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WAR DIARY

26th Battery, 7th Field Artillery Brigade

PLACE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION
continued	1. 1. 18.	<p>New Years Day.                      A design for a Football Medallion by Gunner Duckworth was sent to England to-day. <i>By Major Playfair's</i>                      request a medallion was to be struck for each member who had played in the Battery team. <i>as a memento of</i>  <i>the season</i></p>
	2. 1. 18	<p>Enemy 'planes flew over the Waggon Lines during the afternoon, and bombs were dropped in the direction of the BAILLEUL ROAD.                      The Battery was expected to pullout shortly and take up Waggon Lines bear Bailleul.</p>
	3. 1. 18	<p>A quiet day at the Battery. Our balloons were continually fired at by the enemy but no damage was done.</p>
	4. 1. 18	<p>Preparations were made at the Battery to pull out the next day.</p>
	5. 1. 18	<p>The Battery was relieved in the line by <sup>R2P2A2</sup> "B" Battery, 148th Bde. / Our guns remianed in position, and the Officers and men returned to the waggon lines.                      Lieut. Mackellar went in charge of gun limbers to STRAZELLE to take over 6 guns from "A" Battery, 286th. Brigade.</p>



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6. I. 18.	Capt. Colquhoun was at this time acting O.C.	<p><del>Lieut. Divison left for England on 14 days furlough.</del> Lieut Hogarth reported to 2nd. Army School at TILQUES to attend a course.</p> <p>The Battery evacuated the Waggon Lines at 9.15 am and travelled via STEENWERCK to new Billetts situated near BAILLEUL. and in the neighbourhood of the Village of STEENJE.</p>
7 .I. 18	<p>The men's Billets in the new Waggon Lines consisted of huge barns, and the Officer's quarters were in the farmhouse. The horse lines were covered in rubble standings.</p> <p>Lieut. Col. Macartney D.S.O., inspected the Batteries of the 7th. Brigade to-day. This was the Colonel's final inspection as he was leaving the Brigade for the 1st. Anzac Corps.</p> <p>The news of this transfer caused great regret throughout the Brigade. Having commanded us since the training period at Lark Hill, every Officer and man in the Brigade feels the parting, and his "By Gad you fellows this won't do" will be missed by us all. His energy and determination did great things for the Brigade, and his cheerfulness and methods caused the greatest "esprit-de-corps" throughout our Brigade. But promotion generally means parting from one's home unit, and we wish the Colonel all success and the best of luck.</p>	
8. I. 18	<p>A programme of work and recreation was being prepared for the Battery. Heavy snow falls occurred during the day.</p> <p>Colonel W. Churchess was transferred from 3rd. Divisional Ammunition Column to command the 7th Artillery Brigade.</p>	
9. I. 18	<p>Major Playfair returned to the Battery to-day from attending a Brigade Commander's School in England.</p> <p>Snow fell heavily and continuously during the day.</p>	



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continued	10.I.18	Heavy snow fell followed by a hard frost. The usual camp routine and training were carried out.
	11.1.18	Major Playfair was now acting C.O. 7th Brigade, whilst Lieut. Col. Churchess was away. Lieut. Col. Macartney had now left the 7th. Brigade for 1st Australian Corps. The weather conditions changed and a thaw during the night converted the camp into a sea of mud.
	12.1.18	Camp programme of work was carried out and improvements were made to stables etc. A general half holiday was granted
	13.1.18 14.1.18 15.1.18	Training of layers and signalling was carried out and further improvements were made to stables etc.
	16.1.18	Training of layers and signallers continued. Heavy rain fell throughout the night and the roads and fields were flooded. Strong wind storms were prevalent. An inspection of the camp was made in the afternoon by General Sir W.R. Birdwood.
	17.1.18	Training continued. The country was still under water and conditions were extremely muddy. A Battery half-holiday was granted in the afternoon.
	18.1.18	Weather conditions had now improved and the floods were abating. Training was continued.



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continued	19.1.19	<p>Training was continued during the day.</p> <p>A dinner was held in BAILLEUL at night by members of the Battery Football Team, and winning team of the Brigade Sports.</p> <p>The Football Cup was presented to Col. Macartney, D.S.O. late C.O. of the 7th Brigade, and Brigade Sports and Brigade Football Cup was presented to Major Playfair D.S.O.</p>



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NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS

with

26th. Battery, 7th. Field Artillery Brigade,

January 1918

MAJOR PLAYFAIR T.A.J., D.S.O.

CAPTAIN COLQUHOUN L.J.

LIEUTENANT HAMILTON A.E. (transferred to D.A.C. end of December 1917)

LIEUTENANT NIVISON A.S.

LIEUTENANT MACKELLAR E.

LIEUTENANT HOGARTH W.W.B.

LIEUTENANT BINNIE K.G.

LIEUTENANT WATT C.W., LIEUTENANT FRAZER R.V., In Hospital, wounded.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF OTHER RANKS

with

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18624 Sergt. AINSWORTH G.M.  
 18627 Gunner ANDERSON B.H.  
 18630 Driver ASPINWALL  
 18831 Gunner ARUNDEL P.W.  
 18958 Par/Sgt. ARMSTRONG R.H.  
 22782 Gunner ANDERSON W.S.  
 30428 Driver ATKINSON J.  
 31389 Driver ALLAN J.P.  
 31388 Driver ADDIS H.P.  
 30485 Gunner ALLUM A.G.  
  
 22786 Driver BATES H.  
 18834 Gunner BEARD T.H.E.  
 4663 Gunner BEARD G.  
 28585 Driver BELL H.  
 18634 Gunner BEGG A.  
 55 Gunner BERECHRYE B.  
 30078 Driver BLINDELL K.A.  
 30779 Driver BLINDELL C.G.  
 27188 Gunner BOONE L.J.  
 31120 Bombdr. BULL H.H.  
 24469 Gunner BARTLEMAN H.C.  
 34418 Gunner BOON E. J.  
 31689 Gunner BRINDAL S.G.  
 28429 Gunner BAKER S.G.C.  
 34371 Gunner BOSTOCK P.W.  
 34408 Driver BUMFORD C.G.  
 18845 Gunner CALLAGHAN P.C.  
 18844 Gunner CALLAGHAN R.

31122 Bombdr. CRANE F.L.  
 19380 Bombdr. CULLEN C.V.  
 26472 Gunner CROFT F.J.  
 30809 Driver CHICK C.A.  
 24572 Gunner COCKBURN J.K.  
 24450 Gunner CUMMINS R.W.  
 18855 Bombdr. COOPER J.H.  
 18846 Bombdr. CAMBRIDGE T. J.  
 26519 Driver CARTER F.W.  
 26518 Gunner CARTER K.C.  
 580 Gunner CONSTABLE W.J.  
 19267 Gunner CHAMPION H. J.  
 18645 Corpl. COGLE J.K.  
 21129 Gunner CLAVIN F.E.

31124 Bombdr. DAVIS G.R.  
 30993 S/Smith DUNNE A.T.  
 31123 Bombdr. DEANE F.G.  
 32516 Gunner DENNISON J.  
 18653 Driver DEER J.L.  
 26432 Driver DAWSON K.  
 21940 Gunner DAHL E.G.  
 18654 Gunner DUCKWORTH B. C.  
 18655 Bombdr. DURNING J.  
 1947 Gunner DAVERN L.W.  
 9299 Gunner DONOVAN J. J.  
  
 20940 Driver ELLIS F.

22798 Gunner FOWLER G.E.  
 18657 Gunner FENTON C.  
 18863 Gunner FINLAY W. J.  
 29387 Gunner GRIEVES K.A.  
 18671 Sergt. GROSE J.  
 22801 Driver GAMBLEY J.B.  
 22802 Gunner GANNON J.D.  
 1534 Gunner GALLAGHER M.V.  
 34296 Driver GRAY W. J.  
 22800 Gunner GODDARD F.G.

18675 Sgt/Maj HARRISON C.E.  
 32023 Gunner HOLDSWORTH W.  
 32136 Driver HARTIGAN J.H.  
 32272 Driver HARRISON A.V.H.  
 5006 Driver HOLMAN P.H.  
 2300 Driver HAYES F.D.  
 30207 Driver HOGAN C.G.  
 26477 Bombdr. HOGAN W. J.  
 18679 Driver HENSON W.  
 18875 SERGT. HOLLOWAY G.E.  
 18879 Bombdr. HUNTER W.K.  
 18878 BOMBDR. HUNTER J.A.  
 9889 Gunner HUGHES C.M.  
 32536 Gunner HAYWARD H.T.  
 18694 Driver HARDING C.D.  
 33184 Gunner HEDDITCH N.L.F.



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18880 Driver IRVIN R.G.

31504 Driver JOBE J.  
34761 Driver JOHNSTON B.F.  
33923 Gunner JONES W.T.  
18685 Corpl. JOHNS H.P.  
14590 Driver JACK J.

18885 Gunner KEEP J.  
32030 Gunner KIRKPATRICK R.  
22819 Bombdr. KELYNACK A.D.  
18686 Gunner KEARY J.J.  
31528 Driver LAING G.L.  
31475 Driver LOHRMAN W.  
22820 Gunner LAYZELL C.R.  
31474 Driver LEES A.D.  
18888 Q.M.S. LARK V.C.  
16111 Sergt. LOGAN K.  
33454 Driver LAWRENCE P.  
22415 Gunner LONG B.C.

18700 Gunner McLEISH J.E.  
22828 Gunner MURRAY A.  
18701 Gunner MacCULLOCK A.B.  
32095 Driver MATTHEWS C.  
29553 Gunner MORAN J.G.  
32429 Gunner MARTIN E.B.  
582 Driver MARTIN W.H.  
18705 Gunner MUTKINS A.C.  
31214 Driver MORRIS B.P.

18706 Gunner McCARTHY B.  
18708 Driver McCARTHY L.L.  
32159 Driver McLEOD N.  
24630 Driver McDONALD R.  
28151 Gunner MALLARD B.G.M.  
18908 Bombdr. McPHERSON R.G.  
33820 Gunner MARTIN A.E.  
17154 Gunner McGOULRICK P.  
22822 Driver MARKS V.V.V.  
19323 Gunner MARGRIE M.H.D.

18717 Gunner NEILSON F.F.  
32036 Gunner NICOLL C.W.  
22830 Gunner NAIL N.  
18714 Bombdr. NEWMAN A.L.  
18713 Bombdr. NEAL J.  
19331 Driver NEVIN M.P.  
18716 Driver NEILLEY H.C.

21929 Driver OVERSBY J.  
18519 Gunner O'BRIEN A.  
31161 S/Smith O'LOUGHLIN F.J.  
29556 Driver O'LOUGHLIN J.  
30623 Driver OSBOLDSTONE R.G.  
18912 Bombdr. O'CONNOR J.  
18522 Gunner O'KEEFE T.

18724 Corpl. POUNTNEY H.R.  
2862 Gunner POUNTNEY C.

18723 sergt. PEACH S.  
19384 S/Smith PEACOCK W.J.  
1908 Driver POLLOCK A.J.  
22834 Driver PHIPPS L.E.  
18915 Driver PARKER E.M.  
22433 Driver PUNCH P.  
18910 Gunner PIPER E.J.  
18721 Gunner PEARCE A.C.  
33531 Driver PARKER J.N.  
24472 Gunner PERRY D.  
18729 Bombdr. ROHU S.E.  
18957 Far/Cpl ROGERS H.A.  
390 Gunner ROSS D.  
27226 Gunner RHALL R.J.  
18732 Gunner ROSS C.  
34114 Driver REED J.J.

18745 sergt. SHIELDS J.S.  
18746 sergt. SHIELDS A.J.  
887 Corpl. SANDERS C. M.M.  
21153 Gunner SPRINGATE T.  
18741 Driver STONE N.A.  
19654 Driver SEEHUSEN J.  
31193 Driver SIMPSON A.G.  
32326 Driver SMITH P.A.  
33962 Gunner SAVAGE C.W.  
33259 Gunner SCOWN L.H.  
32600 Gunner SMITH J.W.  
18933 Corpl. SERVISS C.W.  
22840 Driver STEWART J.E.  
18934 Driver SHEARMAN W.  
~~29383~~ Driver SHEEHAN T.H.

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2642I Gunner SHEARSTON J.S.  
I8747 Gunner SCOTT C.A.  
I9350 Driver STAGG F.A.  
32087 Driver SKILLITER H.  
34I Driver SHEEHAN S.H.  
I8739 Gunner SHAND C.M.

223I7 Driver WYNDE A.J.  
32900 Gunner WHITE S.U.  
34II7 Gunner WALLACE G.F.  
I8766 WHITEHAIR W. Driver  
I8758 Gunner WILSON W.  
I8952 Bombdr. WIGHTMAN J.

I8750 Corpl. THOMAS N.S.  
394 Gunner TRUMAN W.  
29369 Driver THOMPSON W.F.  
I8749 Sad/Sgt TEBAY P.H.  
2284I Driver TYRELL J.  
I8947 Bombdr. TREVANNION H.C.

22842 Gunner VICKERY J.A.  
I8755 Gunner VEREY J.

I8757 Gunner WHALE C.T.  
34I5I Gunner WOINARSKI C.J.  
20360 Driver WILKS W.  
I84I5 Bombdr. WHITING S.P.  
3I528 Driver WATSON W.R.  
I8954 Driver WILLIAMS H.C.  
22473 Gunner WIGG A.  
20890 Gunner WALKER T.  
27797 Driver WARREN J.  
2I888 Gunner WILSON H.H.  
3036I Driver WILLIS N.F.



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Following is the Football Team which represented the 26th Battery.:-

Full-back

Bdr. HOGAN W.J.

Three quarter line

Sgt.ROBINSON E.J. - Sgt.SHIELS A.J. - Cpl.POUNTNEY H.D. - Sgt.GROSE J.

Five eight

Major PLAYFAIR T.A.J., D.S.O.

Half

Lieut.MACKELLAR E.

Back row

( Gnr.RHALL R.J. - Dvr. TYRELL W. - Far/Sgt. ARMSTRONG R.H.

Middle row

( Gnr.BERECRYE B% - Capt.SAMSON C.M.

Front row

( Gnr.BEARD T. - Dvr.SIMPSON C.A. - Bdr. PHIPPS L.

Forwards

Emergencies:- Gnr.Shand C.M., Sgt.Harrison C.E., Bdr.Crane F., Dvr.Whitehair W., Bdr.Cullen C., Dvr Hogan.G  
Dvr.McGoulrick P.

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