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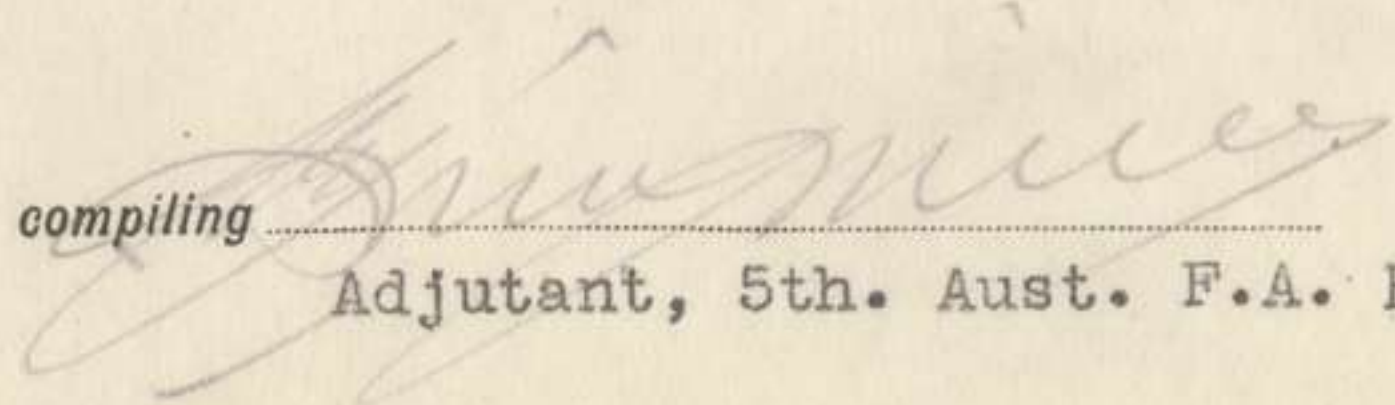
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LA-BOISELLE.	1.9.16.		Barrage continues. Infantry were shown our barrage on trenches in R.28.c. 83rd. Brigade R.F.A. registered on our Sector in R.35.a and d.	
	2.9.16.		Barrage as usual. 3 p.m. (How. commenced firing on trenches radiating for 150 yards from point R.28.d.40.70. 9 p.m. (250 rounds fired. 9 p.m. Our barrage switched to trenches running from point 36 to 95 in R.28.c. rate being increased to 30 rounds per Brigade per hour.	
	3.9.16		5.10 a.m. Bombardment in support of 13th. Inf. Brigade commenced. Barrage continued through the day. Sections of Batteries were to be relieved today but owing to the situation out around MOUQUET FARM orders were cancelled. 7.45 p.m. S.O.S. signal was observed, so our barrage increased to 3 rounds per gun per minute. 8.15 p.m. Everything reported normal. Ordinary 30 rounds per Brigade per hour was resumed.	
	4.9.16		6 a.m. Batteries of 83rd. Brigade R.F.A. commenced relief. 10 a.m. Normal barrage was resumed. (R.30.d.30.50 - R.30.a.60.10). noon. Reliefs completed and Brigade withdrew to Wagon Lines. Orders received for Brigade to move to YR vicinity of YPRES.	
AUTHEIULE.	5.9.16		The Brigade marched to AUTHEIULE and bivouaced for the night.	
PROVEN.	6.9.16		Brigade entrained near AMIENS and proceeded to PROVEN where we disentrained and trekked	
BUSSEBOOM	7.9.16		to BUSSEBOOM (Sheet 28 NW-) The C.O. and two 18-pounder Batteries and How. Battery Commanders went to the line to reconnoitre positions, but later it was decided that the Batteries of this Brigade should be split into groups.	
	8.9.16		The 13th. and 14th. Batteries were attached to Left Group under control of 6th. A.F.A. Brigade and the 15th. Battery under 4th. A.F.A. Brigade. They are now only handled administratively by this Brigade. 105th. How. Battery remains in reserve.	

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BUSSEBOOM.	9.9.16		2nd. D.A.H.Q. ordered that a school of instructions should be established near STEENVOORDE and be Commanded by Lieut. Colonel H.W. LLOYD, D.S.O. and to be comprised of Batteries not in the Line. The ground was reconnoitred in vicinity of STEENVOORDE and should be suitable but is not yet available.	
	10.9.16 to 12.9.16		105th. Battery still in reserve.	
	13.9.16.		105th. Battery ordered to the Line and relieved the 103rd. Battery, 1st. Aust. Div. by Sections completing relief on 14th. Sept. 1916.	
YPRES.	14.9.16.		Orders were received that Div. Arty. was to be divided into 3 Groups. The C.O. 5th. Brigade to Command Right Group (13th. 14th. 15th. and 105th. How. Bty) Group Headquarters were established at YPRES Ramparts. (Ref. Map. ZILLEBEKE L.14.b.1.8.) Batteries at I.27.b.50.25, I.15.b.45.45 and How. at I.21.a.05.02. Group-not-yet-taken. Registration-proceeding.	
	15.9.16 to 16.9.16.		Group not yet taken. Registration proceeding.	
	17.9.16		5 p.m. Group was taken over.	
	18.9.16 to 21.9.16.		Weather very uncertain. Enemy very quiet, Shooting on registration only.	
	22.9.16		A rocket test for checking time of report reaching H.Q. was carried out. H.Q. moved to ZILLEBEKE BUND - I.21.b.0.5.50. This was more convenient for communications.	
	23.9.16 to 25.9.16.		15th. Battery being Battery for duty shot on all the suspected machine gun and Trench Mortar emplacements pointed out by the Infantry. Good results obtained.	
	26.9.16		Enemy Trench Mortars have been fairly active for the past few days but his Artillery is very inactive.	

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YPRES.	26.9.16		4 p.m. A 15 minute bombardment of all suspected Machine Gun and Trench Mortar Emplacements was carried out. Enemy retaliation was slight.	
	27.9.16		15th. Battery fired on a suspected H.Q. also some newly constructed work and working parties.	
	28.9.16		15th. Battery fired 60 rounds on enemy working parties in I.30.b.	
	29.9.16		2.30 a.m. 105th. How. Battery fired in conjunction with 18th. Battalion raid. In afternoon all 18-pounder Batteries were tested for speed in opening fire on receipt of S.O.S. message.	
	30th.9.16		9.30 a.m. 15th. and 105th. Batteries again did a 15 minute bombardment. Enemy retaliation slight. For every shot he fired, 4 were fired in reply during the day by 105th. Battery on supports.	