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OF

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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10th Aust. L. T. B. Battery.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELLIFONTAINE	1st		<p>During this time the battery occupied the village of Bellifontaine, the men being comfortably settled in good billets. The training in this area comprised the whole of Light Mortar Drill, exercises to improve the initiative of the men, the collection and passing of information, lectures on patrol work, judging distance, indication of targets, fire control, discipline, co-operation between sections etc., and route marches. Each week there was a Brigade Tactical Exercise. Musketry and Gas Drill, also Bathing Parades. Leave was granted to Abbeville, Motor Lorry calling at billets for men on the allotted days to convey them. Football matches were arranged with other units of Division. Divisional Pierrots entertained the troops at Hallancourt. A sport meeting was held by the Brigade at Hocquincourt. REFERENCE MAPS - 1/20,000 62 C NE and 1/40,000 57 E, 1/100,000 Vignacourt. STRENGTH 4 Offs., 44 O. Ranks.</p> <p>The Battery was disbanded under Brigade Orders on 2nd December, a section each, consisting of 1 Off., 11 men being detached to 38th, 39th and 40th Battns. for rations pay and discipline, the attached men being returned to their respective Bns. and Bty H. Q. consisting of C.O. Clerk and Q.M.S. and a section of 9 men being attached to Brigade H.Q. Battery H. Q. still to administer the sections detached.</p>	
to	10th			
	11th	0900		
		1300	<p>Battery H. Q. with section attached to Bde. H.Q. marched from Bellifontaine to Martainneville.</p> <p>Arrived at Martinneville.</p> <p>LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - MARTINNEVILLE.</p> <p>STRENGTH - 4 Off., 40 O. Rs.,</p>	
to	12th		<p>During this time Battery participated in the organisation of Educational classes, social clubs and Debating Society with Bde. H. Q. and Bde. Sigs. The checking of clothing, equipment and stores was proceeded with.</p> <p>On Xmas day a dinner was given to the men.</p>	
	31st			