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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	11-10 am	Registered 9.2" Hows on POZIERES windmill with visual observation.	
		11-30am 12-30pm	Fired 180 rounds 8", 60 rounds 6" and 156 rounds of 9.2" How into enemy trenches in rear of POZIERES. General observations for effect from aeroplane satisfactory.	
		5pm	Registered 6" Hows on POZIERES windmill	
		5-30pm	Fired 80 rounds of 6" How into POZIERES trenches	
		5-50pm	Fired 20 rounds of 9.2" How at POZIERES mill, visual observation	
		6-4pm	Fired 20 rounds 8" How at trench junction in rear of POZIERES with visual observation	
		7-30 - 8-30pm	Fired 180 rounds of 8", 200 rounds of 9.2" and 90 rounds of 6" How into trenches in rear of POZIERES, good results with visual observation	
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12-30am + 3-30am	ALBERT shelled by 4.2" Hows etc.	1	

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ALBERT	Aug 2nd (cont)	9am	Fired 15 rounds of 6" How at POZIERES mill, usual observation	
		10:30 am	Registered the 54th Sere Bty (first time in action) on POZIERES MILL	
		11am	Registered 9.2" Hows on POZIERES MILL with usual observation.	
		noon	Registered 8" Hows on POZIERES MILL with 24 rds, visual x observation	
		2:10pm	Registered 6" Hows on French with aeroplane observation, 9 rounds	
		2:45pm	Fired 9.2" Howitzers into POZIERES trenches with aeroplane observation, 26 rounds.	
		4:30pm	Registered 8" Hows on POZIERES trenches with aeroplane, 5 rounds	
		6:50pm	Fired 64 rounds of 6" Howitzers into POZIERES trenches	
8-9 pm	Bombarded POZIERES trenches with aeroplane observation, 180 rds 8" How, 185 rds 9.2" How, 140 rds 6" How -			

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ALBERT	Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.45 am	Fired 27 rounds 6" How at POZIERES mill, visual observation	
		10.50 am	Fired 13 " 9.2" " " " " "	
		11.30 am	" 12 " 8" " " " " "	
		noon	Registered new 8" How Pcty (54 <sup>th</sup> Siege) on POZIERES mill	
		2 pm	Fired 5 rds of 8" How at POZIERES trenches, aeroplane observation	
		3 pm	Fired 20 " " " " " " "	
		3.45 pm	" 10 " 6" " " " " "	
		7 pm	" 10 " 9.2" " " " " "	
		8 pm	Bombarded POZIERES trenches with 64 rounds of 6" Howitzers, visual observation	
		8.30 pm	Fired 10 rounds of 9.2" Howitzer at POZIERES trenches with balloon observation.	
10.1 pm 10.3 pm	Fired 2 salvos from all Howitzers into POZIERES trenches			



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ALBERT	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.16 pm to 9.18 pm	Fired 2 salvos from all Heavy Hows into enemy's trenches on the launching of the assault.	
		9.19 pm mundo	Bombarded MARTIN PUICH and COURCELETTE with all heavy howitzers during the infantry attack	
	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.40 am	Fired 3 salvos of 9.2" How and 3 salvos of 8" How. into enemy warning for counter-attack. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Salvo of 8" How reported by aeroplane as falling into the middle of massed troops.	
		7 am	Barraged 2 roads with 60 prs. to stop counter-attack	
		10.20 am	Registered 8" Hows on point in trenches by MOUQUET FM.	
		11 am	Did the same with new 8" How Bty (54 <sup>th</sup> Sige)	
12.3 pm		Fired 5 rounds of 9.2" How. onto trenches by MOUQUET FM. with aeroplane observation for registration		

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ALBERT	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	12.27 pm	Fired 27 rounds of 9.2" How at SUGAR FACTORY with balloon observation	
		4.5pm	Fired 23 rounds 60pr. into masked enemy	
		4.11pm	Ditto with 20 rounds	
		4.15pm	Ditto with 8 rounds of 6" Howitzers.	
		5pm morning	Counter. battery work with two 60pr batteries 161 rounds fired	
		5.30pm	Fired 66 rounds of 8" How into enemy's trenches with aeroplane observation	
		6.20 pm	Fired 30 rds of 60pr counter. 15pr work	
		9.15- 9.30 pm	Ditto with 44 rounds	
		10.30pm - 4.30am	Swept roads & communications with bursts of fire from all 60pr 15pr. During the night 5/6 <sup>th</sup> ALBERT was heavily shelled	
		10.3 am	Fired 22 rounds of 6" Howitzers into enemy's trenches with aeroplane observation	

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ALBERT	Aug (1st cont)	noon	Registered 2 guns of 55th Siege Bty on MOUQUET FM. trenches	
		1.30 pm	Registered 54th Siege Bty on points in same vicinity	
		3.40 pm	<del>Bombarded these trenches with</del> Counter Bty. work with 3 batteries of 60 pr. guns using 60 rounds	
		4 pm	Registered 36th Siege Bty.	
		5.20 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 60 rounds of 9.2" Howitzers, Balloon observation	
		5.50 pm	Satisfactory counter-battery work with 60 prs. 77 rds	
		7.41 pm	ditto. 25 rds	
		9 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 178 rds of 6" How, 463 rds of 8" How. Shelled approaches to enemy trenches with 60 pr. guns intermittently throughout the night. ALBERT shelled throughout the night. Head Quarters hit by 4.2" How - 1 man wounded.	



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ALBERT.	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 am	Registered 36 <sup>th</sup> Siege Bty with aeroplane observation	
		7am	Put in 60 pr barrage in <del>front</del> attack.	
		7.18 am	ditto.	
		12.15 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 70 rds of 8 <sup>th</sup> How (36 <sup>th</sup> Siege Bty)	
		12.44/4pm	Registered 9.2 Hows (56 Siege) with aeroplane observation	
		1pm - 1.20pm	Counter battery work with all 60 prs.	
		1.57pm	Registered 9.2 Hows with aeroplane observation	
		2.50/4pm	Registered 8 <sup>th</sup> Hows " " " "	
		3.57pm	" " " " " "	
		4pm	Counter battery work with 60 prs.	
		4.12 pm	Registered 8 <sup>th</sup> Hows, aeroplane observation	
		4.26 pm	Counter battery work	
4.30pm	Registered 9.2 <sup>nd</sup> Hows with aeroplane observation			

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ALBERT	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> (cont)	5:10 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 44 rds of 8" How and 250 rds of 6" How		
		5:26 pm	Counter battery work with 60 prs.		
		6 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 60 rds of 8" How.		
		6 pm	Counter battery work with 60 prs.		
		7:50 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 20 rds of 9.2" Howitzers		
		10:30 pm	} Barrage on enemy's communications with all 60 pr Batteries		
		4:30 am			
		Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	4 am - 6 am	Bombarded enemy trenches with 160 rds 8" How, 80 rds 9.2" How and 120 rds 6" How.	
			11:15 am	Used in enemy trenches with 10 rds of 8" How 170 rds of 9.2" How.	
			10 am	Registered 8" Hows onto enemy's trenches with 18 rounds	
	11:15 am	Registered 9.2" Hows onto enemy's trenches with 8 rounds.			

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ALBERT	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> (cont)	noon	Registered 108 <sup>th</sup> Siege on MOUQUET F.M. trenches	
		2pm	Registered " " " " " "	
		2pm	Fired 200 rounds from 108 <sup>th</sup> Siege into these trenches with Balloon observation.	
		4pm	Bombarded trenches with 90 rounds from 36 <sup>th</sup> Siege, Balloon observation	
		4pm	Registered 54 <sup>th</sup> Siege with aeroplane observation.	
		5.50pm	<del>Registered 53<sup>th</sup> Siege with</del> Bombarded trenches with 60 rounds from 53 <sup>th</sup> Siege.	
		6.10 pm	Bombarded trenches with 120 rounds from 36 <sup>th</sup> Siege. aeroplane observation	
		6.50 pm	Bombarded trenches with 70 rounds from 55 <sup>th</sup> Siege Balloon observation.	
9.20 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches for 30 minutes with all heavy howitzers prior to assault and barraged all communications for 1 hour with all 60 pr. guns.			

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ALBERT	Aug 9th	12.40 p.m.	Fired 12 error of day rounds from 36 <sup>th</sup> Sige Btry.		
		1.7pm	Counter battery work with 60 p.m. 40 rounds		
		3.50pm	Registered a Heavy Btry with aeroplane observation		
		5pm - 5.40pm	Fired 100 rounds 9.2" How, 200 rds 8" How and 200 rds 6" How into enemy trenches, mostly with balloon observation.		
		6.20 - 6.40 pm	Counter battery work from all Heavy Batteries, 160 rounds		
		9.45 pm	" " " " " one Heavy Btry, 20 rounds		
		11.58 pm	5 minutes intensive bombardment by all Heavy Howitzers prior to assault, 38 rounds 8" How, 22 rounds 9.2" How and 24 rounds 6" How.		
		Aug 10th	12 min onward	Fired on enemy's communications until dawn, 50 rounds from each Battery.	
		1.15pm - 1.35pm	Counter battery work by all Heavy Batteries (4), Each Battery engaged 2 hostile batteries with 25 rounds apiece.		

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ALBERT	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> (cont)	4-15 pm	Engaged 3 hostile batteries each with 20 rounds	
		7-15 pm	Engaged 10 hostile batteries each with 20 rounds	
		8 pm	Bombarded enemy's trenches with 100 rounds of 8" How	
		11-30 pm onwards	Shelled enemy's communications throughout the night with all 60 pr. Batteries	
		11-30 am	Bombarded enemy trenches with <del>180</del> <sup>180</sup> rounds 8" How, 200 rounds 9.2" How and 162 rounds 6" How.	
		2 pm - 4-10 pm	Registered 3 Heavy and 1 Siege Htz with aeroplane observation	
		5-5-15 pm	Counter-battery work with 60 prs and 2 salvoes from all Heavy Hows to repel counter-attack. One salvo reported by infantry as being well into enemy's infantry in mixed formation	
5-6 pm	Counter-battery work.			

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ALBERT	Aug 10th (cont)	7-15pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 166 rounds 8" How, 142 rounds 9.2" How and 192 rds 6" How.	
		10pm	Counter-battery work by all 60pr Batteries.	
		10-21pm	One salvo from all Heavy hows into enemy trenches	
		10-23pm	Ditto.	
	Aug 11th	12-10pm	Counter-battery work with 2 60pr Batteries	
		1-45-2-45pm	Bombardment of enemy trenches with 180 rounds of 8" How 150 rds of 9.2" How + 200 rounds of 6" How	
		3-5-30pm	Bombardment of strong points behind enemy's front line with 80 rds of 9.2 How 100 rds of 8" How + 90 rds of 6" How	
		5-30-6-36pm	Repetition of bombardment from 1-45 to 2-45 pm	
		10-30-10-32pm	Intensive bombardment of enemy's line by all Heavy hows to support assault	

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ALBERT	Aug 11 <sup>th</sup> cont	10:30-	Bombardment of all enemy communications by 60 pr guns		
		11:30 pm			
		10:32-	Bombardment of strong points behind front line by all heavy hows, a repetition of 3 to 5:30 pm bombardment		
		11:30 pm			
		Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 -		Counter-battery work with all 60 pr. Batteries
		11 am			
			11:30 am		Enemy's machine gun engaged by 8" How having been reported active by T Co. Co.
		12:10 -	Counter-battery work 101 rounds fired.		
		4:20 pm			
		5:30 -	Bombarded enemy's trenches with all Howitzer batteries, 90 rounds 8" How, 129 rounds 9.2" How, 200 rounds 6" How. mostly balloon observation		
		7 pm			
		10:30 -	Intense bombardment of enemy's trenches with all Howitzer batteries		
		10:32 pm			
		10:32 -	Steady bombardment of enemy's back trenches with all Howitzer batteries.		
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ALBERT	Aug 12 <sup>th</sup> (cont)	10.30- 11.30 pm	Bombardment of enemy's communications with all 60 pr. batteries	
	Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	10-11 am	Counter battery work 80 rounds	
		11.30 am	Engaged active enemy machine gun with 10 rds of 8" How	
		1.40 pm	Registered 9.2 Hows on enemy trenches	
		1.45- 2.45 pm	Bombardment of enemy trenches with 150 rds of 8" How, 150 rounds of 9.2" How and 200 rounds of 6" How.	
		During afternoon	Kept enemy's trenches under fire with 37 rds of 9.2" How, 99 rds of 8" How and 90 rds of 6" How	
		4.30 pm	Counter battery work throughout day.	
		7.31 pm	Bombarded enemy trenches with 100 rds 9.2 How	
			- - - - - 200 - 6" How	
			The two 8" How Batteries both made satisfactory registrations during the day.	

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ALBERT	Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	1-2 pm 4-5 pm 6:30-7:30 pm	Enemy trenches bombarded intensely with 766 rounds of 8" How, 376 rounds of 9.2" How and 477 rounds of 6" How.	
		2:25-3:25 pm	Strong points in enemy trenches bombarded with 80 rounds of 8" How, 30 rds of 9.2" How and 30 rounds of 6" How.	
		10 pm	One salvo from all Hows into enemy's trenches	
		10:30-11 pm	Bombardment of enemy's 2 <sup>nd</sup> line trenches with all Hows 58 rds from each Bty.	
		10-11 pm	Bombardment of enemy's communications with all 60rs. batteries.	
	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>	1-8 pm	Steady bombardment of enemy trenches by all hows, 84 rds per Bty	
		5:30-5 pm	Bombardment of trench with 77 rounds of 9.2" How.	
	Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:40 am	Bombardment of strong point with 42 rounds of 6" How	

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ALBERT	Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> (cont)	During day  noon - 8pm  10.25- am 12.45 pm	8 <sup>in</sup> and 9.2 <sup>in</sup> Hows successfully registered.  Deliberate bombardment of enemy's line with all heavy Howitzers, 96 rounds per battery -  Counter-battery work.	
ALBERT	Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.55 pm  1.15- 7.10pm  1.45- 8pm  <del>to</del> 4.30- 7.31pm  5.30- 8pm  6-8 pm  7.30- 8pm	Counter-battery work.  Bombardment of trenches 200 rds 6 <sup>in</sup> How  " " " 100 " 8 <sup>in</sup> "  " " " 40 " 9.2 <sup>in</sup> "  " " " 100 " 8 <sup>in</sup> "  " " " 112 " 6 <sup>in</sup> "  " " " 87 " 9.2 <sup>in</sup> "	

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ALBERT	Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	11am — 6.30pm  8-10 pm  During day	Bombardment of enemy trenches with 350 rounds of 8" How 300 rounds of 6" How and 220 rounds of 9.2" How  Bombardment of enemy line with 440 rounds of 8" How, 200 rounds of 9.2" How and 360 rounds of 6" How  Two hostile batteries engaged by 60 pro.	
	Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.20- 7.20 pm	Enemy's line bombarded with 40 rounds of 8" How Enemy's line bombarded during day with 20 rounds of 9.2, 29 extra rounds of 8" How + 200 rounds of 6" How  During morning 6" Hows successfully registered 2 points	
	Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	During day	Enemy's trenches bombarded with 280 rounds 8" How, 300 rounds 6" How, and 120 rounds 9.2" How.	

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ALBERT	Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.28- 7.30 and 9.58- 10 pm	Two strong points in enemy's lines were each bombarded with 30 rounds by Heavy Hows.  Rehearsal of barrage.  Counter-battery work.	
	Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.28- 5.30 am  6.30am	Rehearsal of barrage  Registration by Heavy Hows.  137 <sup>th</sup> Trench Battery in action under orders of 45 <sup>th</sup> HAG During day prior to assault, enemy trenches bombarded with <del>379</del> 379 rounds 8" How, 219 rounds 6" How and 200 rounds 9.2" How  Intensive bombardment by all Heavy Howitzers.	

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ALBERT	Aug 21 <sup>st</sup> (cont.)	6.2- 7pm	Strong points in enemy's 2nd line kept under fire with 60 rounds 8" How, 40 rounds 9.2" How, 20 rounds 6" How Counter battery work undertaken throughout the whole of the day.	
		6-7 pm.	Enemy's communications bombarded by all 60ps guns.	
		9.13 pm	Test of "805" signal for all 60ps.	
		10-10.15 pm.	Enemy's communication trenches bombarded with 92 rounds of 8" How, 22 rounds of 9.2" How and 52 rounds of 6" How	
	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30- 8pm	A number of satisfactory registrations of heavy howitzers were made during the morning with aeroplane observation Enemy trenches bombarded with 200 rounds of 8" Howitzers	

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ALBERT	<p>Aug 22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Aug 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>Aug 24<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>7pm</p> <p>8am</p>	<p>All guns and howitzers fired 3 salvos on their 3.0.5" lines to repel counter attack.</p> <p>6 howitz batteries were engaged during the day by the 60 pr guns.</p> <p>The 137<sup>th</sup> Siege Bty (6" How) made a satisfactory registration.</p> <p>Enemy trenches were bombarded throughout the day with 340 rounds of 8" How and 220 rounds of 9.2" How</p> <p>The 54<sup>th</sup> Siege Bty (8" How) undertook counter battery work with aeroplane observation. Very satisfactory results</p> <p>5 howitz batteries were engaged during the day by the 60 pr guns.</p> <p>The 36<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery made 4 and the 137<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery 2 satisfactory registrations.</p>	

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ALBERT	Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	10pm	<p>Enemy trenches were bombarded throughout the day with 321 rounds 6" How, 359 rounds 8" How and 120 rounds 9.2" How.</p> <p>One Lorch battery was engaged by one of our 60 pr. Batteries.</p> <p>3 Salvoes from all 60 pr. batteries were fired on a track leading from PYS - MOUQUET FARM along which prisoners taken a few hours previously had stated a relief would be marching during the night.</p>	
ALBERT	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>94<sup>th</sup> (9.2" How) and 73<sup>rd</sup> (6" How 26 cent) Batteries allotted this command arrived ALBERT.</p> <p>Enemy trenches bombarded with 401 rounds 9.2" How. 354 rounds 6" How and <del>44</del><sup>44</sup> rounds of 8" How.</p>	

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ALBERT	Aug 25th (cont)		An intense bombardment by all heavy Hows was also carried out prior to the infantry assault, strong points in rear being bombarded immediately after the assault 60 pr guns barraged enemy's communications and also undertook counter-battery work against 24 hostile batteries.	
	Aug 26th	2-8 pm	Enemy's trenches bombarded with 100 rd 9.2" How, 184 rounds 6" How and 115 rounds 8" How. Registration was also continued 4 hostile batteries were engaged by 60 pr guns.	
	Aug 27th	1.20-8 pm	Enemy's trenches bombarded with 240 rounds 8" How, 313 rounds 6" How and 100 rounds 9.2" How 2 hostile batteries engaged by 60 pr guns.	

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ALBERT	Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Bombarded enemy trenches with 396 rds 8" How, 181 rds 9.2" How, 471 rounds 6" How throughout the day</p> <p>Two hostile Batteries engaged by 60 pr guns.</p> <p>Enemy's communications bombarded throughout the night by 60 prs.</p> <p>Weather broke. A heavy thunderstorm broke during afternoon which was followed by unsettled weather.</p>	
"	Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Bombarded trenches with <del>477</del><sup>325</sup> rounds 9.2" How, <del>476</del><sup>597</sup> rounds 8" How and <del>662</del><sup>662</sup> rounds 6" How</p> <p>60 pr guns undertook counter. Battery work and put up a barrage for the infantry attack at night</p>	
	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Enemy's trenches bombarded with 552 rounds of 6" How</p>	

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ALBERT	Aug 31st		<p>Registration carried out                      Enemy's trenches bombarded with 200 rds 8" How, 300 rds 6" How and 100 rounds 9.2" How                      10 Hotchkiss Batteries were engaged by the 60 pr guns.                      The weather throughout the month, until the last week, was clear and fine and enabled much registration to be done. In consequence as the infantry advanced the Heavy Howitzers were still able to fire at registered points.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. Wilkes Capt RA                      Brigade Major 1st Angns                      Heavy Artillery</p>	

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