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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SOMME	1 st	—	Batteries in action grouped with 1 st Bde, under LT COL S.M. ANDERSON. CAPT STRACHAN, OC. 5 th Battery seriously wounded; CAPT BYRNE, Adj. to take command of 5 th Battery. LT C KERR wounded. Batteries heavily shelled.	Jobb
"	2 nd	—	Batteries in action. 5 th and 6 th Batteries shelled.	Jobb
"	3 rd	—	Batteries in action. 5 th and 6 th Batteries shelled. Slight damage to equipment but repairable. CAPT BYRNE assumed command of 5 th Battery. Gunners Knowles, Kelso killed in action. Gunner McLean wounded. Lieuts Pringwall and Bumpus joined from DAC and posted to 6 th Battery. LT SIMSON wounded but remained on duty.	Jobb
"	4 th	—	Batteries in action	Jobb
"	5 th	—	Batteries in action. LT CREW joined from HTM Battery and assumes duties of adjutant. LT THURNHILL killed in action; 4 OR wounded. Service in Bde Wagon Lines by Chaplain	Jobb
"	6 th	—	Batteries in action. 3 OR wounded and evacuated.	Jobb
"	7 th	—	Batteries in action. 2 nd LT ROACH posted from 21 st Bde.	Jobb
"	8 th	—	Batteries in action. 1 OR evacuated wounded.	Jobb
"	9 th	—	Batteries in action. Supt Masters, Ops Schumaker and Dunn killed in action. 3 OR for FGCM.	Jobb
"	10 th	—	Batteries in action. MAJ BIDDLE, DSO, president of FGCM.	Jobb
"	11 th	—	Batteries in action.	Jobb
"	12 th	—	Batteries in action MAJ BIDDLE to Senior Officers Course. 12 LD removed received from DAC. Notes; During the period covered by above entries, no records of the work of Batteries obtainable owing to their being grouped; records are being kept by 1 st FA Bde.	Jobb

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SOMME	NOVEMBER	-	Batteries in action grouped under 1st FA Bde. <i>JLB</i>	
"	13th	-	Batteries in action. 2 Reinforcements received from DAC. <i>JLB</i>	
"	14th	-	Batteries in action. <i>JLB</i>	
"	15th	-	Batteries in action. Batteries of 2nd FA Bde remained in position whilst 1st Bde group changed to another sector. Batteries then came under control of 5th Aus Div ART until relief on 18th inst. 2 OR to Hospital wounded. 12 LD horses received from DAC. <i>JLB</i>	
"	16th	-	Batteries in action. LT DINGWALL and 1 OR evacuated wounded. 3227 Gp Hainraty killed. <i>JLB</i>	
"	17th	-	15th Aust FA Bde relieved 2nd Aust FA Bde, which in turn relieved batteries of the 30th English Division as follows: The 15th FA Bde arrived at wagon lines at FRICOURT at 05.00. at 07.00 reliefs for the 4th, 5th and 6th Batteries marched to gun positions to take over, accompanied by guides from each battery. 115th Battery sent relieving detachments up to 102nd Battery.	
"	18th	-	Our detachments then relieved 30th Div Batteries as follows: 1 Section 4th Battery with 8th Battery relieved A/150 Battery at T.7.A.75. 1 Section 4th Battery and 7th Bat relieved B/150 at I.7.A.65. The 5th Bat relieved B/149 at S.18.D.67. The 6th Battery relieved B/148 Bat at N.32.B.21. and the 102nd Battery relieved D/149 at S.12.B.66. The 6th Bat in 1st Bde group; the 5th Bat and 102nd Bat in 2nd Bde group and the 4th Bat in 3rd Bde group. Batteries occupied wagon lines of the Bdes they were attached to as follows: 1st Bde S.22.B.4 S.23.A. 3rd Bde S.28.A. 2nd Bde S.28.A. 2nd Bde HQ moved to S.26.C.3.0 near POMMIERS REDOUBT. <i>JLB</i>	MAP ALBERT 10000.
"	19th	-	Batteries in action. <i>JLB</i>	
"	20th	-	Major BIDDLE returns from Senior Officers conference 4th Army School. Batteries in action. <i>JLB</i>	
"	21st	-	102nd Battery withdraws to wagon lines with its guns. Personnel of 6th Battery withdrawn to wagon lines without guns, which had been handed over at T.7.A.55. to 24th Battery. <i>JLB</i>	

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Capt 2nd FA Bde
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Somme	Nov 22nd	-	5th Battery withdraws to wagon lines with guns. <i>Jobth</i>	
"	23rd	-	4th Battery withdraws to wagon lines with guns received from 24th Battery at T.13.A.O.I. <i>Jobth</i>	MAP AMIENS 17
"	24th	-	The 4th and 5th Batteries each leave one 18 Pdr gun and sights with 3rd and 21st Bdes respectively. 102nd Battery delivers one 4.5 How and sights to 1st FABde. <i>Adjutant and 1 guide per battery</i>	
"	25th	-	Proceed to "K" area, N of MORLANCOURT to take over billets. <i>Jobth</i> At 3 am the 2nd FABde and 2nd Sect Bde march to "K" area. Arrive at 6 am. The Bde park temporarily on vacant ground until British RFA move out of K2 Camp. The 2nd FABde was 80 horses below establishment on leaving the Line, due to casualties and sickness from cold. Many teams consisted of 4 horses only. CO confers with 4th and 13th FABdes (who are in same area) re time of departure, etc. <i>Jobth</i>	
"K" Area MORLANCOURT	26th	-	At 08.30 the billeting party proceed to LA NEUVILLE for allotment of billets from Town Mayor. The Bde march at 09.30. The Bde is met at BONNAY by a billeting guide who guides it to LA NEUVILLE where billets and wagon lines are allotted. Bde arrived at 13.00. <i>Jobth</i>	
LA NEUVILLE	27th	-	At 08.30 the Bde marches to NAOURS so as to clear VILLERS-BOCAGE by 12.00. Billet party went in advance to FLESSELLES, where the Town Mayor allotted billets at HAVERNAS. A guide then awaited the Bde at NAOURS and guided it to HAVERNAS, where billets and wagon lines for the whole were occupied. Bde H.Q. at the CHATEAU. <i>Jobth</i>	MAP LENS 11
HAVERNAS	28th	-	The day was devoted to arrangement of billets, horse lines etc and care of horses and harness.	
"	29th	-	The GOC 1st AUS Div visited the Bde during the afternoon. <i>Jobth</i>	
"	30th	-	Overhauling and checking of Batteries equipment and harness etc. The GOC 1st AUS DIV ARTY visited the Bde. <i>Jobth</i> Overhauling and cleaning equipment, harness etc. Inspection of mens kits. Care of horses. H.Q. 2nd Bde moved out of Chateau to "J" Street to make room for FA School of Instruction. <i>Jobth</i>	

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