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BAPAUME	1-7-17		Heavy rain fell during the day. The cleaning painting of limbers was continued.	
	2-7-17		Boy attended Church parade on the 28 th BN parade ground. Heavy rain again fell. Cleaning painting & stowing of limbers carried on.	MB
	3-7-17		Nos 1 & 3 sections carried out classification practices on Long range. Gas No. 4 Section carried out section training. Gas alarm was sounded at 11 pm, but none was encountered.	MB
	4-7-17		The boy held a concert at the 3 rd C.C.S. C.O. visited Amiens. Nos 1 Section - short range practices & tactical training Nos 2 & 4. Mechanism, range taking & Scouting.	MB

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BAPAUME	5/7/17	2-30pm	Company preparing for the G.O.C.'s Inspection Inspection by G.O.C.	MB
	6/7/17		Field practices in Classification Table "C" carried out on Field Firing Range. Gas Helmet Inspection	MB
	7/7/17		Heavy Rain fell. Sections carried out training in Mechanisms, Range taking & scouting. A party from 6 th F. Coy. A. ENGINEERS was instructed in Machine Gunnery.	MB
	8/7/17		Church Parades were cancelled on account of heavy rain. Section Officers & Sergeants reconnoitred the ground over which we were to work on the Divisional Field day.	MB

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BAPAUME	9/7/17		A Divisional Field day was carried out. This bay was engaged in the attack.	MB
	10/7/17		Bay was paraded for a bath in the morning. Overhauling of guns, limbers & equipment. In the afternoon the company attended a lecture on Venereal Diseases.	MB
	11/7/17		Company carried out Tactical Exercises & Short Range practices	MB
	12/7/17		No 1 Section carried out a Tactical Exercise No 2 Section carried out a Tactical Exercise No 3 Section did short range practices. Lt Bunnell & Lt Douglas reconnoitred the Corps Line.	MB

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BAPAUME	13/7/17		A Brigade Manoeuvre was carried out in which this company participated. Each ^a section was attached to each Bn. of the Brigade & one section was kept on Indirect fire.	MB
	14/7/17		Company carried out Rang practices on Longe Range. Short Range practices were also carried out.	MB
	15/7/17		Company attends Church Parades. Pay was distributed	MB
	16/7/17		The company carried out Training as follows: No 1 Section:- Short Range practices & Tactical Exercises, Harmonizing sights. No 2 & 3:- Short Range practices, Tactical Exercises & Harmonizing sights. No 3:- Tactical Exercises.	MB

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BAPAUME	17.7.17		<p>No 1 Section: Short Range practices & Tactical Exercises</p> <p>No 2 Section: Short Range practices & Tactical Exercises.</p>	<p>MP</p>
"	18.7.17		<p>all sections: Physical training, Mechanism overhauling of Guns & equipment.</p> <p>The painting of the limbers is progressing satisfactorily</p> <p>Half Holiday in the afternoon.</p>	<p>MP</p>
"	19.7.17		<p>All men in the company who had not completed their Classification practices were put through on the range.</p> <p>No 2 Section: carried out a tactical Exercise in conjunction with the 26 Bn.</p>	
"	20.7.17		<p>The Coy carried out a 12 miles Route march this morning moving off at 4.45 AM & the route was through BAPAUME on to the ALBERT RD, through AVESNES-LES-BAPAUME, BIEFVILLERS, BIHUCOURT, ACHIET-LE-GRAND, GOMIECOURT, ERVILLERS, BEHAGNIES, SAPIGNIES and into BAPAUME.</p> <p>men fell out on the march. The time taken was 5 1/2 hours & no</p> <p>The officers attended a lecture on Indirect fire by C.M.G.O. IV Corps.</p>	<p>MP</p>

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BAPAUME	21-7-17.		At 3.15 AM the Coy carried out a night operation in conjunction with the 7th A.I. Bde. - Coy moved out at 12 midnight 20/21 inst. & arrived back in camp at 6.15 AM. 21/7/17. Gun & equipment were overhauling in the afternoon	MB
	22/7/17		The Coy attended Church parades. The C.O. attended a conference of C/O's at Brigade Hd Qrs. during the morning. Operations orders were made & the ground reconnoitred over which a Divisional night operation was to be held on the night of 22/23 inst. Sections moved out independently at 11.45 PM to get into position for the night operation	MB
	23/7/17		Coy Training carried out in tactical exercises & Range practices during the afternoon. At 12.30 AM The Coy moved out to take part in a Divisional Exercise which commenced at 3.30 AM	MB

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BAPRAIME	24/7/17		<p>No 1 Section: Gas helmet inspection & drill. Short range practices</p> <p>No 2 Section. Short range practices & Gas helmet inspection</p> <p>No 3 Section: As for No 2 section</p>	MB
	25/7/17		<p>Instruction in laying out night & day fire lines & short range practices.</p>	MB
	26/7/17		<p>Mechanism, lock stripping & field manoeuvres for all sections</p> <p>Capt Burrell, Lt Towner reconnoitred the route over which the Coy are to march to the entraining station</p>	MB
	27/7/17		<p>Capt J. Nicholls, Sgt M'Dougall proceeded to a School of Instruction at Cumiers.</p> <p>Lt Hunter left on home leave.</p>	<p>O.C. 7TH MACHINE GUN COY A.I.F.</p>

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BAPAUME	27/7/17		The Coy is preparing to move out. Limbers were overhauled & all surplus gear collected & returned to Pumps. Capt Nicholls left for M. G. school CAMBERS. Lieut Hunter left for England, 10 days leave.	MB
BAPAUME	28/7/17		H.A.M. Coy. entrained MIRAUMONT arrived BAVINCHOVE 9 PM. marched to + Billeted RENESCURE 1 A.M.	MB
RENESCURE	29/7/17		Day spent improving Billets	MB
"	30/7/17		Company carried out Programme of Training. Strength:- Off. PR Present with unit Off PR Leave. Off. PR School. Off. PR 11 189 19 180 5 3 Reinforcements for month. 2. Attached from Battalions PR 37. Total strength of Coy. Off. PR 226.	MB
"	31/7/17		Coy carried out programme of training. Nothing unusual to report.	MB A.I.F.

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