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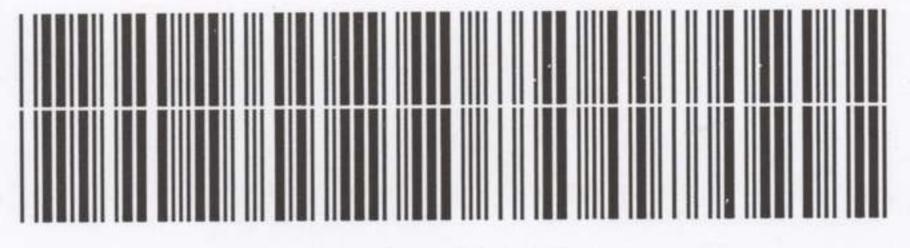
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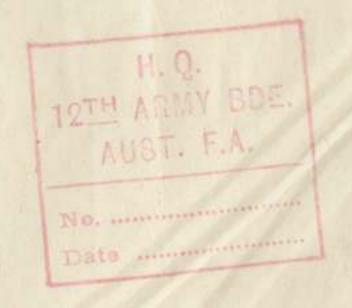
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lace	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1.5		p.28.a and we batter wounds	Brigade still in action in rear of ROBECQ. Brigade H.Q. on the ROBECQ Road P.27c80.90. 45th. 45th. and 112th. Btys. in &b. The 47th. Bty. were detached to the 177th. Bde.R.F.A. re in position west of ST VENANT in P.9.a. Enemy Artillery was particularly active all day shelling y areas and also area west of the Canal. Casualties 3 O.R. d. Under 51st. Div. Arty covering 61st. Div. Infantry on our right 56th. and 255th. Brigades R.F.A. of the 51st. Div. Arty, on our are 177th. and 180th. Bdes. R.F.A. of the 16th. Div. Arty.	
2.5	.18.	Btv. A	Still firing 100 rds. per gun on Enemy tracks and roads. Enemy artillery again very active with all calibres. Shelled reas Canal and Roads. During the afternoon the 46th. Bty. bjected to a concentration of 5.9 Hows. for 5 minutes.	
3.5	.18.		Enemy Artillery activity slightly decreased. But still shelling ittently in Bty. Areas.	
4.5	.18.	o.c.	O.C. 46th. Battery is detaching one section out to P.16a. 45th. Battery was also instructed to move a silent section out he open. The object being to do all harassing fire with 4 guns ROBECQ and get the remainder out oof the shelled area. Enemy again active. Moved Bri ade H.Q. to house in P25d.	
5.5	.18.	4a.m.	Enemy artillery quieter. All guns fired a concentration on enemy defences in Q.3.d enemy was reported to have developed considerable activity. during the morning.	
	.18.	wirele along were r	Enemy artillery much quieter. Enemy quiet. Weather good. It was reported that an enemy ss message was intercepted which referred to "Opening Barrage whole front, the signal for which was a WHITE rocket." Orders eceived from D.A. to be on the alert as this and other informat echeved goes to point that the enemy is contemplating an	
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8.5.	18.		Enemy very quiet. Harassing fire carried out as usual. Information from prisoners in addition to the German wireless message intercepted yesterday has led to the belief that the enemy intends to attack. It is calculated that he will do so in force from ALBERT to the LA BASSEE Canal. Bombardment to commence at 10.30p.m. on the 9th. and the attack on our sector to commence at 1.30a.m. on the 10th.		
9.5.	18.		Attack still considered probable. C.R.A. held a conference this morning. If the attack takes place our artillery, will, during the first two hours of the preliminery bombardment remain quiet so long as the Infantry do not put up the S.O.S. At 12.30p.m. Counter preparation will be put down. A scheme is also arranged for counter preparation against trench mortars.		
			Enemy remain very quiet. Counter battery office rang up to say we were to gas a Hun battery and that 18pdr. Batteries were to fire on some suspected Ammunition dumps. No other firing to be done until after 11.30p.m. 46th. and 45th. Batteries have moved another section out to silent position making 4 guns each silent and 2 for harassing fire behind ROBECQ. The 4 silent guns are out in the open with camous flage over them. They have an unrestructed view and command	H. Q. 12TH ARMY BOX. AUST. F.A.	
10.5	18.		of the country almost from the front line up to the guns. 46th; Battery have sent one gun forward to LES AMUSOIRES for ahti-tank work. 11.30p.m. No bombardment has taken place so far. Batteries continue with ordinary routihe firing. Brigade H.Q. shelled with 5.9 H.V. Gun. 46th. Battery have established flash spotting station in	Data	
			church towers at ROBECQ and ST. VENANT. Intersections from these two points are obtained on enemy guns, and the report sent on to the counter battery office. The enemy remained quiet harassing fire carried out as usual. A5834 Wt.W4973/M687 750,000 8/16 D.D.&L.Ltd. Forms/C.2118/13.		

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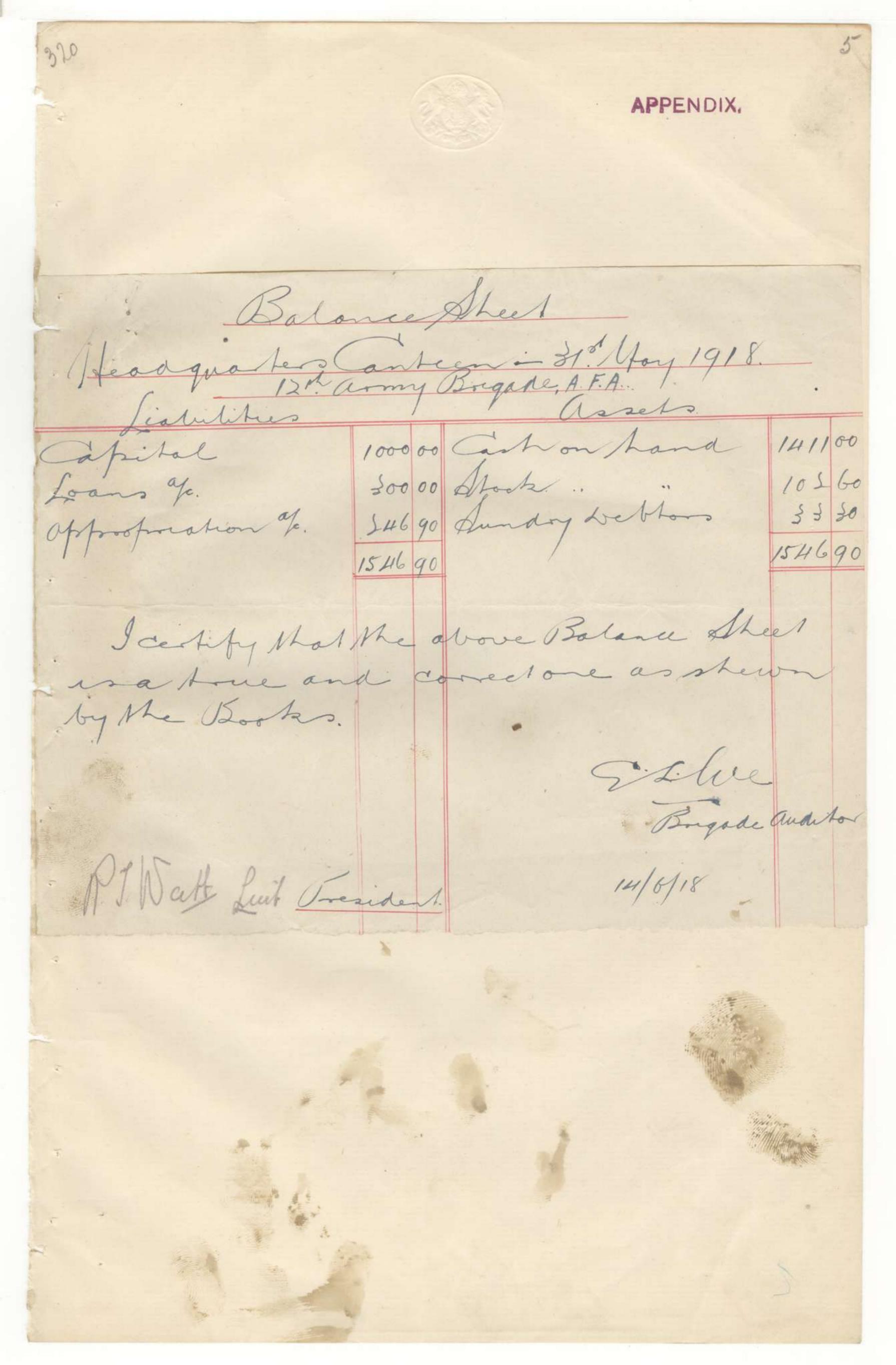
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11	.5.18.		Enemy artillery again active on battery areas in rear of ROBECQ Weather conditions very good. Gas was used during the evening but nothing fell very near the batteries. XXXX 15 pdr. B.L.C. has been sent up to replace 18pdr. at present used for anti-tank work.		
12	.5.18.		Enemy quiet, Harassing fire as usual.		3
	.5.18.		Enemy very quiet. Rough weather rained during the night.		
			#5 and 46th. Batteries will fire in an operation tomorrow		
			night. Guns in silent position should be moved back behind		The state of the s
14	.5.18.		ROBECQ for the operation. Batteries ordered to do so tonight Splendid weather clear and warm. Enemy very quiet on the sector		
**	000100		At 11.30 p.m. the batteries fired in conjunction with a raid		A STATE OF THE PARTY OF
			made by 182nd. Infantry Brigade. The raid was a success.		
			One prisoner being taken and no casualties.		
15	.5.18.		Enemy again very quiet. Harassing fire as usual 60 rds. per		
16	.5.18.		Sun now being fired. Nothing of importance to report. Ememy quiet. Weather warm.		
	.5.18.		Enemy very quiet. Majark@anekakx&akkmxMaskmaxiex	H. O.	1 - 76 6 5 1
	5.18.		Enemy Artillery quiet. 61st. Divisional Commander visited	12TH ARMY BDE.	A STATE OF
			C.O. during morning. Weather hot.	AUST. F.A.	
		MALIS	Towards evening there was a great deal of aerial activity on		
1.0	5.18		both sides. Usual harassing fire, otherwise nothing to report.	No. management	
	5.18.		Weather still continues warm. Enemy bombing planes active	Date	
			during night.		
21	. 5.18.		Warning order recieved that the brigade will be relieved		
			by 282nd. Army. Brigade R.F.A. on the night 24/25th. May.		
22	5.18.		Usual harassing fire carried out. At 6p.m. 306th, Brigade R.F.A. took over from 180th, Brigade		
-		1	R.F.A. Enemy bombing planes came over our line at night		The state of the s
			and dropped several bombs in the vicinity of H.Q. Notified		
23	XXXXX.		from D.A. that the relief of this Brigade would take place 24		
			hours earlier.		
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23. 5.1 24. 5.1 25. 5.1 26. 5.1 27. 5.1 28. 5.1	8. The Bar Bar RA Ba. St.	and Battery Commanedrs 282nd. Army Brigade R.F.A. arrived Brigade H.Q. at 11.30 a.m. Enemy artillery very quiet. Brigade was relieved by 282nd. Bde. R.F.A. during evening. teries withdrew to Wagon Lines. gade moved from Wagon Lines situated around LA FLANDRE to CQWINGHEM Area, where Brigade was billeted. teries engaged in overhauling gear. Otherwise nothing to report 11 at RACQUINGHEM. Brigade administered by XV Corps.	
29.5.1 30.5.1 31.5.1	8. Or	lers were recieved from Corps that Brigade will move to DE Area on the following day. gade moved to LYNDEArea in the morning and was billeted there. H.Q. 12TH ARMY BOE. AUST. F.A.	
		Gry Raymond Lieut.	
		Adjutant, 12th. Army Brigade Aust. F. A.	



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