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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Continued.	13/5/16		The Head Quarters 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mountain Brigade was transferred en bloc to the 22 <sup>nd</sup> F.A. Bde. The Batteries remained grouped as before for tactical work. One subsection of the B.A.C. was attached to the B.A.C. of the 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Bdes. to form "A" echelon of the new D.A.C.	
Carstou (Rouge) (Choix)	10-7-16	2p.	The <del>brigade</del> <sup>brigade</sup> remained in position in the Armentières sector till 4 <sup>th</sup> July - when the front was handed over to N. 2. Division. (No casualties were experienced within the Bde as the result of enemy fire). Batteries retired to wagon lines and marched to Sailly en route to Carstou via Strazelle. arriving at 2 am on 5 <sup>th</sup> July. Billets were occupied pending occupation of front in Messines Sector. Order to move - caused a rearrangement of plans and this sector, whilst only occupied by advance parties - was not <sup>finally taken over</sup> <del>occupied</del> . and the brigade remained resting in billets until orders to march to St Omer were received on 10 <sup>th</sup> July.	
	12/7/16		Entered at ST OMER. Detrained on 12/7/16 at LONGUEAU. AMIENS - marched to billets at LA CHAUSSEE - TIRANCOURT, arriving at 3am on the 13 <sup>th</sup> .	
LA Chaussée	13/7/16		During this period some mobile work was done & route marches & inspections were carried out.	
LA Chaussée	20/7/16	9 am.	The brigade marched to billets at PUCHEVILLERS	
do.	25/7/16		Lt. Col. J. H. HURST arrived & took command of the brigade.	

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PUCHEVILLERS	27/7/16	10.50	The brigade marched as per operation Order No 4 to W 20 D where it bivouaced.	Ref Sect 57DSE
ALBERT	28/7/16		The co. & the battery commanders visited the front & reconnoitred the position for the brigade.	
	29.7.16		Brigade remained in bivouac.	B.M. 1/2
	30.7.16	9 am.	Guns of 19 <sup>th</sup> + 21 <sup>st</sup> batteries with working parties moved out & occupied their positions, the 19 <sup>th</sup> at X 236 3.5 & the 21 <sup>st</sup> at X 236 4.9	Plot 57 <sup>o</sup> SE
			Orders received from 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. to relieve 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> batteries.	
		10.15 am	Order received from 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A. stating relief of 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> batteries was to be carried out at noon. & that these batteries would not be withdrawn from the line until C.O. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bde reported that the 19 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> batteries were dug in & registered.	
		2 pm.	Order received from 1 <sup>st</sup> D.A. stating that remainder of the brigade would relieve remainder of 1 <sup>st</sup> F.A. Bde today. Relief to be completed & new commanders to take over by 6 pm.	
			Note from 1 <sup>st</sup> D.A. requesting Co. to prepare a position for one 18 pr gun in BLACK WATCH ALLEY to enfilade 06I & 06II	

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ALBERT	30.7.16	12.15pm	20 <sup>th</sup> battery moved into the line & relieved 2 <sup>nd</sup> battery. Registrations were carried out.	
-	-	2.30pm	Ammunition wagons etc moved to E10 b 4.5.	
-	-	6pm	Liaison officers sent to 5 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde H.Q. & to right Battalion headquarters	
-	-	8pm	Forward gun placed in position at.	
X 23	31.7.16	3.40	Gas alert received. Lachrumatory shells falling near the batteries	
-	-	Noon	During the morning the 19 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> batteries registered on the MILL (R 35/C 9 3 1/2), also the lines of the forward gun were laid out.	
-	-	1.30	Reported to 1st F.A. Bde that batteries had registered & that we could take over the line	
-	-		F.O.Os & liaison officers report nothing abnormal in the situation during the morning.	
-	-	3.10pm	Battalion liaison officer reports battery firing over X 5 b 4.2 is just clearing our trenches.	
-	-	5.0 pm & 5.16 pm	Btn. liaison officer reports this battery still firing short. Bullets just clearing our trenches	

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X 23	31.7.16	4.45pm to 6.15pm	Barraged from X5A9.7 to X5B5.4 at the rate of 9 rounds per Nothing unusual reported during the afternoon.	
-	-	9. pm to 4.30am	Barraged from X5A97 to X5B5.4 at rate of one round per battery per minute, with an occasional lift of 150 yds.	
-	-	9.45pm	Btr. liaison officer reported lty firing over trench X5A94 bursting short & interfering with infantry observation.	
-	-	10.20pm	Liaison officer reported battery firing over X5D5.7 bursting short & wounding men in our trenches	
-	-	11.2pm	Liaison officer at 5 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. Hqs. verbally reported that Bde Major said occasional rounds were falling short from X5A5.4 to X5A1.5 It seemed to be a single gun. Shooting on the whole quite satisfactory.	
-	-	-	Raised line of barrage 100 yards. Ceased fire on verbal orders from 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A. in order to investigate which battery was firing short	
-	1.8.16	12.25am	D.A. line reported out of order.	
-	-	1am	Received warning of gas attack.	