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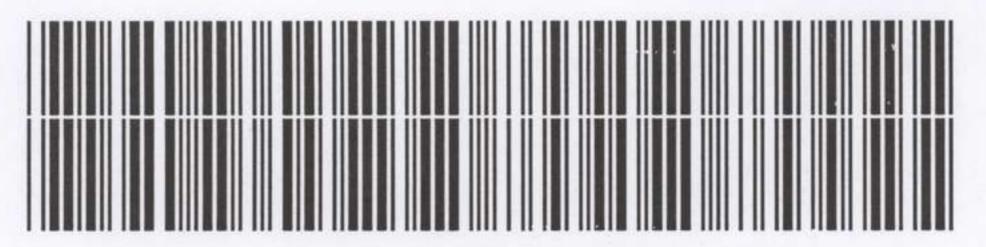
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Item number: 13/123/17

Title: 10th Australian Light Trench Mortar

Battery

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OF

10th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

DECEMBER, 1917 (Erase heading not required.) 10th Australian Light Trench Mortar Mattery

				Remarks and
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	references to Appendices
PLOEGSTEERT	lst		fired 160 rounds of H.E. and 210 rounds of smoke, shells. 1/20,00	REFERENCE MAP O Ploegsteert O Belg. & pt. France 36NW O Spec.WarnetonSheet Ed25B
	2nd		No entry	
	3rd		No entry	
	4th	1	Presentation of ribbons to recipients of decorations made at Neuve Eglise made by Gen. Sir W.R.Birdwood	ditto
to:	5th 14th		No entry	
NEUVE EGLISE			Relieved by the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery and entrained at Hyde Park Corner for Connaught Siding. (Brigade Order 82 of 12/12/17) Arrived at Connaught Siding and marched in Aldershot Camp Neuve Eglise STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 41 O. Ranks. 1 O. R. to T. M. School	ditto
to	16th 19th		Remained in Aldershot Camp, cleaning equipment, refitting, oiling guns and arms etc. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 40 other ranks. LEAVE - England - 1 O. Rank. SCHOOL - 1 O. R. to Anzac Gas School.	ditto
STEENWERCK	20th	1300	Marched out to Blueball Camp, Steenwerck. Advanced party went into line and commenced relief with 113th T. M. Battery, coming under the command of the G.O. 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade. Brigade Order. 83 of 18/12/17.	C. ditto
ERQUINGHAM		E contract of	Marched from Blueball Camp to Jute Factory at Erquingham. Relief of 113th T.M. Battery completed. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 4D O.Rs. LEAVE - Paris - 1 O. Rank. 2 Reinfts. from England taken on strength.	00 sheet 36 ditto
to	22nd 26th		During this period no firing took place except for registration. Ammn. was occasionally taken forward. The 4 guns in the line were set in suitable positions at LMAN good Christmas Day and given dinner. STRENGTH 4 off., (10340) Wi W5300/P715 750,000 3/18 E 688 Forms/Citt8/16	41 O.Rs. ditto

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ERQUINGHAM	27th	1630	4 guns fired 50 rounds each on to enemy line from Income Support Trench 1/20,000 Sheet 36 to front line. Many direct hits were observed. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 40 O. Ranks. 1 man evacuated sick. LEAVE - England - 1 O.R Paris - 1 O. R. LOCATION OFHEADQUARTERS - Jute Factory, ERQUINGHAM	
"	28th	1600	4 guns fired 50 rounds each on to enemy trenches at I. 21. B. 12.02 to I.21.D.00.65 STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 39 0. Ranks.	
**	29th		4 guns fired 50 rounds each on to enemy front line from I. 21 C. 74 . 30. to I. 21. C. 50.11. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 37 0. Ranks. Pte. McDonald to England for transmission to Indian College. ditto	
11	30th	1430	4 guns fired 50 rounds each on to E.M.G. at I.22.A.28.50., Enemy dugout at I.21.B.90.W. Direct hits were observed on both targets. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 38 0. Ranks SICK - 1 0. R. evacuated.	
***	31st	1430	4 guns fired 50 rounds each on to enemy front line from I.21.c.74.26 to I.21.D.00.70 STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 38 O. Ranks.	
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