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## 13<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade Unit War Diaries

Tel-el Kabir	09.3.16 16.3.16	Tran	Training Camp Egypt Henry Ernest Curry transferred to 51 <sup>st</sup> Battery from 56 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
Moascar	03.4.16		Left at 12.45pm
Ferry Post	10.4.16		Arrived at 1500
Moascar	28.4.16		Marched out Ferry Post
Alexandria	19.6.16		Embarked
Marselles	24.6.16		Arrived in France (En route to the Western Front)
Harve	27.6.16		
Blaring Ham	03.7.16		
Bois Grenier	11.7.16		
Croix Blanche	14.7.16		
Croix Du Les Cormez			Targets 51 <sup>st</sup> Battery, 13 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B.
	15.7.16	A1/25	N.9.d.0.1 to N.10.c.35.35
	16.7.16	A2/25 A3	N.15.a.8.5 to N.16.a.4.7 - ½ Wire Cutting
	17.7.16	A4	N.9.d.9.2 to N.10.c.3½ - 3½ Wire Cutting
<b>(Fromelles)</b>	19.7.16	A5	N.9.d.8.2 to N.9.c.3½ - 3½ Wire Cutting 2-4pm At 6.55pm Stop wire cutting and lift 300 yards.
		A6	51 <sup>st</sup> Battery Pos. H.34.a.2..3. Heavy Fire 4 killed 2 wounded.
	20.7.16	A7	11.34am Brigadier of the 8 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> suggested fire to be stoped.
	21.7.16	A8	13 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B will relieve the 24 <sup>th</sup> R.F.A. by 2200
Cordonnie	23.7.16	A9	N.5.c.25.3 to N.5.c.95.6 Group H.Q Pos.H.20.c.5.5
	01.8.16	A10	N.10.b.40 to N.10.b.9.4 including Tadpole destroy new works
		A11	N.11.a.75.85 to N.5.d.7.1
	06.8.16	Tran	Albert Alfred Curry transferred to 51 <sup>st</sup> Battery from 56 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
	14.8.16	A12	N.11.a.5.7 to N.5d.3.2
	16.8.16	A13	N.11a.75.70 to N.5.c.70.10
	18.8.16	A14	N.22.b.95.50 Buildings opposite Fromelles.
	19.8.16	A15	N.10.b.75.40 to N.10.b.90.42, N.11.a.00.35
<b>(Poizieres)</b>	23.8.16	A16	Tadpole enemy trenches bombard at 6pm.
	25.8.16	A17	Retaliation Tasks. M.G.emplacements, Pos. of Batteries, Buildings used as O.P's and dumps, stores etc. Working parties.
	26.8.16	A18	N.11.a.6.8 to N.11.a.85.90, O.10 to O.13
	27.8.16	A19	N.10.c.5.2. to N.16.a.85.50
		A20	Postponed due to bad weather,
		A21	Enemy defences to cover the attack by GAS will be made by Left Group.
	04.9.16	A22	3 Guns N.11.a.3.5 to N.11.a.60.65.1 Gun N.11.a.3.5 to N.11.a.40.65 sweep.
		A23	
	09.9.16	A24	Farm de la Marlaque N.17.b.35.75
		A25	
	12.9.16	A26	N.11.a.15.60 to N.11.a.50.75
	16.9.16	A27	N.11.a.40.65 wire cutting.
	14.9.16	A28	N.11.a.6.7 to N.11.a.85.70, N.5.d.4.2 to N.5.d.65.05
		A29	
		A30	N.11a.7.8 to N.11a.9.9
		A31	N.10.b.8.4 Wire Cutting

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Armentiers	25.9.16	A32	C.17.c.90.85
	27.9.16	A33	O.17.d.05.20 to O.17.d.1.0
	28.9.16	A34	Stand ready to fire at any minenwerfers which may openfire.
	29.9.16	A35	Ready to fire at minenwerfers.
	30.9.16	A36	C.29.a.8.9 to C.23c.9.2, C.23.d.1.4 to C.23.d.1.2
	01.10.16	A37	C.17.a.7.0 to C.17.a.95.05 to C.17.a.7.2, C.17.d.50.75
	06.10.16	A38	C.17.a.5.4 to C.17.a.3.5, C.17.a.3.5 to C.17.a.15.55
	11.10.16	A39	C.17.a.3.5 to C.17.a.15.50
	17.10.16	A40	Ready to fire at minenwerfers.
	19.10.16	A41	Ready to fire at minenwerfers.
	20.10.16	A42	C.29.c.5.7 to C.29.c.4.9
	22.10.16	A43	Ready to fire at any minenwerfers.
	30.10.16	A44	C.29.c.6.0 to C.29.c.60.62
Armentieres	08.11.16		N.Z Arty. Bde. Arrived and relief was completed by 8.30pm
Robecq	09.11.16		Starting point Merville at 9.00am arrived Robecq 2.30pm
Sachin	10.11.16		Busnes at 9.00am arrived Sachin 2.30pm via Lilles & Pernes
Petit Bouret	11.11.16		Via St. Pol, Nuncq, Frevant to Petit Bouret
	12.11.16		Remained at Petit Bouret rest day
Villers Bocage	13.11.16		Left billets 7.30am via Valhogen, Doullens, Talands to Villers Bocage
Bonnay	14.11.16		Left at 5.30am and arrived Bonnay at 2.30pm
Mametz	15.11.16		Left at 12.30am and arrived Mametz at 4.30am via Heilly, Buire.
	16.11.16		Bde took over wagon lines from 1 <sup>st</sup> F.A.B. gunners moved up to BAT Pos.
	18.11.16		Wagon lines were filthy and muddy and very little accommodation. Horses suffering from cold and mud. Ammunition being transported on saddle. Some horses at night being lost in shell holes. Some have drowned.
	19.11.16		Orders received to withdraw from line gradually.
Montauban	20.11.16		Tried to withdraw our guns all reported impossible to do in darkness. Horses and guns could not be kept out of shell holes all three batteries left their guns bogged withdraw was tried during the night.
	21.11.16		All guns that were bogged were withdrawn
Mametz	24.11.16		Orders to move brigade and one section 5 <sup>th</sup> D.A.C to Training area Naours.
	25.11.16		All batteries had great difficulty in getting out of muddy and boggy wagon lines. Horses and men have done very well in moving guns
			Montauban, Carnoy, Meaulte, Morlandcourt
	26.11.16		Left at 9.00am for Bussy via Heilly, Bonnay arriving at 1.00pm
	27.11.16		Left Bussy 9.00am arrived Noars at 3.30pm via Querriau, Rainneville Bocage, Flessles.
Naours	29.11.16		Total leaving Armentiers 3 killed, 11 wounded, 49 horses lost.
	30.11.16		C.R.A 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Division visited the Brigade at Naours and Training School at Wargnies. Instructors arrived. Water only at Havernas.
	10.12.16		Small quantity of clothing received which was badly required,
	13.12.16		<b>Snow falling during the day very cold.</b> (Somme Winter)
	<b>16.12.16</b>	<b>Sick</b>	<b>Henry Ernest Curry sick to hospital varicose vein left leg</b>
	21.12.16		Left Naours for Guillemont 8.00am arrived at Buire at 3.45pm
	22.12.16		Brigade moved from Buire camp arrived at Mametz 10-5am and relived the 14 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B. Guns moved up to the line.
Guillemont	23.12.16		Batteries are in M Group which consists of 56 <sup>th</sup> Bty and 115 <sup>th</sup> Bty.
	25.12.16		Drivers at wagon lines are suffering from cold. Xmas Day.

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	28.12.16		One gunner killed at battery position in Gun Valley was heavily shelled.
Gillemount	02.1.17		Night firing carried out west of Le Transloy
	08.1.17		Grinchy corner received a good deal of fire.
	18.1.17		<a href="#">Brigade Pos. Left Group T.19c.8.1. Right Group T.25.d.65.50.</a>
	20.1.17	A45	N.29.c.35.35 to N.29.a.0.2 Le Transloy. Hostile artillery shelled gun battery.
	26.1.17	A46	N.22.a.50.75 to N.22.c.20.85 Sunray Trench
	27.1.17		All batteries positions severely shelled throughout the day.
	04.2.17	A47	N.15.d, N.16.c, N.21.b, N.22.c. The 4 <sup>th</sup> Australian Division carried out successful attack on enemy trenches this brigade assisted on operation firing on valley.
	05.2.17		Received congratulations message for effective fire.
	06.2.17		SOS call by 4 <sup>th</sup> Australian Division from N.21.d 11.32am
	07.2.17		Work commenced on Anti tank gun position N.32.d.3.6
	08.2.17		All batteries working on dugouts
	10.2.17		Roads and tracks still frozen
	11.2.17		Canteen report today shows satisfactory financial very popular with the men.
	<b>16.2.17</b>	<b>Sick</b>	<b>Albert Alfred Curry sick to hospital with Pneumonia</b>
	02.3.17		Considerable hostile heavy artillery.
Grinchy	01.3.17		Covering 29 <sup>th</sup> Battalion attacking Sunray Trench
	04.3.17		<b>(Albert Alfred Curry is on Hospital Ship Glenart Castle when it hits a mine)</b>
	06.3.17		Group Headquarters Pos. <a href="#">T.13b.7.8</a>
	20.3.17		System shelled Atom Trench
Villers au Flos	21.3.17		Guns laid in lines in front of Bancourt-Haplincourt
	22.3.17		<a href="#">Pos.12.d.3.9 Wagon Lines</a> patrol Beaulencourt
Bancourt	28.3.17		Moved to selected positions Bancourt
Beugny	05.4.17		Moved to <a href="#">Pos. I.22.a.7.4</a>
	11.4.17		Wagon Lines moved to Fremicourt
	18.4.17		Pos. from <a href="#">K.9</a> to <a href="#">D.17</a>
	19.4.17		Battery moved to Fremicourt
<b>(Bullecourt)</b>	01.5.17		Vicinity of <a href="#">51<sup>st</sup> Battery Pos. I.12.d.0.3</a> shelled between 4-8pm by 5.9 How.
	03.5.17		30 min bombardment from D.7.d.85.35 to D.7.d.90.75 to O.6.b.9.0 to O.1.a.4.3
	11.5.17		Balloons much used by the enemy.
	23.5.17		51 <sup>st</sup> Battery Pos. Wagon Lines moved to Barastre <a href="#">O.16.a</a>
	27.5.17		51 <sup>st</sup> Battery moved Pos. <a href="#">Chaufours Wood I.12.a</a>
	30.5.17		51 <sup>st</sup> Battery moved out during the night for one weeks spell.
Barastre	03.6.17		Brigade moved to Barastre <a href="#">O.15.a.7.5</a> for a spell out of the line.
<b>(Messines)</b>	07.6.17		
	12.6.17		51 <sup>st</sup> Battery Pos, Wagon lines <a href="#">O.15.d</a>
<b>Becourt</b>	<b>28.6.17</b>		<b>Marching out to Becourt Brigade camp X.26.Central via Bapume &amp; La Bosselle</b>
<b>Behencourt</b>	<b>03.7.17</b>		<b>Brigade moved to Behencourt</b>
<b>Sarton</b>	<b>10.7.17</b>		<b>Brigade left Behencourt at 5.30am and arrived Sarton 10.00am</b>
<b>Etree Wamn</b>	<b>11.7.17</b>		<b>Brigade left Sarton at 6.00am for Etree Wamn arrived 12.00 midday.</b>
<b>Hernicourt</b>	<b>12.7.17</b>		<b>Brigade left Etree Wamn at 7.00am for Hernicourt arrived 11.30am</b>
<b>Amettes</b>	<b>14.7.17</b>		<b>Brigade left Hernicourt at 3.00am and arrived Amettes 9.15am</b>
<b>Wittes</b>	<b>15.7.17</b>		<b>Brigade left Amettes at 6.45am and arrived Wittes 10.00am</b>

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<b>Stapples</b>	<b>16.7.17</b>		<b>Brigade left Wittes at 6.15am and arrived Stapples 10.30am</b> <b>Brigade left Stapples at 5.15am and arrived Steenvorde 9.30am</b> <b>Tempory Wagon Lines Pos. S/E of Valmertinge</b>
<b>Steenvorde</b>	<b>17.7.17</b>		
<b>Valamertinge</b>	<b>18.7.17</b>		
Ypres	19.7.17		C.O. inspected gun positions and dumps again 113 Battery went into position at night.
Menin Road	20.7.17		Other sections of 113 Battery delayed was caused by shelling and blocked traffic. The ammunition of the battery was blown up. About 4000 rounds.
Potijze	21.7.17		<a href="#">51<sup>st</sup> Battery Pos. I.3.d.30.05</a> Pos No. 92 Code Name HEATHEN All construction of gun positions. Allotment of billets, dugouts and O.Ps Should all be connected by telephone prior to occupation. Ammunition Dumps carefully camouflaged and protected from splinters and weather. Each position 18 pounder 1,148 rounds per gun. 75%A 25%AX
	22.7.17	A86	C.30.d.52.32 to C.30.d.35.85 lift or drop 50 yards D.25.c.15.45 to D.25.c.00.95 D.19.c.90.15 to D.19.c.80.80, D.20.a.80.45 to D.20.a.67.80, D.15.c.10.15
	23.7.17	A89	51 <sup>st</sup> Battery SOS lines allotted I.5.b.50.25 to I.5.b.40.55
	31.7.17	Tran	<b>Henry Ernest Curry put into 1<sup>st</sup> L.T.M Battery for 2 weeks</b>
	04.8.17	A100	D.25.b.35.50 to D.25.b.45.55 in addition salvo to be fired every 15 min day and night along Roulers Railway crosses Frezenberg-Zonnebeke road.
	07.8.17	A102	Salvoes on the wire in front of Bremin Line D.26.c..35.70. D.26.c.35.65. D.26.d.30.95, D.27.a.6.4, D.20.d.50.15, D.26.c.85.75 and same addition A100.
	11.8.17	Rtn.	<b>Henry Ernest Curry returns to 51<sup>st</sup> Battery, 13<sup>th</sup> F.A.B. as Gunner</b>
	14.8.17	A104	Sweep Hill 37, D.20.a.5.7 to D.20.a.50.95 D.20.b.0.7. D.14.d.0.0
	20.8.17	A108	D.22.c.20.65 D.15.d.35.35 drop 100 yards D.27.a.65.75 D.20.b.9.3 51 <sup>st</sup> Battery 8.30pm-4.30am salvoes at Bremen Redoubt.
	21.8.17	A110	D.20.d.7.6 to D.20.b.6.1 D.22.b.70.15 to D.28.b.55.60
	22.8.17	A111	D.16c.0 to D.15.d.7 to D.20.a.1.4 to D.25.b.85.80 (10.45pm-1.30am) D.26.a.1.4 to D.25.b.85.80, D.21.a.70.25 to D.21.a.35.65
	24.8.17	Rtn.	<b>Albert Alfred Curry returns to 51<sup>st</sup> Battery, 13<sup>th</sup> F.A.B as Gunner.</b>
	25.8.17	A112	D.25.d.7.9 to D.25.b.50.55 if Division requiring assistance at night.
		A115	D.20.c.70.20 to D.20.a.65.40 D.19.d.9.0 to D.19.d.40.45
		A117	D.19.d.25.75 to D.19.b.25.05 to D.20.a.0.8 Smoke Shells (Gallipoli)
	26.8.17	A118	D.20.a Hill37 D.15.a to D.15.c Otto farm Smoke Shells
	29.8.17	A121	D.14.c.4.0 to D.20.c.8.5 intervals at D.19.b.7.0 to D.19.d.8.5. (3.00am-6.00pm)
	01.9.17	A122	D.20c.60.95. to D.20.a.5.5.
	03.9.17	A123	D.20.c.85.95 to D.10.d.55.20, D.20.c.95.95 to D.10.d.60.13
	04.9.17	A124	D.19.b.7.2 to D.19.d.70.55 nights 4/5 Sept and 5/6 Sept
	05.9.17	A127	D.20.a.6.0 to D.20.a.5.5 Smoke Barrage.
	06.9.17	A128	D.19.b.7.2 to D.19.d.70.55, D.14.c.30.35 to D.20c.8.5 (9.00pm- Midnight)
Ypres	07.9.17	A130	Relieved by 72 <sup>nd</sup> Battery 38 <sup>th</sup> Army <a href="#">Wagon Lines Pos. H.19b.4.8</a> All returned to Wagon Lines last section arrived 3.00am

**Casualties 20<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> September Killed 20 Wounded 99**

Brandhoek	08.9.17		Marched via Abeele to Steenvoorde arrived at 4.00pm
Steenvoorde	09.9.17		Marched at 8.00am via Cassel, Oxclare to St Momelin distict.
St. Momelin	14.9.17		Officers were taken to Blaringhem to hear about lectures on Artillery.
	15.9.17		Move stores and guns to pool at Abeele
	16.9.17		General Birdwood and Hobbs. The Corps commander presented metals.

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<b>(Menin Road)</b>	20.9.17	Battle commences. 1st and 2nd Division.
<b>(Polygon Wood)</b>	26.9.17	Battle commences. 5th Division.
	27.9.17	Proceed to 1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac Corps to Pos. <a href="#">J.8.c</a> . East of Westhoek.
	28.9.17	Brigade marched at 7.30am to Ooderzeele no billets full of A.L.H.
	29.9.17	Brigade H.Q moved to dugouts Halfway house <a href="#">I.17.c</a>

Nonne 01.10.17 20/1 [51<sup>st</sup> Battery Pos. J.8.c.75.93](#) very heavily shelled  
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<b>(Broodseinde)</b>	02.10.17	20/4	J.4.b.95.40 to J.4.b.75.95 S.O.S Lines
		20/7	J.5.c.1.8 to J.4.b.80.95
		20/10	<a href="#">51<sup>st</sup> Wagon Lines Pos</a> moving to <a href="#">I.19.d</a>
	07.10.17	20/12	J.6.b.3.9 to D.30.d.2.3
	08.10.17	20/14	D.29.d.7.0 to D.29.d.75.60, J.6.a.25.95 to D.30.c.35.45
		20/18	J.5.b.9.9 to D.29.d.80.55
		20/21	J.5.b.85.70 to D.29.d.8.2 Celtic Wood.
	11.10.17	20/23	J.5.b.9.9 to D.29.d.85.40 to D.29.d.80.85
<b>(Passchendale)</b>	13.10.17	20/25	J.5.b.85.70 to D.29.d.8.2 Battery almost becoming unapproachable.
	15.10.17	20/27	J.6.a.20.95 to J.6.a.2.5, J.6.b.0.8 to D.30.d Guns cannot be moved. D.30.a.0.2 to D.30.a.0.7, D.30.a.5.8 to D.30.c.6.4
	02.11.17	20/28	D.30.a.90.80, D.30.c.6.9

**07.11.17 Sick**

**Henry Ernest Curry G.S.W to the head and shoulder**

Casualties 28<sup>th</sup> Sep to 11 Nov      Killed 30 Wounded 133 Gassed 35

Ypres	11.11.17	Derby Roads west of Ypres
Rheninshelst	12.11.17	Marched to Rheninshelst.
Baillel	13.11.17	Passed through Bailleul
Ru De Lille		Camping Areas reached 5.00pm
Wulverghem	14.11.17	N/W and S/W of Messines
Trios Rois	15.11.17	<a href="#">51<sup>st</sup> Battery Pos. T.20.c.2.2</a>
Messines	17.11.17	<a href="#">51<sup>st</sup> Battery Pos. O.31.b.9.3</a>

**19.11.17 Sick**

**Albert Alfred Curry sick to hospital Pneumonia (second time)**

Doillieu	20.11.17	Remained all day preparation for march.
Eblinghem	21.11.17	Left at 7.00am from Doillieu via Merris, Hazebrouck, Eblinghem 2.30pm
Merck St Levin	22.11.17	Left at 8.00am via Arques, Wizerns, Clety, Avott to Merk St Levin 1.30pm
Montcavel	25.11.17	Rest over the X-Mas break for 2 months

Elnes	01.02.18	Marched from Verhocq to Elnes
Renescure	02.02.18	Marched Elnes via Lumbers, Wizerns, Arques to Renescure.
Sec Bois	03.02.18	Marched from Renescure to Sec Bois via Hazebrouck, Borrie 2.00pm
Messines	04.02.18	Relieved one section at a time from 1 <sup>st</sup> F.A.B
(Hill 63)	06.02.18	Front quieter when the brigade was last here in Nov- Dec

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Messines (Hill 63)	14.03.18	Rtn Rtn	Henry Ernest Curry change to 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery, 13 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B as Gunner Albert Alfred Curry change to 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery, 13 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B as Gunner
	21.3.18		Very hostile shelling our whole area large number of <u>GAS</u> shells
	22.3.18		Hostile shelling again above normal
	<b>23.3.18</b>	<b>Sick</b>	<b>Albert Alfred Curry hit in the face from 18 pounder gun recoil</b> Whilst engaged digging trench at O.P during the night of 22/23 1 O/R severely wounded, 2 O/R slightly wounded. Liet M.C.Clark proceed on leave. Henry Ernest Curry carry's his brother Albert for 2 Days to Trois Arbres 2 <sup>nd</sup> Casualty Clearing Station 6km away and saves his life. 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. U.13.a.80.80
	01.4.18		
	03.4.18		Entrained Caestre for journey south to Amiens. (Somme Area)
	04.4.18		<b>(1st Villers-Bretonneux)</b>
Bonnay	07.4.18	A24/9	Battery Pos. I.29.d.90.20 Wagon Lines Pos. I.23.a.50.90 Amunition dumps will be formed at battery position consisting of 200 rounds. SOS Lines P.2.d.9.0 to P.3.b.0.5
	09.4.18	A24/10 A24/11	P.9.b P.9.b.0.9 to P.4.c.75.75
	11.4.18	A24/12	P.11.a.2.8, P.5.c.4.8, P.11.b.9.8, P.5.d.9.6 Task 1 P.11a.1.6, P.5.c.1.8 to P.11.b.50.85, P.5.d.5.6 Task 2
	12.4.18	A24/13	P.3.c.55.50 to P.3.a.80.15 to P.4.a.40.95. SOS Lines
	13.4.18	A24/14 A24/15	SOS call all Batteries will open up for 3 minutes. All Batteries sweep P.15.b.00.30, P.15.85.40, P.15.b.40.11, P.15.d.00.70 All Batteries X roads and H.Q at P.10.c.20.30 All Batteries search Road and Wood at P.5.d.00.70
	14.4.18	A24/16	Brigade will move. 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. I.28a.40.90 SOS Lines P.4.a.45.90 to P.3.a.70.00 to P.3.c.45.85
	15.4.18	A24/18	P.3.b.45.10 to P.3.c.95.75. to P.9a.85.60 to P.8.d.85.10
	21.4.18	A24/21	With a view to engaging targets from different positions and of obtaining mobile training the 49 <sup>th</sup> and 50 <sup>th</sup> Batteries will by day move from present positions and occupy positions further forward. Red Barron was shot down today by Artillery Lewis Gunner .
	23.4.18	A24/23	P.15c.35.65, P.9.c.35.45.
	<b>24.4.18</b>	<b>Sick</b>	<b>Henry Ernest Curry Gassed but keeps going on regardless. 49<sup>th</sup> &amp; 50<sup>th</sup> Bat. Wagon Lines suffering mostly. Casualties on Men and Horses occurred.</b>
	25.4.18		<b>(2nd Villers Bretonneux)</b> Australian Infantry saves the village that night.
	01.5.18	A25/1	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. I.28a.02.58 Wagon Lines I.20.b.3.8 P.14.b.55.85 to P.8.d.60.30, P.9a.40.40 to P.3.c.50.00, P.3.a.95.65
	02.5.18	A25/4	P.14.d.2.6, P.14.b.7.4, P.4.d.6.9, P.4.b.75.20, P.9.b H.Q moved to I.21.b.30.45 in bank. Considerable aerial activity.
	03.5.18	A25/5	P.10.a, P.9.b, P.14.d.25.90, P.14.b.90.30, P.15.c.25.50
	04.5.18	A25/6	P.14.b.30.00, P.14.c.90.00, P.4.d
	05.5.18	A25/8	P.14.d, P.10.b, P.9.b, P.14.d
	06.5.18	A25/9	P.10.c.5.4, P.14.d.7.5, P.3.c.9.5
	07.5.18	A25/9	Bugle SOS Signals will come into force and will be answered by artillery Light signals. Ordinary SOS three G's repeated. Tank SOS six G's repeated. The light signal for tank attack will be three flares viz. Green, Red, Green
	12.5.18	A25/16	P.9.b.9.4, P.15.a.0.0, P.15.c.0.5, P.9.a.75.00, P.4.c.5.0
	13.5.18	A25/18	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. I.28.a.02.58 Wagon Lines I.20.b.3.8 Defence of rear lines are as follows 50 <sup>th</sup> I.32.b.20.80

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Fouilloy	15.5.18	A25/19	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. O.16b.40.10. Wagon Lines to be taken over N.6.d.10.40
	16.5.18	A25/23	P.14.b.8.0, P.14.b.8.3, P.15.a.2.3, P.15.a.3.0 search and sweep P.10.c.3.3 P.10.c.3.7, P.10.c.7.7, P.10.c.7.3
	17.5.18	A25/25	P.14.d.2.6, P.16.d.0.0, P.9.c.5.5 to P.9.c.8.7
	18.5.18	A25/30	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. O.16.a.90.32. Fwd Wag O.9.a.8.2 Wagon Lines N.10.c.20.30.
	21.5.18	A25/36	P.14.c.30.25, P.14.d.00.70, P.14.b.30.40 to P.14.b.35.35
	22.5.18	A25/39	P.22.a.0.0 to P.16.c.1.7, P.10.d.35.45 to P.10.d.30.40
	24.5.18	A25/43	P.14.d.35.95 to P.14.d. 20.75, P.21.a.40.30 to P.21.a.60.25 to P.21.a.35.80
	25.5.18	A25/46	P.9.b, P.16.c.60.60 to P.16.a.60.10
	26.5.18	A25/48	P.9.a, P.16.d.70.80, P.16.d. 70.50, P.17.c.05.55 to P.17.c.05.95, P.20.b
	27.5.18	A25/52	P.14.d.35.95 to P.14.d.20.75, P.21.a all Batteries
	28.5.18	A25/55	P.22.a.10.20 to P.22.a.70.10 to P.16.c.90.10 to P.16.d.00.00
	29.5.18	A25/58	P.9.b, P.14.d.25.80 to P.14.b.55.30, P.15.c.30.60 to P.16.c.10.20
	31.5.18	A25/60	P.10.d, P.15.c.30.60 to P.16.c.10.20, P.14.d.15.10 to P.14.d.25.55
	01.6.18	A26/T1	P.14.d.25.80, P.14.b.55.30, P.10.d, P.14.d.5.7 to P.15.c.0.6
03.6.18	A26/T4	P.15.c.30.65 to P.16.c.10.20	
05.6.18	A26/T6	P.14.d.25.80 to P.14.b.55.30 Bois De Vaire	
06.6.18	A26/T7	P.14.b.82.00, P.15c.30.75, P.21.a.95.35 to P.21.b.20.30	
07.6.18	A26/T8	P.15.c.30.60 to P.15.c.10.20, P.10.a.30.45, P.10.a.30.30	
13.6.18	A26/T16	P.14.c.85.00 to P.14.c.90.65	
15.6.18	A26/T19	P.14.c.60.10, P.14.c.60.45, P.14.c.70.70, P.20.b.70.70 to P.20.b. 80.85	
16.6.18	A26/T22	P.15.c.30.60 to P.16.c.10.20, P.14.d.20.10, P.14.d.30.70	
19.6.18	A26/T28	P.14.d.11.11, P.15.c.25.25, P.10.c.50.70, P.16.b.11.11, P.11.a.85.30	
Hamlet	30.6.18	A26/11	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. P.1a.05.75 Wagon Lines 18.c.5.7
(Hamel)	03.7.18	A27/T1	P.8.d.80.70, P.10.b from P.10.b.00.25 to P.11.a.00.30, P.10.d, P.9.c.00.85
	04.7.18	A27/T2	Q.7.c.38.10 to Q.7.c.38.50, Q.7a.00.55 to Q.7.b.00.65
	08.7.18	A27/T6	Q.8.a.00.65 to Q.12.b.00.60, Q.12.a.20.00 to Q.7.a.40.55, P.12.a
	09.7.18	A27/T7	P.12.c.45.95 to P.12.b.75.20, P.12.b to Q.7.a.6.2, Q.7.a.5.7 to P.12.b.9.6
	11.7.18	A27/T9	Q.7.c to Q.13.a
	13.7.18		All Batteries left old position at about 10pm Hamel, Fouilloy and Corbie shelled during withdraw batteries. Fortunate no casualties.
Heilly	14.7.18		Batteries settling down. SOS lines allocated on most doubtful position
	15.7.18		Hostile plane brought down one of our balloons at 3.15pm
	17.7.18		Batteries and Brigade H.Q working on digging in.
	18.7.18		Arrangements made with D.A.C to supply half requirements of ammunition direct to battery positions in case of hostile attack.
	19.7.18		Albert Alfred Curry returns to 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery, 13 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B. as Gunner
	22.7.18		This Brigade now being superimposed over Divisional front no firing has been carried out, except for necessary registration of SOS Lines and datuming The C.O and Signal Officer visited O.P's with a view to connecting them by phone with buried cable. Hostile Artillery and front has been quiet.

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Heilly	25.7.18		Daylight raid carried out by English Troops on Dernancourt at 10.00am 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery were to move into positions east of Ancre River.
	28.7.18	27/T14	8 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade will attack K.20.c.0.2, K.20.a.4.0, K.14.c.6.0 to K.25.c.54.40, K.25.d.00.52, K.25.d.63.94, K.25.b.80.21.
	30.7.18	27/T15	K.15.b.95.40 to K.15.b.85.70, K.14.b.50.90, K.9.c.10.95. to K.9.c.60.00 K.9.d.80.45 to K.10.c.00.35
	31.7.18	27/T16	K.14.b.50.90, K.14.b.20.00, K.20.b.20.95, K.9.d.90.40, K.9.c.60.60 K.15.a.10.00 to K.15.a.10.50
	01.8.18		<a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. J.8.a.85.10</a>
	02.8.18		Relief of one section per battery completed without incident last night Some batteries were on the march to Argoeuvres when brigade Major 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. D.A.H.Q stated that brigade would go on to N9. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division Artillery H.Q ordering the brigade to proceed to Blangy Tronville
	03.8.18		Showery and road muddy. Batteries readjusting positions and settling down for days rest. During morning orders received to occupy positions for coming offensive. Batteries had to cart 600 rounds per 18 pounder to these positions.
Fouilloy	04.8.18		<a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. O.18.c.34.23.</a> Batteries moved into action during the night of the 4/5 <sup>th</sup> August to Positions selected. A conference was held by battery commanders at Brigade H.Qrs. to discuss this brigades action. During the day all 18 pounder Batteries took their guns to the corps calibration range, for calibrating.
	05.8.18		Fine Day roads and tracks muddy. Batteries busy carting ammunition. Horses consequently tiring, and some cases galling slightly.
	06.8.18		Brigade H.Qrs. moved to <a href="#">O.23.d.70.70.</a> to be near batteries and 8 <sup>th</sup> Aust Infantry Bde H.Qrs. whom this brigade was to support in operatios.
	07.8.18		Slight Shelling during which 18 supply tanks which were parked near were ignited, only 3 were saved. Conference of battery Commanders and Officers.
<b>(Amiens)</b>	<b>08.8.18</b>		<b>The Battle of Amiens (Black Day Of Germany)</b> Zero hour was fixed at 4.20am  <a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. O.18c.34.23.</a> At 7.00am batteries commenced to move forward in support of 5 <sup>th</sup> Div. Inf.  <a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. P.22.d</a> At 8.20am Took up position fired upon retiring enemy in Q.26.and Q.27  <a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. P.30.d.90.40</a> At 9.30am battery advanced fired at the enemy in R.35c and R.35.d  <a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos Q.35.d.40.90</a> Advanced and arrived at 12.30pm took up position. <a href="#">Wagon Lines Q.31.b</a>
	10.8.18		The 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Artillery will be relieved by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> on the morning of the 11 <sup>th</sup> . Brigade H.Q Harbonniers
Hamlet	<b>11.8.18</b>	<b>Sick</b>	<b>Henry Ernest Curry sick to hospital from previous gas attack at Bonnay</b> <a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. O.12.b.90.80</a> Wagon Lines Bayonvillers & Warfussee
	12.8.18		Day spent overhauling equipment. Men resting and bathing in the river. H.M.KING George V passed through this area today.



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Ignaucourt	13.8.18		50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. F.11.b.40.50 East of Roziers 2000 yards from Front Line.
	14.8.18		Batteries still carting ammunition by night, good progress being made.
	15.8.18		Brigade H.Q. at 6.00am stating that operation was cancelled 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Artillery were to withdraw to <a href="#">V.28. Area</a>
	17.8.18		Left Ignaucourt 10am to Cerisy <a href="#">Q.2.d</a> East of Morcourt
Morcourt	18.8.18		50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. <a href="#">Q.17.a.30.25</a> , <a href="#">Q.18.a.90.95</a> Wagon Lines <a href="#">Q.2.d</a> .
	19.8.18		
Vaire-Corbie	24.8.18		50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. <a href="#">J.33.d.80.2.0</a>
	27.8.18		
<b>(Peronne)</b>	28.8.18		50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. <a href="#">M.16.b.50.80</a> (Chuignes) Big Birtha
	29.8.18		Fay, Asseville
	01.9.18		Batteries moved forward to obtained more range during night 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. <a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos N.18.d.6.8</a>
	08.9.18	Trans	Albert Alfred Curry transferred to <a href="#">Driver</a> in 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery, 13 F.A.B.
Feuillieres	10.9.18		Orders received for the relief of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Division Arty. By 4 <sup>th</sup> Division Arty. On the night 11/12 <sup>th</sup> . 40 horses and 17 mules received and distributed.
	11.9.18		Brigade would march to Buie and advance parties sent out for billeting. Batteries marched via Peronne to Feuillieres, arriving 12-1.00pm
	12.9.18	Rtns	<a href="#">Henry Ernest Curry</a> returns to 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery, 13 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B as Gunner. All batteries settling down and commencing to overhaul and clean equipment which is badly wanted.
	16.9.18		Brigade moved from Feuillieres via Peronne, Doingt and Cartigny to <a href="#">K.32</a>
	17.9.18		Brigade H.Q moved to <a href="#">Q17.C.80.60</a> in Flechin
	21.9.18		50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos <a href="#">R.5.b.47.09</a>
	28.9.18		Brigade marched to Hesbecourt arrived 6.00am on the 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep.
	30.9.18		50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. <a href="#">G.8.d.80.20</a>
<b>(Hindenburg Line)</b>			
Bellicourt	01.10.18	A30/1	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. <a href="#">H.7.d.30.40</a>
	02.10.18	A30/2	B.19.a.10.15 to B.19.c.70.75 S.O.S Lines
Nauroy		A30/3	B.14.c.45.05 to B.7.d.95.20
	03.10.18	A30/4	
		A30/7	I.8.a.15.95 to I.1.d.80.45 S.O.S Lines
		A30/8	Valley, Road junction in I.28.c
		A30/9	I.2.d.65.30 to I.2.d.45.90 S.O.S Lines
	04.10.18	A30/11	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. <a href="#">H.16.c.55.35</a>
Joncourt	05.10.18		
Busigny	13.10.18		Marched via Esterees, Marez, Busigny arrived 1400 <a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. V.19.b.50</a>
	14.10.18		<a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. V.11.d.50.30</a>
	19.10.18		<a href="#">50<sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. X.2.c.30.80</a>
Le Cateau	21.10.18		50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Pos. <a href="#">Q.12.c.35.30</a>
	23.10.18		Last Bombardment of the War

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Le Cateau	24.10.18	All ranks preparing for the march to Amiens
Brancourt	25.10.18	Brigade marched from St Menin to Brancourt
Bellenglise	26.10.18	Brancourt to Bellenglise
Tincourt	27.10.18	Bellenglise to Tincourt
Bray	28.10.18	Left Tincourt and marched to Bray via Doingt, Peronne
Cagny	29.10.18	Left Bray and marched to Cagny via Corbie, Aubigny, Blancy
	30.10.18	All batteries cleaning and overhauling equipment. Horses grazing.
Caffy	10.11.18	Brigade left Cagny 10.15am and marched via Longeau, Villers Bretonneux- Warfussée- Abancourt- Proyart- Chuignes to Caffy reached at 7.20pm.
Athies	11.11.18	While on the road unofficial intimation was received to the effect that an Armistice with Germany had been concluded. Whistles and bells were heard in the distance, and cheering passed down the column.
	12.11.18	Opportunity was taken to graze the animals and to clean equipment and stores. Verbal instructions were received that the Brigade would remain in the Athies Area for some time.
Fresnoy	27.11.18	Mons, Vermand, Bellenglise, Sequhart, Fresnoy
St-Souplet	28.11.18	Bohain, Vaux- Andigny, St- Souplet
Cartignes	19.12.18	The Brigade left St-Souplet at 10.00am and marched via St Martin Rivere to Cartignes arriving at 2.45pm having covered a distance of 15 miles. Halts were made every 10 minutes to the clock hour. On arrival horses were mustered and fed. Personal were given a meal soon after arrival. Nearly all horses were under cover and the billets for personal were good
Sains Du- Noard	20.12.18	The Brigade left Cartignes at 10.00am and reached Sains at 2.00pm. The Billets Proved to be among the best the brigade had in France, being warm, dry and Comfortable. The horses are stabled in the basements of factories.
	22.12.18	Today an officer left for Charleroi to buy provisions for the dinner through the Brigade canteen. The grant from Divisional Headquarters and that from Brigade Regimental funds is being utilised and it is to be hoped that a good dinner will Be provided.
	25.12.18	Today apart from stables there was no work except necessary fatigues. Owing to somewhat limited supply of canteen goods, 50th Battery, 113th Howitzer Battery and Brigade Headquarters were the only units who had there Xmas dinners. The C.O. visited the dining halls and kitchens of these units Just before dinner. In all cases men sat down together in one room, and the decorations and food were excellent.
	26.12.18	A Rugby match between the 51st and 50th Batteries was won by the 51 <sup>st</sup> by 3 points to nil after a good game.
	27.12.18	51 <sup>st</sup> Battery had their Xmas dinner at 6.00pm. The C.O. visited the dinning hall in company with officers of the battery.
	30.12.18	Batteries carried out usual parades. At night the 5 <sup>th</sup> Divisional concert party performed before a large audience in the theatre. In addition to the brigade personal, there were many civilians present. A Soccer match between the 50th and 113th Batteries was won by the 50th, thus winning the Brigade Soccer Competition.
	02.01.19	A Rugby match between 13 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B. and 14 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B. resulted in a win for this Brigade by 3 points to 0.

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Sains Du Noard	04.01.19	The Sports were held commencing at 10.00am and finishing at 3.30pm. with an hours interval for lunch. The Prize takers were distributed among the Batteries as follows. <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">49<sup>th</sup> Battery</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Firsts</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">4</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Seconds</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50<sup>th</sup> Battery</td> <td>“</td> <td>2</td> <td>“</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51<sup>st</sup> Battery</td> <td>“</td> <td>6</td> <td>“</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>	49 <sup>th</sup> Battery	Firsts	4	Seconds	4	50 <sup>th</sup> Battery	“	2	“	2	51 <sup>st</sup> Battery	“	6	“	2
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	09.01.19	Soccer match between 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> Brigades was won by the 13 <sup>th</sup> Brigade.															
	30.01.19	The Officers of the Brigade held a dance at the 49 <sup>th</sup> Battery billets. The evening was a success and enjoyed. Music was supplied by the 56 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Band.															
	03.02.19	Bright fine day plenty of snow on the ground. C.O. presented medals won by the 113 <sup>th</sup> Battery football teams.															
	06.02.19	The C.O. presented medals to the 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Soccer team winning the brigade Artillery Group Championship. (Albert Alfred Curry silver soccer medallion)															
	11.02.19	50 horses (z class) taken to Avenis for sale and were all sold except 10. Boxing held at 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Stadium in the evening.															
	23.02.19	51 <sup>st</sup> Battery moved out for demobilisation of equipment. Personal of Brigade still enjoying good health.															
24.02.19	General Sir W.R.Birdwood met Brigade and Battery Commanders.																
25.02.19	Personal and horses of the 51 <sup>st</sup> Battery arrived back after handing over equipment. Boxing held at 50 <sup>th</sup> Battery Stadium.																
28.02.19	Vehicles in Brigade of Australian Manufacture. These vehicles were brought from Australia with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Division, and were transferred to this Brigade in 1916, and are still in good condition.																
13.03.19	Brigade marched out from Sains en route to Cerfontaine. Most people walking owing to the shortage of horses and vehicles.																
Montbliart	14.03.19	Brigade continued its march and arrived at its destination at 1.00pm People very reluctant about having troops billeted on them.															
Cerfontaine	15.03.19	Fine Day. 30 Mules sent to Walcourt for return to Base.															
	23.03.19	Sale of animals held at Couvin. This was very successful all the animals being sold within 3 hours.															
	26.03.19	Sale of Horses and Mules held at Cerfontaine. This was the last of the mules in the Brigade.															
	01.04.19	No. 26 Quota consisting of 4 Officers and 154 Other Ranks marched out at 7.30am. This only leaves 172 members in the Brigade.															
	14.04.19	The Divisional Artillery merged into one unit from today.															
Thuin	07.04.19	Brigade left Cenfontain for Thuin by motor lorries at 11.50am. Arrived at Thuin at about 1.00pm and found billets very scatted.															
Charleroi	13.05.19	5 <sup>th</sup> Div. Artillery left thuin for assembly with No. 53 Quota at Charleroi Corps Concentration Camp by 12.25pm train arriving at about 1.00pm.															

