

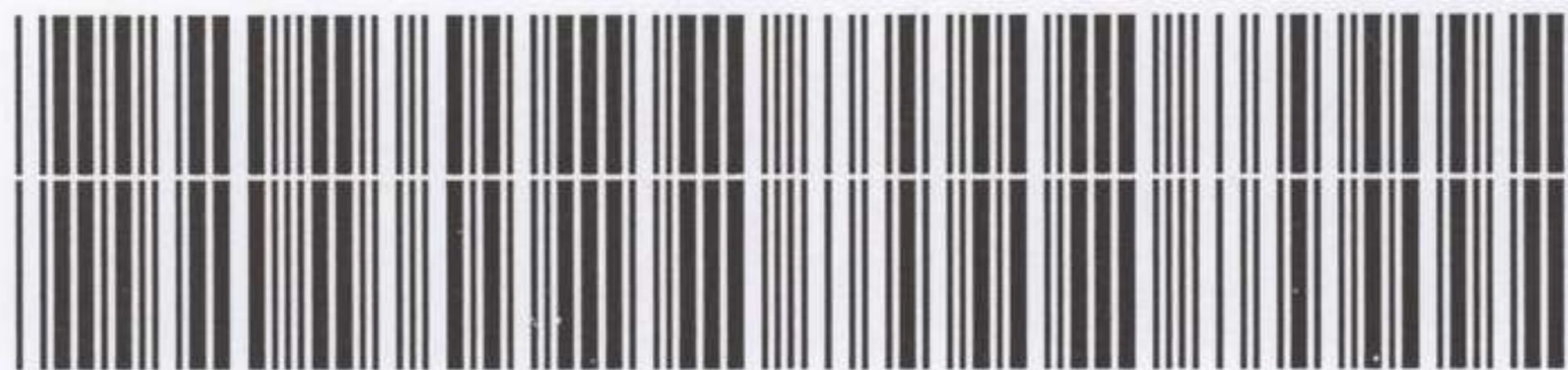
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10th Aust. L.T.M. Battery

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WARNETON LA BASSEVILLE	1st		Day quiet on both sectors. Working party continued work on gun pits etc. Shells stored in new dumps. Aircraft shells and dump made ready for action. Strength - 3 Off., 66 O.Rs.	
	2nd		100 shells carried to right sector. New work continued. Lt. Munday to English leave.	
	3rd	0600	1 gun fired 40 rounds on to the Spinney U - U.18.A.18.50 to U 1.8.A.04.65. Position selected for forthcoming operation.	
	4th	1800	Section relief. New work continued. No. 4 gun left sector in new gun pit. 285 shells carried to right sector. Casualties - 1 wounded. No. 1017 - Pte. Wilson A. (39th Bn)	
	5th	0600	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to Spinney at U.18.A .16. Shells prepared for forthcoming operation. No. 3 gun left sector mounted in new pit. New work continued.	
	6th		C.O. assisted 9th T.M. officers in selection of gun positions for forthcoming operations 1 (w) to England. 150 smoke shells and 200 H.E. shells carried by party to Right sector gun pits. 10th Battery Order re operation issued to all concerned.	
	7th		New work continued by men on left gun pits and dugouts. Day considerably quiet.	
	8th	1700	Guns mounted and ready for operation. 1 gun fired 46 rounds on to E. M.Gs. at U.11.d. 92.42. New work continued on left sector.	
	9th	1630 1945	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to E.F.L. at U.11.b.77.30 to U.11.B. 75.15. 2 guns carried out on to E.M.G. at U.18.8.27.30 and U.18.A.3.4.	
	10th		New work continued. Took part in raid on enemy's trenches firing 300 smoke shells which gave an effective screen to raiders and 900 rounds H.E. Shell. 37th and 38th Bns. were the raiders. Capt. Anderson in charge of the three Bn gade Batteries. Guns commenced firing at Zero and continued firing until Zero plus 45 minutes.	
	11th	1630	New work continued. 1 gun fired 50 rounds on to E.F.L. at U.11.B.75.13 to U.11.B. 80.01	

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WARNETON LA BASSEVILLE	12th		New work continued. 1500 1 gun fired 50 rounds. on to U.11.D.90.58. Promotions - 1 Lieutenant.	
	13th	1630 2300	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to E.F.L. at U.11.D. 92.65 1 gun fired 60 rounds on to E.M.G. at U.18.A.4.4. 90 rounds carried during night to right sector.	
	14th	2200	1 gun fired 40 rounds on to Wycart Farm at U.24.A.10.95. New work continued on left sector. CASUALTIES - No. 2319 Pte. Hennessey G.G. - accidentally wounded)	
	15th	1300 2300	1 gun fired 46 rounds on to E.F.L. at U.11.B. 75.18. 1 gun fired 60 rounds on to U.18.A. 26.64.	
	16th	1600	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to E.F.L., U.11.B. 95.78. Enemy were observed to leave their front line and run back to Warneton Tower. They then turned round and watched result of shooting for a few minutes and then disappeared. 2 new S.O.S. positions in La Basseville arranged.	
	17th	1500 2300	1 gun fired 40 rounds on to E.F.L. at U.11.D.95.78 1 gun fired 30 rounds on to enemy trenches - U.18.A.36.38. New work on right and left sectors continued.	
	18th	1530	New dugout on right sector completed. 1 gun fired 42 rounds on to E.F.L. at U.11.D. 85.48	
	19th	1800 1300	Lieut. Munday from English leave. Section Relief. 1 gun fired 50 rounds on to U.11.B.76.15. Work on right and left sectors continued.	
	20th	1600 0500	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to E.M.G. at U.11.B. 70.67. 1 gun fired 50 rounds on to enemy's positions at U.18.A.3.4. New work on both sectors continued. 90 rounds carried to left sector.	

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WARNETON LA BASSEVILLE	21st	0430	1 gun fired 60 rounds on to E.M.G. at U.18.A.4.4.	
		1630	1 gun fired 30 rounds on to U.11.B. 85.85.	
	22nd	0430	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to U.18.A.20.86.	
		1500	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to enemy trenches at U.11.B.77.25 New work on both sectors still proceeding.	
	23rd	0415	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to enemy trenches U.18.A.25.68	
		2400	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to 3 Minewerfer - U.18.A.5.2	
	24th	1400	1 gun fired 25 rounds on to E.F.L. U.11.A. 88.50. During this shoot whilst firing the 26th round a premature in the barrel of gun occurred killing three men.	
		2400	1 gun fired 50 rounds on to 3 Minewerfer U.18.A.5.2 3 killed - No. 27 L/Cpl. Biggen, E.H., No. 2096 Pte. Horder W.J.C., 528 Pte. McKinney G.W. 1 O. Rank to School.	
	25th	1100	3 men buried at Chateau, Rosenberg Extension at 5 18.b.	
		2145	Relieved by 9th A.L.T.M. Battery.	
		1000	Entrained at Hyde Park Corner and detrained at Romarin Siding and marched to billets at Bulford Camp.	
to	26th		During stay in this area preparations were made for forthcoming operation.	
	28th		8 gun positions were prepared and 2500 rounds ammunition were carried to gun position in Warneton sector and cleaned and detonated. Reconnaissance of 2nd Zone defensive system made by officers and N.C.Os. 1 O. R. to school. 1 O.R. sick. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 62 Other ranks.	