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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Journai Camp N 10 B 7.4	1-3-18		Moved to Spoil Bank. J 33 D 40.60. move completed 2.30 pm. Relieved 4 th A.L.T.M.B. in line. Raid attempted by enemy. No 3 gun in charge of bpl Blackwood did good work, firing 35 rds into enemy raiding party.	Sheet 28 1/40,000.
Spoil Bank J 33 D 40.60	2-3-18		No 1 gun fired 30 rds on to enemy M.G positions approx 0 6 C 9.2 to 0 12 B 1.9. Situation in line very quiet.	
	3-3-18		at 4.30 pm. No 2 gun fired 10 rds on to enemy Granatenwerfer position 0.6.C.9.2 - 20 rds on to enemy T.M. position 0 12 A 10.9. No 2 Support gun was taken forward & fired 15 rds on to LOCKS 5 & 6.	
	4-3-18		No 3 gun fired 25 rds on to enemy M.G and Granatenwerfer position 0 6 C 85.20 and LOCK 6. also 5 rds on to enemy M.G position 0.12.B.4.6.	
	5-3-18		Harrassing fire was carried out on to enemy positions 0 6.C.85.20 and on enemy T.M. position at LOCK 6. Nos 4 & 5 guns were heavily shelled with Gas shells at about 4.30 pm.	
	6-3-18		Enemy M.G and T.M. positions in vicinity of LOCK 6. engaged with 30 rds. 2 O/Rs evacuated gassed.	
	7-3-18		Harrassing fire was carried out on to enemy positions at LOCK 6. and 0 6.C.90.15. One gun taken forward and emplaced at Gings House. Inter-battery relief carried out without mishap.	
	8-3-18		at 2.10 am. No 3 gun fired 18 rds on to Lock 6. and at 5 am. 18 rds on to suspected enemy T.M. position at 0 6 D 1.4. One gun moved forward to Pioneer House P 1.A.5.8.	
	9-3-18		No 3 gun registered on to Pill Box at 0 6 D.3.0, 14 rds on to Lock 6, and 21 rds at enemy T.M. position near LOCK 6.	
	10-3-18		Guns inactive owing to Reliefs being carried out. 150 rds ammunition carried forward.	
	11-3-18		No 2 gun fired 20 rds on to enemy granatenwerfer position Gun afterwards put out of action by a direct hit.	
	12-3-18		48 Rds were fired on to LOCKS 5 and 6. - Good shooting was observed.	
	13-3-18		12 rds fired on to enemy M.G and T.M. positions in vicinity of LOCK 5. At midnight no 4 gun carried out harrassing fire on enemy M.G positions in Game Copse - M.G effectively silenced.	
	14-3-18		No 3 gun fired 23 rds on enemy M.G in vicinity of Hollebeke Chan 0 12 B 70.50 which was silenced, also 33 rds on enemy M.G and T.M. positions in vicinity of LOCKS 5 & 6. No 4 gun fired 30 rds harrassing fire on M.G position P 1.C.70.70 - 52 rds Stokes 3" shells carried fwd. - 1 O/R evacuated gassed.	
	15-3-18		No 4 gun carried out harrassing fire on enemy M.Gs in vicinity of Game Copse P 1.C.60.60. to P 1.C.70.70. No 3 gun retaliated to fire from enemy mortars at Hollebeke Chan and LOCK 5 - 80 rds expended.	
	16-3-18		Between 10 pm and 12 pm No 4 gun fired 30 rds on to enemy positions in vicinity of Game Copse. No 3 gun fired 15 rds on enemy Granatenwerfer position 0 12 A 80.45 and 20 rds on to LOCKS 5 and 6 and 20 rds on to M.G + T.M. positions in vicinity of Hollebeke Chan. 2 O/Rs wounded by shell fire - 1 O/R gassed.	

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Spoil Bank J 33 D 40-60	17-3-18		No 4 gun carried out harrassing fire on enemy M.G and T.M. positions at P.I.C. 60.60, P.I.C. 70.70 + P.I.C. 75.85 30 rds being fired. No 3 gun was active between 10.30 pm and 2.30 am firing 15 rds on Granatenwerfer position 012 A 80.45. - 15 rds vicinity of LOCKS 5 & 6 and 20 rds on hostile T.M. and M.G positions in vicinity of Hollebeke Chaw.	Sheet 28
	18-3-18		Between 10 pm and 12 pm No 4 gun fired 20 rds on enemy M.G position in vicinity of Game Copse. No 3 gun fired 20 rds on to Hostile T.M. position Hollebeke Chaw and 25 rds on to LOCKS 5 and 6.	1/40,000
	19-3-18		Lt Y. A. Ray joined unit from 12 th Btn. No 3 gun fired 35 rds on hostile T.M. and M.G. positions in vicinity of LOCKS 5 and 6 and No 4 gun 25 rds 2 on enemy M.G. position in Game Copse.	
	20-3-18		6 O/Rs evacuated gassed. No 3 gun fired 38 rds on to Hostile M.G. positions 06 D 75.15 - P.I.C. 15.45 & Game Copse No 3 gun 32 rds Hollebeke Chaw and LOCKS 5 and 6 and No 2 gun 30 rds on to enemy position 012 A 90.80. At about 6.30 am. on the S.O.S. going up Nos 1, 2 & 3 guns opened up with gun fire and steadied down to cease fire at 7.15 am. Total ammunition expended 410 rds. - 6 O/Rs evacuated gassed.	
	21-3-18		No 3 gun fired 30 rds on enemy M.G and T.M. positions 012 A 80.45. and LOCK 5 - No 4 gun fired 30 rds on hostile M.G positions P.I.C. 15.45 and 06 D 55.15.	
	22-3-18		Nos 3 & 4 guns fired 78 rds on to enemy M.G and T.M. positions at LOCKS 5 and 6, Hollebeke Chaw and Hollebeke Chaw - shooting very effective - 2 O/Rs evac gassed.	
	23-3-18		No 4 gun fired 20 rds on to enemy working party in vicinity of Game Copse. - our Patrol reported excellent shooting - 60 rds fired on hostile T.M. & M.G. positions at LOCKS 5 & 6 & Hollebeke Chaw	
	24-3-18		No 4 gun fired 25 rds on enemy M.G & T.M. positions at P.I.C. 15.45 and Game Copse and No 3 gun 35 rds on to M.G & Granatenwerfer positions 06 D 65.15, LOCKS 5 and 6 and 012 A 80.45.	
	25-3-18		Between 7.30 pm. and 6.30 am. Nos 3 & 4 guns fired 55 rds on to enemy M.G and T.M. positions in vicinity of Game Copse, LOCK 5 and Hollebeke Chaw	
	26-3-18		35 rds fired on to hostile M.G and T.M. positions Game Copse and P.I.C. 15.45 - at about 4 am S.O.S. was sent up on R th Bn Sector. Nos 1, 2 & 3 guns fired 200 rds rapid. Good shooting was observed.	
	27-3-18		45 rds fired on hostile M.G & working party in vicinity of Hollebeke Chaw. - Good shooting reported by line Officer at 0400 S.O.S. was sent up on R th Bn Sector Nos 1, 2 & 3 guns fired 198 rds. No 3 gun position blown in & crew buried	
	28-3-18		New emplacement made for No 3 gun at 06 C. 6.9. - 25 rds fired on to M.G & T.M. positions in Game Copse and P.I.C. 15.45 and 30 rds on to LOCKS 5 and 6 - excellent shooting observed. Capt. A. J. Newlands rejoined Unit.	
	29-3-18		Between 1 am and 3 am No 4 gun fired 30 rds on hostile M.G and T.M. positions in vicinity of Game Copse. No 3 gun fired 35 rds on M.G and T.M. positions in vicinity of Hollebeke Chaw and LOCK 5.	
	30-3-18		No 3 gun fired 41 rds on to enemy M.G and T.M. positions at LOCKS 5 and 6. No 4 gun fired 24 rds at enemy M.G positions in vicinity of Game Copse and 16 rds on Working Party at approx P.I.C. 10.60	
	31-3-18		No 4 gun fired 30 rds harrassing fire on enemy positions at Game Copse. Enemy munitionwerfers quiet throughout the night	

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