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1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

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Cape Budge	11/17		Large quantities of Gas Shells experienced during the night. S.B.R. ^s had to be worn during the greater part of the night. Exceptionally quiet during the day.	
"	2/11/17		21 st Aust. M.G. Coy. relieved by the 3 rd M.G. Coy. Relief complete by 0500. No Devraux killed during the relief. Company & Officers arrived at Transport Lines by 0800.	
Cape Budge	3/11/17		The day was spent in resting after coming out of the line. Two men evacuated suffering from the effects of gas.	
"	4/11/17		Company marched down for a bath & change of clothes.	
"	5/11/17		Lieut. Dronning proceeded to England on leave. Gear drawn from 3 rd M.G. Coy equivalent to what we handed over to that Company in the line. Arrangements were made for crosses to be erected in Belgian Lattery Corner Cemetery in memory of all men of our Company killed between 18 th Sept and 2 nd November.	
"	6/11/17		Lieut. Deuce went to ZONNEBEKE to reconnoitre two gun	

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Cape Delge	6/11/17		Positions for A.A.C. work, relieving 2 guns of 13 A.L.H. Mounted one gun in the camp for A.A.C. work. Sgt Colbert left for M.G. School at Camiers.	
"	7/11/17		Two guns & six men under Sgt Ferree left Cape Delge at 0430 to carry out A.A.C. work at the Brick Kilns Zambeke. Their task is to protect the 12" & 10" Artillery Batteries from low flying machines.	
"	8/11/17		Received orders to move back in conjunction with 2 nd Div Brigade to Halifax area. The whole 1 st Aust Division is being relieved by the 66 th English Division.	
"	9/11/17		Company moved out from Swan Area at 10.45 am.	
Winnipeg Camp	10/11/17		Marched into Winnipeg Camp, Halifax Area at 12.30 pm. Remained at Winnipeg Camp. Sgt Ferree & Sgt Head left for Ramessure at 9 AM as billeting party.	
"	11/11/17		Received orders to move to Ramessure the following morning by bus.	

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Winnipeg	7/11/17		Embussed for Rannescure at 11 am. Arrived at destination at 1.30 pm. Company settled in billets by 3.30 pm.	
Rannescure	13/11/17		Remained at Rannescure & the men were rested prior to marching to Tangumburges, about 15 miles	
	14/11/17		Received orders to proceed to Tangumburges by route march a distance of about 15 miles, which was to be completed in one days march. When we arrived about 3 miles from Tangumburges we were met with instructions to turn back as there was no billets room for us in the town, we returned as far as Assingham where we secured billets for the night	
Assingham	15/11/17		Proceeded to Tangumburges arriving there about 2 pm. Company put into good billets.	
Tangumburges	16/11/17		Company was paid.	
	17/11/17		Received orders to proceed by route march to Samer. Arrived at Samer about 2 pm & went into billets about 1 1/2 miles out of town.	

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Same	18/11/17		Received orders to proceed to Condette. Arrived at Condette about	
			4 p.m. This was our final destination.	
Condette	19/11/17		Day spent in resting after being on the move.	
	20/11/17		Reorganised the billeting arrangements. Billets at this place	
			are very scattered.	
"	21/11/17		Parades: 9 A.M. Gun Drill	
			2 P.M. Recreational Training	
"	22/11/17		Parades: 9 A.M. Care of Guns, Stripping & Assembling.	
			2 P.M. Recreational Training. Football match	
			between sections.	
"	23/11/17		Parades: 9 A.M. Inspection of Gas Helmets by Divisional Gas	
			Officer, also Gas Helmet Drill	
			2 P.M. Recreational Training.	
	24/11/17		Parades: 9 A.M. Route March, Marching Order.	
			2 P.M. Football Match against Pioneers.	
			Australian Rules.	

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Condette	25/11/17		Parades: Nil	
	26/11/17		Parades: 9 AM Washing & cleaning of Limbers 2 PM No 1 Section & HQ Co proceeded to NEUF CHATEL for a bath, remainder carried on with Recreational Training.	
	27/11/17		Parades 9 AM Short Route March. 2 PM 10.15 AM Mechanism & Stoppages.	
	28/11/17		2 PM No 2 & 3 Sections for bath. Parades 9 AM Short Route March, Stripping & Assembling also care & cleaning. 2 PM Football match against 1st Field Amb. Rugby Rules.	
	29/11/17		Parades 9 AM Packing & Unpacking of Limbers 2 PM Recreational Training	
	30/11/17		Parades: 9 am Beet filling by hand & Machine 2 pm Pay Parade.	

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