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Machine Guns

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	1-7-16			
	2-7-16		No 1440 Pl. K. J. McKenzie killed by shell, which presumably hit loop-hole.	
	3-7-16			
	4-7-16		No 475 Pl. Matthews A.S. No 1337 Pl. O'Neill E. All four killed by a "minenwerfer" about 2 am. No 10445 " Matthews A.A. No 201 " Gale B. No 11 Pgt Ott Bailey wounded evacuated.	
	5-7-16		4-7-16 Left Rue Noarle and proceeded to billets at Steenwerck.	
	6-7-16		5-7-16 Machine Guns and equipment overhauled	
	7-7-16		100	
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	8-7-16	→ 1.30 pm	Left Steenwerck at 1.30 pm and proceeded to billets at Strazeele for the night. Trifed boxes and other impedimenta left at farm of Jean Weillaert of Steenwerck.	
	9-7-16		Left Strazeele 9 am and proceeded to billets at Reuseure.	
	10-7-16		Reuseure.	
	11-7-16		Left Reuseure at 4 am entrained at Arques, near St Omer, and proceeded to Amiens. marched from Railway to St Sauveur where we arrived at 10 pm.	
	12-7-16		St Sauveur. Usual Parades	
	13-7-16		St Sauveur.	
	14-7-16		St Sauveur In conjunction with Infantry carried out tactical manoeuvres.	
	15-7-16		St Sauveur usual parades.	
	16-7-16		Left St Sauveur 11 am proceeded to billets at Rainneville 3 pm.	
	17-7-16		Rainneville	
	18-7-16		Left Rainneville 11 am proceeded to billets at Tontencourt - camp -	
	19-7-16		Camp Tontencourt	
	20-7-16		Left Tontencourt and proceeded to Varennes arriving 12 noon. Reserves attached as summer etc	
	21-7-16		Officers attended lecture at Rubempire on Machine Guns etc. 16 from each Bn making Total 64. Riding from Varennes return	

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Varennes.	22 7/16	-	Overhauling of guns and equipment, Training of 64 Reserves in use of machine guns.	
"	23 7/16	-	"	
"	24 7/16	-	"	
"	25 7/16	-	"	
Bruckfield near Albert	26 7/16	5 am	Left Varennes and proceeded to Near Albert (Bruckfield). Packs left with Q.M.S., thence despatched by him to dump at Abbatois in Albert.	
Pozières	27 7/16	9 am	Left Bruckfield for trenches at 9 pm, relieved 2nd No. 9 Co in front line with exception of one gun. remainder of guns and teams in dugouts at Chalk Pit, advanced Chalk Pit and Bailiff Wood. HQs was established in Passage Gully.	1st 1000
"	"	"	Relief of remaining gun effected during morning. (Lt J Windsor fired two shells on enemy working party, casualties estimated about forty (40). subsequently seen by 23rd Bn.)	Gun Disposition 27/7/16.
"	"	"	2 Lt Rb Callister + No 22 Sgt J. E. Kopper slightly wounded but carrying on duty.	4 Cemetery.
"	"	"	2 Lt J Windsor seriously wounded and evacuated.	2 of these injured by hostile fire. (not replaced)
"	"	"	No 1444 Left Sutton wounded, but continued on duty.	4 Orchard. Ours reduced to 2.
"	"	"	Very heavy shell-fire from enemy, throughout the day.	3. Advanced Chalk Pit. used for overhead fire.
"	"	"	Officers and men on left (at Cemetery) billeted in big dug-out, 30 ft deep, and comparatively safe, only sentries on gun at time, permitted in trench.	Balance at Chalk Pit and Bailiff Wood. In reserve.
"	"	"	No cover of any description on right at Orchard, where men had a bad shaking, but we luckily escaped with very light casualties. 2 guns damaged.	
"	28 7/16	"	Enterprise carried out by 6th Brigade was successful, not till after captured position was firmly held wereickers No Guns called upon to advance to new position.	
"	"	"	Casualties. Wounded No 682 Sgt H Robinson and No 814 Pte Elliott Ag.	
"	"	"	both wounded while returning from trenches thro curtain fire	2

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Peziere	29 th / 16		Positions won being consolidated by infantry, right flank protected by Vickers machine gun under No 21 Sgt W.A. Hoathews, who constructed gun emplacement under heavy shell fire, which caused infantry to temporarily evacuate the position. Sgt Hoathews remained at his post on the gun, and also built up end of the saps himself to prevent the infantry from being enfiladed. Several of gun crew were badly shaken by shell shock and had to be sent down from trenches to rest camp. Casualties during day. Nil. although shell fire very heavy.	
"	30 th / 16		<p>Port of men in front line relieved, O.C. knowing that a heavy mist prevailed every morning decided to do all reliefs at an hour near dawn, taking advantage of mist.</p> <p>Casualties during day, caused by enemy shell fire.</p> <p>No 40 Sgt G. Howdell - Killed</p> <p>No 41 Pte F.W. Findlay - shell shock - necessitated being sent to rest camp later evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>No 1502 Pte H.G. Black } both wounded No 1505 " E. Comerford } by shell fire and evac.</p> <p>No 1 Dow E.W. Barnett, Wounded & Evac</p> <p>Overhead fire was brought to bear from near advanced Chalk Pit on to main routes leading into Combelle.</p> <p>(German prisoner taken on Aug. 14th stated that ambulance wagons on these roads had been frequently hit.) Rounds fired during term in trenches 12,000.</p>	<p>Lyonsore Coy</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pozières.	31/4/16		Overhead fire by night on same target as previously. Gun disposition. Casualties 2 ORs mad.	2 Orchard 2 Cemetery, 1 on R. of 13 th (Courcellette Rd).

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