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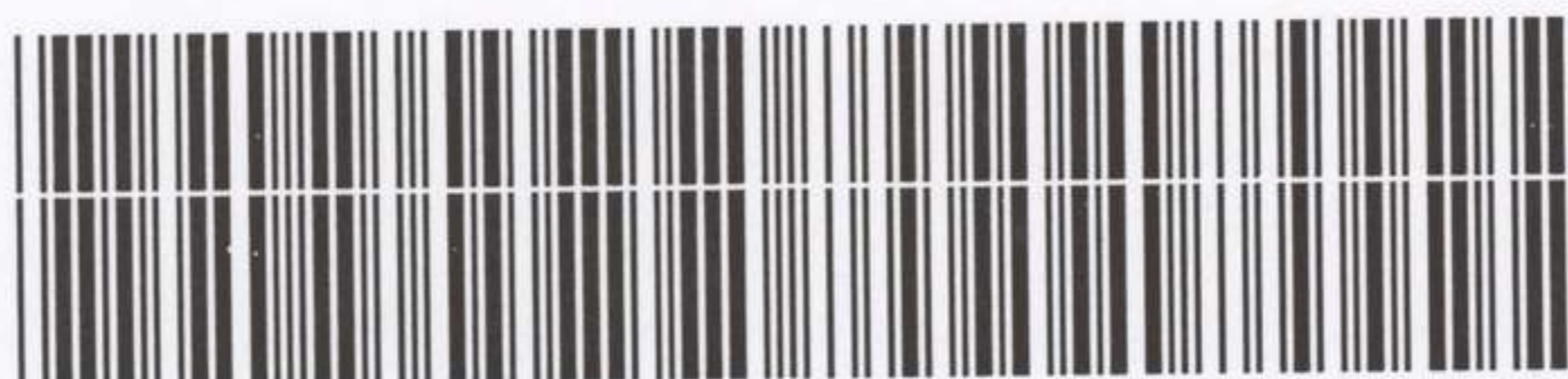
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15th A. L. T. M. B. (Erase heading not required.) Sheet No 1.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field.	1/4/17.		The morning was devoted to training, principally gun-drill. During the afternoon considerable improvements were made to the men's quarters. These are now very comfortable.	E.K.H.
" " " "	2/4/17.		Morning parade inspection of arms equipment & thorough overhaul & cleaning of machines. Coming into action & constructing emplacements in the open were practised during the afternoon.	E.K.H.
" "	3/4/17		Morning parade drill & marching. During the afternoon ammunition was drawn from Divisional Dump & prepared for practice purposes, the ammonal being withdrawn & sand substituted.	E.K.H.
" "	4/4/17.		The morning being too wet for work in the open the men were paraded in billet & lectured on the facts & working of the Stokes bomb. During the afternoon ranging practices were carried out.	E.K.H.



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In the Field	5/4/17.		Firing practices with dummy shells were carried out. The rapid firing was very good, two detachments attaining a rate of forty rounds per minute.	C.K.B.
"	6/4/17.		Parades route-marching, smartening-up drill, & range firing practices	C.K.B.
"	7/4/17.		Weather too inclement for parades during morning & lectures were given in billet. During the afternoon dummy benches & wire were constructed on range.	C.K.B.
"	9/4/17.		Church parade was the only parade during day.	C.K.B.
"	9/4/17.		Parades were devoted to gun drill & coming into action against mine. The detachments have improved considerably during the past week & the slowest time made by any one detachment was 2 min. 10 secs.	C.K.B.

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In the Field	10/4/17.		The whole of battery were on fatigue work, bucking floor of stables for transport mules.	E.K.B.
" " " "	11/4/17.		Battery received orders to be in readiness to move at 5 a.m. if called upon, but were not required to do so & at 10 a.m. received orders to stand down.	E.K.B.
" " " "	12/4/17.		Parades route - marching and gun drill.	E.K.B.
" " " "	13/4/17.		During the day 300 rounds of ammunition were drawn from Divisional Dump & fused & loaded on limbers as a mobile reserve.	E.K.B.
" " " "	14/4/17.		Parades route - marching & firing practices	E.K.B.
" " " "	15/4/17.		Battery has been attached to 2 nd Aust. Division for an operation against the Hindenburg Line & stands ready to move when required. Capt. Freeman proceeded to 6 th Bde Hdqrs to obtain particulars of proposed operation.	E.K.B.

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In the Field.	16/4/17		During the morning a bath & copper were installed in our pits & every man had a hot bath. Afternoon parade route-march	E.K.H.
"	17/4/17		Raining heavily all day. No parades.	E.K.H.
"	18/4/17		Parades for the day, gun drill & dummy-firing	E.K.H.
"	19/4/17		Guns were cleaned & inspected. All N. C. O.'s were given instruction in bayonet fighting, they in their turn instructing their detachments.	
"	20/4/17		Parades bayonet fighting & gun-drill.	E.K.H.
"	21/4/17		Parades route-marching & gun-drill.	E.K.H.
"	22/4/17		All available officers & N. C. O.'s attended a demonstration of attack under barrage by the 6 th Inf Bde. This was really a practice for the attack on the Hindenburg line.	E.K.H.

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In the Field.	23/4/17		Morning parade rifle exercises & drill. In the afternoon a football match was played against one Heavy mortar Battery. We scored an easy win.	C.H.B.
	24/4/17		At 11 a.m. battery marched out of camp & joined the 6 th Inf Coyde near Tautse. Men are comfortably quartered.	C.H.B.
	25/4/17		Today being Anzac Day no work other than necessary fatigues, was done. A football match was played against the 6 th A.L.F.M.B. We lost by a small margin.	C.H.B.
	26/4/17		Mts. Keys & Cockhill proceeded to our front line & examined the front on which the attack is to be made. Arrangements were also visited & arrangements for supply of ammunition made.	C.H.B.
	27/4/17		Two officers & four detachments of battery co-operated with the 6 th Inf Coyde in a practice of assault under barrage.	C.H.B.

