

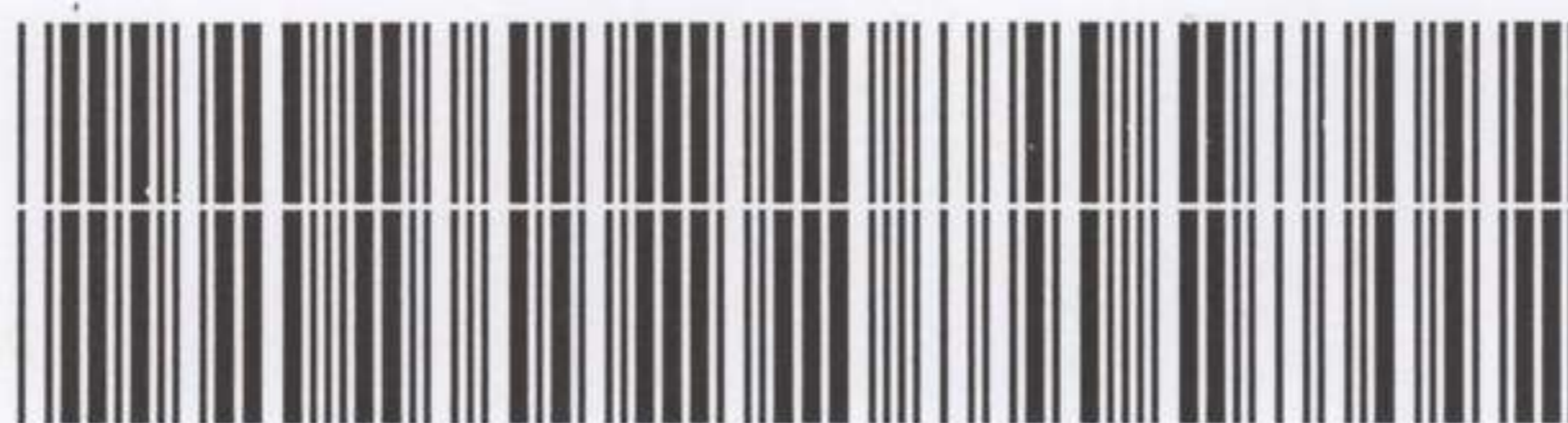
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
G21015	1 ³ / ₇		N ^o 3 & 4 guns carried out a test shoot on A24674. Observation carried out by R.E. Observation section also observed instrumentally by battery observers L.O. at G3694 R.O. at G509542. Shoot was interrupted by hostile aeroplanes flying very low over the battery. N ^o 3 gun fired 13 rounds & N ^o 4 15	<i>M. May</i>
"	4 ³ / ₇		N ^o 1 & 2 guns carried out a test shoot on A24674 observation same as for N ^o 2 & 3 guns ³ / ₇ . Shoot commenced at 10.44 a.m., but was interrupted several times by the light failing, & finished at 3.41 P.M. N ^o 1 gun fired 15 rounds & N ^o 2, 18 rounds	<i>M. May</i>
"	6 ³ / ₇	10:25 ^{a.m.}	3 77 shrapnel & 2 4.2 H.E. shells were fired into G206	<i>M. May</i>
"	7 ³ / ₇		Construction of dugout at Waratah 6P & new O.P. at course commenced	<i>M. May</i>
"	16 ³ / ₇	2:33 ^{p.m.} to 3:35	Battery fired 20 rounds on B2509566 first 10 rounds were observed by aeroplane observations C2 Z10 Z10 A12 5W Fuzes N ^o 44 were used after 10 rounds were fired plane was forced to cease working by hostile aircraft. Whilst battery battery was being ranged a De Haviland scout was attacked by an Albatros scout. The B.E. which was ranging the battery attacked & drove off hostile machine when the De Haviland appeared completely Beaten	<i>M. May</i>

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G21015	17.3.17	6.15-6.55 a.m. 11.15 a.m. 11 a.m. 9.40- 11.30 a.m. 20.3.17 10.55 11.30 a.m. 21.3.17 10.45 -11.30 P.M. 4 4.10	<p>35 rounds fired on A24, 41585 without observation. Observation in detail was impossible owing to smoke from barrage but all rounds fell plus of barrage. Boelincourt & CP along the Lille Road were heavily shelled by 5.9 apparently from the direction of Farbus Wood. No 77 cm burst were observed, but many explosions were observed in German second line.</p> <p>F.C.C. reported a large explosion behind Thelus.</p> <p>Small hostile shell probably A.A. exploded close to shell & damaged b.</p> <p>40 rounds fired on B 2509545 by aeroplane observation.</p> <p>Observations 2.E2 1.D1 2.C11 1C12 1B12 1B2 3A.10 5Z 1Y 1OK 3W²</p> <p>19 rounds were fired without observation. This was the first time that 2nd charge was ever used in the battery.</p> <p>Positions & roads in G20 & G21 were shelled with 4.1" H.E. & 77 Shrap from the direction of Point de Jour in H3d3015 the shelling was carried on at intervals throughout the day. At night the Port Boudimont & vicinity & road running S.E in G21a were heavily shelled with H.E. Two shell burst in battery position & damaged shell.</p> <p>Deadman's corner was shelled with 4.1" H.E. (1).</p> <p>1 Balloon visible from CP Battery. Magnetic Bearing 110° probably in the vicinity of Bois du Vert in O9a</p> <p>Battery fired 15 rounds on A24 b74 & 3 guns were registered on Datum point</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signatures and initials]</i></p>

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G 21015	22 ³ / ₇₇	10 ^{am} - 11.30	A 5.9" How battery fired 30 rounds on Port Baudimont from the direction of the Scarpe Valley but ceased firing immediately it was engaged by counter battery.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
		3.47 ^{P.M.}	Battery fired 9 rounds on Datum point A24 b74.	
			At intervals throughout the day Windy corner in G 206 was shelled with 5.9" H.E. & from 5.30 - 6 P.M. at the rate of 6 rounds per minute.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
	23 ³ / ₇₇	1.45 ^{P.M.}	2 German spherical balloons dropped in a rearward direction of battery.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
	24 ³ / ₇₇	7-7.30 ^{am}	Hostile battery fired 15 rounds of 4.2" H.E. on Arras St Pol road in G 210.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
	"	10.30 ^{am} - 11.30	N ^o 14 2 guns fired 10 rounds each on B 19 c 5213 which was observed by survey section.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
	"		Men vacated billets in Arras & moved into battery position.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
	25 ³ / ₇₇	1.45 ^{P.M.}	Battery engaged A.H.B. N ^o 273 B 28 05783 with aeroplane observation 22 rounds were fired & observations given were 1Z 3A 2B 5C 11W Aeroplane gave CI owing to rain clouds. No 44 Fuzes were used.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
	"	5.30 ^{P.M.}	Hostile 4.2 How shelled G 206 central from direction of Scarpe Valley about 12 rounds were fired.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>
	28 ³ / ₇₇	10.30 ^{am}	Battery fired 4 rounds with aeroplane observation on B 28 05783 observations D 5. A 8. W W. Shoot ceased owing to aeroplane having aerial shot away.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Major</div>

