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Artillery

Item number: 13/70/1

Title: 8th Battery, Australian Field Artillery

August 1914



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14 Aug 1914	Perth	Enlistment started. The 37th Battery supplied Maj Russell Browne^{WLO}, Capt Maj Parker^{WLO} Lt Rogers & Lt Edwards & 32 N Co's and men The 38th Battery supplied 21 N Co's & men Light Horse There are 111 men in the Battery who have received training in various Branches of the Service viz 77%. The remaining 23% or 34 men are principally made up of Wives all being country boys & expert horsemen. The following Co's were taken from 37th Bty. Sqn Major 7 Sqn Veri 14 Sqn Henry. Sqn Williams Sqn Buchanan Sqn Hocking	

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17. Aug 1914	Black Boy. Still 430 + 7pm	Field Artillery marched into Camp 5 officers and 205 rank and file. The above numbers include men to be posted to Buganda & Divisional Ammunition Column Detachments. Raining. Camps pitched & men settled down quietly at 7 pm.	

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18 Aug. 1914	Black Boy Hill.	Squad marching Drill + Semaphore signalling No horses yet in Camp	
19 Aug.		Handling gun drill equitation ^{and gunnery} Horses arrive in Camp. 4 guns + waggons 48 draught + riding horses	
20 Aug		Elementary Drill. Recruits offering.	
21		Elementary Drill. Amm. Column Detachments posted	

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22 Aug 1914	Black Boy Hill	Sunday. 50% on leave Church Parade
23 Aug		<u>B.M. Lorr.</u> attached for duty from 38 Battery. <u>Lt. Art Lecher</u>
24 "		37 Battery attached for training Gun Drill. Riding Drill & Stammering Horses clipped.
25 "		Battery Drill. Driving Drill Gunner of <u>Laird</u> app'd order Room Clerk. (Lombard)
27 "		Battery Drill. mounted Gunnery laying. <u>Lt Bowles</u> from R.M.C. Dunrobin reported for duty

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27 Aug	Black Boy Stee	Battery now recruited 3 over strength	
28 "		Battery mounted work considerably handicapped for some days passed as gun horses have to do practically all the transport work for the Camp. Preliminary appointments of NCO's under consideration also Specialists. Layers to be selected on completion of test.	
29 "		Battery will hooking & unhooking 3 eschia guns in camp borrowed from 37 Battery A.F.A.	abb

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1914 30 Aug 31 "	Black Boy Hill	Sunday. Divine Service. 50% leave. Officers under instruction. Battery Horses in use 4 snail. horse teams had to proceed to Port on transport duty. In a to carry out Battery work. Specialist received instructions mounted. Undermentioned NCOs were appointed: Bomb <u>T Nagel</u> Fan Sgt. Corp. Lt. <u>A J Muckley</u> Lt. Lt. J. <u>Oakley</u> Sgt. Sgt. <u>G R B Williams</u> Corp. Corp. <u>R C Brandwood</u> "	<u>H Meri</u> <u>V D Fyfe</u> <u>W D Wallis</u> <u>R C Donnelly</u> <u>La Tay</u>