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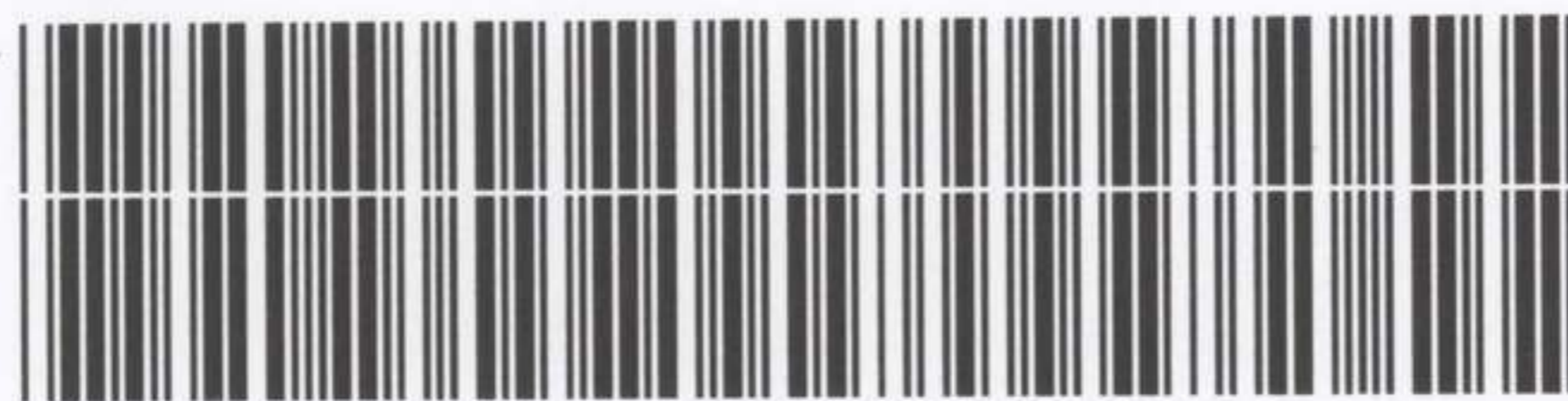
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OF

12th Aust. M.G. Coy.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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12th M G Coy. August 21st

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
11 121100 1246 40.70	August 11		Weather again fine. Company passed 7-0 am with truck and water bottles, and marched to River AVRE for swim. No parades for training, company being employed digging bomb proof shelters. Sergeant A.R. TREE and B section reported to Capt CARROLL (M.C) of B transport for fatigue. Lt C.M. KING and A section reported to Pltn H. Goo for fatigue.	
2			Weather drizzle. Gun gear was sorted out by sections ready for any emergency. Bivouacs completed by 10-0 am against wet weather.	
3.			Weather wet. No parades owing to inclement weather. Capt TAYLOR visited Pltn H. Goo to make arrangements for taking over part of the line.	
4.			Lts KING, MALLARD, MARTIN, TROTMAN and 4 T. Co. On night 16.0.0 for sections left at 4-0 am to go to FREMONT for motor loss, to undergo training in tanks for projected attack. Guns, tripods and other parts, four belt boxes for guns were taken with them. This party returned to camp at 6-0 p.m. the guns and gun gear being left at T1 a 70.40. in charge of a guard consisting of 1. M. section remainder of company under Capt TAYLOR moved to new camp in LA. NEUVILLE I 33 d 98. 60. Lt A.R. TREE and 2 signallers going ahead as advance party, at 4-0 p.m. camp at BOVES. WOOD was left at 7-0 p.m. new camp being reached at 11.30. p.m. Battalion Pike Band accompanied them. The transport, temporarily in charge of Lt CULLIMORE. M.C, travelled by a different route arriving at 11.15 p.m. Delay with this transport occurred at DROURS, owing to a motor loss, running into the logs, & breaking the pole. Hot tea was served out on arrival of company.	JPT

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133d 95. 60	August 5 th		The party that had been training with tanks left BOVESWOOD at 9.0 am and marched to new camp at LA NEUVILLE arriving at 1.0 pm. Hot lunch was served on their arrival. Two limbers were sent back for this party, and to pick up gun gear at 7.0 am which returned at 3.0 pm. Lt TAYLOR attended 12 th Bde Company Commander conference at 2.0 pm at 10.20 re coming start.	
	6		Lt TAYLOR attended Bde H. Q. for further conference to make final arrangements for projected start.	
	7		Weather cloudy but promising. Roads drying up nicely. At 3.30 pm accompanied by Ctr. Pipe Band. Lt KING & Lt MALLARD with 2 guns each & 10 O.R. of "A" Section. Lt MARTIN, 10. O.R. and 2 guns of "C" Section. Lt TREE and Lt TROTMAN, with 10. O.R. & 2 guns each of "D" Section. Left by H. Q. to report to H. O. L. about 5 th tanks at FUILLOY. To post gear in the tanks. The idea is to send these guns & crews "over the top" in tanks. Lt C. HATCHER, 7 th Coy. from Mound.	Appendix I Operation Order 17 Appendix II Report on Operations Aug 7 th to Aug 10 th 1918.
	8		Strength of Company 11 officers 207 Other ranks 54 Horses. Lieut. E.M. CULLIMORE, "M.C." & E.P. PRENDERGAST, with four (4) guns and crews of "B" Section & 2 guns and crews of "C" Section, making 3 guns & 22 O.R. each, moved to H. Q. Bde H. Q. at 9.23 d 10.20 Lt HATCHER appointed O.L. Bde nucleus left behind at LA NEUVILLE.	
	9		Weather still remained good. Lt HATCHER and TRIMBLE rode to forward positions by H. Q., just behind PROYART 9.23 d 10.20. Rations are being supplied to gun teams in good order.	
	10		Lt TRIMBLE again visited by H. Q. at same place. The day was fine, though immense amount of traffic on roads creates a great amount of dust.	20



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Table with columns: Place, Date, Hour, Summary of Events and Information, Remarks and references to Appendices. Contains handwritten entries for August 11-15, 1918, detailing military movements and events.

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near HARBONNIERES W 19a. 20. 40.	15.		and 22 O. P. of D. sections went into the line & relieved 8 guns of 1 st Aust. M. G. Coy. Relief was completed without hitch by 10.0 p.m. Strength of Company 11 Officers 199 Other Ranks 50 Horses.	
	16.		The weather continued hot and sultry. At 3.0 p.m. Lieut HATCHER & TRIMBLE went to the 1 st Aust. M. G. Coy. H. Coy at X 22 d. 00.40. making that Coy H. Coy. At 6.30 p.m. Lieut MARTIN & 22 O. P. of C. section also went to the 1st Aust. M. G. Coy. ^{MALLARD, W. L.} & 22 O. P. of A section relieved remaining eight guns of the 1 st Aust. M. G. Coy. Relief was completed without hitch by 10.0 p.m.	
	17.		Lt Col. H. W. MURRAY, V.C. D.S.O. D.C.M. visited Coy H. Coy at 9.30 am went around the 16 guns in the line, with Lieut HATCHER. Still very hot. At 2.0 p.m. 2 off & 4 O. P. of 132 nd Regt N. L. Army, visited Coy H. Coy afterwards reconnoitering the front line, with a view of taking over same.	
	18		Day hot. Two officers & 4 O. P. 132 nd Regt N. L. Army again visited Coy H. Coy, afterwards going over the line. Heavy shells fell all the afternoon in front of Coy H. Coy. The sections out forward to gun positions in the line in hot food containers are good, and the scheme for rationing splendid. Three of our batteries were fired by a hostile machine during the afternoon.	
	19.		Another hot day, though somewhat cloudy. Some drizzle until 9.0 am as many as 54 British planes flew over our line. Hostile planes were active and numerous too. At 9.30 am Lt. HATCHER visited Bn and our guns on the front, returning at 2.30 p.m. During a bomb raid.	4



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W19a 20. 40.	August 19		How front line by hostile 8" shells. At 11-0 am Lt CASSELLS "M.M." was wounded & Lt THORNE killed in B. Section. At 6-15 pm, after a fierce bombardment was put over, and PTE OLDHAM & Pte KINNON were wounded.	
	20.		Very quiet generally at the front line. The position in the line was being gradually rebuilt being occasionally shell'd. Strength of company 11 officers 194. O. R. 47 horses.	
	21.		The weather is still fine. It is rumored that we are to be relieved soon.	
	22.		Lt HATCHER visited the sections in the line and 46 th + 46 th Bn H. Co. While he was absent Capt DUCHATEL "M.C." + CORY visited Coy H. Co.	
	23.		A message order for relief was issued by Bn H. Co during the afternoon. The section to be taken over by the 43 rd French Regt. Lt TRIMBLE left company H. Co for medical at BAYONVILLE at 7-0 pm, going on as advanced messenger officer for company to LONGUEAU.	
	24.		At 5-0 pm order was issued to withdraw all guns from front line at 11-0 pm. Accordingly, a timber for section was cut up to take back guns & gear. Two for the right going to F6 50.25 and the two for the left sections going to S 25 to 00.50.	
	25.		The sections then marched independently to embankment point at W 11 a 20.15, where hot tea was waiting. During the withdrawal B Section under Lt CULLIMORE "M.C." had to pass through	

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LONGUEAU. M 29 to 20.20	August 1 25		<p>an extremely heavy H.E and Gas hostile barrage, gas helmets being worn for 2 1/2 hours. No immediate effects of this gas were felt. Bombarding ceased at 4.0 am. The company moving off to M 230 30.20 LONGUEAU, arriving at 6.10 am, where Lt TRIMBLE was waiting to guide company to new billets at M 29 to 20.20. Breakfast was served immediately. At 10.0 am the gas barrage resumed in the morning, made itself felt, eight stretchers cases being evacuated.</p>	
	No.		<p>Day fine. No parades were held the men cleaning themselves and cooking their food which had been sent for from ALLONVILLE. Lt PONTIN "M.C." arrived back from Army Inf. School.</p>	
	27		<p>Garage was sorted out & cleaned. Shovelage of clothing & gun gear were taken. Swimming passed in the afternoon.</p>	
	28		<p>Syllabus of training carried on with. Lt TRIMBLE drew pay at 11.0 am from Bn H.Q. At 4.0 pm Lt T.H. TRIMBLE and Lateman left for Corps Intelligence School, CHAMPNEUF FARM. Company paid in the afternoon.</p>	
	29		<p>Day dry & cool. Day went for hot bath & change of clothing at 9.30 am. Remainder of morning spent at rifle exercises. Afternoon devoted to cleaning equipment.</p>	
	30		<p>Batta Parade at 9.0 am. Inspection of Coy by C.O., few simple movements in Bn drill. Gun lubrication checked & oiled. Lt HATCHER attends conference of Coy commanders at Coy H.Q. at 8.0 pm.</p>	
	31.		<p>Good day frequent showers. Batta paraded at 9.30 am for inspection by Lt O. L. & 2nd Aust. Div. 12th Aust. Lt. Coy complimented on general neatness of Coy turnout. Afternoon devoted to games. Strength of Coy 11 officers 196. 57 N.C.O.s.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| ✓1 | Operation Order No. 17. |
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Operation Order No. 17

Ref. Map : Sheet 62D 1:40,000.

- 1 (a) The Australian Corps will attack the enemy, and take the objectives shown on the attached map.
- (b) The 3rd. and 4th. Aust. Divisions will attack on the same front on the left, and the 2nd. and 5th. similarly on the same front on the right, with the 4th. Brigade on the left, and the 12th. Brigade on the right.
- (c) The 1st. Aust. Division will be in Corps reserve
- (d) The Canadian Corps will co-operate on the right, south of the railway line inclusive, and the 3rd. British Corps on the left, north of the SOMME (exclusive)

2. 16 guns of the 12th. A.M.G. Coy will support the attack, and are allotted to the 12th. A.I. Bde.
 Employment in the attack will be as follows:-
 10 guns will go forward in Mark V Star Tanks to final blue line, and exploit success and form strong points. Each tank will carry two guns each with a crew of five, and one officer. Two infantry bombers per gun, and other personnel, will also go forward in these tanks.
 6 guns will assist the advance of 48th. Bn. from red to final blue line.

3. Guns will be allotted as under,

TANK	SECTION	OFF. I/C
1	"A"	Lt. KING.
2	"A"	Lt. MALLARD.
3	"C"	Lt. MARTIN.
4	"D"	Lt. TREE.
5	"B"	2/Lt. Trotman.

The four guns of "B" Section, and two guns of "C" Section, operating with 48th. Bn. will be commanded by Lt. CULLIMORE and Lt. PRENDERGAST.

- 4. After consolidation 8 guns will be withdrawn to positions in rear, and defence in depth system will be organized.
- 5. The following light signals will be employed in the Australian Corps:-

S.O.S. Signal-	No. 32 grenade showing green over green over green. Allotment- 150 per Bde.
Success Signal-	No. 32 grenade showing white over white over white. Allotment per Bde- 150.
Light signals of other formations are as follows:-	
(i) Cavalry Corps-	Signal. Meaning. White star turning to red on a parachute fired from 1 1/2" Verrey pistol. "Advanced troops of cavalry are here".
(ii) III Corps. -	No. 32 grenade green over green over green. "S.O.S." No. 32 grenade white over white over white. "Success signal. we have reached objective." One white Verrey light. "Barrage is about to lift."

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- 6. From Zero hour, counter attack planes will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.
 In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter attack, the counter attack aeroplane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter attack actually developing a white parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter attack, for the information of the Infantry.
- 7. (a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport ammunition from Zero plus 7 hours for the RED and BLUE lines wherever the "V" is displayed.

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- (b) Vickers guns will display a white "V" at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the "V" to be 6 feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the "V" is to point towards the enemy.
- (c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower planes painted black for a distance of 2½ feet from the tips.

8. (a) The Divisional Visual Station (Call ~~7~~ G.D.K.) will be located at J.28.b.2.2., where messages from any part of the captured territory will be received and transmitted to its destination. This station will be connected by telephone to nearest Bde.H.Qrs.
 (b) All Signallers must be thoroughly acquainted with the position of this station.

9. Battalion Dump of SS.A.A. will be established on Zero day at P.12.a.6.5., approximately.

10. Every effort will be made to carry back in ration limbers all military material as salvage.

11. Stores for second trip of tanks will be loaded for 4th A.I.Bde at P.4.d.1.2., 12th A.I.Bde . P.20.b.1.1.

12. (a) Watches will be synchronised by an Officer from each Company after 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Y day.
 (b) Zero hour will be notified later.

13. All material to be loaded in Tanks by 4 p.m. to-day at approximately P.7.a. The gear of the other 6 guns to be packed in half limber this afternoon will be notified later. At least one pick and shovel per gun will be taken forward.

14. Each man will carry Fighting Order (4 Iron Rations) 48 hours rations, ground sheet, 1 pr socks, extra water bottle filled, mess tin, tommy cooker, & tin of Cocoa & milk to every 3 men.

15. During advance C. H. G. will be with that of 48th Bn.

16. Acknowledge.

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 48th Bn.
 Major *Katt*

Major Capt
oc. 12th Am G. Coy.



12th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.Report on operations from August 7th. to August 11th. 1918

REFERENCE SHEET:- 62D S.E. 1/20,000

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MACHINE GUN
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1. On August 6th. I attended a conference at the 12th. A. I. Bde. H.Q., where I learned we were to participate in an offensive operation on August 8th. At the conference it was decided that 10 guns of the Company would be conveyed to the final objective in Mark 5 Star Tanks, the remaining 6 to be transported as far as possible, and then pushed forward with the assaulting waves of the attacking infantry to the final objective.

2. Consequently I allotted the sections as follows:-
 (a) To Mark 5 Tanks, "A", "D" and 1 sub-section of "C".
 (b) "B" Section and 1 sub-section on "C" to support the 48th. Bn. as stated above.

3. On August 7th. 2 half limbers were loaded with 3 guns complete and the remaining 10 guns were transported to FUILLOY, where they were loaded in their respective tanks.

I will now deal with the action of the guns which were carried in the tanks.

(a) The guns were split in pairs and placed under the command of the following Officers:-

2	guns	from	"A"	Section	-	Lieut.	C.N.KING
2	"	"	"A"	"	"	"	W.L.D.MALLARD
2	"	"	"C"	"	"	"	G.MARTIN
2	"	"	"D"	"	"	"	A.R.TREE
2	"	"	"D"	"		2/Lieut.	N.TROTMAN

Crews of 4 men ~~WERE~~ and 1 N.C.O. were allotted to each gun.

The guns were loaded in the tanks at FUILLOY at 5 p.m. on the 7th. and the crews slept at the tanks during the night.

The tanks went forward at 4 a.m., and reached the first assembly position at P23 a. at 9 a.m. After a short halt they proceeded to the red line, and then joined in the attack with the 48th. Bn. The tank which carried Lieut. MALLARD and crew broke down at Q28 d. and all gear had to be manhandled forward to the final objective. Great credit is due to Lieut. MALLARD for the way in which he got his guns forward, and he arrived at the final objective simultaneously with the first wave of infantry. The other 4 tanks all arrived at their destinations well up to time. The tank which carried Lieut. KING and crew went slightly beyond the final objective, where it was subjected to heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. When turning to come back it caught on fire, but the personnel escaped, saving one gun and several ammunition boxes. A large party of the enemy tried to rush the party immediately they got out of the burning tank, and a fierce fight took place. The gun saved from the tank was immediately brought into action by Lieut. KING and Cpls. PRITCHARD and PRENTICE and the enemy party

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was annihilated. Great credit is due to this Officer and two N.C.O's. Lieut KING was shot from behind and killed a few minutes later. The guns which went forward in tanks were then organized for action in case of a counter attack. Every opportunity was taken to inflict losses on the retreating enemy and the casualties caused by these guns must have been considerable.

(b) The 6 guns to support the advance of the 48th. Bn. were packed in two half limbers on the evening of August 7th., and were placed in charge of Lieut. CULLIMORE, M.C. and Lieut. PRENDERGAST, and I decided that during the advance of the 48th. Bn. to the red line that these limbers would follow in the rear of the Bn., and that the limbers would be utilized as far as possible. Accordingly, on the 8th. August the limbers proceeded to H.Q. 48th. Bn., arriving there at 4 a.m. They followed the battalion until it deployed prior to their attack.

I met the two Officers at Q23 c, just as the Bn. was about to attack. Owing to the weakness of the enemy resistance I decided that it would be quite sound to wait until the infantry had covered half the distance and then rush the limbers as far forward as possible, thus saving the personnell unnecessary exertion. I told the Officers that would be done, and as it turned out, the guns were taken by limber within 200 yards of the final objective, and were there in time to inflict heavy losses on the enemy as he retreated.

4. During the first 36 hours the disposition of the guns were frequently changed, but finally they were placed as follows

R 19 c 35. 10. Coy. H.Q.	
R 13 c 65. 80.	Q 30 b 80. 30.
R 13 d 23. 20.	R 25 a 20. 00.
R 19 b 20. 75.	R 25 c 30. 70.
R 19 d 10. 65.	R 25 a centre
R 19 d 20. 20.	Q 24 b 70. 20.
R 25 a 11. 80.	Q 24b 85. 20.
R 25 a 05. 70.	R 19 a 05. 20.
R 25 a 05. 50.	R 19 a 30. 20.

During the period the enemy was continually fired on by direct fire.

(5) S.A.A. expended:- 60,000 rounds.

(6) Rations were good throughout.

(7) The Company was relieved by the 9th. Aust. M.G. Coy. of the night of the 10/11. Relief was completed by 3.0 A.M. without casualty, and proceeded to bivouacs at gully at K31 b 30. 70.

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS FROM 14th to 25th AUGUST 1918.

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Reference Sheet. 62.D. N.E. 1/20,000
 do HARBONNIERES. 1/20,000
 do HATTENCOURT. 1/20,000.

1. On August 14th the company was bivouaced in Gully at K.31. a. 30.70. I attended a conference at the 12th Aust. I. Bde H.Qrs. when I learned that we were to take over the defences in the LIHONS sector then occupied by the 1st M. G. Coy A.I.F. I also learned that we were to take part in a series of operations on August 15/16.

In accordance with orders received that afternoon, the company marched to W. 18 a. 20.40. HARBONNIERES, the nucleus being left on the way at W. 2. b. 00. 25. BAYONVILLERS.

2. On the morning of the 14th inst; I attended a further conference at the 12th Aust. I. Bde H.Qrs, where I learned that the offensive operations had been postponed for 24 hours. That afternoon I learned that these operations had been postponed indefinitely & that the company was to relieve the 1st Aust M.G.Coy, period and relief to cover two nights 15/16th inst.

3. Accordingly on the night of the 15th Lt CULLIMORE "M.G." with 4 guns of "B" Section, and 2/Lt N.TROTMAN, with 4 guns of "D" Section relieved 8 guns of the 1st M.G.Coy occupying left sector of the Bde front; This relief was completed without hitch or casualty by 11.0 p.m.

These guns were in support of the 46th Bn.

On the afternoon of the 16th. the Company H.Qrs took over from the 1st M.G.Coy at K. 22.d. 00. 40. That evening Lt MALLARD and four guns of "A" Section, & Lt MARTIN & four guns of "C" Section relieved the remaining eight guns of the 1st M.G.Coy, occupying the Right Sector and were in support to the 45th Bn. This relief was completed without casualty by 11.30. p.m.

4. In accordance with 4th M.G.BN Orders, the guns were re-allotted and occupied the following positions:-

1 Gun at A.2.a.50.40.	1 Gun at A.2.a.40.20.
do A.2.c.20.40.	do A.2.c.20.55.
do F.6.c.95.50.	do F.6.c.95.45.
do A.1.d.40.50.	do A.1.d.55.50.
do S.26.d.35.40.	do S.26.d.35.70.
do S.26.b.25.30.	do S.26.b.20.60.
do S.25.b.45.55.	do S.25.b.50.45.
do S.25.b.40.00.	do X.30.a.58.40.

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 On the night of the 18/19th the guns at S.26.b.25.30. and S.26.b.20.60. moved forward with the 46th Bn into the following advanced positions:- S.26.b.30.50. S.26.a.92.90.

5. On the night of the 19/20th the eight guns on the right sector of the Bde, came into support to the 48th Bn, which had relieved the 45th Bn in the front line.

6. During the period the company was in the line, the guns were employed in carrying out direct and indirect fire (harassing fire) on various targets, in conjunction with Inf Btn requests e.g:- X roads, dumps, dugouts, C.T., & hostile M.G's & T.M's.

On the night of the 19/20th, during the relief of the 48th Bn, the S.O.S. signal was replied to by all the available M.G's. The promptitude by which these guns opened fire greatly impressed the front line troops.

7. WORK. During the period in the line, three-4 gun battery positions were constructed at A.2.c.59.52. to A.2.c.45.15 (8 guns) and from S.26.a.20.03. to S.26.a.05.10. (4 guns).

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8. RELIEF. On the night of the 24/25th the Sector was taken over by the FRENCH, the company was withdrawn & marched to W.10.b.50.50. where it embussed to present billets at LONGUEAU.

During the withdrawal an intense hostile barrage of H.E. and Gas shells was put down for a depth of two miles, extending from front line to our rear. On arrival at new billets on the morning of the 25th, it was discovered that men were suffering from effects of gas, 10 O.R. stretcher cases being evacuated, 2 O.R. going into Reg: Rest Billet for treatment.

<u>9. CASUALTIES.</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
<u>KILLED.</u>	-	1
<u>DIED OF WOUNDS.</u>	-	1
<u>WOUNDED.</u>		
1. G. S. W.	-	2
2. (a) GAS.	-	10
(b) GAS in		
Reg: Rest Billet.	-	3.

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