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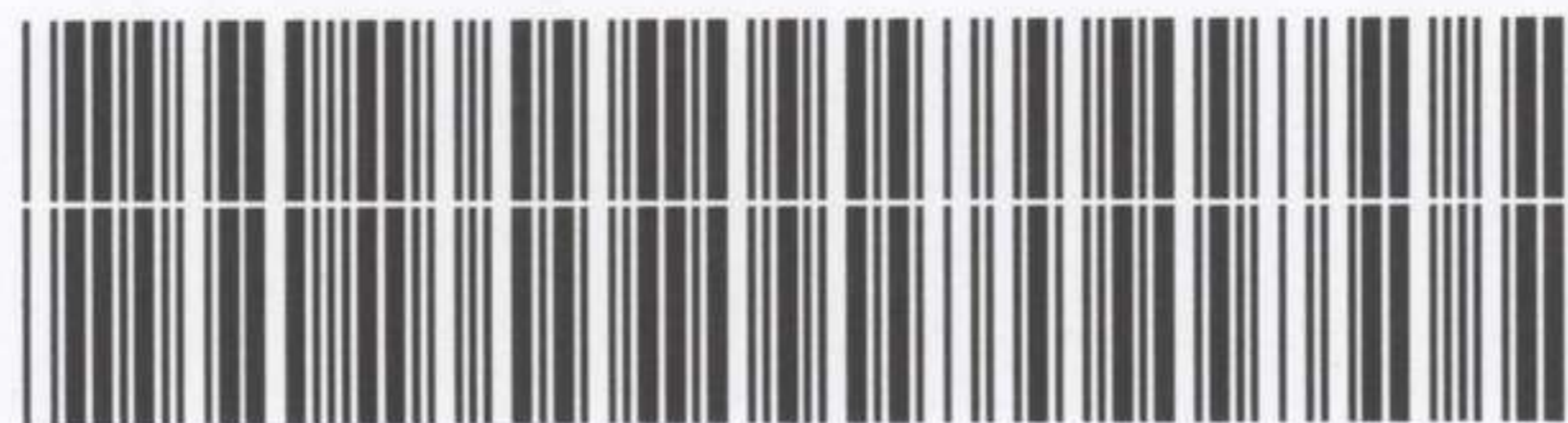
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Humbank Sector	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Disposition of Guns.</p> <p>In front Line 5 at N6B 8½ 9½, N6B 5.8, N6C 8½ 9½, N6C 1.9, N5D 1.7.</p> <p>at Jays Post 2 N6A 5½ 9 v H36C 8.1</p> <p>at Wye Post 1 At Elbow Farm 8</p> <p>on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept indirect fire was carried out from H35B 9.9, + H35B 4 4½ at Strawberry House 01B 3.6, Martin's Corner + Pack's Tolly. Guns in front line fired on Corner Fort + Clapham junction.</p>	
	Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>Indirect fire carried out on trenches in rear of enemy front line between the Angle + Corner Fort, also a Sap running from N6C 8.3. to N12B 1.7. also on Battery House 07A 4.3½ Guns in front line fired on Clapham junction N6C 4.2., Water Fort N11B 1.9 Jerks Post N5D 4.2. and communication trenches leading back from these points</p>	

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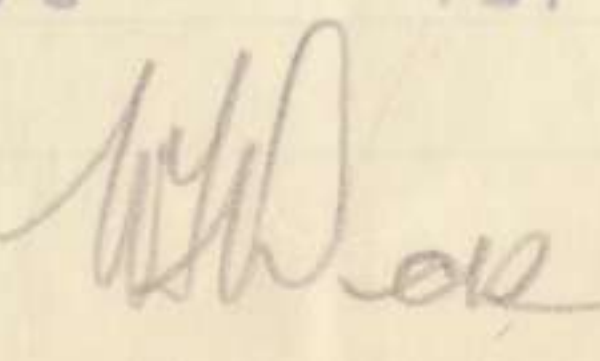
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Hensbair Sector	Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>		During the night three enemy machine guns in front line opened fire but by concentrating the fire of all our front line guns on one at a time they were forced to cease fire.	
	Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>		at 8 am. the fog lifted + disclosed an enemy working party in No Mans Land. One of our guns opened fire and dispersed them, causing some casualties.	
	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>		2 Lieut. Pooz transferred from 56 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>y</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Company	
	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>		Enemy shelled Jay's Post, killing one man	
	Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>		Guns in front line enfiladed enemy trench from corner Fort to the Logenge O/A 3.6 causing train traffic to stop Lieuts. Dight + Saunders transferred from 15 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy.	<p style="text-align: right;">             Captain            OC 14<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy.         </p>



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Hembait Sec 100	Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>		16 men transferred from Battalions to 14 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy, after having been training for some weeks.	
	Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>		During the day the Artillery, M.T.M.B + L.T.M.B fired on enemy parapet + barbed wire during the night our guns fired on enemy wire + prevented them from working there 2 Officers + 28 O.R. went into billets at Hembait	
	Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>		2 Lieut Hallestein transferred from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Angac Cycle Corps	
	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>		During the night a raiding party from the 56 <sup>th</sup> Batts entered the enemy trenches. During the raid one of our guns in the front line traversed from Corner Fort to the Angle. The remainder of the guns in the front line fired between NBC q. 3 1/2 to OIA 2.0. + also between NBC 7.24 to NBC D 10.5. We also gave indirect fire on Corner Fort Avenue	

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Heurbain Sector	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>		(cont) searched the road + saps near Paek's Folly + Martin's Corner + also sap N6D 1.7 + N6D 1.2. We fired 18000 rds during the operation	
	Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>		owing to Brigade front being increased we put another gun in the front line at N5C 1. 1/4 and <del>one</del> <sup>two</sup> at Spy House N 34 B 5. 1 1/2	
	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>		during a successful raid on the enemy front line, two of our guns swept enemy lines between N5D 3.2. + N5D 7.0. Two more fired on Battalion H.Q. R's 07A 4.3, Martin's Corner, Corner Fort Avenue + sap from N6B 7. 2 1/2 to N6D 9.5 After the raid we fired on enemy wire + parapet. One box mounting was blown out but no damage done to the gun. During the night our guns kept the position raided under constant fire.	

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Humbait Sector.	September		<p>During the month three men from the Company were killed, two by shell fire at Jay's Post, one by a bullet in front line, one by sniping of 56<sup>th</sup> Bata. at H29 C 9.9.</p> <p>The following attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Range-finding School 1 officer INCO.</li> <li>Gas School 3 officers &amp; O.R.</li> <li>Engineering School 1 officer</li> <li>Artificers School 4 men</li> <li>Runners' School 1 INCO. &amp; 2 men</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">W.D. Captain OC. 14<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy.</p>	



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Herbain Sector	September		<p>During the month 36 men passed Machine Gun Range Practice</p> <p>A course of Elementary Instruction for Infantry officers was instituted at School Keep Herbain</p> <p>Twelve officers attending.</p>	

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