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Artillery

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Title: 3rd Australian Light Trench Mortar
Battery

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
HOBART CAMP.	1/1/17		BATTERY resting at HOBART CAMP. Raining. Troops far from comfortable.		
	2/1/17		BATTERY on Fatigue cleaning up camp etc.		
	3/1/17		BATTERY in Brigade Fatigue Monsauban Railhead		
	4/1/17		" " " "		
	5/1/17		" " " "		
DERNANCOURT.	6/1/17		BATTERY moved by train from QUARRY SIDING, to MEAULTE, detrained 1.30pm thence by route march to DERNANCOURT.		
	7/1/17		BATTERY Resting.		
	8/1/17		BATTERY Inspection. - assessing shortages etc.		
	9/1/17.		Commenced light training. - cleaning guns etc.		
	10/1/17		Physical training, Musketry. Route March. 4 B/R. to Musketry School.		
	11/1/17		Inspection Gas Helmets - Gas Drill; Bayonet Fighting	"	
	12/1/17		Physical training. Platoon Drill. Section Drill.	"	
	13/1/17		Inspection by G.O.C. Brigades	"	
	BRESLE.	14/1/17		BATTERY moved by route march to BRESLE	
		15/1/17		Gas Drill & Inspection of Helmets. - Recreation.	

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BRESLE	16/1/17.		Physical Exercises - Section & Sub-Section Drill;	Route March.
	17/1/17.		Heavy snowfall. Cleaning guns.	"
	18/1/17.		Very cold. Lecture in hells on Stokes in Attach. General BIRDWOOD. Lt MACNIEL attached to Battery from 10th Bdsn.	Visit by
	19/1/17.		Gas Drill & Inspection. Platoon Drill.	Job & Ball Match.
	20/1/17.		Physical Exercises. Bayonet Fighting. Platoon Drill.	"
	21/1/17.		Church Parade.	
	22/1/17.		Battery with 10th Bdsn; - Tactical exercises, New Scheme. (Marching)	
	23/1/17.		" " " "	" "
	24/1/17.		Battery moved by Route March to FRIGOURT SHELTERWOOD. Roads very slippery very bad for marching.	
	25/1/17		Battery moved to Albert, billeted on the outskirts of town.	
26/1/17		Battery Resting & cleaning billets		
27/1/17		Physical Exercises; cleaning guns, and dropped bombs afterwards using M.G. ups from planes.	Enemy shelled ALBERT,	
28/1/17		Cleaning up clothes and equipment.		
29/1/17		Training as per Syllabus	Route March.	
30/1/17		" "	"	
31/1/17		" "	"	

FRIGOURT.
 SHELTER
 WOOD.
 ALBERT.
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