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1914-18 War

Artillery

Item number: 13/126/17

Title: 15th Australian Light Trench Mortar
Battery

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| In the Field | 1. 11. 17. | | Carried on with training as per syllabus. Working parties all sandbagging huts as a protection against bombs from hostile air-craft. | E.H.B. |
| | 2. 11. 17. | | Usual parades. Nothing of interest to note | E.H.B. |
| | 3. 11. 17. | | Carried on with training as per syllabus | E.H.B. |
| | 4. 11. 17. | | Carried on with training. Nothing of particular interest. | E.H.B. |
| | 5. 11. 17. | | Carried on with training as per syllabus | E.H.B. |
| | 6. 11. 17. | | Carried out training as laid down in syllabus. Nothing of particular interest to note. Lieut Morris rejoined from English leave | E.H.B. |
| | 7. 11. 17. | | | |
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| In the Field | 12. 11. 17. | | Battery marched out of Scottish Camp at 9. a.m. and went into camp at Knockof Farm at noon. Very comfortable quarters. | E.K.B. |
| " | 13. 11. 17. | | Lieuts Gamble & Morris proceeded to Kemmel to arrange relief of the 9 th J.M.B. Relief takes place tomorrow night. | E.K.B. |
| " | 14. 11. 17. | | Capt Truman, Lieut. Morris & one section of battery relieved the 9 th J.M.B. in front system. Remainder of battery move to reserve area in Kemmel tomorrow. | E.K.B. |
| " | 15. 11. 17. | | Remainder of battery moved up from reserve to Kemmel & occupied quarters in two old houses. Section in front system were relieved by 14 th B. 2 J.M.B. The 14 th B. 2 having extended their front to include area held by 15 th B. 2. | E.K.B. |
| " | 16. 11. 17. | | Spent the day effecting improvements to quarters | E.K.B. |

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| In the field. | 17. 11. 17. | | Battery was paid during the day. Quarters have been greatly improved & men are very comfortable. Mules are all under cover. | E.K.H. |
| | 18. 11. 17. | | Two men from each battalion reported to be attached for training. Syllabus of training has been drawn up & regular parades commenced. | E.K.H. |
| | 19. 11. 17. | | Usual parades. Nothing of particular interest. | E.K.H. |
| | 20. 11. 17. | | | |
| | 21. 11. 17. | | Lieut. Keys marched out to attend a four days course in division work with 69 Lys. A. F. C. Usual parades held also bathing parade. | E.K.H. |
| | 22. 11. 17. | | Usual parades. Nothing of particular interest. | E.K.H. |
| | 23. 11. 17. | | Usual parades. Nothing of particular interest. | E.K.H. |

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| In the Field. | 24. | 11.17. | Lieut Gamble marched out to report to War office pending transfer to Indian Army. Usual parades. Nothing of particular note. | E.H.B. |
| . | 25. | 11.17. | Usual parades. Team from battery were defeated at football by a team from 15 th M.G. Coy. Lieut Keys resigned from A.F.C. | E.H.B. |
| . | 26. | 11.17. | Usual parades. A combined team from battery & 15 th M.G. Coy defeated a team from C Coy, 68 th Bn. at football. | E.H.B. |
| . | 27. | 11.17. | Raining heavily all day. No parades held. | E.H.B. |
| . | 28. | 11.17. | Lieut Keys & Messes proceeded to 14 th A.L.F. M. B. to arrange relief tomorrow night. | E.H.B. |
| . | 29. | 11.17. | Battery relieved 14 th A.L.F. M. B. in front system. Relief was carried out without incident. Eight marches. | |

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| <i>In the field.</i> | <i>29.11.17</i> | | <p><i>all in front system in detached posts. Transport & reserve personnel all quartered at Perrain Farm.</i></p> <p><i>During the night thirty rounds were fired with good effect on enemy M.G.'s & T.M.'s. Enemy ceased fire in most cases as soon as we opened.</i></p> <p><i>At about 1.20 a.m. enemy attempted to raid one of our posts on the right sector of our brigade front. Our right detachment which was slightly in rear of the post immediately opened barrage fire firing thirty five rounds on their S.O.S. line.</i></p> <p><i>Total expenditure for the twenty four hours - 65 rounds Casualties - Nil.</i></p> | |
| | <i>30.11.17</i> | | <p><i>At 1.45 a.m. one detachment silenced an enemy M.G. at O. 29 B. 3. 8. Ten rounds were fired. No other targets presented themselves, enemy M.G.'s & T.M.'s being very inactive. During the day the battery was engaged in cleaning ammunition, improving existing dumps and constructing new ones. Casualties - Nil.</i></p> <p><i>Expenditure of ammunition for twenty four hours - Ten rounds</i></p> | <i>Nil.</i> |