

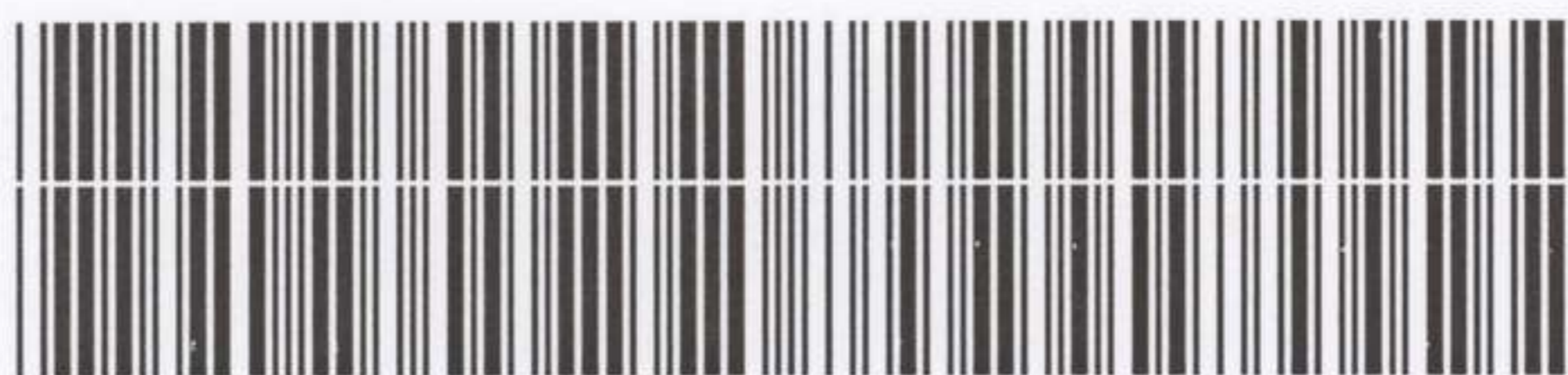
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| P.18. | June 1st 2nd 23 | | P. Training drill afternoon 30th. Strength 20 off 51 off. Battalion were notified that they would assist in a mine operation in conjunction with 3rd L.T.M.B. Battalion moved off at 9.30 pm. Taking up guns at zero hour. The Stokes mortars put down a Russian bomb garden. Flanking mine. From to the 11th Battalion going out. The operation was very successful. Prisoners totaled approx. 50 off. 280 O.R. 31 Machine guns. 11th Trench mortars. Our crews returned to billets without casualties. Afternoon Battalion moved off by route march to Seron. Arriving there at 8.30 pm. Weather fine. | Remarks and references to Appendices |
| | 4th 5th | | Gas helmet inspection a rest. Weather fine P. Training Musketry Recreational Training do | |
| | 6th 7th | | 2472 Sgt Hickey J awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal AIF List 340. Moved off 9.30 am. by route march to V.18.A. H.H. arriving there at 12.50. Weather fine | 2. |
| In the Line | 8th | | Battalion moved off and retained position of 2nd L.T.M.B. Targets 3 Guns on the left. 20 Ras were fired on to enemy. Targets 3 during the night in the vicinity of F.10.8.5. F.10.8.3. F.10.5.5. W. 7th | |
| | 9th | | Weather fine our guns fired on to enemy targets at F.10.8.5. F.10.8.7. and enemy trench at X.26.d.6.2. 30 Rounds being expended. | |
| | 10 | | Weather fine our guns kept a harassing fire on to well known enemy targets good shooting and direct hits being observed. 1 O.R. wounded remained on duty | |
| | 11th | | 46 Ras being expended. Received 13 reinforcements 4 off 1st Bin 6 off 2nd Bin 3 from 3rd. 5 off from school. 1 off from Hoop. 15 off hospital | |
| | 12th | | Weather fine enemy targets were engaged by our guns F.10.5.5. X.23.c.8.3. X.28.A.8.8. X.26.A.95.95. X.26.A.8.6. good shooting being observed. 83 Rounds being expended. 10 off 2nd Army Gas School 1 off Hoop. | |
| | 13th | | Weather fine our guns were very busy engaging well known enemy targets, 126 Rounds being expended. E.M.G. being silenced. | H |
| | 14th | | Weather fine enemy targets being engaged at F.10.8.3. X.26.A.95.95. X.20.d.95.95. 56 Rounds being expended. | |
| | 15th | | Weather fine enemy targets were engaged at X.26.0.8.6 F.10.5.5. X.28.A.96.95. 27 Rounds being expended. 2 off from Hoop 1 off to hospital 1 off to school. 15th Coy L.T.M. School | |
| | | | Weather fine Battalion assisted in a mine operation by the 1st Bin putting down a bomb garden from the road enemy trenches and post being engaged. 504 Rounds were expended. had no casualties. Strength 2 off 58 off. | |

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| In the line | 1918 June 16 th | | Weather fine our guns engaged targets at X 26 A. 8.5 X 26 A. 6.2. F. 12.5.8. 35. Gas being expended KIEUT N PULHAM TO G.H.Q. LHM SCHOOL also 1/4 of 4 of to Hospital | |
| " | " | 17 th | Weather fine a harassing fire was maintained through out the night due to small narrow enemy targets F. 12.5.8. F. 12.5.5 X 26 A. 8.5. X 26 A. 9.5.9.5. X 26 A. 6.2. 5.5. Gas being expended 2/4 to Hospital | |
| " | " | 18 th | Weather fine our guns successfully engaged 2 E.M.G's at X 26 A. 0.2. 1 off Lt Plows GH attached for instruction from HQ B'n # X 26 A. 10.45. blowing out of panel silencing the other other targets engaged were F. 1. B. X 26 d. 6.2 64 rounds being expended P. 1859 PTE PASTOORS W. WILKINS L.M. awarded the Military medal for devotion to duty on the 9/6/18 in the operations carried out in conjunction with 3rd A.T. B'n | 6 |
| " | " | 19 th | Weather fine our guns fired harassing shoots out to well known enemy targets at X 26 A. 5.7. X 26 A. 3.8. and French at F. 12. 35.60. 31 rounds were expended. | |
| " | " | 20. | Weather fine our guns assisted in the minor operation carried out by the right Battalion on enemy trench at F. 12.36. to F. 12.7.6. good shooting being observed and direct hits obtained | 7 |
| " | " | 21 | Weather fine our guns fired 30 rounds on to known enemy targets strength 3 officers 55 O/P. | |
| " | " | 22 | Weather dull + showery. targets were engaged at F. 1.7.8.8. X 26 A. 5.5. and E.M.G. at X 26 A. 9.0.9.5. 25. Gas being expended 10% wounded E.M.G. bullet 10% to Hospital | |
| " | " | 23 | Weather fine our guns greatly assisted in the operation carried out by the left Battalion and also minor operation carried out by the right Battalion laying down a heavy barrage on enemy trench X 20 C. 70.20. X 20 C. 50. no enemy defenses at X 20 C. 9.1. X 20 C. 25.30. X 25. d. 9.9. targets also engaged were: F. 1.7.8.8. & F. 1.7.8.3. The operation was very successful and good shooting being observed. over 100 enemy dead were found in the vicinity of captured trench 485 rounds being expended no casualties were sustained by the Battalion 10% to Hospital | 8 |

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| 1918 In the Line | June 24 | | Weather fine our gun expended 19 rounds on to known enemy targets at F. 17. 55. Our pay 2,600 francs and paid Battery | |
| | 25 | | Weather fine 15 Rds were fired on to M.G. Position at 4.10. and was successfully silenced | |
| | 26 | | Weather fine 8 Rds were expended on enemy position at F. 17. 5. 5. | |
| | 27 | | Weather showery Battery were relieved by 2 nd A.L.T.M.B. relief was carried out without incident and Battery marched to V. 20. 17. 8. 3. to billets | 9 |
| Wike Paulin | 28 | | Weather fine Rifle inspection Rest. 20% from Hosp. 8% from Nucleus Rm | |
| " | 29 | | Weather fine Gas helmet inspection Roll call. Rest | |
| | 30 | | Rest | |

O.C. 1st Aust. L. T. M. BATTERY