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1914-18 War

Artillery

Item number: 13/90/2

Title: 1st Australian Divisional Trench
Mortar Officer

May 1916



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Volt. II
 Medium T.M. Batteries
 1st Aust. Div. 350

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Sailly.	May 1 st		XIA } YIA } MTM.Bs ZIA } <p>Preparing gun positions, in front line trenches, + permanent emplacements in rear of support trenches.</p>	
	to		<p>At the end of this period, XIA Bty had completed 4 solid permanent emplacements with dug out for detachments, magazines + stores complete capable of holding the full complement of ammunition allowance besides forward, or offensive emplacements, covering + enfilading the whole of its front.</p> <p>The same work was done by YIA + ZIA Btys</p>	
	May 17 th		<p>ZIA Bty fired 19 rounds from forward emplacements at selected enemy positions MGs, etc at the SUGAR LOAF and FROMELLES R^o Schmit. - all these rounds were effective and great damage was done to the various objectives.</p>	
	May 19		<p>XIA Bty fired 18 rounds - generally for registration purposes. Various gaps were made in enemy's parapet wire.</p>	
	May 20 to May 23		<p>Dets employed in constructing alternative positions, improving ammunition recesses etc</p>	
	May 24		<p>Orders with regard to tactical employment, retaliation etc, issued to batteries.</p>	
	May 25 to 29		<p>Construction + improvement work continued - 100 rounds issued to YIA Bty</p>	
	May 28		<p>XIA Bty fired 6 rounds at trench N10b 2.6 ZIA 5 rounds on "Sugar Loaf" Schmit - in retaliation</p>	
	" 29		<p>" " " 14 " " " N10c 3.7 - ZIA - 14 rounds on Sugar Loaf + Fromelles Schmit - all effective.</p>	

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SAILLY	May 30		<p>X 1A Bty fired 21 rounds at THE TADPOLE (Nq b 9.4) in retaliation for enemy's shell fire 9. Summers - 1st reinforcements for T.M.Bs. taken on strength.</p> <p>X 1A. Bty fired 5 rounds at N 10. b 4.6 all on wire & effective. Newton fuzes being used - wire completely cut at this portion of enemy's trench.</p> <p>Z 1A Bty fired 5 rounds on Target N 9 c 2.4. effective on dugouts & trench.</p>	
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