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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Meltonby	1/11/18	8.30 30 AM	Route March. - Brigade. Midday meal carried. Hot ka provided by 99 Bn.	
do.	2/11/18	9.15 12	Training for 3 hours. Mortar work. Musketry Squad Drill. During afternoon from 2.15 to 3.30 football indulged in - Match between right and left. Half-battery.	
	3/11/18.		Church Parade to Warbus. 10 men granted leave to Abberville transports by motor	
	4/11/18.	9- 12	Training. 3 hours. Musketry. Practice ranging with trench mortar. Lectures. 2 granted English leave. Assistance rendered to French farmers in gathering root crops.	
	5/11/18.	-	Brigade Sports postponed on account of rain. Men engaged in indoor work. Games. v.	
	6/11/18	9.12.	Bath parade. Men marched to Allen. For this purpose 1/2 day holiday in afternoon. and general leave granted to Curries.	
	7/11/18	9.12	Training in military work. firing practices on Mimatine Range. - Weather fair Assistance to French farmers gathering root crops.	
	8/11/18	-	Brigade Sports. Men granted general leave. Sports held Shee Court. Afternoon very wet	
	9/11/18	9.12	Continued mimatine range practices. All members of Club firing a Course. The afternoon leave granted to members to visit neighbouring villages	
	10/11/18	-	Church Parade to Warbus. Abberville leave 11 men. Lorry did not arrive. Leave granted to Curries	
	11/11/18	9- 12	Training carried out. Rumours of Armistice received. Afternoon - a dinner provided for men of unit - Pottery, fruit, beer and extra vegetables provided. Tobacco Cigarettes from Com. Canteen Draft on Regimental Funds used to defray Expenses	
	12/11/18	9 12	Training carried out. 2 men sent on English leave. 2 returned from Brigade NCO School. Assistance in gathering potatoes & Mangolds rendered by parties from these units	
	13/11/18		Brigade granted holiday to Unit on account of signing of Armistice - Men proceeded to Divisional Sports	
	14/11/18	9 12	Training. Marching. Stills practice Lecture Football in Afternoon.	

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Meligny	15/11/18	9 3	Battery took part in a Brigade scheme of attack. Two mortars were attached to each Battalion. Lt Col Ashton in charge of that to 44 th section. Lts Haggott & Frankham in charge respectively of 42 nd & 41 st sections.	
do	16/11/18	9 12	Training. Lecture and demonstration in open warfare work with mortars. Afternoon holiday	
Washes	17/11/18		Moved from Meligny. Battery detached as follows 1 off 12 men to 44 Bn. 1 off 12 men to 43 Bn. 1 off 19 men to 41 st . Head quarters at Washes. The Battery thus arranged chiefly for purposes of transport. Expected to go more forward as part of army of occupation	
do	18/11/18	9-12	Position of Battery attached. 41 st still remained under control of Battery, but all sections attached to Battalions were rationed with respective battalions - Training carried on	
do	19/11/18	9-12	Training carried on. Quantity of Sabotage by 2nd Lt Battery. Some Sports of Battalions in afternoon	
do	20/11/18	9 12	Carried out 1 hour Infantry training with 41 st Bn. then 2 hours Battery work. In 43 rd all Infantry work carried out by Section. In 44 all Infantry work carried out. Section officers furnished daily reports	
do	21/11/18	9 12	Lt Col Haggott returned from leave. Took charge of Section attached 41 st Bn. Daily training in conjunction with Battalions carried out	
do	22/11/18		Section of Battery with 41 st took part in Route March. Portion now became attached to Head Quarters Company of the Battalion. Understanding arrived at that the Section now attached come entirely under control of that Battalion for pay, rations, discipline and clothing	
do	23/11/18		Training with Battalions.	
	24/11/18		All sections attended Church Services with respective Battalions	
	25/11/18		Training with Battalions. 3 men return from leave.	
	26/11/18		Very wet day. Practically no training. Indoor lectures however were given	

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Warlus	27/11/18		Wed. day. <i>Sofar as this Unit is concerned impossible to state what has been done in this date. Head Quarters carried out General inspection over whole Battalion, but had no definite control</i>	
	28/11/18		<i>No military work. Lectures given by various officers</i>	
	29/11/18		<i>Wed. day. Lectures.</i>	
	30/11/18		<i>Infantry Training. Afternoon football with Battalion</i>	