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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

13th Aust Machine Gun Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HALIFAX CAMP H23. b. q. 6.	1 st		Embussed at 11.30 AM. for Steenvoorde area (27. K28a. o. o.) Arrived 3.30 pm casualties nil.	
STEENVOORDE AREA. 27 K. 28a. o. o.	2 nd to 9 th		Re-organising in preparation for early move to Ypres sector.	
YPRES SECTOR BROODSIENDE RIDGE	10 th to 15 th		See attached summary of Operations for this period.	APPENDIX A.
CANAL AREA 28 H. 18. C. 30. 75	16 th to 20 th		Company resting in Huts in Canal area. During this period men were bathed, clothes cleaned, careful attention paid to feet. All deficiencies surpluses of equipment were checked and reorganisation placed well in hand.	
OUDERDOM AREA	21 st 22 nd to 24 th		Moved to OTTOWA CAMP. (28. C24. 21. 7.) OUDERDOM AREA. Move completed 2.55 P.M. march casualties nil. Cleaning and smartening up parades. Short route march each day.	

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OUDERDOM AREA	25		Company moved to Mencias. Dismounted personnel by train BRANDENHOEK to ARCQUES. Hence by Omnibus to Mencias. Move completed by 8.15 p.m. Transport and dismounted personnel moved by road. move completed 2 AM. 26 th .	
MENCAS	26		cleaning and arranging billets. straw requisitioned for all billets	
	27		timbers cleared	
	28		R. b. Church Parade	
	29		clothing issued. Company paid	
	30			
	31		blipping horses commenced	
				Re-organising and steady drill. short route marches daily to harden feet. Sanitation of Village completed. G. F. Duchatel Capt O. C. 13th Machine Gun Coy A. I.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.10th. October. to 15th. October. (inclusive).

10th. October. Company moved to Forward Area.
 Dismounted personnel by Route march to ABERLE thence
 train to YPRES.
 Transport by road to CANAL Area. 28. H. 23. c. 3.4.
 No. 1. Section (Lt. Cory) and No. 3 Section (Lt. Cousins)
 relieved 8 guns of 2nd. Aust. Div. on night 10/11th.

Night
 11/12th. Oct. No. 3 Section (Lt. Weston) and No. 4 Section moved to
 Barrage positions on BROODSEINDE RIDGE near Cemetery,
 28 D. 22. d. 25. 20.
 These positions were co-ordinated and built, and S.A.A.
 placed in position during night with help of working
 party 1 Officer, & 50 O.R. from ~~5th~~ Battalion.
 52nd.

Dispositions as at 8 a.m. 12th. October.

Coy. H.Q.	De KNOET FM.	28. D. 28. b. 70. 55.
Barrage Guns.	8 guns at	D. 22. d. 25. 20.
	4 " "	D. 23. c. 40. 80.
Mobile Guns.	2 " "	D. 23. d. 1. 4.
	2 " "	D. 28. b. 35. 60.
Ration Dump.	TOKIO FM.	
Transport Lines.	28. H. 23. c. 3. 4.	

During Operations of 12th. Oct. Barrage guns were laid on
 S.O.S. Line.
 Ammunition expended during day on enemy communications
 5,000 Rounds.

13th. Oct. Coy. H.Q. moved ka from De KNOET FM. to TOKIO FM. -
 otherwise no change in Dispositions.

14th. Oct. Guns re-disposed as under :-

Barrage Guns.	8 Guns at	D. 22. d. 25. 70.
	4 " "	D. 28. c. 5. 6.
Mobile Guns.	2 " "	D. 23. d. 1. 4.
	2 " "	D. 23. c. 40. 80.

Reconnaissance of Front Line by Lt. Cory showed that
 enemy had withdrawn about 700 yards and was shelling
 200 yards east of our front line. (no-man's land).
 Reported by wire at 8 p.m. and Intelligence Summary.

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Relief by 24th. Aus. M.G. Coy. completed at 9 a.m.
Company moved to Huts at CANAL Area 28. 28.H.18.c.30.75

A-A Machine Guns. During daylight part of Barrage
guns were mounted for action against low flying
hostile aircraft.

Casualties during period 10th. to 15th. Oct. inclusive:

Officers.	Nil.	
O.R.	Killed.	1.
	Died of wounds.	2.
	Wounded.	12.
	Sick Evacuations.	3.

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