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MARCH, 1918

10th Aust. L.T.M. Battery

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NEUVE EGLISE and	1st		Preparations being made for forthcoming operation. Reconnaissance of second Zone defensive system made by officers and N.C.Os. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 62 O. Ranks.	
	2nd			
	3rd			
	4th			
	5th	0050		
LART  to	6th	0830	Battery bathed at Palmer Baths. PROMOTIONS - 4 L/Corpls. 1 O.R. to O.T.B. England.	
		1115	Marched out of Bulford Camp to Steenwerck Station.	
		1400	Entrained at Steenwerck Station for Nielle - les - Blequin.	
		2130	Arrived at Nielle - les - Blequin and marched to billets at Lart.	
	7th		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 <del>Other</del> Ranks. 2 (s) to England.	
	22nd			
	WARDRECQUES	23rd	0730	
		1500	Entrained at Lumbres.	
		1630	Detrained at Eblinghem and marched to Wardrecques.	
		2200	Arrived at billets.	
24th			Inspection of equipment, stores and arms.	
25th		0900	Surplus stores and kits dumped at Brigade "Surplus Kit" Store.	
	1800	Marched out of Wardrecques		
	2300	Entrained at St . Omer for Mondecourt.		



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MONDECOURT - ST LEGER	26th	1100	Arrived and detrained at Mondecourt. Immediately on detrainment Battery were ordered to "Stand to" and send out scouts.	
		1500	Scouts were withdrawn and battery marched to St. Ledger.	
		2000	Arrived at Billets at St. Leger.	
HEILLY	27th	0300	Marched to embussing point	
		0700	Embussed and proceeded to Fran-villers	
		1100	Arrived at Franvillers.	
		1130	Marched to Heilly.	
		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.		
	1600	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31st		Carrying parties withdrawn from M.G. Company.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.		