

APPENDIX "I".

11th CANADIAN LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.

Narrative of Operations, September 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1918,
between ARRAS and CANAL DU NORD.

Eight guns went into action on the morning of the 2nd September - two being attached to the 54th Battalion, under command of Lt. G. R. French - two to the 75th Battalion under command of Capt. A. Black, and four to the 87th and 102nd Battalions under the command of Lieut. R. R. Hartman. The gun crews moved forward to the jumping-off positions with their respective Battalions. The two guns with the 54th Battalion did not come into action owing to casualties to personnel and damage to the guns by shell-fire.

The two guns with the 75th Battalion came into action on targets on the first sunken road on the right of DURY. There was very heavy machine gun fire here and each gun fired 18 rounds at M.G. emplacements. Good results were obtained and casualties caused and I was observing personally from a position about two hundred yards ahead of the gun positions. I picked up a Lewis gun team of the 78th Batta. then and took them forward, and when the Stokes shells bursting caused the Huns to retire, these gunners did exceedingly good work. Unfortunately one of this crew was killed and the other two wounded while with me and I was knocked out by a shell burst.

On the left the two guns with the 87th Battalion came into action at the same time as the 75th guns; on M.G. targets round the windmill, one gun firing 18 rounds and the other 10. Lieut. Hartman was severely wounded at this time. His batman dressed him and went for a stretcher party but in the meantime Mr. Hartman was killed by shell fire.

The two guns with the 102nd did not come into action on the 2nd, but followed through with the 87th Battalion on the 3rd. One gun was put out of action by shell fire, but the other came into action twice during the day of the 4th, 4 rounds being fired on enemy M.G. post at Canal and 6 rounds registration fired on enemy trench near Canal.

The casualties were heavy -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks.</u>
Killed	1	3
Wounded	-	13
Missing		2
	<u>1</u>	<u>18</u>

(Sgd.) A. Black,

Capt.,

O.C. 11th C.L.T.M. Battery.