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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	June 1 st		<p>Our How Bty in cooperation with 18 pots fired a heavy retaliation series. The fire of the enemy was silenced. Result of enemy fire one man seriously wounded and one slightly wounded.</p> <p>2nd Lt Miller sustained slight shell wound today. HWS</p> <p>3 premature explosions occurred today at 102nd Bty - one man killed 2 wounded. Court of Enquiry on the matter now sitting. HWS</p> <p>4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th enemy artillery fairly active but has now slackened off. HWS</p> <p>Intelligence officers in some cases in cooperation with How Bty in retaliation work Batteries have worked separately or in cooperation according the severity of hostile fire. We have in the majority of cases had part word with a pronounced superiority in the number of projectiles. Mobile guns of the group done particularly good work. One gun of the 23rd Bty - was heavily shelled last week and withdrawn, was again run into position. Fired 100 rounds at suspected shells working parties etc, enemy again shelled position putting in over 200 rounds, doing no damage to gun or detachment. Enemy has now fired nearly 1000 rounds at this gun without doing any material damage. HWS</p> <p>17/13th A successful raid was accomplished by the 6th Bty during the early hours of the 13th. This Brigade cooperated, and in conjunction with attached T.M. Bty caused considerable damage to enemy's front line parapets, wire & support trenches, we fired 2700 rounds and Infantry report Brigade worked like clockwork, and all concerned have since received congratulatory messages from Corps & Division. The 6th Bty brought in over 6 prisoners, unfortunately they had to abandon a machine gun in the enemy's wire, this we destroyed today by our T.M. Fire. HWS</p>	

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France	June 14 th		Owing to the Div Artillery Commander proceeding on leave to England his place has been taken by Lieut. Col. A. Bessell-Browne CMG D.S.O. During his absence from the Bge Lieut. Col. G. F. Stevenson CMG has taken command. <i>HMB</i>	
		16 th	Gas used on our left during the night of 16/17. Slightly felt at Bac-St. Maur and Sailly. In this area no sign or smell of it was noticed. Enemy aircraft and balloons active of late and Batteries restricted in their fire in consequence. <i>HMB</i>	
		17 th	Our 102 nd How Bty created a diversion for the 2 nd Div Field Artillery who were carrying out an enterprise last night. Remainder of Batteries of this group standing by for counter Battery work if necessary. <i>HMB</i>	
		18-20 th	Enemy artillery a little more active on our front of late. Frequent gas alarms but happily so far without any foundation on this area. Three Batteries 2-18 pdr's and one 4.5 How of this Brigade concentrated on the town of RADINGHAM, this evening, subjected it to heavy fire for five minutes. It has been reported frequently of late to be largely used by the enemy as a bellying area, enemy retaliation very weak and quite ineffective. <i>HMB</i>	
		21-23 rd	Hostile guns much more active, two Bty positions of this group heavily shelled but no damage done. <i>HMB</i>	
		24 th	Lieut. Col. Bessell-Browne CMG D.S.O. has returned from HQ and resumed the Command of this group. <i>HMB</i>	

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France	June	25 th	Brigade cooperated with 2 nd Aust. Div. Art. in creating a diversion for a raid which was being made on our right. We succeeded in drawing heavy fire onto our sector and raid was a success several prisoners being made. H.M.S.	
		27-28	The Brigade gave covering fire to the 1 st Bn. for a successful raid during which our Infantry penetrated enemy's line and brought back prisoners. The Infantry report that our fire was very effective. Scheme on which the enterprise was carried out attached as Appendix No I H.M.S.	
		28-29	Enemy artillery showing increased intermittent activity. Fire mostly very spasmodic and very ineffective. H.M.S.	
		30	"ROGERS" installed on our front for use tonight if conditions prove favourable. H.M.S.	

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