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Machine Guns

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13th Aust. M.G. Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	VOLUME V	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHIPPEWA CAMP	September October 1st.		Sunday - Church Parade in 52 Battalion lines at 11.30 am. One NCO sent to Transport School, ABBEVILLE		
"	2nd		Company training.		
"	3rd		Three officers + 8 N.C.Os made reconnaissance of gun positions to be taken over in ST. ELOI sector.		
"	4 th		Company training. Issue + inspection of equipment + clothing.		
"	5 th		4 th A.M.G. Coy seen + arrangements made to 'take over' on morning of 7 th Oct.		
"	6 th		Three officers + 6 N.C.Os made final reconnaissance of positions in ST ELOI sector.		
"	7 th		ST. ELOI sector 'taken over' from 4 th A.M.G. Coy. Relief completed 11.30 am. 7 guns placed on indirect fire + roads + communications in rear of enemy trenches. 8,000 rounds S.A.A. expended. 4 guns placed to bring direct fire on enemy's front line. Casualties NIL. Reconnaissance for defensive + indirect fire scheme -		



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October				
Voormezele (STELOL sector)	8 th		N ^o 2 Section reconnoitre for weather proof gun positions. No 4 + 1 section to arrange direct fire on enemy front line. Indirect fire during night on enemy communications. 13,000 rounds S.A.A. expended. Casualties NIL.	
"	9 th		N ^o 2 Section complete two new indirect fire positions. Indirect fire 18,500 rounds S.A.A. Casualties NIL. <u>Situation</u> quiet. Enemy M.G. fire in rear of right + centre sub-sectors.	
"	10 th		INDIRECT FIRE 20,000 rounds expended.	
"	11 th		<u>Reconnaissance</u> - two new battle positions commenced between 1st + 2nd line at 0.3.2.2.8 + 0.2.a + 6. <u>Situation</u> quiet. <u>INDIRECT FIRE</u> 19,400 rounds S.A.A. expended.	
"	12 th		Arrangements made for washing clothes + trench feet (prevention of). Gun at N ^o 1 gun position removed to alternative position. <u>Indirect Fire</u> . 21,500 rounds S.A.A. expended. Casualties NIL.	
"	13 th		<u>INDIRECT FIRE</u> . 23,750, rounds S.A.A. expended. <u>WORK</u> . Gun position completed at BUS HOUSE; work proceeding on positions and dugouts at SPOIL BANK.	
"	14 th		<u>INDIRECT FIRE</u> directed on enemy communications, roads, + points of activity in rear of enemy front line. 26,000 rounds expended. Cleaning out cellar at BUS HOUSE.	

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	October, 1916.			
Voormezele (STELOI Sector)	15 th		Indirect fire. 23,000 rounds SAA. expended on enemy communications & roads. <u>Work</u> proceeding at BUS HOUSE and on dugouts on Spoil Bank.	
"	16 th		<u>INDIRECT FIRE.</u> 13,750 rounds SAA. expended. <u>Work</u> on gun position at BUS HOUSE, and dugouts & positions at SPOIL BANK.	
"	17 th		<u>INDIRECT FIRE.</u> 20,000 rounds SAA. expended.	
"	18 th		Indirect fire. 19,000 rounds, SAA. expended. <u>Work</u> Improvement to dugouts on SPOIL BANK. Material carted for position in OLD FRENCH TRENCH. Tunnelling proceeding at BUS HOUSE. Situation quiet.	
"	19 th		<u>INDIRECT FIRE.</u> 17,000 rounds expended. <u>Work</u> at BUS HOUSE, two positions being built in OLD FRENCH TRENCH. Situation quiet.	
"	20 th		<u>INDIRECT FIRE.</u> 16,500 rounds expended. 2 gun positions in OLD FRENCH TRENCH nearing completion.	
"	21 st		Indirect fire directed on communications & points of activity in rear of enemy lines MARTENS FARM and DOME HOUSE were thoroughly searched. 17,000 SAA. expended. <u>WORK</u> Two gun positions in OLD FRENCH TRENCH completed. Situation quiet.	
			OC, 123rd M.G. Coy & two officers seen with view to relief.	

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VORMEZALE	22 nd		During early morning enemy occupied crater on left Brigade front. Two guns brought indirect fire to bear on enemy communications to rear of crater two guns used direct fire against salients from which enemy infiltrated crater. 20,000 rounds S.A.A. expended. M.S. Referendum, 144 votes taken, papers despatched 22/23 rd .	
"	23 rd		16 guns ^{positions} on STELOI handed over to OC. 123 rd M.G. Coy. on 23/10/16. Relief completed 3 pm. 1 Guide left behind for 24 hours. Moved to CHIPPEWA CAMP.	
CHIPPEWA CAMP	24 th		Advance guard sent with spare gear to NIPPENHOEK SIDING.	
"	25 th		Moved to Billets near HOPOUTRE siding - Completed 1 pm.	
HOPUTRE	26 th		Entrained for ST. RIQUIER. Arrived 6.45 pm. arrived billets 8.0 pm.	
ST. RIQUIER	27 th		Marched to BUSSUS BUSSEUL. Commenced 2 pm. arrived 2.45 pm.	
BUSSUS BUSSEUL	28 th		Overhauling gun gear and equipment.	
"	29 th		Parade for shortages of equipment - Section drill & attention to guns.	
"	30 th		Brigade inspection parade. Inspection by G.O.C. Division.	
"	31 st		Morning - Cleaning gear, rifle exercises - Afternoon.	

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