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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1918	October 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Battery disposed amongst the Battalions, prepared to assist in assault. The line occupied by us - in the Hindenburg Line, and adjacent to Bony. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. relieved in the line by the Kings Royal Rifles, moved back into a Quarry near the village of Templeux La Neuville. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> marched from the Quarry and billeted in some trenches at Bouchy, near Tincourt. 4<sup>th</sup> inst remained the whole of this day resting in reserve. On the 5<sup>th</sup> inst travelled from Bouchy, by light railway to Peronne; leaving the latter place at about 4.30 p.m. Then travelled by train to Arraines, arriving at this place about 10.30 p.m. From here we marched to our present billets in Warlus, where we arrived about mid-night. The 6<sup>th</sup> inst was spent in cleaning up and arranging billets, also other necessary fatigue work. The billets in this area, were found to be fairly comfortable. A general friendly feeling being exhibited by the French residents toward Australian troops, this being the first occasion on which members of the Australian Corps have been billeted here. The 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> were spent in training. A daily programme of about 4 hours being covered. The afternoon of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst being half holiday many men visited Arraines. The 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> training carried out during the morning hours. This training consisted chiefly of Physical Training and Squad Drill. Afternoons were occupied with sports &amp; games. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> inst a Route March had been set down but owing to inclement weather, was cancelled and indoor training substituted. The weather cleared towards mid-day and, as the afternoon was a half holiday, passes were issued to a good many of the Battery, permitting them to visit neighbouring villages. On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> inst the only parade held was a Church</p>	

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			<p>Parade. The men marched to the neighbouring village of Tilly. The 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> training was carried out. Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> a Route March of 9 miles was undertaken. On the 19<sup>th</sup> a thorough inspection by the G.C.B. of Brigade was carried out. Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> proved a wet disagreeable day, and compelled the Unit to remain in billets. On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> training was carried out in the morning, men also being put through Gas Chamber. In the afternoon the Battery left Warlus and moved to Metzigny, occupying billets previously held by the Transport lines of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Bde. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> men marched to Allevy for bath. The afternoon being spent in games. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> training carried out chiefly consisting of the ranging of the mortars. On the 24<sup>th</sup> Battery moved out at 9.30 a.m. on a Route March passing through the villages of Allevy and Benecourt. Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> morning spent in training firing with dummies. In the afternoon cricket match was played between right and left half Batteries. Saturday a portion of the morning was spent in training, balance in cleaning up of equipment. Lt. Ashton proceeded to Aust. Corp. School to witness a display of mortars. Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> the morning the Battery went on Church Parade in the afternoon the majority visited neighbouring villages. Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> training in the morning, in the afternoon cricket. Also a number of members assisted the local farmers in picking potatoes. Tuesday the Battery marched to Allevy to the baths; the afternoon teams indulged in cricket. Wednesday &amp; Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> training in the morning; the afternoons being respectively spent in sports. On the 30<sup>th</sup> the G.C. visited a display of physical training at Hallencourt.</p>	

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