

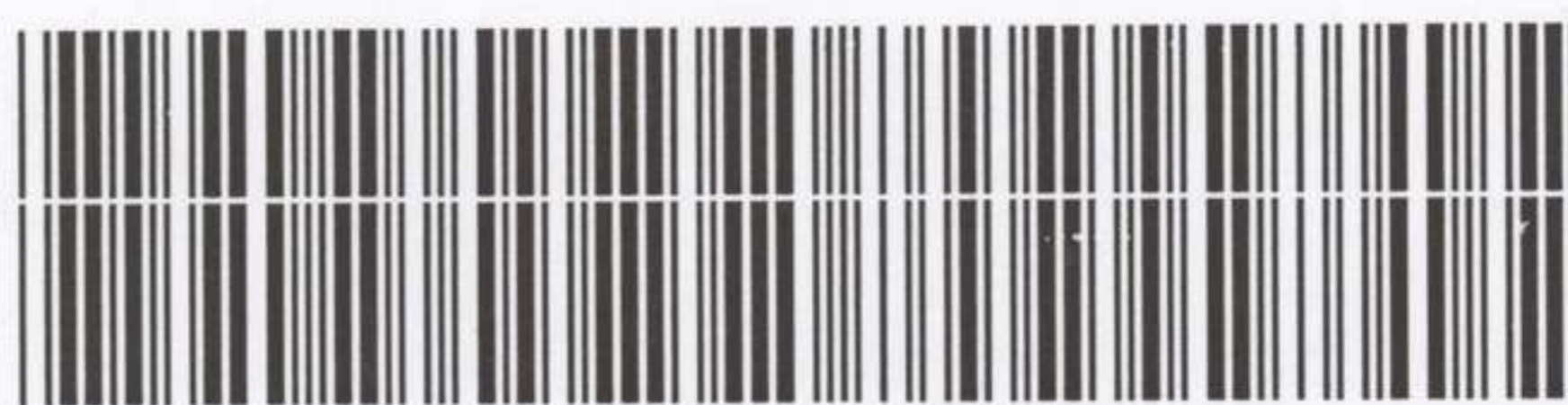
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FIELD	1.7.18		Gun teams relieved in reserve positions	
	4.7.18		Gun teams relieved in reserve positions	
	6.7.18		Look over from 5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.T.M. Bty in line 2 mortars & 3 anti-tank guns together with 1018 rounds T.M.G and 300 rounds VX. (15 pdr. ammunition) One man returned from hospital	Gnr. SHEPHERD H.S.
	7.7.18		Fired 15 rounds T.M.G on MONUMENT in U6a 35.35 and 35 rounds on enemy strong points in U6a 35.35. Very effective shooting.	
	8.7.18	2.45 p.m.	22 rounds on MONUMENT in U6a 35.35. 14 rounds on trenches from U5b 65.15 to U5d 85.80 14 rounds on strong points in U6a 60.85 Very good shooting	
	9.7.18	2.55 p.m.	24 rounds on MONUMENT in U6a. Satisfactory. Several direct hits. In O.R. to England on leave (Gnr. VRAUHART. O.)	Gnr. ISMAY G.S. SCOTT H.M. Bdr. RAMSAY reverted to Gnr. Bdr. BARNES to T/Bdr. vice RAMSAY
	11.7.18		Three men struck off strength. One man promoted	
	12.7.18		One man returned from leave (Gnr. SANGSTER) One man taken on strength (Gnr. ISMAY.)	
	14.7.18		88 rounds T.M.G destroyed by enemy shellfire 22 rounds on enemy strong points in U5d 80.60 Very good. Registration & destructive shoot	
	15.7.18		No retaliation The battery was relieved in the line by 7 <sup>th</sup> A.M.T.M. Bty. (4 <sup>th</sup> D.T.M's) and returned to billets at N24B 20.70 Moved to SAILLY-LE-SEC and took over from 4 <sup>th</sup> D.T.M's. Headquarters at VAUX. Positions as follows:- J35C 80.85 J29C 45.00, J29C 15.00 and J29C 20.35. Anti-tank gun (6 pdr Hotchkiss Mk 2) in position at J29C 52.52. Also 445 rds T.M.G. 97 Armour-piercing & 12 rds Case-Shot (Anti-tank ammunition)	
	17.7.18		10 rounds T.M.G on suspected hostile M.G position at J36d 05.15. 5 rounds on suspected M.G at P6B 35.66 Registration. Slight retaliation. One O.R. to England on leave	Gnr. SUTERS R.F.
	19.7.18		Bty Headquarters removed to LA NEUVILLE Reh billets were also established here.	



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FIELD	21.7.18		Suspected enemy M.G. position in J36d 70.45 received 18 rounds T.M.G. Good effect. Slight retaliation	
	22.7.18		Suspected Company H.Q. in J36d 5.4-20 rounds. 2 direct hits. No retaliation	
	23.7.18		Look over Right Sector from 5 <sup>th</sup> Bty, together with 606 rounds T.M.G. 79VX (15pdr Ammunition) 152 rounds "Armour-piercing" & 11 rounds "Case-shot" (6pdr Hotchkiss Ammunition) 6" French Mortars in position as follows:- P16a 15.75, P10c 35.20, P10c 00.20, P10c 15.30, P10a 65.55, P10a 90.60, 15pdr Anti-tank gun at P19b 05.85. 6pdr Hotchkiss Mk 2 Anti-tank gun at P8d 40.70 Battery Headquarters at P8b 20.60. One man returned from leave	Gnr VROUHARTO
	24.7.18		41 rounds T.M.G. destroyed by enemy shellfire	
	25.7.18		16 rounds on Enemy M.G. position at P17a 40.35. Very good. 3 direct hits. Light M.G. at P17a 20.20 received 15 rounds with gratifying results. Later at 6 pm 20 rounds were put over to P17c 30.80 with satisfactory effect.	
	26.7.18		10.R to Army Recs Camp. 10.R to England on leave	
	27.7.18		A programme was carried out from 3.15 pm. to 7.30 pm. whereby the following targets were engaged. 15 rds on M.G. position P17a 45.30 2 direct hits. 18 rds on M.G. at P17a 23.42. Good. 3 direct hits. 10 rounds on dug-outs and track in gully P17c 10.70. This programme was continued by Left Sector throughout the night 26/27 <sup>th</sup> insts, and at 12.30 am. to 12.45 am. 45 rds were fired on M.G. in P6b 39.89 31 rounds on enemy post in P6b 00.60. This shoot was at the request of Infantry.	Gnr. CAIRNS J.A. Gnr. HARNETT W.B.
	27.7.18		The dug-outs & track in gully in P17c 10.70 again came under our notice and received 10 rounds T.M.G.	
	28.7.18	12.30 am to 4 pm	<del>15 rounds were expended on M.G. position at P6b 39.89. 3 rds on</del> 10 rounds were expended on P17c 20.80, 10 rounds on P17c 10.70 and 25 rds on P17c 35.10. The 6pdr Anti-tank gun was withdrawn at J29c 52.52 and a 15pdr Anti-tank gun substituted at J29c 50.50. The 6pdr Anti-tank gun at P8d 40.70 was withdrawn and an 18pdr Anti-tank substituted which was <sup>manually</sup> <del>operated</del> by R.F.A.	



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FIELD	29.7.18.	7.30pm	5 rounds were fired on suspected Minenwerfer at J 36d 55.80 also 5 rounds on suspected Minenwerfer in J 36d 46.38. Registration, Good effect. Later at 1.25am. (29.7.18) 25 rounds were fired on each of these targets with disastrous results. One O.R. taken on strength.	Bdr. CLEAVER, W.
	29.7.18	3pm.	25 rounds were expended on enemy front line and M.G. position from P17a 15.30 to P17c 80.15 also 20 rounds on enemy front line from P17a 23.12 to P17c 10.75 160 rounds T.M.G. received from dumps.	
	30.7.18		5 <sup>th</sup> Battery relieved 6 <sup>th</sup> Battery in line, and 6 <sup>th</sup> Battery returned to Billets at LA NEUVILLE. During night enemy intermittently and erratically shelled LA NEUVILLE, but luckily there were no casualties.	
	31.7.18		Shelling of billets by enemy long-range gun, resulted in the battery <sup>being</sup> moved to catacombs in CORBIE.	

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- | No.       | Subject.   |
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| <u>1.</u> | <u>Honors and Rewards.</u>   |
|           | <u>Nil.</u>  |
| <u>2.</u> | <u>Promotions and Reversions</u>   |
|           | No 1099 S/bdr. RAMSAY T. R. reverted to Gnr. on evacuation to hospital as from 4-7-18. |
|           | 229 S/bdr. BARNES G. E promoted to T/bdr vice RAMSAY as from 4-7-18.                   |
| <u>3.</u> | <u>Casualties</u>  |
|           | <u>Nil.</u>  |
| <u>4</u>  | <u>Struck off Strength.</u>  |
|           | No 1099 Gnr RAMSAY T. R. as from 4.7.18  |
|           | 22814 " ISMAY G. S " " 13.6.18   |
|           | 1103 " SCOTT H. M " " 6.7.18   |
|           | 372 " AYRES H. W " " 17.7.18   |
|           | 22399 Bdr. BARRACLOUGH. F. " " 18.7.18 to O.T.C. St. John's Wood.                      |
| <u>5.</u> | <u>Taken on Strength</u>   |
|           | 22814 Gnr ISMAY G. S. from hospital as from 20-6-18                                    |
|           | 659 Bdr. CLEAVER W. " " 21-7-18  |
| <u>6</u>  | <u>Leave.</u>  |
|           | 2513 Gnr. URQUHART. O. to England (14 days) 9.7.18                                     |
|           | 28984 " SUTERS R. A. " " 17.7.18   |
|           | 30928 " HARNETT W. B. " " 27.7.18  |
|           | 609 " CAIRNS J. A. to ARMY REST CAMP (10 days) 27.7.18.                                |