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Battery

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11th Abn Div Bn.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Messines	1/7/17		The day was spent in consolidating Gun pits.	
do	2/7/17		Do.	
do	3/7/17		Two Gun pits commenced the left of Gapalard No firing done.	
do	4/7/17		No. 1 & 2 Gun Positions completed.	
do	5/7/17		Work on Gun Positions	
do	6/7/17		Gun Positions commenced in Pine Avenue (No 3 & 4) 9th. 2.1.17. assisting. No shooting was done.	
do	7/7/17		No shooting done. Relief carried out.	

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11th B.L.S. B.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Meesmes	8/7/17		no 3 & 4 Gun Positions Completed ho 5 & 6 Repaired no 7 Gun Blown out 1 Corporal & two men killed	
Lgo	9/7/17		Two shoots were carried out in the morning one at 0.35.D.88 35 rounds fired and hits obtained. Mine craters 0.35.B.50-40 was shelled members of the enemy immediately evacuated and moved to trench in rear on which 25 rounds were afterwards fired.	
Lgo	10/7/17		Ammunition supply was brought up to 100 rounds per gun working parties being obtained from 41st & 43rd Battalions	
Lgo	11/7/17		Ammunition supply was completed to advanced dumps 400 rounds to each sub sector being carried up Preparations were made for relief	
Lgo	12/7/17		Relief completed. Marched to T. 2. Central	
T. 2 Central	13/7/17		Re-organization & completion of equipment of Bakery completed vide Battery orders no 5.	
Lgo	14/7/17		Training commenced.	

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11th Bty L. B.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
T. 2 Kentia	15/7/17		Church Parade	
	16/7/17		Training	
	17/7/17		Training 25 new men taken on strength from reinforcements of Battalion.	
	18/7/17		Training	
	19/7/17		Training	
	20/7/17		Training	
	21/7/17		Training	
	22/7/17		Sunday Church Parade.	
	23/7/17		Right 2 Battery organizing for operation. Left 2 Bty - Training.	
	24/7/17		Training	
	25/7/17		Training Tent Lines fumigated. afternoon devoted to sports.	
	26/7/17		Preparation for operation.	
	27/7/17		Training	
	28/7/17		Training Preparing ammunition for operation	
	29/7/17		Battery with 8 gun teams moved to prepared positions on the Right & Left of the Dowe. 20 Reinforcements taken on strength.	

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11th Bde T.M.S.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Farm De-la-brous.	30/7/17		8 guns were mounted up four firing smoke & 4 live shells. 200 smoke shells were to be fired and 1000 rounds of live shell. 3 guns firing smoke were mounted up at U. 11. a. 80. 50. firing at a bearing of 25° T. The other smoke gun was mounted up at U. 5. d. 25. 57. firing at an angle of 100°. The guns firing live shells were mounted up at U. 11. b. 50. 70. firing on posts 18-17-16. Very heavy shelling was experienced on all positions about 4 P.M. No 8 gun was blown out but no casualties occurred. The gun was re-mounted 26 yards north.	
	31/7/17	4 AM.	at zero hours barrage commenced. Zero plus 4. The enemy commenced firing on our positions South of Douve River and at zero plus 30 all 4 guns South of Douve were thrown out of action. The following casualties sustained - 1 killed, 8 wounded. Two guns damaged. The guns north of the Douve fired according to programme and a good smoke barrage was created. All the wounded were evacuated and an attempt made to move the guns South of the Douve forward to the front line. But while this was in progress, an air dump 200 yards was blown up and 1 officer & six O.K.s additional casualties were occasioned. 1 gun was lost in the explosion. The other 3 including 2 damaged, were collected. The ammunition of the 4 guns north of the Douve was brought up to S.O.S requirements and S.O.S signal was replied to early during the night.	
	1/8/17		S.O.S. signal was responded to during the early portion of the morning and ammunition supplies exhausted. No further action took place during the day. Very heavy rain was experienced and trenches became impassable.	
	2/8/17		Guns stood by for the defence but no action took place. Preparations were made to take over whole of the Bde front & relieve the 9th T.M.S. Continuous rain fell thro' the day.	