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DELVILLE WOOD.

DEC. 1916.

30th. Nov. 1600 BATTERY. NO OF ROUNDS. TARGET. REMARKS.
to to SHRAP. H.E.
1st. Dec. 1600.

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7th.	10	11	Stormy Trench N 21 D 40.85 to Barrage Lines. N 21 B 2.2
	9	38	Roads. N 15 B Searching and & N 16 A Sweeping.
8th.	16	63	Barrage Lines.
9th.	5	15	Road. N 15 D 20.40 to N 15 D 45.90.
	25	89	Stormy Trench. Barrage Lines. N 21 B 05.45 to N 21 A 85.60
24th.	37	111	N 21 B 7.4 N 21 A 70.73.
103rd.		162B.	X. Roads. N 21 A 7.8 to N 21 B 5.2
1st. 1600	7th.	8	52 Enemy Roads N 16 A & N 15 D.
20th. 1600		92	46 N 21 B 60.25 to S.O.S. Line N 21 B 45.55 Fired in retaliation.
		77	173 Enemy New Trench N 21 B 60.25 to N 21 B 45.55
	8th.	80	219 N 21 B 37.10 to N 21 B 15.25
		97	158 N 21 B 37.10 to Fired in N 21 B 15.35. Retaliation.
	9th.	89	292 Stormy Trench N 21 B 05.45 to In Retaliation N 21 A 85.65 to enemy fire.
24th.	123	324	N 15 D & N 15 B
103rd.		195B.	X. N 9 D 7.3 to N 21 B 5.2

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DEC.
1916.

2ND. 1600 BATTERY. NO OF ROUNDS TARGET R E M A R K S.
to to SHRAP. H.E.

3RD. 1600

7th.	60	62	Roads	Searching and Sweeping.
			N 16 A &	
			N 15 B & D.	
8th.	37	40	N 21 B 05.40 to	
			N 21 A 85.60	
	15	15	N 21 B 45.55 to Barrage	
			N 21 B 3.8	Lines.
9th.	72	71	Stormy Trench Normal Barrage	
			N 21 B 05.45 to and searched	
			N 21 A 85.60	roads leading to same.
24th.	79	78	Sunken Road	
			N 15 D 6.0 to	
			N 15 B 6.0	
103rd.		118B.X	N 15 B 5.2 to	
			N 21 A 7.8	

7th.	59	47	N 16 A & B & D.	Searching and Sweeping.
8th.	22	-	ZERO LINE	Verification of Correction.
	27	-	S.O.S. Line	
			N 21 B 60.25 to	
			N 21 B 45.55.	
8th.	70	114	N 14 D 7.8 to Barrage Lines &	
			N 21 B 45.55	Verification of Correction.
			N 21 B 3.8	
9th.	67	63	Stormy Trench Barrage Lines	
			N 20 B 05.45 to Searching and	
			N 20 A 85.65	Sweeping
24th.	88	76	N 21 A 85.60 to	
			N 21 A 70.75	
103rd.		55B.X	N 15 B 5.2 to	
			N 21 A 7.8	

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1916. 1600 BATTERY NO OF ROUNDS. TARGET REMARKS.
4TH. to SHRAP. H.E.

5TH. to	7th.	--	46	Roads	Searching and
to 1609				N 15 D	Sweeping.
	8th.	58	37	N 21 B 45.55 to	Fired in
				N 21 B 3.8	Retaliation.
		25	25	N 9 D 45.00 to	Searching and
				N 15 B 22.75	Sweeping.
	9th.	94	-	Stormy Trench	
				N 21 B 05.45 to	Barrage Lines.
				N 21 A 85.60	
			82	Roads.	Searching and
					Sweeping.
	24th.	66	68	N 21 B 7.4 to	
				N 21 B 70.55	
				N 21 A 85.60 to	
				N 21 A 70.75.	
	103rd.	-	160B.X.	N 9 D 7.3 to	
				N 15 B 6.5	

5th. 1600	7th.	27	30	Roads	Searching and
to				N 15 D &	Sweeping.
6th. 1600	8th.	32	29	N 15 B	
				N 9 D 9.2 to	Searching and
	9th.	69	69	N 15 D 65.55	Sweeping.
				Stormy Trench	
				N 21 B 05.45 to	do do
				N 21 A 85.60	
	24th.	66	66	N 21 A 70.75 to	
				N 15 B 6.0	
	103rd.	-	190B.X.	N 15 B 5.2 to	
				N 21 A 7.6	

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DATE	BATTERY	NO OF ROUNDS	TARGET	REMARKS
TO	TO	SHRAP. H.E.		
7th.	55	54	Roads	Searching and Sweeping.
			N 15 D & N 15 B	
8th.	60	45	Trench	
			N 15 D 3.8	
9th.	64	64	Stormy Trench	Barrage Lines.
			N 21 B 05.45 to N 21 A 85.60	
24th.	101	41	Trenches	
			N 21 A 85.60 to N 21 A 70.75.	
			N 15 B.	
103rd.		200B.X.		
			N 9 D 7.3 to N 15 B 6.5	
7th.	50	118	Trenches & Roads	
			N 21 B 60.25 to N 21 B 45.55	Searching and Sweeping.
			N 15 B & N 15 D	
8th.	80	178	Roads.	
			N 9 D 9.2 to N 15 B 55.10	do do
			N 15 B 25.70	
9th.	51	121	Stormy Trench	Barrage Lines.
			N 21 B 05.45 to N 21 A 85.60	
24th.	136	12	Roads & Trenches	
			N 21 A 85.60 to N 21 A 70.75	
			N 15 B 60.00	
			N 15 B 7.4	
103rd.		98B.X.		
			N 15 B 5.2 to N 21 A 7.8	

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8TH. 1600 TO 9TH. 1600	BATTERY	NO OF ROUNDS SHRAP. H.E.	TARGET	REMARKS.
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7th.	49	163	Roads N 15 B & N 15 D N 16 A 6.7	Searched and Swept.
8th.	20	69	Roads N 9 D 95.15 to N 15 D 0.2	do do
9th.	35	105	Stormy Trench N 21 B 05.45 to N 21 A 85.60	Barrage Fire.
103rd 24th.	- 131	- -	N 21 A 70.73 to N 15 B 0.0	

NOTE :- At 1100 the LEFT GROUP 1ST. ANZAC ARTILLERY, comprising No. 1 & No. 2 GROUPS, 1st. Aus.Div., and No. 3 & No. 4 GROUPS, 4th. Aus. Div. comes under Tactical Command of C.R.A. 1st. Aus. Div. (~~Brig. General~~ who takes over from C.R.A. 4th. Aus. Div. (Brig. General C. Rosenthal, C.B.) as from this hour.

Summary
8TH. 1600
to
10TH. 1600

7th.	129	285	Trenches & Roads N 21 B 60.25 to N 21 B 45.55 N 15 B 5.1 N 16 A 8.7	Searching and Sweeping.
8th.	112	189	Roads & Trenches N 21 B 45.55 to N 21 B 3.8 N 9 D 45.00 to N 15 B 23.70	
9th.	97	293	Stormy Trench N 10 C N 21 B 05.45 to N 21 A 85.60	Barrage Fire.
24th.	196	158	Roads & Trenches N 21 A 70.73 N 21 B 7.4 to N 21 A 70.05	
103rd.	--	253	B.X. N 9 D 7.3 to N 15 B 6.1	Searched and Swept.

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10TH to 11TH	1600 to 1600	BATTERY	NO OF ROUNDS	TARGET	REMARKS.
			SHRAP.	H.E.	
7th.	30	63	Roads	N 21 B 60.25 to	Searching and Sweeping.
				N 21 B 45.55	
				N 15 B 5.1 to	
				N 10 A 8.7	
8th.	25	87	Roads & Trenches.	N 21 B 45.00	
				N 15 B 55.10 to	
				N 15 D 65.55	
				N 15 D 5.8	
9th.	39	112	Stormy Trench	N 21 B 05.45 to	Barrage Fire.
				N 21 A 85.60	
24th.	33	105	Roads & Trenches.	N 21 B 7.4 to	Searching and Sweeping.
				N 21 A 70.55	
103rd.	-	63	B.X.		Re-Registration
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7th.	41	110	Roads	N 15 B & N 15 D	
				N 21 B 60.25 to	
				N 21 B 45.55	
8th.	31	100	Roads & Trenches	N 15 D 0.2	
				N 21 B 45.55 to	
				N 21 B 5.8	
				N 9 D 95.15.	
9th.	30	96	Stormy Trench	N 21 B 05.45 to	Ordinary Barrage Fire.
				N 21 A 85.60	
24th.	30	90	Roads & Trenches	N 21 A 85.60 to	Searching and Sweeping.
				N 21 A 70.75	
				N 21 B 6.3 to	
				N 21 B 5.8	

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12TH. 1600 BATTERY NO OF ROUNDS TARGET R E M A R K S.
TO to SHRAP. H.E.
13TH. 1600

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7th.	17	96	Roads	N 21 B 60.25 to Searching and N 21 B 45.55 Sweepings. N 15 B & N 15 D
8th.	106	249	Roads & Trenches	N. 21 B 37.10 to N 21 B 15125 N 15 D 0.2 to N 15 D 65.55
9th.	39	101	Stormy Trench Retaliation	N 21 B 05.45 to N 21 A 85.60
24th.	32	90	Trenches & Roads	N 21 B 7.4 to N 21 A 70.55
103rd.	-	57B.X.	Roads N 9 d 7.3 to Searched N 15 B 5.2 and swept.	

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8th.	141	370	Roads & Trenches	N 21 B 60.25 to Searching N 21 B 45.55 and Sweepings. N 15 D 5.8
8th.	58	225		N 9 D 45.00 to N 9 D 23.70 N 21 B 45.55 to N 21 B 3.8
9th.	60	255	Stormy Trench Barrage Fire.	N 21 B 05.45 to N 21 A 85.60 N 15 D 5.8
24th.	57	198	Searched and Swept.	N 21 A 70.73 N 21 B 0.3 to N 21 B 3.8
103rd.	-	195 B.X.	Road	N 9 D 7.3 to N 21 B 5.2

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From 1600 16.12.1916 to 1600 17.12.1916.

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BATTERY NO. OF ROUNDS

BATTERY	NO.	OF ROUNDS	Sp1.	H.E.	TARGET	REMARKS.
7th				100	N21B6.2 - N21B5.5.	Searching & sweeping.
"	90			195	N15B5.1 - N15B7.4.	
"	20			152	N16A5.8 - N16B0.4	Roads & Junctions
8th	110			314	Targets as follows N 9D9.5- N15B55.10 N15D0.2 -N15D 3.8	
9th	36			108	Stormy Trench	Short rapid bursts
"	60			180	N 9 D 7.3 & vicinity	
103rd			bx	371	As per instructions	
24th	32			68	Sunken Roads	
"	20			40	Barrage Lines.	

ENEMY ACTIVITY

During this period hostile fire was normal.

From 1600 17.12.1916. to 1600 18.12.1916.

BATTERY NO. OF ROUNDS

BATTERY	NO.	OF ROUNDS	Sp1.	H.E.	TARGET	REMARKS.
7th				206	N15B5.1 - N15B7.4.	Roads & Junctions S & S
"	21			32	N16A5.8 - N16B0.4.	
"	10			26	N15D to N 9 D	As per Orders.
8th	110			92	Roads & Junctions Stormy Trench & Junction of barley & Bread Trenches.	
9th	34			102	Rds & Appenes N9D	
"	14			42	" " " "	
"	18			52	Stormy Trench at N21A7.7 & N21B 0.5	As per W.B. 50
103rd			bx	350	N-9 D 7.3. - N21A 7.7	
24th	20			36	N15 B & N 9 D	Targets ordered.
"	22			62	Barrage Lines	
"	6			32	new Works N21B7.4.	

ENEMY ACTIVITY

During this period enemy intermittently shelled the following areas with 4.2.s S-10 D & S11 A (Road)

18.12.16

O.C. 3rd F.A. Bde took over administration of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery, during absence of A/C.H.A. 1st. Aus. Div (Lieut. Colonel Bessell-Browne. C.M.G., D.S.O.) on leave. Major A.H.K. Jopp assumed Command of No.1.GROUP during absence of O.C. 3rd Field Artillery Brigade.

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From 1600 18.12.1916 to 1600 19.12.1916.

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BATTERY	NO. OF ROUNDS	TARGET	REMARKS.
Sp1.	H.E.		
7th	9	23 N15D & N9D	As per instructions.
"	20	50 N16A8.8-N16B0.4	
"	25	77 N15B5.1-N15B7.4	
8th	82	122 Relief Track at N9D45.00-N15B25.70	Junc of Barley & Bread Trenches & Trench Junction at N 9 D5.9
9th	16	48 Stormy Trench	
"	24	72 N 9 D.	
"	12	23 Roads & Approaches at N 15 D.	
24th	12	30 N21 A70.75 to N2B0.5	
"	12	30 Sunken Road	
"	10	30 Barrage Lines	
103rd	bx 300	On Roads from N9D7.3 -N21A7.7 & N21B7.7	

ENEMY ACTIVITY

During this period Enemy occasionally shelled T 7 A with 4.2.s & 5.9.s.

BATTERY NO. OF ROUNDS TARGET REMARKS.

Sp1. H.E.

From 1600 19.12.1916 to 1600 20.12.1916.

7th	28	28 N15B5.1-N15B7.4.	Schng & swpng
"		22 N16A818-N16B0.4.	" "
8th	80	122 Targets as under.	
		Barrage Lines	Verification.
		Cross Rds N9D95.15	
		Barley & Bread Tnch	Junction of
9th	16	48 Stormy Trench	
"	16	48 N 9 D	
"	12	30 N15 D.	
24th	20	60 Barrage Lines	
"	16	48 N15B6.0	
"	14	42 New Works at N21B7.4-A70.55	
103rd	bx 250	N9D7.3-N21A7.7	

ENEMY ACTIVITY

NORMAL

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Spl.	H.E.		
From 1600 20.12.1916 to 1600 21.12.1916.			
7th	20	33 N15B5.1-N15B7.4	
"	20	35 N9D7.7 -N9 D7.2	
"	30	40 N16A8.8-N16B0.4	
8th	60	122 Relief Trach N9D Rd JuncN15B55.10 Barley & Bread	Junction of
9th	12	30 Stormy Trench	
"	48	48 Roads & Appches at N 15 D	
"	12	30 N 9 D	
24th	16	48 Barrage Lines	
"	12	30 N21A70.73	
"	16	48 N15B0.0	
"	0	18 New Works N15B0.8-3.4.	
ENEMY ACTIVITY Normal			

BATTERY	NO. OF ROUNDS	TARGET	REMARKS.
Spl.	H.E.		
From 1600 21.12.1916 to 1600 22.12.1916.			
7th		60 N21 B6.2-N21B5.5	S&S Commn Tnch
"		120 N 9 D7.7-N 9D7.2	
"		30 N16A8.8-N16B0.4	
8th	107	110 Targets as under N15D65.55, N9D70.25 N 9D 2.7 & N15B55.10	
9th	30	85 N21A70.73 upto N.E.	
"	20	60 N21A85.60-N21A70.75	
24th	150	51 Stormy Trench Rds & Approaches at N 9 D. & N15D	
103rd		bx 70 Allotted Targets	
ENEMY ACTIVITY During the night enemy heav ly shelled Flers & searched & swept T 77A with 4.2.s			

20.12.1916
 1800 O.C. 3rd F.A. Brigade took over tactical Command of LEFT GROUP ARTILLERY, 1ST ANZAC, at 1800, vice Brig.General C. Rosenthal C.B. wounded, & Lieut.Colonel Bessell-Browne C.M.G., D.S.O. absent on leave.

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Sp1	H.E.		
From 22.12.1916 1600, to 23.12.1916 1600.			
7th	20	20 N21B00.25-N21B45.55	S. & W fire employed
"	50	85 N21B25.00-N15D70.00	" " "
"	15	N16A 8.8 -N16B 0.4	
8th	60	88 Targets as under	Short & rapid bursts
		New commn Trench	
		N15D70.00-N15B 5.1	
9th	16	48 Stormy Trench	" " "
"	16	48 N 9 D Rds & Appchs	
"	16	48 N15D " "	
6th	14	50 N21A70.75- N.E.	Effect unknown
"	16	40 N21A65.60-N21A70.75	Barrage Line
"	20	60 N21A70.75 Snkn Rd.	
103rd	bx 100	Allotted Targets	

ENEMY ACTIVITY

During this period enemy intermittently shelled T 7 A & S 12 A 00.85 but without material damage.

BATTERY NO.	OF ROUNDS	TARGET	REMARKS
Sp1.	H.E.		
From 1600 23.12.1916 to 1600 24.12.1916.			
7th	14	30 N21B00.25-N21B45.55	S & W fire employed
"	10	35 N21B25.00-N15D70.00	" " "
8th	67	50 Targets as under	
		1. June N 9 D 2.7	
		N21B45.55-N21B 5.8	
9th	44	102 N 9 D & N15D rds & App	Short rapid bursts
		Stormy Trench	
6th	50	150 N21A70.75- N.E.	
103rd	bx 120	N 9 D 7.5	

ENEMY ACTIVITY
Normal.

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From 24.12.1916 1000 to 25.12.1916 1600.

BATTERY	NO.	OF ROUNDS	TARGET	REMARKS
	Spl.	n.e.		
7th	46	129	N21B60.25-N21B45.55	S & Swpns trench
"	18	40	N15B75.00-N15B-2.8	" " "
8th	125	262	N21B35.12-1.3	in accordance with instructions
			N15D2 .8-N15D55.90	
			N15D70.00-N15B 5.1	
9th	20	04	Ras & Appchs N9D&N15D	
"	36	56	In retaliation to B.F	
			at N9D & N15D	
"	25	25	Stormy Trench	
6th	34	143	N21A85.60-N21A70.75	
			N21A70.75 to n.e.	
103rd		bx 138	N 9D 7.5-N21D 7.7	
			ENEMY ACTIVITY	
			Normal.	

From 25.12.1916 1000 to 26.12.1916 1600.

BATTERY	NO.	OF ROUNDS	TARGET	REMARKS
7th	10	20	N21B00.25-N21B45.55	S & S comms.
"		100	N21B25.60-N15D70.00	" "
"	13		N10A 0.8-N10B 0.4.	" ras & juncs.
8th	18	52	New communication Th.	
			N15D70.00-N15B 5.1	
9th	29	05	Stormy Trench & N9D	
5th		bx165	Allotted targets.	
103rd				

ENEMY ACTIVITY
During this period enemy activity was normal. He however intermittently shelled the following areas S 12 Central and T 7 A with 9.9s & 77mm., but without serious damage.

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From 1600 26.12.1916 to 1600 27.12.1916

BATTERY NO.	OF ROUNDS		TARGET	REMARKS
	Sp1.	H.E.		
7th	20	60	N21B25.00-N15D70.00	S & S enemy trench
		30	N21B60.25-N21B45.55	
8th	12	25	N15D70.00-N15B 5.1	New comm trench
	10	10	N21B55.12-N21B 1.5	
9th	8	24	Stormy Trench	
	20	60	M 9 D & M1, D	
6th	120	40	N21A65.60-N21A70.75	
103rd	bx	100	Allotted targets	

ENEMY ACTIVITY
NORMAL

NOTE.

27.12.1916 2100 Officer Commanding 3rd F.A. Brigade handed over command of LEFT GROUP ARTY, 1ST ANZAC, & administration of 1ST. AUS. DIVL ARTY to Lieut Colonel Bessell-browne C.M.G. D.S.O. at that hour.

From 1600 27.12.1916 to 1600 28.12.1916

BATTERY NO.	OF ROUNDS		TARGET	REMARKS.
	Sp1.	H.E.		
7th	41	60	N21B25.60-N15D70.00	S & S Trench
	41	20	N21B60.25-N21B45.55	
8th	8	32	N15D70.00-N15B 5.1	
	125	62	S.O.S. Line & on	b.h.q.Orders
			N21A20.35, N21A50.35	
			N20B 4.5, N20B 9.0	
9th	24	72	Stormy Trench	
	36	100	M 9 D & M1, D.	
6th	40	36	N21A70.75 to N.E.	
103rd	bx	120	Allotted Targets	

During this period enemy intermittently shelled T 7 A with 4.2.s & 5.9.s.

NOTE

28.12.1916 1200 Officer Commanding 3rd F.A. Brigade rejoined Headquarters No. 1 - GROUP & resumed Command at that hour.

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From 1600 28.12.1916 to 1600 29.12.1916.				
BATTERY NO. OF ROUNDS TARGET REMARKS				
DELVILLE WOOD FRANCE				
Spl. H.E.				
7th	10	10	N21B60.25-N21B45.55	S & S enemy Tnchs
	10	53	N21B25.60-N15D70.00	
	55	37	N21B 6.2- N21B 5.5	Retaliation
8th	17	59	N21B25.23-N21A 8.3	" "
9th	10	30	Stormy Trench	" "
	6	18	N 9 D & N15D	Rds & Appchs.
6th	89	44	N21A 7.0 - N.E.	Tramway & Jun Rd
103rd		bx 140	N 9 D 7.5 & N21 A7.7	
ENEMY ACTIVITY				
During this period enemy shelled S12A88.30 with several 8" shells. Three fell in Battery position but without damage.				
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DELVILLE WOOD FRANCE				
From 1600 29.12.1916 to 1600 30.12.1916				
BATTERY NO. OF ROUNDS TARGET REMARKS				
Spl. H.E.				
7th	38	6	N21B60.25-N21B45.55	
	42	-	N21B 6.2 -N21B 5.5	
8th	11	60	N15D70.00-N15B 5.1	
9th	23	8	N21A25.50-N21A55.50	
	14	49	Stormy Trench	
	16	48	N 9 D & N 15 D	
6th	50	56	Barrage Lines	
103rd		bx 150	N 9 D 7.5-N21A 7.7	
ENEMY ACTIVITY				
Enemy shelled S12A88.30 with 4.2.s & 5.9.s				
"	"	T 7A	"	4.2.s & 77mm
"	"	T 7 & S12	"	11.2.s intermittently
during the greater part of 30.12.1916.				

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DELVILLE WOOD From 1600 30.12.1916 to 2400 31.12.1916.
FRANCE BATTERY NO. OF ROUNDS TARGET REMARKS

7th Sp	56	H.E. 6	N21B25.60-N15D70.00	S & S enemy trench
	36		N21B60.25-N21B45.55	" "
	174		Special Bombardment	
			Barley & Stormy Trenches	
8th	34	136	Special Bombardment	
			Barley & Stormy Trenches	
			60 N15D70.00-N15B 5.1	
	3	42	N15B55.10	
9th	14	42	N.9 D & N15D	Rds & Appchs.
	24	24	O.P. N21A 5.8	As ordered
	42	50	Special Bombardment	
			Barley & Stormy Trenches	
6th	30	78	N21A70.75- to N.E.	
	38	38	Special Bombardment	
			Barley & Stormy Trenches	
103rd		bx 111	N.9D 7.5-N21A 7.7	
		35	O.P. N21A 5.8	As ordered.
		100	Special Bombardment	
			Barley & Stormy Trenches	

ENEMY ACTIVITY

During this period enemy shelled S12B & T-7 A with 8" (approx) & T 7 A with 77mm & 4.2.s. Coming from the direction (approx) he fired about 500 rounds in S 12 A . This shell 8.2" makes a very loud detonation & a crater of about 11 feet deep & 15 feet wide.

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SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING DECEMBER 1916.

BATTERY	SHRAPNEL	H. EXPLOS.	TOTAL	REMARKS.
7th Bty	2001	4677	6678	(a) NOTE On nights 21-22
8th "	2280	4378	6658	December the 21st F.A.B
9th "	1902	4707	6609	was withdrawn from the
103rd "	----	4840	4840	line to training area &
24th "(a)	1885	3053	4938	on this date the 24th Bty
6th "(a)	471	665	1136	was relieved by the 6th
	----	----	----	Battery of the 2nd F.A.B.
				& placed under command of
				O.C. NO. I GROUP for
				tactical purposes.
TOTAL FD. BY	8537	22320	30857	NO. I. GROUP ARTILLERY
TOTAL FD. BY	6183	18602	24785	3RD. F.A. BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY 3RD. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE & ALL BATTERIES ATTACHED, AND PLACED UNDER TACTICAL COMMAND OF O.C. 3RD. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE, SINCE ARRIVAL IN FRANCE ON MARCH 29th 1916 to DECEMBER 31st 1916.

BATTERY	SHRAPNEL	H. EXPLOS.	TOTAL	REMARKS.
7th Bty	22619	14837	37456	FROM MARCH 29th 1916
8th "	25528	16799	42327	
9th "	22991	13913	36904	to
103rd "	164	20342	20506	DECEMBER 31st 1916.
GRAND TOTAL	71502	65891	137193	BY 3RD F.A. BRIGADE
1st Bty	828	604	1432	FIRING BY
2nd "	483	300	783	
3rd "	718	223	941	ATTACHED BATTERIES
4th "	884	362	1246	
6th "	471	665	1136	DURING PERIOD
22nd "	4893	3901	8794	
23rd "	3594	1680	5280	March 29th-Decr. 31st.
24th "	4806	4787	9593	1916.
38th "	309	0	315	
39th "	36	37	73	
101st "	148	4400	4548	
110th "	--	170	170	
GRAND TOTAL	17170	17147	34317	BY ATTACHED BATTERIES
GRAND TOTAL	88472	83038	171510	ALL BATTERIES TO DATE

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	160dr Batteries	4.5" How Bty
Percentage of Shrapnel fired	61%	8%
" " H. Explos "	39%	99.2%
Average Rounds fired by Brigade per day	831.5	-
Average Rounds fired per Battery per day	235.73	124.26
Average Rounds fired per gun per day.	58.93	31.07

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CASUALTIES DURING DECEMBER 1916

REG. NO.	RANK	NAMES & Initials	BATTERY	DATE	NATURE OF CASUALTY
1780	Serjt.	BELCHER H.C.	103rd	2.12.1916	Wded Shell Sptr.
2142	Dvr.	CARSON E.	103rd	7.12.1916	Kild " "
2018	Edr.	MANSON J.A.	9th	8.12.1916	Wded " "
2009	Gnr.	KENDRICK C.	9th	8.12.1916	" " "
5581	Gnr.	SINCLAIR E.	9th	8.12.1916	" " "
1758	Gnr.	GLASCOTT J.	103rd	9.12.1916	" " "
5704	GNR.	JERVIS H.L.	7th	17.12.1916	" Gun recoil.

CASUALTIES DURING 1916

UNIT	OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS	TOTAL	REMARKS.
3rd FABHQ.	1 (a)	1	2 (a)	Capt J. GRAY (M.O.) wounded
7th BTY	1 (b)	56	57 (b)	Lt. H.E. MOODY (Died of wounds)
8th "	1 (c)	11	12 (c)	Lt. F.G. ROSS (Died of wounds)
9th "	1 (d)	13	14 (d)	Lt. R.D. DOUGHTY (Wounded)
103rd "	1 (e)	16	17 (e)	Lt. H.P. HARE (Died of wounds)

TOTAL := 5 97 102 DURING 1916

Percentage of Casualties due to Hostile Art Fire	48%
" " " " " " " Aeroplanes Bombs	48%
" " " " " " " Rifle or MG fire	1%
" " " " " " " Other Causes.	3%

PERCENTAGE OF CASUALTIES IN THE BRIGADE RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF,

OFFICERS.....=20 %
 OTHER RANKS.....=16.33%

NOTE The Above are Casualties "IN ACTION", No sick are included.

PLACE & PERIOD OF ACTION OF THE BRIGADE DURING SERVICE IN FRANCE 1916

FRONT	PERIOD (Dates inclusive)	DAYS
FLEURBAIX	April 30th to May 30th 1916	31
PETILLON	June 15th " Jly 4th "	20
LA BOISELLE	July 29th " Aug 7th "	19
LA BOISELLE	Aug 16th " Aug 23rd "	8
YPRES	Sept 3rd " Sep 15th "	13
YPRES	Oct 8th " Oct 15th "	8
FLERS	Oct 26th " Nov 16th "	22
DELVILLE WD	Nov 17th " Dec 31st "	44
TOTAL PERIOD IN ACTION SINCE ARRIVAL IN FRANCE 165 DURING 1916		
TOTAL DAYS IN FRANCE.....= 278 " 1916		

W.L.H. Dungen
 LIEUT. COLONEL

COMMANDING 3RD F.A. BRIGADE.

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