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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	REFERENCE MAP.
WINNEZEELE	1st		Preparations for forthcoming operation - (YPRES BATTLE). STRENGTH - 3 Officers, 88 other ranks.	1/100,000 Hazebrouck 5a 1/20, 000 28 SW, Ed. 6a
BELGIUM.				
VLAMERTINGHE	2nd	0900 1600	Marched out of Winnezele (Brigade Order 64 of 1/10/17) Arrived at Vlamertinghe (No. 3 area). STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 88 other ranks LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - VLAMERTINGHE.	ditto
"	3rd	1700 2400	Ammunition prepared and taken forward to dumps allotted. Men prepared in fighting order for forthcoming operation. Battery left VLAMERTINGHE for rendezvous at Mennin Gate U.29.C. (Brigade Order 65 of 2/10/17). Marched from rendezvous to Hopping Off Point STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 88 O. Rs.	1/20, 000 28 S.W. Ed. 6a 1/20, 000 28 N.W. 1/40, 000 28 1/40, 000 Polygon Wood 1/10, 000 Gravenstrafel Ed 1 1/ 5, 000 Sun print issued with 10th Bde - Preliminary instruction No. 4.
"	4th	0600	Zero hour for battle Broodseinde. For this operation 2 guns were attached to the 37th, 38th and 40th Battns. respectively and two guns were in Brigade Reserve. The 2 guns moved forward with the 37th and 38th Battns. and on the 40th Battalion passing through, these two guns were taken over by the latter Battalion. During operation Battery was engaged in firing on enemy Pill Boxes, Machine Gun Posts and the answering of numerous S.O.S. calls. Ammunition was expended as fast as it could be brought forward. STRENGTH - 1 Off., 61 Other ranks. CASUALTIES -	
			Establishment	Attached.
			Killed	Wounded
			Lieut. Oliver, J. D.	Lt. Crosby W. T. (40th Bn)
			174 Corp. Moyes, W.	2205, Pte. Lennox T. (37th Bn)
			858 Pte. Cupit H.	812, Pte. Bailey W.H. (")
			Wounded.	2394 Pte. Scott W.J. (")
			1968 Pte. Brown J.	2773 Pte. Wilkin, F. (38th Bn)
			838 " Cameron A.	259 Pte. Dickman F.E. (")
			6043 " Jackson S.J.	3068 Pte. Gilmore A.R. (39th Bn)
			2675 " Walsh J. H.	704 Pte. Cowen E.J. (40th Bn)
			1726 " D.D. & L., London E.C.	2296 Pte. Burrows H. (")

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VLAMERTINGHE 4th (cont'd)			CASUALTIES - (Continued)				
			Establishment	Attached.	MAP	REFERENCE.	
			Wounded.	Wounded.			
			103 Pte. Egan, F.A.	2033 Pte Langdon, W.R.C. (40th Bn)	1/20, 000	28 S.W. Ed. 6 a	
			239 " McDonald, A.	2402 " Taylor, T. (")	1/20, 000	28 N.W.	
				416 " Craven, E. (39th Bn)	1/40, 000	28	
				Missing.	1/40, 000	Polygon Wood	
			Total:-	2639 Pte. Richardson E.G. (37th Bn)	1/10, 000	Gravenstrafel Ed 1	
			Establishment -(K)1 Off., 20 Rs.	2424 " Worthington J. (")	1/5, 000	Sun print issued with	
			(W)7 Other ranks	6019 " Goble F.J. (")	10th Bde. Preliminary instruction		
		Attached.- (W)1 Off., 11 O.Rs.	3092 " Lamb, C.H. (39th Bn)	No. 4			
		(M)6 Other ranks.	7052 " Lunt, A.J. (")				
			6327 " Ocharenko, J.F. (")				
		HONORS AND AWARDS:					
		No. 154 Sergt Lorensini, W. R. awarded	D. C. M.	PROMOTIONS:- 1 Corporal.			
		" 556 A/Q.M.S. Painter, E.A. "	M. M.				
		" 900 Corpl. Hannagan, M.J. "	M. M.				
"	5th	On the night 5th/6th Battery was relieved by the 199th Trench Mortar Battery and withdrawn to VLAMERTINGHE. Brigade Order 67 - 5/10/17. STRENGTH - 1 Off., 65 O. Ranks.					ditto
"	6th	Battery rested, billeting area VLAMERTINGHE. STRENGTH - 1 Off., 65 O. Ranks.					ditto
"	7th	Setting up of sections etc. - STRENGTH - 1 Off., 65 Other ranks.					ditto
"	8th	Capt. Anderson with nucleus rejoined Battery. - STRENGTH - 1 Off., 64 O. Ranks.					ditto
"	9th	Battery re-organised, refitted, bathed and inspected by C. O. Battery. Commandg. Off. Battery visited Brigade Conference relative to forthcoming operation. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 100 O. Ranks. 25 O. Ranks as carriers attached from the 4 battalions of the Brigade for duty in forthcoming operation.					ditto

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YPRES (cont'd)	12th		<u>CASUALTIES - (continued)</u>		<u>MAP REFERENCE.</u> 1/40, 000 28 Ed 3 1/20, 000 Polygon Wood 1/40, 000 27 & 28 1/10, 000 Passchendaele
			<u>Establishment</u> <u>Wounded</u> 647 Pte. Mc. Briar A. E. 27907 " McDonald A. 1851 " McLaughlin W.M. 209 " Preston J. 1121 " Simons W.T. 1306 " Strachan A.V. 1926 " Wallis W.J. 400 " Hanks, F.H. ----- <u>Total:-</u> <u>Estab.</u> 3 O. Ranks (k) 14 O. Ranks (w) <u>Att'd.</u> 1 O. Rank (k) 1 Off. 10 O.Rs. (w) 27 O.Rs. (m)	<u>Attached.</u> <u>Wounded</u> 1867 Pte. Maguire R.T. (39th Bn) 2416 Cpl Lorenzo V. (40th ") 350 Pte Breward G. " <u>Missing.</u> 2088 Pte. Gregory B.L. (37th Bn.) 1316 " Watts C. " 2311 " Dunstone J. " 6075 " Simson T. " 1330 " Sandford C. " 2068 " Gorman M.E. " 3045 " Chambers, S.H. " 6044 " Munday, R. " 666 Cpl Sheldrick, R.A. (38th Bn) 3104 Pte Aubrey A.G. " 2174 " Saunders P.F. " 2996 " Weaver R. " 3237 " Roger A.S. " 2743 " Vivian E.E. " 2531 " Bennett A.R. (39th Bn) 7018 " Gilmore E. " 1306 " Hyde E.E. " 5717 " Williams H.J. " 2335 " Hall W.E. " 3087 " Gordon J.E. " 1113 " Hudson A.D. " 2121 " Meers A.F. " 2588 " Bennett J.C. " 2831 " Ibbott M. " 1965 " Gransfield P. " 2123 " Powlett H.H.V. " 2129 " Fitzallen C.A. "	

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YPRES	13th		LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - east of YPRES. Battery rested all day. - STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 46 O. Ranks. 1 (w) to England 1	1/40, 000 28 Ed. 3 1/20, 000 Polygon wood 1/40, 000 27 & 28 1/10, 000 Passchendaele	
	14th		Cleaning of guns, arms, etc. - STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 46 O. Rs. School - 1.		
VLAMERTINGHE	15th	0900	Left Ypres and marched to VLAMERTINGHE, cleaned up and had lunch. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 46 Other ranks.	1/100,000 Calais 13X " Hazebrouck 5a	
		1200	Embussed and proceeded to Neuf Manoir.		
		2200	Debussed at Blequin and marched to Neuf Manoir. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - Jolley Billet.	ditto	
NEUF MANOIR to	16th	0900	Whilst in this area the training consisted of general Light Trench		
	31st-1600		Mortar Training and dummy firing etc, anti-aircraft firing and re-organization of sections. Leave was granted the men to Desvres and recreational training organised. Mostly consisted of Games and football. Lt. Fleming - sick to Hospital and 2nd Lt. Cheeseman (40th) attached. STRENGTH - 2 Offs., 26 O. Ranks. SICK - 1 Off., 8 O. Ranks. CRIMES - 1 O. Rank. PROMOTIONS - 1 Capt., 1 2nd Lieut., 2 Sgts., 1 Cpl. (SR), 1 L/Cpl. LEAVE - Paris - 1 Off., 4 O. Rs., England - 1 Off., 4 O. Rs., 11 (w) to England. 1 O. T. Bn., England. 2 to Schools., and 17 remaining carriers were returned to their respective battalions.	ditto	