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Tel-el Kabir (Egypt)	10.3.16	Henry John Marchment Transferred to 14 th M.G.C. from 56 th Battalion
	11.3.16	Robert Westall Marchment Transferred to 14 th M.G.C. from 56 th Battalion.
	26.3.16	Henry John Marchment Remusted as Driver. Robert Westall Marchment. Remusted as Driver.
Ferry Post	01.6.16	
	15.6.16	Advance party of the 14 th Brigade moved from Ferry Post to Moascar and took and took over the camp by 8 th Brigade
Moascar	16.6.16	The Machine Gun Company arrived at Moascar today took over tents of 8 th M.G.C
	17.6.16	The transport of the Company under Lieut. Dick left Moascar night of 17/18 for Alexandria in two parties. Only 10 horses taken mules were returned and all the wagons and guns transport moved into two parts.
Alexandria	18.6.16	Embarked on <u>H.M.T. Knight Templar</u> left Alexandria 6.20pm. The new C.O Captain Spicer left Moascar at 5.30pm on the 19 th arrived in Alexandria the following morning and embarked on board <u>H.M.T Canada</u> .
Marselles	25.6.16	<u>H.M.T Knight Templar</u> arrives at Marselles today at 9.00am. Transport sent to Fowria Camp. <u>H.M.T Canada</u> arrived at Marselles at Marselles 10.00am.
Abbeville Their	27.6.16	Transport drivers left Marselles for Abbeville.
	29.6.16	Machine Gun Company detrained at Their today and moved to billets.
Estaries	05.7.16	Lieut. Colonel Paddison evacuated to hospital.
	07.7.16	The C.O 14 th M.G.C and Lieut. Dick went to Fleurbaix today to inspect the line of trenches to be taken over by our Brigade.
	09.7.16	The Company moved out of Their today with the remainder of the 14 th Infantry Brigade and arrived at Estaries at 4.30pm
Sailly	10.7.16	Moved to Sailly in the evening at 7.00pm arrived at 10.30 pm. One half of the Company went straight to the trenches at Fleurbaix and relieved half of the 12 th M.G.C.
	11.7.16	The change over with the 17 th Aust. M.G.C was completed tonight at midnight.
	15.7.16	Received message to have everything in readiness to move out of the camp.
Bac St Maur (Fromelles)	16.7.16	Moved into billets at Bac St Maur relieved part of the 15 th Aust M.G.C. taken over from Penny's Avenue on the right to Cellar Farm on its left of Rouge Bancs.
	17.7.16	Operation postponed.
	18.7.16	Operation postponed.
	19.7.16	Operation orders for the attack issued full particulars were given to at a conference at B.H.Q. The orders for the Machine Gun Company were that 10 guns would advance after the fourth wave of Infantry.
	20.7.16	The attack was eventually not successful. We lost some guns in the fight. Captain Spier was wounded. Lieut. Coldham and Barlay was wounded. Lieut. Burns and Briggs are missing and Lieut.....and..... killed. 46 O/Ranks casualties.
Fleurbaix	21.7.16	The Brigade moved back into their billets in Bue at 11.00am.
	22.7.16	The Brigade took over the Fleurbaix sector again of the night the 22/23. The Machine Gun Company relieved the 60 th M.G.C.
(Pozières)	23.7.16	2 nd Lieut. C.C Wright and 2 nd Lieut. J.J. Saunders of the 15 th M.G.C temporarily attacked to the 14 th M.G.C.
	24.7.16	2 nd Lieut. D. Hallessteen, 2 nd Anzac Cyclist Battalion reported for duty.
	19.8.16	Indirect fire was carried out tonight N.II.c and N..... also saps N.12.a + N.12.b. also from Emp. Farm H.35.b onto the Martins Corner O.7.b.2.9. Battalion H.Q. O.7.a.4.3 and sap O.1.c.1.1. in the usual kind of work carried out by night from different night firing emplacements on the front line the guns engaged gaps in the enemy parapet were caused by Artillery or Trench Mortars.

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Fleurbaix	20.8.16	This movement at 8.00am we had a demonstration in conjunction with the Artillery and Trench Mortars. The Artillery and M.T.M.B. bombarded enemy line.
	01.9.16	<p>Position of Gun's Front Line 5 N.6.b.8.9, N.6.b.5.8, N.6.c.8.9, N.6.c.1.9, N.5.d.1.7. Jay's Post 2 N.6.a.5.9, H.36.c.8.1 Wye Post 1 Elbow Farm</p> <p>On the night Indirect Fire was carried out Targets H.35.b.9.9. + H.35.B.4.4. at Strawberry House O.1.b.3.6, Martins Corner, Packs Folly, Gun in the front line fired on Corner Fort and Clapham junction.</p>
	02.9.16	Indirect fire carried out on trenches in front line. Targets Angle and Corner Fort. also sap running from N.6.c.8.3 to N.10.b.1.7 also Battery House O.7.a.4.3. Guns at front Clapham Junction N.6.c.4.2, Waler Fort N.11.b.1.9, Turks Pt. N.5.d.4.2. and communication trenches leading back from these points.
	04.9.16	During the night the enemy machine guns in front line opened fire but concentrating the fire of all our front line guns on one at a time they were forced to cease fire.
	05.9.16	At 5.00am fog lifted and disclosed on enemy workings in no mans land. One of our guns opened fire and dispersed them, causing some casualties.
	06.9.16	2 nd Lieut. Poors transferred from 56 th Battalion to 14 th M.G.C.
	07.9.16	Enemy shelled Jay's Post killing one man.
	08.9.16	Guns in Front Line enfiladed enemy trench from Corner Fort to the Lesinge O.1.a.3.6. causing tram traffic to stop.
	11.9.16	Ten men transferred from Battalions to 14 th M.G.C after training for some weeks.
	13.9.16	During the day the Artillery, M.T.M.B, L.T.M.B fired on enemy which prevented them from working huns, 2 Off. + 28 O/Ranks went into billets at Fleurbaix.
	14.9.16	2 nd Lieut. Hallastein transferred from 2 nd Anzac Cycle Corps.
	15.9.16	During the night a raiding party from the 56 th Battalion entered the enemy's trenches during the raid one of our guns traversed from Corner Fort to the Angle. Targets N.6.c.9.3. to O.1a.2.0. also N.6.b.7.2. to N.6.d.10.5. we also gave Indirect fire on Corner Fort Avenue. Search roads and saps near Packs Folly and Martins Cnr. Sap N.6.d.0.7 to N.6.d.1.2.....18,000 rounds
	22.9.16	Owing to brigade front being increased we put another gun in at N.5.c.1.0 and 2 at Spy House N.34.b.5.1.
	30.9.16	During a successful raid on enemy front line two of our guns swept lines between N.5.d.3.2 to N.5.d.7.0, Martins Corner, Corner Fort Avenue and sap from N.6.b.7.2 to N.6.d.9.5.
	01.10.16	Very quiet, raining.
	02.10.16	2 men reported to runners school under Lieut. Pitt.
	03.10.16	Raid carried out by 55 th Battalion on trenches adjacent to Clapton Junction. Indirect Fire was brought to bear on right flank of raid area by 14 th M.G.C. from Spy House.
	04.10.16	1 O/Rank from 14 th M.G.C. attended the Division Gas School. Indirect Fire was brought to bear on scene of raid also parts of German trenches bombarded during the day by our Artillery.
	05.10.16	Indirect Fire was carried out on Corner Fort Avenue, The Maze, Martins Corner.
	06.10.16	Bombardment of the enemy's trench system in the vicinity of Water Fort, Turks Pt. Clapton Junction from N.11.a.4.5 to N.6.c.1.2
	07.10.16	Area of raid for 54 th Battalion kept under fire during the night.
	12.10.16	A raid was carried out on the night of 12/13 th by the 54 th Battalion. The point of entry for raiding party N.6.d.1.5 and N.6.c.9.5. The 14 th M.G.C brought fire to bear on the following points from zero to termination of the raid at N.6.c.3.2 to N.13.a.8.5 and Martins Corner O.7.a.9.6
	13.10.16	Relieved at Fleurbaix by the 3 rd M.G Rifle Brigade. Machine Gun Company billeted the night of 13 th -14 th at Fleurbaix.

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Outisenne	14.10.16	Left Fleurbaix and proceeded to Outisenne arrived at 3.00pm at billets.
Buigny	17.10.16	Left Outisenne at 2.00am. Marched to Baillent West where we entrained at 8.00am and left for Point Remy arriving at 8.00 am from here we marched to Buigny and went into billets.
	19.10.16	Marched from Buigny at 4.30am arrived 1 ½ miles west of Ailly where the Company was taken on motor lorries. Left motor lorries near Albert and marched to Pommery Redoubt and bivouacked for the night.
Flers	21.10.16	Relieved 21 st M.G.C in trenches N.W of Flers. Company H.Q. in Flag Alley.
	22.10.16	4 Guns placed in front line trenches. The remainder of company in reserve in Flag Alley.
	23.10.16	O.O.4.2 issued the Brigade in conjunction with other units to deliver an attack on German trenches, Bayonet and Lime trenches. Zero hour about daylight.
	24.10.16	Operation postponed 24 hours.
	25.10.16	Sick to Hospital Henry John Marchment Operation postponed 48 hours to take place at daylight 28 th October. The attack is to be made by the 55 th and 56 th Battalions. When trenches are captured 4 Guns are to advance. 4 Guns to be in old Front Line and 4 in Cobham trenches with support Battalion.
	26.10.16	Weather still unfavourable. Heavy shelling by our Artillery.
	27.10.16	Weather still bad. Captain C.M.Spier reported back for duty.
Montauban	28.10.16	Operation again postponed. Order to be Relieved by the 15 th Brigade and move into camp near Montauban. Relief completed at 7.00pm
	29.10.16	Captain C.M Spier resumed command of 14 th Machine Gun Company.
	31.10.16	The 14 th M.G.C relieved the 15 th M.G.C.
Flers	01.11.16	The Company left Montauban huts and proceeded to Flag Alley where we Relieved the 15 th M.G.C No.4 Section relieving the Front Line. Conditions were very miserable not sufficient shelters available relief completed by 6.00pm It was necessary to walk away from communication trenches as the enemy had accurate range on them. Transport lines were also visible. Arrangements made for forwarding rations by pack mules instead of limbers.
	02.11.16	At 5.00am left sector were warned to vacate Front Line for supports as our own Artillery were opening up onto the enemy's front line. At 9.00am fragments of shell from our own Artillery fell near our supports. Enemy kept up intermittent fire all day Mostly on Reserve and Communication trenches. During the day enemy could be plainly seen on their trenches. 2 Planes brought down.
	03.11.16	At 5.00am we occupied Front Line and at 7.00pm were relieved by 7 th M.G.C. The Company occupying tents for the night at Thistle Dump.
Fricourt	04.11.16	Henry John Marchment returns to 14th Machine Gun Company. Company marched with Transport and occupied huts at Fricourt.
Rieubemont	05.11.16	Company marched and erected tents at Rieubemont arriving there at 5.00pm
	06.11.16	At this place men were able to visit baths and obtain clean clothing. Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on a dump. Men still resting.
Coisy	08.11.16	Left by Busses and billeted at Coisy
	09.11.16	In billets at Coisy the Company was exercised in drill. Care and cleaning of guns. Stoppages immediate action, lectures on indirect fire, methods of fire. Simple topography. How to set up for indirect fire. Packing and Unpacking Limbers. The Company was supplied with new clothing.
Buie	19.11.16	At 7.00am left Coisy and embussed for busses and billets.
Mametz	21.11.16	Left 9.00am Buie and marched to Mametz Huts
	22.11.16	Billeted at Mametz during this time the men and the new reinforcements were fully instructed in Care and cleaning of guns.

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Bernaflay	30.11.16	Company vacated huts and billeted at E Camp Bemalay Wood temporarily relieving the 15 th M.G.C. Paraded at 1.30pm and moved to A Camp to relieve the 15 th M.G.C who were in the Front Line. No.1 and No.2 sections moved off at 2.00pm with guides from the 15 th M.G.C. No.1 section occupying Front Line, No.2 supports at Needle trench. 2 Guns mounted at Tank and Rose trench.
	02.12.16	A Company canteen was also started and provided a great success. No. 3 section were in Reserve at Company H.Q. The Transport occupying lines near Montauban.
	03.12.16	No.1 section was relieved by No.2 section. The ingoing section in every case taking 48 hrs rations. Whale Oil for trench feet provided. Successful.
Buie	01.1.17	The Company was still billeted at Buie. General clean up of equipment. Eight of our guns sent to Dados for overhaul
	03.1.17	An Officer and Section left at 7.30am to take over anti aircraft guns at Flascelles
Franvillers	05.1.17	Company left Buie and marched to Franvillers
Fremont	06.1.17	Company left Franvillers and marched to Fremont and billeted.
	07.1.17	During stay in billets the usual routine was carried out. Overhauling guns. Packing of limbers and re equipping of the company. Men taken for route marches. Transport marched for Buie billeting at Rainville continuing next day.
	14.1.17	Company entrained at Flascelles and detrained at Buie and occupied the billets previously occupied. Transport arrived at 2.00pm
Buie	15.1.17	At Buie and came on to A Camp Fricourt occupying huts. Company taken route marches everyday. Guns seen to daily. Men taken to baths and shortages made up where necessary. Officers and Senior N.C.O's visited the sector of the Front Line that the company was to relieve. Transport SGT died suddenly while in camp.
Fricourt	26.1.17	Left 9.30am and came to E Camp Bemafay Wood and occupied dugouts.
	27.1.17	Relieved 8 th M.G.C at 4.30pm. No.4 section going into the Front Line with 4 guns. No3 section taking the posts of supports. 2 Guns mounted at Blighty trench and 2 Guns for Anti Aircraft in Flers Lane.
	28.1.17	All the teams visited and found satisfactory.
	30.1.17	No.4 section relieved at Front Line by No.3. No.2 section relieved No.3
	31.1.17	Treatment for feet found so far satisfactory.
	01.2.17	On the left of our line a gun team Sgt.+ 3 men were killed by a direct hit.
	02.2.17	Preparations for operations with 56 th Battalion cancelled. Assist Division on left with indirected fire with 9 guns. The retaliation with M.G was along one of our gun positions. No casualties.
	07.2.17	Carried out various indirect shooting on targets
	09.2.17	Four guns with indirect fire on Heaven trench.
	13.2.17	We covered the 15 th Brigade Front for a raid. 8 guns Indirect Fire.....15,000 rounds.
	24.2.17	Various Indirect fire took place at selected targets.
	25.2.17	In 4 Days no Indirect fire has been carried out.
	28.2.17	
	01.3.17	The 14 th M.G.C. still occupied the line as in previous days and sections were Relieved at regular interval the usual bombardment were active both during the day and night.
	04.3.17	Few area's still shelled which reduced the gun teams they were having to leave the front line.
	06.3.17	The Company relieved the front held by taking over the 8 th Brigade sector on our left. During this movement one wounded (shell wound) and advanced Company H.Q's moved up to a central position. Distribution of the Company No.4 section Supports, No.3 section Front Line right, No.2 section Reserves, No.1 section Front Line left.

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Beaulencourt	11.3.17	Men reported missing tracks and two casualties one proved fatal.	
	17.3.17	The enemy retirement started and we pushed forward and occupied Beaulencourt. One section with an Officer moving forward with the 56 th Battalion.	
Villers-au-Flos	18.3.17	We entered and occupied the village of Villers-au-Flos	
	19.3.17	Company H.Q's moved up to Beaulencourt and at the same time part of the Company occupied Haplincourt. One section was attached to the 56 th Battalion. 2 Guns with the 56 th Battalion. The remainder of the 55 th Battalion. The remainder of the Company were held in Reserve at Beaulencourt.	
	28.3.17	The 14 th Brigade relieved the 15 th Brigade. The Division and M.G.C moved up into position without any casualties.	
	01.4.17	In anticipation of attack which was to take place on the 2 nd Company H.Q's was shifted to Delsaux Farm. One section of 8 th M.G.C being attached.	
	02.4.17	The attack which was successful was made on Doignies, Louverval villages. Casualties Lieut. Hallenstein wounded one man killed and four wounded.	
	04.4.17	Company H.Q. moved back to Fremicourt and section of 8 th M.G.C relieved.	
La Barque	05.4.17	Two Anti Aircraft M.G's were relieved by the 21 st Aust M.G.C	
	06.4.17	One section relieved by 1 st Aust. M.G.C and moved back to Le Barque.	
	07.4.17	One section relieved by the 3 rd Aust M.G.C and remainder of Company moved to Le Barque.	
(1st Bullecourt)	11.4.17	7.00am urgent message received the Company to move as Germans had attacked. This order being cancelled later.	
	13.4.17	Instructions received for Company to take part in 2 nd Aust. Division attack.	
	14.4.17	Reconnaissance (survey) of front over which the attack is to be made in company with Corps M.G. Officer.	
	15.4.17	Company stood to for German attack on Lagnicourt reconnoitred the ground we are to work on gun positions chosen.	
	Becourt	20.4.17	The Brigade moved back to Becourt this Company attached to 2 nd Division.
		23.4.17	All guns were tested on a range.
		24.4.17	The Company carried out training. Gun drill practice, Setting up stoppages.
	30.4.17	Immediate action, Packing and unpacking limbers, Stoppages with live rounds.	
	01.5.17	Received operation orders from 2 nd Aust. Divisional H.Q attack on the Hindenburg Line	
Ligny, Thillo	02.5.17	The Company moved from Ligny, Thillo into position. Guns between Noreuil and Lagnicourt all 16 Guns being into position by midnight. The 14 th M.G.C. is under orders of the 5 th Infantry Brigade. Zero time 3.45am received 8.00 pm. My Headquarters were at `	
(2nd Bullecourt)	03.5.17	Attack started at 3.45am with a very heavy bombardment. The 4 south Guns in C.11.a fired 110,000 rounds onto that part of the Hindenburg Line. Targets U.13.d. and C.6.b. My Headquarters bean blown in twice were moved C.16.b.2.2	
	04.5.17	At 7.00am Clark was killed while manning a gun in C.11.a. Orders received from 2 nd Aust. Division for my company to withdraw and report to quarters at Ligny, Thillo and be attached to the 1 st Aust. Division.	
Ligny, Thillo	05.5.17	All guns withdrawn 3.00am and the company arrived at Ligny, Thillo at 5.00am The men where exhausted but in good spirits. During the 3 days the Company was in the Line the moral of the men was excellent although very heavy shelling day and night. I reported to 1 st Aust. Division Headquarters instructed to remain at Ligny, Thillo pending further instructions.	
Ligny, Thillo	06.5.17	Today 24 Reinforcements arrived today. Effective strength 7 Officers 153 O/R	
	07.5.17	Orders received by wire from 1 st Aust. Division and rejoin our Brigade (14 th Aust. Infantry Brigade) at Farriel. Leaving Ligny, Thillo pending further instructions.	

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Farriell	08.5.17	The Company arrived at Farriell at 11.00am. Orders from Brigade at 6.00pm To move up and relieve the 3 rd and 7 th Aust. M.G.C. at present holding Line Right of the Hindenburg Line captured by the 2 nd Aust. Division. On the morning of the 8 th the Company left Farriell for the Front Line at 9.00 pm and took over 8 Guns each of the 3 rd and 7 th M.G.C. The relief was completed under heavy fire all night.	
	09.5.17	My Headquarters were in the sunken road at C.16.a.5.0 and Battle H.Q C.5.d.6.6 .	
	10.5.17	The Enemy used GAS shells round my headquarters for 1 ½ Hrs. A heavy day for the area but moral still excellent.	
	11.5.17	Received orders from Brigade for 6 of our Guns to assist our troops on the left in an operation by putting a No. G Barrage at U.23.a.	
	12.5.17	At 3.00am turned my Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters at Noreuil C.10.c.85.10 At 3.45am 6 Guns fired.....60,000 rounds The men are starting to feel the strain but moral just the same.	
	13.5.17	Enemy GAS shells were again used at 6.00pm. No. 2 section in C.11 relieved No.1 section was completed at 2.00am	
	14.5.17	An Enemy plane flew over our line walking for Vaux at 2.30pm but was turned back by our M.G fire. Enemy fired GAS shells over from 9.00pm till 4.00am.	
	15.5.17	The Enemy counter attack our positions on the Front Line last night but was repulsed with severe losses. The men are feeling the strain badly but their moral is holding threw on excellently.	
	16.5.17	Position very quiet today. Raining all day.	
	17.5.17	Weather continued still bad. Artillery both sides very active towards evening.	
	18.5.17	Received orders from Brigade the Company would be relieved on the night of the 19/20 th by the 15 th M.G.C. and that 6 of my Guns would take over the six positions defending Noreuil manned by the 21 st Aust. M.G.C.	
	19.5.17	At 3.00am this as Enemy fighting patrol approached one of my Guns at C.6.c.2.4 .	
	20.5.17	The relief of my Company by the 15 th Aust. M.G.C. and the relief of part of the 21 st .Aust. M.G.C completed by 4.00am. None of the 3 companies suffering any casualties. I opened my Headquarters at Noreiul. Men thoroughly exhausted but wonderfully cheerful.	
	22.5.17	6 Guns in the line having a reasonably quiet time. Remainder of Company at Noreuil resting.	
	26.5.17	6 Guns relieved by 129 th M.G.C. Relief completed without casualties by 12.30pm remainder of Company arriving at Farriell at 4.00am.	
	Reincourt	27.5.17	The whole of the Company moved to Reincourt into billets.
		30.5.17	Bathing parades and general re organising of sections cleaning up of guns.
	(Messines)	07.6.17	Company drill with Limbers, packing and unpacking of limbers. 9.00am-1.00pm.
		08.6.17	Route march and practical handling with limbers.
09.6.17		Practical handling with Limbers.	
11.6.17		Practical handling with Limbers.	
12.6.17		Route march with Transport.	
13.6.17		Practical handling with Limbers.	
15.6.17		The Brigade will move to Warloy, Millencourt, Bouincourt Area and relieve the 6 th Aust. Infantry Brigade.	
16.6.17		Sick to Hospital Henry John Marchment	
30.6.17	Henry John Marchment returns to 14th Machine Gun Company		
Warloy	01.7.17		
Mailly	06.7.17	The Brigade moved from Warloy to Mailly.	
	09.7.17	Training exercise (White Force Vs Brown Force)	
Coulay	15.7.17	The Brigade moved from Mailly to Coulay.	

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Ebbingham	24.7.17	Stan Hastings Marchment Transferred to 14 th M.G.C. from 20 th Battalion
	25.7.17	Robert Westall Marchment proceed on Leave
		Training exercise (White Force Vs Khaki Force)
	29.7.17	The Brigade Entrained at Puchevillers.
	30.7.17	The Brigade Detrained at Argue and marched to Ebbingham.
	31.7.17	Devoted to unpacking of Limbers and cleaning gun gear.
	10.8.17	Robert Westall Marchment returns to 14 th Machine Gun Company
	20.8.17	Barrage Drill, Physical Training, Packing of Limbers.
	07.9.17	Barrage Drill and Physical Training was performed.
	11.9.17	The Company moved to billets at Ebbingham to Chateau Bigart H.23.b.6.7.
YPRES	12.9.17	Approx. position of J.7.a.75.60 and J.7.a.8.4.
	18.9.17	Firing Barrage was repeated.....17,000 rounds.
	19.9.17	Company took up Battery Position J.7.a. in preparation for the Attack of the Australian 2 nd Division.
(Menin Road)	20.9.17	At 5.40am Creeping Barrage from 16 Guns140,000 rounds.
	21.9.17	The Company relieved to Chateau Cegar areas.
	22.9.17	Orders received at 11.00am to relieve 5 th Aust. M.G.C. at J.9.a. and J.9.b. areas with 8 Guns. The remaining 8 Guns of the Company to form a mobile unit.
	24.9.17	At 4.30am the Enemy heavily bombardment our position.
	25.9.17	Shortly before 5.00am the Enemy commenced a heavy bombardment that lasted through the day.
(Polygon Wood)	26.9.17	At 1.40am Lieut. Hallustein and 2 nd Lieut. Maughan with 8 Guns to take up there position in readiness for attack. At 2.45am 4 Guns in rear of right.
	K.I.A.	Stan Hastings Marchment is killed by a shell which takes all 3 of the gun team. This happened at about 3.00am. Stan, Maisey and Cain were all taken back to Belgium Battery Corner Cemetary and buried together side by side.
		Gun teams arrived with the Infantry. Lieut. Hallustein were placed in position. Firing in the battle at J.10.a.7.8. The remaining 2 Guns at J.10.a.58.82 and J.10.a.88.42. These were in action at 7.30am. The 3 remaining Guns went forward to the final objective under Lieut. Maughan and took up position at J.10.b.05.80, J.10.b.5.8 J.10.b.10.70. Two captured Machine Guns in the Front Line and one in the battle were Placed in action at 11.00am. At about 5.00pm the Enemy commenced a strong counter Attack. The Gun at J.10.a.88.42. was destroyed by enemy fire but was replaced by A reserve gun from the Butte.
	27.9.17	Our Artillery put down a heavy barrage and no counter attack eventuated the remainder of the night was fairly quiet.
	28.9.17	The C.O of the Company was wounded at 3.00pm and died of wounds at 7.30pm. At 5.00pm one of our machine guns firing from the Butte disbursed a large party Of Enemy at J.11.a.40.50. Fairly quiet with bursts of hostile shelling.

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Belgium Battery	01.10.17	The 14 th Aust. M.G.C. being relieved by the 22 nd M.G.C, 7 th English Division in the trenches at J.10.a. returned to Belgium Battery Camp H.23.b.9.7.	
	02.10.17	At 10.00am re alteration of Machine Gun Equipment and Tactics. Appendix I. Use of Revolvers to each man.	
	03.10.17	Parade 1.00 pm assembling gear	
	(Broodseinde)	04.10.17	Parade 9.00am re-allotting of available spare parts to various sub sections. Cleaning of guns and gun gear.
		05.10.17	36 Reinforcements arrived from M.G. Base. Strength 7 Officers 148 O/Ranks At 11.30am a salvaging party of 1 Off. and 15 O/R proceeded to forward area to salvage M.G. equipment and stores. Result salvage 19 yukom packs, 40 petrol tins.
	06.10.17	Parade 9.00 am Shelters deepened and sandbagged to guard against bomb splinters.	
	07.10.17	No Parade due to rain.	
	08.10.17	Transport horse lines drained and banked as per divisional instructions.	
	09.10.17	Parade at 2.00pm. Inspection of gun gear and equipment. Appendix II machine gun spare parts to Front Line.	
	10.10.17	Parade at 3.00pm. Inspection of rifles and web equipment.	
	11.10.17	A dump for 72,000 rounds of ammunition supply drawn. Parade at 1.00pm cleaning guns and repacking of limbers.	
(Paschendale)	12.10.17	At 1.30pm No.2 section proceeded to forward area to S.O.S. position J.9. Bathing parade held at 1.30pm. Recalling to repair of gum boots 9.00pm.	
	13.10.17	Received at 6.30am 14 th Infantry Brigade order and Company order 14 th M.G.C.	
	14.10.17	The 14 th M.G.C. with 16 Guns marched out of camp at H.23.b.9.7. at 2.00pm and relieved the 15 th M.G.C on the S.O.S lines (a,b,c batteries) J.9.	
	15.10.17	Night of the 14/15 th B Battery fired.....3,000 rounds Targets J.6.b.80.90. and J.6.b.80.20 harassing fire on targets. At 5.55pm all Batteries opened in response to S.O.S. signal rocket. Batteries fired for 15 min. During this time Enemy Artillery was active. A Battery fired..... 2,700 rounds B Battery fired..... 5,600 rounds C Battery fired..... 6,000 rounds	
	16.10.17	Received at 6.35am from 14 th Infantry Brigade of Aeroplane photographs of Broodseinde.	
	17.10.17	Enemy opened very heavy barrage on Front and Support Lines.	
	18.10.17	The 25 th Aust. M.G.C. relieved the 14 th M.G.C. on S.O.S. lines completed 5.00pm. The 14 th Aust. M.G.C. relived the 15 th M.G.C. in the Line Position. J.5.a.100.40 – D.23.d.4.5 relief completed 7.00pm.	
	19.10.17	Anti Aircraft duty. Enemy Aircraft and Artillery quiet..... 1000 rounds	
	20.10.17	Enemy Artillery shelled duckboard track to left sector. A light German Machine Gun has been placed by us on Anti Aircraft Anti Aircraft work.....400 rounds L/German Gun.....250 rounds	
	21.10.17	At 3.30pm Enemy Artillery fired heavily on Front and Support Lines. This was possibly caused by Enemy planes detecting movement.	
	Belgium Battery	22.10.17	The 25 th Aust. M.G.C relieved the 14 th M.G.C. in the Line J.5.a.100.40 – D.23.d.4.5. The 14 th Aust. M.G.C returned to camp at H.23.b.9.7. 12 Reinforcements arrived.
23.10.17		Bathing parade at 1.00pm and change of underclothing was obtained.	
24.10.17		Cleaning of Guns and gear.	
Pallington Camp	25.10.17	14 th M.G.C. vacated their billets at Belgium Battery Camp and marched to their new billets at Pallington East Camp at Position L.35.d.1.9 reached at 2.30pm.	
	26.10.17	Parade 9.30am owing to the rain men were paraded in their huts.	
	27.10.17	Parade 9.30am 3 ½ mile route march. At 1.00pm 6 men allowed leave.	
	28.10.17	Football match was played. Teams 55 th Battalion and this unit 14 th M.G.C. The men lacked condition this will be remedied after a few weeks of route marching.	
	29.10.17	Parade 9.30am. Inspection of Gun gear, Cleaning of spare parts, Physical exercises.	

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Pallington Camp	30.10.17	Parade 9.30am Route march 3 miles. At 1.00pm Bathing parade at Hypoutre Baths. L.17.d.5.7 . At 3.30pm Pay Parade.
	31.10.17	Parade 9.30am Route march 4 miles. Fatigue party 20 men were put on washing Transport Limbers.
	01.11.17	Training as per syllabus.
	02.11.17	Training as per syllabus.
	03.11.17	Received at 11.50am probable move to Belgium Area.
	04.11.17	Evacuated billets at L.35.d.1.9 . at 8.45am and marched to Vienx, Belgium.
	05.11.17	On the account of the scatted billets of sections of the unit. It was found necessary for the purpose of training to move to new billets in the vicinity of Stragcel Railway Station. The sections were grouped in one billet camp 4.30pm.
	06.11.17	During the afternoon a Football match was played.
	07.11.17	Training but owing to the weather little could be done.
Locre Billets	08.11.17	Training.
	09.11.17	Training.
	10.11.17	At 9.00am marched out of billets at Stragcel to proceed to Locre Billets and occupied at 12.30pm.
Donegal Farm	11.11.17	The 14 th M.G.C vacated billets at Locre and moved to Donegal Farm N.31.d.4.2 .
Messines (Gapaard)	12.11.17	At 4.30pm No.1 section with 4 Guns moved into the line being met by guides at Lampost Corner. Position O.29.c.5.7
	13.11.17	The remaining 3 sections with 12 Guns moved into the line. Enemy shelling was heavy. Company H.Q. situated at O.20.b.7.4. relief completed at 9.00 pm. Targets O.30.c.8.4, O.28.a.24.28, O.28a.30.00..... 1,500 rounds.
	14.11.17	Harassing Fire O.30.c.8.5, O.28.a.24.28, O.28.a.30.00..... 2,000 rounds.
	15.11.17	Enemy Machine Guns fairly active but Artillery light..... 2,000 rounds.
	16.11.17	Targets O.24.c.55.45, O.30.c.95.20, O.24.c.50.24, O.24.b.20.20. These include Lake Farm and other areas..... 3,000 rounds.
	17.11.17	Harassing Fire was again carried on marked targets..... 3,000 rounds.
	18.11.17	Hostile Shelling was active in the vicinity of our M.G. Position O.27.a.00.65 . Fired on Targets O.30.d.0.5, O.30.a.3.1, O.24.c.55.45..... 3,000 rounds. Enemy Machine Guns were extremely active as usual.
	19.11.17	Enemy Machine Guns active but their shooting was poor, rarely sustaining fire on roads. We fired on usual targets during the night.....3,000 rounds.
	20.11.17	Indirect Fire on Targets O.30.a.10.55 x Rds, O.24.a.80.50 x Rds. O.29.b.75.05. (M.G.P) O.30.a.25.75 x Rds, O.24.c.90.25. O.24.a.50.20. (Pill Farm) O.24.c.50.40. (Lake Farm).....13,200 rounds.
	21.11.17	Fired same targets as yesterday. Guns 3 and 11 on A.A.Duty...14,000 rounds.
	22.11.17	We fired on usual targets. Enemy planes were driven off.....12,750 rounds.
	23.11.17	Fired on various targets throughout the night. Enemy planes but to high for our Anti Aircraft Guns.....20,000 rounds.
	24.11.17	Harassing Fire was directed on usual targets at night.....17,500 rounds.
	25.11.17	Enemy Artillery shelled Oostaverne Wood during the day with 4.2. To much movement during daylight seems to have increased Enemy shelling. Usual Harassing Fire was carried out.....20,000 rounds.
	26.11.17	Enemy M.G fire seems to have decreased. This may be due to the activity of our own fire on suspected hostile M.G. emplacements.....20,000 rounds.
	27.11.17	Harassing Fire Targets O.30.a.10.55, O.24.a.80.50, O.29.b.75.05 O.24.c.90.75. Enemy Machine Guns much quieter.....20,000 rounds.
	28.11.17	Enemy Artillery and Aircraft more active. Usual Targets.....20,000 rounds.
	29.11.17	14 th M.G.C. relieved by the 15 th Aust. M.G.C. completed by 7.30pm. The H.Q. of the 14 th M.G.C are at N.21.d.5.4 .
	30.11.17	Bathing Parade 10.00am. Pay Parade 2.30pm.

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Kemmel	01.12.17	The Company rested after being relieved by 15 th Aust. M.G.C.	
	02.12.17	Church Parade was held in the morning and a Football match in the afternoon.	
	03.12.17	Parade at 9.00am. Inspection of huts and gun drill. Change of underclothing.	
	04.12.17	Training carried out valuable instruction been given in barrage drill.	
	08.12.17	Syllabus of Training.	
	09.12.17	Church Parade.	
	10.12.17	Physical Training, Gun drill, Guard mounting squad drill.	
	11.12.17	Inspection of equipment and huts time spent in preparation for move.	
	12.12.17	Billets thoughtly cleaned.	
	Deswes	13.12.17	The Company moved out of billets at 9.00am and entrained at Waylight Couden Detrained at 11.00pm at Wesures and billeted for the night.
		14.12.17	Vacated Billets at 8.30am and marched to Niemburg.
	Niemburg Hurbersent	15.12.17	Vacated Billets at 10.00am and moved to billets at Hurbersent.
16.12.17		Company rested.	
17.12.17		Physical Training, Short route march, Guns and gun gear unpacked from Limbers and cleaned.	
18.12.17		Syllabus of Training. Anti Aircraft instruction. Numeros games of football. Which gave good training and showed they were in first class condition.	
23.12.17		Church Parade held in the morning.	
24.12.17		Holidays. All ranks provided with a good dinner on the 25 th Entrained in various and the troops enjoyed a Merry XMAS.	
27.12.17		Physical Training. Gun Drill all equipment were coated with khaki. Improving the appearance of the Company.	
28.12.17		Physical Training, Short route march, Cleaning of Guns, Football match.	
29.12.17		Physical Training Inspection of section, Squad drill.	
30.12.17		Physical Training Short route march, Squad drill.	
31.12.17		Physical Training Range Practice and Rifle exercises.	
01.1.18		The Company marched to Freneq to witness the Final of Rugby League. Football competition between H.Q and 56 th Battalion. After a good game 56 th Battalion Won 16-3 Included to internationals and seven grade players.	
02.1.18		The Final of the Australian Rules Football Competition. The Headquarters avenged the defeat of the previous day defeating the 56 th Battalion 42 29	
03.1.18		Training one hour spent on rifle exercises. Reinforcements who arrived from Grantham have had no rifle drill at all. As it laid down in M.G manual that a Machine Gunner is to be equipped with a Revolver. Service companies arriving in France from England and completely equipped with revolvers. Although this unit indented for them from time to time it has not so far been able to obtain them.	
04.1.18		Work of the Syllabus was carried out so far as the weather conditions permit.	
05.1.18		In today's Route march the men shaped much better party owing to the gradual replacement of defective boots by new ones.	
06.1.18		Syllabus of Training, Church Parade held in local church.	
07.1.18		Company being marched to Samen for the bath water was cold.	
08.1.18		No Parade was possible today due to heavy snow storm.	
09.1.18	No Parade men being again put on cleaning roads.		
10.1.18	Two sections being put threw bombing course and reports throwing very good. Training of M.G. in bomb throwing has been sadly neglected. In the past out of 6 have ever thrown bombs. Not withstanding a gun crew to have a supply of bombs in their gun position and know how to use them.		
11.1.18	The remaining two sections were put through the bombing course. Throwing was good marred by one bad throw. Sticking in the parapet and pieces splashing back into trench. A man not the thrower was wounded slightly in the back.		
12.1.18	Training demonstration in firing of the .08 German Machine Gun. Due to the springs being weak little firing was done .But men were given good practice in loading unloading and stripping. Similar action to the Maxium.		

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Hubersent	13.1.18	Work as per Syllabus.	
	14.1.18	Training No.1 section put through Field Firing Practice 400 yards range. The remainder sections were occupied with barrage work. Barrage Drill is the most intricate and at the same time interesting. The men taking a keen interest in finding of angles and distribution. Reading of direction dial for some men difficult.	
	15.1.18	Range work was carried out today anything but ideal weather. Snow storms and driving sleet made it unpleasant for the men. Shooting was again good 20 out of 26 classified as First Class Gunners. Others cleaning snow from roads.	
	16.1.18	Canned Drill and Barrage work with reference object in rear. This is rather more difficult than reference object in front or on a flank when they have to swing over to their barrage front from reference object in rear.	
	17.1.18	Cleaning of Guns. Rain again interference with Syllabus work.	
	18.1.18	Barrage work carried out with two 8 Gun Batteries.	
	19.1.18	The Company went for a short route march. No bathing parade was held.	
	20.1.18	Church Parade held this morning. A little rain, Snow and Ice disappeared.	
	21.1.18	Morning given to refilling of belts with K and KN ammunition.	
	22.1.18	The Company attended the Ceremonial Parade held at Le Jurne. General Birdwood presented medals and ribands to members of the 14 th Infantry Brigade.	
	23.1.18	The Company marched to Camiers where the men had a good bath and a change of underclothing at the Machine Gun Base Depot.	
	24.1.18	The Divisional Commander, 5 th Australian Division was present at the march past of the 14 th Infantry Brigade. He expressed quite satisfaction with unit.	
	25.1.18	The day was devoted to the packing of Limbers in readiness for the move.	
	26.1.18	Received at 1.00pm relating to the move of advanced parties to new area.	
	27.1.18	An advanced party left Hubersent at 4.00pm to proceed to new area and to take over billets and to the positions in line.	
	Kemmel	28.1.18	Kemmel was reached at 12.30pm. Transport arrangements were made. Methods of reliefs arranged and number of guns placed into positions.
	Hubersent	29.1.18	The Company left Hubersent at 2.15am and marched to Camien. The troops Entrained at 6.00pm after detraining at 12.15pm a short march brought them To billets in Kemmel 1.35pm. The Transport of this unit journeyed by road arriving At Kemmel at noon on the 30 th .
	Kemmel	31.1.18	Rear Company H.Q.'s situated in Kemmel at N.21.d.5.4 . The Transport lines are at Daylight Corner Camp. The day has been spent cleaning up and effecting repairs to Billets and Transport lines.
	Messines (White Chateau)	01.2.18	The 14 th Aust. M.G.C. are in the Line. Gun Positions (Appendix I) Position O.23.a.20.63 to O.11.a.05.45 with 13 Guns the remaining 3 being in reserve. 2 of the Guns in the Line do Harassing Fire in addition to S.O.S and Direct Fire. Weather bitterly cold today.
		02.2.18	Enemy M.G were active today paying attention to Nerve Road. The Gun teams in Reserve are given 3 Hrs. Gas, Rifle and Squad Drill each morning. Enemy bursts of fire badly directed clear of roads and tracks.
03.2.18		Our Guns fired on two picked targets with better results..... 2,000 rounds.	
04.2.18		Enemy planes and Artillery have been very inactive throughout the day. Germans were relieving our Machine Guns kept up harassing fire on important strong points.	
05.2.18		The Enemy is using his M.G. in place of his light Artillery for harassing purposes. 2 of our Guns fired during early night..... 1,500 rounds.	
06.2.18		Enemy aeroplane at 3.00pm flying up and down our Front and Support Lines. We commenced Firing on usual Targets..... 2,000 rounds.	
07.2.18		There is far to much movement around certain points by day. The boche lays on places where he detects movement by day and trounces it up at night with 77 and Machine Gun fire.	
08.2.18		Estimate counter came in for another severe handling by 5.9 this morning. We increased our own Fired on usual Targets during the night..... 4,000 rounds.	

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Messines (White Chateau)	09.2.18	Enemy M.G. very active from dusk to daylight. Light railway line near Wendy's Wood was shelled with 4.2 this afternoon.
	10.2.18	During the raid by the 3 rd Australian Division the Enemy shelled rather heavily several points on O.16.a. and O.16.b. Enemy used great number of coloured flares.
	11.2.18	There is far to much movements in and around Rose Wood. This morning it was fairly heavily shelled with 4.2. Great care should be taken in the vicinity of Gun Emplacements.
	12.2.18	Today the Ravine was frequently shelled. The Enemy trying to search Trench Mortar Batteries. It has been noticed that Germans use their M.G. to mask the firing of their Minewefers. Enemy planes still inactive.
	13.2.18	After dark own light railway lines and duckboard tracks in the vicinity of Wendy's Farm . The Ravine and Rose Wood were subject to a good deal of harassing Machine Gun fire.
	14.2.18	The Weather was again unsuitable for observation. One Enemy plane was driven down and landed in 4 th Australian Division area. Another was driven off by Anti Aircraft fire.
	15.2.18	Our Machine Guns fired on usual targets.....3,000 rounds. Enemy Artillery inactive but M.G fired on our roads and track's. At 6.25pm, 8.40pm and 11.10pm the Germans M.G.Barrage over no mans land and shelled.
	16.2.18	Enemy M.G. Fired on Nerve Road and eastern slope of Rose Wood. Increased activity in Artillery and M.G. fire being observed at 6.20pm and 9.10pm.
	17.2.18	One Enemy plane flew low over our line for half an hour. During this time Enemy Artillery was active our trench mortars replied about 9.45pm. Our Machine Guns Fired on trench Targets O.18.b.5.3 to P.13.a.0.4.
	18.2.18	An Enemy plane again patrolled own lines, flying low.
	19.2.18	Enemy M.G. fired on our track at 7.30pm open up to cover minewarfer demonstration. Wall Farm coming in for particular attention.
	20.2.18	One plane was driven down and landed in 4 th Australian Divisional area. Another was driven off by our Anti Aircraft fire. Our guns fired.....1,000 rounds. Firing S.O.S . during a raid..... 5,000 rounds.
	21.2.18	O.16.a. being shelled with 4.2's Artillery, M.G quieter than usual. Nerve Road and Rose Wood.
	22.2.18	3 Guns of the Company have been brought up from rear Company H.Q. and now in reserve at forward H.Q making total of 4 Guns in reserve O.16.a.05.80 . The usual targets were engaged by our guns..... 3,000 rounds. Our planes were enclosing the German Lines it was observed that he fired streams of green lights. Some straight up others at an angle and one single red light.
	23.2.18	In anticipation of Enemy relief from dusk to midnight our guns fired on tracks. Targets O. 24. central and O.30.b.8.6. and Enfilade Fire was brought to bear on transport track running from east from O.24.d.7.0..... 9,000 rounds. Enemy Artillery shelled Rose Dump, Light railways and Bug Farm.
	24.2.18	Enemy M.G fired from rear of Green Wood fired on track Near Farm to O.11.a.05.50. just on dusk and holds back ration parties using that track. One of our Heavy Trench Mortars fired 12 rounds south of Green Wood. Enemy Artillery searched for same but did not locate it. One Enemy plane flew low across our lines.
	25.2.18	Harassed Enemy roads and tracks from dusk to midnight.....12,000 rounds. The Enemy's Artillery and M.G were quiet 6.00 pm practically nil. Enemy relief advise was correct.
	26.2.18	The usual targets was engaged by our Machine Guns..... 3,000 rounds.
	27.2.18	Hostile plane came over 10.00am but was driven off by Anti Aircraft fire between 8.00pm and 10.00am Company was lightly shelled with 4.2 by Enemy Artillery. Rose Wood was treated similiary with 5.9's. Enemy M.G.s were active on our right section during the night. Roads and tracks leading to forward positions being kept under frequent bursts of fire. Between 4.00am and 5.30am a heavy bombardment by our own Artillery directed on Enemy Positions.

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Messines (White Chateau)	28.2.18	The Enemy's Artillery was fairly active Deny's Wood, Deny's Farm, Rose Wood during the afternoon. A good deal of high explosive shrapnel was directed on these locations.	
	01.3.18	Machine Gun fire directed on Enemy's roads and tracks.....	2,000 rounds.
	03.3.18	Right Battery raided. Left Battery hampered. M.G Targets roads and tracks S.O.S. rate during first 10 minutes.....	6,000 rounds.
	04.3.18	Targets various including Lake and Pilgram Farms.....	6,000 rounds.
	05.3.18	Slight Enemy shelling on Rose Wood. Enemy's M.G fired on tracks and front line. Our M.G inactive due to new disposition. 1 Gun fired.....	2,000 rounds.
	06.3.18	Company H.Q at O.16.05.80. Shelled during the night. Targets O.8.c.70.65 and O.18.b.4.4. x roads and tracks O.12.c.7.9 to C.12.b.30.15 was swept (Apendix B) Aircraft active during day.....	10,000 rounds.
	07.3.18	Targets O.18.c.70.65, O.18.b.40.40, O.12.c.10.90, O.12.c.10.90. O.18.b.20.65 and O.18.b.70.65.....	10,000 rounds.
	08.3.18	Targets O.18.c.70.65, O.18.b.70.65.....	2,000 rounds.
	09.3.18	Enemy Artillery more active O.16.c +d shelled by 4.2 during day. Shelled frequently Rose Wood, Bug Wood, Bug Farm, 0.16.c+d. Forward area Sneezing GAS. 100,000 SAA + 50 Boxes mills grenade drawn and distributed to Machine Guns. Targets O.18.c.70.65 and O.18.b.20.65 Work on improving gun position and accommodation. Enemy Artillery increased activity. Aircraft active during afternoon. GAS alarm herd 8.25 pm sounded on Gong. Again at 5.00 am Sneezing GAS used both cases.	
	10.3.18	Targets Poll Farm, Mumply Farm, Lock 5.....	8,000 rounds.
	11.3.18	Enemy Artillery active with GAS shells during night particularly on following areas O.16.c + d . Rose Wood Targets Spud Farm, Mumply Farm, Lock 5. Enemy Artillery active GAS 12.10 am in O.16.a.....	4,000 rounds.
	12.3.18	Targets Spud Farm, Mumply Farm, Toll House, Lock 5.....	6,000 rounds.
	13.3.18	Reserve water supply used to all guns. Enemy Artillery very active During raid carried out by right 55 th Battalion. Targets Spud Farm, Mumply Farm O.12.d.30.73.....	6,000 rounds.
		O.23.b.38.28.....	2,000 rounds.
	14.3.18	Targets Spud Farm, Lock 5.....	6,000 rounds.
		Enemy Artillery on Nerve Rd, Rose Wood, shelled during night. Our 18 pounders very active.	
	15.3.18	Targets Spud Farm, Lock 5, Mumply Farm, Tracks O.24 central and O.12.d.2.6.....	6,000 rounds.
	16.3.18	Targets Pollhouse, Lock 5, O.12.c.80.90, O.18.a.80.60.....	6,000 rounds.
		Enemy shelled Front Line system rather heavy at 6.00 pm	
	17.3.18	Targets Pollhouse , Lock 5, Tracks O.24 central, Murphy Farm.....	6,000 rounds.
		Enemy M.G. slightly activity area O.16.a.05.80. Artillery shelled Roozebeck and Rose Wood.	
	18.3.18	Company H.Q. moved to Delbeke Farm O.16.b.05.27 Targets Lock 5, Spud Farm, Murphy Farm, Poll House.....	6,000 rounds.
		Enemy shelled Ravine and Rose Wood. O.11.a heavily shelled during afternoon.	
	19.3.18	Targets x Roads at O.12.a.9.7, O.12.a.7.7, Lock 5, O.12.d.2.3. during minor operation rate of fire was increased.....	8,000 rounds.
	20.3.18	Targets Tracks O.24.a + c and O.18.a + c after midnight.....	2,000 rounds.
		Ravine heavily shelled with large calibre O.16.b + d	
	21.3.18	Enemy Artillery very active, S.O.S. observed on right front and left Division front 6.00 am. Our S.O.S. M.G opened fire and slackened off with Artillery about 6.55 am.....	25,000 rounds.
	22.3.18	Targets Poll House, Lock 5, Tracks O.24. central, O.12.c.7.9, O.12.b.3.2, GAS shells after dusk in right of Rose Wood.....	5,000 rounds.

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Kemmel	24.3.18	Relieved by 2 nd Aust. M.G.C at 8.00pm move to billets at Kemmel.
Locre	25.3.18	In Billets left Locre at 10.00am and arrived at 12.30pm.
	26.3.18	In Billets Equipment and Gun Gear.
	27.3.18	Transport moved at 7.00am to entrained Reinghelst. The personal moved at 8.30am to entrained Reinghelst. The unit entrained at 11.00am for Doulem Area. Detrained 9.30pm at Lealvillers. A hot meal was provided for unit on Arrival at 4.00am
Lealvillers	28.3.18	Section of 4 Guns was placed.
	29.3.18	In Billets.
	30.3.18	In Billets ready to move. Village shelled slightly.
	31.3.18	In Billets. Village shelled. Bombs dropped during the night.
	01.4.18	Received orders to be in readiness to move in one hours notice.
	02.4.18	Company prepared to move at three hours notice. 2 Guns on outpost in position 400 yards N/E of Lealvillers 2 Guns still on outpost line at Louvencourt.
	03.4.18	Company under orders to move at one hours notice.
	04.4.18	Outpost guns ready to be withdrawn preparation made for departure.
	05.4.18	Company marched out 4.00am. 7.30am Embussed on Louvencourt Acheiux Road for Aubigny. 12.30pm Debussed at H.34.d.5.5 . and marched to Aubigny Established in Village.
	06.4.18	Company moved forward to relieve Guns of 3 rd Canadian Division.
Villers- Bretonneux		
	07.4.18	During the night Targets engaged Roads and Tracks in area of Bois de Vaire.....10,000 rounds.
	08.4.18	Targets P.14.d.0.0 to P.20.B.0.6.....12,000 rounds. P.20.d.2.3 to P.26.b.2.8, P.26.b.6.7 to P.26.b.5.2
	09.4.18	Targets P.14.a to P.20.b..... 8,000 rounds.
	10.4.18	Targets P.20.b.9.6 to P.14.d.9.3, P.14.b.8.2..... 7,000 rounds.
	11.4.18	Targets P.20 b.9.6 to P.14.d.9.3, P.14.b.8.2..... 7,000 rounds. Enemy Artillery very active right of Villers- Bretonneux.
	12.4.18	Targets P.20.b.9.6 to P.14.d.9.3..... 7,000 rounds.
	13.4.18	Targets P.20.b.0.6 to P.14.d.0.0..... 4,000 rounds.
	14.4.18	Targets P.14.b.8.2. and Right of Bois de Vaire.....7,000 rounds.
	15.4.18	Targets P.14.d.0.0 to P.20.b.0.6..... 7,000 rounds.
	16.4.18	Vicinity of Bois de Vaire..... 6,000 rounds.
	17.4.18	Targets P.20.b.5.1 to P.21.a.3.0, P14.b.85.25..... 6,000 rounds.
	18.4.18	Targets P.20.b.5.1 to P.21.a.3.0..... 8,000 rounds.
	19.4.18	Targets P.14.b.9.2 to fork roads P.15.b.0.9, P.14.b.9.2 to P.15.c.3.5. Enemy Artillery active, GAS shells.....10,000 rounds.
	20.4.18	Targets P.14.b.5.0 to P.15.c.4.5, P.20.b.6.0 to P.21.a.3.0..... 8,000 rounds. X Roads P.14.b.9.3. Enemy Artillery active during night.
	21.4.18	Villers- Bretonneux shelled heavily with GAS shells and active on Support Lines Area right of Bois de Vaire..... 7,000 rounds.
	22.4.18	Targets P.14.b.9.3 to P.15.b.0.9 and concentrated on area P.15.c.3.5 Area. O.20, O.21, O22. Shelled by Enemy GAS.....10,000 rounds.
	23.4.18	Aubigny, Fouilloy, Corbie heavy GAS shells. Aubigny evacuated. Exceptional activity by Enemy.
	24.4.18	
	25.4.18	The 2nd Battle of Villers Bretonneux
	26.4.18	Targets Roads in the vicinity Bois de Vaire. Enemy counter attacks left Villers Bretonneux. Two hours before attack enemy shelled heavily. Our Guns inflicted many casualties.....12,000 rounds.

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Villers-Bretonneux		
27.4.18	Fired on all roads to Bois de Vaire Our Gun Positions O.30.d, O.36.b	10,000 rounds.
28.4.18	Targets all roads Bois de Vaire. Enemy Artillery Quiet.....	6,000 rounds.
29.4.18	Targets approaches to Bois de Vaire..... Enemy shelled P.13.b heavily with 5.9	9,000 rounds.
Aubigny		
30.4.18	Relieved by 4 th M.G.C and 25 th M.G.C. moved to Aubigny Linre Reserve.	
01.5.18	Company remained in Reserve at Aubigny, M.G.C. H.Q.'s O.8.b.2.5 . Advantage to overhaul belts, guns and to make good of any shortage of equipment.	
Villers-Bretonneux		
07.5.18	3.00 pm moved from Aubigny and relieved gun personal.	
08.5.18	Targets P.14.b.7.1 to P.15.a.3.4 Bois de Vaire, P.21.a.3.7 to P.21.a.3.4 P.15.c.0.4 to P.15.c.3.3.....	7,500 rounds.
09.5.18	Targets P.21a.4.0 to P.14.b.9.2.....	7,000 rounds.
10.5.18	Targets Roads to Bois de Vaire. Artillery quiet.....	7,500 rounds.
11.5.18	Position Gun 6 moved to P.2.c.9.0 and Lewis.....	8,000 rounds.
12.5.18	Enemy Artillery very active O.17.b, Villers-Bretonneux and Corbie our guns searched tracks Bois de Vaire.....	7,000 rounds.
13.5.18	During the day Enemy balloons were all along the Line. Enemy Artillery active in P.13 and Front Line.....	8,000 rounds.
14.5.18	Targets P.20.b.3.0 to P.20.b.9.5.....	8,000 rounds.
15.5.18	Enemy M.G very active throughout the night.....	5,000 rounds.
16.5.18	All Guns reached Vaire Wood by our guns.....	7,500 rounds.
17.5.18	Enemy Aircraft active during the day.....	8,000 rounds.
18.5.18	Our Guns were active during the night.....	9,000 rounds.
19.5.18	Enemy Artillery O.16.a and O.16.b. Planes active.	
20.5.18	All roads Vaire Wood.....	8,000 rounds
21.5.18	Enemy M.G. active on Front Line.	
22.5.18	Targets P.20.b.3.1 to P21.c.3.9, P.14.b.8.2 to P.15.a.3.3.....	8,000 rounds.
23.5.18	Targets P.20.b.6.5 to P.20.b.9.5, P.14.d.7.4 to P.14.d.5.1 P.14.b.7.1 to P.15.a.3.4, P.15.a.6.5 to P.15.a.8.7.....	12,000 rounds.
24.5.18	Enemy Artillery active O.12.d, O.18.b.....	12,000 rounds.
25.5.18	Vaire Wood roads engaged by our guns.....	5,000 rounds.
26.5.18	Targets Vaire Wood.....	5,000 rounds.
27.5.18	Our guns with Light Trench Mortar Battery in a shoot on Vaire Wood. Artillery O.18.b, P.19b, P.13.c.....	9,000 rounds.
28.5.18	Roads engaged Bois de Vaire.....	5,000 rounds.
29.5.18	Company was relieved in the Line 11.45pm Moved to Bivouacs at	
Camon		
30.5.18	The 4 th M.G.C. relieved this Company at 4.30pm moved into Bivouacs at Cammon.	
01.6.18	On the morning of the 1 st moved into Bivouacs at G.34.b	
02.6.18	Company was in rest, Training Course, Parades.	
13.6.18	Sports , Cricket and open air concerts, books and magazines obtained.	
14.6.18	Gun and Equipment overhauled and preparations complete. Moved out of Bivouacs at 4.00pm	
Morlancourt		
15.6.18	Company Relieved the 7 th M.G.C. completed by 3.00am.	
16.6.18	No Firing carried out	
17.6.18	About 800 shelles fired onto J.18 central, No Firing carried out.	
18.6.18	Targets K.31.a.8.4 to K.31.b.3.9, K.26.a.1.3 to K.27.a.2.6, K.14.d.3.2 to K.20.b.4.6, K.20b.3.8 to K.20.b.9.7, K.8.d.7.5 to K.8.d.8.2.....	8,000 rounds.
19.6.18	Targets K.8.a, K.20.b, K.14.d, K.27.a.....	7,000 rounds.
20.6.18	Firing was carried out on same targets.....	
21.6.18	Targets K.31.a to K.25.d, K.27, K.14.d, K.20.b.....	11,000 rounds.

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22.6.18 Company was Relieved at night by 25th M.G.C.
 23.6.18 Course of Instruction carried out during this time.
 29.6.18 Rifle exercises, Squad Drill as well as elementary Instruction.
 30.6.18 Company was to Relieve 8th M.G.C. in the centre sector during the night.

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01.7.18 Targets K.2.b to K.2.d, Artillery and M.G Active..... 10,000 rounds.
 02.7.18 Targets K.8.c and K.9c..... 6,000 rounds.
 03.7.18 Targets K.3.a, K.3.b, K.9a, K.8.b.6.5..... 6,000 rounds.
 04.7.18 Targets K.8.b, K.3.a, K.9.a Guns laid on S.O.S Diversion north of Hamel.
 Enemy Artillery Heavy 3.30-5.30 am K.1.b, K.1d, K.12.a.....25,000 rounds.
 05.7.18 Targets fired on S.O.S. Artillery active.....23,000 rounds.
 06.7.18 Targets K.3.a, K.3.c, K.9.a, K.9.c, K.8.a, K.8.b..... 8,000 rounds.
 07.7.18 Owing to Intersection relief no firing was done.
 08.7.18 Fired on Roads and Tracks near Morlandcourt..... 7,000 rounds.
 09.7.18 Targets K.8.d, K.2.b, K.2.d. Artillery active..... 8,000 rounds.
 10.7.18 Targets K.9.c, K.8.d, K.8.C, K.2.d, K.3.c..... 8,000 rounds.
 11.7.18 Targets E.20.d.5.9, E.26.d.5.9 to E.26.b.9.2..... 19,500 rounds.
 12.7.18 A complete Intersection relief. We engaged targets..... 7,000 rounds.
 13.7.18 Targets K.8.a, K.8.b, K.2.a, K.2.d..... 8,000 rounds.
 14.7.18 Targets K.8.b, K.2.c, K.3.c, K.14.a..... 8,000 rounds.
 15.7.18 Targets K.8, K.2, K.14. Enemy Artillery active..... 8,000 rounds.
 16.7.18 Targets K.8.a, K.8.b, K.2.d, K.9.c, K.9.a..... 8,000 rounds.
 17.7.18 Harassing Fire carried out on usual targets..... 8,000 rounds.
 18.7.18 Targets K.8.a, K.2.c, K.8.b, K.3.c, K.8.d..... 8,000 rounds.
 19.7.18 Enemy Heavy shelling 10.30-11.00 pm. Usual targets..... 7,000 rounds.
 20.7.18 Targets K.8.a, K.8.b, K.2.d, K.3.d, K.2.a..... 9,000 rounds.
 21.7.18 Targets K.8.a.7.7 to K.8.b.0.6, K.2.d.7.1 to K.2.d.9.4..... 8,000 rounds.
 22.7.18 Enemy M.G and Artillery active. Engaged usual targets..... 8,000 rounds.
 23.7.18 Targets K.8.a, K.8.b, K.2.c, K.2.d, K.3.b, K.3.d, K.8.d..... 8,000 rounds.
 24.7.18 Enemy Gun Fire and Artillery more active..... 9,000 rounds.
 25.7.18 Targets K.8.a, K.8.b, K.2.c, K.2.d. Artillery more active..... 8,000 rounds.
 26.7.18 Engaged usual targets. Enemy Artillery increased..... 7,000 rounds.
 27.7.18 Targets K.8.b, K.8.d, K.8.c. M.G active on Front Line..... 9,000 rounds.
 28.7.18 Conjunction with Infantry attack 9.30am..... 75,000 rounds.
 29.7.18 Two sections of 23rd Company attached for Infantry attack..... 4,000 rounds.
 30.7.18 Remainder of Company was Relieved on the Line.
 31.7.18 On being Relieved the Company moved to the rear H.Q. [C.26.b.7.4](#).

01.8.18 Company in Reserve at [C.26 Central](#).
 03.8.18 Company moved out at 9.00am enrooted for Coisy in Billets at 1.00pm.
 04.8.18 Training for the Attack in conjunction with TANKS was carried out.
 05.8.18 Training with TANKS moved out at 3.30pm for Blangry- Tronville.
 06.8.18 Training with TANKS was continued. Personal remained at Fremont.
 07.8.18 Personal with TANKS moved forward to get in position for the Attack.

(Amiens)

08.8.18 Company Guns went forward with TANKS in the Attack. (Black Day of Germany)
 Positions shown in Appendix B

Proyart

09.8.18 Guns remained in position.

Dours

10.8.18 The Company was withdrawn from the Line and marched to billets in Doars
 11.8.18 Company remained in Billets at Dours.
 12.8.18 Gun gear inspected and ammunition reserve adjusted. Afternoon cricket match.
 13.8.18 Company moved out at 10.00am and proceeded to Bivouacs at [F.1.a.4.6](#).
 14.8.18 Remained in Bivouacs.
 15.8.18 Company moved from [F.1.a.4.6](#). and Bivouac in Wood [Q.28.a](#). camp.

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Proyart	16.8.18	The Company Relieved the 17 th M.G.B. completed at midnight.
	17.8.18	Targets R.23.a to R.23.c..... 5,000 rounds.
	18.8.18	Harassing Fire R.29.a to R.23.c..... 5,000 rounds.
	19.8.18	Harassing Fire R.23 to R.29..... 6,000 rounds.
	20.8.18	Harassing Fire R.22.b and R.28.b..... 8,000 rounds.
	21.8.18	R.22.b, R.22.d, R.28.b, R.28.d..... 8,000 rounds.
	22.8.18	Harassing Fire R.22 and R.28..... 8,000 rounds.
	23.8.18	Fired on Robert Wood during Attack on Enemy..... 5,000 rounds.
	24.8.18	During these 3 days Company remained in position. Attached to the 14 th Inf Bde.
	25.8.18	Readiness for action.
Assevillers	27.8.18	Guns were Relieved by 8 th M.G.C. and returned to Coy H.Q at Q.28.a camp.
	28.8.18	Company remained in Bivouacs at Q.28a
	29.8.18	Company moved from Q.28.a to Bivouacs M.28.b.6.4 .
	30.8.18	Company moved from M.28.b.6.4 . to Bivouacs N.14.b.8.7 .
	31.8.18	Sections moved forward to get into better position.
(Peronne)	01.9.18	Sections were attached to the Battalions of the 14 th Infantry Bde. For the Attack.
	02.9.18	Casualties K.I.A. or D.O.W. 8 Wounded 74
Assevillers	03.9.18	Company was withdrawn to N.14.b.8.7 Bivouac at Assevillers.
Le Mesnil	06.9.18	The Company moved forward to O.23.a.0.4 . from 6/16 th occupied in ready waiting. Equipment and Stores and resting the personal.
	16.9.18	An advanced party moved forward at 3.00pm to R.2.b to prepare for Barrage.
	17.9.18	The Company with 16 Guns moved into the Line and take up positions.
	18.9.18	Barrage commenced at 5.20am fired for 25 min..... 35,000 rounds.
Le Mesnil	19.9.18	The Company in the Line evacuated at 6.00pm and returned to Bivouacs O.23.a.0.4 . 3 Days Rest, Bathing and cleaning and readjusting gun gear. Strength Officers 14 O/Ranks 175
Hervilly	23.9.18	Syllabus of Training issued and carried out until interrupted on the 27 th when the
	27.9.18	Company received orders to move forward left at 7.00pm.
	28.9.18	Day spent improving shelters. Rain set in at 10.00am. Strong winds, Unpleasant.
(Hindenburg Line)		
Villaret	29.9.18	Moved out at 9.00am took up Positions at G.7.c.4.5
Bellicourt	30.9.18	Under instructions from 14 th Inf Bde. No.1 and 4 sections moved out at 4.00am Each with 4 Guns reported to C.O.'s of 53 rd and 55 th Battalions. No. 1 and 4 sections took up Position A.28.c and occupied to assist Infantry to Repel counterattack.
Le- Cateau	01.10.18	The Company in the Line with sections disposed as follows. No.1 section with 53 rd Battalion..... A.22.d No.2 section with 54 th Battalion..... 300 west of Grandecourt . No.3 section with 55 th Battalion..... H.1.d to H.7.a.60.75 No.4 section with 56 th Battalion..... A.23.a.85.95
	02.10.18	At 5.00am No.1 section supported with Indirect on Infantry Attack on some Small trenches 300 SW of Le Catelet. The 2 nd Division advanced through the Positions of No.2 section which withdrew at 10.00am.

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- 03.10.18 No.1 section was relieved at 11.00pm and went into bivouacs at [G.4.a.50.85](#)
No.4 section withdrew at 11.30pm
No.2 section relieved at 8.00pm
- 04.10.18 The Company withdrew into Bivouacs at [L.20.c.4.5](#). preparation to moving to rest area.
- 05.10.18 Resting all ranks having a general cleanup.
- 06.10.18 Camp evacuated at 10.00am and marched to Le Mesnil preparations were made for Train journey to Rest Areas.
- 08.10.18 Le Mesnil evacuated at 5.30am and marched and Entrained at 7.20am
At 8.20pm frequent stoppages to Martainville was not reached till 1900.
The march to billets to Ramboures commenced at 19.40 and was reached at 2300
- 09.10.18 The day was spent cleaning Billets. The 10/11/12th were observed as holidays by all ranks. The Battalion Church Parade set down for today had to be postponed on the account of the wet conditions.
- 11.11.18 Armistice Day. Finally World War I is over
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