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15 Nov 1918

Ref. Sheet 57^F

Summary of Events and Information

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1918

Training of personnel as laid down in Syllabus was carried out under good weather conditions. Live firing was done. Y/6 H. still in good form and able to supply coffee. Marched in from UK leave.

2651. Pte Baxter G.H.W.
2867. " Parker H.
3210. " Pudge G.
1265. " Pagnan L.

(Signature)

Nov. 3/3. 1918

All troops were today engaged in assisting the local farmers. Weather fine. Marched out on Paris leave.

4578. Lt Hope Richardson H.
1535. Pte Connors J.

(Signature)

Nov 3/4 1918

Sunday church service for O.P.D.s was held in Y/6 H tent CAUMONT at 10.30 am. All O.P.D. of battery were in attendance. Marched out on UK leave.

4848. Pte Marshall H.J.
1941. " Murphy J.

(Signature)

Nov. 4/5 1918

Marched in from Paris do. Training as per Syllabus. Marched out to corps Gas School.

4485. Sgt Fleming 2163. Pte Dawson
2922. Pte Travers P.
2128. Lt R. D. Chalmer
4792. Pte Gray J.W.

(Signature)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	Nov 7 5/6 th 1918.	0600	<p>Ref. sheet 57^F</p> <p>Weather very cold & wet during the morning. Use was made of Y.M.C.A. tent and lectures were given on Advance Guard and explanation of the Bde scheme in view.</p> <p><u>Marched out on 5/6th</u> Capt H. M. Holl. p 3429. Pk Lee p</p> <p><u>Rejoined unit</u> 3661. Gray R.L. <u>Engg Co. A.</u> 31500. Patullo A.A. 3705. Pk Cartens N.E.</p>	<p>(H.M.H.)</p>
Nov.	6/7. 1918	0600	<p>Brigade scheme cancelled owing to wet weather. Battery informed after reaching Hussy. He seized the opportunity of having a bath then and were issued with new winter under clothes.</p> <p><u>Marched in from Hosp.</u> 3749. Pk Sykes R.N.E. (H.M.H.) <u>do out on 6/7th leave.</u> 2133. Pk Clarke C.A. 2293. Pk Frost B.E. 5121. Hoopes W.</p>	
Nov	7/8. 1918	0600	<p>Training as per syllabus during the morning. During afternoon battery visited the Bde Park.</p> <p>57th Bn wore Applegate caps. <u>Marched out</u> to 5th A.D.S. 3661. Pk Gray (H.M.H.) <u>Marched in from</u> Parashage. <u>Leut W. J. James</u></p>	<p>(H.M.H.)</p>

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15/12/18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field Art. 8/9 1918.		0600	<p>Ref Sheet 57^E</p> <p>Bad scheme of advance and rearwards was successfully carried out under rather unpleasant weather conditions. The attacking parties according to decision of the judges had an overwhelming victory. Rain fell during the day. Marched in from Lt. Leese 1346 Pte Bert R. m.m.</p>	<p>H.S.B.</p>
November 9/10 1918		0600	<p>The battery route marched to CAUMONT to witness a demonstration given by Div. Gas Officer, of a proposed attack, and to become acquainted with enemy gases. This proved an interesting demonstration. Marched in from Lt. Leese 2008 Pte Walker R.O.</p>	<p>H.S.B.</p>
November 10/11 1918		0600	<p>Trains Sunday. Weather fine but cold. Marched in from Aust. Corps Gas School. Lieut R. D. Chalmer</p>	<p>H.S.B.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field, Nov 11/12 1918		0600	<p>Monday was set apart for Brigade Night Operation of Outposts. This was cancelled till Tuesday night. Training as usual was carried out on Monday.</p> <p>Marched in from Aust Corps School: 4855 Pte Malbours G. 1980 Pte Phillips W. B. 3553 Pte Lewis W. B. (H.S.B.)</p> <p>News was received during the morning that <u>Armistice with Germany had been signed.</u></p> <p>Brigade rehearsal from 5 pm till 9.30 pm.</p> <p>Shower explained during the morning.</p> <p>Marched in from Aust Corps School: 4855 Pte Malbours G. H. Beilby 2688 Pte Hatty R. M. attached from 59th Bn. (H.S.B.)</p>	
Nov. 1918 12/13		0600	<p>Training as per syllabus. Weather fine but cold. Treated baths in afternoon.</p> <p>Marched in from Paris leave: 4578 Pte Richardson H. D. 1535 Pte Donnan A. 3093 Pte Evans J. P. Evac to hospital, struck off strength.</p> <p>Marched out on H.K. leave: 4855 Pte Malbours G. 1980 Pte Phillips W. B. 2992 Pte Evans J. P.</p> <p>Marched in from 154th Sanitary Coy: 2661 Pte Gray R. L. (H.S.B.)</p>	
Nov 1918 13/14		0600	<p>Training as per syllabus. Weather fine but cold. Treated baths in afternoon.</p> <p>Marched in from 154th Sanitary Coy: 2661 Pte Gray R. L. (H.S.B.)</p> <p>Marched in from 154th Sanitary Coy: 2661 Pte Gray R. L. (H.S.B.)</p>	
Nov 1918 14/15		0600	<p>Training as per syllabus. Weather fine but cold. Treated baths in afternoon.</p> <p>Marched in from 154th Sanitary Coy: 2661 Pte Gray R. L. (H.S.B.)</p> <p>Marched in from 154th Sanitary Coy: 2661 Pte Gray R. L. (H.S.B.)</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field. HQ.	15/16. 1918	0600	Training as per syllabus. Much attention being paid to Musketry. Weather fine. beased to be attached from 55th Bn:- 5163 Pte Pritchard O. Marched out to Corps Training competitions 454 Pte Van Bunde A.G. Marched out on escort duty:- 4485 Sgt Fleming A.F. 2867 Pte Parker H.A. 31506 Pte Bullock A.A.	(H.H.B.)
Field HQ.	16/17 1918	0600	Range work cancelled. Usual training indulged in. To Corps Training competitions Pte Phelan W. & Pte Ferris attached from 55th Bn 4599 Pte Turnbull R.J.J. Marched in from escort duty 4485 Sgt Fleming A.F. 2867 Pte Parker H.A. 31506 Pte Bullock A.A.	(H.H.B.)
HQ.	17/18 1918	0600	Brigade Route-March of about 9 miles. Battery looks past. Marched out on Pass leave:- 1978 Cpl Newman O.V. 5192 Pte Kuschbrock W.B.	(H.H.B.)
HQ.	18/19 1918	0600	Brigade Church Parade at Muppy. Battery attended. Brigade Marched past. Bro General. Returned from hospital 2128 Cpl Bush R.H. Marched in from hospital & re-attached 3705 Pte Larkins W.C.	(H.H.B.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	Nov 18/19	0600	<p>Ref 54 F</p> <p>During morning a little work was done by the Battery. In the afternoon the divisional sports were held on 59th Km parade ground at Huppy, Battery marched to reports. Weather was good but very cold. Little enthusiasm shown in sports by Division.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(LKB)</p>	
Field	Nov 20/20	19.10 0600	<p>Plunks had been instructed to practise men in short route marches so one was undertaken this morning full marching order was worn and the route taken was of about 6 kilometres.</p> <p>Weather very good</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(LKB)</p>	

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Volume 8 Sheet 7

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Ref 59 th	
	Nov 20/21 1918	0600	<p>A Brigade ceremonial parade was held this morning on 59th Bn parade ground at Huppy. This parade was a practice one to prepare for the Div. Commanders inspection. The Brigade was formed up, Battalion in close column of companies and then all marched past Brig Gen Elliot. Weather good.</p> <p>Marched in from M.K. leave 4848 Pte Marshall W.J. Marched out on M.K. leave Capt W.J. Garner Marched in from M.K. leave Capt H.S. McCall 5th A.D.R.W. 3529 Pte Sullivan H.</p>	
	Nov 21/22 1918	0600	<p>A short route march was undertaken this morning as a practice for our long marches ahead.</p> <p>Marched in from M.K. leave 1941 Pte Murphy J. Returned from Bn 2993 Pte Stanley E.J.</p>	

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			<p>Ref 54 F</p> <p>Work was carried out as per syllabus this morning. Several men were helping villagers on their land.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">L.S.B.</p>	
			<p>The day was spent in preparation for our impending move from the area. Trillets were thoroughly overhauled and some repairs were effected to sheds damaged by occupation. Weather good.</p> <p>From Corps school & taken on strength from supernumerary list L/Sgt. Innes J.F.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">L.S.B.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Reg 54 F</p> <p>No church parade was held today so Battery had a quiet time. Preparations for move now almost completed. Weather very good.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H.S.B.</p>	
	Nov 24/25 1918	0600		
	Nov 25/26 1918	0600	<p>There was plenty of work done today mostly in connection with packing up to leave Inval. The transport left the village about 1500 and the Battery followed at 1700. The march to Abbeville was spoilt by rain which had commenced about 1600. Owing to dislocation of train services we were delayed at Abbeville and it was not till about 0300 of 26th when we finally steamed from the station. During hours of delay the men were comfortably quartered in a rest house.</p> <p>Marched on from English leave: 2133 Cpl Clarke & A</p> <p>Marched on under escort 454 Pte Mc Bride A.G.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H.S.B.</p>	

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			<p>Ref Valenciennes 12</p>	
	Nov 26/27 1918	0600	<p>The whole of today was spent in the train. The men were in trucks and were fairly comfortable. The journey was a rather cold one. The train was held up for several hours on the way and we were disappointed in that we did not reach our destination during the day. Weather fair.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.L.B.</p>	
	Nov 27/28 1918	0600	<p>This morning about 1000 we detrained at Benty and from there had a march of about 14 kilos to billets at Mayenhem. After the long train journey the men felt the march a little heavy but it was completed without having any fall out. The billets were rather poor but the men were glad to get in for a spell. Marched in from U.K. leave: 2273 Pte Flood 13 E. 3429 Lee P.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.L.B.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Ref Valenciennes 12</p>	
	Nov 28/29 1918	0600	<p>After a nights good rest the Battery as part of the Brigade were on the move again at 1000 this morning. The weather was very disagreeable as it was raining rather heavily. During the march the Brigade was held up once or twice and with that feature and the rain it was anything but a pleasant move. Billed at Lure ^{FAVRIE} were reached about 1430, the billet is rather cramped for room but the men soon made themselves comfortable.</p> <p>Marched out on U.K. leave 5720 Pte Kavanagh J.W. Marched in from U.K. leave 5121 Howells W. <i>ASB</i></p>	
	Nov 29/30 1918	0600	<p>Frost had come during the night and the morning was very sharp and it continued throughout the day. The men were rested during the day, time was spent in making billet more habitable.</p> <p>Ceased to be attached from 57th Bn 2973 Pte Stanley G. <i>ASB</i> Marched out on U.K. leave 2265 Pte Scotland H.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Nov 30/Dec 1 st 1918	0600	<p>Ref Valenciennes 12</p> <p>During the morning the men were given some physical exercise and then salvaged part of our area. The weather was fine but cold.</p> <p>Evacuated to B.B.1 & struck off 3514. Pte Wells 7 S.</p> <p>Admitted to 1st A.A.H. Warfield on 23-11-18 whilst on leave.</p> <p>2992 Pte Travers P.</p>	<p><i>(Signature)</i></p>