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| | | | | <u>MAP REFERENCE</u> |
| NEUF MANOIR | 1st-9th | | Training in dummy firing, anti-aircraft firing and general Light Trench Mortar training continued - Re-organization of sections. Recreational training indulged in and consisted mostly of games and Football. Men granted leave to Desvres. STRENGTH - 2 Offs., 26 O. Ranks. | 1/100,000 Calais 13 " Hazebrouck 5a |
| LA MOTTE. | 10th | 1100 | Marched out of Neuf Manoir. | |
| | | 1145 | Embussed at Senlecques. Proceeded to LaMotte by 'busses (B.O. 72 - 9/11/17) | |
| | | 2100 | Arrived at La Motte - HEADQUARTERS - LA MOTTE - STRENGTH - 2 Off., 26 O.Rs. | ditto |
| NEUF BERQUIN | 11th | 1207 | Marched out of LaMotte and proceeded to Neuf Berquin (B.O. 73 - 10/11/17) | |
| | | 1400 | Arrived at Neuf Berquin. - HEADQUARTERS - NEUF BERQUIN- STRENGTH 2 Off., 26 O.Rs. | ditto |
| STEENWERCK | 12th | 1100 | Advance part consisting of Nos. 1 and 2 under Lt. Cheeseman proceeded to Warneton - La Basseville Sector by motor 'busses. (B.O. 74 - 19-11-17. Commenced relief of 25th L.T.M. Battery | ditto |
| | | 1130 | Remainder of battery marched out of Neuf Berquin and proceeded to Steenwerck for purposes of relief with 25th Light Trench Mortar Battery. | |
| | | 1500 | Arrived at Camp at Steenwerck. Billeted with 3rd Divn. D.A.D.O.S. STRENGTH OF UNIT - 2 Offs., 26 O. Ranks. PROMOTION - 1 2nd Lieutenant. | |
| PLOEGSTEERT | 13th | 1100 | Entrained at Steenwerck for Catacombs, Ploegsteert Wood, U.19.b.30.70 as per Brigade Order 75 of 12/11/17. | 1/10,000 Ploegsteert |
| | | 1300 | Arrived at Catacombs. | 1/20,000 Belgium & Pt. France - 36 N.W. |
| | | 1900 | Relief of 24th L.T.M. Battery completed. HEADQUARTERS - CATACOMBS, PLOEGSTEERT- STRENGTH 2 Offs., 26 O. Rs. | 1/10,000 Spec. Warneton sheet Ed. 25b. |
| " | 14th to 25th | | During this time Battery had 4 guns in the line on S.O.S. work. Their locations as follows:- 2 guns at U.17.B.85.30, 1 gun at U.11.A.80.15 and 1 gun at U.11.C.60.16. STRENGTH 4 Offs., 41 O. Ranks CASUALTIES - Killed - No. 2578 Pte. Hansman, H.J., (37th Bn) Lt. Browne G. S. Wounded; 1368 Pte. McDonald C.K. Wounded. PROMOTIONS - 3 Corps., 1 L/Corpl. LEAVE - England - 3 O. Rs., Paris - 2 O.Rs. 3 O. Rs. transferred to other artillery units. 1 Off., 15 O. Rs. attached from Battalions of Brigade. | |

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| PLOEGSTEERT | 26th | | Special Company R.E. bombarded enemy positions in Warneton with Gas. | <p style="text-align: center;">REFERENCE MAP</p> <p>1/10,000 Ploegsteert 1/20,000 Belg. & pt. France 36NW 1/10,000 Spec. Warneton Sht. Ed25b</p> |
| " | 27th | | Enemy artillery very active over whole sector. | |
| to | 29th | | STRENGTH 4 Offs., 41 O. Ranks. | |
| " | 30th | 1730 | In conjunction with 39th Battn. raid four guns fired a total of 80 rounds of H. E. and 105 rounds of smoke shell with good result (Bgde. Order 80 of 28/11/17.) STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 26-0 41 O. Ranks. | ditto |