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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1-4-16 HAVRE	1-4-16		Busy since arrival drawing Guns. Waggon &c and completing equipment finished today	
IN. FRANCE	2-4-16		Brigade entrained for unknown destination beginning at 8 a.m. - last ^{part} leaving at 7-30 p.m.	
THIENNES	3-4-16		B. H. Q arrived at 5-0 a.m. and marched to billets at BLARINGHEM, expect remainder of Brigade during the day and night.	
BLARINGHEM IN BILLETTS	4-4-16		Visited our proposed position at FLEURBAIX with GRA. and saw Gun positions &c returned at 5 p.m.	
FLEURBAIX	5-4-16		BHQ left at 8-0 and proceeded by Motor Bus to FLEURBAIX. Batteries to follow in a few days. Have had 2 Officers & 30 men per Battery here for 5 days getting instruction.	(sd) C.F. Warren Lieut Col.
do	7-4-16		Visited Gun Pts, O.P. & Trenches daily with HQ 160 Brigade R.F.A. whom we relieve Not at all satisfied with O.P. or Gun Pts but will do nothing till I take over command and will then alter both. No not worrying about present lines of fire or Negotiations.	(sd) C.F. Warren Lieut Col.
do	10-4-16		Batteries joined today selected new position for B.A.C. GRA told me today was to be transferred to 2 nd Dab. Col Lloyd to the 5 th Brigade and Col Davidson to Howitzer Brigade, all transfers to be temporary. Our positions heavily shelled each day no casualties since arrival.	(sd) C.F. Warren Lieut Col.

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FLEURBAIX	12-4-16		<p>Assumed command of Dab. + transferred Brigade to Col Loya D.S.O. (Signed) G.F. Warren Lieut Col 12/4/16 Commanding 5th FA Bde.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLEURBAIX	15-4-16		From 10-4-16 until present enemy had not done any damage to our positions. Today 14 th Battery Bulet set on fire by incendiary shells. Adjutant, 8 officers + 124 Other Ranks 3 rd Id Brigade ^(1st Div) arrived advanced party to take over this portion part of the line.	
do	20-4-16		150 shells put into 14 th Battery. OP completely blown away. No casualties.	
do	23-4-16		Combined scheme between centre-left groups with an observation at two enemy battery positions. 13 th Battery took over from C/79 20 th do do do do D/51	
do	27-4-16	10-30 pm	Received G.A.S. message from 6 th Infantry Brigade. Batteries fired all along the line until 11 pm. Right Group (5 th I.A.B.) fired 179 rounds. The enemy retaliated on our trenches from 11 pm to 11-15 pm. At 11 pm D.A.M. informed us that gas attack was over.	
do	28-4-16	7 pm	One section 14 th Battery relieved one section 12 th Battery + handed over 1 section to 8 th Battery.	
do	29-4-16	7 pm	14 th Battery (less 1 section) relieved remainder 12 th Battery and handed over to remainder of 8 th Battery. 15 th Battery handed over to 9 th Battery and took over from 16 th Battery	Ref sheet 36 NWes

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	1916. 29th. April.		<p>The position held by Right Group 5th.F.A.B. (2. Divl. Arty.) covering trenches 38-46 was handed over by C.O. 5th. Brigade to C.O. 3rd. Brigade (1st. Divisional Artillery) at midnight 28/29th. April.</p> <p>The 5th. Brigade took up new position as "Centre Group" 2nd. Divisional Artillery covering trenches extending from N.6.b.6½.3. to L.22.A.1.5. (36 N.W.)</p> <p>All wagon lines took up position at A.23.D.7.1., H.3.c.2.0., A.30.c.4.7. H.1.D.4.4. & B.A.C. at G.10.A.9.8.</p>	<p>Ref. 36 N.W. 1/10,000</p>
	30 April) to) 4 May.)		<p>Registrations carried out. Situation Normal.</p>	
<p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month.)</p>				