	Three direct hits obtained on house.
		I450	24th	IO		Enemy Trench	N 6 b 5.2	Retaliation. Effective/ Hostile fire ceased.
		I500	9th	6	I		0 I3 a 8.4	Suspected 0;P. Direct hits obtained.
		I500	8th	IO		House	0 I3 c 5.a	Searched area with shrapnel in Co-operation with 4.5" How.
		I500	7th	I4			0 I3 b 5.5	Sweeping fire employed.
		I5I5	9th	5			0 I3 a 8.2	Movement noticed in the vicinity.
		I5I5	24th	2		Billets.	0 7 a 4.4	Suspected Billet.
		I530	IO3rd		45		0 I3 c 6.8	Result not known.
								IO direct hits on house. Swept right & left. I8 Prs co-operating with shrapnel.

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916 23rd 24th	1530	BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC		
				SHRAP	H.E.					
		I03rd	2	4	MAIDNIL					
		I645	I03rd	4	40	LE MAISNIL				
		I645	7th	20		O I3 a 8.2				
		MAY 1916 23rd 24th	I715	24th	2		O d c 7.7	Reported O.P. Area searched with very satisfactory results. Effective bursts on Cross Roads. Two direct hits and good detonation.		
	I730		I03rd		7	N I2 a 4.1				
									
	ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)									
	I000		4.2"		42		H 36 b 8.1			
	I130	77 mm		20		"	See remarks below.			
	I240	4.2		7		H 35 c 3.5				
	I400	4.2"		6		H 35 c 5.2				
	I410	4.2"		5		N 5 b 9.2				
	I420	4.2"		18		I 31 b 9.7				
		I430	77 mm		60		N 6 d 5.9	Damage not ascertained. Damage not known. Damage not ascertained.		
Trenches opposite CORNER FORT										
REMARKS;- The vicinity of H 35 and H 36 was shelled fairly heavy. Brewery in this vicinity is used by 24th Battery and also by 2nd Div Observer. This building has been frequently ranged on, and until to-day the material damage has been slight it is now almost wholly demolished.										

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				SHRAP	H.E.				
			1010 8th	13	3	Road & House	N 24 b 3/1/2.3.1/2	Good effective rounds.	
			1020 9th	5	1	LE MAISNIL	3.1/2	Searched along road with good effect	
			1025 9th	1	3	Communication Trench	0 13 d 1.9 0 7 d 4.5	Movement noticed. Effective bursts.	
			1100 24th	4		CROSS ROADS	0 9 c 3.7	Well placed rounds.	
			1110 9th	1	2		0 7 a 6.3	Communication Trench.	
			1115 9th	1	2		0 13 d 1/9	Movement seen round suspected O.P.	
			1125 9th	2	1		0 13 a 9.1	Observer in tree. He immediately sought cover.	
			1230 9th	12			N 6 c 5.9 & N 6 c 3.3	Retaliation. Their fire ceased.	
			1125 24th	5	1	Battn Hqrs	0 7 a 3.3 &)	Direct hits obtained.	
			1125 24th	3			0 2 d 3.6)		
			1200 24th	4	2		0 1 d 5.0	Good effect.	
			1215 24th	6	2		0 9 c 3.7	Area swept with effect.	
			1205 7th	5		LE MAISNIL CHURCH		Effective series for registering mobile gun.	
			1310 8th	4	8	Trenches	N 5 d 4/2	Retaliation. Most effective.	
			1330 7th	12			N 11 a 4.5	Enemy fire ceased.	
			1445 103rd		21	MARTINS CORNER	0 7 a 9.6	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.	
			1510 9th	5		Trench	0 7 d 1.5	6 direct hits. Swept right & left.	
			1515 103rd		10	House	N.12 a 4.1	Working party dispersed.	
			1530 8th	13	1	BERNIERE FARM	N 18 c 7.1	Suspected billet. 3 direct hits obtained.	
			1540 9th	8		Trench	N 6 d 5.9	Registration frpm new pits.	
			1545 9th	6		Gun	0 13 a 8.2	Retaliation. Enemy fire ceased.	
			1550 9th	9	3		N 6 d 5.9 to N 6 c 3.3	Gun silenced.	
								Successful series. Good bursts obtained.	

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916 24 TH		BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.		
				SHRAP	H.E.					
		1600	24th	10			O 13 d 1.8 & O 13 a 7 6	Cross Roads effectively shelled.		
		1645	103rd		14		N 24 c 1 5 to N 30 a 5 8	SATTE RUE in conjunction with 18 Pr Battery firing shrapnel.		
		1645	7th	15	3		" "	Satisfactory series in conjunction with How Bty.		
		1700	7th	10	4	LE MAISNIL CHURCH	O 13 a 7 4	Reported 0 P. 4 direct hits obtained		
		1715	7th	6		Cross Roads	D 13 d 1 9	Movement reported. Low effective bursts obtained.		
		1745	7th	4	2	WHITE HOUSE	O 13 a 8 2	Reported 0 P. 1 direct hit obtained.		
		1810	8th	5	2		N 24 b 3.1/2 8.1/2	Searching Road round probable billets.		
									
			ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)							

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				SHRAP	H.E.				
	25TH								
	26th	1040	8th	7	2	MAISNIL CHURCH	O 13 a 7 4	Registering Mobile Gun.	
		1105	8th	4	3	Suspected Machine Gun Empt;	N 6 c 4 2	First class series good effect.	
		1120	24th	3			O 7 b 0 7	Effective bursts on road.	
		1130	24th	9	4		O 13 a 8 4	Area effectively searched.	
		1130	103rd		4		"	Registering mobile gun. 1 direct hit obtained on probable O.P.	
		1205	7th		12	Enemys parapets	N 11 a 9 9 to N 10 b 9 4	Successful series. Direct hits obtained on parapets.	
		1230	9th	8	2		N 6 d 9 4	Area swept and searched.	
		1230	103rd		6		O d c 7.9	Potteries for registration; 2 direct hits/	
		1235	103rd		30	House	N 18 d 10 3	9 direct hits & swept both flanks.	
		1430	103rd	2	5	THIROUNNE	O 13 b 8.2.1/2	7 direct hits on house, good detonation.	
		1515	103rd		16		O 8 c 9 7	Splendid series. 8 direct hits.	
		1515	9th	6		MARTINS CORNER	O 7 a 9 6	Disappointing series. Erratic bursts.	
		1600	8th	14			O 13 b 6 1	Movement reported; searching & sweeping fire employed.	
		1610	24th	3		CROSS ROADS	O 13 a 8 4	Very effective bursts.	
		1610	24th	9			O 15 c 6 9	Working party dispersed & did not again resume.	
		1610	9th	5			O 13 d 1 9	Well burst rounds on CROSS ROADS.	
		1615	7th		10		D 13 A 7 4.1/2	3 direct hits on suspected O;P.	
		1620	9th	5	2		O 8 c 9 6	Party effectively shelled.	
		1630	8th	5	5	Working Party	N 5 d 2.1/2 1	Ceased work, considerable dislodgment of earth and bags.	
		1630	24th	6			O 8 c 9 6	Effective bursts over suspected billets.	

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916 25TH ON SH/B	1730	BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS SHRAP H.E.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.		
			I03rd	51	GIRLS CONVENT	O I4 a I 5	Appeared most effective. Much material damage observed.		
			9th	13		O I4 a I 5	Cooperation with How Bty. B.X		
			24th	5		"	Combination very effective.		
			I03rd	20		O 7 c 8 3	At suspected billet. 6 direct hits? building appeared to be burning, swept communication trench in vicinity, very successful series.		
			I830	8th	7	6	WATER FORT	N II b I 9	Aeroplane series, O;K; signalled after second round.
		I830	9th	5	Cross Roads	O I3 a 8 4	Considered useful.		
	MAY 1916 25TH ON SH/B	1230	ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)						
			77 mm	70	Trenches	N IO c b	Effect could not be seen.		
			77 mm	20	Salient opposite CORNER FORT	N 6 a 4 3	Damage not ascertained.		
5.9"			20	Communication Trenches from	H 35 a 8 8 to H 35 b 3 6	Observed from distance. Effect not known.			
77 mm			8	Working party our Infantry	N 5 A I I	No casualties as far as could be seen.			
4.2"			12	Buildings	N 5 b 6.I/2 4	Buildings previously demolished/			

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ACTION OF OUR ARTY	26th	0830	24th	6	Working party	0 14 a 1 5	Quickly dispersed.	
	"	1000	9th	9		0 13 a 8 5	For registration.	
	"	1015	24th	3	3	0 8 c 7 7	Movement observed. Vicinity effectively shelled.	
	"	1025	24th	7	1	CROSS ROADS RADINGHEM 0 9 c 3 7	Effectively swept & searched.	
	"	1030	7th	12		Suspected Billets 0 13 a 8 4	Shelled vicinity.	
	"	1040	7th	8		0 13 b 5.1/2		
	"	1120	9th	8	2	CROSS ROADS 0 13 d 9 1	Searched.	
	"	1130	I03rd	2	20	Large emplacement N 12 c 1 9	4 direct hits. Last hit appeared to demolish it.	
	"	1200	I03rd	4	25	N 12 a 4 1	Very good effect on house.	
	"	1210	9th	8	1	Suspected billet 0 14 a 8 6	Smoke rising. Good bursts obtained.	
	"	1215	I03rd		20	0 13 c 6 7	Successful series detonations good.	
	"	1230	9th	8	2	0 14 A 6 3	Rapid bursts on Billet with effect.	
	"	1310	9th	1		0 13 a 8 5	To register.	
	"	1330	7th	31	9	BERNIERE FARM N 18 c 7 1	Instructional registration. 4 direct hits.	
	"	1350	7th	6	6	FME DE LA MAR-LAQUE N 17 b 4 7	5 direct hits.	
	"	1405	8th	5		BERNIERE FARM N 18 c 7 1	Verification of line and test of comm- un visual communication with O.P.	
	"	1500	9th	4	6	Suspected dugouts 0 13 a 8 6	Appeared successful series.	
	"	1500	I03rd		50	N 18 b 5 6	Aeroplane observation on hostile Bty.	
	"	1502	7th	39		" "	O.K. 9th round. (See below.) 0	
	"	1530	24th	14	2	House 0 15 a 8 1	Series on conjunction with How Bty	
	"	1710	7th	6		N 18 b 5 6	aerial observation. Effective air bursts.	
	"	1730	I03rd		23	N 23 a 5 4	Direct hits and vicinity swept.	
								At request of R.F.C. Effect unknown.
								Wireless station reported by R.F.C. Fired in conjunction with 18 Pr Bty. 3 direct hits on house. Ranging difficult.

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916		BATTERY FIRING	NUMBER OF ROUNDS SHRAP H.E.	TARGET	MAP CO-ORDINATES	REMARKS ETC.	
ACTION OF OUR ARTY.	26th							
	"	1735	8th	33 33		N 23 a 3 6	In conjunction with How Bty. Buildings in vicinity of wireless station also sustained direct hits. Walls being well breached.	
	"	1805	7th	15		N 18 b 5 6	At request of R.F.C. Area effectively shelled as far as could be ascertained.	
	"	1815	7th	5 10		O 13 a 8 4 to O 13 a 9 1	5 direct hits on billet and searching fire employed.	
	"	1830	24th	82 80		O 13 a 2 6 to O 1 A 6 8	Retaliation. Call from Infantry.	
	"	1900	24th	8 18		O 2 c 1 3	Series 1830 & 1900 See below.	
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY	"	1930	103rd	6		O 1 a 3 6	In retaliation. See below.	
	"	1000	77 mm	2	Our Trenches	N 6 b 6 8	Damage unknown.	
	"	1215	Heavy	6		N 6 b	Damage not ascertained.	
	"	1625	5;9"	20	O.P.	N 5 a 9 5	1 direct hit. No material effect.	
	"	1815	77mm	19		H 29 a 3 1	Extremely high bursts.	
	"	1845	77mm	10		H 29 a 3 1	Non effective.	
	"	1820	4;2"	40	Our trenches	I 31 c	Parapets somewhat knocked about but no material damage of any consequence was done.	
COMMUNICATIONS. O.K. Visual signalling tested with satisfactory results.								
REMARKS. 0. During aeroplane series fired to-day by 103rd How Bty the 7th (18 Pr Bty) engaged same area with sweeping & searching fire, this apparently led to confusion as corrections were received from aeroplane before actual rounds were fired by How Bty.								

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916 26th		REMARKS CONTINUED;-	Series I830, 1900 and 1950 were fired in retaliation on enemy trenches O I a in response call from Infantry. A fairly rapid rate of fire was opened but call again came from Infantry for increased rate. This was given, and continued till enemy fire ceased. Report received from Artillery Observer that 40 enemy shells fell in the vicinity of our trenches, very little material damage being done.		
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				SHRAP	H.E.				
ACTION OF OUR ARTY.	25th	0327	28th	90	-		0 I a 2 7	Retaliation; Enemy fire ceased.	
	"	1000	8th	6	5		0 I3 b 0 3	Suspected O.P. Direct hits obtained but fuzes erratic.	
	"	1210	8th	18			N I7 c 7 5	Very satisfactory.	
	"	1210	7th	3	I4		N 24 c I 5 to	Reported Billets searching fire employed.	
	"	1230	7th	10	3		N 30 a 7 3	Effective series, three direct hits on billets and locality swept.	
	"	1245	7th		8		0 I3 a 8 5 to	Buildings effectively shelled.	
	"	1400	24th	12	3		0 I3 d I 9	Three direct hits obtained.	
	"	1500	I03rd		38		0 I3 b 5 I	At battery firing. Vicinity of hostile flashes effectively shelled.	
	"	1530	7th	10	I2		0 9 a 5 5	Wireless station practically demolished. 20 direct hits observed.	
	"	1540	7th	15			N 23 a 3 6	2 direct hits on reported O;P.	
	"	1600	24th	30	I	CROSS ROADS LE MAISNIL	0 I3 a 8 4	Disappointing series, doubtfully effect, fuzes very erratic.	
	"	1600	I03rd		30		D I3 a 9.3	Billets and cross roads; satisfactory.	
	"	1640	I03rd		5	Balloon.	0 I3 d 5 9	In retaliation 77 mm firing, Hostile fire ceased after 20 Rds.	
	"	1700	9th	I3	II	Billets.	0 I3 a 9 I	Appeared to rise in this area, effect doubtful.	
	"	1700	7th	4	I3		0 25 d 7 8	This area swept and searched. Smoke rising from billets which were effectively shelled.	
	"	1710	7th	8			0 8 c 3 I to	8 direct hits. Accurate series. Movement reported, not considered effective, fuzes erratic.	
	"	1755	24th	9			0 I4 a 7 6	Series discontinued owing to difficulties in observation.	
							N 24 b 4 8		
							N 24 b to		
							0 I3 c		
							0 I6 c 6 8		

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				SHRAP	H.E.					
ACTION OF OUR ARTY	25th	1805	8th	I3	II		N 24 b 6 9 to N 18 d 9 2	Good bursts which should be effective as movement was reported in this vicinity.		
	"	1850	7th		8		N 10 b 9 5	Retaliation at request of Infy.		
	"	1900	8th	5			N 5 @ 4 2	Hostile fire ceased. In retaliation enemys gun. Ceased firing.		
ACTION OF ENEMYS ARTY	"		ENEMYS GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)							
	"	0330	77 mm & 5.9"	70			I 31 c 2 2	Two minor casualties.		
	"	1245	77 mm	35			H 28 a 2 9	Damage Nil.		
	"	1500	77 mm	28			N 5 a 9 I	Damage not ascertained.		
	"	1515	77 mm	5			H 36 a 2 2	No damage.		
	"	1430	4;2"	20			H 22 d & H 35 d	No apparent damage.		
	"	1600	77 mm	80			H 35 d 5I	Majority burst too high for effect.		
	"	1820	4;2"	26	Our Trenches		N 5 a 9 I N 5 a 6 8	Damage not known.		

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FLEURBAIX.	MAY 1916.	27th	VOL. IV.														
			SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED														
			PERIOD	7TH BTY.		8TH BTY.		9TH BTY.		24TH BTY.		103RD. HOW BTY.		TOTAL FIRED	ROUNDS BY BDE	GRAND TOTAL	
				S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	S.	H.E.	BY BRIGADE	
			CARRIED FORWARD;-	368	68	283	57	388	74	475	95	120	758	1634	1052	2686	
			MAY 21st to MAY 27th	329	130	221	118	225	44	418	149	19	639	1212	1080	2292	
			TOTAL TO DATE..	697	198	504	175	613	118	893	244	139	1397	2846	2132	4978	

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				SHRAP	H.E.				
	28th	0910	9th	7	5	WHITE HOUSE	O I3 a 7 4	4 direct hits, also searched in rear.	
		I000	9th	7	2		O I4 a I 5	Sweeping & searching fire employed with good effect.	
		I010	24th	10	3		O I4 b 7 7	Movement observed; Vicinity of building effectively shelled.	
		III5	24th	7	5		" "	" " "	
		II45	8th	17	12		N I8 c 8 9 & O I3 a 9 4	Suspected O.P. Effective. Direct hits with H E followed by good low bursts of shrap.	
		I245	9th	7	2		O I3 b 7 6	Vicinity effectively shelled.	
		I530	24th	11	5	Suspected O.P.	O I5 a 8 I	Well directed fire. Should be effective.	
		I530	9th	17	6	BILLETS	N I2 b 6 4	Billets & surroundings shelled with excellent results.	
		I530	8th	20	6		N 24 a 6 4	Aeroplane series. O.K. signalled after 4th round. Observer reported very effective series, direct hits on emplacements observed.	
		I600	7th	15	2	LE MAISNIL CHURCH.	O I3 a 8 4	Reported O.P. 2 direct hits.	
		I610	7th	15	8		O 20 a 7 7	Reported Billet 4 direct hits. Sweeping fire on woods to left & right flank.	
		I620	7th	10	8		N 24 b 6 9	Billets reported occupied. 8 direct hits. Balloon overhead was seen to descend very rapidly, probably communication station.	
		I635	7th	10	8	BUILDING	N I8 d 4 3	Movement noticed in vicinity. Splendid series. 8 direct hits H.E & good low bursts of shrapnel.	

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				SHRAP	H.E.				
ACTION OF OUR ARTY	28th	I635	I03rd			II B.X	0 7 c 8 4	Actual effect could not be observed.	
		I630	8th	8	2		N 24 a 6 4	Ten minutes after aeroplane shoot. Should be effective.	
		I650	I03rd		30	THIROUNNE	0 15 a 8 6	Several direct hits. Searched & swept vicinity.	
		I700	7th	12		WHITE HOUSE	0 13 a 8 3	O.P. 4 direct hits with H.E.	
		I715	7th	2	8		N 24 b 6 9	All direct hits.	
		I730	7th	6	15	BERNIERE FARM	N 18 c 7 I	To draw fire from 8th Bty which was being heavily shelled at the time.	
		I735	7th	12	15	" "	0 13 a 8 5	" " " "	
					4	" "			
		I735	I03rd		24	POTTERIES	0 8 c 9 6	With good material effect.	
		I815	I03rd		79	LE MAISNIL & RADINGHEM	0 13 a 9 I	In retaliation for hostile fire on 8th Bty with excellent effect and heavy material damage.	
		I830	24th	33	19		0 13 b 6 5	In retaliation to heavy fire at 8th Bty. Our fire was directed on marked billets, gun positions verified by R.F.Cerps and well known O.P's.	
		I830	9th	16	24		0 13 a 7 4	This seemed to have the desired effect as hostile fire ceased entirely.	
							0 13 b 5 2	Hostile fire commenced soon after the 8th Bty finished aeroplane shoot, which was reported by observer as being very successful. Apparently it was.	
							0 13 c 3 4	Call came from T M B to co-operate in retaliation to hostile fire directed on our front line trenches at N 6 b 0 5 to 7.8. Enemy fire ceased entirely.	
		I830	7th	15	9		D 13 a 8 3		
							N 18 c 7 I		
		0320	24th	15	72		N 6 b & 0 I d		
		0320	9th	59	39		" "		

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			(OR HOWITZERS)	ROUNDS		CO-ORDINATES		
			SHRAP.	H.E.				
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTY	28th	0730	77 mm	15	TRENCHES	N 6 b & N 6 a	Damage not ascertained.	
		1245	5.9"	20	THE BREWERY	H 36 b 7 2	No material damage;	
		1645	77 mm	48	CHAPEL FARM	H 29 c 3 7	2 direct hits. Shrapnel not effective.	
		1745	77 mm	15	FRONT LINE TRENCH	O 6 b	Searching & sweeping without effect.	
		1650 to 1830	5.9" & 4.2"	160	OLD PITS & BILLETS	H 33 b 1 8 & H 27 c 9 1	Shooting was accurate, all shells falling in small zone. Very slight damage done.	
		1845	4.2"	30	FLEURBAIX		Damage very slight.	
		0315	77 mm	60		N 6 b 0 9	Parapets somewhat knocked about.	

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		0800	8th	6		SHRAP H.E.	N 5 d 3 I & N II a 8 8	Working party hurriedly dispersed with well burst rounds.	
		1030	7th		3	TADPOLE	N II a 0 4	For purpose of registration.	
		1120	9th	3		CROSS ROADS	O 13 d 1 9 & O 13 a 6 I	Near LE MAISNIL CHURCH. Good low bursts, but actual effect not known.	
		1130	8th	21	19		N 24 a 6 4 & N 24 b 4 7	Gun position. Ranged on to this target yesterday by aeroplane. 2 guns in action were silenced.	
		1330	24th	6	3		O 1 d 7 0 O 13 d 1 8	Vicinity of Billets. 2 good bursts and 2 direct hits with H E.	
		1340	9th	5	2		O 13 d 1 9 O 7 a 9 6 O 13 c 9 9 O 13 a 8 5	Cross Roads and House effectively shelled. 2 direct hits on house.	
		1400	9th	6			O 14 a 4 5 O 14 a 8 8	Observer in tree; he was forced to descend rapidly.	
		1430	9th	7	2		O 2 c 1 3 O 15 a 3 I	Suspected Billets. Well directed fire with apparently good effect.	
		1445	24th	11	7		N 24 b 7 9	Disappointing series, observation difficult & fuzes erratic.	
		1445	7th	10	8		N 18 d 4 4	3 direct hits on house reported occupied, vicinity swept with shrapnel.	
		1500	7th	20	20		O 13 a 7 4 O 13 b 5 I	Series very satisfactory, 8 direct hits and good low bursts with shrapnel.	
		1605	8th	28	4		O 9 c 3 7	Fired from old Bty positions which were very heavily shelled yesterday.	
		1615	24th	4			N 22 b 8 3	Movement noticed in this vicinity & immediately covered with well burst rounds.	
		1615	103rd		23			Aeroplane spotting, result very unsatisfactory. "Washouts" were signalled frequently, possibly owing to bad detonation.	

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ACTION OF OUR ARTY	29th	I630	I03rd		I6	0 I3 c 0 3	Map series; effect problematical.			
		I645	9th	I3		0 I4 a 7 6 to	This area swept with apparently good results.			
		I645	7th		I3	BILLETS	0 I3 a 8 5			
		I645	I03rd		7		0 I3 a 7 5 to	Effectively shelled. Searching & sweeping methods being employed.		
							0 I3 d I 8	Previously registered gun position with aeroplane spotting. Effect not observed; target not visible.		
		I700	8th	I6	6	BILLET	N 22 b 8 3	Aeroplane observation. B Y F order signalled after 5 rounds, mostly O K followed.		
		I700	7th		8		N 24 c I 5 to	Searching fire, result satisfactory.		
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTY	29th	;.....ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)				N.24.c.4.I.....	Series.in.retaliation,..hostile.fire.ceased.			
		I000 to I300	77 mm		42		N 29 b,c & a	This area shelled intermittently with shrap, probably due to the fact that numerous parties of Infantry were moving along GRAND RUE H 22 c to H 28 a.		
		I430 to I500	77 mm		30	BARRIER FARM TO ELBOW FARM	H 25 d	These billets slightly damaged.		
		I500	5.9"		30		H 22 a	Damage not ascertained.		
		I500	5.9"		40		H 20 d	Searching for our 4.7" which was firing.		
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				SHRAP	H.E.				
ACTION OF OUR ARTY	30th	1500	8th	23	21		N 24 d 3 5	Aeroplane series. Bty fire after 5th round Report from observer 16th Squadron R.F.C very successful shoot. 3 direct hits out of 1 round Bty fire and also 2 shells through embrasure of pit.	
		2030	6th	82			N 6 c 7 5)	Retaliation and co-operation with	
		2050	102nd		64		N 16 d 7 4)	PETILLION (RIGHT GROUP) . An intense	
		2100	5th	99			N 6 c 2 2)	bombardment of hostile guns commenced on	
		2100	4th	37	41		N 11 a 0 5)	our trenches at about 2000 and call came	
		2100	23rd	113	19		O 1 a 0 5)	to " CO-OPERATE PETILLION" All Batteries	
								opened with a steady rate of fire & con-	
								tinued until 2100 when fire on our front	
								had ceased and eventually conditions were	
								§ normal at about 2240.	
ACTION OF ENEMY ARTY	30th	0730	ENEMY GUNS (OR HOWITZERS)						
			77 mm	7			N 10 a 8 0	No damage done.	
<p>§ The detachments of the relieving Batteries 4th 5th 6th 2nd and 102nd (How) were in the Pits at this time but the actual handing over pf the LEFT GROUP to Lieut Col. Bessell Browne. C.M.G D.S.O.;, Commanding 2nd F A Brigade was not completed until 0800 on May the 31st.</p>									

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 31st. 1916	0800	<p>VOL. 1V</p> <p>During the night 30th.-31st. May 1916, The Batteries of the 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade, and the 24th. Battery (21st. F.A. Brigade) were withdrawn and placed in reserve being relieved by the 4th., 5th., 6th., & 202nd. Batteries of the 2nd. Field Artillery Brigade and 23rd. Battery (21st. F.A. Brigade); The outgoing Batteries marched from their respective Wagon Lines as shown in the following Table and occupied the reserve Billets as stated therein.</p> <p>The 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade Commander handed over the Command of the LEFT GROUP, 1st. Australian Division to Lieut. Colonel A.J. Bessel-Browne. C.M.G., D.S.O. at 0800 on the 31st. May 1916.</p> <p><u>REFERENCE MAP SHEET 36 ¹ 20,000</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>RELIEVING UNIT</th> <th>UNIT RELIEVED</th> <th>WILL MARCH FROM WAGON LINE.</th> <th>ROUTE</th> <th>RESERVE BILLET</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2nd. F.A. Bde. Hdqrs.</td> <td>3rd. F.A. Bde. Hdqrs.</td> <td>1910/30/5/16</td> <td>H 13 d 10 via§ H 13 c 5.9</td> <td>G 3 c 1.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th. Battery</td> <td>7th. Battery</td> <td>1915/30/5/16</td> <td>H 13 d 10 via§ H 13 c 5.9</td> <td>G 2 d 5.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th. Battery</td> <td>8th. Battery</td> <td>2015/30/5/16</td> <td>G 24 d 10 via§ G 18 c 1.8</td> <td>G 2 d 4.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6th. Battery</td> <td>9th. Battery</td> <td>2115/30/5/16</td> <td>H 13 d 10 via§ H 13 c 5.9</td> <td>G 2 b 4.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>102nd. Battery</td> <td>103rd. Battery</td> <td>1945/30/5/16</td> <td>G 24 d 10 via§ G 18 c 1.8</td> <td>A 25 d 4.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23rd. Battery</td> <td>24th. Battery</td> <td>2215/30/5/16</td> <td>H 14 a 74 via§ H 8 c 0.4</td> <td>G 19 b 7.7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>§ Thence via Main Road to SAILLY sur la LYS, crossing SAILLY BRIDGE at G 16 c 8.6 to Billets as detailed above.</p> <p>NOTE:- Relieving Wagons will arrive at 3rd. F.A. Brigade Wagon Lines 15 Minutes before the above time of departure of outgoing Wagons.</p> <p>NOTE;- THIS IS THE LAST PAGE OF VOLUME <u>IV</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. L. H. Burgess. Lieut. Colonel Commanding 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade 1st. Australian Division</p>	RELIEVING UNIT	UNIT RELIEVED	WILL MARCH FROM WAGON LINE.	ROUTE	RESERVE BILLET	2nd. F.A. Bde. Hdqrs.	3rd. F.A. Bde. Hdqrs.	1910/30/5/16	H 13 d 10 via§ H 13 c 5.9	G 3 c 1.9	4th. Battery	7th. Battery	1915/30/5/16	H 13 d 10 via§ H 13 c 5.9	G 2 d 5.3	5th. Battery	8th. Battery	2015/30/5/16	G 24 d 10 via§ G 18 c 1.8	G 2 d 4.2	6th. Battery	9th. Battery	2115/30/5/16	H 13 d 10 via§ H 13 c 5.9	G 2 b 4.8	102nd. Battery	103rd. Battery	1945/30/5/16	G 24 d 10 via§ G 18 c 1.8	A 25 d 4.4	23rd. Battery	24th. Battery	2215/30/5/16	H 14 a 74 via§ H 8 c 0.4	G 19 b 7.7	
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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1. 20.000For week ending May 6th. 1916

On April 30th. 1916, the FLEURBAIX Section, formerly included in, and designated the RIGHT GROUP Artillery, 2nd. Australian Division, was taken over by the 1st. Australian Division and re-named the LEFT GROUP Artillery, 1st. Australian Division. Lieut. Colonel W.L.H. Burgess 3rd. F. A. Brigade took over the command of the Group from Lieut. Colonel H. W. Lloyd 5th. F. A. Brigade as from that date.

The LEFT GROUP Artillery now consists of the 7th., 8th., 9th., and 24th. Batteries (18 Pdr.) of the 3rd. F. A. Brigade, one Battery of the 21st. Howitzer Brigade, the 103rd. (4.5 How.) being also included for tactical purposes.

The earlier part of the week was devoted to registration and checking of all night lines and important points within the respective Battery Areas, ~~XXXX~~ renovating and improving existing Gun emplacements, and construction commenced on the alternative emplacements for the 8th. Battery.

On the 2nd. and 3rd. May 1916, ^eLight series were fired in conjunction with the LORING GROUP Heavy Artillery against Gun Targets situated in N.23 d 5.5 to 7.6, N 23 d 10.3 to N 24 c 2.3, N 34 a 8.2 and N 28 c.4.0. The 102nd. (How) of the RIGHT GROUP 1st. Australian Division was also attached for this operation to the LEFT GROUP. A total of 160 Shrapnel (18 Pdr.) and 160 H. E. (4.5 How.) was fired. Line ^{and} ~~at~~ elevation appeared good. But difficult observation, distant range and erratic time fuzes reduced the effectiveness of the 18 Pdr. series.

At 2120 on May 2nd. 1916, G.A S message received from Headquarters 6th. Battn., 9th. Battery immediately opened but after firing 19 rounds it was found to be a false alarm.

On 3rd., 4th., and 5th. May 1916, series were fired

303 in conjunction with our aeroplanes against special Targets, guns firing, observed by them. Communication proved fairly satisfactory, but difficult observation owing to actual targets being screened by high trees resulted in many high bursts.

A very effective series was fired by 8th. Battery against enemy working party to the left of Clapham Junction on the 4th. inst. rounds bursting well into the work and adjacent trenches.

At 1930 on the 5th. inst. enemy commenced heavy bombardment of the trenches on the left half of the Group frontage which lasted until 2130 when it suddenly ceased.

S.O.S. message was received from the ~~front trenches~~ Infantry and signal rockets sent up from the trenches ^a effected. 9th. and 24th. Batteries at once engaged, and later 20 rounds were fired by the 103rd. How. Battery and 12 by the 8th. Battery.

Several calls to continue Artillery fire were received from the front trenches subsequent to the first message and signal, but as it was obvious that the enemy Infantry were not attacking, the trenches, two of the Batteries increased their range and directed their fire against the guns firing in rear and whose flashes were clearly visible.

A total of 396 Shrapnel and 69 H.E. were fired by the LEFT GROUP Batteries engaged.

Intermittent shelling by the enemy has occurred throughout the week, mostly 77 c.m., 4.2" and 5.9", very little material or other damage appears to have been done. 7th. and 9th. Battery observing posts (in buildings) partly demolished.

Trees are being prepared for the purpose as foliage as now sufficiently thick.

A number of hostile shells fell near the FLEURBAIX Church and a large number also fired into the area about H 22 c 0.8, these latter being "lachrymatory".

Very little damage or injury to personnel was done but the effect was ~~xxx~~ not of the acid with which these shells

were charged was very noticeable in the craters for some hours after the explosion.

Lieut. General Sir W.R. Birdwood inspected all Batteries and Artillery billets of the LEFT GROUP on the 5th. inst.

W. G. H. Jurgens

Lieut. Colonel

Commanding 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade

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FLEURBAIX	MAY 1916	13TH	<p><u>Ref Map Sheet</u> SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY No. 36 -- 1.20.000 For Week ending May 13th. 1916.</p> <p>During the above period, except for intermittent shelling and occasional activity on the part of their Anti-aircraft guns, the hostile Artillery has been quiet and general activity normal. Very little material or other damage has been observed or reported.</p> <p>The Batteries of this Brigade have continued registration of important roads, junctions, and other communications, shelling all localities where movement, and occupation is observed or reported.</p> <p>Mobile guns from each Battery have been detached from their semi permanent Battery positions and have proved very effective in the above operations. The range is lessened by this means, observation and control in many cases simplified and above all the great advantage is obtained of opening sudden and considerable volume of fire on suitable targets without being detected, or risking the permanent positions of the respective batteries being divulged to hostile observers.</p> <p>Though as many as seven balloons (hostile) have been up at one and the same time, one of these guns fired 70 rounds from the same position without detection.</p> <p>A reconnaissance of the front of the LEFT GROUP has been made and positions for Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries selected in the locality of H 36 b 6.1 and N 5 a 9.2 with alternative positions at H 36 c 5.0 and N 5 c 4.9.</p> <p>Provisional positions for 15pdr. auxiliary armament have also been selected, but these will be modified to suit later information received regarding secondary defensive line and sites of works, obstacles etc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. G. H. Burgess. Lieut-Col. Commandg 3rd F.A. Bde. 13/5/1916.</i></p>	25. 26 2940	

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FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 20th. 1916.

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Consequent on the revised organization of the Divisional Artillery, and change in the composition of Brigades, the 24th Battery (18Pr) has been transferred to the 21st F.A. Brigade (Formerly 21st Howitzer Brigade) and the 103rd (Howitzer) Battery transferred to the 3rd F.A. Brigade. The 3rd Brigade Ammunition Column is absorbed into the 1st Divisional Ammunition Column and becomes the No 3 Section of that Unit.

These transfers were effected on the 15th inst., and completed by 1201 on that date. Other than the above administrative changes, the number of Guns and Batteries, their respective distribution, positions and tactical employment within the LEFT GROUP remains the same.

Much greater fire activity has been effected by all Batteries in the GROUP throughout this week. All the 18Pr Batteries and the Howitzer Battery have now mobile guns in action. Practically all the firing, with the exception of the Howitzer Battery has been done by these guns from their new positions. Up to the present none of them have been located by the enemy. Owing to the excellent maps supplied and careful work of Battery Commanders, very little difficulty has been experienced in rapidly bringing effective fire on to any target from these mobile guns.

This increase of fire action, and from altogether new directions has had the most marked effect on the fire tactics of the enemy. A much larger proportion of time shrapnel has been used by the enemy during the last few days. The hostile batteries are obviously shooting for line by the sound of our guns, and then fruitlessly searching with time shrapnel.

Good results and probably decisive effect has been obtained by the combined action of the Howitzers and 18Pr Batteries, against targets reported as defensive works and Billeting Areas, the Howitzer doing the direct demolition shooting and the 8-18Pr Batteries simultaneously sweeping and searching with time shrapnel.

The enemy artillery has retaliated vigorously, but the greater portion of his fire has been directed against the Batteries and not on our front line Infantry Trenches. As previously explained the enemy's fire tactics clearly indicate his inability to locate the new gun positions, and their sudden and frequent quick rate of fire must render it difficult to determine whether additional batteries are being employed or not.

The old semi-permanent position of the 8th Battery (H 33 b 1 1/2. 8) was subjected to a heavy hostile bombardment on the morning of the 16th inst. This is an old, well registered target, by the enemy, and consequently the shooting was very good though it was evident that three batteries were firing, and several very powerful shells used, no casualties were incurred. The material damage was negligible. About 120 shells were fired.

On the evening of the 19th inst a heavy and rapid fire was opened by the enemy on the area H 34 a 8.6 evidently directed against the 103rd (How) Battery. Most of the rounds were well over the battery, but one of the "shorts" hit No.1. (How) Pit,

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and one of the "overs" fell close to the 7th Battery guns (H 28 c 3.3). No damage was done either to men or material, though the enemy immediately followed the initial H.E bombardment with Time shrapnel. The approximate position of the 103rd Battery may have been indicated by an aeroplane which passed over the previous evening while a section was in action, and was not detected till almost overhead. By the hostile fire it is obvious that the exact position of the Battery is not known.

Three aeroplane series have been fired, on the 14th, 16th, & 19th instants respectively, the first was an effective series, but the two last were short and the results not good owing to distant range and ~~xxx~~ interrupted communication.

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Lieut. Col.

20.5.1916.

Commanding 3rd F.A. Brigade.

STRAFE on SATTE RUEI,
(45a)

In conjunction with the Field Artillery 1st Divn
109 & 110 H.B. will carry out following
programme today:

- I At 3 pm. 109 South Section will
search search and sweep orchards and
buildings N24 C53 to N30 A58. 20
rounds rapid fire
- II At 3 pm. 110 H.B. will search and
sweep orchards and buildings N24 C22
to N30 A28. 20 rounds rapid fire
- III At 4.15 pm. parts I and II will
be repeated. 15 rounds 109 H.B. and
15 rounds 110 H.B.
- IV At 4.25 pm. both Batteries will lift
on to target N30 A83. 5 rounds
rapid each Battery
- V Watcher will be synchronised with H.B.
at 1 pm.

J. J. Lammenden
Capt & Adj
forming H.B.

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Headquarters 3rd F A Brigade.

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The Batteries of the RIGHT & LEFT GROUPS will combine with the LORING GROUP Heavy Artillery in shelling SATTE RUE (N 24 c) to day (Monday 22nd May 1916).

The following table shows the action of the batteries of this Group:-


SERIES	BATTERY FIRING	TIME OF OPENING FIRE	DURATION OF SERIES	TARGET	NUMBER OF ROUNDS
1st Series	7th	1500	8 minutes	N 24 c.5.1. to c.3.5.	25 T.S.
" "	8th	1500	8 minutes	" " "	25 T.S.
" "	103rd	1500	8 minutes	N 24 c 1.7 to C.3.0	20 H.E.
2nd Series	7th	1615	8 minutes	N 24 c 5.1 to c.3.5	25 T.S.
" "	8th	1615	8 minutes	" " "	25 T.S.
" "	103rd	1615	8 minutes	N 24 c 1.7 to c.3.0.	20 H.E.
3rd Series	7th	1625	Rapid as possible.	BILLETS N 30 a 8 3	5 T.S.
" "	8th	1625	" " "	" " "	5 T.S.

NOTE:-

18 Pr batteries detailed above will search and sweep boldly after the first 10 rounds of each series.

Detached Howitzers, mobile 18 Prs or permanent guns may be used at discretion of B.C's.

HEAVY ARTILLERY TIME will be communicated to all batteries concerned prior to shooting.



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Commanding 3rd F.A. Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS,

3RD FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE,

MEMORANDUM NO.6.

TO/ WAR DIARY

Ref. Map Sheet 36.

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- (1) In continuation of previous conference and instructions regarding Bomb and Artillery retaliation against the enemy in response to his Mortar Bomb and Artillery Fire on our works, the following details are issued.
- (2) The following table shows the several points in the enemy's line opposite the LEFT GROUP frontage, on which, when required, Bomb and Artillery fire will be particularly directed, both as regards smashing breastworks and cutting enemy's wire.

(S)	TARGET	CODE DESIGNATION	MAP CO-ORDINATES	BATTERY TO WHICH (NORMALLY) ALLOTTED	REMARKS
	THE TADPOLE	" CAT "	N II a 0 5	7th Battery	Contains 1 Machine Gun.
	WATER FORT	" P I G "	N II b 1 9	8th Battery-	This Bty will also direct fire on to Machine Gun 100 yards RIGHT of WATER FORT (N II a 8.8) 2 Machine Guns.
	TURKS POINT	" F O Y "	N 5 d 4.2	8th Battery	Contains 2 Machine Guns.
	N.6.C.7.5	" H I C H "	N.6.C.7.5	9th Battery	Contains 2 Machine Guns.
	CORNER FORT	" B E E "	N.6.B.5.0	9th Battery	This Bty will also direct fire on Machine Gun at N.6.D.1.7
	THE ANGLE	" L O O "	O.1.a.C.5	24th Battery	Contains 1 Machine Gun.
	THE LOZENGE	" K O W "	O.1.a.E.7	24th Battery	Contains 1 Machine Gun.
	FIFTH POINT	" P O I N T "	O.1.a.E.9	24th Battery	Contains 1 Machine Gun.

- (4) Example of CODE message received by Brigade Headquarters and transmitted to Battery concerned:-
 " CAT 10 M " Signifies artillery fire required at THE TADPOLE TEN MINUTES after receipt of message by battery, at a MEDIUM rate.
- NOTES:- If any delay occurs in transmitting message to batteries, this will be deducted at Brigade Headquarters. Mortars will open immediately artillery fire commences. Final letter of message, "R", "M", or "S" indicates rapid, medium or slow rate of fire required.
- (5) The following definition of rates of fire is issued as a guide to Battery Commanders:- "Slow" means B.F 15 or 20 seconds, "Medium", B.F. 5 or 10 seconds, "Rapid" B.F 2 or 3 seconds.
- (5) In the event of a sudden severe and general hostile bombardment along our entire front trenches, the single

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code word "SPIT" will be sent to all Batteries of the Group, by the Artillery Group Commander or the Adjutant.

All 18 Pr Batteries will immediately open with an initial RAPID rate of fire on their respective objectives allotted in para 3, sweeping with H.E and searching with T.S. The Howitzer Battery will conform on their respective night line barrage points.

Trench Mortars will come into action and combine with the artillery fire as quickly as possible.

(6) THE ABOVE CODE AND PROCEDURE IN NO WAY REFERS TO, ALTERS, OR INTERFERES WITH THE ESTABLISHED S.O.S OR GAS MESSAGES, SIGNALS OR REQUIREMENTS;

W. H. Mingers.

Lieut Col.

25.5.1916.

Commanding 3rd P A Brigade.

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Headquarters

3rd. Field Artillery Brigade

Memorandum No. 7.

To, ~~XXXX~~ War Diary.

1. At 3.27 a.m. this morning (Saturday 27th. inst.) the enemy Artillery opened a rapid but brief bombardment on our front line, on and about TRENCH 47. This is doubtless in retaliation for similar procedure of the 2nd. Australian Division Artillery on the enemy's trenches at the same hour on 25th. and 26th. inst.

We may expect similar hostile bombardments tomorrow, and subsequent mornings.

The quick response and liberal expenditure of ammunition by the 24th. Battery, this morning obviously had a very marked effect in stopping the hostile bombardment.

2. In order to discourage any repetition on the part of the hostile Artillery the following action will be taken by the Batteries of the LEFT GROUP.

9th. and 24th. Batteries, inner flank gun of 8th. Battery, detached Howitzer of 103rd. Battery will engage the particular section of the line and objectives already allotted to them in previous ~~instructions~~. Secret instructions.

All disengaged guns and Howitzers (Permanent positions) will engage objective allotted in Secret Memo No.6. Para 3 Dated 25.5.16

3. Trench Mortars will be in readiness to engage special objectives already allotted them, under cover of our Artillery fire and will employ the fire action necessary to obtain the results on the enemy's Wire required at this period.

All O.C's and detachments concerned will be in readiness to engage immediately the hostile fire on our front line trenches commences.

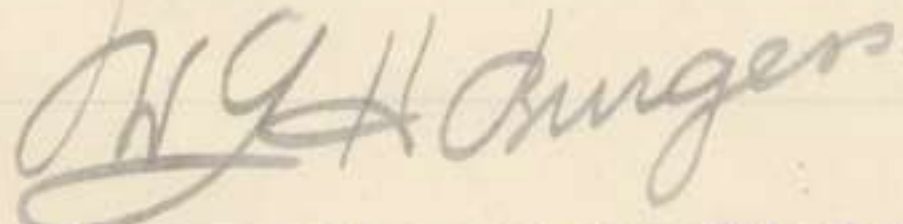
4. THE HOSTILE BOMBARDMENT (on any part of front Trench zone of this GROUP) WILL BE THE SIGNAL FOR ALL BATTERIES TO ENGAGE AT ONCE.

5. While it is not desired to limit, or cramp, the fire action of any particular Battery, Battery Commanders will not normally exceed 50 Rounds per Battery in the general action without consulting the Group Commander.

H.E. Shell will predominate, but Batteries will "search" well in rear of enemy's front line after the initial rapid rounds of H.E.

6. The Co-operation of the Heavy Artillery has been requested.

7. THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL OBTAIN UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.



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Commanding 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade

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No.5. S.O. Trench Mortars.

No's 6,7,8,9,10, O.C's 7th. 8th. 9th. 24th. and 103rd. Batteries respectively.

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No. 13 G.C. LORING GROUP HEAVY ARTILLERY

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY.
1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

For Period 0800, 25th. May 1916 to 1800, 1st. June 1916.

Ref. Map. SHEET 36 20,000

The Batteries of the Group have been very active throughout the above period. All known Hostile Battery positions have been subjected to sudden, and rapid shelling. Billeting areas, main roads and junctions, positions have been also been kept under frequent bursts of shell fire.

Good demolition effect has been obtained on suspected houses and Observation Stations. Many of these have been engaged with the aid of observation by the Royal Flying Corps, and their reports give excellent effect obtained. Five Aeroplane series have been fired, two with the 103rd. Battery (How.) and three with the 8th. Battery (18Pdr.). Much good work has been done, and probably good effect obtained by concentration of 18 Pdr. time shrapnel with the Howitzer high explosive shell.

The enemy has on several occasions retaliated vigorously, and is applying similar fire tactics to our own, searching and sweeping for the Batteries, searching roads and shelling buildings, farms etc. Though a large amount of ammunition has been expended by the hostile Artillery including a very large percentage of Heavy Shell (5.9 Cen;) very little material damage has been done and as far as is known our total casualties have been slight.

On the 26th. inst. the hostile Artillery opened a brief but heavy fire on our front Trenches. 9th. and 24th. Batteries at once engaged with rapid retaliation fire on enemy parapets opposite part of our line bombarded, enemy fire ceased shortly after these Batteries opened.

The following morning at 0315 the enemy again Bombarded our line about Trench 47, hostile fire too high, damage and casualties negligible, 9th. and 24th. Batteries immediately engaged and obtained excellent result on hostile breastworks, searching at same time with in rear with time shrapnel.

The 28th. inst. was marked by considerable hostile Artillery activity, enemy shelling frequently and at various portions of the Group throughout the day. A heavy fire of 5.9 Cen. Shells was concentrated on the recent position of the 8th. Battery (H 33 b 1.8).

The emplacements being empty no damage was done except to billets and this was slight. The enemy then shelled the outskirts of FLEURBAIX, CHAPEL FARM (H 29 c 3.5) and billet of 9th. Battery (H 28 a 4.8) conflagrations were started, but quickly put out little damage being done. Only slight casualties reported.

On the 29th. inst., a short bombardment was directed against our line opposite CORNER FORT AND THE ANGLE, Three 18 Pdr. Batteries and Trench Mortars at once retaliated with a rapid and accurate fire.

Enemy ceased firing almost immediately. Infantry report excellent results obtained on the ANGLE AND CORNER FORT by our Artillery Fire.

The above bombardment by the Group Batteries and Trench Mortars have provided excellent tests of the recent Co-operation Scheme and Code between the two natures of guns, and the scheme and code have given quick Co-operation and good results.

On the night of the 30th. inst., the enemy opened (about 2130) a heavy and concentrated fire on the front trenches of the RIGHT GROUP, a call for assistance being received, all Left Group Batteries at once opened a steady fire on their Night Lines establishing a barrage fire first on and in rear of the hostile Trenches. The Howitzer Battery and one 18 Pdr. were a little later switched on to their liaison barrage points in the front of the RIGHT GROUP (PETILLON) and the rate of fire quickened. The hostile fire gradually slackened and all was quite about 2240.

During the night of the 30th. /31st. inst. the LEFT GROUP Batteries were relieved by the 2nd. F.A. Brigade and 23rd. Battery, 21st. F.A. Brigade. The O.C. LEFT GROUP handed over to Lieut. Colonel A.J. Bessel - Browne C.M.G., D.S.O. at 0800 on 31st. May 1916.

The 3rd. F.A. Brigade, and 24th. Battery are now in reserve

308 occupying the billets vacated by the 2nd. F.A. Brigade and 23rd. Battery
at STEENWERCK.

H. G. H. Burgess

Lieut. COLONEL

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Commanding 3rd. Field Artillery Brigade.

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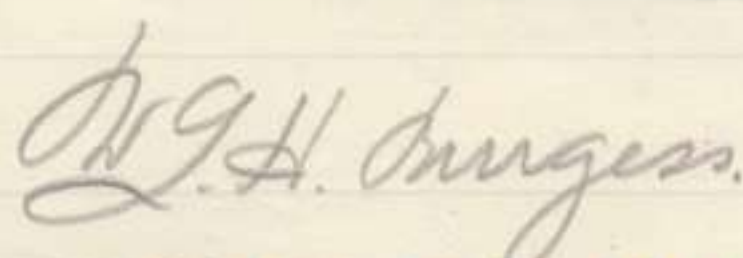
AUXILIARY AND RESERVE POSITIONS

MEMORANDUM NO. 10.

To, ALL BATTERY COMMANDERS.
3RD. F.A. BRIGADE.

1. Referring to 1st. Divisional Artillery Defence Scheme the following Table shows the alternative (Auxiliary) and reserve positions for the defence of the front line.
 2. Although it is not intended to put more Batteries in the front line than are at present in action, it may be found necessary to occupy some or all of these positions by reserve Batteries of the Division or by Batteries from the Reserve Division.
 3. The provisional allotment of these positions is as follows:-
 - (a) Nos. 1 / 3 for reserve Batteries of 1st. Aus. Div. to reinforce the RIGHT GROUP.
 - (b) Nos. 4 / 5 for reserve of 1st. Aus. Div. to reinforce the LEFT GROUP.
 - (c) Nos. 6 / 13 for Batteries of the Reserve Division to reinforce both GROUPS.
- NOTE:- These allotments are only provisional and Batteries may be ordered to any of these positions at the discretion of the C.R.A.
4. Immediately on going into reserve Brigade and Battery Commanders will make themselves thoroughly acquainted with these positions and the best means of approach from their present positions.

5. POSITION NUMBER	MAP CO-ORDINATES	GROUP	REMARKS, NOTES ETC.
No. 1	H 31 c 2.6	RIGHT	Four emplacements already constructed.
No. 2.	H 25 b 8.3	1/2 RIGHT	Four emplacements already constructed.
No. 3.	H 25 c 7.2	RIGHT	No emplacements. Well screened by hedges and trees. Two trees would have to be removed.
No. 4.	H 26 d 7.4	LEFT	Four emplacements exist but only thin cover and screen on top.
No. 5.	H 28 d 8.3	LEFT	Four emplacements exist, best suited to Howitzers.
No. 6.	H 31 b 5.2	RIGHT	No emplacements, well screened by hedges.
No. 7.	H 33 b 2.6	LEFT	8th. Battery position.
No. 8.	H 34 b 3.9	LEFT	Four emplacements exist.
No. 9.	H 28 d 9.5	LEFT	No emplacements but screened by hedges.
No. 10.	G 35 d 2.6	RIGHT	Four emplacements but evidently well registered by enemy.
No. 11	H 31 a 6.7	1/2 RIGHT	No emplacements, but good position well screened.
No. 12.	H 31 a 3.4	RIGHT	No emplacements, good position screened by trees.
No. 13.	H 31 c 6.0	RIGHT	No Emplacements well screened by hedges.



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