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Title: 3rd Australian Light Trench Mortar
Battery

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/12/16		No Records available.	
	4/12/16			
FLERS.	5/12/16		Battery in FLERS sector. - Lt NEWLANDS returned to unit from French Mortar School. Two sections building dugouts, two sections line fatigue.	
	6/12/16		Battery building dugouts, and line fatigues during the night. Lt HART to Command Temp.	
	7/12/16		Battery building dugouts and on line fatigue	
	8/12/16		" " " " " Lt HART to reconnoitre trenches.	
	9/12/16		" " " " " Lt NEWLANDS	snowing
	10/12/16		" " " " and Light Railway to Bgd H.Qs	snowing
	11/12/16		Battery on Light Railway Fatigue to B.H.Qs - Capt COMBS and Lt NEWLANDS to reconnoitre for gun positions, trenches very muddy, quite impossible for Stokes.	
	12/12/16		Battery on Light Railway Fatigue. Lt NEWLANDS to trenches with Brigade Major. Mails from Australia.	
	13/12/16		Battery on Brigade Fatigue, carrying material to trenches.	
	14/12/16		" building dugouts, one dugout collapsed Plt LARKINS had his leg broken. Ground very muddy.	

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FLERS.	15/12/16		BATTERY building dugouts, and Brigade Trenches to trenches.	
	16/12/16		" " " " " "	
	17/12/16		" " " " " "	
	18/12/16		" " " " " "	
	19/12/16		Capt COMBS & L'HART " to trenches " to reconnoitre for gun positions, ground still unsuitable.	
	20/12/16		BATTERY on Brigade Trenches to trenches. Enemy shelled our position, two shelters blown out, no casualties. Y.M.C.A. also hit, several casualties.	
	21/12/16		BATTERY on Brigade Trenches to trenches. Capt COMBS' H.Q.s, blown out, no casualties; Records destroyed.	
	22/12/16		As the trenches continued to be very muddy and quite unsuitable for Stokes, the BATTERY was put on Brigade	
	30		Trenches carrying material to the trenches. Xmas Day	
	31/12/16		the enemy again shelled our position, 3 G.P.R. wounded. Xmas was a very dull one, very little comfort for the troops, and they are looking for a very much better one next year. Capt COMBS returned rejoined 11th BATTN.	