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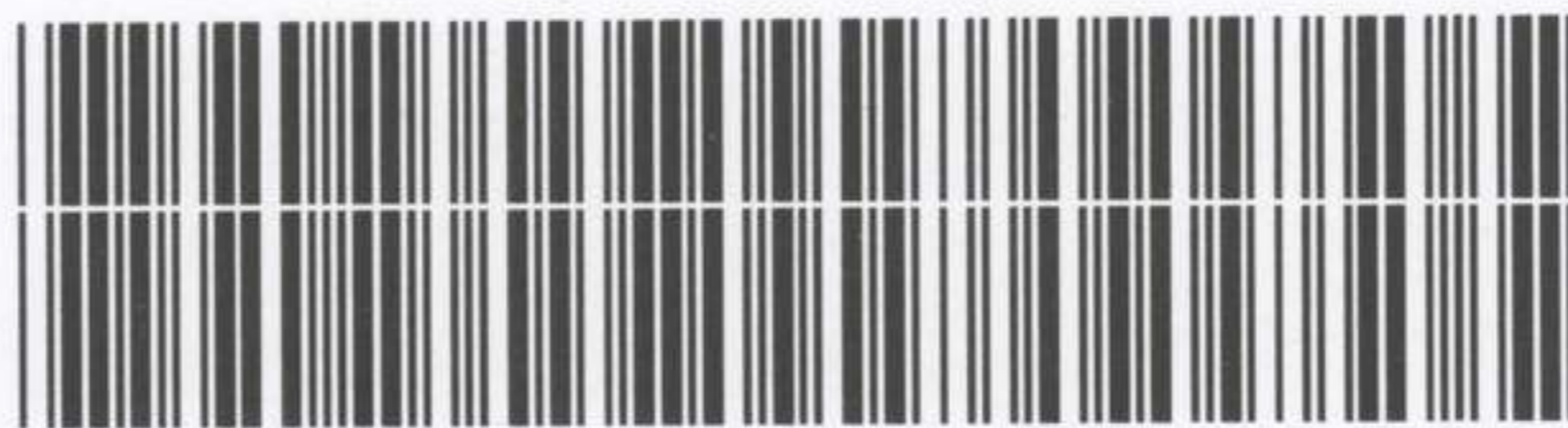
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Machine Guns

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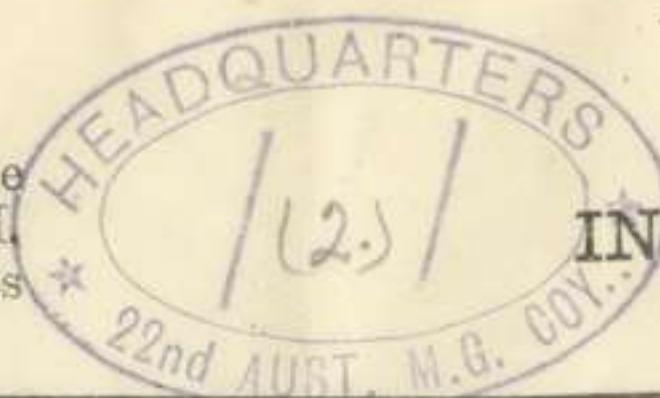
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Argues	1.9.17	9pm	1 B.P. transferred from 6 th Bu. 1 O.P. struck off strength to Hospital from Army Rest Camp.	CRS
	4.9.17	"	1 B.P. transferred from 25 th Bu. + 10 reinforcements taken on strength from M.G. Base Camp	CRS
	5.9.17	"	1 O.P. admitted to Hospital	CRS
	11.9.17	8am	2 nd Aus. Div. Orders received - Coy. less transport, to move by lorry to Canal Area near Ypres. Ref. Maps Belgium sheet 28 N.W. H 2.3.6. Central. Transport to move by road, billeting for one night at STEENVOORDE	CRS
CANAL AREA near YPRES	"	12 noon	Arrived CANAL AREA. M.G. Instructions No. 1 received from Corps M.G. Officer. Company plus 8 guns from 6 th Aus. M.G. Coy. to form S.O.S. group in forthcoming Divisional attack.	CRS
	12.9.17	6pm	Transport arrived from STEENVOORDE + billeted in H 17 C 3.2.	CRS
	13.9.17	9pm	S.O.S. group was divided into 3 Batteries of 8 guns each + lettered M, N + O Bty. Lieut. Hofker 6 th Aus. M.G. Coy. was in charge of "M" Bty. Lieut. Field 22 nd Aus. M.G. Coy. in charge of "N" Bty. + Lieut. Everett 22 nd Aus. M.G. Coy. in charge of "O" Bty. Battery positions were selected approx. at (Ref. Maps - WESTHOEK 1/10000) - "M" Bty. J 8 C 45.95; "N" Bty. J 1 d 95.15 + "O" Bty. J 1 d 95.55	

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CANAL AREA near YPRES.	Sept 13 th	9pm	The work of digging gun emplacements + Bell-filling positions was begun this morning, also the carrying of 150,000 rounds of S.A.F. per Bty. As mules could only be taken to BELLEWAARDE RIDGE (WESTHOEK J.C.) this involved a carrying of over one mile. 1 O.P. Evacuated wounded. 25% of our strength (2 Officers Lieut Shelly + Torrens + 30 O.P.) were sent back to 2 nd Aust. Divl. Reinforcement Camp CAESTRE. C.R.S.	
-	14 th	9pm	During the early morning + night the above work was carried on with. Hostile shelling rather heavy. The night was very dark + rainy. Casualties 2 killed, 1 missing + 2 wounded (1 at duty) 32 O.P. from 7 th A.I. Bde were attached as carrying parties. C.R.S.	
	15 th	12noon	Work as above was carried out with, Takon Paster being used + proved successful. Casualties 1 O.P. wounded (Evac'd) 1 O.P. Evacuated to hospital sick. C.R.S.	
	16 th	6pm	Four guns under Lieut Stapleton relieved the 141 st M.G. Coy in indirect fire position about I 12 b. 3.3. These guns will provide an S.O.S. barrage for our present front line. 1 O.P. wounded. C.R.S.	

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CANAL AREA Near YPRES	17.9.17	9pm	Work as usual was carried on during the night & early morning. In reply to an Artillery practice barrage the Enemy put down a barrage on WESTHOEK RIDGE. Our Casualties amounted to 2 O.P. killed & 6 O.P. wounded, also 1 O.P. was injured. The work is now almost finished - only the wire remaining to be laid from batteries to Group H.Q. Group H.Q. has been fixed at WESTHOEK T.D. 60.35. CRT.	
	18.9.17 + 19.9.17	4pm	Men remained in camp and work of getting out Barrage Charts & Fire Organisation sheets was completed. CRT.	
	19.9.17	6pm	Company moved up to occupy Bty. positions.	
		9.12 pm	All batteries reported in position & O.K. Communication established with "N" & "O" batteries by a double metallic circuit. Communication with "M" Bty. was established by a metallic circuit to Right Brigade H.Q. & thence by buried cable to Left Brigade H.Q. & then metallic circuit to Group H.Q. In addition two special runners for "M" Bty. were detailed to remain at Group H.Q. in case of a break in the line. Lieut Johnson, in the position of Intelligence Officer, established a post near	

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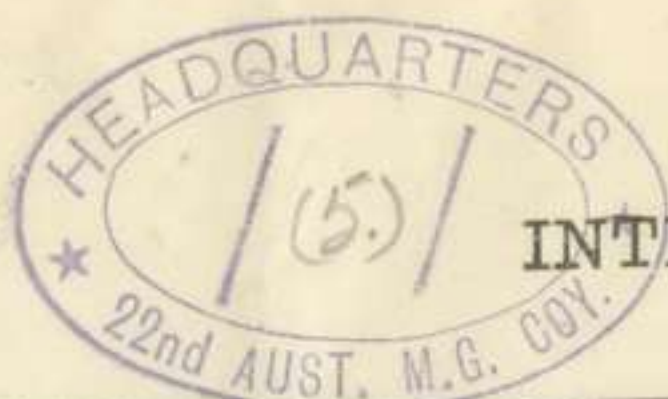
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CANAL AREA near YPRES	1917 Sept	19 th 9-12pm	Right Brigade H.Q. from whence he maintained touch between Left Brigade & Group H.Q. Rain commenced falling & continued through the night making the ground rather muddy. CR.S.	
		20 th 5-40 AM.	Zero hour. Attacking formations successfully launched from jumping off trenches. Enemy barrage which had been fairly constant through the night now increased in intensity & seemed to be aimed for the top of WESTHOEK RIDGE. although quite a number were falling short near the batteries. "O" Bty. seemed to be suspected, for the old concrete gun pits, where they were sheltering, were shelled fairly heavily. CR.S.	
		" 8:30 AM.	Message received from Division. Hostile counter attack developing south of ZONNEBEKE. 1 B.P. wounded from "H" Bty. but remained at duty.	
		" 8:35 AM	"O" Bty. opened fire on its S.O.S. line (WESTHOEK D 27 d 40.75 to J.3. h 70.80)	
		" 9 AM.	"O" Bty. ceased fire. No. of rounds fired per gun 3000. Counter attack reported repulsed.	
		" 11 AM	"O" Bty. reports 1 Sgt. killed 2 B.P. wounded. All objectives now reported repulsed.	
		" 1:30 PM.	Congratulatory message received from Corps Commander. Artillery barrage now	

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CANAL AREA YPRES	1917 20th Feb	1:30 PM	now lifted 100 yards, our S.O.S. line raised in conformity.	
		2:25 PM	5th A.I. Bde. reports counter attack now being made near HELWES (WESTHOEK J. 3.6.50.40) "N." + "O." batteries fired on S.O.S. lines (D. 27.d 40.75 to J. 4.c 30.80) Ammunition fired 2000 per gun.	
		3 PM	Guns ceased fire.	
		3:10 PM	"M." Bty. fired a special barrage at Order of G.O.C. 7th A.I. Bde.	
		3:20 PM	"M." Bty. ceased fire. No. of rounds per gun fired 1500. (S.O.S. line J. 4.c 30.90 to J. 10.a 70.90) Enemy attack reported repulsed.	
		6:5 PM	S.O.S. call sent up from front line. All batteries fired on S.O.S. line.	
		6:35 PM	Batteries ceased fire. No. of rounds per gun 2000. "N." Bty. reports 1 gun out of action with split base casing. Enemy attack repulsed.	
		7:22 PM	S.O.S. was again sent up from front line. All batteries again fired for half an hour but no attack developed. CR.	
	21st Feb	4:50 AM	All batteries opened fire on S.O.S. line in conjunction with the artillery in a protective barrage. 1000 rounds per gun fired.	
		1:10 PM	"O." Bty. reports 1 Officer (Lieut Connor), 2 O.N. wounded.	

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CANAL AREA near YPRES	1917 Sept. 21 st	6 P.M.	"M" Bty. Zero line shifted 3° right.	
		6:45 P.M.	S.O.S. wire sent from 5 th A.I. Bde. "N" & "O" batteries commenced firing & fired for half an hour. 2,500 rounds per gun fired. Counter-attack reported repulsed. "M" Bty. did not fire till later as the message was delayed in transmission.	
		7:2 P.M.	"M" Bty. opened fire & fired till 8:15 P.M.	
		9 P.M.	5 th & 7 th A.I. Bdes. relieved from line by 6 th A.I. Bde. Bde. H.Q. established in old 5 th Bde's H.Q. 1 O.P. from "N" Bty. reported	
		10 P.M.	passed by mustard gas.	CR 5
	22 nd	6 P.M.	Orders received to relinquish gun positions and proceed back to rear camp H.Q. CANAL AREA.	CR 5
	23 rd	9 P.M.	2 O.P. evacuated sick. 1 O.P. evacuated sick from Small Arms School Camp	CR 5
	24 th	9 P.M.	1 O.P. evacuated injured. 1 O.P. evacuated sick from Reinforcement Camp	CR 5
	25 th	9 P.M.	2 Officers & 29 O.P. reported back from Div. Reinforcement Camp CAESTRE	CR 5
	26 th	9 P.M.	1 O.P. rejoined unit. 10 O.P. taken on strength from Reinforcements	CR 5
	28 th	1 P.M.	Sgt G.D. Cadden left for England to report at A.I.F.H.Q. for instructions to attend Cadet Battalion	CR 5

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CANAL AREA near YPRES	1917 Sept 29	9pm	Capt. Mouldsdale + 1 C.P. to attend 48th M.G. Series at Small Arms School Camiers also 1 C.P. (batman) left here today. 1 C.P. reported back from Hospital last night C.P.	
	30th	9pm	G.C. together with Lieuts. Torrance + Chalmer last night reconnoitred positions for batteries in vicinity of ZONNEBEKE for forthcoming operations C.P.	

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Lieut
for O.C. 22nd AUST. M.G. Coy.





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