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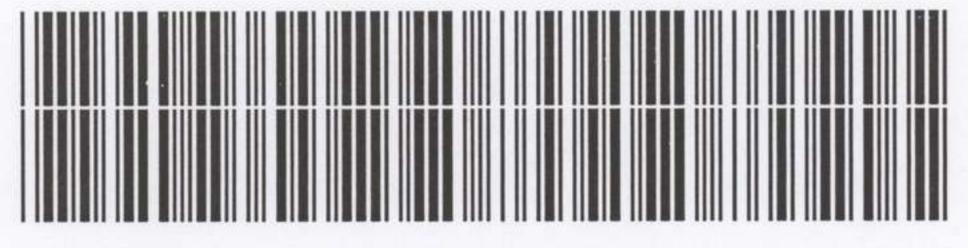
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Battery

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WINNEZEEL			Preparations for forthcoming operation - (YPRES BATTLE). STRENGTH - 3 Officers, 88 other ranks.	REFERENCE MAP. 100,000 Hazebrouck 5a 20,000 28 SW, Ed. 6a
BELGIUM. VLAMERTING	HE	0900	Marched out of Winnezeele (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	Ammunition prepared and taken forward to dumps allotted. Men prepared in fighting order for forthcoming operation. Battery left WLAMERTINGHE 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
	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. Wounded	instruction No. 4.
			Lieut. Oliver, J. D. 174 Corp. Moyes, W. 858 Pte. Cupit H. Wounded. 1968 Pte. Brown J. 1968 Pte. Brown J. 1968 Pte. Brown J. 2773 Pte. Wilkin, F. (38th Bn) 2773 Pte. Wilkin, F. (38th Bn) 259 Pte. Dickman F.E. (") 6043 " Jackson S.J. 2675 " Walsh J. H. 1726 (1034)" Wi Wijjo Dickman E.C. 1726 Pte. Butrows H. (")	

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VLAMERI		4th)	Establishment Wounded. Attached. Wounded. Attached. Wounded. MAP REFERENCE. 1/20,000 28 S.W. Ed. 1/20,000 28 N.W.	6 9		
				103 Pte. Egan, F.A. 2033 Pte Langdon, W.R.C. (40th Bn) 1/40, 000 28 2402 " Taylor, T. (") 1/40, 000 Polygon Wood 416 " Craven, E. (39th Bn) 1/10, 000 Gravenstrate Missing. Total:- Establishment -(K)1 Off., 20.Rs. (W)7 Other ranks Attached (W)1 Off.,11 O.Rs. (W)1 Off.,11 O.Rs. (W)6 Other ranks. 2033 Pte Langdon, W.R.C. (40th Bn) 1/40, 000 28 2402 " Taylor, T. (") 1/40, 000 Polygon Wood 416 " Craven, E. (39th Bn) 1/10, 000 Gravenstrate Missing. 2639 Pte. Richardson E.G.(37th Bn) 10th Bde. Preliminary (W)7 Other ranks (W)1 Off.,11 O.Rs. 6019 " Goble F.J. (") (M)6 Other ranks. (W)1 Off.,11 O.Rs. 6019 " Lamb, C.H. (39th Bn) (M)6 Other ranks. (M)6 Other ranks. (M)7 Other ranks. (M)8 Other ranks. (M)9 Other ranks. (M)1 Off.,11 O.Rs. (M)1 Off.,11 O.Rs. (M)2 U.R.C. (M)1 Off., 20.Rs. (M)2 U.R.C. (M)3 U.R.C. (M)4 Other ranks (M)5 Other ranks (M)6 Other ranks. (M)6 Other ranks. (M)7 Other ranks. (M)8 Other ranks. (M)9 Other ranks.	rel Ed 1 issued with		
				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.			
11		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 0. Ranks.	itto		
11		6th		Battery rested, billeting area VLAMERTINGHE. STRENGTH - 1 Off., 65 0. Ranks.	itto		
#		7th	-	Setting up of sections etc STRENGTH - 1 Off., 65 Other ranks.	itto		
tt		8th		Capt. Anderson with nucleus rejoined Battery STRENGTH - 1 Off., 64 0. Ranks.	itto		
t		9th		STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 100 O. Ranks. 25 O. Ranks as carriers attached from the 4 battalions of the Brigade for duty in forthcoming operation.	itto		
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YPRES	loth		Battery marched from VLAMERTINGHE to bivouac west of FREZENBERG Ridge, VPRES. (Brigade Order 69, 9/10/17.) LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS FREZENBERG RIDGE. Battery engaged in digging bivouac. C.O. Battery attended Brigade Conference for final instructions as to forthcoming operation. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 100 O. Ranks. LEAVE - England - 1 Other ranks MAP REFERENCE. 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 1/5, 000 Sun print issued to the battery attended Brigade 1/5, 000 Sun print issued to the battery attended Brigade 1/5, 000 Sun print issued to the battery attended Brigade 1/5, 000 Folygon Wood 1/5, 000 Sun print issued to the battery attended Brigade 1/5, 000 Folygon Wood 1/5, 000 Sun print issued to the battery attended Brigade 1/5, 000 Folygon Wood 1/5, 000 Sun print issued to the battery attended Brigade 1/5, 000 Folygon Wood 1/5, 000 Folygon W	Ed 1 led wih
	11t)	2350	During this day ammunition was packed on muled for transport to forward area. At 0830 - 6 guns under Lt. Browne and Mc Pherson reported to 38th Battalion. The two remaining guns went into Brigade reserve. (Brigade Order 68 9/10/17) - Appendix "A" & "F" 10/10/17. ditto	
	12th	0525	Zero hour for battle of Passchendaele, Ypres, Phase 5. Whilst on the approach march Battery met with severe shelling by the enemy, and 1/20,000 Polygon Wood little progress was made. During the day, and owing to the heavy cas 1/40,000 27 & 28 ualties and mud it was found impossible to use Trench Mortars and the 1/10,000 Passchendaele Battery, guns and men remaining were withdrawn to bivouac east of YPRES, on main road, and forward positions taken over by the 11th A.L.T.M. Bty. (Bgde. Order 71, 13/10/17.) STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 43 Other ranks. PROMOTIONS - 1 Temp. Corpl EVACUATIONS - to England(w) 4 O. Ranks. CASUALTIES:- Establishment Killed 973 Pte. Reid, J. 2914 Pte. McKenzie A.A. (39th Battn) 1626 Cpl. Chibnall W.H. 16116 Pte Bryant R.C. 581 L/cpl Fandell F.W. (37th ") 1120 Cpl. Wilson A. 2635 Pte. Smythe G. P. " 14701 Pte. Appleby F.G. 2350 " Lock H. " 26721 " Andrews H.W. 7112 " Plou M. " 213 " Bright E.J. 1217 " Ritchie J.M. " 12349 L/Cp Ridge H. (39th Battn) 900 " Hannagan M.J. 2680 " Wade F.J. "	

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YPRES (cont "d)		Establishment Wounded 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. Total:- Estab. 3 O. Ranks (k) 14 O. Rank (k) 1 Offf.10 O.Rs. (w) 27 O.Rs. (m)	Attached. Wounded 1867 Pte. Maguire R.T. (39th Bn) 2416 Cpl Laurenzo V. (40th") 350 Pte Breward G. Missing. 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. " 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.B. " 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. "	1/20,	MAP REFERENCE. 000 28 Ed 3 000 Polygon Wood 000 27 & 28 000 Passchendaele	

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YPRES	13th		LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - east of YPRES. Battery rested all day STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 46 0. Ranks. 1 (w) to England 1	REFERENCE MAP 1/40, 000 28 Ed. 3 1/20, 000 Polygon wood 1/40, 000 28 & 28	
	14tr		Cleaning of guns, arms, etc STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 46 O. Rs. School - 1.	1/10, 000 Pasachendaele	
VLAMERT INGHE	15th	1200	Left Ypres and marched to VLAMERTINGHE, cleaned up and had lunch. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 46 Other ranks. Embussed and proceeded to Neuf Manoir. Debussed at Blequin and marched to Neuf Manoir. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS - Jolley Billet.	1/100,000 Calais 13% Hazebrouck 5a	
NEUF MANOIR to	16th 31st	0900	Whilst in this area the training consisted of general Light Trench Morter Training and dummy firing etc, anti-aircraft firing and recognization 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) attach STRENGTH - 2 Offs., 26 0. Ranks. SICK - 1 Off., 8 0. Ranks. CRIMES - 1 0. Rank. PROMOTIONS - 1 Capt., 1 2nd Lieut., 2 Sgts., 1 Cpl. (SR), 1 L/Cpl. LEAVE - Paris - 1 Off., 4 0. Rs., England - 1 Off., 4 0. Rs., 11 (w) to England. 1 0. T. Bn., England. 2 to Schools., and 17 remaining carriers we returned to their respective battalions.	ditto ed.	
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