

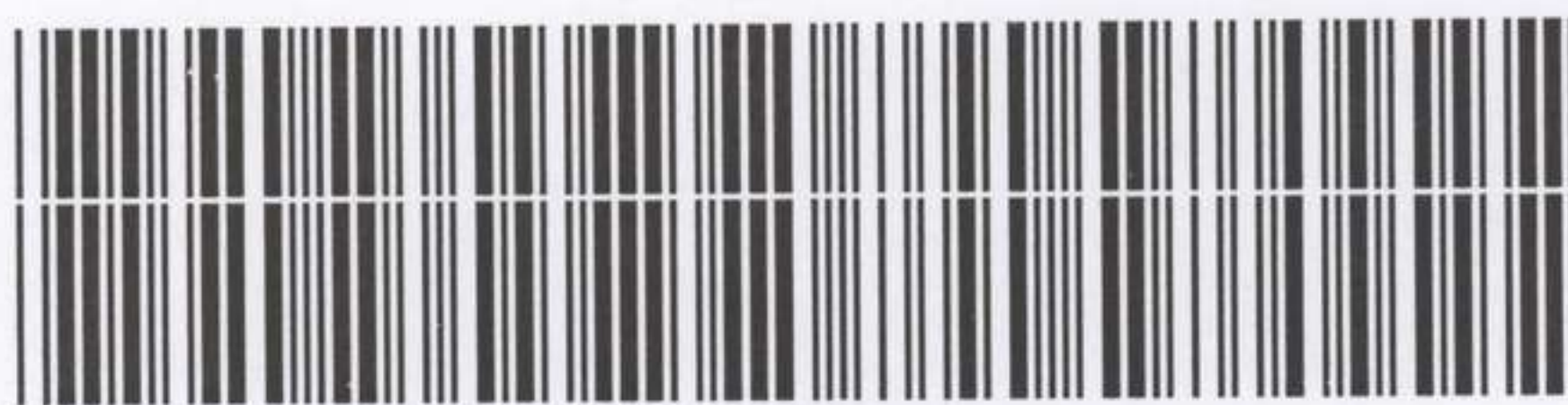
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TOURCOING	4/1/19		Battery personnel in billets at 47 RUE DE CONDITIONNEMENT 6 guns parked in RUE-LE-SOUFFLOT Classes in English French & Mathematics are being held in the billets with an average attendance of 70 a party of 22 men are attached to 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.S.B. Ammunition Column as 2 <sup>nd</sup> drivers for instruction in Motor Mechanics and driving.	July
	6/1/19		The Battery Concert Party "ZIG ZAGS" gave their first performance in the Theatre Municipal TOURCOING to a crowded house & continued for 4 nights They afterwards proceeded to WATRELOS, LANNVOY & COURTRAI holding several performances in each town	July
	8/1/19		The O.C. Major G.E. Manchester returned to the battery from England.	July
	10/1/19		6 men from the battery were attached to the Australian Corps Central School RUE for 3 months instruction in various subjects.	July
	12/1/19		The battery Rugby Football team played the 1 <sup>st</sup> A.S.B. at MOUScron and won by 3 pts to nil	July



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TOURCOING	13/1/19		Lt Col Frost C.O. 36 (Aust) Brigade returned from leave to U.K.	
	14/1/19		Lt Col Frost left Brigade H.Q. to take up the duties of D.A.A.G. V <sup>th</sup> Division A.I.F. Command taken over by Major Bundock D.S.C. of 1 <sup>st</sup> A.S.B.	J.M.
	16/1/19		Captain Dobson M.C. & Lt Downey M.C. proceeded by car to places of interest connected with the battery and obtained photographs of the battery position in PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, also O.P. 3 GEG near ARMENTIERES & LE TOUQUET, where Lieut Robinson M.C. who was attached to battery at the time, was captured on 10 <sup>th</sup> April 1918 with Gunners O'Shea & Ryan. Several satisfactory photographs were obtained for war records, not yet available for inclusion in Diary.	J.M.
	18/1/19		A combined Rugby team from the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.S.B. played a match with XV Corps H.A. & won. 8 pts to 4.	J.M.
	17/1/19		Captain Dobson M.C. Lt Phillips R.S.A. & Lt Morrison H.Q. 36 <sup>th</sup> Bty. proceeded by car to the positions occupied by the battery in Oct 1917. at ST JEAN and RAT FARM. Photographs were taken, but were not very satisfactory owing to bad light.	J.M.



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TOURBOING	19/1/19		<p>Captain Dotson M.C. &amp; Lieut Downey M.C. proceeded to SPOIL BANK on YPRES-COMINES canal near ZILLIBEKE by side car and walked up to VINCENT O.P. which was used by battery F.O.O. in June July &amp; August 1917. Photographs of this O.P. fairly satisfactory.</p> <p>Owing to a breakdown the party had to be towed by a lorry along MENIN road from HOOGE to RONCA.</p>	J.M.
	24/1/19		<p>The battery met 1<sup>st</sup> A.S.B. in a game of football (Australian Rules) at MOUSCRON. The 1<sup>st</sup> battery winning by 6 goals 5 behinds to 3 goals 6 behinds.</p>	J.M.
	25/1/19		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lieuts Scott R. &amp; Eaton R.A. marched in from Heavy Art. y. reinforcements and were taken on battery strength.</p>	J.M.
	29/1/19		<p>Orders received from Brigade that Battery furnish a list of men enlisted in 1915 who would be available for demobilisation at an early date</p>	J.M.
	30/1/19		<p>Vacancies for 37 men of original battery allotted to 2<sup>nd</sup> A.S.B.</p>	J.M.

G. J. ... Major Roe  
O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Siege Bty A.I.F.