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11th Bty 4th D.A.B.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mulvaghena	1/9/17	6-7pm	Visibility fair. Enemy activity below normal. Batteries pulled out of action into wagon lines at Baillenc x rta	
Baillenc	2/9/17	10pm	Day spent in wagon lines. Enemy planes dropped bombs on Baillenc. Lt Asher killed, Capt Killo, Lt Gray wounded evacuated to C.B.S.	
		1-50pm	Enemy planes over wagon lines about 10pm amongst 111 th Stron Bay horses killing 3 horses.	
	3/9/17		Day spent training in wagon lines. Transferred to 1 st Angus Corps. Enemy planes over at night dropping bombs.	
Pradelle	4/9/17		Lt Gordon L.H.R. attached to 111 th Battery from 4 th D.A.B. Received orders tomorrow on 5/9/17	
	5/9/17	9-30am	Battalion left Baillenc & moved to Pradelle, arrived there midday. Afternoon spent fixing wagon lines etc.	
	6/9/17		Day spent training in wagon lines. S.O.R. proceeded to Sig School Bonnys	
	7/9/17		Day spent training in wagon lines. Received warning orders for move.	
	8/9/17		C.O. & Bty Commanders went to reconnoitre new positions. Capt Killo transferred from 11 th Bty 4 th D.A.B. to 41 st Battery. Received 2 nd D.A. move orders.	
	9/9/17	8-30am	1 section per Battery moved to wagon lines at about 27.6.246 77. Summer received 1 section of 236 Bde R 7 A during night. C.O. inspected wagon lines.	

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Pratelles	10.9.17	8.30	Remainig 2 sections per Bty moved to new wagon lines at G 246 77 (Sheet 27). Gmmn relieved remainder of Bty of 236 Bque R.F.A. CO took over command of Troop Group at Ramparts Ypres. No 236 by Gm Ronald & 43 rd Bty killed in action	
Oudendorp	11.9.17		No 1953 Bar Daul 13 & No 2021 Gm Squires E. Wounded. 43 Bty No 3317 Gm Fogarty R. 43 rd Bty Wounded. Lt L. Mc. Gordon ret'd from TM School. Lt Sanderson H is appointed Capt A J Jordan 225 Bque 3/9/17	
			Capt G. Wells reported from 4 th Bde to 41 st Battery. Major P. J. Ross wounded evacuated	
			Lt A H Bates killed in action } 41 st Battery. 1850 Gm East J. H. not wounded	
			1735 Gm Fraser R. Killed in action } 42 nd Battery. Capt McKeen RMO left for Paris	
			3085 Gm Stone G. N. Killed in action } Lt Gordon L. Mc ret'd from TM School. Lt Davery reported from 4 th Bde to 41 st Battery	
	12.9.17		1996 Lt Curran W Wounded 42 nd Bty.	
	13.9.17		1874 Gm Hunt A } 42 nd Battery wounded evacuated. J. G. L. Mc assembled at 11 th B-14 to try for Dames' award.	
			27535 Dodgeham M W } Lt Curran came to wagon lines from Group 1490. 4 O.R. marched in as reinforcements from 4 th Bde. 4 O.R. ret'd from Sig School Borneo.	
	14.9.17		4366 Munn R.S. No 2267 Gm Nelson H & No 4293/bps Pamy D.S. 42 nd wounded evacuated.	

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Oudendorp	14.9.17		<p>N^o 9993 Pl. Chiswell H. Attached 42nd Bty killed in action N^o 1908 Sgt Jones R.H. 229 Gnr King H.H. 5988 Bdr Murphy H.E. 3757 Gnr Scott R.V. 31027 Gnr Kenyon J. 42nd Bty wounded evacuated.</p>	
	15.9.17		<p>2 day bombardment at 9.30 - 4.30 pm</p>	
		9pm	<p>Lieut S.W. Allen reported for duty from 4th Div Dunch Mordant - temp attached 41st Bty.</p>	
	16.9.17		<p>A day bombardments at 5 AM and 10 AM. 1269 Gnr Bennett P. 495 Bdr Stewart J.B. 593 Memmery J. 381 Bdr Mearns S.A. 3269 Crothwaite L.G. } 41st Bty wounded, evacuated.</p>	
	17.9.17		<p>L^{ieut} Orchard reported from leave. 1924 Gnr Wilkinson G. Killed in action } 41st Bty. 4938 Newton R.J. Wounded evacuated } 1546 Stronson J. 16/9/17 } 111th Bty 28563 Langford H.S. 17/9/17 }</p>	<p>29687 Bdr Carroll J.D. 3715 Colonel AW L^{ieut} 42nd Bty wounded.</p>
			<p>B day bombardments carried out by Gnr's. Lieut Bavery temp attached 111th Bty to 4th Div Lieut Allen S.H. posted to 4th Bty to 41st Bty.</p>	

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Quandoo	18.9.17		600 howards left Nagors line for Ramparts No 2816 Gnr Poole J 41 st Bty killed in action Lt Orchard returned from English leave.	Lt Whitehurst 43 rd Bty reported to Flying Corps Officer Bethune
	19.9.17		C Day Bombardments carried out. D Day Bombardments carried out. 21051 Gnr Bass J.S } III rd Bty wounded & evacuated. 2048 Gnr Johnson P.R }	220 R from 4 th Div T.M. marched in. at 10 am.
	20.9.17		E Day Infantry went out 5.40 am Capt McKeenan returned from Paris. 2033 Fitter White J.J } 42 nd Battery - 3355 Gnr Longman H.H } killed in action 29512 Roper E. 29809 MacGee G	Lt Sanderson relieving from League School Lt Whitehurst 2272 Sergt McGowan J. 42 nd Bty wounded & evacuated. 18 Reinforcements marched in from D.A.B.
Ypres	21.9.17		F Day Howassing fire continued Capt Macadam reported to 11 th Bde from 4 th D.A.B. 40 R wounded with bombs & evacuated	
	22.9.17	10 am	11 th Bde took over C Group G day bombardments Howassing fire carried out Capt Macadam posted back to 11 th Bde. One Lindoff 43 rd Bty No 1934 - Dvr McFarlane 43 rd proceeded to St John's No Boms Howassing J.B 42 nd Bty - No Bde Bott J.E 42 nd Bty selected for commission 41 st 43 rd - 11 th Bty moved section forward to new position 2353 Wt. W2544/1454 700,000 5/15 D.D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118. 10 R wounded & evacuated.	41 to Jgd 3050 42 nd 112d 9596 11 th Jgd 3155

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Gpno.	23.9.17	4.30am	S.O.S sent up over night from sector & answered. Nothing eventuated.	
		7.30am	H Day harassing fire carried out on roads & approaches G Day Barrage fired successfully. Enemy activity normal, observation fair. Capt Kepling 4 th Bty went to England on leave. Capt Macadam temp attached to 4 th Bty.	
		5.30am	I Day Barrage fired. Harassing fire continued throughout the night. Lt Whitburn sent for from Australian Flying Corps. Lt Hector & 10 OR wounded. Lt Allen proceeded on leave to England. Observation fair. Enemy action normal. 4 OR reported missing believed wounded.	
	25.9.17	6.30am	J Day Barrage fired also at 8.30. Harassing fire continued on roads & approaches throughout day & night. Lt O'Connell & Jacobs reported from H th Det posted to 4 th Bty temporarily. Enemy has been most active all day on Bty front on roads causing 11 casualties, wounded & killed.	
	26.9.17	5.50am	K. Day operations started. Infantry went out & at 10am final objectives were reported as taken. Barrage was excellent. Aeroplane calls were responded to both on Batteries & Infantry. Enemy contacted at 3.36 pm & ^{C. Group} Battery congratulated on response. Several other S.O.S among afternoon. Lt Thompson H th Bty. Lt Jackson of 8 th Bty was forward as F.O. Lt Col O'Mahony Liaison Officer at 4 th Bty Hq. Enemy made assumed counter attack but repulsed. Aerial activity has been great & observation has been fair. 4 O.R. wounded & evacuated 1 O.R. missing.	

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Laffan	27.9.17	5am	L Day. Barrage carried out. Enemy have been active on roads. Battery positions all afternoon. 6.45pm S.O.S on our front. Batteries fired for 15 minutes. Another S.O.S at 10.53 fired for 30 minutes. Nothing doing. Enemy planes over. Spies dropping bombs at 10.30 pm. Observation-Tank all day.	<p>Mr. White Col Commanding 11th A.E.B.</p>
	28.9.17		M Day. Morning fairly quiet and afternoon evening shelled Battery positions with various Calibres. Enemy planes active all night & bombed 4th Division. Hypo causing casualties. Observation Tank. Batteries quiet all day.	
	29.9.17		N Day. Batteries fairly quiet. Hostile Artillery most active on Battery positions causing a lot of damage. C Group Headquarters moved from Ramparts Upper to Railway Road Tunnel. 6.50pm S.O.S was sent up on Right & worked along our front. Batteries fired for 30 minutes.	
	30.9.17		O Day. Harassing fire was kept on enemies roads & approaches throughout the day & night. Lt Col William DSO took over command of C Troop. Lt Col Edwards went to wagon lines. Enemy has been active all day & batteries came out for show of shelling. 3 other ranks wounded evacuated.	
	1-9-17	4am	P. Day. Enemy made heavy counter attack at 4 am. Beaten off by our artillery fire. Hostile shelling of F.L.T and roads in our sector continued during day. 2 prisoners captured, who informed us enemy would attack again in afternoon. We barraged enemy country during day. At 7.10 pm enemy again heavily attacked and our S.O.S was fired till 8.15 pm.	

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Appendix

20th September, 1917.

Dear General JOHNSTON,

General Sir Herbert Plumer, Commanding Second Army, has asked me to convey to you and all under you his most sincere thanks for the excellent work your artillery have done in the past week and today, which resulted in all the objectives being taken with a minimum of casualties.

Lieut-General Sir William Birdwood also says -

"Please thank the Artillery for the most gallant and important part they have played in a good day's work."

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) WILLIAM NAPIER,
B.G., R.S., 1st ANZAC.

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(Sgd) WILLIAM ROBERTSON

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Major-General Sir William Robertson