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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY COMMANDING

(Erase heading not required.) 11TH. AUS. F. A BRIGADE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium	Oct. 5th.		Returned from Leave and took charge of Wagon Lines. Headquarters at BORSCHEPPE	
	15th.		Took over command of BLUFF GROUP from Lt Col. G. Stevensen 21st. A.F.A. Brigade 1st. Aust. Div. Headquarters BELGIAN CHATEAU at H 23 b 5.6. The front covered by this Group extended from YPRES - COMMINES CANAL on the South to VERBRANDENMOLEN ROAD on the North. Group consisted of :- 37th. Battery who relieved 5th. Battery at H 24 c 2.3 39th. " " " 22nd. " " H 24 d 8 7½ 4th. Belgian Battery location H 24 c 9 3 5th. " " " I 19 a 3 7 6th. " " " H 24 c 9 8 112th. Howitzer " " H 36 c 1½ 7 one section H 36 c 4 7 one section The 110th. How. Battery at H 30 a 7.8 was also available through 4th. Div. Artillery H.Q.	
	16th.		37th. Battery fired 22 rounds and 39th. Battery 4 rounds verifying registration. 112th. fired 24 rounds in registration with Kite Balloon Spotting.	
	17th.		6 rounds fired by 37th. and 4 rounds by 39th. in registration and 42 rounds by 37th. on Enemy Support Trenches in retaliation for Enemy 77's and T.M's firing on our Trenches 29 & 30.	
	18th.		39th. got good effect with 8 rounds on Working Party at I 34 d 7 8½ and fired 14 rounds for purposes of registration. At 5.20 p.m. the enemy opened with 77's on our front line and put about 6 4.2's into Ravine Wood also put over about 6 minenwerfers. We retaliated on their Communication and Support Lines with 111 rounds from 37th, 10 rounds from 39th, 20 rounds from 112th and 100 rounds from Belgian Batteries.	
	19th.		37th. fired 25 rounds and the 39th. fired 13 rounds in registering. The enemy were fairly active during the day with Trench Mortars	
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Belgium		19th	to which we retaliated with 117 rds from 18-Pr. Batteries and 60 rds from Belgian Batteries.	
		20th.	The weather was bad and observation impossible. There was no firing with the exception of a few enemy 77's on our right.	
		21st.	The only activity was ten rounds fired by 112th. Battery and 24 by 39th. Battery in retaliation for some Trench Mortars put over by the enemy.	
		22nd	37th. Battery fired 15 rounds in registration. No enemy activity except the shelling by the Enemy of one of our Heavy Batteries in vicinity of H 24 a. On the night 22nd./23rd. one section of each 37th & 39th. Batteries were relieved by a section of B 235 and C 235 Batteries respectively.	
		23rd.	At 6 a.m. enemy exploded two mines in vicinity of craters in front of Trench 29. Fire was opened on Enemy Lines in rear but the Craters were occupied by the Enemy about 10 a.m. A steady fire was kept up on Craters all day and night to prevent enemy consolidating. Handed over Command of Group to Lt.Col. Eley, 235th. R.F.A. Brigade 47th. Division. B 235 Battery relieved 37th. Battery C 235 " " 39th. " 34th. occupied vacant position H 24 b 3 5 D 235 relieved 6th. Belgian Battery 11th. A.F.A. Brigade H.Q. withdrew to Wagon Lines of 11th. Battery at G 34 c 1 7 I took over command of Wagon Lines of 11th. & 12th. Brigades and 4th. Section 4th. D.A C.	

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