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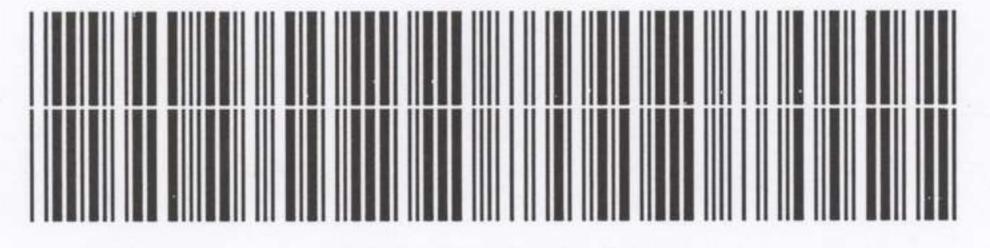
### Artillery

Item number: 13/123/20

Title: 10th Australian Light Trench Mortar

Battery

March 1918



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#### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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10th Aust. L.T.M.Battery

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Itemarks and references to Appendices
NEUVE EGLISH	1st 2nd		Preparations being made for forthcoming operation. Reconnaissance of second Zone defensive system made by officers and N.C.Os. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 62 0. Ranks.	
	3rd		In conjunction with 9th Brigade raid 8 guns fired 850 rounds of H.E.	
	4th		No entry	
	5th	0050	8 guns fired 900 shells H.E. in conjunction with second raid by 9th Brigade. In both raids eight guns from each 9th and 11th A.L.T.M. Battery fired.	
LART		1115	Battery bathed at Palmer Baths.  PRO MOTIONS - 4 L/Corpls.  1 O.R. to O.T.B. England.  Marched out of Bulford Camp to Steenwerck Station.  Entrained at Steenwerck Station for Nielle - les - Blequin.  Arrived at Nielle - les - Blequin and marched to billets at Lart.	
to	7th 22nd		During stay in this area battery was reorganised and instructed in trench mortar, trench warfare and infantry training.  Captain Anderson, English leave. Lieut Cahill Paris Leave.  3 O. Ranks to Schools - 6 O. Ranks returned to units.  Attached :- 7 Offer Ranks. 2 (s) to England.	
WARDRECQUES		1500	Moved from Lart Area and marched to Lumbres. Entrained at Lumbres. Detrained at Eblinghem and marched to Wardrecques. Arrived at billets.	
	24th		Inspection of equipment, stores and arms.	
BREFER	25th	0900	Surplus stores and kits dumped at Brigade "Surplus Kit" Store.	
			Marched out of Wardrecques Entrained at St . Omer for Mondecourt.	
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MONDECOURT - ST LEGER		1500	Arrived and detrained at Mondecourt. Immediately on detrainment Battery were ordered to "Stand to" and send out scouts. Scouts were withdrawn and battery marched to St. Ledger. Arrived at Billets at St. Leger.	
HEILLY		1100 1130 1430	Arrived at Heilly. Settled in billets in main Heilly-Ribemont road.  During the above journey much excitement prevailed owing to the rumors regarding the whereabouts of the enemy. Slight enemy shelling of this village on our arrival.	
	28th	1600	Battery was placed at the disposal of O.C. 10th M.G. Company for duty.  CASUALTIES - wounded - No. 1897 Pte. Price., R.W.J., No. 1665 Pte. Hayes C., No. 1969 Pte.  Bransden, E.J. and No. 1926 Pte. Reid C.F., the last two men belonging to the 40th Battn.	
	29th	0900	Inspection of men's billets by C.O. Carrying party was supplied to 10th M.G.Company.	
	30th	1600	Relief of carrying party.	
	31st		Carrying parties withdrawn from M.G. Company. Captain Anderson rejoined from Paris leave. During the period battery was attached to M.G. Company men assisted in carrying rations and ammunition and also assisted the Company in moving to Buire sur Ancre.  STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 63 Other ranks.	
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