

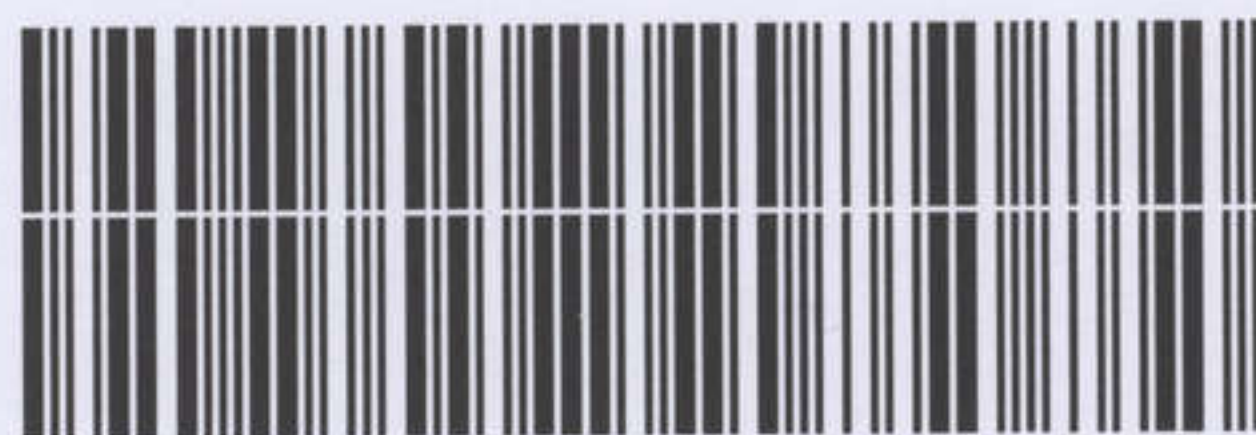
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 28 N.V. H. 36. central. (Vauxhall Light Rly. Jct)	1/11/17		Company stationed in Vauxhall District of II Army Light Railways and responsible for Vauxhall Depot (Locos + Tractors) with all through traffic and all the Light Railways shown in Sheet 28 N.V. H 36 I 25 to 29 and 31 to 34 inclusive. Weather fairly fine. Less ammunition going forward. Work much easier.	
	6/11/17		Work proceeding in depot providing Loco Shed accommodation + Petrol shed Completing water system. Previously engines have had to be attended to on line without cover + water drawn from shell holes. Terrible Barrage at 2am this morning. Windy.	
	10/11/17		Heavy shelling by naval guns situated on Jan spurs behind our depot. Weather bad + roads very bad. Inches of slimy mud. Csm Davis + a/csm Bruce promoted warrant officers dated	
	11/10/17		Many German planes over today. Roads still bad.	
	13/11/17		Terrible barrage on all 3 sides of this salient at 4pm today Continued through night.	
	14/11/17		Heavy artillery fire still continues. Ceased about 4pm. Dine clear.	
	15/11/17		another evening of heavy artillery fire. Guns around here cause whole place to tremble.	
	16/11/17		Cold + showery. Artillery continued all last night + until late this evening.	
	17/11/17		Heavy firing on Passchendale Sector. Heavy fog all day	

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Vauxhall	18/11/17		Fine & clear. Fritz plane set fire to a balloon near us this morning but was afterwards brought down 4 miles from here.	
	20/11/17		57. Promotions & empty promotions promulgated in Orders. Weather changeable	
	21/11/17		Railways now being utilised for transport of troops from rest areas to as far forward as possible & proving very satisfactory.	
	23/11/17		Weather changeable. Vicinity of Camp heavily bombed by hostile aircraft. Two casualties. Weather exceptionally fine	
	24/11/17		Strong westerly gales. Troop trains (open trucks & averaging from 100 to 250 men each) still be transported with good effects, the men instead of arriving in lines tired, are quite fresh.	
	25/11/17		Strong westerly winds. Very little aircraft movements.	
	26/11/17		Windy & showery. Troops & materials being transported as usual. Work generally is much slacker and more time can now be given to putting depot more comfortable to work in.	
	27/11/17		Rear guns on spur behind depot. again shelling German positions	
	28/11/17		Weather windy & showery. Food & accommodation ^{has} been very good all the month	
	29/11/17		Heavy shelling by the guns immediately between us & German lines.	
	29/11/17		Fine & clear. aerial activity. German guns shelling all back areas many duds fell near Vauxhall Depot.	
	30/11/17		Fine German guns busy in forward area. Numerous derailments due to shell fire. Trains being utilised for personnel.	

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