

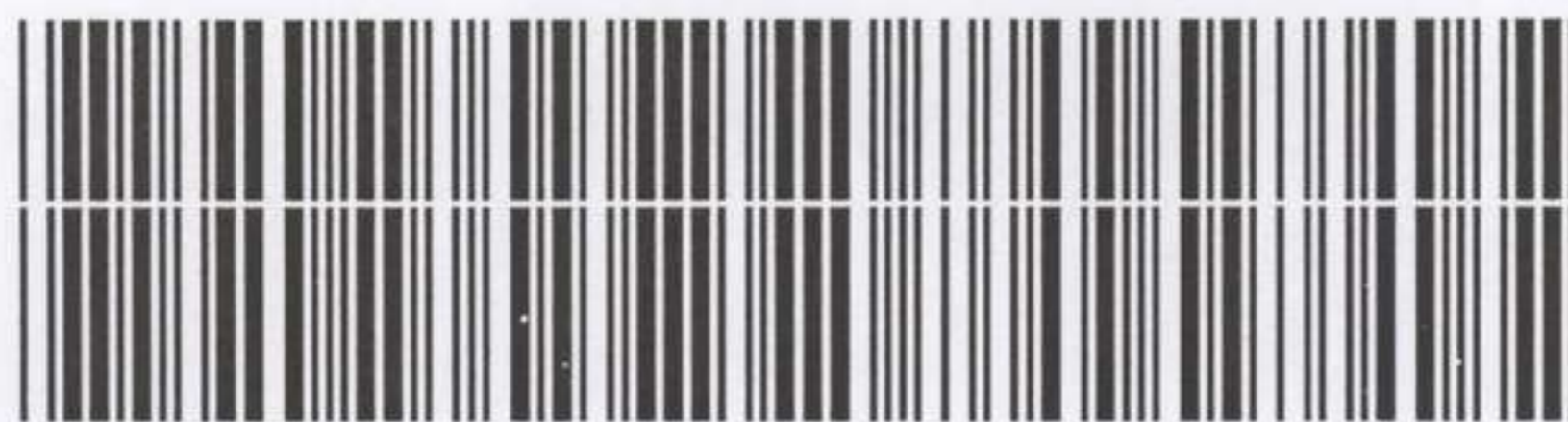
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Quenieu A. 16 b 50-10	1st		American troops entertained Baseant to a concert. Engineers. 45 rounds ammunition sent forward to Villiers Brestoncaux. 1 OR returned from M. K. leave.	just
	2nd		1 MKI Gun sent forward to Villiers Brestoncaux. B1 Gun (MKI) at P 9a 52 40 fired 3 rds on machine gun position at P 14 b 70 10. A2 Gun MKI fired 10 rounds on bridge at VIB & crossroads at P 31 c. A2 mortar seems to be shooting very well and accurately. 45 rounds sent to Villiers Brestoncaux. 1 OR evacuated sick. 1 OR very fine & warm.	just
	3rd		45 rounds ammunition sent to Villiers Brestoncaux. A2 Gun fired 10 rounds.	just
	4th		30 rounds sent forward to Villiers Brestoncaux. A2 Gun fired 50 rounds in general operation on July 4th. B1 Gun fired 27 rounds new gun in position MKI at 0 30 c 05 05. fired 36 rounds. A1 Gun fired 17 rounds. All this shooting in connection with the general bombardment. The shooting was good and the beds stood splendidly. Infantry advanced in front of Corbie has put B1 Gun out of range.	just
	5th		60 rounds sent to Villiers Brestoncaux.	just
	6th		30 rounds sent to Villiers Brestoncaux. A1 fired 11 rounds on the front line W. 6. A 60 85. A2 Gun fired 4 rounds on bridge & railway cutting at V. I. B & ruins at 0 36 d 90 90.	just
	7th		1 OR evac sick. A1 Gun fired 5 rounds A1A 3 rounds A2 Gun 4 rounds. Harassing fire on usual targets.	just
	8th		1 OR returned from M. K. leave. 2 OR evacuated sick. A1 Gun fired 3 rounds A1A Gun 5. & A2 fired 3 rounds on usual targets.	just
	9th		1 OR evacuated sick. 60 rounds sent forward to Villiers Brestoncaux. A2 Gun fired 10 rounds. Camp moved from Quenieu to 8 16 c 20 50 in the open. All personnel and stores under canvas.	just
A 16 C 20 50	10th		B1 Gun now in action MKI. P. 16 A 20 55 requisited & fired 20 rounds. A2 Gun fired 10 rounds.	just
	11th		Capt A. E. Ballis (OR) in a motorcycle accident broke his arm & was evacuated to hospital. Relief section relieved today by remaining half of section. 15 rounds sent to Hamel. 1 OR & 2 OR returned from Paris leave.	just
	12th		1 OR evacuated sick. 1 OR proceeded to M. K. on leave. 10 rounds sent to Villiers Brestoncaux.	just

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H. 160 9050	13 th		Right section relieved centre section in pillbox Brestoneaux 10 rounds sent to pillbox Brestoneaux 1 off. proceeded on leave for Roux of France about 9 PM	<u>Just B</u>
	14 th		Infantry occupied monument Wood to night 11.6.A. Fined 11 rounds from A2 Gun on bridge at VIB	
	15 th		Roundings. New positions chosen for 2 MKI Guns. F1 at 0360.40 F2 at 0366.50.05. 9 men of	<u>Just B</u>
	16 th		Left section sent to build dugouts for personnel in line at left sector. 1 off & 4 off went to Gas School	<u>Just B</u>
	17 th		2 off evacuated sick.	<u>Just B</u>
	18 th		A1 Gun in action, registered to-day fired 10 rounds on enemy strong point W 6d 60.25. Satisfactory registration	<u>Just B</u>
	19 th		A2 fired 10 rounds on bridge. Fairly heavy retaliation from the enemy	<u>Just B</u>
	20 th		A2 fired 6 rounds on bridge. B1 fired 10 rounds on Roche Wood P16d	<u>Just B</u>
AUBIGNY. 080 7070	21 st		10 off evacuated sick. Headquarters moved to Aubigny 09.670.70. 30 rounds sent to pillbox	<u>Just B</u>
	22 nd		Brestoneaux. Infantry advanced along railway embankment. All A Gun & A2 are now back out	<u>Just B</u>
	23 rd		of range & out of action.	<u>Just B</u>
	24 th		B1 Gun fired 10 rounds. P. 17. 25.00 & P. 16. 35.45 10 off proceeded on L.K. leave. 10 off returned from	<u>Just B</u>
	25 th		Gas school	<u>Just B</u>
	26 th		1 off & 3 off returned from gas school.	<u>Just B</u>
	27 th		Lieut. Barton took over night section in pillbox Brestoneaux. 2 off evacuated sick. A1 Gun fired 7 rounds	<u>Just B</u>
	28 th		30 rounds forwarded to Camel.	<u>Just B</u>
	29 th		Weather has been very good up to date appears to be breaking. To-day mild but very close.	<u>Just B</u>
	30 th		Pillbox Brestoneaux very heavily gassed last night. Right section sustained 10 casualties 5 of whom	<u>Just B</u>
			have gone through L.C.S. 30 rounds sent to pillbox Brestoneaux.	

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H/C 70 50 AUBIENY. O.S.C. 7070.	24 th		New position chosen & A2 Gun (from how on road known as A13) MKII taken to O.36d 90.10. 10-night Lieut. ^{R.A.} Banon at Rest camp gassed. Pgt. Conkey in charge of 1st section in village Bretonneaux.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
	25 th		100 evacuated (gassed) 1 officer returned from Paris back today, & gone forward to village Bretonneaux.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
	26 th		B1 Gun fired 10 rounds on Machine Gun position P16d 30.60. 100 accidentally wounded. Centre Section relieved by 41 section at village Bretonneaux. Relief taking place without casualties.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
	27 th		B1 Gun fired 10 rounds on P16d. 100 evac. gassed. 3 new gun positions chosen on right sector 171 at O.36C 50.20. A2 at V.19 05.95 A3 at P.25C 15.10. A3 position had to be moved because Battalion N.2 & Prod. P. were put in the vicinity of this gun. Went well day.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
	28 th		200 proceeded on leave to UK. 100 wounded. 30 rounds sent forward to village Bretonneaux, France.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
	29 th		14 rounds fired from B1 Gun last night on various targets in P16d.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
	30 th		Orders through for our personnel at village Bretonneaux to evacuate village by night. Have gone into new dugouts at O.36F 70.80. 200 proceeded on leave to UK. 100 proceeded on special leave to Italy.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
	31 st		B1 Gun fired 16 rounds on Curoche Wood at P.16d. 200 taken on strength.	<u>W.S.B.</u>
			Total Strength of Battalion 4 officers - 96 MG.	

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