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OF

Y2A Medium T.M. Battery

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Meeris	1918 February		<p>1st Strength of Battery 2 officers 25 other ranks. Battery in Billets near Meeris first resting place on way to Divisional rest area</p> <p>2nd Battery stores packed in preparation for move early next morning 1 officer proceeded to Bowdlinghem to superintend billeting.</p> <p>3rd Battery stores and a school party consisting of 1 officer and 8 other ranks moved off in motor Lorries from billets at Meeris. The remainder of the personnel proceeded by road to Bowdlinghem at which place the Battery is now billeted. The party for the 2nd Army Trench mortar School of Instruction left the Lorries at Leulinghem near which place the School is located.</p>	
Bowdlinghem	4 th		<p>General fatigues cleaning up billets and stores One gunner returned from 2nd Army Trench mortar School of Instruction.</p>	

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Bouvelinghem	Feb'y			
	5 th		Battery engaged in ordinary routine and training - Arrangements are made for men to have leave to Boulogne and Paris -	
	6 th		one gunner proceeded to Divisional Signalling School. 7/2/18	
	7 th		Two gunners taken on Battery strength 8/2/18	
	8 th		Battery proceeded to Divisional Baths 9/2/18	
	9 th		one gunner proceeded to England on furlough	
	10 th			
	11 th		An Infantry Corporal is attached to Batteries for the purpose of instructing the men in musketry and preparing them for their firing practices a range having been established in the area	
	12 th		Battery undergoing training in musketry under Infantry Instructor	
	13 th		1 N.C.O. proceeded on Leave to Paris	
	14 th			
	15 th		men proceeded to rifle range near Journy - Result of firing in Grouping practice very satisfactory	
			one officer and Batman transferred to V. Australian Corps Heavy Trench mortar Battery.	

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Bowling Green	Feb.			
	16 th		Battery engaged in Musketry Training	
	17 th		1 Gunner proceeded to England on furlough 16/2/18	
	18 th		1 Gunner returned from English furlough 17/2/18 Battery proceeded to Divisional Baths 18/2/18	
	19 th		1 Officer and 8 other ranks returned from 2 nd Army Trench Mortar School at Leulinghem	
	20 th		Musketry Instruction	
	21 st		1 N.C.O. returned from Paris Leave 1 Gunner returned from English furlough	
	22 nd		Party proceeded to Rifle range where the Elementary practices at were fired - one gunner transferred to V Australian Corps Heavy Trench mortar Battery.	

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Bowling Green	Feb'y.			
	23 rd		musketry Instruction - Divisional Gas. W.C.O inspected gas helmets and gave instruction on wearing and care of Box Respirators for protection against poison gas	
	24 th			
	25 th			
	26 th			
	27 th		Party proceeded to rifle range and fired their field practices	
	28 th		Battery training	