

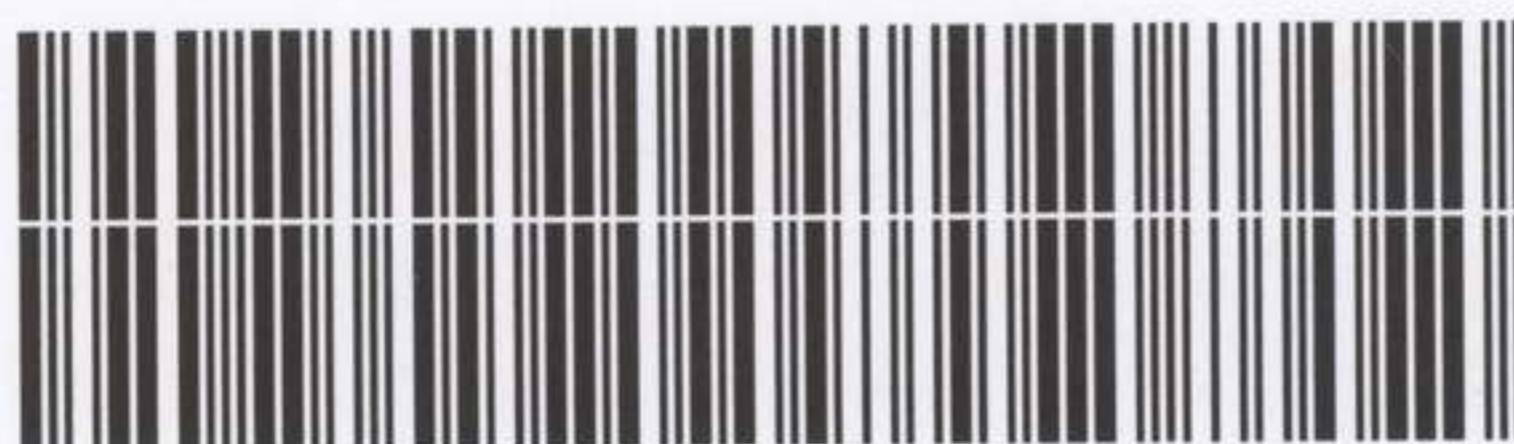
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Signature of Officer compiling *J. Rogerson Lieut*

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G.C. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV: SIGNAL CO, A.E.

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SUZANNE.	1st. Sept.	Sun.	<p>Cool and cloudy. Wind north west 15 to 20 miles per hour.          6 other ranks to United Kingdom on leave; 1 other rank rejoined from United Kingdom leave.          1 other rank rejoined from hospital.          2 other ranks to hospital (neuritis and influenza respectively).          The Exchange at BRAY was closed down today, and the personnel withdrawn.          Copies of two tactical telegrams which were dealt with by morse at Hd.Qrs.Signal office today will be found with the appendices for September. They serve to illustrate the pressure at which lines are worked during operations. Such lengthy messages if lodged frequently result in congestion of circuits.          At 6.00 a.m. the line to 58th. English Division at Sheet 62C, A.20 b 2.2. was disconnected. A lineman was despatched forthwith from here and reached the 58th. Division without intercepting a lineman from that Division. The line came right at 9.00 a.m. and no apparent fault could be detected. Subsequently morse working to 58th.Division could not be arranged owing to their inability to procure a sounder set. These actions were at variance with the statement of Officer i/c.Signals, 58th.Division, who had previously elected to utilise the fullerphone, if possible, and also to see that a lineman was sent out on maintenance in event of a breakdown.          9th.Inf.Bde. relieved in line by 11th. Inf.Bde. at 4.20 a.m. and moved to Sheet 62C, H.1 a 2.2.          The Batteries of 7th.Art.Bde. moved to 62C, H.6.b., approximately, north east of CLERY.          A forward exchange was established in a central position to serve requirements of Batteries.          A visual station was selected at same location and worked back to Bde. Hd.Qrs.          Line run from 8th.Art.Bde. to 51st. Heavy Art.Bde.(English) at Sheet 62C, H.3.b.0.2.          For purpose of liaison, lines were laid from 143rd. Heavy Art.Bde. and 23rd.M.G.Co. which were placed on 11th.Bde.Exchange.          Appendix No.1:- Returns to be rendered for September.          " " 2:- Cash Statement - Regimental Funds for August.</p>	

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SUZANNE	2nd. Sept.	Mon.	<p>Showery, cool. Wind north west 15 miles per hour.</p> <p>— Lieuts. L.V. Smith, M.C., and S. Fountain, D.C.M., to United Kingdom on leave.</p> <p>Consequent on the move forward of 3rd. Army Bde., Aust. F. Art., and 14th. R.F.A. Bde. these units were disconnected from 8th. Art. Bde. exchange at 4.00 p.m.</p> <p>10th. Inf. Bde. resting in CURLU and Battalions located in the area. Bathing parades are being held for the men, also kit inspections and general overhaul of gear.</p>	
do.	3rd. Sept.	Tues.	<p>Dull, cloudy. Wind west 15 to 20 miles per hour.</p> <p>— 1 other rank to ROME on 14 days' leave. 1 other rank rejoined from PARIS leave.</p> <p>Pay totalling 4,720 francs (£173.1.4d.) was this day disbursed to Hd. Qrs. and No. 1 Section.</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. moved from HOWITZER WOOD to SUZANNE, passing through CURLU and VAUX en route.</p> <p>Earth faults and disconnections have occurred frequently on 9th. Bde. lines recently, but no serious delay to traffic has resulted. Visual communication to all Battalions was established today. These stations are continuously manned and traffic between Bde. and Battalions is disposed of by this means. A percentage of the business for Divl. Hd. Qrs. is being sent by Wireless.</p> <p>74th. British Division moved into dugouts alongside 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and laid a line to latter's office. During operations of 74th. British Division on night of Sept. 2/3rd. much difficulty was experienced by them in maintaining forward lines owing to shellfire. In consequence, arrangements were made to pass all their forward traffic through 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. office and Report Centre. For this action the Officer i/c. Signals, 74th. Division, called and thanked No. 4 Section (attached 11th. Inf. Bde.) for the assistance rendered at a time when all their lines had failed.</p> <p>— Appendix No. 3:- Company Routine Orders 680 - 684.</p>	<p><i>7m</i></p>

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SUZANNE	4th. Sept.	Wed.	<p>Fine generally. Wind west 10 to 15 miles per hour.            2 other ranks rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank taken on strength from 2nd. Field Co.            1 Light draught horse from Divl. Art. evacuated with blindness.            Wireless Stations attached to Inf. Bdes. experienced much difficulty in working on night of Sept. 3rd./4th. owing to continual jamming from enemy sets.            A wireless message in German was intercepted by Wireless Operator attached 10th. Inf. Bde. today. The message was handed over to Brigade Staff, and on being interpreted was found to contain information of a highly important technical nature.            Twenty prisoners of war, who were recently captured, by this Division, were utilised on Sept. 3rd. and 4th. to clean up in the vicinity of this unit's transport lines.            8th. Art. Bde. ceased to function and moved back to SUZANNE area.            11th. Inf. Bde. moved back to CURLU area and established at Sheet 62C, H.1 c 3.8 at 2.00 p.m. and communication to Divl. Hd. Qrs. was arranged via CURLU Exchange. Lines were run to Battalions as under:-                To 41st. Bn. at Sheet 62C, H.30 d.                42nd. Bn. at " " H.8 b 8.8.                43rd. and 44th. Bns. at Sheet 62C, H.2 b 5.6.            3rd. Machine Gun Bn. Command Post at H.5. c.50 closed down and personnel returned to Bn. Hd. Qrs. Companies of this Bn. connected through as follows:-                9th. Co. to CURLU Exchange.                10th. " " " "                11th. " by Runner.                23rd. " to 74th. English Division.</p> <p>Appendix No. 4:- D.R.L.S. Time-table.</p>	<p>72</p>

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SUZANNE.	5th. Sept.	Thurs	<p>Fine and clear. Wind south east 10 miles per hour.            2 other ranks to hospital with dysentery and deafness respectively. 1 other rank taken on strength from Aust. Corps Signal Co. A. E. 1 other rank to hospital not yet diagnosed.            2 Light draught horses taken on strength from Remount Depot.            CURLU Exchange closed down and personnel returned to Hd. Qrs.            About 3.00 p.m. this unit's motor lorry, whilst turning into the main street, PERONNE from CLERY, nearly collided with the Officer i/c. B. E. F. Sub-Section, Aust. War Records Section (Lieut. GULLETT), who attempted to cross in front of the lorry whilst riding a motor cycle. The prompt action of the driver in stopping the lorry thus prevented what might have been a regrettable accident.            At 6.45 p.m. during a heavy thunderstorm, lightning fused four coils on the 10-line magnetoswitchboard at CURLU Exchange. Test panels were not installed at this Sub-office.            Divl. Art. moved to CLERY-SUR-SOMME and Bdes. moved to following positions:-            7th. Art. Bde. to Sheet 62C, H. 4. c. 05.50. 8th. Art. Bde. to H. 1 d. 2.2.            Communication to former Bde. established by Runner, and to latter Bde. by Motor Cyclist.            10th. Inf. Bde. moved into close support with Hd. Qrs. at Sheet 62C, H. 6 a central, with Bns. distributed in I. 1 and I. 2. Lines laid to Bns. at night and a route arranged to Advanced Division at CLERY.            11th. Inf. Bde. moved to Sheet 62C, I. 9 d. 8.3 - Owing to Bns. being constantly on the move, communication forward was carried out by Runner, D. R. L. S. and Mounted Orderlies. The Mounted Orderlies, which were attached from <del>the</del> 13th. Aust. Light Horse, proved extremely useful in quickly locating units, and did good service in the circulation of messages. At 8.00 p.m. a cable Detachment arrived with a line from Divl. Hd. Qrs. This Detachment remained with Bde. and laid a line forward to each new position. This worked successfully and allowed the Bde. to be in touch with Divl. Hd. Qrs. by telephone.</p>	
"	6th. Sept.	Fri.	<p>Fine and warm. Morning mist. Wind south west 10 to 15 miles per hour.            3 other ranks to hospital with diarrhoea, flat feet, and not yet diagnosed respectively.            2 other ranks taken on strength from Aust. Corps Signal Co.            Advanced party moved to vicinity of CLERY at H 4 d 8.4 and established Signal office.            Owing to the difficulty in maintaining supplies of cable, Section officers have been instructed to exercise the greatest economy in the laying of lines. Cable wagons are reeling up old lines daily, but the construction of new routes keeps the plant and personnel so fully occupied that little time is available for salvaging.</p>	

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SUZANNE.	6th. Fri. Sept. (continued.)		<p>Military Medals awarded to the following N.C.Os. and men for gallantry during operations from 8th. to 13th. August. Recommendations were made by the Brigades concerned.-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>10587, Sgt. C.V. BLANCH,</td> <td>Signal Section attached 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10535, T/2/Cpl. W.J. EASTON,</td> <td>" " " " " " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11024, Spr. H.N. LOWE</td> <td>" " " 11th. " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>46, " A.W. WHIELDON</td> <td>" " " 10th. " " "</td> </tr> </table> <p>(See Appendix No. 20.)</p> <p>14th. Army Bde. R.F.A., relieved 16th. Army Bde., R.H.A., latter Bde. returned to Wagon lines. These Bdes. are under the tactical command of 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. moved to Sheet 62C, H.4 c 7.3 and established a camp in the open. 107th. How. Battery detached from this Bde. and moved to PERONNE, coming under command of 16th. R.H.A.</p> <p>8th. Art. Bde. moved to Sheet 62C, H.1 a 2.2 and established communication to 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art. via 9th. Inf. Bde. to which position a line was laid by noon.</p> <p>Line communication to 33rd., 34th. and 35th. Battalions was established today. All lines are working satisfactorily.</p> <p>10th. Inf. Bde. Forward Exchange established at Sheet 62C, I.1 b 6.0, to which position Battalion lines were run.</p> <p>11th. Inf. Bde. moved to Sheet 62C, J.19 c 4.5 and established at 2.00 p.m. Communication to Divl. Hd. Qrs. was by line laid by cable wagon from old position, at which point lines had been bridged through when vacating the position. Communication to Battalions was satisfactorily arranged by Visual.</p> <p>3rd. M.G. Bn. closed down SUZANNE and re-opened Sheet 62C, H.5 c 3.8 at same hour. Communication through to Divl. Hd. Qrs. by line at 9.30 p.m.</p> <p>Appendix No. 5:- Company Routine Orders No. 685 - 689.</p>	10587, Sgt. C.V. BLANCH,	Signal Section attached 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	10535, T/2/Cpl. W.J. EASTON,	" " " " " " " "	11024, Spr. H.N. LOWE	" " " 11th. " " "	46, " A.W. WHIELDON	" " " 10th. " " "	
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"	7th. Sat. Sept.		<p>Fine, warm. Wind south west 10 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank evacuated wounded by shellfire.</p> <p>5 other ranks rejoined from United Kingdom leave, and 1 other rank from PARIS leave.</p> <p>Divl. Hd. Qrs. "Q" moved to Sheet 62C, H.4 d 8.4 and "G" Branch moved from this position to I.24 c 6.4, where a Divisional Command Post was established at 4.00 p.m.</p> <p>The meat issued to this unit today was unfit for consumption and had to be buried. The warm weather was responsible for this.</p>									





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SUZANNE.	7th. Sept. (continued.)	Sat.	<p>11th. Inf. Bde. Forward Party with cable wagon moved off and established Bde. Command Post at Sheet 62C, J.18 a 1.6, communication through to Bde. Hd. Qrs. at noon. Lines were laid from the Command Post position to Battalions. For liaison work, lines were laid from 3rd. Army Bde., Aust. F. Art., 14th. Army Bde., R.F.A. and 151st. Bde. R.H.A. to J.18 a 1.6 and connected to switchboard. Subsequently all forward lines were cut frequently by shellfire, and during interim of repairs Mounted Orderlies again proved invaluable in disposing of messages. At 8.00 p.m. all forward lines at Sheet 62C, J.18 a 1.6 were handed over to 10th. Inf. Bde. as well as the Mounted Orderlies and Divl. Hd. Qrs. Cable Detachment, and Forward Bde. personnel returned to Bde. Hd. Qrs. at J.19 c 4.5.</p>	
"	8th. Sept.	Sun.	<p>Thunderstorms. Squally. Wind south west 25 to 30 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. and 5 other ranks proceeded to United Kingdom on leave. 1 other rank to hospital with tonsillitis.</p> <p>1 other rank evacuated wounded by bomb.</p> <p>Lieut. H.W. GROVES, M.C. rejoined from Paris leave.</p> <p>At 7.15 a.m. today an aeroplane dropped a message at Divl. Hd. Qrs. Sheet 62C, H, 4 d 8.4 instead of at Divl. Command Post, Sheet 62C, I.24 c 6.4. The message was sent to correct location by Despatch Rider and 3rd. Squadron, A.F.C. notified accordingly.</p> <p>The following lines were laid by a Divl. Hd. Qrs. Cable Detachment and are giving efficient service:-</p> <p>From 3rd. Divl. Art. I.29 a 8.6 to 7th. Art. Bde. (I.32 c 7.3) and continued to 8th. Art. Bde. I.36 a 6.5.</p> <p>" Divl. Hd. Qrs. Command Post to 74th. English Div. I.10 b 6.4.</p> <p>7 miles cable was utilised.</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. moved to COURCELLES at Sheet 62C, J.32 c 7.8 and established at noon.</p> <p>8th. Art. Bde. moved to I.36 a 6.4 and established office at 11.00 a.m.</p> <p>Consequent upon the move of the 39th. and 40th. Bns., the 10th. Inf. Bde. rear Exchange at CLERY was closed. Both Bns. moved to vicinity of J.16. 40th. Bn. teed in to earth return circuit between 10th. and 11th. Inf. Bdes. at J.16 a 9.1, whilst Runner service was introduced to 39th. Bn. at J.22 c 4.5. 10th. Inf. Bde. Forward Station established in K.15 b 0.3 at 5.00 p.m. and line laid by Divl. Hd. Qrs. cable wagon. This position would have become the Bde. Hd. Qrs. but was arranged as a Forward Exchange only on account of prospective relief. At <del>5.00</del> 8.00 p.m. 37th. and 38th. Bns. moving together established dual Hd. Qrs. at HAMELET, K.21 a 1.2 with Line and Visual communication to Forward Exchange. 39th. and 40th. Bns. moving forward during night established at 11.30 p.m. at K.11 c 1.8. with line to Forward Exchange.</p> <p>Equipment and instruments of 3rd. M.G. Bn. are being systematically overhauled at present, whilst the Bn. remains in rest.</p>	

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CLERY.	9th. Sept.	Mon.	Dull, showery. Wind south west 25 miles per hour. Lieut. G. L. MAYMAN rejoined from C.W. Course, 4th. Army Artillery School, FLIEUBEAUCOURT. During the day scattered shelling caused slight interruptions on Bn. lines of 10th. Inf. Bde. Visual was used alternatively.	
"	10th. Sept.	Tues.	Showery, squally. Wind west 25 miles per hour. In preparation for the move of the Divl. Command Post and Divl. Hd. Qrs. taking place on Sept. 11th. the following lines were laid by Divl. Hd. Qrs. Cable Detachment:- From Sheet 62C, I.24 c 6.4 (Signal camp) to Sheet 62C, I.36 b 3.3 (Divl. Hd. Qrs.) - 2 metallic circuits " " " I.36 b 3.3 (Divl. Hd. Qrs.) " " " I.22 b 5.5 (3rd. M. T. Co.) - 1 metallic circuit. " " " I.36 b 3.3 (Divl. Hd. Qrs.) " " " I.29 b 2.4 (10th. Inf. Bde.) - 1 " " " " " I.36 b 3.3 (Divl. Hd. Qrs.) " " " J.18 a 5.0 (10th. Inf. Bde. Forward Station) - 1 metallic circuit. 7½ miles new cable was used on the work in addition to 8 miles of cable, various types, which was salvaged on <del>the</del> route. Divl. Art. closed down Sheet 62C, I.29 b 2.2, 4.00 p.m. and re-opened I.36 b 3.0 same hour. In view of 1st. Bde. taking over from 10th. Inf. Bde. arrangements made for handing over. 1st. Bde. Hd. Qrs. established at MARQUAIX with independent communication to their Bns. 10th. Inf. Bde. office taken over by 3rd. Bde. (in reserve). Direct line through from 10th. Inf. Bde. to 1st. Bde. at 10.00 p.m. At 11.40 p.m. relief of Bns. complete. Alternative line to 1st. Bde. arranged through Bde. Forward Exchange of 39th. and 3rd. Bns., the line being bridged through at that hour. 10th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs. established in I.29 a 5.9 with line through to Divl. Hd. Qrs. at 11.40 p.m. 3rd. M. G. Bn. closed down at Sheet 62C, H.5 c 5.0 and reopened at BUIRE at 5.00 p.m. Communication to Divl. Hd. Qrs. arranged through 51st. H. A. Bde. to which position line was laid, which was through at 8.45 p.m. 9th. and 11th. M. G. Companies moved to vicinity of Bn. Hd. Qrs. and were connected to Bn. Exchange at 9.00 p.m.	

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CLERY & near PERONNE.	11th. Sept.	Wed.	<p>Showery. Squally. Wind south west 25 to 30 miles per hour.            1 other rank rejoined from United Kingdom leave.            Divl.Hd.Qrs. moved to DOINGT. Signal office established in a hut adjacent to Divl.Hd.Qrs. Company Hd.Qrs. located at Sheet 62C, I. 24 c 6.4 where transport and remainder of Hd.Qrs. personnel are situated. For the convenience of Officer i/c.Signals and a few units in the immediate vicinity an exchange was installed at Company Hd.Qrs.            The following lines were laid by Cable Detachments today:-            From Divl.Hd.Qrs. to 14th.Army Bde.,R.F.A., LEMESNIL - 1 metallic circuit.            " " " " " A.P.M., Sheet 62C, I 35.b - 1 " "            " Signal Camp,Sheet 62C, I 24.b.6 4 to 10th.Inf.Bde. I 24 a 5.8 - 1 metallic circuit.  <del>33</del> 3 miles cable used.            10th.Inf.Bde. moved to Sheet 62C, I.24 a 8.4 at 4.00 p.m. with line to Divl.Hd.Qrs. Runner Service to Battalions until lines can be laid with salvaged cable. Parties have been despatched on latter work.            In consequence of the distance separating Battalions of 10th.Inf.Bde. during recent movements, the principle of one main route connecting all in party could not be adhered to.            Appendix No.6:- Record of experience of Subalterns, 3rd.Aust.Divl.Signal Co.A.E.</p>	
near PERONNE.	12th. Sept.	Thurs	<p>Showery and squally. Wind south west 25 to 30 miles per hour.            2 other ranks to hospital with diarrhoea and deafness respectively. 2nd.Lieut.G.T.B.BATTY rejoined from hospital.            4 other ranks rejoined from United Kingdom leave. 1 other rank posted to No.1 Sub-Section (attached 7th.Art.Bde.).            The following lines were completed by Cable Detachment today:-            From Divl.Hd.Qrs. to 9th.Inf.Bde. at MONT ST.QUENTIN -1 metallic circuit.            " " " " " 7th.Art.Bde. at COURCELLES -1 metallic circuit.            2 miles cable used.            In order to enable Art.Bde.Signalling Officers to keep in close touch with Battery Signal personnel, Officer i/c.Signals,Divl.Art. has recommended to C.R.A. that Brigade Commanders be instructed to give every facility to their Signal officers (by arrangement with Battery Commanders) to test and inspect Battery Signal personnel, and from time to time submit reports on classification of same to Divl.Hd.Qrs.            3rd.Divl.Art.relieved by 1st.Divl.Art. and remained in reserve at DOINGT.            9th.Inf.Bde. closed down at Sheet 62C, H.1 a 2.2 at 11.00 a.m. and reopened at Sheet 62C, I.15 d 80.90 same hour. Before moving to new location all cable which had been used to connect</p>	

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near PERONNE. (continued.)	12th. Sept.	Thurs	<p>Bde. units was recovered. Communication to Divl.Hd.Qrs. was secured by utilising and extending existing lines. In every instance where an extension was necessary salvaged cable was used. Sufficient cable having been salvaged by 10th.Inf.Bde. lines were laid to Battalions as under:- 37th.Bn.at Sheet 62C, J.13 a 4.6 39th.Bn. at J.20 a 3.1, 38th.Bn.at I.10 d 1.9, 40th.Bn.at J.15 a 9.8. Appendix No.7:- Company Routine Orders 690 - 693.</p>	
"	13th. Sept.	Fri.	<p>Cool, occasional rain. Wind south and south west 25 to 30 miles per hour. 1 other rank rejoined from United Kingdom leave. 1 other rank (attached reinforcement) taken on strength from Aust.Corps Signal Co.A.E. Divl.Art., now being in rest, a syllabus of training for Battery Signal personnel is being drawn up and will be made operative forthwith. Appendix No.8:- D.R.L.S. time-table.</p>	
"	14th. Sept.	Sat.	<p>Fine generally. Wind south west 10 miles per hour. 1 other rank proceeded to A.I.F.Hd.Qrs., London, for further instructions prior to returning to Australia with draft of 1914 men. 1 other rank to be permanently attached from this date (formerly with 42nd.Bn.). 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. The following comforts were received in the unit today and were distributed throughout the Company:- Cocoa and milk 288 tins; Fruit 72 tins; Sugar 90 lbs; Biscuits 128 pkts. (<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> lb.); Custard 60 lbs; Jam 144 tins; Cigarettes 1600 pkts; Tobacco 252 plugs (2 oz.); Various groceries 409 tins. Since September 9th. the following cable and poles have been recovered in the area by a Divl. Hd.Qrs. Detachment and returned to Quartermaster's Store:- Cable D.VIII - 18 miles. " D.V - 10 miles. Black and White Poles - 16. In anticipation of a re-entry into the line under <del>xxxxxx</del> tactical command of 1st.Aust.Divl.Art. 7th.and 8th.Art.Bdes. suspended training of Battery Signal personnel and reconnoitred new positions likely to be occupied. All available cable in the 10th.Inf.Bde. area is being salvaged by No.3 Section (attached 10th.Bde.) today. No.3 Section bathed at DOINGT Baths and received a clean change of underclothing. No.4 Section (attached 11th.Bde.) now being in reserve, the opportunity is being taken to overhaul stores and bring equipment up to date. Bathing parades are being held for the men, who are being issued with clean underclothing as required. Appendix No.9:- Correspondence regarding Despatch Rider Letter Service.</p>	

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near PERONNE.	15th. Sun. Sept.		<p>Dull and cool. Wind south and south west 15 to 20 miles per hour.            4 other rank to hospital (not yet diagnosed).            2nd. Lieut. L.J. JORDAN rejoined unit for duty from Signal Officers' Cadet Course, England.            Lieut. G.L. MAYMAN and 5 other ranks proceeded to United Kingdom on leave.            Pay totalling £209.18.4 (5,725 francs) was disbursed to Hd.Qrs. and No.1 Section today.            The unit Box Car returned from 3rd. Aust. M.T. Co. Workshops after undergoing general overhaul.            Personnel of this unit, numbering 46 men, were inoculated today.            Corps and Divl. Despatch Riders are finding it impossible to keep to schedule times at night.            In many instances they arrive several hours overdue. The difficulty lies in the bad condition of the roads and the congestion of traffic consistently met with at night. In addition, much delay is occasioned in locating units without a light.</p>	
"	16th. Mon. Sept.		<p>Fine generally, wind south west 15 miles per hour.            1 N.C.O. to hospital with strained back. Spr. Montagu, who has been illegally absent from the unit since 27th. March, 1918, has been taken on strength from date of his arrest (Sept. 16th.)            2 other ranks rejoined from hospital.            1 Cable Detachment was despatched to 1st. Aust. Divl. Art. today for attachment during forthcoming operations. C.W. Wireless Sets with personnel were also loaned to 1st. Aust. Division.            A syllabus of training of No. 2 Section (attached 9th. Inf. Bde.) as well as 33rd. Bn. signallers was commenced and is being conducted by O.C. No. 2 Section assisted by Section N.C.Os. The course embraces Visual, Lineman's duties, Cable Jointing, Care of Instruments, Operating of Switchboards, etc. and will be a very thorough training for the personnel who are now in rest.            The opportunity is being taken by 10th. Inf. Bde. during period in rest to salve cable and check stores. Equipment of Battalions is well up and in good order. Brigade Section mechanic was today loaned to 40th. Battalion temporarily for purpose of overhauling instruments.</p>	77

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near PERONNE.	17th. Sept.	Tues	<p>Showery. Wind west 20 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank to hospital with heart trouble.  1 other rank to hospital wounded whilst with Cable Detachment attached 1st.Aust.Divl.Art.  1 other rank to eye specialist for test. 1 other rank to hospital (complaint not yet diagnosed.)  1 N.C.O. rejoined from Signal Course, ABBEVILLE.  38 men bathed at PERONNE and received clean underclothing.</p> <p>In accordance with the usual custom adopted with units which do not belong to a formation possessing a signal unit, the O.C. B.E.F. Sub-Section, Aust. War Records Section, PERONNE, was requested to detail an orderly with bicycle to report to Divl.Hd.Qrs. Signal office, DOINGT, for the collection of D.R.L.S. (sealed packets). Owing to limited personnel comprising the War Records Sub-Section this arrangement was found impracticable and the Area Commandant, PERONNE, elected to accept their D.R.L.S. The Officer i/c. Signals, recognising the difficulties under which the arrangement would operate, agreed to deliver correspondence direct to the O.C. War Records Sub-Section, who has written a letter of appreciation for the consideration shewn by the Officer i/c. Signals.</p> <p>The command of 7th. and 8th. Art. Bdes. passed to C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Div., coincident upon the latter Division assuming command of forward area.</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. moved from COURCELLES to a position south west of ROISEL at Sheet 62B, K.22 a 4.8. A forward exchange was established at Sheet 62B, K.29 b 2.5 from whence lines were laid to the respective Battery positions. In addition, a report centre was established at K.29 c 9.9 and line communication from Bde.Hd.Qrs. was arranged.</p> <p>8th. Art. Bde. moved from DOINGT to Sheet 62B, <del>K.29</del> K.35 c 6.4. Lines to Batteries as well as to 1st. Aust. Divl. Art. Report Centre and 6th. Aust. Inf. Bde. were laid and worked efficiently throughout.</p> <p>3rd. M.G. Bn. moved to Sheet 62B, K.30 b 4.7 and took up position of Right Group for impending operation. Communication established from Advanced 1st. Aust. Div. at K.30 a 0.6 and 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. at Sheet 62B, L.26 c 5.8.</p>	

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near PERONNE	18th. Sept.	Wed.	<p>Fine generally. Wind south west 25 to 30 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank to hospital with heart trouble.</p> <p>Lieut. S. Fountain, D.C.M. and 4 other ranks rejoined from United Kingdom leave.</p> <p>The stream of wounded arriving at the 20th. Casualty Clearing Station, situated in the vicinity of the Signal Camp has been so great throughout today that much congestion occurred. A number of men of this unit voluntarily assisted in the unloading of the wounded in their own time.</p> <p>21 men bathed at PERONNE and received clean underclothing.</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. moved to HERVILLY with Forward exchange at HERVILLY WOOD.</p> <p>8th. Art. Bde. moved to Sheet 62B, L.21 b 6.7 and established at 7.30 p.m. Lines were run out to Batteries and to 1st. Aust. Divl. Art. Report Centre. A Wireless Set was installed at <del>HERVILLY</del> 30th. Battery position for purpose of handling traffic to a F.O.O. situated in the locality.</p>	
"	19th. Sept.	Thurs	<p>Cool and cloudy. Wind south west 10 to 15 miles per hour.</p> <p>2 other ranks to United Kingdom on 14 days' leave.</p> <p>Lieut. L. V. Smith, M.C. and 1 other rank rejoined from United Kingdom leave.</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. moved to Sheet 62B, L.20 d 4.5. Visual was used to 26th. Battery situated at L.16 d 0.1 and line communication arranged to remaining Batteries; prior to moving from old Hd. Qrs. position all lines for which further use were not required were reeled up.</p> <p>10 miles cable received by 8th. Art. Bde. from 1st. Aust. Divl. Art. for immediate requirements. Difficulty experienced by 8th. Art. Bde. in providing and maintaining rear lines to 1st. Aust. Div. with limited personnel available. 1st. Aust. Divl. Art. notified to this effect.</p> <p>In conjunction with the <del>xxxx</del> syllabus of training being conducted by Officer i/c. Signals of No. 2 Section (attached 9th. Inf. Bde.) 2 Message Rockets were today fired for the information of the class. The ranges selected were 1,300 and 1,600 yards respectively. In each case the flight was accurate, the rockets falling within a few yards of the objects aimed at. The flares in the tail burned brightly when striking the ground, clearly denoting the position. The results were a marked improvement on former tests.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">72</p>

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near PERONNE.	20th. Sept.	Fri.	<p>Cold, with occasional rain. Wind west 25 miles per hour.</p> <p>1 other rank to United Kingdom on 14 days' special leave. 1 other rank rejoined from United Kingdom leave. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital. 1 other rank taken on strength from A.A.M.C. reinforcements attached 4th. Aust. Divl. Wing.</p> <p>Officer i/c. Signals attended conference at Divl. Hd. Qrs. of Divl. and Bde. Staffs in connection with forthcoming operations.</p> <p>8th. Art. Bde. Hd. Qrs. situated at Sheet 62B, L. 21 b 6.7 heavily bombed throughout the night, but no casualties occurred to personnel of this Section.</p>																																											
"	21st. Sept.	Sat.	<p>Overcast, squally, <del>showery</del> showery. Wind west 30 miles per hour.</p> <p>4 other ranks rejoined from hospital.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. proceeded to Signal School, ABBEVILLE, for four weeks' course.</p> <p>Officer i/c. Signals attended conference at Corps (A.D. Signals) of Officers i/c. Signals, 2nd., 3rd. and 5th. Australian Divisions concerning forthcoming operations.</p> <p>30 lbs. Fat "A" class was despatched to Base by this unit for week ending today.</p> <p>The following was despatched to Base for week ending today:-  Cardboard 10 lbs. Jam Cartons 5 lbs.</p> <p>Shelling in vicinity of 8th. Art. Bde. Hd. Qrs. 1 other rank wounded and evacuated.</p>																																											
"	22nd. Sept.	Sun.	<p>Showery and cool. Wind west 15 to 20 miles per hour.</p> <p>Lieut. J. W. Allan, 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R. to United Kingdom on leave.</p> <p>Postings:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>O.R.</td> <td>to</td> <td>No. 1</td> <td>Cable</td> <td>Section.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>1</td> <td>Sub-Section (attached 7th. Art. Bde.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>2</td> <td>Section (attached 9th. Inf. Bde.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>3</td> <td>" " 10th. " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>4</td> <td>" " 11th. " "</td> </tr> </table> <p>No. 4 Section (attached 11th. Inf. Bde.) played a football match against Divl. Hd. Qrs. Section today with the following result:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Hd. Qrs. Section.</td> <td>No. 4 Section.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1 goal 13 behinds.</td> <td>4 goals 20 behinds.</td> </tr> </table>	1	O.R.	to	No. 1	Cable	Section.	2	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	"	1	Sub-Section (attached 7th. Art. Bde.)	2	"	"	"	2	Section (attached 9th. Inf. Bde.)	1	"	"	"	3	" " 10th. " "	2	"	"	"	4	" " 11th. " "		Hd. Qrs. Section.	No. 4 Section.		1 goal 13 behinds.	4 goals 20 behinds.	
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near PERONNE.	23rd. Sept.	Mon.	<p>Fine generally. Wind north west 20 miles per hour.</p> <p>Postings:- 1 O.R. to No.2 Sub-Section. 1 O.R. to No.3 Section.</p> <p>Lieut. F.W. Osborne returned from Officers' Rest Club, PARIS PLAGE.</p> <p>The Military Medal awarded to No.10691, Sapper A.R. Yeoman, Signal Section attached 3rd. Machine Gun Bn. for devotion to duty under heavy shellfire. (See Appendix No.20.)</p> <p>3rd. M.G. Bn. Signal School commenced for Section and Company Signallers not otherwise employed, also four extra men from each Company who have slight knowledge of signal work will attend.</p> <p>Appendix No.10:- Company Routine Orders 694 - 699.</p>																			
"	24th. Sept.	Tues.	<p>Dull and cloudy. Wind south west 15 to 20 miles per hour.</p> <p>3 other ranks, Sappers McGhee, Kirwin and Milligan appointed drivers.</p> <p>Postings:- 1 other rank to No.1 Sub-Section. 1 other rank to No.2 Sub-Section.</p> <p>1 " " " " No.2 Cable Section. 1 " " " " 3 Section.</p> <p>Surplus stores held by the various Sections of this unit were collected today and placed in a dump situated at Digger Road, PERONNE.</p> <p>7th. Aust. Art. Bde. relieved by 84th. Bde. R.F.A. at 7.00 p.m. and moved back to wagon lines at HERVILLY.</p> <p>8th. Aust. Art. Bde. relieved by 150th. Bde. R.F.A. at 7.00 p.m. and moved into reserve at HAMELET (K.21 a 3.6.).</p> <p>Appendix No.11:- Signal Instruction No.9 by Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Div.</p>	72																		
"	25th. Sept.	Wed.	<p>Showery and cloudy. Wind west 20 to 25 miles per hour.</p> <p>2 other ranks to United Kingdom on leave. 1 N.C.O. and 2 other ranks rejoined from U.K. leave.</p> <p>2 light draught horses taken on strength from Remount Depot.</p> <p>Cable Detachment temporarily attached to 1st. Aust. Divl. Art. from 16th. inst. rejoined unit today.</p> <p>3 Cable Detachments moved from Signal Camp, DOINGT, to ROISEL (Sheet 62B, K.10 d 5.8) for purpose of punning communications for operations of 28th. inst. Lines were run as follows:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>From Sheet 62B, K.10 d 5.8 to Sheet 62B, F.26 d 8.4</td> <td>-</td> <td>TEMPLEUX Exchange.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" " " F.26 a 8.4 " " "</td> <td>-</td> <td>11th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" " " F.26 a 8.4 " " "</td> <td>-</td> <td>10th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" " " F.19 c 7.4 " " "</td> <td>-</td> <td>27th. American Divl. Hd. Qrs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" " " E.18 c 9.7 " " "</td> <td>-</td> <td>9th. Inf. Bde.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" " " E.18 c 9.7 " " "</td> <td>-</td> <td>Bird Cage.</td> </tr> </table> <p>All lines were working efficiently on the evening of September 25th. 18 miles cable was utilised on the work.</p> <p>7th. Art. Bde. closed down HERVILLY 10.00 a.m. and re-opened Sheet 62c, J.30 b 65.85 same hour.</p>	From Sheet 62B, K.10 d 5.8 to Sheet 62B, F.26 d 8.4	-	TEMPLEUX Exchange.	" " " F.26 a 8.4 " " "	-	11th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs.	" " " F.26 a 8.4 " " "	-	10th. Inf. Bde. Hd. Qrs.	" " " F.19 c 7.4 " " "	-	27th. American Divl. Hd. Qrs.	" " " E.18 c 9.7 " " "	-	9th. Inf. Bde.	" " " E.18 c 9.7 " " "	-	Bird Cage.	
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near PERONNE.	26th. Sept.	Thurs	<p>Showery, squally. Wind south west 20 to 30 miles per hour.            Lieut. F.W. Osborne to No.5 Section (attached 3rd.M.G.Bn.) to relieve Lieut. H.R. Evans proceeding <del>xxxxxx</del> on leave to England.            2nd. Lieut. G.T.B. Batty to No.2 Sub-Section (attached 8th. Art. Bde.) to relieve Lieut. T.F. Houlihan proceeding on leave to England.            2 other ranks rejoined from United Kingdom leave; 2 other ranks to United Kingdom on leave.            Capt. J.L.G. Buckland, M.C., M.M., Acting Officer i/c. Signals, attended conference at Divl. Hd. Qrs. this afternoon and outlined communications for forthcoming attack on HINDENBURG line.            7th. Art. Bde. closed down HERVILLY and re-opened BOUCLY 10.00 a.m.            9th. Inf. Bde. Signal School closed down today when an examination disclosed very satisfactory results. Keeness has been noticeable throughout and much interest has been taken in the lectures delivered by the Bde. Signal Officer.            Appendix No.12:- Correspondence regarding clothing and equipment.</p>	72
"	27th. Sept.	Fri.	<p>Fine and clear. Wind west 10 to 15 miles per hour.            2nd. Lieut. L.J. Jordan to No.3 Section (attached 10th. Inf. Bde.) to relieve Lieut. J.W. Allan whilst on United Kingdom leave. 1 other rank rejoined from hospital.            Traffic dealt with by Divl. Hd. Qrs. Signal office continuing to be very heavy. Slight congestion ensues on the line from time to time, sometimes resulting in slight delays to telegrams, other than of a tactical nature. Today 700 telegrams were handled as well as 1000 <del>xxxx</del> sealed packets.            10 lbs. Fat "A" Class was despatched to Base for week ending today. Aust. Corps            At the request of A.D. Signals, Aust. Corps, the report centre of the Chief Engineer/situated at Sheet 62B, L.2 b 4.2 was connected to TEMPLEUX Exchange today.            10th. Inf. Bde. moved to ROUSSOY area and established at Sheet 62B, F.19 c 8.8. Line communication was arranged to Battalions. Until line from Divl. Hd. Qrs. was laid by Cable Detachment communication to Division was by wireless via 27th. American Division.            11th. Inf. Bde. moved to Quarry, TEMPLEAU-LE-GERARD and established office in conjunction with 8th. Art. Bde. Communication to Division was arranged by line to TEMPLEAU Exchange as well as by Wireless. Lines were run to Battalions and a lateral to 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (Right).            3rd. M.G. Bn. Signal School closed down and Bn. Hd. Qrs. moved to Sheet 62B, E.20 c 7.2.</p>	

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near PERONNE.	28th. Sept.	Sat.	<p>Fine generally. Wind west 15 miles per hour.            1 other rank to hospital wounded by bomb.            Lieut. H. R. Evans and 2 other ranks to United Kingdom on leave. 1 other rank rejoined from United Kingdom leave.            Divl. Hd Qrs. moved forward - Officer i/c. Signals to Divl. Command Post at TEMPLEUX and Capt. J. L. G. Buckland, M. C., M. M. to ROISEL i/c. of B Echelon. Personnel distributed according to requirements of the respective offices. No. 1 Section and transport situated in vicinity of ROISEL.            10 lbs. Jam Cartons despatched to Base for week ending today.            Divl. Art. Hd. Qrs. moved to TEMPLEUX, communication to Brigades being arranged through Infantry Brigades. Additional lines connected to switchboard were:- To 4th. Aust. Divl. Art., 5th. Aust. Divl. Art. (lateral line).            7th. Art. Bde. moved forward and established at Sheet 62B, F.19 c 2.7.            8th. Art. Bde. moved to Sheet 62B, F.27 c 9.7 and established at same position as 11th. Inf. Bde. at 8.00 p.m. On the journey 1 light draught horse was killed by enemy shellfire.            9th. Inf. Bde. moved from Sheet 62B, I.15 d 8.9 to E.12 c 9.5. Office re-opened at new position at 1.00 p.m. Communication to Divl. Hd. Qrs. was by line via 27th. American Division and 10th. Inf. Bde. Wireless communication was also established. Visual was used to the respective Battalions.            A conference of Signal officers of Battalions of 10th. Inf. Bde. was held with a view to discussion of the scheme of communication for attack commencing Sept. 29th.            3rd. M. G. Bn. Hd. Qrs. moved to F.26 c 1.1, communication to Divl. Hd. Qrs. was by line connected through at 3.00 p.m.</p>	<p>7/11</p>
ROISEL - TEMPLEUX.	29th. Sept.	Sun.	<p>Fine generally. Wind south west 10 miles per hour.            6 other ranks taken on strength from Aust. Corps Depot. L/Cpl. J. P. King wounded by shellfire and remained at duty. 1 other rank wounded in action and remained at duty. 1 other rank to hospital wounded.            1 Cable Detachment from Aust. Corps reported for temporary attachment at TEMPLEUX, and will be used forthwith for construction of new lines for this Division.            The attack as outlined for today's operation was briefly as follows:- 27th. American Division was to break through and hold HINDENBURG line and 3rd. Aust. Div. was to go through Americans and exploit - To ensure a sound communication system it had been decided to lay <del>xxxxxxx</del> 2 metallic lines from TEMPLEUX to BONY as early as possible after zero hour. These lines were to meet requirements of Infantry and Artillery Bdes. of this Division who intended establishing in vicinity of BONY. Visual and Wireless were the means to be relied on forward of Brigades until red line (furthest definite exploitation for Division) had been consolidated. Suitable sites for Visual</p>	<p>17</p>

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ROISEL - TEMPLEUX.	30th. Sept.	Mon.	<p>Dull, showery. Wind west 10 to 15 miles per hour.</p> <p>3 other ranks taken on strength from Aust. Corps Depot and to remain detached to Aust. Corps Signal Co. A.E. for duty as Motor Cyclists. 1 other rank to hospital sick (not yet diagnosed). 1 light draught horse on charge No. 2 Sub-Section (attached 8th. Art. Bde.) killed in action and replaced from Hd. Qrs.</p> <p>Tactical telegrams dealt with by the Divl. Signal Office during September were despatched periodically throughout the month to O.C. Aust. War Records Section, in packets numbered 20 to 23 inclusive.</p> <p>The various groups to which Artillery Bdes. will be incorporated having been defined, lines were arranged by Officer i/c. Signals, Divl. Art. as follows:- By picking up an existing line to 104 Bde. R.F.A. and another to 4th. Aust. Divl. Art. communication to Group Hd. Qrs. was adjusted. From thence lines laid were:- From Divl. Art. Hd. Qrs. to 190 Bde. R.F.A., thence to 104 Army Bde. R.F.A. and 110 Bde. R.F.A. From 110 Bde. R.F.A. to 7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde. connecting Group to -Sub-Group. 291 Bde. R.F.A. to 104 Army Bde. R.F.A. (lateral line).</p> <p>A Cable Detachment from 25th. Imperial Divl. Art. and 58th. Imperial Divl. Art. reported to Divl. Art. Hd. Qrs. for attachment during period that their Artillery Bdes. are under tactical command of 3rd. Divl. Art.</p> <p>Lines run to 33rd. and 44th. Bns. who have established on right flank at QUENNEMONT FARM and Sheet 62C, A.27 a 4.4 respectively.</p> <p>Strength as at today:- Actually with unit - 17 officers, 341 other ranks; Effective strength - 21 officers, 355 other ranks. Horses, strength today - 42 rides, 78 light draughts.</p> <p>Appendix No. 13:- O.C.'s report.  " " 14:- C.Q.M.S.' report.  " " 15:- Transport officer's report.  " " 16:- Details of strength of unit.  " " 17:- Graph shewing message traffic for September.  " " 18:- " " D.R.L.S. (sealed packets) traffic for September.  " " 19:- Return of Fat, paper, etc. despatched to Base for September.  " " 20:- Copies of recommendations for honours and awards for acts of gallantry in connection with operations during August and September.</p> <p>Appendix No. 21:- Copies of recommendations for honours and awards - New Year's Honours Dispatch, 1919.</p>	72

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of  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.  
for  
SEPTEMBER, 1918.

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Returns to be rendered for the month of September, 1918.

Date	Nature of Return	Rendered to	Time
1st.	Casualty return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Regtl. Trust Funds A/c	" " "	-----
	Nominal roll unit & attached personnel	A.B.P.O.	-----
	W/T. & E.I. Sets & W/T. traffic returns	Corps W/T. Offr. Mng. 2nd.	-----
2nd.	Casualty return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Nom. roll of Deserters	" " "	6.0 pm.
	Trench & Area Stores	" " "	"
	Anti-gas Return	" " "	"
3rd.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	Stationery indent	No. 4 Fla. Ptg. Depot.	-----
4th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Strength Return	" " "	4.0 p.m.
5th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	Cable & Telephone return	A.D. Signals	Mng. 6th.
6th.	Casualty return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Nominal roll of Officers	A.D. Signals	9.0 pm.
	Absentees, Stragglers & C.M. Prisoners	A.P.M.	4.0 pm.
	Fats to Base	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	6.0 p.m.
	Mileage and Petrol return	3rd. M.T. Co.	-----
	Buried Cable - tracing of	A.D. Signals	Noon.
	Message Rockets - No. on hand	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	10 a.m.
7th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	A.F.B. 213 and A.F.B. 2069	" " "	9 am 8th.
	Small Box Respirator	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Changes in Officers	" " "	Noon.
	Cardboard and Paper to Base	" " "	Noon.
	Strength Return	" " "	4.0 p.m.
8th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	W/T. & E.I. Sets and W/T. traffic returns	Corps W/T. Offr. Mng. 9th.	-----
9th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Anti-gas return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
10th.	Casualty return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	Stationery Indent	No. 4 Fla. Ptg. Depot.	-----
11th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Strength Return	" " "	4.0 p.m.
12th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	Cable and Telephone Return	A.D. Signals	Mng. 13th.
13th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Cert. all cars to Workshops	" " "	9 am 14th.
	Absentees, Stragglers & C.M. Prisoners	A.P.M.	4.0 pm.
	Fats to Base	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	6.0 p.m.
	Mileage and Petrol return	3rd. M.T. Co.	-----
	Buried Cable - tracing of	A.D. Signals	Noon.
14th.	Message Rockets - No. on hand	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	10 am.
	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	A.F.B. 213 and A.F.B. 2069	" " "	9am 15th.
	Small Box Respirator	" " "	6.0 pm.
	Changes in Officers	" " "	Noon.
	Cardboard and Paper to Base	" " "	Noon.
	Strength Return	" " "	6.0 pm.
15th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	W/T. & E.I. Sets. & W/T. traffic return	Corps WT. Offr. Mng. 16th.	-----
16th.	Casualty return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Anti-gas Return	" " "	6.0 pm.
17th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	Stationery Indent	No. 4 Fla. Ptg. Depot.	-----
18th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Strength Return	" " "	4.0 pm.
19th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	Cable and Telephone Return	A.D. Signals	Mng. 20th.
20th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 pm.
	Absentees, Stragglers & C.M. Prisoners	A.P.M.	4.0 pm.
	Fats to Base	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	6.0 pm.
	Mileage and Petrol return	3rd. M.T. Co.	-----
	Buried Cable - tracing of	A.D. Signals	Noon.
	Message Rockets - No. on hand	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	10 a.m.

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21st.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	A.F.B. 213 and A.F.B. 2069	" " "	9 am 22nd.
	Small Box Respirator	" " "	6.0 pm.
	Changes in Officers	" " "	Noon.
	Cardboard and Paper to Base	" " "	Noon.
	Strength Return	" " "	4.0 p.m.
22nd.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	W/T. & E.I. Sets & W/T. traffic return	Corps W/T. Offr.	Mng. 23rd.
23rd.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Anti-gas Return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
24th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Stationery Indent	No. 4 Flg. Ptg. Depot.	
25th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	Strength Return	" " "	4.0 p.m.
26th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Monthly Check of Deficiencies (M.T.)	No. 3 M.T. Co.	-----
	Inoculation Return	A.D.M.S	1.0 p.m.
	Cable and Telephone return	A.D. Signals	-----
27th.	Casualty Return	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	4.30 p.m.
	S.A.A. on charge at noon	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Absentees, Stragglers & C.M. Prisoners	A.P.M.	4.0 p.m.
	Fats to Base	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	6.0 p.m.
	Mileage and Petrol Return	No. 3 M.T. Co.	-----
	Buried Cable - tracing of	A.D. Signals	Noon.
	Message Rockets - No. on hand	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	10 a.m.
28th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Men in France 12 mths. without leave, etc.	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Return of Packsaddlery on charge	" " "	Noon.
	A.F.B. 213 and A.F.B. 2069	" " "	9 am 29th
	Small Box Respirator	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Changes in Officers	" " "	Noon.
	Cardboard and Paper to Base	" " "	Noon.
	Strength Return	" " "	4.0 p.m.
29th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 pm.
	W/T. and E.I. Sets & W/T. traffic returns	Corps W/T. Offr.	Mng. 30th.
	Cert. all cars to Workshops	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9 am 30th.
30th.	Casualty Return	" " "	4.30 p.m.
	Anti-gas Return	" " "	6.0 p.m.
	Certificate re Iron Rations	" " "	"
	Census of Horses	" " "	"
	A.F.B. 158 Nom. roll of Officers (in trip.)	" " "	"
	A.F.W. 3156 Motor Cars & Cycles on charge	" " "	"
	Return of Accumulators	Corps W/T. Offr.	---
	Return of Main Wireless Equipment	" " "	---
	History of Field Officers & Captains	Divl. Hd. Qrs.	6.0 p.m.



*Appendix No 2*

16. Cps.,  
3rd. Aust. Div.

Regimental Funds - Cash Statement.

Month ending 31st. August 18.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.	
No.	<i>P.A. 2438</i>
Date.	<i>1.9.1918</i>

Receipts	£	s	d	Expenditure.	£	s	d
1.8.18 By Balance brought forward.	79	19	5	15.8.18 To cost of 14 cooks' suits.	7	7	*
15.8.18 Cable remittance from Australia, received thro' G.P.M., London.	30			17.8.18 cost of 1 doz. tennis balls.	1	4	11
				31.8.18 Balance carried forward.	101	7	6
Total.	£ 109	19	5		£ 109	19	5

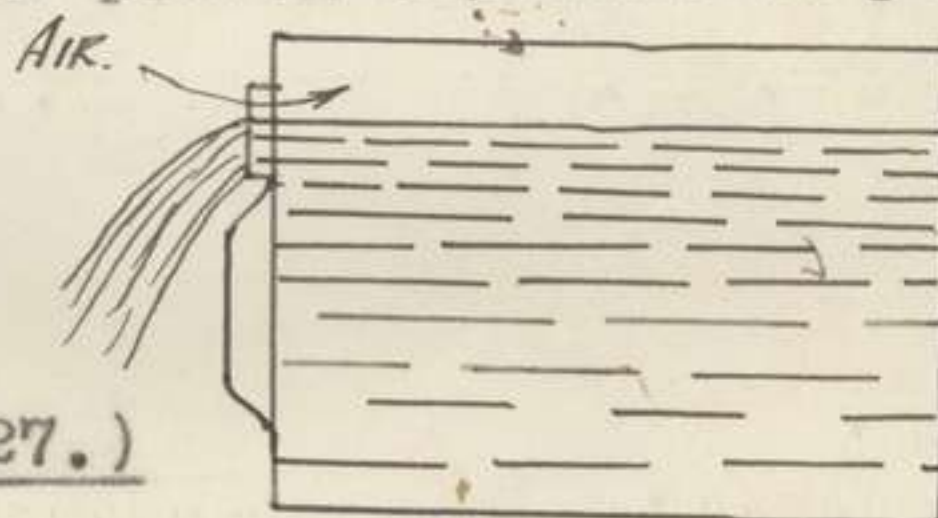
\* Receipt for this payment not yet received from A.I.F. Headquarters.

*R. Hamilton*  
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co., A.E. Major.

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by  
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,  
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.In the Field, France,  
3rd. September, 1918.680. TAKEN ON STRENGTH. (Extract A.I.F. List 374.)

" 2nd. Lieut. F.W. HOWIE, taken on strength of 3rd. Div. Sig. Co. 12.8.18."

681. PRODUCTION OF PASSES TO MILITARY AND CIVIL POLICE. (Extract A.I.F.O. 1354.)" N.C.Os. and men of the A.I.F. must, when required, produce their  
"passes to any accredited military policeman belonging either to the  
"Imperial Army or Overseas Forces and to members of the Civil Police  
"Force. It has been brought to notice that many members of the A.I.F.  
"are under the false impression that they are not required to produce  
"their passes except to their own Military Policemen."682. PETROL TINS FOR CARRYING WATER. (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 2435.)" Holes are frequently made in petrol tins used for carrying water, to  
"expedite the flow of the water when pouring it out. This practice, which  
"lessens the value of the tins for the carriage of water and renders them  
"useless for the carriage of petrol, must cease forthwith. The proper  
"method of pouring water or petrol from a petrol tin is to hold the tin  
"with the opening at the top, and, when pouring, so to tilt the tin as not  
"entirely to fill the opening with the liquid, but to leave a little space  
"at the top of the opening for the air to get into the tin, as shewn in the  
"illustration below. The water or petrol can then be poured out in a  
"steady stream.683. SANITATION. (Ref. 4th. Army R.O. 2427.)

Cases of neglect of the orders on Sanitation have again been brought under notice.

Sanitation is merely cleanliness and common sense, but every day men are seen throwing scraps of food, etc. about their lines and billets instead of obeying the clear orders on the subject.

It is impressed upon all ranks that their comfort and immunity from preventable disease will depend upon cleanliness of their surroundings and more especially upon the care which they devote to the proper disposal of faeces and urine, the necessity of pure water, protection of food, and the removal and destruction of all matter that attracts or affords a breeding place for flies.

Every man must do his share of the necessary work and the responsibility of seeing that it is done rests with all officers and n.c.os.

684. ECONOMY IN HORSES. (Ref. Divl. Hd. Qrs. "Q" 14/355 of 2.9.18.)

The following extract from an Army letter is promulgated for information and guidance:-

" Horse situation makes it imperative to conserve horses as much  
"as possible and necessitates stringent orders being issued to ensure  
"horse vehicles of all types are not overloaded. Surplus baggage and  
"stores must be left behind under guard until they can be brought  
"forward. 4th. Army Q".

On no account are vehicles of this unit to be overloaded. If necessary, additional trips are to be made.

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APPENDIX NO. *4* WAR DIARY. VOL. 23.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,  
4th. September, 1918.D.R.L.S. TIME - TABLE.FROM & TO AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Aust. Corps.	7.00 a.m.	2.30 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.	7.30 a.m.	3.00 p.m.	8.30 p.m.
Arrives Aust. Corps.	8.15 a.m.	3.45 p.m.	9.15 p.m.

TO INF. BDES. & PIONEER BN.

Leaves 3rd. Aust. Div.	8.00 a.m.	12.00 noon.	4.00 p.m.	9.30 p.m.
" 9th. Inf. Bde.	8.25 a.m.	12.25 p.m.	4.25 p.m.	9.55 p.m.
" 11th. Inf. Bde.	8.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	10.05 p.m.
" Pioneer Bn.	8.45 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	4.45 p.m.	10.20 p.m.
" 10th. Inf. Bde.	9.05 a.m.	1.05 p.m.	5.05 p.m.	10.50 p.m.
Arrives 3rd. Aust. Div.	9.20 a.m.	1.20 p.m.	5.20 p.m.	11.10 p.m.

NOTE: 11th. Field Amb. and 11th. Field Co. are in continuation of  
9th. Inf. Bde. run.  
Salvage Co. via Corps.

CIRCULAR RUN TO OTHER DIVL. UNITS & OTHER UNITS IN DIVL. AREA.

Leaves Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.
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Times of closing - ten minutes before time of departure  
of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

*R. G. Hamilton*  
Major.  
- Officer i/c. Signals.  
3rd. Australian Division.

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In the Field, France,  
6th. September, 1918.

685. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract Special D.R.O. dated 5.9.18.)

" The following Military Medals have been awarded for GALLANTRY  
" during operations from 8th. to 13th. August, 1918.

" In publishing the names of the recipients, the Corps and Division-  
" al Commanders wish to convey to them their congratulations.

" No. 46, Spr. A.W. WHIELDON, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

" For gallantry on 10th. August, near LA FLAQUE in carrying despatches  
" under heavy shell and machine gun fire and bombs.

" No. 11024 Spr. H.N. LOWE )

" No. 10587 Sgt. C.V. BLANCH )

3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

" No. 10535 T/2/Cpl. W.J. EASTON )

" For gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining telephone  
" wire under most trying circumstances during the advance East of HANEL  
" on 8th. August, 1918."

686. PUNISHMENTS.

On 5.9.18. No. 19128, Dvr. L.C. CROPLEY was tried on the  
following charge:-

18.  
On 3.9. When on Active Service, ill-treating a horse used in the  
Public Service.

Sentence: One day's F.P. No. 2.

On 5.9.18. No. 19770, Spr. T. GIBLETT (Signal Reinforcement  
attached 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.) was tried on the following charge

On 22.8.18. when on Active Service, neglecting to obey an  
order given by his superior officer in that he did not appear  
properly dressed when ordered to do so.

Sentence: Two days' F.P. No. 2.

687. RATE OF EXCHANGE. (Extract G.R.O. 4908.)

" The rate of exchange for the issue of cash to the troops of the  
" Expeditionary Force has been fixed at the rate of five francs equals  
" three shillings and eightpence for the month of September, 1918."

688. BOMBING FOR FISH. (Extract Divl. R.O. 2029.)

" The practice of bombing the river for fish is to cease.  
" Severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders."

689. FIRING OF CAPTURED VERY LIGHTS, ETC. (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 2460.)

" The indiscriminate firing of captured signal lights, rockets, etc.  
" and throwing of German bombs, is to cease. Apart from the danger of  
" accidents, there is a serious risk of starting fires and exploding  
" ammunition dumps, etc."

*L.G. Buckland* Captain.  
for Major.  
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

A.D. Signals 143  
Aust. Corps.Reference: Your T.18/20 of 3.9.18.Subject: (a) Supernumerary Officers.  
(b) Record of Experience of Subalterns, 3rd. Aust.  
Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In reply to your abovementioned memo. the particulars requested are as follows:-

(a) Three.

(b)

<u>Name of Officer.</u>	<u>Sections in which served as an Officer.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Lt. G. L. Mayman	Signal Sub-Section.	Supt. Divl. Signal office as N.C.O.
Lt. J. M. Cook, M.M.	" " "	Bde. Signal Section as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C.
Lt. W. J. Summers.	Wireless Section.	Corps Wireless Section as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C.
Lt. L. V. Smith, M.C.	Bde. Signal Section.*	Bde. Signal Sec. as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C.
Lt. H. W. Groves, M.C.	" " "	Cable Section and Bde. Signal Section as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C.
Lt. T. F. Houlihan.	Cable Section and* Signal Sub-Section.	Cable Section as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C. *With Signal Sub-Sec. for period less than three months.
Lt. S. Fountain, D.C.M.	Cable Section (Lines Officer.)	Supt. Divl. Signal office and Sig. Sub-Sec. as N.C.O.
Lt. A. S. H. Gifford, D.C.M.	Bde. Signal Section.	Bde. Signal Sec. as N.C.O.
Lt. J. W. Allan	Visual Officer and Bde. Signal Section.*	*With Bde. Signal Sec. for period less than three months.
Lt. F. W. Osborne	Wireless Section and Bde. Signal Section.*	Bde. Signal Sec. as N.C.O. *With Bde. Signal Sec. for period less than three months. Ex O.T.C.
Lt. H. R. Evans	No. 5 Section (attached M.G. Bn.)	Bde. Signal Sec. as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C.
2/Lt. B. E. George	Signal Sub-Section.	Ex 22nd. Corps Mtd. Regt. Ex O.T.C.

/2nd. Lieut. W. A. McPherson.

<u>Name of Officer.</u>	<u>Sections in which served as an Officer.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
2/Lt. W.A. McPherson.	* Bde. Signal Section.	Ex Cyclist Bn. * With Bde. Signal Sec. for period less than 3 months. Ex O.T.C.
2/Lt. F.R.D. Rogerson	Visual Officer and * Bde. Signal Sec.	Supt. Divl. Signal office Ex O.T.C. * With Bde. Signal Sec. for period less than 3 months.
2/Lt. J.F. Sims, D.C.M., M.M.	* Cable Section.	Bde. Signal Section as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C. * With Cable Section for period less than 3 months.
2/Lt. F.W. Howie.	* Bde. Signal Section.	Bde. Signal Section as N.C.O. Ex O.T.C. * With Bde. Signal Section for period less than 3 months.

  
 Major.  
 O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

COPY.

A.D. Signals,  
Aust. Corps.  
T.18/20.  
3.9.18.

O.C. Signals, 1st. Aust. Div.  
O.C. Signals, 2nd. Aust. Div.  
O.C. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Div.  
O.C. Signals, 4th. Aust. Div.  
O.C. Signals, 5th. Aust. Div.  
O.C. Aust. Corps Sig. Coy.

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Will you please furnish this office with a list of Officers under your command showing those absorbed on Company strength and those supernumerary to establishment.

Information is also required of every Officer under the rank of Captain as to his previous training, whether in a Brigade Section, Artillery Sub-Section or as the case may be.

This list is required as some Companies are holding officers extra to establishment while other units are below their authorised number.

Any officer held supernumerary to establishment is liable to be transferred to any other Signal Unit at a moments notice now that casualties among sub-sections are high.

Returns to be rendered by noon on 6.9.18.

3rd. September,  
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(sgt) T.R. Williams, Lieut.-Col.  
A.D. Signals.  
Aust. Corps.

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by  
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,  
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,  
12th. September, 1918.

690. SCHOOLS.

The report from Fourth Army Signal School regarding Lieut. J.W. ALLAN, who attended a Course, is as follows:-  
Progress during Course - Good.  
He obtained 67% marks in the Practical Examination.  
Qualified as an Instructor in Signalling.

691. EDUCATION SERVICE, A.I.F. (Ref. Circ. Memo. DAG. AIF. 25/216 of 6.9.18.)

1. It has been decided to appoint an Education Officer for the Divisional Engineers.
2. The duties of the Education Officer will be:-
  - (a) To organise and co-ordinate all available means of instruction.
  - (b) To obtain information enabling men to decide upon their careers after the war, and thus to be the advance agent of the Australian Repatriation Scheme.
3. Applications are invited for the appointment as an Education Officer by those who possess the necessary qualifications which are as follows:-
  - (a) Some standing in some branch of Education.
  - (b) Previous teaching experience.
  - (c) Keen and energetic.
  - (d) Good organiser.
4. If N.C.Os. or Sappers are appointed they will be appointed Second Lieutenants.
5. Any member of the unit who desires to send in an application should do so in writing, giving in detail their qualifications, etc., to reach this office by 6 p.m., 15th. inst.

692. AWARD OF THE MILITARY MEDAL. (Extract 4th. Army R.O. 2475.)

" Besides being given for a specific act of gallantry, as hitherto, the Military Medal may now be given as an immediate reward for continuous gallantry during a period of active operations."

693. SEPARATION ALLOWANCE. (Ref. A.I.F. Order 1364.)

" (1) The Commonwealth Government has approved the payment of Separation Allowance to dependants of members of the A.I.F. resident in the United Kingdom, with effect from 1st. August, 1918, at the same rates and upon the same conditions as those pertaining to dependants residing in Australia and New Zealand.  
" (2) Payment of Separation Allowance will be made in accordance with provisions and within the limits of War Financial Regulations and A.I.F. Orders, the present rates being:-  
" Wife (or other Adult Dependant) ... .. 2s. per diem.  
" Each Child under 16 years ... .. 6d. per diem."

Further particulars regarding the above may be had upon application to the Company Orderly Room.

*R.G. Hamilton*  
Major.  
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

NOTICE.

All applications submitted for selection for appointments in the Australian Flying Corps prior to the 4th. inst. have been cancelled. Any applicant desiring to renew his application will submit same on usual pro forma to reach this office by 25th. September, 1918..



APPENDIX NO. 8

WAR DIARY.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,  
13th. September, 1918.D.R.L.S. TIME-TABLE.FROM & TO AUST. CORPS.

Leaves Aust. Corps	7.00 a.m.	2.30 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
" 3rd. Aust. Div.	7.40 a.m.	3.10 p.m.	8.40 p.m.
Arrives Aust. Corps	9.10 a.m.	4.40 p.m.	10.10 p.m.

TO INF. BDES. & MACHINE GUN BN.

Leaves Divl. Hd. Qrs.	8.00 a.m.	12.00 noon.	4.00 p.m.	9.30 p.m.
" 9th. Inf. Bde.	8.20 a.m.	12.20 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	9.55 p.m.
" Signals Camp	8.30 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	10.05 p.m.
" 10th. Inf. Bde.	8.35 a.m.	12.35 p.m.	4.35 p.m.	10.10 p.m.
" 11th. Inf. Bde.	8.45 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	4.45 p.m.	10.25 p.m.
" M.G. Bn.	9.15 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	10.55 p.m.
Arrives Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9.35 a.m.	1.35 p.m.	5.35 p.m.	11.15 p.m.

NOTE: 3rd. Divl. Train and D.A.D.C.S., 3rd. Aust. Div., delivered and collected at Signals Camp (1.24 c 6.4.)  
Pioneer Bn. is in continuation of Machine Gun Bn. run.  
10th. Field Amb. is in continuation of 9th. Inf. Bde. run.

CIRCULAR RUN TO OTHER DIVL. UNITS AND OTHER UNITS IN DIVL. AREA.

Leaves Divl. Hd. Qrs.	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.
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Times of closing - ten minutes before time of departure of D.R.

All previous time-tables are cancelled.

*R.G. Hamilton*  
Major,  
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3rd. Australian Division.

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Hd. Qrs.,  
3rd. Aust. Div.A.D. Signals,  
Aust. Corps.C.O.,  
3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn. (For information.)OFFICER i/c SIGNALS  
THIRD  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No...HS. 2526...

Date..14.9.18...

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Subject: Despatch Rider Letter Service.

It is desired to submit for consideration the advisability of the addition of one motor cyclist and one motor cycle to the establishment of a Divl. Signal Co. for use with No.5 Section attached to the Machine Gun Bn.

Recent operations have proved that such an addition is more than necessary, as the disposition of Machine Gun Companies invariably renders the D.R.L.S. an extremely difficult problem, particularly with regard to operation orders of an urgent nature.

The Hd. Qrs. of the Machine Gun Bn. is usually adjacent to Divl. Hd. Qrs. and the Companies are disposed tactically over the whole of the Divisional front, and, at times, are outside the Divisional boundary; therefore, the traffic cannot be dealt with simultaneous with any of the ordinary runs. Also, it is necessary, during active operations, that the delivery of despatches is made direct to the Hd. Qrs. of Companies of the Machine Gun Bn.

As the rapid changes in disposition of Machine Gun Companies during operations are of such paramount importance, an unusual number of "specials" is incurred, with the result that an abnormal and uneconomical Runner service is employed with indifferent results, whereas a Motor Cyclist would be suitably and economically employed and the service vastly improved in addition to the saving in fighting troops which are now used as Runners.

*R.G. Hamilton*Major.  
Officer i/c. Signals.  
3rd. Australian Division.

by  
Major R.G. Hamilton, M.C.,  
O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

In the Field, France,  
23rd. September, 1918.

694. HONOURS AND REWARDS. (Extract Special Divl. Order dated 20.9.18.)

" Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal  
"Commanding-in-Chief, has awarded the following decoration.

" In publishing the name of the recipient, the Army, Corps, and  
"Divisional Commanders wish to convey to him their congratulations:-

" THE MILITARY MEDAL.

" No. 10691, Spr. A.R. YEOMAN. 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

" For devotion to duty under heavy shell fire near BRAY on 22/26th.  
"August. He maintained communications under severe conditions."

695. SCHOOLS.

The report from 4th. Army Artillery and Trench Mortar Schools regarding  
Lieut. G.L. MAYMAN who attended a "C.W. Wireless Course" is as follows:-

<u>Exam. Marks.</u>	<u>General Work.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
77%	Very Good.	Thorough and reliable. A keen worker, devoted much spare time to work.

The report from Signal Depot, R.E., N.C.Os. School, regarding  
No. 10840, L/Cpl. V.V. HALLISSEY, M.M. who attended a Course, is as follows

Drill -	Fair.
Physical Training -	Very fair.
Technical Training -	Very fair.
Suitability as an N.C.O. or Instructor -	Very fair.
Remarks -	Hard-working and keen N.C.O. Has improved during Course.

696. LAMPS - BICYCLE. (Extract G.R.O. 5029.)

" Owing to "lamps, bicycle" being rarely used, bicycles will be issued  
"in future without the lamp unless the latter is specially demanded on  
"indent."

697. DRINKING WATER IN RIVER SOMME. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 247.)

" Water from the River SOMME will not be used for drinking or cooking  
"unless it has been drawn through a sterilizer lorry."

698. BOUNDS - AERODROMES. (Extract Aust. Corps R.O. 248.)

" Several Aerodromes have now been established in the Corps Area.  
"All of these Aerodromes are "out of Bounds" to all troops."

699. SPECIAL PAYMENT - CHRISTMAS GIFTS. (Extract A.I.F. Order 1378.)

" Approval is given for members of the Australian Imperial Force who  
"so desire, and who have sufficient credit in their paybooks, to draw  
"amounts of pay not exceeding a total of Five Pounds (£5) in excess of  
"the prescribed scales for pay issue, for the purpose of purchasing  
"Christmas gifts."

*R.G. Hamilton*

Major.

O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.

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SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO. 9.35. FIELD CIPHER.

1. Certain weaknesses in the present methods of using Field Cipher have been revealed. In order to remedy the defects discovered the following instructions are issued for the guidance of all who use Field Cipher.

2. The use of AAA in the clear version of a wireless message which is to be enciphered, is forbidden (See S.S.209, Chapter II(3), page 4). A dummy letter may be inserted in the clear message in the place of AAA, if this is necessary in order to leave no doubt as to the sense of the message.

3. Field Cipher key words will, in future, be issued by G.H.Q. These key words may consist of one or more words such as:-

QUATERNIONS or EPICURIAN ZYST

They will, as a general rule, contain jointly a number of letters not less than 10 or more than 13 letters (exclusive of duplicates), as in the examples above.

4. The use of final words, such as "stop", "end", "ends", etc., in order to complete the requisite number of letters in the clear version of a cipher wireless message, is forbidden. Dummy letters will be substituted for these words. These letters must not invariably be the final letters of the alphabet, but should be any letters, the choice being varied. Care must be taken to choose such letters as will cause no ambiguity in the sense.

5. The letters X, Y and Z must not be used too frequently as dummy letters.

6. The following modification will be used for filling in the Field Cipher Square:-

After writing down the key-word, insert over each letter a number representing the relative alphabetical position of the letter with respect to the others, thus:-

7 5 4 1 3 2 6  
S O L D I E R

(D, being the first letter in alphabetical sequence, is numbered 1, and so on.).

Write the other letters of the alphabet (not included in the key-word) in the ordinary way, e.g.

7 5 4 1 3 2 6  
S O L D I E R  
A B C F G H K  
M N P Q T U V  
W X Y Z

Write the letters of each column, taken in numerical order, into the square, thus:-

D F Q Z E  
H U I G T  
L C P Y O  
B N X R K  
V S A M W

7. The necessary alterations are being included in a revised edition of "Instructions for the Use of Field Cipher" dated April, 1917.

8. It is intended shortly to replace Playfair Cipher by Field Cipher for line telegraphy. Officers i/c. Signals will, therefore, take steps to instruct officers in their formations in the use of the latter Cipher, and will report when instruction is complete.

The following Officers are to be instructed:-

In addition to Staff Officers:-

Artillery:

Brigades. Adjutant and one other officer.  
Batteries. O.C. Battery and one other officer.

Engineers:

Field Cos. O.C. and one other officer.

M.G. Bn.: Adjutant, Intelligence Officer, and one other officer.

Infantry:

Brigades. Intelligence Officer.  
Battalions. Adjutant, Intelligence Officer, and one other officer.  
(also Pioneer Bn.)

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Officer i/c. Signals.  
Third Australian Division.

24.9.1918.

Distribution:

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" " "	8th. " " " "
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" " "	9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
" " "	10th. " " "
" " "	11th. " " "

For information:

Hd. Qrs.,	3rd. Aust. Div.
" "	3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.
" "	7th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
" "	8th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
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Officer i/c. Signals, 3rd. Aust. Divl. Art.  
 O.C. No. 1 Sub-Section.  
 " " 2 " "  
 " " 2 Section.  
 " " 3 "  
 " " 4 "  
 " " 5 "

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY, A.E.	
No.	EP. 2632.
Date	26.9.18.

Subject: Clothing and Equipment.

Occasions have occurred in which Sections have returned boots and other clothing as unsuitable when the apparent reason has been that they are not of Australian pattern.

It should be clearly understood that the Company has no control over the supply of clothing and equipment and the above practice is not conducive to the unit's ability to meet demands which it is desired to maintain.

*L. Buckland*  
 Capt.  
 for Major.  
 O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.



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O.C.'s REPORT.  
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Three moves occurred during the month.

COMMUNICA-  
TIONS.

The principle of establishing a Divisional Command Post at a moderately advanced position had been adopted throughout the period by Divisional Headquarters.

This decision rendered necessary the maintaining of two signal offices. The personnel posted to the Command Post being consistent with requirements only, owing to the restricted accommodation and the greater risk of casualty.

Coincident on the many moves it was found necessary to again utilise cable wagons to provide lines to new positions, owing to the absence of any existing routes in the demolished areas occupied.

At this work the cable detachments again rendered excellent service.

MOTOR  
CYCLIST  
DESPATCH  
RIDERS.

Motor Cyclist Despatch Riders, who had to contend with exceptionally bad roads and more than ordinary congestion of traffic at night, could not adhere to time-tables on all occasions. Much difficulty was experienced in locating units in the dark and the frequent moves added to their task.

FIELD  
CABLE.

Demands for field cable were heavy and the system of making all lines metallic had been consistently carried out.

Supplies were replenished as demanded through Corps Dumps, which were situated at convenient positions.

A number of English Artillery Brigades who came under the tactical command of this Division, were equipped with cable during the period of attachment.

BURIED  
ROUTES.

The mobile conditions prevailing naturally saw the abandonment of the buried system.

In consequence of the difficulty experienced in procuring suitable dugouts, ~~in~~ an advanced Artillery Brigade Headquarters was often established in conjunction with Infantry Brigades. Hence an economy in lines resulted.

## VISUAL.

Was again used extensively forward of Artillery and Infantry Brigades until lines were constructed, when it became a supplementary means.

HEALTH &  
DISCIPLINE.

The men bathed regularly throughout, and when necessary received a clean issue of underclothing. The health and the discipline has been good.

0.9.1918.

*R. Hamilton*  
Major.  
THIRD AUST. DIVL. SIGNAL CO. A. E.

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C.Q.M.S's. REPORT.  
-----CLOTHING &  
EQUIPMENT.

Demands were fairly large and fairly well met.

Jackets, S.D.

Quality of all received was good, but there was <sup>a</sup> shortage of small sizes.

Breeches, M.S.

All sizes were available and all were of good quality.

Hats.

No demands were submitted during month.

Boots, ankle.

Demands were well met mostly with Australian pattern, the only exception being size 6, which were all English pattern. Quality of all was good.

Repairs.

52 pairs were repaired by the Company saddler during the same period and re-issued.

Comforts.

Comforts were received from the Australian Comforts Fund and distributed throughout the unit. Articles and quantities received were as follows:-

Cocoa & Milk	288 tins.	Fruit	72 tins.
Jam	144 "	Sugar	90 lbs.
Custard Powder	60 lbs.	Cigarettes	1600 pkts. of 10.
Tobacco	252 plugs (2 oz.)	Groceries	4 cases.
General articles	3 cases.		

TECHNICAL  
EQUIPMENT.Instruments.

Instruments received from Divisional units for overhaul and repair were as follows:-

20 telephones (various types.)  
3 Fullerphones.

All were repaired in the Mechanic's shop and returned to the units concerned.

In addition to above, the following instruments were returned to Corps for replacement, being beyond local repair:-

3 Telephones, D.III.  
1 Fullerphone.  
4 Lucas Lamps.

Cable.

Field cable supplied to Divisional units was as follows:-

D.3 twisted	55 miles.
D.3 single	31 "
D.2 twisted	55 "
D.2 single	84 "
Total	<u>205 miles.</u>

1.10.18.

*St. Pymor*  
C.Q.M.S.  
3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A. E.



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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1918 .  
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During the period under review owing to the mobile nature of the operations in which the unit has been engaged, horse transport has been utilized to the fullest extent and has proved of the utmost value.

The horses are in good condition and wagons also, notwithstanding the severe tests to which the latter have been subjected throughout the whole month.

*S. Dunstan.*

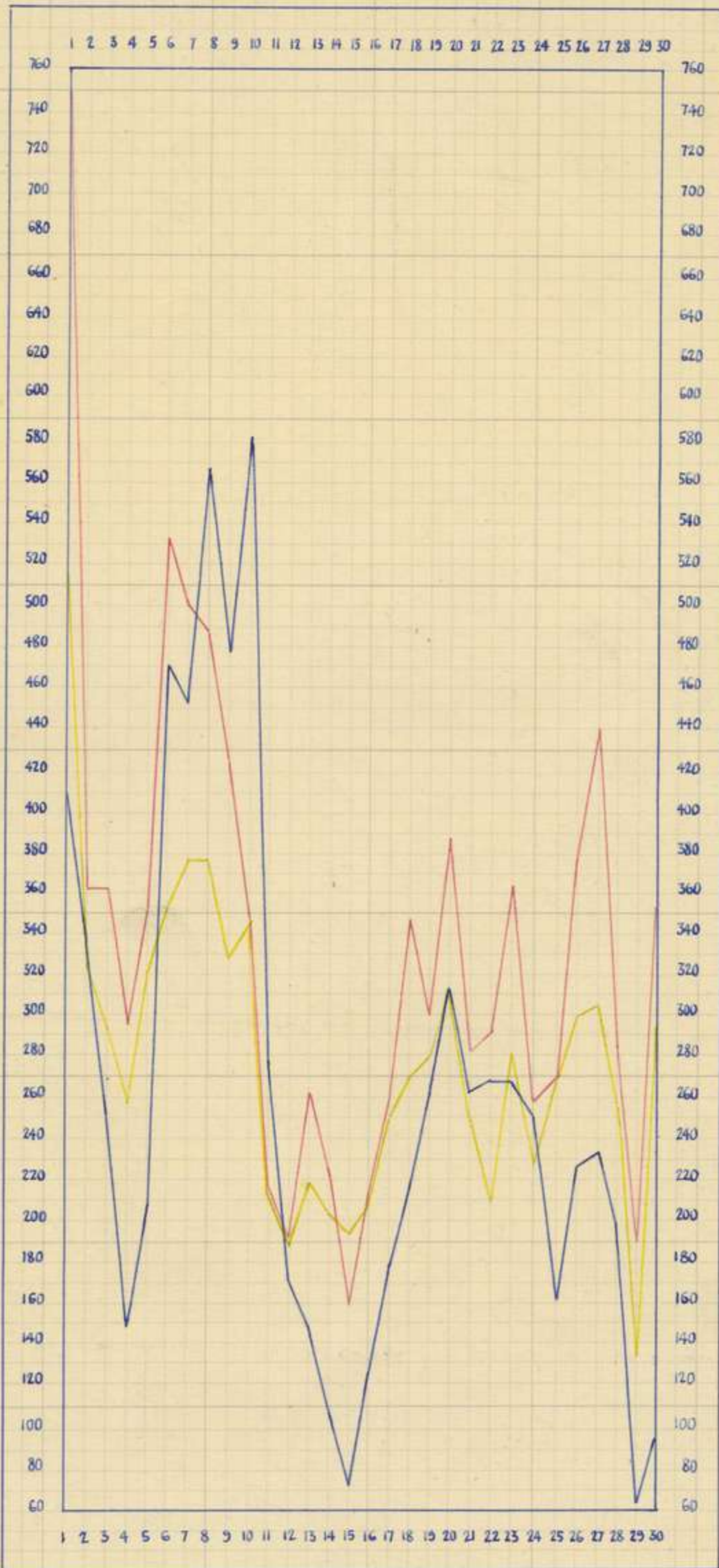
Lieutenant.  
Officer i/c. No. 1 Sec.





GRAPH SHOWING DAILY NUMBER of  
**AB&C MESSAGES**

3rd Aust. Div! Signal Coy. A.E.



A Messages ———  
B " ———  
C " ———

— Totals —

Div! Ad Qrs		15551
D.A.A.Q.		1780
Nº 2 Sec.	Att. 9th Inf. Bde	1953
Nº 3 Sec.	" 10th " "	2162
Nº 4 Sec.	" 11th " "	2133
Nº 5 Sec.	" 3rd M.G. Bde	699
Nº 1 Sub Sec.	" 7th F.A. Bde	837
Nº 2 " "	" 8th " "	1095
	— Total	<u>26210</u>
	Wireless	481

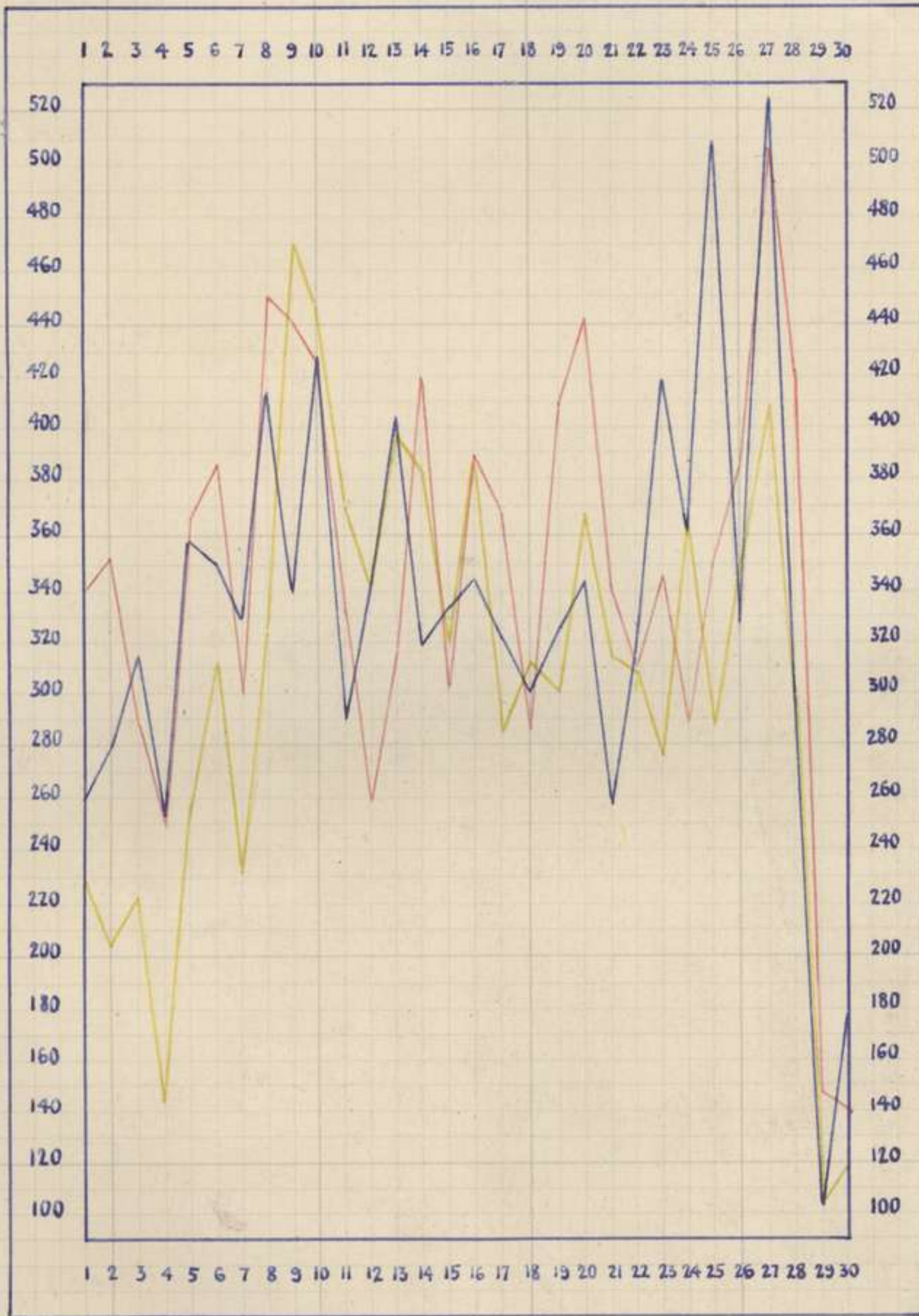
MAJOR  
 R. Hamilton  
 O.C. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV. SIGNAL COY. A.E.

SEPTEMBER 1918

GRAPH SHOWING DAILY NUMBER of

A B & C Sealed Packets

3rd Aust. Div! Signal Coy. A.E.



A Messages ———  
 B " ———  
 C " ———

Totals

Div! Hd Qrs		15821
D.A.A.Q.		2586
Nº 2 Sec.	Art. 9th Inf. Bde	2719
Nº 3 "	" 10th " "	2827
Nº 4 "	" 11th " "	2556
Nº 5 "	" 3rd M.G.Bn	1674
Nº 1 Sub Sec.	" 7th F.A.Bde	715
Nº 2 " "	" 8th " "	530
Total		29428

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MAJOR,  
 O.C. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV: SIGNAL CO., A.E.  
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Return of Fat, Paper, &c., despatched to  
Base by this unit for the month of September:-

	<u>Fat.</u>	<u>Cardboard.</u>	<u>Jam Cartons.</u>
Sept. 8th.	10 lbs.	4 lbs.	
" 15th.	12 "		5 lbs.
" 22nd.	8 "	6 lbs.	
" 29th.	10 "		10 lbs.

30.9.18.

*R. Hamilton*  
MAJOR,  
O.O. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIV: SIGNAL CO. A.E.



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Date recommendation passed forward.

Brigade  
Division  
Corps  
Army.Received.  
12.8.18.Passed.  
13.8.18.

Army Form W. 3121.

[M1121] W03/8/M786 500m 9/16s G &amp; S E. 369. Forms/W. 3121/3

9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. 3rd Australian Division. Australian Corps. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	No. 2 Section 3rd. Aust. Div Signal Co. AE. (att. Hqrs. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)	10587	Sergeant Charles Vivian BLANCH.	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations against enemy positions South of the SOMME, east of HAMEL, on 8th. August, 1918. This N.C.O. was in charge of all lines at Brigade Forward Station. He displayed great ability and determination in maintaining line communications in the Brigade area both before and after Zero hour, under extremely difficult conditions and heavy shell fire. By his fearless courage and coolness he set a splendid example to those working with him thereby ensuring effective communications throughout. His conduct was very fine.	(sgd) J. E. C. Lord, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 9th. Australian Infantry Bde.	MILITARY MEDAL.	143
	No. 2 Section 3rd. Aust. Div. Signal Co. AE. (att. Hqrs. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)	10535	Private (Lance Corporal) William James EASTON.	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations against enemy positions South of the SOMME, east of HAMEL, on 8th. August, 1918. This N.C.O. was in charge of a line detached Prior to Zero hour Lance Corporal EASTON with his party succeeded in keeping Brigade communications intact, despite heavy gas bombardment. Although lines were repeatedly cut by shellfire, with great perseverance and intrepidity he again and again repaired them thus ensuring effective communications throughout a critical period. After zero he did magnificent work in the maintenance of lines in the captured territory. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty under great difficulties inspiring those working under him.	(sgd) J. E. C. Lord, Lieut.-Colonel, Commanding 9th. Australian Infantry Bde.	MILITARY MEDAL.	

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Date recommendation passed forward.

Received. Passed. Army Form W. 3121.

Brigade 15.8.18. 16.8.18.

10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. 3rd. Australian Division. Australian Corps. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd. Divisional Signal Coy. attached 10th Aust. Infantry Bde.	46	Sapper Arthur William WHIELDON.	On the night of the 10th. August, 1918, near LA FLAQUE, he was attached for special duty to No. 3 Section of the Signal Coy. He was employed in carrying despatches by motor cycle from LA FLAQUE to Brigade Headquarters. Throughout the night, he made many runs and being a motor cyclist was forced to use the Main Road. Although this was being heavily shelled, fiercely swept by enemy Machine Gun fire and frequently bombed by enemy aeroplanes, he paid no regard to his personal safety but delivered all his despatches. He set a splendid example to the remainder of his section.	(sgd) W. RAMSAY McNICOLL. Brigadier General. Commanding 10th. Australian Inf. Brigade.	MILITARY MEDAL.	143

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Received.

Passed.

17.8.18.

18.8.18.

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Corps

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	Third Divisional Signal Company. (attached 11th. Bde. H/Qs.)	11024	Sapper Herbert Newton <u>LOWE.</u>	On the 11th/12th. August, 1918, during operations on the SOMME, near PROYART, this man, just previous to the attack showed great devotion to duty in laying and maintaining alternative routes up to the front line, and after the attack had commenced he acted as linesman, and throughout the operation, during which the lines were cut on several occasions, he went out under heavy shell and machine gun fire and repaired the lines thereby enabling communication to be maintained and valuable information reaching Headquarters without delay. His splendid example inspired his comrades to volunteer to continue this most important work should he become a casualty.	(sd) J. H. Caman, Brigadier General Commanding 11th. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.	MILITARY MEDAL.	143



3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. <sup>Brigade.</sup> ~~3rd. Australian~~ Division. Australian Corps. Army 28.8.18. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. attached 3rd. Aust. M.G. Bn.	10691	Sapper Albert Richard YEOMAN.	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations in the vicinity of BRAY from the 22nd. August to 26th. August, this soldier acted as linesman at Battalion Command Post. He effectively carried out his duty with utter disregard for personal safety, laying and maintaining cables forward to companies under very severe conditions. In sticking to his task he materially assisted in the delegation of command at critical times.	(sgd) A.C. BLACKLOW, Lieut.-Col. Commanding 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.	MILITARY MEDAL.	143

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3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. Brigade.

3rd. Australian

Division.

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3rd. September, 1918.

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	Third Australian Divisional Signal Company, A.E.	---	Lieutenant Thomas Francis <u>HOULIHAN.</u>	<p>On the 27th. August, in the vicinity of BRAY, at a time of extreme urgency when the lines to Batteries had been repeatedly cut by hostile shell fire, and when communication to Batteries was particularly needed to enable fire to be directed on to a concentration for a hostile counter attack, this Officer displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing communications under heavy hostile shell fire, thus enabling the hostile counter attack to be broken up before it was launched. He personally did this work, thus necessarily exposing himself to great personal danger, but at the same time, absolutely disregarding his own personal safety, and setting a fine example to all by his untiring energy and devotion to duty. Also during the whole of the recent operations since 22nd. August, he has done excellent service in establishing communications between Brigade and Batteries. Despite the great volume of work which the frequent advances necessitated, he displayed great initiative and energy in maintaining communication, frequently under heavy shell fire. Practically at no time during these operations were Batteries out of communication with Brigade, with the result that Hd. Qrs. was kept well posted with information of the greatest possible value, which enabled the fire of the Brigade to be directed onto targets on a number of occasions at critical periods.</p>	(sgd) - W.G. ALLSOP, Lieut.-Colonel. Commanding 8th. Aust. F. Art. Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS.	143  APPENDIX 20 48

[M1787] W10715/M1107 1000m 12/16s 191 G & S E. 688. Forms/W.3121/4

3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E. Brigade. 3rd. Australian Division. Australian Corps. 12th. September, 1918 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	Third Australian Divisional Signal Company, A.E.	19282	Corporal Lawrence Vernon <u>GRIMSHAW.</u>	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and tenacious devotion to duty during operations east of SAILLY LAURETTE along the SOMME, between the 8th. and 31st. August, 1918.</p> <p>On the night of 10th. August, Corporal Grimshaw was in charge of a wireless station which moved into a forward position and rendered excellent service; at daylight the following morning the station was found to be under direct enemy observation and heavy machine gun fire - despite this, Cpl. Grimshaw dismantled the station with admirable courage and moved it to a new Headquarters and re-established communication.</p> <p>On the 22nd. and 23rd. August he was in charge of power buzzer and amplifier stations moving forward with assaulting battalions and on all occasions his stations were set up rapidly under most hazardous conditions and without regard to personal danger, and by this means information of the greatest importance was sent back.</p> <p>His work throughout the offensive operations has been of the highest value and his example and devotion to duty are worthy of the utmost commendation.</p>	(SGT) R.G. HAMILTON, Major. O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.	MILITARY MEDAL.	143
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	Third Aust. Divisional Signal Company. (Attached 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)	34131	Sapper Douglas Moore MORPETH.	For gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 24.8.18. to 31.8.18. As a Brigade Section linesman, Sapper MORPETH was daily engaged repairing forward lines under heavy shell fire. He worked with the greatest courage under very difficult and trying circumstances throughout the operations of the Brigade.	(sgd) J. E. CHORD, Lieut.-Colonel. Commanding 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.	MILITARY MEDAL.	143
	Third Aust. Divisional Signal Company. (Attached 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)	16403	Sapper Arthur Lancelot HAGER.	For bravery and devotion to duty during the period 24.8.18. to 31.8.18. Throughout the advance Sapper HAGER carried out his duties as Brigade Section linesman with exemplary courage repairing forward lines under heavy shell fire and greatly assisting in the successful maintenance of forward communications.		MILITARY MEDAL.	

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	Third Aust. Divisional Signal Company. (Attached 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)	10841	Sergeant Edward Joseph HOCKING.	<p>For gallantry and devotion to duty at BRAY on 24th. August, 1918, and at CLERY-sur-SOMME on 31st. August, 1918.</p> <p>This N.C.O. was in charge of linesmen engaged in the maintenance of forward lines throughout the period indicated. Regardless of his own safety, he personally laid important lines under heavy shell fire, repeatedly displaying qualities of initiative and courage. He set an example, and by his own efforts, assisted greatly in maintaining forward communications during the operations.</p>	(sgt) J.E. CHORD, Lieut.-Colonel. Commanding 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.	143
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	Third Australian Divisional Signal Company, A.E. attached 7th. Aust. F. Art. Brigade.	21994	2nd. Corporal <u>George Anton CHRISTENSEN.</u> (M.M.)  M.M. gazetted A.I.F. List 359 of 19.7.18.	<p>On the night 11th./12th. August, 1918, at MORCOURT, 2nd. Corporal G.A. CHRISTENSEN, M.M. by his untiring efforts in patrolling the line, in spite of continuous heavy shelling and bombing, kept Brigade Headquarters in constant communication with the Batteries at a most critical moment.</p> <p>On the morning of 27th. August, 1918, at SUZANNE, he was in charge of the cable wagon laying lines to the Batteries from Headquarters. The cable wagon came under heavy shell fire which caused the horses to bolt and upset the wagon. He showed the greatest coolness in stopping the horses, putting the cart in working order and then completing the lines and establishing communication between Headquarters and the Batteries.</p> <p>On all occasions the coolness and reliability of this soldier under the most trying circumstances has been of the highest standard.</p>	(sgd) G.H.M. KING, Lieut.-Colonel. Commanding 7th. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.	BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.	

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	Third Australian Divisional Signal Company, A.E.	19565	Lance Corporal George <u>SMAILES</u> .	During the recent operations, on 21st. and 22nd. August, 1918, this N.C.O., on several occasions, went out to repair lines under heavy hostile shell fire, and at great personal risk, and on the night 25th./26th. August, when all lines had been cut by shellfire, he manned a visual station to Batteries, although this station was being subjected to heavy shell fire. Through his coolness and initiative, communications were maintained with Batteries at a time when particularly needed, thus enabling the fire of the Brigade to be effectively controlled, and brought to bear on important targets. Throughout the whole of these operations, he showed great devotion to duty and set a fine example to all.	Sgd. W.G. ALLSOP, Lieut.-Colonel. Commanding 8th. Aust. F. Artillery Bde.	MILITARY MEDAL.	143

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	Third Australian Divisional Signal Company. A.E.	10672	Corporal Victor Roy Willoughby <u>SHAW</u> .	<p>For devotion to duty and valuable services rendered between the end of March last and 16th. September, 1918.</p> <p>Acting in the capacity of Corporal Despatch Rider this N.C.O. has done work of the greatest value, and by his unceasing energy and endurance has set a splendid example to all those with whom he has worked.</p> <p>During the operations on the SOMME since March he has been daily on the road at all hours, and very frequently under most trying conditions; he has displayed such initiative and skill that his work has materially assisted in maintaining a most valuable and reliable means of communication.</p> <p>During the rapid advancement of the line Cpl. SHAW invariably located units in their new positions and delivered despatches with promptness and reliability worthy of the highest commendation.</p>	<p>Major. <i>W. Hamilton</i></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">N.C.O., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">143</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">APPENDIX. 20</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">55</p>

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	Third Australian Divisional Signal Company A.E.	18400	Sergeant ALLAN LINDSAY TULLY. (M.M.)  Awarded Military Medal A.I.F. List No. 219.	<p>For constant devotion to duty and conspicuous bravery in the Field between March last and the 16th. September, 1918.</p> <p>It has been the duty of this N.C.O. to superintend the laying and maintenance of telephone lines between the Artillery Brigade Headquarters and the Batteries, and during the period stated he has distinguished himself on many occasions by acts of personal gallantry, and at all times evinced clear initiative and skill.</p> <p>On the 9th. August at RAT WOOD, near WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT, when a battery line was cut in numerous places by a concentration of hostile shell fire and an important message was awaiting transmission, Sgt. TULLY regardless of personal danger, took the message and a telephone and followed the line through the zone of shelling to where he could speak to the Battery, there he tapped his telephone on to the line and sent the message which was the means of bringing fire which dispersed large bodies of the enemy.</p> <p>His example of unceasing devotion and courage have always been a beneficent factor of the good work of the Signal Sub-Section to which he is attached.</p>	<p>Major. O.C., 3rd. Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.</p> <p><i>W. Hamilton</i></p>	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.	143

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Reference: Your Q.74/322 of 13.9.18.

Subject: Honours and Awards - New Year's Honours Dispatch, 1919.

In accordance with your abovementioned memo. the following recommendations are submitted, please.-

MENTION IN DISPATCHES.

Captain J.L.G. BUCKLAND, M.C., M.M.  
Lieut. G.L. MAYMAN.  
Lieut. T.F. HOULIHAN.  
No.10532, Sgt. S.H. BROWNSMITH.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No.18400, Sgt. A.L. TULLY, M.M.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No.10657, C.Q.M.S. S.E. PYNOR.  
No.10672, Corporal V.R.W. SHAW.

No recommendations are submitted for Honours for  
Officers.

*R. Hamilton*  
Major.  
O.C., 3rd Aust. Divl. Signal Co. A.E.