



37 Howitzer Battery RFA: The Curragh to Le Cateau, August 1914 Wednesday 22nd January 2020 (7.30-9.30pm)



There was an urgent need to prevent the Retreat from Mons becoming a rout by checking the momentum of the following 1st German Army on the Cambrai/Le Cateau ridge. So that is why 5th Division, including 37 Battery of 2nd British Corps fought their renowned rear-guard action near Le Cateau on Wednesday 26 August 1914. Those Gunner veterans stated that they were 'The Cheese in the Le Cateau Mouse-trap!' and they fought hard much to the admiration of their supported infantry.

Mike Watson provides some insights into the background and experiences of some of the Gunners, including three VCs - Captain Douglas Reynolds, Drivers Job Drain and Fred Luke, who deployed from Ireland to France in August 1914.



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