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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BRESLE (SOMME)	1/7/17.		Unit returned to Billets here from MAILLY-MAILLY on 38-6-17. Work of reorganisation & reequipment has been completed and the men are thoroughly fit. The days working programme consists of technical & physical training in the morning, & in the afternoon games & sports.	
do.	3/7/17		Gas Demonstration under Divisional Gas Officer at RIBEMONT	
do	6/7/17		Demonstration of liquid fire at RIBEMONT	
	8/7/17.		Unveiling of Memorial at POZIERES, and memorial service in memory of those that fell there. Wet & unpleasant weather. A party of 12 other ranks with one officer represented the battery at the service, after which memorial was unveiled by General Birdwood.	
BRESLE	9/7/17.		Division reviewed by H.M. The KING along main ALBERT-AMIENS road near BRESLE.	
	15/7/17		Unit moved to new training area near BRAY SUR SOMME. Billeted in an old casualty clearing station - men very comfortable and excellent training ground available	
BRAY SUR SOMME	15.7.17 24.7.17.		Training continued along previous lines with addition of daily live shell firing and use of slings for firing during advance. The work of the men is excellent.	



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BRAY/SOMME	24.7.17		Moved to Billeto in MEAULTE. Accommodation very poor.	
AVELUY SUR ANCRE	26.7.17	1900	Entrained at AVELUY siding for the North.	
CAESTRE	27.7.17	0900	Detrained here and moved via ST SYLVESTRE-CAPPEL to new billeting area near ST MARIE-CAPPEL. Men lodged in farm buildings + very comfortable.	
ST MARIE-CAPPEL	27.7.17	8.8.17	In rest at ST MARIE-CAPPEL. Training confined to route marches, dummy firing, + games.	
ST MARIE-CAPPEL	29.7.17		First batch of reinforcements from Artillery Bde Rfts arrived - 20 other ranks. 10 attached men returned to Battalions. Division announced BELGIAN DECORATION MILITAIRE to HSE P. AAMTAGART this unit.	