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WAR DIARY

E. Brown Capt. Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAPAUME	1917 MAY	1.	18-pdr. of 10 th Battery condemned by 10.17. for scoring.	<i>FA</i>
2.		Carrriage 18-pdr. of 11 th Battery, & Carrriage 4.5. How. of 105 th Battery condemned on account of shell fire	<i>FA</i>	
3.		Infernal bombardment started about 3.45 A.M. & big task on for this Division, so expect numerous indents for Machine guns & parts shortly.	<i>FA</i>	
4.		Informed by Q of Divisions that Divisions would shortly go back to rest, & advised to proceed to BELLE EGLISE to select a dump, which I did & have made application for the site.	<i>FA</i>	
5.		18-pdr. of 10 th Battery, & 18-pdr. of 14 th Battery condemned by 10.17. for scoring. Indents received for 2 Vickers Machine guns complete from each 6 th M.G. Co. & 22 nd M.G. Co, also for one 3" Stokes Mortar complete for 5 th L.T.M. Battery & 3 3" Stokes Mortars complete from 6 th L.T.M. Battery.	<i>FA</i>	
6.		Proceeded to 5 th Army Gun Park & discussed matters with C.O. Indents for the following Lewis machine guns forwarded:-		

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BAPAUME	1917 MAY 6		11 for 17 th Batt ⁿ , 1 for 18 th Batt ⁿ , 8 for 19 th Batt ⁿ , 5 for 20 th Batt ⁿ , 7 for 21 st Batt ⁿ , 6 for 22 nd Batt ⁿ , 10 for 23 rd Batt ⁿ , 1 for 24 th Batt ⁿ , 2 for 25 th Batt ⁿ + 3 Vickers machine guns complete for 5 th M.G. Co.	J.P.H.
		7	13-pdr. H.E. "dud" came through my tent & missed me by 6 inches at most. 18-pdr. for 12 th Battery also one for 15 th Battery condemned by I.O.M. for scoring. Received advise that 2 18-pdrs for 11 th & 1 for 13 th Battery were condemned on 5 th ins. by I.O.M. for scoring.	J.P.H.
		8	Moved three Brigade groups back to ALBERT, having been notified by "Q" that previous move was cancelled, Division going back almost to old area again. ^{Division M.G. complete for previous Battⁿ demanded.}	J.P.H.
		9	As this Division's Artillery are to remain in the line have left the Artillery group here, otherwise A.D.O.S. 5 th Aust. Div ⁿ relieved me & took over dump. ^{18-pdr for 13th Battery condemned by I.O.M. for scoring.}	J.P.H.
ALBERT.		10	Winter clothing starting to come in very thick. Have had to make special provision as regards storage.	J.P.H.
		11	Over 11,000 blankets as well as other articles taken in today.	J.P.H.

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	1917			
	MAY			
ALBERT.	12.		Car returned from Supply Column after being there since 3 rd March	<i>Ed</i>
"	13.		1 st truck for despatch of winter clothing.	<i>Ed</i>
"	14.		Notified by A.D.O.S. that 4 th Aust. Div. blankets left behind by them are to be returned to Base by me.	<i>Ed</i>
"	15.		18-pdr Carriage for 15 th Battery condemned by I.O.M. - former for scoring target for shell fire. Division moving further back, but dump to remain in ALBERT & have made arrangements to deliver stores to refilling points daily at CONTAY & WARLOY. Div. St. Qrs ^{to be kept} at RUBENPRE.	<i>Ed</i>
"	18		Received word re promotion	<i>Ed</i>
"	20.		Notified of destruction of a 3" Stokes Mortar complete for 6 th L.T.M. Battery - rather late. Carriage 18-pdr of 13 th Battery condemned on account of shell fire	<i>Ed</i>
"	24.		18-pdr of 12 th also one of 14 th Battery condemned - former for shell fire latter for scoring.	<i>Ed</i>
"	25.		4.5 How. with B.M. Carriage condemned by I.O.M. for 105 th Battery	<i>Ed</i>

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	<i>1917</i>			
	<i>MAY</i>			
<i>ALBERT.</i>	<i>27.</i>		<i>on account of shell fire</i>	<i>E.D.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>18-pdr. of 12th Battery condemned by I.O.M. for shell fire. The Gun Park has been of great assistance in the matter of spare parts for machine guns, & also for parts of other guns & deliveries have been much quicker than from Base.</i>	<i>E.D.</i>