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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 Battery

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PLOEGSTEERT	1st	0100	Same guns as on previous day in conjunction with the 40th Battn raid fired 160 rounds of H.E. and 210 rounds of smoke, shells. Lt. Munday, 38th Battn. attached for duty. Lt. Browne wounded .	1/10,000 Ploegsteert 1/20,000 Belg. & pt. France 36NW 1/10,000 Spec. Warneton Sheet Ed25B
	2nd		No entry	
	3rd		No entry	
	4th		Presentation of ribbons to recipients of decorations made at Neuve Eglise made by Gen. Sir W.R. Birdwood	ditto
	5th to 14th		No entry	
NEUVE EGLISE	15th	2300	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)	ditto
		2330	Arrived at Connaught Siding and marched in Aldershot Camp Neuve Eglise STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 41 O. Ranks. 1 O. R. to T. M. School	
	16th to 19th		Remained in Aldershot Camp, cleaning equipment, refitting, oiling guns and arms etc. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 40 other ranks. LEAVE - <u>England</u> - 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.C. 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade. Brigade Order. 83 of 18/12/17.	ditto
ERQUINGHAM	21st	1000	Marched from Blueball Camp to Jute Factory at Erquingham.	1/20,000 sheet 36
		1700	Relief of 113th T.M. Battery completed. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 40 O.Rs. LEAVE - <u>Paris</u> - 1 O. Rank. 2 Reinfts. from England taken on strength.	ditto
	22nd to 26th		During this period no firing took place except for registration. Ammun. was occasionally taken forward. The 4 guns in the line were set in suitable positions. Men spent good Christmas Day and given dinner. STRENGTH 4 off., 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 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 OF HEADQUARTERS - Jute Factory, ERQUINGHAM	REFERENCE MAP. 1/20,000 Sheet 36
"	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 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	29th	1530	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 O. Ranks. Pte. McDonald to England for transmission to Indian College.	ditto
"	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.V. Direct hits were observed on both targets. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 38 O. Ranks. - SICK - 1 O. R. evacuated.	ditto
"	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.	ditto