

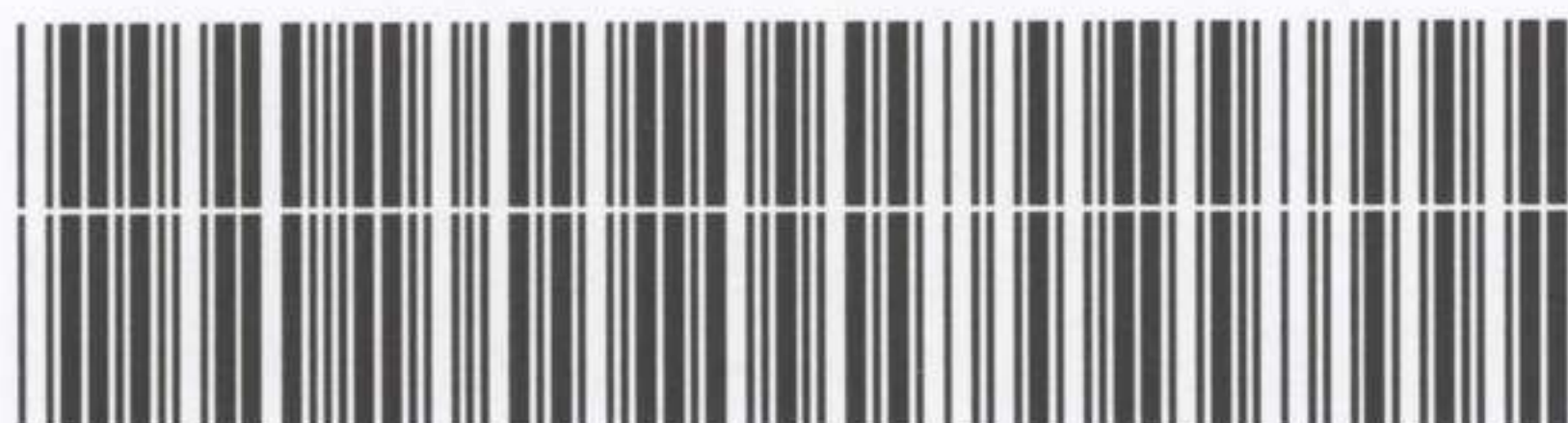
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13th Aust. Machine Gun Comp.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FEBRUARY				
FLERS. N 31 a 1/2 3.	1 st		Indirect Fire on Enemy Roads and Tracks 2,500 Rounds expended. On afternoon of 31 st January 1914 the following casualties occurred 1 other Rank killed, 2 other Ranks wounded (at Duty). The gun teams in FRONT LINE were successfully relieved by 10 p.m. night 31 st Jan'y '14. The work of building Dugouts and improving going on satisfactory	
"	2 nd		On enemy communications 2,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended indirectly. Front line gun teams successfully relieved by 6-30 p.m. Timber and Sandbags carried to and erected in dugouts in FRONT LINE and FACTORY CORNER. 1 Officer (Lieut EWEN Colclough Beauchamp CAMERON to hospital accidentally injured by fall on frozen ground 1-2-1914.	
"	3 rd		Indirect Fire on Enemy communications and tracks 2000 rounds S.A.A. expending Work of building and improving Dugouts being pushed ahead satisfactory. 1 other rank to hospital (sick - MUMPS)	
"	4 th		Combining with artillery barrages one gun traversed HAM TRENCH expending 2000 rounds Short barrage was maintained along NORTH BOUNDARY of LUISENHOF FARM VALLEY expending 1,000 rounds S.A.A. Indirect Fire was also carried out on Enemy communications 2000 rounds S.A.A. were expended. During operations 5,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended. The gun teams in FRONT LINE were successfully relieved by 6 p.m. without casualty	

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FLERS. N 31 a 1/2 3.	4 th		Hostile planes were very busy over our lines but flying very high. Our Anti aircraft machine guns engaged various planes flying low expending 1450 rounds S.A.A.	
"	5 th		During the operations of our Right Brigade during night 4 th /5 th the following barages were maintained from N 15 d. 20.40 to N 15 d. 40.50 and N 21 a 50.45 to N 21 a 85.65 expending 11,000 rounds S.A.A. Timber carried to FACTORY CORNER and FRONT LINE for dugout. Work proceeding satisfactory at dugouts. 1250 rounds S.A.A. were also expended on Hostile planes. Casualties NIL.	
"	6 th		In anticipation of a counter attack by the enemy on our Right Brigade the following barages were in readiness during night 5 th /6 th instant. N 15 d 20.40 to N 15 d 40.50 - N 21 a 50.45 to N 21 a 85.65 - N 15 d 10.50. to N 15 d 30.35. Short bursts were fired during the evening 2,500 rounds S.A.A being expended. Our A.A machine guns expended 1,450 rounds S.A.A on Hostile aircraft. Works on Dugouts being pushed ahead. Casualties NIL. The gun teams FRONT LINE relieved successfully by 6 p.m.	
"	7 th		Indirect Fire on Enemy Road and tracks 2,000 rounds S.A.A were expended. Enemy planes again very busy over our lines and were engaged by our A.A. machine Guns which expended 1450 rounds S.A.A. Work at dugouts being improved satisfactory. Accommodation in dugouts in FLERS. increased. Casualties:- 1 other rank to hospital sick - MUMPS.	
"	8 th		On Enemy communications 2,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended indirectly. The gun teams in FRONT LINE were relieved successfully by 6-30 p.m. 1,250 rounds S.A.A were expended on Enemy aircraft during day by our A.A. M. guns. Improving and building of dugouts in LINES and FLERS. Proceeding satisfactory.	

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FLERS N 31 a 1/2 3	9 th		Indirect Fire on Enemy road and tracks. 3,000 rounds S.A.A. expended Hostile planes were again engaged by our A.A. machine guns which expended 2500 rounds S.A.A. All works being pushed ahead and well in hand. Casualties:- NIL.	
"	10 th		On Enemy's tramways and tracks 2000 rounds S.A.A. were expended indirectly 650 rounds S.A.A. were expended on Enemy aircraft. The FRONT LINE gun teams were relieved successfully by 6.30 pm. Mining timber taken to FRONT LINE for building dugout. Casualty 1 other rank wounded by M.G. Fire. (now	"DIED of WOUNDS" 10/2/17.
"	11 th		Indirect Fire on Enemy communications 2000 rounds were expended. 1000 rounds S.A.A. were expended on Hostile planes. Works on dugout both in FLERS and FRONT LINE proceeding satisfactory. Work commenced on reconstruction of entrance to dugout FRONT LINE. Casualties:- NIL.	
"	12 th		On Enemy roads and cross tracks 2,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended indirectly The relief of FRONT LINE gun teams was successfully completed by 6.30 pm No enemy aircraft was observed during the day. Timber carried to FRONT LINE for dugouts. Casualties NIL.	
"	13 th		Indirect Fire on Enemy communications 2000 rounds S.A.A. expended. A few hostile planes reported over our lines during day flying very high but were not engaged by our A.A. machine guns. Improvements on dugouts in FLERS being carried out. Casualties NIL.	
"	14 th		On Enemy tracks and roads 2000 rounds S.A.A. were expended indirectly The gun teams in FRONT LINE were relieved successfully by 6.30 pm. Our A.A. machine guns expended 1450 rounds S.A.A. on Hostile aircraft The building of dugouts at FACTORY CORNER and FRONT LINE proceeding satisfactory Casualties:- NIL.	

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FLERS N31a 1/2.3	15 th		<u>RAID:</u> In accordance with orders N° B 1/52 for Raid by 51 st Bn. on Junction of Bayonet and Scabbard Trench. Vickers guns co-operated as follows Direct fire was brought to bear on SCABBARD TRENCH. The work of this part was undertaken by 2/Lt. Hitch and gun crew who took up their position half an hour before ZERO time. No parties of enemy were observed as observation of SCABBARD TRENCH was quickly obscured by smoke from bombardment. During operations fire was maintained on target 1200 rounds S.A.A. being expended. Six (6) guns were placed in selected positions and maintained a barrage of fire in rear and on flanks of objective of raiding party. Guns worked well and a continuous fire was maintained 11,200 rounds S.A.A. being expended.	
"	16 th		<u>GAS:</u> Gas Stomach Horns were heard in FLERS about 6-15 pm. coming from Right of our Sector. At 6-30 pm received notice from 45 th Bn. by wire of their being heavily shelled by gas shells. Gas could be smelt faintly in FLERS. for about 1 hour. "Gas On" reported by Priority Wire - On Enemy Communications 2,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended indirectly Gun teams in FRONT LINE successfully relieved by 6-30 pm. Casualties: NIL.	
"	17 th		Indirect Fire on Enemy tracks and roads 2000 rounds S.A.A. were expended. Work on Dugouts proceeding smoothly. Our aeroplanes showed increased activity during day. Casualties: NIL.	
"	18 th		Indirect Fire on Enemy communications 2000 rounds S.A.A. expended. The FRONT LINE gun teams were successfully relieved by 6-30 pm. No enemy planes were observed during the day. Casualties NIL. All work on dugouts proceeding satisfactory. More timber carried to various works	

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FLEERS N31a 1/2 3	19 th		Indirect Fire was carried out on special targets of Enemy communications and tracks 8,000 rounds of S.A.A. being expended. All work proceeding satisfactory. 1 Officer 2/Lt. H.V. Hitch transferred to 4 th Aust Div. M.C. Company. 1 Other rank to Hospital sick - MUMPS	
"	20 th		On enemy tracks and tramway 2000 Rounds S.A.A. were expended indirectly. 2 Other ranks taken on strength from 4 th A.D.B.D. 1 Officer LT Witte W.C. seconded 19-11-1916.	
"	21 st		Indirect Fire on enemy communications 2000 rounds S.A.A. were expended. The gun teams in FRONT LINE were successfully relieved by 7-30 p.m. Work on Dugouts proceeding smoothly. Casualties: NIL	
"	22 nd		On enemy tracks and roads 2000 rounds S.A.A. were expended. Gun teams in front line were relieved successfully by 7-30 p.m. on 21 st Feb 1914. Telephone wire laid from dugout in FRONT LINE to Compy Headquarters in FLEERS. Other work proceeding satisfactory. 1 Other Rank to Hosp. (sick - MUMPS) 1 Other Rank rejoined from Hospital. 8 O.R. in hosp. sick & 1 O.R. in Detention - Struck Off.	
"	23 rd		Indirect fire on Enemy communications 2,000 rounds S.A.A. expended. Work on Dugouts going on satisfactory. 2 Other ranks to hosp. (sick - MUMPS) Relieved by 2 nd Aust. Machine Gun Compy taking over from 13 th Aust Machine Gun Compy. Relief completed without casualty by 4 ³⁰ p.m. Company then moved out in parties to BENDIGO CAMP for night.	

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BENDIGO CAMP (S 15 a 20)	24 th		Marched from BENDIGO CAMP leaving at 10 am. to BECOURT, arriving at 12-30 p.m. Afternoon resting. Stayed the night at BECOURT.	
"	25 th		Left BECOURT at 10-30 am. and marched to BUIRE arriving at 12-30 p.m.	
BUIRE	26 th		Paid in afternoon - Holiday - 1 Other Rank rejoined from hospital.	
"	27 th		Washing and cleaning of equipment - Bathing Parade. 1 Other rank joined from 11 th Brigade A. Field Artillery - Transfer.	
"	28 th		Cleaning of billets, guns, gear, and equipment and repairs to Billets. 1 O.R. evacuated thro' C.C.S. (Struck off)	
			Repairs to Billets, improving billets and increasing accommodations. Cleaning and washing of equipment. Guns, gear etc being cleaned and overhauled.	

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