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12<sup>th</sup> (Army) FAB.

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FRECHENCOURT	1/3/17)		45th, 46th, and 47th Batteries moving to new position near Butte de WARLENCOURT to fire on GREVILLERS TRENCH under Orders 4th A.F.A. BRIGADE 2nd AUS. DIV. ARTY.. Guns had to be moved by means of Decauville Railway in extremely difficulty country.	
	2/3/17)		112th How Battery remains detached with 6th (ARMY) AUS. F.A. BRIGADE with 1st Aus. Div. Arty. .A.C. and B.H.Q. remaining at FRECHENCOURT.	
	4/3/17		18 pdr. Batteries registered for wire-cutting in front of GREVILLERS TRENCH .	
	5/3/17		18 pdrs. wire cutting. 112th How. Battery came under Orders of 1st Brigade 1st Aus. Div. Arty ,and was ordered to make preparation for proceeding to Training Area for a rest.	
	6/3/17		112th How. Battery handed over position to 103rd Battery and withdrew to Wagon Lines . 18 pdrs. continued wire cutting.	
	7/3/17		18 pdr. Batteries wire cutting ground LOUPART WOOD 112th How. Battery marched to FRECHENCOURT , T 1 Area. Sgt. Vidler 46th Battery wounded, remaining on duty.	
	8/3/17		Wire cutting continued by 18 pdr. Batteries on GREVILLERS TRENCH and round LOUPART WOOD .	
	9/3/17		112th How. Battery moved to FRECHENCOURT T 1 Area coming under command of 12th (ARMY) Aus F.A. Brigade. 18pdr. continued wire-cutting.	
	10/3/17 <sup>P</sup>		18 pdr. Batteries took part in bombardment of GREVILLERS TRENCH . 112th How. Battery cleaning equipment and bathing personnel.	
	11/3/17		Wire cutting and Trench bombardment continued. 5.9" H.E. burst in O.P. 47th Bty. wounding 2/Lt.P.A. HOCKENHULL , slightly. He remained on duty.	

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FRECHENCOURT	12/3/17		46th Bty. shelled with 10.5" C.M. How. No damage resulted. Wire cutting continued.	
	13/3/17		18 pdr. Batteries in reserve defence of BAPAUME.	
	to		112th How. Battery doing manoeuvre work and 6 gun driving drill. Sports held 17th and 18th at FRECHENCOURT in conjunction with 1st British Division Bomb School Australians very successful	
	18/3/17		Brigade H. Q. moved from FRECHENCOURT to the Line near BAPAUME.	
BAPAUME	20/3/17		18 pdr. Batteries came under command of 12th (ARMY)	
	to		A.F.A. Bde. from Attached 5th A.F.A. Bde, 2nd Aus. Div. Arty.	
	23/3/17		13th Battery to 5th A.F.A. Bde. was attached 12th (ARMY°)	
	24/3/17		Aus. F.A. Bde for tactics	
	25/3/17		13th Bty. rejoined 5th A.F.A. Bde in Advanced Guard Artillery.	
	26/3/17		45th and 46th Batteries moved forward to positions S.E. of VAULX / VRAUCOURT, in I 2 c, being attached to Advanced Guard Artillery under command of Lieut. Col. LLOYD., D.S.O., 5th A.F.A. Bde. 45th and 46th Batteries registered for attack on LAGNICOURT.	
			47th Bty. horses divided between 45th and 46th Batteries to complete these two Batteries in horse establishment to enable them to move, as owing to no Remounts coming forward these Batteries were immobile. 47th Bty. handed over one gun to 45th Bty, to complete 45th Bty. to 6 guns. 112th How. Bty. continued manoeuvres in T 1 Area.	
			Operation taking of LAGNICOURT successful.	

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<p>APAUME</p>	<p>27/3/17 to 28/3/17 29/3/17</p>		<p>112th and B.A.C. continued training at FRECHENCOURT. 45th and 46th Batteries in action I &amp; c.</p> <p>O.C. 47th Bty. and Bde. Orderly Officer reconnoitring positions in vicinity of GREVILLERS for Defence position in case of retirement on BAPAUME.</p> <p>C.O. and Adj. went to ALBERT to receive Draft of one section of 119th How. Bty. arriving to complete 112th How. Bty. to six gun establishment.</p> <p>Train accident occurred in which 1 O/R was killed <del>8</del> 6 O/R injured, 7 horses killed and 10 horses injured, 6 belonging to the Draft, for</p> <p>C.O., O.C. 47th Bty. and Adj. proceeded to FRACEUIL and recommended line for defence of BAPAUME in order that covering positions for Batteries may be best located.</p> <p>Batteries firing one enemy back country.</p> <p>Reconnaissance for defence of BAPAUME continued.</p> <p>New Section of 112th How. Bty. marched in under 2/Lieut. SETON consisting of</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">63 O/R 52 L.D. 6 Wagons, Ammunition 2 Wagons, G.S.</p>	
	30/3/17			
	31/3/17			

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