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Artillery

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Title: 3rd Australian Light Trench Mortar
Battery

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WAR DIARY

of 3rd ALTMB

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Spoil Bank J 33 D 40 60	1/4/18		Between 3.30 & 4.15 am No 4 gun fired 20 rds harassing fire on to enemy positions in Game Copse and 10 rds on to enemy M.G position P.I.C. 60.50. No 3 gun withdrawn with Infantry during our gas bombardment on enemy positions at LOCK 5.	Sheet 28 1/40000
	2/4/18		70 rds expended in harassing fire on enemy positions at LOCK 5, Hellebeke Ghaw Game Copse and hostile MG at P.I.C. 10.45	
	3-4-18		Guns inactive. Relieved by 26 th & 27 th LTMB. Relief completed 11.30 pm. moved to	Sheet 27 1/40000
Baestrie Area	4-4-18		Babblington Camp. Left 6 am - Embussed near Loree 2 pm for Baestrie Area - and Billets V. 6 A 8.2 - 6 pm.	
	5-4-18		Entrained at Baestrie 3 pm for St Roch - and St Roch 4 am - Marched to St Saverus	
St Saverus	6-4-18		arrived 7 am.	
	7-4-18		Training - Inspection of B.R.S. & Gas drill - Gun drill - Tactical exercises.	
	8-4-18		Platoon drill - Semaphore signalling - Section drill - Battery drill -	
Flesselles	9-4-18		Left for Flesselles arr'd 3.30 pm	
	10-4-18		Inspection of B.R.S. & Gas drill - Gun drill - Tactical Exercises -	
	11-4-18		Battery drill - Tactical Exercises - T.Ms in cooperation with Infantry in attack	
St Roch	12-4-18		Left Flesselles 11 am - Camped in outskirts of Poulainville - left 10 pm for St Roch	
	13-4-18		arrived 2.30 am - Entrained 12 noon	
St Roch	14-4-18		Detrained 5 am near Hazebrouck - Marched to Billets near Morbecque D 13.55 P.	Sheet 36 27 1/40000
	15-4-18		Lt Wagner & Lt Lay with 2 sections went into line	

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N. Morbecque	16/4/18		Hqrs moved to E.1. B. 6.8. Lt Miles and one section take two guns to defensive positions	Sheet 36 A N E
Borre	17/4/18		Lt Wagner + Lt Miles' sections withdrawn - Hqrs moved to W 13. B. 1.1.	and 27 SE 1/20000
	18/4/18		Lt Lay + sections arrive Hqrs	
Roukhoshille	19/4/18		Moved to Roukhoshille move completed 5.15 pm.	
Meteren sector	20/4/18		4 guns emplaced in defensive positions in line X 9. D 8.2 - X 14 B 55.05 - X 14 B 55.20. Lt Lay + Lt Wagner in line	
	21/4/18		90 Rds expended on Enemy M.G positions + occupied buildings. Direct hits were obtained on buildings and M.G fire was directed on enemy leaving the buildings.	
	22/4/18		200 Rds expended on various enemy positions - Good shooting reported by Line Officers	
	23/4/18		Lt Miles in line - 8 guns in action - 430 rds expended in cooperation with Infantry attacks on Meteren. No 3 gun put out of action by shell fire - 2 O/Rs wounded	
	24/4/18		50 rds expended on Hostile M.G positions + occupied buildings. Inter Battery Relief 1 O/R wounded	
	25/4/18		40 Rds fired on to Chaw X 15 C. 75.80 - 850 Rdo ammunition cart fired	
	26/4/18		35 rds expended on enemy posts + House at X 20 d 25.80. Good shooting reported from front line posts a fire being started and enemy M.G silenced. 183 rds expended on various enemy targets with good results	
	27/4/18		Three harassing shoots carried out at midnight, 1 am + 2.30 am. 718 Rds expended on known targets - Hostile M.G positions - trench systems - occupied houses etc	
	28/4/18		Guns inactive - Relieved by 1 st ALTMB - Relief completed 11.30 pm. moved to Le Duplier camp W 7. B.	
	29/4/18		Noon resting. Inspection B.R.S. - Gas drill - Battery drill. Tactical Exercises.	
	30/4/18			

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Plan of Meteren sector