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1ST SEPTEMBER 1917

3rd Army Brigade A.F.A continued march to 2nd Army Area, leaving NOORDPEENE at 11-30-p-m and marching via ZVYTPEENE - BAVINCHOVE - OXELAERE - ST MARIE CAPPEL thence VIA MAIN ROAD ST SYLVENTRE CAPPEL TO EECKE. (Reference MARCH ORDER NO.2)

2ND SEPT- 8TH SEPT .1917.

3rd Army Brigade Aust. F.A. in billets at EECKE AREA.

8TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. moved into DICKEBUSCH AREA and occupied Wagon Lines vacated by the 280th Bde R F.A at SHEET 28 1/40,000 H.29 c 5.9 and came under the tactical command of Lieut-Colonel H.E.Cohen D.S.O commanding 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. and commanding "A" GROUP Artillery of 1st Australian Division.

9TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

On night of 9th -10th Sept., the 7th and 8th Batteries moved their guns into the line under orders of Lieut-Colonel H.E.Cohen D.S.O commanding "A" GROUP and occupied position vacated by 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery as follows:-

7th Battery .... I 18 c 85.20  
8th " .... I 18 c 1. 6 New position

10TH SEPTEMBER 1917

On night of 10th- 11th Sept, the 9th & 103rd Batteries moved their guns into the line under the command of Lieut- Colonel H.E.Cohen D.S.O commanding "A" GROUP and occupied positions vacated by 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery as follows:-

9th Battery .... I 24 a 8.4  
103rd " .... I 18 a 8.2

11th SEPTEMBER 1917

3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. moved their Wagon Lines to the RENINGHELST AREA under orders of R.A. 1ST ANZAC CORPS as follows:-

3rd Army Brigade A.F.A. H.Q.to G 17 d 6.4  
7th Battery ..... G 22 b 6.4  
3rd Army Bde. A.F.A. B.A.C..... G 22 b 9.9

OUR ARTILLERY

Place	Date	TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
					SHRAP	H.E
		3 p.m.	8TH	Registration of Zero line	9	-

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11TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FROM 31ST AUGUST 1917 - 11TH SEPTEMBER 1917 (inclusive):-

REGL No.	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	DATE	NATURE
2896	Gunner	CHURCH R.G.	8TH	8-9-17	Wounded.

12 TH SEPTEMBER 1917

Abovementioned move continued by 8th 9th and 103rd Batteries Wagon lines as follows:-

8TH BATTERY	to	G 22 b 9.1
9TH "	to	G 18 c 9.1
103RD "	to	G 17 c 5.9

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO. OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
4-30-5p.m	7TH	HOUSE J 9 c 1.4 (Registrn .of Zero Line)	20	-
6p.m	8TH	Verification of Parallel Lines of fire & Zero point	31	-
6pm.	9TH	Registering Zero line	8	-
3p.m	103RD	REGISTRATION	58	66

13TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO. OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
3 p.m.	8TH	Verification of Zero line.	29	-
-	103RD	REGISTRATION		8

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REGL. NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	DATE	NATURE
3703	Gunner	WILLIAMS J.	7TH	13-9-17	Wound in back.

14TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

Hour	Date	Place	TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO. OF ROUNDS	
						SHRAP	H. E
	11.30 - 12.15			7TH	HOUSE J 9c 1.4 Checking Zero point & Lines of fire.	58	-
	12.15p.m			8TH	Further verification of lines of fire	26	-
	2-30 p.m.			8TH	do do	15	-

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TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO. OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E
2.30 p.m	9TH	CHECKING ZERO LINE	40	

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUST. F.A. for 14TH SEPT. 1917

REGL. NO.	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	DATE	NATURE
1661	Gunner	HESSEY G. W.	7TH	14- 9- 17.	Serious wound in foot.
28179	"	GIDDINGS A.	103RD	14- 9- 17	K. in A.
748	Bdr.	SEELEY F. H.	103RD	14- 9- 17	K. in A.
1808	Sgt.	FLETCHER A. D.	"	14- 9- 17	Wounded
4505	Dvr.	WALKER J.	B.A.C.	14- 9- 17	Wound head.
22460	Dvr.	SPARROW C. W. P.	B. A. C	14- 9- 17.	Wound rt. leg remaining with unit.
27496	Dvr.	WESTAWAY C. K.	"	14- 9- 17	Wound ankles
20165	Bdr.	DICKSON F. W.	"	14- 9- 17	Rgt. leg
29065	Dvr	DEWHURST S.	"	14- 9- 17	Injury to foot.
26219	Dvr.	LEACH J. D.	"	14-9- 17	Wounded
	CAPTAIN A. R.	LESCHEN	103rd	14-9-17	Wounded

15TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
8 a.m	7th	HOUSE J 9 c 1.4 verifictn. of corr- ector	24	-
9.30 a.m.	8TH	Preliminary bombardmt barrage lines	240	240
9.30 a.m	103rd	as per Order Y2		184
9.30 to 10.10 a.m.	7TH	Practice barrage as per Order Y1	250	250
9.30 to 10.10 a.m.	9TH	Practice barrage as per Order Y 1	237	237
10.30 a.m.	103rd	Barrage as per Order Y 2		112
11 a.m.	103RD	Barrage as per Order Y 6		29
11 am to 1 pm.	7TH	Barrage in accordance with Order Y 6	34	41
11 am to 1 pm.	8TH	Enemy communications	30	30
4 P.M.	8TH	Front line barrage	408	196
4.5 p.m.	7TH	Standing barrage as per Order Y5	273	273

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OUR ARTILLERY			NO OF ROUNDS	
TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	SHRAP	H.E
7.9 pm.	7TH	Tramways & Road junctions in J.16 a 55.95	30	30
10 pm to midngt.	7TH	Standing Barrage J.14 d 0.6 to J 14.d.00.30	15	15

Casualties IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 15-9-17

REGL. NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
4537	Gunner	LONSDALE M. A.	7TH	K. in A.
29453	Sergt	DOWNEY W. K.	7TH	Wound in head Serious
1665	Sergt	MCDOWALL A. R.	7TH	Wound in arm
	2ND LIEUT	J. M. VINE	7TH	Sgt. wound Leg (Not evac)

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CASUALTIES in 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 16TH SEPT. 1917

REGL NO.	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
	MAJOR	D. T. ROGERS D. S. O	8TH	K. in A.
2292	F. Sgt.	LINSKETT J. H.	103RD	Wounded
3091	Gunner	MOREY P. H.	103RD	do
28154	"	ROE R. L.	103RD	do
12318	"	STORRIE R. J. K.	8TH	K. in A.
2261	"	ROACH W. J.	8TH	Wounded
14460	"	WRIGHT G.	8TH	do

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OUR ARTILLERY			NO OF ROUNDS	
TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	SHRAP	H. A.
12 mid. -4 am.	7TH	J 14 d 0.6 to J 14 d 00.30	15	15
3-15 to 3.40 a.m.	7TH	do	90	103
5 a.m.	9TH	Response to S.O.S. In accordance with O.O.	259	368
5 to 5.48 a.m.	7TH	J. 14 d 00.50 to J 14 d 00.80 (Standing Barrage)	284	288

Hour

6 a.m to 7 a.m.

Date

7TH Tramways & Junctions in J 16 a 55.10

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OUR ARTILLERY			NO OF ROUNDS	
TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	SHRAP	H. E
7 to 8 a.m.	7TH	Tramways & Junctions in J 16 a 55.10	30	30
8 to 10 a.m.	9TH	Harrasing Fire	30	30
10 a.m.	7TH	PRACTICE BARRAGE ) J 14 d 15.70 to ) J 14 d 25.95 & ) rearwards to J 16 ) d 00.80 to J 16 b ) 00.20 (0.0. Y3) )	246	246
10 a.m.	8TH	Op. Order Y3	243	247
10 a.m to 10.42 a.m	9TH	Op. Order Y.3	252	252
10 a.m to 11.21 a.m	103RD	As per Group Order		487
Noon to 1.30 p.m	103RD	Harrasing Fire as per Y 6.		30
4 p.m	9TH	As per operation Order 219		209
8 p.m.	103RD	As per Order Y 6		36
8 p.m.	9TH	S.O.S.	106	103
8-9 p.m	7TH	S.O.S. J 14 d 4.6. to J 14 d 4.3.	198	196
8 p.m to midngt.	103RD	As per Order Y 6		80

17TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY			NO OF ROUNDS	
TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	SHRAP	H. E
Midngt. to 5 a.m	103RD	As per Order Y6		60
5-6 a.m	103RD	" " " Y4		361
5.5 to 5.15 a.m	7TH	J 14 d 4.6 to J 14 d 4.3	18	-
5.30 to 6.18 a.m	7TH	J 14 d 15 .70 to J 14 d 30 95 & in rear	218	220
5.30 to 6.18 a.m	9TH	As per Order Y7	252	252
5.30 to 6.24 a.m	103RD	As per GROUP Order		294
Neon to 2 p.m	8TH	Sprinkling	30	30
Neon to 2 p.m	9TH	Target No.2 in Order Y 6	30	30
3 p.m	9TH	As per Order Y8	234	234
3 p.m	8TH	do do	214	221

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TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E.
3 p.m	103RD	As per Order Y.8		240
3 to 3.39 p.m	7TH	do do do	170	142
10 pm to Midgt.	7TH	As per Order Y.6 (Tramways & Bridges)	60	60

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 17TH SEPT. 1917.

REGL. NO.	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
2313	LIEUT	H. ROBERTS M.C.	7TH	K. in A.
1707	Cpl.	WATT A.W.	7TH	Wounded
15041	Gnr.	WEYNAND S.N.	7TH	do
1587	"	DORLING H.	7TH	do
28055	"	McCANN J.F.	9TH	do
55	"	HARRISON J.	9TH	do
	"	FAUNCE K.	9TH	do

8TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E.
2.a.m	9TH	Target No.2. as per continuation Order Y.6	60	60
3.a.m to 5.30 a.m	103RD	DO DO	--	120
6.a.m to 8.p.m	103RD	DO DO	--	60
6.42.a.m	7th	Practice Barrage J 14 d 15.70 to J 14 d 30.95 and in rear. In accordance with O.O.NO.Y.11	167	169
6.a.m	8th	O.O.Y.11. Bombardment along allotted lines J 14 d 25.95 J.16.B 00.30 J 14 b 35.25 J 16 b 00.75	207	208
6.a.m to 2.4.p.m	103rd 7th	As per O.O.Y.11 Tramline & Bridge J 15 d 25.45	--	317
8.30.p.m	103rd	As per O.O.Y.6	30	30
8.40.p.m	9th	As per O.O.Y.10	--	504
8.40.p.m	7th	As per O.O.Y.10	212	212
10.p.m	103rd	Harrassing fire as per O.O.Y.10	163	163
11.p.m	9th	As per O.O.Y.6	--	60
			60	60

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FOR 18TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

REGL. NO.	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
21317	CPL	BUCHANAN, J. T	103RD	Wounded
2185	GNR	FORD, L. T. E	"	do
6103	GNR	JOHNSTON, H. G	"	do
1627	S. SERGT	PRICE, R. F	HQRS	do
1873	BDR	WEST, F. C	8TH	do

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E.
2.30.a.m	103rd	Continuation of O.O. Y.10	--	60
11.a.m to 12 Noon	8th	Practice Barrage	213	210
11.a.m	9th	Barrage as per O.O. Y.12	210	210
12.Noon	9th	Barrage as per O.O. Y.12	30	30
12.Noon	103rd	Continuation of O.O. Y.6 Harrassing	--	391
3.p.m	8th	Practice Barrage	235	235
3.p.m	9th	As per O.O.Y.13	234	234
8.p.m	103rd	As per O.O.Y.6	--	60

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY  
FOR 19TH SEPTEMBER

REGL. NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
1815	SERGT	GOODALL, J. D	8TH	Wounded
55	GNR	FAUNCE, K	9TH	do
5168	GNR	RULE, G. T	9TH	do
2029	SERGT	O'HARA, S	9TH	do Slight
14708	DVR	HARRIS, R. E	B.A.C	Wounded

20TH SEPTEMBER, 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO-OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
5.a.m	8th	O.O.Y.14 Including aeroplane targets in J 5 c. Army Barrage covering Infty attack	1542	1542
5.40.a.m to 1.48.p.m	9th	Operation Order Y.14	1375	1380
5.40.a.m to 7.a.m	7th	Operation Order Y.14 J-14 c 87.70 to J 14 C 80.95	257	279

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20TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E
5.40.a.m to 7.a.m	7th	As per O.O.Y.14	848	744
5.40.a.m to 1.48.p.m	103rd	As per O.O.Y.14 & tasks allotted by Group	---	1687
3.15.p.m	7th	J 9 d 85.75 In accordance with Zone Call	25	25
6.10.p.m	8th	S.O.S	160	171
6.30.p.m	9th	S.O.S	125	126
7.30.p.m	9th	S.O.S	237	240
7.30.p.m	8th	S.O.S	300	304
8.10.p.m	7th	J 16 A 7.2 to J.16 a 6.6 In response to S.O.S	421	422

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REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
213 69	SERGT	PLAYER. H. W	7TH	Wounded
27507	GNR	AUMANN. F. O	7TH	do
2289	GNR	McANDREW. H	7TH	do
3359	GNR	SCRAGGS. P. C	7TH	do
1177	GNR	BISHOP. W. L	8TH	do
6144	GNR	WELSH. J. L	9TH	do
5739	DVR	LYELL. G. T	9TH	Killed
3810	DVR	CORKERY. W. J	9TH	Wounded
835	DVR	SPEEDIE. A	9TH	do
4703	GNR	DWYER. G. E	103RD	do
1482	DVR	BYRNES. D	B.A.C	Suffering gas poison
12018	DVR	WILLIAMS. W	B.A.C	do
5760	DVR	BROWN. F. C	B.A.C	Wounded

21ST SEPTEMBER. 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E.
2.a.m	9th	Searching & sweeping J 16 d	333	132
4.35.a.m	103rd	Road traffic J.11 b 5.2	-	18
4.20.a.m	7th	In accordance with A Group memo 1208-17	30	30
4.30.a.m	9th	O.O.Y.15	95	96
4.30.a.m	7th	J 16 a 7.2 to J 16 c 75.70 & searching in rear O.O.Y.15	97	109
4.44.p.m	103rd	Guns in action J 12 d 9.2	--	18
4.55.p.m	103rd	Searching ROAD & BRIDGE J 10 c & d	--	60
5.p.m	103rd	S.O.S	--	227

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Major. R. S. Gee, O.C. 9th Battery, 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A proceeded to ENGLAND on 21-9-1917 on ten days leave, with instructions to report to A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS, LONDON on the 1-10-1917 for duty with the RESERVE BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ENGLAND.

The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A took part in the operation of the 2nd Army against the enemy in the vicinity of GLENCORSE WOOD. commencing at 5.40.a.m on 20th September 1917

The Brigade was attached to 1ST ANZAC & covered portion of the 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FRONT as part of "A" GROUP, 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY under the command of Lieut. Col. H. E. Cohen. D.S.O., C.O. 6th Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery.

Lieut Col. G. I. Stevenson. C.M.G., was attached to 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade as Artillery Liason Officer for the operation.

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21ST SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
6.30.p.m	103rd	S.O.S	--	529
7.5.p.m	9th	S.O.S	177	174
7.5.p.m	7th	J 16 a 7.2 to J 16 a 6.6 In response to S.O.S	227	228
9-15.p.m	103rd	S.O.S	--	514

CASUALTIES in 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 21ST SEPTEMBER 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
3814	BDR	WEBSTER. A. F	9TH	S.W.MULTIPLE
6051	DVR	GRANVILLE. R. A	103RD	Wounded
786	GNR	HARRISON. A. F	"	do

22ND SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
2.30.a.m	7th	J 17 b 2.3 to J 17 b 2.8 Harrassing fire as per phone message	130	--
2.30.a.m	9TH	On Barrage	128	--
11.30.am	7th	J 16 A 7.2 to J.16.a 6.6 Harrassing fire	4	--
11.38.a.m	9th	S.O.S Lines as per phone message	4	--
7.10.p.m	8th	In response to S.O.S	283	283
8.p.m	9th	As per Memo 1268-17	180	95
9.p.m	7th	do do on J 10 d 15.65 J 10 d 08.73 J 16 b 35-40	60	60

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 22ND SEPTEMBER 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
26741	GNR	DURHAM. C. J	9TH	S.W. Multiple.
27066	GNR	WOODWARD. H. T	103RD	Wounded

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23RD SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
4.a.m	7th	J 16 a 7.2 to J 16 a 6.6 In response to S.O.S	83	83
6.a.m	9th	Harrassing fire as per 1208-17	50	50
7.a.m	9th	S.O.S	95.	96
7.42.a.m	7th	J 16 c 50.70 to J 17 c 00. 70 to J 16 a 30.70 to J 17 a 00.25 In accordance with O.O Y.16	224	124
7.42.a.m	9th	As per O.O.Y.16	168	168
9.12.a.m	7th	J 10 d 15.65 J 10 d 08.73 J 16 b 35.40 & In accordance with Memo 1208-17 Zero Line	185	15
6.p.m	9th	As per Memo 1208-17	175	175
10.p.m	7th	do do	170	159

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 23RD SEPTEMBER 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
N I L				

24TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E
5.30.a.m	9th	Operation Order No.17	155	155
5.40.a.m	7th	do do	182	184
7.10.a.m	7th	In accordance with "A" Group Arty Memo 1208-17	24	19
3-30.p.m	7th	J 16 a 4.9 to J 10 c 3.2	5	--
3.45.p.m	8th	Registration	39	--
11.p.m	8th	Harrassing fire	100	--

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 24TH SEPTEMBER 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
1992	GNR	GILLYOTT.W.N	9TH	Wounded
5167	FTR	NEWPORT.W	9TH	do

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TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E
6.30.a.m	7th	J 16 A 1.9 to J 10 c 2.2 (O.O.Y.18)	297	295
6.30.a.m	8th	Practice Barrage (.O.O.'s Y.18 & 19)	320	360
8.30.a.m	7th	J 16 a 1.9 to J 10 c 2.2	81	80
4.10.p.m	7th	J 16 a 4.9 to J 10 a 3.2	381	378
9.p.m	8th	S.O.S	305	309

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY  
FOR 25TH AUGUST 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
2020	BDR	MEDHURST. P.A	9TH	Wounded
5381	GNR	SINCLAIR. E	9TH	do
28369	GNR	EDIS. E.L	8TH	S.W.R.LEG
3813	GNR	O'SHEA. J	8TH	DO
12454	GNR	CAMPBELL. A	8TH	S.W.HAND
1620	FRT SGT	ELLIS. E.L	7TH	S.W.L.ARM
22916	GNR	CARR. R.F	103RD	Killed
3752	GNR	NORTON. L.J	103RD	do
1209	GNR	PEAKE. A	103RD	do
2279	GNR	WILSON. A	103RD	Wounded
15747	GNR	GALE. F.C	103RD	do
993	GNR	DOIG. C.G	103RD	dp
4091	BDR	BEARD. A.E	003RD	do
2307	GNR	RICHARDS. T	103RD	do

26TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E.
3.5.a.m	7th	Machine Gun J.10.c 2.2	25	25
3.15.a.m	8th	S.O.S	25	25
5.30.a.m	7th	J 15 b 75.95 to J 9.d to 6.2 & in rear in accord-	1134	1132
3.p.m		ance with O.O.Y.20	1528	769
6.a.m	9th	O.O.Y.20	1614	1587
<del>xxxxxxx</del>	<del>8th</del>			
6.a.m	8th	O.O.Y.20	1614	1587
3.p.m	8th	Zone Call Hostile Inftry at JOINERS REST	50	50
3.p.m to 8.30.p.m	7th	O.O.Y.20	0037	590
11.a.m	8th	Machine Guns at N.W corner of J.11.a	40	40
7.5.p.m	8th	S.O.S	319	218
8.p.m	9th	S.O.S	420	212
8.35.p.m	8th	S.O.S	154	105
9.p.m	8th	Barrage	152	98

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Captain A.R. Leschen, 103rd Howitzer Battery, 3rd Army Brigade. A.F.A proceeded to ENGLAND on 24-9-1917 on leave, with instructions to report to A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS, LONDON on the 1-10-1917 for duty with the RESERVE BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ENGLAND.

The 3rd Army Brigade A.F.A took part in the operation of the 2nd Army against the enemy in the vicinity of POLYGON WOOD, commencing at 5.50.a.m on 26th September 1917.

The Brigade was attached to 1ST A N Z A C and covered portion of the 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FRONT as part of "A" GROUP 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY under the command of Lieut Col. H.E. Cohen. D.S.O., C.O. 6th Army Brigade A.F.A.

Lieut Col. G.I. Stevenson. C.M.G., was attached to 15th Australian Infantry Brigade as Artillery Liason Officer for the operation.

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FOR 26TH SEPTEMBER 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
2618	GNR	HILL. S. N	7TH	S.W.LEGS.
15105	GNR	COOPER. H	8TH	S.W.LEGS.
2001	SERGT	JONES. L. R	9TH	Killed.
3052	GNR	LONDON. G. W	9TH	do
5742	GNR	MOLLOY. F	9TH	Wounded
1989	BDR	PRIEST. C. J	9TH	do
10332	GNR	CROLE. S. R	9TH	do
2759	DVR	TURNBULL. L. V	B. A. C	do

27TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E
12.15.a.m	9th	S.O.S	41	31
12.45.a.m	7th	In response to S.O.S	81	53
1.20.a.m	8th	S.O.S	78	37
5.a.m	9th	Barrage	44	22
5.a.m	8th	O.O.Y.21	172	88
5.30.a.m	7th	O.O.Y.21	108	109
12.30.p.m	7th	J 16 B 5.0 to J 19 b 9.9 Enemy massing	83	89
1.45.p.m	7th	S.O.S J 10 d 7.2 to J 17 a 1.4	265	122
2.35.p.m	7th	J 5 c 8.1 to J 5 Central	54	52
3.15.p.m	8th	S O S	127	64
3.20.p.m	7th	J 16 B 3.3 to J 16 b 8.8	50	50
8.p.m	9th	S O S	194	192
10.p.m	103rd	Harrassing fire	-	100

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY  
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REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
1869	GNR	DUNN. A. E	103RD	Wounded

28TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E.
1.a.m	8th	S.O.S	295	145
do	7th	S.O.S	104	49
4.45.a.m	7th	J 10 d 7.2 to J 17 a 1.4 In response to S.O.S	135	61
5.a.m	9th	S.O.S	70	68
5.a.m	8th	S.O.S	112	53
2.4.p.m	7th	J 11 b & J 11 a	30	30
2.30.p.m	7th	J 10 b 0.7	16	--

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TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E
5.50.p.m	7th	Searching trench J 11 c 40.55 to J 11 c 62.68	18	18

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REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
15707	GNR	GALE. F. C	103RD	Died of Wds
4262	GNR	FOLEY. J	7TH	S W HEAD
3662	DVR	BONE J	7TH	S.W.MULTIPLE

29TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	NO-OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H.E
12.10.a.m	8th	S.O.S	181	101
do	7th	S.O.S	250	170
do	9th	S.O.S	205	208
8.20.a.m	7th	J 11 b & J 11 a	80	40
2.p.m	7th	J 11 b & J 11 a	80	40
6.55.p.m	7th	S.O.S	617	354
do	8th	S.O.S	457	355
do	103rd	S.O.S (1 Gun only)	--	53
8.30.p.m	8th	S.O.S	59	37
do	103rd	S.O.S do	--	12
10.30.p.m	7th	J 10 d 7.2 to J 17 a 1.4	31	21

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FOR 29TH SEPTEMBER 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
3717	GNR	GIBSON A. E	7TH	Wounded
1631	CPL	LANE. F	7TH	Suffering Gas poison
5122	BDR	GRIFFITHS W	7TH	DO
4603	GNR	KEOGH. J. P	7TH	DO
1683	GNR	DIPLOCK. L. J	7TH	DO
2169	GNR	CUMMING J. W	7TH	DO
2304	GNR	O'DONOHUE?D	7TH	DO
4075	GNR	RAYMENT. C. A	7TH	DO
9663	GNR	SCHMIDT. J. C	7TH	DO
1630	SGT	SHIELDS. G. A	7TH	DO
3806	T.SGT	HOUSE. F. N	9TH	DO
1990	GNR	GARROD. W. G	9TH	DO
1989	GNR	GARROD. H. C	9TH	DO
42007	GNR	URBAN. B. H	9TH	DO
1771	SGT	BALDWIN. F. H	8TH	Wounded
1838	BDR	JOHNSON. R	8TH	DO

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REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
2769	T.CPL	FRICKER, F. R	103RD	Suffering GAS POISON
4290	A.BDR	BELLINGER, A. P	103RD	DO
4992	GNR	MURPHY, V. S	103RD	DO
29139	GNR	PERRETT, T. W	103RD	DO
29103	GNR	PIGOTT, S. L	103RD	DO

30TH SEPTEMBER 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	T A R G E T	NO OF ROUNDS	
			SHRAP	H. E.
1.55.a.m	7th	J 10 d 7.2 to J 17 a 1.4 & in rear	29	20
2.a.m	8th	S.O.S	20	10
6.a.m	103rd	S.O.S (1 gun)	--	41
6.a.m	8th	S.O.S	233	236
6.a.m	7th	S.O.S	328	154
4.p.m	7th	J 11 b & J 11 d	50	25

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FOR 30TH SEPTEMBER 1917

REGTL NO	RANK	NAME	BATTERY	NATURE
28063	GNR	HUDSON, T. F	7TH	Killed
3974	DVR	PRINCE, E. C	7TH	MISSING
2016	CPL	MCPARTLAN F. C	9TH	Wounded
1978	DVR	DEVLYN, L	9TH	do
5484	DVR	SLOPER, T. J	9TH	do
1854	DVR	CLEMENTS, R. H	103RD	do
1857	BDR	GILMOUR, J. E	103RD	DO
2233	GNR	MOLLER, F. C	103RD	do
29267	GNR	MILLISON, H. N. H	103RD	do
31925	GNR	GERAGHTY, Z	103RD	Killed

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SUMMARY OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY BATTERIES OF THE 3RD ARMY BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST 1917 TO SEPTEMBER 30TH 1917

BATTERY	SHRAPNEL	H. E.	TOTAL	REMARKS
7TH BATTERY	10510	8688	19198	(a) During period from 1st to 30th September 1917
8TH BATTERY	9148	7834	16982	
9TH BATTERY	8053	6910	14963	
103RD BATTERY	-	6818	6818	
<b>TOTAL FIRED</b>	<b>27711</b>	<b>30250</b>	<b>57961</b>	
ROUNDS FIRED	173313	173160	346473	(b) By 3rd A.F.A. Bde to date 30th Sept. 17
ROUNDS FIRED	18147	68689	86836	(c) By attached Batteries to date 30th Sept. 1917
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>191460</b>	<b>241849</b>	<b>433309</b>	(d) Fired to date

CASUALTIES IN 3RD ARMY BRIGADE FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1917

UNIT	OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS	TOTAL	REMARKS
3RD. A. F. A.				
BDE. H. Q.	-	1	1	
7TH BATTERY	2	28	30	
8TH BATTERY	1	14	15	
9TH BATTERY	-	28	28	
103RD BATTERY	1	31	32	
B. A. C.	-	12	12	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>118</b>	

SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES UP TO DATE SEPTEMBER 30TH 1917

UNIT	OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS	TOTAL	REMARKS
3RD A. F. A.				
BDE H. Q.	3	3	6	
7TH BATTERY	5	104	109	
8TH BATTERY	2	50	52	
9TH BATTERY	2	56	58	
103RD BATTERY	3	59	62	
B. A. C.	-	12	12	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>299</b>	

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MARCH ORDER NO.2

HEADQUARTERS,

1-9-1917

- MOVE. The 3rd Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery will continue to march to 2nd Army Area on the night 1st - 2nd September.
- 1
- ROUTE From present wagon lines to HECKE VIA ZVYTPERNE - BAVINCHOVE - OXELAERE - ST MARIE CAPPEL, thence VIA MAIN ROAD ST SYLVESTRE CAPPEL to HECKE. Distance of 200 yards to be maintained between Batteries & B.A.C. Distance 13 miles.
- 2
- STARTING POINT. The Brigade will move in the following order: - H.Qrs, 8th 9th 103rd 7th Batteries and B.A.C.
- 3
- TIME. H.Q will pass starting point, entrance to wagon line at 11.50.p.m tonight, 1st inst.
- 4
- HALTS. The Brigade will halt at 1.a.m for ten minutes & for the same period at each hour after that.
- 5
- WATER & FEED The Brigade will water and feed before moving off.
- 6

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MARCH ORDER NO. 3

HEADQUARTERS  
7-9-1917.

REFERENCE MAP HAZEBROUCK  $\frac{1}{100,000}$

MOVE

1. The Brigade will move to wagon Lines tomorrow the 8th inst and occupy Lines evacuated by the 280 Brigade R.F.A. on the DICKEBUSCH - XPRES ROAD at the EAST SIDE OF VYVERPECK STREAM between the C in CHAU and the Road.

ROUTE From starting point VIA STEENVORDE ABEELE across Railway

2. to KEMINGHELS OUDERDOM DICKEBUSCH.

ORDER OF MARCH, STARTING POINT AND TIME.

3. The Brigade will march in the following order:-  
Headquarters, 9th, 103rd, 7th 8th Batteries and B.A.C. 200 yards distance will be maintained between sections of Batteries and Subsections of B.A.C.

Headquarters will pass the starting point, entrance to 9th Battery Wagon Lines at 12.30 p.m on the 8th instant.

ADVANCE PARTY

4. Lieut. R.M. Shaw and one Officer from each unit will leave the Head of the column at Starting ~~XXXX~~ Time, to take over Wagon Lines.

HALTS At 2 p.m and each even hour after that, a halt of 5 minutes

5. will be made.

SUPPLIES. Orders re Supplies in the new area will be issued later.

6.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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