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OF

V. R. A. H. T. M. Battery.

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	1		Battery resting for the day before proceeding to Bouvelinghem	
	2		Proceeded to Bouvelinghem by motor lorries from Merris.	
	3		Cleaning billets and doing fatigue duties.	
	4		Parades. 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. and from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.	
	5		Parades 10 Ranks to United Kingdom on leave	
	6		Parades. Leave granted to Boulogne daily. from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.	
	7 to 11 th		Parades and fatigues daily.	
	12		20 Ranks to Paris ^{on leave} , 10 Ranks to United Kingdom on leave	
	13		30 Ranks granted Pass leave 20 Ranks to United Kingdom on leave.	
	14		Re-organization of Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries. One Heavy Battery per Corps instead of 1 per Division. 16 Ranks from this Battery to go to Corps; remainder to go to 6" Mortars. Divisional Trench Mortars to consist of 2 Batteries of 6" Mortars of 6 guns per Battery. Supt from 25 th Inf Batta reported to this Battery for the purpose of giving instruction in Musketry.	
	15		13 Ranks transferred to Corps Heavy Trench Mortar Battery. 30 Ranks at present on leave to be transferred on returning. M. G. Osberg instructed in Musketry.	

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Bouvelinghem	Lib 15		present on leave to be transferred on returning. N.C.O's being instructed in Musketry.	
	16		Parades:- Instruction in Musketry. Bathing parades for all ranks had bath and change of clothing. Town clock in tower of church at Bouvelinghem which had been out of repair for many months was fixed up by Em. J. Thomas and is now keeping splendid time.	
	17		N.C.O's of Battery today fired Musketry course Table A. Shooting was good and all passed their test.	
	18		10 Ranks granted leave to United Kingdom. 30 Ranks leave to Paris.	
	19		10 Ranks evacuated with Plewisay	
	20		10 Ranks to 4 th Army. I. M. School. 10 Ranks returned from English Leave. 10 Ranks returned from course of instruction at Cookery School.	
	21		120 Ranks fired Musketry course Table A. and passed test.	
	22		20 Ranks returned from Paris Leave.	
	23		30 Ranks transferred to Corps H.T.M. Battery. Reorganization of medium Batteries. Remained of V24 Battery to be transferred to.	

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Busselingham	Feb 23		Medium Batteries. These batteries will be known as 3 rd Austr. medium T.M. Bty and 4 th Austr. Medium T.M. Battery.	
	24		Sunday: Football match between teams picked from Battery so as to select a team to play in Div. Army Football competition.	
	25		Musketry instruction. 10 Ranks from Paris leave 10 Ranks from English leave	
	26		Musketry instruction: Inventory of Battery stores taken.	
	27		1 officer and ten 0 Ranks to rifle range to go through musketty course Table 4 which they passed successfully. Football matches between teams from 2 nd Div Army. Headquarters and Trench Mortars. was won by Trench Mortar Bties.	
	28		Battery Training. 3 officers 22 0 Ranks transferred to 3 rd Austr. M.T. M. Battery. 5 0 Ranks to 4 th Austr. M.T. M. Battery. This Battery disbanded	