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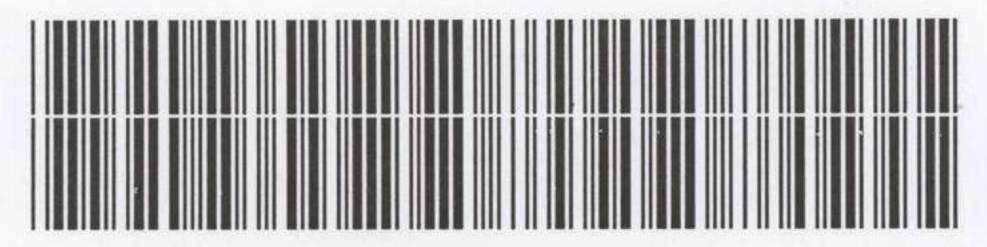
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Item number: 13/123/21

Title: 10th Australian Light Trench Mortar

Battery

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

APRIL, 1918

(Erase heading not required.) 10th Aus tralian Light Trench Mortar Battery

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| HEILLY | lst 4th | | During this period Battery was inspected in stores, clothing, arms and equipment. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 63 O. Ranks. | |
| | 5th | 2000 | 2 Officers with Nos. 1 of each Gun team made reconnationance of line at Buire-sur-Ancre. 5 guns were placed in position along railway line at Buire with 3 in reserve at Battn. Headquarters, forward and 1 left at Billets at Heilly. At same time 500 rounds of ammunition were taken to the guns in line. During the reconnaissance heavy enemy shell fire at Buire-sur-Ancre was encountered owing to enemy attack on 4th Division on the left sector. | |
| | 6th | 1800 | 500 rounds of ammunition were carried to reserve dump at Crucifix at entrance to Buire. PRO MOTIONS - 1 A/Q.M.S. and 1 Corporal. | |
| | 7th | | Gun teams in the line were engaged on improvements to Gun positions . 2 wounded - Nos. 2544 Pte. Cogan J., (38th Bn) and No. 2899 Pte. Walker, W.T. (40th Bn) | |
| | 8th | | 2 guns with teams were withdrawn from Buire and placed in position at Sawmill, Treux. remaining guns being removed to Chalk Pit on left of Halte Buire. Commdg. Officer sick to Hospital. | |
| to | 9th 21st | | During this period Battery in line were engaged in improving gun positions and making new dugouts. Forming a reserve ammunition dump at Ribemont, Reconnoitring Defensive position at round and in the vicinity of Ribemont to be occupied by Battery in the event of enemy breakthrough on Buire. During this time enemy frequently shelled Heilly. 1 Killed - No. 2770 Pte. Harris A.J. (40th Battalion) 1 Wounded - No. 103 Pte. Egan F.A. 1 Officer and 1 O. Rank sick to England. 3 Schools. | |
| to | 22nd | | In conjunction with side step of Brigade, 2 guns relieved 2 guns of 7th A.L.T.M.Battery at D.30.b. | |
| | 23rd 30th | | During this period weather averagely good. Men in the line were engaged on improvement to gun p ositions and dugouts. Registration was carried out on S.O.S. ines. Ammunition in S.O.S. positions and fairther supplies brought forward to the guns. The position in the line | |

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STRENGTH = 4 Officers, 65 Other ranks. D. D. & L., London E.C (18348) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 3/18 E 688 Forms/C2118/16