

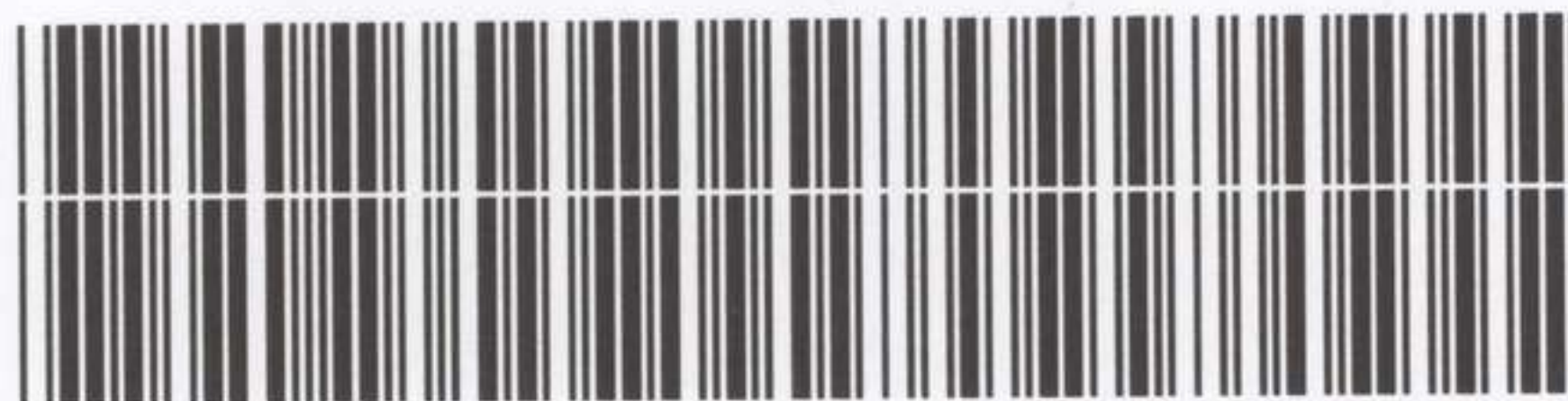
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 28.	1st.		Reserve personnel marched from Transport Lines to LOCRE during the morning. Company relieved during the night by 1st A.M.G. Coy without casualty, and marched to LOCRE M. 23. a. 3.0. Weather wet and cold. 1 O.R. Evacuated sick.	
LOCRE.	2nd.		Morning. Cleaning clothing and equipment. Shortages taken and issued. Afternoon. Recreation and Pay. Snowing all day. 2 O.R. Evacuated Sick.	
M. 23. a. 3.0.	3.		Morning. Presentation of Medals by General Birdwood at Church Parade. Afternoon. Rest. Weather dull.	
	4.		Morning. Gun drill, cleaning guns, changing equipment. Afternoon. Organised Recreation. 2 O.R. Evacuated Sick. Raining at intervals during the day.	
	5.		Morning. Cleaning gun gear and mechanisms. Afternoon. Recreation. Weather fine.	
	6.		Morning. Short route march. General Description and Mechanisms. Afternoon Recreation. 6 O.R. Taken on Strength from M.G. Base. 1 O.R. Evacuated b.b.s. Sick. Weather fine.	
	7.		Morning. Bathing Parade. Official photos of Officers N.B.O.s; men taken. Afternoon Recreation. Weather fine. 1 O.R. Evacuated Sick.	
	8.		Morning. Description Mechanism and Barrage drill. Afternoon. Recreation. Weather fine. 1 O.R. To Hospital Sick.	
	9.		Morning. Kit inspection and Barrage and Gun drill. Afternoon. Recreation. Weather fine. 1 O.R. Returned from Field Ambulance.	
	10.		Morning. Church Parade b. of E. 10.45 am. R.C. 9.45 am. Weather fine. 1 O.R. Returned from Field Ambulance and 1 O.R. Evacuated Sick.	

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Sheet 28. LOCRE M. 23. a. 3. 0.	11.		<u>Morning</u> Short route march. Gun drill. Mechanism and Stoppages. <u>Afternoon</u> . Organised recreation. Weather continuing fine. 1. O.R. To Field Ambulance Sick.	
	12.		<u>Morning</u> . Gun drill and Stoppages. Rifle and revolver exercises. <u>Afternoon</u> . Organised recreation. Weather fine. 1. O.R. To Field Ambulance Sick.	
	13.		<u>Morning</u> . Barrage drill. Mechanism + Description. Care and cleaning. <u>Afternoon</u> . Organised recreation and Pay. Weather fine. Evacuations tie	
	14.		<u>Morning</u> . Description Mechanism and Stoppages. <u>Afternoon</u> . Organised recreation Weather. Raining at intervals throughout the day.	
	15.		<u>Morning</u> . Inspection of Gas respirators. <u>Afternoon</u> . Organised recreation Weather. Fine. 2. O.R. To Field Ambulance Sick.	
	16.		<u>Morning</u> . Kit inspection. Stripping and assembling. <u>Afternoon</u> . Organised recreation. Weather fine. Evacuations tie.	
	17.		Church Parades. R.C. 9.15 am. G. of E. 10.30 am. Weather fine. 1. O.R. To Field Ambulance Sick.	
	18.		<u>Morning</u> . Barrage drill. Stripping and assembling. Care and cleaning. <u>Afternoon</u> . Party reconnoitring 3rd. Lone defences in case of enemy attack. Company Soccer team defeated 52nd. Blw. 4 Goals to 1. Weather fine. 2 O.R. Evacuated lbd Sick Struck off. 1 O.R. Ret'd from Field ambulance.	

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Sheet 28. LOCRE.	19.		Morning Mechanism and Stoppages. Afternoon - Rest. Raining heavily throughout afternoon and night. 1 OR evacuated bbs. Sick Struck off. 1 OR to Field Ambulance Sick.	
M.23a.3.0.	20.		Morning. Cleaning gear and equipment. Gas Test. Afternoon. Reconnoitering 3rd Zone defences. Drizzling rain at intervals during the day. Evacuations nil.	
	21.		Company moved during the afternoon to FAIRY FARM. Sheet 28. M.18.2.8.3. Disinfecting huts occupied by 4 Sections. Weather fine. Evacuations nil.	
	22.		Morning. Short route march and Map reading. Afternoon. Recreation. Weather fine. Evacuations nil.	
	23.		Morning. 4 Sections returned from FAIRY FARM to LOCRE. Bathing Parade. Afternoon. Organised recreation. Weather fine. 1 OR. to Field Ambulance Sick.	
	24.		Morning. Muster Parade. Cleaning guns and gear, ammunition etc. preparing for move. Company transport left at noon for new destination. Afternoon. Cleaning and tidying billets and camp surroundings. Weather fine. 1 OR evacuated bbs Sick Struck off. 2 OR Retd. from Field Ambulance.	
LOCRE. LENS. II. MONCHIET.	25.		Reveille 3.30am. Breakfast 4am. Parade 5am. Company marched to THE CHURCH, LOCRE. embussing 7.15am leaving 7.45am. Via PERNES, ST. POL, ST. MICHEL, TERNAS, MAIZIERES BEAUFORT & BARLY arriving MONCHIET 2.20 p.m. Weather fine and clear. Roads dusty. 2 OR. Taken on Strength transferred from 52nd. Battr. A.I.F.	

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LENS II. MONCHIET	26 th		<p>Morning. Examination of guns and gear. Company warned to stand to, ready to move at a minutes notice. Packs dumped and fighting order made up. Company transport arrived at 1 pm.</p> <p>Afternoon. Trucks re packed. Company marched out from MONCHIET at 9 pm. Weather fine. 2 O.R. Evacuated Sick to Field Ambulance.</p>	
AMIENS. 17.	27.		<p>Company marched all night and stopped for breakfast near BERTHANCOURT at 7.30 am. leaving again at 11 am. About 3.30 pm reached final destination no man having fell out on the march. 16 Guns moved into reserve line and positions constructed during the night. Casualties 3 O.R. Wounded. Weather fine.</p> <p>Positions have been selected and dug in approximately the following. Covering line in 50th Btn Sector 4 guns:- 2 at D.4.B.4.0. and 2 at V.28.B.0.1. Covering line in 49th Btn. Sector 4 guns:- 2 at D.10.B and 2 at D.16.B. Covering support line 51st & 52nd Btns. 8 guns:- 2 guns each in D.14.B. D.8.A.6.0. D.2.B.0.7. 1 gun at D.6.B.5.9 and D.8.D.5.2. These positions were selected during afternoon, and accommodation for men and guns dug. One gun No. 2 Section was put out of action by shell fire, and one gun was drawn out from 51st Btn Support line to replace it. All guns except damaged gun were in position before dark.</p>	
	28.		<p>Amencourt, Millencourt, Lavieville and Bresle and the valley between Lavieville and Bresle were heavily shelled during the afternoon and again about dawn. Owing to alteration in line held by 52nd Btn. guns in that portion had to move forward. Correct co-ordinations of guns are as follows. 4 guns in left front Sector 2 guns at D.10.B. and D.10.C. 4 guns in left front Sector 2 guns each at D.4.B.4.0 and V.28.B.0.1. Covering support line 51st & 52nd Btns: 2 guns each at D.8.D.5.0. D.3.C.0.0. D.2.B.0.7. 1 gun at D.9.A.3.3. and one position only at D.9.C.3.9. Company H.Q. at D.8.B.2.8. Heavy and continuous rain during the night. Casualties 2 O.R. Killed in Action.</p>	

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AMIENS 17.	29.		<p>Enemy shelling not as active as the preceding 24 hours. Villages and roads were searched principally with H.E. Enemy aeroplanes not very active and when observed were driven off by A.A. Guns or by our own planes. One plane brought down in flames during the day was reported to be ours. Our artillery very active during the day and night but quiet in the morning. Our aeroplanes very active all day flying over our lines. Very few air combats were observed. Weather cold and wet. Some iron was obtained and shelves erected. Some have not yet been able to get supplies. Reserve personnel returned to Transport lines in COMTRA. Casualties nil. Ammunition expended till. Gun damaged on 27th. was replaced by one from reserve Coy. and was in action before stand. to yesterday evening. Lieut. Cousins and an N.C.O. inspect forward lines with an officer from 51st Bn.</p>	
	30.		<p>Inspection of BUIRE - DERNANCOURT line was carried out during early morning. It was decided to place 8 guns in front line and 8 guns in second line. This was carried out after dark. Five guns on right flank that we agreed to take over, were taken over by 5th AUST. M.G. Bn. Our guns are now situated at D.30.B.5.3. E.25.a.1.7. E.25.a.7.9. E.19.d.2.2. E.19.d.6.4 (2 guns). E.20.a.7.1 (2 guns). D.23.B.2.2 (2 guns). E.19.c.1.9 (2 temporarily). E.19.a.5.7 (2 guns). E.19.b.2.8 (2 guns). Relief was completed by 2.50 am. Roads very wet and sloppy. Accommodation for teams to be improved. Our artillery very active during day and quiet at night. One horse killed and two wounded. Casualties nil. Ammunition expended till.</p>	
	31.		<p>4 guns were withdrawn from front line position taken up at D.17.c. Two guns were moved from E.19.c.1.9 to D.23.c.1.9. A road in front of guns at E.25.a.7.9. and E.19.d.2.2 was inspected with a view to pulling these guns forward of railway line. This was found to be very wobbly and very hard to traverse. A start was made to tunnel through under the line. In the meantime guns have been let down on a level with railway line. Enemy artillery fairly active at times, mostly on back areas. Our artillery fairly active during the day, and our aeroplanes very busy all day flying over our lines. Casualties nil. Ammunition expended till.</p>	

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