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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*V.I.A. H.I. M Battery*

FOR

*February* 191*8*

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*H.B. Parkins Capt.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

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VIA 86 J.M. Battery - Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POLKA	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.30 A.M. to 6 A.M.	5 rounds on Bang Farm, 6 A.M. to 6.30 A.M., 5 rounds on Why farm	7/12 Pauling
ESTAMINET.		5.30 A.M. to 6 A.M.	4 rounds on Fly buildings, 6 A.M. to 6.30 A.M. 3 rounds on Fly buildings.	
O. 22-A. 33-22.			The above shoots to catch enemy relief, machine guns and working parties.	
		10.30 A.M.	Fired 5 rounds on new concrete works in Nam farm as reported by infantry, result unknown, fired during foggy weather in the hope of catching enemy working. Strength 2 Officers 46. OR.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Detachments working on gun positions 2 OR. return from leave to U.K. 2 OR. return from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Trench Mortar School.	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30 A.M. to 7 A.M.	fired 5 rounds Rifle farm against enemy machine guns and working parties. 6.30 A.M. to 7 A.M. fired 10 rounds on Beck farm, one round sent up bricks and another a lot of concrete blocks. 11 A.M. to 11.45 A.M. fired 8 rounds on the Twins, one direct hit on earthworks and two rounds Pump farm. Shoot unsatisfactory, bed stood well, used five "134" fuzes three of which were duds.	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.	fired 8 rounds on "The Twins" checking registration Handed over to V5A. 86 J.M. Battery, and came out of the line at 8 P.M.	



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DRANOUTRE	Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>		to T.M. Rest camp at Dranoutre	Merris Merris Merris Merris Merris Merris Merris Merris Merris Merris
M.24.A.90.15.	5 <sup>th</sup>		Proceed in motor lorries at 10 A.M. from Dranoutre to Merris map 36 <sup>a</sup> E. 12. Central. 1 OR. return from hospital.	
MERRIS	6 <sup>th</sup>		Parade 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. Cleaning up round the Billets. 1 OR. leave to U.K. 2 OR. return from leave to Paris	
36 <sup>a</sup> E. 12. Central		7 <sup>th</sup>	Parade 8 A.M. Battery marched to Corps Baths for hot bath and clean change of underclothing. Parade 2 P.M. 2 OR. leave to Paris	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Parade 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. 1 OR. return from leave to U.K.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Parade 9 A.M. Battery paid. Orders received re reorganisation of medium and Heavy Trench Mortar batteries. 1 Officer and 18 OR. to report to V/Australian Corps H.T.M. Battery. The remainder of the men to be absorbed into the medium batteries.	
	10 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>		Parades 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. training and recreation.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		1 Officer and 18 OR. report to V/Aust. Corps H.T.M. Battery, the remainder of the men absorbed into the divisional medium batteries.	

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O.C. VIA H.T.M. Battery Capt. 20



