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ALBERT	Sept 1st		<p>Enemy's trenches bombarded with 100 rounds 9.2" howitzers and 300 rounds 6" howitzers.</p> <p>Six hostile batteries were engaged by the 60 pr. guns.</p>		
	Sept 2nd		<p>Command handed over to Canadian Corps Heavy Artillery and Headquarters moved to VLAMERTINGHE</p>		
VLAMERTINGHE	Sept 3rd - 5th		<p>Quiet day with much rain</p> <p>A small amount of counter-battery work undertaken</p>		
	Sept 6th		<p>Night firing by guns &amp; howitzers to hinder enemy's relief reported by a deserter.</p> <p>144 Hvy. Bty left command (60 pr) &amp; 152 Supt (8" Hows) joined</p>		

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WILMERTINGHE	Sept 7-10		Registration of howitzers on trenches Very quiet period & mostly foggy with some rain.	
	Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>		121 Suez (9.2" Hows), 107 Canadian Suez (6" Hows) and 151 Heavy Battery (60 pns) withdrawn and despatched by rail to 4 <sup>th</sup> and Reserve Armies. Lorries with ammunition (full echelons) and stores sent by road	
	Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>		164 <sup>th</sup> Suez Btry (6" Hows) joined this command	
	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>		Systematic registration of enemy batteries by all available guns and howitzers commenced with a view to supporting raids by 4 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Division	
	Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>		The first fine day for a long period. Registration of enemy batteries continued satisfactorily	

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VLAMERTINGHE	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> (cont)		Systematic bombardment of enemy's strong points likely to be made raiding parties. commenced and continued throughout day.	
	Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>		Bombardment of enemy strong points continued throughout day. Guns and howitzers continued registration of enemy's batteries with success, weather being fairly favourable	
	Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.15 am	Counter battery work by all guns and howitzers on previously registered batteries commenced simultaneously with some of raiding parties. A large number of enemy batteries kept under neutralizing fire throughout whole period of raid. No 15 kite balloon section observed a large number of markers during the night	

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VLAMERTINGHE	Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> (cont)		<p>by means of a pre-arranged method.</p> <p>These batteries were, during the day, engaged by guns with the exception of one battery which was systematically bombarded with 100 rounds of trench howitzers.</p>	
	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Counter-battery work and registration of howitzers.</p> <p>Unsettled weather throughout</p>	
	Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>		<p>10<sup>th</sup> HAG left for Reserve Army</p> <p>128<sup>th</sup> An Bty placed under command of 12<sup>th</sup> HAG.</p>	
	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	5.0- 5.15 pm	<p>Assisted 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Divisional Artillery to bombard enemy's trenches and trench mortar emplacements.</p> <p>Following new batteries were allotted to this Corps Heavy Artillery in conjunction with prospective operations against</p>	

"Hill 60"

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VLA MERTING RE	Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> (cont)		<p>4<sup>th</sup>, 117<sup>th</sup>, 160<sup>th</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> Sige Batteries and 71<sup>st</sup> Heavy Batteries.</p> <p>The above commenced to arrive during the night.</p>	
	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>am</sup> 4:15 <sup>pm</sup>	<p>Assisted 2nd Australian Div. Artz in bombardment of enemy's trenches and trench mortar emplacements. Such new Batteries as had got into action commenced registration.</p> <p>Remainder of new batteries came into action during night.</p>	
	Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Registration of newly arrived batteries continued.</p> <p>Advanced party of 176<sup>th</sup> Sige Party (6<sup>th</sup> Hours) from HAVRE reported at their Head Quarters.</p>	

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VLANIERTING	Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>		Registration of new batteries continued. Old batteries calibrated, and engaged active hostile batteries	
	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>		Registration continued, weather misty and unfavourable for aeroplane registration.	
	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>		Various hostile batteries were engaged and some registration was carried out.	
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			W. Smith Lieut RGA for Brigade Major 1st Army H.A.	