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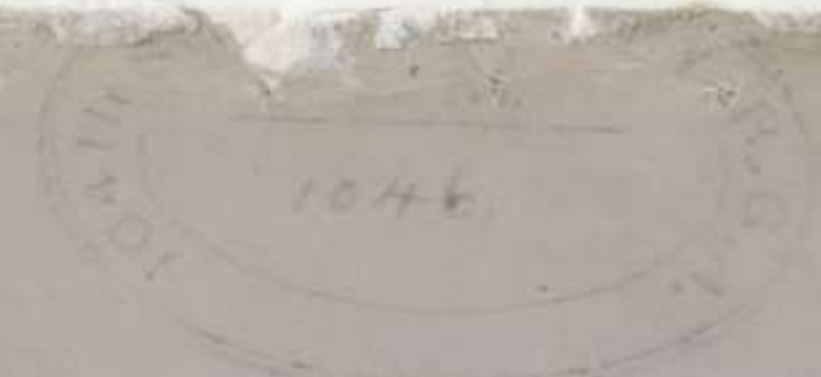


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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| STEINTJE MILL N. ELVERDINGHE | 1917 March | | 2 ^d Lieut. F. J. BOURNE. posted. Work on positions. | |
| | " 2 nd | | Gnr. CUDLIP H.R. struck off the strength. 332.(S.R). Sgt. H. STONE. posted to H.Q. H. H. H. | |
| | " 3 rd | | Work on Positions. | |
| | " 4 th | | Fired 4 rounds from gun at B. 14 C $\frac{1}{2}$ at concrete gun position at U. 26. 6. 3. (P. 63). All unobserved. | |
| | | | Night working party strengthening HUSSAR FARM, and HAY FARM. | |
| | " 5 th | | 2 ^d Lt. H. COLLINS. R.G.A. (S.R). appointed Acting Captain dated 2. 3. 17. 2 ^d Lt. F. J. BOURNE joined from 89 th Siege Battery. | |
| | " 6 th | | Smith. S. Sgt. E. P. BLABER. on command to U.K. for trade test. Fired one round on P. 63. Unobserved. | |
| | " 7 th | | Work on positions. | |
| | " 8 th | | Promotions. " a/cpl. LYDDON to Corporal, Gnr. Cook, to Bomb. a/cpl. Volman to Bomb Gnr. Goodman & Witherington to A/Bomb | |

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| | 1917 March 9 th | | 9 Rounds with aeroplane on P. 63. Results. 1 C. 2 D. 6. Unobserved. Lieut. N.H. Jones. & one HOWARTH from attached 2 nd Army. Av. School. | |
| | - 10 th | | Work on Positions. | |
| | - 11 th | | Swine Service. | |
| | - 12 th | | Major BUCKLAND attached to 166 th Infantry Brigade. 2Lt V.H. HUGHES, and Sgt. W. GILES awarded the Italian Silver and Bronze medals respectively for military valour. | |
| | - 13 th | | Work on positions. | |
| | - 14 th | | Major BUCKLAND, from attached 166 th Infantry Brigade. | |
| | - 15 th | | 2Lt F. FOULGER, proceeded on leave to U.K. | |
| | - 16 th | | Work on positions. | |
| | - 17 th | | | |
| | - 18 th | | | |

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| | 1917 March 19 th | | Quinn, DOROSALKI, DAWSON, and SCALES from R.S.A. base depot. Sery. PATRICK. E. from attached R.S.A. base depot. | |
| | 20 th | | work on positions. | |
| | 21 st | | | |
| | 22 nd | | | |
| | 23 rd | | | |
| | 24 th | | 35. Rounds, with aeroplane observation, from the two guns on 15. c.m. Howitzer battery at U 14 d. b. q. Results 4, O.K. 7, 42. At least two gun pits destroyed and explosion of fire caused. The enemy retaliated with about 150 rounds from 15. c.m. gun, but most of the rounds fell about 200' over. No damage to personnel or material. | |
| | | 11 ^{pm} | Summer time came into force and the clocks were advanced one hour. | |
| | 25 th | | Dinner service. | |

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| | March 26 | | Work on positions. | |
| | " 27. | | | |
| | " 28. | | | |
| | " 29. | | Sgt. Finnigan, Gilmore, Galbraith, and Goodwill joined for Base Dept. Work on positions. | |
| | " 30. | | | |
| | 31. | | | |

Aust. Queensland
 Major R.F.A.
 Coy. 104. The Base Battery.
 R.F.A.

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Light Section

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82nd Siege Bty RGA

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Place Date Hour

March

- 1. 2.30pm Fired 6 rounds on O. 18a 05.35. Two A. Four unobserved. Observer sent "C.I."
- 2. 3.55pm
- 2. Quiet day. Mist and fog. Visibility bad.
- 3. " " " " " " " " " " " "
- 4. 10.40am R.F.C. called up to be ready to shoot at 11am. Stood by from 11 am to 12.30 pm. Observer then sent "C.I. Haze"
- 5. Quiet day. Considerable fall of snow. Visibility bad. "Lieut Belchambers admitted to 133 Field Ambulance."
- 6. 9am R.F.C. called up to be ready to shoot at 9.45 am. Stood by till 12 noon. Observer lost in mist and finally landed in No 1 Squadron aerodrome. Did not shoot.
- 7. Quiet day. Hazy. Some snow. Cold.
- 8. " " " " " " " " " " " "
- 9. 10.30am R.F.C. called up to be ready by 11 am. Stood by till 12.15 pm when Observer sent "C.I. Haze"
- 10. Quiet day. No clouds. Misty.
- 11. 10.20am R.F.C. called up to be ready by 11 am. Stood by till 12 noon when Observer sent "C.I. Haze"
- 11.30am Two of our aeroplanes (No 6 Squadron) shot down by enemy machine. Both fell in our lines apparently about H 17.
- 2.52pm Fired 14 rounds at O 18 a 05.35. Only two rounds observed - one A. one B. Of the 12
- 4.10pm

DICKEBUSCH

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night vision

82nd Siege Battery RGA

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| DICKERBUSCH | March | | | | |
| | 11 | | rounds unobserved 11 were fired with fuse No 101B. | | |
| | 12 | | Dull and misty. No calls. | | |
| | 13 | | " " " | | |
| | 14 | | " " " | | |
| | 15 | | " " " | Enemy aeroplane shot down by one of our machines. Fuel apparently in our lines - true bearing 130 from H276 central - at 3.30 pm | |
| | 16 | | Quiet day. No calls. | | |
| | 17 | 10.32 am to 12.59 pm | | Fired 27 rounds on O1769.3 and O.18a 05.35. Two OK and two Z on No. 1. Six A on No. 2. Gusty wind made shooting erratic. Four rounds with fuse No 101B were unobserved. | |
| | | 3.27 pm to 5.2 pm | | Fired 19 rounds on O18a 05.35. One Y, one A, fourteen unobserved. Twelve of the unobserved rounds were fired with No 101B. | |
| | 18 | | No calls. During afternoon enemy shelled 39 Siege Bty (H214) and 12th Heavy Bty (H25a). | | |
| | 19 | | Quiet day. No calls. Section attached to 5th H.A.G. (Lt. Col. Jacob). | | |
| | 20 | | " " " " | | |
| | 21 | | " " " " | | |
| | 22 | | " " " " | | |
| | 23 | | " " " " | | |
| | 24 | | " " " " | | |
| | 25 | | " " " " | | |
| | 26 | | " " " " | | |
| | 27 | | " " " " | During evening (6.45 pm - 7.30 pm) enemy shelled 15th Heavy Bty (H25a). | |

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Place Date Hour

March
28 12 noon to 2.20p

Fired 6 rounds on D 17 at 75.49. Three N.O. Observers sent "C.I. Trust"

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31

Quiet day No calls. Visibility poor.

" " " " " "

Total number of rounds fired during month. = 72.

During the month work was carried on at H 26 b 5.0. on a position for four Quick B.L. Howitzers.

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Map reference to Sheet 28 1/20000.

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M. Burgess Cap. R.G.A.

O/C R.X. 82nd Siege Battery R.G.A.

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| VLAMERTINGHE | 1st. | | 2 nd Lieut ERNEST KNIGHT TREDGOLD posted to the Battery with effect from 25/2/17 Major J.F. Barrington attached from IX Corps H.A. A.A.G. 2 nd Army N ^o A/2249/26 dt. 27/2/17 |
| | 2 nd | | 2 nd Lieut A Aitken granted special leave to England. |
| | 5th. | | No calls weather dull; snow; very cold - |
| | 6th. | | Left Section moved into Billets at HOSPITAL FARM. temporarily - 28. B 19 d. 1.0 |
| | 7th to 16th | | No firing - work in billets etc. 1 Sec. 26 Siege came into HOSPITAL FARM. 16 th |
| | 17th | | Section moved to Billets 28 A 30 69 7 |
| | 18th to 23 rd | | Work on squaring up billets No calls - POPPERINGHE shelled in afternoon 22 nd |
| | 24th. | | Major S Smith appointed to temporarily Command 24th Group VIII Corps. and left Battery. |
| | 25 th | 11am 4pm | Battery received orders for Left Section Gun to move out to IX Corps Major S. Smith rejoined Battery. Gun pulled out from VLAMERTINGHE position 9.45pm |
| | 26th | 3.30am | 3 Officers 54 O.R. Left Section arrived K4 siding KEMMEL - Gun ready for action 6.30am. Officers and men occupied former camp - Section attached to 51st Group tactically, - 11th HAG for administration. |
| | 27th to 31st | | Section standing by for aeroplane shoot on 15th Jun. 022 a 20.35. Weather cloudy, & unsuitable for observation - Camp & Gun Position squared up. |

31/3/17

Sidney Smith Major R.S.A.
Cmdy 82nd Siege Battery R.S.A.

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