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Montauban.	5 September		From 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm 6/47 gun position was heavily shelled with 105 mm, 150 mm and 75 mm shells. One gun was damaged, the position much exposed about 600 Casualties. During the night the enemy put gas shells on the ridge in front of the batteries.	
	2	8 am	The batteries began a bombardment of the enemy trenches, supports, as per prepared program the 4th August	
	3.		The bombardment continued throughout the day. The Subject (2445 Div) attacked at 3 pm. found their objective but were forced to withdraw to their original position	
	4.	3.10 pm	The 7th Division attacked the Eastern Bay of DELVILLE WOOD & trenches to the East of the wood. The 47th Brigade formed a flank barrage. DELVILLE WOOD was successfully cleared of Germans with the exception of a very minute portion of the extreme East. A chain of posts was held about 200 yds. in front of the N.E. side of the wood.	
		10.30 pm	A barrage was formed on the German trenches, as the enemy was thought to be preparing for a counter attack.	
	5/8.		The usual day night firing was carried out. Hostile fire was very slight.	

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MONTAUBAN 618.	September.			
	9.	7 am	The Enemy showed increased activity with his air-craft & balloons late much in evidence. The Batteries began a preliminary bombardment of the trenches East of DELVILLE wood, approach & communications for same. In the afternoon same counter-battery work was carried out. At 5.30 pm, the Subaltern (55 th Div) attacked & made good headway up to HOT ALLEZ, throughout the night the usual night firing was carried out, with frequent bursts of fire on our positions & heavy flares of assembly. Brig Gen N. SANDERS C.M.G. left at 12.15 for wounded. Usual fire kept up on the enemy trenches & supports. Hostile fire, slight on our trenches & practically nil on the back area.	
	10.		Orders came in for the batteries to be prepared to engage BREITEN FRENCH at not less than 3000 yds range. It was therefore arranged to take up new position on the BAZENTIN LE GRAND - LONGUEVAL ridge. P/47 arranged to take one position in valley behind, vacated by N.Z. 7th Bde. Batteries busy digging new positions, & the detachments kept up the usual day & night firing.	
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BAZENTIN LE GRAND 13. Lo	14.		<p>Sections of B & C Batteries moved into new positions & reorganized. SMITH & TRENCH about half way between HIGH WOOD & DELVILLE WOOD. HQ. Organized new positions by vacating four positions 300 yds behind B & C batteries. In the morning, remaining sections of B & C batteries moved up to new positions. P/47 put a quantity of gas shells into F.L.E.R.S. during the night. Remaining sections of C Battery & HQ. moved into their respective new positions. Preliminary bombardment of enemy's line, & concentration on SMITH & TRENCH was carried out.</p>	
15.	6 noon		<p>The assault took place. There was no preliminary bombardment but at zero an intense barrage was opened. Tanks were used in the first time & proceeded the infantry. An ideal day, clear & rather cold. First objective was SMITH & TRENCH which was carried out by 2nd N.Z. Bde. This was carried out once & consolidated. Two "tank" camps to quiet near SMITH & TRENCH, one of which was re-occupied & fought up the remaining two. The 2nd objective FAT trench, part of which of F.L.E.R.S. This & subsequent objectives were carried out by the 3rd N.Z. Rifle Bde. This was gained & later 3rd objective, a large running water F.L.E.R.S. which was captured by the</p>	

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	September 16.		<p>4:00 P.M. South objective, a large plott to Army defensive. Head was gained but owing to night head being held, material to steel objective, which they fell it considered. On the left the attack on Hill No. 1 by the 17th Division was at first held but the word was suddenly surrounded a cloud of gas was thrown during the late afternoon Evening B, C + D batteries moved up to the valley below Stone Hill, between Hill No. 1 and DE LANE Wood. HQ did not fire.</p> <p>Capt S.E.L. TANNER, 6/47 severely wounded.</p>	
	16.	9:30 AM.	<p>A barrage was fired to assist the 2nd N.Z. Bde to capture the HE objective, which they succeeded in doing. The enemy felt up a heavy barrage on Stone Hill throughout the day. But the time had little or no attention to back areas.</p> <p>S/Lt A.G.S. LEAGH, 6/47 killed, Capt G.C. RICHARDSON B/47 + 2/17 BARRON, 6/47 wounded.</p>	
	17.		<p>During the night a heavy fire was kept up on the enemy's own roads & by the place of assembly, in addition to the usual night firing.</p> <p>The usual day firing was carried out until 12:45 pm when the batteries were engaged in force cutting the line in front of GIRD Trench.</p>	