

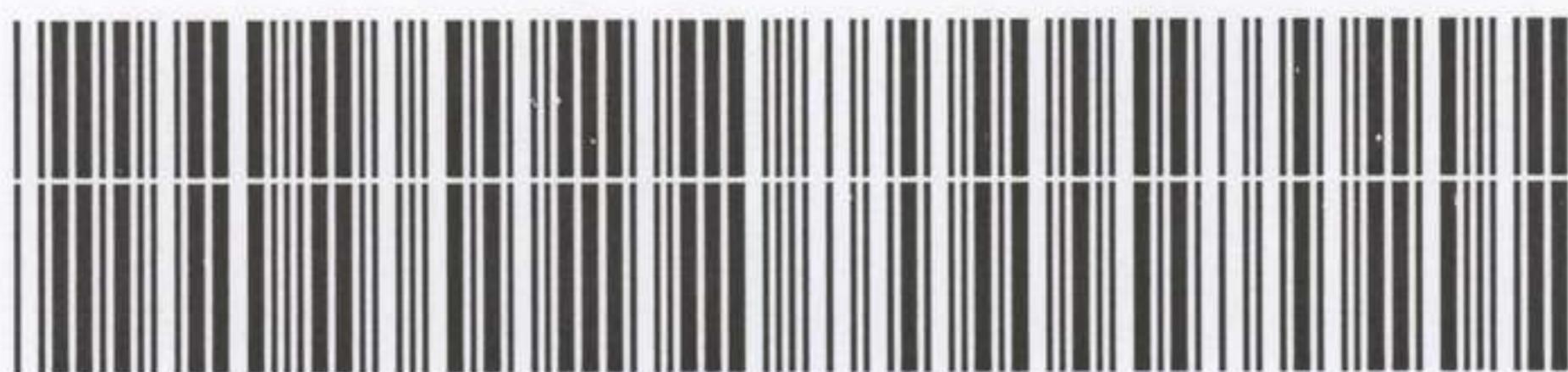
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Battery

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/3/18		Teams engaged in preparation of carrying forward Ammunition preparatory to assist 9 <sup>th</sup> Brigade	
	2/3/18		Teams engaged in preparation of carrying forward Ammunition preparatory to assist 9 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, and work completed.	
	3/3/18		On the night of 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> inst. 8 Guns in this Battery put up a Barrage on Machine gun positions and advanced posts of the enemy. Time occupied being approx 45 mts.	
	4/3/18		Work by 9 <sup>th</sup> Brigade was again carried out on this date and 8 guns of this Battery again co-operated. During these operations only 1 casualty occurred.	
	5/3/18		The Battery was relieved by the 5 <sup>th</sup> A. L. I. M. B. and moved to Bullford Camps where they rested for 1 night.	
	6/3/18		Marched out of Camps to day and entrained at Steenwerk travelled to the Lumbyes area and detrained at Lottingham about 10 p.m. thence marched to Watterdoh, arriving very early on the morning of the 7 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	7/3/18		Rested and prepared Billets during the whole of this day.	

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	8/3/18	21/3/18	Battery training carried out. Lieut Fox and Lieut Petersen joined the Battery from 41 <sup>st</sup> & 42 <sup>nd</sup> Battalions respectively. Lieut Allan returned to his battalion. During this period also, the O.C. of this Battery attended a conference at La Toquet.	
	22/3/18		Left Wathredal 10.30 A.M. on this day marched to Lottinghem where Battery entrained for EECKE arriving 5 P.M. same day. Quantity of Stores & Blankets left at Brigade Dumps.	
	23/3/18		Left Eecke at 7.15 a.m. in this day by Water transport for Pinnerure and arrived at 2.30 P.M. Men immediately marched to Billets.	
	24/3/18		Rested during the whole of the earlier part of the day, and at 5.30 p.m. marched out to Auges a distance of about 8 Kilometers where Battery entrained at 10.30 p.m. for Doullens and spent night in train.	
	25/3/18		Arrived at Doullens 5.15 a.m. then marched to Amphier where we were billeted and guarded the village during part of the night, acting as sentries and outposts. Then marched through the villages of Brville and Sartou.	
	26/3/18		Arrived at a point near Thaires where we em-bussed for Thauvillers arriving at 5.20 a.m. marched to Heiller, about 4 Kilometers, arriving at 7.30 a.m. The Battery was now detailed as carrying party's for Machine Gun Co. who had gone into line.	
	27/3/18		Moved into Billets at Chateaux and fixed up Billets.	

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	28/3/18.		The entire Battery was engaged in salvaging, and many pounds worth of property was recovered and handed over to Brigade Dump.	
	29/3/18.		Owing to number of casualties in the forward area of 11 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, the Battery was detailed as burial party's.	
	30/3/18		Battery divided into 2 portions - 1 portion acted as burial party, and the other portion as salvaging party. Still further valuable salvage was obtained. One (1) Officer and 11 O.R. with 2 Mortars went into line to support the 42 <sup>nd</sup> battalion.	
	31/3/18		This section of Battery withdrew from line about mid-day, and the entire Battery engaged on salvage work.	

*Louchman* Capt.  
O.C. 11<sup>th</sup> T.M. Battery.