

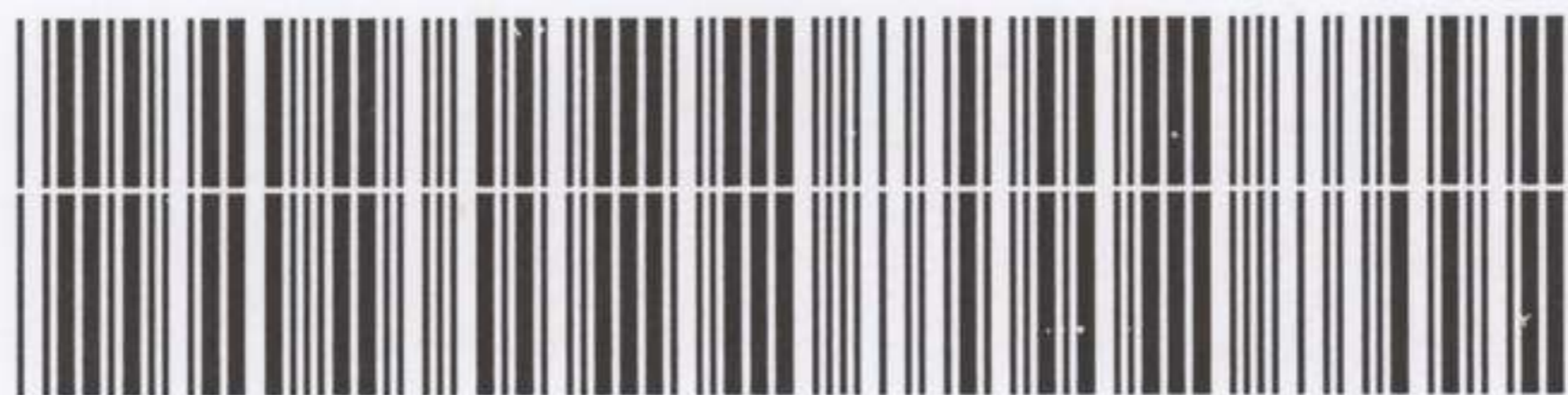
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Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	MAP REFERENC.
ETREHEM	1st-	0900-	Battery engaged in training, Physical Drill, Squad and Battery Drill, Gun Drill, Firing Dummy shells, Gas Drill and Lectures, N. C. O's School and Route Marches. - STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 105 Other Ranks.	1/20,000 36 NW Ed
	3rd	1700		" 28 SW Ed
"	4th		2nd Lieut. Oliver reported for duty from Anzac Trench Mortar School. The attached men for training returned to their respective Battalions. Inspection of Brigade in the Attack by Lieut. General Godley. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 105 other ranks.	1/100000 Hazebrouck 1/20,000 FRANCE 27 A.S.
WALLON-CAPPEL	5th	0930	Marched out of ETREHEM. Marching of hand carts difficult owing to the road being bad with snow.	
		1700	Arrived at WALLON- CAPPEL. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - CAMEVEL BILLET. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 63 Other ranks.	1/10,000 36 NW 2
ARMENTIERES	6th	0900	Marched out of WALLON-CAPPEL.	
		1830	Arrived at ARMENTIERES. The length of the march was 39 kilometers. No men fell out. - STRENGTH - 5 offs., 63 other ranks. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - 23 Rue sadi - Carnot.	ditto
"	7th	0900	Relief with the 9th A. L. T. M. Battery commenced. Section Officers and Nos. 1 with guns etc. went into the HOUPLINES- L'EPPINETTE Sector. 4 guns were placed on each named sector.	
		1000	Lieut. Van Assche and Fleming detached to the 3rd Divisional Trench Mortar Battery for duty with the mediums. STRENGTH - 3 offs., 56 other ranks. 7 D. A. C. men used for the previous march returned to their units.	ditto
"	8th	1230	Relief in the line completed. Battery now holding position from PEAR TREE FARM TO RIVER LYS.	
		1730	One gun fired 12 rounds on to suspected enemy trench mortar position at the request of the Company Commander, 34th Battn. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 54 Other ranks.	ditto

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES	9th	1500	One gun fired 39 rounds on to suspected enemy Pom Pom position at I.5.B.40.05. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 66 Other Ranks. 8 O. Rs. attached from 38th Battn. with 6 O. Ranks attached from 39th for duty.	MAP REFERENCE 1/10,000 36 NW 2
"	10th	1000 1415	2nd Lieut. Long (37th) attached for duty. 20 rounds were fired on enemy front line in retaliation at the request of O.C. Sector. ditto 2 O. Ranks detached to 3rd Divisional Gas School for Instruction. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 67 O. Ranks.	
"	11th	1130 0700 1400	2 guns fired 18 rounds each on to Snipers Post at C.29 A.7.7 and Enemy Cookhouse at I.11.C.5.1 1 gun fired 12 rounds on to enemy working party at C.29.A. 95.75 3 guns fired 30 rounds each on to enemy cookhouse and dugout. STRENGTH - 4 offs., 67 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	12th		Attempted enemy raid against HOUPLINES sector repulsed. No enemy reached our lines CASUALTIES - Wounded, slight - No. 1642 , Pte Dunn L.V. SICK - 1 O. Rank. HONORS AND AWARDS - No. 174 Corpl. Moyes awarded M. M. No.1695 L/Cpl. McErvale I.T.) No.1642 Corpl. Dunn L.V.) Mentioned in Divisional Routine Order No. 201 No.1726 Pte. Scott R.S.) of the 18th April, 1917. No.1926 Pte. Wallis, W.J.) No.2160 Pte. Wood R.A.) The above were recommended for courage and devotion to duty during attempted enemy raid. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 66 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	13th		Day on the whole front quiet. Ammunition carried to both sectors. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 66 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	14th	1600 1645	1 gun fired 30 rounds on to enemy front line at I.5.C.80.05 1 gun fired 25 rounds on to Sniper's Post at C.29.C.45.80 CASUALTIES - Wounded - No. 2096 - Pte. Harder, W.J.C. " (s) No. 1121 - Pte. Simons, W. T. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 66 Other ranks	ditto

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10th Aust. L. T. M. Battery

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES	15th	155	In co-operation with the R. group artillery scheme two guns fired 40 rounds each on to enemy trenches at C.29.c., C.29.A.4.1., I.5.D.30.78 to I.5.D.28.60. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 66 O. Ranks.	REFERENCE MAP I/10,000 36 NW 2
"		1950	Enemy put up heavy bombardment on our front and support lines with mostly T.M's. and Shrapnel.	
"	16th	1430	One gun fired 30 rounds on to enemy machine gun position at I.5.B.2.6 at the request of the O. C. Left Sector. Section Relief - STRENGTH 4 offs., 66 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	17th	0900	2nd Lieut. Brown attached for duty from the 39th Battalion.	
"		1100	1 gun fired 20 rounds on to enemy sniper's post at I.5.D.25.55	
"		1130	2 guns fired 50 rounds each on to enemy's sniper's post at C.29.A.8.7. and new earthworks at C.29.C.90.35. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 66 O. Ranks	ditto
"	18th		No firing in line. Men in billets trained in gas and its effects. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 68 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	19th	1100	2 guns fired 15 rounds each on to enemy new earthworks at C.29.85.70 and screen at C.17.A.35.40. STRENGTH - 5 offs., 68 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	20th	1200	1 gun fired 20 rounds on to enemy C. Trench and Sniper's Post at I.5.B.50.25	
"		1730	1 gun fired 20 rounds on to enemy front line at I.5.D.25.55 STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 68 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	21st	1000	C.O. and 171st L. T. M. Battery shown round dumps, gun emplacements, dugouts etc. by Battery C.O. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 69 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	22nd	1500	4 guns fired 15 rounds each on to enemy screen and dugout at C.29.D.35.15, Sniper's Post at C.29.C.4.8, I.5.B.4.2 and I.5.C.8.3 CASUALTIES - Wounded -2Lt. Long C.R. (37th Bn) STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 69 O.Rs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES	23rd	0030	Enemy heavily barraged our L'EPPINETTE Sector. Our S.O.S.guns fired a total of 150 rounds.	REF. MAP 1/10,000 36 NW 2
		1130	2 guns fired 15 rounds each on to enemy screen and dugout at C.29.A.35.15.	
"	24th	1400	Polling-Commonwealth Elections. Day quiet in the line. Advanced party of 171st L. T. M. Battery went into the line and relieved Nos. 2 and 3 of each gun team of Battery. STRENGTH 4 Offs., 69 O. Ranks	ditto
"	25th	2000	Battery relieved by the 171st L.T.M. Battery	ditto
		1000	C.O. Battery visited PLOEG-STEERT - ST IVES Sector and made arrangements with C.O. 11th T.M. Battery for relief. 2 O. Ranks to 3rd Divisional Gas School, ARMENTIERES for instruction STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 67 O. Ranks.	
"	26	1400	Section Officers and Nos. 1 of each Gun team made tour of inspection of PLOEG STEERT ST IVES Sector. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 67 O. Ranks	ditto
PLOEG STEERT ST IVES Sect.	27th	1400	Marched out of ARMENTIERES via LA BISSET for PLOEG STEERT WOOD.	1/10,000 28 SW 4 Ed.4B
		1700	Arrived at PLOEG STEERT.	
		2200	Battery relieved the 11th A.L.T.M. Battery in the line. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - PLOEG STEERT WOOD. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 67 O. Ranks.	
"	28th	0800	C.O. attended lecture on Gas Shells, Flamenwerfer and 4" Stokes Hows. at HELFAULT. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 67 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	29th		Registered during day on S.O.S. lines. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 68 O.Rs.	ditto
"	30th	0030	1 gun fired 20 rounds on to enemy working party at U.15.A.7.6. The working party was dispersed.	ditto
		0415	Enemy raid on our lines. On our S.O.S. Signal 5 guns opened fire on their S.O.S. line's firing a total of 300 rounds. Enemy's raid unsuccessful, leaving two dead in our lines and many in No Man's Land. CASUALTIES - 1 wounded - No.1726 Pte. Scott R.S. STRENGTH - 4 Offs. 67 O. Ranks.	