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OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Signature of Officer Commanding

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FLERS.	1.11.16		Still raining. Rations difficult.	
	2.11.16		Shooting on Brigade Zone and approaches thereto. Supply of ammunition better as D.A.C. supply us with pack mules.	
	3.11.16		Shooting continued. Rations and supplies normal.	
	4.11.16		Ammunition allowance raised to 480 rounds per day for each 18-pounder Battery and 150 rounds for Hows.	
	5.11.16		Normal barrage. Fire observed to be good. System of Forward Observing Officers established.	
	6.11.16		Bombardment of enemy front line. Retaliation very slight on our supports.	
	7.11.16		Battalion Commanders report all our shells going well over our trenches.	
	8th.11.16		Batteries verify lines daily. F.O.O. reports fire effective. Enemy shelling heavily round and on our supports. Our Batteries retaliated on barrage lines.	
	9.11.16		Stations selected for Lamp Signals; Factory Corner and Brigade O.P.	
	10.11.16		Slight enemy shelling on Supports. Weather dry and frosty. Ground hardening, Two of our planes and one German Plane brought down.	
	11.11.16		Our barrage on enemy front line reported very effective. Retaliation nil. Enemy front line seems uncertain. Infantry Intelligence Officer reports 300 to 400 yards from our front line.	
	12.11.16		Weather <del>still</del> good, dry and frosty. Trenches greatly improved. Enemy aeroplanes and balloons very active.	
	13.11.16		Normal barrage maintained and woods searched. Observation impossible owing to mists. Bombarded enemy front line, retaliation nil. Enemy planes active.	

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FLERS.	14.11.16		Enemy shelled supports, Batteries retaliated on barrage lines and searched FLERS - <del>LYON</del> <sup>LIGNY</sup> <del>THILOI</del> Road. - THILLOY. Road.	
	15.11.16		Infantry relief. Very quiet on Brigade Sector.	
	16.11.16		Survey is being made of Front Line by Engineers. Sector quiet.	
	17.11.16 to 19.11.16.		Situation normal, visibility low.	
	20.11.16		Enemy shelling slight. Infantry relief.	
Near. Grinchy. (T7 n T8)	23.11.16 to 25.11.16		Guns and Hows. taken over by <sup>4th</sup> F.A.B. Ammunition by 4th. Div. Arty. Brigade relieved by <sup>4th</sup> Div. Arty. and we then relieved the a Brigade of 20 <sup>th</sup> Div. Arty.	
	29.11.16 30.11.16		Tactical Control passed to 'B' Group Arty. Lieut.-Colonel J.H. HURST, Commanding. gave. Misty during morning. Enemy most active and shelled our front trenches during the night. Enemy occasionally shelled our Railway. We kept up a normal barrage on enemy roads and tracks.	