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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEILLY to	1st to 4th		During this period Battery was inspected in stores, clothing, arms and equipment. STRENGTH - 5 Offs., 63 O. Ranks.	
	5th	1500 to 2000	2 Officers with Nos. 1 of each Gun team made reconnaissance 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	8th		2 guns with teams were withdrawn from Buire and placed in position at Sawmill, Treux.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.	
	9th to 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.	
	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 to 30th		During this period weather averagely good. Men in the line were engaged on improvement to gun positions and dugouts. Registration was carried out on S.O.S. lines. Ammunition in S.O.S. positions, and further supplies brought forward to the guns. The position in the line	

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HEILLY to	23rd 30th		<p>was generally improved and gradually pushed forward. Men in billets at Heilly, with exception of rear H.Q., removed to Billets at Franvillers on the 20th April, 1918. STRENGTH - 4 Officers, 65 Other ranks.</p>	