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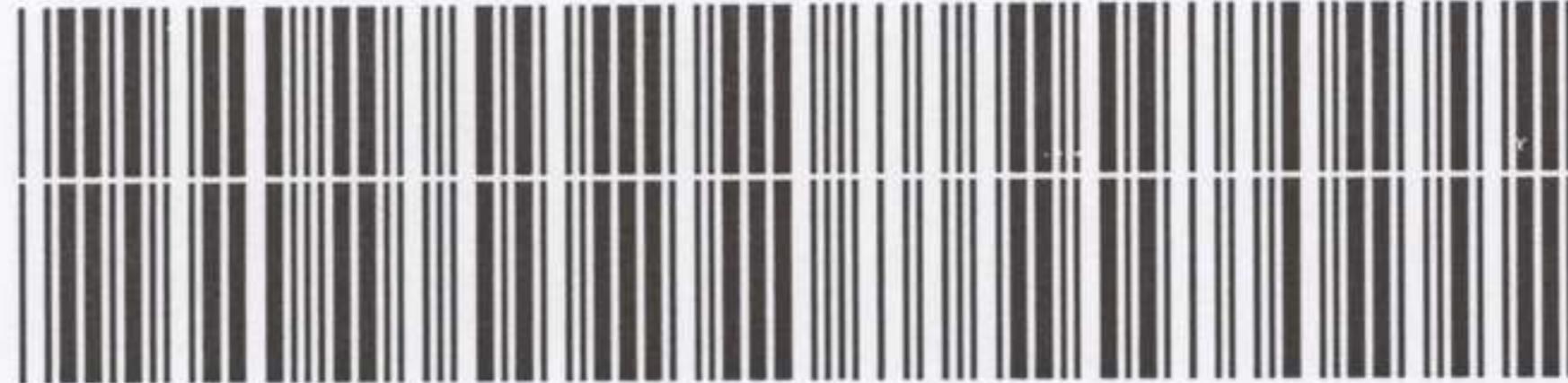
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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STEENWERCKE	1		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Improving stables; harness cleaning etc.	
	3		<u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u> 10 other Ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. - and were distributed as follows : - 4 to 1st Brigade, 5 to 3rd Brigade, 1 retained in D.A.C.	GH Gd
			<u>TRANSFERS.</u> - 8 N.C.O's transferred from D.A.C. to 1st Brigade. 8 N.C.O's transferred to 3rd F.A. Brigade.	Gd
	3		<u>OFFICERS.</u> Capt. L.C. Dyke transferred to R.H.A.A., England.	ed
			<u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u> 31 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : - 9 to 1st F.A. Brigade, 7 to 3rd F.A. Brigade, 5 retained by D.A.C.	ed
	4		<u>OFFICERS.</u> - 3/Lieut. F.E. Rendall and 3/Lieut F.P. Bolton transferred to 3rd F.A. Brigade.	GH
	7		<u>AWARDS.</u> No. 5598 Corporal LANGFORD, F.L. No. 3 Section, awarded Military Medal	Gd
			<u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u> 43 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : - 33 to 1st F.A. Brigade, 30 to 3rd F.A. Brigade.	GH
	8		<u>LECTURE.</u> All Officers and Senior N.C.O's attended Lecture by Area Commandant, DOULIEU on "Germany Strategy at the Battle of VERDUN" 3/Lieut H.R. BEER, 3/Lieut L. AUGSTEIN and two N.C.O's detached to 3rd Army Artillery School, TILQUES.	GH
	10		<u>REFERENDUM</u> All ranks recorded their vote in the Military Service Referendum.	GH
	11		<u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u> - 33 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : - 11 other ranks to 1st F.A. Brigade, 11 to 3rd F.A. Brigade.	GH
	13		<u>AWARDS.</u> No. 5093, Driver ELDIDGE, L.T. and No. 1875 Driver FOSTER F.P. both from No. 3 Section were awarded the Military Medal.	GH
	15		<u>WORK DONE.</u> One Pill-box went to 2nd battery carried forge to Ordnance. <u>OFFICERS.</u> Lieut MCGEE R.T. DOUGHERTY marched in from A.G.B.D.	Gd
	17	→	<u>DETAIL.</u> The following G.S. Wagons and teams were supplied to Brigades to enable them to move : - 1 Wagon to each battery of 1st F.A. Brigade and 1 to 3rd F.A. Brigade H.Qrs	Gd
	15		<u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u> 38 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : - 30 to 1st F.A. Brigade, 4 to 3rd F.A. Brigade, 1 to T.M. Brigade, 3 retained in D.A.C.	Gd
	17		<u>REINFORCEMENTS.</u> 18 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : - 10 to 1st F.A. Brigade, 5 to 3rd F.A. Brigade, 3 retained in D.A.C.	Gd
	18		<u>DETAIL.</u> The following G.S. Wagons and teams were sent to Brigades : - 1 to each Battery of 1st and 3rd F.A. Brigades and 1 to H.Qrs of 1st F.A. Brigade.	Gd

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STEENWERCK.	18		<p><u>DETAIL</u>.- Lieut. WOOD and 38 other ranks proceeded to DRANOUTRE to relieve personnel of 5th D.A.C. at Dumps etc. Each Section provided its own transport.</p> <p>3/Lieut. MOLLISON and 3 other ranks proceeded to O.X.D. railhead and relieved 5th D.A.C. personnel.</p> <p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u>.- 15 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : -</p> <p>1st Brigade - 6, 2nd Brigade 8, D.A.C. retained 1.</p>	gd
Dranoutre	19		<p><u>DETAIL</u>.- 620 men and 1 N.C.O. proceeded to D.V.I. Dump and relieved 5th D.A.C. personnel.</p> <p>Lieut. DOUGHERTY relieved 3/Lieut MOLLISON at O.X.D. railhead.</p> <p><u>MOVE</u>.- Moved from COULIEU to DRANOUTRE area.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS</u>. Capt. E.H. LOXTON (A.A.M.C.) proceeded on leave to England.</p>	gd
	20		<p><u>OFFICERS</u>. Capt. W.F. PATTINSON taken on attached strength. <u>WORK DONE</u> 1,500 SOS Signals drawn from Dump.</p> <p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u>.- 10 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : -</p> <p>5 to 1st F.A. Brigade, 5 to 2nd F.A. Brigade.</p>	gd
	21		<p><u>OFFICERS</u>. 2/Lieut S.G. HELL marched in from A.G.B.D. and was taken on strength of No. 1 Sect.</p>	gd
	20		<p><u>WORK DONE</u> (Continued) 1,500 S.O.S. Signals drawn from LA POLKA Dump were distributed as follows:-</p> <p>800 to 1st F.A. Brigade H.Q.Rs. Wagon Lines and 700 to 2nd F.A. Brigade Wagon Lines.</p>	gd
	22		<p><u>WORK DONE</u>.- All Echelons proceeded to LA POLKA Dump to fill up, but returned empty as ammunition was not available.</p> <p>3 G.S. Wagons were supplied to 2nd Battery, to be retained by them on Command.</p>	gd
	23		<p><u>OFFICERS</u>.- Lieut W.H. BRYAN, (div. Artillery Gas Officer) taken on attached strength.</p> <p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u>. 15 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : -</p> <p>12 to 2nd F.A. Brigade, 3 to 1st F.A. Brigade.</p>	gd
	24		<p><u>WORK DONE</u>.- 8 N.C.O's from each Section (or drivers) detailed to reconnoitre routes to Battery positions for supplying ammunition by horse transport.</p>	gd
	25		<p><u>DETAIL</u>. 5 men and 1 N.C.O. were detached to Bomb Store LA POLKA Dump.</p>	gd
	26		<p><u>DETAIL</u>. 9 men and 1 N.C.O. were detached to LA POLKA Dump on Command.</p>	gd
	29		<p><u>INSTRUCTION IN SIGNALLING</u>.- 16 other ranks from F.A. Brigades taken on attached strength for the purpose of being instructed in Signalling. Signalling School commenced.</p>	gd
	30		<p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u>.- 3 men marched in from A.G.B.D. and were distributed as follows : -</p> <p>8 men to 1st F.A. Brigade, 1 retained in this Unit. <u>DETAIL</u> 1 G.S. Wagon sent to ULSTER HALL.</p> <p><u>WORK DONE</u>. 54 rounds of ammunition drawn from LA POLKA dump and delivered to 1st Battery.</p> <p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u>.- 4 O/R marched in from A.G.B.D. - 3 to 1st F.A. Brigade 1 to 2nd F.A. Brigade</p>	gd
			1 retained in this unit.	gd

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DRANOUTRE	30 31		<p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> Lieut R.T. DOUGHERTY and three other ranks proceeded to England as relief to R.B.A.A</p> <p><u>DETAIL.</u> Two G.S. Wagons and teams sent to D.T.M.O. 1 G.S. Wagon and Team sent to Y.M.C.A.</p> <p>.....</p>	QD