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Place <i>France</i>	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>May</i>	1		Enemy active with heavy artillery. Shelled Bar 20 Mans and the billet of 1st Battalion Headquarters. Our heavy counter batteries retaliated.	
	2		Attached 102nd How. Bty co-operated in a "shoot" with 3rd FA Bde and "heavies" Group. Flashes of its No 1 gun appear to have been observed and in consequence one section is being moved to right to <del>the</del> <i>emp</i> <del>placements</del> <i>placements</i> Nos 8 & 9. This Bty has nine emp placements available for its four guns. The establishment of a mobile gun has proved most satisfactory and it is probable that further guns will be made mobile.	
	5		At 8-15 pm seven rockets fired on our left front. These were repeated three times and one Bty (6th) opened fire - Bty bombs stopped fire after 19 rounds had been fired. Reporters reported nothing abnormal on our immediate front but heavy bombing and rifle fire on our north east - <sup>6 miles</sup> Situation reported quite normal at 9-30 - Lieut Col A. J. Bessie Brown, invalided (gastro-enteritis) and sent into hospital - Lieut Col A. M. Anderson VC, 1st FA Bde at present in reserve, took over group in his place.	
	6		No 2840 Corp'l Dusting H. E. accidentally killed while examining enemy saps.	
	7		No 1 Gun of attached 102nd How Bty shooting very erratically to day - put out of action pending examination by I. O. M.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France				
May.	8-9		Defective carrier dial right found to be the cause of the inaccuracy of the Howitzer gun of 102 <sup>nd</sup> Bty. A new one has now been fitted and gun tested and is now again in action. Lt Col Beaul-Browne C.M.G. D.S.O. returned from Hospital today - Orders for Bde to go into reserve sent out to 15 Bys today. Bde hands over to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde on the night of the 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> inst.	Vol 4
	10		Dull cloudy weather very hazy and observation in consequence a matter of extreme difficulty - Hostile artillery been very quiet of late.	
	11-12-13		The Bde is to move out into reserve billets tonight. Move to be completed and party handed over to new Group Comdr. by 0800 on the 16 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	15		Bde now in reserve at Le Mans abean. Gun drill and laying instruction being carried out by all Batteries -	
	16		Col Beaul-Browne C.M.G. D.S.O. left for England on eight days leave.	
	18		Capt Dodd & Strachan left for eight days leave.	
	19		Guns of the 102 <sup>nd</sup> How. Bty sent for overhaul to Ordnance today.	
	21		Advance party of Bty Comdr. 2 Subs N. I and 26 OR with B.O. Officer and 6 men proceed to new position.	
	23		Col. Beaul-Browne C.M.G. D.S.O. returns from leave and resumes command.	
	28		Bde to move into new position tonight.	Richard W. Jones Adjutant 2nd F.A. Brigade A.I.F.
	30		Bde now in action at ...	
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